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# PA100 Index


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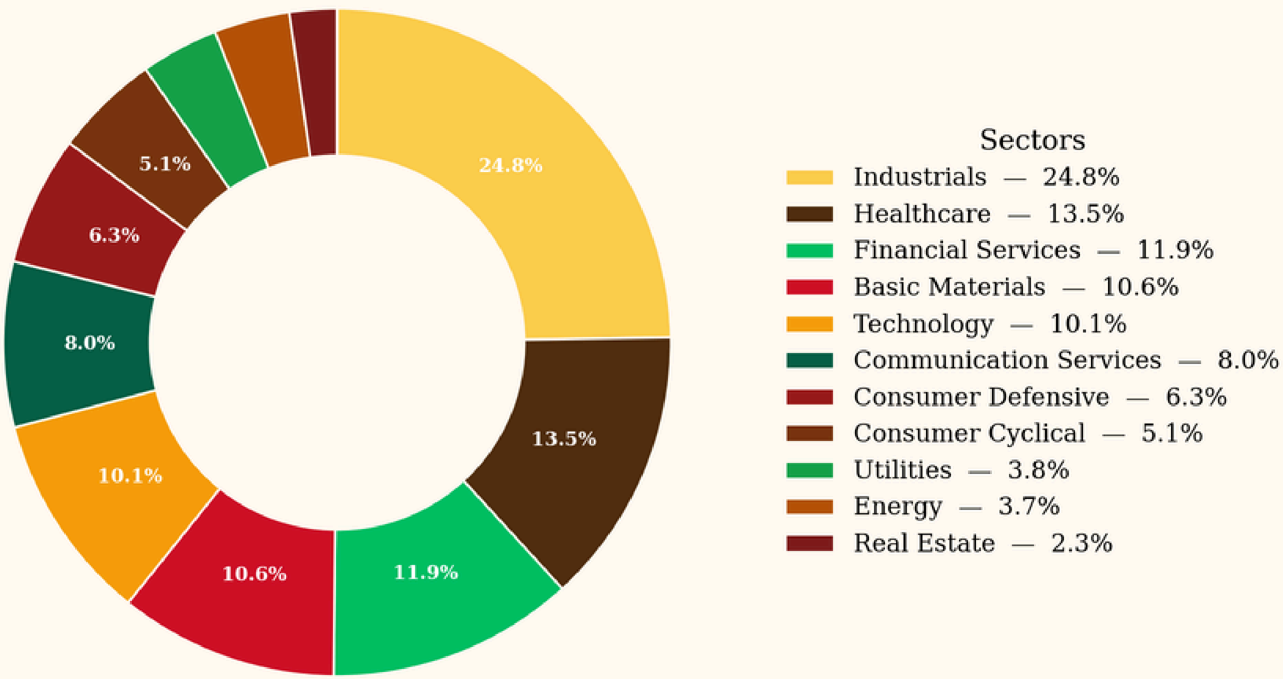
# Gains

## PA100 Index Level YTD (May 29th) +5.79%

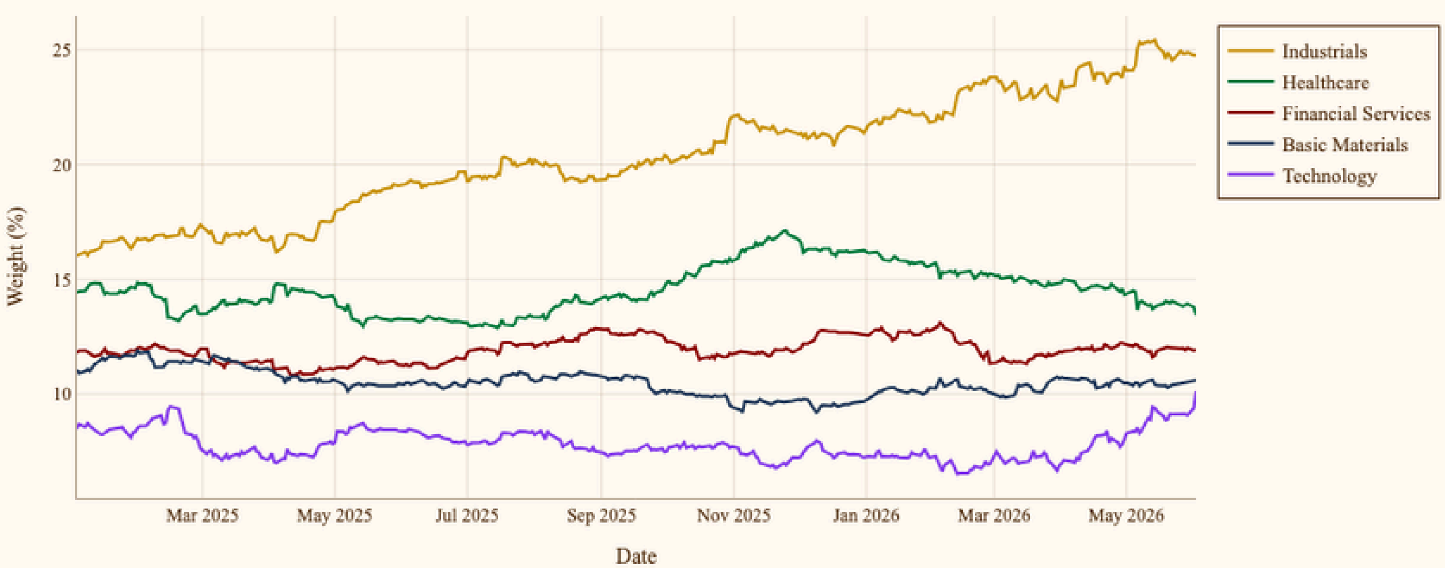

## Index Level May 2026 (MTD: +0.55%)

# Breakdown

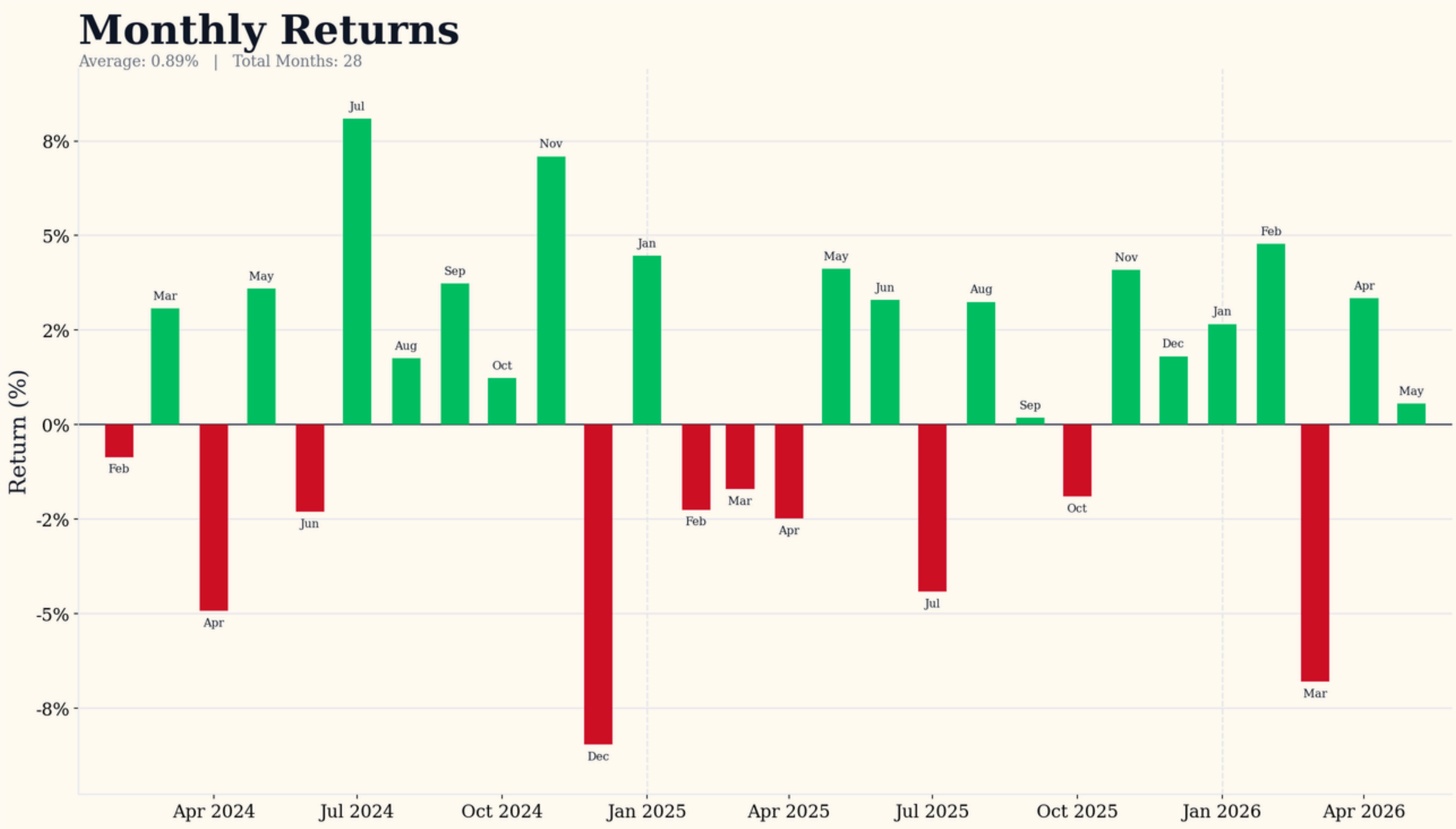
## Sector Distribution




## Sector Weight Over Time (% of Total Holdings)



# May Overview




As the U.S.–Iran conflict shapes global markets, rising energy prices are no longer the sole concern. Driven by inflation and high interest rates, dropping disposable income is fueling tension between consumers and suppliers. Rising corporate borrowing costs have also restricted capital expenditures, triggering tighter structural workforce management and high labor market volatility that threatens job security. This K-shaped economic model is evident in the PA100's sector breakdowns, where consumer defensives (6.3%) slightly lead consumer cyclicals (5.1%). Additionally, while labor law funding debates have hit the PA100's technology and communication services sectors, a planned high-speed internet expansion offers a bridge for optimism. This stark split between high- and low-income consumer behavior is projected to persist until mid-2027. Currently, interest rates sit at 3.75% nearly double the Federal Reserve Board's 2% target. While President Trump advocates for maintaining these high rates, the new Federal Reserve Chair, Kevin Warsh, opposes them. Though no promises have been made, shifts are expected as the economic cycle progresses.

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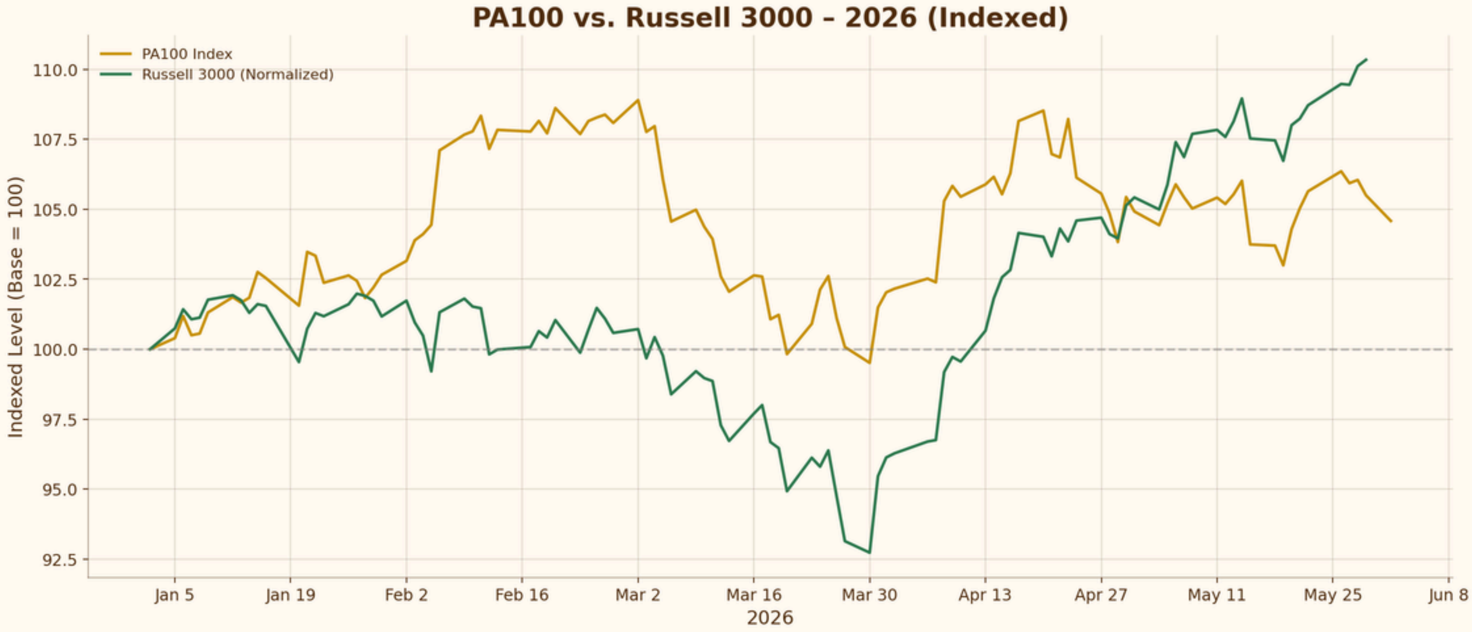
# Performance




0.55%

PA100 April 2026 Performance

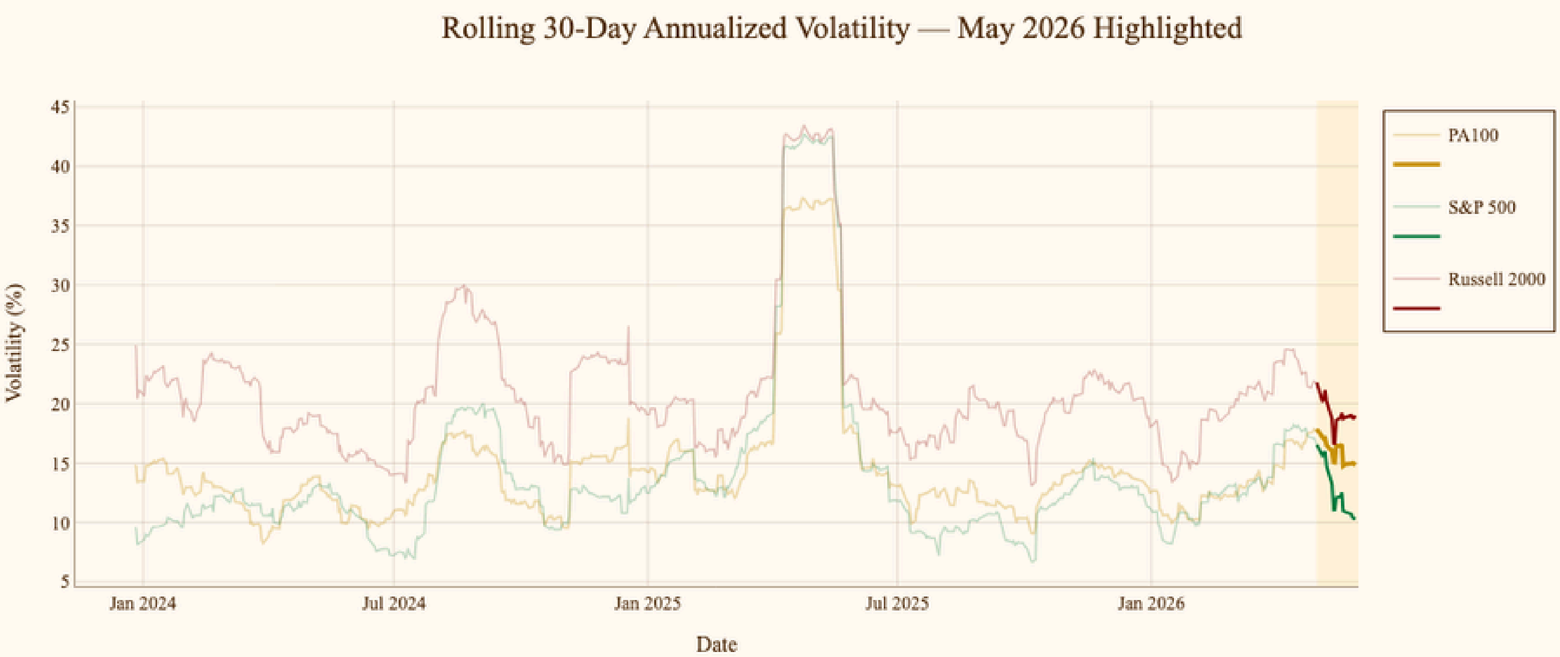
4.66%

Russell 3000 April 2026 Performance

May was a recovery month for markets as the U.S.-Iran ceasefire held and negotiators moved toward a 60-day extension of the truce. The rebound was broad and tech-led, helped by strong first-quarter corporate profits, and the Russell 3000 returned 4.66%. This time the tech sector boosted the Russell past the PA100, a reversal from earlier in the year when the two landed in nearly the same place. The PA100 gained just 0.55%, rising from 128.39 to 129.10 index points and trailing the Russell 3000 by roughly 4.11 percentage points. The gap was again a story of sector exposure, only reversed. The index's light technology weighting, which cushioned it during March's oil-driven selloff, left it on the sidelines as the recovery ran through the growth names it does not hold. Even so, the PA100 has grown indirectly from the tech sector, as data center infrastructure continues to be built across the state on the back of its natural gas and industrial base.

CNBC, PBS NewsHour, UGI Energy Services

# Volatility Analysis




Russell 3000 PA100 S&P500

Markets steadied through May as the worst of the Iran tensions eased, earnings rolled in, and a strong run in technology stocks pulled indices back toward highs. Volatility eased across the board, with the Russell 2000 coming down from a peak near 21.8% to settle around 19%. The PA100 followed as well, sliding from roughly 17.9% to 14.8% by month end. It opened the month tracking close to the S&P 500 before the S&P fell furthest of the three, dropping from about 16.5% to just above 10% as gains narrowed into large cap technology and left the PA100 sitting between the two. May builds on what March and April had already shown. The same industrial and life sciences tilt that kept the PA100 out of May's tech-led advance is what holds its structural volatility well below the swings the Russell 2000 absorbs, the steadier side of the trade-off it makes by sitting out the tech swings.

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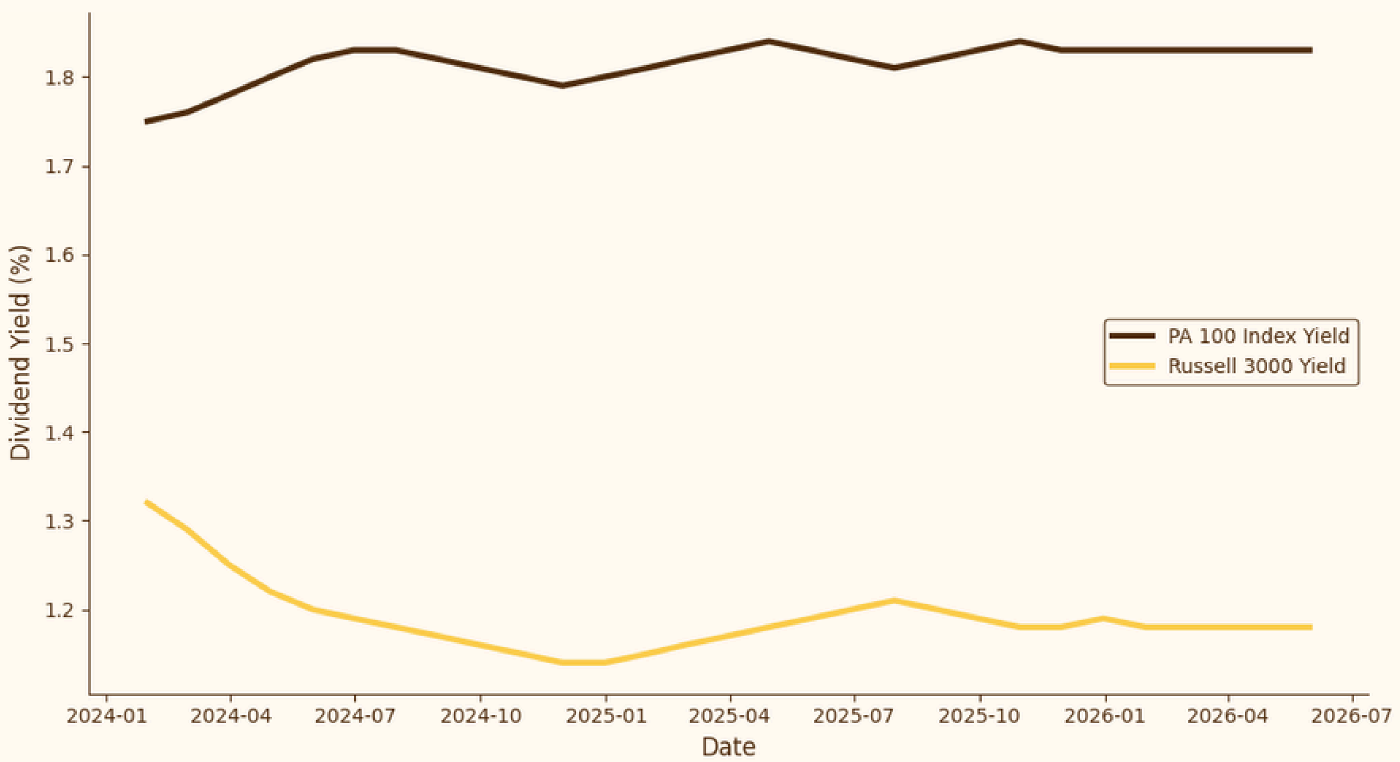
# Dividend Analysis

Dividend Yield Comparison




1.89%

PA100 May 2026 Annualized Dividend Yield

1.10%

Russell 3000 May 2026 Annualized Dividend Yield

The PA100 Index, anchored by well-established industrial and financial firms, paid out dividends at an annualized rate of 1.89% in May 2026, 0.79% higher than the Russell 3000 at 1.10%. Pennsylvania's companies hold real assets and generate predictable income, the kind of cash flow that produces a steady payout. In May that mattered in a different way than in April. Markets steadied, but the gains came almost entirely from growth-oriented technology names, the kind that make up much of the Russell 3000 and tend to reinvest their earnings rather than return them to shareholders. The broad index led on price while the PA100 kept paying the larger income stream, a reminder that the index can reward holders through dividends even in the months it does not lead on returns.

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