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Jay Brinkmann is Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of Research and Economics for the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), where his responsibilities include economic forecasting, mortgage industry analysis, benchmarking of industry profitability, and providing support for legislative and regulatory initiatives.

A native of New Orleans, Brinkmann began his career as a press secretary on Capitol Hill and then served as the deputy chief of staff to Louisiana Governor David Treen. He has worked in commercial banking and was on the business school faculty at the University of Houston where he specialized in financial institution regulation.

Immediately prior to MBA, he worked in Fannie Mae's portfolio strategy group. He joined the Mortgage Bankers Association in early 2001 to build MBA's commercial real estate research efforts and the following year he was placed in charge of MBA's research group. He was named Chief Economist in 2008.

He has published articles on bank regulation and capital requirements in various academic journals and on the op-ed page of The Wall Street Journal. He is frequently quoted in newspapers and magazines across the country on real estate topics, and has been interviewed on all of the major cable and business networks. Brinkmann holds a Ph.D. in finance from Purdue University and an MBA from Tulane University.