

# HOUSING CONNECTION

Mortgage and Real Estate News That Matters



A message from Nickolas Inhelder:

## We Make Home Happen.™

Our goal is simple:

To help every family we serve get to “Yes.”

**Yes** to the loan that unlocks the joy of home ownership.

**Yes** to the lending solution that meets every client’s unique needs and wants.

That’s why we dedicate our every resource to serve as your personal guide through the lending process, solving problems, building confidence. Aslan has access to every lending option leading to the purchase or refinance of a residential home loan.

This is more than work for us. It is our unique joy in this life to share our collective skill, creativity, and care to bring you and your family right to where you belong.

Let’s make home happen.

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## 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.



The refinance share of total mortgage applications slipped to 46.1%. ARM share decreased to 8.6%. FHA share rose to 19.1%, while VA share declined to 13.4%.

#### Mortgage Rate Summary:

- **30yr Fixed:** 6.68% (from 6.67%) | **Points:** 0.60 (down from 0.64)
- **15yr Fixed:** 5.96% (from 5.93%) | **Points:** 0.70 (up from 0.63)
- **Jumbo 30yr:** 6.64% (from 6.70%) | **Points:** 0.60 (up from 0.56)
- **FHA:** 6.39% (from 6.40%) | **Points:** 0.66 (down from 0.77)
- **5/1 ARM:** 6.01% (from 5.80%) | **Points:** 0.63 (down from 0.67)

The modest pullback after last week's surge constitutes an incidental, random adjustment. The generally lower mortgage rate environment is consistent with the refi index holding near the highest levels since Fall 2024--the last time rate were meaningfully lower.