



Today's Stock Market: Real-Time Updates

Description

U.S. stock futures saw a slight decline on Tuesday morning after a positive start to the week, with investors gearing up for a whirlwind of events including megacap earnings, the latest Federal Reserve interest rate decision, and an upcoming jobs report. The markets are also poised to end a six-month winning streak.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average futures dropped by 60 points, or 0.16%, while S&P 500 futures slipped 0.2% and Nasdaq 100 futures climbed 0.15%. Despite a strong previous session that saw Tesla shares surge and Apple stocks rise following a bullish upgrade, stocks are on track for their first losing month since October. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite are both expected to see declines of over 2%, with the 30-stock index facing a potential loss of more than 3% in April.

Markets are adjusting expectations for interest rate cuts in 2024, with only one quarter percentage point cut now priced in compared to the initial projections of six or seven cuts earlier in the year. The recent persistence of inflation and a robust economy have led to these revised forecasts, prompting some experts to anticipate a temporary slowdown in the market.

This week is full of important events, including the Federal Reserve policy meeting where interest rates are expected to remain unchanged. Investors will also be closely watching Fed Chief Jerome Powell's post-meeting statements for any hints of a more hawkish stance. Additionally, major companies like Amazon and Apple are set to report their quarterly results, along with several other notable firms, including McDonald's, Coca-Cola, and Starbucks. The week will culminate in the April jobs report release.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Decline** // (noun): A gradual and continuous loss of strength or value.
2. **Whirlwind** // (noun): A situation or series of events where things happen very quickly.
3. **Megacap** // (noun): A term used to describe a company with a market capitalization value of more than \$200 billion.
4. **Hawkish** // (adjective): Favoring tighter monetary policy to control inflation.
5. **Postpone** // (verb): To delay an event or activity to a later time or date.
6. **Inflation** // (noun): An increase in the general level of prices for goods and services in an economy.

Vocabulary quizzes



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

1. What is the term for introducing new ideas methods or products?
Option: Subscription
Option: Recurring
Option: Innovate
Option: Profit
2. Which term refers to the degree of variation of a trading price series over time?
Option: Unlimited
Option: Hedging
Option: Hawkish
Option: Volatility
3. What word describes something that is expected or predicted?
Option: Surge
Option: Amateur
Option: Anticipated
Option: Megacap
4. What is the term for having exclusive possession or control of a supply or trade in a commodity?
Option: Betting
Option: Monopolize
Option: Stagnation
Option: Inflation
5. What term describes cooperative relationships between individuals or organizations?
Option: Betting
Option: Postpone
Option: Partnerships
Option: Enforcers
6. What describes having no limits restrictions or boundaries?
Option: Unlimited
Option: Amateur
Option: Decline
Option: Profit
7. Which term refers to the financial gain made in a transaction or business endeavor?
Option: Recurrence
Option: Elusive
Option: Stagnation



Option: Profit

8. What word describes something that is difficult to find catch achieve or remember?

Option: Innovate

Option: Elusive

Option: Betting

Option: Hawkish

9. Which term means to delay an event or schedule to a later time or date?

Option: Subscriptions

Option: Impede

Option: Postpone

Option: Whirlwind

10. What term describes having an aggressive or warlike policy especially in foreign affairs?

Option: Impede

Option: Confidential

Option: Hawkish

Option: Recurrence

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

11. _____ revenue is generated regularly at specific intervals.

12. Some people engage in _____ as a form of entertainment or investment.

13. The company's _____ showed a significant improvement this quarter.

14. Her life became a _____ of activity after she won the lottery.

15. Obstacles can _____ progress if not addressed effectively.

16. Customer _____ is a key indicator of product quality and service excellence.

17. The economy experienced a sudden _____ due to unforeseen circumstances.

18. Innovation is essential to avoid _____ in any industry.

19. To access exclusive content users can purchase a monthly _____ plan.

20. Law enforcement officers are the primary _____ of regulations and laws.



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

21. Sensitive information should be kept to maintain privacy and security.
22. There was a sudden in online sales after the marketing campaign.
23. Laws against unfair competition and practices aim to protect consumers and promote fair market competition.
24. Investors tend to favor stocks due to their stability and large market capitalization.
25. Ensuring customer satisfaction should be a top for every business.
26. The product launch received a response from the market leading to poor sales.
27. Investors use strategies to mitigate risks and potential losses in their portfolios.
28. Patterns of economic can be observed over time influencing market dynamics.
29. The new policy changes have far-reaching that need to be carefully considered.
30. Novice painters often start as artists exploring their creativity.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Innovate 2. Volatility 3. Anticipated 4. Monopolize 5. Partnerships 6. Unlimited 7. Profit 8. Elusive 9. Postpone 10. Hawkish

Gap-Fill: 11. Recurring 12. Betting 13. Financials 14. Whirlwind 15. Impede 16. Satisfaction 17. Decline 18. Stagnation 19. Subscription 20. Enforcers

Matching sentence: 1. Confidential 2. Surge 3. Antitrust 4. Megacap 5. Priority 6. Lackluster 7. Hedging 8. Recurrence 9. Implications 10. Amateur

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