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Mortgage experts are divided over where rates are headed in the coming week (July 14-20). In response to Bankrate's weekly poll, about 25 percent percent say rates are going up, around 25 percent say rates are going down and approximately 25 percent say rates will remain the same. Calculate your monthly payment using Bankrate's mortgage calculator.

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Experts predict where mortgage rates are headed

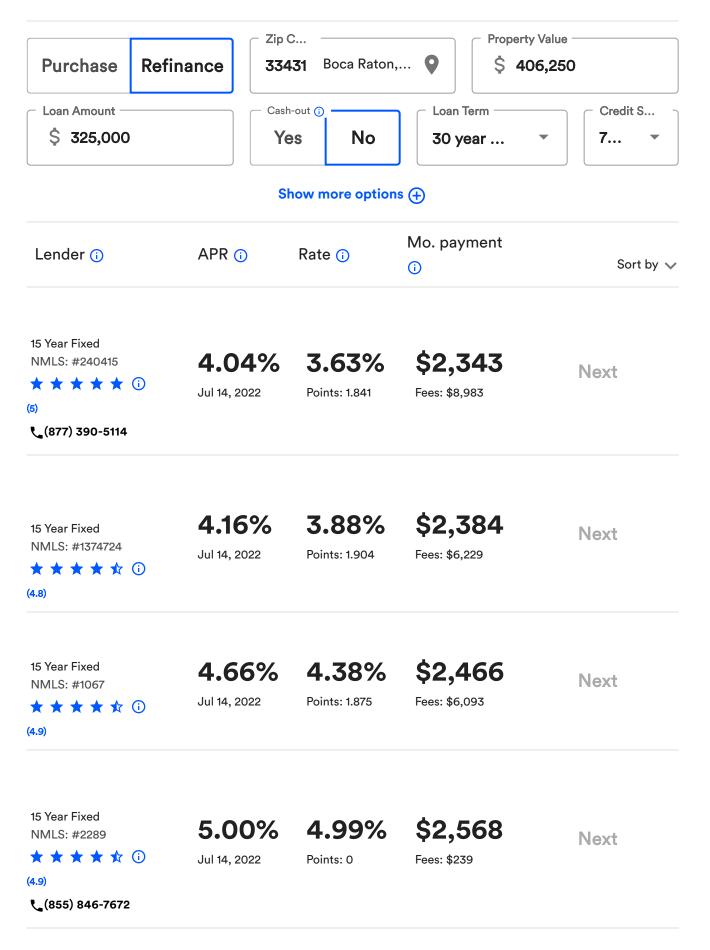
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Experts say rates will ...

▲ Go up	25%
Stay the same	25%
→ Go down	50%

Current Mortgage Rates for July 2022





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- Michael Becker, Sierra Pacific Mortgage

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25% say rates will go up -







Jeff LazersonPresident, MortgageGrader

Up with the coming Fed rate increase.



Dick LepreLoan agent, CrossCountry Mortgage, Alamo, CA

Trend: Higher. We are in uncharted waters. Higher-than-previous and higher-than-expected CPI indicates that inflation is not under control. Another Fed hike is a certainty even as we enter recession.

50% say rates will go down











Les Parker

CMB, managing director, Transformational Mortgage Solutions, Jacksonville, Florida

Mortgage rates will go down. Here's a parody based on the 2011 hit "Walk," by Foo Fighters: "Learning to WALK again; Bulls believe they've waited long

enough; Where do they begin?" The 5-year, 5-year forward inflation swap rate (long-term inflation expectations) is testing support. The fundamental battle between slowing growth and rising prices continues. Additionally, the fall of oil and the rise of the dollar continue to hurt the chances of much higher rates driven by inflation.



Greg McBride
CFA, chief financial analyst, Bankrate.com

Vote: Down. Inflation hits a fresh 40-year high and forces the Fed to remain aggressive on interest rates. But front-loading the rate hikes could actually be better for mortgage rates as it moves up the timetable for when inflation and interest rates peak.



Michael Becker
Branch manager, Sierra Pacific Mortgage, White Marsh, Maryland

Inflation as reported in the Consumer Price Index or CPI came in higher than expected and at the highest level since November 1981. This is causing Treasuries and mortgage-backed securities to sell off, leading to higher mortgage rates. However, I think markets will look past this report and notice that gas and energy prices have been coming down along with other components of CPI. If markets think inflation will be moderate, bonds can rally. Slightly lower mortgage rates in the coming week.



Logan MohtashamiHousing analyst, <u>HousingWire</u>, Irvine, California

Lower. Inflation data will be hot, but it's a bit backward-looking with the recent drop in commodity prices for the first time in a while. The 10-year yield has had a nice tug-of-war at the 3 percent level, but it's been harder and harder to keep it above 3 percent lately, no matter how hot the inflation data has been.









Ken H. Johnson
Real estate economist, Florida Atlantic University

Prices on 10-year Treasury notes have been volatile lately. However, it looks like a pattern is emerging with yields settling in around 3 percent. A steady

Treasuries market implies a steady mortgage market. Long-term mortgage rates will go unchanged in the next week.



Elizabeth Rose

Sales manager, Mortgage300 Corporation, Dallas, TX

Rates will be unchanged. Inflation is in beast-mode, hitting a high not seen since 1981. We are all feeling it in our wallet. This move higher will likely pressure the Fed to hike another 75 basis points, and Fed futures are indicating nearly a 50/50 change of a 100-basis point hike. Currently, mortgage bonds appear to be holding somewhat steady, but this is not a time to float your interest rate.

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