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UPDATE: NFP "Beat" Leads to Initial Bounce, Followed by Second Thoughts

NFP came in at +178k vs a median forecast of +175k, but I can assure you that most traders out there were fearing a 200k+ number, given the slew of positive anecdotes from November's other labor market metrics. Even unemployment was significantly stronger at 4.6% vs a 4.9% forecast. That's a bigger beat than can be accounted for by the 0.1% decline in labor force participation.

The first move in bonds has been stronger--a logical gut reaction given the preponderance of high "whisper numbers" (off-the-record NFP forecasts not reflected in the official estimates). But in these cases, the fact that the report was still fairly strong compared to official estimates means the rally doesn't have an unmitigated path to glory. We're already seeing some evidence of this as yields bounced at 2.396 and now look to be reconsidering their goals closer to 2.41%.

Still, the result is much better than it might have been. In fact the worst possible result would have been a much weaker NFP that gave way to a paradoxical bond market sell-off. That would have said the most about where traders' heads were at.



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15YR Fixed	6.92%	+0.09	0.00
30YR FHA	6.89%	+0.07	0.00
30YR Jumbo	7.40%	+0.03	0.00
7/6 SOFR	6.80%	+0.31	0.00
30YR VA	6.90%	+0.07	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30YR Fixed	7.18%	+0.97	0.00
15YR Fixed	6.57%	+1.10	0.00
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.			
30YR Fixed	7.30%	+0.18	0.75
15YR Fixed	6.76%	+0.33	0.98
30YR FHA	7.02%	+0.24	1.07
30YR Jumbo	7.20%	+0.05	0.48
7/6 SOFR	6.29%	+0.19	1.00

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