

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

General Selling Spree Continues

Market Summary: Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 11:17AM

It hasn't exactly been perfectly linear, but the month of March has generally been a one-way trade for the bond market. In less than 2 weeks, 10yr yields are up from 3.95 to 4.22+ without any provocation from econ data. Today was another example as CPI came in right in line with forecasts. Despite that apparently decent news, yields rose steadily throughout the morning, and we can't really blame oil prices today (even if higher energy costs are assumed to be very much on the bond market's mind). Newswires the war costing \$11bln last week also don't help, especially on a day where bond traders are already thinking about Treasury supply due to the auction cycle. MBS sold off proportionally in the morning and underperformed in the afternoon, thus making for the highest 30yr rates in over a month and one of the biggest daily jumps we've seen in a while.

Market Movement Recap

08:30 AM Roughly unchanged overnight. No reaction to econ data. MBS up 1 tick (.03) and 10yr down half a bp at 4.223

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UMBS 5.0	99.08	-0.19	10YR	4.249%	+0.022%	3/12/2026 11:16AM EST
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Negative Reprice Risk Increasing

After more headlines regarding mines in the Strait of Hormuz as well as the closure of the Strait, bonds are selling off a bit more. The move is led by the short end with Fed Funds Futures for June breaking to their weakest (least likely to cut) levels in about a year.

MBS are down almost a quarter point with at least half of that seen in the past 20 minutes. Almost any lender could justify a negative reprice now. Those who priced super early (closer to 9am ET) are the most at-risk.

ALERT: Down a Quick Eighth of a Point

ALERT: Negative Reprice Risk Increasing

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.29%	+0.05%	15YR Fixed	5.90%	+0.06%	3/12/2026
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Highest Rates in More Than a Month

moved higher on Wednesday despite only a modest increase in oil prices. The latter is currently a part of any conversation about as higher energy costs have fueled inflation expectations. Higher inflation begets higher rates, all else equal.

But rates take other cues, or course. One key consideration is that of "supply." In other words, how many new dollars of debt are being issued--not just by the U.S. government, but across the entire bond market.

At present, government issuance is high and only expected to get higher. Even though congressional approval is ultimately required, armed conflict can increase expectations for future military spending. There's also uncertainty over tariff refunds which would further increase the supply of U.S. Treasuries to offset the lost revenue.

Last but not least, this week brings scheduled Treasury auctions. The market knew about these ahead of time, but on some auction weeks, the results reveal an imbalance between buyers and sellers that increases momentum toward higher or lower interest rates. This week, that momentum has been generally higher.

The net effect on mortgage rates is a conventional top-tier 30yr fixed that is back to February 4th levels on average.

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Thursday, Mar 12				
8:30AM	Jan Housing starts number mm (ml)	1.487M	1.35M	1.404M
8:30AM	Jan Trade Gap (bl)	\$-54.5B	\$-66.6B	\$-70.3B
8:30AM	Mar/07 Jobless Claims (k) ☆	213K	215K	213K
8:30AM	Feb/28 Continued Claims (k) ☆	1850K	1850K	1868K
11:00AM	Fed Bowman Speech ☆			
1:00PM	30-Yr Bond Auction (bl) ☆	22		
1:00PM	30-Year Bond Auction ☆	4.871%		4.750%
Friday, Mar 13				
8:30AM	Q4 GDP Final Sales (%)		1.2%	4.5%
8:30AM	Q4 Core PCE Prices QoQ ☆		2.7%	2.9%
8:30AM	Jan PCE prices (m/m) (%) ☆		0.3%	0.4%
8:30AM	Jan PCE (y/y) (%) ☆		2.9%	2.9%
8:30AM	Q4 PCE Prices (Q/Q) ☆		2.9%	2.8%
8:30AM	Jan Durable goods (%) ☆		1.2%	-1.4%
8:30AM	Jan Core CapEx (%) ☆		0.5%	0.6%
8:30AM	Jan Core PCE (y/y) (%) ★		3.1%	3%
8:30AM	Jan Core PCE (m/m) (%) ★		0.4%	0.4%
8:30AM	Q4 GDP (%) ★		1.4%	4.4%
10:00AM	Jan JOLTS Job Quits (ml) ☆			3.204M
10:00AM	Mar Sentiment: 1y Inflation (%) ☆			3.4%
10:00AM	Mar U Mich conditions ☆			56.6
10:00AM	Mar Sentiment: 5y Inflation (%) ☆			3.3%
10:00AM	Mar Consumer Sentiment (ip) ☆		55	56.6
10:00AM	Jan USA JOLTS Job Openings (ml) ★		6.70M	6.542M

Recent Housing News

- Highest Refi Demand in 4 Years After Last Week's Rate Rally
- Mortgage Demand Calm Before The Storm?
- Home Prices Still Rising, But Pace Remains Subdued

Rates Rocked (Relatively) by Global Events

Last week, it seemed interest rates could do no wrong. Mortgage rates started at multi-year lows on Feb 23rd and proceeded to have a record-setting week (lowest weekly volatility for any week that began with multi-year lows). This week has been entirely different. A chart of 10yr Treasury yields allows us to see minute to minute changes in long-term rate momentum. In terms of mortgage r...

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