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Mortgage Rates Unchanged Despite Market Improvements

Mortgage rates were **generally unchanged** today, although a few lenders offered slight improvements. This stands in contrast to the noticeable improvements in underlying bond markets. As we discussed yesterday, Treasury yields are leading the charge toward lower rates, and while the bonds that underlie mortgages are definitely lagging that move, they're improving nonetheless. But again, you wouldn't really know it based on today's rate sheets.

The absence of lender improvements on days like today is **unfortunately par for the course**. It was only a half day for bond markets and tomorrow is a full closure for the Good Friday holiday. As such, there's additional risk involved for lenders dropping mortgage rates for 2 reasons. First, the counterparties required to trade the underlying bonds are harder to find on either side of a holiday weekend. Also, an extra day and a half simply creates risk of additional market movement between now and the next time lenders can update rate sheets. If they price too low today and rates jump higher next week, today's commitments would have cost lenders more money than a typical market swing.

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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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