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\$766,550 is The New Conforming Loan Limit For 2024

If you're just here for the conforming loan limit news, \$766,550 is the number for 2024.

Does this mean no one can get a mortgage for more than \$766,550? No. The conforming loan limit is the maximum amount that can be guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the government-sponsored enterprises or GSEs). That guarantee has advantages in terms of the loan approval process and interest rates. There are plenty of mortgage options for higher amounts or that are not guaranteed by the GSEs, but conforming loans account for a vast majority of new mortgages.

\$766,550 is the base amount. Higher cost areas have access to higher limits based on the average home prices in that area. The county by county limits are listed separately, HERE. The highest tier is \$1,149,825 (base loan limit x 1.5).

HOUSING TYPE	STANDARD	HIGH BALANCE
Single Family, Coop & Condos	\$766,550	\$1,149,825
Two Family Homes	\$981,500	\$1,472,250
Three Family Homes	\$1,186,350	\$1,779,525
Four Family Homes	\$1,474,400	\$2,211,600

Where do these numbers come from?

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) is the regulator of the GSEs. It publishes various home price data. Once the data is in for the 3rd quarter (typically by late November), it is compared to the 3rd quarter of the previous year and home prices are adjusted by the corresponding amount.

In situations where home prices fall, the limit does not fall, but it will not rise again until home prices move back above the levels associated with the previous limit. For instance, let's imagine the loan limit was \$700k, but prices fell enough to drop it to \$600k. The limit would remain at \$700k year after year (even if prices were rising) until prices got back above \$700k.

National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
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30 Yr. Fixed	6.89%	0.00	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.33%	+0.01	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.33%	+0.01	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.05%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.58%	0.00	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.77%	-0.09	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.05%	-0.11	0.00
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30 Yr. Fixed	7.00%	-0.03	0.60
15 Yr. Fixed	6.63%	+0.07	0.61
30 Yr. FHA	6.87%	-0.03	0.92
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.13%	+0.02	0.38
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 7/22	6.22%	-0.16	0.60
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Recent Housing Data

	Value	Change
Jul 10	206.1	-0.19%
Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
Mar	693K	+4.68%
Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Feb	3.97M	-0.75%
	Mar Mar Mar Feb	Jul 10 206.1 Mar 1.46M Mar 1.32M Mar 693K

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All that having been said, even after the deceleration in prices in early 2023, year-over-year numbers remain in positive $_{51}$ territory. The following chart includes the Case Shiller HPI which focuses on the 20 largest metro areas (it's not used for conforming loan limit calculation, but it too is in moderately positive territory year over year).

+6.25%



Perhaps "moderately positive" wrong term. After all, annual home price appreciation of 5.5% FAR surpasses the Fed's 2% inflation target. Combined with the highest rates in decades a little over a month ago, this speaks to the ever-present affordability problem.

Conforming loan limits can play some small part in helping affordability to the extent that someone needs a \$766,550 mortgage and was unable to buy/refi with the previous limit of \$726,200.

The new limits go into effect for loans acquired by the GSEs in 2023. That typically means lenders can apply the limits immediately since it takes at least a month for a new loan to be 'delivered' to the GSEs. Lenders tend to adopt the new limits at slightly different paces.

Frontrunner lenders will likely announce them today. Laggards may take a few weeks. Many lenders preemptively offered limits of \$750k, knowing that the actual limit would be at least that high and that it would not need to deliver those loans to the GSEs until 2024.

How about FHA loan limits? These have yet to be announced. Last year it happened on the same day as FHFA. In any event, the calculation is known. FHA will be 65% of the FHFA Conforming Loan Limit or \$498,250 (rounded from a calculated value of \$498,257.50).

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Housing News Update

Who is Mid Valley Financial?

Mid Valley Financial, located in Fresno, CA, is the Central Valley's premier destination for a wide range of residential and commercial real estate loans. Our commitment to excellence has made us a trusted partner for property buyers and investors seeking tailored financial solutions.

Why Choose Us:

With a track record spanning back to our inception in 1985, we have established ourselves as a reliable and innovative lender. We proudly serve properties exclusively within California, having funded loans in all 58 counties of the state. Our deep-rooted experience enables us to navigate complex loan scenarios with expertise and efficiency.

Our Approach:

At Mid Valley Financial, we prioritize your financial goals. Whether you're a first-time homebuyer, envisioning your dream property, refinancing an existing mortgage, or looking to tap into your property's equity, our seasoned loan officers offer a wealth of knowledge and over 300 years of collective experience. We ensure that your funds are prepared when you need them, providing a smooth and swift loan process.

Unlocking Possibilities:

As one of California's leading direct lenders, we've streamlined the loan process, minimizing obstacles that often deter borrowers. Many of our clients receive approvals within an hour, showcasing our dedication to quick and hassle-free solutions.

Your Journey with Us:

Contact the MVF team today and let us put your journey to property ownership on cruise control. Our mission is to empower borrowers while fostering enduring and meaningful relationships. With highly competitive rates, a commitment to transparency, and a dedication to your financial success, Mid Valley Financial is your partner in realizing your real estate aspirations.

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