# Weekly Commentary

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If you needed to summarize the economic reports of last week in one word, "slightly" would work quite well. Other than a significant dip in housing starts, all reports were either slightly up or down compared to previous readings and consensus estimates. Retail sales, industrial production and leading indicators for June fell modestly, each down less than a percentage point from the last reading and from consensus. Producer Price Index (PPI) was essentially flat and jobless claims rose modestly. Housing starts disappointed, but new home sales increased, giving a mixed picture, although more negative than positive as starts are more critical to the economy than sales.

The mixed bag left the market to focus on continued strife and tragedy worldwide, the crash of a Malaysian Airlines passenger plan over Ukraine, continued fighting there and escalating conflict between Gaza and Israel.

The 1-month Treasury remained at 0.02% while the 3-month moved slightly down from 0.03% to 0.025%. The 1- and 3-month London interbank offered rates (Libor) remained at 0.15% and 0.23%, respectively. The Fed's overnight fixed-rate reverse-repo facility remained steady at 0.05%. Overnight Treasury and mortgage-backed repo rates also did not change at 5 and 7 basis points, respectively.