

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Volume is Back. Still Waiting on Volatility

Market Summary: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - 9:54AM

A range trading theme has dominated the bond market since the most recent high yield on December 10th and the most recent low the following day. 100% of trading since then has fallen inside those boundaries (4.10-4.20% in terms of 10yr yields). Even though volume has made a resounding post-holiday return, there's little for market watchers to do until we see a breakout. Wednesday and Friday's econ data continue to be the best bets as far as catalysts go.

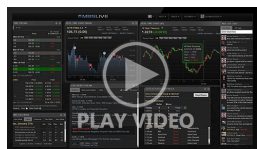


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Bonds Improve Back to Pre-Holiday Levels

MBS & Treasury Markets

UMBS 5.0	99.76	-0.05	10YR	4.172%	+0.009%	1/6/2026 5:00PM EST
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Bonds Are Back in The Office

By 10am ET, today's trading volume has already surpassed that seen on December 23rd and 26th (both full trading days)--proof positive that the market is shifting out of holiday mode. Over the past 3 weeks, bonds did a perfect job of holding inside the forgettable sideways range marked by 4.10-4.20 in 10yr yields. A breakout on either side of that range becomes a stronger possibility this week thanks not only to increased participation, but most importantly due to Friday's jobs report. There are other relevant reports between now and then with Wednesday morning's JOLTS/ISM combo being the most notable. Today's ISM Manufacturing was slightly weaker but hasn't had a big impact so far. Lastly, for those curious, both stocks and bonds have completely shrugged off the weekend's news on Venezuela.

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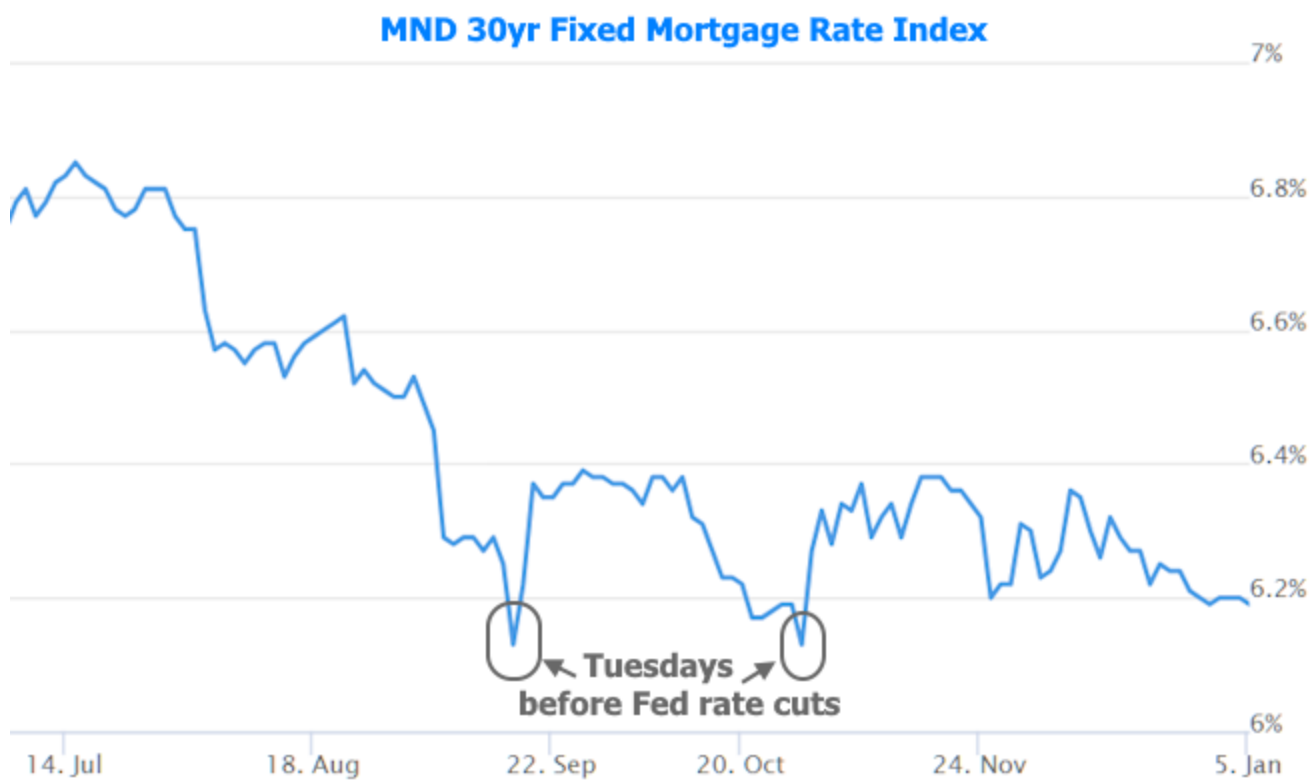
ALERT: Down an Eighth From AM Highs

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.20%	+0.01%	15YR Fixed	5.74%	+0.00%	1/6/2026
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Mortgage Rates Holding at 2-Month Lows

The two days of 2025 with the lowest rates were September 16th and October 28th. Both days happened to be the Tuesdays that preceded Fed rate cuts. On both occasions, those rate cuts were delivered with other comments from the Fed that the bond market didn't like. The net effect is/was two very obvious dips and spikes.



The second half of December saw the average 30yr fixed mortgage rate inch closer and closer to those previous lows, but we're still not quite there yet. Today was just another day in that saga as the average lender held right in line with Friday's latest levels.

Bottom line: at current levels, any day that rates spend holding steady or moving microscopically lower will technically result in the lowest rates since October 28th. It would take a more noticeable improvement to break below that floor. When and if that happens, rates will be the lowest since early 2023.

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Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Tuesday, Jan 06				
9:20AM	NY Fed Bill Purchases 1 to 4 months (%)		\$8.165 million	
9:45AM	Dec S&P Global Services PMI ☆	52.5	52.9	54.1
9:45AM	Dec S&P Global Composite PMI ☆	52.7	53.0	54.2
Wednesday, Jan 07				
7:00AM	Dec/26 Mortgage Market Index	269.9		299.8
7:00AM	Dec/26 MBA Purchase Index	169.8		169.9
7:00AM	Dec/26 MBA Refi Index	872.1		1084.3
7:00AM	Jan/02 MBA Refi Index	937		872.1
7:00AM	Jan/02 MBA Purchase Index	159.3		169.8
7:00AM	Jan/02 Mortgage Market Index	270.8		269.9
8:15AM	Dec ADP jobs (k) ☆	41K	47K	-32K
10:00AM	Oct Factory orders mm (%)	-1.3%	-1.2%	0.2%
10:00AM	Dec ISM Biz Activity ☆	56.0		54.5
10:00AM	Dec ISM Services Prices ☆	64.3		65.4
10:00AM	Dec ISM Services New Orders ☆	57.9		52.9
10:00AM	Dec ISM Services Employment ☆	52.0		48.9
10:00AM	Nov JOLTs Job Quits (ml) ☆	3.161M		2.941M
10:00AM	Nov USA JOLTS Job Openings (ml) ★	7.146M	7.60M	7.670M
10:00AM	Dec ISM N-Mfg PMI ★★	54.4	52.3	52.6
10:30AM	Jan/02 Crude Oil Inventory (ml)	-3.831M	1.1M	-1.934M

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Mortgage Market in Holiday Mode Despite Big-Ticket Data

The two most important economic reports of the month were released this week. Both showed promising results for rates, and although rates improved, the reaction was smaller than expected . First up was November's jobs report, which came out on Tuesday morning. It showed the highest unemployment rate since 2021 at 4.6%--well above the 4.4% forecast. Under normal circumstances, this woul...

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