## **Housing News Update**



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### Breakdown of FHA's Multifaceted MIP Cut

The annual premium paid by borrowers on mortgages backed by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) is going down by a quarter of a percent. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julian Castro announced today that the annual mortgage insurance premium (MIP) will be **reduced 25** basis points for most new mortgages with a closing date on or after January 27. The reduction is expected to save new FHA insured homeowners an average of \$500 this year.

A HUD press release said today's announcement reflects the **fourth straight year** that FHA's Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (MMIF) has strengthened. It has gained \$44 billion in value since 2012 and last year alone grew by \$3.8 billion. The fund now stands at 2.32 percent of all FHA insurance in force, the second consecutive year that it has exceeded the 2 percent capital reserve mandated by Congress. The fund reached near insolvency during the housing crisis, prompting several increases in both the upfront premium and the annual one.

	Annual N	/IIP	
Base Loan Amt.	LTV	Previous MIP	New MIP
	Term > 15	Years	
≤\$625,500	≤ 95.00%	80 bps	55bps
≤\$625,500	> 95.00%	85 bps	60bps
> \$625,500	≤ 95.00%	100 bps	55bps
> \$625,500	> 95.00%	105 bps	60bps
	Term ≤ 15	Years	
≤\$625,500	≤ 90.00%	45 bps	25 bps
≤\$625,500	> 90.00%	70 bps	50 bps
> \$625,500	≤ 78.00%	45 bps	25 bps
> \$625,500	78.01% - 90.00%	70 bps	25 bps
> \$625,500	> 90.00%	95 bps	50 bps
Streamline, Simp	ole Refinance of prev	vious Mortgage end	lorsed on or
	before May 3	1, 2009	
	Term > 15	Years	
Base Loan Amt.	LTV	Previous MIP	New MIP
All Loan Amounts	≤ 90.00%	55 bps	55 bps
All Loan Amounts	> 90.00%	55 bps	55 bps
	Term ≤ 15	Years	
Base Loan Amt.	LTV	Previous MIP	New MIP
All Loan Amounts	≤ 90.00%	55 bps	25 bps
All Loan Amounts	> 90.00%	55 bps	25 bps

#### National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News	Daily		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.25%	-0.03	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.68%	-0.07	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.64%	-0.06	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.45%	-0.03	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.32%	-0.03	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.22%	-0.22	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.47%	-0.29	0.00
Mortgage Banke	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.24%	+0.11	0.66
15 Yr. Fixed	6.75%	+0.11	0.64
30 Yr. FHA	7.01%	+0.11	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.45%	+0.05	0.56
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 5/6	6.64%	+0.12	0.87

# **Recent Housing Data**

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Apr 24	196.7	-2.67%
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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Upfront Mortgage Insurance Premium (UFMIP)	
All Mortgages: 175 Basis Points (bps) (1.75%) of the Base Loan Amount.	
Exceptions:	

- Streamline Refinance and Simple Refinance Mortgages used to refinance a previous FHA-endorsed Mortgage on or before May 31, 2009
- Hawaiian Home Lands (Section 247)
- Indian Lands (Section 248)

Indian Lands (Section 248) do not require a UFMIP.

	Annual Mortgage Insuran	ce Premium (MIP)	
Applies to all Mortgage	s except:		
<ul> <li>Streamline Refi</li> </ul>	nance and Simple Refinance N	Mortgages used to re	finance a previous FHA
	age on or before May 31, 200		-
<ul> <li>Hawaiian Home</li> </ul>	Lands (Section 247)		
Hawaiian Home Lands	(Section 247) do not require A	Annual MIP.	
	Mortgage Term of More	Than 15 Years	
Base Loan Amount	LTV	MIP (bps)	Duration
All amounts	≤90.00%	55	11 years
	> 90.00% but ≤ 95.00%	55	Mortgage term
	> 95.00%	60	Mortgage term
N	Iortgage Term of Less than	or Equal to 15 Year	rs
Base Loan Amount	LTV	MIP (bps)	Duration
All amounts	≤ 90.00%	. 25	11 years
	> 90.00%	50	Mortgage term

#### Streamline Refinance, Simple Refinance:

For refinance	e of previous Mortg	gage endorsed on or befor	re May 31, 2009
	UFMIP: 1 (bps	(.01%) All Mortgages	
	Mortgage T	erm of More than 15 Yes	ars
Base Loan Amount	LTV	Annual MIP (bps)	Duration
All amounts	≤ 90.00%	55	11 years
	> 90.00%	55	Mortgage term

Castro said FHA's action reflects today's risk environment and comes at the right time for consumers who are facing higher credit costs as mortgage interest rates are increasing. "After four straight years of growth and with sufficient reserves on hand to meet future claims, it's time for FHA to pass along some modest savings to working families," he said. "This is a **fiscally responsible measure** to price our mortgage insurance in a way that protects our insurance fund while preserving the dream of homeownership for credit-qualified borrowers."

Value

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**Builder Confidence** 

Change

+6.25%

Ed Golding, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for HUD's Office of Housing added, "We've carefully weighed the risks associated with lower premiums with our historic mission to provide safe and sustainable mortgage financing to responsible homebuyers. Homeownership is the way most middle class Americans build wealth and achieve financial security for themselves and their families. This conservative reduction in our premium rates is an appropriate measure to support them on their path to the American dream."

While attempting to stabilize the MMIF FHA increased the annual premium by 150 percent starting in 2010. Today's step restores the annual premium to close to its pre-housing-crisis level.

The Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) through its President David H. Stevens, commented on the FHA action, saying, in part, "The reduction in the premium is a result of our industry's and FHA's shared commitment to quality underwriting, and consumers will benefit as result. Reducing the cost of FHA loans benefits borrowers, but other changes to reduce uncertainty for lenders would be required to truly invigorate the FHA program."

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# All Your Mortgage Needs, Professionally Delivered with a Personal Touch

Whether you're a first-time homebuyer hoping to navigate the process of buying a home so that it is a fun and anxiety-free process or a homeowner looking for refinance options that deliver more freedom and flexibility, I can help you analyze your current situation and find money saving options. With expertise in all areas of mortgage and financing, my hope is that once I become your mortgage partner, I'll stay your mortgage partner. With clients from A to Z, files never leave my hands or my desk. From start to finish, every step of the way, my goal is to keep the lines of communication open, provide complete and attentive service, and ensure the most seamless and satisfactory process possible.

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