## **Housing News Update**



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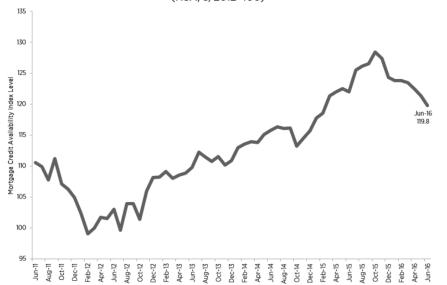
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## MBA says Credit Tightened Again in June

Mortgage credit availability appeared to decrease again in June. It was the fourth consecutive month the Mortgage Bankers Association's (MBA's) Mortgage Credit Availability Index (MCAI) has declined. **All four** of the index's components pointed down, indicating that lending standards have tightened across the board.

The MCAI decreased from 121.4 in May to 119.8, a dip of 1.3 percent. The index hit a recent peak of 128.4 in October 2015 and has declined **almost steadily** since then. The Conventional MCAI saw the greatest tightening (down 2.4 percent) over the month followed by the Conforming MCAI (down 1.8 percent), the Jumbo MCAI (down 0.9 percent), and the Government MCAI (down 0.3 percent).

# Mortgage Credit Availability Index, Index Level by Month (NSA, 3/2012=100)



"Credit availability decreased over the month driven primarily by a decrease in availability of conventional conforming loan offerings," said Lynn Fisher, MBA's Vice President of Research and Economics. "In particular, a number of investors discontinued their conventional high balance 7-year adjustable rate loan programs (agency jumbo ARM) while leaving their 5-year and 10-year ARM programs unchanged."

### **National Average Mortgage Rates**



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News I	Daily		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.95%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	5.82%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.62%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.28%	-0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.35%	-0.51	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.51%	-0.65	0.00
Mortgage Banker	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.44%	-0.06	0.54
15 Yr. Fixed	5.88%	-0.16	0.68
30 Yr. FHA	6.36%	-0.06	0.85
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.75%	+0.07	0.39
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 8/30	5.98%	-0.27	0.65

### **Recent Housing Data**

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Aug 28	226.9	+0.49%
Building Permits	Mar	1.46M	-3.95%
Housing Starts	Mar	1.32M	-13.15%
New Home Sales	Mar	693K	+4.68%
Pending Home Sales	Feb	75.6	+1.75%
Existing Home Sales	Feb	3.97M	-0.75%

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MBA constructs its index using several factors related to borrower eligibility including credit scores, loan type and loan to +6.25% value ratios. These metrics and underwriting criteria for over 95 lenders and investors are combined with data from AllRegs® using a proprietary formula derived by MBA. The composite MCAI, and the Conforming, and Jumbo components were benchmarked to 100 in March 2012. The Conventional and Government indices were benchmarked on that date to 69 and 222 respectively.

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After completing my degree in finance at the University of Connecticut, I started in the mortgage business right out of college in 2004. With 15+ years of experience and a primary objective of thoroughly explaining all available loan options to my clients with what is typically the largest investment in their lives, I strive to always make myself available. I constantly educate myself with respect to the mortgage industry and underwriting guidelines for FHA, VA, conventional and jumbo financing. I deliver on the expectations discussed up front and provide the service level my clients deserve from day one. I will remain in touch throughout the process and continue to follow up with you after closing. My goal is to wow you and turn you into clients for life. I want you to be so impressed that throughout and after the process you share my information with your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers who may value from my services.

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