Fed Tightens Policy in September Amid Persistently Elevated Inflation

Talking Points

In the latest *Take Five,* released Monday, September 21, 2026, Senior Economist Kathleen Navin discusses:
The September 16, 2026, Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) Policy Statement:

- The Federal Funds Target Range
  - The FOMC decided to raise the target range for the federal funds rate to 3 ¾ to 4 percent**.**
- Labor Market
  - Productivity growth is strong and capital investment is robust.
  - Job gains have kept pace with the workforce, and the unemployment rate has changed little.
- Inflation
  - Inflation remains elevated relative to the FOMC's 2 percent goal.

- Monetary Policy
  - The FOMC affirmed its commitment to deliver price stability in line with its 2 percent inflation target.

Resources

- FOMC Statement
- FOMC Press Conference
- Implementation Note
- Projection Materials