



# Friday February 6, 2015

Mortgage Rate Watch - 2/6

# **Today's Rates**

Best Execution	Rate Change
30 Yr FRM	3.72% +0.09
15 Yr FRM	3.02% +0.02
FHA 30 Year Fixed	3.25% +0.00
Jumbo 30 Year Fixed	3.75% +0.12
5/1 Yr ARM	3.12% +0.04

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What are best-execution rates?

## **Average Mortgage Rates**

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	Rate PointsChange					
FHFA *						
15 Yr. Fixed	3.47% 1.11 +0.02					
30 Yr. Fixed	4.33% 1.33 -0.01					
MBA **						
30 Yr. Fixed	3.80% 0.29 0.09					
15 Yr. Fixed	3.10% 0.29 0.06					
30 Yr. Jumbo	3.86% 0.23 0.02					

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30 Yr. FHA	3.66%		
5/1 ARM	2.07 /0	0.41	0.07
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Mac **			
30 Yr. Fixed	3.59%	0.70	-0.07
15 Yr. Fixed	2.92%	0.60	-0.06
1 Yr. ARM	2.39%	0.40	+0.01
5/1 Yr. ARM	2.82%	0.40	-0.04

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### **Everything You Read About Mortgage Rates This Week is Wrong! (Except This)**

Mortgage rates shot higher at their fastest pace in nearly a year today following this morning's employment data. This also leaves rates at their highest levels since early January ...

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# FHA Applications Skyrocket as Expected Following MIP Change

Mortgage activity showed no signs of settling down from its rather wild and wooly behavio r since the first of the year. Data from the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) was all over ...

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## FHFA Considering Limited Principal Reduction

Even though his predecessor as head of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) was adamant in his refusal to consider it, Melvin L. Watt seems receptive to allowing Freddie Mac and ...

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# MBS MID-DAY: Ugly Morning For Bond Markets; Strong Jobs Numbers Add to Pain

This morning's MUCH -stronger than expected NFP hit bond markets while they were already on the back foot in terms of the February trend. It followed another "higher low" in German ...

Zombies Rise as Foreclosure Pipelines Clear

NAHB Counting on Employment Strength to Eventually Help Housing

97 Percent GSE Loans Boost Credit Availability

M&T, S&P, Morgan Stanley, & Moody's Legal Updates; Training Events

<sup>\*</sup> FHFA averages are updated monthly.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Mortgage Bankers Association (each Wednesday) and Freddie Mac (each Thursday) averages are updated weekly.

### Agency Updates Indicate Lending Trends; Millennial-Monster-Mania: Catch the Wave!

## **More News from 'Around the Web'**

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Benefits of Aggressive Fed Policy Still to Peak, Fed Paper Says

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Oil Plunge Pause Improves Outlook for MBS Relative Value

Calculated Risk Blog - 2/6

January Employment Report: 257,000 Jobs, 5.7% Unemployment Rate

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Red hot real estate in San Francisco

Reuters - 2/6

Isolated Greece rejects bailout extension

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The Tell: Greeks swiftly move capital to Germany as crisis looms

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The Fed: Investors price in another rate hike after jobs data

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Where zombie foreclosures are making a comeback

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Janet Yellen to Testify to Senate Committee Feb. 24

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S&P downgrades Greece, says time is running out

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'Sell Treasuries!' Cry Heard Across Wall Street Stunned by Jobs - Bloomberg

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Lockhart Says Fed Still on Path for Rate Rise Around Midyear or Later

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Job Losses Start To Hit the Surprisingly Resilient U.S. Oil Industry

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Buying a Home? Try It Out

Federal Reserve - 2/6

2015-006: The Determinants of Subprime Mortgage Performance Following a Loan Modification

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U.S. Consumers Swipe Way to Largest Increase in Revolving Credit Since March

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Experts: Yes, US jobs report is good, but ...

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The Week Ahead: Greece's Balancing Act - Bloomberg

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Home Building: The Jobs Revival That Will Surprise in 2015 - Bloomberg

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Rosengren Says Fed Should Remain Patient Amid Low Inflation - Bloomberg

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Schaeuble 'Agrees to Disagree' With Greece's Varoufakis - Bloomberg

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Rock-bottom Interest Rates, More Homes for Sale Send Housing Market off to an Early, Roaring Start

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U.S. trade deficit widens; weekly jobless claims up modestly

Reuters - 2/5

U.S. productivity falls in fourth quarter; labor costs rise

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Treasuries Decline as Rally on Greek-Debt Crisis Deemed Overdone - Bloomberg

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Syriza Debt Markets Far From 2012 Extremes: Greek Reality Check - Bloomberg

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Housing struggles as investors return to Phoenix

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Fixed Mortgage Rates Resume Downward Trajectory

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Housing Markets Continue to Make Modest Gains

Calculated Risk Blog - 2/5

Goldman Sachs Employment Forecast: 210,000 jobs added, Unemployment Rate decline to 5.5%

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Ocwen expects loss on regulatory problems

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ECB Said to Allow Greek Banks 59.5 Billion Euros Emergency Cash - Bloomberg

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Brooklyn's most expensive real estate listing-EVER

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The little-known way to buy a home with almost no cash down

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Chicago trader: Goodbye floor

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Greece holds a very dubious distinction when it comes to its debts

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Falling Mortgage Rates Fuel Buying Activity

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Berkowitz Optimistic in Fannie-Freddie Profit Dispute - Bloomberg

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ADP: Private Employment increased 213,000 in January

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U.S. Job Creation Lingers Near Seven-Year High

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### ISM non-manufacturing index hits 56.7

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Freddie Mac Announces Single Sponsor Multifamily K-Deal Backed by Properties Owned by Loan Star Funds

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Fed looks to ease burden on small banks

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US on course for June rate hike: Mester

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<u>The Simple Reason Millennials Aren't Moving Out Of Their Parents' Homes: They ... - Bloomberg</u>

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FHFA's Watt Says Debt Cuts Possible for Underwater Homeowners - Bloomberg

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Google can now help you with your mortgage

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ECB: Banks can't use Greek debt as collateral

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New US real estate average

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Grand Central: Eurozone Woes Could Delay BOE Rate Hike

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Where in America Jobless Rates Have Dropped Below 5%

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What 'perverted yield curves' are saying

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US crude inventories rise by 6.3M barrels

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Where the super rich are buying homes

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Yellen's first year: Did she make the grade?

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Vanoufakis Heads to Germany as Markets Bless Debt Retreat - Bloomberg

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White House Budget Seeks Jolt for Employment Report

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**Black Knight Mortgage Monitor** 

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CFPB proposes amendments to "small creditor," "rural" exemptions

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Kocherlakota argues against Fed rate hike this year

Google News - 2/3

Private mortgage insurance is better than expected at protecting taxpayers from losses

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Mortgage Firm Citadel Cool to Revival of Risky-Loan Securities - Bloomberg

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M&T Accused in Suit of Using Racial Demographics on Mortgages - Bloomberg

House Financial Services - 2/3

Subcommittee to Examine Allegations of Wrongdoing at HUD

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JPMorgan to pay \$500 million in mortgage settlement

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Janet Yellen Just Completed A Great First Year. Now Comes The Hard Part - Bloomberg

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U.S. factory orders fall sharply, decline broad-based

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Freddie Mac Names Top Multifamily Lenders of 2014

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Bond Report: Treasurys retreat on Greek debt hopes

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Treasuries Fall for Second Day as Greece Plan Optimism Climbs

Reuters - 2/3

S&P reaches \$1.38 billion settlement with U.S. government, states

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<u>CFPB seeks information from industry on student loan modification options and issues</u> guidance on private student loans with graduated repayment terms

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Obama Budget Projects \$191 Billion Profit From Fannie, Freddie - Bloomberg

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World investors' cash holdings highest since 2012: Reuters poll

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Mortgage Bonds Underperform Most Since 2008 on Refinancing Risk - Bloomberg

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Banks See Stable Lending Landscape, But Some Auto Loans Signal Trouble

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Now's the Time for Infrastructure Spending, White House Says

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Third of mortgage holders don't know their rate

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Manufacturing sector growth slows in January

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Yellen Prepared to Fight A Revived "Audit the Fedâ€. Movement

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Julián Castro: Obama's housing chief wants to talk about the middle class, not politics

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U.S. consumer spending weakest since 2009, inflation muted

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U.S. real estate ETF rally faces test with rate rise

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The Case for U.S. Agency Mortgage-Backed Bonds

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ECB Bond-Buying Plan Has Investors Questioning How It All Works - Bloomberg