Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending August 14, 2026

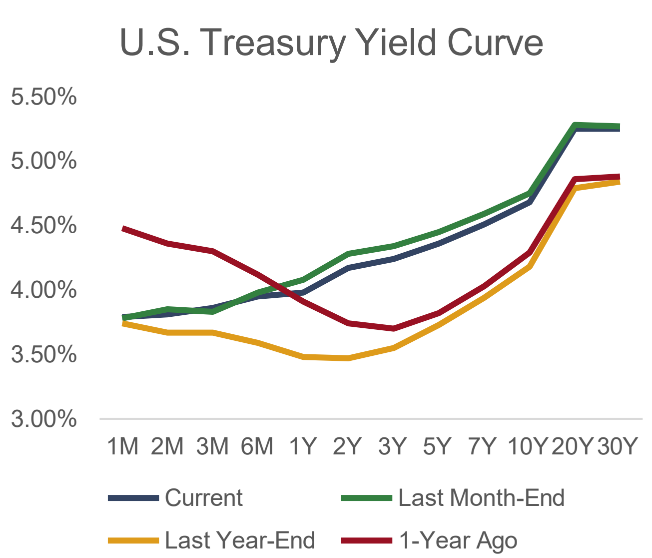
US markets delivered a mixed but broadly positive week, as soft inflation data pushed back expectations for a Federal Reserve rate hike at its September meeting, lifting equities to fresh records. The S&P 500 gained 0.4% for the week, briefly touching an all-time high mid-week before retreating modestly on Friday after weaker-than-expected retail sales reinforced concerns about the health of the US consumer. Treasury yields were mixed across the curve, with shorter-term yields declining as cooling inflation reduced the urgency for near-term rate hikes, while longer-dated yields edged higher. WTI crude oil increased approximately 4.5% over the week, driven by escalating geopolitical tensions in the Strait of Hormuz as ship attacks mounted and US-Iran peace talks remained stalled. The July Consumer Price Index (CPI) showed headline inflation rising 3.4% year-over-year, in line with expectations, suggesting that price pressures may be gradually easing from recent highs.

Fixed Income Markets Overview

- US Treasury yields were mixed for the week, with short-term yields declining as soft inflation data reduced near-term Fed rate hike expectations, while long-term yields rose modestly.
- The 2-year Treasury yield declined 2 basis points (from 4.19% to 4.17%), the 10-year yield rose 3 basis points (from 4.65% to 4.68%), and the 30-year yield rose 6 basis points (from 5.19% to 5.25%).
- Treasury yield movements during the week were driven by a tug-of-war between easing Fed rate hike expectations, which pushed shorter-term yields lower following soft CPI and PPI data, and growing fiscal concerns, which weighed on longer-term yields.
- Market-implied odds of a near-term Federal Reserve rate hike declined over the week following the soft inflation data, with markets currently pricing approximately a 32% probability of a hike at the September Fed meeting.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.1%	1.3%	4.7%	2.2%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.0%	0.4%	4.8%	1.1%
	Global Aggregate	-0.1%	-0.2%	3.8%	-1.8%
	US Aggregate	-0.1%	-0.2%	4.4%	-0.2%
	US Treasury	-0.1%	-0.5%	3.5%	-0.8%
	US TIPS	-0.1%	0.6%	4.2%	0.5%
	US Corporate	-0.3%	-0.5%	5.3%	-0.1%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.1%	2.6%	8.7%	4.3%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.0%	1.5%	8.4%	1.8%
Muni	US Municipals	0.1%	1.2%	3.5%	0.7%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.1%	3.4%	5.7%	1.4%

Source: Bloomberg as of August 14, 2026



Source: Bloomberg and U.S Treasury as of August 14, 2026

Interest Rates (%)

Date	8/14/2026	7/31/2026	12/31/2025	8/14/2025
1 Month Treasury	3.79%	3.78%	3.74%	4.48%
3 Month Treasury	3.86%	3.83%	3.67%	4.30%
6 Month Treasury	3.95%	3.98%	3.59%	4.12%
2 Year Treasury	4.17%	4.28%	3.47%	3.74%
5 Year Treasury	4.36%	4.45%	3.73%	3.82%
10 Year Treasury	4.68%	4.75%	4.18%	4.29%
30 Year Treasury	5.25%	5.27%	4.84%	4.88%
US Aggregate	4.92%	4.98%	4.32%	4.51%
US Corporate	5.42%	5.46%	4.81%	4.94%
US Corporate High Yield	7.20%	7.41%	6.53%	6.95%
US Municipal	3.81%	3.93%	3.60%	3.89%
US Municipal High Yield	5.58%	5.65%	5.59%	5.88%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	8/14/2026	7/31/2026	12/31/2025	8/14/2025
30 Year Treasury	0.57%	0.52%	0.66%	0.59%
US Aggregate	0.24%	0.23%	0.14%	0.22%
US Corporate	0.74%	0.71%	0.63%	0.65%
US Corporate High Yield	2.52%	2.66%	2.35%	2.66%
US Municipal	-0.87%	-0.82%	-0.58%	-0.40%
US Municipal High Yield	0.90%	0.90%	1.41%	1.59%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of August 14, 2026

Equity Markets Overview

- US equity markets posted a third consecutive week of gains, though the rally was uneven across indices and sectors, with the S&P 500 briefly touching a record high before pulling back on Friday's weak consumer data.
- The S&P 500 returned 0.4%, the Nasdaq Composite returned 0.2%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average declined 0.5%, reflecting divergence between large-cap technology-oriented indices and more economically sensitive blue-chip stocks.
- The top two performing sectors were Energy (+7.3%), which surged on rising oil prices tied to Strait of Hormuz supply disruptions, and Utilities (+1.5%), which benefited from its defensive characteristics as consumer growth concerns emerged late in the week.
- The bottom two performing sectors were Consumer Discretionary (-2.0%), which was weighed down by the sharp drop in retail sales and concerns about slowing household spending, and Communication Services (-1.0%).

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	0.4%	15.1%	21.3%	13.0%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	0.4%	14.5%	21.8%	13.4%
	S&P 500 Growth	-0.1%	15.6%	27.0%	14.1%
	S&P 500 Value	1.0%	13.3%	15.6%	11.7%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	1.1%	19.7%	15.5%	9.2%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	1.4%	23.2%	17.0%	8.9%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	0.8%	16.2%	14.0%	9.4%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	1.0%	25.7%	15.9%	8.1%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.8%	27.0%	16.5%	7.3%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	1.1%	24.5%	15.2%	8.7%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	1.3%	17.3%	20.3%	9.4%
	MSCI EM	2.7%	22.7%	22.6%	8.4%

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Alternative Markets Overview

- Commodity markets were broadly higher on the week, led by a sharp rally in crude oil as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East intensified and supply disruption risks remained elevated.
- WTI crude oil rose approximately 4.5% over the week, ending Friday at $82.40 per barrel, as ongoing ship attacks in the Strait of Hormuz, including strikes on multiple Abu Dhabi National Oil Company vessels, kept energy markets on edge and supply concerns elevated.
- Gold rose 0.90% for the week, closing at approximately $4,400 per troy ounce, supported by safe-haven demand amid Middle East tensions and a softer US dollar.
- Bitcoin declined approximately 3.1% for the week, closing near $63,000.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	3.8%	41.6%	15.9%	16.7%
S&P GSCI Crude Oil Spot	4.5%	41.9%	-0.2%	3.6%
Gold	0.9%	2.2%	31.7%	20.1%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	0.2%	17.2%	11.2%	3.2%
Bitcoin	-3.1%	-28.2%	29.0%	6.0%
Ethereum	-2.0%	-36.7%	0.7%	-10.4%

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Upcoming Week

- Notable earnings reports this week include Home Depot, Target, and Walmart.
- On the economic front, investors will focus on housing starts, industrial production, and the S&P Global U.S. Manufacturing PMI for additional insight into the strength of economic activity.

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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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MSCI ACWI ex-US Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries (excluding the US) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

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Bitcoin USD Spot Exchange Rate measures the last price of 1 Bitcoin in USD.

Bloomberg Galaxy Bitcoin Index is designed to measure the performance of a single bitcoin traded in USD.

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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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