

Bearish Breakout For All The Normal Reasons

Market Summary: Thursday, July 23, 2026 - 12:01PM

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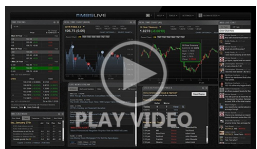
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Just Another Reasonably Bad Day For Bonds

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UMBS 5.5	99.04	-0.29	10YR	4.705%	+0.041%	7/23/2026 2:00PM EST
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MBS MORNING: Just a Bit Weaker as Oil Keeps Rising

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.85%	+0.08%	15YR Fixed	6.29%	+0.06%	7/23/2026
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Mortgage Rates Inch Up to 11-Month High

We have bad news and slightly less bad news. Starting with the latter, today's are only marginally higher than they were yesterday with the average top tier 30yr fixed rate up 0.02%. The bad news is that this takes our rate index to 6.77%--the highest level since July 28th, 2025.

Mortgage rates are driven by the bond market and bonds remain under pressure from a renewed surge in fuel prices. Specifically, higher fuel prices and additional uncertainty about the Iran war increase inflation expectations, and it's inflation that is the actual thorn in the bond market's side.

Last week's inflation reports definitely offered some solace, but the bond market has progressively come to terms with the fact that last week's data was for the month of June (the best month for lower fuel prices since the start of the Iran war). July has been the polar opposite with gas futures quickly jumping back up to their highest levels of the year as of this morning.

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Economic Calendar

Last Week | This Week | Next Week

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Thursday, Jul 23				
8:30AM	Jul/18 Jobless Claims (k) ☆	187K	212K	208K
8:30AM	Jul/11 Continued Claims (k) ☆	1796K		1805K
1:00PM	10-yr Note Auction (bl) ★	21		
Friday, Jul 24				
8:00AM	Jun Building Permits (ml)		1.367M	1.41M
9:45AM	Jul S&P Global Services PMI ☆		51.5	51.2
9:45AM	Jul S&P Global Manuf. PMI ☆		54.3	53.9
9:45AM	Jul S&P Global Composite PMI ☆			51.9
10:00AM	Jun New Home Sales (%) (%)			-7.3%
10:00AM	Jun New Home Sales (ml) ☆		0.61M	0.58M