

# Weekly Market Update

March 16, 2026

## Economic & Market News

### This Week:

- U.S. economic reports scheduled to be released this week include: Industrial Production, Producer Price Index (PPI), Crude Oil Inventories, Federal Reserve (Fed) Interest Rate Decision, and Initial Jobless Claims.
- Non-U.S. economic reports scheduled to be released this week include: Industrial Production in China, Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Interest Rate Decision in Canada, as well as CPI and Interest Rate Decision in the Eurozone.

### Week in Review:

- Existing home sales increased 1.7% in February to a 4.09M annual rate. Sales are down 1.4% versus a year ago. The median price of an existing home increased to \$398,000 in February.
- The CPI rose +0.3% in February. The CPI is up +2.4% from a year ago. Energy prices increased +0.6% in February, while food prices rose +0.4%.
- Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth in Q4 was revised lower to a 0.7% annual rate. Personal consumption, business investment, and home building, combined, rose at a +1.9% annual rate in Q4 (Core GDP).

Commodities	Latest	1M Ago	3M Ago	6M Ago
Oil (\$/barrel)	98.71	62.89	57.44	62.69
Gold (\$/oz)	5052.50	5022.00	4300.10	3649.40
Gasoline (\$/gallon)	3.04	1.91	1.75	1.99

Currencies	Latest	1M Ago	3M Ago	6M Ago
Euro (€/€)	1.14	1.18	1.17	1.17
Pound (\$/£)	1.32	1.36	1.34	1.36
Yen (¥/\$)	159.56	153.13	155.88	147.67

### S&P 1500 by Capitalization & Style<sup>1</sup>

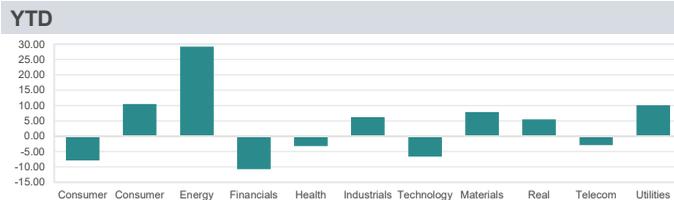
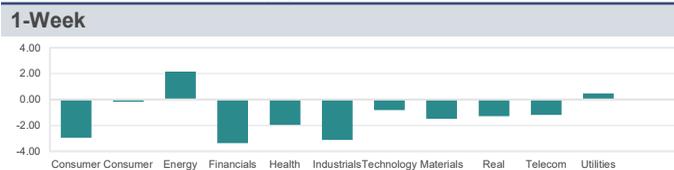
1-Week Value	1-Week Blend	1-Week Growth		YTD Value	YTD Blend	YTD Growth
-2.09%	-1.56%	-1.06%	Large	-0.11%	-2.86%	-5.25%
-2.55%	-1.98%	-1.46%	Mid	-0.55%	1.33%	3.13%
-2.29%	-2.18%	-2.08%	Small	1.97%	1.53%	1.13%

## Upcoming U.S. Economic Events: March 16-20, 2026

Day	Indicator	Period	Consensus	Last <sup>2</sup>
MON	Capacity Utilization NSA	FEB	76.3%	76.2%
MON	Industrial Production SA M/M	FEB	0.30%	0.70%
MON	National Association of Home Builders Housing Market Index SA	MAR	37.0	36.0
WED	PPI SA M/M	FEB	0.30%	0.50%
WED	Durable Orders SA M/M (Final)	JAN	-	0.0% P
WED	Fed Funds Target Upper Bound	-	3.75%	3.75%
THU	Building Permits SAAR (Final)	JAN	-	1,376K P
THU	Continuing Jobless Claims SA	03/07	1,861K	1,850K
THU	Initial Claims SA	03/14	215.0K	213.0K
THU	Philadelphia Fed Index SA	MAR	4.0	16.3
THU	New Home Sales SAAR	JAN	715.0K	745.0K

Equity Index Characteristics <sup>3</sup>	P/E (TTM)	P/B (TTM)	P/CF (TTM)	Wtd Avg Mkt Cap (\$B)
MSCI ACWI IMI	22.59	3.21	15.34	140.21
S&P 500	27.23	5.02	19.40	422.35
S&P MidCap 400	22.25	2.77	13.75	10.96
S&P SmallCap 600	18.31	1.88	9.84	3.55
MSCI World ex U.S.	19.72	2.34	12.25	72.66
MSCI EM IMI	16.42	2.23	12.03	57.46

## S&P 500 Sector Returns (%)



Index Returns	1 Week	MTD	3M	YTD
MSCI ACWI IMI	-1.84	-5.60	-0.47	-0.98
S&P 500	-1.56	-3.52	-2.55	-2.86
S&P MidCap 400	-1.98	-6.47	0.05	1.33
S&P SmallCap 600	-2.18	-5.90	-1.15	1.53
MSCI World ex USA	-2.03	-8.19	2.11	0.77
MSCI EM IMI	-1.96	-8.61	5.68	4.58
Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bond	-0.92	-1.88	0.37	-0.16
Bloomberg Commodity	2.70	11.05	24.95	23.91
DJ Equity All REIT	-1.35	-3.40	6.78	6.81

Bond Rates	Latest	1M Ago	3M Ago	6M Ago
Fed Funds Target Rate	3.64	3.64	3.64	4.33
2Y U.S. Treasury	3.71	3.41	3.53	3.57
10Y U.S. Treasury	4.28	4.05	4.19	4.06
ICE 3M LIBOR	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85
Bloomberg 10Y Muni	3.25	2.94	3.24	3.28
Bloomberg U.S. IG Corp.	5.14	4.74	4.87	4.74
Bloomberg U.S. HY Corp.	7.26	6.62	6.70	6.64

## 10-Year Treasury Note Yields



## S&P 500 Index Levels



Please see important definitions and disclosures on pages 2-4. All returns represent total return including dividends. Data is as of 03.13.2026 unless otherwise noted. Economic charts are provided for illustrative purposes only.

# Important Information

## Source Information & Technical Terms

<sup>1</sup>Style boxes are derived from the components of the S&P 1500® Index. <sup>2</sup>May include flash/preliminary estimates. <sup>3</sup>Characteristics are as of 02.28.2026.

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**Commodity rates** (oil, gold, gasoline), **currency rates** (dollar per pound sterling, dollar per euro, yen per dollar), **upcoming U.S. economic events**, **bond rates** (fed funds target rate, 2Y Treasury, 10Y Treasury, 3M LIBOR, 10Y municipal, U.S. IG corporate, U.S HY corporate), **10Y Treasury yields** and **S&P 500 Index levels** are all sourced from FactSet.

**Capitalization/style returns** are based on S&P Indexes. All values are cumulative total return for stated period including the reinvestment of dividends. Top row indices (L-R): S&P 500 Value; S&P 500; S&P 500 Growth. Middle row indices (L-R): S&P Mid Cap 400 Value; S&P Mid Cap 400; S&P Mid Cap 400 Growth. Bottom row indices (L-R): S&P Small Cap 600 Value; S&P Small Cap 600; S&P Small Cap 600 Growth. The S&P 500, S&P Mid Cap 400, and S&P Small Cap 600 are defined on the next page. S&P Style indices measure growth and value along two separate dimensions, with three factors each used to measure growth and value. Growth factors: 3-year change in earnings per share over price per share; 3-year sales per share growth rate; momentum. Value factors: book value to price ratio; earnings to price ratio; sales to price ratio. Source: Morningstar Direct.

**Equity index characteristics:** P/E, P/B, and P/CF ratios for all indices are based on trailing twelve months (TTM) period. Source: Morningstar Direct. Index definitions are on the next page.

**S&P 500 sector returns** are based on the GICS Classification model. Returns are calculated by Morningstar Direct using constituents and weights provided by Standard and Poor's. Returns are cumulative total return for the stated period, including reinvestment of dividends. Source: Morningstar Direct.

**Index returns:** Prices reflect closing price level for each stated date. Source: Morningstar Direct.

**The Consumer Price Index (CPI)**, calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), measures the monthly change in price for a figurative basket of goods and services.

**The Producer Price Index (PPI)** is a monthly measure of change in the prices received by domestic producers.

**Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** measures the total value of everything a country produces in goods and services over a set period.

**The Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index (MCSI)** is a monthly survey of consumer confidence levels in the United States conducted by the University of Michigan. The survey is based on telephone interviews that gather information on consumer expectations for the economy.

**A non-seasonally adjusted (NSA) dataset** shows the original, unmanipulated figures, retaining the full impact of regular, predictable patterns like holiday shopping or weather changes.

**Nonfarm payroll** refers to the number of jobs in the private sector and government agencies. It excludes farm workers, private household employees, proprietors, non-profit employees, and actively serving military.

**Personal consumption expenditures (PCE)** is the value of goods and services purchased by or for U.S. consumers.

**Price-to-book (P/B)** compares the book value of fund's stocks with their market value. The P/B ratio indicates how much an investor is paying for a company's assets based on historical valuations. It does not reflect current market value.

**Price-to-cash flow (P/CF)** is a stock valuation indicator or multiple that measures the value of a stock's price relative to its operating cash flow per share.

**Price-to-earnings (P/E)** compares the price of a fund's stocks with their per-share earnings. A higher ratio indicates the market's belief that a company is able to increase its earnings.

**A seasonal adjustment (SA)** is a statistical technique designed to even out periodic swings in statistics or movements in supply and demand related to changing seasons. It can, therefore, eliminate misleading seasonal components of an economic time series.

**A seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR)** is a rate adjustment used for economic or business data, such as sales numbers or employment figures, that attempts to remove seasonal variations in the data.

**A not seasonally adjusted rate (NSA)** refers to raw economic or statistical data that has not been adjusted to remove regular, predictable fluctuations that occur every year, such as holiday shopping rushes, summer tourism booms, or school-year schedules.

**Weighted average market capitalization** refers to a type of stock market index construction that is based on the market capitalization of the index's constituent stocks.

**The NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI)** is designed to gauge and track the pulse of the single-family housing market.

**The Philadelphia Federal Index (Philly Fed Survey)** tracks changes in manufacturing activity across Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Above zero generally signals growth and below zero suggests contraction, and because it's been published since May 1968, it's often used as an early read on broader U.S. conditions.

**The Eurozone** is a geographic area that consists of the European Union (EU) countries that have fully incorporated the euro as their national currency.

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## Index Definitions

**A Note on Indices: The volatility of an index varies greatly. All indices are unmanaged, and investments cannot be made directly in an index.**

The **Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index** is an unmanaged, market-value-weighted index of taxable investment-grade fixed-rate debt issues, including government, corporate, asset-backed, and mortgage-backed securities, with maturities of one year or more.

The **Bloomberg Commodity Index (BCOM)** is calculated on an excess return basis and reflects commodity futures price movements. The index rebalances annually weighted 2/3 by trading volume and 1/3 by world production and weight-caps are applied at the commodity, sector and group level for diversification. Roll period typically occurs from 6th-10th business day based on the roll schedule.

The **Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index** is an unmanaged, U.S. dollar-denominated, nonconvertible, non-investment-grade debt index. The index consists of domestic and corporate bonds rated Ba and below with a minimum outstanding amount of \$150 million.

The **Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment Grade Index** is an unmanaged index composited of the qualifying universe of investment grade rated taxable corporate bonds. The index includes U.S.-denominated securities publicly issued by U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility, and financial issuers.

The **Bloomberg U.S. 1-10 Year Municipal Index** is a market value-weighted index which covers the short and intermediate components of the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.

The **DJ Equity ALL REIT Index** represents all publicly traded real estate investment trusts in the Dow Jones U.S. stock universe classified as Equity REITs according to the Dow Jones REIT Industry Classification Hierarchy. These companies are REITs that primarily own and operate income-producing real estate.

The **ICE 3M USD LIBOR** is the primary benchmark for short-term interest rates globally, used for mortgages, loans, for interest rate contracts on futures and options exchanges, and as a general gauge of the health of financial monetary markets.

The **MSCI World ex USA Index** captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries excluding the United States. The index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The **MSCI ACWI Investable Market Index (IMI)** captures large, mid and small cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries\*.

The **MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index (IMI)** captures large, mid and small cap representation across 23 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. The index covers approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The **S&P 500® Index** is a readily available, carefully constructed, market-value-weighted benchmark of common stock performance. Currently, the S&P® Composite includes 500 of the largest stocks (in terms of stock market value) in the United States; prior to March 1957 it consisted of 90 of the largest stocks.

The **S&P SmallCap 600® Index** is designed to measure the performance of the small capitalization sector of the U.S. equities market. This index consists of 600 domestic stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, (bid-asked spread, ownership, share turnover and number of no trade days) and industry group representation.

The **S&P MidCap 400® Index** is designed to measure the performance of the mid capitalization sector of the U.S. equities market. This index consists of 400 domestic stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, (bid-asked spread, ownership, share turnover and number of no trade days) and industry group representation.

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