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## FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD ANNOUNCES MORTGAGE INTEREST RATE

The Federal Housing Finance Board today announced that the final August value of the National Average Contract Mortgage Rate for the Purchase of Previously Occupied Homes by Combined Lenders was 6.46 percent. This is an increase of 0.05 percent from the July 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 September index value will be announced on October 28, 2008.

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<u>Announcement Date</u>	<u>Index Month</u>	<u>Index Rate</u>
September 25, 2008	August 2008	6.46
August 28, 2008	July 2008	6.41
July 24, 2008	June 2008	6.23
June 25, 2008	May 2008	6.04
May 27, 2008	April 2008	5.97
April 24, 2008	March 2008	6.03
March 25, 2008	February 2008	5.87
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

*The Federal Housing Finance Board (FHFB) was merged into the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) an independent agency in the executive branch, in July 2008. The FHFB portion of FHFA 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>*