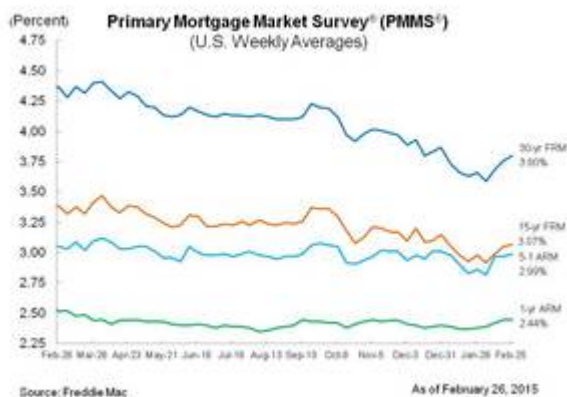




Mortgage Rates Rise for Third Consecutive Week

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MCLEAN, VA--(Marketwired - Feb 26, 2015) - [Freddie Mac](#) (OTCQB: FMCC) today released the results of its [Primary Mortgage Market Survey®](#) (PMMS®), showing average fixed mortgage rates moving higher amid solid housing data on new home sales and house price appreciation. Regardless, fixed-rate mortgage rates still remain near their late May, 2013 lows.

News Facts

- [30-year fixed-rate mortgage](#) (FRM) averaged 3.80 percent with an average 0.6 point for the week ending February 26, 2015, up from last week when it averaged 3.76 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 4.37 percent.
- [15-year FRM](#) this week averaged 3.07 percent with an average 0.6 point, up from last week when it averaged 3.05 percent. A year ago at this time, the 15-year FRM averaged 3.39 percent.
- [5-year Treasury-indexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage](#) (ARM) averaged 2.99 percent this week with an average 0.5 point, up from last week when it averaged 2.97 percent. A year ago, the 5-year ARM averaged 3.05 percent.
- [1-year Treasury-indexed ARM](#) averaged 2.44 percent this week with an average 0.4 point, down from last week when it averaged 2.45 percent. At this time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 2.52 percent.

Average commitment rates should be reported along with average fees and points to reflect the total upfront cost of obtaining the mortgage. Visit the following links for the [Regional and National Mortgage Rate Details](#) and [Definitions](#). Borrowers may still pay closing costs which are not included in the survey.

Quotes

Attributed to Len Kiefer, deputy chief economist, Freddie Mac.

"Mortgage rates rose for the third consecutive week in February following solid housing data. New home [sales pdf](#) beat market expectations at an annual pace of 481,000 units, down slightly from 482,000 units in December, but up 5.3 percent from a year ago. Also, the S&P/Case-Shiller National House Price [Index](#) rose 4.6 percent over the 12-months ending in December 2014."

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