

Mortgage Rates Drop Below Three Percent

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MCLEAN, Va., May 27, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>Freddie Mac</u> (OTCQB: FMCC) today released the results of its <u>Primary Mortgage Market Survey[®]</u> (PMMS[®]), showing that the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 2.95 percent.

"Mortgage rates are down below three percent, continuing to offer many homeowners the potential to refinance and increase their monthly cash flow," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "In fact, homeowners who refinanced their 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in 2020 saved more than \$2,800 dollars annually. Substantial opportunity continues to exist today, as nearly \$2 trillion in conforming mortgages have the ability to refinance and reduce their interest rate by at least half a percentage point."

News Facts

- 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.95 percent with an average 0.7 point for the week ending May 27, 2021, down from last week when it averaged 3.00 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 3.15 percent.
- <u>15-year fixed-rate mortgage</u> averaged 2.27 percent with an average 0.6 point, down from last week when it averaged 2.29 percent. A year ago at this time, the 15-year FRM averaged 2.62 percent.
- <u>5-year Treasury-indexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage</u> (ARM) averaged 2.59 percent with an average 0.2 point, unchanged from last week. A year ago at this time, the 5-year ARM averaged 3.13 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 <u>Definitions</u>. Borrowers may still pay closing costs which are not included in the survey.

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U.S. weekly average mortgage rates as of May 27, 2021.