



Monthly Economic Update

U.S. Jobless Claims Fall by 5,000

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, applications for jobless benefits fell to 366,000 from 371,000 the prior week. Payrolls increased by 157,000 in January, 2013 following a 196,000 jump in December, 2012 and a 247,000 addition in November, 2012. Initial jobless claims reflect weekly terminations and tend to fall as job growth increases. Even with employment increases, however, the labor market has been unable to accelerate during the past year. Unemployment increased to 7.9 percent in January from 7.8 percent in December. Alan Krueger, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, recently said "What we see is a job market that's healing, but it's not back to full health."

U.S. Initial Jobless Claims (2008–Present)



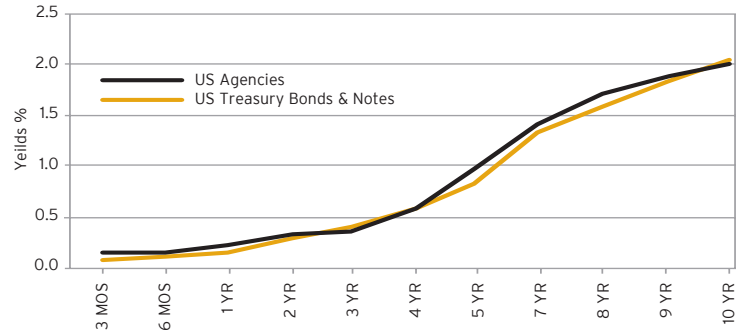
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Selected Current Economic Data

DATA	PERIOD	
GDP QoQ	Q4 '12	-0.1%
GDP YoY	Q4 '12	1.5%
PPI YoY	Dec '12	1.3%
CPI YoY	Dec '12	1.7%
Jobless Rate	Jan '13	7.9%
Fed Funds Target	Jan 30 '13	0 - 0.25%

Source: Bloomberg

Yield Curves (Agency vs. Treasury)



Source: Bloomberg

Treasury Yields

Term	2/7/13	1/31/13	Change
3-Month	0.06%	0.08%	-0.02%
6-Month	0.11%	0.12%	-0.01%
1-Year	0.14%	0.13%	0.01%
2-Year	0.25%	0.26%	-0.01%
5-Year	0.82%	0.88%	-0.06%
10-Year	1.95%	2.00%	-0.05%
30-Year	3.16%	3.18%	-0.02%

Source: Bloomberg

Agency Yields

Term	2/7/13	1/31/13	Change
3-Month	0.08%	0.09%	-0.01%
6-Month	0.11%	0.12%	-0.01%
1-Year	0.15%	0.15%	0.00%
2-Year	0.28%	0.31%	-0.03%
5-Year	1.03%	1.09%	-0.06%
10-Year	2.41%	2.46%	-0.05%

Source: Bloomberg

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

Term	2/7/13	1/31/13	Change
1-Month	0.17%	0.18%	-0.01%
3-Month	0.23%	0.24%	-0.01%
6-Month	0.35%	0.37%	-0.02%
9-Month	0.42%	0.44%	-0.02%

Source: Bloomberg

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