



HOME BUYING TIP:

Educate Yourself on Home Loan Types

Fixed-rate Loans

This is the most common type of **conventional loan**. It describes a loan that has a **single interest rate** and **monthly payment for the life of the loan**, which is typically **15 or 30 years**.

USDA Mortgage

Another government-sponsored home loan is a **USDA Rural Development mortgage** that is designed for families in rural areas. With **USDA mortgages**, **no down payment is necessary** and discounted mortgage interest rates in excess.

FHA Mortgage

FHA loans typically require a **down payment of as little as 3.5%**, whereas a typical home mortgage requires a down payment of 20% of the purchase price of your home.

VA Mortgage

If you have served in the **United States military**, a veteran's affairs loan can be a great alternative to a conventional loan. Should you qualify for this type of loan, there are **no down payment or mortgage insurance requirements**.

Adjustable-rate Mortgage

Unlike fixed-rate loans, **ARM** offer mortgage **interest rates that are typically lower** than you would get with a fixed-rate loan for a period of time, such as five or ten years.

