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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD ANNOUNCES MORTGAGE INTEREST RATE

The Federal Housing Finance Board today announced that the final January value of the National Average Contract Mortgage Rate for the Purchase of Previously Occupied Homes by Combined Lenders was 5.97 percent. This is a decrease of 0.26 percent from the December value. Many lenders use this rate in adjusting some adjustable-rate mortgages. This index was the only index rate that federally chartered savings and loan associations could use as an adjustable-rate mortgage index in the early 1980s. For many years, this index was made available by the former Federal Home Loan Bank Board, and later by the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Interested parties can receive up-to-date information on this index value by calling (202) 408-2940. The February index value will be announced on March 25, 2008.

<u>Announcement Date</u>	<u>Index Month</u>	<u>Index Rate</u>
February 26, 2008	January 2008	5.97
January 24, 2008	December 2007	6.23
December 27, 2007	November 2007	6.35
November 27, 2007	October 2007	6.50
October 25, 2007	September 2007	6.59
September 25, 2007	August 2007	6.73
August 28, 2007	July 2007	6.74
July 25, 2007	June 2007	6.58
June 26, 2007	May 2007	6.37
May 24, 2007	April 2007	6.28
April 26, 2007	March 2007	6.33
March 27, 2007	February 2007	6.40
February 27, 2007	January 2007	6.37

The Federal Housing Finance Board is an independent agency in the executive branch that oversees the safety, soundness, and mission of the 12 regional Federal Home Loan Banks. The Banks are government-sponsored enterprises created in 1932 to provide low-cost funding for housing finance. They have more than 8,100 financial institutions as members, including commercial banks, savings and loans, insurance companies and federally insured credit unions. More information can be found at <http://www.FHFB.gov>

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