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Market Summary: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 - 1:10PM

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MBS & Treasury Markets

UMBS 5.5	99.50	-0.17	10YR	4.653%	+0.023%	8/26/2026 11:04AM EST
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- MBS MORNING: Oil Down, Yields Down
- MBS MORNING: Slightly Stronger Start Mostly Due to Oil. Treasury News Fails to Inspire (Again)

Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.75%	+0.01%	15YR Fixed	6.32%	+0.01%	8/26/2026
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Mortgage Rates Follow Oil Prices Lower

Fuel prices continue dictating most of the day-to-day momentum for and today was a notable example. Early this morning, news reports suggested progress in the peace process via Pakistani mediators. Oil prices dropped sharply in response and bond yields followed the move.

Bond yields correlate with . When yields are falling, mortgage lenders are generally able to offer lower rates than they otherwise would have, depending on the timing and size of the move. In today's case, it was good for a 0.04% drop in average top-tier 30yr fixed mortgage rates--resulting in the lowest levels in nearly a week.

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Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Wednesday, Aug 26				
7:00AM	Aug/21 MBA Refi Index	740.8		755.9
7:00AM	Aug/21 MBA Purchase Index	154.4		154.8
7:00AM	Aug/21 Mortgage Market Index	245.3		247.7
8:30AM	Q2 Corporate profits (%)	8.2%		0.5%
8:30AM	Q2 PCE Prices (Q/Q) ☆	5.3%	5.1%	4.6%
8:30AM	Jul PCE prices (m/m) (%) ☆	0.2%	0.1%	-0.1%
8:30AM	Q2 GDP Final Sales (%)	2.2%	2.2%	1.9%
8:30AM	Q2 Core PCE Prices QoQ ☆	3.6%	3.4%	4.4%
8:30AM	Jul Durable goods (%) ☆	1.1%	0.5%	0.3%
8:30AM	Jul Core PCE (y/y) (%) ★	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%
8:30AM	Jul Core PCE (m/m) (%) ★	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
8:30AM	Jul Core CapEx (%) ☆	0.2%	0.9%	0.9%
8:30AM	Jul PCE (y/y) (%) ☆	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%
8:30AM	Q2 GDP (%) ★	1.5%	1.5%	2.1%
10:30AM	Aug/21 Crude Oil Inventory (ml)	0.095M	0.6M	4.405M
11:30AM	2-Yr Note Auction (bl)	28		
11:30AM	2-Year FRN Auction (%)	0.055%		0.050%
11:45AM	Fed Barkin Speech ☆			
1:00PM	5-Yr Note Auction (bl) ★	70		
8:00PM	Jackson Hole Symposium ☆			
Thursday, Aug 27				
8:30AM	Aug/22 Jobless Claims (k) ☆		208K	206K
8:30AM	Aug/15 Continued Claims (k) ☆		1790K	1799K
1:00PM	7-Yr Note Auction (bl) ★		44	
8:00PM	Jackson Hole Symposium ☆			