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Spread Snapshot Understanding yields and spreads in today's markets

# A dashboard of yield and spread across various asset classes

#### As of December 31, 2024

Based on standardized spread levels vs. trailing 3-, 5- and 10-year averages

	US Agg Bond <sup>1</sup>	Securi- tized <sup>2</sup>	IG Corp³	Prefd⁴	EM Debt⁵	HY Corp⁴	Lev Loans <sup>7</sup>	CLO (BB) <sup>s</sup>	Taxable Muni <sup>9</sup>	AA Muni <sup>10</sup>	A Muni¹⁰	BBB Muni <sup>10</sup>	HY Muni <sup>11</sup>	Private Credit <sup>12</sup>	Real Estate <sup>13</sup>
Yield to Worst	4.91	5.68	5.48	6.32	7.86	7.49	8.79	11.52	5.4	3.61	3.99	4.49	5.52	11.03	6.25
Spread	0.34	1.17	0.88	1.46	3.25	2.87	4.75	7.31	0.74	0.01	0.39	0.89	1.92	6.46	1.67
Net Change 1M	0.02	-0.04	0.01	0.11	-0.11	0.21	0.14	-0.17	0.03	-0.01	0.00	0.04	-0.04	-	-0.50
Net Change 1Y	-0.08	-1.65	-0.18	-0.80	-0.58	-0.36	-0.53	-1.04	-0.18	-0.05	-0.20	-0.35	-0.67	-1.86	-1.05
3Y Average Spread	0.46	2.11	1.25	2.15	4.27	3.83	5.47	8.68	1.03	0.09	0.53	1.06	2.27	7.15	2.17
5Y Average Spread	0.46	1.87	1.25	2.13	4.16	3.99	5.44	8.62	1.14	0.10	0.53	1.12	2.52	7.83	2.95
10Y Average Spread	0.46	1.42	1.30	1.88	3.82	4.19	5.14	7.73	1.28	0.12	0.57	1.20	3.08	8.27	2.96
3Y Z-Score	-1.47	-1.68	-1.51	-1.44	-1.68	-1.23	-1.10	-1.34	-1.32	-1.28	-1.07	-0.77	-1.29	-0.69	-1.20
5Y Z-Score	-0.99	-1.03	-1.16	-1.16	-1.28	-0.94	-0.68	-0.78	-1.08	-1.33	-0.71	-0.50	-1.02	-0.83	-1.16
10Y Z-Score	-1.24	-0.38	-1.48	-0.63	-0.84	-1.15	-0.41	-0.25	-1.59	-1.69	-0.95	-0.84	-1.15	-1.34	-1.58
Duration	6.08	4.07	8.13	5.20	6.54	3.11	_	1.69	9.20	_	_	_	6.67	-	_

**Z-Score** = number of standard deviations between the current spread level and historic average spread.

Red = tighter spread than historic average.

Green = wider spread than historic average.

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. Sources: Bloomberg, ICE BofA, JP Morgan, Credit Suisse, Cliffwater, Green Street Advisors, FRED, Q4 2024.

Representative indices: 1. US Agg Bond: Bloomberg US Aggregate. 2. Securitized: Equal blend of ICE BofA US Fixed Rate CMBS (AA-BBB), ICE BofA US Fixed Rate Asset Backed Securities and Bloomberg US Aggregate Securitized–MBS. 3. Investment Grade Corp: Bloomberg USD Liquid Investment Grade Corporate. 4. Preferred Securities: ICE BofA US All Capital Securities. 5. Emerging Debt: JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified index. 6. High yield corporates: Bloomberg US Aggregate Credit–Corporate–High Yield–2% Issuer Capped. 7. Leveraged Ioans: Credit Suisse Leverage Loan Index. 8. CLO BB: CLO BB Unhedged. 9. Taxable Municipals: Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Index. 10. AA, A, BBB Municipal: Bloomberg Municipal Bond (AA, A and BBB). 11. High yield municipals: Bloomberg Municipal High Yield Municipal. 12. Private credit: Cliffwater Direct Lending Index. 13. Real estate: Green Street, Nominal Cap Rate of Major Sectors. Spreads for municipals are calculated as follows: AA Munis = YTW for AA Munis, A Munis = YTW for A Munis, BBB Munis = YTW for BBB Munis = YTW for AAA Munis, High Yield Munis = YTW for High Yield Munis. For Leveraged Loans spread is Discount Margin (3-year life). **Spread for private credit** = difference between CDLI YTM and US 10Y Treasury Yield. **Spread for real estate** = difference between Nominal Cap Rate and US 10Y Treasury Yield.

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