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* **Potential Market Indicator**
* **Warrants Attention**

Monday, March 15

[Treasury International Capital \(TIC\)](#) *

The Treasury data tracks the flow of financial instruments (securities, agency securities, corporate bonds and corporate equities) into and out of the U.S. in February.

TIC data offers a measure of foreign demand for U.S. debt and assets.

9 a.m. ET

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury

[3-Month & 6-Month Bill Auctions](#)

11:30 a.m. ET

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury

[Housing Market Index](#) *

Measures sales of new homes (those expected to sell in the next six months) and the number of prospective new home buyers. Data is for the current month.

Index results can be used to gauge housing demand and economic momentum.

1:00 p.m. ET

Source: National Association of Home Builders

Tuesday, March 16

[Housing Starts](#) *

Measures the number of residential buildings in which construction has begun each month. Data is for February.

This is the most closely watched housing sector report.

8:30 a.m. ET

Source: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

[4-Week Bill Auction](#)

11:30 a.m. ET

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury

[Federal Open Market Committee \(FOMC\) Meeting Announcement](#) *

The FOMC meets eight times a year to review current economic and financial conditions and determine short-term interest rates (or the federal funds rate).

The federal funds rate serves as a benchmark for all other interest rates (mortgage, Treasury bonds, etc.)

2:15 p.m. ET

Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors

Wednesday, March 17

[Producer Price Index](#) (PPI) *

PPI measures the average change in the selling prices of a fixed range of capital and consumer goods that are received by domestic producers in February.

The PPI is viewed as a sign of consumer price inflation and earnings.

8:30 a.m. ET

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), U.S. Department of Labor

Thursday, March 18

[Consumer Price Index](#) (CPI) *

Measures the price level of a fixed basket of goods and services purchased by consumers in February.

CPI is the most widely cited monthly inflation and cost-of-living indicator.

8:30 a.m. ET

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), U.S. Department of Labor

[Jobless Claims](#) *

First time unemployment claims filed for the week of March 8-13, 2010

Jobless claims help gauge the strength of the overall labor market.

8:30 a.m. ET

Source: Employment and Training Administration

Friday, March 19

Quadruple Witching Day: Contracts for stock index futures, stock index options, stock options and single stock futures expire.

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