

A Global Snapshot Of Government Bond Yields

2- & 10-Year Government Bond Yields (As of 7/22/20)

Country	2-Year		10-Year	
	Yield	YTD Change (Basis Points)	Yield	YTD Change (Basis Points)
Australia	0.26%	-66	0.88%	-49
Canada	0.26%	-143	0.50%	-119
France	-0.67%	-5	-0.19%	-30
Germany	-0.70%	-8	-0.49%	-30
Italy	-0.07%	0	1.03%	-37
Japan	-0.15%	-1	0.01%	4
Switzerland	-0.87%	-5	-0.54%	0
United Kingdom	-0.12%	-64	0.12%	-69
United States	0.15%	-142	0.60%	-132

Source: Bloomberg. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**
This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment.

View from the Observation Deck

1. Today's blog post shows the yields on a couple of benchmark government bond maturities from key countries/economies around the globe.
2. Investors need to be cognizant of the fact that interest rates are still at extremely low levels. As indicated in the table above, government bond yields have fallen notably year-to-date in a number of countries.
3. The yield on the U.S. 10-year Treasury-note closed at 0.60% on 7/22/20, 546 basis points below its historical average yield of 6.06% since 1/5/62, according to Bloomberg.
4. As indicated in the table above, many countries have negative-yielding sovereign debt trading in the market.
5. As of 7/7/20, the total amount of negative-yielding debt exceeded \$12 trillion worldwide, according to Reuters.
6. The low interest rate and bond yield climate has inspired some government leaders to issue sovereign debt in extended maturities. Austria recently sold two billion euros (\$2.3 billion) worth of its 100-year bond yielding 0.88% and there was investor demand for nine times that amount, according to Reuters.

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