

# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending August 15, 2025

Last week, markets responded to a mix of inflation data, earnings results, and geopolitical developments. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.2% month-over-month, in line with expectations, while core CPI climbed to 3.1%, the highest since February, driven by rising service costs. However, the Producer Price Index (PPI) surprised to the upside, increasing 0.9%, raising concerns about future consumer price pressures. Despite this, equity markets remained resilient, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq gaining around 1% and the Dow Jones 1.8% over the week. Small-cap and value stocks outperformed their large-cap and growth peers, possibly signaling a broadening of market leadership as expectations for a September Fed rate cut continue to increase. Earnings season continued to support bullish sentiment, especially in the tech sector, where mega-cap stocks drove much of the growth. Tariff developments also made headlines, with new levies on semiconductors. Overall, markets showed strength but remain sensitive to inflation trends and central bank signals.

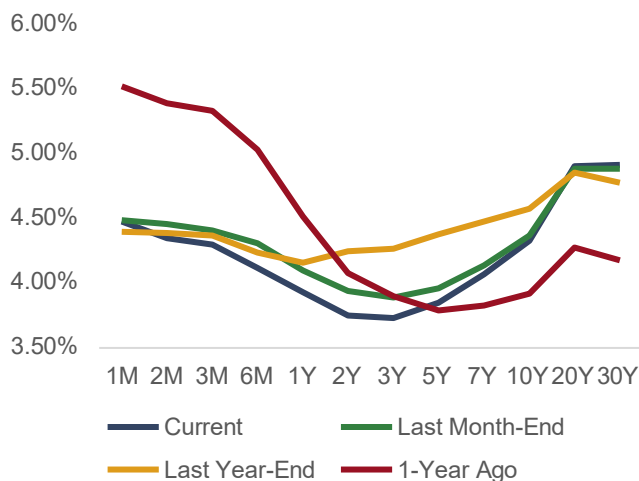
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- The yield curve continued to steepen as long-term rates rose and short-term rates fell for the week, reflecting expectations of an upcoming rate cut in the short-term while long-term uncertainty remains elevated.
- Expectations remain high for a rate cut at the September FOMC. There is some discussion over whether a 25- or 50-basis point "insurance" cut is appropriate given the softening labor market data. Market participants will be closely watching this week's Jackson Hole meeting for any signals from Fed Chair Powell on the Fed's expected path of action.
- While July's CPI was within expectations, the surprise in PPI and last week's rising PCE demonstrate inflation is not fully resolved with many expecting further impacts from US tariffs over the coming months. Sticky services and rising producer prices suggest we may see price increases begin to pass through to consumers.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.1%	3.4%	3.9%	1.7%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.1%	4.6%	3.4%	0.6%
	International Aggregate	0.0%	6.9%	2.0%	-1.7%
	US Aggregate	0.0%	4.4%	2.0%	-0.8%
	US Treasury	-0.2%	3.8%	1.3%	-1.6%
	US TIPS	-0.3%	5.3%	1.6%	1.3%
	US Corporate	0.2%	5.0%	3.5%	-0.1%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.3%	5.6%	7.6%	5.2%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.5%	7.1%	7.1%	1.4%
Muni	US Municipals	0.0%	0.1%	1.8%	0.2%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.1%	-1.6%	2.8%	2.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of August 15, 2025

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of August 15, 2025

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	8/15/2025	7/31/2025	12/31/2024	8/15/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.48%	4.49%	4.40%	5.53%
3 Month Treasury	4.30%	4.41%	4.37%	5.34%
6 Month Treasury	4.12%	4.31%	4.24%	5.04%
2 Year Treasury	3.75%	3.94%	4.25%	4.08%
5 Year Treasury	3.85%	3.96%	4.38%	3.79%
10 Year Treasury	4.33%	4.37%	4.58%	3.92%
30 Year Treasury	4.92%	4.89%	4.78%	4.18%
US Aggregate	4.54%	4.64%	4.91%	4.49%
US Corporate	4.95%	5.07%	5.33%	5.01%
US Corporate High Yield	6.95%	7.08%	7.49%	7.53%
US Municipal	3.91%	3.98%	3.74%	3.47%
US Municipal High Yield	5.90%	5.91%	5.52%	5.30%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	8/15/2025	7/31/2025	12/31/2024	8/15/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.59%	0.52%	0.20%	0.26%
US Aggregate	0.21%	0.27%	0.33%	0.57%
US Corporate	0.62%	0.70%	0.75%	1.09%
US Corporate High Yield	2.62%	2.71%	2.91%	3.61%
US Municipal	-0.42%	-0.39%	-0.84%	-0.45%
US Municipal High Yield	1.57%	1.54%	0.94%	1.38%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of August 15, 2025

## Equity Markets Overview

- All three major U.S. indexes posted gains around 1-2% for the week, led by the Dow Jones. A strong Q2 earnings season has helped sustain the recent equity rally despite concerns around inflation, geopolitical tensions, and US monetary and fiscal policies.
- Mega-cap tech stocks have recently renewed their dominant performance of recent years. In particular, the Magnificent 7's disproportionate contribution to Q2 earnings growth has helped lift broader markets despite uneven participation from smaller firms.
- Market breadth remained narrow, with only a minority of S&P 500 stocks outperforming the index, suggesting gains are concentrated in a few large names rather than broad-based.
- Small-cap and value stocks showed signs of revival, outperforming the broader market amid growing expectations of a Fed rate cut in September.
- Sector performance was mixed, with healthcare, consumer discretionary, and telecommunications posted respective gains of 4.6%, 2.5%, and 2.1%. Utilities and consumer staples posted the largest weekly losses slipping 0.8% each.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	1.1%	9.8%	15.5%	15.3%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	1.0%	10.5%	16.2%	15.6%
	S&P 500 Growth	0.6%	14.1%	18.5%	16.1%
	S&P 500 Value	1.4%	6.6%	12.7%	14.1%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	1.6%	2.6%	8.3%	11.9%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	1.1%	2.9%	8.6%	9.7%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	2.2%	2.2%	8.0%	14.1%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	3.2%	0.1%	4.4%	10.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	2.6%	2.0%	5.1%	9.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	3.9%	-1.9%	3.6%	11.6%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	1.9%	22.2%	13.4%	9.2%
	MSCI EM	1.6%	20.4%	10.5%	5.6%

Source: Bloomberg as of August 15, 2025

## Alternative Markets Overview

- Gold prices fell around 3% last week as markets awaited the results of Trump's meeting with Putin and reacted to mixed inflation data plus increased rate cut expectations.
- Oil prices fell to just under \$63 per barrel on Friday as markets awaited the results of Trump and Putin's meeting, which could lead to easing of Russian sanctions. Weakening Chinese data is fueling concerns of declining global demand.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-0.5%	2.3%	1.0%	16.2%
Gold	-3.1%	28.1%	23.4%	11.6%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	0.6%	1.1%	-0.7%	5.8%
Bitcoin	0.4%	25.2%	69.6%	58.1%
Ethereum	8.3%	31.5%	32.3%	58.3%

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### Upcoming Week

- As Q2 earnings season winds down, it will be a lighter week for Q2 earnings release. Two notable releases this week include Walmart and Home Depot.
- It is also a light week for economic data. Market participants will be closely watching the outcome of this week's Jackson Hole meeting. Other noteworthy releases include a variety of housing market data throughout the week, weekly jobless claims, and the S&P Purchasing Manager's Index.

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

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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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