



Friday February 20, 2015

Mortgage Rate Watch - 2/20

Mortgage Rates End Unchanged Despite Massive Market Volatility

Mortgage rates are ending the day in very similar territory to yesterday's latest levels but have had something of a wild ride between now and then. At issue is the ongoing drama between ...

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MBS MID-DAY: February Now Worst Bounce for Bonds Since 2009; What's up with Today?

On days like today, a majority of my time is devoted to staying on top of alerts and analysis for MBS Live . As such, this will be one of the few mid-day articles where I'll leave the ...

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Rates, Declining Home Prices Improved Affordability in Q4

Housing affordability grew slightly in the fourth quarter of 2014 according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI) released ...

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Builder Confidence Still Fairly Solid Despite Catching Cold

Bad weather appears to be taking a toll on otherwise solid builder confidence. The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) said its Housing Market Index (HMI), a measure of builder ...

Freddie Mac Profits Put Taxpayers \$91.8 Billion in the Black

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- Sampling of Changes in the Primary and Secondary Markets; Maybe Short Term Rates are
 Fine Where They Are
- Not to be Outdone: Fannie Profits Bring Dividend Total to \$136.4 Billion
- Freddie's Economic Revisions Optimistic for Housing
- Housing Starts and Building Permits Fall, but Remain Near Recent Highs
- Mortgage Apps Dive; Rates Spike; FHA/VA now a Quarter of the Market!
- Fewer Borrowers Relying on High LTV Loans
- POST-FOMC UPDATE: Bond Markets Breathe Sigh of Relief After Dovish Minutes
- State-Level Lending Changes; Video on Mortgage Servicing; Ugly Zombie House Legislation; Compensation Survey

Fannie Mae - 2/20

News Release - Fannie Mae Reports Fourth Quarter and Full ...

Calculated Risk Blog - 2/20

Fannie and Freddie: REO inventory declined in Q4, Down 25% Year-over-year

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Is a `Grexit' Likely?

CNBC - 2/20

High rents trickle down to smaller cities

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German Bonds Advance Amid Concern Greek Aid Deal Delayed Further

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Housing Should Be High on the Agenda as Governors Meet

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Slide Show: How Germany is walloping Greece in the battle of the bailout in 5 charts

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Lawler: Regional Home Price Declines Used to be Quite Common; Just Not All at the Same Time

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HUD gave \$37M to the wrong people

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How to buy a home when you can't afford it

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Adjusting for family composition increases incomes, but the income gap remains high

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Market Extra: The Eurogroup's statement of accord with Greece

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Greek bailout extended for four months: Eurogroup chairman

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Fed's Bullard Favors Banishing Patient' Stance

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The Fed: Three things Yellen could say to surprise investors

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The Wall Street Journal: Fannie, Freddie weak earnings raise possibility of future bailouts

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A Comment on Greece

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Freddie Mac Reports Fourth Quarter and Full-Year 2014 Financial Results

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Wal-Mart will give half million employees pay raises

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The U.S. Economy According to the White House in 10 Charts

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3% down payments being used at lowest level in 10 years

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U.S. jobless claims fall more than expected

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Mortgage Rates Rise for Second Consecutive Week

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Nobel-winner Shiller wrong on housing: Sternlicht

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A tax code for a different time

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Housing Affordability Edges Up in the Fourth Quarter

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What are Homebuyers Looking For in the Winter?

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Is Janet Yellen Leading the Fed Into Currency Wars?

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Dallas home prices surge

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Has Luxury Real Estate Reached Its Limit in NYC?

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Bundesbank President Adds to Criticism of Greeks' Request

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Worried depositors pull cash out of Greek banks

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Agencies Announce Reissuance of Checks Related to the Independent Foreclosure Review

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Banks aren't lending; here's who is

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AIA: Architecture Billings Index "softens" in January

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Lew urges Greece's Varoufakis to strike bailout deal

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Does It Count as Real' Deflation When Prices Hit an Oil Slick?

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5 Things to Watch in Wednesday's Federal Reserve Minutes

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Here's a softer move the Fed could make: Insana

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In Fed Survey Ahead of January FOMC, Big Banks Expected Summer Rate Rise

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Lawler: Early Read on Existing Home Sales in January

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ECB Said to Push Greek Banks to Shed State Debt If Talks Fail

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Greeks Backing Tsipras With Votes But Not Cash

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Last Year Saw Pivot In New-Home Sizes

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Cleveland Fed President Mester: June Rate Increase Is Viable Option'

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Freddie Mac February 2015 U.S. Economic and Housing Market Outlook

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Treasuries Jump as Fed Minutes Show Support for Keeping Rate Low

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Fixer Uppers: A Pot of Gold or a Money Pit?

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Sacramento Housing in December: Total Sales down 5% Year-over-year

Federal Reserve - 2/18

Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee, January 27-28, 2015

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ECB approves 2 week extension of emergency liquidity for Greek banks: DJ, citing source

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Key Passages in the Fed's January Meeting Minutes

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Fed officials worried about hiking rates too soon: minutes

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Deutsche Bank Real Estate Unit: Get Thee to Europe

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Zillow deal has 'significant synergy potential'

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January Bay Area Region Home Sales Press Release

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Millennials May Surpass Gen X in Housing Market This Year

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Home Automation Comes of Age

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January Southland Home Sales Press Release

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Zillow Completes Acquisition of Trulia for \$2.5 Billion in Stock; Forms "Zillow Group" Family of Brands

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CFPB takes action on misleading advertisements

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Snow Weighs on Home-Builder Confidence, But It's No Polar Vortex

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Strength in January New-Home Sales Bodes Well for Spring

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U.S. identifying people to target for role in mortgage crisis

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Mortgage crisis investigation deadline



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Greece seeks bailout extension: Report

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Understand the Aug. 1 Changes to HUD-1, Closing Process

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Millennials join house hunt

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Household Debt Continues Upward Climb While Student Loan Delinquencies Worsen

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Greece Is Using Its Emergency Liquidity Allowance Fast

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Builder sentiment chills in Feb.: Down 2 points

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El-Erian: Grexit would not be a major catastrophe

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U.S. Economic Confidence at +3 for Third Straight Week

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BofA Merrill Lynch Fund Manager Survey Finds Investors Exuberantly Bullish on Europe After Promise of ECB Action

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Bond strategist to CNBC: 'Get out of bonds'