

## Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2025	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (47,502)	-2.92%	-0.86%	13.49%	14.92%	10.67%
S&P 500 (6,740)	-1.99%	-1.32%	18.96%	17.88%	13.54%
NASDAQ 100 (24,643)	-1.24%	-2.28%	23.77%	21.02%	15.13%
S&P 500 Growth	-1.36%	-4.23%	23.38%	22.18%	14.43%
S&P 500 Value	-2.67%	2.03%	14.39%	13.19%	11.81%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-4.86%	4.66%	20.29%	7.46%	7.26%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-4.27%	2.05%	12.99%	7.58%	8.51%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-4.26%	3.28%	16.43%	5.37%	4.26%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	-3.32%	4.36%	20.14%	6.70%	5.39%
Russell 2000	-4.03%	1.92%	23.86%	12.81%	4.27%
MSCI EAFE	-6.73%	2.68%	21.19%	31.22%	9.36%
MSCI World (ex US)	-6.47%	4.10%	26.86%	32.39%	8.34%
MSCI World	-3.26%	-0.37%	19.68%	21.09%	11.70%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-6.88%	6.94%	35.41%	33.57%	4.80%
S&P GSCI	15.34%	29.69%	37.70%	7.12%	16.53%

**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 3/6/26. 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.	2025	5-yr.
Communication Services	-2.07%	-1.71%	31.58%	33.55%	14.31%
Consumer Discretionary	-1.39%	-5.10%	12.06%	6.04%	8.62%
Consumer Staples	-4.82%	10.66%	7.53%	3.90%	10.43%
Energy	1.00%	26.47%	36.75%	8.67%	21.26%
Financials	-1.69%	-7.62%	3.90%	15.02%	10.44%
Health Care	-4.63%	-1.27%	4.23%	14.60%	8.02%
Industrials	-4.07%	9.61%	29.98%	19.42%	14.54%
Information Technology	-0.35%	-5.84%	27.99%	24.04%	19.72%
Materials	-7.06%	9.50%	16.19%	10.54%	7.92%
Real Estate	-2.29%	6.88%	6.23%	3.15%	6.93%
Utilities	-2.09%	9.51%	26.71%	16.04%	12.86%

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## Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2025	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.65%	0.55%	5.17%	6.51%	1.01%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.93%	1.23%	6.81%	8.07%	0.63%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.96%	0.77%	5.73%	7.30%	0.38%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.43%	0.26%	7.05%	8.62%	4.45%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.95%	0.51%	6.09%	7.77%	0.94%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.91%	1.25%	3.23%	1.95%	0.16%
Global Aggregate	-1.75%	0.28%	5.96%	8.17%	-1.38%

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## Key Rates

Fed Funds	3.50% - 3.75%	2-yr T-Note	3.56%
CPI - Headline	2.40%	5-yr T-Note	3.73%
CPI - Core	2.50%	10-yr T-Note	4.14%
Money Market Accts.	0.43%	30-yr T-Bond	4.76%
1-yr CD	1.89%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	6.10%
3-yr CD	1.63%	Prime Rate	6.75%
5-yr CD	1.69%	Bond Buyer 40	4.78%

**Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics.** Prime rate as of 3/3/26. All other data as of 3/6/26. 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)	98 bps
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	313 bps

**Source: Bloomberg. As of 3/6/26.**

## Weekly Fund Flows

### Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 2/25/26

	Current Week	Previous
Domestic Equity	-\$5.743 Billion	\$5.418 Billion
Foreign Equity	\$13.766 Billion	\$9.220 Billion
Taxable Bond	\$31.497 Billion	\$20.944 Billion
Municipal Bond	\$2.674 Billion	\$1.993 Billion

### Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 3/4/26

	Current Week	Previous
Retail	\$10.05 Billion	-\$10.33 Billion
Institutional	\$10.06 Billion	\$16.04 Billion

**Source: Investment Company Institute.**

## Factoids for the Week of March 2, 2026

### Monday, March 2, 2026

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reported that it had issued 28.7 million tax refunds worth a collective \$109.3 billion as of 2/20/26. The average refund was \$3,804, up 10.2% from last year's average refund over the same period. The IRS said that it issues most refunds within 21 days, but that it could take longer for paper-filed returns or returns with errors.

### Tuesday, March 3, 2026

The International Data Corporation (IDC) estimated that global smartphone shipments will decline by 12.9% year-over-year to 1.1 billion units in 2026, according to its own release. Surging demand for memory chips, a key component in servers housed in AI datacenters, has led to a shortage in available supply for smartphone manufacturers. The IDC estimates that smartphone shipments will decline by a staggering 20.6% year-over-year in the Middle East & Africa and 13.1% in the Asia Pacific region (excluding China and Japan), in 2026.

### Wednesday, March 4, 2026

FactSet reported that the Q4'25 blended net profit margin for the S&P 500 Index ("Index") stood at 13.3% on 2/27/26, above the 5-year average of 12.1%. Should this hold, it will mark the highest net profit margin reported by the Index since FactSet began tracking the metric in 2009.

### Thursday, March 5, 2026

Bloomberg reported that just three ships traversed the Strait of Hormuz on 3/3/26, down from 104 on 2/27/26, according to vessel tracking data it compiled. The strait functions as a vital artery for the global oil trade. Nearly 13 million barrels of crude oil passed through it each day in 2025, representing 31% of all seaborne crude flows, according to energy consulting firm Kpler and CNBC.

### Friday, March 6, 2026

Total net assets invested in U.S. money market funds increased by 11.3% to a record \$7.82 trillion between 3/5/25 and 3/4/26, according to weekly data from Bloomberg and the Investment Company Institute. Total net assets invested in so-called "government" money market funds, which restrict their holdings to U.S. Treasuries and agency debt, increased by 11.5% to a record \$6.43 trillion over the period.

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