



Today's Stock Market: Live Updates and Insights

Description

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York City on January 2, 2025.

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Stock prices fell on Friday. This happened after two new reports about the U.S. economy were released. These reports made it less likely that the Federal Reserve will lower interest rates soon.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped by 627 points, which is a 1.4% decrease. The S&P 500 also fell by 1.4%, and the Nasdaq Composite lost almost 2%.

The U.S. added 256,000 jobs in December. Economists thought there would be only 155,000 new jobs. The unemployment rate dropped to 4.1%. This made the 10-year Treasury note yield reach its highest level since late 2023.

People think there is a 97% chance the Fed will keep interest rates the same in January. After the job data, the chance of a rate cut in March fell to about 25%.

The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index also showed worries about inflation. Their index was 73.2, lower than expected.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Economy** /i'kɒnəmi/ (noun): The system of production distribution and consumption of goods and services in a particular area.
2. **Consumer** /kən'sju:mə/ (noun): A person who purchases goods and services for personal use.
3. **Inflation** /ɪn'fleɪʃən/ (noun): The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising.
4. **Unemployment** /ˌʌnɪm'plɔɪmənt/ (noun): The state of being without a job despite being willing to work.
5. **Yield** /ji:ld/ (verb): To produce or provide especially in terms of income or return on an investment.
6. **Sentiment** /'sentɪmənt/ (noun): A view or opinion that is held or expressed.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What event caused stock prices to fall on Friday?
Option: Release of new reports on the U.S. economy
Option: Federal Reserve lowering interest rates
Option: Addition of 256,000 jobs in December
Option: Unemployment rate reaching 4.1%
2. By how much did the Dow Jones Industrial Average drop?
Option: 627 points
Option: 1.4%
Option: 2%
Option: 4.1%
3. What was the percentage decrease in the S&P 500?
Option: 1.4%
Option: 2%
Option: 4.1%
Option: 73.2%
4. What was the unemployment rate after the addition of 256,000 jobs in December?
Option: 4.1%
Option: 97%
Option: 25%
Option: 73.2%
5. What chance do people think the Fed will keep interest rates the same in January?
Option: 97%
Option: 25%
Option: 73.2%
Option: 4.1%
6. What was the University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index?
Option: 73.2
Option: 97%
Option: 25%
Option: 4.1%



Gap-Fill

13. The U.S. added 256,000 jobs in December. Economists expected only _____ new jobs.
14. The job data made the chance of a rate cut in March fall to about _____ %.
15. The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index was _____, lower than expected.
16. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped by 627 points, which is a _____ decrease.
17. The Nasdaq Composite lost almost _____ % on Friday.
18. After the job data, people think there is a _____ % chance of a rate cut in March.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Release of new reports on the U.S. economy 2. 627 points 3. 1.4% 4. 4.1% 5. 97% 6. 73.2

Gap-Fill: 13. 155,000 14. 25 15. 73.2 16. 1.4% 17. 2

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What indicator measures the overall health of the stock market by analyzing the number of companies advancing versus declining?
- Option: Market breadth
 - Option: Trading volumes
 - Option: Earnings reports
 - Option: Investor confidence
2. Which factor represents the total quantity of shares or contracts traded in a specific security or market during a given period?
- Option: Market breadth
 - Option: Trading volumes



Option: Earnings reports
Option: Investor confidence

3. What sentiment indicates the level of trust and optimism that investors have in the financial markets?

Option: Market breadth
Option: Trading volumes
Option: Earnings reports
Option: Investor confidence

4. Which financial disclosures detail a company's performance and are closely watched by investors and analysts?

Option: Market breadth
Option: Trading volumes
Option: Earnings reports
Option: Investor confidence

5. Which term refers to a collection of financial investments such as stocks bonds and cash equivalents?

Option: Portfolio
Option: Inflation
Option: Incident
Option: Landing

6. What economic condition causes the general price level of goods and services to rise?

Option: Portfolio
Option: Inflation
Option: Incident
Option: Landing

7. What aspect of air travel focuses on protecting passengers from accidents?

Option: Volume
Option: Safety
Option: Momentum
Option: Bearish

8. What term represents the number of shares traded on a stock exchange during a given period?

Option: Volume
Option: Momentum
Option: Bearish
Option: Target

9. Which concept describes the strength or speed of a price movement in the financial markets?

Option: Volume
Option: Momentum



Option: Bearish

Option: Target

10. What term describes a pessimistic outlook on the stock market with expectations of price declines?

Option: Volume

Option: Momentum

Option: Bearish

Option: Target

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

11. Airline companies prioritize _____ safety as their top concern.

12. Experienced _____ closely monitor market trends and news to make informed decisions.

13. A stock may see a price drop after receiving a _____ from a financial analyst.

14. During an aircraft _____ the crew follows specific protocols to ensure passenger safety.

15. _____ in the economic outlook can lead to volatile stock market movements.

16. Investors may seek higher _____ in bonds to maximize their returns.

17. Market _____ can influence trading decisions and overall market direction.

18. Investors may have _____ about a company's future prospects based on recent reports.

19. Government policies play a significant role in shaping the country's _____.

20. High _____ rates can negatively impact consumer spending and economic growth.

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

21. A cautionary statement issued to advise against potential risks or dangers.



22. The act of traveling in an aircraft from one location to another.
23. The general direction in which a market is moving over time.
24. An event or occurrence that may impact the market or company operations.
25. A specific price or level that traders aim to achieve with a trade.
26. An individual or household that purchases goods and services for personal use.
27. Ownership shares in a company that represent a claim on its assets and earnings.
28. A serious unexpected and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.
29. The act of an aircraft returning to the ground at the end of a flight.
30. The number of shares or contracts traded in a security or an entire market during a given period.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Market breadth 2. Trading volumes 3. Investor confidence 4. Earnings reports 5. Portfolio 6. Inflation 7. Safety 8. Volume 9. Momentum 10. Bearish

Gap-Fill: 11. Passengers 12. Traders 13. Downgrade 14. Emergency 15. Uncertainty 16. Yield 17. Sentiment 18. Worries 19. Economy 20. Unemployment

Matching sentence: 1. Warning 2. Flight 3. Trend 4. Incident 5. Target 6. Consumer 7. Stocks 8. Emergency 9. Landing 10. Volume

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