

Economic Update, October 24, 2025  
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**Summary:**

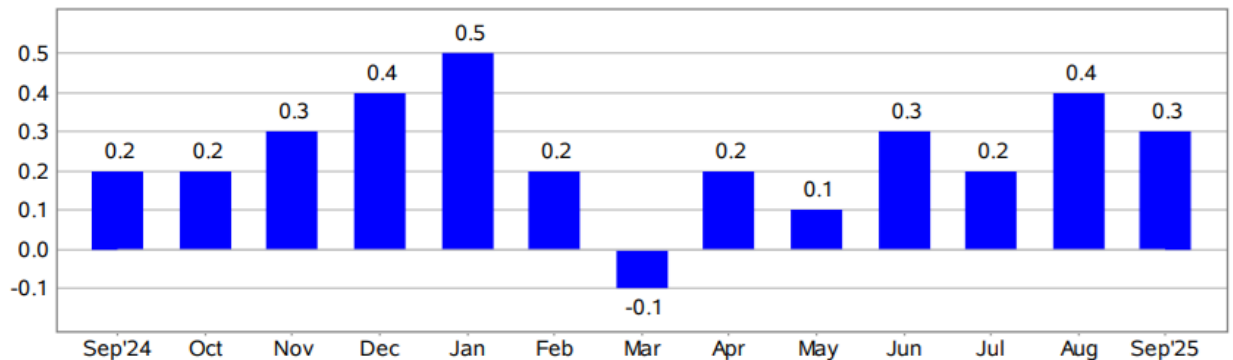
Annual consumer inflation came in at 3 percent, based on data that was gathered before the federal shutdown. The one-month increase was 0.3 percent (see chart below). Inflation and high prices remain at the forefront of consumers' minds, according to the University of Michigan's Survey of Consumer Sentiment. Federal Funds Futures indicate that the direction for interest rates is likely down (figure below). Falling mortgage rates and improving housing affordability are contributing to an increase in sales of existing homes, according to the chief economist of the National Association of Realtors.

**Federal Government Indicators and Reports**

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Friday, [Consumer Price Index](#): The index "increased 0.3 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in September, after rising 0.4 percent in August. . . . Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 3.0 percent before seasonal adjustment."

**Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, Sep. 2024 - Sep. 2025**  
Percent change

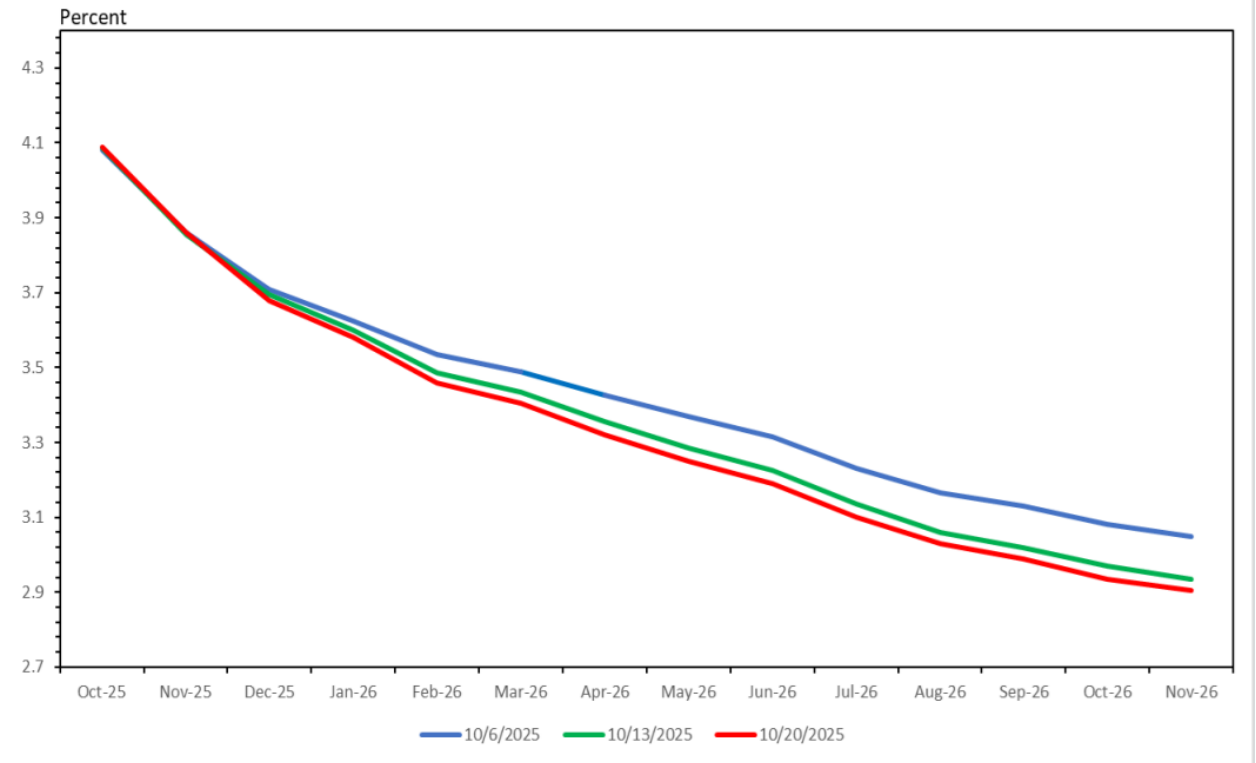


**Economic Indicators and Confidence**

Federal Reserve

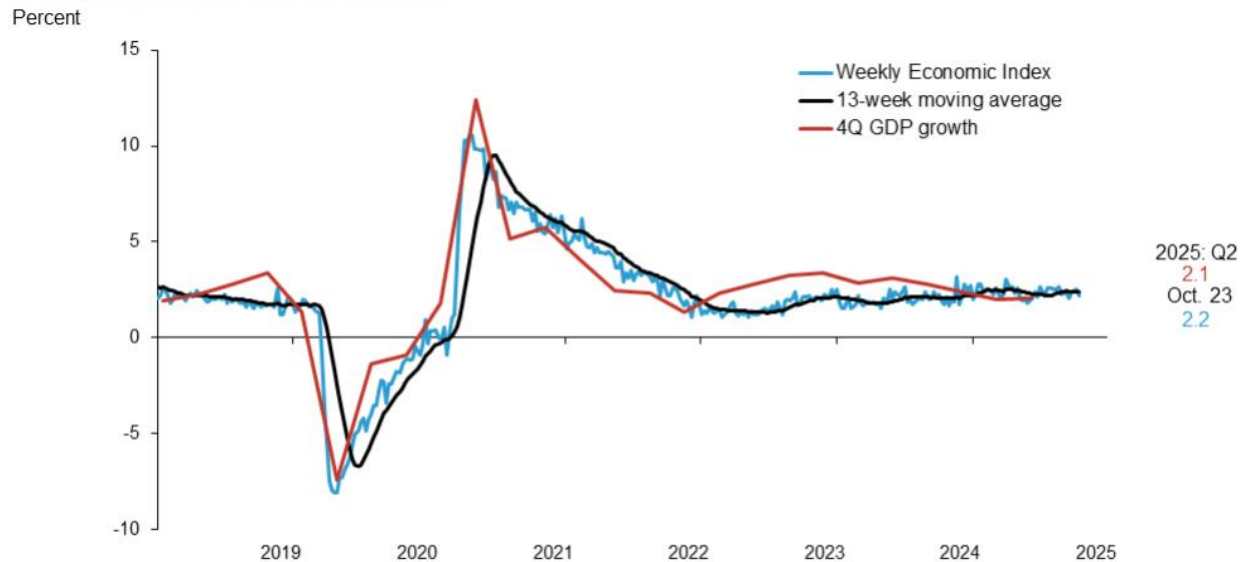
Monday, [National Economic Indicators](#): Federal Fund Futures edged down from October 13 to October 20. The next Federal Open Market Committee meeting is planned for [October 28-29](#).

# Fed Funds Futures



Thursday, [Weekly Economic Index](#): The index “is currently 2.16 percent, scaled to four-quarter GDP growth, for the week ended Oct. 18 and 2.50 percent for Oct. 11.”

## Weekly Economic Index, 2019–present



NOTE: Annual real GDP growth (four-quarter moving average) is based on the latest quarterly GDP data release from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

SOURCES: Authors' calculations based on data from Haver Analytics, Redbook Research, Rasmussen Reports, the Association of American Railroads and Booth Financial Consulting.

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

University of Michigan

Friday, [Consumer Sentiment](#): The index was at 53.6 in October, a decrease of 1.5 points from September. “Overall, consumers perceive few material changes in economic circumstances from last month; inflation and high prices remain at the forefront of consumers’ minds.”

## **Mortgages and Housing Markets**

Mortgage Bankers Association

Wednesday, [Mortgage Applications](#): “Mortgage applications decreased 0.3 percent from one week earlier. . . . The average contract interest rate for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages with conforming loan balances (\$806,500 or less) decreased to 6.37 percent from 6.42 percent. . . . The average contract interest rate for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages decreased to 5.74 percent from 5.77 percent.”

National Association of Realtors

Thursday, [Existing Home Sales](#): Existing-home sales rose 1.5 percent month-over-month in September 2025. According to NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun, “As anticipated, falling mortgage rates are lifting home sales. Improving housing affordability is also contributing to the increase in sales.”