

Fixed Income Weekly Primer

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2026 kicks off with yields across the bond market remaining attractive and providing investors with the continued opportunity to lock in historically elevated yields for years to come. Treasury yields are mostly lower than a year ago, with short-end yields being driven lower by actions by the FOMC. The Fed Funds rate was lowered by 75 basis points in 2025, with the 2-year Treasury yield correspondingly falling by just over 80 basis points year-over-year. Intermediate and longer-term yields have seen diminishing effects of the changes to the Fed Funds rate, as the 10-year yield is ~41 basis points lower, while the 30-year yield is actually slightly higher over the same timeframe. Investment-grade corporate yields followed a similar path as benchmark yields last year, with yields moving lower and larger moves on the shorter end of the curve. Despite the move lower in the yields for most of the taxable market, they remain at historically attractive levels. Yields in the mid-4% to over 5% range are available in high-quality (investment-grade) corporate bond portfolios across the intermediate part of the curve. Municipal yields followed their taxable counterparts lower on the shorter half of the curve as yields inside of 15 years are lower year-over-year. The tax-exempt market diverged from the taxable market on the long end of the curve, with yields rising by 30 basis points or more. As was the case for most of 2025, 2026 starts by continuing to offer investors tremendous value on the long end of the curve, as taxable-equivalent yields in the mid-7% range are readily available in high-quality municipals (assuming a 40.08% federal tax bracket).

Looking at the upcoming week, a range of important economic data releases are on tap. ISM Manufacturing data comes out on Monday followed by ISM Services data on Wednesday. JOLTS Job Openings, Durable Goods Orders, and Factory Orders also come out on Wednesday. On Friday, employment data for December is released, highlighted by the Change in Nonfarm Payrolls and the Unemployment rate.

Equities (Price Appreciation)			Municipal (AAA) (YTW)			Corporate Index (A) (YTW)		
Friday	WEEK AGO	CHANGE	Friday	WEEK AGO	CHANGE	Friday	WEEK AGO	CHANGE
S&P 500	6858.47	6929.94 ▼ -71.47	1 yr	2.468	2.470 ▼ -0.003	1 yr	3.830	3.855 ▼ -0.025
Treasuries (YTW)			5 yr	2.360	2.367 ▼ -0.007	5 yr	4.245	4.204 ▲ 0.040
1 yr	3.470	3.490 ▼ -0.020	10 yr	2.704	2.710 ▼ -0.005	10 yr	4.922	4.856 ▲ 0.066
5 yr	3.740	3.680 ▲ 0.060	30 yr	4.132	4.129 ▲ 0.003	30 yr	5.685	5.625 ▲ 0.060
10 yr	4.190	4.140 ▲ 0.050	Municipal (AAA) TEY @ 37%			Corporate Index (BBB) (YTW)		
30 yr	4.860	4.810 ▲ 0.050	1 yr	3.917	3.921 ▼ -0.004	1 yr	4.073	4.088 ▼ -0.015
Brokered CDs (YTW)			5 yr	3.746	3.758 ▼ -0.012	5 yr	4.553	4.508 ▲ 0.046
3 mo	3.550	3.850 ▼ -0.300	10 yr	4.293	4.301 ▼ -0.009	10 yr	5.215	5.148 ▲ 0.066
6 mo	3.600	3.700 ▼ -0.100	30 yr	6.559	6.555 ▲ 0.005	30 yr	5.974	5.918 ▲ 0.057
1 yr	3.550	3.650 ▼ -0.100	MBS 30-yr (Current Coupon) (YTW)			Other Rates		
3 yr	3.700	3.750 ▼ -0.050	FNMA	5.089	5.033 ▲ 0.056	SOFR	3.750	3.760 ▼ -0.010
5 yr	3.800	3.850 ▼ -0.050	GNMA	5.130	5.059 ▲ 0.071	Fed Funds	3.640	3.640 ■ 0.000

Source: Bloomberg LP, Raymond James as of 01/05/26

All entries are percentage (%) unless otherwise noted.

DAY	EVENT	PERIOD	SURVEY	PRIOR	Available on RaymondJames.com
Wed	ISM Services Index	Dec	52.3	52.6	• Bond Market Commentary
Wed	JOLTS Job Openings	Nov	7679k	7670k	• Weekly Interest Rate Monitor
Wed	Durable Goods Orders	Oct F	-2.2%	-2.2%	• Municipal Bond Investor Weekly
Fri	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Dec	59k	64k	• Fixed Income Quarterly
Fri	Unemployment Rate	Dec	4.5%	4.6%	

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