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## Mortgage Rates Definitely Aren't Flat This Week

**Mortgage rates** are **much lower** today compared to last Thursday, or any other day last week. Despite that fact, major news outlets--even those dedicated to the mortgage and real estate markets--are running some iteration of a headline claiming rates are flat this week.

The culprit is the weekly mortgage rate survey compiled by Freddie Mac which has been the mortgage world's go-to rate index for decades. There's **nothing wrong** with Freddie's data or the quotes it receives from loan originators. It's just stale. Because the survey really only covers mortgage rate quotes on the first few days of any given week, any significant movement in the 2nd half of the week can create a significant gap between Freddie's survey conclusion and interest rate reality.

In terms of actual mortgage lender rate sheets, the average lender is offering rates that are **0.125% lower today** versus the end of last week. Some of that improvement came courtesy of this morning's economic data, which showed a much larger than expected decline in the services sector. Weak economic data generally helps rates move lower, all other things being equal.

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## National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
<b>Mortgage News Daily</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.08%	-0.05	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.45%	-0.02	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.55%	-0.05	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.25%	-0.04	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.07%	-0.03	0.00

### Freddie Mac

30 Yr. Fixed	6.95%	+0.09	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.25%	+0.09	0.00

### Mortgage Bankers Assoc.

30 Yr. Fixed	7.03%	+0.09	0.62
15 Yr. Fixed	6.56%	+0.09	0.54
30 Yr. FHA	6.90%	+0.11	0.95
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.11%	-0.01	0.50
5/1 ARM	6.38%	+0.11	0.54

Rates as of: 7/3

## MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.39	+0.19
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.53	+0.14
10 YR Treasury	4.3714	+0.0112
30 YR Treasury	4.5430	+0.0133

Pricing as of: 7/4 8:51PM EST

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