

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending September 11, 2026

US markets declined last week as surging oil prices, driven by escalation in the conflict with Iran, stoked inflation fears, pushed Treasury yields to multi-year highs, and weighed on asset prices. The S&P 500 fell 0.8% for the week, despite a partial recovery on Friday. Treasury yields rose meaningfully across the curve, with the 10-year nearing 5%, as persistent energy-driven inflation reinforced expectations of a Fed rate hike. August CPI coming in slightly above expectations further stoked market expectations for a hike at the September Fed meeting. Consumer sentiment deteriorated sharply, with the University of Michigan index recording its second-lowest reading, as higher gasoline prices and renewed trade tensions weigh on household confidence. In the alternatives space, US crude oil surged while gold slipped as rising real yields pressured the non-yielding metal.

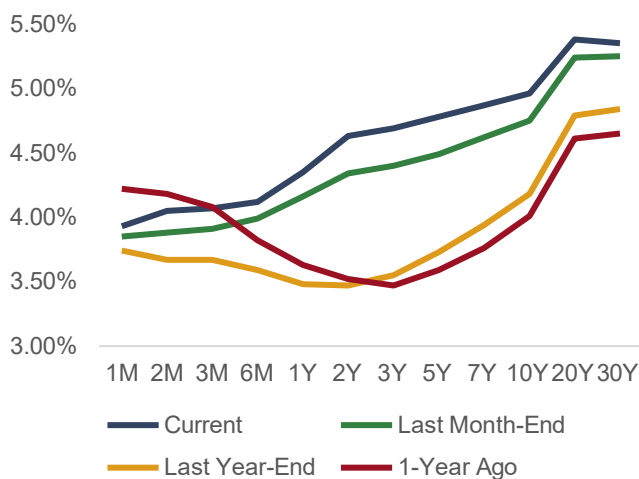
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Treasury yields rose and the curve flattened as markets reacted to continued inflation concerns and growing expectations for a Federal Reserve rate hike.
- The combination of surging oil and concerns that inflation remains stubbornly elevated drove rates higher.
- Market odds for a 25-basis point hike at the September FOMC meeting rose sharply over the week, with two hikes expected by year-end.
- US fixed income indices posted losses, while high yield held up slightly better as spreads absorbed less of the rate move.
- The Atlanta Fed's GDPNow Q3 GDP growth estimate edged down to 4.4%, suggesting economic growth remains strong but growth may be moderating.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.4%	0.8%	4.5%	2.1%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.8%	-0.7%	4.4%	0.9%
	Global Aggregate	-0.8%	-0.9%	3.8%	-1.9%
	US Aggregate	-1.0%	-1.4%	4.0%	-0.5%
	US Treasury	-0.9%	-1.5%	3.1%	-1.0%
	US TIPS	-1.0%	-0.4%	3.8%	0.1%
	US Corporate	-0.9%	-1.5%	5.0%	-0.4%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.5%	2.0%	8.3%	3.9%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.8%	0.5%	8.2%	1.5%
Muni	US Municipals	-1.2%	-1.6%	2.9%	0.2%
	US Municipals High Yield	-1.2%	1.1%	5.2%	1.0%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 11, 2026

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of September 11, 2026

Interest Rates (%)

Date	9/11/2026	8/31/2026	12/31/2025	9/11/2025
1 Month Treasury	3.93%	3.85%	3.74%	4.22%
3 Month Treasury	4.07%	3.91%	3.67%	4.08%
6 Month Treasury	4.12%	3.99%	3.59%	3.82%
2 Year Treasury	4.63%	4.34%	3.47%	3.52%
5 Year Treasury	4.78%	4.49%	3.73%	3.59%
10 Year Treasury	4.96%	4.75%	4.18%	4.01%
30 Year Treasury	5.35%	5.25%	4.84%	4.65%
US Aggregate	5.27%	5.01%	4.32%	4.26%
US Corporate	5.74%	5.49%	4.81%	4.72%
US Corporate High Yield	7.62%	7.27%	6.53%	6.60%
US Municipal	4.28%	3.98%	3.60%	3.58%
US Municipal High Yield	5.87%	5.67%	5.59%	5.64%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	9/11/2026	8/31/2026	12/31/2025	9/11/2025
30 Year Treasury	0.39%	0.50%	0.66%	0.64%
US Aggregate	0.31%	0.26%	0.14%	0.25%
US Corporate	0.78%	0.74%	0.63%	0.71%
US Corporate High Yield	2.66%	2.52%	2.35%	2.59%
US Municipal	-0.68%	-0.77%	-0.58%	-0.43%
US Municipal High Yield	0.91%	0.92%	1.41%	1.63%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of September 11, 2026

Equity Markets Overview

- US equities declined as rising oil prices, surging Treasury yields, and inflation uncertainty created a difficult environment for stocks.
- The S&P 500 fell 0.8%, the Nasdaq retreated 0.6%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 1.6%, as its more cyclical and industrial composition bore the brunt of rate-hike fears.
- Energy was the top-performing sector, gaining 2.0% on the oil price, followed by Communication Services, rising 1.1% on strength in individual names including Meta Platforms.
- All other sectors posted losses for the week. Health Care was the worst-performing sector, falling 3.6% amid weakness in Amgen. Materials declined 2.7% on concerns of slowing global demand and rising input costs.
- With Q2 earnings season drawing to a close, S&P 500 profits were reported up approximately 53% year-over-year, far exceeding the pre-season estimate of roughly 24% growth.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.9%	13.0%	20.6%	12.6%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-0.8%	12.8%	21.1%	13.0%
	S&P 500 Growth	-0.9%	13.4%	25.7%	13.3%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.6%	12.0%	15.6%	11.9%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-1.8%	13.4%	14.7%	8.3%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-1.8%	15.4%	15.4%	7.5%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-1.9%	11.3%	13.9%	9.0%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-2.2%	18.9%	15.3%	7.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-2.2%	18.5%	15.0%	5.9%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-2.1%	19.2%	15.5%	8.3%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-1.1%	16.2%	20.2%	9.0%
	MSCI EM	-0.2%	24.3%	23.4%	8.2%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Commodity markets were dominated by energy, with the broad S&P GSCI gaining 4.3% on the week, while gold declined, reflecting the dual pressures of geopolitical supply disruption and rising interest rate expectations.
- US crude oil rose sharply as attacks on Saudi energy facilities and the closure of the Saudi East-West pipeline removed millions of barrels per day of supply from global markets.
- Gold fell 1.5% over the week as increased Fed rate-hike expectations and a stronger dollar weighed on the metal.
- Bitcoin declined 3.2% over the week, as risk-off sentiment tied to rising yields and inflation concerns weighed on digital assets, while Ethereum bucked the trend and gained 3.4%.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	4.3%	58.7%	18.6%	19.0%
S&P GSCI Crude Oil Spot	5.8%	68.5%	3.6%	6.8%
Gold	-1.5%	1.6%	31.3%	19.7%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-1.1%	12.8%	10.3%	2.4%
Bitcoin	-3.2%	-11.7%	45.7%	11.2%
Ethereum	3.4%	-14.4%	18.1%	-5.2%

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Upcoming Week

- It is a lighter week for earnings releases, with Dave & Buster's Entertainment reporting on Monday and Lennar Corporation on Wednesday.
- The economic calendar is dominated by Wednesday's FOMC rate decision. Retail Sales for August, also releases Wednesday, while Initial Jobless Claims on Thursday and Industrial Production on Friday round out the week.

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S&P 500 Index includes approximately 500 leading companies that covers approximately 80% of available U.S. equity market capitalization.

S&P 500 Growth Index is a stock index that represents the fastest-growing companies in the S&P 500 based on three factors: sales growth, ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum.

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S&P Smallcap 600 Growth Index is a stock index that represents the fastest-growing companies in the S&P Smallcap 600 based on three factors: sales growth, ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum.

S&P Smallcap 600 Value Index is a stock index that represents the companies in the S&P Smallcap 600 with the most attractive valuations based on three factors: book value, earnings, and sales to price.

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Bloomberg Galaxy Bitcoin Index is designed to measure the performance of a single bitcoin traded in USD.

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Bloomberg Galaxy Ethereum Index is designed to measure the performance of a single Ethereum traded in USD.

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