# Weekly Market Dashboard: *March 6, 2026*

## Market overview

**Market Retreat**

Amid escalated conflict in the Middle East and softer-than-expected economic data, the major U.S. equity indices fell for a second straight week. The Dow posted the largest decline, slipping 2.9%, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq retreated 2.0% and 1.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, international and emerging market stocks experienced far steeper losses, with the MSCI EAFE and MSCI EM indices tumbling 6.7% and 6.9%.

**Jobs Disappointment**

The U.S. economy unexpectedly shed 92,000 jobs in February, well below economists' forecast of a 58,000 gain and a sharp reversal from January's 126,000 increase. This latest reading marked the fifth monthly decline in nonfarm payrolls since June 2025 and the third decrease in the past five months. February's labor report also revealed combined downward revisions totaling 69,000 jobs for December and January. The U.S unemployment rate also ticked higher to 4.4% from 4.3% in January.

**Retail Rut**

U.S. retail sales slid 0.2% in January following a flat reading in December, slightly besting forecasts for a 0.3% decline. While stronger than expected, this was the first decline in retail spending since October and the second negative result in the past four months.

**Oil Shock**

Rising military tensions in the Middle East sent the price of U.S. crude oil to its highest level since September 2023, as shipping disruptions intensified in the Strait of Hormuz. Oil prices spiked over 21% on the week, closing Friday just below $91 per barrel – breaking through the $90 mark for the first time in roughly two and a half years. Just a week prior, U.S. crude was trading around $67 per barrel.

**See page 2 for complete sources and important disclosures.**

## Market returns

| Index | 1 Week | YTD | 1 Year | 3 Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S&P 500 | -1.99% | -1.32% | 18.96% | 20.19% |
| Nasdaq | -1.22% | -3.58% | 24.70% | 25.12% |
| DJIA | -2.92% | -0.86% | 13.49% | 14.55% |
| Russell 2000 | -4.03% | 1.92% | 23.86% | 11.53% |
| Russell Mid Cap | -3.62% | 3.12% | 16.97% | 12.91% |
| MSCI EAFE | -6.73% | 2.68% | 21.19% | 15.39% |
| MSCI EM | -6.88% | 6.94% | 35.41% | 17.47% |
| Russell 1000 Value | -3.44% | 3.59% | 17.84% | 14.07% |
| Russell 1000 Growth | -0.70% | -5.49% | 19.18% | 24.91% |
| U.S. Agg. Bond | -0.96% | 0.77% | 5.73% | 4.88% |
| Domestic 60/40 [1] | -1.90% | 0.24% | 13.72% | 12.67% |
| Global 60/40 [2] | -2.70% | 0.94% | 14.70% | 12.29% |

## The week ahead

**Existing Home Sales (Feb)**
(Tuesday, March 10)

**Q4 GDP (2nd Est.)**
(Friday, March 13)

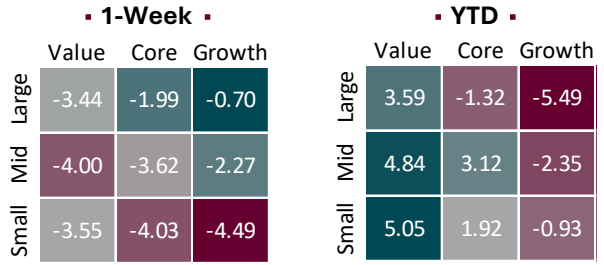
**Consumer Price Index (Feb)**
(Wednesday, March 11)

**JOLTS Job Openings (Jan)**
(Friday, March 13)

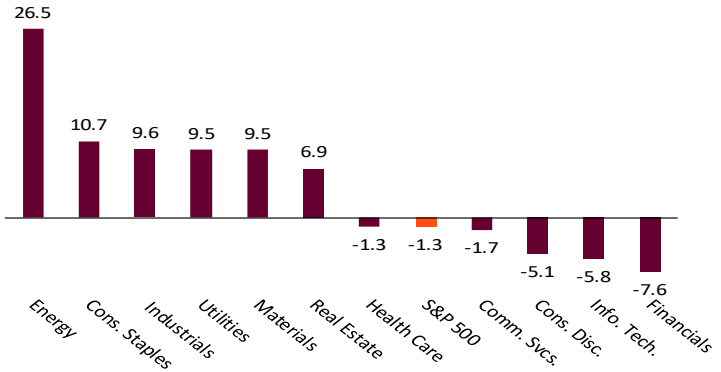
**PCE Price Index (Jan)**
(Friday, March 13)

**Michigan Consumer Sentiment *P* (Mar)**
(Friday, March 13)

## Equity style returns (%)




## YTD equity sector returns (%)




## U.S. Treasury yields

| Date | 2-Yr | 5-Yr | 10-Yr | 30-Yr |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3/6/2026 | 3.56% | 3.72% | 4.15% | 4.77% |
| 2/6/2026 | 3.50% | 3.76% | 4.22% | 4.85% |
| 3/6/2025 | 3.96% | 4.06% | 4.29% | 4.58% |



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[1] Domestic 60/40: 42% S&P 500 TR, 6% Russell 2000 TR, 12% Russell Mid Cap TR, 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

[2] Global 60/40: 29% S&P 500 TR, 4% Russell 2000 TR, 8% Russell Mid Cap TR, 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, 15% MSCI EAFE NR, 4% MSCI EM NR

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