



# Stock Market Live Updates: Today's Key Developments

## Description

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell sharply on Friday in New York. It decreased by 793.47 points, or 1.73%. The final score was 45,166.64. Other key stock indexes also dropped. The S&P 500 lost 1.67% and hit a seven-month low. The Nasdaq Composite fell by 2.15%.

This decline increased worries about energy supplies. Brent crude oil prices rose above \$110 per barrel. Investors are concerned about events in the Strait of Hormuz.

President Donald Trump has postponed a deadline to attack Iran's energy sites. He extended this deadline to April 6. He said discussions about the conflict were ongoing.

However, Iran's foreign minister stated that Iran does not plan to talk with the U.S. This uncertainty worries investors. The Pentagon may send additional troops to the Middle East.

Iran has warned against movements in the Strait of Hormuz. Two Chinese ships were turned away. The situation remains tense, and many hope for a peaceful solution soon.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What was the point decrease of the Dow Jones Industrial Average on Friday?

- Option: 793.47
- Option: 500.25
- Option: 450.10
- Option: 600.75

2. What was the final score of the Dow Jones Industrial Average?

- Option: 45,166.64
- Option: 44,000.00
- Option: 46,000.00
- Option: 45,500.00

3. What percentage did the S&P 500 lose?

- Option: 1.67%



- Option: 2.15%
- Option: 1.73%
- Option: 3.00%

4. What is the current Brent crude oil price mentioned in the text?

- Option: \$100 per barrel
- Option: \$110 per barrel
- Option: \$120 per barrel
- Option: \$90 per barrel

5. What date did President Donald Trump extend the deadline to attack Iran's energy sites?

- Option: March 1
- Option: April 6
- Option: April 1
- Option: May 1

6. Who stated that Iran does not plan to talk with the U.S.?

- Option: President Donald Trump
- Option: Iran's foreign minister
- Option: The Pentagon spokesperson
- Option: The U.N. Secretary-General

### True-False

- 7. The Nasdaq Composite fell by 2.15%.
- 8. Investor concern about energy supplies decreased after the Dow Jones drop.
- 9. President Trump has indicated that discussions about the conflict with Iran are complete.
- 10. Two Chinese ships were welcomed in the Strait of Hormuz.
- 11. The situation in the Strait of Hormuz remains tense.
- 12. The S&P 500 hit a seven-month high.

### Gap-Fill



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13. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by \_\_\_\_\_ points.
  14. The Nasdaq Composite fell by \_\_\_\_\_ %.
  15. Brent crude oil prices rose above \_\_\_\_\_ per barrel.
  16. President Trump has postponed the deadline to attack Iran's energy sites to \_\_\_\_\_ 6.
  17. Iran's foreign minister stated that they do not plan to talk with the \_\_\_\_\_ .
  18. The Pentagon may send additional troops to the \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 793.47 2. 45,166.64 3. 1.67% 4. \$110 per barrel 5. April 6 6. Iran's foreign minister

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 793.47 14. 2.15 15. \$110 16. April 17. U.S. 18. Middle East

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