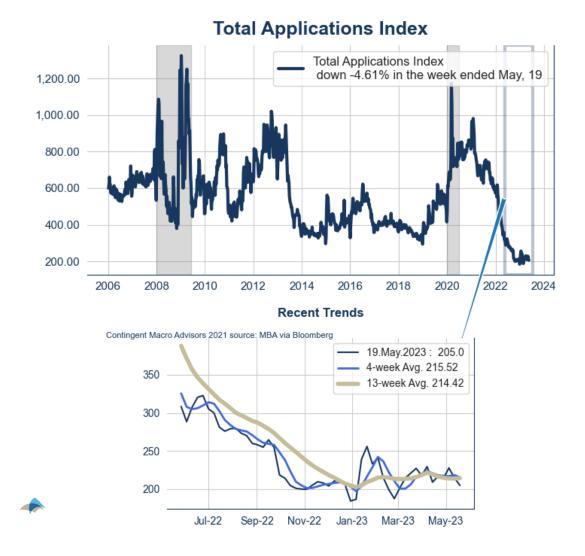


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Mortgage Apps: Rates Push Back Towards 7%

Bottom Line: The average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose sharply again last week. And the average rate edged slightly higher in the first two days of this week but was holding just below the psychologically important 7% level. Applications fell for both purchased and refis. For now, there are still tenuous signs of bottoming in both purchase and refinancing applications. However, holding below 7% on the average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage will likely prove critical, and bears close watching in the coming weeks. Rates were only above 7% for a brief time in October and early November, but it decimated mortgage activity for several months.



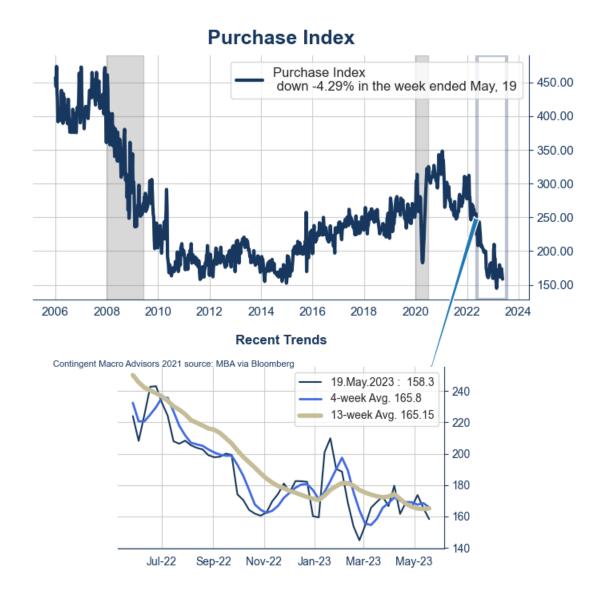
The MBA Mortgage Application Index FELL -4.6% to 205.0, BELOW the 13-week average of 214.0 and -35.0% BELOW the year-ago level. Non-seasonally adjusted the index FELL -5.1%.

The Purchase Index FELL -4.3% to 158.0, BELOW the 13-week average of 165.0 and -29.8% BELOW the year-ago level.

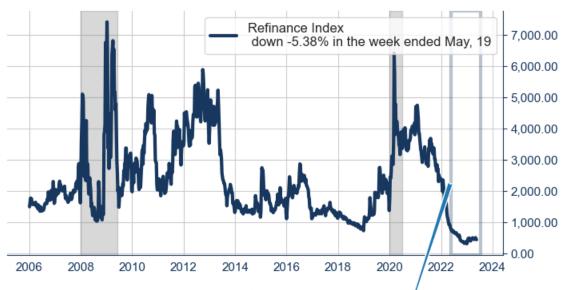
The Refinancing Index FELL -5.4% to 443.0, BELOW the 13-week average of 463.0 and -44.3% BELOW the year-ago level.

The effective (adjusted for points paid) 30-year mortgage rate ROSE 14bps to 6.88%, ABOVE the 13-week average of 6.73% and 22bps ABOVE the year-ago level.

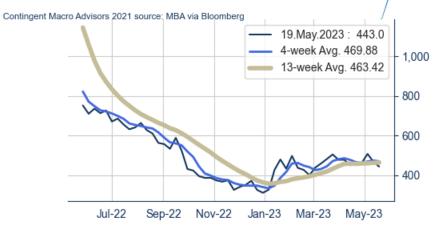
Current coupon yields in the secondary market were up 27.0 bps last week, closing at 5.47%, and were up 3.0 bps this week through Tuesday.



Refinance Index



Recent Trends



MBA 30-yr Fixed Mortgage Effective Rate



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MBS Current Coupon spread to Blend of Treasury Yields

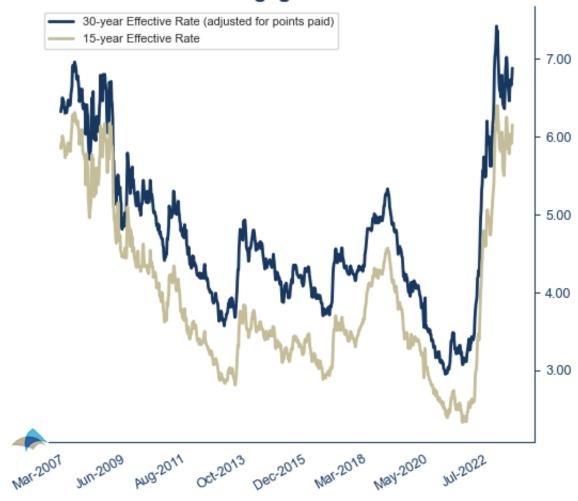






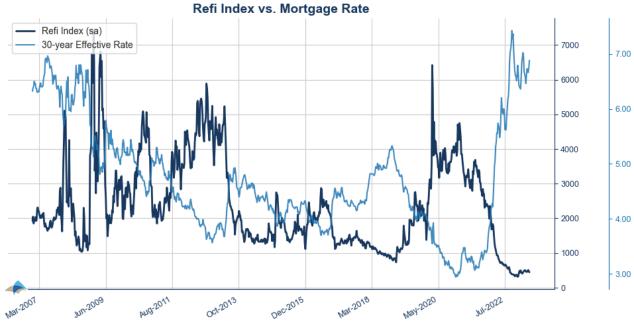


Mortgage Rates









Weekly MBA Mortgage Application Survey	19.May	12.May	05.May	28.Apr	MTD Avg	Prior Mo. Avg.	13wk. Avg.	52wk. Avg.
Total Applications Index	205.00	214.90	227.80	214.40	215.90	217.50	214.42	237.35
Week % Chg	-4.60	-5.70	6.30	-1.20				
Total Apps NSA % Chg.	-5.14	-5.62	6.61	-0.45				
Purchase Index	158.30	165.40	173.70	165.80	165.80	169.02	165.15	185.57
Purch. ldx - % Chg.	-4.29	-4.78	4.76	-1.95				
Refinance Index	443.00	468.20	507.10	461.20	472.77	461.53	463.42	496.01
Refi. ldx - % Chg.	-5.38	-7.67	9.95	0.79				
Ref % Tot	27.40	27.40	28.00	27.20	27.60	27.15	27.96	29.45
MBA 30-yr Fixed Mortgage Effective Rate	6.88	6.74	6.66	6.69	6.76	6.62	6.73	6.49
MBA 30-yr Fixed Points	0.66	0.61	0.61	0.63	0.63	0.61	0.66	0.70
MBA 15-yr Fixed Mortgage Contract Rate	6.15	5.96	5.91	6.01	6.01	5.93	6.01	5.64
MBA 15-yr Fixed Mortgage Effective Rate	6.15	5.96	5.91	6.01	6.01	5.93	6.01	5.64
MBA 15-yr Fixed Points	0.72	0.68	0.58	0.55	0.66	0.58	0.67	0.77
MBA 5-yr ARM Effective Rate	5.73	5.71	5.35	5.48	5.60	5.50	5.60	5.28
% of ARMs	6.70	6.50	6.80	7.30	6.67	6.58	7.31	8.48
% of \$ARMs	14.50	13.90	14.30	14.60	14.23	13.03	14.80	16.55

source: Mortgage Banker Association via Bloomberg Professional