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Mortgage Rates Pop Up to This Week's Highs

Mortgage rates hadn't moved much since last Friday--a good thing considering those levels were in line with the lowest levels in a long time. The ground-holding gave way today, however, as the underlying bond market weakened for the first time this week. In turn, mortgage rates quickly find themselves at this week's highs. But whether or not that means anything too troubling will depend on the lender in question. Most are still able to quote the same interest rate quoted yesterday with only minor differences in upfront costs.

Both stocks and bonds (which dictate rates) **lost ground** today. Considering they've both been **gaining** ground recently (not surprising due to the expectations for friendlier Fed policy--a rising tide that helps stocks move higher and rates move lower), this could be taken to mean that investors are taking some chips off the table ahead of the month-end bookkeeping deadline. Traders could also be cautious ahead of potential trade news that could come out of the G20 summit at the end of the week. Either way, volatility is on the horizon. If it's not this week's events that do the trick, next week's economic data could have a big impact.

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National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News	Daily		
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 Banke	rs 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	99.48	+0.11
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.50	+0.15
10 YR Treasury	4.6270	-0.0375
30 YR Treasury	4.7456	-0.0283

Pricing as of: 4/29 10:40AM EST

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