



Mortgage Applications Inconsequentially Lower vs Last Week

Mortgage application activity eased last week, but not in a statistically significant way. One might be inclined to note a very slight uptick in mortgage rates, but it's just as fair to say that rates held steady near longer-term lows. The Mortgage Bankers Association's weekly survey showed a 1.4% decline in the seasonally adjusted Composite Index for the week ending August 15, 2025.

"Mortgage rates increased slightly last week, with the 30-year fixed rate now at 6.68 percent," said Joel Kan, MBA's Vice President and Deputy Chief Economist. VA applications fell 16%, while FHA refinance applications increased as FHA rates remained comparatively competitive.

The Refinance Index decreased 3% week-over-week but remains about 23% higher than the same week a year ago.



The Purchase Index was essentially flat (+0.1% seasonally adjusted) and is running about 23% ahead of last year's level.



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