

U.S. Fed signals patience as inflation remains elevated

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Key Highlights:

- The Federal Open Market Committee voted unanimously to keep its benchmark overnight borrowing rate anchored in a **range of 3.5%-3.75% for the fourth consecutive meeting**, as the Fed prioritizes inflation control over aggressive growth support.
- The Fed revised its **2026 GDP growth forecast lower to 2.2% from 2.4%** projected in March, suggesting policymakers expect economic activity to remain resilient but moderate amid tighter financial conditions and external uncertainties.
- Headline PCE inflation was **revised higher to ~3.6% (up from ~2.7% in March)**, with projections indicating inflation will remain above target, underscoring persistent price pressures.



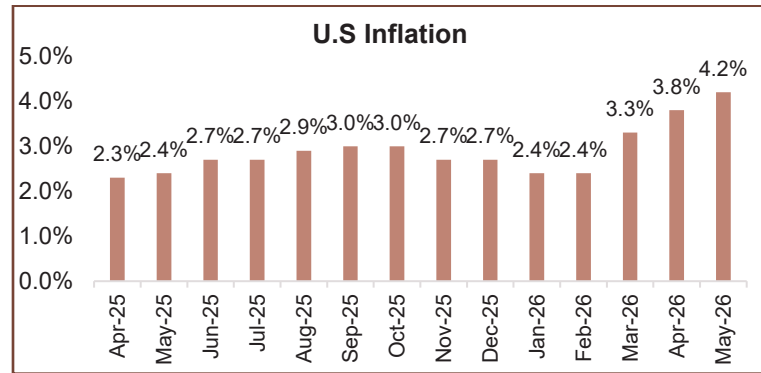
Current Update:

- ❖ Despite growing geopolitical tensions and elevated uncertainty, the Federal Reserve observed that the U.S. economy continues to expand at a solid pace, supported by strong productivity gains, healthy business investment, and resilient consumer demand.
- ❖ The unemployment rate has changed little, with job gains keeping pace with the workforce, and is projected at **projected at ~4.3% for 2026**, indicating continued labour-market stability.
- ❖ Financial markets interpreted the June policy outcome **as more hawkish** than expected, with **U.S. equities declining, Treasury yields rising, and the U.S. dollar strengthening** following the Fed's revised projections and higher likelihood of future rate hikes.


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 **U.S. Inflation:**

- ❖ Inflation remains above the Fed's 2% target, with 2026 **headline and core PCE** inflation projected at **3.6% and 3.3%** respectively. Headline inflation is expected to moderate to **2.3% in 2027** before reaching **2% in 2028**.
- ❖ **Upside risks** persist due to energy prices and **geopolitical/supply-side disruptions**, keeping near-term inflation sticky and uncertainty elevated with bias towards higher inflation.



Source: Trading Economics

 **The Fed's Policy Shift**

The Fed cut rates by 100 basis points between September and December 2024, followed by three additional 25 basis point cuts — between September and December 2025 — **taking the cumulative rate reduction to 175 basis points** in the calendar year 2025.

FOMC Meeting Date	Rate Change (bps)	Interest Rate
17-Jun-26	No change	3.50% to 3.75%
29-Apr-26		
19-Mar-26		
29-Jan-26		
11-Dec-25	-25	3.50% to 3.75%
30-Oct-25	-25	3.75% to 4.00%
17-Sep-25	-25	4.00% to 4.25%
31-Jul-25	No change	4.25% to 4.50%
19-Jun-25		
07-May-25		
07-Mar-25		
20-Mar-25		
29-Jan-25	-25	4.25% to 4.50%
19-Dec-24		
07-Nov-24		
19-Sept-24	-50	4.75% to 5.00%

Source: US Federal Reserve Website

To Conclude:

The June 2026 FOMC meeting reinforces the Federal Reserve's commitment to prioritizing price stability despite a broadly resilient U.S. economy. While economic growth remains positive and business investment remains supportive, labour-market conditions continue to hold steady, even as policymakers grow increasingly concerned about persistent inflationary pressures. The upward revision to inflation forecasts, alongside a modest downgrade to growth expectations, highlights the more difficult trade-off the Fed faces in achieving its dual mandate.

Importantly, projections indicate inflation is likely to remain above the Fed's 2% target for a prolonged period, limiting the scope for near-term policy easing. The shift toward a more hawkish outlook—reflected in higher expected policy rates and a growing readiness for further tightening—underscores the Committee's intent to maintain restrictive financial conditions if necessary. Overall, this meeting signals a continuation of the “higher-for-longer” policy stance, with decisions remaining firmly data-dependent.

Notably, this was Chair Kevin Warsh's first FOMC meeting, which set the tone for a more inflation-focused and cautiously hawkish policy framework going forward.

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