



Today's Stock Market: Live Highlights and Key Updates

Description

A trader works on the New York Stock Exchange on August 4, 2022.

Source: NYSE

The S&P 500 index fell on Monday. It went down by 0.4%. The Dow Jones lost 194 points, which is a drop of 0.5%. The Nasdaq Composite fell by 0.7%. Nvidia's stock dropped more than 4%, which hurt the Nasdaq.

Last week, the three main indexes lost value in February. The Dow and S&P 500 went down more than 1%. The Nasdaq Composite had its worst month since April 2024, falling 4%.

New data about the manufacturing and construction sectors showed weak results. This news worried investors about the U.S. economy. A job report is coming on Friday.

President Trump's plans for new tariffs are also causing concern. These tariffs could raise inflation. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said the exact tariff rates are not final yet.

In other news, Bitcoin prices went up after Trump announced a plan for a U.S. crypto reserve.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Index** /'ɪn.dɛks/ (noun): A statistical measure of change in an economy or a securities market.
2. **Tariffs** /'tær.ɪf/ (noun): Taxes imposed by a government on imported goods.
3. **Inflation** /ɪn'fleɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising.
4. **Manufacturing** /,mæn.jʊ'fæk.tʃər.ɪŋ/ (noun): The process of producing goods using labor and machines.
5. **Composite** /kəm'pɒz.ɪt/ (adjective): Made up of various parts or elements.
6. **Concern** /kən'sɜːn/ (noun): A matter of interest or importance.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What index fell on Monday?



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- Option: S&P 500
 - Option: Dow Jones
 - Option: Nasdaq Composite
 - Option: Nvidia stock

2. By how much did the Dow Jones drop?

- Option: 0.4%
- Option: 0.5%
- Option: 0.7%
- Option: 1%

3. Which index had its worst month since April 2024?

- Option: Dow Jones
- Option: S&P 500
- Option: Nasdaq Composite
- Option: Nvidia stock

4. What news worried investors about the U.S. economy?

- Option: New data about the manufacturing sector
- Option: New data about the construction sector
- Option: Job report
- Option: Trump's tariff plans

5. Who announced a plan for a U.S. crypto reserve?

- Option: S&P 500
- Option: Dow Jones
- Option: Trump
- Option: Nvidia

6. Which stock dropped more than 4%?

- Option: S&P 500
- Option: Dow Jones
- Option: Nasdaq Composite
- Option: Nvidia stock

True-False

7. The S&P 500 index gained on Monday.



8. The Nasdaq Composite fell by 1% in February.
9. New data about the construction sectors showed strong results.
10. Trump's plans for new tariffs are not causing any concern.
11. Bitcoin prices went down after Trump announced a plan for a U.S. crypto reserve.
12. The job report is scheduled for Thursday.

Gap-Fill

13. The S&P 500 index fell by _____ on Monday.
14. The Nasdaq Composite had its worst month since _____ 2024, falling 4%.
15. President Trump's plans for new tariffs could raise _____.
16. Bitcoin prices went up after Trump announced a plan for a U.S. crypto _____.
17. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said the exact tariff rates are not final _____.
18. A job report is coming on _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. S&P 500 2. 0.5% 3. Nasdaq Composite 4. New data about the manufacturing sector
5. Trump 6. Nvidia stock

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 0.4% 14. April 15. inflation 16. reserve 17. yet 18. Friday

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is a government's tax on imported and exported goods called?
Option: Customs



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- Option: Profits
Option: Subsidies
Option: Wages
2. What term describes a period of temporary economic decline?
- Option: Inflation
Option: Boom
Option: Growth
Option: Downturn
3. Where can shares or stocks of publicly traded companies be bought and sold?
- Option: Supermarket
Option: Retail Store
Option: Exhibition
Option: Stock Exchange
4. Who are the end users of goods and services in an economy?
- Option: Producers
Option: Investors
Option: Businesses
Option: Consumers
5. Which term refers to the number of units of a product sold?
- Option: Stocks
Option: Investments
Option: Revenue
Option: Sales
6. What is the sustained increase in the general price level of goods and services in an economy?
- Option: Deflation
Option: Stagflation
Option: Depression
Option: Inflation
7. What sector involves producing goods in large quantities using machinery?
- Option: Agriculture
Option: Services
Option: Retail
Option: Manufacturing
8. What term describes goods or products being transported by ship aircraft or motor vehicle?
- Option: Inventory
Option: Freight



- Option: Stock
- Option: Cargo

9. What are the profits of a company after deducting costs and expenses?

- Option: Sales
- Option: Revenues
- Option: Earnings
- Option: Returns

10. Who allocates money in financial assets to gain profit?

- Option: Savers
- Option: Spenders
- Option: Borrowers
- Option: Investors

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

11. _____ tariffs are designed to give the same treatment as that received from another country.
12. Due to the tariff increase imported goods have become more _____ .
13. The stock market _____ measures changes in securities prices over time.
14. The _____ index reflects the performance of several different financial instruments.
15. The _____ resulted in a disruption to the flow of goods at the port.
16. Cargo ships use powerful _____ to propel themselves across oceans.
17. The insurance company received numerous _____ after a series of accidents.
18. The _____ by workers impacted the production schedule of the factory.
19. In the _____ process shipments are verified against documentation for accuracy.
20. The port experienced heavy _____ as a result of increased trade activity.

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



21. Tariffs are taxes on imported goods that aim to protect domestic industries from competition.
22. The state of the economy influences consumer spending patterns and business decisions.
23. Persistent inflation erodes the purchasing power of a currency over time.
24. Emergency teams and first rushed to the scene to provide assistance.
25. Labor can disrupt production and supply chains causing financial losses.
26. Countries may implement tariffs to address trade imbalances.
27. The index combines multiple indicators to provide a comprehensive view of the market.
28. The uncertainty in the market raised among investors and analysts.
29. The container ship carried various types of from port to port.
30. monitor market trends and economic data to make informed investment decisions.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Customs 2. Downturn 3. Stock Exchange 4. Consumers 5. Sales 6. Inflation 7. Manufacturing 8. Cargo 9. Earnings 10. Investors

Gap-Fill: 11. Reciprocal 12. Expensive 13. Index 14. Composite 15. Incident 16. Engines 17. Claims 18. Strike 19. Matching 20. Traffic

Matching sentence: 1. Tariffs 2. Economy 3. Inflation 4. Responders 5. Strikes 6. Reciprocal 7. Composite 8. Concern 9. Cargo 10. Investors

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