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## Mortgage Rates Higher to Begin Holiday-Shortened Week

**Mortgage rates** moved slightly higher today against the backdrop of the unique bond market conditions seen on Thanksgiving week. Bond markets underlie mortgage rates, and there's generally a certain level of participation that traders and mortgage lenders can count on. That participation wanes on major holiday weeks and the remaining players tend to behave a bit more conservatively. This is seen in the form of interest rates staying inside recent boundaries and mortgage lenders not getting too aggressive with pricing.

Inside those boundaries, however, movement is **far less predictable**. After all, with fewer players in the game, each trader has a bigger say in the direction rates will move. If there are more bonds being sold than bought, regardless of the motivation, rates will move higher. This was the case today. Things could just as easily go the opposite way tomorrow, but that's not the sort of thing to plan on. Considering that lenders will be less willing to offer lower rates if bond markets improve this week, both risks and rewards are muted when it comes to floating vs locking.

Bond markets and mortgage banks are **closed on Thursday** for Thanksgiving and lenders won't be issuing rate sheets. Friday is technically a half-day for bond markets, but availability of new rates and the ability to lock them varies widely. Many lenders simply republish the same rate sheets from the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

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## National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
<b>Mortgage News Daily</b>			
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 Bankers 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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