Sizeable, Straightforward Selling Spree

Market Summary: Saturday, January 11, 2025 - 4:53PM

Today's jobs report was much stronger than expected and there were no compelling counterpoints to give traders any second thoughts. As such, traders proceeded logically by dumping bonds. Trading levels hit the 3pm close very close to the levels seen immediately after the jobs report and there wasn't much fanfare in between. All in all, a reaction that was as straightforward as it was unpleasant.

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Down a Quarter Point From Post-NFP Highs

Different lenders may approach this scenario differently depending on when they priced this morning and how conservative the rate sheet was. Bottom line, MBS are down a quarter point from the post-NFP highs last seen just after 10:30 am ET. Jumpier lenders who priced near those highs could be considering negative reprices.

10yr yields are up 8.2bps at 4.766.

There are now new headlines or data points driving this weakness. It has been gradual and without volume spikes.

MBS MORNING: Highest Yields in Over a Year After Super Strong Jobs Report

ALERT: Bonds Tanking After Surge in Payroll Growth

30YR Fixed 7.24% +0.09% **15YR Fixed** 6.53% +0.02% 1/10/2025

Mortgage Rates Jump Sharply Higher After Jobs Report

were already at 6 month highs earlier this week so it didn't take much of a push to send them up to new 7 month highs today.

The push in question came from today's hotly-anticipated jobs report. No other economic report has as much consistent potential to cause volatility for interest rates. As such, when today's job creation headline came in at much higher levels than expected, it was an easy decision for traders to push rates to higher levels.

The average top tier 30yr fixed rate was closer to 7.125% yesterday. After today's route, that rate is now almost perfectly centered on the 7.25% level (mortgage rates are typically offered in 0.125% increments).

These are the highest levels since May 2024.

From here, the pain could continue if next week's data sings a similar tune. While not as consistent a market mover as the jobs report, Wednesday's Consumer Price Index (CPI) is the only other economic report that's in the same league.

A particularly balmy inflation reading could easily push rates up another 0.125%--possibly more. Conversely, a sharply lower inflation reading could be worth just as much of a recovery.

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Friday, Jan 10				
8:30AM	U-6 Unemployment Rate	7.5%		7.8%
8:30AM	Dec Unemployment rate mm (%) ★	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%
8:30AM	Dec Government Payrolls	33K		33K
8:30AM	Dec Average earnings mm (%) 🖈	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
8:30AM	Average Hourly Earnings YoY	3.9%	4%	4%
8:30AM	Dec Average workweek hrs (hr)	34.3	34.3	34.3
8:30AM	Dec Private Payrolls (k)	223K	135K	194K
8:30AM	Dec Non Farm Payrolls 📩	256K	160K	227K
8:30AM	Dec Manufacturing payrolls (k)	-13K	5K	22K
8:30AM	Dec Participation Rate 🟠	62.5%		62.5%
10:00AM	Jan U Mich conditions 🏠	77.9		75.1
10:00AM	Jan Sentiment: 1y Inflation (%) 🟠	3.3%		2.8%
10:00AM	Jan Consumer Sentiment (ip) 🟠	73.2	73.8	74.0
10:00AM	Jan Michigan Consumer Expectations Final	70.2		73.3
10:00AM	Jan Sentiment: 5y Inflation (%)	3.3%		3%
12:00PM	WASDE Report (%)			
12:00PM	Dec Quarterly Grain Stocks - Soy	3.1B		0.342B
12:00PM	Dec Quarterly Grain Stocks - Corn	12.074B		1.760B
12:00PM	Dec Quarterly Grain Stocks - Wheat	1.57B		1.98B
1:00PM	Jan/10 Baker Hughes Oil Rig Count	480		482
1:00PM	Jan/10 Baker Hughes Total Rig Count	584		589
4:30PM	Jan/08 Central Bank Balance Sheet	\$6.85T		\$6.85T
Monday, Jan 13				
12:00AM	Roll Date - UMBS 30YR			
11:00AM	Dec Consumer Inflation Expectations \overleftrightarrow			3%
11:30AM	52-Week Bill Auction (bl)	84		
11:30AM	3-Month Bill Auction			4.205%
11:30AM	6-Month Bill Auction			4.110%
11:30AM	26-Week Bill Auction (bl)		72	
2:00PM	Dec Federal budget, \$ (bl)		\$-67.6B	\$-367B

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Highest Mortgage Rates in 7 Months After Upbeat Jobs Report

Mortgage rates weren't having a great week in the first place. As of Wednesday, the average lender was already up to the highest levels since June 2024. But up until that point, there hadn't been too much volatility. The rising rate trend kicked into higher gear after Friday morning's jobs report. Officially known as The Employment Situation, the jobs repo...

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