

# US Stock Express

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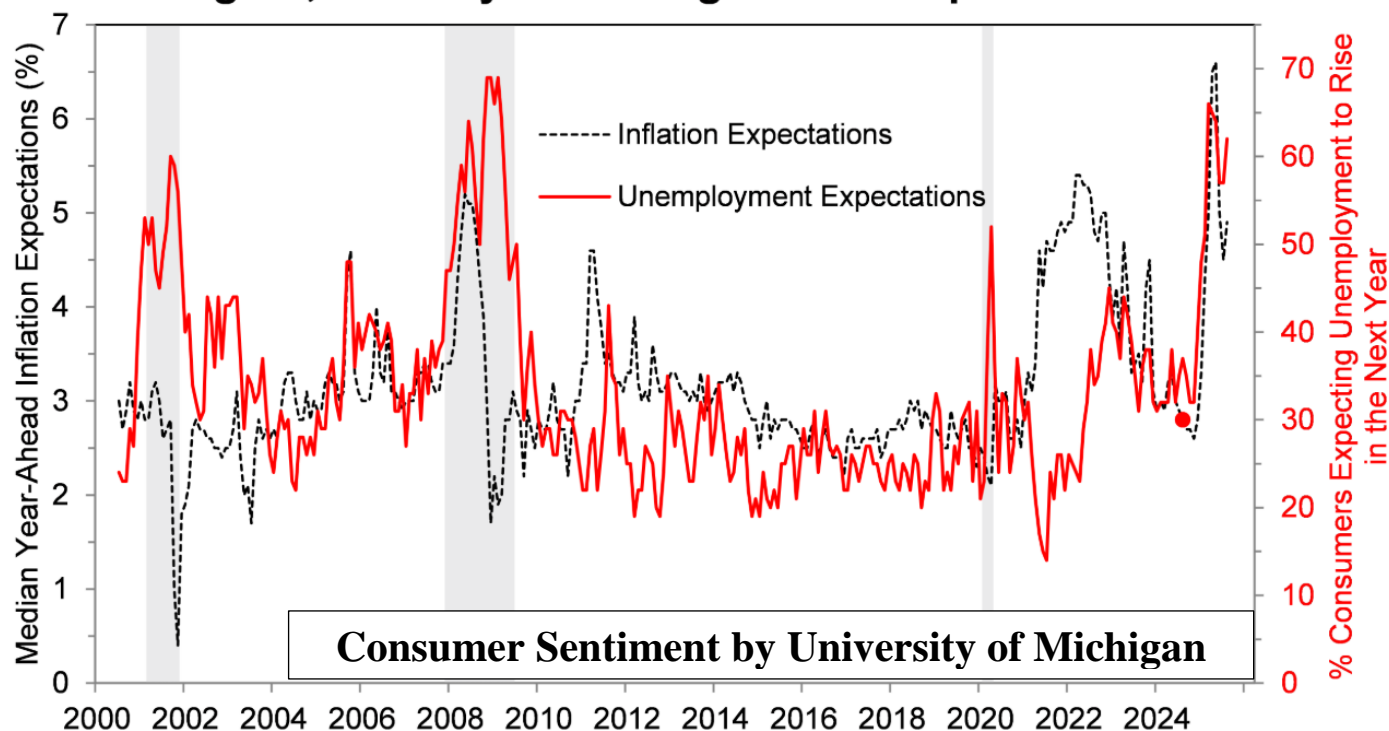
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## Unemployment and Inflation Expectations Worsen in August, Partially Offsetting Recent Improvements

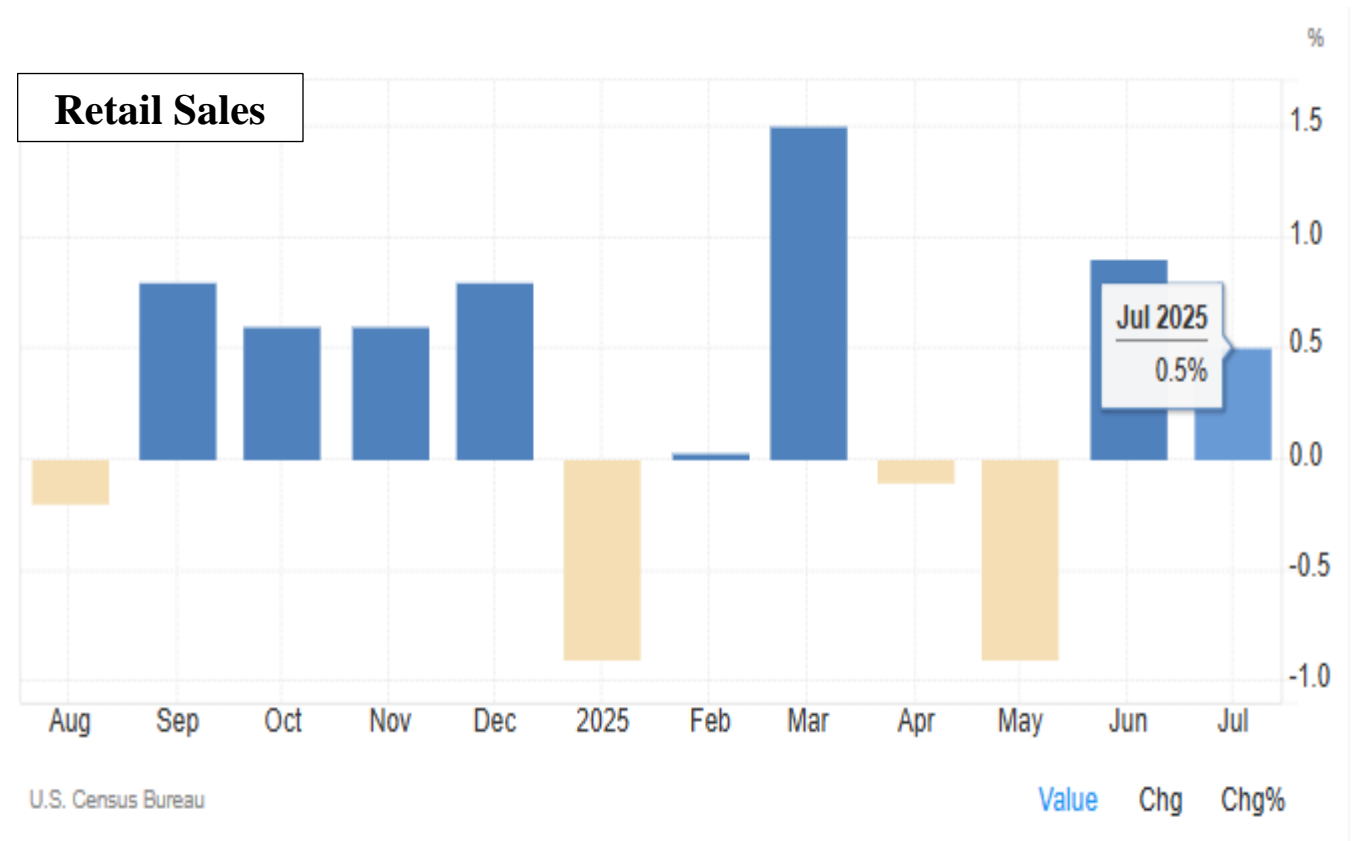


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## Preliminary Results for August 2025

	Aug	Jul	Aug	M-M	Y-Y
	2025	2025	2024	Change	Change
Index of Consumer Sentiment	58.6	61.7	67.9	-5.0%	-13.7%
Current Economic Conditions	60.9	68.0	61.3	-10.4%	-0.7%
Index of Consumer Expectations	57.2	57.7	72.1	-0.9%	-20.7%

Consumers expect inflation to rise from 4.5% to 4.9% over the next year, bracing for a more severe shock. Overall, the report noted that the consumer confidence index fell to 58.6 in August from 61.7 in July.



Calendar	GMT	Reference	Actual	Previous	Consensus	TEForecast
2025-07-17	12:30 PM	Jun	0.6%	-0.9%	0.1%	0.2%
2025-08-15	12:30 PM	Jul	0.5%	0.9%	0.5%	0.4%
2025-09-16	12:30 PM	Aug				

Components	Last	Previous	Unit	Reference
Retail Sales Ex Autos MoM	0.30	0.80	percent	Jul 2025
Retail Sales Ex Gas/Autos MoM	0.20	0.80	percent	Jul 2025

Related	Last	Previous	Unit	Reference
Chain Store Sales	3333.00	3003.00	USD Million	May 2025
Retail Sales MoM	0.50	0.90	percent	Jul 2025
Retail Sales YoY	3.90	4.40	percent	Jul 2025

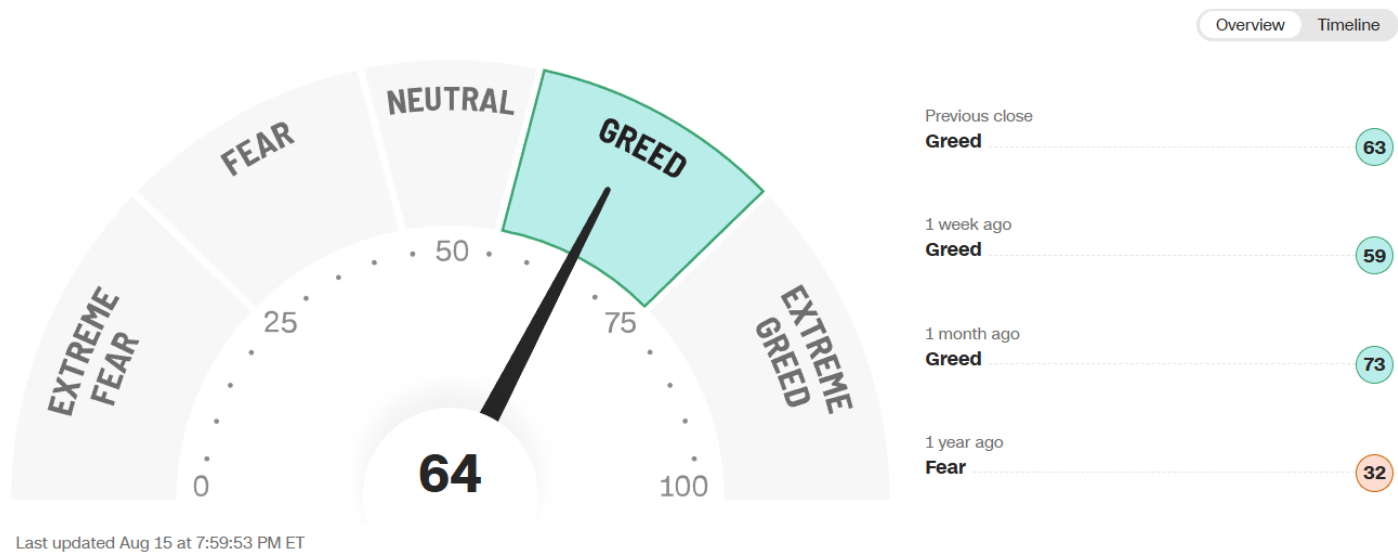
Retail sales in the US increased 0.5% month-over-month in July 2025, in line with market expectations and following an upwardly revised 0.9% rise in June.

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Never trade with money that has a deadline for withdrawal.  
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# Fear & Greed Index

What emotion is driving the market now?

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## North East West South is *NEWS*

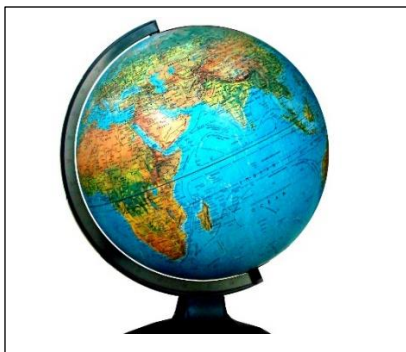
Four B2 bombers, 2 on each side of the podium where Donald Trump welcomed Putin in the Elmendorf Air Force Base of Alaska, and also 5 jet plane flied quite low above the podium of Putin that clearly can be seen one B2 Bombers led two F35 and two F22 across to greet Putin still could not reached Trump's target of ceasefire first and further talk later.

The winner belongs to Putin, for he just wanted to have procrastination and no declaration of secondary sanction on countries buying energy from Russia. He won! Trump is not defeated for they agreed to have further 3-party talk with Ukraine. After flying back to DC, Trump announced Zelensky will fly to DC to have a talk and later EU leaders said they would join it. At least Trump learnt a lesson the war could not be over within 24 hours.

President Donald Trump has renewed his promise to "save" jailed Hong Kong media mogul Jimmy Lai, who is on trial for alleged national security crimes over his pro-democracy activism and antipathy towards China's Communist Party. He has spent more than 1,600 days in solitary confinement prison. Trump has already assigned Secretary Marco Rubio and Treasurer Scott Bessent to put Lai's name in the tariff talk with China since May 2025.

Prime Minister Modi announced India's first indigenous semiconductor chip will launch by year-end, showing that one more competitor will be in the market besides chip-4 and China. The plant was supported by Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corp of Taiwan.

India Space Research Organization has unveiled their plan of growing crops on the Moon through an AI-managed green house. This shows that they are entering into Space Race and not just Apple mobile phone production on earth which already surpassed China.



## World Observation

Day 1272  
Russia/Ukraine Conflict









# Riding the AI Waves

## (4) Concerning AI subscription fees

Concerning AI subscription fees, the writer has something to say. The most ideal method is to use two platforms, one free of charge and another need to pay monthly fee. Thus your cost can be lowered and also can get views from other venue. The writer always quote data from Microsoft Copilot AI, not because it is the best, but because it is free of charge. So readers can continue to ask it for elaboration on a free of charge basis. Actually, nothing on earth is perfect, no matter what version or what platform you are using, there are still some blind points and will be talked about tomorrow. When using AI, should mind the blind points first.

Anyway, using AI is to broaden your horizon, so it is not so suitable to use just one platform, and should use at least two platforms especially in the financial market. The trading actually is a zero sum game, when you look good on a stock and want to buy, there must be someone look bad and want to sell, or else the trading cannot be done. Actually, buyers and sellers are having different views points at the same time. So you must look broader and ask opinions from more AI platforms.

As for subscription fee, there is a very interesting symptom. For example, if the monthly fee is \$20, when you pay an annual fee of one year, you can get a discount. But sometimes your will find that something very attractive, when you pay just \$50, you can get a lifelong subscription, not just one year, but lifelong. Why so attractive? Mind that it may be an old version already replaced by new version. So please check carefully whether it is version 2.0, 3.0, 4.0 or 5.0. Some people may say, even the old version is better than the free of charge version, if you feel so, then go ahead, Just make sure there is no misunderstanding and you are buying what you want to buy. Anyway, when prepaying the future monthly fee, it is not advice to be so long, at most one year is enough, for before the end of one year, surely another new version will come out, either by this platform or that platform.

<div> AI Assistant &amp; Chatbot Pricing Overview</div>			
			By Microsoft AI
Platform	Free Tier Available	Paid Plans (Monthly)	Key Features & Notes
Microsoft Copilot	 Yes	- Copilot Pro: \$20 <sup>1</sup>  - M365 Copilot: \$30 <sup>2</sup>  - Copilot Studio: \$200 <sup>2</sup>	Free version includes basic features; Pro unlocks Office integration and GPT-4 Turbo
DeepSeek	 Yes	Usage-based: - Input: \$0.07–\$0.55 per 1M tokens - Output: \$1.10–\$2.19 per 1M tokens <sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup>	Offers freemium, basic, and pro tiers; highly cost-efficient for developers
Google DeepMind	 No	Custom pricing for API access <sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup>	Primarily research-focused; Gemini models offered via Google One plans
OpenAI (ChatGPT)	 Yes	- Plus: \$20 <sup>7</sup>  - Pro: \$200 - Team: \$30/user - Enterprise: Custom	Free access to GPT-5; paid tiers offer advanced models, voice, and file tools
Google Gemini (AI)	 Yes	- Pro: \$19.99 <sup>8</sup>  - Ultra: \$249.99	Includes Gemini in Gmail, Docs, and video generation via Veo
Chatbot AI Platforms	 Yes	Varies widely: - Tidio: \$29+ - ManyChat: \$15+ - Drift: \$600+ <sup>9</sup>	Subscription or usage-based; enterprise bots can exceed \$1,000/month
Ask AI / iAsk	 Yes	- AskAI Hobby: \$19.99 - Pro: \$99 - Beast: \$499 <sup>10</sup> <sup>11</sup> <sup>12</sup>	Browser-based assistant; iAsk Pro offers top-tier search and summarization

# EXTRA

Why Trump's attitude turn 180 degree after the sole limousine ride with Putin from tarmac to conference room?

Before the Alaska meeting, Trump said if there is no ceasefire, the outcome will be very serious, but now said there is *no deal until a deal*. The deadline of secondary sanction was on August 8<sup>th</sup>, and later extended to the meeting in Alaska on Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. After the meeting, no deal and no sanction and all firm attitude of Trump were put aside. The writer search all data worldwide, no one explained.

One of the most possible reason is that.....

*During the 2012 Russian general election, Putin had secret control of votes, but evidence was caught and publicized by Hillary Clinton. So in the 2016 US general election, just one month ahead of the voting day, Putin publicized the email scandal of Hillary and made her defeated even she led in every poll. If Trump is found in relation with Putin in this case, he surely will be impeached. However, this is just a personal thinking of the writer and no prove, but very likely Trump has some weak spot held by Putin or caught red handed by Putin.*

*Please compare with Trump's attitude before and after the meeting on your own.*

Please continue with Market Observation

**DJIA** Last 44,946.12 Change +34.86 (0.08%)

Updated: 2025/08/15 16:00 EDT

**Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA.US)**

6 months (daily)

SMA(10):44251 SMA(20):44417 SMA(50):43750 SMA(100):42415 SMA(250):42675

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15/08/2025 O:45160 H:45204 L:44898 C:44956



DJIA is going horizontally in Jul and Aug, showing that the investors are changing horse.

Last 330.560 Change -5.020 (1.496%)

Updated: 2025/08/15 20:18 EDT

**Tesla, Inc. (TSLA.US)**

1 year (daily)

SMA(10):327.52 SMA(20):323.323 SMA(50):319.328 SMA(100):305.427 SMA(250):307.36

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15/08/2025 O:337.655 H:339.3 L:327.02 C:330.5



TSLA once seemed awoken from hibernation but now fell back for sleeping, actually waiting for Full Self Driving (FSD) or December.





## Market Observation

### Annual Meeting of the Fed

**AAPL**  
**\$231.590**  
 -1.190  
 (0.511%)

The Jackson Hole Economic Symposium in 2025 will be held from August 21-23, 2025. The theme for this year's event is "*Labor Markets in Transition: Demographics, Productivity, and Macroeconomic Policy*". Mind that this meeting is just a regional meeting of Kansas Fed, but bears the name of annual meeting of the Fed or meeting of international central bankers. Please refer to The Express of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Powell may release message that the market wants to listen here.

After the market rebounded from the bottom of April 7<sup>th</sup>, it formed the steepest slope of American stock market of rebounding. TSLA just rebounded a little and entered into hibernation, recently seemed waken up but fell asleep again. Why? Full Self Driving (FSD) got some problem, but the outlook is quite good, it may come to success in Dec 2025. But if we look further, no one on earth can replace the FSD of TSLA, and in 2040, 97% of driving on earth will be replaced by various kind of FSD, and TSLA still will be the leader. The hardest question is what will happen between Aug 2025 and Aug 2040? Will be talked about later. Anyway, TSLA is between awakening and hibernation now, or interchanging day by day. Optimus and Robot taxi are coming also.

AAPL is also awakening from hibernation, the outlook is easier. For the past decade, it had a great drop every time after the Sep product introduction. So what will happened this year? NVDA, PLTR, TSM had risen a lot and is normal to have adjustment. Don't switch to BBAI because PLTR is adjusting. Berkshire is buying UNH, it is low enough for short term rebound trading but still indifferent level with TEM, don't switch TEM to UNH for you do not know the decision is made by Buffet or Abel, the new CEO. One more thing to note, last year Buffet sold AAPL and BA and it continued to rise, so when you sell a stock for changing horse do not be frustrated when it goes up again. Warren Buffet and Cathy Wood are facing this frequently. Investment is not gambling or speculation, just think how Buffet can earn 1000% and 2000% frequently and learnt from him rather than exclaiming the stocks continue to rise after his selling.

Market is waiting for good news from two sides, either from Jackson Hole meeting or from Ukraine peace talk.