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Mortgage Rates Highest in More Than 2 Weeks

Mortgage rates rose again today--this time more noticeably than yesterday-bringing them to the highest levels in more than 2 weeks. For most, however, that sounds a lot worse than it actually is. In fact, the interest rate at the top of a loan quote has a good chance of being the exact same as the any other time during the past 2 weeks. How does that work?!

The catch is that the "note rate" (the one that is applied to the principal balance to determine monthly payments--the only rate most people talk or care about, generally) is only part of the equation. There are also upfront costs associated with any given rate. Those costs allow for finer adjustments. Those adjustments technically affect the "effective rate." So while the interest rate might be unchanged in many cases, the cost of the mortgage has nonetheless risen.

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National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News I	Daily		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.95%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	5.82%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.62%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.28%	-0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.35%	-0.51	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.51%	-0.65	0.00
Mortgage Banke	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.44%	-0.06	0.54
15 Yr. Fixed	5.88%	-0.16	0.68
30 Yr. FHA	6.36%	-0.06	0.85
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.75%	+0.07	0.39
5/1 ARM	5.98%	-0.27	0.65
Rates as of: 8/30			

MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 5.0	99.35	-0.16
MBS GNMA 5.0	99.91	-0.04
10 YR Treasury	3.9039	+0.0424
30 YR Treasury	4.1932	+0.0468

Pricing as of: 8/30 5:59PM EST

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