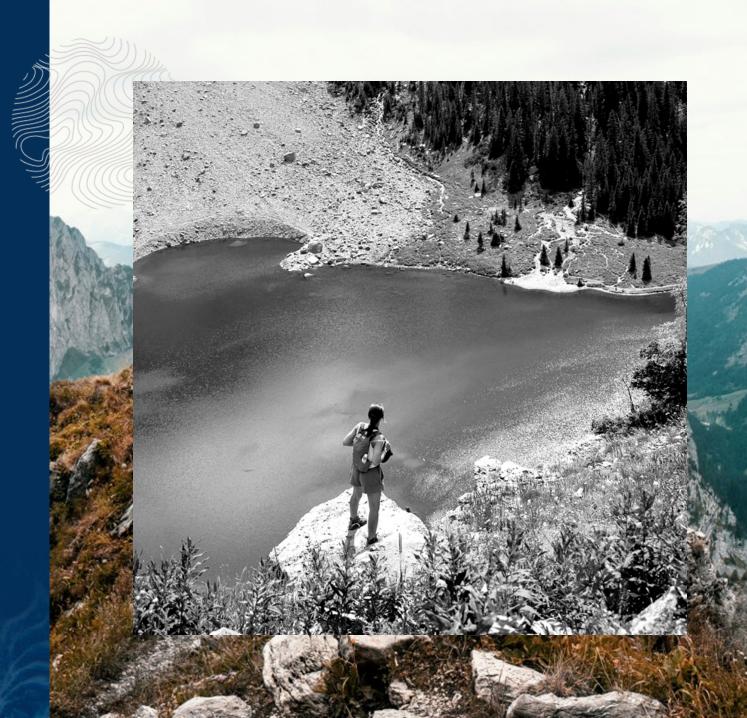
## 2025 Mid-Year Market Outlook

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### 2025 Mid-Year Outlook – Executive Summary

### We believe:

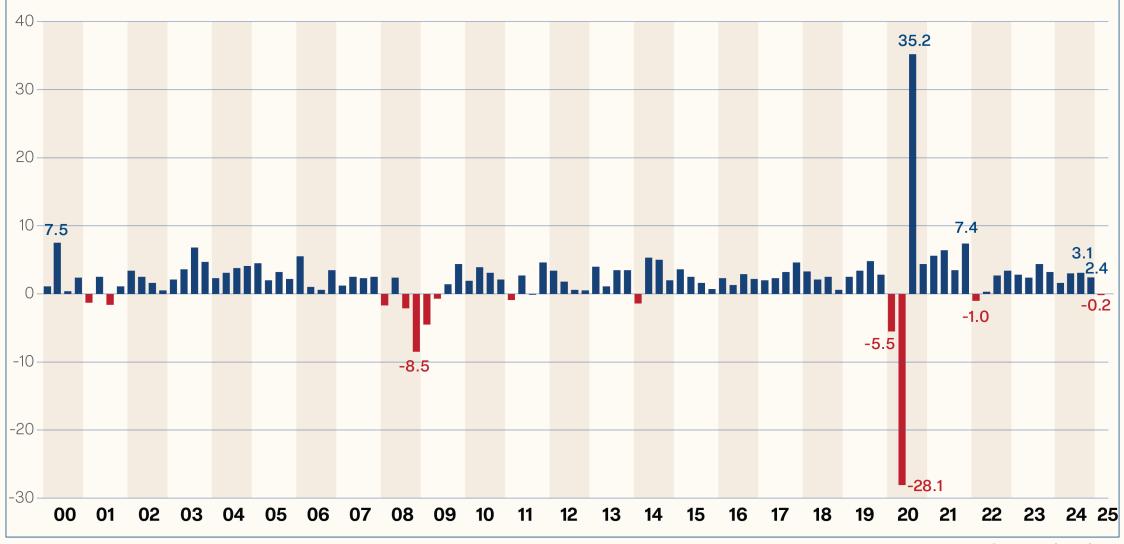
- Coming into the year we expected that animal spirits, deregulation, and pro-growth policies would support the economic expansion. The economy has remained very resilient in the face of building headwinds from tariffs, budget negotiations, and flip-flopping policies from Washington, D.C. We originally expected the economy to grow by 2.50% in 2025. We are now reducing those expectations to a more moderate 1.5% growth rate.
- Coming into the year we expected a more volatile year for both the market and from a policy
  perspective. We have gotten both. The sharp tariff driven declines and V-shaped recovery, along
  with many breadth thrust signals and depressed investor sentiment, suggests additional gains ahead.
  Our year-end target for the S&P 500 remains 6700, with some downside risk to that target.
- After 100 basis points (bps) of rate cuts in 2024 the path of future cuts is set to slow. The yield curve
  has normalized and steepened so far this year. The market is currently pricing in less than two rate
  cuts this year.
- We expect the 10-year Treasury Note yield to remain rangebound between 3.5% 5.0% path dependent on inflation and policy initiatives.
- Risks to the outlook include echo inflation, policy uncertainty, tariff negotiations, the U.S. government fiscal position, the valuation landscape, and geopolitics (Russia/Ukraine, Middle East, China/Taiwan).

### Perspective...

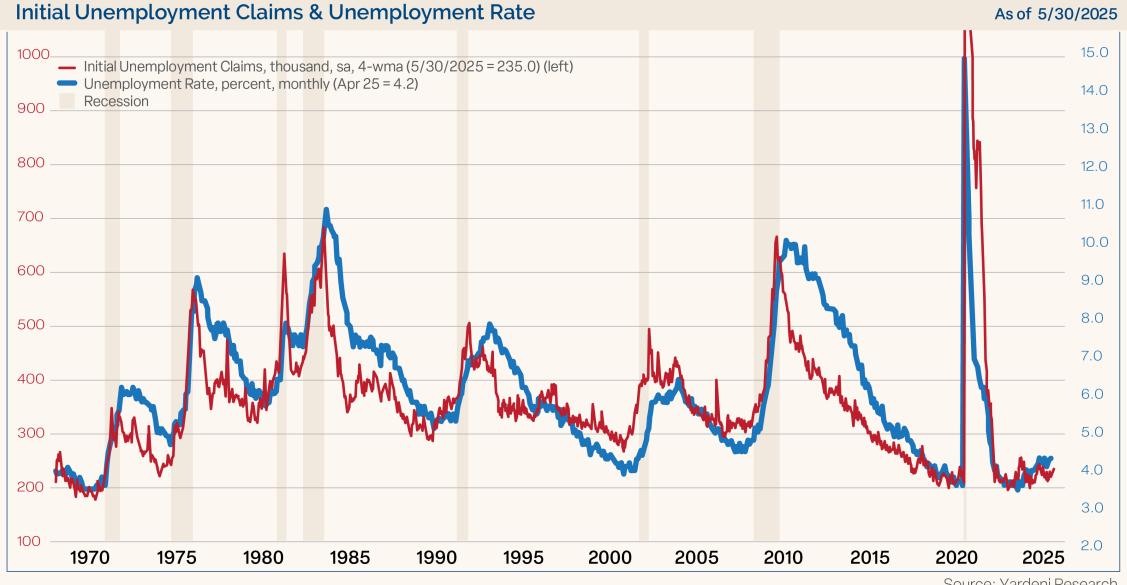
Domestic Equity		2020 to 2024	12/31/2024 - 4/8/2025	YTD (6/13/2025)
	S&P 500	96.85%	-14.99%	2.24%
	Russell 1000	94.74%	-15.26%	2.12%
	Russell 2000	42.73%	-20.77%	-5.24%
	Russell 3000	91.24%	-15.52%	1.78%
	Russell 1000 Value	51.45%	-9.39%	3.12%
	Russell 1000 Growth	138.22%	-20.09%	1.22%
International Equity				
	MSCI Emerging Market	8.78%	-6.22%	12.04%
	MSCI All Country World (ex US)	22.28%	-3.35%	15.62%
Fixed Income				
	Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond	-1.62%	1.92%	2.69%
	Bloomberg U.S. Treasury	-3.36%	2.63%	2.57%
	Bloomberg U.S. Corporate	1.52%	0.37%	2.70%
	Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield	22.92%	-1.78%	3.17%
	Bloomberg Municipal	5.05%	-2.02%	-0.80%

### United States GDP Annualized Growth Percent Change in Gross Domestic Product

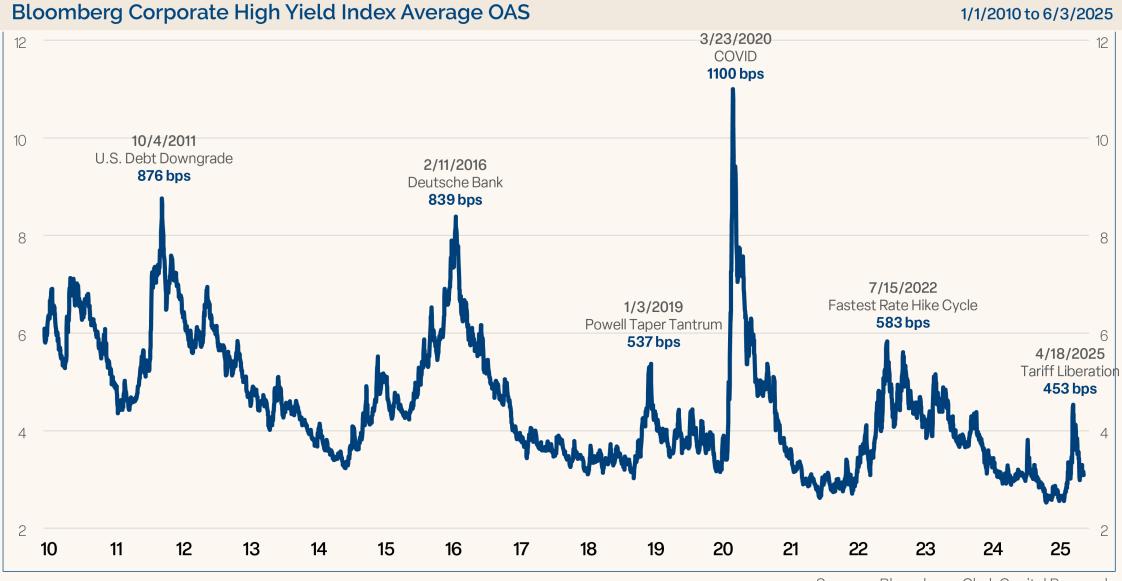
3/31/2000 to 3/31/2025



Source: Bloomberg



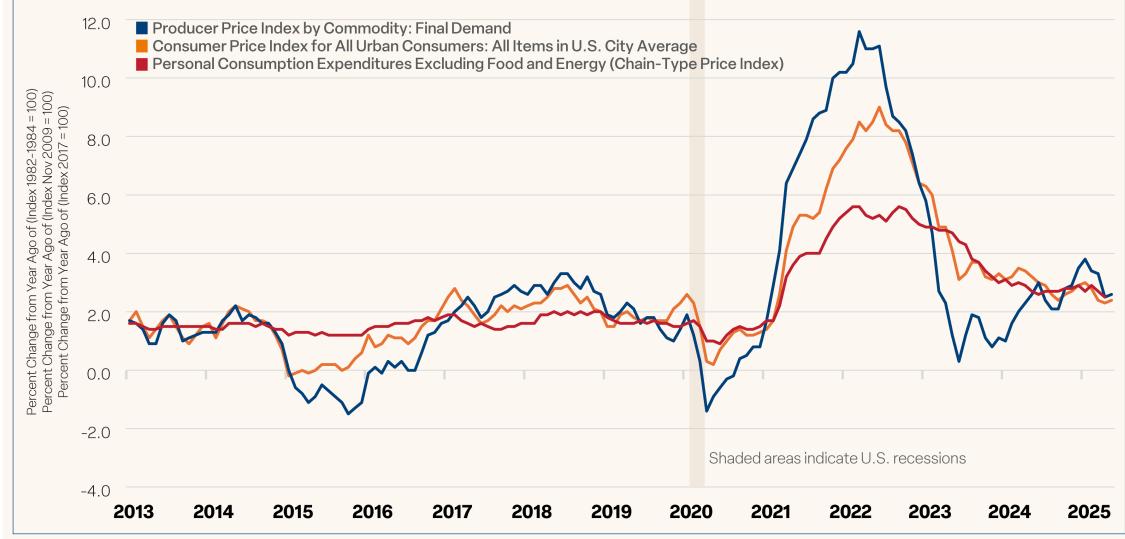
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Sources: Bloomberg, Clark Capital Research

### Producer Price Index vs Consumer Price Index vs Personal Consumption

1/1/2013 to 5/1/2025



Sources: BLS; BEA; fred.stlouisfed.org

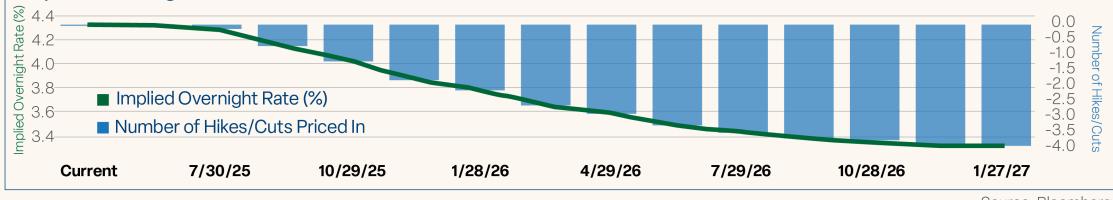
#### CPI and CPI ex-Shelter (Year-to-Year Changes)

Monthly Data 1984-01-31 to 2025-04-30



#### Fed Rate Cut Expectations As of 6/10/2025 Target Rate: 4.50 Effective Rate: 4.33 Pricing Date: 6/10/2025 Cur. Imp. O/N Rate: 4.329 Meeting #Hikes/Cuts %Hike/Cut Imp. Rate ^ **Implied Rate** A.R.M. 06/18/2025 -0.001 -0.1 4.329 0.25 0 07/30/2025 -0.145 -14.5 -0.036 0.25 4.293 -0.174 09/17/2025 -0.698 -55.2 4.154 0.25 10/29/2025 -1.145 -44.8 -0.286 4.043 0.25 12/10/2025 -1.768 -62.3 -0.442 3.887 0.25 -2.125 -35.7 -0.531 01/28/2026 3.797 0.25 -2.619 -49.4 -0.655 0.25 03/18/2026 3.674 04/29/2026 -2.895 -27.6 -0.724 3.605 0.25 06/17/2026 -3.294 -39.9 -0.824 3.505 0.25 07/29/2026 -3.525 -23.1 -0.881 3.448 0.25 09/16/2026 -3.737 -21.2 -0.934 3.394 0.25 10/28/2026 -3.845 -10.8 -0.961 0.25 3.368 12/09/2026 -3.938 -9.3 -0.985 3.344 0.25 01/27/2027 -4.015 -7.7 -1.004 3.325 0.25

### Implied Overnight Rate & Number of Hikes/Cuts



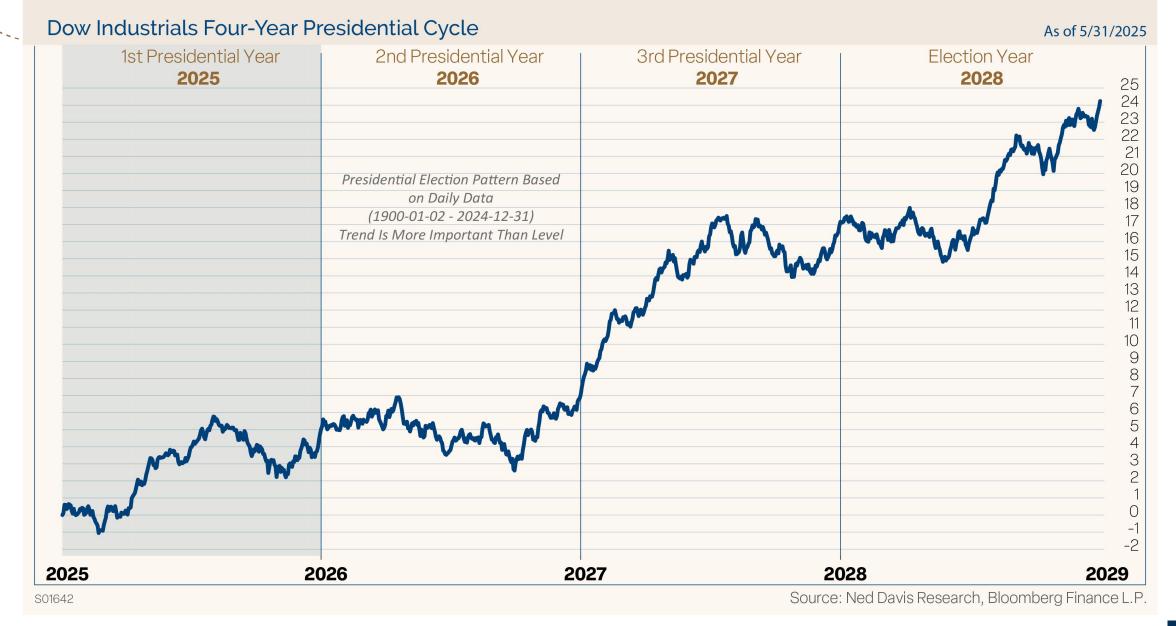
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### S&P 500 Cycle Composite for 2024

#### Daily Data 2023-12-29 to 2024-12-31







## S&P 500 Mid-Term Year Performance Since 1934

Prior 12-Month High	S&P 500	Mid-Term Low	S&P 500	% Loss to Mid-Term Low	Pre Election Year High	S&P 500	% Gain from Mid-Term Low
2/6/1934	11.82	7/26/1934	8.36	-29.27%	11/19/1935	13.46	61.00%
3/10/1937	18.67	3/31/1938	8.5	-54.47%	1/4/1939	13.23	55.65%
7/28/1941	10.47	4/28/1942	7.47	-28.65%	7/14/1943	12.64	69.21%
5/29/1946	19.25	10/9/1946	14.12	-26.65%	2/8/1947	16.20	14.73%
1/11/1950	17.09	1/14/1950	16.65	-2.57%	10/15/1951	23.85	43.24%
2/3/1953	26.54	1/11/1954	24.8	-6.56%	11/14/1955	46.41	87.14%
7/15/1957	49.13	1/2/1958	40.33	-17.91%	8/3/1959	60.71	50.53%
12/12/1961	72.64	6/26/1962	52.32	-27.97%	12/31/1963	75.02	43.39%
2/9/1966	94.06	10/7/1966	73.2	-22.18%	9/25/1967	97.59	33.32%
5/14/1969	106.16	5/26/1970	69.29	-34.73%	4/28/1971	104.77	51.21%
10/12/1973	111.44	10/3/1974	62.28	-44.11%	7/15/1975	95.61	53.52%
12/31/1976	107.46	3/6/1978	86.9	-19.13%	10/5/1979	111.27	28.04%
8/11/1981	133.85	8/12/1982	102.42	-23.48%	10/10/1983	172.65	68.57%
1/7/1986	213.80	1/22/1986	203.49	-4.82%	8/25/1987	336.77	65.50%
7/16/1990	368.95	10/11/1990	295.46	-19.92%	12/31/1991	417.09	41.17%
2/2/1994	482.00	4/4/1994	438.92	-8.94%	12/13/1995	621.69	41.64%
12/5/1997	983.79	1/9/1998	927.69	-5.70%	12/31/1999	1469.25	58.38%
1/4/2002	1172.51	10/9/2002	776.76	-33.75%	12/31/2003	1111.92	43.15%
5/5/2006	1325.76	6/13/2006	1223.69	-7.70%	10/9/2007	1565.15	27.90%
4/23/2010	1217.28	7/2/2010	1022.58	-15.99%	4/29/2011	1363.61	33.35%
9/19/2014	2010.40	10/15/2014	1862.49	-7.36%	5/21/2015	2130.82	14.41%
9/20/2018	2930.75	12/24/2018	2351.1	-19.78%	12/27/2019	3240.02	37.81%
1/3/2022	4796.56	10/12/2022	3577.03	-25.43%	12/28/2023	4783.35	33.72%
Mean				-21.18%			45.94%
Median				-19.92%			43.24%

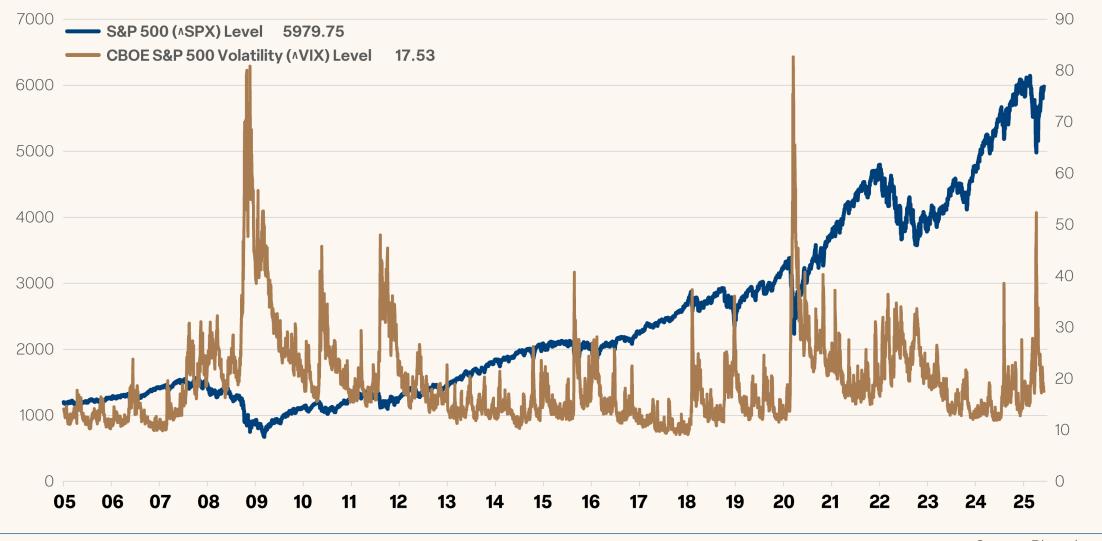
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### Corrections Are Normal — Frequency of Declines

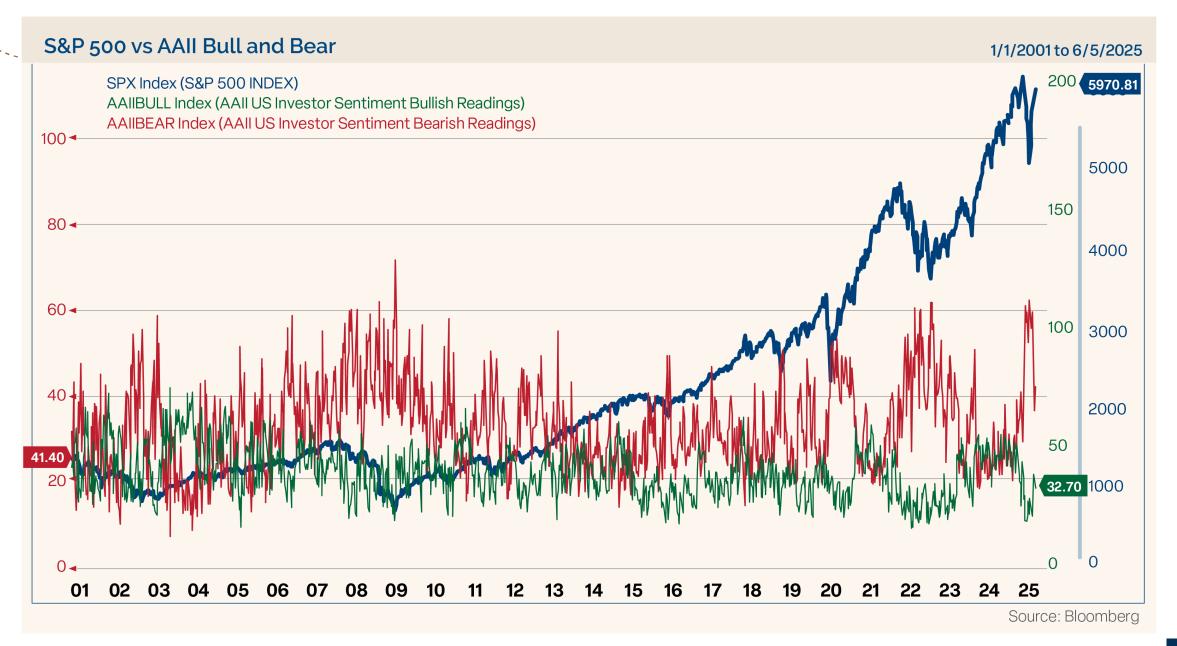
S&P 500 Declines	Occurrences Per Year	Frequency Average	Probability of Decline Moving to Next Stage	Mean Decline
-5% or more	3.4	Every 14 weeks	31%	-10.8%
-10% or more	1.1	Every Year	46%	-19.4%
-15% or more	0.5	Every 2 years	57%	-27.8%
-20% or more	0.3	Every 3 years	N/A	-35.2%

### S&P 500 vs CBOE S&P 500 Volatility Levels

1/1/2005 to 6/4/2025

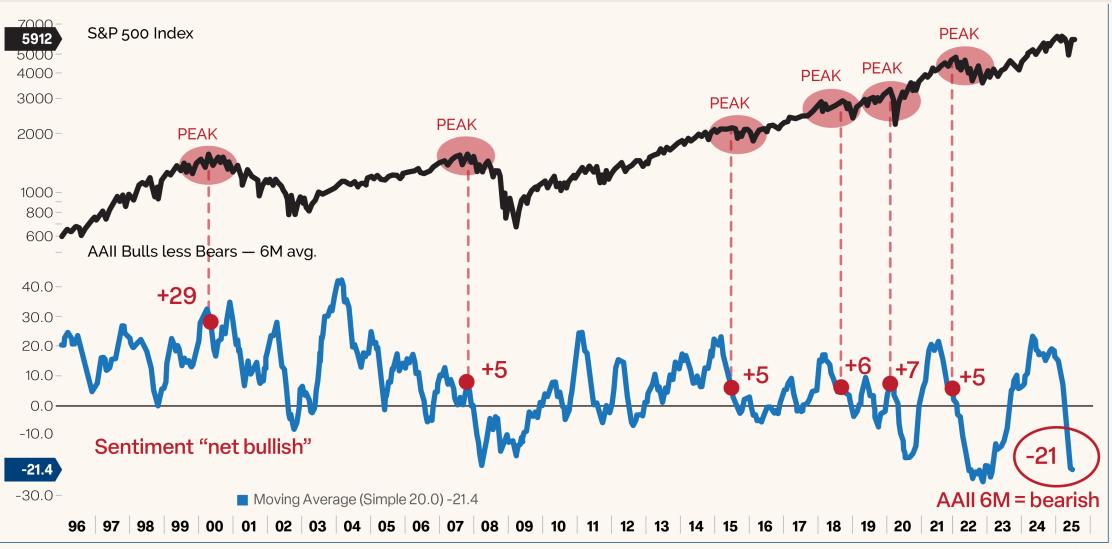


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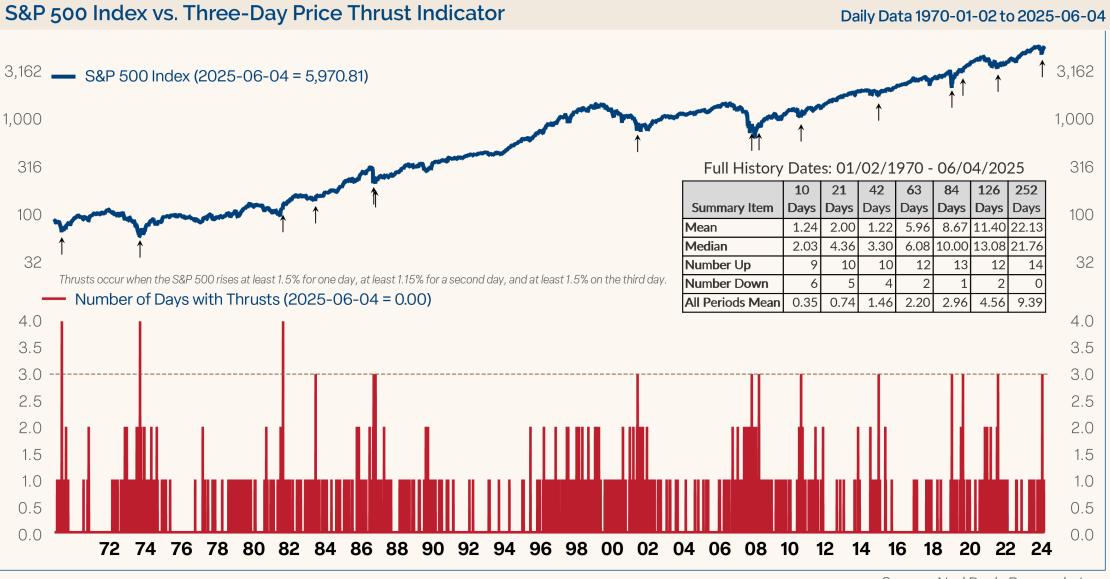


### S&P 500 Index vs. AAII Bulls Less Bears — 6M Avg.

Quarterly 12/31/1995 - 04/28/2026



Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg

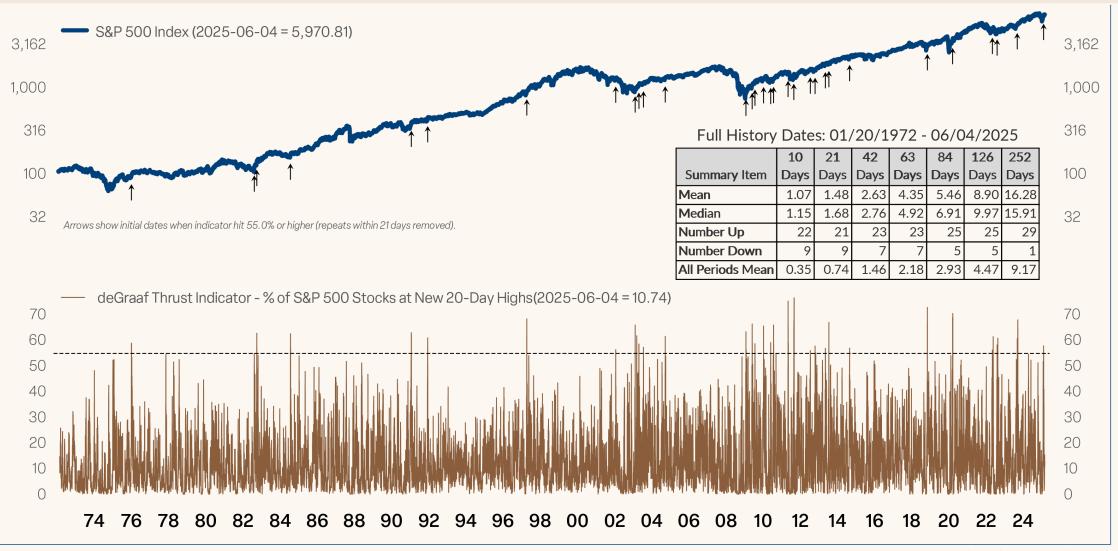


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Source: Ned Davis Research, Inc.

### S&P 500 Index vs. deGraaf Thrust Indicator

Daily Data 1972-01-20 to 2025-06-04



Source: Ned Davis Research, Inc.

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### Market Scorecard

### S&P 500 20%+ Rallies in Two Months or Less: 1945 — 2025

Distance			S&P 500 Performance (%)					Next 12 Months (%)	
Days S	Calendar Days Since 50-Day Low	Since Week High	One Week	One Month	Three Months	Six Months	One Year	Max Gain	Max Decline
11/5/1974	33	-29.82	-1.92	-11.96	5.11	19.93	18.69	27.29	-13.51
2/5/1975	61	-20.84	1.23	5.00	14.10	9.22	27.16	29.08	-0.75
9/14/1982	33	-2.57	1.45	9.32	11.61	22.52	34.33	38.90	-2.16
3/5/1991	55	0.00	-1.78	-0.36	2.22	3.30	7.91	11.69	-2.70
11/19/1998	42	-2.88	2.97	3.07	7.51	16.62	23.37	23.63	-0.98
8/22/2002	30	-18.75	-4.66	-12.19	-3.34	-11.90	3.15	5.09	-19.76
11/21/2002	43	-20.36	0.55	-4.07	-9.17	-1.11	10.87	13.42	-14.30
12/8/2008	18	-39.99	-4.25	0.00	-24.88	3.42	20.03	22.09	-26.24
3/23/2009	14	-42.32	-4.30	3.52	8.77	28.92	42.68	42.68	-4.39
4/8/2020	16	-18.79	1.21	6.54	15.27	25.34	48.99	50.14	-0.48
6/6/2025	59	-2.32							
Average		-18.06	-0.98	-0.11	2.72	11.61	23.72	26.40	-8.53
Median		-18.79	-0.61	1.54	6.31	12.92	21.70	25.46	-3.54
Percent of T	ime Positive		50	60	70	80	100	100	0

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### ISM Manufacturing vs. S&P 500 Index

Quarterly 06/29/2005-05/30/2025

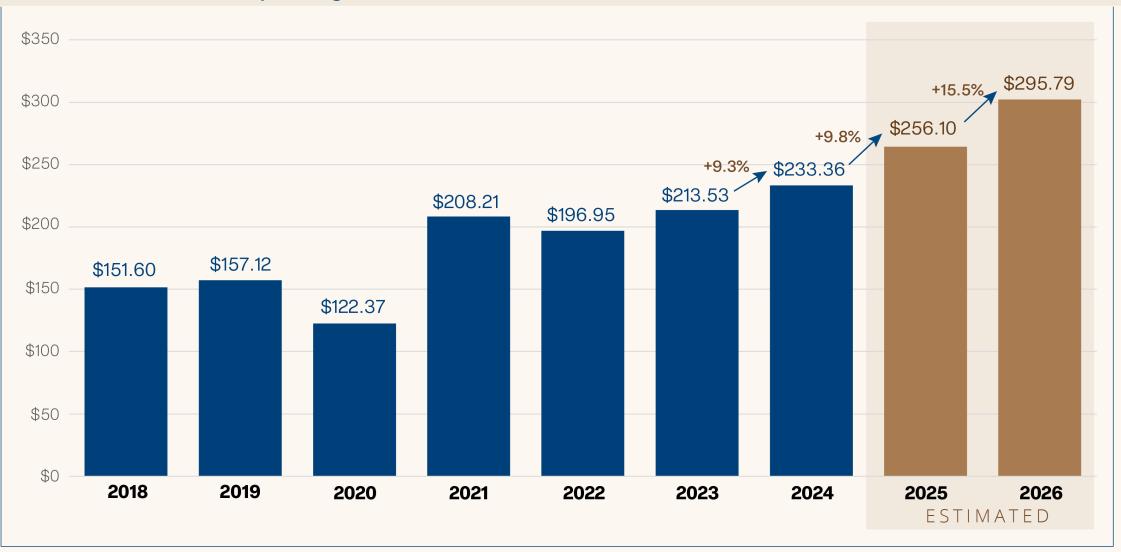


Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg



### Forward P/E Ratios: Largecap, Midcap, Smallcap & MAG-7

Daily Data 1/1/2000 to 6/3/2025



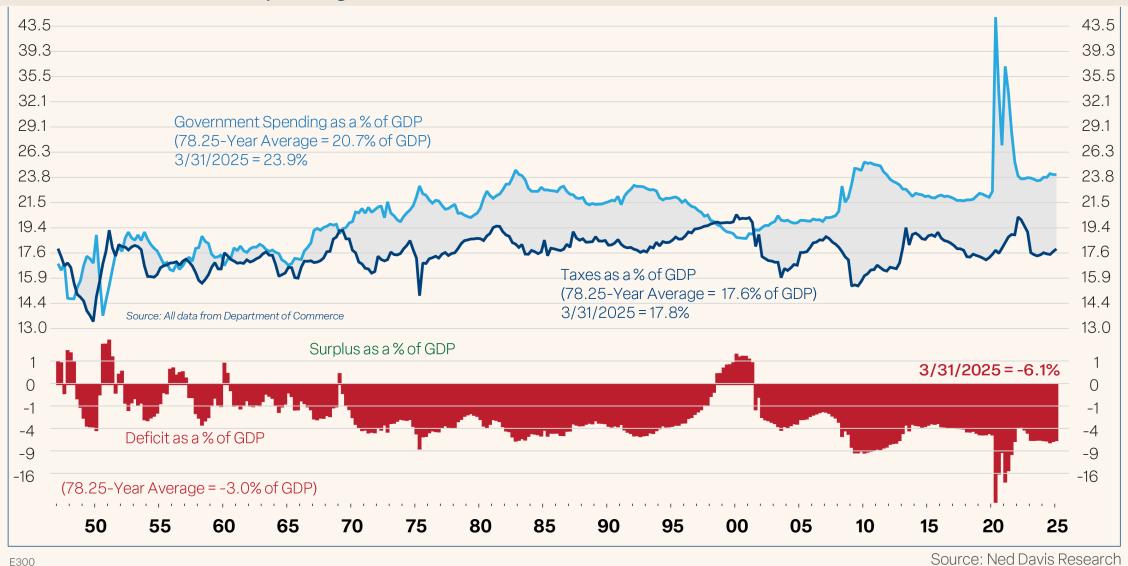
### S&P 500 Calendar Year Operating EPS Actuals & Estimates

As of 5/31/2025

Source: S&P Global

#### **Taxes and Government Spending**

#### Quarterly 3/31/1947 - 3/31/2025



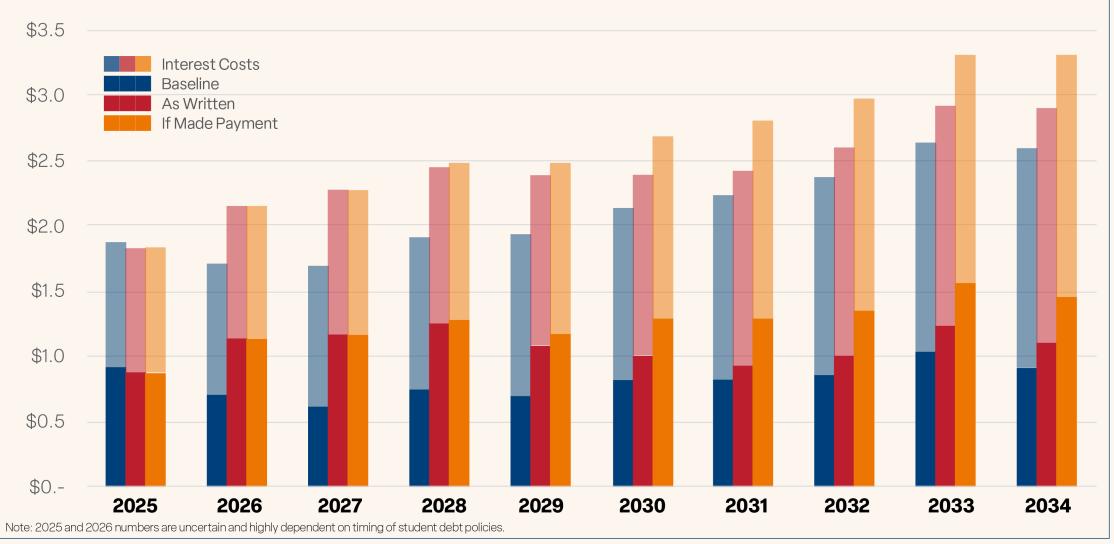
30-Year Yields Rise While	Other Maturities Fall		
YTD Yield Move			
2-Year Yield	-24 bps		
5-Year Yield	-30 bps		
10-Year Yield		-10 bps	
30-Year Yield			+16 bps
			Source: Bloomberg

Long-Term Bonds Are Outliers This Year

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As of June 9, 2025

### **Reconciliation Would Lead to \$3 Trillion Deficits**



Sources: Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, Congressional Budget Office, Joint Committee on Taxation, and House Committees.

2025 - 2034

### Standard & Poor's 500 Index with Crisis Events

#### Daily Data 1960-01-04 to 2025-06-13 (Log Scale)



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# Questions & Answers

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### **Benchmark Descriptions**

The S&P 500 measures the performance of the 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, capturing 75% of U.S. equities.

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The Russell 2000 Index measures the performance of the 2000 smallest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization in the Russell 3000, which represents approximately 10% of Russell 3000 total market capitalization.

The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the 3000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization, which represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index consists of the following 21 emerging market country indices: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

The MSCI World ex US Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity performance in 22 global developed markets, excluding the United States. The benchmark for this composite is used because the MSCI World Ex US Net Index is generally representative of international equities.

BBgBarc U.S. Aggregate Bond Index covers the U.S. investment-grade fixed-rate bond market, including government and credit securities, agency mortgage pass-through securities, asset-backed securities and commercial mortgage-based securities. To qualify for inclusion, a bond or security must have at least one year to final maturity, and be rated investment grade Baa3 or better, dollar denominated, non-convertible, fixed rate and publicly issued.

The BBgBarc US Treasury Index measures US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal debt issued by the US Treasury. Treasury bills are excluded by the maturity constraint but are part of a separate Short Treasury Index. STRIPS are excluded from the index because their inclusion would result in double-counting. The US Treasury Index is a component of the US Aggregate, US Universal, Global Aggregate and Global Treasury Indices.

The BBgBarc US Corporate Bond Index measures the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD-denominated securities publicly issued by US and non-US industrial, utility and financial issuers. The US Corporate Index is a component of the US Credit and US Aggregate Indices, and provided the necessary inclusion rules are met, US Corporate Index securities also contribute to the multi-currency Global Aggregate Index.

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The BBgBarc U.S. Municipal Index covers the USD-denominated long-term tax-exempt bond market. The index has four main sectors: state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds and prerefunded bonds.

Created by the Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE), the Volatility Index, or VIX, is a real-time market index that represents the market's expectation of 30-day forward-looking volatility. Derived from the price inputs of the S&P 500 index options, it provides a measure of market risk and investors' sentiments.

The 10-year Treasury note is a debt obligation issued by the United States government with a maturity of 10 years upon initial issuance. A 10-year Treasury note pays interest at a fixed rate once every six months and pays the face value to the holder at maturity.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average is the most widely used indicator of the overall condition of the stock market, a price-weighted average of 30 actively traded blue chip stocks, primarily industrials. The 30 stocks are chosen by the editors of the Wall Street Journal (which is published by Dow Jones & Company), a practice that dates back to the beginning of the century. The Dow is computed using a price-weighted indexing system, rather than the more common market cap-weighted indexing system.

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The nonfarm payroll measures the number of workers in the U.S. except those in farming, private households, proprietors, non-profit employees, and active military.

A leading indicator is economic data that may correspond with a future movement or change in the economy. Leading economic indicators can help to predict an occurrence or forecast the timing of events and trends in business, markets, and the economy. the U.S. stock market.

A Treasury yield is the effective annual interest rate paid by the U.S. government to a bondholder.

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The MSCI USA Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the US market. With 638 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US.

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