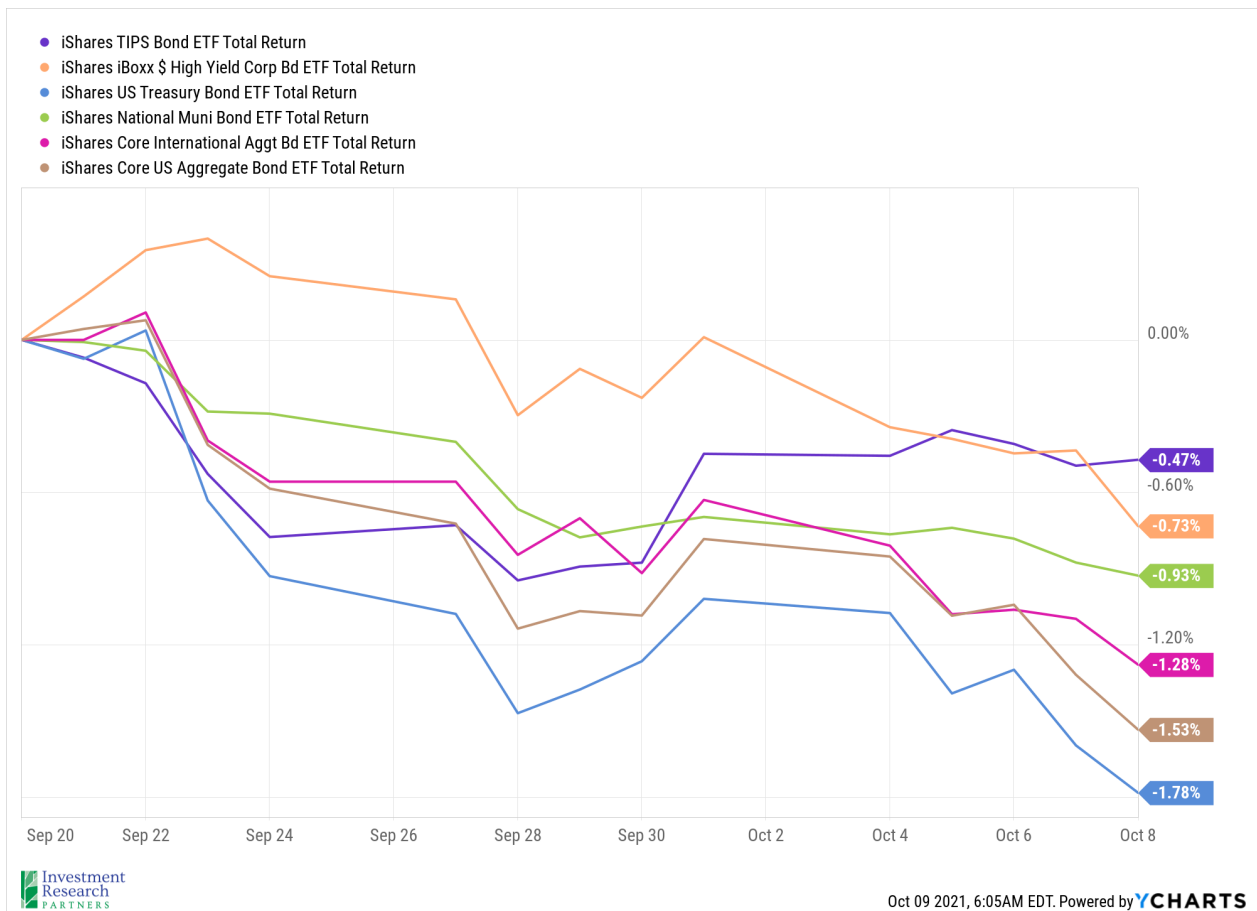


## Weekly Investment Update

October 11, 2021

After initially falling early in the week, equity markets crawled back into positive territory by the end of week despite a weaker than expected jobs report on Friday. The US economy added 194,000 jobs in September, which dropped the unemployment rate to 4.8%. However, analysts were expecting 500,000 jobs to have been added, and the unemployment rate dropping was partially attributable to a decline in labor participation, so the news was disappointing.<sup>1</sup> The S&P 500 (a proxy for US large-cap stocks) ended up rising 0.8% for the week while the MSCI ACWI index (a proxy for global stocks) gained 0.7%.<sup>2</sup>

As equity market volatility has risen somewhat in the past two months, investors may not be paying as much attention to bond markets. Historically, investors have relied upon bonds to be a source of income and to help dampen overall portfolio volatility because of their lack of correlation to stocks. However, with interest rates low, inflation picking up, and the US Federal Reserve contemplating raising rates in the near future, many bond securities have lost value recently (see iShares exchange traded funds representing a variety of bond markets since September 20 below). As a result, investors may need to rethink the role that bonds play in their portfolios if we enter a prolonged rising rate environment.



<sup>1</sup> Source: [Sept. Jobs Report Misses: 194K Jobs Added, 500K Estimated - Bloomberg](#)

<sup>2</sup> Source: YCharts

### Prices & Interest Rates

Representative Index	Current	Year-End 2020
Crude Oil (US WTI)	\$79.59	\$48.52
Gold	\$1,756	\$1,893
US Dollar	94.10	89.94
2 Year Treasury	0.32%	0.13%
10 Year Treasury	1.61%	0.93%
30 Year Treasury	2.16%	1.65%

Source: Morningstar, YCharts, and US Treasury as of October 9, 2021

### Asset Class Returns

Category	Representative Index	YTD 2021	Full Year 2020
Global Equity	MSCI All-Country World	12.4%	16.3%
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US Large Cap Equity	S&P 500	18.2%	18.4%
US Large Cap Equity	Dow Jones Industrial Average	15.2%	9.7%
US Small Cap Equity	Russell 2000	13.9%	20.0%
Foreign Developed Equity	MSCI EAFE	7.8%	7.8%
Emerging Market Equity	MSCI Emerging Markets	-0.9%	18.3%
US Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond	0.6%	5.2%
US Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays US Agg Bond	-2.1%	7.5%
Global Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Global Agg. Bond	-4.4%	9.2%

Source: YCharts as of October 9, 2021

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