MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

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Market Summary: Friday, November 21, 2025 - 9:55AM

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Market Movement Recap

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Stronger overnight, mostly in line with stock losses. Some additional gains on Fed's Williams' rate cut thoughts. MBS up just over an eighth and 10yr down 2.6bps at 4.059

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Bonds Hold Decent Gains, But With How Much Help From Stocks?



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10YR 4.068% -0.016%

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The relative impacts of recent events on Fed rate cut expectations is even easier to observe in Fed Funds Futures.

MBS MORNING: Mixed Reaction to Mixed Jobs Data

UPDATE: Mixed Signals in Jobs Data; Bonds Holding Ground

30YR Fixed 6.36% +0.00%

15YR Fixed 5.85% +0.00%

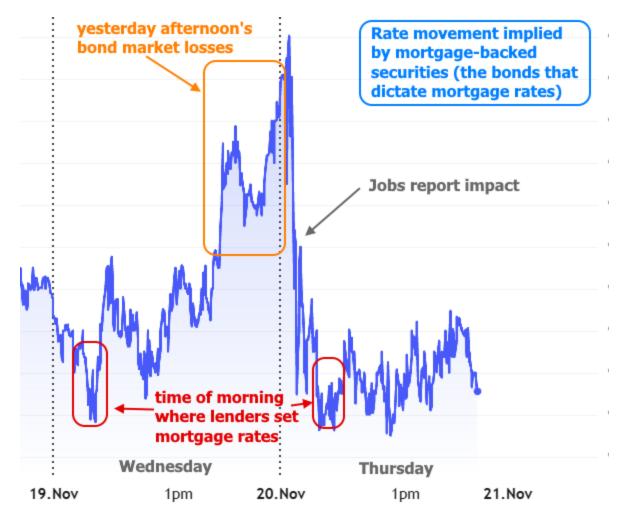
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Mortgage Rates Hold Steady Thanks to Jobs Report

Yesterday, we discussed the fact that were heading into Thursday with a disadvantage (for most lenders, anyway). This had to do with the fact that lenders prefer to avoid changing rates in the middle of the day (unless bond market movement is big enough to force their hands) and the fact that bonds had weakened just enough for lenders to begin considering changing rates by the end of the day.

In other words, lenders either had to increase rates yesterday afternoon or this morning, all other things being equal. The only thing that would have mitigated that necessity would have been a bond market rally of equal size to yesterday's losses. Fortunately, that's exactly what we saw after this morning's jobs report.

The following chart shows movement in the actual bonds that control mortgage rates. Bottom line: today's rates were the same as yesterday's because the red boxes were at similar levels.



Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Friday, Nov 21				
7:30AM	Fed Williams Speech ☆			
8:30AM	Fed Barr Speech ☆			
8:45AM	Fed Jefferson Speech ☆			
9:00AM	Fed Logan Speech ☆			
9:00AM	Fed Collins Speech ☆			
9:45AM	Nov S&P Global Composite PMI ☆	54.8	54.5	54.6
9:45AM	Nov S&P Global Manuf. PMI ☆	51.9	52	52.5
9:45AM	Nov S&P Global Services PMI ☆	55.0	54.6	54.8
10:00AM	Aug Wholesale inventories (o (%) 🌣	0%	-0.2%	0%
10:00AM	Nov Sentiment: 5y Inflation (%)	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
10:00AM	Nov U Mich conditions 🌣	51.1	52.3	58.6
10:00AM	Nov Consumer Sentiment (ip) ☆	51.0	50.5	53.6
10:00AM	Nov Sentiment: 1y Inflation (%) 🌣	4.5%	4.7%	4.6%
Monday, Nov 24				
1:00PM	2-Yr Note Auction (bl)		69	

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Mortgage Rates Near 2-Month Highs; What to Expect With Gov Reopening; What's up With 50yr Mortgage News?

After the longest shutdown in history the U.S. government reopened on Thursday. As expected, this has added a bit of upward pressure for rates. Because the prevailing rate range is very narrow, this leaves average 30yr fixed rates in line with their highest levels in more than 2 months. Why would the reopening push rates higher? Rates tend to move higher when the economy is doing well and ...

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