



# Municipal Market Update

March 2024 Monthly Report



### MARKET COMMENTARY

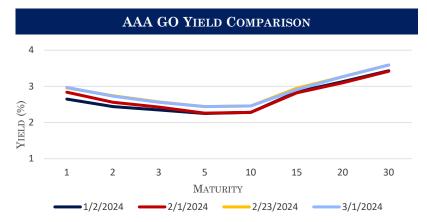
Tax-exempt AAA benchmark yields were between 13 and 17 bps higher in February as market expectations on the timing of Federal Reserve rate cuts shifted following the hotter than expected CPI, PPI and January employment reports. The minutes from the January Federal Reserve meeting indicated that the members are maintaining a cautious tone as they remain fearful of moving too quickly with inflation remaining stubbornly above their 2% target rate. Markets have reluctantly come to the realization that a cut at the March meeting is off the table and more than likely to kick off at the June meeting. Fed Fund futures contracts currently estimated a 20% chance of a 25 bp cut in May and a 53% chance of a 25 bp cut in June.

Muni volume for February grew 25% year/year but that had more to do with very low issuance in February 2023 (\$22.0 billion) than a robust February 2024 (\$27.6 billion). Volume in February 2023 was the second lowest for the month of February in a decade. 30-day visible supply remains manageable at just under \$10 billion but is expected to increase this month based on historic issuance. Market participants expect muni yields to cheapen (higher yields, lower prices) over the next 30-60 days due to expected higher volume, expensive valuations and the historic selling pressures around covering April tax liabilities. Volume for the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> is estimated at \$6.1 billion, down from \$7.3 billion last week.

On the demand side, reports of inflows to municipal bond funds remains mixed depending on which service you subscribe to. For the week ending February 21st, the Investment Company Institute (ICI) reported positive flows of \$530 million marking the seventh straight week of inflows. ICI also reported \$305 million of inflows to exchange traded funds. However, LSEG Lipper has reported three consecutive weeks of outflows. More importantly, Bank of America strategists are projecting net negative supply for the month of March with \$32 billion of new issuance versus \$39 billion of bond redemptions and interest payments. This continues a trend of net negative supply that has helped to reduce volatility and produce outperformance in munis year to date.

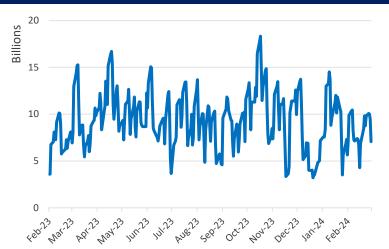


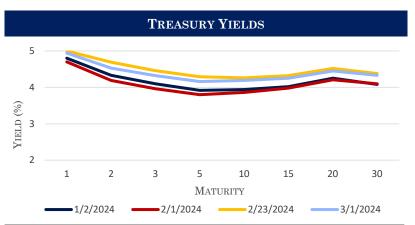
# CURRENT MARKET DATA



|              |          | AAA GO Yields (%) |          |          |       | 1 mo. chg. | YTD chg. |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|-------|------------|----------|
| AAA Rated GO | 3/1/2024 | 2/23/2024         | 2/1/2024 | 1/2/2024 | (bps) | (bps)      | (bps)    |
| 1 yr AAA GO  | 2.97     | 2.96              | 2.84     | 2.65     | 0.01  | 0.13       | 0.32     |
| 5 yr AAA G0  | 2.44     | 2.44              | 2.26     | 2.25     | 0.00  | 0.18       | 0.19     |
| 10 yr AAA GO | 2.46     | 2.46              | 2.28     | 2.28     | 0.00  | 0.18       | 0.18     |
| 20 yr AAA GO | 3.27     | 3.27              | 3.10     | 3.13     | 0.00  | 0.17       | 0.14     |

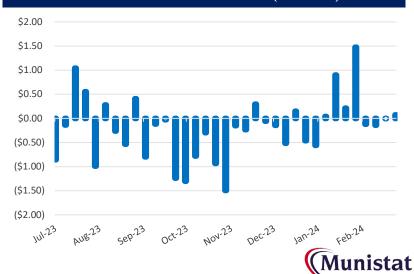
#### **30-DAY VISIBLE SUPPLY (BILLIONS)**





|                | Treasury Yields (%) |                                      |      |      | 5 day chg. | 1 mo. chg. | YTD chg. |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------|------|------------|------------|----------|
|                | 3/1/2024            | 3/1/2024 2/23/2024 2/1/2024 1/2/2024 |      |      |            | (bps)      | (bps)    |
| 1 yr Treasury  | 4.94                | 5.00                                 | 4.70 | 4.80 | (0.06)     | 0.24       | 0.14     |
| 5 yr Treasury  | 4.16                | 4.29                                 | 3.80 | 3.92 | (0.13)     | 0.36       | 0.24     |
| 10 yr Treasury | 4.19                | 4.26                                 | 3.86 | 3.94 | (0.07)     | 0.33       | 0.25     |
| 30 yr Treasury | 4.33                | 4.38                                 | 4.10 | 4.08 | (0.05)     | 0.23       | 0.25     |

#### MUNICIPAL BOND FUND FLOWS (BILLIONS)



# MUNISTAT RECENT SALES

| Bond Transactions        |         |              |                       |              |       |  |  |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------|--|--|
| Connecticut Transactions |         |              |                       |              |       |  |  |
| Sale Date Issuer         | Rating  | Par Amount   | Final Maturity Type   | Average Life | TIC   |  |  |
| 2/6/2024 T/O Manchester  | AAA/AA+ | \$25,000,000 | 2/1/2044 Competitve   | 10.461       | 3.18% |  |  |
| 2/29/2024 C/O Torrington | AA-     | \$14,000,000 | 3/15/2044 Competitive | 10.780       | 3.10% |  |  |

| New York  | Transactions             |        |              |                |             |              |       |    |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------|----|
| Sale Date | Issuer                   | Rating | Par Amount   | Final Maturity | Туре        | Average Life | TIC   |    |
| 2/8/2024  | Cold Spring Harbor CSD * | N/R    | \$7,670,000  | 6/15/2024      | Competitive | 0.314        | 6.91% | ** |
| 2/28/2024 | V/O Saltaire             | AAA    | \$2,750,000  | 12/15/2043     | Competitive | 11.853       | 3.30% |    |
| 2/29/2024 | Miller Place UFSD        | Aa2    | \$15,000,000 | 3/15/2053      | Competitive | 11.289       | 3.53% | ** |
| 2/29/2024 | Orange County            | AA+    | \$28,136,178 | 3/1/2037       | Competitive | 7.564        | 2.75% |    |
|           |                          |        |              |                |             |              |       |    |

| Note Transactions               |           |                |                       |            |       |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------|------------|-------|--|--|--|
| <b>Connecticut Transactions</b> |           |                |                       |            |       |  |  |  |
| Sale Date Issuer                | Rating    | Par Amount Fin | al Maturity Type      | Term       | NIC   |  |  |  |
| 2/6/2024 T/O Manchester         | FI+/SP-1+ | \$13,720,814   | 2/13/2025 Competitive | e 358 Days | 3.30% |  |  |  |
| 2/29/2024 C/O Torrington        | SP-1+     | \$34,350,000   | 3/13/2025 Competitive | e 359 Days | 3.16% |  |  |  |

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| Sale Date Issuer             | Rating | Par Amount   | Final Maturity | Туре        | Term     | NIC   |
| 2/7/2024 T/O Riverhead       | N/R    | \$20,000,000 | 2/21/2025      | Competitive | 360 Days | 3.33% |
| 2/13/2024 V/O Nyack          | N/R    | \$7,090,000  | 2/21/2025      | Competitive | 360 Dyas | 3.45% |
| 2/15/2024 V/O Greenwood Lake | N/R    | \$160,000    | 2/27/2025      | Competitive | 360 Days | 4.04% |
| 2/21/2024 V/O Hillburn       | N/R    | \$443,000    | 3/6/2025       | Competitive | 360 Days | 3.87% |
| 2/22/2024 C/O Kingston       | N/R    | \$11,500,000 | 3/5/2025       | Competitive | 360 Days | 3.37% |
| 2/22/2024 T/O Colonie        | N/R    | \$37,787,275 | 3/7/2025       | Competitive | 360 Days | 3.31% |
| 2/27/2024 T/O Southampton    | N/R    | \$2,632,000  | 3/7/2025       | Competitive | 360 Days | 3.23% |
| 2/28/2024 V/O Highland Falls | N/R    | \$4,444,495  | 3/12/2025      | Competitive | 360 Days | 3.51% |

<sup>\*</sup>Federally Taxable.



<sup>\*\*</sup>Net Interest Cost (NIC).

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