

# MORTGAGE RATE WATCH

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A message from Nickolas Inhelder:

## We Make Home Happen.™

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 Jump to 2 Week Highs After US/China Trade Talks

Tariffs and trade policy have been a new and important consideration for the bond market for just over a month now. That matters to mortgage rates because mortgage pricing is primarily determined by bond prices.

The reaction function for rates is a bit complicated at first glance because tariffs can exert influence in opposite directions. To whatever extent trade policy results in lower economic growth, it would generally be good for rates, all other things being equal.

To whatever extent trade policy results in higher prices, lower revenue, and lower foreign demand for US assets (which tends to correlate with trade relationships), it would push rates higher.

Over the weekend, the US and China agreed on a 90 day pause on the more extreme tariff brinksmanship. While levels remain elevated enough to cause some inflation concern (remember: bad for rates), they've come down enough to alleviate some concern about the global economy (also bad for rates).

Today's move wasn't huge as far as mortgage rate volatility goes, but the average lender is now up to the highest levels in just over 2 weeks.

