

Today's Stock Market Updates: Live Feed for Investors

Description

Stocks went down on Friday due to concerns about tariffs and inflation. President Trump's comments on reciprocal tariffs made traders nervous. The Dow Jones fell by almost 1%, the S&P 500 dropped by 0.95%, and the Nasdaq Composite slid by 1.36%.

Before Trump's announcement, data on consumer sentiment and jobs had hinted at rising inflation. The 10-year Treasury yield surged above 4.5%. Consumer sentiment fell to 67.8 in February, lower than expected, and people predicted a 4.3% inflation rate for the year.

In January, the unemployment rate decreased to 4% and average hourly earnings were higher than anticipated. Amazon's stock fell by 4% after disappointing revenue growth guidance for the first quarter.

Overall, it has been a turbulent week on the stock market due to news on tariffs and economic data. Traders are expecting more volatility in the short term.

It's important to stay informed about these developments to understand how they can affect the economy and investments.

Vocabulary List:

- 1. Tariffs /'tær.ɪf/ (noun): Taxes imposed by a government on imported goods.
- 2. Inflation /In'flei.[an/ (noun): The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is rising.
- 3. **Volatility** /,vpl.ə'tɪl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The quality of being subject to rapid or unpredictable change especially in financial markets.
- 4. Consumer /kən'sju:.mər/ (noun): A person who purchases goods and services for personal use.
- 5. **Sentiment** /'sɛn.tɪ.mənt/ (noun): A view or opinion that is held or expressed.
- 6. Decreased /dɪ'kri:st/ (verb): To become smaller or less in amount degree or size.

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What are taxes on imported goods known as?

Option: Subsidies
Option: Tariffs
Option: Coupons



Option: Dividends

2. What is the general increase in prices for goods and services called?

Option: Deflation Option: Inflation Option: Stagnation Option: Recession

3. What term describes the degree of variation of a trading price series?

Option: Stability Option: Volatility **Option: Consistency** Option: Predictability

4. Which term refers to the degree of optimism consumers feel about the state of the economy?

Option: Investor Confidence **Option: Consumer Sentiment** 5. What are accusations made without proof called?

Option: Evidence
Option: A''

Option: Allegations Option: Justifications **Option: Verifications**

6. What are advantages or rewards gained from a situation called?

Option: Challenges Option: Benefits Option: Obstacles Option: Complications

7. What is money or other benefits exchanged for a loss or injury known as?

Option: Punishment Option: Compensation Option: Exoneration Option: Penalty

8. What is the action of preserving something from harm called?



Option: Risk Option: Protection Option: Endangerment Option: Vulnerability

9. What is the process of determining the economic value of a company or asset?

Option: Erosion Option: Valuation Option: Depreciation Option: Dilution

10. What term refers to the belief in one's ability to succeed?

Option: Doubt

Option: Confidence

Option: Fear Option: Anxiety

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

11. Workers went on	to demand higher wages and better working conditions.
12. An agreement between two parties is call	led a
13. The state of a country's	influences its overall prosperity.
14. The project faced a significant	due to unexpected complications.
15. His doctor gave him the	to rest for a week after the surgery.
16. The case ended up in	as the two parties could not reach a settlement.
17. The community raised serious	about the environmental impact of the new
factory.	
18. The company reported record	for the last quarter.
19. There has been a noticeable	in customer satisfaction ratings recently.
20. The country relies heavily on	to meet consumer demands.



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

- 21. The company its production output in response to falling demand.
- 22. She felt it was that she had to work longer hours without extra pay.
- 23. The job interview was with multiple panel members asking tough questions.
- 24. The increase in customer led to a surge in production.
- 25. The company is considering to a more strategic location to cut costs.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Tariffs 2. Inflation 3. Volatility 4. Consumer Sentiment 5. Allegations 6. Benefits

7. Compensation 8. Protection 9. Valuation 10. Confidence

Gap-Fill: 11. Strike 12. Contract 13. Economy 14. Delay 15. Recommendation 16. Litigation 17. Concerns

18. Earnings 19. Decline 20. Imports

Matching sentence: 1. Decreased 2. Unfair 3. Intimidating 4. Demands 5. Relocation

CATEGORY

1. Business - LEVEL2

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