

MARKET SUMMARY

Complete Recap of Today's Market Activity

Sharply Weaker Again. Half Oil. Half PPI

Market Summary: Thursday, September 10, 2026 - 10:50AM

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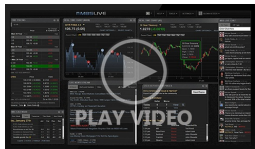
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Bonds to Bessent: Challenge Accepted

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UMBS 5.5	97.91	-0.52	10YR	4.906%	+0.066%	9/10/2026 8:44AM EST
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ALERT: One More For Emphasis: Reprices Are Now Highly Likely

ALERT: Weakest Levels After Treasury Announcement

30YR Fixed	7.07%	+0.10%	15YR Fixed	6.62%	+0.08%	9/10/2026
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Mortgage Rates Jump After New Treasury Buyback Announcement

What do have to do with Treasuries? Quite a lot, actually. U.S. Treasuries are the bills and bonds issued by the government. In addition to financing government spending, they are also the lifeblood of the financial system. Due to that central role, their liquidity, the immense size of the market, and because they're considered to be "risk free," Treasuries also serve as the baseline for most other in the U.S.

This isn't to say that mortgage lenders simply look at Treasury yields plus a margin to set mortgage rates. But the trading value of Treasuries has a bearing on how mortgage-specific bonds trade. Put most simply, a mortgage bond buyer/seller compares returns between mortgage bonds and Treasuries to get an idea of the relative value of mortgage bonds. This impacts supply and demand such that mortgage rates typically behave very much like medium-term Treasuries.

With all that out of the way, we're equipped to understand that any big news for Treasuries (even if it's specific to Treasuries) can have far reaching consequences. Today's big news involved a much-anticipated announcement of the size of the next Treasury buyback program. It's not important to understand the nuts and bolts of that program when it comes to today's mortgage rates. What's important is that the market was expecting a bigger announcement than it got.

Even though Treasury buybacks ultimately imply more Treasury sales, they can temporarily boost demand and put downward pressure on rates. If the buyback amount is lower than expected, that means less demand than expected and higher rates, all else equal.

Mortgage rates were already treading water at long term highs. Today's increase merely caused another incremental jump to slightly higher highs. Last week, rates were the highest since June 2025. Today, they're the highest since May 2025.

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Time	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Thursday, Sep 10				
8:30AM	Aug/29 Continued Claims (k) ☆	1774K	1780K	1779K
8:30AM	Sep/05 Jobless Claims (k) ☆	206K	205K	206K
8:30AM	Aug Core PPI m/m (%) ☆	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
8:30AM	Aug Core PPI y/y (%) ☆	4.6%	4.6%	4.2%
8:30AM	Aug PPI y/y ☆	5.4%	5.3%	4.7%
8:30AM	Aug PPI m/m (%) ☆	0.4%	0.4%	0%
9:20AM	NY Fed Bill Purchases 4 to 12 months (%)		\$2.122 billion	
10:00AM	Aug Existing home sales (ml) ☆	3.98M	3.98M	4.06M
10:00AM	Aug Exist. home sales % chg (%) ☆	-2%		-1.7%
12:00PM	Sep/04 Crude Oil Inventory (ml)	-0.391M	-1.6M	-4.45M
1:00PM	30-Yr Bond Auction (bl) ☆	22		
1:00PM	30-Year Bond Auction ☆			5.216%
Friday, Sep 11				
12:00AM	Roll Date - UMBS 30YR			
8:30AM	Aug y/y Headline CPI (%) ☆		3.4%	3.4%
8:30AM	Aug m/m CORE CPI (%) ★★		0.2%	0.2%
8:30AM	Aug m/m Headline CPI (%) ★		0.4%	0.1%
8:30AM	Aug y/y CORE CPI (%) ★★		2.4%	2.5%
10:00AM	Sep Consumer Sentiment (ip) ☆		51	51.7
10:00AM	Sep Sentiment: 1y Inflation (%) ☆			4%
10:00AM	Sep Sentiment: 5y Inflation (%) ☆			3.3%
10:00AM	Sep U Mich conditions ☆		51.3	51.9
12:00PM	WASDE Report (%)			
2:00PM	Aug Federal budget (bl)		\$-202.5B	\$-432B