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Mortgage Rates Still Working on That Ceiling

Mortgage rates didn't move much today. Most lenders were just slightly lower/better this morning, but mid-day market weakness prompted several of them to reissue higher rates. In the bigger picture, however, the past several days represent a welcome stint of relative calm. The general trend had been toward higher rates beginning in mid-December.

Granted, that general trend **could continue** and the past few business days could merely be a pause. But the point is, whether it's a pause or the beginning of a reversal, either would begin the same way. The important development in underlying bond markets has been resilience at the weaker (read: higher rate) levels. Using 10yr Treasury yields as a benchmark for rate in general, we'd want 2.60% to continue to act as a ceiling.

The **ingredient we're still missing** is the move below an important floor. In the current case, 2.52% would be a good first step. A move to 2.42% would likely correspond with top tier 30yr fixed mortgage rates returning to 4.0% on average.

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National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News	Daily		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.38%	-0.05	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.82%	-0.03	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.86%	-0.05	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.58%	-0.04	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.40%	0.00	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.10%	-0.34	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.39%	-0.37	0.00
Mortgage Banke	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	7.13%	+0.12	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.64%	+0.18	0.64
30 Yr. FHA	6.90%	+0.10	0.99
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.40%	+0.27	0.46
5/1 ARM	6.52%	+0.11	0.60
Rates as of: 4/23			

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MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.46	-0.15
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.27	-0.13
10 YR Treasury	4.6355	+0.0341
30 YR Treasury	4.7612	+0.0319
Pricing as of: 4/24 9:23AM EST		

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