



## Mortgage Rates Inch Up

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MCLEAN, Va., Aug. 20, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Freddie Mac](#) (OTCQB: FMCC) today released the results of its [Primary Mortgage Market Survey®](#) (PMMS®), showing that the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 2.99 percent.

“Purchase housing demand continues to accelerate, ultimately providing support to an economy that otherwise has stagnated,” said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac’s Chief Economist. “The surge in sales led to a rapid increase in the demand for remodeling and home furnishings as consumers look to renovate while adjusting to home life during COVID.”

### News Facts

- [30-year fixed-rate mortgage](#) averaged 2.99 percent with an average 0.8 point for the week ending August 20, 2020, up from last week when it averaged 2.96 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 3.55 percent.
- [15-year fixed-rate mortgage](#) averaged 2.54 percent with an average 0.7 point, up from last week when it averaged 2.46 percent. A year ago at this time, the 15-year FRM averaged 3.03 percent.
- [5-year Treasury-indexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage](#) (ARM) averaged 2.91 percent with an average 0.3 point, up from last week when it averaged 2.90 percent. A year ago at this time, the 5-year ARM averaged 3.32 percent.

The PMMS® is focused on conventional, conforming, fully-amortizing home purchase loans for borrowers who put 20 percent down and have excellent credit. 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 [Definitions](#). Borrowers may still pay closing costs which are not included in the survey.

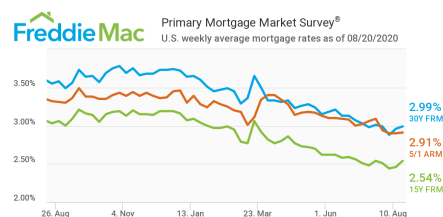
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### Primary Mortgage Market Survey®



U.S. weekly average mortgage rates as of August 20, 2020.