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## Futures Markets Expect 6 Rate Cuts in 2024, Versus 4 Earlier

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Investors are penciling in even more cuts to interest rates following the latest news on monetary policy from the Federal Reserve.

Markets took an even more dovish message from the committee's statement announcing the decision, its economic projections, and a press conference from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell. The greatest odds implied by futures pricing on Wednesday afternoon were for a year-end 2024 fed-funds rate in the range of 3.75% to 4.00%. That would mean 1.5 percentage points of reductions in the Fed's target next year, or six cuts of a quarter-point each.

It would likely take faster-than-expected progress on returning inflation to the Fed's 2% target, or a more severe economic downturn in 2024, to get that kind of easing of monetary policy.

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