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Mortgage Rates Still Waiting to Make a Move

Mortgage rates have been **exceptionally sideways** for nearly 2 weeks now-- this after hitting the highest levels in more than 4 years on April 25th. As always, the run up to long-term highs happened in concert with weakness in the broader bond market. Rates are based primarily on the prices of mortgage-backed securities (MBS). In turn, MBS movement is heavily dependent on movement in the broader bond market (where bonds like US Treasuries are top dog, domestically).

All that to say: we're not really witnessing a mortgage rate phenomenon, but rather a bond market phenomenon. Both Treasuries and MBS are trying to decide if they will try to stage a more meaningful recovery or if they will push up to even higher levels than those seen in late April. Some of this week's data and events could play a role in that decision making process, but we'll be waiting until Wednesday or Thursday to know for sure. Even then, if the data is inconclusive, we could **STILL** be waiting for a bigger move, and without any firm indication as to what will ultimately be the motivating factor.

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National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.43%	-0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.85%	-0.01	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.92%	-0.03	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.63%	-0.01	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.50%	0.00	0.00

Freddie Mac

30 Yr. Fixed	7.17%	-0.27	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.44%	-0.32	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: 4/29

MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.52	+0.16
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.50	+0.15
10 YR Treasury	4.6259	-0.0386
30 YR Treasury	4.7472	-0.0267

Pricing as of: 4/29 11:34AM EST

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