



AIP Monthly Chartbook

Jason Browne, ChFC | President | August 31, 2026



Stock Market Cycles

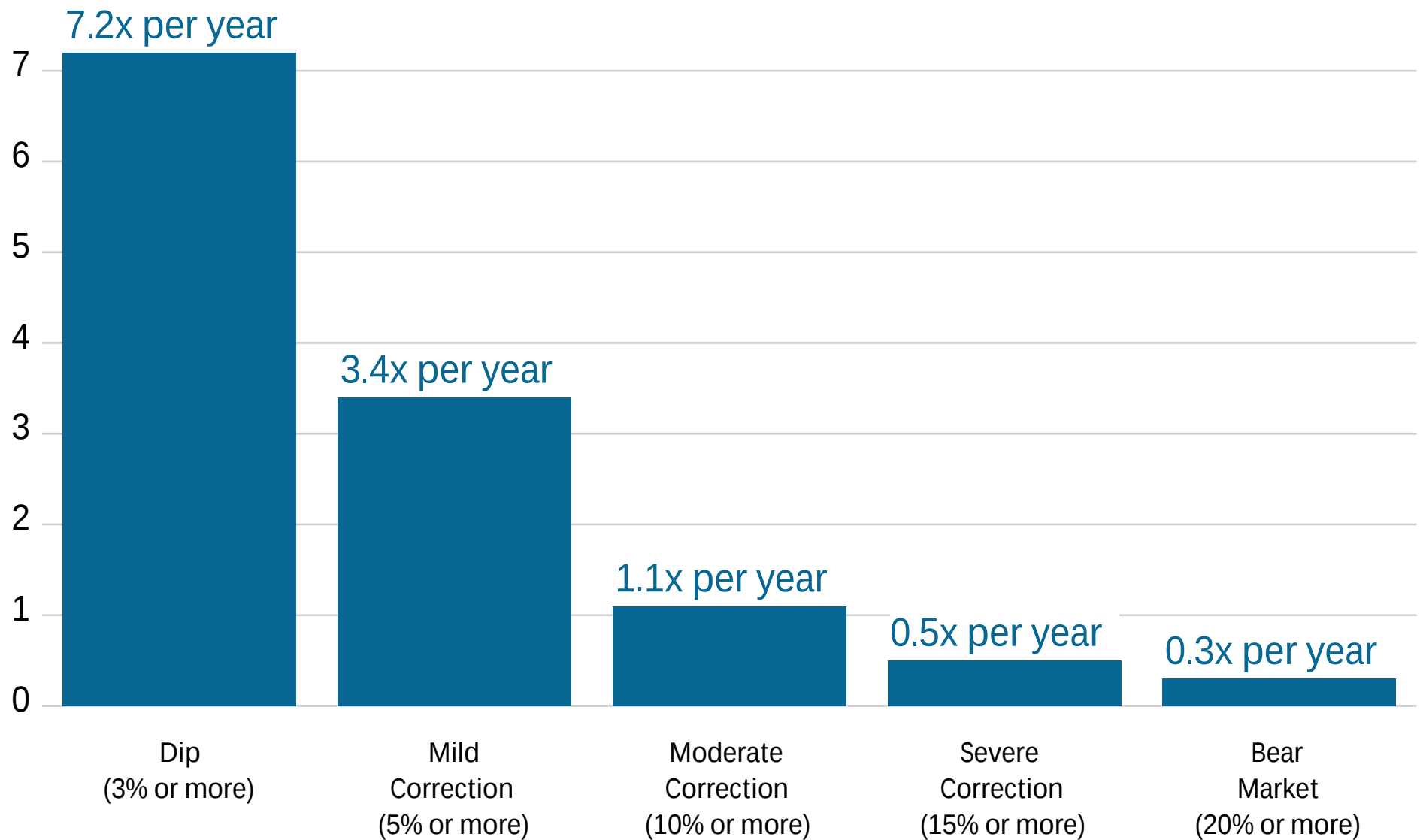
S&P 500 Index over the past 50 years (log scale)



Latest data point is Aug 28, 2026

- As this chart shows, the stock market has performed well over the past 50 years despite short-term ups and downs.
- These periods of turbulence were due to economic, political and global turmoil during those decades.
- This emphasizes the importance of staying invested, rather than focusing on days or months, especially as volatility rises.

Stock market corrections are normal



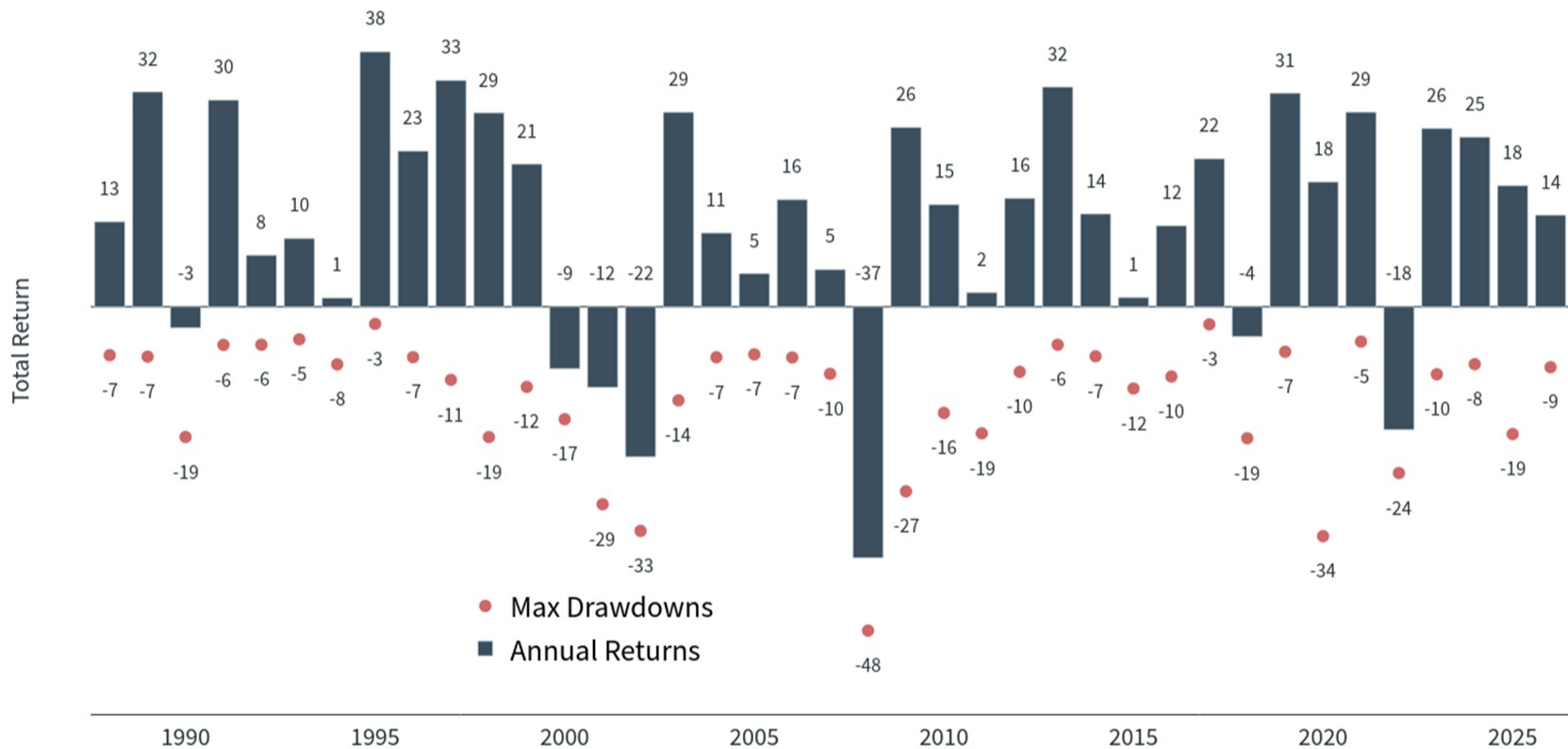
■ Average number of corrections per year

Analysis based on S&P 500 Index daily data, price only, from 01/03/1928 to 09/01/2026.

Sources: Ned Davis Research, Inc., S&P Dow Jones Indices

Total Returns and Pullbacks

S&P 500 Index total returns. Max drawdown represents the biggest intra-year decline



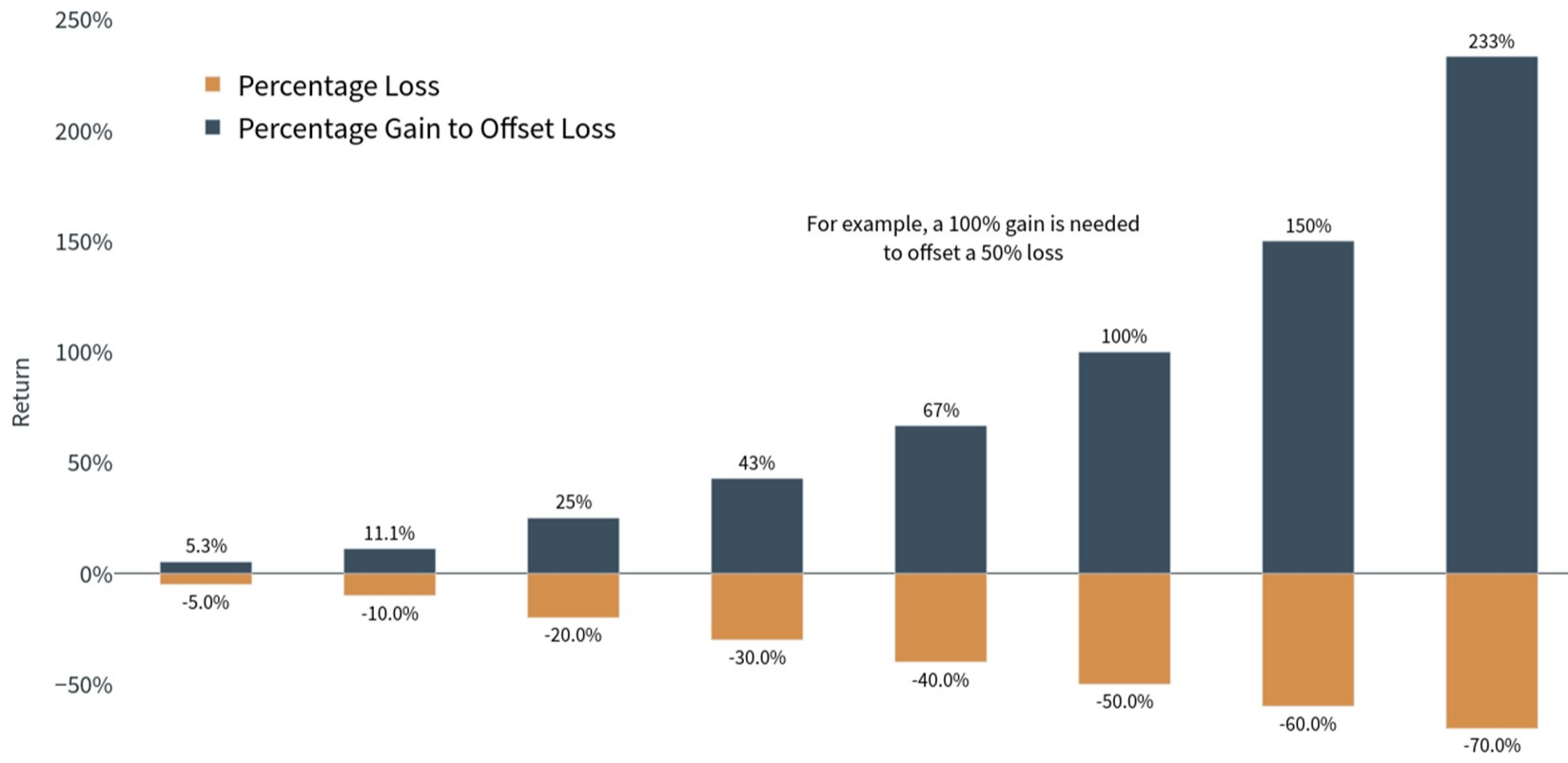
- This chart shows total returns of the stock market (bars) and the largest intra-year decline (dots) each year.
- The average year sees a significant intra-year drop. However, most years still end in positive territory, especially with dividends.
- Volatility in prices is a normal part of investing. It is important to not forget that investments also generate income.

Latest data point is Aug 28, 2026

Source: Clearnomics, Standard & Poor's

Breakeven Returns

The percentage gain required to offset a percentage loss

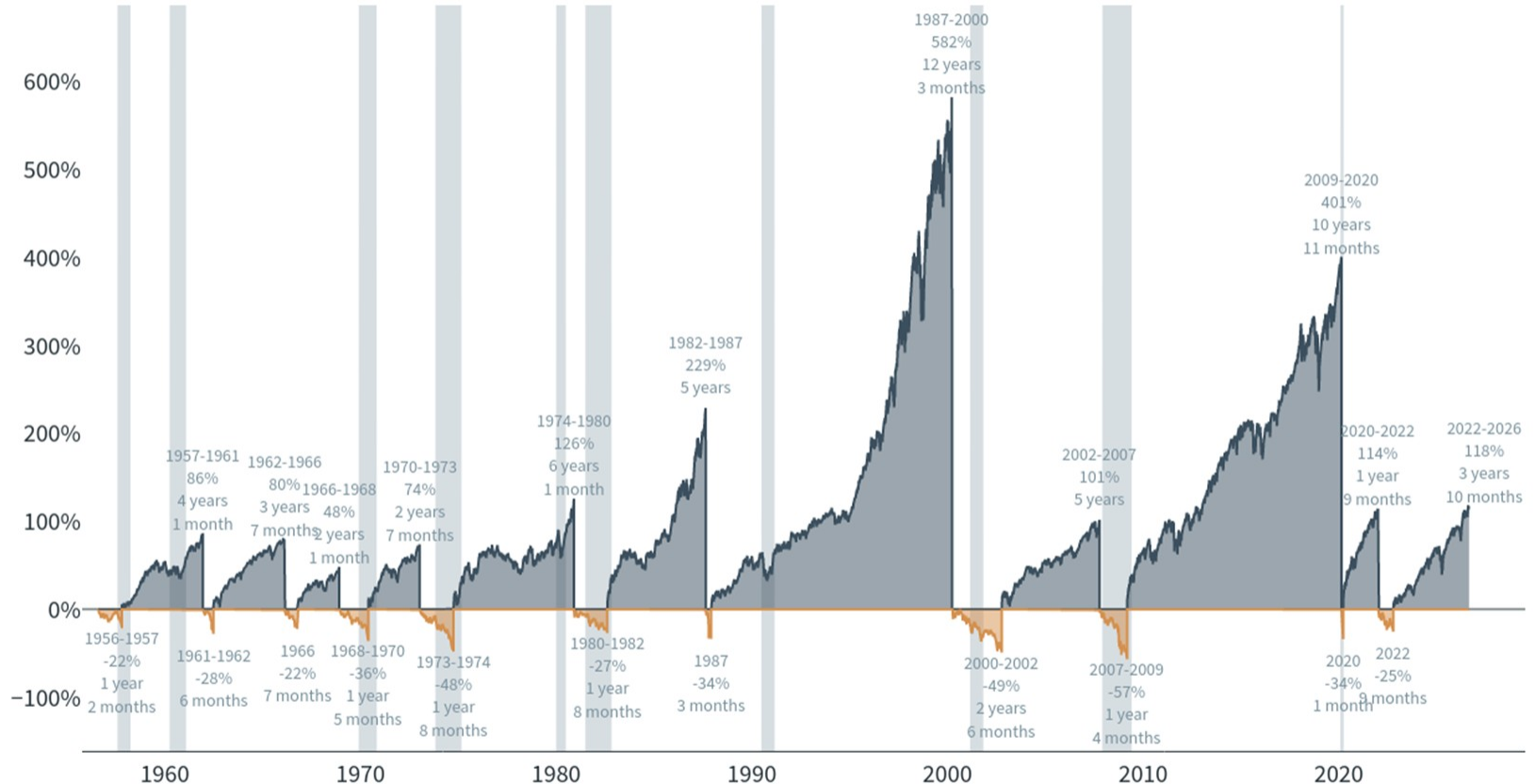


Stock Market Bull and Bear Cycles

S&P 500 price index since 1956 bear market with recessions shaded.

For the purposes of this chart, bear markets are 20% declines in price from prior peaks.

Bull markets begin at each market bottom.



Latest data point is Aug 28, 2026

- While bear markets are unavoidable, bull markets are much longer with larger returns.
- Since 1956, the average bear market has lasted one year, two months with a decline of 36%.
- In contrast, the average bull market lasts 5 years 9 months and returns 192%.

- **Report:** T_900.RPT
- **Run Date:** 2026-09-02
- **Index:** Dow Jones Industrial Average
- **Date range:** 01/02/1900 to 09/01/2026

Index:

Crisis Type:

Period:

Crisis	Crisis Type	Reaction Period	Returns During Reaction Period	Returns After Reaction Period (Days Later)					
				5	10	21	63	126	252
Panic of 1907	Financial	02/15/1907 - 11/20/1907	-42.86	3.52	11.83	7.24	14.74	29.94	44.92
Exchange Closed WWI	War	07/22/1914 - 12/24/1914	-10.21	2.65	5.47	9.87	6.56	21.16	80.33
Woodrow Wilson Stroke	Political	09/25/1919 - 09/26/1919	1.27	2.33	4.50	8.25	-4.54	-15.97	-20.07
Bombing at JP Morgan Office	Terrorist	09/15/1920 - 09/30/1920	-5.55	3.19	1.74	3.21	-14.89	-9.45	-16.21
Market Crash of 1929	Financial	10/11/1929 - 11/13/1929	-43.66	21.41	20.26	25.62	34.15	45.96	14.12
Germany invades France	War	05/09/1940 - 06/22/1940	-17.10	-0.63	-1.07	0.14	8.38	7.03	-5.09
Pearl Harbor	War	12/06/1941 - 12/10/1941	-6.51	1.70	-2.22	4.57	-2.87	-9.59	4.51
Truman Upset Victory	Political	11/02/1948 - 11/10/1948	-4.92	1.49	1.55	1.84	3.48	1.92	5.30
Korean War	War	06/23/1950 - 07/13/1950	-11.99	5.21	4.52	8.91	15.28	19.24	26.44
Eisenhower Heart Attack	Political	09/23/1955 - 09/26/1955	-6.54	0.03	-3.17	0.62	6.64	11.66	5.60
Suez Canal Crisis	War	10/30/1956 - 10/31/1956	-1.36	1.85	0.07	0.16	-0.55	3.43	-9.41
Sputnik	Political	10/03/1957 - 10/22/1957	-9.88	3.80	3.82	4.77	6.70	7.22	29.52
Cuban Missile Crisis	Political	10/19/1962 - 10/27/1962	-0.74	6.25	9.73	14.56	20.16	26.13	33.46
JFK Assassinated	Political	11/21/1963 - 11/22/1963	-2.89	5.67	8.12	6.85	12.35	15.10	24.75
Martin Luther King Assassinated	Terrorist	04/03/1968 - 04/05/1968	-0.38	4.73	3.66	6.13	6.40	9.29	11.72
U.S. Bombs Cambodia	War	04/29/1970 - 05/14/1970	-7.13	-2.85	-0.09	-0.08	3.77	13.52	36.90
Kent State Shootings	Political	05/01/1970 - 05/26/1970	-13.97	12.43	10.93	9.69	20.35	20.66	44.68
Penn Central Bankruptcy	Financial	06/19/1970 - 07/07/1970	-7.09	5.03	7.87	8.28	16.04	24.86	33.31
Arab Oil Embargo	Political	10/16/1973 - 12/05/1973	-18.51	2.84	5.23	11.23	10.24	7.24	-24.06
Nixon Resigns	Political	08/07/1974 - 08/29/1974	-17.64	3.20	-4.51	-7.46	-5.72	12.52	26.28
Iranian Hostage Crisis	Terrorist	11/02/1979 - 11/07/1979	-2.72	2.50	1.35	4.58	11.15	2.32	17.41
U.S.S.R. Invades Afghanistan	War	12/24/1979 - 01/03/1980	-2.25	4.71	5.27	7.46	-3.96	6.79	18.59
Hunt Silver Crash	Financial	02/13/1980 - 03/27/1980	-15.92	3.18	4.15	5.98	16.25	25.79	30.90
Falkland Islands War	War	04/01/1982 - 05/07/1982	4.32	-1.31	-3.83	-7.70	-9.76	20.83	40.33
Mean			-6.97	3.38	3.98	4.38	6.46	9.70	15.29
Median			-3.01	2.86	3.70	4.81	6.48	9.29	17.60

Crisis	Crisis Type	Reaction Period	Returns During Reaction Period	Returns After Reaction Period (Days Later)					
				5	10	21	63	126	252
Beirut Bombing	Terrorist	10/21/1983 - 10/23/1983	0.00	-2.03	-2.45	1.60	-0.35	-7.96	-1.84
U.S. Invades Grenada	War	10/24/1983 - 11/07/1983	-2.73	3.23	4.44	4.85	-2.83	-3.17	1.19
Continental Illinois Bailout	Financial	05/08/1984 - 05/27/1984	-5.88	2.21	0.77	1.42	11.69	10.22	17.60
U.S. Bombs Libya	War	04/14/1986 - 04/21/1986	2.80	-0.65	-3.35	-3.88	-4.14	-1.02	22.34
Financial Panic '87	Financial	10/02/1987 - 10/19/1987	-34.16	3.17	15.84	10.55	11.36	15.00	23.10
Invasion of Panama	War	12/15/1989 - 12/20/1989	-1.88	1.65	3.17	-3.25	0.29	7.95	-2.28
Iraq Invades Kuwait	War	08/02/1990 - 08/23/1990	-13.31	4.43	5.48	-1.23	2.25	16.35	21.10
Gulf War	War	01/16/1991 - 01/17/1991	4.57	0.75	4.30	11.86	14.32	14.97	23.86
Gorbachev Coup	Political	08/16/1991 - 08/19/1991	-2.36	4.88	4.13	4.14	1.56	11.27	14.73
ERM U.K. Currency Crisis	Financial	09/15/1992 - 10/16/1992	-4.60	1.05	1.63	0.99	3.17	9.22	14.34
World Trade Center Bombing	Terrorist	02/25/1993 - 02/27/1993	0.17	1.00	1.69	2.50	5.46	8.23	13.92
Oklahoma City Bombing	Terrorist	04/18/1995 - 04/20/1995	1.23	1.99	3.05	2.62	9.71	12.93	31.23
Asian Stock Market Crisis	Financial	10/07/1997 - 10/27/1997	-12.44	7.17	5.47	9.05	10.53	25.00	16.83
U.S. Embassy Bombings Africa	Terrorist	08/06/1998 - 08/14/1998	-1.78	1.29	-4.43	-4.76	4.80	10.35	31.12
U.S.S. Cole Yemen Bombing	Terrorist	10/11/2000 - 10/18/2000	-4.21	3.52	9.27	6.83	6.14	6.06	-6.31
WTC and Pentagon Terrorist Attacks	Terrorist	09/10/2001 - 09/21/2001	-14.26	7.43	10.73	13.86	21.24	24.84	-4.42
War in Afghanistan	War	10/05/2001 - 10/09/2001	-0.74	3.67	3.18	5.54	11.51	12.41	-19.51
Bali Nightclub Bombing	Terrorist	10/11/2002 - 10/13/2002	0.00	6.01	7.56	6.48	11.92	6.38	24.38
Iraq War	War	03/19/2003 - 05/01/2003	2.28	0.44	3.06	5.25	9.22	15.62	20.95
Madrid Terrorist Attacks	Terrorist	03/10/2004 - 03/24/2004	-2.41	3.08	4.30	4.23	3.94	-0.09	3.93
London Train Bombing	Terrorist	07/06/2005 - 07/07/2005	0.31	3.17	3.16	2.48	0.15	5.63	7.65
India Israel and Lebanon Bombings	Terrorist	07/11/2006 - 07/18/2006	-3.01	2.82	3.02	4.89	10.94	16.38	29.64
Bear Stearns Collapse	Financial	03/13/2008 - 03/14/2008	-1.60	5.00	2.61	3.44	2.98	-4.43	-39.61
Russia Invades Georgia	War	08/08/2008 - 08/16/2008	-0.63	-0.27	-1.00	-5.15	-24.23	-35.23	-21.65
Lehman Brothers Collapse	Financial	09/15/2008 - 09/16/2008	1.30	-1.85	-1.88	-22.44	-22.56	-32.30	-11.46
Israel Invades Gaza	War	12/27/2008 - 01/21/2009	-3.02	1.79	-3.30	-10.48	-4.15	7.94	26.27
Boston Marathon Bombing	Terrorist	04/12/2013 - 04/15/2013	-1.79	-0.22	1.50	4.22	6.06	4.37	10.78
Russia Invades Crimea	War	03/07/2014 - 03/14/2014	-2.35	1.48	1.60	0.67	4.42	5.74	11.90
Chinese Market Turmoil	Financial	08/21/2015 - 08/25/2015	-4.82	2.50	3.75	3.41	13.57	6.58	17.97
U.K. Votes to Leave E.U.	Financial	06/23/2016 - 06/27/2016	-4.83	4.09	7.04	7.77	5.57	16.30	24.33
COVID-19 Crash	Financial	03/04/2020 - 03/23/2020	-31.37	20.09	21.99	26.27	39.98	46.02	74.39
Russia Invades Ukraine	War	02/09/2022 - 03/08/2022	-8.77	2.79	6.66	5.71	1.68	-3.22	-1.16
Mean			-6.97	3.38	3.98	4.38	6.46	9.70	15.29
Median			-3.01	2.86	3.70	4.81	6.48	9.29	17.60

Crisis	Crisis Type	Reaction Period	Returns During Reaction Period	Returns After Reaction Period (Days Later)					
				<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>252</u>
Silicon Valley Bank Collapse	Financial	03/08/2023 - 03/13/2023	-2.99	1.34	1.93	5.74	7.06	8.88	22.70
Liberation Day Tariff Announcement	Financial	04/02/2025 - 04/08/2025	-10.85	7.23	5.21	9.89	18.61	23.79	27.28
Israel-Iran 12-Day War	War	06/12/2025 - 06/18/2025	-1.85	2.88	6.30	5.10	9.42	13.55	22.62
Israel/U.S.-Iran Conflict	War	02/27/2026 - 03/30/2026	-7.68	3.03	7.34	8.06	15.71	N/A	N/A
Mean			-6.97	3.38	3.98	4.38	6.46	9.70	15.29
Median			-3.01	2.86	3.70	4.81	6.48	9.29	17.60

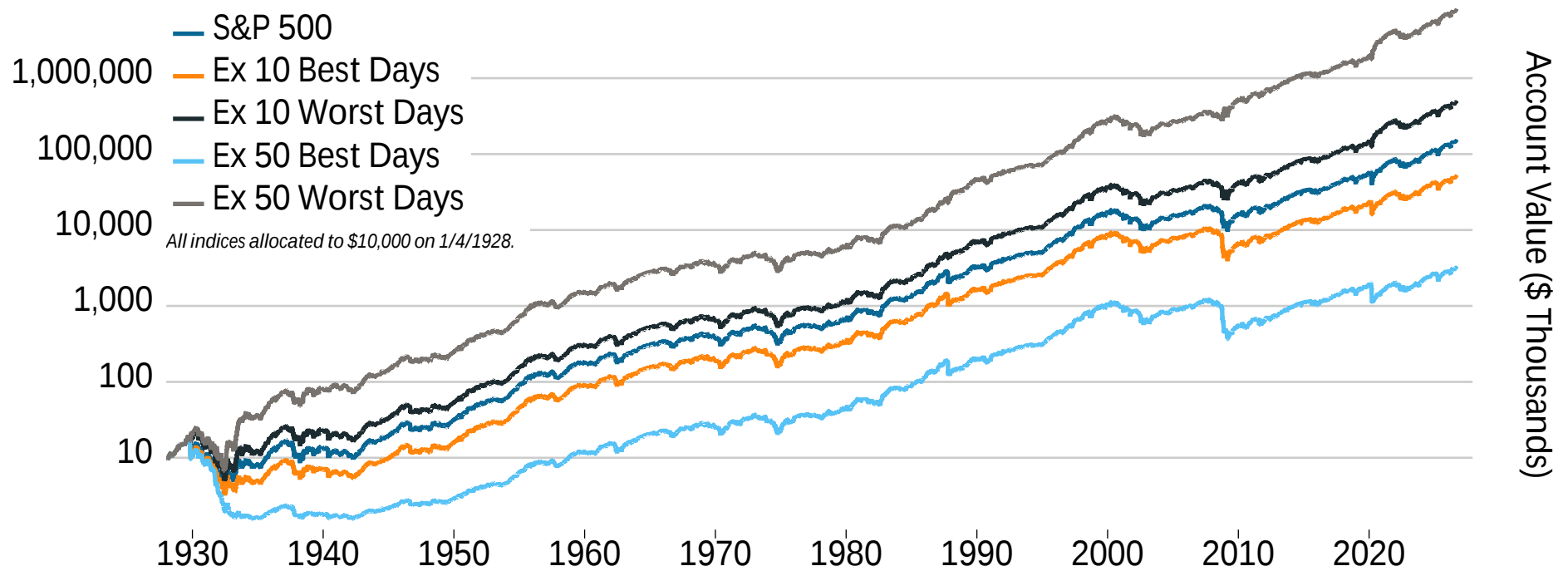
Report Notes:

- Source: Ned Davis Research, Inc., Bloomberg Finance L.P.
- Days = Market Days
- The reaction period is determined after the fact based on market performance
The first date in the reaction period indicates the start of the market reaction or the trading day prior to the event
Performance calculated from the last day of the reaction period

For more information, please visit us at www.ndr.com

NDR, Inc. (NDR), d.b.a. Ned Davis Research Inc., any NDR affiliates or employees, or any third-party data provider, shall not have any liability for any loss sustained by anyone who has relied on the information contained in any NDR publication. The data and analysis contained herein are provided "as is." **NDR disclaims any and all express or implied warranties**, including, but not limited to, any warranties of merchantability, suitability or fitness for a particular purpose or use. **NDR's past recommendations and model results are not a guarantee of future results. This communication reflects our analysts' opinions as of the date of this communication and will not necessarily be updated as views or information change. All opinions expressed herein are subject to change without notice.** NDR or its affiliated companies or their respective shareholders, directors, officers and/or employees, may have long or short positions in the securities discussed herein and may purchase or sell such securities without notice. For NDR's important additional disclaimers, refer to www.ndr.com/invest/public/copyright.html. Further distribution prohibited without prior permission. Copyright 2026 © NDR, Inc. All rights reserved.

S&P 500 Index excluding best and worst days

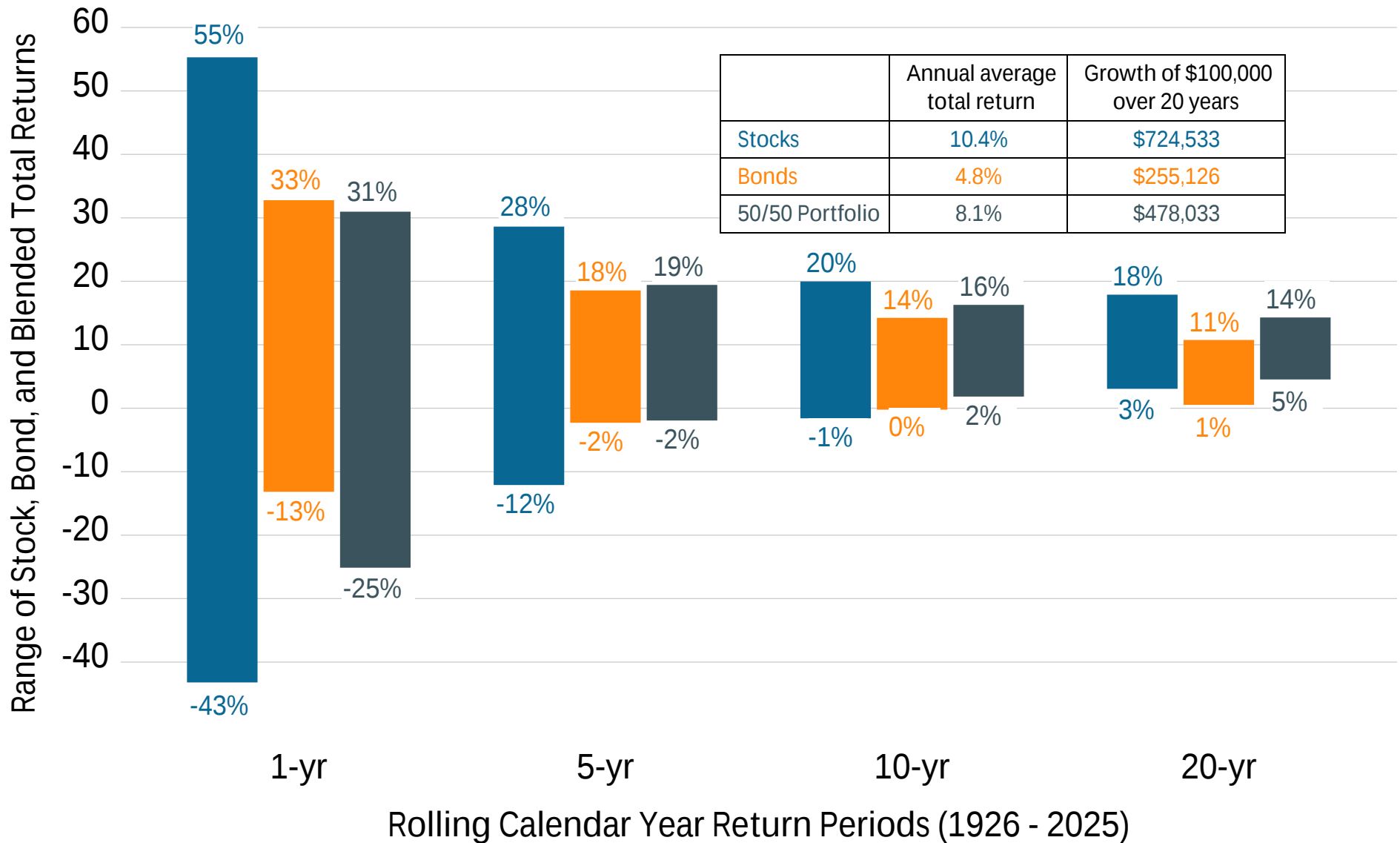


Investment Performance	Full History		20-Years		10-Years		5-Years	
	Gain/Annum	Growth of \$10,000	Gain/Annum	Growth of \$10,000	Gain/Annum	Growth of \$10,000	Gain/Annum	Growth of \$10,000
S&P 500	10.21%	\$146,909,267	11.26%	\$85,045	15.12%	\$41,068	12.69%	\$18,229
Ex 10 Best Days	9.01%	\$50,035,986	9.11%	\$57,408	13.06%	\$34,278	10.67%	\$16,644
Ex 10 Worst Days	11.53%	\$476,652,155	13.59%	\$128,838	17.76%	\$51,554	12.69%	\$18,229
Ex 50 Best Days	6.00%	\$3,153,569	5.90%	\$31,581	10.00%	\$26,013	10.67%	\$16,644
Ex 50 Worst Days	14.72%	\$7,736,414,538	17.60%	\$258,189	20.14%	\$63,041	14.08%	\$19,387

Analysis dates: 01/04/1928 to 09/01/2026, daily total return data.

Sources: S&P Dow Jones Indices

Time, diversification, and the volatility of returns (yearly)



- Stocks
- Bonds
- 50/50 Portfolio

Rebalanced quarterly. Returns exclude taxes and transaction costs.

Stocks represented by S&P 500 Total Return Index.

Bonds represented by Barclays U.S. Long-Term Treasury Bond Total Return Index prior to 1976 (Ibbotson data prior to 1973) and Barclays U.S. Aggregate Total Return Index since 1976.

Sources: Ned Davis Research Inc., S&P Dow Jones Indices, Bloomberg Barclays Indices

Longer holding periods diminish the risk of loss

Probability of positive investment returns

% of Time Positive Over...	100% Bonds	30% Stocks/ 70% Bonds	40% Stocks/ 60% Bonds	60% Stocks/ 40% Bonds	70% Stocks/ 30% Bonds	100% Stocks
1-Month Periods	65.1%	64.3%	63.9%	63.7%	63.7%	63.1%
3-Month Periods	72.7%	73.5%	72.6%	70.9%	70.6%	68.8%
1-Year Periods	81.5%	85.3%	82.9%	79.7%	78.2%	75.7%
3-Year Periods	89.9%	96.5%	95.7%	89.7%	88.0%	85.1%
5-Year Periods	93.7%	98.9%	98.1%	95.1%	94.3%	88.8%
10-Year Periods	99.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.8%	95.6%
15-Year Periods	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.9%
20-Year Periods	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
30-Year Periods	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Analysis dates: December 1925 - August 2026. Monthly data, rebalanced quarterly. Returns exclude taxes and transaction costs. Stocks are represented by S&P 500 Total Return Index. Bonds are represented by Barclays U.S. Long-Term Treasury Bond Total Return Index prior to 1976 (Ibbotson data prior to 1973) and Barclays U.S. Aggregate Total Return Index since 1976.

Sources: Bloomberg Barclays Indices, S&P Dow Jones Indices, Ned Davis Research, Inc.

Asset Allocation Performance

Total returns of historical stock/bond index performance since the 2007 pre-financial crisis peak using the S&P 500 and U.S. Aggregate Bond indices, before expenses and fees

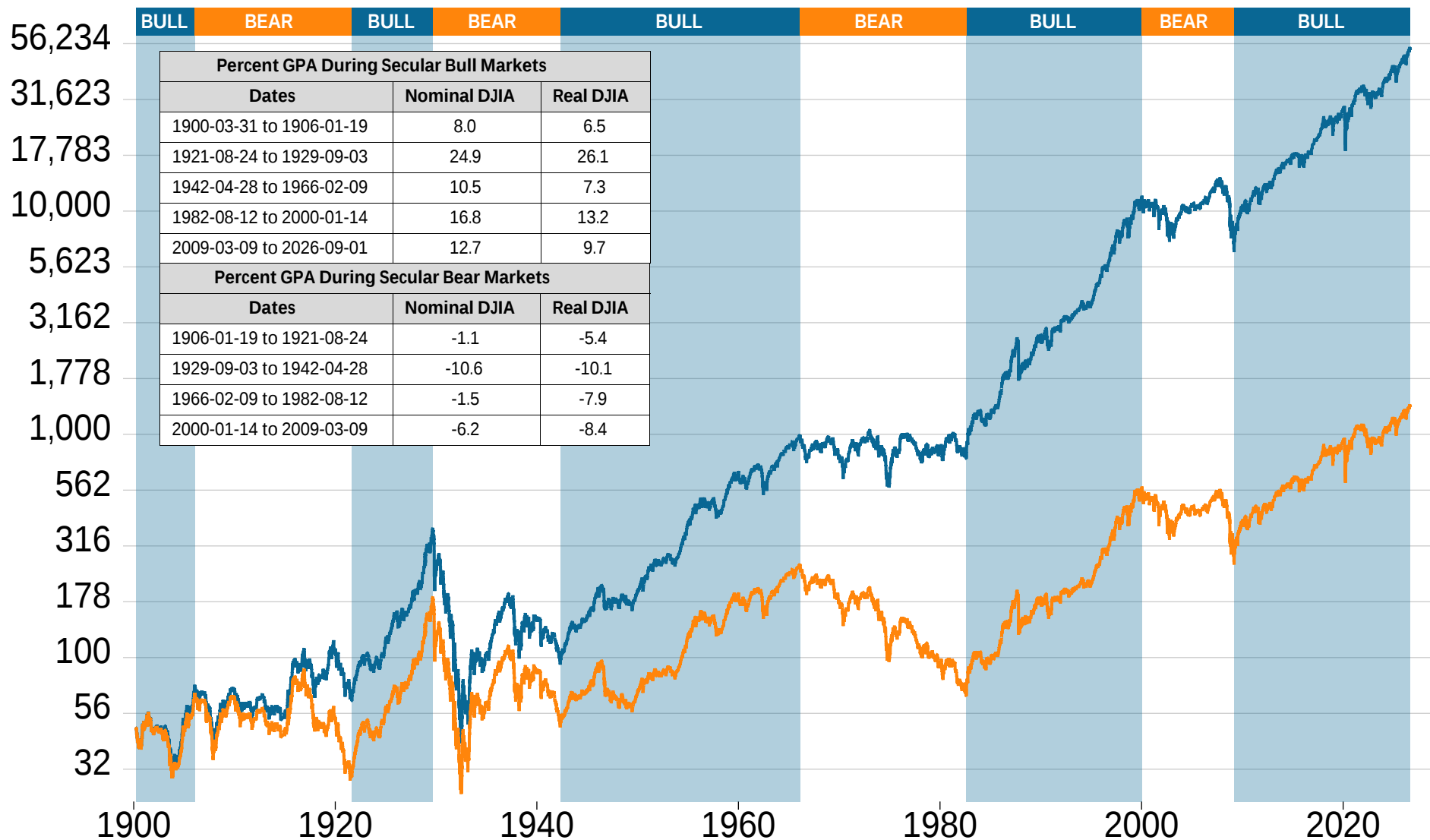


Latest data point is Aug 28, 2026

- This chart shows the performance of various asset allocations during bear markets.
- Holding an appropriately diversified portfolio creates a much smoother ride.
- In fact, these portfolios have done well even against a 100% stock portfolio.

Sources: Cleonomics,
Standard & Poor's,
Bloomberg
© 2026 Cleonomics, Inc.

DJIA Secular Trends

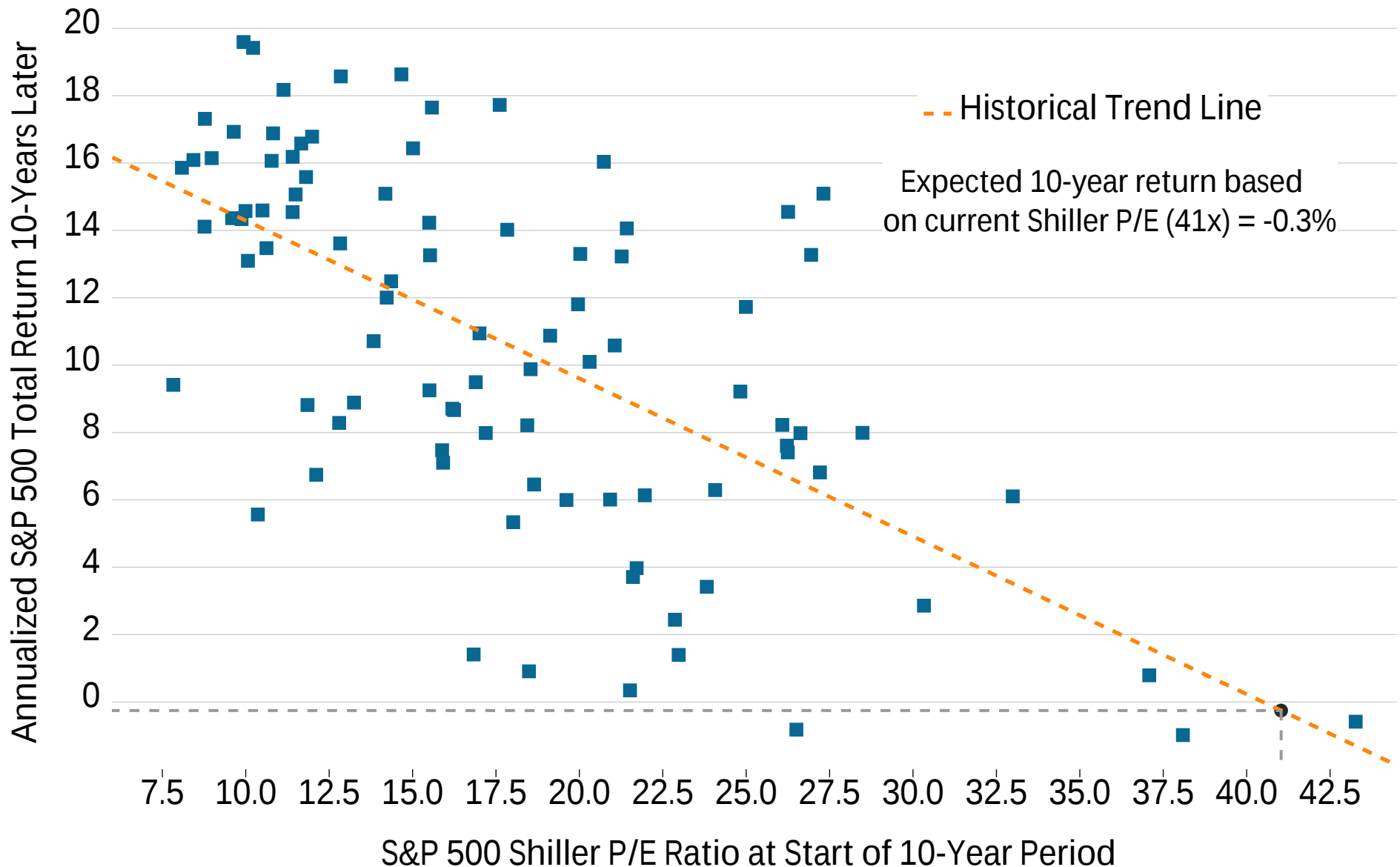


— Dow Jones Industrial Average
— Inflation-Adjusted DJIA

Analysis dates: 03/31/1900 to 09/01/2026, daily data. A secular bull market is a period in which stock prices rise at an above-average rate for an extended period and suffer only relatively short intervening declines. A secular bear market is an extended period of flat or declining stock prices. The chart includes the dates we have identified for secular bull and bear markets in the Dow Jones Industrial Average from 1900 to present.

Sources: S&P Dow Jones Indices, Department of Commerce, Ned Davis Research, Inc.

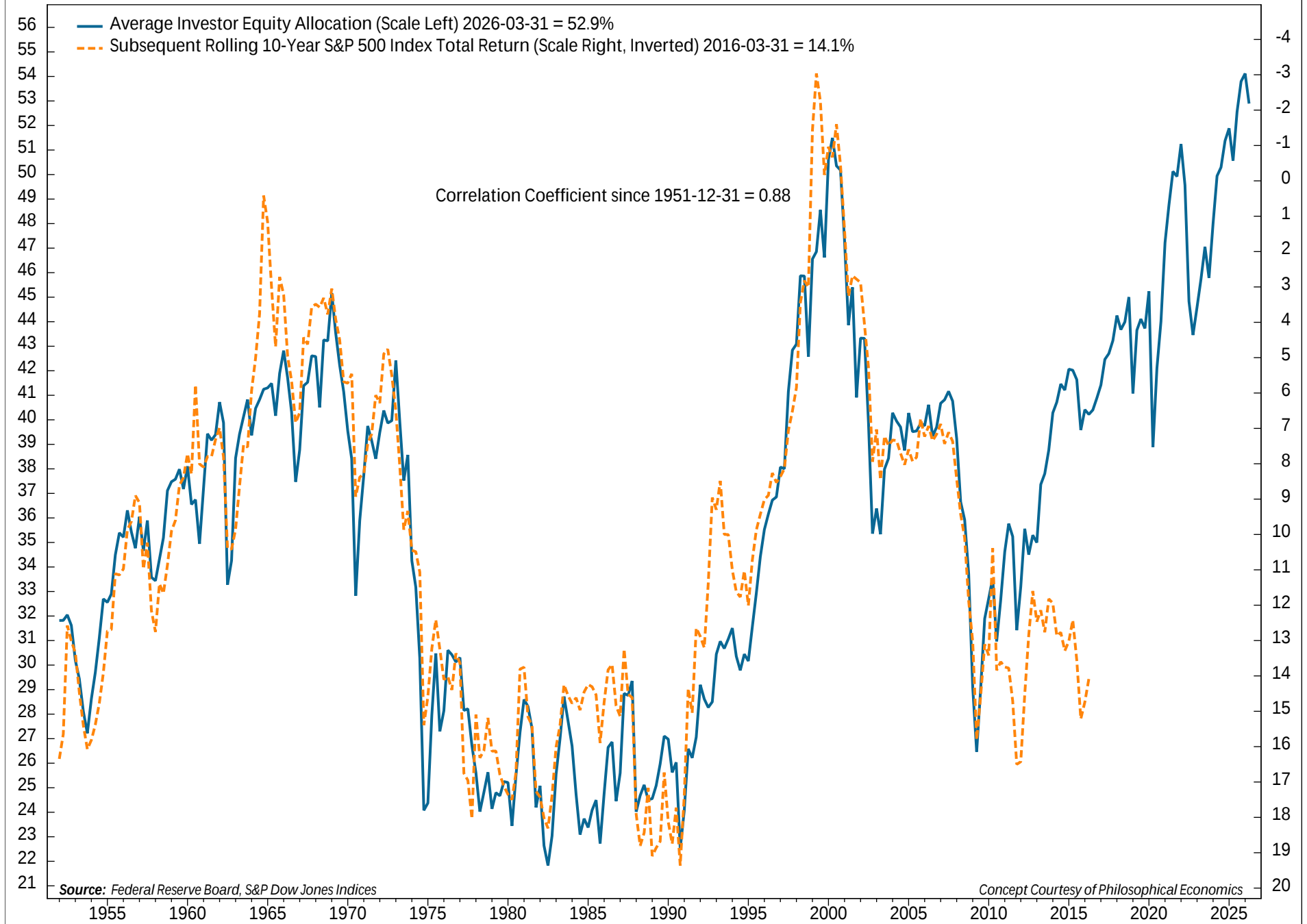
Expected S&P 500 10-year return based on Shiller P/E ratio



The chart above shows the relationship between current valuation, measured using Shiller's Cyclically Adjusted Price to Earnings Ratio (CAPE) and subsequent 10-year returns. The higher the valuation, the lower the 10-year return, and vice versa. Analysis based on monthly data from 1925 to 08/31/2026.

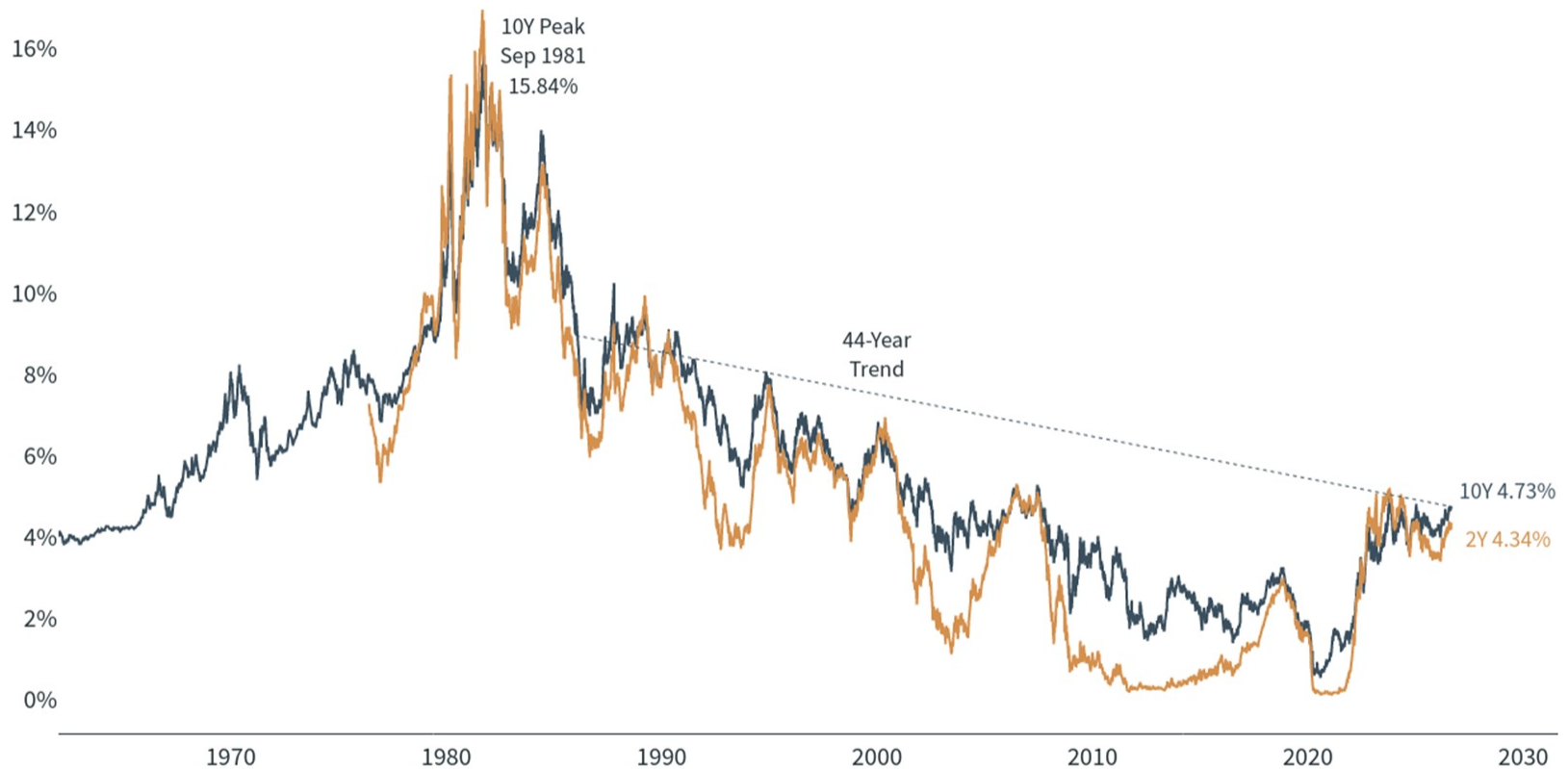
Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices, Robert Shiller, Irrational Exuberance

Average Equity Allocation Percentage vs Subsequent Rolling 10-Year S&P 500 Index Total Return



Historical Interest Rates

10-year and 2-year yields since 1960



Latest data point is Aug 28, 2026

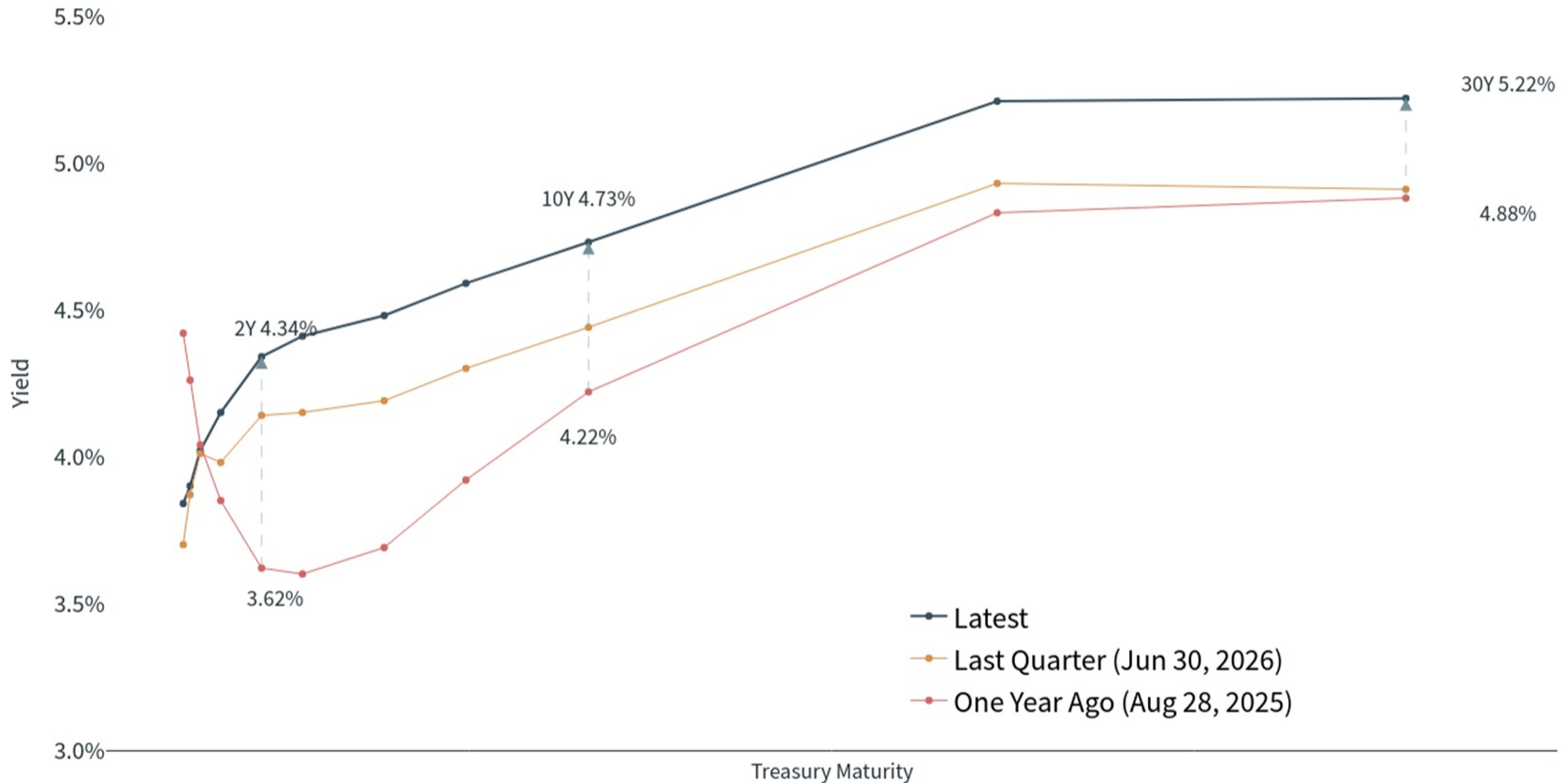
- Interest rates had been on a declining trend since the 1970s, resulting in a multi-decade bull market for bonds.
- Rates have remained high in recent years, breaking this long-term historical pattern.

Sources: Cleareconomics,
Federal Reserve

© 2026 Cleareconomics, Inc.

Treasury Yield Curve

The shape of the U.S. Treasury curve last year versus today



Latest data point is Aug 28, 2026

- The yield curve has re-steepened due to Fed easing and steady economic growth, with longer-term rates remaining elevated.
- The path of long-term rates will depend on policy uncertainty, oil prices, and economic growth.

Sources: Clearmomics,
Federal Reserve

© 2026 Clearmomics, Inc.

Mortgage Rates

30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage



Latest data point is Aug 27, 2026

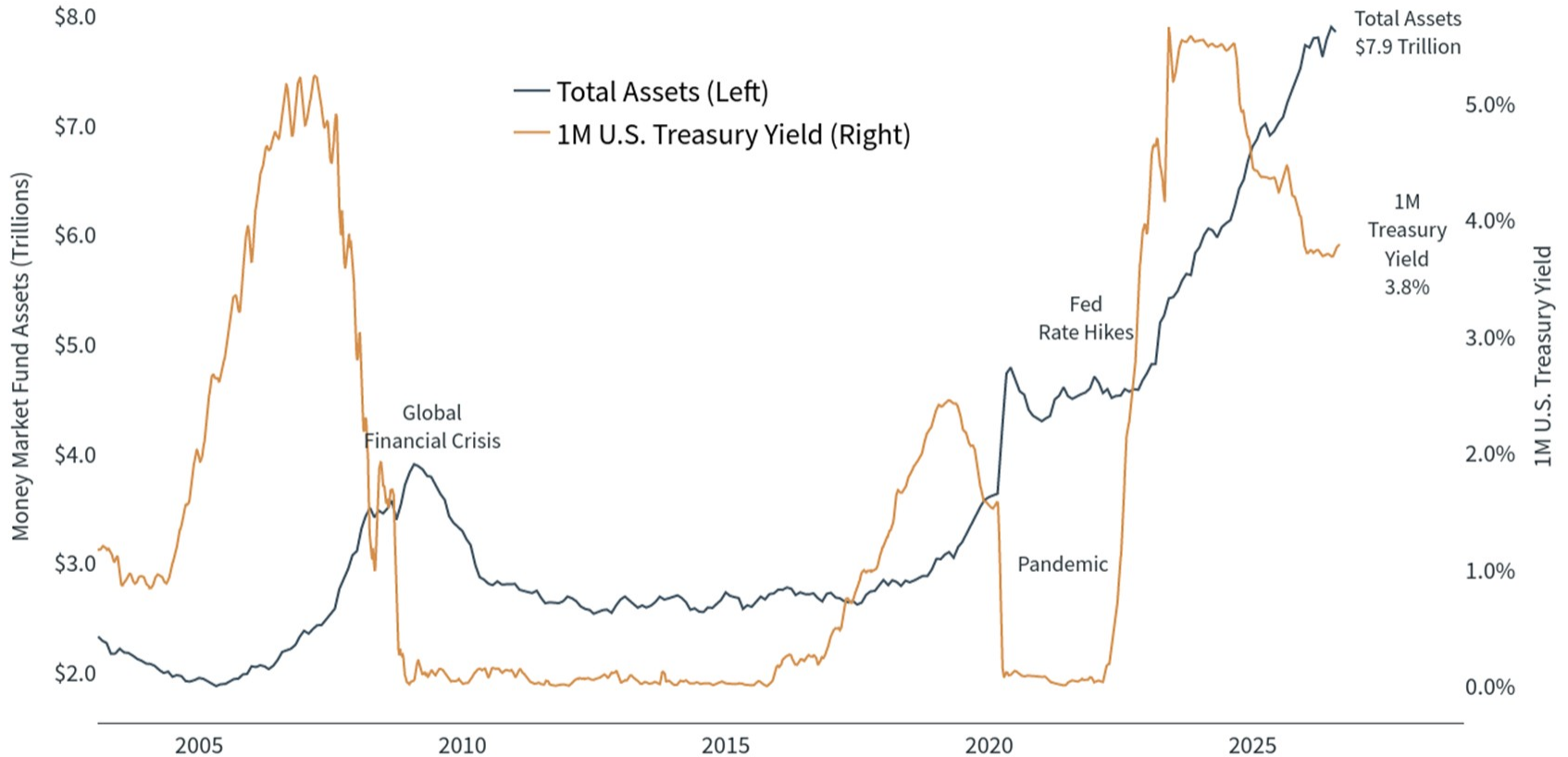
- Mortgage rates have begun to fall slightly, mirroring rates at the long end of the yield curve.

Sources: Clearnomics,
Freddie Mac

© 2026 Clearnomics, Inc.

Money Market Funds and Interest Rates

Money market fund total assets and short-term rates



Latest data point is Jul 31, 2026

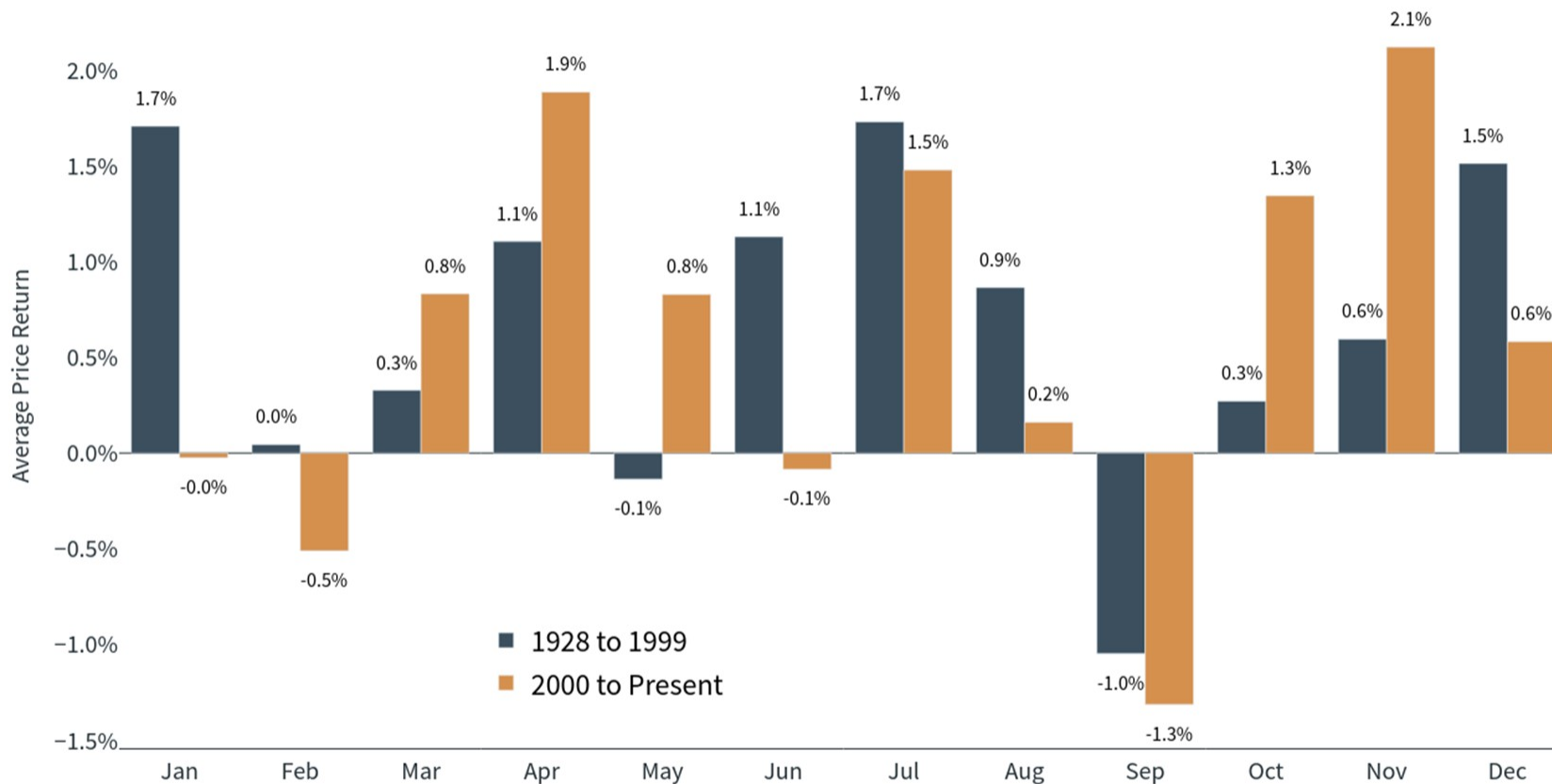
- Money market mutual fund assets are near all-time highs.
- Higher cash yields due to interest rate increases have attracted significant inflows to money market mutual funds.
- Money market mutual funds can provide attractive returns on cash, but are often not suitable for long-term investing.

Sources: Clearmomics,
Federal Reserve, ICI

© 2026 Clearmomics, Inc.

Large Cap Seasonal Patterns

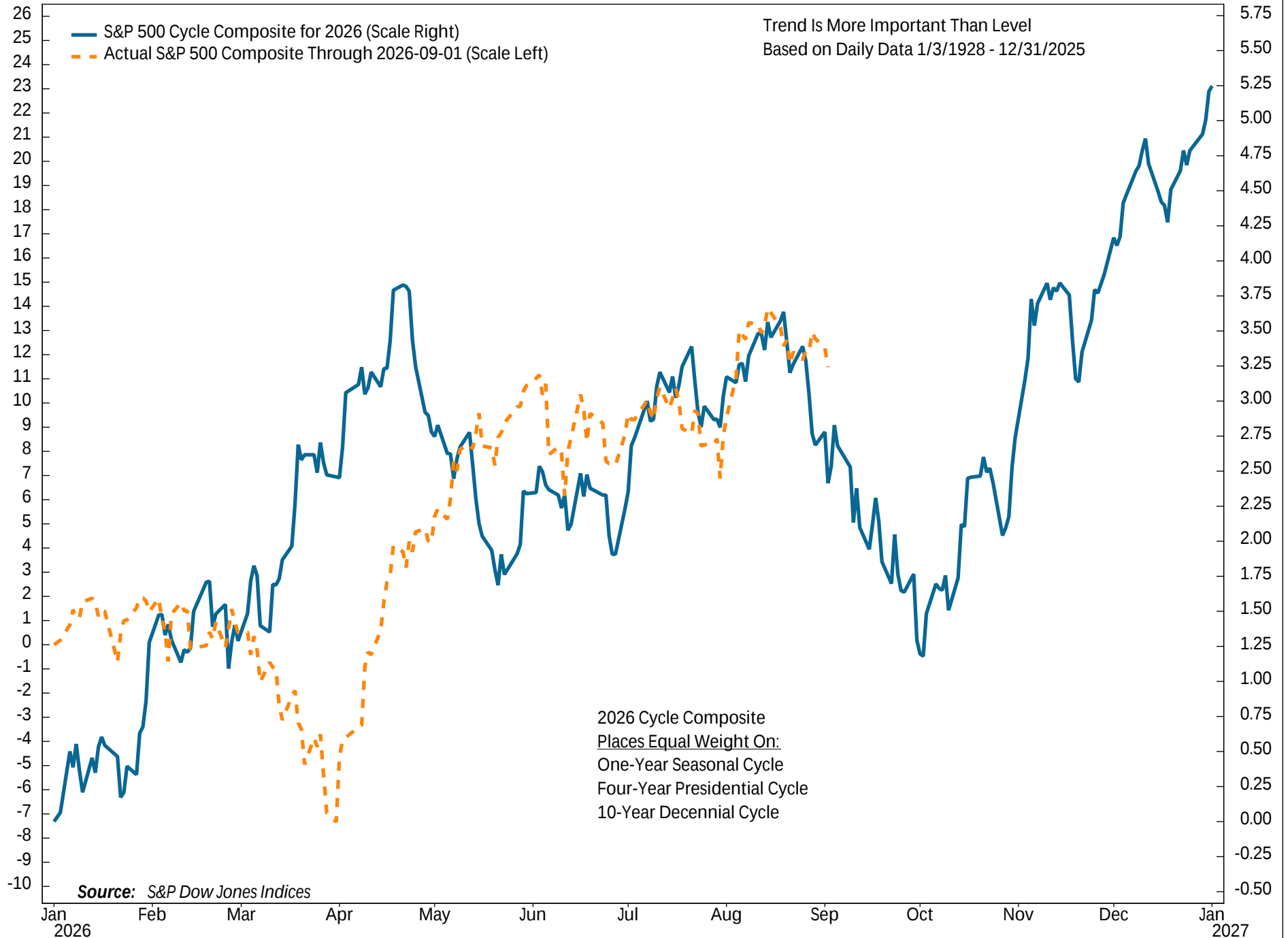
Average returns by month from 1928 to 1999 and 2000 to present
S&P 500 Index price returns



Latest data point is Jul 31, 2026

S&P 500 Cycle Composite for 2026

Daily Data 2025-12-31 to 2026-12-31



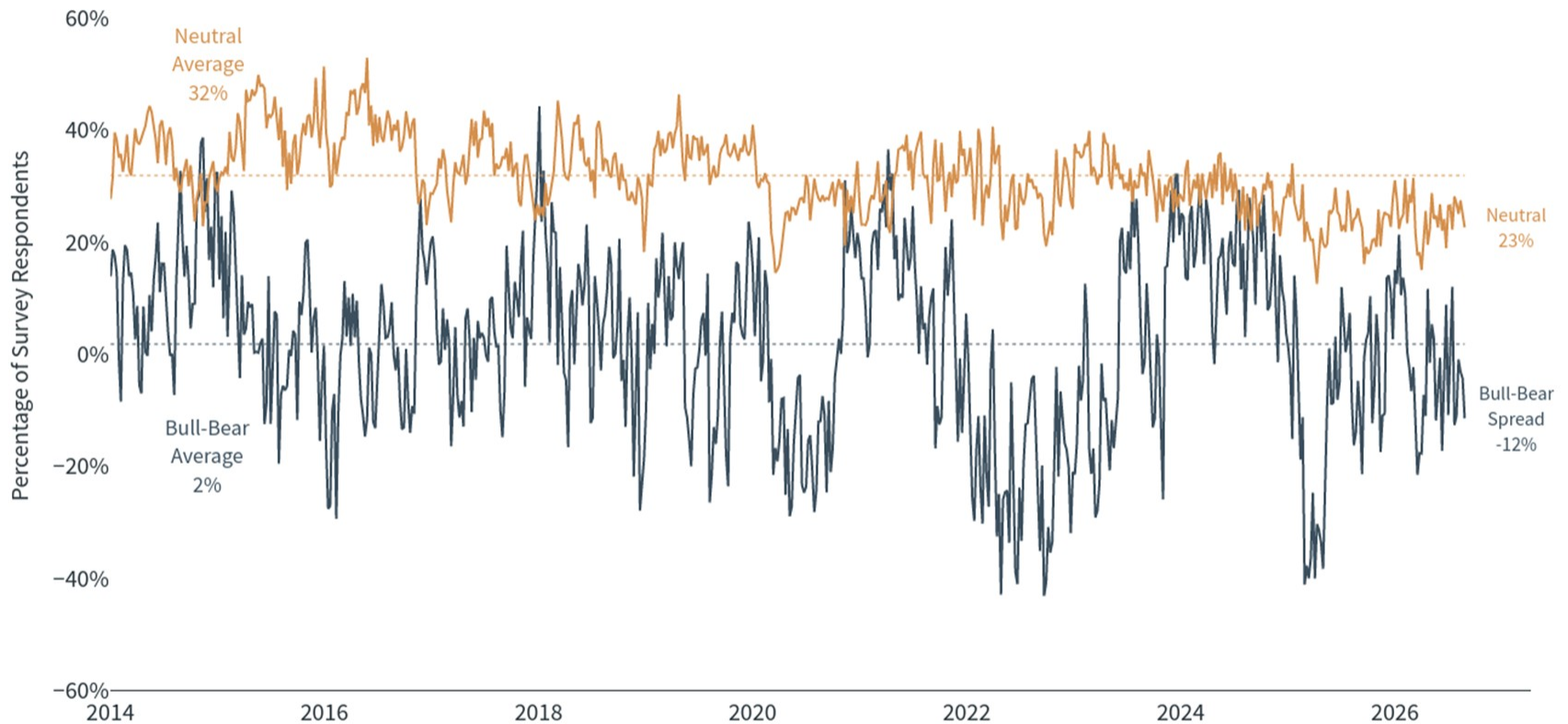
S01666



Copyright 2026 NDR, Inc. Distribution prohibited without permission.
All rights reserved. See NDR disclaimer at www.ndr.com/copyright.html

Investor Sentiment

AII Investor Sentiment Survey



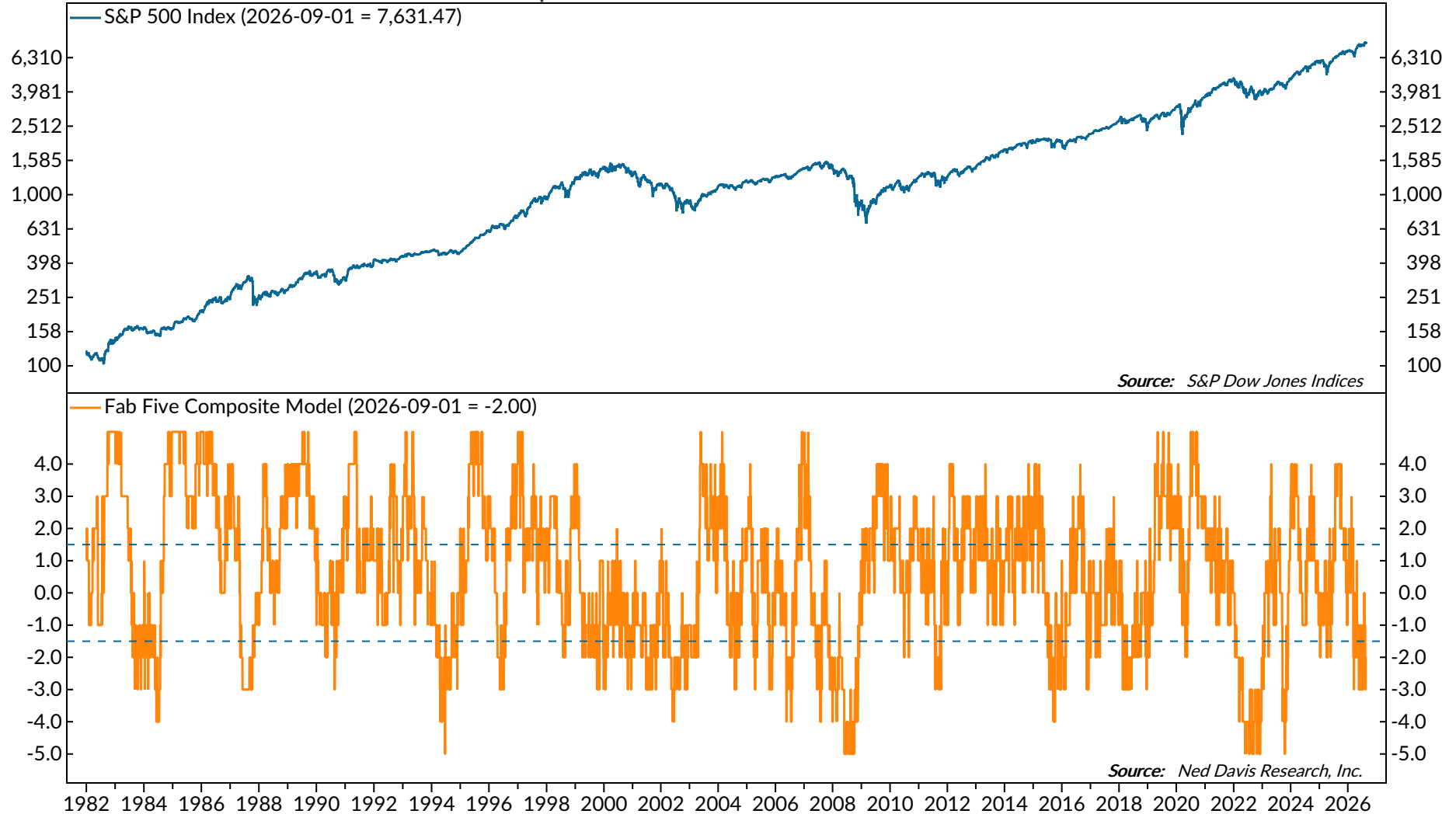
Latest data point is Aug 27, 2026

- Investor sentiment has swung on a weekly basis over the past few years.
- Sentiment is often a contrarian indicator since stock market bubbles are often characterized by irrational exuberance.
- Staying disciplined often means not over-reacting to short-term market movements.

Sources: Clearnomics, AII

S&P 500 Index vs. The Fab Five Composite Model

Daily Data 1981-12-31 to 2026-09-01



Model Component	Chart	Model Reading (As of 2026-09-01)
Tape	DAVIS501	NEUTRAL
Sentiment	DAVIS502	BEARISH
Monetary	DAVIS503	BEARISH
Combo	DAVIS504	NEUTRAL

S&P 500 Index Performance Full History: 1981-12-31 to 2026-09-01		
Fab Five Model is	% Gain/ Annum	% of Time
Above 1.5	26.36	37.46
-1.5 - 1.5	8.74	44.05
Below -1.5	-15.93	18.49
Buy/Hold = 9.68% Gain/Annum		

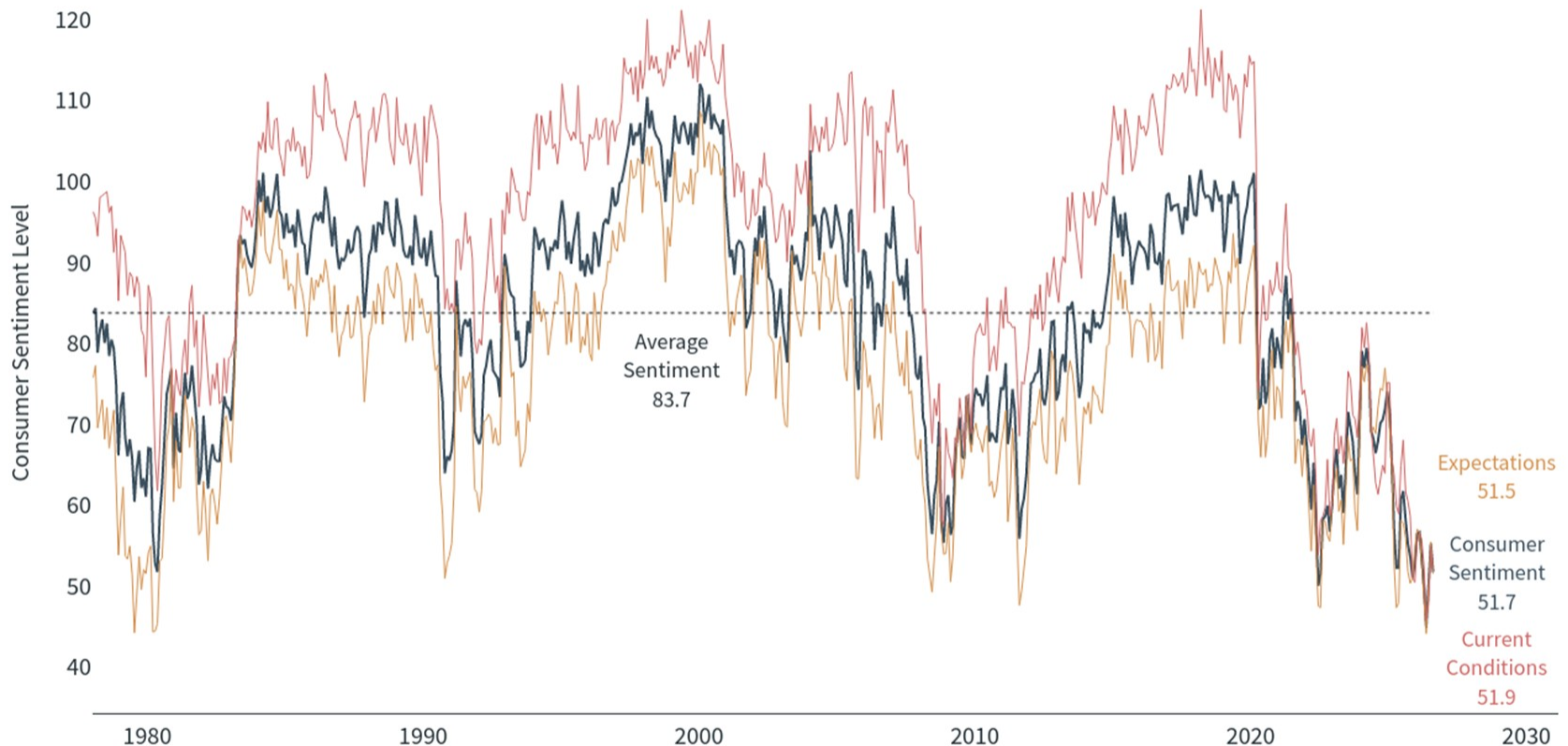
[DAVIS500](#)



© Copyright 2026 Ned Davis Research, Inc. Further distribution prohibited without prior permission. All Rights Reserved. See NDR Disclaimer at www.ndr.com/copyright.html.

Consumer Sentiment

University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers - Consumer Sentiment, Current Economic Conditions and Consumer Expectations



Latest data point is Aug 2026

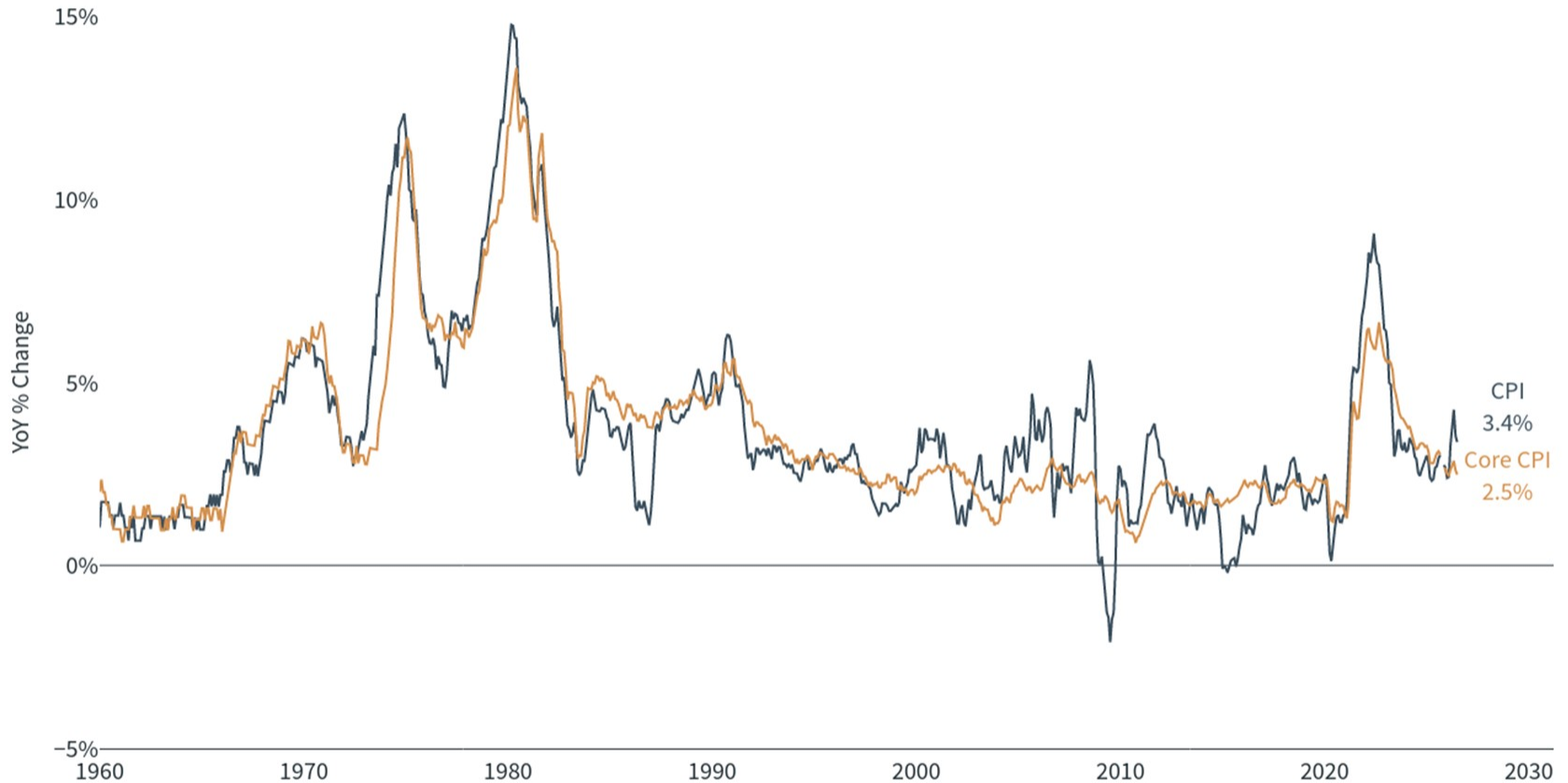
- This chart shows the University of Michigan Consumer Surveys. There are indices for sentiment, current conditions and expectations.
- Consumer sentiment is an important indicator. Consumers tend to do well when the economy and markets are doing well, and vice versa.
- Consumers have been pessimistic about the future due to inflation concerns.

Sources: Clearnomics,
University of Michigan

© 2026 Clearnomics, Inc.

Consumer Price Index

CPI and Ex Food and Energy, YoY % Change



Latest data point is Jul 2026

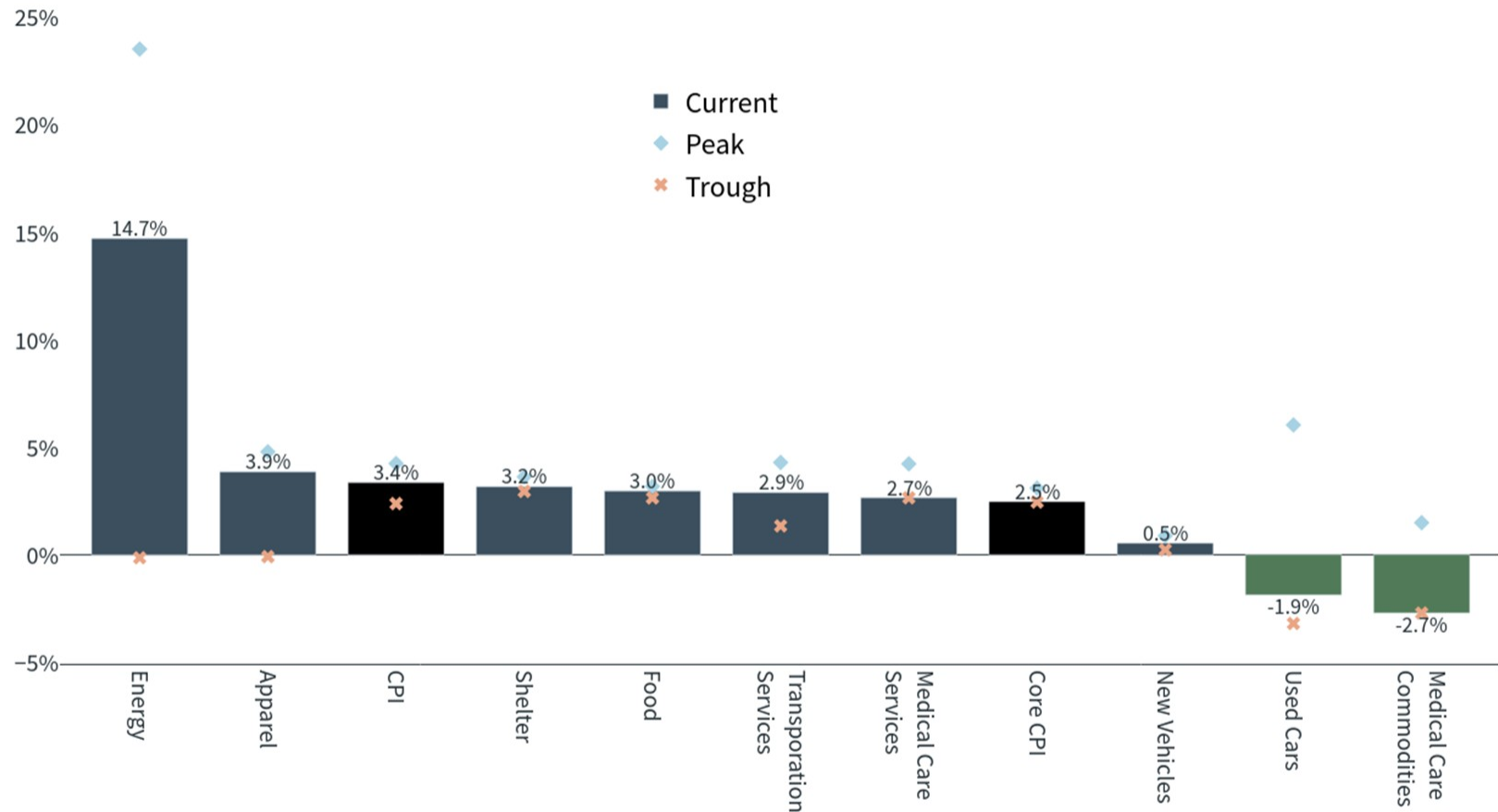
- CPI is a commonly cited measure of inflation. It uses a basket of goods and services to track price changes for consumers.
- In order to measure the underlying trend in inflation, rather than temporary shocks to food and energy, economists often focus on core CPI.
- Tariffs and oil could keep some prices higher, extending the timeline to achieve the Fed's target.

Sources: Clearnomics,
Bureau of Labor Statistics

© 2026 Clearnomics, Inc.

Consumer Price Index Components

Current year-over-year changes and 12-month peaks and troughs



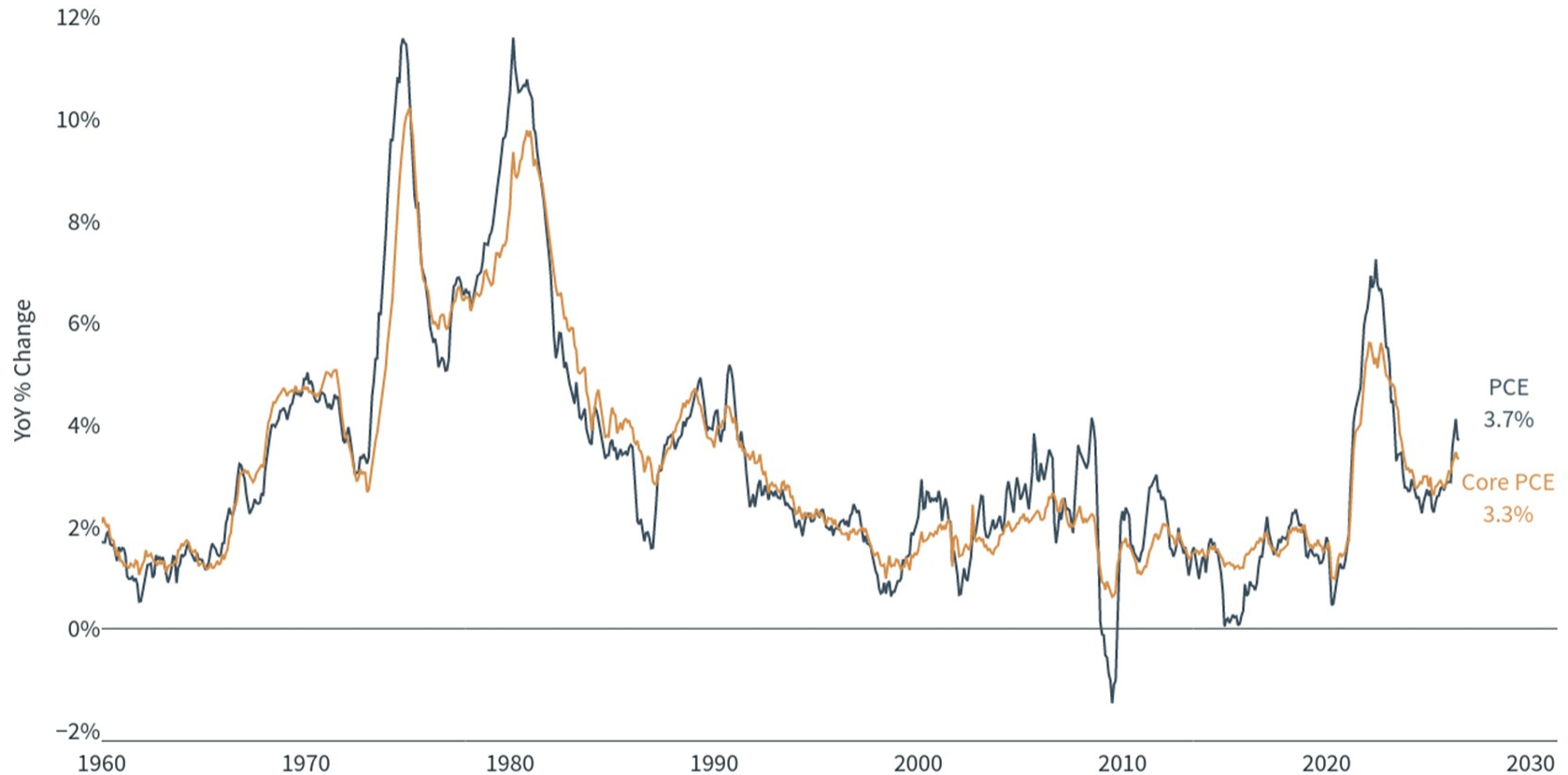
Latest data point is Jul 2026

- Inflation rates for many CPI components have improved dramatically since 2022.
- However, some investors are worried that gasoline prices and tariffs costs could keep inflation elevated.

Sources: Cleonomics,
Bureau of Labor Statistics

© 2026 Cleonomics, Inc.

PCE Inflation



Latest data point is Jul 2026

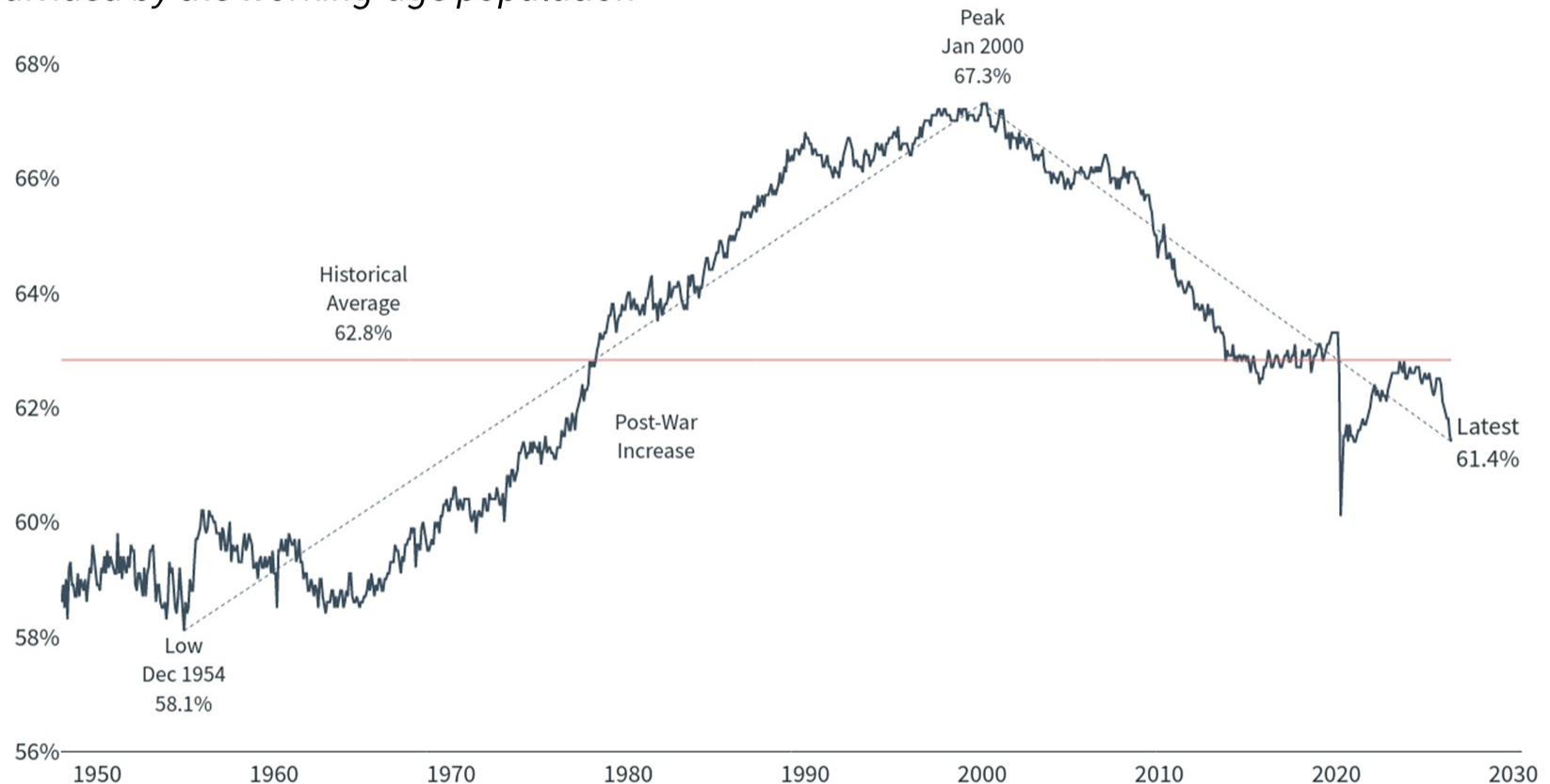
- The PCE price index is the official measure of inflation for the Federal Reserve. Historically it has been slightly lower than CPI.
- Similar to CPI, PCE has improved but remains stubbornly above the Fed's target, possibly due to tariffs.
- The goal of the Federal Reserve has historically been to maintain a 2% target on core PCE.

Sources: Clearnomics,
Bureau of Economic Analysis

© 2026 Clearnomics, Inc.

Labor Force Participation

Percentage of the population working or actively seeking work divided by the working-age population



Latest data point is Jul 2026

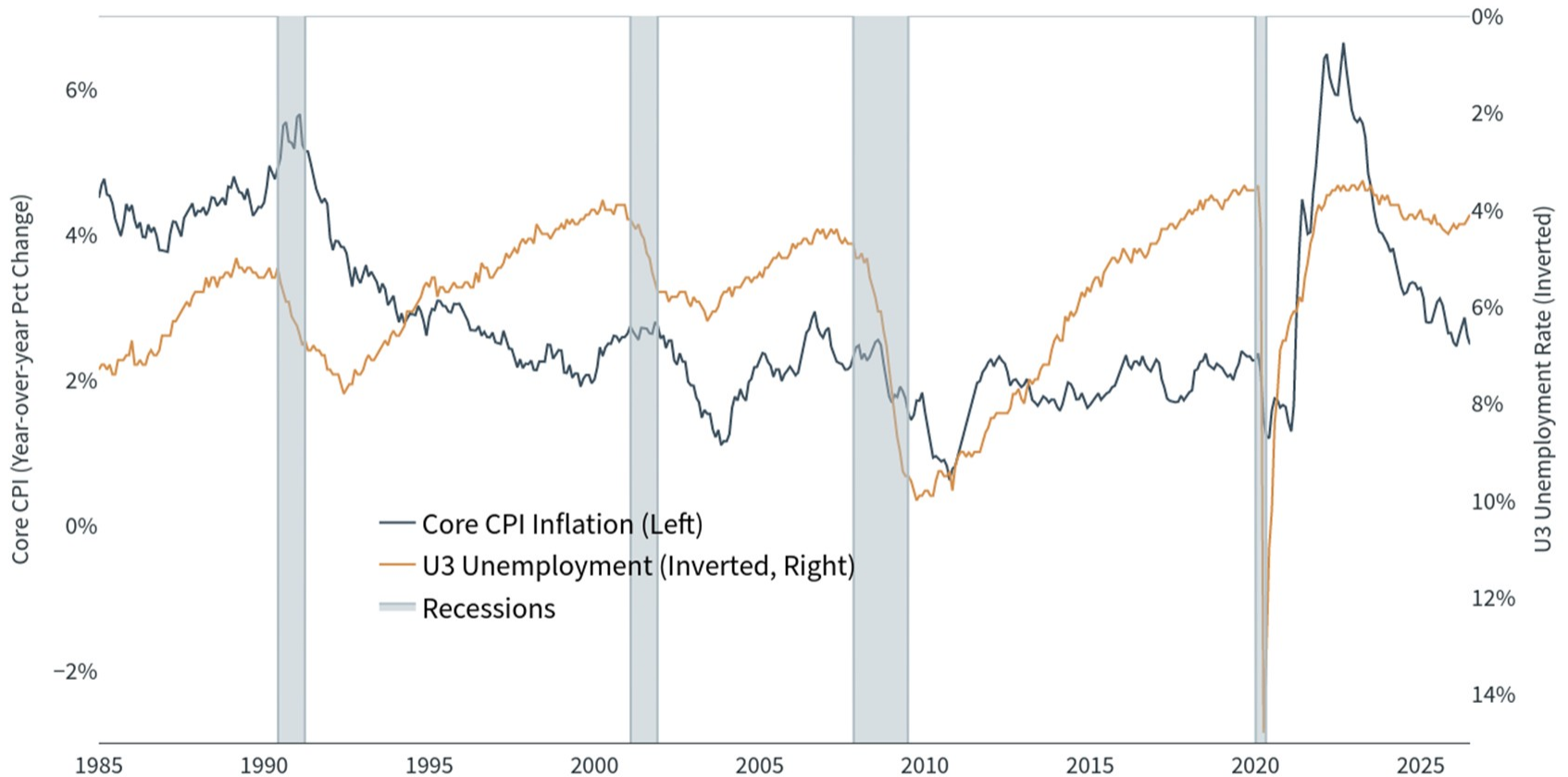
- The labor force participation rate is simply the percentage of the working age population in the labor force.
- It is the result of long-term trends such as retiring baby boomers, advances in technology, and globalization.

Sources: Clearnomics,
Bureau of Labor Statistics

© 2026 Clearnomics, Inc.

Unemployment vs. Inflation

U3 Unemployment Rate (Inverted) and Core CPI inflation



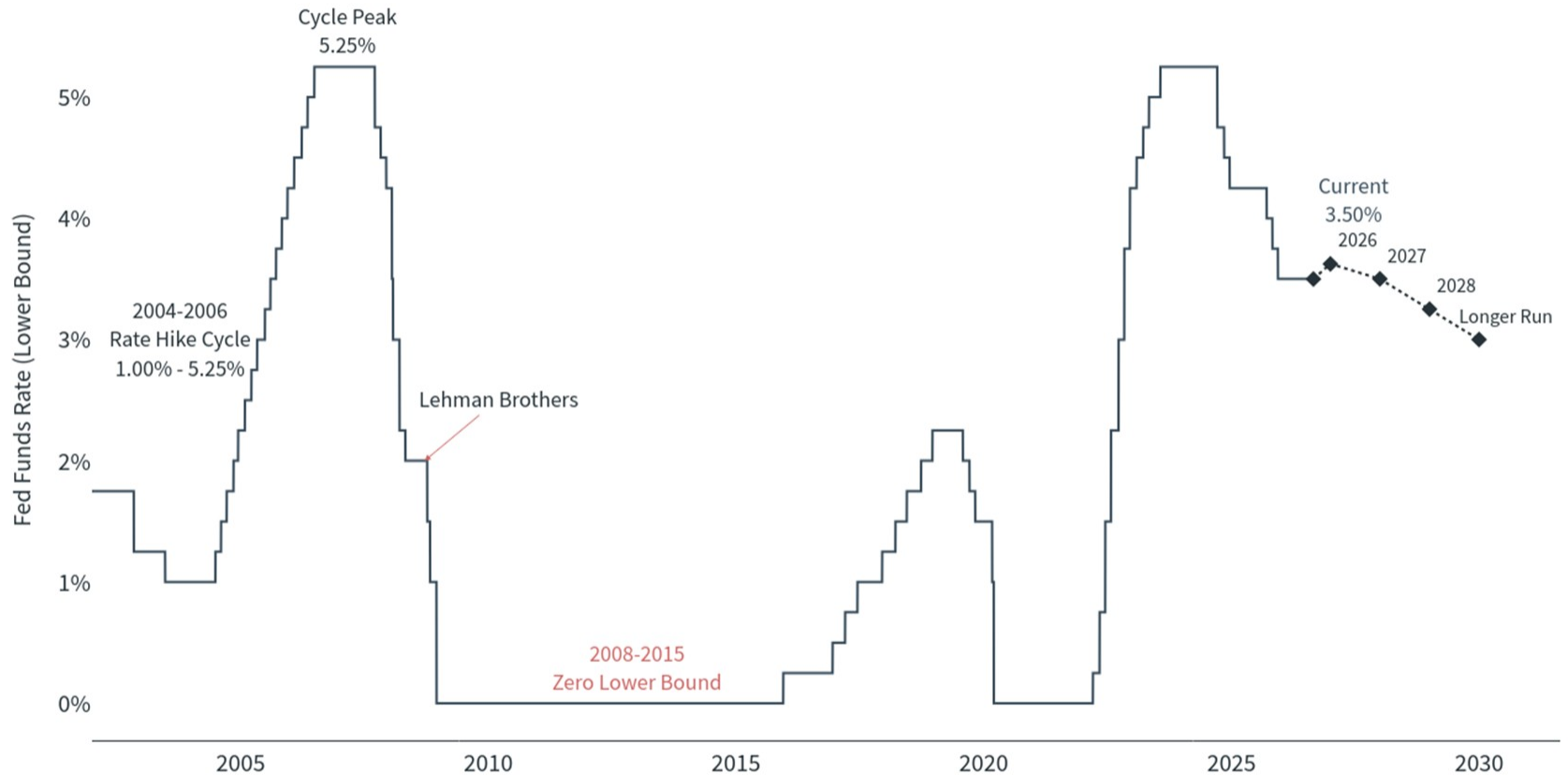
Latest data point is Jul 2026

- The relationship between unemployment and inflation is known as the Phillips Curve and is generally downward-sloping.
- As the unemployment rate decreases it is expected that inflation will increase, and vice-versa.
- This relationship has changed over time, especially over the past decade when both unemployment and inflation were extremely low.

Sources: Clearnomics, BLS, NBER

Federal Funds Rate

Target range lower limit



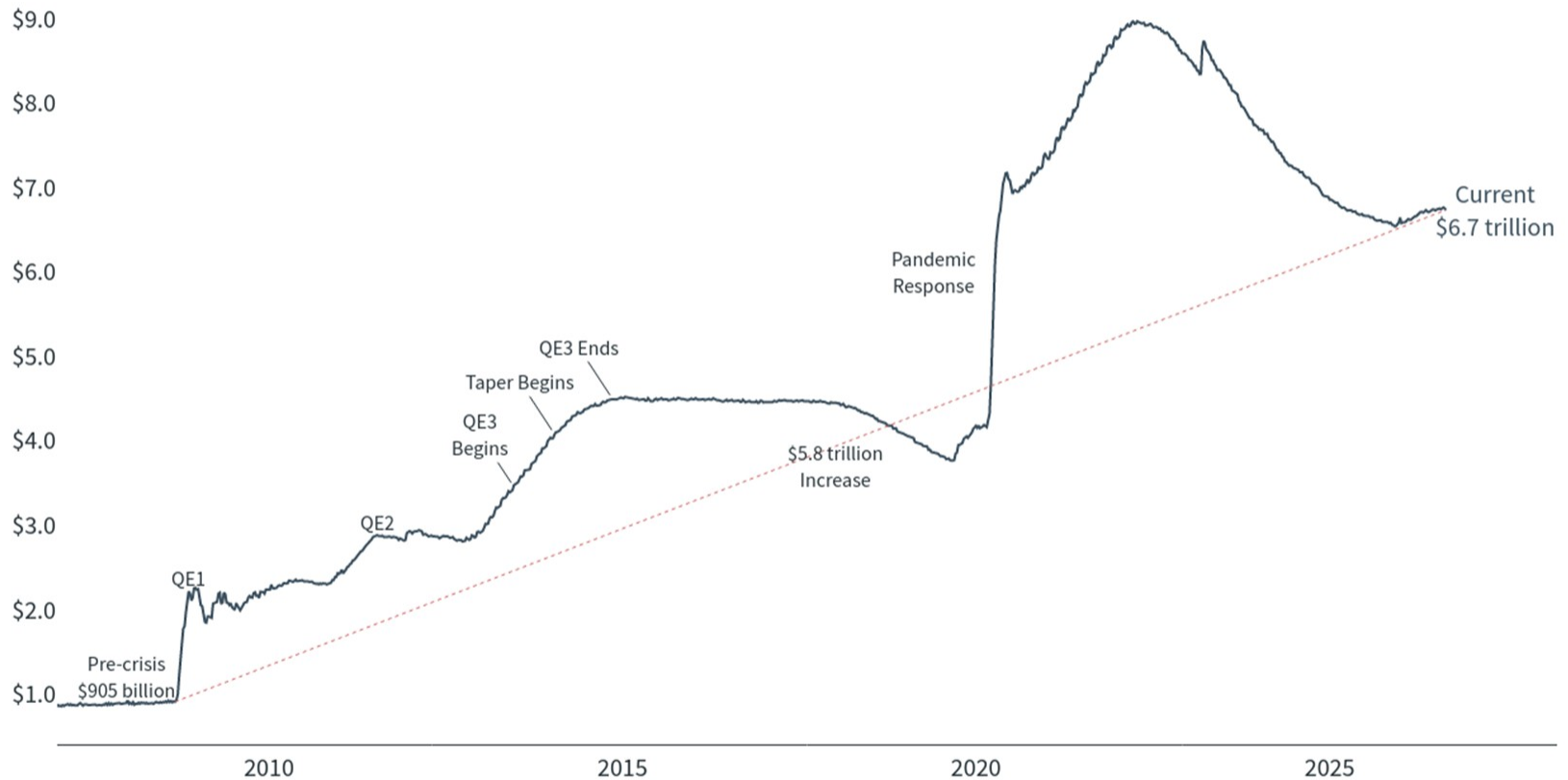
Latest data point is Aug 2026

- The Fed left rates unchanged once again as it tries to balance a weaker job market with inflation risks.
- Market-based expectations now anticipate that the Fed will raise rates by October.

Sources: Cleonomics,
Federal Reserve

© 2026 Cleonomics, Inc.

Federal Reserve Balance Sheet



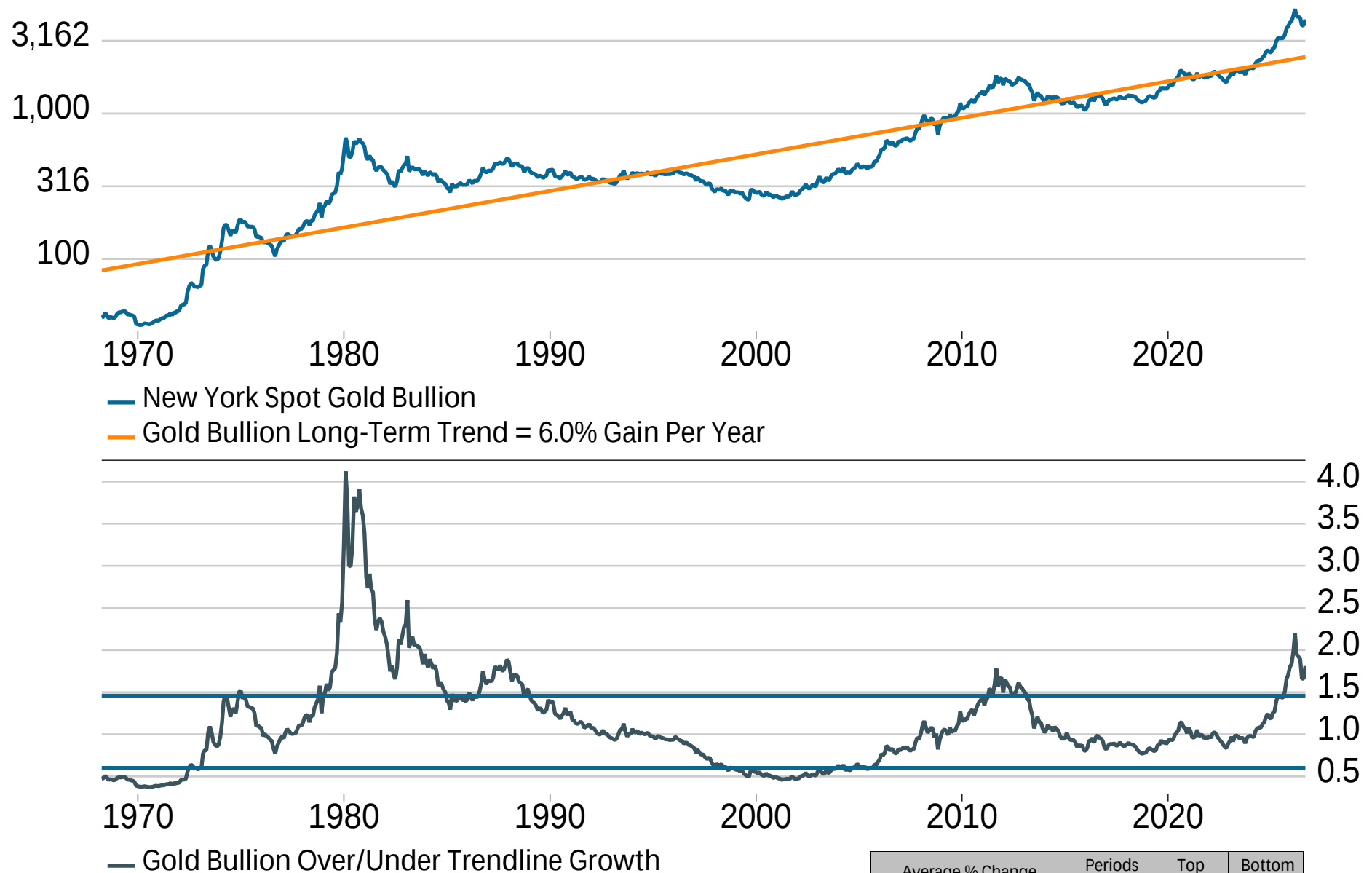
Latest data point is Aug 26, 2026

- The Fed has used its balance sheet to spur the economy by buying financial assets and providing liquidity to the system.
- After three years of shrinking its balance sheet, the Fed is now keeping it steady.

Sources: Cleareconomics,
Federal Reserve

© 2026 Cleareconomics, Inc.

Gold versus its long-term trend

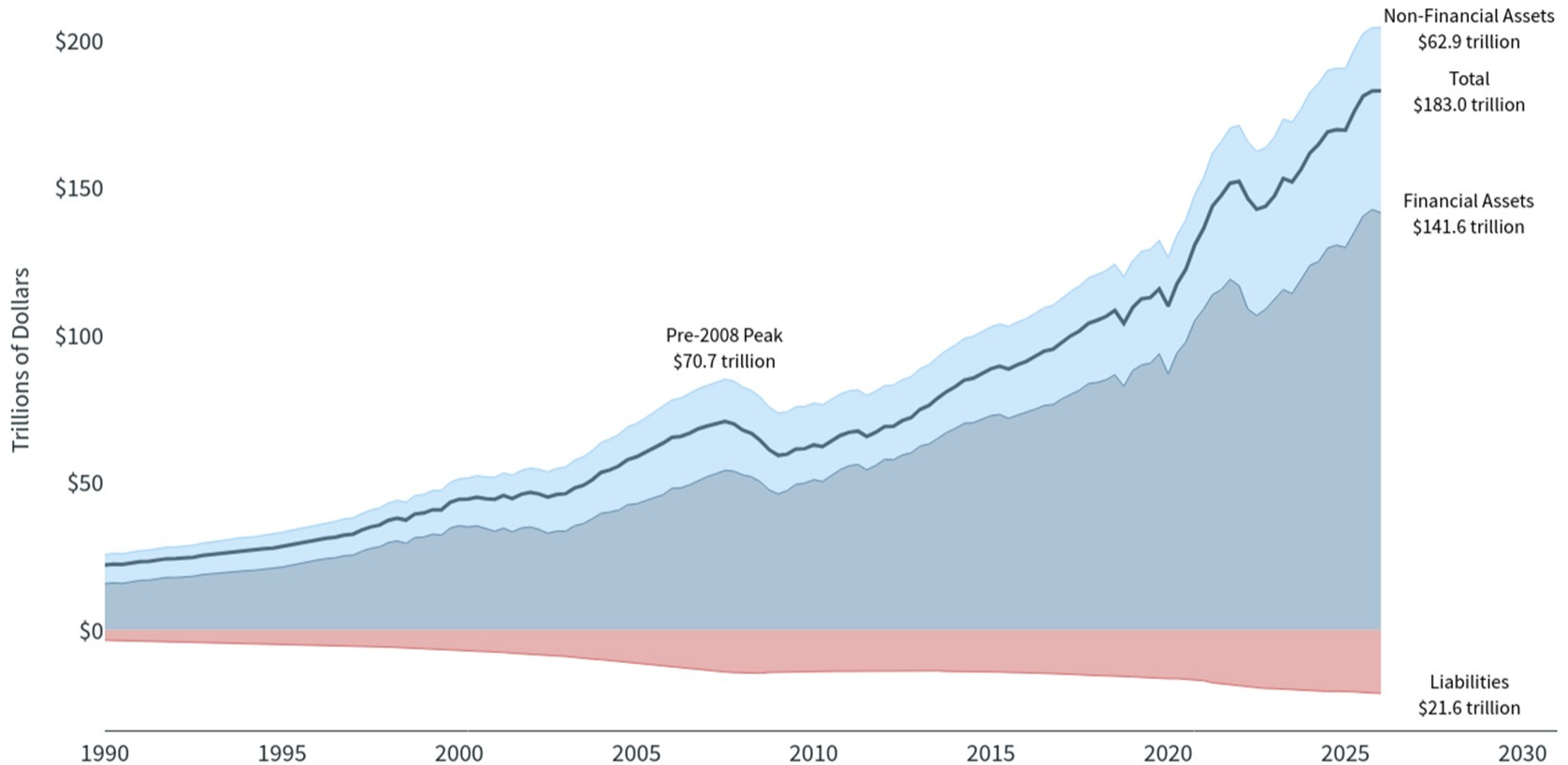


The chart above uses a linear regression going back to when gold started trading freely in March 1968.
The dashed lines in the bottom clip represent extreme levels (top 20% and bottom 20% of trend excesses).
Sources: Bloomberg Barclays Indices, Ned Davis Research, Inc.

Average % Change in Gold Bullion (Analysis Dates: 1968-03-31 - 2026-08-31)	Periods Later	Top Quintile	Bottom Quintile
	5 Years	-4.07	159.61
	10 Years	-7.75	587.94

Household Net Worth

*Federal Reserve Z.1 financial accounts report for the U.S.
The net worth of households and nonprofits*



Latest data point is Q1 2026

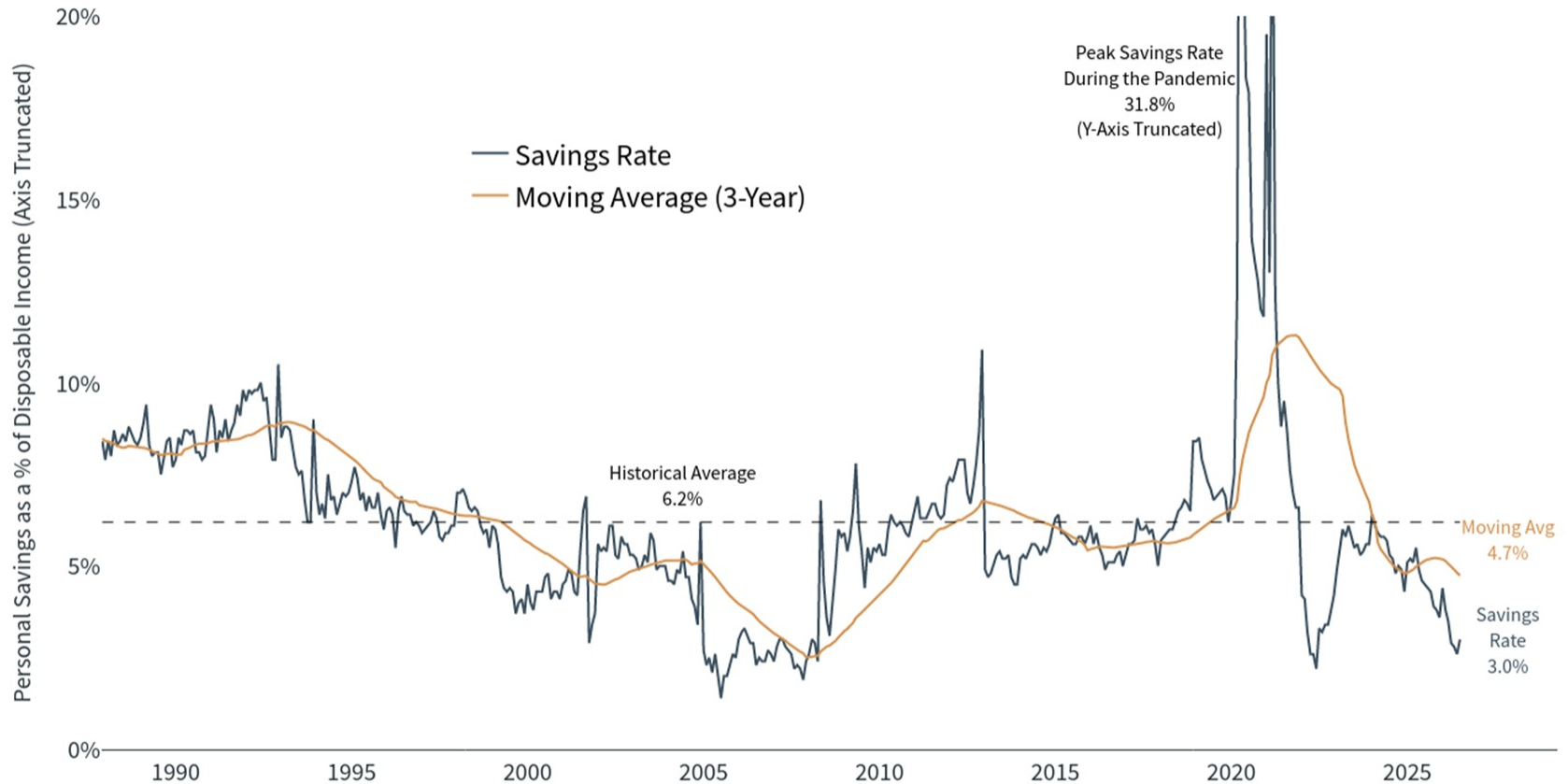
- Household net worth has reached new record levels, exceeding the pre-pandemic high of around \$150 trillion.
- U.S. net worth is sensitive to stock market returns and home prices.

Sources: Clearnomics,
Federal Reserve

© 2026 Clearnomics, Inc.

Personal Savings Rate

Savings as a percentage of disposable income



Latest data point is Jul 2026

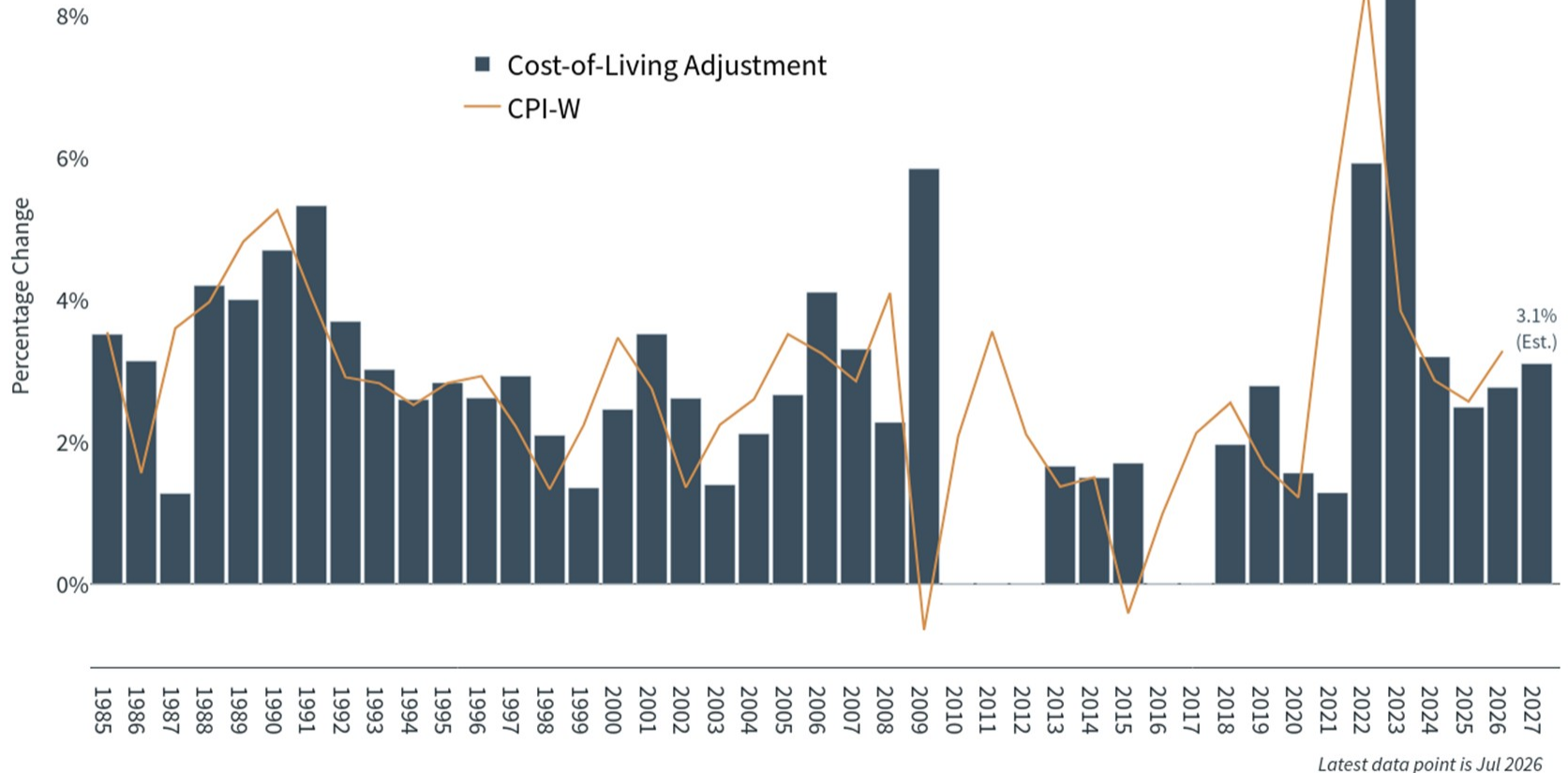
- Household savings are the flip side of spending. They are important for financial health.
- Savings rates have now fallen back below average levels.

Sources: Clearnomics,
Bureau of Economic Analysis

© 2026 Clearnomics, Inc.

Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment

Annual COLA. Current year estimate is based on third quarter Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

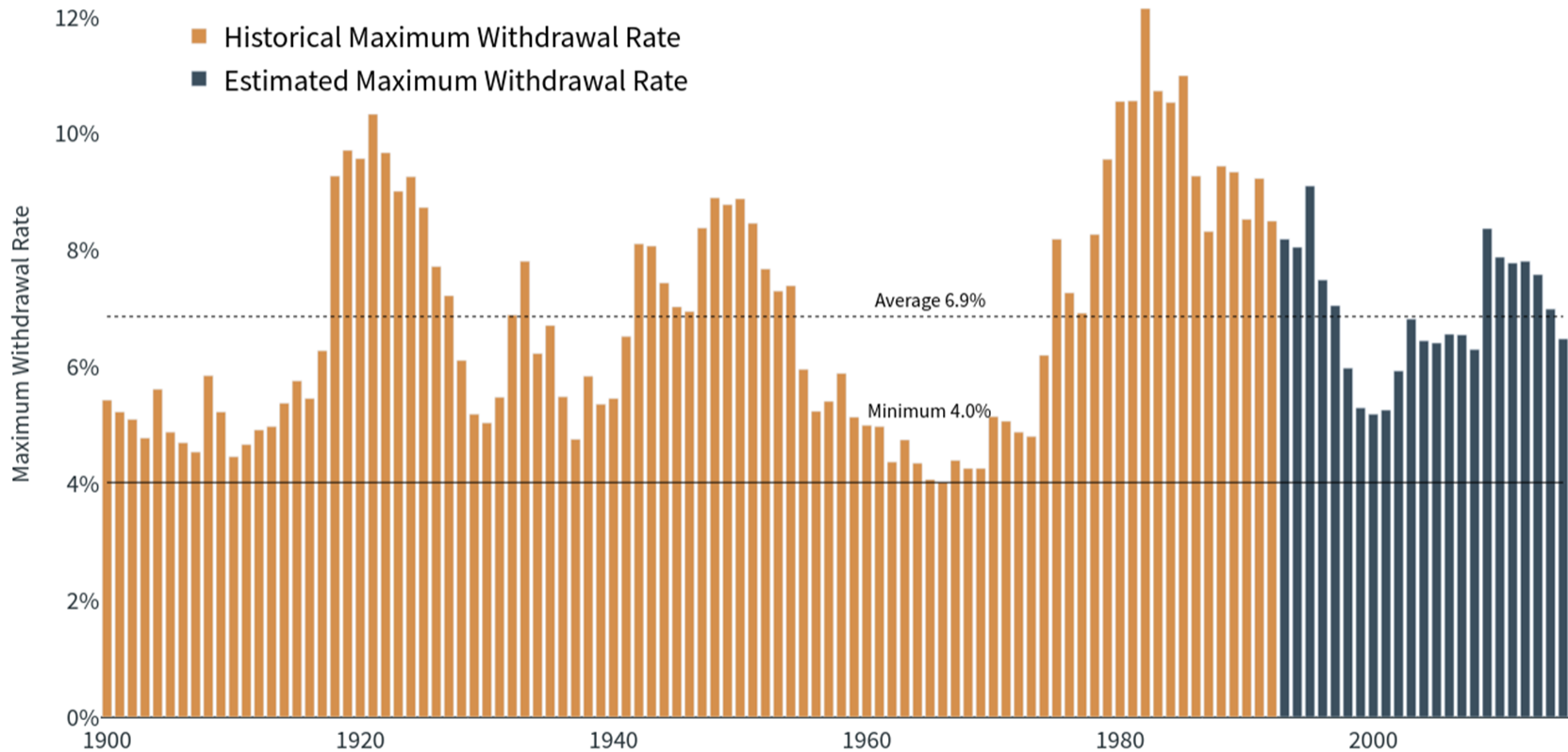


- Cost of living adjustments closely follow inflation by statute, resulting in large increases for the past two years.
- Cost of living adjustments will never be negative, even during deflationary years.

Sources: Clearnomics,
Bureau of Labor Statistics,
Social Security Administration

Maximum Withdrawal Rates in Retirement

Historical and estimated maximum withdrawal rates over a 30-year retirement based on historical 60/40 stock/bond index performance. For illustrative purposes only.

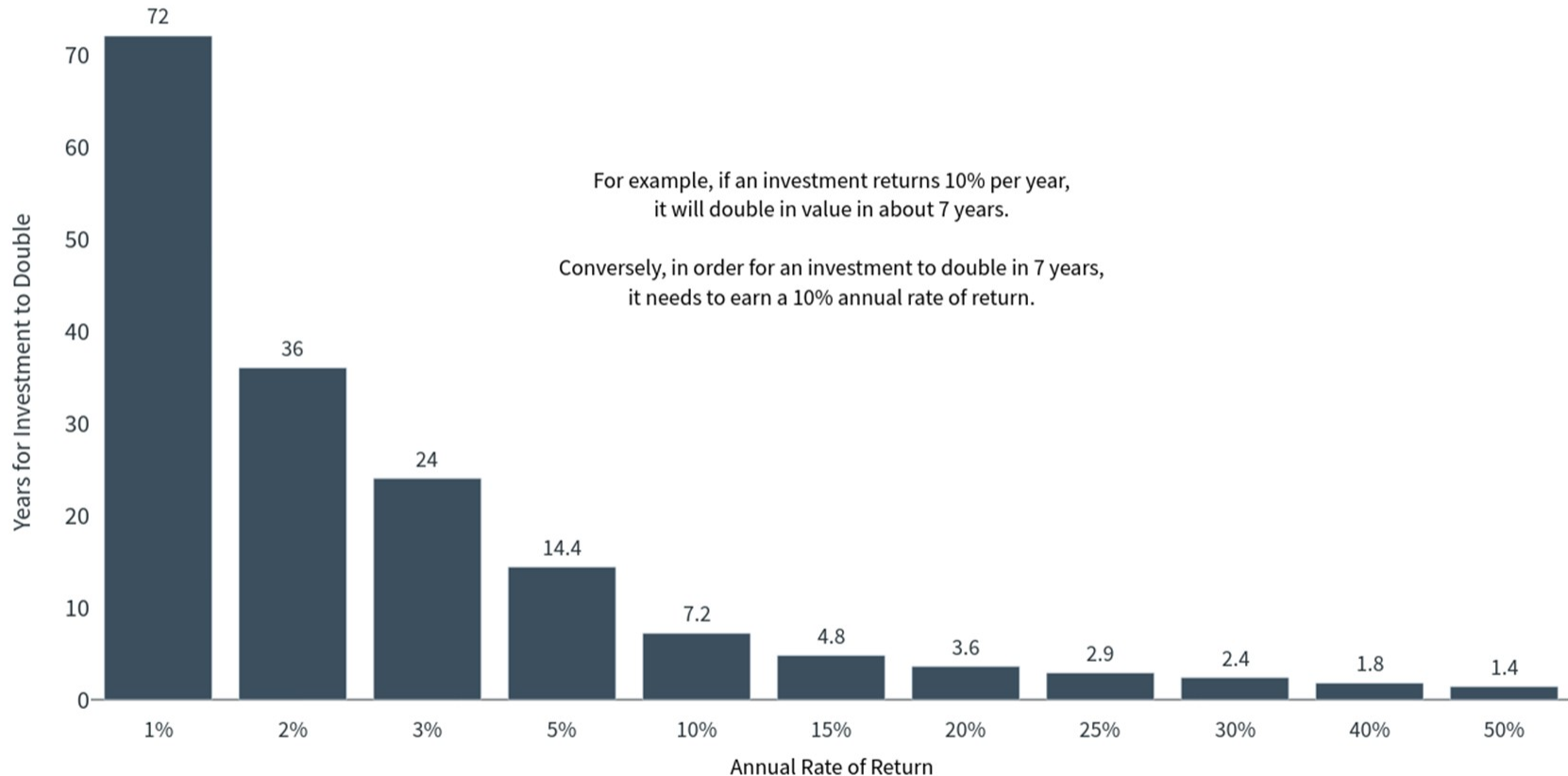


- Over time, the inflation adjusted maximum safe withdrawal rate has ranged from near 4% to over 12% based on a 60/40 stock/bond portfolio.
- The variance in safe withdrawal rates shows how the average returns over a retirement period impact how individuals can draw down on their portfolios.
- The 4% rule may act as a good starting point but should only be used as a simple rule of thumb.

Sources: Clearnomics,
Robert Shiller

The Rule of 72

A helpful rule of thumb for approximating the number of years needed for an investment to double in value, or for calculating the rate of return needed for an investment to double.



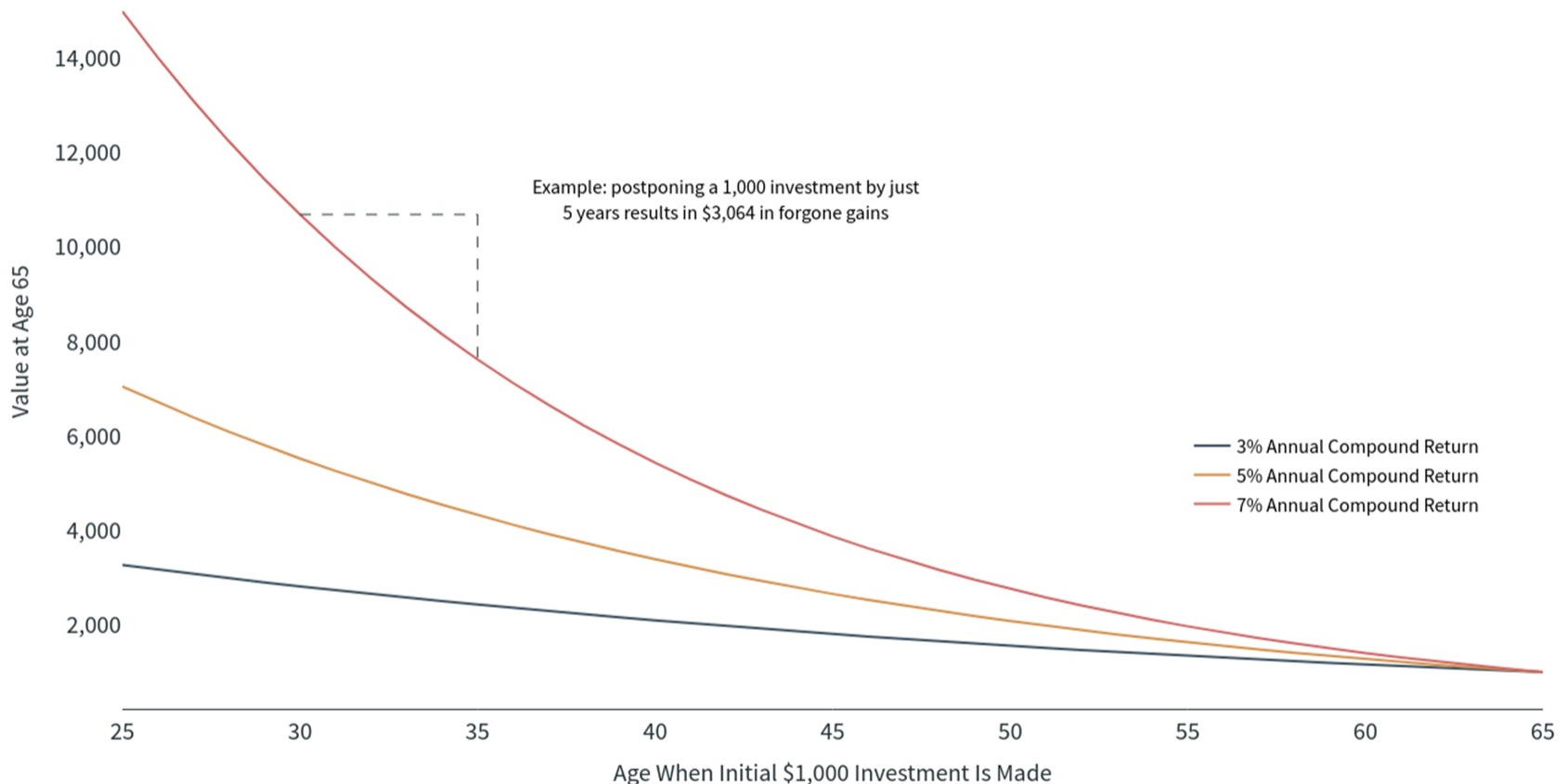
- The rule of 72 is a rule of thumb for investment returns, based on an approximation that works well with small percentages.
- Simply divide 72 by an annual rate of return (say 10%) to arrive at the number of years for that investment to double (about 7 years).
- Or if you know the number of years (say 7), you can divide 72 by this for the rate of return to double the investment (~10%).

Sources: Clearnomics

© 2026 Clearnomics, Inc.

The Importance of Saving Early

The value of an initial \$1,000 investment at age 65 based on starting age and the level of annual compound returns. For illustrative purposes only.

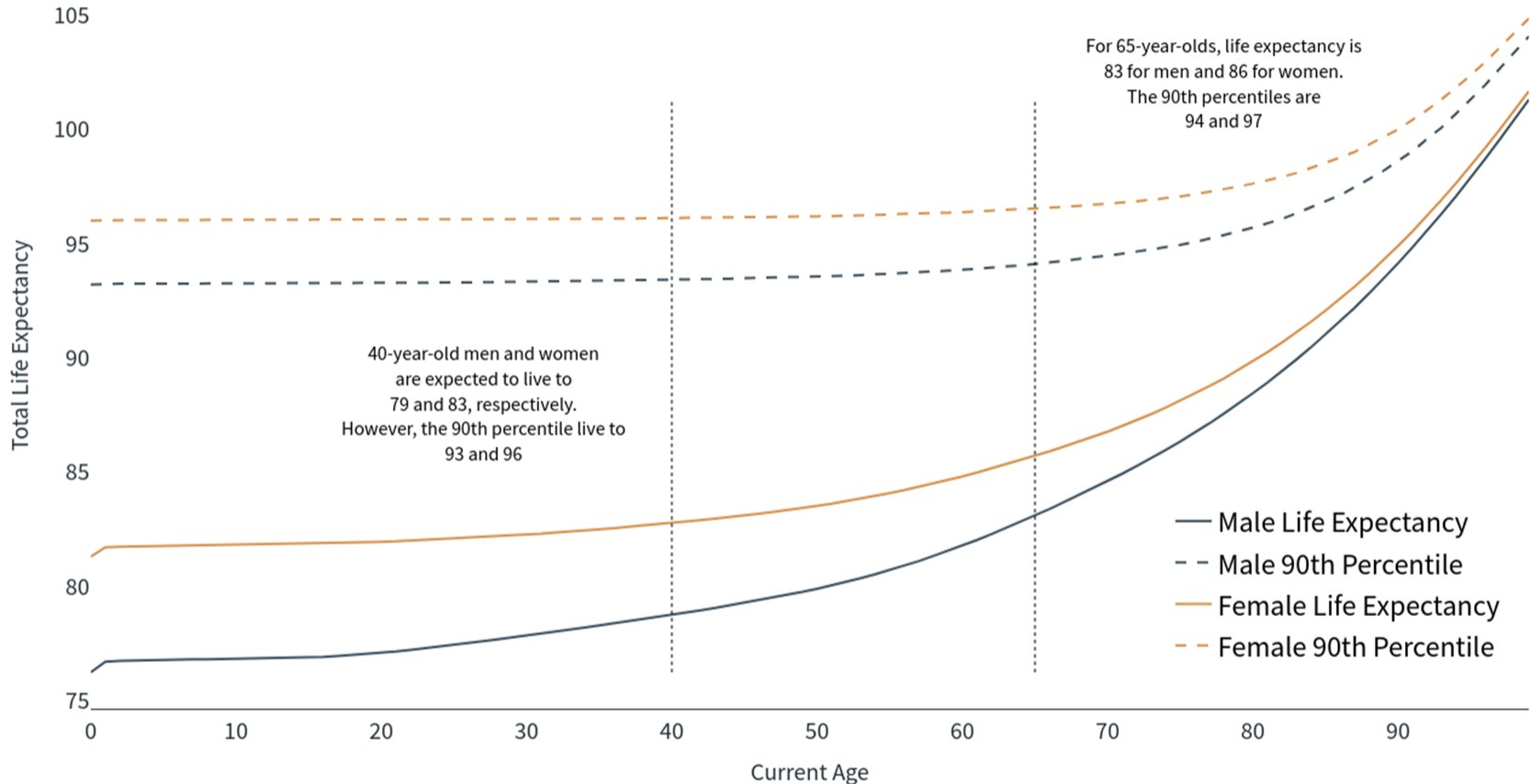


- A hypothetical investment at age 30 in an asset that compounds at 7% per year would be worth more than \$10,000 at age 65.
- Long-term investors should focus on what they can control such as how much and when they invest.
- Investing at age 30, instead of age 40, makes as big a difference as experiencing a 5% or 7% annual return over the course of one's life.

Sources: Clearnomics

U.S. Life Expectancy

Average and 90th percentiles of life expectancy based on current age



Latest data point is 2022

- Life expectancy has grown dramatically over the past 50 years and is expected to continue to improve, albeit at a slower rate.
- Longevity risk, the risk of outliving retirement savings, is a key consideration when planning for retirement.

Sources: Clearnomics,
Social Security Administration

Definitions and Methodology

The **S&P 500** is a market capitalization-weighted index of large cap U.S. stocks. U.S. **mid cap** and **small cap** are the S&P 400 and S&P 600, respectively. **Value** and **growth** are the corresponding Standard & Poor's value and growth indices.

MSCI EM is an index of emerging market stocks. **MSCI EAFE** is an index of developed market stocks. **MSCI ACWI** is an index of global stocks.

The **forward P/E** is a ratio of the current market price of an index divided by an estimate of earnings over the next twelve months. The **Shiller P/E** is based on Robert Shiller's cyclically adjusted price-to-earnings ratio.

The **AAll Investor Sentiment** index is based on a weekly survey conducted by AAll.

Unless stated otherwise, **earnings** and **valuations** data are from LSEG indices.

The **LEI**, or Leading Economic Index, is produced monthly by the Conference Board.

Consumer sentiment indices are based on surveys conducted by the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers.

Asset Class Performance and Asset Classes Relative to U.S.

Stocks charts: The EM, EAFE, Small Cap, Fixed Income and Commodities are these indices, respectively: MSCI EM, MSCI EAFE, Russell 2000, Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, Bloomberg Commodity Index.

Fixed Income Performance: All sectors are represented by the Bloomberg bond indices except for EMD USD and Local which are the JPMorgan EMBIG Diversified Index and JPMorgan GBI-EM Core Index, respectively.

The Balanced Portfolio is a historical 60/40 index calculation consisting of 40% U.S. Large Cap, 5% Small Cap, 10% International Developed Equities, 5% Emerging Market Equities, 35% U.S. Bonds, and 5% Commodities.

The **Bloomberg Commodity Index** is a broadly diversified basket of physical commodities futures contracts.

The **DXY** is a U.S. dollar index based on a basket of currencies, including the Euro, Yen, Pound, Canadian Dollar, Swedish Krona and Swiss Franc.

Portfolio Risk/Reward and Portfolio Drift Since 2009 charts: stocks and bonds are the S&P 500 and Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate bond index, respectively. Each portfolio represents a historical stock/bond asset allocation.

The **MSCI Factor** indices are created and maintained by MSCI to capture factor returns. They cover various factors including Quality, Size, Momentum, Volatility, Value and Yield. The Multi-Factor index tracks the performance of Value, Momentum, Quality and Size.

The **MSCI USA** index tracks large and mid cap U.S. stocks.

Clearnomics Disclosures

Copyright (c) 2026 Clearnomics, Inc. All rights reserved. The information contained herein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but is not necessarily complete and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. No representation or warranty, express or implied, is made as to the fairness, accuracy, completeness, or correctness of the information and opinions contained herein. The views and the other information provided are subject to change without notice. All reports posted on or via www.clearnomics.com or any affiliated websites, applications, or services are issued without regard to the specific investment objectives, financial situation, or particular needs of any specific recipient and are not to be construed as a solicitation or an offer to buy or sell any securities or related financial instruments. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future results. Company fundamentals and earnings may be mentioned occasionally, but should not be construed as a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold the company's stock. Predictions, forecasts, and estimates for any and all markets should not be construed as recommendations to buy, sell, or hold any security--including mutual funds, futures contracts, and exchange traded funds, or any similar instruments. The text, images, and other materials contained or displayed in this report are proprietary to Clearnomics, Inc. and constitute valuable intellectual property. All unauthorized reproduction or other use of material from Clearnomics, Inc. shall be deemed willful infringement(s) of this copyright and other proprietary and intellectual property rights, including but not limited to, rights of privacy. Clearnomics, Inc. expressly reserves all rights in connection with its intellectual property, including without limitation the right to block the transfer of its products and services and/or to track usage thereof, through electronic tracking technology, and all other lawful means, now known or hereafter devised. Clearnomics, Inc. reserves the right, without further notice, to pursue to the fullest extent allowed by the law any and all criminal and civil remedies for the violation of its rights.

Alexis Investment Partners, LLC

Disclosures

This material is for informational purposes only. Statements of future expectations, estimates, projections, and other forward-looking statements are based on available information and Jason Browne's view as of the time of these statements. Accordingly, such statements are inherently speculative as they are based on assumptions that may involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. No investment is risk-free. Therefore, different types of investments involve varying degrees of risk, and there can be no assurance that the future performance of any specific investment, investment strategy, or product (including the investments and/or investment strategies recommended or undertaken by Alexis Investment Partners, LLC) will be profitable, equal any corresponding indicated historical performance level(s), be suitable for your portfolio or individual situation, or prove successful. Due to various factors, including changing market conditions and/or applicable laws, the content may no longer be reflective of current opinions or positions. Moreover, you should not assume that any discussion or information contained in this newsletter serves as the receipt of, or as a substitute for, personalized investment advice from Alexis Investment Partners, LLC. Please remember to contact us if there are any changes in your personal/financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing/evaluating/revising our previous recommendations and/or services.

Mutual funds and other securities may distribute taxable dividends and capital gains to investors. Taxes on such items can affect the returns realized from such investment income received from certain investments may be subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Please consult with your tax advisor before making any investment and consider the effect that taxes may have on returns.

Rebalancing assets in a portfolio can have tax consequences. Selling assets in a taxable account may result in a taxable gain. Alexis Investment Partners, LLC, is neither a law firm nor a certified public accounting firm and no portion of this newsletter should be construed as legal or accounting advice.

Alexis Investment Partners, LLC, does not guarantee performance for any investment recommendation. Investors should consider investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. Funds are selected for clients based on their individual goals and preferences and therefore some of the funds discussed in this newsletter may not be held in your portfolio. Advisory services are offered through Alexis Investment Partners, LLC; an investment advisory firm registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.