

MORTGAGE RATE WATCH

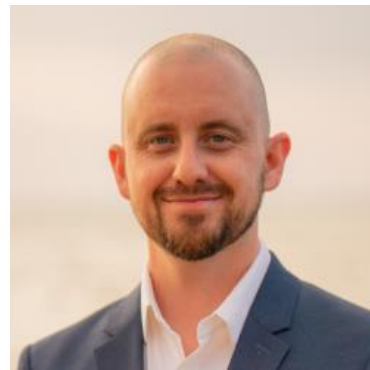
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Mortgage Rates Hold Steady Over The Weekend

It was an uneventful day for mortgage rates, which is just the sort of thing you want to see when the average lender is just a hair above the lowest levels in more than a month. There were no significant economic reports or other market developments that caused any major volatility for rates/bonds.

The dominant theme, of late, has been investor rotation out of AI-related assets and into the bond market. Excess demand for bonds is good for rates, all else equal. But there's a nuance. Corporate bonds related to certain tech companies have seen sharply lower demand. That's actually been good for mortgage rates and Treasuries because the tech-related corporate bonds had been drawing demand away from the safer mortgage/Treasury debt.

Today's ground-holding is all the more encouraging considering there was some healing in the tech sector, both in terms of stock prices and corporate bond demand. Simply put, mortgage rates held steady despite slight headwinds elsewhere in the market.



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