

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Huge Overnight Gains on Trade War Escalation; Jobs Report an Afterthought

Market Summary: Friday, April 4, 2025 - 12:12PM

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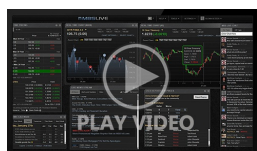
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UMBS 5.5	100.32	-0.06	10YR	4.005%	-0.024%	4/4/2025 5:00PM EST
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Despite the push-back. Bigger picture still looks good.

ALERT: Weakest Levels After Vietnam Trade Headlines

UPDATE: NFP Much Stronger, But Unemployment Up; No Immediate Reaction

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.60%	-0.03%	15YR Fixed	6.02%	-0.03%	4/4/2025
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Lowest Mortgage Rates in More Than 5 Months

Yesterday afternoon's tariff announcement sent financial markets on a ride that ultimately resulted in sharply lower stock prices and moderately lower bond yields. Stocks don't always correlate with bond yields, but that has been a common pattern since late February.

The correlation between bond yields and , on the other hand, is perpetual and nearly flawless. After all, "yield" is just another word for "rate." Additionally, mortgage rates are based on mortgage-backed securities (MBS) which are basically bonds.

All that to say: rates have been benefitting from the market chaos that's been hurting stocks, and stocks got hurt quite a bit over the past 24 hours. Considering the average 30yr fixed rate was already close to its lowest levels since mid October yesterday, it's no surprise to see an official breakout today.

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Tariffs and stock market volatility are not the only games in town for rates. Economic data is also very important and tomorrow's jobs report is typically the most important economic report of any given month. Depending on the results, it could help rates move even lower or bounce back up into the recent range.

Economic Calendar

Last Week | This Week | Next Week

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Friday, Apr 04				
8:30AM	Mar Participation Rate ☆	62.5%		62.4%
8:30AM	Mar Average earnings mm (%) ★	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
8:30AM	Mar Non Farm Payrolls (k) ★★	228K	135K	151K
8:30AM	Mar Unemployment rate mm (%) ★★	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%
11:25AM	Fed Chair Powell Speech ★★			
12:00PM	Fed Barr Speech ☆			
12:45PM	Fed Waller Speech ☆			
Monday, Apr 07				
10:30AM	Fed Kugler Speech ☆			
3:00PM	Feb Consumer credit (bl)	\$-0.81B	\$15.2B	\$18.08B

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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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