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Munis Defy Bond Selloff, Pushing Valuations to Three-Year High.

- Ratios on 10-year muni debt sank to lowest level in years
- Deals oversubscribed by more than five times in February

By one measure, state and local government bond yields have slid to the lowest levels against Treasuries in nearly three years, with a steady push into the securities largely sheltering them from the selloff seen in other corners of fixed-income markets.

Yields on 10-year municipal debt have hit the lowest relative to Treasuries since June 2021 after strong demand for the tax-exempt securities propped up prices during a Thursday bond-market rout.

Treasuries slid after a report on wholesale prices eroded confidence in the outlook for Federal Reserve interest-rate cuts this year. While municipals dropped slightly, their outperformance drove the muni-Treasury ratio to just 57%, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

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