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Mortgage Rates Moderately Lower

Mortgage rates fell today, but continue to **lagging** behind the movements seen in underlying bond markets. Part of that has to do with the timing of bond market swings over the past few days, but lenders also simply want to see markets pick a theme and stick with it. Simply put: trading levels in bonds ultimately dictate rates, and today's trading levels suggest the lowest rates of the month. Given that today's rates are still generally in line with last Friday's, it would be fair to conclude that we'll see more improvement on lender rate sheets, even if bond markets merely hold flat tomorrow.

Although we can't ever know what bond markets will do tomorrow, the fact that mortgage rates are heading into the day with a **small advantage** is useful knowledge. It means there's comparatively less risk involved in floating one's rate.

Balance that against the fact that lenders will likely continue to be **cautious** about making big adjustments **until** they see what markets are doing with Thursday's policy announcement from the European Central Bank. Today's bond market gains suggest that traders are already betting on a rate-friendly reaction, but there's no telling if that sentiment has already run its course.

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National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.09%	+0.07	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.56%	+0.03	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.62%	+0.07	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.35%	+0.04	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.30%	+0.06	0.00

Freddie Mac

30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	-0.42	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.28%	-0.48	0.00

Mortgage Bankers Assoc.

30 Yr. Fixed	7.08%	-0.10	0.63
15 Yr. Fixed	6.61%	+0.01	0.65
30 Yr. FHA	6.89%	-0.03	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.22%	-0.09	0.58
5/1 ARM	6.56%	-0.04	0.66

Rates as of: 5/17

MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.40	-0.15
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.78	+0.04
10 YR Treasury	4.4223	+0.0454
30 YR Treasury	4.5610	+0.0549

Pricing as of: 5/17 5:59PM EST

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