



WEEK OF JULY 22, 2024

# Market Update

Small-cap stocks continued their rally but technology stocks struggled because of the global technology outage. Yields rose across the curve as investors questioned the impact of candidate policies on Treasuries.

## Quick Hits

- 1. Report releases:** Core retail sales surged in June, highlighting the continued resilience of American consumers.
- 2. Financial market data:** Technology stocks struggled after the world's largest tech outage.
- 3. Looking ahead:** Data this week will focus on housing, economic growth, and personal income and spending.



## Report Releases: July 15–19, 2024

### Retail Sales

June  
(Tuesday)

Retail sales exceeded analyst estimates last month. Headline sales were flat against calls for a modest decline. Core sales, which strip out the impact of volatile auto and gas sales, grew notably.

- Expected/prior month retail sales monthly change:  $-0.3\%/+0.3\%$
- Actual retail sales monthly change:  $+0.0\%$



### National Association of Home Builders Housing Market Index

May  
(Tuesday)

Home builder sentiment fell for the third consecutive month as high mortgage rates and home prices weighed on prospective homebuyers.

- Expected/prior month sentiment: 43/43
- Actual sentiment: 42

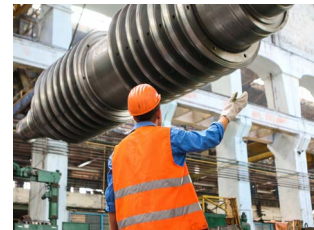


### Industrial Production

June  
(Wednesday)

Industrial production increased more than expected because of rising manufacturing production and capacity utilization.

- Expected/prior month production change:  $+0.3\%/+0.9\%$
- Actual production change:  $+0.6\%$



### Housing Starts and Building Permits

June  
(Wednesday)

Housing starts and building permits rebounded after falling more than expected in May.

- Expected/prior month housing starts monthly change:  $+1.8\%/-4.6\%$
- Actual housing starts monthly change:  $+3.0\%$
- Expected/prior month building permits monthly change:  $+0.1\%/-2.8\%$
- Actual building permits monthly change:  $+3.4\%$



## >> The Takeaway

- Retail sales stayed flat in June despite expectations for a 0.3 percent decline month-over-month.
- Despite stronger retail sales, housing showed signs of slowing as home building decelerated amid stagnant demand.

## Financial Market Data

### Equity

Index	Week-to-Date	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	12-Month
S&P 500	-1.95%	0.88%	16.30%	22.38%
Nasdaq Composite	-3.65%	-0.02%	18.55%	24.47%
DJIA	0.73%	3.07%	8.01%	17.27%
MSCI EAFE	-2.39%	2.02%	7.92%	11.47%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-2.95%	0.76%	8.42%	9.93%
Russell 2000	1.69%	6.72%	8.56%	11.69%

Source: Bloomberg, as of July 19, 2024

Technology stocks struggled. The Nasdaq Composite fell more than 3.6 percent after a CrowdStrike upgrade affected Microsoft's Windows operating systems, leading to a global tech outage. Small-caps continued their recent rally as investors looked beyond mega-cap technology stocks.

### Fixed Income

Index	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	12-Month
U.S. Broad Market	0.38%	0.49%	3.13%
U.S. Treasury	0.29%	0.17%	1.95%
U.S. Mortgages	0.47%	0.43%	2.84%
Municipal Bond	0.49%	0.34%	3.28%

Source: Bloomberg, as of July 19, 2024

Treasury yields beyond the 2-year maturity rose slightly, with the 10-year increasing 5.2 basis points (bps). Investors continue to question how the fall election and presidential candidates will slow the growth of the U.S. deficit.

### >> The Takeaway

- Small-caps continued their rally; mega-cap tech stocks struggled after the global tech outage.
- Yields rose slightly across the curve as investors questioned how the presidential candidates' policies will affect U.S. Treasuries.

## Looking Ahead

This week, we expect data on housing, economic growth, and personal income and spending.

- The week kicks off on Tuesday with the release of **existing home sales**, which are expected to fall for the fourth consecutive month in June. Rising prices and still-high mortgage rates have been a headwind throughout the year.
- On Wednesday, we anticipate the release of the **advanced estimate of second-quarter GDP**. Economists expect to see a healthy 1.9 percent annualized growth rate, which would represent a solid increase from the 1.4 percent growth rate in the first quarter.
- **Durable goods orders** for June are expected on Thursday. Headline and core durable goods orders are both set to rise.
- Finally, the week wraps with **personal income and spending reports** for June. Both are expected to rise.





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