

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Steady Gains in the PM Hours

Market Summary: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 - 1:31AM

It's common to see the effects of month/quarter-end trading most prominently in the PM hours and today's quarter-end session was no exception. A glut of bond buying just after 12:30pm got the part started and yields bottomed out just before the 4pm NYSE close. While 4pm is a time that's associated with stocks, it has come to be the larger of the two closing bells for the bond market on month/quarter-end days for a variety of reasons (de-emphasis of CME pit over the years, increased prevalence of ETF trading, large portfolio rebalancing that involves both stock/bond ETFs, thus arguing for one unified closing mark time). From here, econ data should take the wheel although it's always possible to see some new-month [positions](#) have an impact on the first day of a new month.

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MBS & Treasury Markets

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| UMBS 5.5 | 100.10 | +0.03 | 10YR | 4.196% | -0.029% | 7/1/2025 5:31AM EST |
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Slow, Sideways Start, But Month-End Volatility Always a Possibility

Month/quarter end trading is a somewhat esoteric and potentially frustrating concept for the typical market watcher because it seemingly violates the notion that market move for logical underlying reasons. To be fair, month-end volatility also has logical underlying reasons, but the logic requires a fairly deep dive (which is why we have on the topic). Today's only econ data is/was Chicago PMI which has already come and gone with no fanfare. Trading levels are best described as sideways from Friday and the intraday range, far narrower. If month-end volatility picks up, it would tend to be in the PM hours--especially in the 2pm-4pm ET time frame.

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Today's Mortgage Rates

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| 30YR Fixed | 6.67% | +0.00% | 15YR Fixed | 5.91% | +0.00% | 7/1/2025 |
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Mortgage Rates Take Another Step Toward April Lows

April 3rd and 4th saw the average top tier 30yr fixed well into the "mid 6's." Many lenders were able to quote 6.5% at the time. Just a few days ago, we noted there was still a ways to go before breaking below those early April levels, but the past few days have taken us within striking distance.

The average lender is now only 0.07% higher than they were on April 4th and that's a gap that can be traversed in as little as one day under the right circumstances. If it is destined to be traversed in the near future, it would likely be due to exceptional weakness in the forthcoming economic data--especially Thursday's big jobs report.

Conversely, if this week's economic data surprises to the upside, it would likely coincide with rates bouncing here and headline back into the recent range. And lastly, if this week's data doesn't cast a decisive vote in either direction, next week's inflation reports could easily break the tie.

The most interesting aspect of today's movement was the movement itself. It didn't happen due to any interesting data or news headlines. Both stocks and bonds (which dictate rates) improved as traders moved portfolios into position for the end of the month/quarter. This can cause market movement independent of economic data/news.

| Time | Event | Actual | Forecast | Prior |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|---------|
| Tuesday, Jul 01 | | | | |
| 9:30AM | Fed Chair Powell Speech ☆ | | | |
| 9:45AM | Jun S&P Global Manuf. PMI ☆ | 52.9 | 52 | 52 |
| 10:00AM | Jun ISM Manufacturing Employment | 45.0 | 47 | 46.8 |
| 10:00AM | May Construction spending (%) | -0.3% | -0.2% | -0.4% |
| 10:00AM | May JOLTs Job Quits (ml) ☆ | 3.293M | | 3.194M |
| 10:00AM | May USA JOLTS Job Openings (ml) ★ | 7.769M | 7.3M | 7.391M |
| 10:00AM | Jun ISM Mfg Prices Paid ★ | 69.7 | 69 | 69.4 |
| 10:00AM | Jun ISM Manufacturing PMI ★★ | 49.0 | 48.8 | 48.5 |
| 10:10AM | Jul IBD economic optimism | 48.6 | 50.1 | 49.2 |
| Wednesday, Jul 02 | | | | |
| 7:00AM | Jun/27 MBA Purchase Index | | | 165.2 |
| 7:00AM | Jun/27 MBA Refi Index | | | 713.4 |
| 7:30AM | Jun Challenger layoffs (k) | | | 93.816K |
| 8:15AM | Jun ADP jobs (k) ☆ | | 95K | 37K |
| 10:00AM | Jun Total Vehicle Sales (ml) | | 15.5M | 15.65M |
| 10:30AM | Jun/27 Crude Oil Inventory (ml) | | -2.26M | -5.836M |

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- New Home Sales Drop to Lower End of Range After Hitting The Highs Last Month
- Mortgage Applications Buoyed by FHA Refis

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Rates Closing in on 8 Month Lows

After going to great lengths to explain why the Fed Funds Rate isn't the same as mortgage rates, we'll now have to discuss how the Fed nonetheless found a way to push rates lower this week. We already know the Fed held rates steady last week, and we've discussed the fact that mortgage rates wouldn't necessarily have fallen even if the Fed had cut the Fed Funds Rate. But mortgage rates definitel...

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