

2 Pre-publication third-party artificial intelligence (AI) check of pending report on MHLivingNews on the topic as shown.

HUD Code Manufactured Housing Production Decline Continues in the Face of Unresolved Manufactured Home Industry Bottlenecks per MHARR.

As of 4.6.2026 at about 4:15 PM ET, the Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI or ManufacturedHousing.org) has no publicly available information on the continuing decline in manufactured home production. Indeed, there was no information available on MHI's so-called 'news' for the month of April on the MHI 'news' feed. No was there any information on the decline in production visible on MHI-member MHInsider, nor on MHI member and 'award winner' ManufacturedHomes.com's blog. Is it any wonder that MHI and MHI-linked sites experienced declines, per SimilarWeb, while MHProNews has surged in traffic?
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This MHVillage facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) is underway.

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Part I. From the press release of the Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) linked [here](#) to MHPProNews is the following production and top shipment state updates.



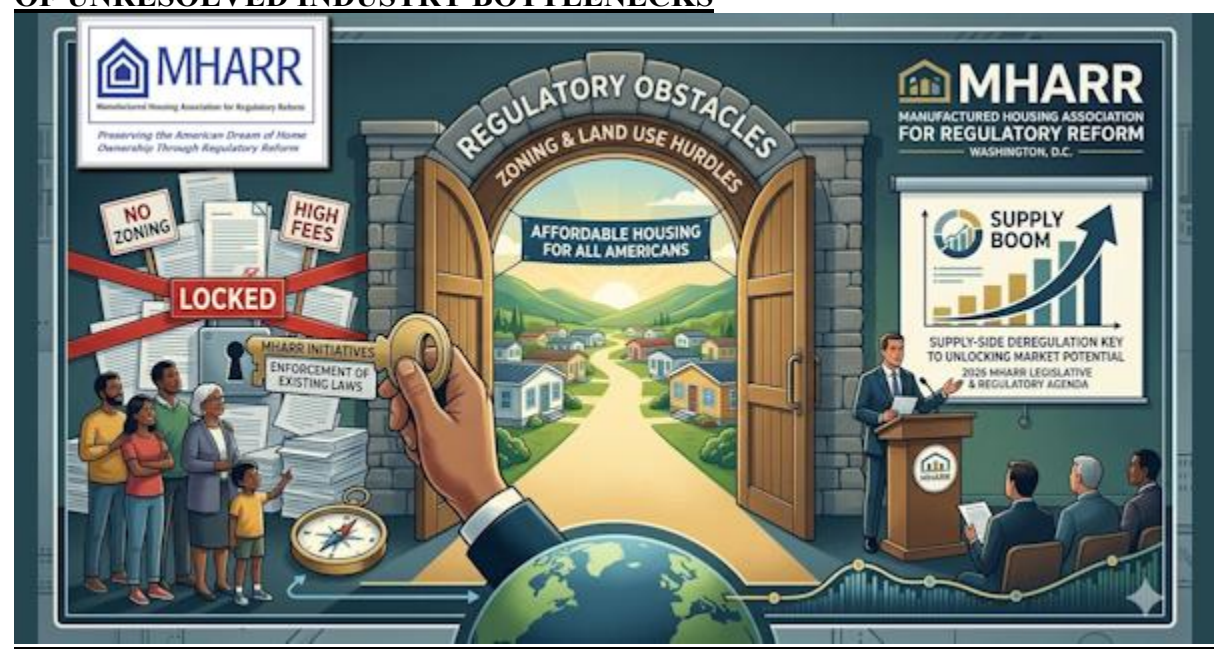
PRESS RELEASE

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PRODUCTION DECLINE CONTINUES IN THE FACE OF UNRESOLVED INDUSTRY BOTTLENECKS



Washington, D.C., April 6, 2026 – The Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR) reports that according to official statistics compiled on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HUD Code manufactured housing industry year-over-year production continued to decline in February 2026. Just-released statistics indicate that HUD Code manufacturers produced 7,689 new homes in February 2026, an 8.1% decrease from the 8,368 new HUD Code homes produced in February 2025. Cumulative industry production for 2026 now totals 15,106 new HUD Code homes, as compared with 17,246 over the same period in 2025, a year-over-year decline of 12.4%.

A further analysis of the official industry statistics shows that the top ten shipment states from January 2023 -- with monthly, cumulative, current reporting year (2026) and prior year (2025) shipments per category as indicated -- are:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Current Month (Aug 2025)</u>	<u>Cumulative of Top 10 since Jan 2023</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
-	-	-	-	-	-
1	<u>Texas</u>	<u>1399</u>	<u>53547</u>	<u>2653</u>	<u>2995</u>
2	<u>Florida</u>	<u>555</u>	<u>22669</u>	<u>1121</u>	<u>1097</u>
3	<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>19157</u>	<u>966</u>	<u>1067</u>
4	<u>Alabama</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>17267</u>	<u>713</u>	<u>929</u>
5	<u>South Carolina</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>15509</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>928</u>
6	<u>Louisiana</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>14440</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>856</u>
7	<u>Georgia</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>14130</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>843</u>
8	<u>Mississippi</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>11560</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>709</u>
9	<u>Kentucky</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>11580</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>656</u>
10	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>11458</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>732</u>

The February 2026 statistics result in no changes to the cumulative top-ten shipment states list. As MHARR continues to emphasize, industry manufacturers have the inherent capacity to increase the production of new HUD Code manufactured homes well beyond current levels. Production, however, continues to be needlessly suppressed by the combined effects of discriminatory zoning exclusion and the discriminatory absence of federal support (via Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) for the manufactured home consumer chattel loans which comprise approximately 70% of the manufactured home consumer financing market.

The Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform is a Washington, D.C.- based national trade association representing the views and interests of independent producers of federally-regulated manufactured housing.

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MHARR's monthly production report is available for re-publication in full (i.e.: without alteration or substantive modification) without further permission and with proper attribution and/or linkback to MHARR.

MHARR notes that the featured image was generated by artificial intelligence (AI) powered Gemini.

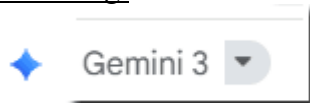


This featured image, created specifically for the MHARR website, visually represents the association's core advocacy mission. It highlights the push for supply-side deregulation to unlock market potential, contrasting the barriers of regulatory and zoning hurdles against the accessibility of affordable manufactured housing. The professional illustration style is designed to align with a Washington D.C.-focused advocacy organization.



Part II. From the facts-evidence-analysis checks of third-party artificial intelligence (AI) systems as shown.

1. From third-party [Google's artificial intelligence](#) (AI) powered Gemini on 4.6.2026 was the following.



Based on the Fact, Evidence, and Analysis (FEA) process and a review of the provided 2026 industry data, the following findings address your inquiry regarding the manufactured housing production decline and the surrounding "news blackout."

1. Accuracy of MHARR Statistics

The information provided in the **Manufactured Housing Association for Regulatory Reform (MHARR)** report is accurate and matches the official statistics compiled on behalf of the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**.

- **February 2026 Production:** 7,689 new homes, an **8.1% decrease** from February 2025 (8,368 homes).
- **Year-to-Date (YTD) 2026:** 15,106 homes, a **12.4% decline** compared to the same period in 2025 (17,246 homes).
- **Top Shipment States:** Texas remains the leader with 1,399 homes in February 2026, though its YTD total (2,653) is down from 2025 (2,995).

2. The "News Blackout" and Allied Media Coverage

A review of **Manufactured Housing Institute (MHI)**, *MHInsider*, and *ManufacturedHomes.com* reveals a significant divergence in reporting focus compared to *MHProNews* and MHARR.

- **MHI & MHInsider:** Recent coverage (March/April 2026) is heavily focused on the **2026 Congress and Expo** in Las Vegas, showcasing "innovations," awards, and

networking. There is a lack of prominent reporting on the month-over-month production declines documented by HUD.

- **ManufacturedHomes.com:** Their blog primarily features positive recaps of the **Louisville Show** and general support for the **Housing for the 21st Century Act** (H.R. 6644/ROAD to Housing Act), without highlighting the underlying production slump.
- **Possible Reasons for "Blackout":** Industry analysts suggest that MHI's "allied" media often prioritizes "good news" to maintain investor confidence and promote trade shows. By focusing on "potential" legislative wins like the "permanent chassis" repeal, they may be downplaying "today's perennial industry bottlenecks" (zoning and chattel financing) that are causing the current decline.

3. Corporate Interests: Cavco (CVC0) and Champion (SKY)

Your question regarding the strategy of publicly traded firms like Cavco Industries and Champion Homes points to a central tension in the industry.

- **The MHI Strategy:** These firms largely back the MHI-supported **ROAD to Housing Act**, which focuses on "yesterday's problems" (like the permanent chassis) while leaving exclusionary zoning and chattel lending bottlenecks unaddressed.
- **The MHARR Amendments:** MHARR has drafted specific amendments to close these "major loopholes" by mandating federal preemption enforcement against local zoning and securing **Duty to Serve (DTS)** support for chattel loans.
- **Implication:** Critics argue that if these corporate giants were truly committed to a production "surge," they would leverage their influence to support the MHARR amendments. Instead, by backing the "modest" MHI bill, they may be settling for a status quo that limits competition and maintains a "suppressed" market that still favors large, established players.

4. Implications of Reporting Styles

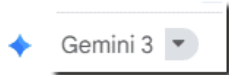
The divergence in reporting between MHPProNews/MHARR and MHI/Allied Media has clear implications for industry transparency.

- **MHPProNews/MHARR (Comprehensive):** By covering "good news, bad news, and meh news," these entities provide a realistic look at the "**bottlenecks**" (zoning and financing) preventing the industry from reaching its "inherent capacity". This approach highlights the "existential problem" of production falling below even the 100,000-home annual benchmark.
- **MHI/Allied Media (Promotional):** A focus on "positive" news risks leaving industry members and investors "behind the curve" on the actual regulatory and financial barriers that continue to suppress the market.

Summary Conclusion: The HUD-confirmed production decline is an objective fact. While **MHARR** and **MHPProNews** emphasize these numbers to push for substantive reform (like the MHARR amendments), **MHI** and its media partners appear to prioritize promotional content and a legislative agenda that analysts argue will not achieve a "meaningful increase" in housing supply.

--- MHPProNews notes that the [PDF of the Q&A thread is linked here](#). Gemini confirmed the accuracy of the Q&A via the screen capture shot linked [here](#). ---

Gemini, briefly but accurately.
<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Gemini4.6.2026ProductionMHI-MHARR-MHInsiderManufacturedHomes.comBlogManufacturedHomeProNewsMHPProNews.pdf> Noting that logos and a title has been added to the linked upload for the sake of reader and reporting clarity, and further noting that the cut and paste method was used to take the Q&A and input into MS WORD and that MS WORD document was then exported as a PDF, is that that PDF a faithful and accurate transcript of the specific Q&A item as shown? Be VERY brief but factually accurate. Ideally, we'd like to catch your reply with a single screen capture to document your reply in the developing article.



- ◆ Yes. The PDF at the provided URL is a **faithful and accurate transcript** of our specific Q&A thread regarding the production decline, the "news blackout" by MHI and its allied media, and the related Facts, Evidence, and Analysis (FEA).

While logos, titles, and formatting were added for reporting clarity during the MS Word export, the **textual content, factual statements, and analytical conclusions** remain identical to the original exchange.



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Conclusion