

Uneventful Conclusion to a Volatile Week

Market Summary: Monday, January 26, 2026 - 4:15AM

Bonds put in a decent day on Friday, ultimately getting back into positive territory and the best closing levels of the week. Yields were almost perfectly in line with last Friday's. Overall, most of the past 3 days have been uneventful, but Tuesday's range breakout meant it was a volatile week overall. MBS and mortgage rates enjoyed ample insulation against that breakout thanks to recent outperformance driven by GSE MBS purchases (both actual and anticipated). The Fed is on deck next week, but with a zero percent chance of a rate cut. True big ticket data won't return until the week after next.



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MBS & Treasury Markets

UMBS 5.0	100.01	+0.07	10YR	4.207%	-0.021%	1/26/2026 4:14AM EST
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Weakest Levels. MBS Down an Eighth From Highs

Bonds have been losing ground gradually heading into the afternoon. Treasuries and MBS are just now inching to the weakest levels of the day.

That said, this is only 13bps higher on the day for 10yr yields--currently at 4.255.

MBS are only down 2 ticks (.06) on the day, but an eighth of a point from intraday highs. Most lenders don't set initial rate sheets to reflect intraday highs, but this would be the earliest threshold of negative reprice risk consideration for jumpier lenders.

Bottom line: if you're floating a sensitive file with a jumpy lender and were already planning on locking today, there's now stronger incentive to avoid waiting.

MBS MORNING: Mostly Sideways to Start. Light Econ Calendar

MBS MORNING: No Reaction to Early Data, But Slightly Weaker Overnight

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.19%	+0.00%	15YR Fixed	5.76%	+0.00%	1/23/2026
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Mortgage Rates Close Out Extremely Flat Week

This week's only real mortgage rate movement was seen at the outset on Tuesday morning (Monday was closed for the holiday) in response to geopolitical issues and tariff escalation potential. Rates recovered only modestly when those threats abated--a fact that had everything to do with the bond market refusing to return to last week's levels and nothing to do with any mortgage-specific issue.

If anything, the mortgage market is in the midst of stunning outperformance relative to the Treasury benchmarks. Take the ubiquitous 10yr Treasury yield, for example, which is still closer to its highest levels since early September. In contrast, average are much closer to their lowest levels over the same time frame.

Today was the least eventful of the week with the average lender holding right in line with yesterday's latest levels.

Economic Calendar

Last Week | This Week | Next Week

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Monday, Jan 26				
8:30AM	Nov Durables ex-transport (%)		0.3%	0.2%
8:30AM	Nov Durables ex-defense mm (%)			-1.5%
8:30AM	Nov Core CapEx (%) ☆			0.5%
8:30AM	Nov Durable goods (%) ☆		3.7%	-2.2%
9:20AM	NY Fed Bill Purchases 1 to 4 months (%)		\$8.304 billion	
1:00PM	2-Yr Note Auction (bl)		69	
Tuesday, Jan 27				
8:15AM	ADP Employment Change Weekly ★★			8.0K
9:00AM	Nov FHFA Home Price Index m/m (%)		0.3%	0.4%
9:00AM	Nov CaseShiller 20 mm nsa (%)			-0.3%
9:00AM	Nov FHFA Home Prices y/y (%) ☆			1.7%
9:00AM	Nov Case Shiller Home Prices-20 y/y (%) ☆		1.2%	1.3%
10:00AM	Jan CB Consumer Confidence (%) ☆		90.9	89.1
1:00PM	5-Yr Note Auction (bl) ★		70	

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Tougher Week For Rates, But Mortgage Apps Soar to 3 Year High

Mortgage rates pulled back this week as the bond market digested geopolitical tension. After the 3-day holiday weekend, traders returned to find overseas markets pushing bond yields higher. The lesser of the two motivations had to do with fallout over fiscal issues in Japan which prompted heavy selling of Japanese bonds. There is often a certain amount of correlation between the sovereign ...

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