

## Mortgage Rates Exceed Four Percent

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MCLEAN, Va., March 17, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Freddie Mac (OTCQB: FMCC) today released the results of its <u>Primary Mortgage Market Survey®</u> (PMMS<sup>®</sup>), showing that the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 4.16 percent.

"The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage exceeded four percent for the first time since May of 2019," said Sam Khater, Freddie Mac's Chief Economist. "The Federal Reserve raising short-term rates and signaling further increases means mortgage rates should continue to rise over the course of the year. While home purchase demand has moderated, it remains competitive due to low existing inventory, suggesting high house price pressures will continue during the spring homebuying season."

## **News Facts**

<u>30-year fixed-rate mortgage</u> averaged 4.16 percent with an average 0.8 point for the week ending March 17, 2022, up from last week when it averaged 3.85 percent. A year ago at this time, the 30-year FRM averaged 3.09 percent.

## Primary Mortgage Market Survey®



U.S. weekly average mortgage rates as of March 17, 2022.

- <u>15-year fixed-rate mortgage</u> averaged 3.39 percent with an average 0.8 point, up from last week when it averaged 3.09 percent. A year ago at this time, the 15-year FRM averaged 2.40 percent.
- <u>5-year Treasury-indexed hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage</u> (ARM) averaged 3.19 percent with an average 0.2 point, up from last week when it averaged 2.97 percent. A year ago at this time, the 5-year ARM averaged 2.79 percent.

The PMMS<sup>®</sup> 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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