

## THE NOURIEL ROUBINI OUTLOOK FOR THE US ECONOMY IN 2026

Roubini's outlook for the 2026 US economy (**Project Syndicate**, *The Outlook for the US Economy in 2026*, November 26, 2025) posits three possibilities. In likelihood order from lowest to highest probability these are:

- NL or no landing: US economy more resilient than currently expected with geopolitical risks contained.
- SSS : Short shallow recession and slower recovery with weaker consumer confidence.
- Goldi: Goldilocks scenario with monetary easing and other US data on inflation, jobs etc. favourable.

The probabilities, as calculated at **hugheseconomics.com** using the “more likely” approach, are derived in the following table. Note that in line with Roubini's reasoning, SSS is assessed as moderately more likely than NL with Goldi assessed as significantly more likely than SSS.

**PROBABILITIES FOR THE ROUBINI SCENARIOS AS ASSESSED BY HUGHES ECONOMICS**

Events/ Scenarios	Likelihood Ratios	Pairwise Range		Compound Likelihood		PROBABILITIES				More Likely #	
		Low	High	Low	High	P(Low)	P(High)	Average	%	Average	%
NL	Base ⇒ 1	1.00	1.00	1.000	1.000	0.242	0.140	0.192	19	Base	Base
SSS	SSS/NL	1.25	1.75	1.250	1.750	0.303	0.246	0.274	27	1.43	1.42
Goldi	Goldi/SSS	1.50	2.50	1.875	4.375	0.455	0.614	0.534	54	1.95	2.00
				<b>4.125</b>	<b>7.125</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>1.000</b>	<b>100</b>		

To reiterate, the probabilities above are **not** those of Roubini (although the scenarios outlined are his) with Goldi his baseline (most likely) scenario.

Note that if the assessor wanted to make the probabilities closer together, he/she could use successive pairwise ranges of 1 – 1, 1.1 – 1.4 and 1.2 – 1.5. This would make the probabilities of successive scenarios between 10% and 50% greater than that of the predecessor scenario in the ranking. The resulting distribution in this case would be 26%, 31% and 43%, respectively.