

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Still a Resilient Day Despite Afternoon Weakness

Market Summary: Friday, September 4, 2026 - 4:54AM

The day's most notable development, by far, was the speech from Fed Governor Waller in which he said the Fed probably didn't need to hike at the upcoming meeting (depending on data, of course). Fed Funds Futures reacted immediately and mostly held those gains all day. The longer end of the curve ended up giving back most of the initial gains, albeit very gradually. The net effect is that we're still in "wait and see" mode--but a slightly less painful version--ahead of Friday's jobs report and next week's inflation data.

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UMBS 5.5	99.01	+0.05	10YR	4.759%	-0.010%	9/4/2026 2:49AM EST
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MBS Down an Eighth From Mid-Day Highs

Just a heads up for those who already had a positive reprice or who are planning on locking today: MBS are still an eighth of a point higher on the day, but down an eighth from the mid-day highs (also down an eighth from the early lenders' rate sheet print times). Negative reprices are relatively rare in these scenarios, but they can and do happen occasionally.

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Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.88%	-0.03%	15YR Fixed	6.48%	-0.02%	9/3/2026
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Mortgage Rates Drop to Week's Best Levels

finally had a decent day on Thursday after spending the previous three days inching into the highest levels in more than a year. Part of the improvement was due to comments from Fed Governor Chris Waller who said that it wouldn't be necessary to hike rates at the next meeting unless inflation data surprises to the upside.

Before that, the underlying bond market was already showing some resilience in overnight trading. The prevailing pattern has been a fairly reliable correlation between bond yields and oil prices. But this time around, yields held fairly steady in the overnight session even though oil prices moved higher.

Mortgage rates are based on bonds, and mortgage-specific bonds correlate almost flawlessly with 5-10yr U.S. Treasuries on any given day. The net effect was a return to the week's lowest levels for a top-tier 30yr fixed rate at the average lender.

Good news notwithstanding, risks remain on the horizon. Friday morning brings important economic data in the form of the jobs report. Next week's inflation data will be just as critical. As always, data-related volatility cuts both ways. If it's much weaker than expected, rates would likely continue lower. But if it's much higher than expected, rates would likely make new highs.

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Friday, Sep 04				
8:30AM	Aug Average earnings mm (%) ★		0.3%	0.1%
8:30AM	Aug Non Farm Payrolls (k) ★★		56K	-23K
8:30AM	Aug Unemployment rate mm (%) ★★		4.1%	4.1%
8:30AM	Aug Participation Rate ★			61.4%
Monday, Sep 07				
12:00AM	Labor Day ★★			