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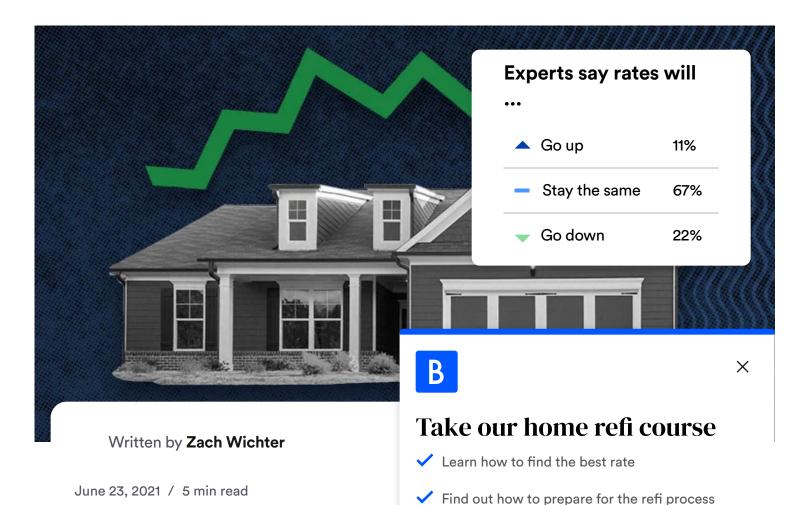
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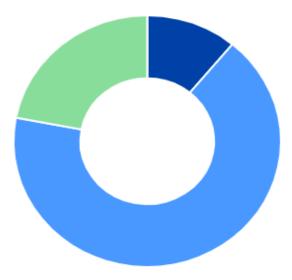
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Mortgage experts mostly expect rates remain the same in the week ahead (June 24-30). In response to Bankrate's weekly poll, 67 percent said rates will go nowhere while 22 percent said rates will go down and just 11 percent said they will rise. Calculate your monthly payment using Bankrate's mortgage calculator.

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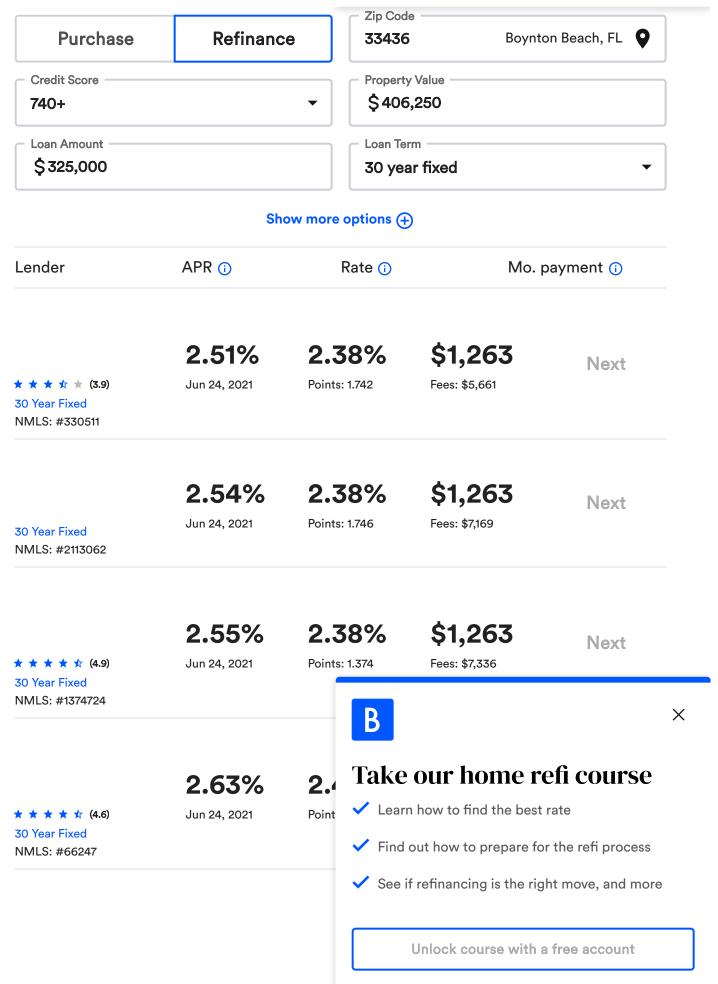




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# **56**t. Waiting for the markets to make up their minds.

Joel Naroff, Naroff Economic Advisors

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# 11% say rates will go up





Ken H. Johnson
Real estate economist, Florida Atlantic University

Long-term mortgage rates will move up in the coming week. Historically, the spread between 30-year fixed rate mortgages and 10-year Treasurys has been between 1.7 percent and 1.9 percent. In light of last week's Fed announcement, the market clearly believes that things are returning to normal and the recent spread of roughly 1.3 percent between 30-year fixed rates and 10-year Treasurys will no longer hold. Thus, last week we saw both a drop in Treasury yields and an increase in 30-year fixed mortgage rates. This should happen again.

# 22% say rates will go down







Greg McBride

CFA, chief financial analyst, Bankrat

Vote: Down. The dust has settled rates will resume as news about get markets' attention.



Logan Mohtashami
Housing analyst, HousingWire, Irvino

Lower. Such a great battle in the day 10-year yield rise of roughly Sunday evening and currently at



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doesn't know what to do here. It clearly doesn't want to go higher no matter how good the economic data is or how hot inflation data is. We simply haven't enough stock correction of 10 percent or higher to drive bond yields much lower. In reality, we are overdue for a bond market rally and a stock correction, and neither has happened in 2021. But the next noticeable move should be lower in bond yields.

# 67% say unchanged -

#### **Gordon Miller**

Owner, Miller Lending Group, LLC, Cary, North Carolina

Rates should hold steady this week as inflation concerns continue to be ignored by the Fed as transitory. As a result we should stay in a narrow range for a while.

#### **Dick Lepre**

Senior loan officer, RPM Mortgage, Inc., Alamo, CA

Trend: Flat. There are two opposing forces: fear of inflation tends to drive rates up. Uncertainty over jobs, GDP, and the economy drives money to the safety of fixed income securities sending rates down. These are offsetting at present keeping rates flat.

#### Les Parker

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

Mortgage rates go nowhere. Here's a parody based on a song from the 1961 Elvis hit, "Can't Help Falling in Love." "Wise men say; Only fools rush in; But bonds can't help falling apart

again." So take your summer vacation now. T yields staying between 1.34 and 1.53 percent

### James Sahnger

Mortgage planner, C2 Financial Corporation, Jup

Unchanged. Markets have settled in after de Look for rates to remain stable over the next fire whether you look at median or average h \$350,000 this month, up 24 percent YOY. Que perspective is also needed. Let's back up throand the average 30 year fixed rate mortgage down payment for both then and now, the diprincipal and interest is \$75 or 6.8 percent hi





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in three years, the same can't be said for "affordability." Average weekly earnings, as reported by the BLS, increased 13.6 percent from May 2018 to May 2021. Granted, other variables come into play but you simply can't "discount" the impact of low rates. Taking both income and mortgage payments based on the scenarios listed, one could argue that housing is not less affordable on a monthly basis.

#### Joel Naroff

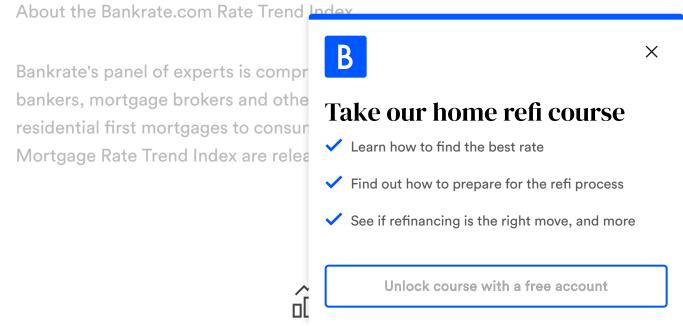
President and chief economist, Naroff Economic Advisors, Holland, Pennsylvania

Flat. Waiting for the markets to make up their minds.

#### Michael Becker

Branch manager, Sierra Pacific Mortgage, White Marsh, Maryland

In a surprising move the yield on the 10 -year Treasury, a benchmark for mortgage rates, dropped a good bit after the conclusion of last week's Fed Meeting. This despite the Fed talking about raising short term rates sooner and tapering their purchases of Treasurys and mortgage-backed securities. Most expected the selloff in bonds to continue and mortgage rates to move higher. I think markets are concerned about the economy after much of the fiscal stimulus wanes in a few months and agree that current inflation is transitory. However, given the rally in rates over the last couple days, I don't think they will rally much further. Rates will be flat in the coming week.



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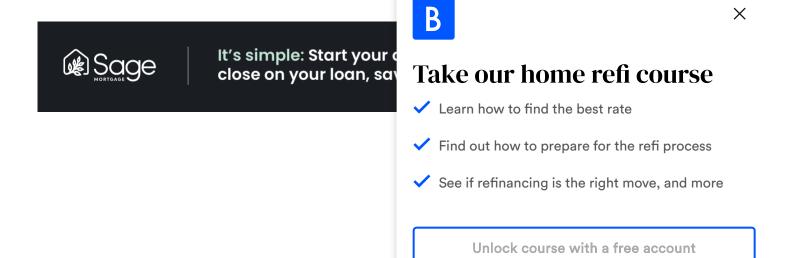
Wichter came to the mortgage beat at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when home financing and the real estate industries were rare bright spots in an otherwise sluggish economy. He got to work looking under the hood of trends in the headlines, and by analyzing address forwarding data from the U.S. Postal Service, learned that the pandemic wasn't the end of cities after all. He also focuses on racial equity issues in the housing market.

## **Experience**

Although Bankrate is the first place Wichter has covered the mortgage and real estate verticals full-time, he's an experienced business reporter with a broad range of experience. In addition to covering aviation at The Times, he had a weekly column that highlighted commercial real estate transactions in New York City, and covered all kinds of stories as a general assignment business reporter.

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