# **Public Finance Market Comment**

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A hawkish Fed and a resilient economy facilitated the rates markets to trade cheaper last week, with yields climbing across the curve. Stronger than expected data releases, Fed minutes and hawkish Fed speakers continue to push out the timing of the FOMC easing. The timing has been pushed out from September to after the November election. This week the market will be focused on US Treasury auctions (2-year, 5-year and 7-year notes), Fed speakers and the PCE release on Friday. Investment grade corporate issuance is only expected to be \$15-20 billion, which would be one of the lighter weeks year-to-date.

Last week, Treasuries were higher by 8 basis points in 5 years, higher by 5 basis points in 10 years, and higher by 1 basis point in 30 years. Municipal yields were higher by 25 basis points in 5 years, higher by 24 basis points in 10 years, and higher by 11 basis points in 30 years. Ratios vs. Treasuries ended the week sharply wider. The five-year spot is at 67% of Treasuries, the ten-year spot is at 67% of Treasuries, and the thirty-year spot ended the week at 84% of comparable Treasuries. This week's supply totals \$5.1 bln, lower than last week's \$13 bln calendar. U.S. municipal bond funds reported \$218 mln of net outflows in the week ended May 22<sup>nd</sup>, after an outflow of \$548 mln last week, according to data released by Lipper on Thursday. The SIFMA Index was lower by 79 basis points at 3.42% from last week.

#### **KEY INTEREST RATES**

Rate	Today	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year	
Nate	5/24/2024	5/17/2024	4/24/2024	5/24/2023	
Federal Funds Rate	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.25	
Prime Rate	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.25	
SOFR (1 month)	5.33	5.32	5.32 5.32		
SOFR (3 month)	5.35	5.35 5.33 5.32		5.19	
SIFMA	3.42	4.21 3.77		3.41	
SIFMA/1 M SOFR %	64.2	79.1 70.9		66.7	
B.B. 20 Bond Index	4.00	00 3.93 3.79		3.59	
B.B. Rev. Index	4.29	4.22	4.08	3.87	
30-Day Visible Supply	8.7 B	16.6 B	12.3 B	9.1 B	
10-Year MMD	3.01	2.77	2.76	2.70	

### AAA-RATED GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX-EXEMPT RATES



# GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX-EXEMPT BOND MARKETS

Year	AAA Tax-Exempt	Current Tax-Exempt Credit Spreads		1 Month Ago Tax-Exempt Credit Spreads			1 Year Ago Tax-Exempt Credit Spreads			
		AA	Α	BBB	AA	Α	BBB	AA	Α	BBB
1	3.36	0.01	0.07	0.44	0.01	0.07	0.46	0.03	0.14	0.49
5	3.03	0.02	0.15	0.56	0.02	0.15	0.58	0.08	0.22	0.59
10	3.01	0.07	0.31	0.80	0.07	0.31	0.83	0.16	0.36	0.90
20	3.59	0.17	0.40	0.85	0.17	0.40	0.90	0.34	0.55	0.99
30	3.87	0.18	0.41	0.87	0.18	0.41	0.92	0.37	0.57	1.01

# GENERAL OBLIGATION TAXABLE MARKET

Year	Treasury	AAA Taxable	65% Taxable	Spread to AAA Tax-Exempt	SOFR Fixed/Float Swap	70% SOFR Fixed/Float Swap	SIFMA
1	5.20	5.07	3.30	-0.06	5.22	3.65	3.55
5	4.53	5.12	3.33	0.30	4.28	3.00	3.18
10	4.47	5.22	3.39	0.38	4.10	2.87	3.17
20	4.66	5.43	3.53	-0.06	4.03	2.82	3.30
30	4.57	5.54	3.60	-0.27	3.84	2.68	3.30

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