



Today's Stock Market Updates: Live Coverage

Description

Stock futures were not changing much on Monday after the S&P 500 had a very good week in 2024. The S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial Average, and Nasdaq 100 were all staying about the same after a busy week of economic news. This came before a big speech from Fed Chair Jerome Powell. Stocks did well last week after a tough time for the market. They went up by 3.9%, which was the best since 2023. The Nasdaq Composite and Dow also went up by 5.2% and 2.9%.

The market needed some good news to recover, and it got that with good retail sales, fewer jobless claims, and good results from Walmart. Last week's rally happened after a scary start to August. Bad data made people worry about a recession and the Fed cutting rates too late. But last week's data calmed things down. The inflation rate went down to 2.9%, the lowest in over three years. Now, people are waiting for Powell's speech in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and the Federal Reserve's meeting minutes on Wednesday. Earnings season is also continuing with Palo Alto Networks and Estee Lauder reporting on Monday.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Futures** /'fju:tʃərz/ (noun): Financial contracts obligating the buyer to purchase an asset at a predetermined price at a specified time in the future.
2. **Rally** /'ræli/ (noun): A period of sustained increases in the prices of stocks or bonds.
3. **Recession** /rɪ'sɛʃ.ən/ (noun): A period of temporary economic decline during which trade and industrial activity are reduced.
4. **Inflation** /ɪn'fleɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising.
5. **Claims** /kleɪmz/ (noun): A demand for something as due or believed to be due.
6. **Economic** /,i:kə'nɒm.ɪk/ (adjective): Related to the economy of a country or region.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the percentage increase in S&P 500 last week?

Option: 3.9%

Option: 2.2%



Option: 5.0%

Option: 1.5%

2. By how much did the Nasdaq Composite go up last week?

Option: 5.2%

Option: 2.5%

Option: 4.0%

Option: 6.5%

3. What is the current inflation rate mentioned in the text?

Option: 2.9%

Option: 3.5%

Option: 2.0%

Option: 4.2%

4. Where is Fed Chair Jerome Powell scheduled to give a speech?

Option: Jackson Hole Wyoming

Option: New York City

Option: San Francisco California

Option: Chicago Illinois

5. Which companies are mentioned to be reporting on Monday for earnings season?

Option: Palo Alto Networks and Estee Lauder

Option: Amazon and Google

Option: Microsoft and Apple

Option: Facebook and Tesla

6. What was the percentage increase in Dow Jones Industrial Average last week?

Option: 2.9%

Option: 1.8%

Option: 4.3%

Option: 3.0%

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 3.9% 2. 5.2% 3. 2.9% 4. Jackson Hole Wyoming 5. Palo Alto Networks and Estee Lauder

Vocabulary quizzes



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

1. What term is used when a lender takes possession of a property due to the borrower failing to make mortgage payments?
Option: Opportunity
Option: Foreclosure
Option: Impact
Option: Grateful
2. What economic term defines a period of declining economic activity across the economy?
Option: Inflation
Option: Recession
Option: Claims
Option: Investors
3. Which economic condition signifies a general increase in prices and a decrease in the purchasing value of money?
Option: Panic
Option: Weakened
Option: Inflation
Option: Challenges
4. What term describes a period of sustained increases in the prices of stocks bonds or commodities?
Option: Rally
Option: Recovery
Option: Volatility
Option: Recession
5. What type of factors relate to the production distribution and consumption of goods and services in a country?
Option: Data
Option: Concerns
Option: Economic
Option: Deterioration
6. The maximum level of quantity that a factory can produce is referred to as:
Option: Anticipates
Option: Capacity
Option: Constraints
Option: Propelled
7. What term is used to describe demands or requests for payment as part of an insurance policy?



- Option: Escalating
- Option: Claims
- Option: Futures
- Option: Recycling

8. What is the system of money that a country uses?

- Option: Claims
- Option: Currency
- Option: Panic
- Option: Weakened

9. What limits or restrictions that affect a company's ability to achieve its goals are called:

- Option: Constraints
- Option: Recycling
- Option: Grateful
- Option: Overlook

10. What term refers to estimates or forecasts about future trends in sales revenues or economic indicators?

- Option: Anticipates
- Option: Deterioration
- Option: Projections
- Option: Escalating

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

11. In times of crisis some see _____ while others see only challenges.
12. The economic downturn had a severe _____ on small businesses.
13. Despite facing hardships she remained _____ for the support of her family.
14. Overcoming _____ is essential for personal growth and development.
15. Proper waste management includes reducing reusing and _____ materials.
16. The company's reputation was _____ after the product recall incident.
17. Investors often speculate on the price movement of financial _____ like stocks and commodities.
18. During times of uncertainty individuals may act out of _____ instead of rational



decision-making.

19. The company _____ an increase in demand for its new product line.

20. The _____ tensions between the two countries led to concerns about a potential conflict.

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

21. The stock market experienced increased fluctuations and uncertainty showing high levels of .
22. The prolonged neglect of infrastructure led to the of roads and bridges in the region.
23. Insurance companies processed numerous after the natural disaster resulting in high payouts.
24. It is crucial not to the potential risks associated with the investment opportunity.
25. Following positive economic reports the stock market experienced a strong in trading activity.
26. The government implemented various strategies to stimulate economic and growth.
27. Analysts reviewed the latest economic to assess market trends and consumer behavior.
28. Investors expressed about the potential impact of trade tariffs on global markets.
29. Innovative technologies have advancements in various industries.
30. The economic sanctions have the country's ability to participate in international trade.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Foreclosure 2. Recession 3. Inflation 4. Rally 5. Economic 6. Capacity 7. Claims 8. Currency 9. Constraints 10. Projections

Gap-Fill: 11. Opportunity 12. Impact 13. Grateful 14. Challenges 15. Recycling 16. Weakened 17. Futures 18. Panic 19. Anticipates 20. Escalating

Matching sentence: 1. Volatility 2. Deterioration 3. Claims 4. Overlook 5. Rally 6. Recovery 7. Data 8. Concerns 9. Propelled 10. Weakened

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