

Market Watch

Week of May 5th

Stock Index Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.	
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (41,317)	3.00%	-2.39%	10.03%	14.99%	13.98%	
S&P 500 (5,687)	2.94%	-2.91%	13.80%	25.00%	16.71%	
NASDAQ 100 (20,103)	3.46%	-4.11%	15.51%	25.88%	19.12%	
S&P 500 Growth	3.64%	-3.68%	19.98%	35.81%	17.33%	
S&P 500 Value	2.19%	-2.09%	5.98%	12.27%	14.93%	
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	4.43%	-5.52%	-0.51%	15.93%	12.80%	
S&P MidCap 400 Value	2.64%	-5.74%	6.04%	11.65%	16.43%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	3.72%	-7.23%	0.15%	9.55%	12.12%	
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	2.67%	-13.22%	-2.30%	7.54%	13.42%	
Russell 2000	3.24%	-9.02%	1.59%	11.53%	11.33%	
MSCI EAFE	3.17%	13.37%	14.00%	3.82%	11.98%	
MSCI World (ex US)	3.15%	10.72%	13.26%	5.53%	10.70%	
MSCI World	2.96%	0.96%	13.71%	18.67%	14.90%	
MSCI Emerging Markets	3.37%	6.22%	10.29%	7.50%	6.92%	
S&P GSCI	-3.09%	-3.56%	-3.52%	9.25%	21.20%	

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. 5-yr. return is an average annual. One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 5/2/25. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results

S&P Sector Performance						
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.	
Communication Services	4.19%	-1.82%	18.97%	40.23%	15.78%	
Consumer Discretionary	1.57%	-12.18%	12.04%	30.14%	12.84%	
Consumer Staples	1.17%	6.35%	14.43%	14.87%	11.70%	
Energy	-0.60%	-3.16%	-8.25%	5.72%	23.07%	
Financials	3.63%	3.43%	25.01%	30.50%	19.95%	
Health Care	0.32%	1.14%	0.28%	2.58%	9.04%	
Industrials	4.34%	2.54%	12.00%	17.30%	18.56%	
Information Technology	4.02%	-8.21%	17.25%	36.61%	23.07%	
Materials	2.77%	1.74%	-2.15%	-0.04%	13.10%	
Real Estate	3.46%	3.80%	18.25%	5.23%	8.66%	
Utilities	2.00%	6.14%	21.22%	23.43%	10.91%	

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Bond Index Performance					
Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2024	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.09%	2.89%	6.68%	2.42%	-0.02%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.29%	2.42%	6.36%	0.95%	-0.84%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.30%	2.37%	6.36%	1.25%	-0.80%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.27%	1.38%	8.65%	8.19%	6.47%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.43%	1.57%	6.07%	2.13%	0.40%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	1.10%	-2.54%	0.84%	1.40%	0.66%
Global Aggregate	0.00%	5.14%	7.63%	-1.69%	-1.28%

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Key Rates						
Fed Funds	4.25% - 4.50%	2-yr T-Note	3.82%			
CPI - Headline	2.40%	5-yr T-Note	3.92%			
CPI - Core	2.80%	10-yr T-Note	4.31%			
Money Market Accts.	0.47%	30-yr T-Bond	4.79%			
1-yr CD	2.02%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	6.89%			
3-yr CD	1.69%	Prime Rate	7.50%			
5-yr CD	1.70%	Bond Buyer 40	4.79%			

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prime Rate as of 4/29/25, all other data as of 5/2/25. National average banking rates are displayed for the Money Market Accts., 1-yr CD, 3-yr CD and 5-yr CD.

Market Indicators					
Investment Grade Spread (A2)	125 bps				
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	360 bps				

Source: Bloomberg. As of 5/2/25.

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Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 4/23/25						
	Current W	/eek	Previ	Previous		
Domestic Equity	\$3.240	Billion	-\$1.032	Billion		
Foreign Equity	-\$1.474	Billion	-\$3.181	Billion		
Taxable Bond	-\$216	Million	-\$17.517	Billion		
Municipal Bond	-\$561	Million	-\$2.327	Billion		
Change in Money Market Fund Assets for Week Ended 4/30/25						
	Current W	/eek	Previ	Previous		
Retail	-\$3.92	Billion	\$5.98	Billion		
Institutional	-\$0.19	Billion	\$25.69	Billion		

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the Week of April 28, 2025

Monday, April 28, 2025
The U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention reported that there were 3,622,673 births recorded in the U.S. in 2024 (preliminary data), up from 3,591,328 in 2023, according to its own release. In 2024, the general fertility rate was 54.6 births per 1,000 females between the ages of 15-44, an increase of less than 1% year-over-year. Birth rates declined among females between the ages of 15-24 but increased for those between the ages of 25-44 during the

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
The Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported that the total net cost of a college degree – including the actual costs students pay over four years of school and the amount they "lose" by not working full-time during those years – stood at nearly \$180,000 in 2024, according to CNBC. Despite its cost, a college degree pays off for most students. The median annual salary for degree-holding workers totaled nearly \$80,000 in 2024, compared to a median annual salary of \$47,000 for workers with a high school diploma.

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 Citing the results of its 2025 Crypto Crime Report, Chainalysis reported that total cryptocurrency value received by illicit wallets stood at \$40.9 billion (preliminary results) in 2024, down from \$46.1 billion in 2023. Through 2021, Bitcoin was the most common cryptocurrency transferred among illicit wallets. That has changed, with so-called "stablecoins" accounting for 63% of all illicit transaction volume in 2024.

Thursday, May 1, 2025

The International Monetary Fund ("IMF") estimates that global public debt will increase by 2.8 percentage points to more than 95% of worldwide gross domestic product (GDP) in 2025, according to its own release. Substantial shifts in political policy, increased market volatility, and higher defense spending were cited as catalysts for the surging projections. Under its reference forecast, the IMF expects global public debt will increase to nearly 100% of GDP by 2030 but warns the metric could reach 117% as early as 2027 under its "severely adverse" scenario.

Friday, May 2, 2025

April 2025 marked the 50th anniversary of the release of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail", which parodies the legend of King Arthur. The film, which was created on a budget of just \$393,000, grossed nearly \$5.7 million across global box offices. Since its release, the movie has been heralded as one of the greatest cult-comedies of all time and inspired other classics such as "The Life of Brian" and "Spamalot", a theatrical version of the movie that was nominated for 14 Tony Awards in 2005.

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