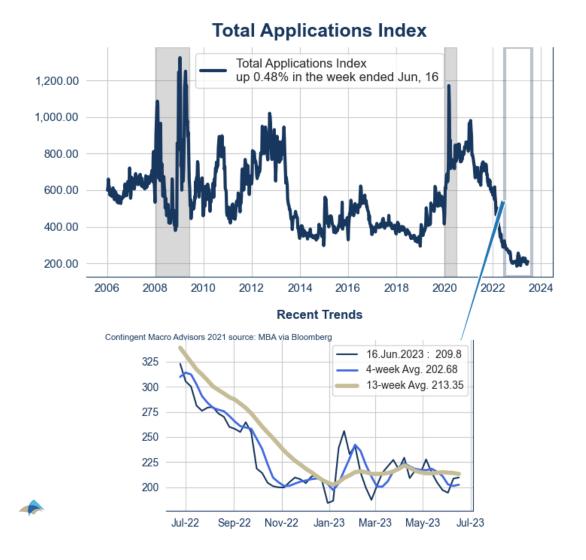


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Mortgage Apps: Holding Below 7% For Now

Bottom Line: Mortgage activity rose slightly on an uptick in purchase applications as housing activity continues to show signs of bottoming. Refinancing applications were modestly lower, despite a slight decline in mortgage rates. The average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell eight basis points to 6.92%, holding below the critical 7% psychological barrier ad down from 7.15% in the last full week of May. Secondary mortgage market rates eased modestly after topping well below the October highs for now. Moreover, spreads to Treasuries have been reasonably well behaved given the volatility. Overall, the mortgage market remains highly sensitive to rates, especially any upward pressure above 7% on 30-year fixed mortgages, but there are still signs of bottoming in activity.



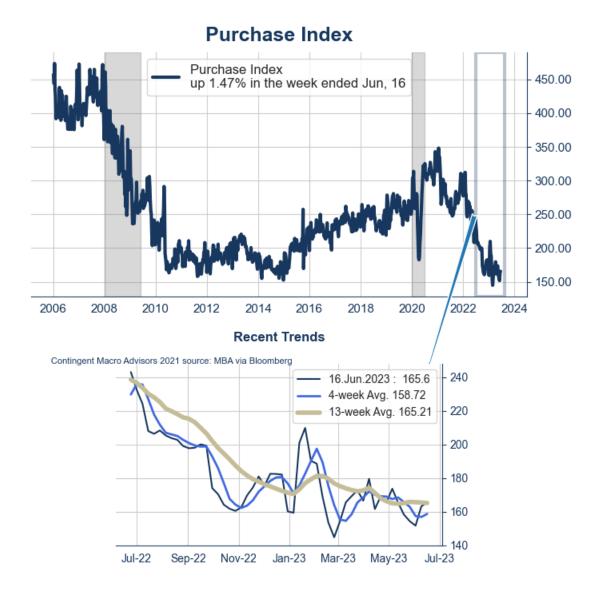
The MBA Mortgage Application Index was nearly unchanged, UP 0.5% to 210.0, BELOW the 13-week average of 213.0, and -34.5% BELOW the year-ago level. Non-seasonally adjusted, the index was nearly unchanged, DOWN -0.6%.

The Purchase Index ROSE slightly, UP 1.5% to 166.0, ABOVE the 13-week average of 165.0 but -31.8% BELOW the year-ago level.

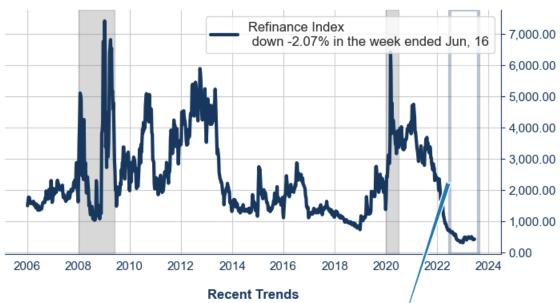
The Refinancing Index FELL slightly, DOWN -2.1% to 425.0, BELOW the 13-week average of 456.0 and -40.4% BELOW the year-ago level.

The effective (adjusted for points paid) 30-year mortgage rate FELL slightly, DOWN -4bps to 6.92%, ABOVE the 13-week average of 6.77% and 12bps ABOVE the year-ago level.

Current coupon yields in the secondary market were down -4.0 bps last week, closing at 5.42%, and were little changed this week through Tuesday.



Refinance Index



Contingent Macro Advisors 2021 source: MBA via Bloomberg

16. Jun. 2023: 425.1
4-week Avg. 420.35
13-week Avg. 455.95
700
400
300

Jan-23

Mar-23

May-23

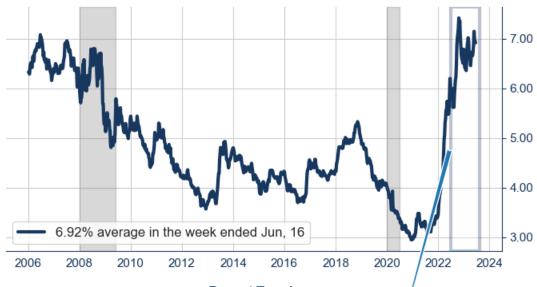
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Sep-22

MBA 30-yr Fixed Mortgage Effective Rate



Recent Trends



MBS Current Coupon spread to Blend of Treasury Yields





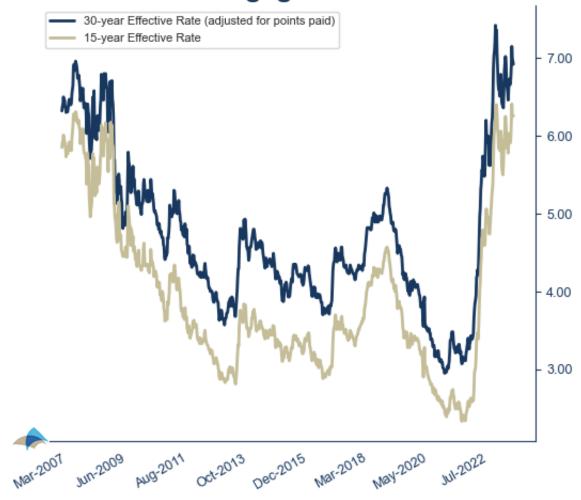
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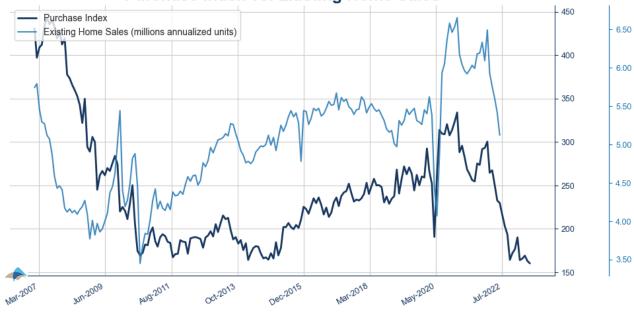
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Mortgage Rates



Purchase Index vs. Existing Home Sales



Refi Index vs. Mortgage Rate Refi Index (sa) 30-year Effective Rate 7000 7.00 6000 6.00 5000 4000 5.00 3000 2000 4.00 1000 3.00 un-2009 Mg-2011 oct-2013 Dec-2015 Mar-2018 May-2020 m-2022 Mar-2007

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|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Weekly MBA Mortgage Application Survey | 16.Jun | 09.Jun | 02.Jun | 26.May | MTD Avg | Prior Mo. Avg. | 13wk. Avg. | 52wk. Avg. |
| Total Applications Index | 209.80 | 208.80 | 194.70 | 197.40 | 204.43 | 211.28 | 213.35 | 229.39 |
| Week % Chg | 0.50 | 7.20 | -1.40 | -3.70 | | | | |
| Total Apps NSA % Chg. | -0.57 | 17.47 | -12.45 | -4.69 | | | | |
| Purchase Index | 165.60 | 163.20 | 151.70 | 154.40 | 160.17 | 162.95 | 165.21 | 180.47 |
| Purch. ldx - % Chg. | 1.47 | 7.58 | -1.75 | -2.46 | | | | |
| Refinance Index | 425.10 | 434.10 | 409.70 | 412.50 | 422.97 | 457.70 | 455.95 | 472.39 |
| Refi. ldx - % Chg. | -2.07 | 5.96 | -0.68 | -6.88 | | | | |
| Ref % Tot | 26.90 | 27.30 | 27.30 | 26.70 | 27.17 | 27.38 | 27.48 | 29.13 |
| MBA 30-yr Fixed Mortgage Effective Rate | 6.92 | 6.96 | 7.00 | 7.15 | 6.96 | 6.86 | 6.77 | 6.59 |
| MBA 30-yr Fixed Points | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.66 | 0.83 | 0.65 | 0.68 | 0.64 | 0.70 |
| MBA 15-yr Fixed Mortgage Contract Rate | 6.26 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 6.41 | 6.25 | 6.11 | 6.05 | 5.76 |
| MBA 15-yr Fixed Mortgage Effective Rate | 6.26 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 6.41 | 6.25 | 6.11 | 6.05 | 5.76 |
| MBA 15-yr Fixed Points | 0.71 | 1.05 | 0.62 | 0.84 | 0.79 | 0.70 | 0.66 | 0.77 |
| MBA 5-yr ARM Effective Rate | 6.09 | 5.90 | 5.93 | 5.39 | 5.97 | 5.54 | 5.64 | 5.38 |
| % of ARMs | 6.30 | 6.50 | 6.80 | 6.80 | 6.53 | 6.70 | 6.74 | 8.30 |
| % of \$ARMs | 12.70 | 12.80 | 13.20 | 14.30 | 12.90 | 14.25 | 13.63 | 16.31 |

source: Mortgage Banker Association via Bloomberg Professional