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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD ANNOUNCES MORTGAGE INTEREST RATE

The Federal Housing Finance Board today announced that the final February value of the National Average Contract Mortgage Rate for the Purchase of Previously Occupied Homes by Combined Lenders was 6.31 percent. This is an increase of 0.01 percent from the January 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 March index value will be announced on April 25, 2006.

<u>Announcement Date</u>	<u>Index Month</u>	<u>Index Rate</u>
March 27, 2006	February 2006	6.31
February 27, 2006	January 2006	6.30
January 25, 2006	December 2005	6.29
December 28, 2005	November 2005	6.22
November 29, 2005	October 2005	5.98
October 25, 2005	September 2005	5.85
September 27, 2005	August 2005	5.83
August 30, 2005	July 2005	5.68
July 26, 2005	June 2005	5.65
June 29, 2005	May 2005	5.80
May 25, 2005	April 2005	5.86
April 26, 2005	March 2005	5.76
March 25, 2005	February 2005	5.68

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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