

Dow Surpasses 52,000 for the First Time as Falling Oil Prices Fuel Rotation into Cyclical While Technology Shares Retreat

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The U.S. and European markets traded mixed Tuesday as investors continued to embrace the economic benefits of the recently announced U.S.-Iran agreement while preparing for Wednesday's Federal Reserve policy decision. The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed above the 52,000 level for the first time in history. Still, it fell 0.33 points from the close at that level, even as it benefited from a powerful rotation into industrial, financial, and economically sensitive sectors amid a sharp decline in oil prices.

The market's leadership broadened significantly as investors shifted capital away from semiconductor and artificial intelligence-related stocks that have driven much of the rally since March. The decline in crude oil prices, with Brent crude falling below \$80 per barrel for the first time since March and WTI crude dropping toward \$75, reinforced expectations that inflation pressures could ease further during the second half of the year. Lower energy costs also improved the outlook for consumer spending, corporate profitability, and economic growth.

While technology shares weighed on the broader market, investor sentiment remained constructive as falling Treasury yields, reduced geopolitical risk, and resilient economic fundamentals supported risk assets. Markets are increasingly transitioning from a geopolitical-driven environment toward one focused on monetary policy, inflation trends, and corporate earnings, with the Federal Reserve's updated economic projections expected to provide the next major catalyst for investors.

U.S. Markets

U.S. equities finished mixed as a powerful rotation into cyclical and value-oriented sectors lifted the Dow Jones Industrial Average to a record close above 52,000. At the same time, weakness in semiconductor shares pressured the broader market. The Dow gained 330.61 points, or 0.64%, reaching a new all-time high as investors favored companies expected to benefit from lower energy costs and continued economic expansion. The S&P 500 declined 0.57%, while the Nasdaq Composite fell 1.15% as technology stocks retreated.

Semiconductor shares led the market lower, with AMD falling more than 5% and Broadcom and Micron Technology each declining by more than 3%. Nvidia also traded lower as investors took profits following the sector's remarkable rally over recent months. The weakness in chip stocks overshadowed gains across industrials, financials, consumer discretionary, and transportation shares. Investors rotated aggressively into economically sensitive sectors as oil prices extended their decline. Caterpillar led industrial stocks higher, advancing more than 2%, while JPMorgan Chase gained over 3% as lower energy prices improved expectations for economic growth and business activity. Financials, industrials, and other cyclical sectors outperformed as investors positioned for a potentially broader market advance supported by easing inflation pressures and stable economic conditions. SpaceX remained one of the market's standout performers, rising approximately 9% and extending its remarkable advance since last week's historic public debut. At intraday highs, SpaceX briefly surpassed both Amazon and Microsoft in market capitalization, highlighting continued investor enthusiasm for high-growth companies with dominant competitive positions. Since pricing its initial

public offering at \$135 per share, the stock has surged to approximately \$210, making it one of the most successful major IPO launches in recent market history.

European Markets

European stock indices extended their records on Tuesday as confidence grew over an imminent U.S.-Iran agreement. The Euro STOXX 50 added 0.4% to close at 6,255, while the STOXX Europe 600 rose 0.2% to 636. Energy prices retreated further after both parties confirmed plans to sign a memorandum of understanding on Friday, which U.S. authorities indicated would restore tanker flows through the Strait of Hormuz. Banking stocks advanced as bond yields declined and credit conditions improved, with BBVA and Intesa Sanpaolo each gaining more than 2%. UniCredit surged 4% after the German government rejected its bid for Commerzbank. Industrials also posted sharp gains, with Safran and Schneider Electric each adding 2.5%.

Energy Markets

Energy markets extended their decline for a fourth consecutive session as the approaching U.S.-Iran agreement continued to strip geopolitical risk premiums from crude oil prices. WTI fell more than 4% to below \$78 per barrel on Tuesday, following a 4.9% decline on Monday, reaching its lowest level since early March. Brent retreated to \$78.82, down 5.23% on the day, with its monthly decline now approaching 30%.

Both sides confirmed their intent to sign a memorandum of understanding on Friday, with the U.S. indicating it will allow tankers to cross the Strait of Hormuz immediately upon signing. Despite optimism, uncertainty remains about implementation details, including shipping security, operating conditions, and whether Hormuz will fully reopen.

The anticipated supply restoration is expected to replenish global refinery inventories, compounded by higher OPEC+ export quotas and increased UAE output following its departure from the cartel during the conflict. U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserves had fallen to their lowest level since 1983. Lower energy prices should ease inflationary pressures, support consumer spending, and reduce costs across transportation and fuel-intensive sectors.

Economic & Policy Outlook

The Federal Reserve's policy announcement on Wednesday remains the most important near-term catalyst for financial markets. Investors will closely examine the central bank's updated economic projections, interest-rate forecasts, and commentary regarding inflation trends and labor market conditions.

The recent combination of resilient employment data, steady economic growth, and moderating energy prices presents a favorable environment for policymakers. While inflation remains above the Federal Reserve's long-term target, the decline in oil prices could help accelerate disinflation during the second half of 2026. Markets are increasingly pricing a prolonged policy pause rather than additional tightening, a scenario that could support both economic growth and equity valuations.

The Final Word: Market Perspective

The market is showing signs of broader participation as investors rotate away from technology toward cyclical and value-oriented sectors. With oil prices falling, geopolitical risks easing, and economic growth remaining resilient, the foundation for a more balanced advance appears to be strengthening. The Federal Reserve's outlook will likely determine whether this rotation gains further momentum in the weeks ahead.

GDPNow Update:

- **The GDPNow for the second quarter of 2026** was updated today, falling to **2.80%**, falling from 3.30%, **a 15.15% decrease**.

Economic Data:

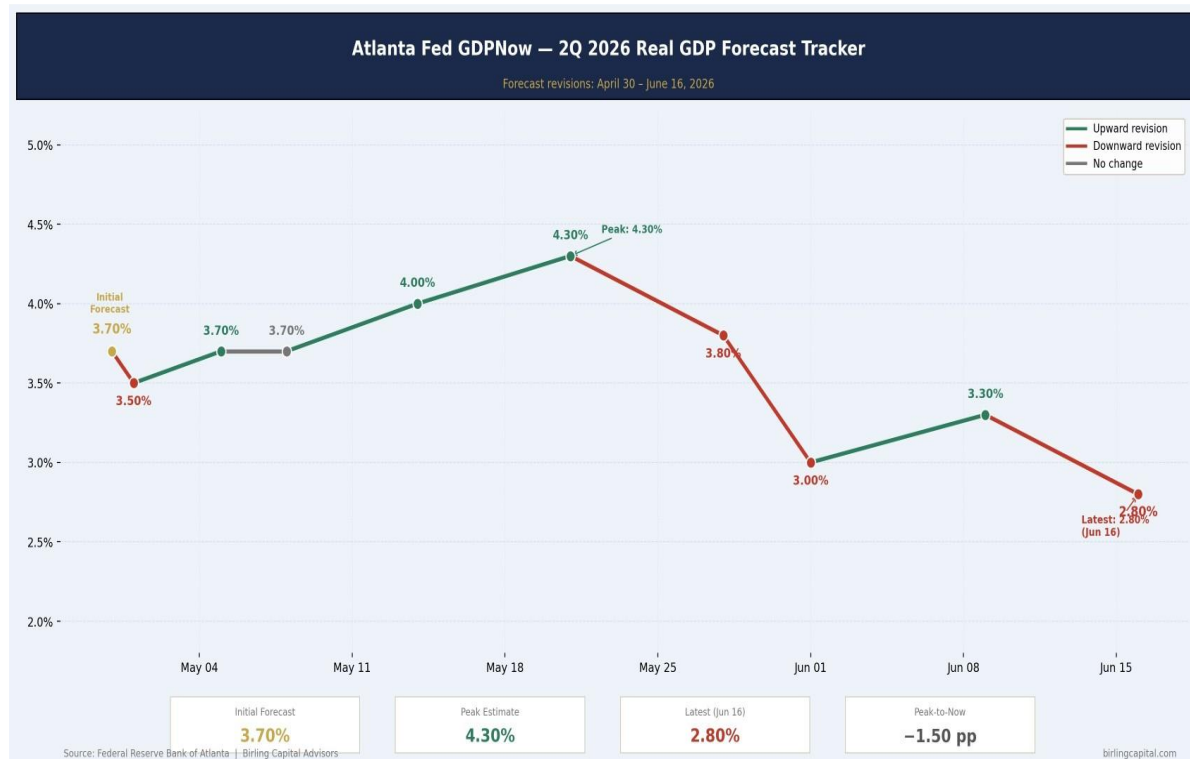
- **US Retail Gas Price:** fell to \$4.281, down from \$4.439 last week, decreasing -3.56%.
- **US Export Prices YoY:** rose to 8.80%, compared to 5.40% last month.
- **US Import Prices YoY:** rose to 4.20%, compared to 2.30% last month.
- **US Housing Starts:** rose to 1.177M, down from 1.392M last month and down -15.45%.
- **US Building Permits:** fell to 1.413M, down from 1.423M last month.
- **NY Fed Business Leaders Survey Current Business Activity:** fell to -10.10, down from -5.80 last month.

Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600:** closed at 636.00, up 1.56 points or 0.25%.
- **FTSE 100:** closed at 10,494.21, up 63.59 points or 0.61%.
- **DAX Index:** closed at 24,910.41, up 16.40 points or 0.07%.

Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average:** closed at 51,999.67, up 328.64 points or 0.64%.
- **S&P 500:** closed at 7,511.35, down 42.94 points or 0.57%.
- **Nasdaq Composite:** closed at 26,376.34, down 307.59 points or 1.15%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index:** closed at 4,607.61, up 0.02 points or 0.00%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Index:** closed at 10,080.06, up 43.91 points or 0.44%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note:** closed at 4.43%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note:** closed at 4.05%.



U.S. Retail Gasoline Price

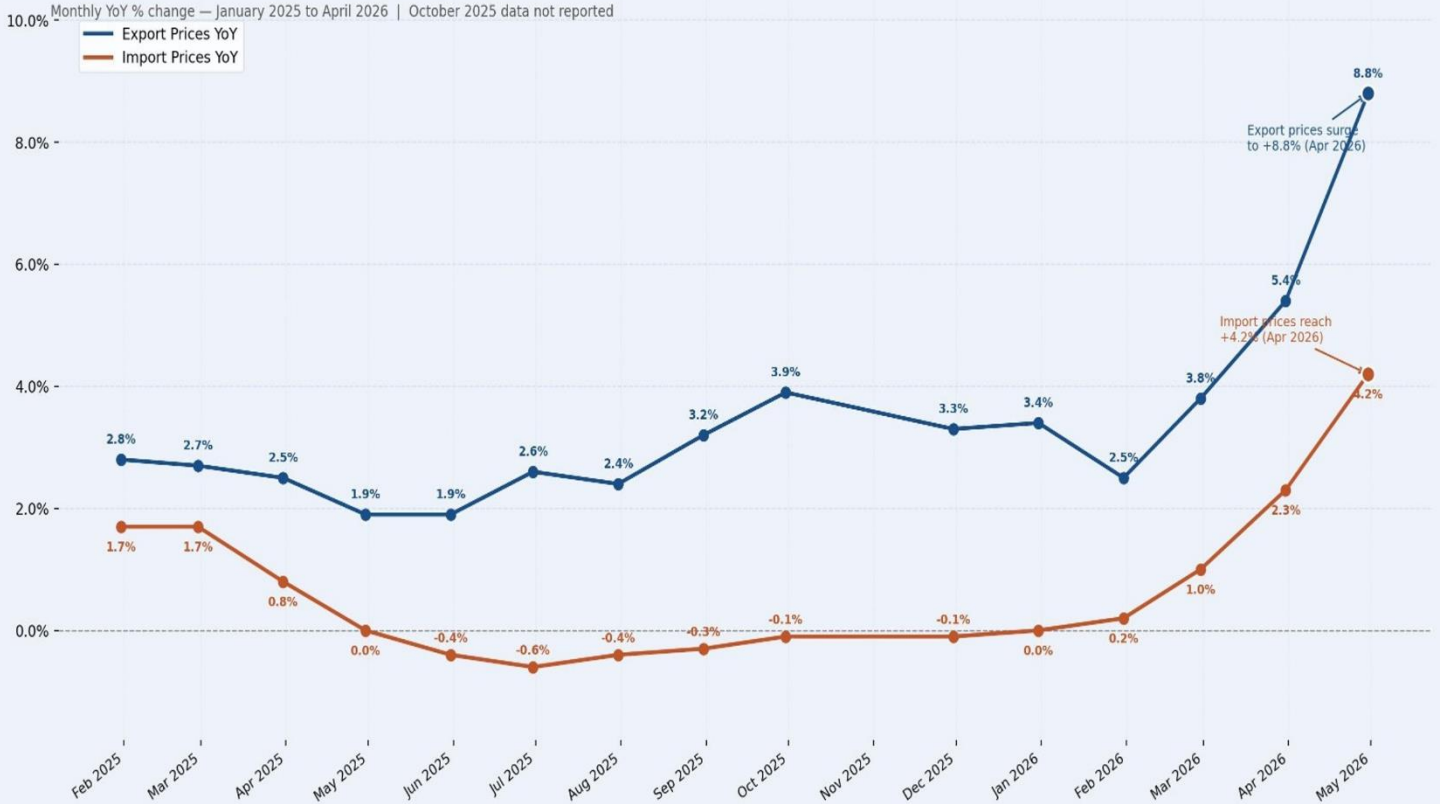
\$5.00 Weekly average, dollars per gallon — January to June 2026



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) | Birling Capital Advisors

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U.S. Export & Import Prices – Year-Over-Year Change

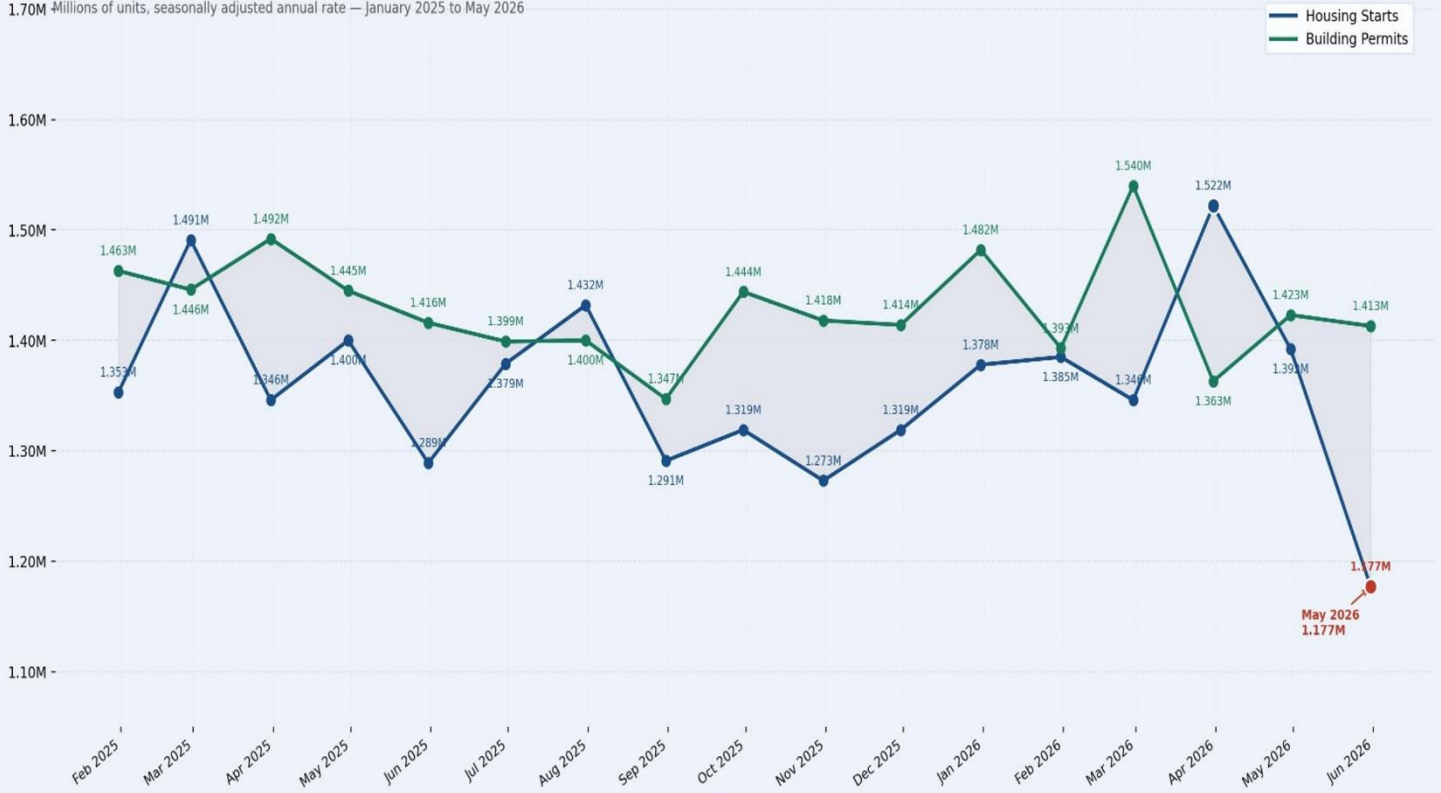


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) | Birling Capital Advisors

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U.S. Housing Starts & Building Permits

1.70M Millions of units, seasonally adjusted annual rate — January 2025 to May 2026



Source: U.S. Census Bureau / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development | Birling Capital Advisors

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Eurozone Markets Close — June 16, 2026

European equity index summary — end of trading session

Stoxx 600

Closing Price

636.00

▲ +1.56 pts +0.25%

Closing Price / Daily trend



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Closing Price / Daily trend



Wall Street and Birling Capital Indexes Close

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Dow Jones Industrial Average	S&P 500	Nasdaq Composite	Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index	Birling Capital U.S. Bank Index
Closing Price	Closing Price	Closing Price	Closing Price	Closing Price
51,999.67	7,511.35	25,376.59	4,607.61	10,080.66
▲ +328.64	▼ -42.94	▼ -307.59	▲ +0.02	▲ +43.91
+0.57%	-0.57%	-1.15%	+0.00%	+0.44%

U.S. Treasury 10-Year Note	U.S. Treasury 2-Year Note
Benchmark Rate 4.43%	Short-Term Rate 4.05%
Yield Spread (10Y-2Y): +0.38%	Yield Spread (10Y-2Y): +0.38%

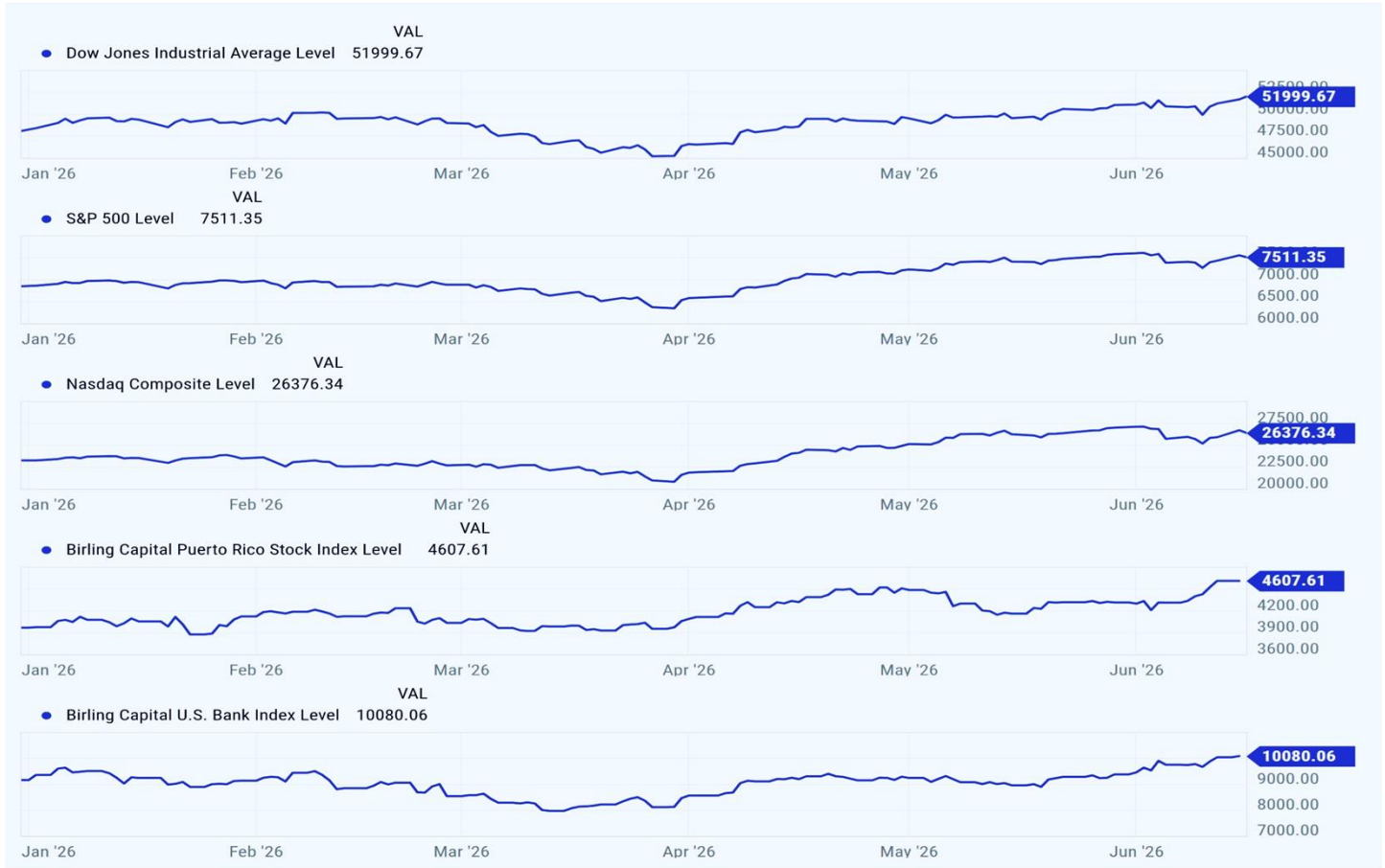
Source: Dow Jones, S&P Global, Nasdaq, U.S. Treasury, Birling Capital Advisors

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