

# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending September 5, 2025

Last week was a loaded week for US labor market data, and it contained clear signs of a softening U.S. labor market. August jobs data showed only 22,000 jobs were added, well below expectations, and the unemployment rate rose to 4.3%. This weaker labor data increased expectations for Federal Reserve rate cuts, with markets expectations for a rate cut of either 25 or 50 basis points at the September meeting. Eyes will be on this week's CPI and PPI releases, which will provide the last read on inflation going into the September meeting. Treasury yields fell sharply, supporting consumer and corporate borrowing, while the yield curve steepened, benefiting lenders. Equity markets were volatile to end the week, with the S&P 500 hitting an all-time high before pulling back following Friday's nonfarm report. Despite the volatility, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq managed to post slightly positive weeks while the Dow Jones slipped slightly. Gold rallied to a record high, and mortgage rates saw their largest one-day drop in over a year.

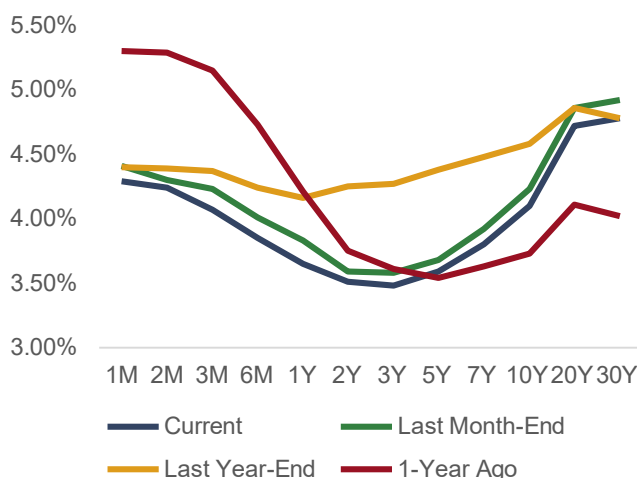
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- U.S. government bond prices climbed, sending yields lower. The 10-year Treasury yield fell from 4.23% to 4.1% by week's end, and the 2-year Treasury yield dropped to its lowest level of the year, closing the week at 3.51%.
- Markets are pricing in a 100% probability of a Fed rate cut in September. Based on CME FedWatch data, expectations are around 90% for a 25 basis point cut and just over 10% chance of a 50 bps cut. Rate futures markets now imply four to six total Fed rate cuts by 2026, bringing the fed funds rate to around 3-3.5%.
- The average 30-year U.S. mortgage rate continues its recent trend down currently sitting at 6.5% after breaking above 7% in early January. Falling rates can spark increased activity in the housing sector, which is already seeing an increase in mortgage refinance applications.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>Short</b>	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.2%	4.1%	4.2%	1.8%
	<b>Core Plus</b>				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.5%	5.8%	4.2%	0.8%
	International Aggregate	0.6%	7.8%	3.9%	-1.6%
	US Aggregate	0.9%	6.0%	3.4%	-0.5%
	US Treasury	0.8%	5.3%	2.4%	-1.3%
	US TIPS	0.6%	7.0%	2.7%	1.5%
	US Corporate	1.2%	6.5%	5.2%	0.2%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.3%	6.7%	9.5%	5.2%
<b>Other</b>	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.7%	8.0%	8.3%	1.5%
<b>Muni</b>	US Municipals	0.9%	1.2%	3.1%	0.6%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.9%	-0.4%	4.2%	2.5%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 5, 2025

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of September 5, 2025

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	9/5/2025	8/29/2025	12/31/2024	9/5/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.29%	4.41%	4.40%	5.30%
3 Month Treasury	4.07%	4.23%	4.37%	5.15%
6 Month Treasury	3.85%	4.01%	4.24%	4.73%
2 Year Treasury	3.51%	3.59%	4.25%	3.75%
5 Year Treasury	3.59%	3.68%	4.38%	3.54%
10 Year Treasury	4.10%	4.23%	4.58%	3.73%
30 Year Treasury	4.78%	4.92%	4.78%	4.02%
US Aggregate	4.31%	4.44%	4.91%	4.25%
US Corporate	4.78%	4.91%	5.33%	4.78%
US Corporate High Yield	6.66%	6.75%	7.49%	7.23%
US Municipal	3.78%	3.89%	3.74%	3.40%
US Municipal High Yield	5.80%	5.88%	5.52%	5.25%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	9/5/2025	8/29/2025	12/31/2024	9/5/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.68%	0.69%	0.20%	0.29%
US Aggregate	0.21%	0.21%	0.33%	0.52%
US Corporate	0.68%	0.68%	0.75%	1.05%
US Corporate High Yield	2.56%	2.52%	2.91%	3.50%
US Municipal	-0.32%	-0.34%	-0.84%	-0.33%
US Municipal High Yield	1.70%	1.65%	0.94%	1.52%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of September 5, 2025

## Equity Markets Overview

- The S&P 500 set another all-time high before reversing on Friday. Results were mixed for the major US indices with the S&P 500 ending the week up 0.4%; the Dow fell 0.3%, Nasdaq rose 1.2%.
- Mega-cap tech stocks (AMD, NVDA, MSFT) experienced a selloff, though broader market breadth held steady or improved, with 67% of S&P 500 stocks above their 200-day moving average.
- Alphabet (GOOGL) rallied 11% to a new all-time high after a favorable court ruling deemed it retain ownership of its Chrome browser but with concessions it can't forge exclusive contracts and must share search data.
- Broadcom (AVGO) experienced strong price surge following earnings that topped analysts' estimates and revealing plans to help OpenAI design and create an AI accelerator.
- Lululemon (LULU) dropped nearly 18% after cutting its outlook due to weak demand and tariff costs.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>All-Cap</b>	S&P 1500	0.4%	10.8%	19.3%	15.1%
<b>Large-Cap</b>	S&P 500	0.4%	11.2%	20.0%	15.3%
	S&P 500 Growth	1.0%	14.7%	23.3%	15.6%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.4%	7.4%	15.5%	14.3%
<b>Mid-Cap</b>	S&P Midcap 400	1.3%	6.7%	13.1%	13.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	1.6%	6.7%	13.6%	11.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	1.1%	6.7%	12.5%	15.5%
<b>Small-Cap</b>	S&P Smallcap 600	0.9%	4.1%	9.6%	12.0%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.3%	5.0%	10.1%	10.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	1.5%	3.3%	8.9%	13.3%
<b>Int'l.</b>	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.7%	22.4%	16.2%	9.4%
	MSCI EM	1.4%	20.7%	12.3%	5.5%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 5, 2025

## Alternative Markets Overview

- Gold prices rose almost 4% last week, bringing its YTD gain to just over 38%. Its strong week was fueled by weak U.S. jobs data raising expectations for an impending Federal Reserve rate cut in September.
- Oil prices continued fall closing the week just shy of \$62/barrel as a weak U.S. jobs report dimmed the outlook for energy demand paired with expectations of growing supply from OPEC and allied producers.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-1.1%	4.3%	2.1%	17.0%
Gold	3.9%	38.3%	28.5%	13.6%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	0.0%	4.1%	3.8%	6.3%
Bitcoin	3.1%	19.5%	78.3%	62.2%
Ethereum	-0.5%	29.5%	40.6%	61.7%

Source: Bloomberg as of September 5, 2025



### Upcoming Week

- It is a light week for earnings reports. Two notable releases this week include Chewy and Adobe.
- It is a lighter week for economic data. We will be monitoring the inflation (CPI and PPI) and consumer confidence releases.

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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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