MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Yields Launch Higher After Balmy NFP

Market Summary: Friday, September 4, 2026 - 2:59PM

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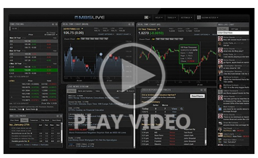

Still a Resilient Day Despite Afternoon Weakness

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Bonds Only Moderately Higher After Balmy NFP

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The put this in better context, it has basically erased yesterday's Waller reaction in Fed Funds Futures--not a big move in the bigger picture.

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Today's Mortgage Rates

30YR Fixed	6.89%	+0.01%	15YR Fixed	6.49%	+0.01%	9/4/2026

Rates Only Slightly Higher Despite Strong Jobs Report

have a long and storied past with the monthly jobs report. Officially titled "The Employment Situation," the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) jobs report has more power than any other monthly economic report to cause volatility in the rate market over the years. It may have lost some of that capability over the past few years, but it's always worthy of respect.

With that in mind, it was an ominous sign for rates when this morning's jobs data came in MUCH stronger than expected. BLS counted 162k new jobs created compared to a median forecast of 56k. On many occasions in the past, the result of such a "beat" would have been a substantial increase in mortgage rates.

These days, however, the job count carries a bit less weight than it used to for a variety of reasons. It definitely had an impact today, but a much smaller impact than career rate-watchers may have expected. Average top-tier 30yr fixed rates moved only modestly higher and remained safely below the long-term highs seen on Wednesday.

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Economic Calendar

Last Week | This Week | Next Week

Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Friday, Sep 04				
8:30AM	Aug Average earnings mm (%)	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%
8:30AM	Aug Non Farm Payrolls (k)	162K	56K	-23K
8:30AM	Aug Unemployment rate mm (%)	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%
8:30AM	Aug Participation Rate	61.6%		61.4%
Monday, Sep 07				
12:00AM	Labor Day			