



LendingTree Releases Monthly Mortgage Offer Report for October

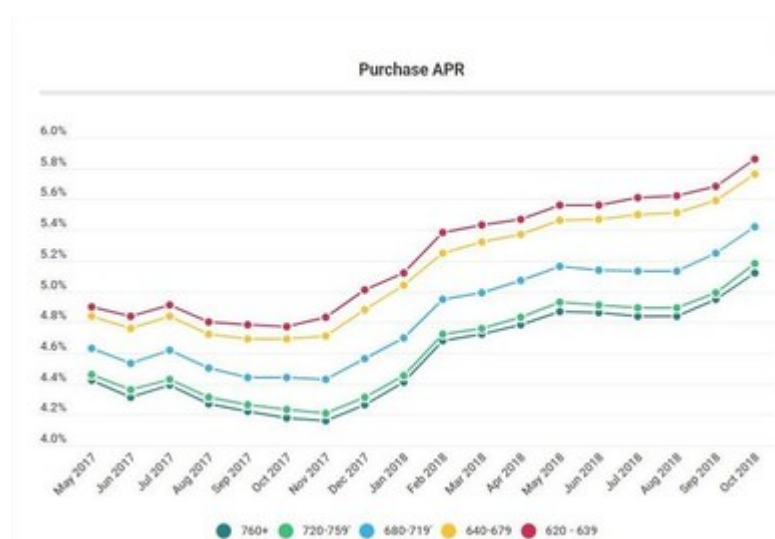
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LendingTree's Chief Economist analyzes October's mortgage offers

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Nov. 7, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- [LendingTree®](#), the nation's leading online loan marketplace, today released its monthly [Mortgage Offers Report](#), which analyzes data from actual loan terms offered to borrowers on LendingTree.com by lenders on LendingTree's network. The purpose of the report is to empower consumers by providing additional information on how their credit profile affects their loan prospects.

- October's best mortgage offers for borrowers with the best profiles (the 95th percentile of borrowers) had an average APR of 4.61% for conforming 30-year fixed-rate purchase loans, up from 4.39% in September. The APR on refinance loan offers increased 22 basis points (bps), to 4.62%. We consider people with the best credit profiles to be those who received the best mortgage offers through the LendingTree marketplace, which allows users to compare offers from multiple mortgage lenders.
- Mortgage rates vary depending upon parameters including credit score, loan-to-value ratio, income and property type.
- For the average borrower, the purchase APR for conforming 30-year fixed-rate loans offered on LendingTree's platform was 5.27%, up 18 bps from September. The loan note rate of 5.14% is the highest rate of the year. We prefer to emphasize the APR, as lenders often make changes to other fees in response to changing interest rates.
- Consumers with the highest credit scores (760-plus, representing the 65th percentile of borrowers) received an average APR of 5.12%, versus 5.42% for consumers with scores of 680 to 719. The APR spread of 30 bps between these score ranges is the same as it was in September. For the average purchase loan amount of \$233,938, the spread represents over \$15,000 in additional costs for borrowers with lower credit scores over 30 years. The additional costs result from higher interest rates, larger fees or a combination of the two.
- For the average borrower, the APR for conforming 30-year fixed-rate refinance loans increased 17 bps from September to 5.26%. The spread between credit score brackets (760-plus and 680 to 719) remained the same as last month, at 24 bps. That amounts to nearly \$13,000 in extra costs over the life of the loan for borrowers with lower credit scores, given an average refinance loan of \$238,447.
- Average proposed purchase down payments fell to \$60,361, a decline of about \$3,600.

Purchase APR by Credit Score Range



Purchase Mortgage Offers by Credit Score

PURCHASE					
FICO Range	Average APR	Average Down Payment	Average Loan Amount	Average LTV	Lifetime Interest Paid*
All Loans	5.27%	\$60,361	\$233,938	82%	\$232,069
760+	5.12%	\$80,263	\$256,880	79%	\$224,515
720-759	5.18%	\$56,128	\$232,708	83%	\$227,347

680-719	5.42%	\$38,016	\$215,606	86%	\$239,956
640-679	5.76%	\$67,896	\$198,689	75%	\$258,151
620-639	5.86%	\$54,538	\$196,043	77%	\$263,659

*Lifetime interest paid is calculated based on the overall average loan amount to enable comparison.

Refinance Mortgage Offers by Credit Score

REFINANCE					
FICO Range	Average APR	Average Down Payment	Average Loan Amount	Average LTV	Lifetime Interest Paid*
All Loans	5.26%	\$1,032	\$238,447	62%	\$235,962
760+	5.13%	\$1,623	\$245,800	58%	\$229,073
720-759	5.18%	\$1,124	\$244,630	64%	\$231,646
680-719	5.37%	\$690	\$231,674	64%	\$241,734
640-679	5.50%	\$174	\$221,453	59%	\$248,800
620-639	5.64%	\$0	\$216,636	59%	\$256,712

*Lifetime interest paid is calculated based on the overall average loan amount to enable comparison.

To view the original report, visit <https://www.lendingtree.com/home/mortgage-offers-report-october-2018/>.

About the Report

The [LendingTree Mortgage Offers Report](#) contains data from actual loan terms offered to borrowers on LendingTree.com by lenders. We believe it is an important addition to standard industry surveys and reports on mortgage rates. Most quoted industry rates are for a hypothetical borrower with prime credit who makes a 20% down payment. Most borrowers do not fit this profile. Our report includes the average quoted APR by credit score, together with the average down payment and other metrics described below. We stratify by credit score, so borrowers have added information on how their credit profile affects their loan prospects. The report covers conforming 30-yr fixed loans for both purchase and refinance.

- **APR:** Actual APR offers to borrowers on our platform
- **Down Payment:** Though analogous to the LTV, we find that borrowers identify more closely with the down payment. Academic studies have also found that the down payment is the primary concern for homebuyers and one of the main impediments to entering the homebuying market.
- **Loan Amount:** The average loan amount borrowers are offered
- **LTV:** Actual LTV offered to borrowers on our platform
- **Lifetime Interest Paid:** This is the total cost a borrower incurs for the loan, inclusive of fees.

About LendingTree

LendingTree (NASDAQ: TREE) is the nation's leading online marketplace that connects consumers with the choices they need to be confident in their financial decisions. LendingTree empowers consumers to shop for financial services the same way they would shop for airline tickets or hotel stays, comparing multiple offers from a nationwide network of over 500 partners in one simple search, and can choose the option that best fits their financial needs. Services include mortgage loans, mortgage refinances, auto loans, personal loans, business loans, student refinances, credit cards and more. Through the [My LendingTree](#) platform, consumers receive free credit scores, credit monitoring and recommendations to improve credit health. My LendingTree proactively compares consumers' credit accounts against offers on our network, and notifies consumers when there is an opportunity to save money. In short, LendingTree's purpose is to help simplify financial decisions for life's meaningful moments through choice, education and support. LendingTree, LLC is a subsidiary of LendingTree, Inc. For more information, go to www.lendingtree.com, dial 800-555-TREE, like our Facebook page and/or follow us on Twitter @LendingTree.

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