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For Mortgage Rates, "High 3's" In Sight Once Again

Mortgage rates took the day to do **just a little bit more** of what they've been doing in fairly grand fashion for the past week: **MOVE LOWER!** When the good times started in earnest (after last week's Fed Announcement), rates were already in line with their lowest levels in more than a year. As of today, they're another quarter or a percentage point (0.25%) lower. In other words, if you'd been looking at a quote of 4.375% last Tuesday, you'd likely be seeing 4.125% today.

Whether or not that's the conventional 30yr fixed quote you're seeing depends on a variety of factors. But certainly, for anyone with more than 20% equity and strong credit/income, **4.125% is a given** and 4.0% is increasingly available.

Seeing 4.0% means that a few of the most aggressive lenders are going to be offering **3.875%** on truly perfect scenarios, but such quotes aren't widespread enough to consider as being anywhere near "the going rate." And while that certainly means "the high 3's" are **in sight** for mortgage rates, **don't** expect that move to happen nearly as quickly as the move down to 4.125%. The reason is complicated to explain and understand, but it has to do with the structure of the underlying market for mortgage-backed bonds, and a sort of arbitrage-based advantage that currently exists between 4.25% and 4.125%.

To make a long story short, it doesn't cost the average lender any more to give you 4.125% today compared to 4.25%. This is an uncommon imbalance, and it definitely doesn't apply to the next few steps lower (4.0 or 3.875%).

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National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.52%	+0.13	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.91%	+0.08	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	7.00%	+0.13	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.68%	+0.10	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.55%	+0.15	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: 4/25

MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.06	-0.37
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.08	-0.17
10 YR Treasury	4.6935	-0.0104
30 YR Treasury	4.8023	-0.0116

Pricing as of: 4/25 11:44PM EST

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