

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Slightly Weaker Drift, But Broadly Uneventful

Market Summary: Saturday, January 18, 2025 - 2:59AM

Friday may as well have been a 4th weekend day for the bond market. Volume and liquidity were obviously in holiday mode. Trading levels were basically flat, although it might not feel that way if you're seeing MBS prices end the day down more than an eighth of a point. It's unclear whether we're seeing actual weakness at the end of the day or an incidental expression of extremely thin liquidity. Even if it's "real," it's still not bad considering where we were on Tuesday afternoon.

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MBS & Treasury Markets

UMBS 5.5	98.36	-0.17	10YR	4.626%	+0.013%	1/17/2025 5:00PM EST
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MBS Down to New Lows in Late Trading

10yr Treasuries just edged back up to perfectly unchanged levels at 4.613. While they haven't spent much time in weaker territory today, they're up from AM lows under 4.57.

MBS have also given up plenty of ground since then with 5.5 coupons currently down 3 ticks (.09) at the lowest levels of the day. Most lenders are now seeing at least an eighth of a point of weakness from AM rate sheet print times. This means negative reprices are still technically possible.

All that having been said, bonds aren't moving in a way that suggests anything too terrifying. The best way to use this alert is as a cue to lock if you were already planning on locking before the 3 day weekend.

ALERT: Down Almost a Quarter Point From AM Highs

MBS MORNING: Pre-3 Day Weekend Volatility is a Thing

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed 7.08% +0.01%

15YR Fixed 6.50% +0.02%

1/17/2025

Uneventful Day For Mortgage Rates

are driven by the bond market and Friday was the least active day of the week for bonds. There were no major economic reports to cause rapid changes in trading levels. As such, mortgage rates started out very close to the levels seen yesterday and most lenders didn't make any mid-day changes.

The absence of any significant movement is a victory, of sorts, in light of the ground covered over the past 2 days (the best 2-day improvement since November). On the other hand, rates began the week at the highest levels since May 2024. It's more common to see bigger gains when rates are recovering from long term highs--a fact that detracts from the victory to some extent.

Bonds are closed on Monday for the holiday and Tuesday could see a flurry of market activity in response to political news. There's no way to know if that activity would be good or bad for rates ahead of time, let alone if it will even materialize in the first place.

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Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Friday, Jan 17				
12:00AM	Roll Date - Ginnie Mae 30YR			
8:30AM	Dec Building permits: number (ml)	1.483M	1.46M	1.493M
8:30AM	Dec Build permits: change mm (%)	-0.7%		5.2%
8:30AM	Dec House starts mm: change (%)	15.8%		-1.8%
8:30AM	Dec Housing starts number mm (ml)	1.499M	1.32M	1.289M
9:15AM	Dec Industrial Production (%) ☆	0.9%	0.3%	-0.1%
9:15AM	Dec Industrial Production YoY	0.5%		-0.9%
9:15AM	Dec Manufacturing Production MoM	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%
9:15AM	Dec Manufacturing Production YoY	0%		-1%
9:15AM	Dec Capacity Utilization (%)	77.6%	77%	76.8%
1:00PM	Jan/17 Baker Hughes Total Rig Count	580		584
1:00PM	Jan/17 Baker Hughes Oil Rig Count	478		480
4:00PM	Nov Foreign Buying, Bonds (TIC Data) (bl)	\$-15.8B		\$92.1B
4:00PM	Nov Overall net capital flows (TIC Data) (bl)	\$159.9B		\$203.6B
4:00PM	Nov Net Long-Term Flows, excluding swaps (TIC data) (bl)	\$79B	\$159.9B	\$152.3B
Monday, Jan 20				
12:00AM	Martin Luther King Jr. Day ★★			
12:00PM	Inauguration Day (%) ★★			

Recent Housing News

- Homebuilder Confidence Consolidation Continues
- Housing Construction Bounced Back in December Thanks to Multifamily Sector
- Mortgage Applications Improved Even as Rates Moved Higher

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Rates Recover After Tame Inflation Data

Last week's big to-do was the jobs report, which sent rates sharply higher. This week's inflation data had a chance to add fuel to that fire or put it out. The inflation report in question was the Consumer Price Index (CPI). In addition to being one of the two most important monthly economic reports, it also turned out to be quite the little firefighter this time around. The following chart ...

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