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# November Volatility Shows Up Early And Next Week Could Be Even Crazier

Last week's newsletter warned that it was time to start thinking about incredibly high volatility potential due to events in the first few days of November. But as far as interest rates are concerned, the volatility is already here.

Rates jumped sharply higher to start the new week in a move that still has market watchers scratching their heads. Some analysts pointed to election odds as a catalyst while others thought it had to do with trader positioning in advance of the big ticket events in the coming weeks. Either way, Monday saw mortgage rates jump more than an eighth of a percent--something they almost never do without clearly defined provocation.

After hitting the highest levels in months on Wednesday, there's been a microscopic recovery in the 2nd half of the week. Hopefully, this means rates are content to wait here for the next major source of inspiration.

Why "hopefully?" Because there's never any way to ensure the future will behave as the present suggests when it comes to financial markets. So what can we know? There are a few things.

We know that rates moved a lot higher over the past 4 weeks than the average media coverage suggests. Mainstream weekly surveys only show a spike of about 0.40%. The actual spike in daily average rates was over 0.70%.

## 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 | 100.26 | +0.06 |
| 10 YR Treasury | 4.8828 | -0.0026 |
| 30 YR Treasury | 5.2655 | -0.0144 |

Pricing as of: 11/4 7:28PM EST

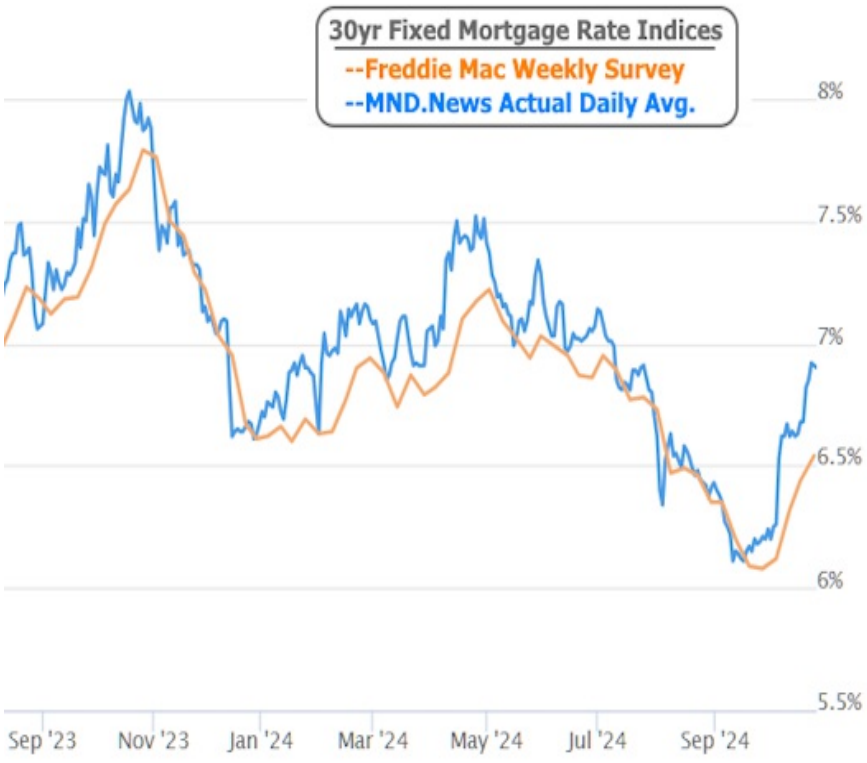
## Recent Housing Data

| | | 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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We also know that next week's jobs report (on Friday) is a huge source of potential volatility, for better or worse. Then, in the following week, the election could have an even bigger impact. Top it all off with the Fed's next rate announcement a few days later and the recipe for volatility is clear. As always, remember that volatility goes both ways depending on the outcome of these big ticket events.

**Highlights from this week's economic and housing data:**

This week's most noticeable bond market reaction came in response the weekly jobless claims data. Initially, it caused yields to rise because claims were lower than expected. But traders also considered that "continuing claims" (those who continued to file for U/E beyond the initial week) rose to the highest level in years.

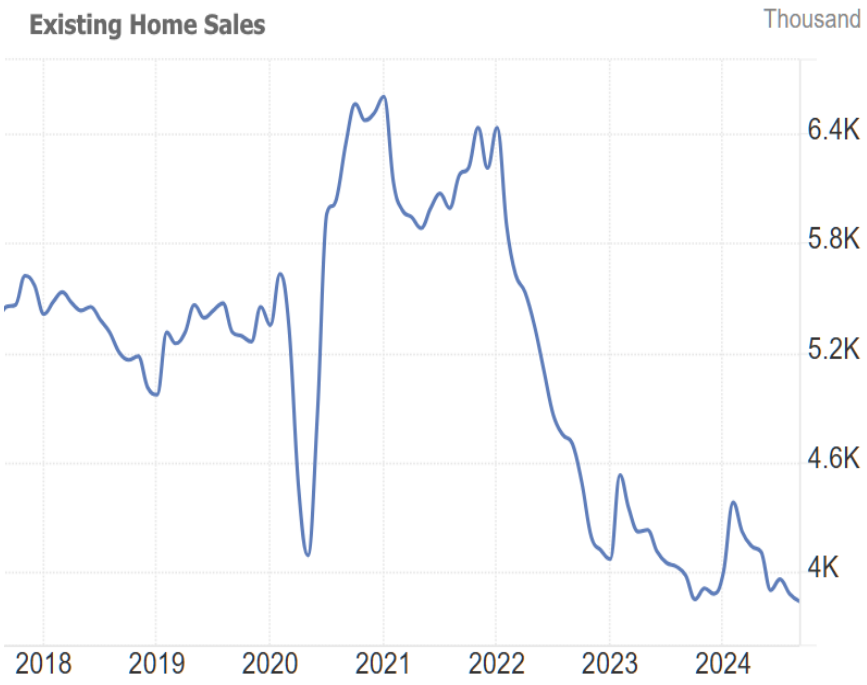
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Existing Home Sales came in lower than expected and have generally been bouncing along the lowest levels since the Great Financial Crisis more than a decade ago.

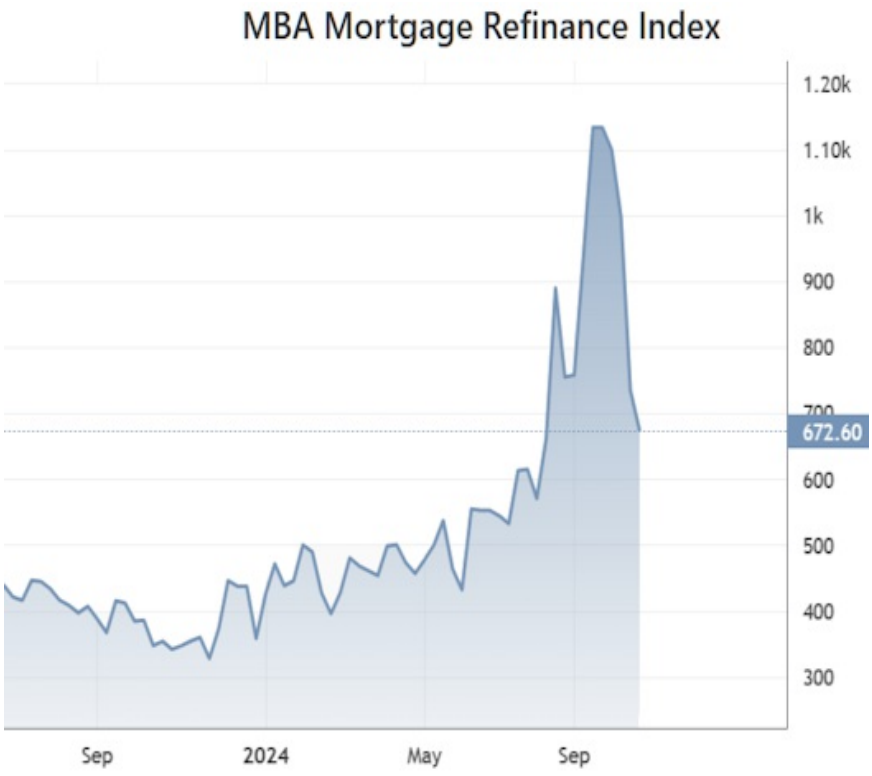



Weekly mortgage application data has been in the news recently due to surge in September as rates dropped. The refi index quickly shifted back toward those lower levels as rates have spiked in October.

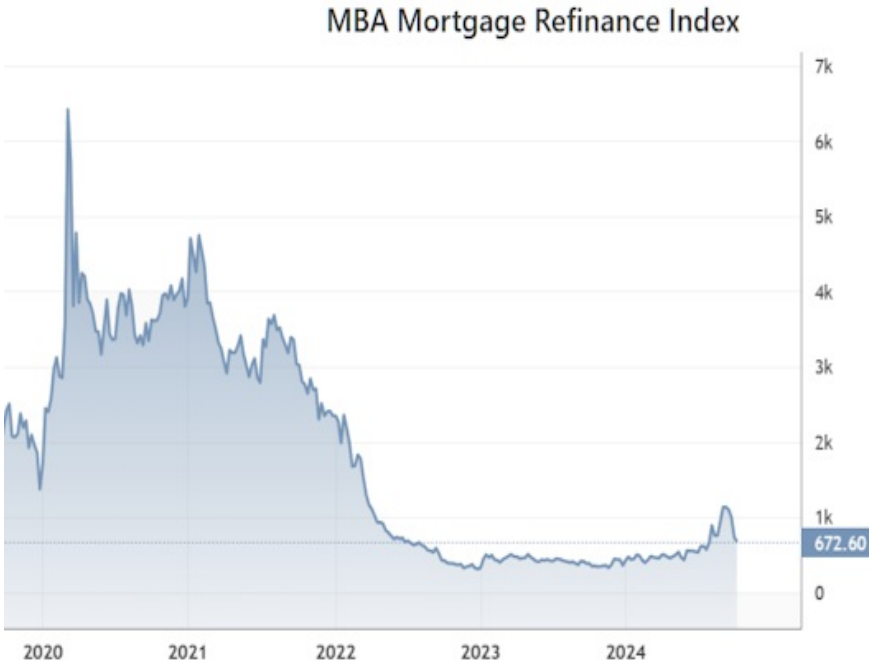
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As dramatic as the chart above may seem, everything is happening on a micro scale for refinance applications these days compared to the past refi waves.




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## Recent Economic Data

## Event Importance:

No Stars = Insignificant

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# US Housing Market Weekly

October 25, 2024

| Date | Event | Actual | Forecast | Prior |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Wednesday, Oct 23** | | | | |
| 7:00AM | Oct/18 MBA Refi Index | 672.6 | | 734.6 |
| 7:00AM | Oct/18 MBA Purchase Index | 131.3 | | 138.4 |
| 10:00AM | Sep Existing home sales (ml) | 3.84M | 3.9M | 3.86M |
| **Thursday, Oct 24** | | | | |
| 8:30AM | Oct/19 Jobless Claims (k) | 227K | 242K | 241K |
| 8:30AM | Oct/12 Continued Claims (ml) | 1897K | 1880K | 1867K |
| 9:45AM | Oct S&P Global Services PMI | 55.3 | 55 | 55.2 |
| 9:45AM | Oct S&P Global Manuf. PMI | 47.8 | 47.5 | 47.3 |
| 10:00AM | Sep New Home Sales (ml) | 0.738M | 0.72M | 0.716M |
| **Friday, Oct 25** | | | | |
| 8:30AM | Sep Durable goods (%) | -0.8% | -1% | 0.0% |
| 10:00AM | Oct Consumer Sentiment (ip) | 70.5 | 69 | 70.1 |
| **Monday, Oct 28** | | | | |
| 3:00PM | Treasury Refunding Financing Estimates (%) | | | |
| **Tuesday, Oct 29** | | | | |
| 9:00AM | Aug FHFA Home Prices y/y (%) | 4.2% | | 4.5% |
| 9:00AM | Aug Case Shiller Home Prices-20 y/y (% ) | 5.2% | 5.1% | 5.9% |
| 10:00AM | Oct CB Consumer Confidence (%) | 108.7 | 99.5 | 98.7 |
| 10:00AM | Sep USA JOLTS Job Openings | 7.443M | 7.99M | 8.04M |
| **Wednesday, Oct 30** | | | | |
| 8:15AM | Oct ADP jobs (k) | 233K | 115K | 143K |
| 8:30AM | Treasury Refunding Announcement (%) | | | |
| 8:30AM | Q3 GDP (%) | 2.8% | 3% | 3% |
| 10:00AM | Sep Pending Home Sales (%) | 7.4% | 1.1% | 0.6% |
| **Thursday, Oct 31** | | | | |
| 8:30AM | Q3 Employment costs (%) | 0.8% | 0.9% | 0.9% |
| 8:30AM | Sep Core PCE (m/m) (%) | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.1% |
| 8:30AM | Sep Core PCE Inflation (y/y) (%) | 2.7% | 2.6% | 2.7% |
| 8:30AM | Oct/26 Jobless Claims (k) | 216K | 230K | 227K |
| 9:45AM | Oct Chicago PMI | 41.6 | 47 | 46.6 |
| **Friday, Nov 01** | | | | |
| 8:30AM | Oct Non Farm Payrolls | 12K | 113K | 254K |
| 8:30AM | Oct Unemployment rate mm (%) | 4.1% | 4.1% | 4.1% |
| 10:00AM | Oct ISM Manufacturing PMI | 46.5 | 47.6 | 47.2 |

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★ Moderate
★★ Important
★★ Very Important

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