



Economic Outlook and Portfolio Strategy

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Major Economic Themes

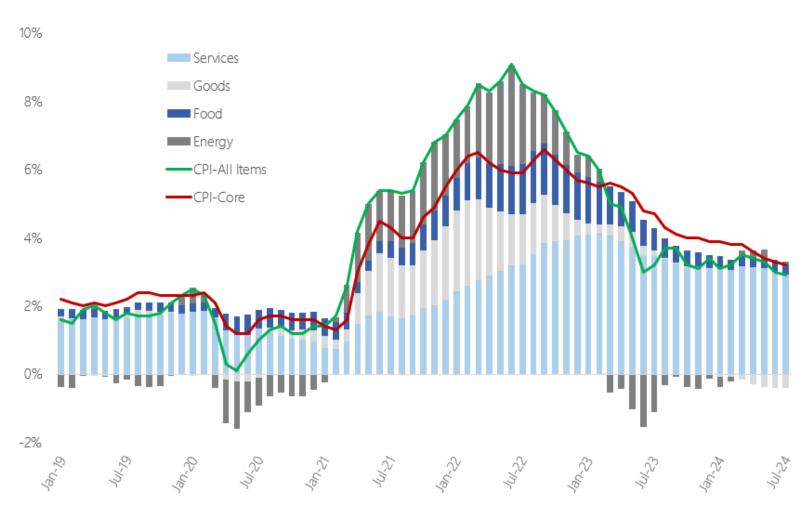


- Inflation continues to (slowly) cool.
- Labor market concerns emerge.
- The economy appears to be slowing (a bit), but recession concerns are overblown.
- The Fed meets on Sept 18th. *The question is whether they cut 25 or 50...*
- Yields lower in anticipation of rate cuts. The market has now *priced in* 225 basis points of future rate cuts.

Consumer Inflation



Consumer Price Index (CPI) Year-over-Year % Change



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

August Economist Survey

Monthly Bloomberg Survey



		Q3 24	Q4 24	Q1 25	Q2 25	Q3 25	Q4 25	Q1 26	Q2 26	Q3 26	Q4 26
Economy											
Real GDP Q-Q% SAAR		1.70	1.50	1.70	1.90	2.00	2.00	2.00			
Unemployment Rate		4.30	4.40	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.20	4.30			
Headline CPI (Y-O-Y)		2.70	2.60	2.30	2.20	2.30	2.30	2.30			
Core PCE (Y-O-Y)		2.70	2.70	2.30	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.10			
Fed Funds (Upper Bound) Current = 5.50											
August Survey Median		5.25	4.75	4.25	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.25
July Survey Median		5.25	5.00	4.75	4.50	4.25	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.25	3.50
Change in Medians		0.00	-0.25	-0.50	-0.50	-0.50	-0.50	-0.25	-0.25	0.00	-0.25
Treasury Yields	8/23/2024										
Average US 2-Year	3.93	4.10	3.90	3.71	3.54	3.38	3.27	3.14	3.14	3.21	3.21
Average US 5-Year	3.66	3.86	3.78	3.69	3.61	3.51	3.47	3.36	3.38	3.43	3.41
Average US 10-Year	3.80	3.98	3.93	3.87	3.82	3.75	3.73	3.62	3.62	3.65	3.66
Average US 30-Year	4.09	4.19	4.13	4.08	4.02	3.98	3.98	3.95	3.95	3.99	3.99

The US economy will expand 2.5% in 2024, 1.7% in 2025, and 2.0% in 2026 according to a survey by Bloomberg News.

- Survey of 67 economists conducted from Aug. 16 to Aug. 21
- Chance of a recession happening over the next 12 months is 31.5% versus prior survey 30%, according to 42 respondents
- Q3 2024 GDP forecast at +1.7% q/q versus prior survey +1.5%
- Q4 2024 GDP forecast at +1.5% q/q versus prior survey +1.5%
- 2024 CPI forecast at +2.9% y/y versus prior survey +3.0%
- 2025 CPI forecast at +2.3% y/y versus prior survey +2.4%
- Fed funds rate upper-bound at 5.25% at Sept. 18 meeting, current rate is 5.50%

Current Investment Choices



U.S. Treasuries

0 6	6-month	5.37%	5.33%	5.18%	4.88%
0 2	12-month	5.15%	5.09%	4.87%	4.36%
0 2	24-month	4.86%	4.71%	4.50%	3.90%
0 3	36-month	4.67%	4.45%	4.27%	3.72%

Florida QPD Savings

o Multiple banks at <u>2.60%</u> to <u>5.50%</u>

Overnight Investment Pools (8/22/24)

o Fl. Prime	5.47%
o Fl. Trust	5.42%
o Fl. Class	5.36%
o Fl. Safe	5.35%
o Fl. PALM	5.37%
o Fl. STAR	5.30%

Notes and Recommendations



Upcoming Maturities:

Sept 13 FHLB \$20 mm @ 4.49%
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 Sept 15 Treasury \$10 mm @ 2.91%
 Sept 16 Fl Palm \$10.5 mm @ 5.95%

Recent Investments:

\$10.6mm PALM reinvest 7/10/25 @ 5.02% (est. 5.20%)

Recommended Purchases

Hold until September.

Monthly expenses to be paid from balances in Florida Prime pool.

Motion to implement recommendations of our financial advisor based on the report submitted today and recommend the Clerk implement said Board recommendations.

Portfolio Snapshot (June 30 ...projected July 31, 2024)



Cash Equivalents

Bank QPD Funds Florida Prime Other Cash Pools

Total Liquid Funds

Investments

Treasuries
Agencies
MBS
Fixed Term Pool (PALM)
Repos
Munis
Corporates
Commercial Paper
CDs

	July	v 31 Portfolio		Proposed	Projected August Portfolio		Portfolio
Policy Limit					Policy Limit		
	Allocation	Current %	Deviation	Invest / (Divest)	Allocation	Proposed %	Deviation
	58,920,347	7.1%	-92.9%	-	58,920,347	7.1%	-92.9%
	44,612,039	5.4%	-24.6%	23,000,000	67,612,039	8.2%	-21.8%
	18,233,739	2.2%	-20.7%	-	18,233,739	2.2%	-20.7%
	121,766,125	14.8%		23,000,000	144,766,125	17.5%	
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68,349,097	8.3%	-91.7%	(23,000,000)	45,349,097	5.5%	-94.5%
441,365,603	53.5%	-26.5%	-	441,365,603	53.5%	-26.5%
1,050,825	0.1%	-29.9%	-	1,050,825	0.1%	-29.9%
140,617,429	17.0%	-20.7%	-	140,617,429	17.0%	-20.7%
-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
-	0.0%	-20.0%	-	-	0.0%	-20.0%
-	0.0%	-10.0%	-	-	0.0%	-10.0%
-	0.0%	-20.0%	-	-	0.0%	-20.0%
52,038,156	6.3%	-18.7%	-	52,038,156	6.3%	-18.7%
703,421,110	85.2%		(23,000,000)	680,421,110	82.5%	
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Total Portfolio

Total Investments

825,187,235 100.0%

Avg Portolio Maturity in days (as of 7/30)

297

Portfolio by Maturity

	Current		
	Portfolio %	WA Yield	
Less than 90 days	31.7%	5.09%	
3 - 12 months	32.1%	4.95%	
Beyond 12 months	36.2%	4.65%	
Total	100.0%	4.88%	

(Projected Aug...) 287

Proposed *				
Portfolio %	WA Yield			
34.5%	5.21%			
35.3%	4.92%			
30.2%	4.62%			
100.0%	4.93%			

^{*} Proposed portfolio %.

Portfolio Stats 7/31/24

Avg. maturity: 297 days

Avg. yield: 4.88%

■ Fixed/Floating: 85% / 15%

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Estimated Portfolio 8/31/24

Avg. maturity: 287 days

■ Avg. yield: 4.93%

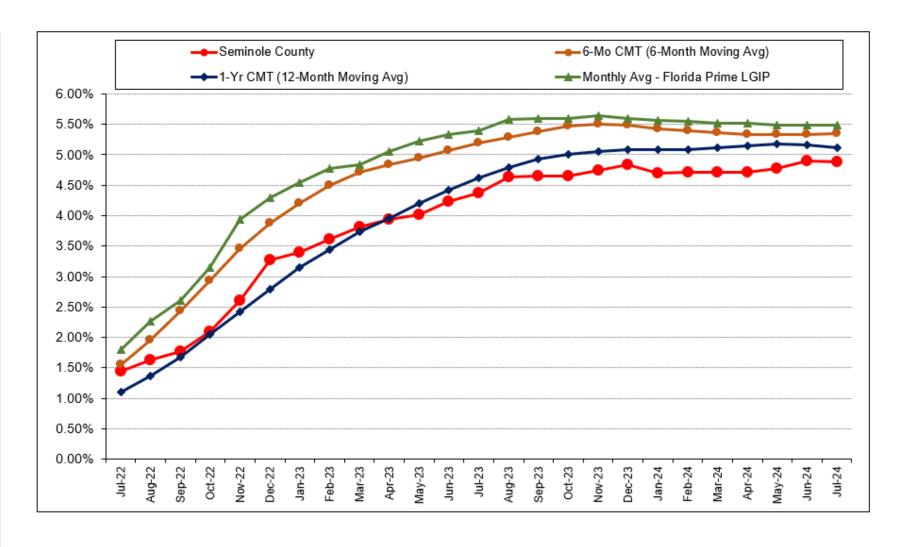
■ Fixed/Floating: 83% / 17%

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Benchmark Comparison 7/31/2024



		6-Mo	1-Yr CMT	Monthly
	Seminole	CMT (6-	(12-	Avg -
	County	Month	Month	Florida
	County	Moving	Moving	Prime
		Avg)	Avg)	LGIP
Jul-22	1.45%	1.55%	1.10%	1.80%
Aug-22	1.63%	1.96%	1.37%	2.26%
Sep-22	1.77%	2.43%	1.68%	2.61%
Oct-22	2.10%	2.93%	2.05%	3.15%
Nov-22	2.61%	3.45%	2.42%	3.94%
Dec-22	3.27%	3.87%	2.79%	4.30%
Jan-23	3.40%	4.20%	3.15%	4.55%
Feb-23	3.62%	4.50%	3.45%	4.77%
Mar-23	3.82%	4.72%	3.73%	4.84%
Apr-23	3.94%	4.84%	3.96%	5.06%
May-23	4.01%	4.95%	4.21%	5.23%
Jun-23	4.23%	5.07%	4.42%	5.33%
Jul-23	4.37%	5.20%	4.62%	5.39%
Aug-23	4.63%	5.29%	4.80%	5.58%
Sep-23	4.65%	5.38%	4.93%	5.59%
Oct-23	4.65%	5.47%	5.01%	5.60%
Nov-23	4.75%	5.50%	5.06%	5.64%
Dec-23	4.84%	5.49%	5.08%	5.60%
Jan-24	4.70%	5.43%	5.09%	5.57%
Feb-24	4.72%	5.39%	5.09%	5.55%
Mar-24	4.71%	5.36%	5.12%	5.52%
Apr-24	4.72%	5.33%	5.15%	5.52%
May-24	4.77%	5.33%	5.17%	5.48%
Jun-24	4.90%	5.34%	5.16%	5.49%
Jul-24	4.88%	5.34%	5.12%	5.49%





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