

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

More Losses After Blockade Extension News

Market Summary: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 - 9:48AM

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UMBS 5.0	98.67	-0.25	10YR	4.393%	+0.045%	4/29/2026 9:47AM EST
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In other news, there is a Fed announcement today, but no chance of a cut or hike, and no dot plot. It's hard to imagine what could be said that the market doesn't already know (or fear, i.e. inflation expectations).

MBS MORNING: Highest Yields in 3 Weeks as US Shuns Iran Proposal

ALERT: Weakest Levels

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed 6.38% +0.06%

15YR Fixed 5.94% +0.02%

4/28/2026

Mortgage Rates Rise to 2-Week Highs

moved moderately higher today for the average lender, but not for any exciting reasons. Rather, the change has more to do with timing of the underlying market movement.

While it's true that mortgage rates are directly influenced by the bond market, mortgage lenders prefer to set rates once per day. From there, they will occasionally make adjustments if the bond market experiences enough volatility. The catch is that lenders are less likely to adjust rates the later it is in the afternoon and if the bond market has been changing steadily/gradually.

With all that in mind, yesterday saw a steady, gradual decline in the bond market that persisted into the late afternoon. As such, most lenders didn't go to the trouble of adjusting rates yesterday. In other words, the average lender was already planning on raising rates a bit this morning even if the bond market started the day flat. But bonds lost even more ground this morning (before lenders decided on rates for the day).

Bottom line, lenders were tasked with adjusting for 2 days of modest weakness all at once. The result is a move that is bigger than the average recent day, but not because the underlying market movement was bigger or more volatile than average.

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Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Wednesday, Apr 29				
7:00AM	Apr/24 Mortgage Market Index	298.5		303.3
7:00AM	Apr/24 MBA Refi Index	977.9		1023.1
7:00AM	Apr/24 MBA Purchase Index	177.7		175.6
8:30AM	Mar Building Permits (ml)	1.372M	1.39M	1.538M
8:30AM	Mar Housing starts number mm (ml)	1.502M	1.40M	1.356M
8:30AM	Mar Core CapEx (%) ☆	3.3%	0.5%	0.6%
8:30AM	Mar Durable goods (%) ☆	0.8%	0.5%	-1.4%
10:30AM	Apr/24 Crude Oil Inventory (ml)	-6.233M	-0.2M	1.925M
2:00PM	Fed Interest Rate Decision ★★		3.75%	3.75%
2:30PM	Fed Press Conference ★★			
Thursday, Apr 30				
8:30AM	Apr/25 Jobless Claims (k) ☆		215K	214K
8:30AM	Apr/18 Continued Claims (k) ☆		1820K	1821K
8:30AM	Mar Core PCE (m/m) (%) ★		0.3%	0.4%
8:30AM	Mar PCE (y/y) (%) ☆		3.5%	2.8%
8:30AM	Q1 Employment costs (%) ★★		0.8%	0.7%
8:30AM	Q1 GDP Final Sales (%)			0.3%
8:30AM	Mar Core PCE (y/y) (%) ★		3.2%	3%
8:30AM	Q1 PCE Prices (Q/Q) ☆			2.9%
8:30AM	Q1 GDP (%) ★		2.3%	0.5%
8:30AM	Q1 Core PCE Prices QoQ ☆		4.1%	2.7%
8:30AM	Mar PCE prices (m/m) (%) ☆		0.7%	0.4%
9:45AM	Apr Chicago PMI ☆		53	52.8
10:00AM	Feb CB Leading Index MoM (%)		-0.1%	-0.1%