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Market Summary: Thursday, December 4, 2025 - 11:24AM

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Market Movement Recap

08:53 AM moderately weaker overnight with additional temporary selling after jobless claims data. MBS down 3 ticks (.09) and 10yr up 3bps at 4.093

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MBS & Treasury Markets

UMBS 5.0	99.67	-0.11	10YR	4.099%	+0.036%	12/4/2025 11:23AM EST
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Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.24%	+0.01%	15YR Fixed	5.76%	+0.01%	12/4/2025
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Mortgage Rates Back Down Near Recent Lows

improved more noticeably today, and while the average rate isn't quite as low as it was last week, it's fairly close.

Rates are based on movement in the bond market. Bonds were most likely to move in response to one or both of today's big economic reports. Oddly enough, most of the bond market improvement was seen overnight, BEFORE the economic data came out. Nonetheless, the data definitely didn't hurt.

Economic Calendar

Last Week | This Week | Next Week

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Thursday, Dec 04				
7:30AM	Nov Challenger layoffs (k)	71.321K		153.074K
8:30AM	Oct Trade Gap (on hold, shutdown) (bl)			
8:30AM	Nov/22 Continued Claims (k) ☆	1939K	1960K	1960K
8:30AM	Nov/29 Jobless Claims (k) ☆	191K	220K	216K
10:00AM	Sep Factory orders mm (%)	0.2%	0.5%	1.4%
12:00PM	Fed Bowman Speech ☆			
Friday, Dec 05				
10:00AM	Sep Core PCE Inflation (y/y) (%) ★		2.9%	2.9%
10:00AM	Sep Personal Income (%)		0.4%	0.4%
10:00AM	Sep Inflation-Adjusted Spending (Consumption) (%)		0.4%	0.6%
10:00AM	Sep Core PCE (m/m) (%) ★★		0.2%	0.2%
10:00AM	Dec U Mich conditions ☆		51.3	51.1
10:00AM	Dec Sentiment: 1y Inflation (%) ☆			4.5%
10:00AM	Dec Sentiment: 5y Inflation (%) ☆			3.4%
10:00AM	Oct Factory orders mm (%)			0.2%
10:00AM	Dec Consumer Sentiment (ip) ☆		52	51.0
3:00PM	Oct Consumer credit (bl)		\$10.5B	\$13.09B








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Jobs Report and Stock Losses Help Rates Hold The Range

This week marked the return of delayed economic data from the government shutdown. Specifically, we received the important jobs report that was set to come out in early October. While this is September's data, and thus a bit stale, it was nonetheless responsible for the biggest volume spike in the bond market since the last Fed meeting. Such is the power of the jobs report relative to other econom...

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