FOMC, ~~September 16~~ October 28, 2026

Press Release

Federal Reserve issues FOMC statement

For release at 2:00 p.m. EDT

The Federal Open Market Committee approved the following statement for release by a ~~12 – 0~~ 10 – 2 vote:

The Committee decided to ~~raise~~maintain the target range for the federal funds rate ~~by 1/4 percentage point to~~ 3-3/4 to 4 percent, in support of the Federal Reserve's dual mandate. The Committee is continuing its policy of maintaining ample reserves in the banking system.

Economic activity is expanding at a ~~solid~~ strong pace. While uncertainty remains elevated owing, in part, to geopolitical developments, domestic spending has been resilient. Productivity growth is strong, and capital investment is robust. Job gains have kept pace with the workforce, and the unemployment rate has changed little.

Inflation remains elevated. ~~Today's policy action~~ The accumulation of more information will ~~support~~ help the Committee determine the policy stance appropriate to a ~~timelier~~ timely return of inflation to the Committee's 2 percent goal. The Committee will deliver price stability.

Voting against the monetary policy action were Lisa D. Cook and Beth M. Hammack, who preferred to raise the target range for the federal funds rate by 1/4 percentage point at this meeting.

https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/pressreleases/monetary20260916a.htm

Implementation Note issued September 16, 2026 (See below)

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Decisions Regarding Monetary Policy Implementation

The Federal Reserve has made the following decisions to implement the monetary policy stance announced by the Federal Open Market Committee in its statement on October 28, 2026:

- The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System voted unanimously to maintain the interest rate paid on reserve balances at 3.90 percent, effective October 29, 2026.

- As part of its policy decision, the Federal Open Market Committee voted to direct the Open Market Desk at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, until instructed otherwise, to execute transactions in the System Open Market Account in accordance with the following domestic policy directive:

"Effective October 29, 2026, the Federal Open Market Committee directs the Desk to:

o Undertake open market operations as necessary to maintain the federal funds rate in a target range of 3-3/4 to 4 percent.

o Conduct standing overnight repurchase agreement operations at a rate of 4.0 percent.

o Conduct standing overnight reverse repurchase agreement operations at an offering rate of 3.75 percent and with a per-counterparty limit of $160 billion per day.

o When appropriate, increase the System Open Market Account holdings of securities through purchases of Treasury bills and, if needed, other Treasury securities with remaining maturities of 3 years or less to maintain an ample level of reserves.

o Roll over at auction all principal payments from the Federal Reserve's holdings of Treasury securities. Reinvest all principal payments from the Federal Reserve's holdings of agency securities into Treasury bills."

- In a related action, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System voted unanimously to approve the establishment of the primary credit rate at the existing level of 4.0 percent.

This information will be updated as appropriate to reflect decisions of the Federal Open Market Committee or the Board of Governors regarding details of the Federal Reserve's operational tools and approach used to implement monetary policy.

More information regarding open market operations and reinvestments may be found on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's website.

https://www.newyorkfed.org/markets/domestic-market-operations