



Stock Market Update: April 14, 2026

Description

Stocks rose on Tuesday in New York. Traders felt good even after the peace talks between the U.S. and Iran did not go well. They still believe a deal is possible.

The S&P 500 index gained 1.18% and closed at 6,967.38. It is now very close to its best level in a year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 317.74 points, or 0.66%, closing at 48,535.99. The Nasdaq Composite rose 1.96%, ending at 23,639.08.

Technology companies helped boost the market. Oracle's stock grew by 4.7%, adding to its big gain from the day before. Other companies like Nvidia and Palantir Technologies also performed well.

Despite worries about global issues, Wall Street showed strength. President Donald Trump said the other side wants to make a deal. The gains on Monday helped recover losses from the past weeks.

A new meeting between the U.S. and Iran is possible, but no date is set. Oil prices dropped, with West Texas Intermediate crude down 7.87% to \$91.28 a barrel.

Vocabulary List:

1. **traders** //ˈtreɪdərz// (noun): people who buy and sell things or assets
2. **index** //ˈɪndeks// (noun): number showing how a market is doing
3. **gained** //geɪnd// (verb): increased in value, size, or amount
4. **boost** //buːst// (verb): help to make something larger or better
5. **recover** //rɪˈkʌvə// (verb): get back to a better state after loss
6. **crude** //kruːd// (adjective): raw oil before it is processed

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the percentage gain of the S&P 500 index on Tuesday?

Option: 1.18%

Option: 0.66%



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- Option: 4.7%
 - Option: 1.96%

2. Which index closed at 48,535.99?

- Option: S&P 500
- Option: Dow Jones Industrial Average
- Option: Nasdaq Composite
- Option: Oracle

3. Which company's stock grew by 4.7%?

- Option: Oracle
- Option: Nvidia
- Option: Palantir Technologies
- Option: None of the above

4. What percentage did the Nasdaq Composite rise?

- Option: 1.18%
- Option: 1.96%
- Option: 0.66%
- Option: 7.87%

5. What was the condition of oil prices mentioned in the content?

- Option: They rose
- Option: They dropped
- Option: They remained the same
- Option: They increased slightly

6. Who is mentioned as saying the other side wants to make a deal?

- Option: Joe Biden
- Option: Donald Trump
- Option: Barack Obama
- Option: None of the above

True-False

7. The S&P 500 index closed below its best level in a year.

8. Traders felt pessimistic about the peace talks between the U.S. and Iran.



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9. Oil prices increased on Tuesday.
 10. There is a possibility of a new meeting between the U.S. and Iran.
 11. Wall Street showed weakness despite global issues.
 12. Palantir Technologies performed poorly according to the content.

Gap-Fill

13. The S&P 500 index closed at _____ on Tuesday.
14. Oil prices dropped to \$91.28 a _____.
15. The Nasdaq Composite ended at _____.
16. Oracle's stock grew by _____%.
17. President Donald Trump expressed that the other side wants to make a _____.
18. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained _____ points.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 1.18% 2. Dow Jones Industrial Average 3. Oracle 4. 1.96% 5. They dropped 6. Donald Trump

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 6,967.38 14. barrel 15. 23,639.08 16. 4.7 17. deal 18. 317.74

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is typically prioritized during an emergency situation?



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- Option: Profit
Option: Security
Option: Efficiency
Option: Popularity
2. Who is responsible for managing public safety during a crisis?
- Option: Citizens
Option: Business Owners
Option: Authorities
Option: Media
3. What term is used when a company cannot pay its debts?
- Option: Surplus
Option: Profitability
Option: Bankruptcy
Option: Asset
4. What economic term describes the increase in prices and decrease in purchasing power over time?
- Option: Deflation
Option: Recession
Option: Inflation
Option: Stagnation
5. Who is often tasked with communicating on behalf of an organization?
- Option: Surgeon
Option: Spokesperson
Option: Lawyer
Option: Investor
6. What do companies issue when a customer returns a product?
- Option: Invoices
Option: Refunds
Option: Credits
Option: Dividends
7. Who actively buys and sells financial assets in the market?
- Option: Traders
Option: Investors
Option: Analysts
Option: Auditors
8. What type of oil is often referred to in commodity markets?
- Option: Synthetic



- Option: Refined
- Option: Crude
- Option: Vegetable

9. What index measures changes in the price level of a basket of consumer goods and services?

- Option: Production Index
- Option: Consumer Index
- Option: Cost Index
- Option: Stock Index

10. What is critical for consumers to feel secure about their financial situation?

- Option: Doubt
- Option: Confidence
- Option: Anxiety
- Option: Ambivalence

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

11. The team is focused on _____ outdated equipment from the campus.
12. The new marketing strategy aims to _____ sales significantly.
13. After the financial crisis, many companies struggled to _____ from their losses.
14. The service comes with a _____ satisfaction policy.
15. The new work arrangement offers _____ hours to accommodate employees' needs.
16. After years of managing their _____, the company finally saw a turnaround.
17. The financial _____ increased due to positive economic news.
18. In case of a major _____, the protocol must be followed strictly.
19. The _____ is expected to take a year to complete.
20. The design was so _____ that it caught everyone's attention at the exhibition.

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

21. The building was evacuated promptly to ensure everyone's safety.



22. The spokesperson provided important updates during the press conference.
23. Managing debt is crucial for both individuals and businesses to maintain financial health.
24. The authorities assessed the threat level before making a decision.
25. Consumer preferences are essential in shaping market trends.
26. Bankruptcy can be a difficult process for any company facing financial difficulties.
27. Building consumer confidence is vital for economic growth.
28. Many businesses were able to recover after implementing new strategies.
29. Inflation affects the purchasing power of consumers over time.
30. The school is renovating its campus to provide better facilities for students.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Security 2. Authorities 3. Bankruptcy 4. Inflation 5. Spokesperson 6. Refunds 7. Traders 8. Crude 9. Consumer Index 10. Confidence

Gap-Fill: 11. removing 12. boost 13. recover 14. guaranteed 15. flexible 16. debt 17. index 18. emergency 19. project 20. striking

Matching sentence: 1. evacuated 2. spokesperson 3. debt 4. threat 5. consumer 6. bankruptcy 7. confidence 8. recover 9. inflation 10. renovating

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