# **Housing News Update**



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# FHFA Announces 2016 Loan Limit Changes

In short, the general loan limits remain unchanged from 2015's levels, but several high-cost county limits have been increased. As a reminder, Fannie Mae has a useful Loan Limit Look-Up Table which has been revised with 2016's new amounts. Clicking this link will prompt a download of the excel spreadsheet, which includes every county's loan limits and numerical codes. Or you can access Fannie's loan limit page HERE. The FHFA provided a useful PDF that exclusively highlights the counties that changed HERE. Alternatively, here is the entire list (click to enlarge):

#### Counties with Increases in Maximum Conforming Loan Limits for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Loan Limit Increases: 2015-2016

(Sorted by State and County Name)

	County Name	State	Metropolitan Area	oan Limit it Properties)	2016 Loan (One-Unit Pro		Ine	crease
[1]	Monterey County	CA	SALINAS, CA	\$ 502,550	\$ 5	29,000	s	26,450
[2]	Napa County	CA	NAPA, CA	\$ 615,250	\$ 6	25,500	S	10,250
[3]	San Diego County	CA	SAN DIEGO-CARLSBAD, CA	\$ 562,350	\$ 5	80,750	\$	18,400
[4]	Sonoma County	CA	SANTA ROSA, CA	\$ 520,950	\$ 5	54,300	S	33,350
[5]	Adams County	co	DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD, CO	\$ 424,350	\$ 4	58,850	\$	34,500
[6]	Arapahoe County	CO	DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD, CO	\$ 424,350	\$ 4	58,850	\$	34,500
[7]	Boulder County	CO	BOULDER, CO	\$ 456,550	\$ 4	74,950	\$	18,400
[8]	Broomfield County	CO	DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD, CO	\$ 424,350	\$ 4	58,850	\$	34,500
[9]	Clear Creek County	CO	DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD, CO	\$ 424,350	\$ 4	58,850	\$	34,500
[10]	Denver County	CO	DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD, CO	\$ 424,350	\$ 4	58,850	\$	34,500
[11]	Douglas County	CO	DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD, CO	\$ 424,350	\$ 4	58,850	\$	34,500
[12]	Elbert County	CO	DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD, CO	\$ 424,350	\$ 4	58,850	\$	34,500
[13]	Gilpin County	CO	DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD, CO	\$ 424,350	\$ 4	58,850	\$	34,500
[14]	Jefferson County	CO	DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD, CO	\$ 424,350	\$ 4	58,850	\$	34,500
[15]	Park County	CO	DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD, CO	\$ 424,350	\$ 4	58,850	\$	34,500
[16]	Essex County	MA	BOSTON-CAMBRIDGE-NEWTON, MA-NH	\$ 517,500	\$ 5	23,250	\$	5,750
[17]	Middlesex County	MA	BOSTON-CAMBRIDGE-NEWTON, MA-NH	\$ 517,500	\$ 5	23,250	\$	5,750
[18]	Norfolk County	MA	BOSTON-CAMBRIDGE-NEWTON, MA-NH	\$ 517,500	\$ 5	23,250	\$	5,750
[19]	Plymouth County	MA	BOSTON-CAMBRIDGE-NEWTON, MA-NH	\$ 517,500	\$ 5	23,250	\$	5,750
[20]	Suffolk County	MA	BOSTON-CAMBRIDGE-NEWTON, MA-NH	\$ 517,500	\$ 5	23,250	\$	5,750
[21]	Rockingham County	NH	BOSTON-CAMBRIDGE-NEWTON, MA-NH	\$ 517,500	\$ 5	23,250	\$	5,750
[22]	Strafford County	NH	BOSTON-CAMBRIDGE-NEWTON, MA-NH	\$ 517,500	\$ 5	23,250	\$	5,750
[23]	Cannon County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[24]	Cheatham County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[25]	Davidson County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[26]	Dickson County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[27]	Hickman County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[28]	Macon County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[29]	Maury County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[30]	Robertson County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[31]	Rutherford County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[32]	Smith County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[33]	Sumner County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[34]	Trousdale County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[35]	Williamson County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[36]	Wilson County	TN	NASHVILLE-DAVIDSONMURFREESBOROFRANKLIN, TN	\$ 425,500	\$ 4	37,000	\$	11,500
[37]	King County	WA	SEATTLE-TACOMA-BELLEVUE, WA	\$ 517,500	\$ 5	40,500	\$	23,000
[38]	Pierce County	WA	SEATTLE-TACOMA-BELLEVUE, WA	\$ 517,500	\$ 5	40,500	\$	23,000
[39]	Snohomish County	WA	SEATTLE-TACOMA-BELLEVUE, WA	\$ 517,500	\$ 5	40,500	\$	23,000

### National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News I	Daily		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.95%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	5.82%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.62%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.28%	-0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.35%	-0.51	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.51%	-0.65	0.00
Mortgage Banker	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.44%	-0.06	0.54
15 Yr. Fixed	5.88%	-0.16	0.68
30 Yr. FHA	6.36%	-0.06	0.85
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.75%	+0.07	0.39
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 8/30	5.98%	-0.27	0.65

## **Recent Housing Data**

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Aug 28	226.9	+0.49%
Building Permits	Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Housing Starts	Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
New Home Sales	Mar	693K	+4.68%
Pending Home Sales	Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Existing Home Sales	Feb	3.97M	-0.75%

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	General Loan Limits			
Units	Contiguous States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico	Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and U.S. Virgin Islands		
One	\$417,000	\$625,500		
Two	\$533,850	\$800,775		
Three	\$645,300	\$967,950		
Four	\$801,950	\$1,202,925		

		Value	Change
Builder Confidence	Mar	51	+6.25%

	High-Cost Area Loan Limits⁺			
Units	Contiguous States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico*	Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, and U.S. Virgin Islands		
One	\$625,500	\$938,250		
Two	\$800,775	\$1,201,150		
Three	\$967,950	\$1,451,925		
Four	\$1,202,925	\$1,804,375		

<sup>+</sup> These limits were determined under the provisions of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

A few interesting factoids from the spreadsheet:

- Alaska is the state with highest number of counties at the high-cost max.
- Virginia has the most when it comes to the lower 48 states
- The overall New York/Newark metro area has the most counties at high-cost max (25), followed closely by the DC/Arlington/Alexandria metro areas (24)

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<sup>\*</sup> Puerto Rico and a number of other states do not have any high-cost areas in 2016.