

Weekly Market Recap

The week in review

- Real consumer spending fell -0.5% m/m
- Headline PCE inflation rose 0.3% m/m and 2.5% y/y

The week ahead

- PMIs
- Nonfarm payrolls

Thought of the week

The White House's newly established Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has two primary objectives: cut costs and improve government efficiency. Initial efforts have focused on federal workforce reductions, starting with a buyout offer accepted by ~75k employees. Shortly thereafter, thousands of federal workers, largely those classified as probationary, received layoff notices. While notable, the cost savings of these efforts could be negligible. Using CBO data, J.P. Morgan estimates the average annual compensation of a federal employee was ~\$130k in FY24. During the same period, there were, on average, 2.99mn federal employees according to the BLS. Simply put, of the \$6.75tn spent by the U.S. government in FY24, only \$388.3bn (less than 6%) went toward federal employee compensation.

Beyond workforce reductions, DOGE has explored pausing payments from federal grant programs as another means of reducing spending. Federal grants-in-aid to state and local (S&L) governments totaled \$953bn in FY24, or 14% of total spending, according to the BEA. Given S&L governments' reliance on these funds, large cuts could create challenges. In FY24, federal grants-in-aid represented ~24% of total S&L government receipts.

While DOGE's efforts may have a modest positive impact on the budget, they could bring unintended consequences. With headlines spotlighting uncertainty from layoffs, spending cuts and tariffs, consumer confidence is taking a hit, falling at its fastest pace since 2021 in February. If confidence remains low, consumers could pare back spending. Moreover, reduced federal support could hinder hiring by S&L governments, a key driver of recent job growth. There are undoubtedly efficiencies to be gained from some cuts in federal spending. However, to avoid knocking the U.S. economy off its steady path, these cuts must be done carefully.

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Weekly Data Center

Equities	Level	1 week	QTD	YTD	1 year	3-yr. Cum.
S&P 500	5955	-0.95	1.44	1.44	19.05	42.58
Dow Jones 30	43841	1.01	3.32	3.32	14.60	37.39
Russell 2000	5376	-1.44	-2.87	-2.87	7.47	10.35
Russell 1000 Growth	2625	-2.56	-1.69	-1.69	20.56	51.44
Russell 1000 Value	1179	0.89	5.05	5.05	16.17	28.27
MSCI EAFE	2423	-0.81	7.32	7.32	9.52	22.40
MSCI EM	1097	-4.30	2.32	2.32	10.89	2.79
NASDAQ	18847	-3.45	-2.31	-2.31	19.02	40.37

Index Returns (%)

NTM P/E	P/B	Div. Yld.	Mkt. Cap (bn)
21.52	4.98	1.23	50443
20.00	5.49	1.75	18407
24.14	1.90	1.33	2556
27.84	12.32	0.55	28830
16.90	2.77	1.96	25680
14.33	1.90	2.75	17255
12.12	1.76	2.21	7819
26.67	6.58	0.66	30797
		Levels	

Index Characteristics

Fixed Income	Yield	1 week	QTD	YTD	1 year	3-yr. Cum.
U.S. Aggregate	4.58	1.26	2.74	2.74	5.96	-1.30
U.S. Corporates	5.09	1.05	2.60	2.60	6.68	1.15
Municipals (10yr)	3.26	0.62	2.02	2.02	2.21	3.81
High Yield	7.37	0.40	2.05	2.05	10.18	15.55

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Currencies	2/28/25	12/31/24	2/28/24
\$ per€	1.04	1.04	1.08
\$per£	1.26	1.25	1.27
¥ per\$	150.70	157.16	150.82

	Levels (70)					
Key Rates	2/28/25	2/21/25	12/31/24	12/31/24	2/28/24	2/28/22
2-yr U.S. Treasuries	3.99	4.19	4.25	4.25	4.64	1.44
10-yr U.S. Treasuries	4.24	4.42	4.58	4.58	4.27	1.83
30-yr U.S. Treasuries	4.51	4.67	4.78	4.78	4.40	2.17
10-yr German Bund	2.41	2.47	2.35	2.35	2.45	0.16
SOFR	4.36	4.34	4.49	4.49	5.31	0.05
3-mo. EURIBOR	2.46	2.52	2.71	2.71	3.94	-0.53
6-mo. CD rate	2.30	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.31	0.14
30-yr fixed mortgage	6.94	7.13	7.28	7.28	7.31	4.30
Prime Rate	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.50	3.25

		Levels	
Commod.	2/28/25	12/31/24	2/28/24
Oil (WTI)	70.36	72.44	79.44
Gasoline	3.13	3.01	3.25
Natural Gas	3.93	3.40	1.61
Gold	2835	2609	2032
Silver	31.14	28.91	22.35
Copper	9364	8706	8341
Corn	4.52	4.53	4.08
BBG ldx	249.98	238.62	223.86

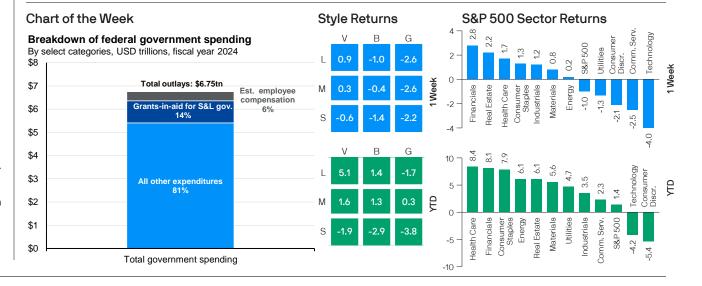




Chart of the Week: Source: BEA, BLS, CBO, J.P. Morgan Economic Research, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. S&L gov. stands for state and local government.

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Abbreviations: Cons. Sent.: University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index; CPI: Consumer Price Index; EIA: Energy Information Agency; FHFA HPI: - Federal Housing Finance Authority House Price Index; FOMC: Federal Open Market Committee; GDP: gross domestic product; HPI: Home Price Index; HMI: Housing Market Index; ISM Mfg. Index: Institute for Supply Management Manufacturing Index; PCE: Personal consumption expenditures; Philly Fed Survey: Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook Survey; PMI: Purchasing Managers' Manufacturing Index; PPI: Producer Price Index; SAAR: Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate

Equity Price Levels and Returns: All returns represent total return for stated period. Index: S&P 500; provided by: Standard & Poor's. Index: Dow Jones Industrial 30 (The Dow Jones is a price-weighted index composing of 30 widely-traded blue chip stocks.); provided by: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Index: Russell 2000; provided by: Russell Investments. Index: Russell 1000 Growth; provided by: Russell Investments. Index: Russell 1000 Value; provided by: Russell Investments. Index: MSCI – EAFE; provided by: MSCI – gross official pricing. Index: MSCI – EM; provided by: MSCI – gross official pricing. Index: Nasdaq Composite; provided by: NASDAQ OMX Group.

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Key Interest Rates: 2 Year Treasury, FactSet; 10 Year Treasury, FactSet; 30 Year Treasury, FactSet; 10 Year German Bund, FactSet. 3 Month LIBOR, British Bankers' Association; 3 Month EURIBOR, European Banking Federation; 6 Month CD, Federal Reserve; 30 Year Mortgage, Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA); Prime Rate: Federal Reserve.

Commodities: Gold, FactSet; Crude Oil (WTI), FactSet; Gasoline, FactSet; Natural Gas, FactSet; Silver, FactSet; Copper, FactSet; Corn, FactSet. Bloomberg Commodity Index (BBG ldx), Bloomberg Finance I.P.

Currency: Dollar per Pound, FactSet; Dollar per Euro, FactSet; Yen per Dollar, FactSet.

S&P Index Characteristics: Dividend yield provided by FactSet Pricing database. Fwd. P/E is a bottom-up weighted harmonic average using First Call Mean estimates for the "Next 12 Months" (NTM) period. Market cap is a bottom-up weighted average based on share information from Compustat and price information from FactSet's Pricing database as provided by Standard & Poor's.

MSCI Index Characteristics: Dividend yield provided by FactSet Pricing database. Fwd. P/E is a bottom-up weighted harmonic average for the "Next 12 Months" (NTM) period. Market cap is a bottom-up weighted average based on share information from MSCI and Price information from FactSet's Pricing database as provided by MSCI.

Russell 1000 Value Index, Russell 1000 Growth Index, and Russell 2000 Index Characteristics: Trailing P/E is provided directly by Russell. Fwd. P/E is a bottom-up weighted harmonic average using

First Call Mean estimates for the "Next 12 Months" (NTM) period. Market cap is a bottom-up weighted average based on share information from Compustat and price information from FactSet's Pricing database as provided by Russell.

Sector Returns: Sectors are based on the GICS methodology. Return data are calculated by FactSet using constituents and weights as provided by Standard & Poor's. Returns are cumulative total return for stated period, including reinvestment of dividends.

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