# Payment not the Price

National trends suggest that already historicallylow mortgage rates will either drop or remain the same for the rest of 2019. A small 0.5% increase in rates can add hundreds to your monthly payment, reducing your purchasing power. If you've been thinking about buying a home, you'll want to act now while rates are low.

Learn how these seemingly minor changes can significantly impact your monthly payment.

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About 55% of buyers and 72% of first-time buyers put less than 6% down on their home.

A down payment under 20% often requires an additional payment for Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI).

#### Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI)

A fee lenders tack onto conventional loans as a means of protection in case the borrower defaults on a loan.

The cost ranges from .55% to 2.25% of your original loan amount per year, and can be divided up and added to your monthly mortgage payment.

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Sources: National Association of REALTORS® 2018 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers; Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Home Purchase Amount: **\$300,000**\*

5% Down Payment: **\$15,000** 

Loan Amount:

\$285,000

PMI:

1%

30-Year Fixed Mortgage

| Interest Rate | Payment<br>(Plus PMI) | Payment<br>(PMI Paid Off) |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 4.50%         | \$1,681.55            | \$1,444.05                |
| 4.25%         | \$1,639.53            | \$1,402.03                |
| 4.00%         | \$1,598.13            | \$1,360.63                |
| 3.75%         | \$1,557.38            | \$1,319.88                |
| 3.50%         | \$1,517.28            | \$1,279.78                |

Total Savings with Lowest Rate: \$61,751.78

(Difference between total payment for the highest and lowest rates)

| Interest Rate | Payment<br>(Plus PMI) | Payment<br>(PMI Paid Off) |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 4.00%         | \$2,345.61            | \$2,108.11                |
| 3.75%         | \$2,310.08            | \$2,072.58                |
| 3.50%         | \$2,274.92            | \$2,037.42                |
| 3.25%         | \$2,240.11            | \$2,002.61                |
| 3.00%         | \$2,205.66            | \$1,968.16                |

### Total Savings with Lowest Rate: \$25,666.53

(Difference between total payment for the highest and lowest rates)

15-Year Fixed Mortgage

Home Purchase Amount: **\$300,000** 

20% Down Payment: **\$60,000** 

Loan Amount:

\$240,000

PMI: None required





15-Year Fixed Mortgage

| Interest Rate | Payment    |
|---------------|------------|
| 4.50%         | \$1,216.04 |
| 4.25%         | \$1,180.66 |
| 4.00%         | \$1,145.80 |
| 3.75%         | \$1,111.48 |
| 3.50%         | \$1,077.71 |

**Total Savings with Lowest Rate: \$49,802** (Difference between total payment for the highest and lowest rates)

| Interest Rate | Payment                          |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 4.00%         | \$1,775.25                       |
| 3.75%         | \$1,745.33                       |
| 3.50%         | \$1,715.72                       |
| 3.25%         | \$1,686.41                       |
| 3.00%         | \$1,657.40                       |
|               | 4.00%<br>3.75%<br>3.50%<br>3.25% |

#### Total Savings with Lowest Rate: \$21,213.91

(Difference between total payment for the highest and lowest rates)

Home Purchase Amount: **\$450,000** 

5% Down Payment: **\$22,500** 

Loan Amount:

\$427,500

PMI: **1%** 



30-Year Fixed Mortgage

| Interest Rate | Payment<br>(Plus PMI) | Payment<br>(PMI Paid Off) |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 4.50%         | \$2,522.33            | \$2,166.08                |
| 4.25%         | \$2,459.29            | \$2,103.04                |
| 4.00%         | \$2,397.20            | \$2,040.95                |
| 3.75%         | \$2,336.07            | \$1,979.82                |
| 3.50%         | \$2,275.92            | \$1,919.67                |

Total Savings with Lowest Rate: \$87,627.67

(Difference between total payment for the highest and lowest rates)

| Interest Rate | Payment<br>(Plus PMI) | Payment<br>(PMI Paid Off) |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 4.00%         | \$3,518.42            | \$3,162.17                |
| 3.75%         | \$3,465.13            | \$3,108.88                |
| 3.50%         | \$3,412.37            | \$3,056.12                |
| 3.25%         | \$3,360.16            | \$3,003.91                |
| 3.00%         | \$3,308.49            | \$2,952.24                |

#### Total Savings with Lowest Rate: \$38,499.79

(Difference between total payment for the highest and lowest rates)

15-Year Fixed Mortgage

Home Purchase Amount: **\$450,000** 

20% Down Payment: **\$90,000** 

Loan Amount: **\$360,000** 

PMI: None required



| Interest Rate | Payment    |
|---------------|------------|
| 4.50%         | \$1,824.07 |
| 4.25%         | \$1,770.98 |
| 4.00%         | \$1,718.70 |
| 3.75%         | \$1,667.22 |
| 3.50%         | \$1,616.56 |

**Total Savings with Lowest Rate: \$74,702.24** (Difference between total payment for the highest and lowest rates)

| Fixed Mortgage | Mortgage |
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| Interest Rate | Payment    |
|---------------|------------|
| 4.00%         | \$2,662.88 |
| 3.75%         | \$2,618.00 |
| 3.50%         | \$2,573.58 |
| 3.25%         | \$2,529.61 |
| 3.00%         | \$2,486.09 |

#### Total Savings with Lowest Rate: \$31,820.88

(Difference between total payment for the highest and lowest rates)



### What's Your Purchasing Power?

Mortgage rates are an important factor in your home-buying process. Keep current with the national conversation on changing rates and where they are headed. If you've been thinking of buying your first home, upgrading to a larger home or even picking up a second property, you'll want to act while rates are low. Contact me for a referral to a trusted professional to help you determine how these low rates might improve your purchasing power.



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