



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending May 8, 2026

US markets extended their rally to a sixth consecutive week, with stocks rising to fresh records as signs of labor-market strength drove equities higher. The S&P 500 gained on the week, bolstered by speculation that the world's largest economy remains resilient in the face of an energy shock triggered by the Iran war. Treasury yields declined modestly across the curve, as mixed economic data reinforced expectations the Federal Reserve will stay on hold. Gold rose for the week, supported by central-bank buying and safe-haven demand amid Middle East tensions, while WTI crude oil fell despite ongoing geopolitical uncertainty. US employers added 115,000 jobs in April, beating the 65,000 jobs forecasters had expected, though the unemployment rate remained at 4.3%. Consumer sentiment fell to a record low of 48.2 in May from 49.8 in April, as concerns about inflation's impact on personal finances and buying conditions weighed on households. Last week's market performance reflected a tug-of-war between economic resilience and elevated uncertainty, leaving investors navigating a complex environment of solid growth data against persistent geopolitical and inflation concerns.

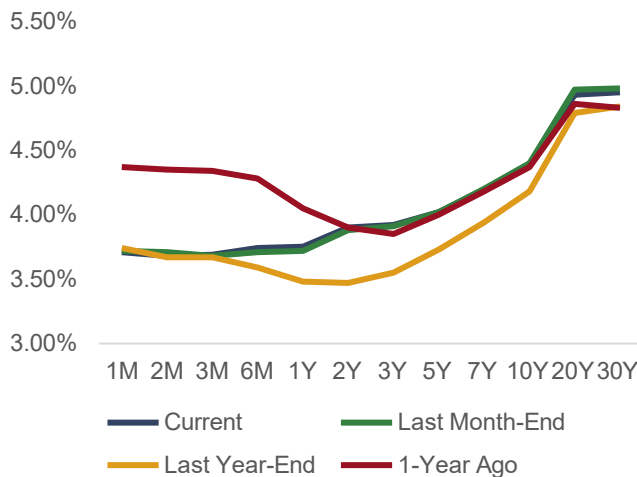
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Treasury yields dipped modestly across tenors, as economic data painted a mixed picture that reinforced the outlook for the Federal Reserve to hold rates steady.
- The yield curve flattened slightly, as long-term rates declined while short-term rates edged higher.
- The 2-year Treasury yield rose 2 basis points over the week to 3.90%, the 10-year Treasury yield fell 1 basis point to 4.38%, and the 30-year Treasury yield declined 2 basis points to 4.95%.
- Mixed economic data pointed to a resilient labor market despite some signs of potential weakness, with strong payrolls offset by falling consumer confidence.
- The Fed's GDPNow estimate rose to 3.7% from 3.5% the prior week, indicating an upward revision in near-term growth expectations.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.1%	0.7%	4.4%	2.1%
	Core Plus				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.1%	0.4%	4.2%	1.3%
	Global Aggregate	0.4%	0.7%	3.1%	-1.5%
	US Aggregate	0.3%	0.4%	3.8%	0.2%
	US Treasury	0.2%	0.2%	2.6%	-0.3%
	US TIPS	0.0%	1.7%	3.7%	1.3%
	US Corporate	0.4%	0.4%	5.2%	0.6%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.0%	1.4%	9.1%	4.3%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.4%	1.3%	8.6%	2.1%
Muni	US Municipals	0.2%	1.2%	3.3%	0.9%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.3%	2.4%	5.6%	1.9%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 8, 2026

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of May 8, 2026

Interest Rates (%)

Date	5/8/2026	4/30/2026	12/31/2025	5/8/2025
1 Month Treasury	3.71%	3.72%	3.74%	4.37%
3 Month Treasury	3.69%	3.68%	3.67%	4.34%
6 Month Treasury	3.74%	3.71%	3.59%	4.28%
2 Year Treasury	3.90%	3.88%	3.47%	3.90%
5 Year Treasury	4.02%	4.02%	3.73%	4.00%
10 Year Treasury	4.38%	4.40%	4.18%	4.37%
30 Year Treasury	4.95%	4.98%	4.84%	4.83%
US Aggregate	4.59%	4.61%	4.32%	4.72%
US Corporate	5.10%	5.14%	4.81%	5.31%
US Corporate High Yield	6.94%	6.98%	6.53%	7.73%
US Municipal	3.66%	3.68%	3.60%	4.03%
US Municipal High Yield	5.54%	5.56%	5.59%	5.81%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	5/8/2026	4/30/2026	12/31/2025	5/8/2025
30 Year Treasury	0.57%	0.58%	0.66%	0.46%
US Aggregate	0.21%	0.21%	0.14%	0.35%
US Corporate	0.72%	0.74%	0.63%	0.94%
US Corporate High Yield	2.56%	2.58%	2.35%	3.36%
US Municipal	-0.72%	-0.72%	-0.58%	-0.34%
US Municipal High Yield	1.16%	1.16%	1.41%	1.44%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 8, 2026

Equity Markets Overview

- US equity markets posted strong gains during the week, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite rising to fresh records for the sixth consecutive week. The S&P 500 gained 2.4% for the week, the Nasdaq surged 4.5%, and the Dow edged up 0.2%.
- A revival of the artificial-intelligence trade fueled a sharp rally in semiconductor stocks since last Friday, with chipmakers powering much of the week's advance.
- Information Technology led all sectors with a 7.0% gain, followed by Communication Services up 1.9% and Consumer Discretionary up 1.8%, while Energy fell 5.4% and Utilities declined 4.0% as the week's worst performers.
- Earnings season has shown solid results, with quarterly reports highlighting how AI demand is driving strong revenue growth across technology companies.
- Investor risk appetite remained elevated despite continued uncertainty around the Middle East, as markets prioritized steady growth, stable policy, and potential reacceleration over geopolitical concerns.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	2.3%	8.9%	22.5%	12.9%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	2.4%	8.5%	23.1%	13.5%
	S&P 500 Growth	4.0%	10.4%	29.0%	15.4%
	S&P 500 Value	0.4%	6.3%	16.1%	10.6%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	1.7%	12.4%	16.5%	7.6%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	3.3%	16.5%	18.1%	7.8%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	0.0%	8.2%	14.7%	7.3%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	0.6%	15.3%	16.1%	5.9%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	1.0%	16.2%	16.8%	5.8%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	0.3%	14.4%	15.3%	6.0%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	2.8%	12.2%	18.2%	8.6%
	MSCI EM	6.9%	22.5%	22.9%	7.5%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Commodity markets posted mixed performance during the week, with energy prices declining sharply while precious metals and cryptocurrencies advanced.
- WTI crude oil fell 7.2% for the week to settle around \$95 per barrel, notching its largest one-week decline since mid-April, as traders speculated on whether fresh clashes between the US and Iran would derail a fragile ceasefire.
- Gold rose 2.2% for the week, supported by renewed central-bank buying and safe-haven demand, with China's central bank reporting its largest monthly gold purchase in over a year in April.
- Bitcoin gained roughly 2% for the week, closing near \$80,000.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-2.9%	43.2%	20.1%	17.4%
Gold	2.2%	9.3%	32.5%	21.0%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	0.6%	13.6%	10.3%	4.4%
Bitcoin	2.2%	-8.5%	43.1%	6.3%
Ethereum	0.4%	-22.0%	8.1%	-8.1%

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Upcoming Week

- Earnings season continues this week, with noteworthy reports including Cisco Systems, Applied Materials, and Constellation Energy.
- This week brings a busy calendar of economic releases, with attention on Existing Home Sales data and inflation reports including the Consumer Price Index and Producer Price Index.

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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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