

SURVEY OF PRIMARY DEALERS

NOVEMBER 2020



This survey is formulated by the Trading Desk at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to enhance policymakers' understanding of market expectations on a variety of topics related to the economy, monetary policy and financial markets. The questions involve only topics that are widely discussed in the public domain and never presume any particular policy action. FOMC participants are not involved in the survey's design.

Please respond by **Monday, October 26th at 2:00pm Eastern Time** to the questions below. Your time and input are greatly appreciated.

Type of Respondent:

Primary Dealer

Respondent Name:

- 1a)** Provide below your expectations for **changes**, if any, to the language referencing each of the following topics in the November FOMC statement. **Please write N/A if you do not expect any changes.**

Current economic conditions:

Economic outlook and communication on the expected path of the target federal funds rate:

Communication on tools other than the target federal funds rate:

Other:

- 1b)** What are your expectations for the Chair's press conference?

2) How would you grade the Federal Reserve System's communication with the markets and with the public since the last policy survey? Please provide a rating between 1 and 5, with 1 indicating ineffectiveness and 5 indicating effectiveness.

Rating:

Please explain:

3a) Provide your estimate of the most likely outcome (i.e., the mode) for the target federal funds rate or range, as applicable, immediately following the FOMC meetings and at the end of each of the following quarters and half-years below. For the time periods at which you expect a target range, please indicate the midpoint of that range in providing your response.

	2020 FOMC meetings		2021 FOMC meetings				
	Nov 4-5	Dec 15-16	Jan 26-27	Mar 16-17	Apr 27-28	Jun 15-16	Jul 27-28
Target rate / midpoint of target range:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

	Quarters					Half-Years		
	2021 Q3	2021 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q2	2022 Q3	2022 Q4	2023 H1	2023 H2
Target rate / midpoint of target range:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If your responses above do not reflect an increase from the current target range at any point, please provide the earliest half-year period in which your modal expectation for the level of the target range is higher than the current level.

Earliest half-year period*:

*Dropdown selections: H1 2024, H2 2024, H1 2025, H2 2025, H1 2026, H2 2026, H1 2027 or later.

3b) Provide your estimate for the most likely value for the following indicators at the time of the next increase in the target range for the federal funds rate.

Unemployment rate (%):	<input type="text"/>
Labor force participation rate (%):	<input type="text"/>
Total change in the level of real GDP since 2019 Q4 (%):	<input type="text"/>
Headline 12-month PCE inflation (%):	<input type="text"/>

3c) In addition, provide your estimate of the longer run target federal funds rate and your expectation for the average federal funds rate over the next 10 years.

Longer run:

Expectation for average federal funds rate over next 10 years:

3d) Please indicate the percent chance* that you attach to the target federal funds rate or range falling in each of the following ranges at the end of 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. If you expect a target range, please use the midpoint of that range in providing your response.

	< 0.00%	0.00 - 0.25%	0.26 - 0.50%	0.51 - 0.75%	0.76 - 1.00%	1.01 - 1.25%	1.26 - 1.50%	1.51 - 1.75%	1.76 - 2.00%	≥ 2.01%	Sum
Year-end 2020:											0.00%
Year-end 2021:											0.00%
Year-end 2022:											0.00%
Year-end 2023:											0.00%

**Responses across each row should add up to 100 percent.*

3e) What is your estimate of the target federal funds rate or range at the effective lower bound?

Level of the target federal funds rate or range at the effective lower bound (in percent):

3f) For parts a-e, please explain the factors behind any change to your expectations, where applicable, since the last policy survey.

4) Please indicate the percent chance* that you attach to the 10-year Treasury yield falling in each of the following ranges at the end of 2020 and 2021.

	< 0.00%	0.00 - 0.50%	0.51 - 1.00%	1.01 - 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	≥ 2.51%	Sum
Year-end 2020:								0.00%
Year-end 2021:								0.00%

*Responses across each row should add up to 100 percent.

5a) Please provide your modal expectation for the amount of purchases, net of reinvestments, of U.S. Treasury securities, agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS), and agency commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) the Desk will conduct for each month listed below through the end of the year and the total over each of the half-years below. If you expect any of these amounts to be zero in a given period, please enter 0.

Purchases net of reinvest- ments:	November 2020	December 2020	<u>Total</u> in each half-year							
			2021 H1	2021 H2	2022 H1	2022 H2	2023 H1	2023 H2		
U.S. Treasuries (\$ billions):										
Agency MBS (\$ billions):										
Agency CMBS (\$ millions):										

If applicable, please describe your expectations for any changes to key elements of and/or the communications regarding asset purchases going forward.

5b) Please comment on what you view as the most likely conditions or developments that would lead you to revise higher and/or lower your modal estimates in part a.

5c) Please provide your 10th and 90th percentiles of your subjective distribution over the range of possible values for the following total net purchases from November 2020 until year-end 2023.

Purchases net of reinvestments from November 2020 until year-end 2023:	Sum of estimates in part a*	Percentiles	
		10th	90th
U.S. Treasury securities (\$ billions):			
Agency MBS (\$ billions):			
Agency CMBS (\$ millions):			

**These cells auto-populate if the corresponding modal expectations in question 5a are provided.*

5d) If you have formed expectations for the most likely level (\$ billions) of Federal Reserve assets associated with any of the following, please provide your expectations for their levels on December 30, 2020 below. If you expect any of these amounts to be zero on this date, please enter 0.

(\$ billions)	Dec. 30, 2020	(\$ billions)	Dec. 30, 2020
Discount Window:		Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility (TALF):	
Primary Dealer Credit Facility (PDCF):		Primary Market Corporate Credit Facility (PMCCF):	
Money Market Mutual Fund Liquidity Facility (MMLF):		Secondary Market Corporate Credit Facility (SMCCF):	
Commercial Paper Funding Facility (CPFF):		Paycheck Protection Program Liquidity Facility (PPPLF):	
Main Street New Loan Facility (MSNLF):		Central bank liquidity swaps:	
Main Street Expanded Loan Facility (MSELF):		Temporary repo facility for foreign and international monetary authorities (FIMA repo):	
Main Street Priority Loan Facility (MSPLF):		Repurchase agreements with primary dealers:	
Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF):		Any additional programs:	

- 6) Beyond your responses provided in the questions above, please describe your expectations for any additional actions or monetary policy measures, or modifications to those previously announced, by the Federal Reserve through year-end 2020 and over 2021.

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- 7) What percent chance do you attach to any additional U.S. federal fiscal policy measures being enacted over the next six months to support the economy?

Probability:

If you assigned a non-zero probability above, please provide your estimate of the most likely total amount of additional U.S. federal fiscal policy measures to be enacted over the next six months to support the economy, conditional on there being such additional measures.

Estimate
(\$ billions):

Please describe any assumptions underlying your estimates above.

8a) Please indicate your modal projections for U.S. real GDP growth for each of the following quarters (seasonally adjusted annual rate).

	Q1 2020 (saar)*	Q2 2020 (saar)*	Q3 2020 (saar)	Q4 2020 (saar)
Modal projection for U.S. real GDP (percent):	-5.0%	-31.4%		

**Third estimate released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis*

	Q1 2021 (saar)	Q2 2021 (saar)	Q3 2021 (saar)	Q4 2021 (saar)
Modal projection for U.S. real GDP (percent):				

8b) Please provide the percent chance* you attach to the following outcomes for U.S. real GDP growth in 2020 and 2021 (Q4/Q4).

	≤ -8.01%	-8.00 - -6.01%	-6.00 - -4.01%	-4.00 - -2.01%	-2.00 - -0.01%	≥ 0%	Sum
2020 U.S. real GDP (Q4/Q4):							0.00%

**Responses should add up to 100 percent.*

	< 0%	0.00 - 2.00%	2.01 - 4.00%	4.01 - 6.00%	6.01 - 8.00%	≥ 8.01%	Sum
2021 U.S. real GDP (Q4/Q4):							0.00%

**Responses should add up to 100 percent.*

9a) For the outcomes below, provide the percent chance* you attach to the annual average CPI inflation rate from November 1, 2020 - October 31, 2025 falling in each of the following ranges. Please also provide your point estimate for the most likely outcome.

≤ 1.00%	1.01 - 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	2.51 - 3.00%	≥ 3.01%	Sum	Point estimate for most likely outcome:
						0.00%	

**Responses should add up to 100 percent.*

9b) For the outcomes below, provide the percent chance* you attach to the annual average CPI inflation rate from November 1, 2025 - October 31, 2030 falling in each of the following ranges. Please also provide your point estimate for the most likely outcome.

≤ 1.00%	1.01 - 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	2.51 - 3.00%	≥ 3.01%	Sum	Point estimate for most likely outcome:
						0.00%	

**Responses should add up to 100 percent.*

10a) What percent chance do you attach to:

the U.S. economy currently being in a recession*?	
the U.S. economy being in a recession* in 6 months?	
the global economy being in a recession** in 6 months?	

**NBER-defined recession*

***Previous IMF staff work has suggested that a "global recession" can be characterized as a period during which there is a decline in annual per-capita real global GDP, backed up by a decline or worsening in one or more of the following global macroeconomic indicators: industrial production, trade, capital flows, oil consumption and unemployment.*

10b) Please explain the factors behind any change to your expectations in part a since the last policy survey.

11a) Provide your estimate of the most likely outcome for output, inflation, and unemployment.

	Real GDP (Q4/Q4 Growth)	Core PCE Inflation (Q4/Q4)	Headline PCE Inflation (Q4/Q4)	Unemployment Rate (Q4 Average Level)
2020:				
2021:				
2022:				
2023:				
Longer run:				

11b) Please explain changes, if any, to your estimates in part a since the last policy survey.

Thank you for your time and input. Please send survey responses to ny.mktpolicysurvey@ny.frb.org