

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Volatility Picked Up Despite Lackluster News Quality

Market Summary: Thursday, April 23, 2026 - 4:26PM

It's not exactly a new problem, but the issue of incorrect or misconstrued headlines is growing larger as the Iran war persists. It makes sense considering the current lull in both military and diplomatic developments. People who write and profit from breaking newswires are eager to cash in on clicks and dollars. Around 1pm ET today, several newswires created obvious volatility for bonds/oil/stocks. These involved an apparent resignation of a key Iranian official from the negotiations team and the implication that Tehran's activated air defenses meant a breach of the ceasefire. Both were refuted. Markets corrected slightly, but a certain amount of damage was done (also, markets may not believe the refutations). The net impact on bonds remained small with 10s only up a few bps and MBS down just over an eighth of a point.



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UMBS 5.0	99.01	-0.15	10YR	4.325%	+0.022%	4/23/2026 5:00PM EST
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MBS Losing Ground on Iran Headlines

There were several headlines concerning Iran's leadership and negotiation team just now. We'll discuss those more in the recap in order to get this alert out more quickly.

Oil/stocks/bonds are all on the move. MBS are now down 2 ticks on the day, but over 5 tick (16) from AM highs. Negative repricerisk is increasing moderately with jumpier lenders fairly likely to pull the trigger.

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Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed 6.32% +0.00% | 15YR Fixed 5.92% +0.02% 4/23/2026

Mortgage Rates Hold Steady For Most Lenders

Thursday saw a continuation of the recent trend of very low volatility for . The average lender's top-tier 30yr fixed rates were perfectly unchanged from yesterday and in the same narrow range as the past 7 business days (6.29-6.33%).

Despite the uneventful outcome, there was some underlying market volatility mid-day following a series of war-related headlines. The news involved the status of Iran's negotiation team as well as potential indications of air strikes in Iran. The market reacted swiftly (a resumption of hostilities would push rates/oil higher and stocks lower), but several of the headlines were subsequently retracted/clarified and the overall market reaction ended up being relatively small.

A handful of mortgage lenders responded to the market movement and increased rates. Bonds (which dictate rates) remain a bit worse off compared to this morning, so if there's not a bond market rebound by tomorrow morning, other lenders could make similar adjustments.

Economic Calendar

Last Week | This Week | Next Week

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Thursday, Apr 23				
8:30AM	Apr/11 Continued Claims (k) ☆	1821K	1820K	1818K
8:30AM	Apr/18 Jobless Claims (k) ☆	214K	212K	207K
9:45AM	Apr S&P Global Services PMI ☆	51.3	50	49.8
9:45AM	Apr S&P Global Manuf. PMI ☆	54.0	52.5	52.3
9:45AM	Apr S&P Global Composite PMI ☆	52.0		50.3
1:00PM	5-Yr Note Auction (bl) ★	26		
Friday, Apr 24				
10:00AM	Apr Consumer Sentiment (ip) ☆	49.8	47.6	53.3
10:00AM	Apr U Mich conditions ☆	52.5	50.1	55.8
10:00AM	Apr Sentiment: 1y Inflation (%) ☆	4.7%	4.8%	3.8%
10:00AM	Apr Sentiment: 5y Inflation (%) ☆	3.5%	3.4%	3.2%

Recent Housing News

- Builder Sentiment Drops to Seven-Month Low in April
- Mortgage Application Demand Finally Bounces
- Existing Home Sales Remain Flat in The Bigger Picture

Mortgage Rates Didn't Fall as Much as The Market Suggested

The good news: mortgage rates ended the week at the lowest levels in more than a month. The puzzling news: rates fell only modestly on Friday even though the bond market said they could have fallen more. Mortgage lenders consider several factors when deciding where to set mortgage rates. By far and away, the bond market is the most important of those factors. But sometimes rates don't do exa...

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