

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

New Week, Same Struggles

Market Summary: Monday, August 25, 2025 - 3:04PM

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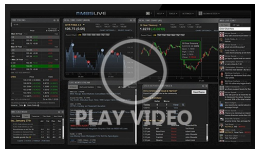
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UMBS 5.5	100.34	-0.01	10YR	4.275%	+0.015%	8/25/2025 5:00PM EST
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Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.54%	+0.02%	15YR Fixed	5.93%	+0.03%	8/25/2025
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Lowest Rates of The Year (Barely) After Powell Speech

Heading into the week, Fed Chair Powell's speech at the Fed's annual Jackson Hole Symposium was only event on the calendar that held much promise for motivating any major movement in . Not only did it deliver on that promise, but it did so in everyone's favorite direction.

Powell didn't pivot too much from his last major speech on July 30th. But in light of the weak jobs numbers that came out 2 days later, he understandably called out a shift in the balance of risk between inflation and employment.

In not so many words, like several other Fed members have pointed out in recent weeks, Powell essentially said the labor market is looking weak enough to entertain a rate cut in the near future, even as the inflation outlook remains somewhat uncertain.

The market began adjusting for this possibility on August 1st when the rocky jobs numbers came out. Today's speech was interpreted as additional validation of that move.

With that, mortgage rates saw their biggest drop since August 1st, just barely beating out August 13th's lows to claim 2025's lowest spot. October 3rd, 2024 was the last time the average 30yr fixed rate was any lower.

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Economic Calendar

Last Week | This Week | Next Week

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Monday, Aug 25				
8:00AM	Jul Building Permits (ml)	1.362M	1.354M	1.393M
10:00AM	Jul New Home Sales (%) (%)	-0.6%		0.6%
10:00AM	Jul New Home Sales (ml) ☆	0.652M	0.63M	0.627M
Tuesday, Aug 26				
8:30AM	Jul Durable goods (%) ☆	-2.8%	-4%	-9.3%
8:30AM	Jul Core CapEx (%) ☆	1.1%	0.2%	-0.7%
8:30AM	Fed Barkin Speech ☆			
9:00AM	Jun FHFA Home Price Index m/m (%)	-0.2%	0%	-0.2%
9:00AM	Jun CaseShiller 20 mm nsa (%)	0.0%		0.4%
9:00AM	Jun FHFA Home Prices y/y (%) ☆	2.6%		2.8%
9:00AM	Jun Case Shiller Home Prices-20 y/y (%) ☆	2.1%	2.1%	2.8%
10:00AM	Aug CB Consumer Confidence (%) ☆	97.4	96.2	97.2
1:00PM	2-Yr Note Auction (bl)	69		

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Powell's Speech Greased The Skids For Rates to Slide to 2025 Lows

If you read nothing else below, read this: people are talking about stronger odds of a Fed rate cut in September. Some people assume this means mortgage rates would move lower after that potential rate cut. Those people are wrong, and there is memorable evidence from late 2024 when mortgage rates moved quickly higher from long term lows mere days after the Fed's September rate cu...

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