

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Volatility Picked Up After a Slow Start

Market Summary: Thursday, April 16, 2026 - 8:26PM

This morning, more than halfway through the international trading day, bonds were on track for the narrowest trading range since February 24th. The low volatility didn't last. Sellers surfaced in response to several war-related headlines. Bond yields followed oil prices higher from 9am through 1pm ET. That said, it was still a fairly light day of movement in bonds with MBS only losing about an eighth of a point depending on when you look and 10yr yields up 3bps at 4.31+ in the final hour of trading.

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MBS & Treasury Markets

UMBS 5.0	99.20	-0.01	10YR	4.312%	-0.004%	4/16/2026 8:25PM EST
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Negative Reprice Risk Increasing

MBS are at new lows for the day, down roughly 0.05 from the previous low. This is enough of a drop that we could see the first few jumpy lenders pull the trigger on a reprice. Risks are much lower for lenders who priced at 10am ET or later.

ALERT: Down an Eighth From Highs

MBS MORNING: Slowest Day in Over a Month. No Reaction to Data

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed 6.29% -0.03%

15YR Fixed 5.91% -0.05% 4/17/2026

Mortgage Rates Hold Perfectly Steady

On average, today's top-tier 30 year fixed are exactly the same as yesterday's. Rates are driven by the bond market and bonds continue waiting for bigger developments in the Iran war. At the moment, the market is in a sort of limbo as time remains on the 2-week ceasefire.

In the meantime, there's a multitude of lower consequence war-related headlines on any given day. These have caused a bit of back and forth volatility in bonds, but not enough directional movement to nudge rates very far in either direction since Tuesday.

Economic Calendar

Last Week | This Week | Next Week

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Thursday, Apr 16				
8:30AM	Apr/11 Jobless Claims (k) ☆	207K	215K	218K
8:30AM	Apr/04 Continued Claims (k) ☆	1818K	1810K	1794K
8:30AM	Apr Philly Fed Prices Paid	59.30		44.70
8:30AM	Apr Philly Fed Business Index ☆	26.7	10	18.1
8:35AM	Fed Williams Speech ☆			
9:15AM	Mar Industrial Production (%) ☆	-0.5%	0.1%	0.2%
10:20AM	NY Fed Bill Purchases 4 to 12 months (%)		\$5.058 billion	
10:35AM	Fed Miran Speech ☆			
Friday, Apr 17				
12:15PM	Fed Barkin Speech ☆			
2:00PM	Fed Waller Speech ☆			

Recent Housing News

- Mortgage Demand Contracted at a Slower Pace Last Week
- Another Big Drop in Refi Demand, But Still Higher Year Over Year
- No Surprise: Refi Demand Sapped by Rate Spike

War Still Weighing on Rates, But Volatility Continues to Ebb

Whereas the entire month of March was "up, up, and away" for interest rates, April has been far calmer by comparison. The average lender ended the week in slightly lower territory and there was less volatility to boot. Refreshingly, the lower volatility means that weekly surveys were aligned with daily rates in showing the modest drop (unlike last week). That said, there's no question th...

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