

Market Summary: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 - 10:24AM

There have certainly been days where the "prices paid" component of the ISM Manufacturing data has been responsible for sending bond yields higher. Today is not one of them, even though prices surged to the 2nd consecutive multi-year high. This likely would not be the case if it was the only data in play, but thankfully for bonds, the rest of the 10am data was friendly.

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MBS & Treasury Markets

UMBS 5.5 100.07 +0.17	10YR 4.163% -0.044%	4/1/2025 5:00PM EST
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Negative Reprices Becoming More Likely

MBS continue losing ground at roughly the same pace noted in the previous alert. This alert is just an amplification of the negative reprice risk. Several lenders have already pulled the trigger. More will likely follow.

MBS are down only 1 tick (.03) on the day, but nearly 6 ticks (.19) from rate sheet print times.

10yr yields are now up 0.7bps on the day at 4.242.

ALERT: MBS Down an Eighth From Rate Sheet Time Frame

MBS MORNING: Stronger Start as Tariffs Continue Driving Flight to Safety

30YR Fixed	6.71% -0.03%	15YR Fixed	6.12%	-0.01%	

Mortgage Rates Inch Lower, But Remain Broadly Sideways

"Sideways" has been the dominant theme for for well over a month now. The average top tier 30yr fixed rate fell below 6.82% on February 25th, and moved down to 6.70% the following week. We haven't been outside of that range since then.

Today was just another day in that regard, or perhaps even a prime example considering it was smack dab in the middle of that range.

While it's not always apparent by the time mortgage lenders set rates for the day, the underlying bond market continues experiencing volatility behind the scenes. Recently, that volatility often aligns with the stock market as investors react to the economic implications of fiscal policies. This could cause more movement on Wednesday when tariff details are expected to come out.

In addition, this week's economic data is more than capable of moving the needle--especially Friday's jobs report.

As always, there's no way to know which direction rates will move in response to key events. If there were, investors would move in that direction before the event, thus taking the probability back to 50% for either outcome.

Economic Calendar

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior		
Tuesday, Apr 01						
9:45AM	Mar S&P Global Manuf. PMI 🟠	50.2	49.8	52.7		
10:00AM	Mar ISM Manufacturing Employment	44.7		47.6		
10:00AM	Feb Construction spending (%)	0.7%	0.3%	-0.2%		
10:00AM	Feb JOLTs Job Quits (ml) 😭	3.195M		3.266M		
10:00AM	Mar ISM Mfg Prices Paid ★	69.4	65	62.4		
10:00AM	Feb USA JOLTS Job Openings ★	7.568M	7.63M	7.74M		
10:00AM	Mar ISM Manufacturing PMI	49	49.5	50.3		
10:40AM	Apr IBD economic optimism	49.1	50.1	49.8		
Wednesday, Apr 02						
7:00AM	Mar/28 MBA Refi Index	710.4		752.4		
7:00AM	Mar/28 MBA Purchase Index	158.2		155.8		
8:15AM	Mar ADP jobs (k) 🟠	155K	105K	77K		
9:00AM	Mar Total Vehicle Sales (ml)	17.77M	15.9M	16.0M		
10:00AM	Feb Factory orders mm (%)	0.6%	0.5%	1.7%		
10:30AM	Mar/28 Crude Oil Inventory (ml)	6.165M	-2M	-3.341M		
11:30AM	17-Week Bill Auction	4.200%		4.200%		
4:00PM	Reciprocal Tariff Plan Announcement (%)					
4:30PM	Fed Kugler Speech \overleftrightarrow					

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Inflation Told Rates to Rise. Rates Didn't Listen

Heading into the week, market watchers knew (or thought they knew) that Friday's PCE inflation data had a chance to help or hurt interest rates more than any other economic report. When PCE came out higher than expected on Friday morning, market watchers knew (or thought they knew) what would happen next. But instead, the opposite happened. Events like this se...

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