

Recession dashboard

March 2025



Indicators	Measure	1974	1980	1981	1991	2001	2008	2020	Average	Current	Earliest implied recession date (Based on average days from key level recession)
Labor market	Increase in claims	32k	90k	68k	80k	125k	50k	3k	68k	48k	03/2025
Inflation	Increase in core PCE	2.17%	2.38%	0.94%	1.90%	1.05%	1.09%	1.38%	1.38%	0.02%	06/2027
Housing	Decline in housing starts	-770k	-856k	-506k	-1,089k	-329k	-1,236k	-50k	-770k	-462k	01/2025
Yield curve	10-year Treasury yield – federal funds rate	258 days	456 days	277 days	523 days	282 days	505 days	309 days	389 days	844 days	12/2023
Spreads	Bloomberg Corp High Yield –10-yr Treasury yield	-	-	-	9.30%	9.58%	5.80%	3.91%	7.55%	2.94%	06/2028
Manufacturing	ISM Index	57.8	44.8	46.7	45.1	42.1	50.1	47.8	46.7	50.3	02/2026
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Sources: Bloomberg and Federated Hermes, Inc. Data as of 3/3/25.

	Outside of recession range
	In recession range
	Exceeding recession range

Recent updates

3/3:

The yield curve has reinverted to -0.11% following a growth scare and tariff fears. This reading was down from +0.14% in our February update. It is now a record 823 days between the inversion and potential start of a recession. Note, we reinverted on February 25th after being un-inverted since December 12th. ↓

3/3:

High Yield spreads continue to stay near their lowest levels since early 2022 but have recently ticked higher. They now stand at +2.94%, near their highest levels since the election and higher than the +2.76% in the February update. ↓

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ISM Manufacturing fell to 50.3 this month from last month's 50.9. While it is encouraging that the level is still above 50, some of the components show rising concern from tariffs in the marketplace. ↑

2/28:

Core PCE continues fell to 2.65% from last month's 2.79%. This is its second lowest reading since the 2022 peak. The index faces several easy "comps" in early 2025 as it laps large monthly growth rates from last year. ↑

2/27:

Initial jobless claims are 242,000. This is higher than both last month's 219,000 and January's 201,000 and is the highest level since the October twin-hurricanes. ↓

2/17:

Housing starts fell to 1,366,000 and continues to tread water in the 1.3 – 1.5M range. While this is down from last month's 1,515,000 it is still an improvement from most data points in the fall. ↓

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