

*In this week's recap: U.S. jobs report and a surging market build optimism for global economic recovery.*

# Weekly Economic Update

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## THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

A positive jobs report sent stocks soaring last Friday, capping a solid week as evidence of a global economic recovery outweighed concerns over civil unrest and tensions with China.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 6.81%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 advanced 4.91%. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite Index lagged, climbing 3.42%. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed stock markets overseas, gained 5.52%.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

## STOCKS MARCH HIGHER

Despite multiple headwinds, stocks rode a wave of optimism over economic recovery and were encouraged by signs that a feared spike in COVID-19 had not occurred.

Firming oil prices and positive global manufacturing data helped boost stocks during the week. The market continued to be led by industry sectors that were most battered in the March decline, as price advances slowed in growth-oriented stocks, primarily technology names.

After a pause on Thursday, stocks surged on Friday when a jobs report surprisingly showed 2.5 million new jobs in May, with the unemployment rate falling to 13.3%. Wall Street expected a jobs decline of over 8 million and an unemployment rate of 19.5%.<sup>4,5</sup>

## A WALL OF WORRY

While the markets continued to move higher last week, many investors are concerned that the recovery may be hindered by simmering tensions with China and the civil unrest that erupted last week.

China has been a longstanding source of market worry, but the civil unrest introduces a new challenge. For now, the market appears to have shrugged off these concerns.

## FINAL THOUGHT

This past Wednesday marked the best 50-day gain for the S&P 500 in the index's history. During a period that approximates the lifespan of a mosquito, stock market sentiment has swung from near-absolute despair in late March to positively bullish.<sup>6</sup>

Often, the most impactful lessons in life tend to be those most recently learned. If the last three months have offered investors any lesson, it may be that trying to time the market is a challenging proposition.

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## TIP OF THE WEEK



*Exercise is not only wise, but it may also prove economical. In the long run, just keeping fit may save you thousands of dollars (or more) in medical bills, which an unhealthy person might incur.*

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## THE WEEK AHEAD: KEY ECONOMIC DATA

**Wednesday:** Consumer Price Index (CPI). Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) Meeting Announcement. Federal Reserve Chair Press Conference.

**Thursday:** Jobless Claims.

Source: Econoday, June 5, 2020

The Econoday economic calendar lists upcoming U.S. economic data releases (including key economic indicators), Federal Reserve policy meetings, and speaking engagements of Federal Reserve officials. The content is developed from sources believed to be providing accurate information. The forecasts or forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and may not materialize. The forecasts also are subject to revision.

## THE WEEK AHEAD: COMPANIES REPORTING EARNINGS

**Monday:** Coupa Software (COUP).

**Tuesday:** Chewy (CHWY).

**Thursday:** Lululemon (LULU).

Source: Source: Zacks, June 5, 2020

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#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

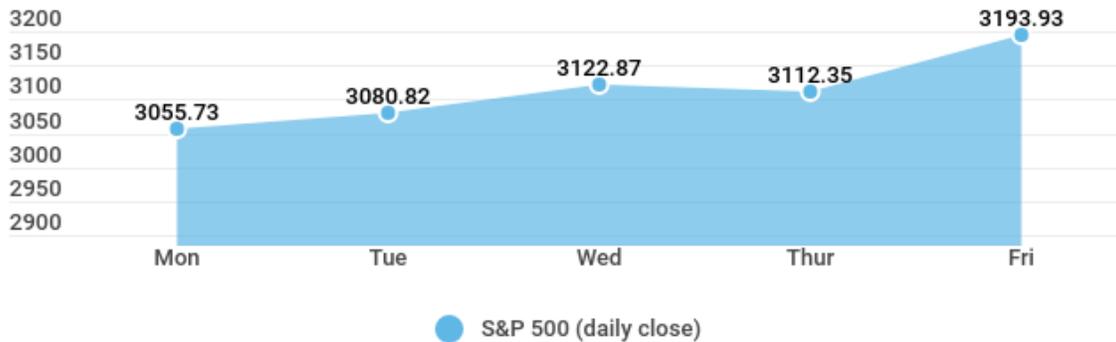


*“Life is 10% of what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.”*

JOHN MAXWELL

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Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	27,110.98	+6.81%	-5.00%
NASDAQ	9,814.08	+3.42%	+9.38%
MSCI-EAFE	1,820.35	+5.52%	-10.63%
S&P 500	3,193.93	+4.91%	-1.14%



	Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
	10-Year Note	0.91%	+0.26%	-1.01%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, June 5, 2020; Treasury.gov, June 5, 2020

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## THE WEEKLY RIDDLE



## *What is the timepiece with the most moving parts? (It's been around for centuries.)*

*LAST WEEK'S RIDDLE: Can you name two English words (longer than two letters) that both begin and end with the letters "he" (in that order)?*

*ANSWER: Headache and Heartache.*

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