

Refinancing Picks Up Slightly. Overall Volume Still Flat

Mortgage applications rose slightly for the second week, driven by an increase in refinancing. The Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) said its Market Composite Index for the week ended August 5 increased 0.2 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis.

The **Refinance Index** was up 3.5 percent from the previous week, its **largest gain since early June**, but was **82 percent lower than the same week in 2021**. Refinance applications constituted to 32.0 percent of the total received during the week. The share was 30.8 percent the prior week.



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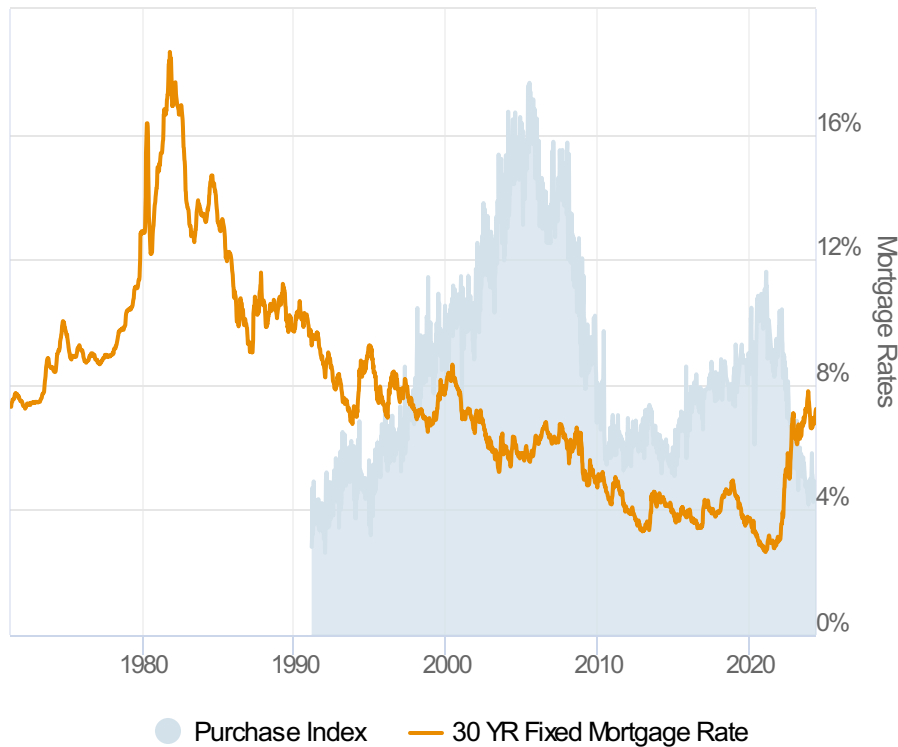
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Purchase applications declined 1 percent week-over-week on a seasonally adjusted bases and 2 percent before adjustment. That index was 19 percent lower than the same week one year ago.



“Mortgage rates remained volatile last week – after drops in the previous two weeks, mortgage rates ended up rising four basis points. Mortgage applications were relatively flat, with a decline in purchase activity offset by an increase in refinance applications,” said Joel Kan, MBA’s Associate Vice President of Economic and Industry Forecasting. “The purchase market continues to experience a slowdown, despite the strong job market. Activity has now fallen in five of the last six weeks, as **buyers remain on the sidelines due to still-challenging affordability conditions and doubts about the strength of the economy.**”

Added Kan, “Refinance applications increased over three percent but remained more than 80 percent lower than a year ago in this higher rate environment.”

Other highlights from MBA’s weekly Mortgage Applications Survey:

- The size of mortgage loans grew from \$370,800 the prior week to \$374,700 and the size of a purchase mortgage rose to \$416,300 from \$413,000.
- The FHA share of total applications increased to 12.1 percent from 11.9 percent and the VA share gained 0.1 point to 10.9 percent. The USDA share was 0.6 percent, unchanged week-over-week.
- The average contract interest rate for conforming (FRM) was 5.47 percent compared to 5.43 percent a week earlier. Points jumped from 0.65 to 0.80.
- Jumbo 30-year FRM had a rate of 5.09 percent with 0.59 point. The prior week the rate averaged 5.06 percent with 0.36 point.
- The rate for 30-year FRM with FHA backing declined to 5.35 percent from 5.39 percent, with points decreasing to 1.02 from 1.03.
- The average rate for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages was unchanged at 4.74 percent, but points dipped to 0.62 from 0.65.
- The share of applications that were for adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) fell 1 point to 7.4 percent as rates increased. The 5-1 ARM offered an average of 4.6 percent with 0.63 point. The prior week the rate was 4.55 percent with 0.69 point.