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S&P 500 Index Earnings & Revenue Growth Rate Estimates

S&P 500 & Sector Indices *(Estimated Y-O-Y Earnings & Revenue Growth Rates as of 11/13/26)*

	2026 Earnings Est.	2027 Earnings Est.	2026 Revenue Est.	2027 Revenue Est.
S&P 500 Index	29.9%	20.2%	13.8%	9.1%
Communication Services	10.8%	19.3%	12.6%	14.6%
Consumer Discretionary	19.5%	13.4%	8.0%	8.6%
Consumer Staples	7.6%	6.1%	6.5%	4.5%
Energy	118.1%	-7.2%	29.6%	-8.0%
Financials	15.2%	6.4%	9.5%	5.1%
Health Care	2.9%	19.6%	6.5%	4.0%
Industrials	17.2%	15.4%	11.9%	9.0%
Information Technology	64.6%	41.0%	38.6%	29.7%
Materials	31.0%	9.3%	7.7%	4.4%
Real Estate	8.6%	5.0%	10.7%	10.1%
Utilities	15.0%	5.7%	9.0%	4.1%

Source: Bloomberg. Consensus estimates using fiscal year revenue from each company.

View from the Observation Deck

Today's post provides an update on 2026 and 2027 earnings and revenue growth rate estimates for the S&P 500 Index ("Index") and each of its 11 sectors. The Index closed at 7,562 on November 13, 2026, below its all-time high of 7,819 (October 6, 2026), but up 54.6% (cumulative total return) from its most recent low of 4,983 (April 8, 2025). For comparison, from 1928 to 2025 (98 years) the Index posted an average annual total return of 9.8%.

Calendar year 2026 and 2027 earnings growth rate estimates have increased since our last post on this topic.

The Index's year-over-year (y-o-y) earnings growth rate estimates were 29.9% and 20.2% in 2026 and 2027, respectively, on November 13, 2026, up from 25.0% and 17.4%, respectively, when we last wrote about this topic in July. Click here to view that post. Every sector is estimated to post positive earnings growth rates in 2026. Only one sector (Energy) is expected to see its earnings growth rate turn negative in 2027, amid difficult comparisons against elevated 2026 estimates.

Revenue growth rate estimates remain favorable as well, with observations for both 2026 and 2027 increasing since our last post on this topic.

The Index's 2026 and 2027 estimated y-o-y revenue growth rates were 13.8% and 9.1%, respectively, on November 13, up from 10.4% and 7.6% on July 3. Each of the Index's eleven sectors reflects positive y-o-y revenue growth rate estimates in 2026, with all of them estimated to surpass 5.0%. Information Technology commands the highest estimated revenue growth rates at 38.6% and 29.7% in 2026 and 2027, respectively.

Takeaway

Earnings and revenue growth rate estimates for the broader Index reflect strength, with estimates increasing for both the 2026 and 2027 calendar year observations between July 3 (the date of the data used in our last post) and November 13. At the sector level, calendar year 2026 earnings growth rate estimates increased for nine of 11 observations, while revenue growth rate estimates improved for 10 of the 11 sectors. Energy, Information Technology, and Materials stand out among their peers, with earnings estimated to increase by 118.1%, 64.6%, and 31.0% y-o-y in 2026. Looking further ahead, analyst estimates show earnings and revenue are expected to grow for all but one sector in 2027. Notably, earnings for five of the Index's 11 sectors are estimated to grow by at least 10.0% in 2027, despite difficult comparisons against elevated 2026 estimates. From our perspective, revenue growth rate estimates may offer insight into the strength in earnings estimates. As noted above, each of the Index's sectors is estimated to post revenue growth rates of 5.0% or higher in 2026. Time will ultimately reveal the accuracy of these estimates, but we maintain that higher revenues could be the best catalyst for continued earnings growth.