

Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc.

# The **ECONOMY**

## Inflation Remains a Problem

Inflation continues to be top of mind for consumers, investors, and the Federal Reserve. The June month-overmonth headline CPI reading of +1.3% and year-over year reading of +9.1% both marked cycle highs. Chairman Powell in his June press conference indicated that although core inflation is a better metric to forecast long-term inflation, headline is important as it's what consumers feel and what drives inflation expectations. While the supply-side shocks that have continued to play a major part in inflation are out of the Fed's control, it has a mandate to fulfill for stable prices and will use the full range of tools at its disposal to try to reign in this current bout of inflation.

The June nonfarm payroll report illustrated that the labor market remains strong as the headline number came in above expectations at +372k and the unemployment rate remained stable at 3.6%, a near five decade low. Job openings remain near all-time highs with the May report showing that there were nearly 11.3 million job openings, or roughly 1.9 jobs for every unemployed person. The strength of the labor market has allowed the Fed to focus solely on the challenge of taming inflation, as we are at maximum employment.

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) met on July 26th-27th. With both the strong labor report and multidecade high CPI reading in hand, the FOMC enacted another jumbo-sized rate hike of 75 basis points to the federal funds target rate. This is the second 75 basis point hike in a row and now brings the target rate to 2.25 - 2.50 basis points, a range that's near where Fed officials have said is the "neutral rate." Expectations remain that the FOMC will have to continue to increase the federal funds rate above neutral in the near-term to cool inflation.

## Treasury Yields

MATURITY	7/19/22	6/21/22	CHANGE
3-Month	2.438%	1.830%	0.608%
6-Month	2.987%	2.346%	0.641%
1-Year	3.151%	2.849%	0.302%
2-Year	3.237%	3.196%	0.041%
3-Year	3.238%	3.347%	-0.109%
5-Year	3.154%	3.363%	-0.210%
10-Year	3.021%	3.275%	-0.254%
30-Year	3.175%	3.337%	-0.163%

Source: Bloomberg

### Agency Yields

MATURITY	7/19/22	6/21/22	CHANGE
3-Month	2.827%	2.266%	0.561%
6-Month	2.970%	2.490%	0.480%
1-Year	3.226%	2.935%	0.291%
2-Year	3.294%	3.259%	0.035%
3-Year	3.301%	3.390%	-0.090%
5-Year	3.293%	3.519%	-0.226%

Source: Bloomberg

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

MATURITY	7/19/22	6/21/22	CHANGE
1-Month	2.160%	1.610%	0.550%
3-Month	2.720%	2.130%	0.590%
6-Month	3.320%	2.800%	0.520%
9-Month	3.600%	3.280%	0.320%

Source: Bloomberg

#### Current Economic Releases

DATA	PERIOD	VALUE
GDP QoQ	Q1 '22	-1.60%
US Unemployment	Jun '22	3.60%
ISM Manufacturing	Jun '22	53.0
PPI YoY	Jun '22	18.60%
CPI YoY	Jun '22	9.10%
Fed Funds Target	Jul 27, 2022	2.25% - 2.50%

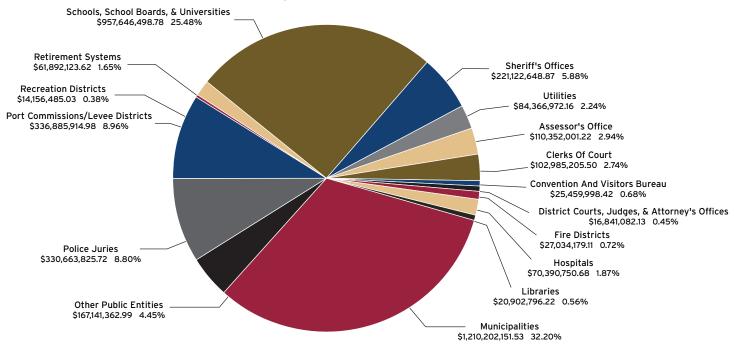
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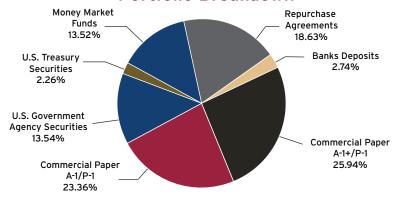
## The **FUND**

## Fund Highlights as of June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

## Participant Breakdown



### Portfolio Breakdown



Month	Avg Monthly Yields	Month Ending Net Assets
Apr-22	0.34%	\$3,309,212,871
May-22	0.76%	\$3,613,843,239
Jun-22	1.14%	\$3,757,168,197

Data may not equal 100% due to rounding. Performance results are shown net of all fees and expenses and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Many factors affect performance including changes in market conditions and interest rates and in response to other economic, political, or financial developments. Investment involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. No assurance can be given that the performance objectives of a given strategy will be achieved. Data Unauditied. All comments and discussion presented are purely based on opinion and assumptions, not fact. These assumptions may or may not be correct based on foreseen and unforeseen events. The information above is not a recommendation to buy, sell, implement, or change any securities or investment strategy, function, or process. Any financial and/or investment decision should be made only after considerable research, consideration, and involvement with an experienced professional engaged for the specific purpose.

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