



## SURVEY OF MARKET PARTICIPANTS

### SEPTEMBER 2024

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, September 9th 2:00pm Eastern Time** to the questions below. Your time and input are greatly appreciated.

**1a)** Provide below your expectations for changes, if any, to the language referencing each of the following topics in the September 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 most likely levels of the medians of FOMC participants' target federal funds rate projections in the SEP? Please provide your responses out to three decimal places (e.g. for one percent enter 1.000, not 0.01).

Year-end 2024	Year-end 2025	Year-end 2026	Year-end 2027	Longer Run
<i>Jun-24: 5.125%</i>	<i>Jun-24: 4.125%</i>	<i>Jun-24: 3.125%</i>		<i>Jun-24: 2.750%</i>

September SEP median (percent):

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



	≤ 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%	Total
Year-end 2025:	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

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

**2d)** 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%	Total
	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

\*Responses should add up to 100 percent.

**3)** The following matrix lays out hypothetical scenarios in which the realized levels of the 2024 unemployment rate (Q4 average level) and 2024 core PCE inflation (Q4/Q4 growth) are either 50 basis points above, below, or equal to the medians of FOMC participants' projections for these indicators in the current (June 2024) Summary of Economic Projections (SEP). For example, the upper left box represents a scenario in which the unemployment rate and core PCE inflation are both 50 basis points below the current SEP medians.

For each of the following scenarios, please indicate the level of the target federal funds rate or range that you expect would prevail at the end of Q4 2024. If you expect a target range, please indicate the midpoint of that range in providing your response. Please provide your responses out to three decimal places.\*

	2024 Unemployment rate (Q4 average level) Current SEP median 4.0%		
	-50 bps		+50 bps
2024 Core PCE inflation (Q4/Q4 growth) -50 bps			
Current SEP median 2.8%			
+50 bps			

\*For reference, a similar question was last asked in the April/May 2024 survey.

4a) Please provide your modal expectation for the average level of specified assets over each of the periods below. Average level amounts referenced below are in \$ billions.

**Average level** over each period (\$ billions)

**Note: U.S. Treasuries and Agency MBS do not need to sum to Total Assets\***

	August 2024 (Actual**)	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025
U.S. Treasuries:	4406							
Agency MBS:	2315							
Total Assets*:	7209							

**Average level** over each period (\$ billions)

**Note: U.S. Treasuries and Agency MBS do not need to sum to Total Assets\***

	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	2026 Q4
U.S. Treasuries:				
Agency MBS:				
Total Assets*:				

\*Refers to total factors supplying reserve funds in H.4.1.

\*\*Average of H.4.1 weekly averages of daily figures.

4b) Please indicate the period in which you expect the SOMA portfolio to cease to decline, and 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 agreement facility, when the SOMA portfolio ceases to decline.

Period in which SOMA portfolio ceases to decline\*:

Size of SOMA portfolio when it ceases to decline (\$ billions)\*\*:

Current value: \$6,701bn\*\*\*

Size of reserves (\$ billions)\*\*\*\*:

Current value: \$3,245bn\*\*\*

Take-up at the overnight reverse repurchase agreement facility (\$ billions)\*\*\*\*:

Current value: \$389bn\*\*\*

\*Dropdown selections: September 2024, October 2024, November 2024, December 2024, January 2025, February 2025, March 2025, April 2025, May 2025, June 2025, July 2025, August 2025, September 2025, October 2025, November 2025, December 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.

\*\*Dropdown selections: \$0-250bn, \$251-500bn, \$501-750bn, \$751-1000bn, \$1001-1250bn, \$1251-1500bn, \$1501-1750bn, \$1751-2000bn, \$2001-2250bn, \$2251-2500bn, \$2501-2750bn, \$2751-3000bn, \$3001-3250bn, \$3251-3500bn, \$3501-3750bn, \$3751-4000bn, \$4001-4250bn, \$4251-4500bn, \$4501-4750bn, \$4751-5000bn, \$5001-5250bn, \$5251-5500bn, \$5501-5750bn, \$5751-6000bn, \$6001-6250bn, \$6251-6500bn, \$6501-6750bn.

\*\*\*Most recent H.4.1, as of August 28, 2024.

\*\*\*\*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.

\*\*\*\*\*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.

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 August 28, 2024 was \$6,701 billion according to the most recent H.4.1 release.

\$5000bn or smaller	\$5001-5250bn	\$5251-5500bn	\$5501-5750bn	\$5751-6000bn	\$6001-6250bn	\$6251-6500bn	\$6501-6750bn	\$6751bn or larger	Total
0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

\*Responses should add up to 100 percent.

4d) Please discuss factors behind your baseline expectation for when the SOMA portfolio will cease to decline. Please also discuss the distribution of outcomes around your baseline.

5) The table below lists the average spreads of selected money market rates\* over the past week. Please provide your expectation for each of these rate spreads for the day after each of the FOMC meetings. Please ensure your signs are correct and please do not include decimal places.

**FOMC Meetings**

	Average over past week	Sep 17-18	Nov 6-7	Dec 17-18	Jan 28-29
Top of target range** minus IORB (in bps):	10				
EFFR minus IORB (in bps):	-7				
SOFR minus IORB (in bps):	-6				
Bottom of target range** minus ON RRP (in bps):	-5				
3m U.S. Treasury bill yield minus 3m fed funds OIS (in bps):	10				

\*Listed rates include the interest on reserve balances (IORB) rate, effective federal funds rate (EFFR), Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR), overnight reverse repurchase agreement (ON RRP) rate, and 3-month fed funds overnight index swap rate (3m OIS).

\*\*Target range for the federal funds rate.

6) Please provide the percent chance\* you attach to the following outcomes for U.S. real GDP growth in 2024 and 2025 (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%	Total
2024 (Q4/Q4):	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

	≤ 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 - 3.50%	3.51 - 4.00%	≥ 4.01%	Total
2025 (Q4/Q4):	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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

Please also provide your point estimate for the most likely outcome out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

2024 (Q4/Q4, percent):

2025 (Q4/Q4, percent):

7) Please indicate your modal projections for headline and core PCE inflation for each of the following quarters.\* Please provide your responses out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

	Q3 2024 (saar)	Q4 2024 (saar)	Q1 2025 (saar)	Q2 2025 (saar)	Q3 2025 (saar)
Headline PCE inflation (percent): Q2 2024 (saar): 2.5% **	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Core PCE inflation (percent): Q2 2024 (saar): 2.8% **	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

\*\*Second estimate by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

**8a)** Please provide the percent chance\* you attach to the following outcomes for headline PCE inflation in 2024 and 2025 (Q4/Q4).

	≤ 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%	Total
2024 (Q4/Q4):	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
2025 (Q4/Q4):	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

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

Please also provide your point estimate for the most likely outcome out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

2024 (Q4/Q4, percent):

2025 (Q4/Q4, percent):

**8b)** For the outcomes below, provide the percent chance\* you attach to the annual average CPI inflation rate from September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2029 falling in each of the following ranges.

≤ 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%	Total
0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

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

Please also provide your point estimate for the most likely outcome out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

Percent:

**8c)** For the outcomes below, provide the percent chance\* you attach to the annual average CPI inflation rate from September 1, 2029 - August 31, 2034 falling in each of the following ranges.

≤ 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%	Total
0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %

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

Please also provide your point estimate for the most likely outcome out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

Percent:

9a) What percent chance do you attach to:

the U.S. economy currently being in a recession\* (percent)?

the U.S. economy being in a recession\* in 6 months (percent)?

the global economy being in a recession\*\* in 6 months (percent)?

\*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?

H1 2024***	H2 2024	H1 2025	H2 2025	H1 2026	No recession by end H1 2026	Total
<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="0"/> %

\*Responses should add up to 100 percent.

\*\*NBER-defined recession.

\*\*\*Percent chance that the economy first entered an NBER-defined recession in H1 2024.