

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending October 3, 2025

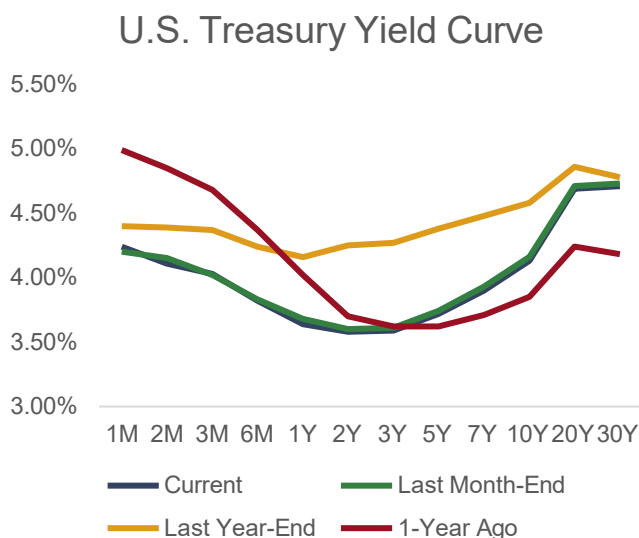
Beginning October 1, the U.S. government entered a shutdown, halting nonessential operations and delaying key economic data releases (including jobs and inflation reports). Leading up to this, economic growth has bounced back strongly from the negative Q1 result, driven by resilient consumer spending and record investments in artificial intelligence. The labor market has showed some signs of softening, with hiring slowing and Number of unemployed workers exceeding the number of open positions for the first time since 2021. Though, layoffs remain limited outside the government sector. The Federal Reserve recently resumed interest rate cuts and expectations are for another cut in October, in response to weaker labor indicators and continuing its latest decision-making amid data uncertainty. Equity markets remained resilient, with the S&P 500 reaching fresh all-time highs. AI innovation and the prospect of lower rates are fueling recent market strength, while historical precedent suggests shutdowns have minimal long-term impact on equities. Alternative assets like Bitcoin and gold rallied, while oil prices fell sharply due to oversupply concerns. Volatility ticked up modestly, but remained well below year-to-date highs, and earnings expectations for the upcoming season remained robust.

Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Treasury yields declined across the curve, with 2-year, 10-year, and 30-year yields all lower compared to the previous week. The yield curve steepened slightly, with short-term rates falling more than long-term rates.
- The government shutdown and weak ADP employment data contributed to lower yields and increased expectations for Fed rate cuts. The shutdown's impact on government data releases leaves investors relying on private indicators.
- Market expectations for Fed rate cuts in 2025 increased, with probabilities for cuts in October and December rising notably. The Fed's dot plot projects two 25-basis point cuts in 2025 and one more in 2026.
- The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage increased again and ended the week at 6.34%, below its 52-week average of 6.71%. The last few months have seen mortgage rates trend lower, which has led to a reported increase in pending home sales.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.2%	4.3%	4.7%	1.8%
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.3%	5.9%	5.0%	0.8%
Core Plus	International Aggregate	0.6%	8.0%	5.2%	-1.5%
	US Aggregate	0.5%	6.4%	4.7%	-0.4%
	US Treasury	0.4%	5.5%	3.4%	-1.3%
	US TIPS	0.2%	6.9%	4.5%	1.4%
	US Corporate	0.6%	7.2%	6.8%	0.4%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.2%	7.3%	10.9%	5.5%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.2%	8.9%	10.3%	2.0%
Muni	US Municipals	0.3%	2.9%	4.7%	0.9%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.1%	1.3%	6.7%	2.9%

Source: Bloomberg as of October 3, 2025



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of October 3, 2025

Interest Rates (%)

Date	10/3/2025	9/30/2025	12/31/2024	10/3/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.24%	4.20%	4.40%	4.99%
3 Month Treasury	4.03%	4.02%	4.37%	4.68%
6 Month Treasury	3.82%	3.83%	4.24%	4.37%
2 Year Treasury	3.58%	3.60%	4.25%	3.70%
5 Year Treasury	3.72%	3.74%	4.38%	3.62%
10 Year Treasury	4.13%	4.16%	4.58%	3.85%
30 Year Treasury	4.71%	4.73%	4.78%	4.18%
US Aggregate	4.34%	4.37%	4.91%	4.28%
US Corporate	4.78%	4.81%	5.33%	4.76%
US Corporate High Yield	6.68%	6.70%	7.49%	7.06%
US Municipal	3.64%	3.66%	3.74%	3.28%
US Municipal High Yield	5.70%	5.69%	5.52%	5.16%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	10/3/2025	9/30/2025	12/31/2024	10/3/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.58%	0.57%	0.20%	0.33%
US Aggregate	0.21%	0.21%	0.33%	0.43%
US Corporate	0.65%	0.65%	0.75%	0.91%
US Corporate High Yield	2.55%	2.54%	2.91%	3.21%
US Municipal	-0.49%	-0.50%	-0.84%	-0.57%
US Municipal High Yield	1.57%	1.53%	0.94%	1.31%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of October 3, 2025

Equity Markets Overview

- The S&P 500, Nasdaq, and Dow Jones all posted over 1% weekly gains, with the S&P 500 hitting new all-time highs.
- AI innovation and infrastructure buildout continued to drive market leadership, especially in semiconductor stocks.
- The prospect of lower Treasury yields has helped support of rate-sensitive sectors, including consumer discretionary, small- and mid-cap equities, and emerging markets.
- Despite the shutdown, historical data suggests minimal long-term impact on equity performance. Markets tend to look through disruptions related to shutdowns and have quickly recovered any lost ground.
- Profit margins remain near record highs, supporting expectations for continued Q3 earnings growth.
- Volatility increased modestly but remained well below recent peaks. The shutdown could increase short-term volatility depending on its length and uncertainty stemming from halted data reporting.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	1.1%	14.6%	23.2%	16.4%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	1.1%	15.3%	24.1%	16.7%
	S&P 500 Growth	1.1%	19.8%	28.1%	17.1%
	S&P 500 Value	1.2%	10.4%	18.7%	15.4%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	0.7%	6.6%	15.0%	13.3%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	0.4%	6.7%	15.3%	10.7%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	1.0%	6.6%	14.6%	15.9%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	1.4%	5.4%	12.3%	12.6%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.8%	5.9%	12.3%	10.9%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	1.9%	4.8%	12.0%	14.2%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	3.0%	28.2%	21.0%	10.6%
	MSCI EM	3.7%	30.2%	19.0%	7.5%

Source: Bloomberg as of October 3, 2025

Alternative Markets Overview

- Bitcoin surged, trading above \$122,000, and up over 12% last week, reaching its highest price level since mid-August.
- Stablecoin inflows jumped 324% quarter-over-quarter, with Tether's USDT leading the way. Ethereum-based stablecoin adoption reached a new high, with 750,000 unique weekly users.
- Gold prices climbed for the seventh consecutive week, hitting record highs near \$3,900 per ounce.
- Oil prices fell sharply, just over a 7% decline for the week, reaching the lowest level since late May due to oversupply concern.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-2.6%	5.4%	3.6%	18.3%
Gold	2.6%	48.0%	31.9%	15.4%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	0.6%	4.5%	7.7%	6.2%
Bitcoin	12.4%	31.4%	84.5%	63.2%
Ethereum	12.4%	35.4%	50.8%	67.4%

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Upcoming Week

- Notable earnings reports for this week include Delta Air Lines and PepsiCo, both reporting on Thursday.
- The government shutdown can be expected to impact government data reporting, which means we could expect delayed reporting on US Trade Balance, Consumer Credit, FOMC Minutes, Wholesale Inventories, Weekly Unemployment Claims, and the Federal Budget.

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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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