

# SURVEY OF PRIMARY DEALERS



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 29th at 2:00 pm** to the questions below. Your time and input are greatly appreciated.

Type of Respondent:

**Primary Dealer**

Respondent Name:

- 1) Provide below your expectations for changes, if any, to the language referencing each of the following topics in the November FOMC statement.

Current economic conditions:

Economic outlook:

Communication on the expected path of the target federal funds rate:

Other:

- 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.

	2018 FOMC meetings		2019 FOMC meetings				
	Nov 7-8	Dec 18-19	Jan 29-30	Mar 19-20	Apr 30 - May 1	Jun 18-19	Jul 30-31
Target rate / midpoint of target range:							

  

	Quarters				Half Years			
	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 H1	2021 H2
Target rate / midpoint of target range:								

**3b)** 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:

**3c)** Please indicate the percent chance\* that you attach to the following possible outcomes for the Committee's next policy action between now and the end of 2019.

Next Change is Increase in Target Rate or Range	Next Change is Decrease in Target Rate or Range	No Change in Target Rate or Range Through the End of 2019
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

*\*Responses should add up to 100 percent.*

**3d)** Conditional on the Committee's next policy action between now and the end of 2019 being an increase in the target federal funds rate or range, please indicate the percent chance\* that you attach to the following possible outcomes for the timing of such a change. Only fill out this conditional probability distribution if you assigned a non-zero probability to the Committee's next policy action between now and the end of 2019 being an increase.

Increase Occurs at November FOMC meeting	Increase Occurs at December FOMC meeting	Increase Occurs in 2019
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

*\*Responses should add up to 100 percent.*

**3e)** 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 2019, conditional on the following possible scenarios for the direction and timing of the Committee's next policy action between now and the end of 2019. Only fill out the conditional probability distributions for which you assigned a non-zero probability to the conditioning event occurring. If you expect a target range, please use the midpoint of that range in providing your response.

	≤ 2.00%	2.01 - 2.25%	2.26 - 2.50%	2.51 - 2.75%	2.76 - 3.00%	3.01 - 3.25%	3.26 - 3.50%	≥ 3.51%
Next change is an increase, occurs by the end of 2018:								
Next change is an increase, occurs in 2019:								

	≤ 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%
Next change is a decrease:								

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

**3f-i)** 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 and 2021, conditional on **not** moving to the zero lower bound (ZLB) at any point between now and the end of 2021. If you expect a target range, please use the midpoint of that range in providing your response.

	≤ 1.00%	1.01 - 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	2.51 - 3.00%	3.01 - 3.50%	≥ 3.51%
Year-end 2020:							
Year-end 2021:							

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

**3f-ii)** Please indicate the percent chance that you attach to moving to the ZLB at some point between now and the end of 2021.

Probability of moving to the ZLB at some point between now and the end of 2021:

**3f-iii)** 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 and 2021, conditional on moving to the ZLB at some point between now and the end of 2021. Only fill out these conditional probability distributions if you assigned a non-zero probability to moving to the ZLB at some point between now and the end of 2021. 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 - 1.00%	1.01 - 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	≥ 2.51%
Year-end 2020:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Year-end 2021:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

**3f-iv)** 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):

**3g)** For parts a-f, 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 2018 and 2019.

	≤ 1.50%	1.51 - 2.00%	2.01 - 2.50%	2.51 - 3.00%	3.01 - 3.50%	3.51 - 4.00%	≥ 4.01%
Year-end 2018:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Year-end 2019:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

**5a)** Over the past week, the spread between the top of the target range for the federal funds rate and the interest on excess reserves (IOER) rate has been +5 basis points; the spread between IOER and the effective federal funds rate (EFFR) has averaged +1 basis point; the spread between IOER and the Overnight Bank Funding Rate (OBFR) has averaged +2 basis points; and the spread between the Tri-Party General Collateral Rate (TGCR) and the overnight reverse repurchase (ON RRP) rate has averaged +17 basis points. Please provide your expectation for each of these rate spreads immediately following each of the FOMC meetings and on each of the dates below.

Average over past week	2018 FOMC meetings		2019 FOMC meetings			
	Nov 7-8	Dec 18-19	Jan 29-30*	Mar 19-20	Jun. 27, 2019**	Dec. 30, 2019**
Top of target range minus IOER (in bps):	+5					
IOER minus EFFR (in bps):	+1					
IOER minus OBFR (in bps):	+2					
TGCR minus ON RRP rate (in bps):	+17					

\*Please provide your response as of Feb. 1, the first post-FOMC day that is not a period-end reporting date.

\*\*These dates are not period-end reporting dates.

**5b)** Please rate the importance of the following factors in influencing the change, if any, in the spread between IOER and EFFR between now and March 28, 2019, as well as between April 1, 2019 and December 30, 2019. **(5=very important, 1=not important)**

	Now to Mar. 28, 2019*	Apr. 1 to Dec. 30, 2019*
Change in level of reserve balances:		
Reduction in FDIC fees:		
LCR-related demand for reserves:		
Treasury securities supply dynamics:		
Change in amount of IOER arbitrage:		
Other (please explain):		

\*Note: These dates are not period-end reporting dates.

If "Other", please explain:

**5c)** Please provide your estimate of the most likely level of the spread between IOER and EFFR conditional on each of the following levels of reserve balances.

Reserves (\$ billions):	Current*							
	2000	1832	1750	1500	1250	1000	750	500
IOER minus EFFR (in bps):		+1						

\*As of October 17, 2018, according to the most recent H.4.1 release.

**5d)** Please explain changes to your expectations in parts a, b and c since the policy survey on July 23, where applicable.

**6a)** 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)
2018:				
2019:				
2020:				
2021:				
Longer run:				

**6b)** Please explain changes, if any, to your estimates in part a since the last time this question was asked.

**7a)** For the outcomes below, provide the percent chance\* you attach to the annual average CPI inflation rate from October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2023 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%

Point estimate for most likely outcome:

*\*Responses should add up to 100 percent.*

**7b)** For the outcomes below, provide the percent chance\* you attach to the annual average CPI inflation rate from October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2028 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%

Point estimate for most likely outcome:

*\*Responses should add up to 100 percent.*

**8a)** What percent chance do you attach to the U.S. economy **currently** being in a recession\*?

Recession currently:

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**8b)** What percent chance do you attach to the U.S. economy being in a recession\* **in 6 months**?

Recession in 6 months:

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**8c)** What percent chance do you attach to the global economy being in a recession\*\* **in 6 months**?

Global recession in 6 months:

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**8d)** Please explain the factors behind any change to your expectations in parts a-c since the last policy survey.

**8e)** What percent chance\*\*\* do you attach to the U.S. economy first entering a recession\* in each of the following periods?

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 or later
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

\*\*\*Responses should add up to 100 percent.

\*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.

Thank you for your time and input. Please send survey results to [ny.mktpolicysurvey@ny.frb.org](mailto:ny.mktpolicysurvey@ny.frb.org)