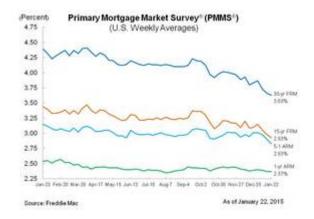


Mortgage Rates at New Lows in Early 2015

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MCLEAN, VA--(Marketwired - Jan 22, 2015) - Freddie Mac (OTCQB: FMCC) today released the results of its Primary Mortgage Market Survey® (PMMS®), showing average fixed mortgage rates falling again amid declining bond yields and oil prices. Averaging 3.63 percent, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is at its lowest level since the week ending May 23, 2013 when it averaged 3.59 percent.

News Facts

- 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 3.63 percent with an average 0.7 point for the week ending January 22, 2015, down from last week when it averaged 3.66 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 4.39 percent.
- <u>15-year FRM</u> this week averaged 2.93 percent with an average 0.6 point, down from last week when it averaged 2.98 percent. A year ago at this time, the 15-year FRM averaged 3.44 percent.
- <u>5-year Treasury-indexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage</u> (ARM) averaged 2.83 percent this week with an average 0.4 point, down from last week when it averaged 2.90 percent. A year ago, the 5-year ARM averaged 3.15 percent.
- 1-year Treasury-indexed ARM averaged 2.37 percent this week with an average 0.4 point, unchanged from last week. At this time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 2.54 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 <u>Regional and National Mortgage Rate Details</u> and <u>Definitions</u>. Borrowers may still pay closing costs which are not included in the survey.

Quotes

Attributed to Frank Nothaft, vice president and chief economist, Freddie Mac.

"Mortgage rates continued to fall, albeit at a slower pace, with the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaging 3.63 percent this week.

Housing <u>starts pdf</u> picked up in December coming in at a seasonally adjusted 1.089 million unit pace and beating market expectations. Meanwhile, the drop in energy prices pushed the <u>Producer pdf</u> Price Index down 0.3 percent for December and the <u>Consumer pdf</u> Price Index fell 0.4 percent."

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