

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending July 4, 2025

Last week, U.S. capital markets continued their strong upward momentum, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq reaching new all-time highs. This rally was fueled by a combination of easing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, falling oil prices, and a robust performance from mega-cap tech stocks. A better-than-expected U.S. jobs report also boosted investor sentiment, showing 147,000 new jobs added in June and a slight drop in the unemployment rate to 4.1%. However, the labor force participation rate declined, and private sector hiring was relatively soft, tempering some of the optimism. Markets also responded positively to a new U.S.-Vietnam trade agreement, which provided clarity on tariffs despite higher rates than previously expected. Meanwhile, Congress passed a significant tax and spending bill, which is expected to offer a modest economic boost in 2026 but raises concerns about long-term federal debt. Bond yields rose as the strong jobs data reduced expectations for imminent Fed rate cuts, with the 2-year Treasury yield climbing notably. Overall, while bullish momentum remains strong, markets may face volatility ahead due to potential trade developments and overbought conditions.

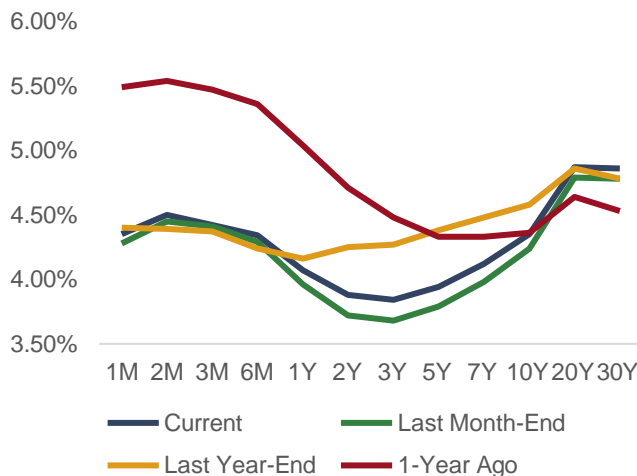
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Treasury yields rose across the curve, particularly in short-term maturities, after a stronger-than-expected U.S. jobs report reduced the likelihood of near-term Federal Reserve rate cuts. The 2-year Treasury yield climbed to around 3.88%, while the 10-year yield reached 4.35%.
- Bond prices declined as yields moved higher, reflecting investor recalibration of interest rate expectations and a more resilient economic outlook than previously anticipated.
- Volatility remained elevated in the fixed income space, with long-term yields continuing to rise amid concerns over growing U.S. government debt and the implications of the recently passed tax-and-spending bill.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.1%	2.7%	3.6%	1.5%
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.2%	3.7%	3.3%	0.5%
Core Plus	International Aggregate	0.2%	7.2%	2.6%	-1.2%
	US Aggregate	-0.1%	3.6%	2.2%	-0.8%
	US Treasury	-0.3%	3.2%	1.2%	-1.7%
	US TIPS	0.0%	4.4%	1.9%	1.5%
	US Corporate	0.3%	4.0%	4.1%	0.0%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.5%	4.8%	9.9%	5.9%
	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.5%	5.2%	7.5%	1.6%
Muni	US Municipals	0.1%	-0.4%	2.4%	0.5%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.1%	-0.5%	4.2%	3.1%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 4, 2025

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of July 4, 2025

Interest Rates (%)

Date	7/3/2025	6/30/2025	12/31/2024	7/3/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.35%	4.28%	4.40%	5.49%
3 Month Treasury	4.42%	4.41%	4.37%	5.47%
6 Month Treasury	4.34%	4.29%	4.24%	5.36%
2 Year Treasury	3.88%	3.72%	4.25%	4.71%
5 Year Treasury	3.94%	3.79%	4.38%	4.33%
10 Year Treasury	4.35%	4.24%	4.58%	4.36%
30 Year Treasury	4.86%	4.78%	4.78%	4.53%
US Aggregate	4.62%	4.51%	4.91%	4.96%
US Corporate	5.05%	4.99%	5.33%	5.41%
US Corporate High Yield	6.95%	7.06%	7.49%	7.92%
US Municipal	3.96%	3.96%	3.74%	3.74%
US Municipal High Yield	5.85%	5.81%	5.52%	5.46%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	7/3/2025	6/30/2025	12/31/2024	7/3/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.51%	0.54%	0.20%	0.17%
US Aggregate	0.27%	0.27%	0.33%	0.60%
US Corporate	0.70%	0.75%	0.75%	1.05%
US Corporate High Yield	2.60%	2.82%	2.91%	3.56%
US Municipal	-0.39%	-0.28%	-0.84%	-0.62%
US Municipal High Yield	1.50%	1.57%	0.94%	1.10%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of July 4, 2025

Equity Markets Overview

- Major U.S. indexes hit new all-time highs, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq leading the charge, driven by strong bullish momentum, easing geopolitical tensions, and optimism around trade developments. A better-than-expected U.S. jobs report added fuel to the rally, with 147,000 jobs created in June and upward revisions to prior months, reinforcing confidence in the economic outlook.
- Mega-cap technology stocks continued to outperform, contributing significantly to the market's gains, while small-cap stocks also surged, with the Russell 2000 rising 3.6% for the week.
- A new U.S.-Vietnam trade agreement provided clarity on tariffs and was interpreted positively by markets, despite higher-than-expected rates, as it reduced uncertainty on the trade front.
- Investors remained cautiously optimistic, with some analysts warning of overbought conditions and potential volatility ahead, especially as the 90-day U.S. tariff pause nears its end.
- Corporate earnings expectations for Q2 remained modest, with analysts forecasting around 5% growth for S&P 500 companies, the slowest pace since late 2023.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	1.8%	7.0%	19.1%	16.5%
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Large-Cap	S&P 500 Growth	1.4%	9.7%	23.4%	17.1%
	S&P 500 Value	2.2%	5.1%	15.1%	15.3%
	S&P Midcap 400	2.9%	3.1%	13.4%	14.1%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	2.4%	2.7%	14.3%	11.7%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	3.5%	3.5%	12.6%	16.5%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	3.3%	-1.1%	8.6%	12.7%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	2.6%	1.3%	10.1%	11.3%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	4.1%	-3.6%	6.9%	13.9%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.3%	18.3%	14.1%	9.7%
	MSCI EM	0.4%	16.2%	10.3%	6.2%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Gold prices rose just under 2% last week due to a retreat in the U.S. dollar and safe-haven inflows. Safe haven flows were the result of increased uncertainty from the impending deadline for U.S. President Donald Trump's trade deals and the passage of the tax and spending bill.
- Texas recently signed into law the establishment of a Strategic Bitcoin Reserve, making it the third U.S. state to create a crypto reserve. Texas made a \$10M commitment to purchase Bitcoin for the strategic reserve using taxpayer money, which makes it the first state to make such a move.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	1.3%	3.7%	-0.3%	17.6%
Gold	1.7%	26.6%	22.9%	13.3%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	1.7%	2.8%	3.1%	6.5%
Bitcoin	0.6%	15.1%	75.7%	63.8%
Ethereum	7.1%	-22.5%	34.2%	62.9%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 4, 2025



Upcoming Week

It is a light week for economic releases, we will be monitoring Tuesday's NFIB Small Business Optimism and Consumer Credit reports, Wednesday's Wholesale Inventories, Thursday's weekly unemployment update, and Friday's Federal Budget Balance release.

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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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