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Chevron Federal Credit Union

Rate Watch

30-Year Jumbo Fixed-Rate Mortgage vs. Competition

Chevron Federal Credit Union (CFCU) offers low rates on 30-year jumbo fixed-rate mortgages. See how we compare:

30-YEAR JUMBO FIXED-RATE MORTGAGE COMPARISON¹

INSTITUTION	RATE ²	POINTS	APR ³
Chevron Federal Credit Union	4.625%	0	4.647%
US Bank	4.875%	0	4.900%
Wells Fargo	5.000%	0	5.035%



We come through for our members by consistently offering highly competitive rates! For more information, please stop by your local CFCU branch or call us at **510-627-5120** or toll-free **888-334-5120**.

¹ Rates are for comparison purposes only. Your actual rate, points, and/or fees may be different.

² Rate valid as of 5/16/18. Rates are subject to change at any time. Example: Based on a \$600,000 purchase price with 20% down (\$480,000 loan amount) and a rate of 4.625% (4.647% APR), estimated payment would be \$2,467.87 per month. Payment does not include taxes and insurance. Actual rate may be higher. Other restrictions may apply. Rate Source: usbank.com, wellsfargo.com

³ APR is the Annual Percentage Rate.

A Home Equity Line of Credit Can Help Finance Home Improvements

If you'd like to add pizzazz to your backyard this summer, a Home Equity Line of Credit may be the financing tool you need to make improvements happen.

Our Home Equity Line of Credit gives you the flexibility to tap funds whenever you need them using equity checks or online transfers. So whether you add a few new features – or go all in on a complete landscape redesign – you'll have financing on hand when you need it.



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Be Aware of Child Identity Theft

If your child's Social Security number falls into the hands of an identity thief, it could be used to commit fraud without being noticed.



According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), there are some signs you can look for that your child's information has been compromised, such as:

- Your child gets turned down for government benefits because the benefits are being paid to another account using your child's Social Security number.
- You receive a notice from the IRS saying the child didn't pay income taxes or that the child's Social Security number was used on another tax return.
- Your child gets a collection notice or a bill for products or services not ordered.

If you notice any signs that your child's information is at risk, the FTC recommends that you ask the three nationwide credit reporting companies – Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion – to do a manual search of the child's file.

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Adjustable-Rate vs. Fixed-Rate Mortgages

Understanding the differences between fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) can help you choose the home loan that is best for your needs.

Fixed-Rate Mortgages

Fixed-rate mortgages keep the same interest rate and monthly payment throughout the loan period. They offer rate and payment security, but they can be more expensive than adjustable-rate mortgages in the long term, especially if you do not stay in your home very long.

Advantages of Fixed-Rate Mortgages

- A fixed rate can provide peace of mind to borrowers concerned about the possibility of rising interest rates.
- A set payment amount each month makes budgeting easier.
- Fixed-rate loans are straight forward and easy to understand.

Adjustable-Rate Mortgages

ARMs generally start out with an interest rate that is lower than the average fixed-rate mortgage, resulting in a lower house payment and allowing many borrowers to finance a larger home.

After the initial fixed rate period is over, the interest rate will adjust with the market. For instance, a 7/1 ARM has a fixed interest rate for the first seven years, and the interest rate adjusts each year after that for the life of the loan. Our 3/3 ARM has a fixed interest rate for the first three years and adjusts every three years for the life of the loan.

Advantages of ARMs

- Lower initial rates/payments can help you can buy a larger home.
- If rates have gone down at adjustment time, you get the benefit of the lower rate without the expense of refinancing.
- For borrowers who don't plan on living in one place for very long, ARMs are often an affordable way to buy a house.

To learn more about our home loan options, give us a call at **510-627-5120** or **888-334-5120**.



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If the checks do show instances of fraud, ask each company to remove all accounts, account inquiries, and collection notices from any file associated with your child's name and Social Security number.

Also ask that they place a fraud alert on your child's credit report.

Then, contact the businesses where your child's information was used and ask them to close the fraudulent accounts and flag them as being the result of identity theft.

If the fraud is related to medical expenses or taxes, you may also need to file a police report.

Finally, file a report with the FTC at **ftccomplaintassistant.gov** or give them a call at **877-438-4338**.

To learn steps you can take to protect your child's identity from misuse, visit **consumer.ftc.gov**.

Source: consumer.ftc.gov

A Home Equity Line of Credit Can Help Finance Home Improvements

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Lines are available for up to \$500,000¹ depending on your credit and your home's value. Other features include:

- Zero Closing Costs²
- No Annual Servicing Fee

To learn more about this flexible way to finance home improvements, give us a call at **510-627-5120** or **888-334-5120**.

¹ Credit limit based on your creditworthiness. Please contact the Credit Union for the minimum and maximum loan amounts for the various Combined Loan-to-Values (CLTVs).

² If account is closed within three years of opening, early closure fees will be added to the Account Balance in the amount of \$500 for credit lines up to \$100,000 and \$700 for credit lines above \$100,000. Early closure fees are not assessed where prohibited by state law or when the account is closed as part of a Credit Union refinance. For Home Equity Lines of Credit, the rate is variable and based on the Prime Rate as published in the "Money Rates" section of the Wall Street Journal, plus a margin. The margin is based on loan-to-value and borrower(s) credit score at time of origination. Rate of 5.500% (Annual Percentage Rate (APR) of 5.500%) effective as of 5/16/18 and subject to change without notice. 5.500% rate is based on a Combined Loan-to-Value (CLTV) of 80% or less and excellent credit score. The maximum annual percentage rate in a variable rate plan is 18%.

Look No Further

Our 12-Month Share Certificate rates are among the best!

2.00% APY*

12-Month Share Certificates with balances of \$500 - \$99,999



*Annual Percentage Yield as of May 16, 2018, and subject to change at any time. 12 month certificate APY is 2.00% for balances \$500 - \$99,999; 2.05% for balances \$100,000 - \$249,999; and 2.10% for balances \$250,000+. Dividends are compounded daily and paid monthly. Penalty for early withdrawal. Fees could reduce earnings. Other conditions apply.

Has Your Address Changed Recently? Be Sure to Let Us Know!



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