



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

Description

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on December 31, 2024. It is the last trading day of the year in New York City.

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On the first trading day of the new year, stocks did not change much. Investors hope the market can go up like it did before. The S&P 500 had two big years in a row with over 20% gains.

The Dow Jones fell by 54 points, which is 0.1%. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq also rose just a little bit, under 0.1%.

Big companies like Apple and Tesla saw their stocks drop. Apple fell over 2%, and Tesla dropped about 4% after showing fewer deliveries last year. But Nvidia went up by 1.9% and helped balance things.

In 2024, the S&P 500 rose 23%, and the Dow went up nearly 13%. The Nasdaq did the best, climbing 29%.

Many people are hopeful as we start 2025, even though some are worried if stocks can keep rising.

A jobless claims report showed a good sign. Unemployment claims are down this week.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Investors** /ɪn'vestərz/ (noun): Individuals or entities that allocate capital with the expectation of generating a financial return.
2. **Unemployment** /ˌʌnɪm'plɔɪmənt/ (noun): The state of being jobless or without work.
3. **Gains** /geɪnz/ (noun): Increases in wealth or resources especially in investment contexts.
4. **Claims** /kleɪmz/ (noun): Formal requests for something that is believed to be due or owed.
5. **Balanced** /'bælənst/ (adjective): In a state of equilibrium; distributed evenly.
6. **Trading** /'treɪdɪŋ/ (noun): The act of buying and selling securities or commodities in financial markets.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is a planned public or social occasion?



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- Option: Celebration
 - Option: Accused
 - Option: Investigations
 - Option: Rally

2. Which term refers to small technological devices?

- Option: Holiday
- Option: Shares
- Option: Gadgets
- Option: Chance

3. Which word describes an attempt that was not successful?

- Option: Failed
- Option: Claimed
- Option: Cooperate
- Option: Composite

4. What term is used to refer to financial records?

- Option: Coverage
- Option: Accounts
- Option: Popular
- Option: Gains

5. Who provides money or other resources for a project or activity with the expectation of a gain?

- Option: Unemployment
- Option: Gadgets
- Option: Investors
- Option: Trading

6. What term refers to the buying and selling of goods and services?

- Option: Discounts
- Option: Chance
- Option: Trading
- Option: Products

7. What describes something that is widely liked or admired?

- Option: Networking
- Option: Claims
- Option: Balanced
- Option: Popular

8. Which activity involves making food by cooking it in an oven?

- Option: Averages



- Option: Baking
- Option: Celebration
- Option: Links

9. Which term refers to a day of festivity or recreation when no work is done?

- Option: Technology
- Option: Holiday
- Option: Rally
- Option: Products

10. What are demands or requests for something considered due?

- Option: Excitement
- Option: Claims
- Option: Averages
- Option: Failed

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

11. Quality education is _____ for the development of individuals and societies.
12. Hyperlinks are used to connect different _____ on the internet.
13. High levels of _____ can lead to social and economic issues.
14. The mean median and mode are all types of _____ used in statistics.
15. A _____ material is made up of two or more distinct components.
16. Supporters gathered for a political _____ in the city center.
17. The rapid growth of _____ has revolutionized many industries.
18. Investors can purchase _____ in a company to own a portion of it.
19. The annual music _____ drew thousands of attendees this year.
20. Winning the lottery is based on luck or _____.

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

21. The children were filled with joy and anticipation as they waited for the circus to begin.



22. The suspect was arrested and charged with the crime after being identified by multiple witnesses.
23. The news network provided extensive reporting on the political event with live updates throughout the day.
24. Despite months of preparation the project did not meet the deadline and had to be abandoned.
25. In order to succeed team members must communicate effectively and work together towards a common goal.
26. The company reported significant profits this quarter showing substantial financial growth.
27. A healthy lifestyle includes a diet regular exercise and sufficient rest.
28. During the sale customers can enjoy special offers and reduced prices on a variety of products.
29. Taking a risk can sometimes lead to great opportunities depending on luck and personal choices.
30. The company's new line of skincare quickly became bestsellers due to their high quality and innovation.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Celebration 2. Gadgets 3. Failed 4. Accounts 5. Investors 6. Trading 7. Popular 8. Baking 9. Holiday 10. Claims

Gap-Fill: 11. Important 12. Links 13. Unemployment 14. Averages 15. Composite 16. Rally 17. Technology 18. Shares 19. Event 20. Chance

Matching sentence: 1. Excitement 2. Accused 3. Coverage 4. Failed 5. Cooperate 6. Gains 7. Balanced 8. Discounts 9. Chance 10. Products

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