

# Mortgage Rates Move Up

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MCLEAN, Va., Aug. 13, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>Freddie Mac</u> (OTCQB: FMCC) today released the results of its <u>Primary Mortgage Market Survey<sup>®</sup></u> (PMMS<sup>®</sup>), showing that the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 2.96 percent.

"Homebuyer demand remains strong, especially for those in search of an entry-level home where the improvement in affordability via lower mortgage rates has a material impact," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "Even with this week's uptick, very low rates are providing a significant boost to the housing market that continues to hold up well during this time of uncertainty."

### **News Facts**

<u>30-year fixed-rate mortgage</u> averaged 2.96 percent with an average 0.8 point for the week ending August 13, 2020, up from last week when it averaged 2.88 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 3.60 percent.

#### Primary Mortgage Market Survey®





- <u>15-year fixed-rate mortgage</u> averaged 2.46 percent with an average 0.8 point, up from last week when it averaged 2.44 percent. A year ago at this time, the 15-year FRM averaged 3.07 percent.
- <u>5-year Treasury-indexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage</u> (ARM) averaged 2.90 percent with an average 0.4 point, unchanged from last week. A year ago at this time, the 5-year ARM averaged 3.35 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 link for the <u>Definitions</u>. Borrowers may still pay closing costs which are not included in the survey.

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