



## Will mortgage rates stay low through 2019? Here's what experts predict

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*Source: Forbes*

According to three industry forecasts, the trend toward low mortgage rates, slowing home price growth and increased housing construction will continue into 2020.

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## First-time, move-up buyers face rising competition

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*Source: REALTOR® Magazine*

Lower mortgage rates have drawn out more buyers this fall, but the rapidly shrinking inventory of lower-cost homes — the properties highest in demand — are making it difficult for them to find a home to buy.

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## Outlying areas show most home building per capita

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*Source: National Association of Home Builders*

Analysis of NAHB's Home Building Geography Index (HGBI) shows that outlying areas of both large and smaller metropolitan

areas rank above their closer-in metro counterparts in per-capita single-family construction.

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## Confidence in housing weakens just as homes become more affordable

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*Source: CNBC*

Consumer sentiment on housing fell in September from its August high. While more respondents think now is both a good time to buy and sell a home, there was a much larger drop in the share of those who said they were not concerned about losing their jobs.

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## The housing reasons why Latinxs have less wealth than whites

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*Source: Zillow*

The typical Latinx household in the U.S. earns 75.7 percent of the typical white household. But Latinx wealth — a household's total assets — is a paltry 12.2 percent of white household wealth. Here are some reasons for this disparity that relate to housing.

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# Mortgage rates decline from last week's uptick

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*Source: HousingWire*

Americans are growing concerned by the growing threats of an economic slowdown, but per Freddie Mac, those concerns don't seem to be affecting housing.

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