

MORTGAGE RATE WATCH

Daily Coverage. Industry Leading Perspective.

Mortgage Rate Winning Streak Ends, But Just Barely

On some occasions, a rate announcement from the Federal Reserve (even one that results in no change to the Fed Funds Rate) can cause a huge move in mortgage rates. Today was not one of those days, but in its defense, it was never that likely to be.

In order for a Fed announcement to have a big impact, it has to surprise the market in some way. A rate cut (or absence thereof) is rarely a surprise these days. Instead, the market is more likely to receive new information via the Fed's economic projections and the Chair's press conference.

Economic projections come out every other meeting and this wasn't one of them. So any chance of excitement rested with Powell's press conference. But Powell stayed perfectly on-script, striking a balance between hope and caution.

Financial markets agreed. There was essentially no reaction to any of today's Fed events in stocks or bonds. Flat bonds = flat mortgage rates all else equal. Today's average rate was microscopically higher than yesterday's, but that happened well before the Fed announcement and not for any specific reasons.



Lisa Biggar,
REALTOR®

Buyer & Listing Expert,
LAER Realty Partners

www.LisaBiggar.com

P: (508) 520-1600

M: (978) 578-0023

Lisa@LisaBiggar.com

40 Park St, Suite 9

Attleboro MA 02703

MA License #9061998

RI License #RES.0047220



Jeffrey Chalmers

Senior Loan Officer,
Movement Mortgage
Licensed: CA, FL, MA, ME,
NH, VT

ClicknFinance.com

M: (774) 291-6527

jeffrey.chalmers@movement.com

99 Rosewood Dr, Suite 270

Danvers MA 01923

NMLS #76803

NMLS #39179

