

# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending December 19, 2025

Last week, markets reacted to economic data impacted by the government shutdown, particularly cooler-than-expected inflation. The delayed CPI release showed headline inflation slowing to 2.7% and core to 2.6%, though shutdown-related data gaps caused unusual distortions, particularly in shelter inflation. Labor market data painted a similarly uneven picture, with November job gains rebounding to 64,000 after the shutdown-skewed negative October numbers. The unemployment rose to 4.6%, due to what appears to be more workers re-entering the labor force. Treasury yields eased across the curve despite rising global yields, potentially signaling markets expect lower rates in 2026. Equity markets were quiet overall largely chopping sideways, with early-week tech weakness reversed after strong Micron earnings and softer CPI data seemed to improve sentiment. Market breadth contracted modestly as major indices remained just below recent highs.

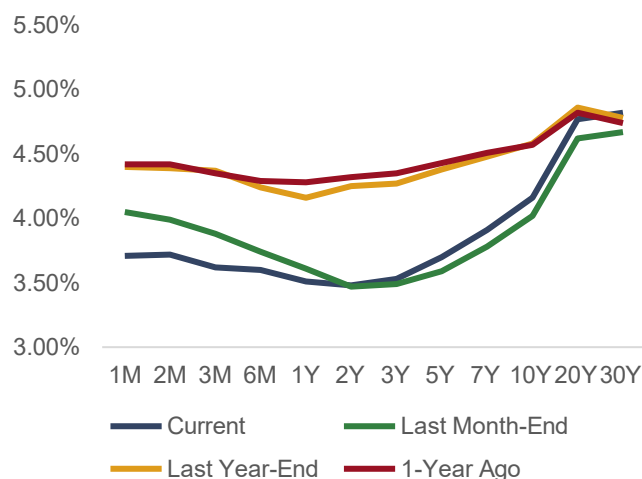
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Shutdown-distorted data made it difficult for markets to interpret true underlying inflation momentum. Markets will be watching the next several months closely now that data collection has resumed following the shutdown.
- Overseas yields moved higher, particularly in Japan, where the BOJ hiked rates and JGB yields hit multi-decade highs.
- Despite higher international yields, Treasury yields declined modestly across maturities, with 2-year and 10-year yields each falling about 5 basis points and the 30-year easing slightly.
- Bond-market expectations for 2026 rate cuts were largely unchanged, with probabilities centered on April or June for the next 25-bp reduction.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>Short</b>	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.2%	5.2%	4.7%	2.0%
<b>Core Plus</b>	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.2%	6.8%	4.8%	1.0%
	International Aggregate	0.0%	7.7%	3.6%	-2.2%
	US Aggregate	0.3%	7.1%	4.1%	-0.3%
	US Treasury	0.3%	6.1%	3.1%	-1.0%
	US TIPS	0.0%	6.8%	4.0%	1.2%
	US Corporate	0.3%	7.5%	5.4%	0.0%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.2%	8.2%	9.5%	4.6%
<b>Other</b>	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.3%	10.9%	8.6%	1.5%
<b>Muni</b>	US Municipals	0.1%	4.1%	3.6%	0.8%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.2%	2.3%	5.2%	2.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of December 19, 2025

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of December 19, 2025

Interest Rates (%)				
Date	12/19/2025	11/28/2025	12/31/2024	12/19/2024
Federal Funds Rate	3.71%	4.05%	4.40%	4.42%
3 Month Treasury	3.62%	3.88%	4.37%	4.35%
6 Month Treasury	3.60%	3.74%	4.24%	4.29%
2 Year Treasury	3.48%	3.47%	4.25%	4.32%
5 Year Treasury	3.70%	3.59%	4.38%	4.43%
10 Year Treasury	4.16%	4.02%	4.58%	4.57%
30 Year Treasury	4.82%	4.67%	4.78%	4.74%
US Aggregate	4.33%	4.27%	4.91%	4.94%
US Corporate	4.84%	4.76%	5.33%	5.35%
US Corporate High Yield	6.63%	6.57%	7.49%	7.51%
US Municipal	3.61%	3.58%	3.74%	3.77%
US Municipal High Yield	5.59%	5.64%	5.52%	5.54%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries				
Date	12/19/2025	11/28/2025	12/31/2024	12/19/2024
30 Year Treasury	0.66%	0.65%	0.20%	0.17%
US Aggregate	0.17%	0.25%	0.33%	0.37%
US Corporate	0.68%	0.74%	0.75%	0.78%
US Corporate High Yield	2.47%	2.55%	2.91%	2.94%
US Municipal	-0.55%	-0.44%	-0.84%	-0.80%
US Municipal High Yield	1.43%	1.62%	0.94%	0.97%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of December 19, 2025

## Equity Markets Overview

- The major U.S. indices were mixed but movement was smaller overall. The NASDAQ and S&P 500 finished marginally higher (gains of 0.49% and 0.13%, respectively), while the Dow slipped slightly (loss of 0.64%).
- Tech stocks sold off early in the week due to AI-related concerns before rebounding on Micron's strong earnings and the cooler than expected CPI data.
- Earnings expectations for 2025 remain strong, with analysts projecting double-digit growth for the second consecutive year. FactSet reports expectations of 12% growth over 2024, with the Energy sector the only projected to decline in earnings over the year.
- Sector rotation continues to be a theme as we saw Consumer Discretionary, Materials, and Healthcare post the largest gains ranging from 0.55% - 1.01%. Energy and Real Estate retreated posting losses of 2.91% and 1.35%, respectively.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	0.1%	16.9%	22.3%	14.2%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	0.1%	17.7%	23.2%	14.7%
	S&P 500 Growth	0.4%	21.7%	29.0%	15.3%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.2%	13.2%	16.4%	13.2%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	0.0%	8.9%	13.7%	9.6%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	0.3%	8.8%	14.5%	7.6%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-0.2%	9.0%	12.9%	11.5%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-0.9%	8.0%	11.2%	7.9%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-0.8%	7.7%	11.7%	6.1%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-0.9%	8.2%	10.7%	9.6%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-0.3%	30.4%	17.0%	7.8%
	MSCI EM	-1.5%	30.1%	15.4%	4.0%

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## Alternative Markets Overview

- Precious metals continued their strong rally, with gold and silver each setting new all-time highs. With many of its drivers still in place, time will tell if the multi-year gold bull market continues to run through 2026.
- Oil prices fell below \$60 a barrel as geopolitical headlines around Ukraine and Venezuela captured attention. Analysts note the real pressure on markets stems from a surge in global crude supplies, particularly the 1.3 billion barrels of "oil on water" (highest level since 2020). Slowing tanker speeds and rising seaborne storage are a potential signal supply is struggling to find a home.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-0.5%	5.8%	4.8%	14.4%
Gold	1.4%	66.1%	34.6%	18.4%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-0.9%	1.4%	6.1%	5.1%
Bitcoin	-2.5%	-5.8%	74.4%	29.7%
Ethereum	-2.9%	-10.4%	36.5%	35.7%

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### Upcoming Week

- There are no noteworthy earnings reports this week.
- It is a shortened week for economic and market data, as markets close early Wednesday and all day Thursday. Investors will be closely watching Tuesday's GDP release, our first look at Q3 GDP due to effects of the government shutdown.

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