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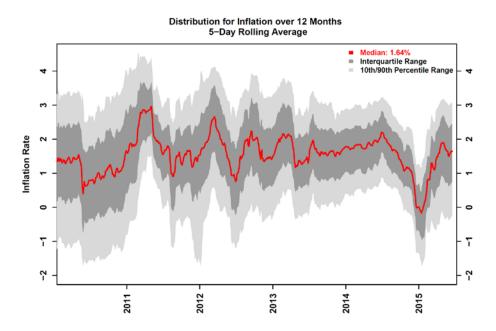
BANKING AND POLICY STUDIES

Minneapolis Options Report – June 19th

Over the past two weeks, market-implied inflation expectations increased across the tenors we follow (1-, 2-, and 5-year periods). MPD skews on treasury options continued to imply bias towards higher future rates at the long end of the curve but this measure moderated considerably over the past two weeks. The dollar weakened against the pound and yen. The MPD skews associated with the USD-Yen pair increased and became positive, implying bias toward a weaker dollar. The banks and insurance companies that we follow outperformed the S&P 500's two-week loss, and investor uncertainty surrounding these banks and insurance companies, as measured by MPD standard deviations, continued to increase. Lean hogs continued to fall sharply (-6%) with market-implied bias continuing to point toward lower future prices.

Inflation

Market-based inflation expectations derived from caps and floors on the CPI for 1-, 2-, and 5-year period increased over the past two weeks, as seen most clearly in the 1-year tenor (see figure below).



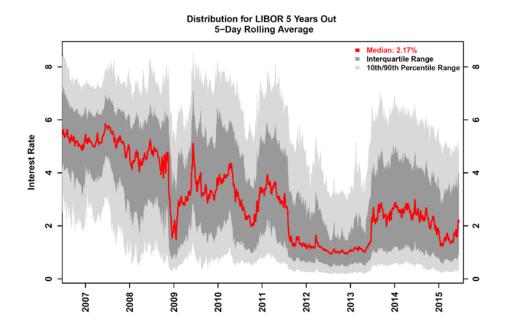
Additional detail:

- Median expectations for inflation from market-based probability distributions (MPDs) currently sit at 1.65%, 1.76%, and 1.91% for the 1-, 2-, and 5-year tenors, respectively.
- MPD standard deviations remained fairly flat across tenors, suggesting little change in investor uncertainty. Current measures are near their 4-year medians.
- MPD skew on the 5-year tenor remains at the very high end of its 4-year range and positive (0.56), denoting a market-implied bias toward higher inflation rates over this time frame. Skews on the two nearer tenors are negative (-0.23 for the 1-year period MPD and -0.02 for the 2-year period MPD), suggesting market-implied bias towards lower rates in the near-term.

Interest Rates

Prices on 5- and 10-year Treasury notes increased over the two week period (0.4% and 0.6%, respectively), and yields consequently fell. The trend since the beginning of the year has been towards higher yields. MPD skews increased but remained negative, suggesting a slightly modulated bias towards

lower prices and higher rates. Median short-term interest rate expectations, as derived from caps and floors on three month LIBOR, dropped for both tenors we follow. The 3-year tenor decreased 12 bps over the past two weeks to 1.49%, and the 5-year tenor decreased 2 bps to 1.92%. Despite the declines, these rates are considerably higher than those seen in early 2015 (see figure below).



Banks and Insurance Companies

The S&P 500 lost -0.6% again over the past two weeks. The 17 domestic bank company stocks and 11 insurance companies we follow outperformed this return (1.7% and 1.2%, respectively). Investor uncertainty surrounding the bank and insurance companies increased, as measured by increases in MPD standard deviations of 0.5% and 0.1%, respectively.

Additional details:

- Two banks, CS and KEY, had large positive shifts in their skews (1 and 0.82 percentage points), though the skews remained negative.
- The market implied probability of a -20% or more decline fell by 1.7 percentage points to 5.9% for CS.

Other Markets

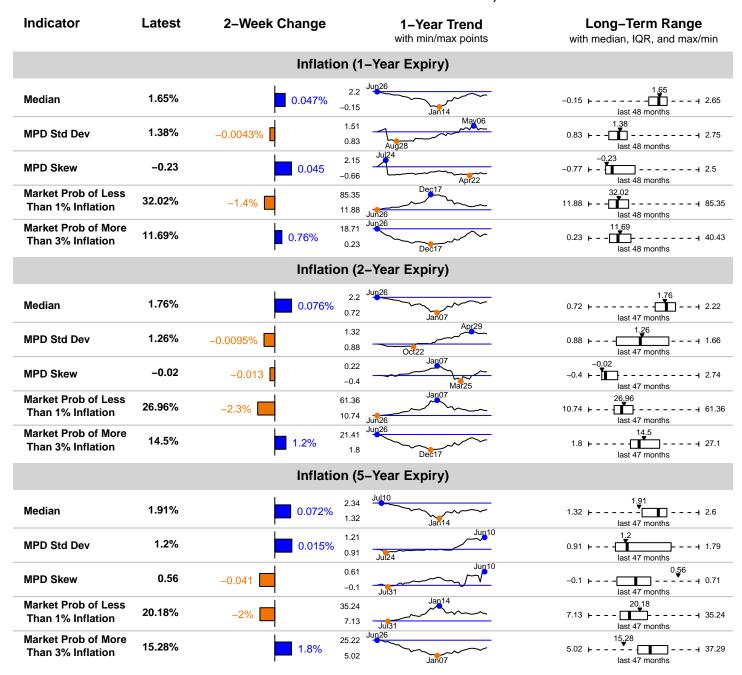
- The MPD skew derived from 6- and 12-month-out options on the S&P 500 index increased over the past two weeks though it is still below its 4-year median, suggesting a slight moderation in market-implied bias toward lower prices.
- The iShares U.S. Real Estate Index outperformed the S&P500 over the last two weeks, remaining flat. The market-implied probability of a -10% or more decline, which peaked in early May, continued to decline and fell to 11.4%, suggesting that investors are factoring in lower tail risk in the sector.
- The dollar weakened against the pound and yen, and remained flat against the euro. The MPD skews associated with the USD-Yen pair increased and became positive, implying bias toward a weaker dollar (see figure below).

Exchange Rate MPD Statistics as of June 17, 2015

Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min		
Dollar-Yen Futures (3-Month Expiry)						
MPD Skew	0.05	0.2	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	-0.44 + 0.05 last 48 months		

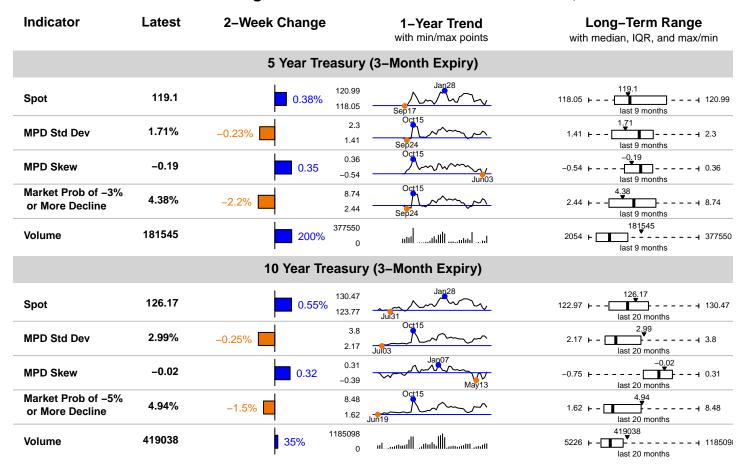
- Spot prices for gold and silver fell over the last two weeks (-0.7% and -3.2%, respectively) and remained near 4-year lows. Options volume for gold was up 120% and was much higher than the 4-year median.
- The spot price of WTI crude oil continued its climb (+1.3%). The MPD standard deviation increased but remained low compared to December 2014 highs (24% versus 33%). The MPD skew remained negative and near its 4-year 25th percentile, indicating a continued bias towards lower future prices of WTI crude.
- Corn and wheat prices declined (-0.4% and -3.3%, respectively), while soybeans increased (1.9%). MPD skew on all three crop commodities continued to be high and positive, suggesting market-implied bias toward higher future prices. Lean hog prices fell again (-5.9%) to an 8-month low. In addition, their market-implied probability of a -20% or more decline increased by 2.4 percentage points to 13.1%, indicating higher tail risk being factored in by investors.

Inflation MPD Statistics as of June 17, 2015

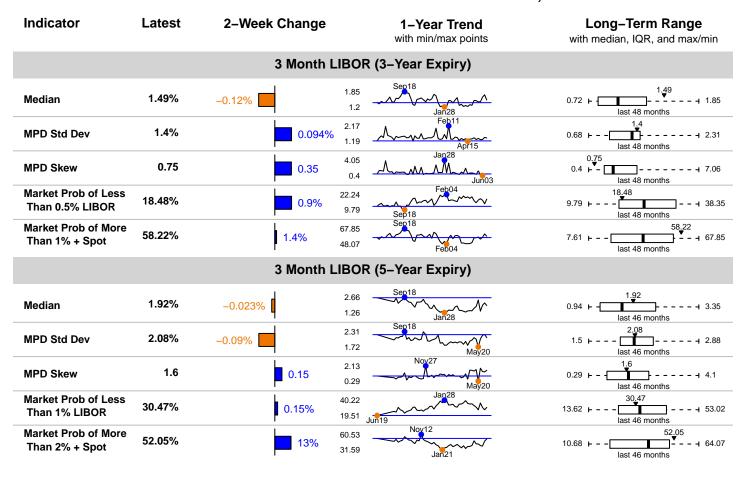


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Medium-to-Long Bond Price MPD Statistics as of June 17, 2015

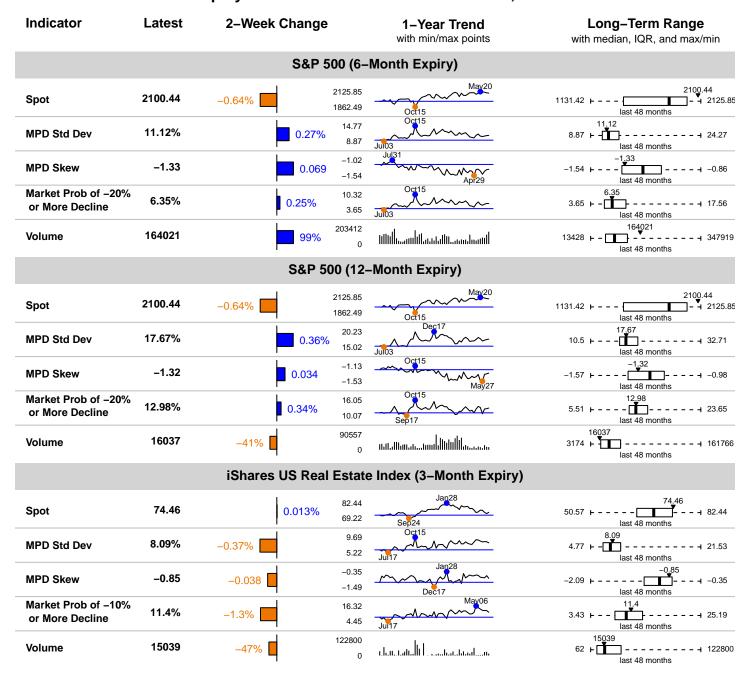


Short Interest Rates MPD Statistics as of June 17, 2015



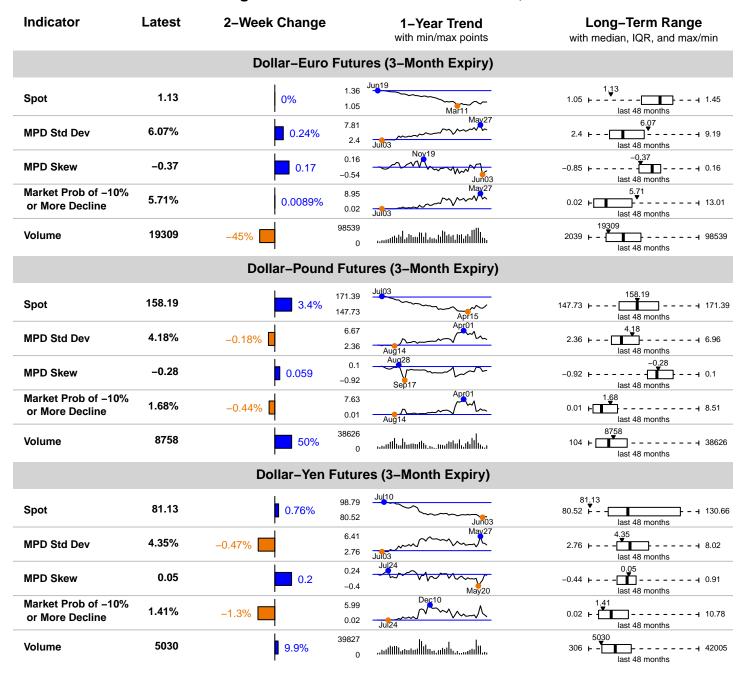
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Equity Index MPD Statistics as of June 17, 2015



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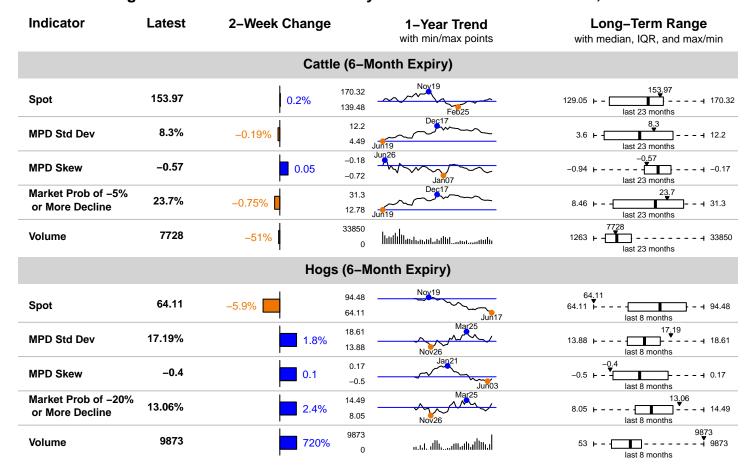
Metal and Energy Commodity MPD Statistics as of June 17, 2015



Agricultural Crop Commodity MPD Statistics as of June 17, 2015



Agricultural Livestock Commodity MPD Statistics as of June 17, 2015

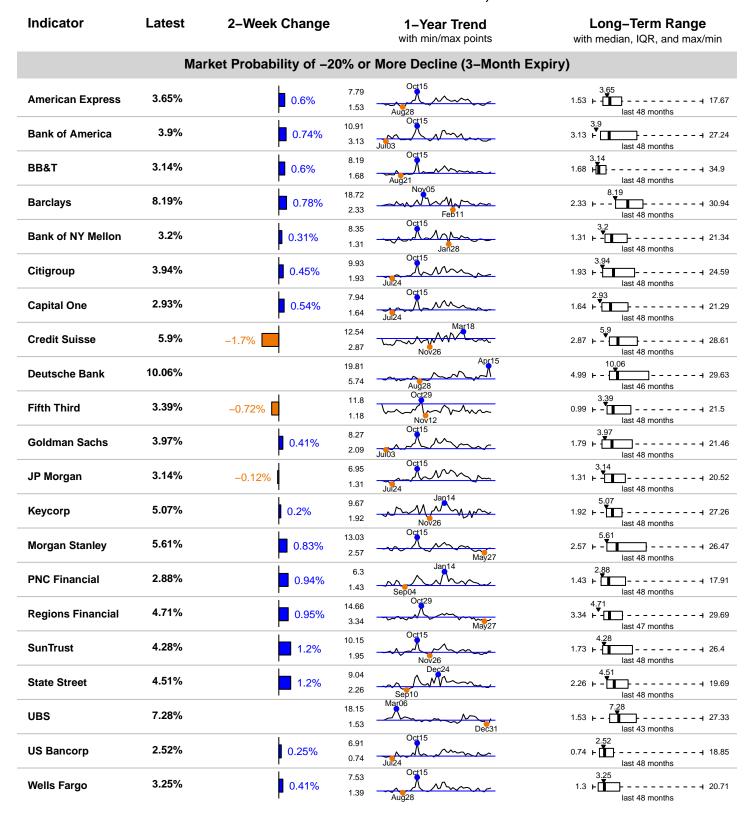


Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change		1–Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
		MPD Standard I	Devia	ation (3-Month Expiry)	
American Express	9.58%	0.49%	13.33 7.82	Oct15 Aug28	9.58 7.82 + 1 4 24.05 last 48 months
Bank of America	10.48%	0.72%	15.89 9.68	Oct15 May27	10.48 9.68 + 1 44.07 last 48 months
BB&T	8.71%	0.36%	12.4 7.29	Oct15 Juil03	8.71 7.29 - III 27.58 last 48 months
Barclays	13.7%	0.25%	19.56 10.93	Jan21 Feb11	13.7 10.93 + 1 42.39 last 48 months
Bank of NY Mellon	9.28%	0.37%	13.49 7.88	Oct15 Jul24	9.28 7.88 + T
Citigroup	10.09%	0.45%	15.52 8.52	Jui24	10,09 8.52 33.38 last 48 months
Capital One	8.88%	0.51%	12.94 7.72	Oct15 Jul24	8.88 7.72 29.49 last 48 months
Credit Suisse	12.9%	-0.057%	16 10.18	Jan21 Jul24	12.9 9.84 ⊢ -
Deutsche Bank	14.45%		19.88 11.65	Apr15 May08	14.45 11.33 - 11.33 41.68 last 46 months
Fifth Third	9.7%	-0.31%	15.13 8.23	Jun19	8.21 + 1 30.73 last 48 months
Goldman Sachs	9.89%	0.45%	13.57 8.23	Oct15 Juil03	9.89 8.23 + 1 31.2 last 48 months
JP Morgan	9.02%	-0.025%	12.95 7.41	Jul 24	9.02 7.41 + 1 30.37 last 48 months
Keycorp	11.15%	0.2%	14.67 8.98	Jan07 Nov26	11,15 8.98 + 1 35.48 last 48 months
Morgan Stanley	11.07%	0.56%	17.04 8.97	Oct15 May27	11.07 8.97 41.77 last 48 months
PNC Financial	8.78%	0.95%	11.22 7.45	Jan 14 Sep 10	8.78 7.45 + 1 4 26.31 last 48 months
Regions Financial	11.39%	0.89%	15.14 10.09	Oct29 May27	11.39 10.09 ⊦
SunTrust	10.12%	0.63%	14.6 7.82	Oct15 Nov26	10,12 7.82 + IIII 34.43 last 48 months
State Street	10.43%	1.3%	13.7 8.81	Oct15 Sep04	10.43 8.81 + 1 27.95 last 48 months
UBS	13.36%		19.02 8.7	Mar06 Sep24	13,36 8.7 ⊢ - 139.87 last 43 months
US Bancorp	8.47%	0.29%	13.1 6.58	Oct15 Jul24	8.47 6.58 ⊦
Wells Fargo	8.89%	0.44%	12.75 7.16	Oct15 Jul24	8.89 7.16 ⊢ 28.37 last 48 months

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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change		1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min	
MPD Skew (3-Month Expiry)						
American Express	-0.55	-0.015	-0.21 -0.74	Jul31 Oct15	-0.55 -1.32 +	
Bank of America	-0.28	-0.022	-0.02 -0.7	Jul10 Oct15	-0.28 -1.17	
BB&T	-1.05	-0.12	-0.22 -1.3	Dec10 Nov26	-1.05 -1.54 +	
Barclays	-0.91	0.32	0.56 -2.51	Feb25	-0.91 -2.51 ⊢ 	
Bank of NY Mellon	-0.68	-0.062		Jan28 Jun10	-0.68 -1.56 ⊢ 	
Citigroup	-0.64	-0.065	-0.29 -0.89	Jul 17 Oct 15	-0.64 -1.23 +	
Capital One	-0.74	-0.062	-0.16 -0.89	Aug07 Oct22	-0.74 -1.38 ⊢ 	
Credit Suisse	-0.44	1	0.89 -1.58	Jan07 Apr01	-0.44 -2.07 + 1 0.89 last 48 months	
Deutsche Bank	-0.74		0.35 -1.06	Jun26 Mar18	-0.74 -1.31 + 1.35 last 46 months	
Fifth Third	-0.26	0.5	2.19 -1.49	Feb04 Nov26	-0.26 -1.49 ⊢ - {	
Goldman Sachs	-0.67	-0.02	-0.46 -0.97	Jul10 Oct15	-1.38	
JP Morgan	-0.74	-0.027	-0.33 -0.96	Jul17 Dec17	-0.74 -1.44	
Keycorp	-0.18	0.82	0.17 -1.59	Jan07 May13	-0.18 -2.24 10.4 last 48 months	
Morgan Stanley	-0.71	-0.11	-0.26 -0.87	Aug07 Oct08	-0.71 -1.2 + 1 -0.25	
PNC Financial	-0.84	-0.0031	-0.39 -1.29	Sep10	-1.51 +	
Regions Financial	-0.61	-0.062	0.68 -1.54	Oct15 Feb25	-1.94 ⊢ 	
SunTrust	-0.49	0.16	-0.26 -1.05	Dec17 Nov19	-0.49 -1.16 -0.26 last 48 months	
State Street	-0.68	0.19	-0.13 -2.31	Aug14 Dec24	-2.31	
UBS	-0.04		0.91 -1.72	Dec31 Nov26	-0.04 -3.36 + 10.97 last 43 months	
US Bancorp	-0.75	-0.061	-0.2 -1.18	Dec17 Oct15	-0.75 -1.45 0.2	
Wells Fargo	-0.79	0.026	-0.52 -1.24	Aug21 Jan07	-1.73	

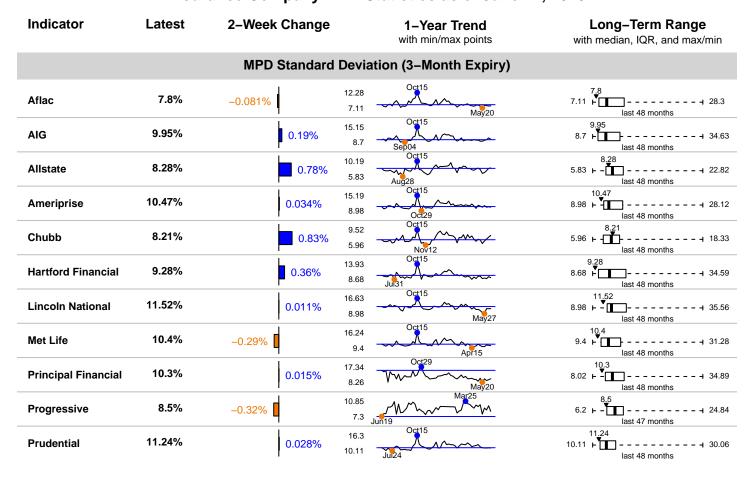
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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change		1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
		Volum	ie (3-l	Month Expiry)	
American Express	1113	-20%	28004		1113 623 + 1 1 28004 last 48 months
Bank of America	58019	-19%	138459 0	Assibiliassaninhild bidin	58019 7419 ⊢ 11 363160 last 48 months
BB&T	1454	100%	5688 0	anallil natatina talailiitiitata kaan	136 F - 1454 last 48 months
Barclays	330	230%	11011 0	landu	330 13 ♣
Bank of NY Mellon	551	-74%	13099 0		551 59 H 17091 last 48 months
Citigroup	17558	140%	140439 0		17558 1104 ⊢ 150972 last 48 months
Capital One	719	28%	5543 0	nntereentratallaandisel	719 148 H 1 16299 last 48 months
Credit Suisse	718	46%	15145 0	lul	718 0 15145 last 48 months
Deutsche Bank	6538		25112 0	t.aanama.althun.amaat	6538 182 +
Fifth Third	679	12%	7607	aandanatd aantdaadhla	679 28 + 1 19127 last 48 months
Goldman Sachs	2927	32%	15721	ndududhdulatu.ahut.ahutalauatla	2927 296 + last 48 months
JP Morgan	10929	310%	79587	adidaaaadiaad laanaditaa.n	10929 943 + 1 1119246 last 48 months
Keycorp	535	-11%	3300	nanamalkaalintuutuutanaa	44 1 76270 last 48 months 2849
Morgan Stanley	2849	3.4%	48955	trananti lillatraltarutra	327 F
PNC Financial	524	10%	4810	alaanamaahtilatitaidataa	83 FII 12224 <u>last 48 months</u> 955
Regions Financial	955	-5.1%	47940 0 4808		20 1 4 47940 last 47 months
SunTrust	978	270%	0	atualiataittuarailtitusluutsasa	61 + 13788 last 48 months 240
State Street	240	38%	2086	honoudichteob.allochiatolica	42 H 5339 last 48 months 124
UBS	124	l	0 0006	r I III . tumaddtutladaanan arasa	6502 last 43 months
US Bancorp	1117	220%	9006		172 H 29201 last 48 months
Wells Fargo	3860	-46%	62697 0	ranaantillituraatituun aasattala.	950 167820 last 48 months

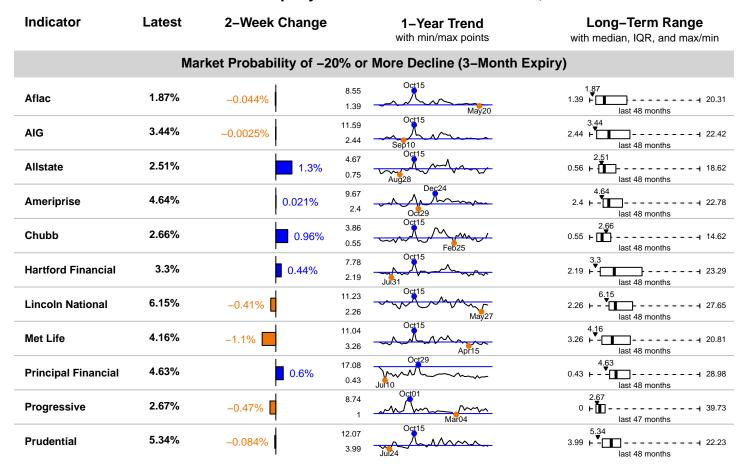
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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change	1-Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
		MPD Ske	ew (3-Month Expiry)	
Aflac	-0.71	-0.014	-0.32 Jun19 -1.08 Oct29	-0.71 -1.24
AIG	-0.5	0.028	-0.23 -0.84 Dec31 Feb18	-0.5 -1.23 н - -0.03 last 48 months
Allstate	-0.69	-0.3	-0.31 Jul31 -1.5 Nov12	-0.69 -1.5 +
Ameriprise	-0.6	-0.16	-0.11 Dec31 -1.44 Oct15	-4.03 ⊢
Chubb	-1.08	-0.35	-0.21 Aug14 -1.15 Dec24	-1.56 -1.08 -1.56 -1.08 last 48 months
Hartford Financial	-0.65	0.045	-0.2 Jul 7 -1.59 Oct 29	-0.65 -1.59 ⊢ □ □ − − − − − − − − − − − − −
Lincoln National	-0.47	0.27	-0.26 Jul 7 -1.02 Apr 01	-0.47 -1.59 10.15 last 48 months
Met Life	-0.61	-0.087	-0.35 Jul31 -0.82 Dec10	-0.61 -1.52 ⊢ □ 1
Principal Financial	-0.77	0.39	0.21 Oct15 -2.87 Aug21	-0.77 -2.95
Progressive	-1.81	0.22	0.42 -2.75 Nov12	-1.81 -3.54 + 0.71 last 47 months
Prudential	-0.47	-0.041	-0.82 Apr22 Nov05	-0.47 -1.45 ⊢

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Indicator	Latest	2-Week Change		1–Year Trend with min/max points	Long-Term Range with median, IQR, and max/min
		Volum	ne (3-l	Month Expiry)	
Aflac	980	-23%	13324 0	aatutulaanaananallitatt.atal.	980 405 + 1 − − − − − − − − − − − − − − − − − −
AIG	14066	-8.3%	69392 0	anathananahantahiti	14066 432 н — — — — — — 103998 last 48 months
Allstate	183	150%	4626 0	naadataanidalaaanaataalindaa	183 63 1 68926 last 48 months
Ameriprise	78	1.3%	1071 0	n.l.mandat.m.andlm.n.	78 5 - 1114 last 48 months
Chubb	10	-88%	9027		10 10 1 1 11114 last 48 months
Hartford Financial	563	5.4%	9199		563 65 Inst 48 months
Lincoln National	441	62%	8403 0		441 51 4 1 10682 last 48 months
Met Life	7615	-44%	29248 0		7615 319 ∰ 161416 last 48 months
Principal Financial	64	33%	545 0	معاملات المعاملات	64 2 👖 1 2956 last 48 months
Progressive	73	200%	773 0	alamita and and and	73 0 1 4 4283 last 47 months
Prudential	1757	250%	17185 0	aladda ttaalutataantaalutaan	1757 222 17185 last 48 months

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