

May 31, 2024



AUTHOR: Kerry Hilsabeck, CFP®

TITLE: Investment Adviser Rep

TAGS: Jobs, PCE, Home Sales, Yields, Money Supply, S&P 500



Unemployment: Continuing jobless claims rose to 1,791k from 1,787k. Initial jobless claims rose to 219k from 216k.



Consumer Goods & Materials: Core PCE Price Index, which measures the change in consumer prices, lowered to a .2% increase (Apr)(MoM) with a 2.8% increase in prices over the past year (YoY) which came in at forecast.



Durable Goods: Durable Goods Orders (MoM) (Apr) came in higher than expectations, rising by .7% compared to forecasts of a decline in orders.



Housing and Building: Pending Home Sales (MoM)(Apr) fell -7.7%. Weekly figures for MBA Mortgage Applications showed a decrease of -5.7%.



Yield Curve: 2's & 10's remain inverted. 2-year yields fell to 4.89% from 4.93% and 10-year yields rose to 4.51% from 4.46%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.



M2 Money Stock: The money supply, including time deposits, rose \$26B to \$20.867T (Apr) which reflects cash accumulating in money market funds with their attractive yields. Money supply is running 73.8% of current GDP. 1st Quarter GDP was adjusted down to 1.3% from 1.6% (QoQ).



Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI (April), fell to 49.4 (contraction territory) from 50.3. ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI (Services)(Apr) also contracted, falling to 49.4 from 51.4. 50 marks contraction/expansion.



S&P 500: The S&P 500 fell -27.21 in a Holiday-shortened trading week, closing at 5,277.51 (up 10.64% YTD). The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) rose to 13.6 from 12.1.



U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Michigan Consumer Sentiment confirmed it has weakened markedly following a robust 1st Quarter 2024 with the gauge dropping to 69.1 (May) from 77.2 (Apr).

For more information:

If you would like to receive this weekly article and other timely information, follow us at <https://ffsinv.com/blog-subscribe-follow/>.

Always remember that while this is a week in review, this does not trigger or relate to trading activity on your account with Financial Future Services. Broad diversification across several asset classes with a long-term holding strategy is the best strategy in any market environment.

Any and all third-party posts or responses to this blog do not reflect the views of the firm and have not been reviewed by the firm for completeness or accuracy.

Contact an Advisor today:

Phone: (719) 357-7189 | E-mail: admin@ffsinv.com | Website: www.ffsinv.com

* Financial Action, Inc. is a Registered Investment Advisor.

LIW0375

