



Stock market today: Live updates

Description

U.S. stock futures managed to trend upwards Sunday, in spite of a multitude of challenges, including an Iranian missile and drone strike on Israel and a market volatility surge that led to the Dow Jones Industrial Average experiencing its worst week since March 2023. Futures tied to the Dow Jones rose by 90 points, an increase of 0.2%, while S&P 500 futures and Nasdaq-100 futures each increased by 0.2% and 0.3% respectively.

In the wake of these challenging market conditions, gold futures experienced a minor setback, now valued at \$2,373 per ounce. Nevertheless, the overall bullion trend persists, with investor interest fuelled by inflation worries and geopolitical volatility; the precious metal is up 15% in 2024.

While oil prices have spiked in recent weeks due to rising Middle East tensions, their value dipped slightly on Sunday. Krishna Guha, senior managing director at Evercore ISI, said the situation remains volatile, however, the risks to oil and markets may be less significant than feared pre-attack.

The most pressing concern for many remains how Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, will react to the Iranian assault. The Biden administration has reportedly advised against retaliation.

On Monday, market focus is set to pivot to the domestic front with investors keenly watching the release of Goldman Sachs and M&T Bank's results and multiple other critical economic data, including retail sales, business inventories for February, and March manufacturing numbers.

Investor anxiety is also being fuelled by predicted inflation and a cautious global landscape. This was echoed by JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon, who noted the "unsettling" global scenario and "persistent inflationary pressures," even as the bank surpassed first-quarter profit estimates.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Surge** // (noun): A sudden and large increase or rise.
2. **Setback** // (noun): A reversal or check in progress.
3. **Spiked** // (verb): Increased sharply and suddenly.
4. **Persist** // (verb): Continue to exist or occur over time.
5. **Retaliation** // (noun): The action of harming someone because they have harmed oneself.
6. **Anxiety** // (noun): A feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What term is used to describe a sudden and significant increase?

- Option: Surge
- Option: Integrity
- Option: Advocating
- Option: Achievement

2. What does compliance refer to?

- Option: Following rules and regulations
- Option: Collective bargaining
- Option: Geopolitical issues
- Option: Buoyed

3. What is the process of forming a labor union called?



- Option: Persist
- Option: Unionize
- Option: Scrutiny
- Option: Intertwined

4. Which term means to come together for a common purpose or cause?

- Option: Momentum
- Option: Rally
- Option: Allegations
- Option: Sanctions

5. What is a successful accomplishment known as?

- Option: Retaliation
- Option: Achievement
- Option: Proactive
- Option: Resonating

6. Which term means evoking a positive emotional response?

- Option: Inflation
- Option: Whistleblower
- Option: Resonating
- Option: Persistence

7. What does persist mean?

- Option: Mitigate
- Option: Allegations
- Option: Persist
- Option: Advocating

8. What is the term for publicly supporting a particular cause or policy?

- Option: Advocating
- Option: Scrutiny
- Option: Durability
- Option: Collective

9. What is the feeling of worry nervousness or unease typically about something with an uncertain outcome?

- Option: Anxiety
- Option: Inflation
- Option: Sanctions
- Option: Momentum

10. What are penalties or other means of enforcement used to encourage compliance with the law or rules?



- Option: Surge
- Option: Integrity
- Option: Rally
- Option: Sanctions

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

11. A _____ is a difficulty or problem that delays or prevents progress.
12. After the successful launch the team was _____ by the positive feedback.
13. _____ is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
14. The company denied the _____ of misconduct made by the employees.
15. The _____ of the new material was tested under extreme conditions.
16. The financial records came under close _____ during the audit.
17. The workers decided to take _____ action to negotiate better working conditions.
18. Efforts were made to _____ the impact of the natural disaster on the community.
19. Being _____ in addressing issues can help prevent them from becoming larger problems.
20. The team gained _____ as they completed each stage of the project.

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

21. Despite numerous challenges he continued to work towards his goals without giving up.
22. In response to the unfair treatment the employees planned a form of revenge.
23. The insider who disclosed confidential information to expose wrongdoing within the organization.
24. The strategic activities carried out to promote a particular social cause or goal.
25. The positive feedback served as validation and confirmation of their hard work.



26. The project gathered speed and strength as it progressed towards completion.
27. After much discussion a general agreement was reached among the team members.
28. Publicly supporting a cause or idea to influence a positive change.
29. The two concepts were closely connected and could not be separated.
30. Related to the influence of geography on politics and international relations.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Surge 2. Following rules and regulations 3. Unionize 4. Rally 5. Achievement 6. Resonating 7. Persist 8. Advocating 9. Anxiety 10. Sanctions

Gap-Fill: 11. Setback 12. Buoyed 13. Integrity 14. Allegations 15. Durability 16. Scrutiny 17. Collective 18. Mitigate 19. Proactive 20. Momentum

Matching sentence: 1. Persist 2. Retaliation 3. Whistleblower 4. Campaign 5. Affirming 6. Momentum 7. Consensus 8. Advocating 9. Intertwined 10. Geopolitical

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