



US Rate Watch

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What's Going On In The Market

On April 29, 2026, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) opted to keep the federal funds rate unchanged at a target range of **3.50% - 3.75%**, a decision that was largely anticipated by markets. The move was supported by a solid pace of economic activity and a cooling labor market, alongside a recent pickup in inflation driven by rising global energy prices.

The FOMC reaffirmed its commitment to achieving its objectives of maximum employment and returning inflation to 2% over the longer run, while also acknowledging that developments in the Middle East have heightened economic uncertainty posing a threat to its objectives. Considering this, future policy decisions will be guided by incoming data and the balance of risks as the outlook evolves.



*The next scheduled meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is set for: **June 16-17***



3.3%

Inflation



4.3%

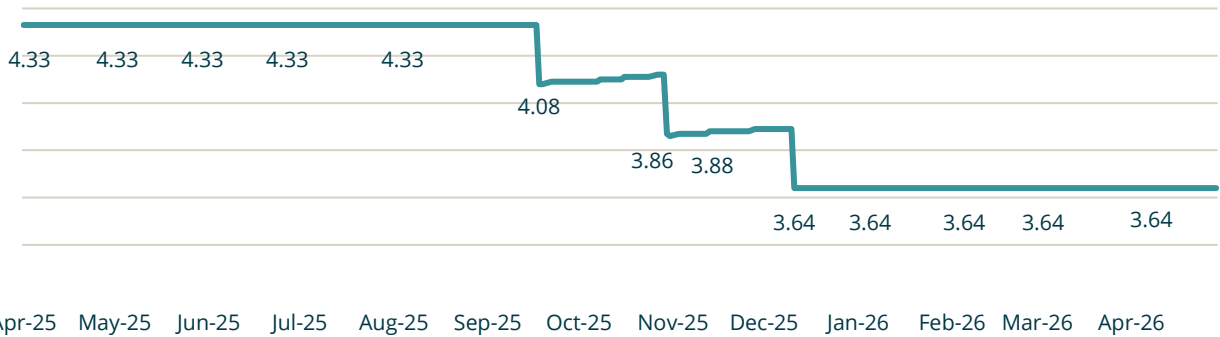
Unemployment



52.7%

Manufacturing PMI

Effective Federal Funds Rate (Last 12 Months)



HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOU?

At Sheppard, we offer our clients the option to sweep any excess USD cash into money market mutual funds as well as bank deposit products. If elected, any free credit balance in your brokerage account will be automatically invested into the sweep product selected. These accounts are **currently yielding around 2.85%** as displayed in the table below.

We have also provided the average yield on various United States Treasury bills as well as indicative bond levels given the current interest rate environment for your reference.

Current Returns	
Fund Name	Average Yield
Federated Hermes Short-Term Daily U.S. Dollar Fund	2.85%
3-month US Treasury Bill (approx.)	3.66%
6-month US Treasury Bill (approx.)	3.69%
12-month US Treasury Bill (approx.)	3.71%

Indicative Bond Levels

Description	Industry	S&P Rating	Coupon %	Maturity	Tenor	Indicative Price	Indicative Yield to Worst %
U.S. Treasuries							
TREASURY BILL	Government	AA+	0.000%	8/4/2026	0.26	99.09	3.660%
US TREASURY N/B	Government	AA+	4.625%	11/15/2026	0.55	100.50	3.670%
US TREASURY N/B	Government	AA+	3.750%	6/30/2027	1.18	99.96	3.785%
US TREASURY N/B	Government	AA+	3.750%	5/15/2028	2.07	99.75	3.879%
US TREASURY N/B	Government	AA+	1.250%	8/15/2031	5.37	86.77	4.056%
US TREASURY N/B	Government	AA+	4.500%	2/15/2036	9.94	101.64	4.292%
Investment Grade							
CHEVRON CORP	Energy	AA-	1.995%	5/11/2027	1.04	98.15	3.865%
SAGICOR FINANCIAL CO	Financial	BBB	5.300%	5/13/2028	2.06	100.00	5.299%
STARBUCKS CORP	Consumer, Cyclical	BBB+	3.550%	8/15/2029	3.34	97.68	4.314%
IBM CORP	Technology	A-	1.950%	5/15/2030	4.10	90.58	4.534%
BANK OF MONTREAL	Financial	A-	5.511%	6/4/2031	5.17	104.03	4.586%
CVS HEALTH CORP	Consumer, Non-cyclical	BBB	5.000%	9/15/2032	6.47	100.52	4.901%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	Communications	BBB+	5.050%	5/9/2033	7.13	101.37	4.811%
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	Industrial	A	5.150%	5/22/2034	8.18	102.84	4.712%
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO/THE	Consumer, Non-cyclical	AA-	4.600%	5/1/2035	9.13	99.94	4.608%
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	Government	BBB-	6.500%	1/28/2036	9.89	102.93	6.088%
Non-Investment Grade							
ICAHN ENTERPRISES/FIN	Financial	BB-	5.250%	5/15/2027	1.05	99.22	6.036%
NAVIENT CORP	Financial	BB-	4.875%	3/15/2028	1.90	97.87	6.100%
TELECOM OF TRIN & TOBAGO	Communications	BB-	8.875%	10/18/2029	3.52	102.27	7.720%
TEVA PHARM FIN IV	Consumer, Non-cyclical	BB+	5.750%	12/1/2030	4.65	103.16	4.932%
TRINIDAD GEN UNLTD	Utilities	BB+	7.750%	6/16/2033	7.23	105.79	6.541%

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