## MORTGAGE RATE WATCH

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A message from Nickolas Inhelder:

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Our goal is simple:

To help every family we serve get to "Yes."

**Yes** to the loan that unlocks the joy of home ownership.

**Yes** to the lending solution that meets every client's unique needs and wants.

That's why we dedicate our every resource to serve as your personal guide through the lending process, solving problems, building confidence. Aslan has access to every lending option leading to the purchase or refinance of a residential home loan.

This is more than work for us. It is our unique joy in this life to share our collective skill, creativity, and care to bring you and your family right to where you belong.

Let's make home happen.

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## Mortgage Rates Essentially Flat Just Under 5 Month Highs

Mortgage rates began the new week at almost exactly the same levels seen at the end of last week. There were no major events or economic reports to cause volatility in the underlying bond market, but bonds were able to improve modestly by the end of the day.

In general, bond market improvement leads to lower rates. The catch, in this case, is the improvement was fairly small and that it was offset to some extent by modest weakness earlier in the day. Even so, a handful of lenders offered mid-day improvements. Other lenders will technically be more likely to improve tomorrow morning if bond market trading levels are unchanged (and that's not something that can be guaranteed or even assigned better than a 50% probability).

By staying near Friday's levels, the average lender is just shy of the highest rates in 5 months. A top tier conventional 30yr fixed scenario is still in the mid 7% range.

Volatility will definitely be higher next week due to the calendar of events, but it could start increasing in the coming days as well. There's no directional connotation to "volatility." It's an inherent 2-way street. The direction of the movement will depend on the tenor of the data. It looks like rates are at least willing to treat current levels as a ceiling, but only if we finally see some friendlier data--something that's been hard to come by since February.



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