



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending January 2, 2026

US equity markets opened 2026 with the S&P 500 retreating from its prior week's all-time high. Trading volumes were light as 2025 concluded, and the modest pullback could be partly explained by year-end tax-loss selling and a drift higher in longer-term Treasury yields. The release of December FOMC minutes showed heightened disagreement among Fed officials, which contributed to reduced market expectations for near-term rate cuts. Current market probabilities suggest the April Fed meeting as the earliest a rate cut is likely to occur. Labor market data remained tight, with initial jobless claims falling and continuing claims easing. Market breadth weakened across major U.S. indices, reflecting narrower participation. Meanwhile, leadership came from select technology names, particularly semiconductor and AI infrastructure companies, while mega-cap tech was mixed. Overall, US markets ended the week lower, with the S&P 500, Dow Jones, and Nasdaq all logging roughly 1% declines to close out 2025 and begin the new year.

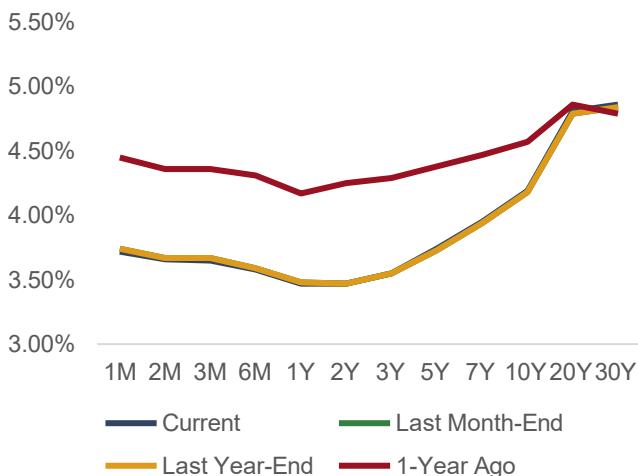
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- The Atlanta Fed's GDPNow model held at 3.0% for Q4, supporting firmer growth-related yield pressures.
- The Treasury yield curve continues to steepen as longer-term yields moved modestly higher, with the 10-year rising from 4.14% to 4.19% and the 30-year yield reaching 4.86%, its highest level since September 2025.
- December FOMC minutes revealed increased dissent around the latest 25 bps rate cut and put a damper on near-term rate cut expectations.
- Market-implied probabilities of a near-term rate cut declined across the next three Federal Reserve meetings. Bond markets continue to price in a lower likelihood of cuts until at least the April meeting.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.1%	0.0%	4.8%	2.0%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.1%	-0.1%	5.0%	0.9%
	International Aggregate	-0.2%	-0.1%	3.9%	-2.2%
	US Aggregate	-0.2%	-0.2%	4.6%	-0.4%
	US Treasury	-0.2%	-0.2%	3.6%	-1.0%
	US TIPS	-0.1%	-0.2%	4.2%	1.1%
	US Corporate	-0.3%	-0.2%	6.0%	-0.1%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.2%	0.0%	10.1%	4.5%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.0%	0.0%	8.9%	1.5%
Muni	US Municipals	0.1%	0.0%	3.9%	0.8%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.2%	0.1%	6.0%	2.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 2, 2026

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 2, 2026

Interest Rates (%)

Date	1/2/2026	12/31/2025	12/31/2025	1/2/2025
Federal Funds Rate	3.72%	3.74%	3.74%	4.45%
3 Month Treasury	3.65%	3.67%	3.67%	4.36%
6 Month Treasury	3.58%	3.59%	3.59%	4.31%
2 Year Treasury	3.47%	3.47%	3.47%	4.25%
5 Year Treasury	3.74%	3.73%	3.73%	4.38%
10 Year Treasury	4.19%	4.18%	4.18%	4.57%
30 Year Treasury	4.86%	4.84%	4.84%	4.79%
US Aggregate	4.35%	4.32%	4.32%	4.91%
US Corporate	4.85%	4.81%	4.81%	5.33%
US Corporate High Yield	6.57%	6.53%	6.53%	7.44%
US Municipal	3.59%	3.60%	3.60%	3.71%
US Municipal High Yield	5.58%	5.59%	5.59%	5.49%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	1/2/2026	12/31/2025	12/31/2025	1/2/2025
30 Year Treasury	0.67%	0.66%	0.66%	0.22%
US Aggregate	0.16%	0.14%	0.14%	0.34%
US Corporate	0.66%	0.63%	0.63%	0.76%
US Corporate High Yield	2.38%	2.35%	2.35%	2.87%
US Municipal	-0.60%	-0.58%	-0.58%	-0.86%
US Municipal High Yield	1.39%	1.41%	1.41%	0.92%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 2, 2026

Equity Markets Overview

- Communication services and technology remained the top-performing sectors for 2025. All eleven S&P 500 sectors posted positive returns last year, although real estate lagged.
- Analysts expect S&P 500 Q4 earnings to rise 8.3%, led by technology and materials.
- All three major US indices posted modest losses last week. The Dow held up best with just a 0.66% loss, the S&P 500 slipped 1%, and the Nasdaq fell 1.5% on the week. Despite the retreat, US equities remain near all-time highs as we enter 2026.
- Select tech stocks related to semiconductors and AI infrastructure stocks posted strong gains of 3-11% on the first trading day of 2026.
- Mega-cap tech was mixed, Apple and Nvidia posting small gains while most of the Magnificent 7 started off 2026 in the red.
- Market breadth weakened the last few weeks of 2025, with fewer stocks across major indices trading above their 200-day moving averages.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-1.0%	0.3%	22.2%	14.0%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-1.0%	0.2%	23.1%	14.5%
	S&P 500 Growth	-1.3%	0.1%	29.3%	15.1%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.7%	0.4%	16.0%	13.0%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-0.7%	1.3%	13.1%	9.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-0.7%	1.6%	14.1%	7.5%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-0.6%	1.1%	11.9%	11.3%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-1.4%	1.0%	10.5%	7.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-1.8%	1.2%	11.0%	5.8%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-0.8%	0.8%	10.0%	9.1%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	1.0%	1.0%	17.6%	8.1%
	MSCI EM	2.3%	1.8%	17.1%	4.6%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- It was another stellar year for gold after posting over a 60% price gain in 2025. The precious metal saw its price slide in the final trading week of 2025 with a loss, but started 2026 in the green posting a 2% daily gain on Friday.
- In 2025, oil prices suffered their biggest annual loss since 2020, as markets balanced geopolitical tensions with concerns about global oversupply. Oil prices ticked down slightly to open 2026 on Friday.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-0.4%	-0.1%	3.8%	14.6%
Gold	-4.9%	-0.3%	33.3%	18.0%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-0.1%	0.2%	6.2%	4.9%
Bitcoin	2.5%	2.5%	75.1%	23.9%
Ethereum	6.3%	5.0%	37.5%	33.2%

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Upcoming Week

- As we wait for the kickoff of Q4 earnings season, it will be a lighter week for earnings releases. Two noteworthy releases include Constellation Brands and Greenbrier.
- It is a busy week for economic data, key releases include the ISM report, October PCE, the November JOLTS report, weekly jobless claims, and the December nonfarm payrolls and unemployment rate.

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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.

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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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