



SURVEY OF MARKET EXPECTATIONS MARCH 2026

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, March 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 March 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:

3a) 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*

	February 2026 (Actual**)	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	August 2026	September 2026
U.S. Treasuries:	4294							
Agency MBS:	2023							
Total Assets*:	6665							

Average level over each period (\$ billions)

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

	2026 Q4	2027 Q1	2027 Q2	2027 Q3	2027 Q4	2028 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.

3b) Please provide your modal expectation for the average level of specified liabilities over each of the periods below. Average level amounts referenced below are in \$ billions.

The displayed level for total liabilities and capital is computed from total assets in part 3a. For 2026 Q1 through 2026 Q3, monthly averages from part 3a are averaged to reflect quarterly horizons.

Average level over each period (\$ billions)

	2025 Q4 (Actual*)	2026 Q1	2026 Q2	2026 Q3	2026 Q4	2027 Q1	2027 Q2	2027 Q3	2027 Q4	2028 Q4
Total Liabilities and Capital	6625									

Note: line items below do not need to sum to Total Liabilities and Capital

	2025 Q4 (Actual*)	2026 Q1	2026 Q2	2026 Q3	2026 Q4	2027 Q1	2027 Q2	2027 Q3	2027 Q4	2028 Q4
Reserves:	2920									
Currency in Circulation:	2424									
Overnight Reverse Repurchase Facility:	9									
Treasury General Account:	887									

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

3c) According to the implementation note issued January 28, 2026, the FOMC directed the Open Market Desk to "increase the System Open Market Account holdings of securities through purchases of Treasury bills and, if needed, other Treasury securities with remaining maturities of 3 years or less to maintain an ample level of reserves."

Please provide your expectation (\$ billions) for the amount of reserve management purchases of Treasury securities (in excess of MBS reinvestments) during the monthly purchase periods* below. If you expect any of these amounts to be zero in a given period, please enter 0.

Mid-Feb. to mid-Mar. 2026	Mid-Mar. to mid-Apr. 2026	Mid-Apr. to mid-May 2026	Mid-May to mid-Jun. 2026	Mid-Jun. to mid-Jul. 2026	Mid-Jul. to mid-Aug. 2026	Mid-Aug. to mid-Sep. 2026	Mid-Sep. to mid-Oct. 2026
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U.S. Treasury Bills
(\$ billions):

40							
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U.S. Treasury Notes &
Bonds, Maturing in Under
3 Years (\$ billions):

0							
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**The Desk publishes a tentative monthly schedule of purchase operations expected to take place between the middle of the month and the middle of the following month. For more information on reserve management purchases, please see the FAQs on the [New York Fed website](#).*

3d) Please discuss factors behind your baseline expectation for reserve management purchases. Please also discuss the distribution of outcomes around your baseline.

3e) Please indicate* your expectations for the composition of the SOMA portfolio** over the longer run.

	Longer run	Current***
U.S. Treasury Bills:	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="5"/> %
U.S. Treasury Notes & Bonds, Maturing in Under 3 Years:	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="19"/> %
U.S. Treasury Notes & Bonds, Maturing in 3 to 10 Years:	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="15"/> %
U.S. Treasury Notes & Bonds, Maturing in Over 10 Years:	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="24"/> %
U.S. Treasury TIPS:	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="5"/> %
Agency MBS:	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="32"/> %
Total	<input type="text" value="0"/> %	<input type="text" value="100"/> %

*For reference, a similar question was last asked in the March 2025 survey.

**SOMA portfolio also includes FRNs, Federal Agency Securities, and Agency CMBS which are excluded from the question as holdings round to zero percent.

***Most recent System Open Market Account Holdings of Domestic Securities, as of February 25, 2026.

3f) Please discuss your distribution of outcomes around these estimates as well as your views on the Committee's likely **timing** and **approach** to reaching the longer run composition you expect. If you have views on the likely **timing** and **approach** for individual components of SOMA, please discuss those views as well.

4) 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	Mar 17-18	Apr 28-29	Jun 16-17	Jul 28-29
Top of target range** minus IORB (in bps):	10				
EFFR minus IORB (in bps):	-1				
SOFR minus IORB (in bps):	2				
Bottom of target range** minus ON RRP (in bps):	0				
3m U.S. Treasury bill yield minus 3m fed funds OIS (in bps):	3				

*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.

5a) Please provide the 1st and 99th percentiles of your distribution of expectations for U.S. real GDP growth in 2026 (Q4/Q4). Please provide your responses out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

Note: The 1st percentile, p1, is the value such that the probability of U.S. real GDP growth being less than p1 is 1%, and the 99th percentile, p99, is the value such that the probability of U.S. real GDP growth being more than p99 is 1%.

	1st percentile	99th percentile
2026 (Q4/Q4):		

Please provide the percent chance* you attach to the following outcomes for U.S. real GDP growth in 2026 (Q4/Q4). Please ensure the probabilities are consistent with the 1st and 99th percentiles you provided above.

	≤ 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
2026 (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).

2026 (Q4/Q4):

5b) Please provide the 1st and 99th percentiles of your distribution of expectations for U.S. real GDP growth in 2027 (Q4/Q4). Please provide your responses out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

	1st percentile	99th percentile
2027 (Q4/Q4):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please provide the percent chance* you attach to the following outcomes for U.S. real GDP growth in 2027 (Q4/Q4). Please ensure the probabilities are consistent with the 1st and 99th percentiles you provided above.

	≤ 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
2027 (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).

2027 (Q4/Q4):

6a) Please provide the 1st and 99th percentiles of your distribution of expectations for the average unemployment rate in Q4 2026. Please provide your responses out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

Note: The 1st percentile, p1, is the value such that the probability of the average unemployment rate being less than p1 is 1%, and the 99th percentile, p99, is the value such that the probability of the average unemployment rate being more than p99 is 1%.

1st percentile

99th percentile

Q4 2026:

Please provide the percent chance* you attach to the following outcomes for the average unemployment rate in Q4 2026. Please ensure the probabilities are consistent with the 1st and 99th percentiles you provided above.

	≤ 3.50%	3.51 - 4.00%	4.01 - 4.50%	4.51 - 5.00%	5.01 - 5.50%	5.51 - 6.00%	6.01 - 6.50%	≥ 6.51%	Total
Q4 2026:	<input type="text" value="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).

Q4 2026:

6b) Please provide the 1st and 99th percentiles of your distribution of expectations for the average unemployment rate in Q4 2027. Please provide your responses out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

1st percentile

99th percentile

Q4 2027:

Please provide the percent chance* you attach to the following outcomes for the average unemployment rate in Q4 2027. Please ensure the probabilities are consistent with the 1st and 99th percentiles you provided above.

	$\leq 3.50\%$	3.51 - 4.00%	4.01 - 4.50%	4.51 - 5.00%	5.01 - 5.50%	5.51 - 6.00%	6.01 - 6.50%	$\geq 6.51\%$	Total
Q4 2027:	<input type="text" value="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).

Q4 2027:

*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).

2026 (Q4/Q4):

8b) Please provide the 1st and 99th percentiles of your distribution of expectations for headline PCE inflation in 2027 (Q4/Q4). Please provide your responses out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

1st percentile

99th percentile

2027 (Q4/Q4):

Please provide the percent chance* you attach to the following outcomes for headline PCE inflation in 2027 (Q4/Q4). Please ensure the probabilities are consistent with the 1st and 99th percentiles you provided above.

	≤ 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
2027 (Q4/Q4):	<input type="text"/> %										

*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).

2027 (Q4/Q4):

8c) Please provide the 1st and 99th percentiles of your distribution of expectations for the annual average CPI inflation rate from March 1, 2026 – February 28, 2031. Please provide your responses out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

Note: The 1st percentile, p1, is the value such that the probability of the five year average CPI inflation rate being less than p1 is 1%, and the 99th percentile, p99, is the value such that the probability of five year average CPI inflation rate being more than p99 is 1%.

1st percentile

99th percentile

Please provide the percent chance* you attach to the annual average CPI inflation rate from March 1, 2026 – February 28, 2031 falling in each of the following ranges. Please ensure the probabilities are consistent with the 1st and 99th percentiles you provided above.

$\leq 1.00\%$	1.01 - 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	2.51 - 3.00%	3.01 - 3.50%	$\geq 3.51\%$	Total
<input type="text" value="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:

8d) Please provide the 1st and 99th percentiles of your distribution of expectations for the annual average CPI inflation rate from March 1, 2031 – February 29, 2036. Please provide your responses out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

1st percentile

99th percentile

Please provide the percent chance* you attach to the annual average CPI inflation rate from March 1, 2031 – February 29, 2036 falling in each of the following ranges.

$\leq 1.00\%$	1.01 - 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	2.51 - 3.00%	3.01 - 3.50%	$\geq 3.51\%$	Total
<input type="text" value="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:

9) 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.*

10) Provide your estimate of the most likely outcome for output, inflation, and unemployment. Please provide your responses out to at least one decimal place (e.g. for one percent enter 1.0, not 0.01).

	Real GDP (Q4/Q4 Growth)*	Core PCE Inflation (Q4/Q4)	Headline PCE Inflation (Q4/Q4)**	Unemployment Rate (Q4 Average Level)***
2026 (percent):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2027 (percent):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2028 (percent):	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Longer run (percent):	<input type="text"/>	NA	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Responses for real GDP growth in 2026 and 2027 are pulled directly from point estimate values provided in question 5.*

***Responses for headline PCE inflation in 2026 and 2027 are pulled directly from point estimate values provided in question 8.*

****Responses for the average unemployment rates in Q4 2026 and Q4 2027 are pulled directly from point estimate values provided in question 6.*