First Trust — Market Watch

Week of September 8th

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2025	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg (53,414)	-0.16%	12.39%	18.99%	14.92%	10.67%
S&P 500 (7,719)	0.13%	13.65%	20.11%	17.88%	12.82%
NASDAQ 100 (29,544)	0.41%	17.52%	25.83%	21.02%	14.43%
S&P 500 Growth	0.40%	14.43%	21.76%	22.18%	13.17%
S&P 500 Value	-0.20%	12.69%	18.17%	13.19%	11.67%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-0.14%	17.47%	18.97%	7.46%	7.43%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	0.51%	13.47%	14.93%	7.58%	8.78%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	-0.32%	21.24%	21.68%	5.37%	5.78%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	0.13%	21.75%	26.59%	6.70%	8.06%
Russell 2000	0.15%	20.83%	26.60%	12.81%	6.82%
MSCI EAFE	-0.16%	14.08%	22.87%	31.22%	9.09%
MSCI World (ex US)	0.02%	17.44%	28.28%	32.39%	9.17%
MSCI World	0.05%	13.57%	20.52%	21.09%	11.13%
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.26%	24.61%	39.47%	33.57%	8.15%
S&P GSCI	4.34%	52.15%	54.74%	7.12%	18.04%

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 9/4/26. 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	-0.42%	1.37%	9.88%	33.55%	10.69%
Consumer Discretionary	-2.05%	-1.34%	0.75%	6.04%	6.08%
Consumer Staples	-0.79%	9.04%	7.14%	3.90%	6.96%
Energy	2.28%	44.45%	48.19%	8.67%	26.12%
Financials	0.02%	7.09%	9.26%	15.02%	10.81%
Health Care	0.17%	11.80%	27.04%	14.60%	6.41%
Industrials	-1.04%	13.66%	17.27%	19.42%	12.65%
Information Technology	1.10%	23.86%	34.18%	24.04%	21.11%
Materials	-1.42%	15.99%	15.74%	10.54%	6.30%
Real Estate	-1.21%	11.68%	10.44%	3.15%	1.65%
Utilities	0.82%	2.29%	5.82%	16.04%	7.64%

Source: FTSERussell, MSCI, Nasdaq, S&P. Returns are total returns. *5-yr. return is an average annual.* One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 9/4/26. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. On 9/28/18, the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was reconstituted and the Telecommunications Services sector was renamed Communication Services. GICS sector information for periods prior to 9/28/18 may not necessarily be comparable to the reconstituted sectors.

Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2025	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	-0.08%	-0.03%	1.21%	6.51%	0.72%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.18%	0.38%	2.46%	8.07%	0.46%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.18%	-0.40%	1.34%	7.30%	-0.29%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.15%	2.57%	4.65%	8.62%	4.07%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.29%	-0.60%	1.11%	7.77%	-0.14%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	-0.99%	0.04%	5.26%	1.95%	-0.81%
Global Aggregate	0.06%	-0.13%	0.90%	8.17%	-1.76%

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Key Rates

Fed Funds	3.50% - 3.75%	2-yr T-Note	4.37%
CPI - Headline	3.40%	5-yr T-Note	4.55%
CPI - Core	2.50%	10-yr T-Note	4.78%
Money Market Accts.	0.45%	30-yr T-Bond	5.24%
1-yr CD	2.05%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	6.80%
3-yr CD	1.69%	Prime Rate	6.75%
5-yr CD	1.75%	Bond Buyer 40	4.95%

Sources: Barrons.com, Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. All data as of 9/4/26. 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)	99 bps
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	268 bps

Source: Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (ICE). As of 9/4/26.

Weekly Fund Flows

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 8/26/26

	Current Week		Previous	
Domestic Equity	-$18.344	Billion	$8.683	Billion
Foreign Equity	$2.195	Billion	$3.777	Billion
Taxable Bond	$10.979	Billion	$18.251	Billion
Municipal Bond	$2.483	Billion	$2.360	Billion

Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 9/2/26

	Current Week		Previous	
Retail	$11.10	Billion	-$3.39	Billion
Institutional	$33.66	Billion	$9.50	Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the Week of August 31st, 2026

Monday, August 31, 2026
In its “How America Saves 2026” report, Vanguard found that 6% of participants took a hardship withdrawal from their 401(k) account in 2025, up from 5% in 2024. At 36%, avoiding foreclosure or eviction was the most common reason for a hardship withdrawal during the year, up from 35% in 2024. Medical expenses ranked second at 31%, up from 30% in 2024.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026
The U.S. Department of the Treasury reported that foreign holdings of U.S. Treasuries totaled $9.30 trillion in June 2026, down from $9.37 trillion in May 2026, but up 2.3% year-over-year, according to Reuters. Japan and the U.K. were the largest foreign holders of Treasuries in June, at $1.12 trillion and $0.94 trillion, respectively. Despite a decline of more than 13% year-over-year, China remains the third-largest foreign holder of U.S. Treasuries, with $0.63 trillion in June 2026.

Wednesday, September 2, 2026
Data from Redfin revealed that 47,189 contracts to purchase a home in the U.S. were canceled in July 2026, an increase of 4.7% from 45,051 cancellations over the same period last year. Cancellations accounted for 14.0% of all homes that went under contract in July 2026. A record low number of homebuyers, high home prices, and elevated mortgage rates were cited as key drivers of the increase in cancellations. Of the 50 largest metro areas, cancellation rates were highest in Atlanta, GA (19.8%), Houston, TX (19.6%), and San Antonio, TX (18.7%).

Thursday, September 3, 2026
In its *Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2025*, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System found that 16% of U.S. adults had utilized “buy now, pay later” (BNPL) loans over the trailing 12 months, up from 10% in 2021 (when the survey began asking about BNPL loan usage). Among those users, 31% reported the main reason for utilizing BNPL loans was to spread out their payments, with 29% saying it was the only way they could afford to make the purchase. The share of BNPL loan users who were late in making a payment stood at 26% in 2025, essentially unchanged from 2024.

Friday, September 4, 2026
A made-in-China humanoid robot surpassed Usain Bolt’s world record time in the 100-meter sprint last week, covering the distance in just 8.64 seconds at an average speed of nearly 26 miles per hour, according to Reuters. For comparison, Bolt’s record time, which remains the fastest by any human, was a blistering 9.58 seconds and was set at the World Athletics Championships in 2009.