



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending January 9, 2026

The start of 2026 was marked by significant geopolitical, economic, and policy events. U.S. military action in Venezuela and the capture of its leader raised questions about long-term oil supply and global precedents. U.S. labor-market data showed a continued slowdown, with December job gains below expectations and downward revisions to prior months, but the unemployment rate remained steady at 4.4%. Bond market prices suggest expectations for the Federal Reserve to proceed cautiously in 2026, with potential for one or two rate cuts during the year, as inflation remains above target but is not showing signs of reaccelerating. The Supreme Court is poised to rule on the legality of recent tariffs in the coming weeks, but any market impact could be limited due to alternative tariff mechanisms available to the administration and the relatively small scale of potential refunds relative to US GDP. Equity markets rallied, with the S&P 500 and Dow hitting record highs and small cap stocks outperforming, reflecting broadening market participation beyond mega-cap tech. Overall, markets remain focused on earnings growth and economic resilience, there is potential for short-term volatility around the upcoming inflation and Q4 earnings reports.

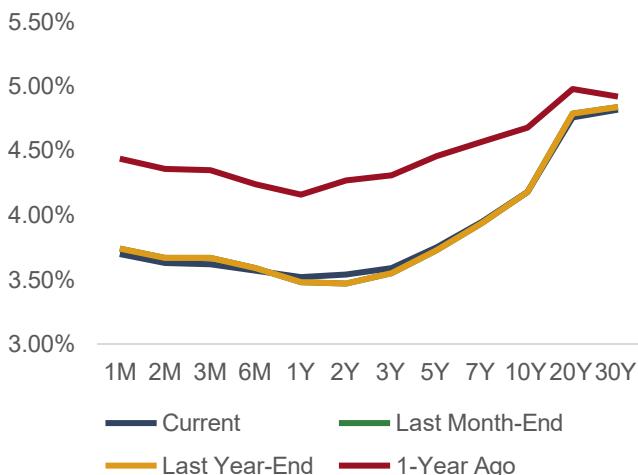
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- The Atlanta Fed's GDPNow model revised Q4 GDP growth up to 5.1%, supporting a positive economic outlook.
- Recent reports provide mixed signals on the labor market. The unemployment rate held steady at 4.4%, slightly better than forecast. U.S. nonfarm payrolls increased by 50,000 in December, below estimates, and prior months were revised lower.
- The Fed is expected to cut rates one or two times in 2026, as the labor market cools but inflation remains above target. Market expectations for near-term Fed rate cuts diminished, with probabilities for cuts in January, March, and April all declining. The next likely rate cut is now anticipated for the June FOMC meeting, based on market-implied probabilities.
- Last week, short- and long-term rates fell while intermediate-rates rose slightly, continuing the recent trend of a steepening yield curve.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>Short</b>	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.0%	0.0%	4.6%	2.0%
<b>Core Plus</b>	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.1%	0.0%	4.6%	1.0%
	International Aggregate	0.0%	-0.2%	3.2%	-2.1%
	US Aggregate	0.4%	0.2%	4.0%	-0.1%
	US Treasury	0.2%	0.0%	3.0%	-0.8%
	US TIPS	0.3%	0.1%	3.8%	1.3%
	US Corporate	0.3%	0.1%	5.3%	0.2%
<b>Other</b>	US Corporate High Yield	0.4%	0.4%	9.2%	4.5%
	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.0%	0.0%	8.4%	1.6%
	US Municipals	0.7%	0.7%	3.6%	1.0%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.7%	0.7%	5.4%	2.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 9, 2026

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 9, 2026

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	1/9/2026	12/31/2025	12/31/2025	1/9/2025
Federal Funds Rate	3.70%	3.74%	3.74%	4.44%
3 Month Treasury	3.62%	3.67%	3.67%	4.35%
6 Month Treasury	3.57%	3.59%	3.59%	4.24%
2 Year Treasury	3.54%	3.47%	3.47%	4.27%
5 Year Treasury	3.75%	3.73%	3.73%	4.46%
10 Year Treasury	4.18%	4.18%	4.18%	4.68%
30 Year Treasury	4.82%	4.84%	4.84%	4.92%
US Aggregate	4.32%	4.32%	4.32%	4.98%
US Corporate	4.84%	4.81%	4.81%	5.42%
US Corporate High Yield	6.47%	6.53%	6.53%	7.42%
US Municipal	3.47%	3.60%	3.60%	3.77%
US Municipal High Yield	5.52%	5.59%	5.59%	5.56%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	1/9/2026	12/31/2025	12/31/2025	1/9/2025
30 Year Treasury	0.64%	0.66%	0.66%	0.24%
US Aggregate	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%	0.30%
US Corporate	0.66%	0.63%	0.63%	0.74%
US Corporate High Yield	2.29%	2.35%	2.35%	2.74%
US Municipal	-0.71%	-0.58%	-0.58%	-0.91%
US Municipal High Yield	1.34%	1.41%	1.41%	0.88%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of January 9, 2026

## Equity Markets Overview

- It was a solid week for US equities. All three major indices were up with the S&P 500 and Dow Jones reaching new all-time highs. The Dow Jones led the pack with a 2.3% gain followed by Nasdaq at 1.9% and the S&P 500 at 1.6%.
- The rally broadened beyond mega-cap tech, with sectors like Health Care, Industrials, Biotech, Materials, and Financials leading. Broader market growth was reflected in market breadth improving, with almost two-thirds of the S&P 500 and just over half of Nasdaq stocks trading above their 200-day moving averages.
- Mega-cap tech performance was mixed: Alphabet and Amazon rose, while Apple and Nvidia declined.
- The PHLX Semiconductor Index hit a new high, driven by equipment and memory chip stocks rather than chip leaders.
- Dividend growth accelerated. S&P 500 companies increased net dividends in Q4 by \$13.1 billion, above the prior quarter's \$10.6 billion.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	1.7%	2.0%	22.3%	13.9%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	1.6%	1.8%	23.2%	14.4%
	S&P 500 Growth	1.1%	1.2%	29.8%	15.0%
	S&P 500 Value	2.2%	2.5%	15.7%	13.0%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	3.3%	4.7%	13.4%	9.1%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	3.0%	4.6%	14.7%	7.0%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	3.7%	4.8%	12.0%	11.2%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	4.1%	5.2%	11.1%	7.1%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	3.3%	4.5%	11.6%	5.2%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	5.0%	5.9%	10.5%	8.8%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	1.4%	2.4%	16.4%	7.6%
	MSCI EM	1.6%	3.4%	15.5%	3.9%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 9, 2024

## Alternative Markets Overview

- Gold notched another strong week, posting a 4.3% gain as markets reacted to the weaker payroll data and increased geopolitical and US policy uncertainty. The precious metal broke above the \$4,500/oz price level and set a new all-time high.
- Oil prices rose around 3-4% last week as supply concerns increased due to increased geopolitical uncertainty stemming from intensifying protests in Iran, escalation of attacks in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and the US' intervention in Venezuela.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	2.4%	2.3%	6.4%	14.2%
Gold	4.3%	4.0%	33.9%	19.7%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	0.9%	1.1%	5.8%	5.6%
Bitcoin	0.5%	3.0%	73.7%	17.2%
Ethereum	-1.4%	3.5%	32.5%	21.7%

Source: Bloomberg as of January 9, 2024



### Upcoming Week

- This week kicks off Q4 earnings season, this week will bring earnings reports from several big banks. Two noteworthy releases include Delta Airlines and JPMorgan.
- It is a busy week for economic data and the first since the end of the government shutdown to not include backlogged releases. Key releases this week include inflation (CPI and PPI reports), retail sales, hourly earnings, and housing market data.

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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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