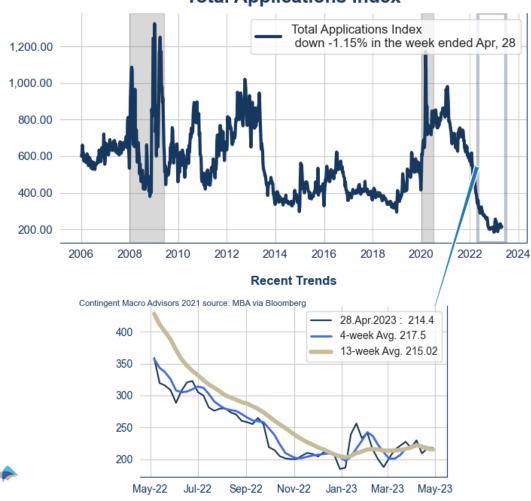


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## Mortgage Apps: Lower Into Month-End

**Bottom Line:** Mortgage rates stabilized into month-end after rising in the 2nd half of April, and mortgage applications were slightly lower amid continued uncertainty in the regional banking sector. Secondary mortgage spreads to Treasuries continued to widen as markets expect more selling from underwater bank portfolios. That's put a floor under mortgage rates for now, even as Treasury yields move lower. That said, we continue to see signs of bottoming in housing data, and the purchase applications still confirm it for now. However, the stabilization in housing will remain highly dependent on mortgage rates. Holding below 7% on the average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage will likely prove critical -- and that will depend on stabilization in the secondary agency MBS market, which for now appears to be handling the selling from banks in an orderly manner.



**Total Applications Index** 

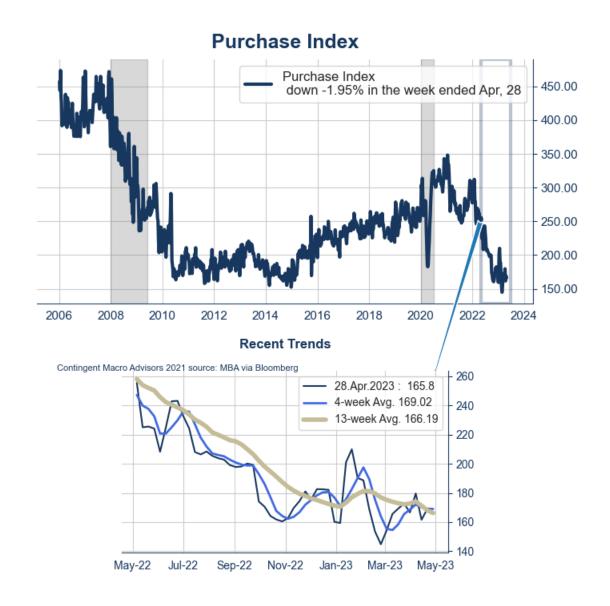
**The MBA Mortgage Application Index** FELL slightly, DOWN -1.2% to 214.0, BELOW the 13-week average of 215.0 and -39.1% BELOW the year-ago level. Non-seasonally adjusted, the index was nearly unchanged, DOWN -0.4%.

**The Purchase Index** FELL -2.0% to 166.0, BELOW the 13-week average of 166.0, and -32.2% BELOW the year-ago level.

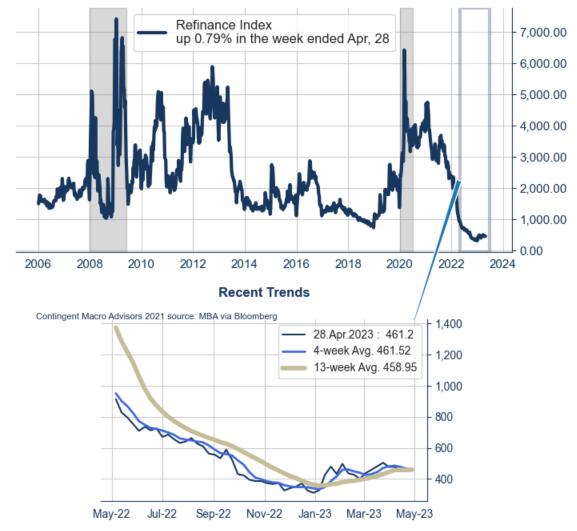
**The Refinancing Index** was nearly unchanged, UP 0.8% to 461.0, ABOVE the 13-week average of 459.0 but -50.5% BELOW the year-ago level.

The effective (adjusted for points paid) **30-year mortgage rate** FELL slightly, DOWN -4bps to 6.69%, BELOW the 13-week average of 6.7% but 21bps ABOVE the year-ago level.

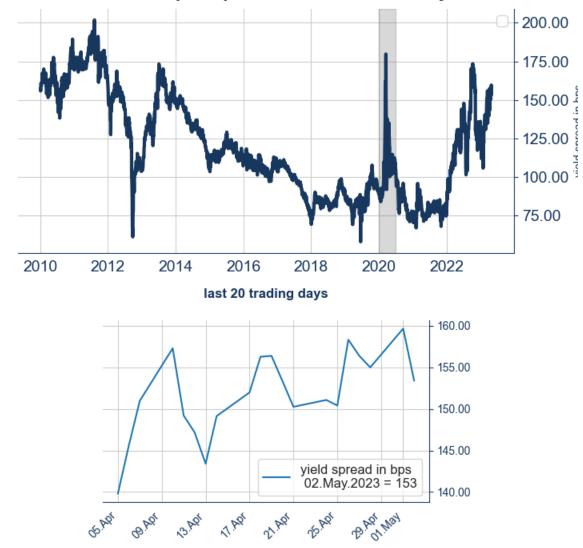
**Current coupon yields in the secondary market** were down -11.0 bps last week , closing at 5.14%, and were down -3.0 bps this week through Tuesday.



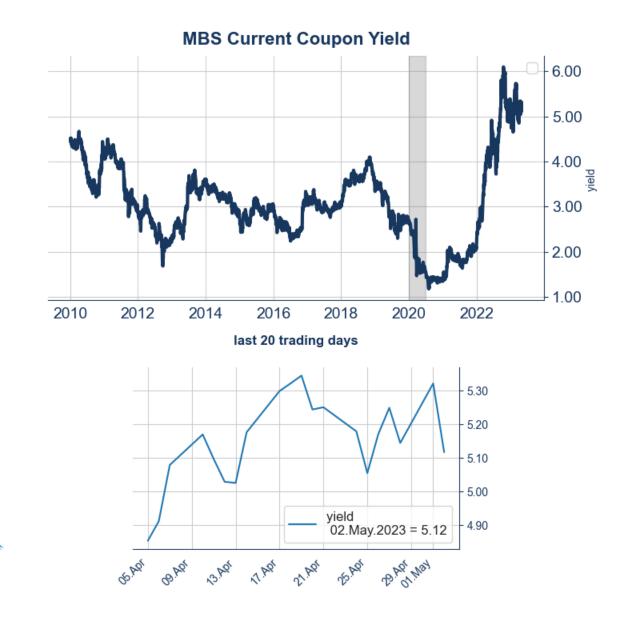
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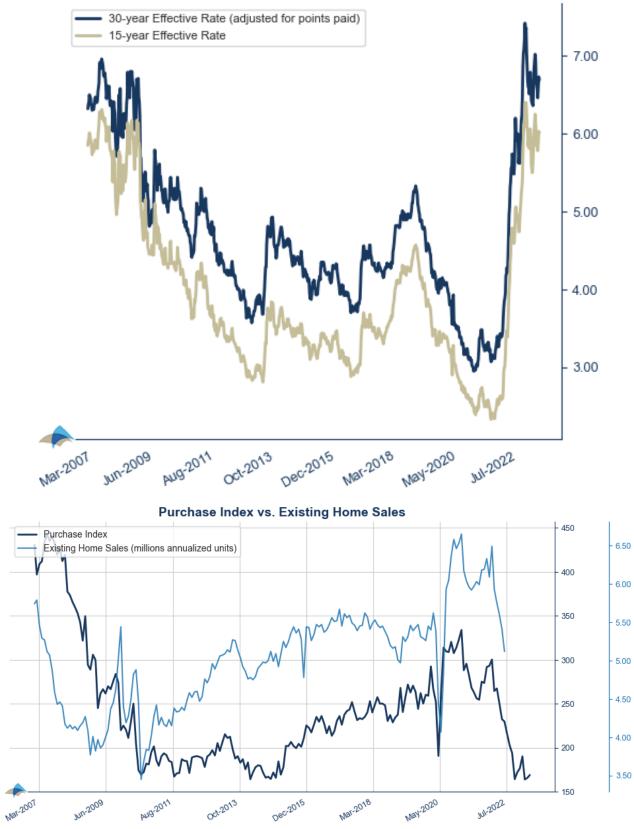




MBS Current Coupon spread to Blend of Treasury Yields









| Weekly MBA Mortgage<br>Application Survey  | 28.Apr | 21.Apr | 14.Apr | 07.Apr | MTD<br>Avg | Prior<br>Mo.<br>Avg. | 13wk.<br>Avg. | 52wk.<br>Avg. |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Applications Index                   | 214.40 | 216.90 | 209.20 | 229.50 | 217.50     | 216.44               | 215.02        | 244.00        |
| Week % Chg                                 | -1.20  | 3.70   | -8.80  | 5.30   |            |                      |               |               |
| Total Apps NSA % Chg.                      | -0.45  | 4.75   | -8.14  | 6.27   |            |                      |               |               |
| Purchase Index                             | 165.80 | 169.10 | 161.60 | 179.60 | 169.02     | 165.72               | 166.19        | 189.58        |
| Purch. ldx - % Chg.                        | -1.95  | 4.64   | -10.02 | 7.80   |            |                      |               |               |
| Refinance Index                            | 461.20 | 457.60 | 449.80 | 477.50 | 461.53     | 471.94               | 458.95        | 517.49        |
| Refi. ldx - % Chg.                         | 0.79   | 1.73   | -5.80  | 0.06   |            |                      |               |               |
| Ref % Tot                                  | 27.20  | 26.80  | 27.60  | 27.00  | 27.15      | 28.68                | 28.43         | 29.74         |
| MBA 30-yr Fixed<br>Mortgage Effective Rate | 6.69   | 6.73   | 6.61   | 6.46   | 6.62       | 6.77                 | 6.70          | 6.43          |
| MBA 30-yr Fixed Points                     | 0.63   | 0.63   | 0.63   | 0.55   | 0.61       | 0.69                 | 0.67          | 0.70          |
| MBA 15-yr Fixed<br>Mortgage Contract Rate  | 6.01   | 6.03   | 5.89   | 5.78   | 5.93       | 6.04                 | 5.96          | 5.57          |
| MBA 15-yr Fixed<br>Mortgage Effective Rate | 6.01   | 6.03   | 5.89   | 5.78   | 5.93       | 6.04                 | 5.96          | 5.57          |
| MBA 15-yr Fixed Points                     | 0.55   | 0.56   | 0.65   | 0.57   | 0.58       | 0.70                 | 0.70          | 0.78          |
| MBA 5-yr ARM Effective<br>Rate             | 5.48   | 5.47   | 5.56   | 5.51   | 5.50       | 5.65                 | 5.60          | 5.22          |
| % of ARMs                                  | 7.30   | 6.70   | 6.30   | 6.00   | 6.58       | 8.12                 | 7.39          | 8.68          |
| % of \$ARMs                                | 14.60  | 13.00  | 12.20  | 12.30  | 13.03      | 16.22                | 14.92         | 16.79         |

source: Mortgage Banker Association via Bloomberg Professional