

New Mexico Local Government Investment Pool

Newsletter

Safety, Liquidity, Yield...In That Order!

August 2021

Portfolio Summary of the Local Government Investment Pool

Summary

- Ending June market value for the LGIP was \$1.143 bil versus May's reported closing value of \$1.278 bil.
- The LGIP maintains a AAAm rating by Standard & Poor's.

Portfolio Mix

- At the end of June, the portfolio was invested as follows: 60% in US Treasuries, 27% in collateralized demand deposit accounts with qualified banking institutions, 8% in supranational securities, and 5% in US government agencies.
- At month-end, the LGIP held positions in 43 securities.

Investment Earnings

- During June, the fund earned \$120,403.
- For FY2021, the fund earned \$1,850,259.
- LGIP earnings are retained by participants after a management fee of 0.05% is paid to the General Fund.

Performance

- Gross yield on the LGIP was 0.12% at the end of June.
- Net yield to participants was 0.07%.

Investment Highlights

For the LGIP, the WAM(R) of 48 days and WAM
(F) of 78 days were within their maximums of 60 and 120 days respectively.

During the month, the LGIP purchased \$251.5 mil
 US Treasury securities and \$20.0 mil supranational
 securities. The Pool sold \$60.0 mil US Treasury
 securities for rebalancing.

Investment Strategy

- LGIP WAMs are currently 38 and 65 days for WAM(R) and WAM(F), respectively.
- LGIP will continue to focus on maximizing safety of principal and providing adequate liquidity through the use of prudent investments.

Net Asset Value/Share

 At month-end, the Net Asset Value per Share of the LGIP was \$0.99998.

STO's website provides a multitude of informative New Mexico LGIP reports and portfolio summaries, including a link to access the LGIP Internet Participant Access System (IPAS) and handy user guide. If you are not currently enrolled in IPAS, you are missing out on all the advantages:

- Paperless transactions and statements
- Easy, no hassle, multi-level approvals
- Transfer cash, and purchase and redeem shares within authorized accounts at the push of a button

So Don't be Last—Get IPAS!

To enroll, call Felicia Roybal at (505) 955-1142 or email nmsto.lgip@state.nm.us.

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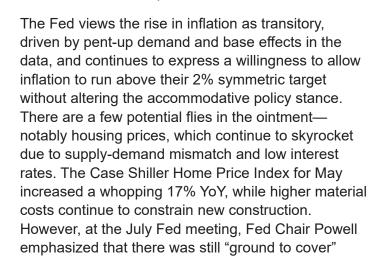
Upcoming Data to Watch

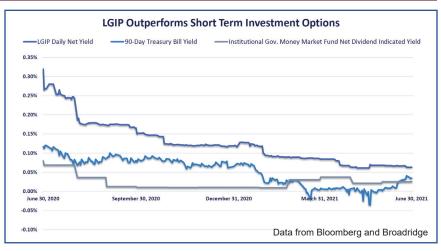
Data	Period	Value	Next Period	Expected Value	Release Date
ISM Manufacturing Index	Jun 21	60.6	Jul 21	60.7	8/2/2021
ISM Services Index	Jun 21	60.1	Jul 21	60.5	8/4/2021
U.S. Unemployment	Jun 21	5.90%	Jul 21	5.70%	8/6/2021
Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Jun 21	850,000	Jul 21	900,000	8/6/2021
CPI YoY	Jun 21	5.40%	Jul 21	n/a	8/11/2021
PPI YoY	Jun 21	7.30%	Jul 21	n/a	8/12/2021
PCE Core Deflator YoY	Jun 21	3.50%	Jul 21	n/a	8/27/2021
Fed Funds Target	28 Jul 21	0.00%-0.25%	22 Sep 21	0.00%-0.25%	9/22/2021
GDP QoQ	Q2 2021	6.50%	Q3 2021	n/a	10/28/2021

^{*} Expected Values as of 7/30/2021; data from Bloomberg.

Market Outlook

With the reopening underway, markets are absorbing incoming data to gauge the strength of the economy, factors contributing to higher inflation, and the spread of COVID-19 variants, particularly the fast-spreading Delta variant. As Fed Chair Powell noted throughout the pandemic, progress in the economy will rely heavily on the path of the virus, and market volatility in July has reflected this reality. The Fed's dual mandate, to promote maximum employment and price stability, appears to be playing tug-of-war, as progress in the labor market has not matched the recent spike in inflation.





in the labor market before a policy shift would be warranted. June non-farm payrolls increased by 850,000—an impressive number that still managed to miss estimates as the economy struggles to get back to pre-pandemic employment levels. The expiration of additional unemployment benefits in September could usher in a change in the employment picture, and all eyes will be on the incoming data.

All told, the path of least resistance is for the Fed to hold short-term rates near zero for the foreseeable future. The yield on the LGIP closely tracks the level of Federal Funds, so without a change from the Fed, we anticipate no meaningful increase to the pool's yield. As always, the pool will prioritize safety, liquidity, and yield—in that order.