



Weekly Economic Update

In this week's recap: Stocks fall after a Federal Reserve rate cut, new tariffs are planned for Chinese goods, and payrolls see triple-digit monthly growth.

August 6, 2019

THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

Last week, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates for the first time in more than a decade, in line with Wall Street's expectations. Ironically, stocks had their worst week of 2019.

The S&P 500 finished the week 3.10% lower. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq Composite also posted weekly losses; the blue chips fell 2.60%, while the premier tech benchmark slumped 3.92%. International stocks tracked by MSCI's EAFE index dipped 1.06%.¹⁻³

FED CUTS BENCHMARK INTEREST RATE

On Wednesday, the central bank reduced the federal funds rate by 0.25%. The latest Fed policy statement noted that "global developments" and "muted inflation" influenced the decision.

Addressing the media, Fed Chairman Jerome Powell described the cut as a "mid-cycle adjustment." After that comment, Wednesday's trading session turned volatile on the interpretation that the cut was a "one and done" move, instead of what might be the first in a series.⁴

MORE TARIFFS PLANNED

Shares also fell Thursday, after a White House tweet indicated that the U.S. would put a 10% tariff on another \$300 billion of goods coming from China, effective September 1.

Practically speaking, this would mean a tariff on nearly all Chinese products arriving in America. So far, the announcement has not affected plans for trade delegates from both nations to continue negotiations in September.⁵

THE LATEST HIRING DATA

Payrolls expanded with 164,000 net new jobs in July, according to the Department of Labor. The headline jobless rate stayed at 3.7%; it has now been under 4% for 17 months. The U-6 jobless rate, which counts both underemployed and unemployed Americans, dipped to 7.0%, a level unseen since December 2000.

Monthly job growth has averaged 140,000 over the past three months, compared to 187,000 in 2018.⁶

TIP OF THE WEEK



*You may be inclined to help your adult children financially during your retirement, but **think twice** about doing so. Providing gifts or a personal loan (or cosigning on a loan they arrange) may put your own financial outlook at **risk**.*

THE WEEK AHEAD: KEY ECONOMIC DATA

Monday: The Institute for Supply Management releases its latest Non-Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index, its monthly gauge of business activity in America's service sector.

Source: Econoday / MarketWatch Calendar, August 2, 2019

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THE WEEK AHEAD: COMPANIES REPORTING EARNINGS

Monday: Marriott International (MAR), Tyson Foods (TSN)

Tuesday: Walt Disney Co. (DIS)

Wednesday: American International Group (AIG), CVS Health (CVS)

Thursday: Booking Holdings (BKNG), Uber (UBER)

Source: Zacks, August 2, 2019

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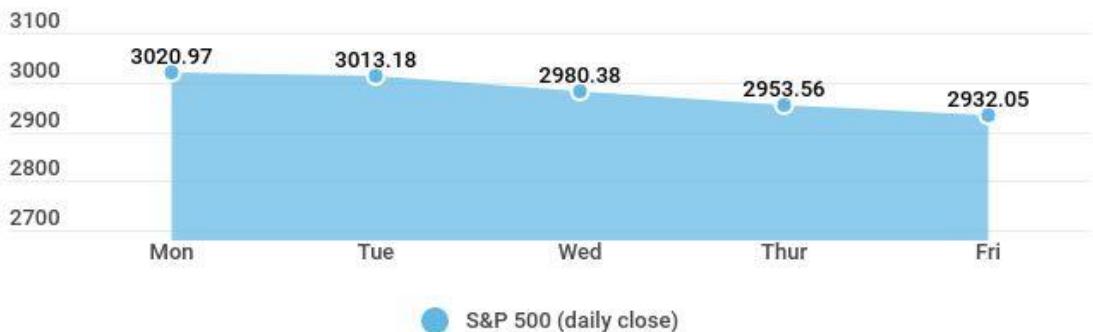
QUOTE OF THE WEEK



*“Learning does not consist only of knowing what we **must** or we **can do**, but also of knowing what we **could do** and perhaps **should not do**.”*

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| Market Index | Close | Week | Y-T-D |
|--------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| DJIA | 26,485.01 | -2.60% | +13.54% |
| NASDAQ | 8,004.07 | -3.92% | +20.63% |
| MSCI-EAFE | 1,894.34 | -1.06% | +10.14% |
| S&P 500 | 2,932.05 | -3.10% | +16.96% |



| | Treasury | Close | Week | Y-T-D |
|----|--------------|-------|--------|--------|
| 🇺🇸 | 10-Year Note | 1.86% | -0.22% | -0.83% |

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, August 2, 2019; Treasury.gov, August 2, 2019

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THE WEEKLY RIDDLE



*What **two things** will you **never** be able to **eat at dinner**?*

LAST WEEK'S RIDDLE: Take one letter away from this 8-letter word, and you still have a word. Take another letter away from the seven letters left, and you still have a word. Keep on doing that, each time making a new word, until you have one letter left. What is this word?

ANSWER: The word is starting. Starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I.

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