



## April 30, 2025: Key Stock Market Highlights and Insights

### Description

The S&P 500 went up a little on Wednesday. This happened after news showed the U.S. economy got smaller in the first quarter. Investors are worried about a possible recession.

The S&P 500 rose by 0.15% to close at 5,569.06. The Nasdaq Composite fell by 0.09% to 17,446.34. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose by 141.74 points, or 0.35%, ending at 40,669.36.

Even with this, the day was rocky. At one point, the S&P 500 was down by nearly 2.3%.

First-quarter GDP fell by 0.3%. This is different from the 2.4% rise in the last quarter. Consumer spending also grew slowly.

Despite the bad news, traders bought stocks again on Wednesday, helping the market recover a bit this month.

### Vocabulary List:

1. **Recession** /rɪˈseɪʃən/ (noun): A period of temporary economic decline during which trade and industrial activity are reduced.
2. **Investors** /ɪnˈvestərz/ (noun): Individuals or institutions that commit capital with the expectation of receiving financial returns.
3. **GDP** /dʒiːˈdiːpiː/ (noun): Gross Domestic Product; the total value of goods produced and services provided in a country during one year.
4. **Consumer** /kənˈsjumər/ (noun): A person who purchases goods and services for personal use.
5. **Traders** /ˈtreɪdərz/ (noun): Individuals or entities that buy and sell financial instruments in the market.
6. **Recovered** /rɪˈkʌvəd/ (verb): Gained back or regained a state of condition; improved after a decline.

### Comprehension Questions

#### Multiple Choice

1. When did the events described in the text take place?

Option: April 30, 2025





- Option: May 1, 2025
- Option: April 29, 2025
- Option: May 2, 2025

2. What was the percentage increase in the S&P 500 on Wednesday?

- Option: 0.15%
- Option: 2.3%
- Option: 0.09%
- Option: 0.35%

3. Which index fell by 0.09% on Wednesday?

- Option: S&P 500
- Option: Nasdaq Composite
- Option: Dow Jones Industrial Average
- Option: None of the above

4. By how many points did the Dow Jones Industrial Average rise?

- Option: 141.74 points
- Option: 2.3%
- Option: 0.35%
- Option: 17,446.34 points

5. What was the change in GDP in the first quarter?

- Option: -0.3%
- Option: 2.4%
- Option: 0.15%
- Option: 0.35%

6. How much did the S&P 500 drop at one point?

- Option: Nearly 2.3%
- Option: 0.15%
- Option: 0.09%
- Option: 0.3%

### **True-False**

7. The S&P 500 closed at 5,569.06 on Wednesday.





8. Investors are not worried about a possible recession.
9. The Nasdaq Composite saw a rise of 0.09%.
10. Consumer spending grew rapidly in the first quarter.
11. The market did not show signs of recovery in the first quarter.
12. The day was smooth without any significant fluctuations in the market.

### Gap-Fill

13. The S&P 500 closed at \_\_\_\_\_ on Wednesday.
14. The Dow Jones Industrial Average ended at \_\_\_\_\_ points.
15. Consumer spending in the first quarter grew \_\_\_\_\_.
16. At one point, the S&P 500 was down by nearly \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Traders bought stocks again on Wednesday, helping the market recover a bit this \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The U.S. economy got smaller in the \_\_\_\_\_ quarter.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. April 30, 2025 2. 0.15% 3. Nasdaq Composite 4. 141.74 points 5. -0.3% 6. Nearly 2.3%

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 5,569.06 14. 40,669.36 15. slowly 16. 2.3% 17. month 18. first

### Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. Which event resulted in the systematic genocide of six million Jews during World War II?





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- Option: A. World War I  
Option: B. Holocaust  
Option: C. Korean War  
Option: D. Vietnam War
2. What term refers to allocating money in the expectation of some benefit in the future?  
Option: A. Investment  
Option: B. Recession  
Option: C. Economy  
Option: D. Partnership
3. What term describes a significant decline in economic activity that lasts for an extended period?  
Option: A. Savings  
Option: B. Recession  
Option: C. Recovered  
Option: D. Control
4. What does GDP stand for in economics?  
Option: A. Gross Domestic Profit  
Option: B. Global Data Process  
Option: C. Gross Domestic Product  
Option: D. Government Development Plan
5. Who are the end users of goods and services in an economy known as?  
Option: A. Traders  
Option: B. Investors  
Option: C. Taxpayers  
Option: D. Consumers
6. Who typically presides over a meeting or a corporation?  
Option: A. Sales  
Option: B. Chairman  
Option: C. Investor  
Option: D. Dividend
7. Anticipating a certain outcome or event is known as what in English language?  
Option: A. Control  
Option: B. Surprised  
Option: C. Expect  
Option: D. Taxes
8. What are choices made from available alternatives called?  
Option: A. Permission





- Option: B. Decisions
- Option: C. Lawsuits
- Option: D. Forecast

9. Which term indicates being taken unawares or caught off guard?

- Option: A. Health
- Option: B. Surprised
- Option: C. Balance
- Option: D. Partnership

10. Who is responsible for funding public expenditures in a country?

- Option: A. Investors
- Option: B. Control
- Option: C. Taxpayers
- Option: D. Saved

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ in Darfur resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ play a crucial role in providing capital for new ventures.
13. Stock \_\_\_\_\_ need to stay informed about market trends.
14. Setting aside a portion of your income for the future is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
15. A business \_\_\_\_\_ can provide additional skills and resources.
16. Having the power to manage or direct something is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The department responsible for selling products is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The state of a country in terms of the production and consumption of goods and services is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Predicting or estimating future events is part of \_\_\_\_\_ analysis.
20. Allowing someone to do something is giving them \_\_\_\_\_.





**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The international community the use of chemical weapons in warfare.
22. The complex instructions led to among the participants.
23. Regular exercise and a balanced diet are important for maintaining good .
24. Finding a between work and personal life is crucial for overall well-being.
25. Shareholders receive a portion of the company's profits in the form of a .
26. Legal disputes are often settled through in a court of law.
27. You need from the authorities before you can start construction on the property.
28. The two companies entered into a strategic to develop new technology.
29. After a period of illness the patient finally and regained strength.
30. Without the proper access to the sensitive data is restricted.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B. Holocaust 2. A. Investment 3. B. Recession 4. C. Gross Domestic Product 5. D. Consumers 6. B. Chairman 7. C. Expect 8. B. Decisions 9. B. Surprised 10. C. Taxpayers

**Gap-Fill:** 11. genocide 12. Investors 13. Traders 14. savings 15. partner 16. control 17. sales 18. economy 19. forecast 20. permission

**Matching sentence:** 1. condemned 2. confusion 3. health 4. balance 5. dividend 6. lawsuits 7. permission 8. partnership 9. recovered 10. permission

**CATEGORY**

1. Business - LEVEL1

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