



Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc.

## TheECONOMY

### Debt Debate

Democrats and Republicans recently reached a deal to expand the U.S. government's borrowing limit by \$480 billion, supporting the Treasury Department's cash needs until early December. While the market eventually found some relief after this latest round of last-minute Congressional brinkmanship, the short-term reprieve sets the stage for another heated debate in November.

In 2011, S&P Global Ratings famously downgraded the long-term credit of the U.S. government from 'AAA' to 'AA+' with similar concerns; due to the current standoff, Fitch Ratings has indicated it may follow suit. Longer-term implications aside, it would be best for all parties involved and overall financial conditions to have the debt ceiling issue resolved sooner than later.

Despite strong labor demand, the weaker-than-forecast September jobs report may indicate that COVID-19 concerns are restricting a return to the workforce. Nonfarm payrolls increased 194k in September, materially short of the market's forecast of 500k. The unemployment rate fell to 4.8%, partly reflecting a decline in the labor force participation rate.

A softening of the labor market complicates the potential decision by the Federal Reserve to begin tapering its bond purchases before year-end. Surging energy prices and robust wage gains, however, have many investors doubting that inflation will prove to be short-term in nature. Additionally, the Fed's primary gauge of inflation rose in August by the most in three decades on an annual basis. The Fed may ultimately decide to press forward with tapering in November, providing the cover to raise rates next year if needed.

### Treasury Yields

MATURITY	10/8/21	9/10/21	CHANGE
3-Month	0.060%	0.038%	0.022%
6-Month	0.056%	0.046%	0.010%
1-Year	0.089%	0.066%	0.023%
2-Year	0.318%	0.213%	0.105%
3-Year	0.580%	0.443%	0.137%
5-Year	1.060%	0.816%	0.244%
10-Year	1.612%	1.341%	0.271%
30-Year	2.164%	1.934%	0.230%

Source: Bloomberg

### Agency Yields

MATURITY	10/8/21	9/10/21	CHANGE
3-Month	0.044%	0.050%	-0.006%
6-Month	0.055%	0.058%	-0.003%
1-Year	0.088%	0.084%	0.004%
2-Year	0.316%	0.220%	0.096%
3-Year	0.601%	0.443%	0.158%
5-Year	1.061%	0.825%	0.236%

Source: Bloomberg

### Commercial Paper Yields (A-1/P-1)

MATURITY	10/8/21	9/10/21	CHANGE
1-Month	0.080%	0.080%	0.000%
3-Month	0.100%	0.090%	0.010%
6-Month	0.140%	0.130%	0.010%
9-Month	0.160%	0.150%	0.010%

Source: Bloomberg

### Current Economic Releases

DATA	PERIOD	VALUE
GDP QoQ	Q2 '21	6.70%
US Unemployment	Sept '21	4.80%
ISM Manufacturing	Sept '21	61.10
PPI YoY	Aug '21	10.50%
CPI YoY	Aug '21	5.30%
Fed Funds Target	Oct 12, 2021	0.00% - 0.25%

Source: Bloomberg

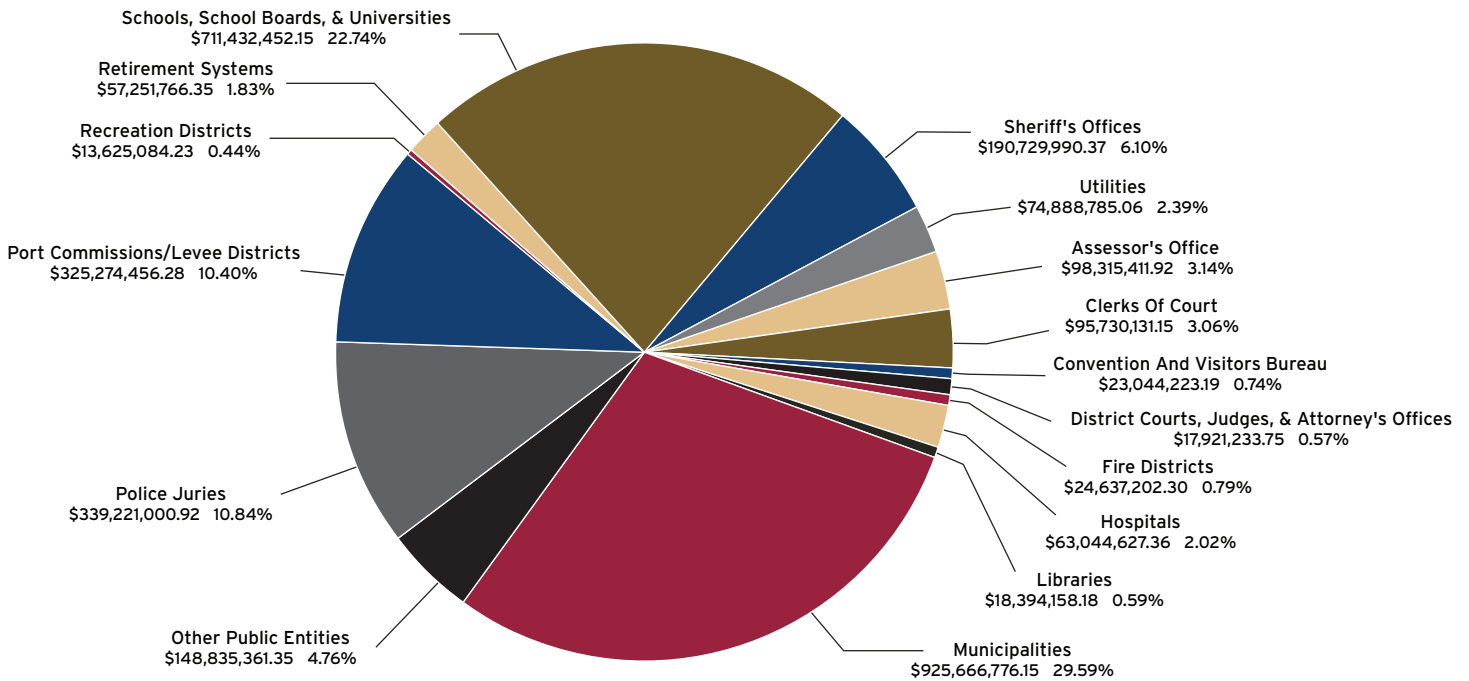
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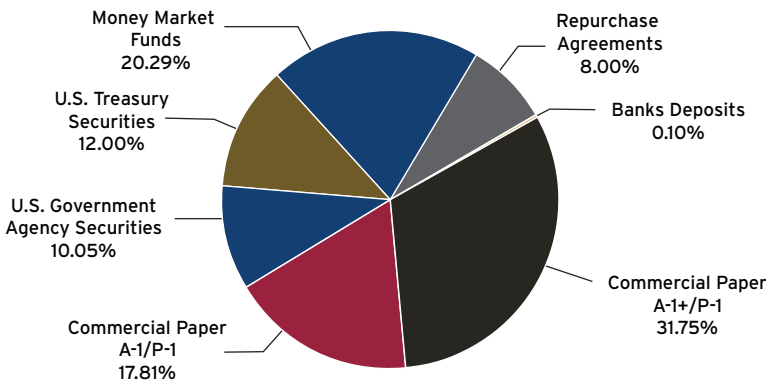
# The **FUND**

## Fund Highlights as of September 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

### Participant Breakdown



### Portfolio Breakdown



Month	Avg Monthly Yields	Month Ending Net Assets
Jul-21	0.03%	\$3,226,236,538
Aug-21	0.03%	\$3,174,717,018
Sep-21	0.04%	\$3,128,282,181

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