



The Arizona Loan Baron

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Mortgage Rates Bounce Back Toward Recent Highs

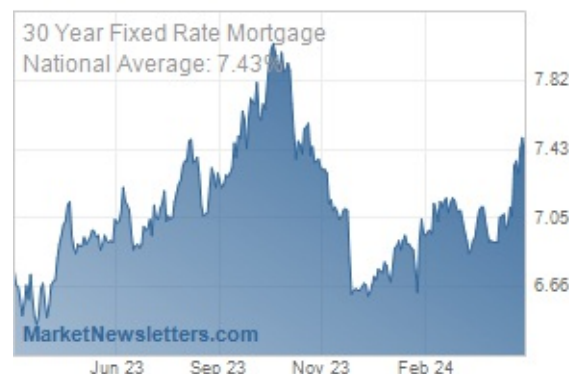
After hitting the lowest levels in exactly 2 weeks on Friday, **mortgage rates bounced back up** toward their recent highs today. This risk was already taking shape by Friday afternoon as the bond markets that underlie mortgage rates had deteriorated throughout the day. When bonds weaken enough during any given day, mortgage lenders are at risk of 'repricing' (revising the day's original rate sheet, effectively raising rates).

Even if bonds had merely held steady overnight, lenders **still** would have been forced to raise rates a bit today. But bonds managed to lose even more ground overnight, thus making for a more noticeable increase in rates compared to Friday afternoon. The net effect is that the average lender is now somewhere between the 2-week lows seen on Friday and the 7-year highs seen 3 days prior. As always, pricing strategies can vary considerably. Some lenders lost **barely** any ground because they'd priced more conservatively on Friday. Others are **quite a bit higher** because their Friday morning offerings were strong.

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National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.84%	+0.01	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.90%	+0.03	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.62%	+0.02	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.40%	+0.03	0.00

Freddie Mac

30 Yr. Fixed	7.10%	-0.34	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.39%	-0.37	0.00

Mortgage Bankers Assoc.

30 Yr. Fixed	7.13%	+0.12	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.64%	+0.18	0.64
30 Yr. FHA	6.90%	+0.10	0.99
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.40%	+0.27	0.46
5/1 ARM	6.52%	+0.11	0.60

Rates as of: 4/18

MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.30	-0.28
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.04	-0.12
10 YR Treasury	4.6337	+0.0443
30 YR Treasury	4.7334	+0.0301

Pricing as of: 4/18 4:29PM EST

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I would appreciate the opportunity to share with you my extensive mortgage lending experience. My client focused approach has allowed me to build long lasting relationships and partnerships throughout Arizona. I know this market. I live here and work here. Please allow me the opportunity to be your mortgage lending partner.

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