



Today's Stock Market Updates: Live Coverage

Description

In the stock market, prices went up today after the Federal Reserve said they plan to lower interest rates twice in 2025.

The Dow Jones futures went up by 0.31%, adding 130 points. The S&P 500 futures rose by 0.45%, and Nasdaq 100 futures increased by 0.58%.

The stock market has been going down since February but bounced back after the Fed's announcement. The Dow increased by 0.9%, S&P 500 surged by 1%, and Nasdaq Composite went up by 1.4% but is still 10% lower than its peak.

The Fed believes inflation from tariffs will not last long. This belief is making investors feel positive about the economy.

This week, we will watch the jobless claims data, manufacturing survey from the Philadelphia Fed, and existing home sales. Companies like Darden Restaurants, Nike, FedEx, and Micron Technology will be releasing their earnings report on Thursday.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Federal Reserve** /'fedərəl rɪ'zɜrv/ (noun): The central banking system of the United States responsible for setting monetary policy.
2. **Inflation** /ɪn'fleɪʃən/ (noun): The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising.
3. **Tariffs** /'tærɪfz/ (noun): Taxes imposed by a government on imported goods.
4. **Surged** /sɜrdʒd/ (verb): To increase suddenly and powerfully.
5. **Bounced back** /baʊnst bæk/ (verb): To recover or return to a normal state after a decline.
6. **Economic** /,i:kə'nɒmɪk/ (adjective): Relating to the economy or finance.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Why did prices go up in the stock market today?



- Option: The Federal Reserve plans to lower interest rates twice in 2025
- Option: The Federal Reserve plans to increase interest rates
- Option: There was a decrease in jobless claims data
- Option: Companies released positive earnings reports

2. By what percentage did the Dow Jones futures go up today?

- Option: 0.31%
- Option: 1.5%
- Option: 0.7%
- Option: 2%

3. Which index had the highest percentage increase in futures today?

- Option: Dow Jones
- Option: S&P 500
- Option: Nasdaq 100
- Option: Nasdaq Composite

4. How much lower is the Nasdaq Composite compared to its peak?

- Option: 5%
- Option: 10%
- Option: 15%
- Option: 20%

5. What factor is making investors feel positive about the economy according to the text?

- Option: Decrease in jobless claims data
- Option: Positive earnings reports from companies
- Option: Federal Reserve plans to lower interest rates
- Option: Increase in tariffs

6. Which important data points will be watched this week according to the text?

- Option: Manufacturing survey from the Philadelphia Fed
- Option: Decrease in interest rates
- Option: Increase in existing home sales
- Option: Positive earnings reports from all companies

True-False

7. The stock market has been going up consistently since February.



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8. The Fed believes inflation from tariffs will have a lasting impact on the economy.
 9. Companies like Darden Restaurants, Nike, and FedEx will not be releasing their earnings report this week.
 10. The Dow Jones increased by 0.9% after the Fed's announcement.
 11. The S&P 500 surged by 1% after the Fed's announcement.
 12. The Nasdaq Composite increased by 1.4% and is now at its all-time high.

Gap-Fill

13. The stock market has been going down since February but bounced back after the Fed's announcement.

The Dow increased by 0.9%, S&P 500 surged by 1%, and Nasdaq Composite went up by 1.4% but is still _____ lower than its peak.

14. The Fed believes inflation from tariffs will not last long. This belief is making investors feel _____ about the economy.

15. This week, we will watch the jobless claims data, manufacturing survey from the Philadelphia Fed, and existing home sales. Companies like Darden Restaurants, Nike, FedEx, and Micron Technology will be releasing their earnings report on _____ .

16. The Dow Jones futures went up by _____ , adding 130 points.

17. The S&P 500 futures rose by _____ .

18. Nasdaq 100 futures increased by _____ .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. The Federal Reserve plans to lower interest rates twice in 2025 2. 0.31% 3. Nasdaq Composite 4. 10% 5. Federal Reserve plans to lower interest rates 6. Manufacturing survey from the Philadelphia Fed

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 10%



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