



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.



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%



14. positive 15. Thursday 16. 0.31% 17. 0.45% 18. 0.58%

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What trade barriers are imposed on imported goods?
Option: Volatility
Option: Tariffs
Option: Inflation
Option: Recession
2. Who provides capital in the hopes of a future financial return?
Option: Multinationals
Option: Investors
Option: Futures
Option: Legislation
3. What is a significant decline in economic activity spread across the economy?
Option: Predicted
Option: Correction
Option: Recession
Option: Bullish
4. What is the rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services rise?
Option: Stability
Option: Inflation
Option: Surged
Option: Boost
5. What term refers to the degree of variation of a trading price series?
Option: Uncertainties
Option: Volatility
Option: Implications
Option: Charges
6. Which organization implements monetary policy in the United States?



- Option: Stability
- Option: Federal Reserve
- Option: Charges
- Option: Boost

7. What is a tax imposed on goods crossing international borders?

- Option: Stability
- Option: Tariff
- Option: Bounced back
- Option: Projections

8. What term refers to a reduction in economic activity or growth?

- Option: Retaliation
- Option: Decline
- Option: Boost
- Option: Legislation

9. What term refers to an increase or growth in economic activity?

- Option: Uncertainties
- Option: Boost
- Option: Classification
- Option: Stability

10. What term refers to the process of making or enacting laws?

- Option: Futures
- Option: Legislation
- Option: Surged
- Option: Implications

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

11. _____ in the market can lead to significant financial losses for investors.
12. Increased _____ can impact consumer prices and global trade.
13. A _____ corporation operates in multiple countries around the world.
14. The economic decision had far-reaching _____ for the industry.
15. Maintaining financial _____ is crucial for sustainable growth.



16. Stock prices _____ following the positive earnings report.
17. A market _____ can occur after a prolonged period of growth.
18. Global _____ can impact investment decisions.
19. The analyst _____ a downturn in the housing market.
20. Investors may have a _____ outlook on a particular stock.

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

21. Those who provide capital in the form of financial assets in the hope of receiving future returns.
22. A period of significant economic decline characterized by a drop in spending and production.
23. The process of categorizing entities based on predefined criteria for easier analysis.
24. The amounts levied on individuals or entities as payment for services or goods provided.
25. Contracts obligating the holder to buy or sell an asset at a predetermined future date and price.
26. The act of responding to an action with a corresponding measure of equal or stronger force.
27. Estimates and expectations regarding future trends or outcomes based on current data.
28. The potential consequences or effects that result from specific actions or decisions.
29. Recovering swiftly after a setback or decline often indicating resilience.
30. To increase or enhance the growth or development of a particular aspect.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Tariffs 2. Investors 3. Recession 4. Inflation 5. Volatility 6. Federal Reserve 7. Tariff
8. Decline 9. Boost 10. Legislation

Gap-Fill: 11. Volatility 12. Tariffs 13. Multinational 14. Implications 15. Stability 16. Surged 17. Correction
18. Uncertainties 19. Predicted 20. Bullish

Matching sentence: 1. investors 2. recession 3. classification 4. charges 5. futures 6. retaliation 7. projections
8. implications 9. bounced back 10. boost



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