## 30-year mortgage rate holds steady

Average U.S. rates on fixed mortgages barely changed this week.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday that the average on the 30-year loan edged up to 4.40 percent from 4.39 percent last week. The rate is a full percentage point higher than in early May, when rates neared record lows. But rates remain low by historical standards.

The average on the 15-year fixed loan was unchanged at 3.43 percent.