

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

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Market Summary: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 - 11:07AM

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UMBS 5.0	98.04	+0.50	10YR	4.488%	-0.072%	5/26/2026 9:04AM EST
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In the broader context, this recovery gets us back to the upper boundary of the range that had been intact before last week.

ALERT: Down More Than an Eighth From Highs

MBS MORNING: Abbreviated Friday Opening at Week's Best Levels

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed 6.61% -0.04% | 15YR Fixed 6.14% -0.09% 5/26/2026

Mortgage Rates End Week Roughly Unchanged

Mortgage lenders rely on the bond market to generate . In addition to being fully closed on Monday for Memorial Day, bonds also close 3 hours earlier than normal on the preceding Friday (i.e. today).

The abbreviated trading session was fairly uneventful for rates despite some back-and-forth volatility in response to diplomacy headlines surrounding Iran/US peace negotiations. The flow of news resulted in better bond market levels early in the day and a pull-back in the late AM hours.

After accounting for some lenders' mid-day rate changes, the average lender ended the day right in line with yesterday's levels which were also incidentally right in line with last Friday's levels.

Economic Calendar

Last Week | This Week | Next Week

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Tuesday, May 26				
9:00AM	Mar FHFA Home Price Index m/m (%)	0.1%	0.1%	0%
9:00AM	Mar FHFA Home Prices y/y (%) ☆	1.7%		1.7%
9:00AM	Mar CaseShiller 20 mm nsa (%)	1%		0.4%
9:00AM	Mar Case Shiller Home Prices-20 y/y (%) ☆	0.8%	1%	0.9%
10:00AM	May CB Consumer Confidence (%) ☆	93.1	92	92.8
1:00PM	6-Week Bill Auction (%)			3.615%
1:00PM	2-Yr Note Auction (bl)		69	
Wednesday, May 27				
4:00AM	Fed Logan Speech ☆			
7:00AM	May/22 Mortgage Market Index			283.5
7:00AM	May/22 MBA Refi Index			920.2
7:00AM	May/22 MBA Purchase Index			170.4
8:15AM	ADP Employment Change Weekly			42.25K
9:20AM	NY Fed Bill Purchases 1 to 4 months (%)		\$6.576 billion	
11:30AM	2-Yr Note Auction (bl)	28		
11:30AM	2-Year FRN Auction (%)			0.103%
1:00PM	5-Yr Note Auction (bl) ★		70	
3:55PM	Fed Cook Speech ☆			
8:00PM	Fed Jefferson Speech ☆			