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U.S. LDI Pension MarketWatch

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March 2026 Highlights

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Our funded status estimate (total assets / liability present value) decreased 114 basis points in March, bringing our estimated average to 107.0%.*

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Treasury yields rose in March, with the 5yr, 10yr, and 30yr Treasury rate increasing by 44 basis points (bps), 37bps, and 23bps, respectively.**

03

Equity market returns declined in March, with Global Equity, International Equity (excluding-US), and US Equity down by 7.2%, 9.7%, and 4.9%, respectively.***



Past performance does not guarantee future returns.

Source: *The asset class weights are based on 10-K data from the top 200 public corporate pension plans as of 12/31/2025. The data was sourced using Capital IQ and subsequently aggregated and categorized into asset classes by BlackRock. Using the 10-K asset and liability data sourced by Capital IQ, the funded ratio of the top 200 corporate pension plans was estimated to be 107.70% as of 12/31/2025. **ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch spot curves published as of 3/31/2026. ***As measured by MSCI Developed – US Gross TR Index, MSCI World Ex U.S. Index, and MSCI All Country World Net TR Index as of 3/31/2026. **Index performance does not reflect the deduction of fees and expenses but does reflect the reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, and interest. Indices are unmanaged. One cannot directly invest in an index.**

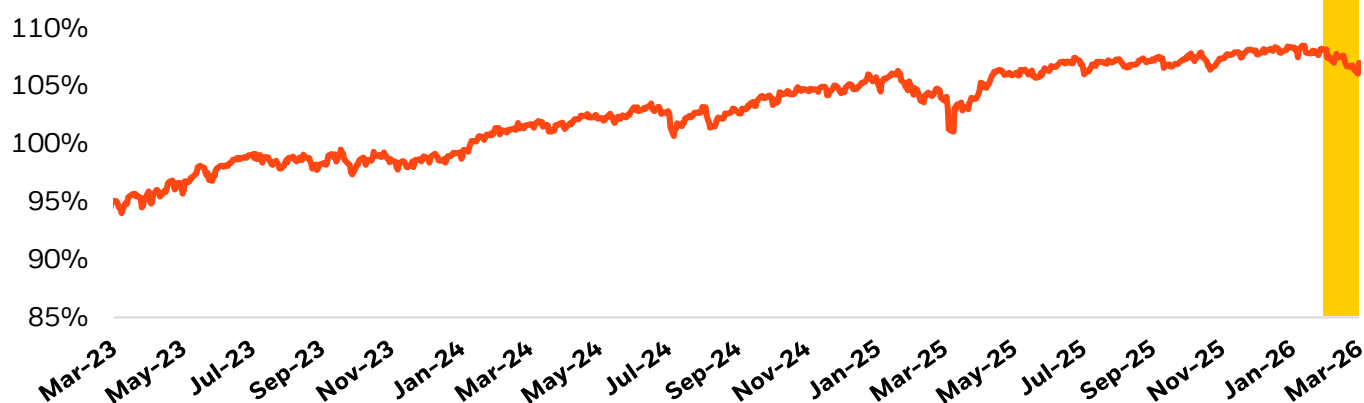
Pension Funding Update

Please note we have updated our assumptions with the latest year end 2025 Capital IQ asset allocation and funded status estimate for the top 200 plans. See Pg 7 for more details.

In March 2026, BlackRock estimates the average funded status for the top 200 U.S. corporate pension plans* was:

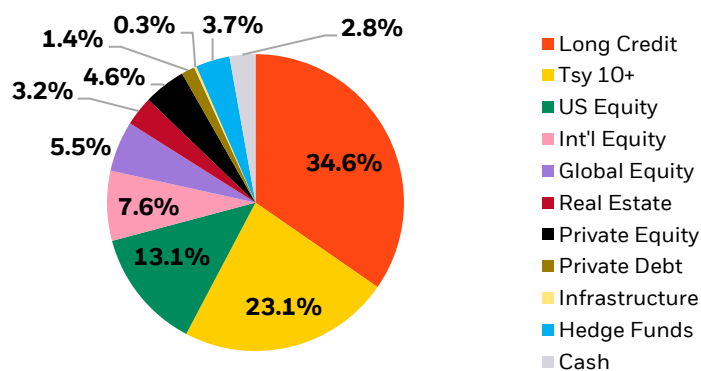
107.0% **-1.14% MTD*****
-0.73% YTD***

Highlighted portion denotes current month



Est. Return**	Mar'26	YTD
Assets	-4.41%	-1.96%
Fixed Income	-3.54%	-0.86%
Equity	-6.75%	-3.12%
Alternatives/Cash	-3.78%	-4.61%
Liabilities	-3.39%	-1.29%
Funded Status	-1.14%	-0.73%

Estimated pension asset allocation*



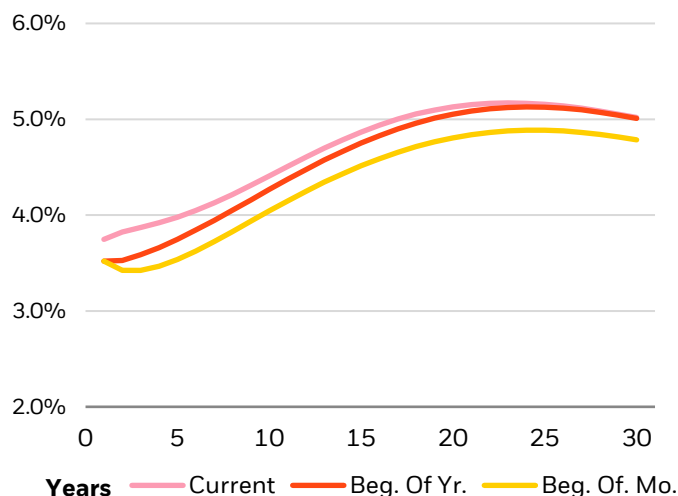
Highlights

- We estimate that the average funded status for a top 200 U.S. corporate pension plan is now 107.0%.*
- Funded status decreased 114bps month over month (MoM) to 107.0%, driven by a greater decline in the blend of asset class returns compared to liabilities.**
- Returns were negative across asset classes in March, led by a 6.75% decline in Equity, then Alternatives/Cash at -3.78% and Fixed Income at -3.54%.**

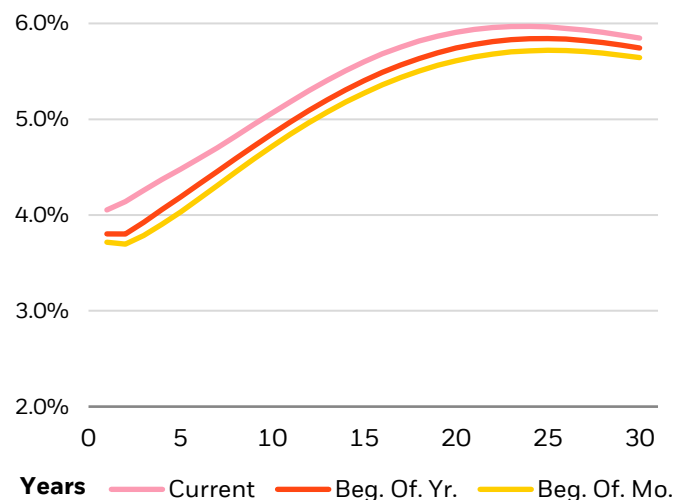
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Treasury market and corporate yield curves

Treasury Yield Curves - Spot



ML AA Corporate Yield Curves



Yields (%)	5 yr	10 yr	20 yr	30 yr
Beg. of Yr.	3.75	4.27	5.05	5.01
Beg. Of. Mo.	3.54	4.04	4.81	4.79
Current	3.98	4.41	5.13	5.02

Yields (%)	5 yr	10 yr	20 yr	30 yr
Beg. of Yr.	4.19	4.85	5.74	5.74
Beg. Of. Mo.	4.03	4.72	5.61	5.64
Current	4.48	5.06	5.91	5.85

Data shown in the tables is a numerical representation of the yield curve charts and highlights the yield at a specific tenor of the yield curve. "Current" represents the yield curve as of 3/31/2026. "Beg. Of. Mo." represents the yield curve as of 2/27/2026. "Beg. Of. Yr." represents the yield curve as of 12/31/2025.

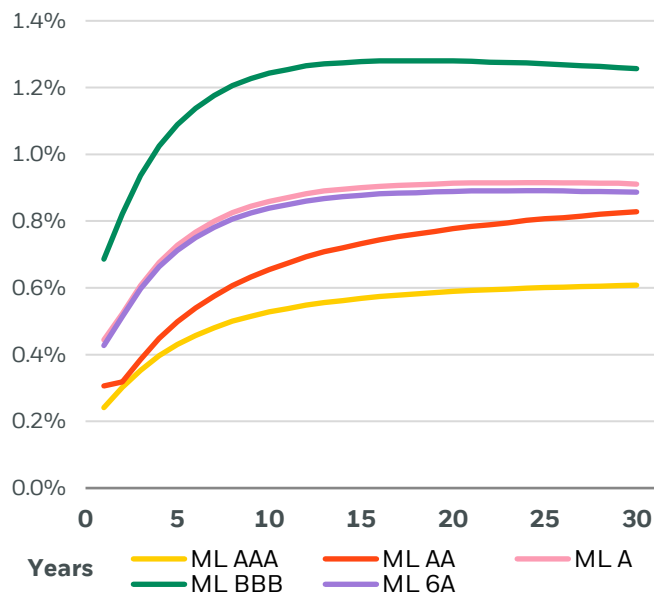
Highlights

- The treasury yield curve was higher across the curve in March, increasing 44bps, 37bps, and 23bps at the 5yr, 10yr, and 30yr point, respectively.*
- The yield curve bear flattened month-on-month, and the 5s30s spread declined by around 21bps, while the 5s10s spread declined by about 8bps.**
- Corporate yields also increased across tenors. The 5yr corporate yield rose by 45bps, the 10yr by 35bps, and the 30yr by 20bps.**

Source: *Bureau of Labor Statistics. **ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch spot curves published as of 3/31/2026. All yields are spot rates. All data as of market close at 3/31/2026. **Past performance does not guarantee future returns. Indexes do not reflect the deduction of fees and expenses but do include the reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, and interest. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index.**

Credit market

Credit spread curves



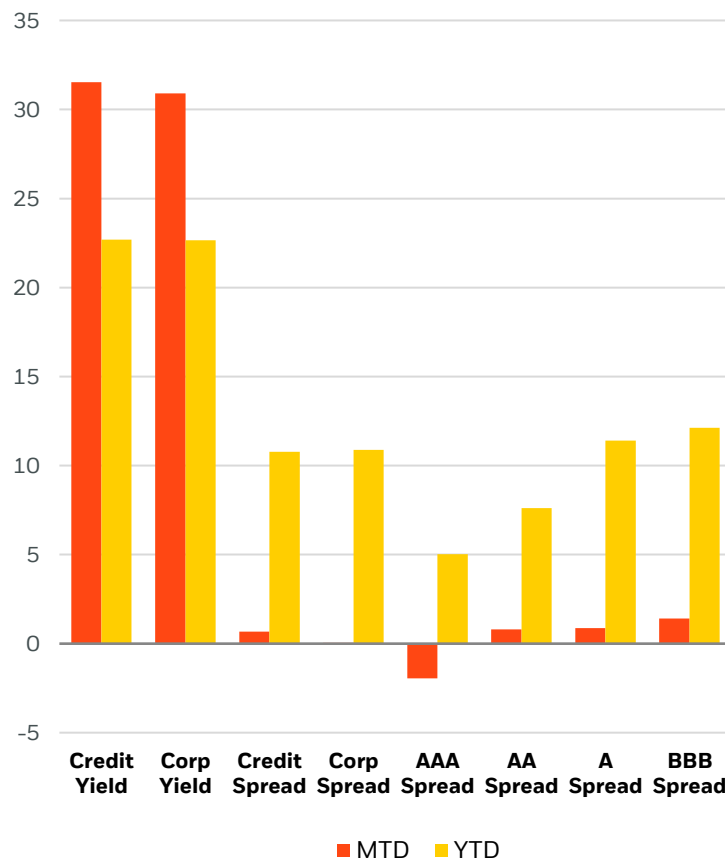
Term Yr	ML AAA	ML AA	ML A	ML BBB	ML 6A
5	0.43%	0.50%	0.73%	1.09%	0.71%
10	0.53%	0.66%	0.86%	1.24%	0.84%
20	0.59%	0.78%	0.91%	1.28%	0.89%
30	0.61%	0.83%	0.91%	1.26%	0.89%

Data shown in table is a numerical representation of the credit spread curves chart.* The table highlights the yield of a particular spread curve at a specific tenor.*

Highlights

- Long corporate spreads remained nearly flat month-to-date, while long corporate yields moved higher by 31bps over the month, driven by higher rates.*
- Looking across investment grade credit qualities, AAAs tightened by 2bps, while spreads widened by 1bp in all other rating categories over March.*

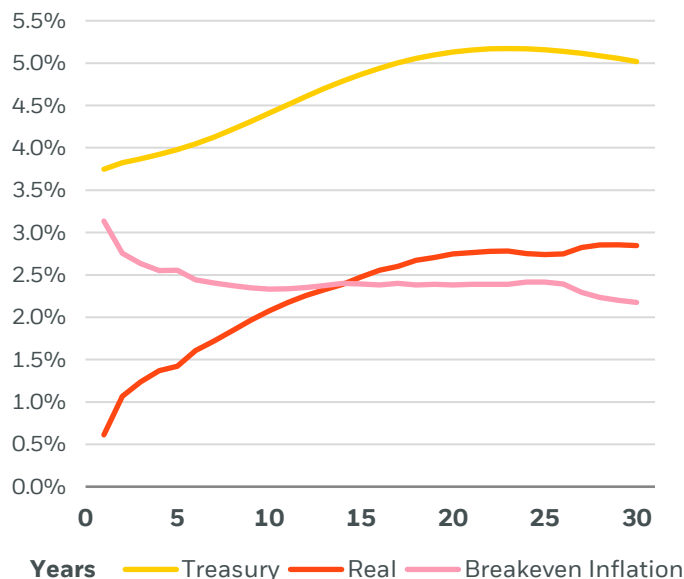
Change of 10+yr bond index maturities (in bps)



Source: *ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch yield curves; Barclays 10+ year bond maturity indices. All data as of market close at 3/31/2026. **Past performance does not guarantee future returns. Indices are unmanaged. One cannot directly invest in an index.** Credit ratings as determined by ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch indices, which use simple averages of ratings from Moody's S&P and Fitch. AAA, AA, A and BBB represent different credit qualities within the investment grade corporate universe. 6A represents the weighted average of credit ratings above BBB rating.

Inflation and breakevens

Real Yields



Term Yr	Treasury Yield (%)	Real Yield (%)	BE Inflation (%)
5	3.98	1.42	2.56
10	4.41	2.08	2.33
20	5.13	2.75	2.38
30	5.02	2.84	2.18

Periodic Change (in bps)

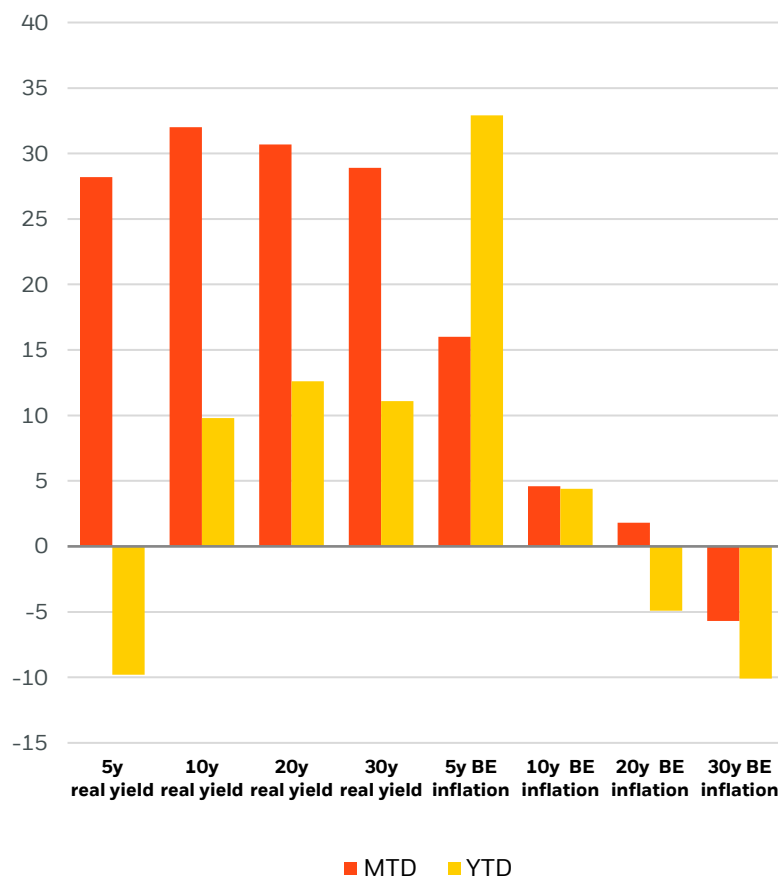


Table is a numerical representation of the chart above, which highlights the Treasury yield, breakeven inflation level and real yield at a specific term.**

Highlights

- February Core Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) rose 0.20% MoM (released March 13, 2026) with headline CPI coming in at 0.3%. Core CPI increased 2.5% over the past year.*
- Breakeven inflation were mixed in March, with the breakeven levels higher by 16bps and 5bps at the 5yr and 10yr points, respectively, and lower 6bps at the 30yr point.**
- Real yields, nominal yields adjusted to remove the effects of inflation, rose across the curve, with the 5yr, 10yr, and 30yr real yields higher by 25bps+.**

Source: *Bureau of Labor Statistics. **ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch. All yields are spot rates. All data as of market close at 3/31/2026. **Past Performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** BE = breakeven.

Assumptions for Pension Funding Update

Asset allocation mapping for funding ratio calculation on Page 3

Type	Asset Class	Index Assumption	Weight
Fixed Income	Long Credit	BBG U.S. Long Credit Index	34.6%
	Tsy 10+	BBG Treasury 10+ Yr Index	23.1%
Equity	U.S. Equity	MSCI Developed – U.S. Gross TR Index	13.1%
	Int'l Equity	MSCI World Ex U.S. Index	7.6%
	Global Equity	MSCI All Country World Net TR Index	5.5%
Alts/Cash	Real Estate	Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Index	3.2%
	Private Equity	S&P Listed Private Equity Index	4.6%
	Private Debt	BBG Private Debt 10+ Years Custom Index	1.4%
	Infrastructure	Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index	0.3%
	Hedge Funds	HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	3.7%
	Cash	BBG T-Bill 1-3 Month Index	2.8%
		Liability	N/A

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