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Mortgage Rates Jump to 9-Month Highs

Ask any parent. A lot can change in 9 months. Same story for mortgage rates. During that time, the average 30yr fixed rate dropped 0.65% only to move back up just as much as of the end of the week. This week alone accounted for a 0.23% increase for the average lender as hope quickly faded for a quick end to the Iran war.

The war itself has been responsible for essentially all of the 0.65% jump. Here's why:

- Rates are based on bonds
- Bonds hate inflation
- The higher fuel prices associated with the war imply more inflation
- Thus, higher inflation = higher rates, all else equal

In addition, the war implies additional funding needs for the government. The issuance of more debt is a key funding source for the government and higher debt issuance begets higher rates, all else equal.

Fresh data out this week showed the inflationary impact of the war flowing through to the domestic economy. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) hit its highest level since 2023. Even if we focus on Core CPI (which excludes food and energy categories), annual inflation was the highest since 2025 and monthly inflation came in tied for the fastest pace since 2023.

Wholesale level inflation was even worse according to the Producer Price Index (PPI), with the annual rate surging to 6.0%--the highest since late 2022. Core PPI was also the highest since 2022 at 5.2%.

But inflation data itself wasn't as big of a deal this week. The market pushed rates higher right when the war began because it expected these numbers to surge. In other words, the market infers inflation impact based on breaking developments.

On that note, Friday was the worst day we've seen since the start of the war. A certain portion of the trading community was hoping that this week's Trump/Xi summit would set the stage for a diplomatic shift that accelerated a peace deal with Iran. As soon as the summit ended without any news of the sort, the bond market immediately began moving higher in yield/rate.

By the end of the day on Friday, 10yr Treasury yields were up more than 0.11% to the highest levels in a year. Mortgage rates "only" back to August levels thanks to increased bond buying on the part of Fannie and Freddie.

National Average Mortgage Rates



Mortgage News Daily	Rate	Change	Points
30YR Fixed	7.22%	-0.08	0.00
15YR Fixed	6.85%	-0.06	0.00
30YR FHA	6.89%	-0.06	0.00
30YR Jumbo	7.40%	-0.05	0.00
7/6 SOFR	6.73%	+0.02	0.00
30YR VA	6.90%	-0.07	0.00

Rates as of: 11/4

MBS and Treasury

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.17	-0.03
10 YR Treasury	4.8890	+0.0036
30 YR Treasury	5.2687	-0.0112

Pricing as of: 11/5 7:07AM EST

Recent Housing Data

		Value	Change
Mortgage Apps	Oct 21	195	+3.39%
Building Permits	Sep	1.4M	+0.43%
Housing Starts	Sep	1.22M	-4.24%
New Home Sales	Sep	676K	-1.17%
Pending Home Sales	Aug	71.2	0%
Existing Home Sales	Oct	3.99M	+0.25%
Builder Confidence	Oct	29	-9.38%

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These purchases of mortgage-backed securities have helped narrow the spread between mortgage rates and Treasury yields.

Looking ahead, the market will remain sensitive to war-related developments. Rates could certainly move back down if a peace deal is achieved soon, but as this week showed, they have no problem moving higher when hopes for a peace deal fade.

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Recent Economic Data

Date	Event	Actual	Forecast	Prior
Monday, May 11				
10:00AM	Apr Existing home sales (ml)	4.02M	4.05M	3.98M
Tuesday, May 12				
8:30AM	Apr y/y Headline CPI (%)	3.8%	3.7%	3.3%
Wednesday, May 13				
7:00AM	May/08 MBA Refi Index	921.1		928.6
7:00AM	May/08 MBA Purchase Index	177.7		171.1
8:30AM	Apr PPI y/y	6%	4.9%	4%
Thursday, May 14				
8:30AM	Apr Import prices mm (%)	1.9%	1.0%	0.8%
8:30AM	May/09 Jobless Claims (k)	211K	205K	200K
8:30AM	Apr Retail Sales (%)	0.5%	0.5%	1.7%
Friday, May 15				
8:30AM	May NY Fed Manufacturing	19.60	7.5	11.00
9:15AM	Apr Industrial Production (%)	0.7%	0.3%	-0.5%
Monday, May 18				
10:00AM	May NAHB housing market indx	37	35	34
Tuesday, May 19				
10:00AM	Apr Pending Home Sales (%)	1.4%	1%	1.5%
Wednesday, May 20				
2:00PM	FOMC Minutes			
Thursday, May 21				
8:30AM	May/16 Jobless Claims (k)	209K	210K	211K
8:30AM	Apr Building Permits (ml)	1.442M	1.39M	1.363M
8:30AM	Apr Housing starts number mm (ml)	1.465M	1.41M	1.502M
8:30AM	May Philly Fed Business Index	-0.4	18	26.7
Friday, May 22				
10:00AM	May Consumer Sentiment (ip)	44.8	48.2	49.8

Event Importance:

No Stars = Insignificant
☆ Low
★ Moderate
★★ Important
★★ Very Important

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About Me

I'm the Founder & CEO of World Home Loans, a mission-driven mortgage brokerage built with one purpose: to give consumers, especially Veterans, the respect, speed, and savings they deserve when financing a home.

Over the past 2 years, I've personally closed over 600 VA purchase loans and personally funded more than $375M in the past 12 months. Along the way, I learned that America's Veterans are too often underserved by big-box lenders—facing higher rates, slower closings, and a lack of genuine care. That's why I built World Home Loans.

 Our Mission:
• To serve our Veterans by offering ultra-low mortgage rates and closing costs.
• To empower Veterans with the knowledge and resources needed to make informed home financing decisions.
• To stand against and eliminate the widespread overcharging of Veterans that has persisted in the mortgage industry for decades.

At World Home Loans, we back this mission with execution:
 Faster closings (our average is 18 days)
 Better pricing (consistently beating national averages)
 White-glove experience that earns 5-star reviews at scale
 A platform where top producers can 2–3X their volume through efficiency, brand power, and unmatched VA expertise.

With "Victory on the Home Front" as our rallying cry, World Home Loans is on course to become the dominant VA-focused lender in the country.

 Alongside building WHL, I'm writing my book The Efficient Closer: Building a Mortgage Empire with Precision and Purpose—a playbook for originators who want to scale with speed, systems, and execution.

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