

BondWave QMarks™ Quarterly Dashboards

Q4 2023

Developed to help market participants better understand trading trends in the bond markets, BondWave's Data Lab has released its QMarks™ dashboards for the fourth quarter of 2023.

[QMarks](#) is a proprietary BondWave data set that powers its quarterly dashboards to cover all disseminated bond transactions using the regulatory-prescribed Prevailing Market Price methodology for corporate, municipal, agency, and 144A. QMarks belongs to a suite of other BondWave proprietary data sets, including [QCurves](#), [QTrades](#), and [QScores](#).



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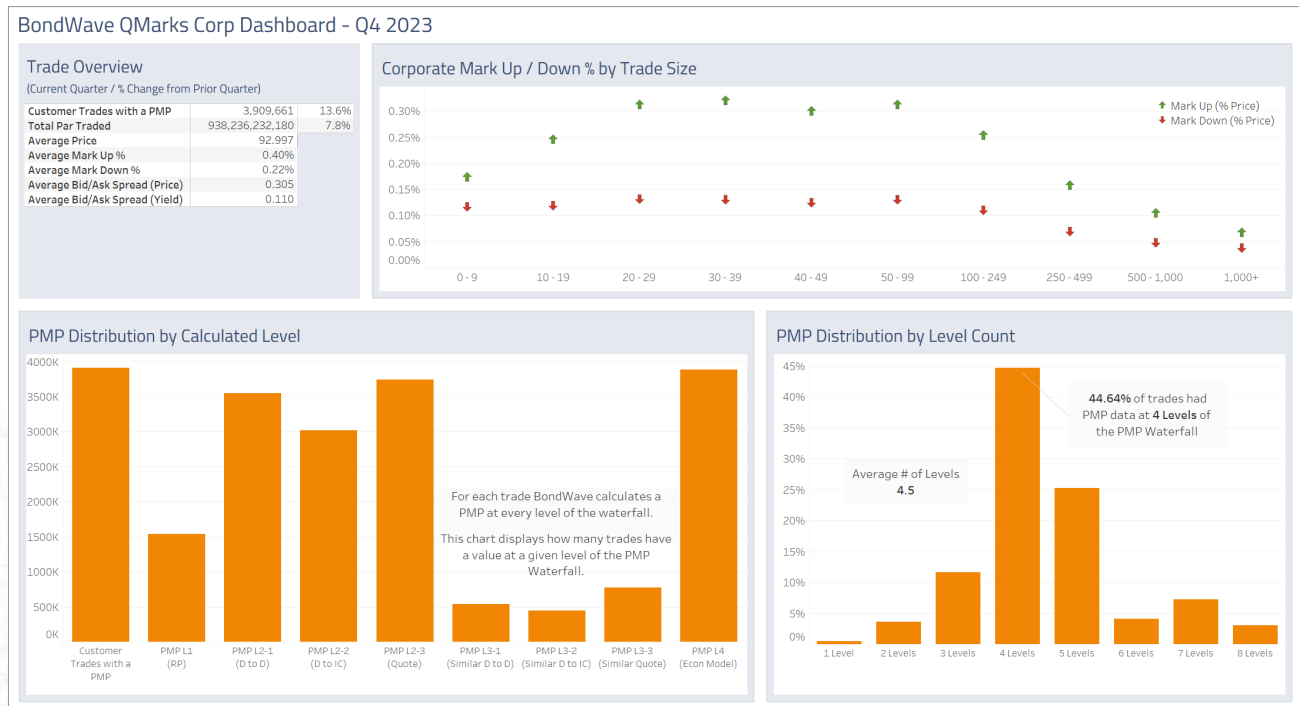
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Q4 2023 Observations:

Corporate Bond Market Trends

- After two consecutive quarters of declines, customer par value traded rebounded in the fourth quarter finishing 7.8% higher than the third quarter (but still 7.1% below Q1 2023).
- The par value increase came as a result of many more trades (13.6% more than Q3 2023 which was the previous record) as the effects of growing electronic trading and portfolio trading continue to be felt.
- This led to an average trade size that shrank to its lowest level ever at just \$240,000. As recently as Q1 2021 average trade sizes were over \$400,000.
- Mark-ups and mark-downs remained rock steady, as they have for the entire year.



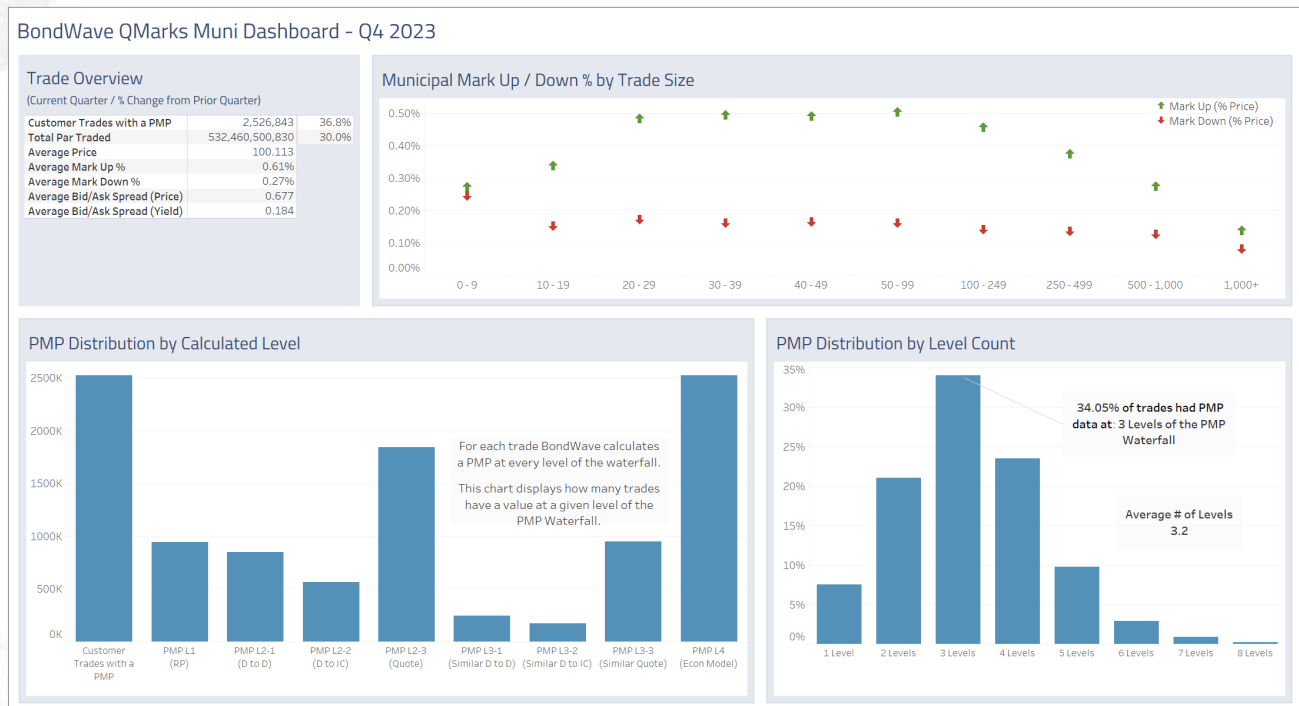
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Municipal Bond Market Trends

- Municipal bonds saw the most significant growth in volume during the fourth quarter.
- Trades grew by a whopping 36.8% and par value grew by 30% over the third quarter.
- With the increase in volume, mark-ups shrank over 10% to 61 basis points from 68 basis points.
- Mark-downs were virtually unchanged quarter over quarter.



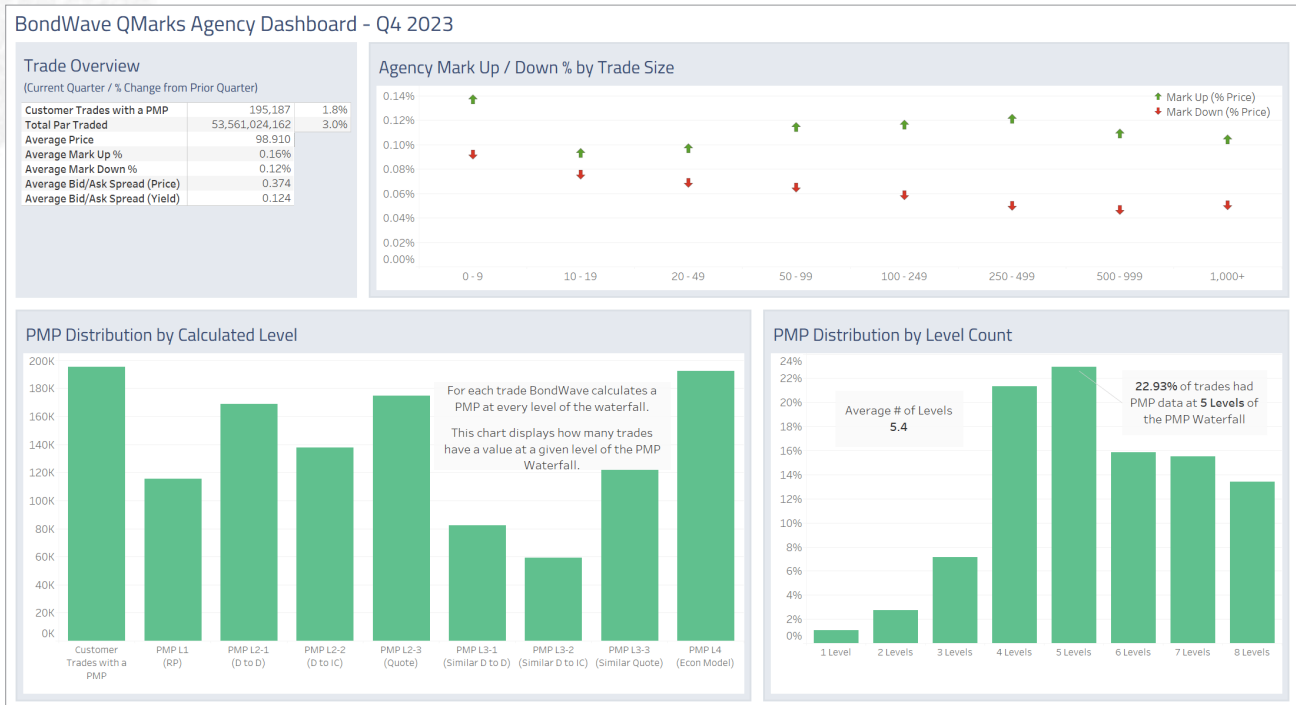
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Agency Bond Market Trends

- Agency volumes grew modestly in the fourth quarter (1.8% more trades and 3% more par value).
- Mark-ups and mark-downs remained identical.



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144A Bond Market Trends

- 144A bonds saw significant volume growth in the fourth quarter.
- Trades grew by 12.3% over the third quarter and par value grew by 12%.
- However, similar to registered corporates, the par value traded fell short of the highs reached in the first quarter.
- Mark-ups and mark-downs saw the most modest possible increase of 1 basis point each.



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Dashboards for the previous quarter referenced above are located here:

Last quarter: [Q3 2023 Dashboards](#)

First quarter of 2023: [Q1 2023 Dashboards](#)

First quarter of 2021: [Q1 2021 Dashboards](#) (Corporate bond avg. trade size last peak)

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