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It seems Texas is running counterpoint to the national experience of having a complete meltdown in the housing sector, based on some of the findings in a **Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas** report released Wednesday.

While Texas' existing-home sales fell 8.7% in February and single-family housing permits dropped 13.8%, housing starts in Texas actually edged up 2% in February, 5% higher when compared to last year.

The supply of home inventory in Texas also fell to a level where housing supply is expected to remain on the market for 7.6 months on average, compared to 7.7 months in January.

Another economic indicator — Texas single-family housing permits — fell 13.8% between January and February.

What sets Texas apart is the fact it's unemployment rate remains at 8.2%, under the national rate of 8.9%.

The Lone Star state also gained 26,900 jobs in February after adding 14,400 jobs a month earlier, the Fed Bank said.

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