

# US Fed Holds Rates, Inflation Jumps, and Markets React: This Week's Financial

Global Financial News · Answer Key · 10 Questions

---

**1. What was the Federal Reserve's primary decision regarding interest rates at its most recent meeting this week?**

- A) Increased rates by 0.25%
- B) Decreased rates by 0.25%
- C) Held rates steady**
- D) Initiated a quantitative easing program

**2. What is the Federal Reserve's target inflation rate goal?**

- A) 1%
- B) 2%**
- C) 3%
- D) 4%

**3. According to the latest data, what was the year-over-year inflation rate in the US as of May 2026?**

- A) 3.8%
- B) 4.2%**
- C) 2.85%
- D) 4.5%

**4. Which of the following economic indicators showed an increase in the latest reports?**

- A) Unemployment Rate
- B) Initial Jobless Claims
- C) Consumer Sentiment Index
- D) Producer Price Index (PPI)**

**5. What was the yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note around June 18, 2026?**

- A) 4.08%
- B) 4.21%
- C) 4.46%**
- D) 4.55%

**6. Which stock market index saw a significant surge on June 18, 2026, driven by an interim peace agreement between the US and Iran?**

A) Dow Jones Industrial Average

**B) Nasdaq Composite**

C) Russell 2000

D) S&P 500

**7. What sector experienced significant gains on June 18, 2026, particularly due to AI infrastructure demand and a partnership between Intel and Apple?**

A) Energy

B) Healthcare

**C) Technology (Semiconductors)**

D) Financials

**8. What was the unemployment rate in the U.S. as of May 2026?**

A) 4.0%

B) 4.2%

**C) 4.3%**

D) 4.5%

**9. What event contributed to a decline in oil prices and the national average for gasoline falling below \$4 per gallon recently?**

A) Increased oil production by OPEC+

**B) A preliminary peace agreement between the US and Iran**

C) A surge in demand for electric vehicles

D) Release of strategic petroleum reserves

**10. Which U.S. economic index, reflecting current economic conditions, increased by 0.2% in May 2026?**

A) Leading Economic Index (LEI)

B) Lagging Economic Index (LAG)

**C) Coincident Economic Index (CEI)**

D) Producer Price Index (PPI)