Mortgage Rate Update



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Mortgage Rates Hold Steady as Stocks **Stabilize**

Mortgage rates held relatively steady today, finally leveling off after two solid days of improvement driven by the week's big stock market sell-off. Stocks and rates don't always move in the same direction at the same time, but when stocks make a big move lower, rates tend to benefit. This week's move lower in stocks was the 3rd largest since the financial crisis. In that light, we only saw a mere token of improvement for mortgage rates, but we'll take what we can get considering it was the only meaningful drop in rates since August 10th.

For most of the day, it looked like stocks might head back down, but they recovered in the afternoon. That **put an end** to the hopes of any more improvement in mortgage rates for this week. Underlying bond markets were quick to follow stocks back in the other direction as well. This suggests that things will remain challenging for rates in the coming week, unless another source of inspiration suddenly appears.

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30 Year Fixed Rate Mortgage National Average: 7.2 7.83 7 45

National Average Mortgage Rates

for the		N'AM	7.07 6.69
MarketNewsletter		5-1-04	
Jul 23 S	Sep 23 Dec 23 Rate	Feb 24 Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.28%	-0.09	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.75%	-0.07	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.70%	-0.12	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.48%	-0.07	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.35%	-0.07	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.22%	-0.22	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.47%	-0.29	0.00
Mortgage Bank	ers Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.24%	+0.11	0.66
15 Yr. Fixed	6.75%	+0.11	0.64
30 Yr. FHA	7.01%	+0.11	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.45%	+0.05	0.56
5/1 ARM	6.64%	+0.12	0.87
Rates as of: 5/3			

MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.09	+0.31
MBS GNMA 6.0	101.03	+0.29
10 YR Treasury	4.5138	-0.0657
30 YR Treasury	4.6711	-0.0579

Pricing as of: 5/3 5:04PM EST

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