



Today's Stock Market Live: Real-Time Updates & Insights

Description

Traders are working on the New York Stock Exchange on February 03, 2025.

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The S&P 500 did not change much today. This happened after President Trump said new tariffs on Canada and Mexico will start soon. Also, the stock Nvidia went down after its earnings report.

The S&P 500 lost less than 0.1%. It is down for the week and the month. The Nasdaq Composite fell 0.6%. Nvidia's stock dropped by 2.9%, which affected the Nasdaq.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average went up by 291 points, or 0.6%. This is because of gains in JPMorgan Chase and 3M.

Trump wants to put a 25% tariff on Mexico and Canada starting on March 4. He says these countries need to do more to stop drugs from coming in.

Traders are waiting for more news about the economy and inflation. Jobless claims went up to 242,000 last week, which worries some investors.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Tariff** /'tærɪf/ (noun): A tax imposed on imported goods and services.
2. **Earnings** /'ɜːnɪŋz/ (noun): The income generated from business operations typically measured in terms of profits.
3. **Claims** /kleɪmz/ (noun): Formal requests for something that one believes they are entitled to.
4. **Inflation** /ɪn'fleɪʃən/ (noun): A sustained increase in the general price level of goods and services in an economy over a period of time.
5. **Investors** /ɪn'vestərz/ (noun): Individuals or institutions that allocate capital with the expectation of a future financial return.
6. **Composite** /kəm'pɒzɪt/ (adjective): Made up of several parts or elements; a combination.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What event caused the S&P 500 to not change much today?
 - Option: President Trump announcing new tariffs on Canada and Mexico
 - Option: The release of Nvidia's earnings report
 - Option: A significant drop in oil prices
 - Option: An unexpected surge in jobless claims

2. How much did the S&P 500 lose today?
 - Option: 0.1%
 - Option: 0.5%
 - Option: 1%
 - Option: 2%

3. What contributed to the increase in the Dow Jones Industrial Average?
 - Option: Gains in JPMorgan Chase and 3M
 - Option: Decrease in oil prices
 - Option: Trade negotiations with China
 - Option: Jobless claims going down

4. What is the reason behind Trump wanting to put tariffs on Mexico and Canada?
 - Option: To boost trade relations
 - Option: To reduce immigration
 - Option: To combat drug trafficking
 - Option: To promote economic growth

5. What worried some investors based on the information provided?
 - Option: Increased jobless claims
 - Option: Global market instability
 - Option: Government shutdown
 - Option: Rising inflation rates

6. Which stock experienced a significant drop after its earnings report?
 - Option: Google
 - Option: Amazon
 - Option: Nvidia
 - Option: Apple



True-False

7. The S&P 500 was up for both the week and the month.
8. The Nasdaq Composite experienced a 0.6% drop.
9. Trump aims to implement a 25% tariff on Mexico and Canada by March 1.
10. JPMorgan Chase and 3M both saw losses in their stock values.
11. Jobless claims decreased in the recent week.
12. Investors are eagerly anticipating news about the upcoming holiday season predictions.

Gap-Fill

13. The Nasdaq Composite fell by _____ due to Nvidia's stock drop of 2.9%.
14. Trump wants to put a 25% tariff on Mexico and Canada starting on _____ 4.
15. Jobless claims went up to _____ last week.
16. The Dow Jones Industrial Average went up by 291 points, representing a gain of _____.
17. Nvidia's stock dropped by 2.9%, which negatively impacted the _____.
18. The S&P 500 lost less than _____ today.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. President Trump announcing new tariffs on Canada and Mexico 2. 0.1% 3. Gains in JPMorgan Chase and 3M 4. To combat drug trafficking 5. Increased jobless claims 6. Nvidia

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 0.6% 14. March 15. 242,000 17. Nasdaq 18. 0.1%



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
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.)

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| 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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