

S&P 500 1-Year Index Analysis

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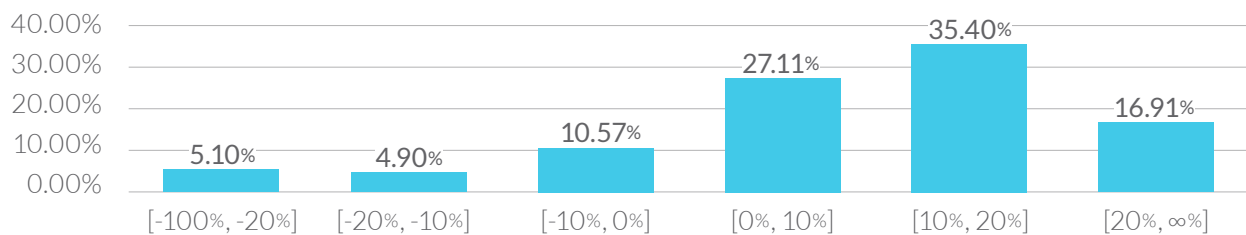
S&P 500 returns using rolling periods

The data below uses 1-year rolling returns¹ of the S&P 500 price return index (SPX) from December 31, 2003 through December 31, 2023, for a total of 4,957² observations.

Average Performance			Positive Performance		Negative Performance	
Average Return	Average Gain	Average Loss	Maximum Return ³	Num of Gains	Minimum Return ⁴	Num of Losses
8.55%	14.48%	-14.33%	74.77%	3,936 (79.40%)	-48.82%	1,020 (20.58%)

S&P 500 return distribution

Using the same data set and assumptions, the return distribution graph below illustrates how frequently the annualized returns fell into specific ranges. The table below the graph shows the average return by range.



Return Range	[-100%, -20%]	[-20%, -10%]	[-10%, 0%]	[0%, 10%]	[10%, 20%]	[20%, ∞%]
Average S&P 500 Return by Range	-34.63%	-14.35%	-4.53%	5.39%	14.55%	28.92%

¹ 1-year rolling returns refers to every 1-year period that started on a business day after December 30, 2003 and ended before January 1, 2024.

² One flat year, in which the S&P 500 return was 0%, is included in the number of total observations.

³ Maximum return: 1-year period ending 3/23/2021

⁴ Minimum return: 1-year period ending 3/5/2009

S&P 500 annual returns over last 20 years

The examples on the previous page showed a comprehensive analysis using rolling S&P 500 returns from 2004-2023. For reference, the table below shows annual end-of-year S&P 500 returns over the last 20 years.

Year	Return	Year	Return
2004	8.99%	2014	11.39%
2005	3.00%	2015	-0.72%
2006	13.61%	2016	9.53%
2007	3.52%	2017	19.41%
2008	-38.48%	2018	-6.23%
2009	23.45%	2019	28.87%
2010	12.78%	2020	16.25%
2011	0.00%	2021	26.89%
2012	13.40%	2022	-19.44%
2013	29.60%	2023	24.23%

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