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## Mortgage Rates Improved Today

After a pretty rough conclusion last week, yesterday's stability was a welcome change for **mortgage rates** at the start of the new week. Today made things **slightly better** as the average lender improved modestly. This puts today's rate quotes back in line with those seen last Thursday afternoon.

More importantly, rates managed to hold their ground **despite** the presence of strong economic data this morning. Whether we're talking about the Fed or the average bond market investor, most everyone is intently focused on the economy at the moment--waiting to see if it will reaccelerate or begin to show signs of weakness. A strong economy generally puts upward pressure on rates and vice versa. Today was important because it broke that mold. Rates improved in the middle of the day even after the strong economic data. That indicates solid investor appetite for bonds (and bond market demand dictates interest rates).

Even though there was resilience in the face of strong data today, the market **will only tolerate so many** of those reports before rates will be forced to move higher. With that in mind, we're building toward a very important jobs report on Friday. This is always an incredibly important report as far as rates are concerned. With investors hungry for economic updates, there's a bigger-than-normal risk of volatility on Friday morning. As always, this could either take rates quickly higher OR lower.

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## National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
<b>Mortgage News Daily</b>			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.45%	-0.07	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.86%	-0.05	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.95%	-0.05	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.64%	-0.04	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.50%	-0.05	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: 4/26

## MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.37	+0.30
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.35	+0.27
10 YR Treasury	4.6645	-0.0394
30 YR Treasury	4.7739	-0.0400

Pricing as of: 4/26 5:05PM EST

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