
Stock Market Live: Today's Key Updates

Description

S&P 500 futures rose on Wednesday in New York before the Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates and earnings reports from large technology companies. Futures for the broad market index increased by 0.3%. However, Dow Jones Industrial Average futures fell by 27 points, or 0.1%.

Shares in ASML, a company that makes semiconductor equipment, increased by more than 5%. This rise followed news of record orders due to the demand from artificial intelligence. Seagate Technology, which provides storage solutions, saw its shares jump more than 9% after strong earnings in the second quarter, driven by high demand for data storage linked to artificial intelligence.

China approved companies like ByteDance and Alibaba to buy Nvidia's H200 AI chips. This news also helped Nvidia shares rise by about 2%. Other semiconductor companies like Advanced Micro Devices and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing saw similar gains.

Later in the day, many expect the Federal Reserve to keep its interest rate steady between 3.5% and 3.75%. Investors hope to hear clues about future changes in monetary policy. Many technology giants, including Microsoft and Tesla, will release their earnings soon. The S&P 500 has recently hit a record high, while the Dow saw a drop, affected by a significant fall in UnitedHealth shares.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Futures** /'fju:.tʃərz/ (noun): Contracts to buy or sell an asset at a predetermined future date and price.
2. **Demand** /dɪ'mænd/ (noun): The desire of consumers to purchase goods and services.
3. **Approval** /ə'pru:.vəl/ (noun): The act of officially agreeing to something.
4. **Earnings** /'ɜrnɪŋz/ (noun): Money obtained in return for labor or services.
5. **Monetary** /'mʌn.ɪ.ter.i/ (adjective): Related to money or currency.
6. **High** /haɪ/ (adjective): Of great vertical extent; above the normal or average level.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which financial instrument allows investors to speculate on the future price of an asset?

Option: Stocks

Option: Bonds

Option: Futures

Option: Options

2. What term describes the act of conforming to rules or regulations?

Option: Inflation

Option: Compliance

Option: Monetary

Option: Earnings

3. Where are large amounts of computer servers and networking equipment typically housed?

Option: Data center

Option: Project

Option: Partnership

Option: Connections

4. What term is used to describe the force exerted by something or someone?

Option: Decrease

Option: Pressure

Option: Cut

Option: Merger

5. Which field involves the collection analysis interpretation and presentation of data?

Option: Core

Option: Statistics

Option: Discount

Option: Uncertain

6. What term is used to describe relationships or links between people or things?

Option: Production

Option: Discount

Option: Connections

Option: Project

7. Who is typically the head of government of a country or region?

Option: Chancellor

Option: Alert

Option: Awareness

Option: Semiconductor

8. Buying stocks bonds or real estate with the hope of making a profit is known as what?

Option: Matching

Option: Investment

Option: Earnings

Option: Uncertain

9. Which financial term refers to the profits of a company after expenses have been deducted?

Option: Alert

Option: Earnings

Option: Privacy

Option: Sensitive

10. What term describes the reduction in the amount or size of something?

Option: Project

Option: Cut

Option: Decrease

Option: Workforce

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

11. _____ policy involves managing the country's money supply and interest rates to achieve macroeconomic objectives.

12. Price and _____ are factors that influence the market for goods and services.

13. The _____ values of a company often guide its decision-making and strategic direction.

14. An _____ was issued to warn customers about a potential security breach.

15. Optimizing _____ processes can lead to improved efficiency and cost savings.

16. High _____ on employees can lead to stress and decreased morale.

17. The outcome of the negotiation remains _____ due to conflicting interests.

18. Customers enjoy shopping during sales to get items at a _____ price.

19. Rapid _____ can erode the purchasing power of a currency.

20. The organization launched an educational campaign to raise public _____ of environmental issues.

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

21. It is important to handle personal information with care as it may be .
22. When two companies combine to form a single entity it is known as a .
23. The employees of a company collectively form its .
24. A temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product service or result is called a .
25. A deduction from the original price of an item is referred to as a .
26. Building strong relationships with others helps create a valuable that can lead to opportunities.
27. When two or more parties come together to achieve a common goal through shared resources it is called a .
28. The ability to influence or control outcomes is often associated with .
29. An urgent warning issued to notify individuals about a potential threat is known as an .
30. The electronics industry heavily relies on components for various devices.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Futures 2. Compliance 3. Data center 4. Pressure 5. Statistics 6. Connections 7. Chancellor 8. Investment 9. Earnings 10. Decrease

Gap-Fill: 11. Monetary 12. Demand 13. Core 14. Alert 15. Production 16. Pressure 17. Uncertain 18. Discount 19. Inflation 20. Awareness

Matching sentence: 1. Sensitive 2. Merger 3. Workforce 4. Project 5. Discount 6. Connection 7. Partnership 8. Power 9. Alert 10. Semiconductor

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