

SURVEY OF PRIMARY DEALERS

MAY 2023

This survey is formulated by the Trading Desk at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to enhance policymakers' understanding of market expectations on a variety of topics related to the economy, monetary policy and financial markets. The questions involve only topics that are widely discussed in the public domain and never presume any particular policy action. FOMC participants are not involved in the survey's design.



Please respond by **Monday, April 24th at 2:00pm Eastern Time** to the questions below. Your time and input are greatly appreciated.

Type of Respondent:

Primary Dealer

Respondent Name:

1a) Provide below your expectations for changes, if any, to the language referencing each of the following topics in the May FOMC statement. Please write N/A if you do not expect any changes.

Current economic conditions:

Economic outlook and communication on the expected path of the target federal funds rate:

Communication on tools other than the target federal funds rate:

Other:

1b) What are your expectations for the Chair's press conference?

2) How would you grade the Federal Reserve System's communication with the markets and with the public since the last policy survey? Please provide a rating between 1 and 5, with 1 indicating ineffectiveness and 5 indicating effectiveness.

Rating:

Please explain:

3a) Provide your estimate of the most likely outcome (i.e., the mode) for the target federal funds rate or range, as applicable, immediately following the FOMC meetings and at the end of each of the following quarters and years below. For the time periods at which you expect a target range, please indicate the midpoint of that range in providing your response.

	2023 FOMC meetings						2024 FOMC meeting
	May 2-3	Jun 13-14	Jul 25-26	Sep 19-20	Oct 31-Nov 1	Dec 12-13	Jan 30-31
Target rate / midpoint of target range:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

	Quarters			
	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4
Target rate / midpoint of target range:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

	Quarters			
	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4
Target rate / midpoint of target range:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

	Years	
	2026	2027
Target rate / midpoint of target range:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

3b) In addition, provide your estimate of the longer run target federal funds rate and your expectation for the average federal funds rate over the next 10 years.

Longer run:

Expectation for average federal funds rate over next 10 years:

3c) Please indicate the percent chance* that you attach to the target federal funds rate or range falling in each of the following ranges immediately following the May and June FOMC meetings and at the end of 2023 and 2024. If you expect a target range, please use the midpoint of that range in providing your response.

	≤ 4.25%	4.26 - 4.50%	4.51 - 4.75%	4.76 - 5.00%	5.01 - 5.25%	5.26 - 5.50%	5.51 - 5.75%	5.76 - 6.00%	6.01 - 6.25%	≥ 6.26%	
May 2-3:											0.00%
June 13-14:											0.00%
Year-end 2023:											0.00%

	≤ 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	2.51 - 3.00%	3.01 - 3.50%	3.51 - 4.00%	4.01 - 4.50%	4.51 - 5.00%	5.01 - 5.50%	≥ 5.51%	
Year-end 2024:											0.00%

**Responses across each row should add up to 100 percent.*

3d) Please indicate the percent chance* that you attach to the highest level of the target range for the federal funds rate before the target range is next decreased falling in each of the following ranges.

	≤ 4.25%	4.26 - 4.50%	4.51 - 4.75%	4.76 - 5.00%	5.01 - 5.25%	5.26 - 5.50%	5.51 - 5.75%	5.76 - 6.00%	6.01 - 6.25%	≥ 6.26%	Sum
	0%	0%	0%								0.00%

**Responses should add up to 100 percent.*

4a) Please provide your modal expectation for the total net change in SOMA holdings of U.S. Treasury securities and agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) over each of the periods below.

If you expect SOMA holdings to increase on net in a given period, for example through net asset purchases, please enter a positive number. If you expect SOMA holdings to be unchanged on net in a given period, for example through reinvestments that result in no net change in holdings, please enter 0. If you expect SOMA holdings to decline on net in a given period, for example through maturities or paydowns that exceed any reinvestments or through sales, please enter a negative number.

Net change amounts referenced below are in \$ billions.

Net change in SOMA holdings:	<u>Total net change over each period</u>				
	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023
U.S. Treasuries (\$ billions):					
Agency MBS (\$ billions):					

Net change in SOMA holdings:	<u>Total net change over each quarter</u>				
	2023 Q4	2024 Q1	2024 Q2	2024 Q3	2024 Q4
U.S. Treasuries (\$ billions):					
Agency MBS (\$ billions):					

Net change in SOMA holdings:	<u>Total net change over each quarter</u>			
	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4
U.S. Treasuries (\$ billions):				
Agency MBS (\$ billions):				

4b) Please indicate the period in which you expect the SOMA portfolio will cease to decline as well as the size of the SOMA portfolio when it ceases to decline. Please also indicate the size of specified liabilities, reserves and take-up at the overnight reverse repurchase facility, when the SOMA portfolio ceases to decline.

Period in which SOMA portfolio ceases to decline*:

**Dropdown selections: Q2 2023, Q3 2023, Q4 2023, Q1 2024, Q2 2024, Q3 2024, Q4 2024, Q1 2025, Q2 2025, Q3 2025, Q4 2025, Q1 2026, Q2 2026, Q3 2026, Q4 2026, Q1 2027, Q2 2027, Q3 2027, Q4 2027, Q1 2028, Q2 2028, Q3 2028, Q4 2028, Q1 2029 or later.*

	Most recent H.4.1 value* (\$ billions)	Expected size when SOMA ceases to decline	
Size of SOMA portfolio when it ceases to decline**:	7,878		**Dropdown selections: \$0-500bn, \$501-1000bn, \$1001-1500bn, \$1501-2000bn, \$2001-2500bn, \$2501-3000bn, \$3001-3500bn, \$3501-4000bn, \$4001-4500bn, \$4501-5000bn, \$5001-5500bn, \$5501-6000bn, \$6001-6500bn, \$6501-7000bn, \$7001-7500bn, \$7501-8000bn, \$8001bn or larger.
Size of reserves***:	3,348		***Dropdown selections: \$1000bn or smaller, \$1001-1250bn, \$1251-1500bn, \$1501-1750bn, \$1751-2000bn, \$2001-2250bn, \$2251-2500bn, \$2501-2750bn, \$2751-3000bn, \$3001-3250bn, \$3251-3500bn, \$3501-3750bn, \$3751-4000bn, \$4001bn or larger.
Take-up at the overnight reverse repurchase facility****:	2,304		****Dropdown selections: \$0-250bn, \$251-500bn, \$501-750bn, \$751-1000bn, \$1001-1250bn, \$1251-1500bn, \$1501-1750bn, \$1751-2000bn, \$2001-2250bn, \$2251-2500bn, \$2501bn or larger.

**Most recent H.4.1, as of April 13, 2023.*

4c) Please indicate the percent chance* that you attach to the size of the SOMA portfolio falling in each of the following ranges when it ceases to decline. For reference, Securities Held Outright in the SOMA portfolio on April 13, 2023 was \$7,878 billion according to the most recent H.4.1 release.

\$4000bn or smaller	\$4001-4500bn	\$4501-5000bn	\$5001-5500bn	\$5501-6000bn	\$6001-6500bn	\$6501-7000bn	\$7001-7500bn	\$7501bn or larger	Sum
									0.00%

**Responses should add up to 100 percent.*

4d) Please provide any additional information on your expectations for balance sheet reduction, including the period in which you expect the SOMA portfolio will cease to decline and the factors behind your expectations. Please include any factors that influenced the probability that you assigned to the distribution of outcomes in part c above.

5) Please provide your modal expectation for the size of reserves and take-up at the overnight reverse repurchase facility, averaged for each of the periods below.

	Q1 2023*	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
Size of reserves (\$ billions):	3,101							
Take-up at the overnight reverse repurchase facility (\$ billions):	2,148							

*Average of Q1 2023 H.4.1 weekly averages of daily figures.

Please provide any additional information or factors behind your expectations for the size of reserves and take-up at the overnight reverse repurchase facility. Please also describe the the balance of risks around your expectations.

6) Please provide the percent chance* you attach to the following outcomes for U.S. real GDP growth in 2023 and 2024 (Q4/Q4).

	≤ -1.01%	-1.00 - -0.51%	-0.50 - 0.00%	0.01 - 0.50%	0.51 - 1.00%	1.01 - 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	2.51 - 3.00%	≥ 3.01%	Sum
2023 (Q4/Q4):											0.00%
2024 (Q4/Q4):											0.00%

*Responses across each row should add up to 100 percent.

Please also provide your point estimate for the most likely outcome.

2023 (Q4/Q4):	
2024 (Q4/Q4):	

7) Please indicate your modal projections for headline and core PCE inflation for each of the following quarters.*

	Q4 2022 (saar)**	Q1 2023 (saar)	Q2 2023 (saar)	Q3 2023 (saar)	Q4 2023 (saar)	Q1 2024 (saar)
Headline PCE inflation (percent):	3.7%					
Core PCE inflation (percent):	4.4%					

*Percent change from the previous quarter at an annualized rate, based on the average of monthly levels (seasonally adjusted) in each quarter.

**Third estimate by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

8a) Please provide the percent chance* you attach to the following outcomes for headline PCE inflation in 2023 and 2024 (Q4/Q4).

	≤ 2.00%	2.01 - 2.25%	2.26 - 2.50%	2.51 - 2.75%	2.76 - 3.00%	3.01 - 3.25%	3.26 - 3.50%	3.51 - 3.75%	3.76 - 4.00%	≥ 4.01%	Sum
2023 (Q4/Q4):											0.00%
	≤ 1.50%	1.51 - 1.75%	1.76 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.25%	2.26 - 2.50%	2.51 - 2.75%	2.76 - 3.00%	3.01 - 3.25%	3.26 - 3.50%	≥ 3.51%	Sum
2024 (Q4/Q4):											0.00%

*Responses across each row should add up to 100 percent.

Please also provide your point estimate for the most likely outcome.

2023 (Q4/Q4):	
2024 (Q4/Q4):	

8b) For the outcomes below, provide the percent chance* you attach to the annual average CPI inflation rate from May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2028 falling in each of the following ranges. Please also provide your point estimate for the most likely outcome.

	≤ 0.50%	0.51 - 1.00%	1.01 - 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	2.51 - 3.00%	3.01 - 3.50%	≥ 3.51%	Sum	Point estimate:
									0.00%	

*Responses should add up to 100 percent.

8c) For the outcomes below, provide the percent chance* you attach to the annual average CPI inflation rate from May 1, 2028 - April 30, 2033 falling in each of the following ranges. Please also provide your point estimate for the most likely outcome.

	≤ 0.50%	0.51 - 1.00%	1.01 - 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	2.51 - 3.00%	3.01 - 3.50%	≥ 3.51%	Sum	Point estimate:
									0.00%	

*Responses should add up to 100 percent.

9a) What percent chance do you attach to:

the U.S. economy currently being in a recession*?	
the U.S. economy being in a recession* <u>in 6 months</u> ?	
the global economy being in a recession** <u>in 6 months</u> ?	

*NBER-defined recession

**Previous IMF staff work has suggested that a "global recession" can be characterized as a period during which there is a decline in annual per-capita real global GDP, backed up by a decline or worsening in one or more of the following global macroeconomic indicators: industrial production, trade, capital flows, oil consumption and unemployment.

9b) What percent chance* do you attach to the U.S. economy first entering a recession** in each of the following periods?

2022***	H1 2023	H2 2023	H1 2024	H2 2024	No recession by end 2024	Sum
						0.00%

*Responses should add up to 100 percent.

**NBER-defined recession.

***Percent chance that the economy first entered an NBER-defined recession in 2022.

10) Provide your estimate of the most likely outcome for output, inflation, and unemployment.

	Real GDP (Q4/Q4 Growth)*	Core PCE Inflation (Q4/Q4)	Headline PCE Inflation (Q4/Q4)**	Unemployment Rate (Q4 Average Level)
2023:				
2024:				
2025:				
Longer run:				

*Responses for real GDP growth in 2023 and 2024 are pulled directly from point estimate values provided in question 6.

**Responses for headline PCE inflation in 2023 and 2024 are pulled directly from point estimate values provided in question 8a.

Thank you for your time and input. Please send survey responses to ny.mktpolicysurvey@ny.frb.org