

# Cash Holding Trends in Equity MFs as of July 2025

## Cash Reserves Across AMCs: Who's Holding How Much?

- Cash Holdings Rise Despite Aggressive Buying:** Equity mutual funds increased cash reserves to **₹2.07 lakh crore** in July 2025, up from ₹2.04 lakh crore in June, even as they bought equities worth **₹47,019 crore** in July. The rise was aided by record inflows and a drop in equity valuations during the market correction.
- AMC Cash Ratios Breach 5% Mark:** The average cash holding ratio among the top 20 AMCs climbed to **5.94%** in July from **4.88%** in June, decisively crossing the 5% level. This reflects a cautious stance, with fund managers prioritising liquidity over full equity deployment amid uncertain market conditions.
- Record Inflows & SIP Collections:** Equity inflows into growth-oriented schemes hit a new high of **₹42,702 crore**, while SIP collections touched a record **₹28,464 crore**, signalling sustained retail participation even as funds maintained larger cash buffers.

Top 20 AMCs Holding the Largest Cash Piles			
Based on Equity-Oriented Mutual Fund Schemes			
Category	Equity Allocation (₹ Cr)	Cash Holding (₹ Cr)	Cash as % of AUM
SBI MF	693,473	34,592	4.75
ICICI Pru MF	440,066	27,999	5.98
HDFC MF	393,578	27,031	6.43
Nippon India MF	370,732	7,264	1.92
UTI MF	253,257	3,758	1.46
Kotak MF	231,511	5,131	2.17
Axis MF	189,572	11,144	5.55
Mirae MF	157,277	2,266	1.42
Aditya Birla SL MF	147,653	4,687	3.08
DSP MF	109,210	6,516	5.63
Motilal Oswal MF	95,903	9,031	8.61
Franklin Templeton MF	93,918	4,760	4.82
PPFAS MF	93,444	25,375	21.36
Canara Robeco MF	90,149	3,231	3.46
Tata MF	81,679	4,543	5.27
Quant MF	79,542	7,978	9.12
HSBC MF	70,985	1,448	2.00
Bandhan MF	64,208	4,436	6.46
Invesco MF	62,813	2,555	3.91
Sundaram MF	44,000	3,378	7.13

## Cash-Heavy Mutual Funds: PPFAS Tops with 21.36%, SBI Holds ₹34,592 Cr

- PPFAS MF** stands out with the highest cash-to-AUM ratio at **21.36%** (₹25,375 crore), followed by **Quant MF** at 9.12% (₹7,978 crore) and **Motilal Oswal MF** at 8.61% (₹9,031 crore), signalling a notably cautious approach.
- SBI Mutual Fund** holds the largest cash pile at **₹34,592 crore** (4.75% of AUM), followed by **ICICI Prudential MF** with ₹27,999 crore (5.98%). **HDFC MF** ranks close with ₹27,031 crore (6.43%), reflecting substantial liquidity positions among the biggest fund houses.
- Bandhan MF** (6.46%), **DSP MF** (5.96%), **Axis MF** (5.55%), and **Tata MF** (5.27%) also maintain significant cash levels, ensuring readiness to deploy funds in response to market opportunities.

\* Data Source:- ACE MF

\* Average of Cash Holding Ratio= Average of cash holdings ratio of the AMCs

## Cash Reserves Across Equity MF Categories: A Deep Dive

- ❖ **Contra & Flexi Cap Funds Lead the Cash Pile:** Contra Funds hold the largest liquidity cushion in terms of percentage with **15.14% of AUM in cash (₹10,706 crore)**, followed by Flexi Cap Funds at **9.67% (₹47,698 crore)**. This indicates a defensive stance, keeping ample cash to capitalise on market corrections.
- ❖ **Small Cap & Focused Funds Maintain Strong Buffers:** Small Cap Funds keep **7.33% of AUM in cash (₹26,086 crore)**, while Focused Funds hold **7.71% (₹12,383 crore)**, highlighting a strategy to balance volatility with the flexibility to deploy capital quickly when opportunities arise.

### Equity MF Categories & Their Cash Pile: A Comparative View

Category	Equity Allocation (₹ Cr)	Cash Holding (₹ Cr)	Cash as % of AUM
Contra Fund	60,001	10,706	15.14%
Flexi Cap Fund	445,812	47,698	9.67%
Focused Fund	148,208	12,383	7.71%
Small cap Fund	329,777	26,086	7.33%
Dividend Yield	30,499	2,064	6.34%
Value Fund	122,582	7,889	6.05%
Mid Cap Fund	404,672	24,008	5.60%
Sector/Thematic Fund	487,632	27,988	5.43%
Large Cap Fund	373,623	18,588	4.74%
Multi Cap Fund	197,664	7,629	3.72%
ELSS Fund	243,196	9,102	3.61%
Large & Mid Cap	290,800	10,380	3.45%

## Breaking Down Cash Reserves Across Equity MF Schemes

- ❖ **Parag Parikh & SBI Contra Lead in Cash Proportion:** Parag Parikh Flexi Cap Fund tops with **21.66% of AUM in cash (₹24,532 crore)**, followed by **SBI Contra Fund** at **19.86% (₹9,325 crore)** and **Motilal Oswal Midcap Fund** at **17.96%** – signalling a strong liquidity stance to deploy capital when opportunities arise.
- ❖ **Small & Flexi Cap Funds Keep Large Cash Buffers:** **SBI Small Cap Fund** ranks next with **16.66%**, **HDFC Flexi Cap Fund** at **11.84%** and **SBI Focused Fund** at **11.22%** – showcasing prudent cash management across diverse equity categories.

### Top 10 Equity MF Schemes with High Cash Stash

Scheme Name	Category	Equity Allocation (₹ Cr)	Cash Holding (₹ Cr)	Cash as % of AUM
Parag Parikh Flexi Cap Fund	Flexi Cap Fund	88,749	24,532	21.66%
HDFC Flexi Cap Fund	Flexi Cap Fund	71,094	9,548	11.84%
SBI Contra Fund	Contra Fund	37,622	9,325	19.86%
ICICI Pru Large Cap Fund	Large Cap Fund	65,058	6,730	9.38%
HDFC Mid Cap Fund	Mid Cap Fund	77,796	6,052	7.22%
Motilal Oswal Midcap Fund	Mid Cap Fund	27,572	6,036	17.96%
SBI Small Cap Fund	Small cap Fund	29,637	5,926	16.66%
ICICI Pru Value Fund	Value Fund	48,970	4,745	8.83%
SBI Focused Fund	Focused Fund	33,679	4,257	11.22%
HDFC Small Cap Fund	Small cap Fund	33,106	3,247	8.93%

\* Data Source:- ACE MF, Data updated as on 31st July 2025