



# Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending May 15, 2026

US equity markets delivered a mixed performance for the week, as an AI-driven rally early in the week was sharply reversed on Friday when surging bond yields and rising oil prices reignited inflation fears. The S&P 500 edged up 0.2% for the week, its seventh consecutive weekly advance, though it fell 1.2% on Friday alone, as technology stocks, particularly chipmakers, led a broad-based decline. Treasury yields rose sharply across the curve, driven by growing concern that persistently elevated oil prices could fuel a new wave of inflation and potentially force the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates. Gold fell approximately 3.6% as a stronger US dollar and rising rate expectations weighed on the precious metal. WTI crude oil surged roughly 10.5% on the week as hopes for a near-term resolution to the Hormuz impasse faded. Overall, last week's market performance reflected a delicate balancing act for investors: while corporate earnings and economic data remained broadly supportive, the combination of elevated oil prices, rising Treasury yields, and a shifting Federal Reserve policy outlook introduced a more cautious tone heading into the weeks ahead.

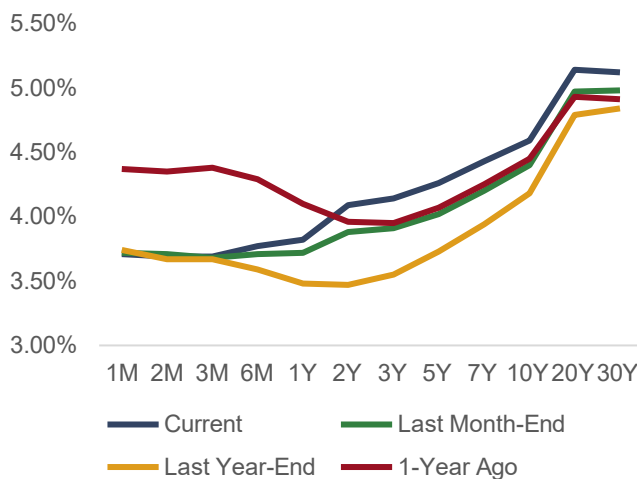
## Fixed Income Markets Overview

- Treasury yields rose sharply across the curve during the week, as concerns about oil-driven inflation drove a broad global bond selloff.
- The yield curve steepened over the week, as the 2-year yield rose to 4.09%, the 10-year yield rose to 4.59%, and the 30-year yield rose approximately to 5.12%, its highest closing level since July 2007.
- Market odds shifted meaningfully over the week, reflecting a 40% probability for a Federal Reserve rate hike by year-end 2026, compared to nearly flat expectations the prior.
- The Atlanta Fed's GDPNow model estimate for Q2 2026 GDP growth rose from approximately 3.7% to approximately 4.0%, suggesting economic momentum remains firm even as financial conditions tighten.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>Short</b>	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.2%	0.4%	4.2%	2.1%
	<b>Core Plus</b>				
	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.7%	-0.4%	3.9%	1.1%
	Global Aggregate	-1.5%	-0.8%	2.7%	-1.7%
	US Aggregate	-1.1%	-0.7%	3.4%	0.0%
	US Treasury	-1.1%	-1.0%	2.2%	-0.4%
	US TIPS	-0.7%	0.9%	3.5%	1.1%
	US Corporate	-1.0%	-0.6%	4.8%	0.5%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.5%	0.9%	8.9%	4.3%
<b>Other</b>	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-1.0%	0.3%	8.2%	1.9%
<b>Muni</b>	US Municipals	-0.6%	0.6%	3.1%	0.8%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.7%	1.7%	5.2%	1.7%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 15, 2026

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of May 15, 2026

## Interest Rates (%)

Date	5/15/2026	4/30/2026	12/31/2025	5/15/2025
1 Month Treasury	3.71%	3.72%	3.74%	4.37%
3 Month Treasury	3.69%	3.68%	3.67%	4.38%
6 Month Treasury	3.77%	3.71%	3.59%	4.29%
2 Year Treasury	4.09%	3.88%	3.47%	3.96%
5 Year Treasury	4.26%	4.02%	3.73%	4.07%
10 Year Treasury	4.59%	4.40%	4.18%	4.45%
30 Year Treasury	5.12%	4.98%	4.84%	4.91%
US Aggregate	4.81%	4.61%	4.32%	4.77%
US Corporate	5.27%	5.14%	4.81%	5.30%
US Corporate High Yield	7.17%	6.98%	6.53%	7.48%
US Municipal	3.77%	3.68%	3.60%	4.04%
US Municipal High Yield	5.62%	5.56%	5.59%	5.85%

## Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	5/15/2026	4/30/2026	12/31/2025	5/15/2025
30 Year Treasury	0.53%	0.58%	0.66%	0.46%
US Aggregate	0.22%	0.21%	0.14%	0.32%
US Corporate	0.68%	0.74%	0.63%	0.85%
US Corporate High Yield	2.58%	2.58%	2.35%	3.03%
US Municipal	-0.82%	-0.72%	-0.58%	-0.41%
US Municipal High Yield	1.03%	1.16%	1.41%	1.40%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of May 15, 2026

## Equity Markets Overview

- US equity markets were mixed for the week, with early gains driven by AI-related enthusiasm giving way to a sharp Friday selloff as rising bond yields and oil prices dampened investor appetite for risk assets.
- The S&P 500 rose 0.2%, the Nasdaq Composite fell nearly 0.1%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average declined 0.1% for the week
- Energy was the top-performing sector, gaining approximately 6.8% as oil prices surged on Hormuz uncertainty. while Consumer Staples rose approximately 1.2%, Consumer Discretionary fell approximately 3.1% and Real Estate declined approximately 2.6%, both pressured by rising interest rates and inflation concerns.
- With Q1 2026 earnings season winding down, results have been broadly positive, with most S&P 500 companies that have reported delivering earnings beats.
- Investor risk appetite turned more cautious by week's end, with the combination of elevated oil prices, rising Treasury yields, and uncertainty around the Federal Reserve's policy, prompting investors to reduce exposure to higher-risk, rate-sensitive assets.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
<b>All-Cap</b>	S&P 1500	0.0%	8.8%	22.5%	13.2%
<b>Large-Cap</b>	S&P 500	0.2%	8.7%	23.1%	13.8%
	S&P 500 Growth	0.6%	11.1%	29.2%	16.0%
	S&P 500 Value	-0.4%	5.8%	16.1%	10.6%
<b>Mid-Cap</b>	S&P Midcap 400	-2.4%	9.7%	15.5%	7.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-2.1%	14.0%	17.2%	7.9%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-2.7%	5.3%	13.8%	6.9%
<b>Small-Cap</b>	S&P Smallcap 600	-3.2%	11.6%	14.9%	5.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-3.1%	12.6%	15.5%	5.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-3.2%	10.7%	14.2%	5.5%
<b>Int'l.</b>	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	-1.8%	10.1%	17.9%	8.6%
	MSCI EM	-2.5%	19.5%	22.3%	7.6%

Source: Bloomberg as of May 15, 2026

## Alternative Markets Overview

- Commodity markets were broadly divergent during the week, with energy prices surging while precious metals declined.
- WTI crude oil rose approximately 10.5% for the week, closing above \$105 per barrel, as global oil supply constrained and reserves remain increasingly strained. Analysts warn the existing surplus cushion that had absorbed the initial shock is nearing its limits.
- Gold fell approximately 3.2% for the week to \$4,561.90 per troy ounce, pressured by a stronger US dollar and rising Treasury yields reduced the appeal of non-yielding assets.
- Bitcoin declined approximately 1.3% for the week, closing near \$79,081, as the broader risk-off tone on Friday weighed on digital assets alongside other higher-risk investments.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	3.8%	48.7%	22.1%	18.7%
Gold	-3.2%	5.9%	31.0%	20.1%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-2.4%	10.8%	9.7%	4.1%
Bitcoin	-1.3%	-9.6%	42.4%	10.5%
Ethereum	-4.0%	-25.1%	6.7%	-11.4%

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### Upcoming Week

- Earnings season continues this week, with noteworthy reports including Home Depot, Target, TJX Companies, Lowe's, and Nvidia.
- This week brings a lighter calendar of economic releases, with attention on Initial Jobless Claims, Housing Starts, and the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment reading.

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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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