## MORTGAGE RATE WATCH

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## Rates Fall For First Time in Over a Week

Closely following intraday moves for the bond market and **mortgage rates** means that seemingly insignificant time frames are **actually important**. For instance, it's actually not too common for rates to make it more than 5 business days without falling at least once--even if only slightly. Thankfully, today's modest drop in rates puts an end to just such a streak (rates hadn't improved since last Monday).

In a way, this improvement was almost "owed" to prospective mortgage borrowers considering yesterday's counter-intuitive results (higher rates despite bond market gains). For a few moments this morning, it wasn't entirely clear that we would see any improvement. Bonds initially balked at an inflation report released this morning (spoiler alert: it's still high), but were ultimately able to find their footing. Positive momentum continued into the afternoon after a well-received auction of 30yr Treasury bonds.

By the end of the day, many lenders issued pricing **improvements** in response to the bond market gains. These are fairly small in the bigger picture (effective 30yr fixed rates are only 0.02% lower), but that is often the case when the market is trying to establish a new ceiling for rates after a quick move higher.



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