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Market Summary: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 - 12:36PM

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UMBS 5.5	99.85	-0.08	10YR	4.285%	+0.046%	7/2/2025 5:00PM EST
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Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.73%	+0.06%	15YR Fixed	5.97%	+0.06%	7/2/2025
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Mortgage Rates Hold Steady at 3 Month Lows

It's been 88 days since the average 30yr fixed mortgage rate was as low as it is today--close enough to 3 months. Some lenders may be higher or lower than they were yesterday depending on whether or not changed rates yesterday afternoon.

Mortgage lenders prefer to set rates once per day, but can "reprice" if the underlying bond market moves enough in one direction or the other. Bonds improved enough yesterday afternoon for many lenders to offer slightly lower rates. Those lenders are a hair higher today, generally.

In terms of the underlying bond market, things are just a bit better right now compared to yesterday morning and just a bit worse compared to yesterday afternoon. That deterioration mainly followed this morning's job openings data which showed another increase from the longer-term lows seen 2 months ago. Rates typically move higher if job openings are higher than expected, all else equal.

But today's data-driven volatility is nothing compared to what could be seen on Thursday morning following the big jobs report (officially, the "Employment Situation" which offers a count of jobs created in June as well as an update to the unemployment rate).

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Wednesday, Jul 02				
7:00AM	Jun/27 MBA Purchase Index	165.3		165.2
7:00AM	Jun/27 MBA Refi Index	759.7		713.4
7:30AM	Jun Challenger layoffs (k)	47.999K		93.816K
8:15AM	Jun ADP jobs (k) ☆	-33K	95K	37K
10:30AM	Jun/27 Crude Oil Inventory (ml)	3.845M	-2M	-5.836M
Thursday, Jul 03				
8:30AM	Jun Average earnings mm (%) ★	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
8:30AM	May Trade Gap (bl)	\$-71.5B	\$-71B	\$-61.6B
8:30AM	Jun/21 Continued Claims (ml)	1964K	1960K	1974K
8:30AM	Jun Non Farm Payrolls (k) ★★	147K	110K	139K
8:30AM	Jun/28 Jobless Claims (k) ★	233K	240K	236K
8:30AM	Jun Unemployment rate mm (%) ★★	4.1%	4.3%	4.2%
8:30AM	Jun Participation Rate ☆	62.3%		62.4%
9:45AM	Jun S&P Global Services PMI ★★	52.9	53.1	53.7
9:45AM	Jun S&P Global Composite PMI ☆	52.9	52.8	53
10:00AM	May Factory orders mm (%)	8.2%	8.2%	-3.7%
10:00AM	Jun ISM Biz Activity ★	54.2		50.0
10:00AM	Jun ISM Services Prices	67.5		68.7
10:00AM	Jun ISM Services Employment	47.2		50.7
10:00AM	Jun ISM N-Mfg PMI ★★	50.8	50.5	49.9
11:00AM	Fed Bostic Speech ☆			
2:00PM	Happy 4th!! ★★			

Recent Housing News

- Pending Home Sales Data Scores Some Points, But Not Enough to Change The Game
- New Home Sales Drop to Lower End of Range After Hitting The Highs Last Month
- Mortgage Applications Buoyed by FHA Refis

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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