



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

Description

Traders work on the New York Stock Exchange.

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U.S. stocks went down on Wednesday. This happened after many Big Tech companies lost value. There are worries about interest rate cuts which made investors sell their stocks.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 30 points, which is less than 0.1%. The S&P 500 also dropped by 0.1%. The Nasdaq Composite went down by about 0.3%. These major stock groups are on track for a second straight weekly loss.

Palantir, which had a big rise last year, fell for three days now, losing more than 3%. Advanced Micro Devices dropped 4.5% after a downgrade by HSBC.

New data showed fewer jobs were created in December. Wages grew slowly. Many investors are waiting for the Fed's meeting minutes later today.

Also, there are news reports about President-elect Donald Trump possibly declaring a national economic emergency.

Bond yields continue to rise, indicating worries about inflation.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Traders** /'treɪdərz/ (noun): Individuals or entities that buy and sell financial instruments like stocks.
2. **Stocks** /stɒks/ (noun): Shares of ownership in a company or financial asset.
3. **Worries** /'wʌrɪz/ (noun): Feelings of anxiety or concern about potential problems.
4. **Downgrade** /'daʊn,ɡreɪd/ (verb): To reduce the rating of a company or financial instrument.
5. **Inflation** /ɪn'fleɪʃən/ (noun): The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising.
6. **Emergency** /ɪ'mɜːrdʒənsi/ (noun): A serious unexpected and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What major stock group lost 30 points on Wednesday?
Option: Dow Jones Industrial Average
Option: S&P 500
Option: Nasdaq Composite
Option: Palantir
2. What caused investors to sell their stocks according to the text?
Option: Interest rate cuts
Option: Stock market rally
Option: Increasing job creation
Option: S&P 500 performance
3. Which company fell for three days, losing more than 3%?
Option: Palantir
Option: Advanced Micro Devices
Option: HSBC
Option: New York Stock Exchange
4. What news reports are mentioned regarding Donald Trump in the text?
Option: National economic emergency declaration
Option: International trade agreements
Option: Senate confirmation hearings
Option: Healthcare policy updates
5. What indicates worries about inflation in the text?
Option: Rising stock prices
Option: Decrease in bond yields
Option: Increasing job opportunities
Option: Growing wages
6. What economic indicator grew slowly in December according to the text?
Option: Stock market values
Option: Corporate profits
Option: Wages
Option: Job creation



True-False

7. New data showed more jobs were created in December.
8. The Dow Jones Industrial Average saw a 0.1% drop on Wednesday.
9. Investors are not waiting for the Fed's meeting minutes later today.
10. Advanced Micro Devices rose by 4.5% after a downgrade by HSBC.
11. Bond yields continue to rise, indicating concerns about deflation.
12. President-elect Donald Trump has already declared a national economic emergency.

Gap-Fill

13. Palantir fell for three days now, losing more than _____ %.
14. New data showed fewer jobs were created in _____.
15. Many investors are waiting for the Fed's meeting minutes _____ today.
16. There are news reports about President-elect Donald Trump possibly declaring a national economic _____.
17. Bond yields continue to rise, indicating worries about _____.
18. Advanced Micro Devices dropped 4.5% after a downgrade by _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Dow Jones Industrial Average 2. Interest rate cuts 3. Palantir 4. National economic emergency declaration 5. Rising bond yields 6. Wages

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 3 14. December 15. later 16. emergency 17. inflation 18. HSBC



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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