

MARKET MINUTE

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MID-WEEK REPORT

Decline in [tech stocks contributes](#) to market fallout.

Surge earlier in week includes [impressive milestone](#) for the Dow.

Coronavirus relief negotiations [remain stalled](#) in Congress.

CURRENT MARKET DRIVERS

CDC tells [states to be ready](#) to distribute vaccines by Nov. 1.

Economists expect [single-digit unemployment rate](#) in Friday report.

THINGS TO LOOK FOR

After the Dow dropped more than 800 points Thursday, the market recovered some of its losses as investors took gains after the S&P 500, the Nasdaq and the Dow soared earlier in the week. The CDC's announcement of a possible coronavirus vaccine by Nov. 1, offset by Dr. Anthony Fauci's skepticism that a vaccine will be available by then, provided conflicting signals that affected trading. The looming August jobs report and the failure of Congress to reach an agreement on a new stimulus package also conspired to drive markets down in advance of the upcoming Labor Day holiday.

Today's fallout could be a reflection that investors realize fantastic gains have been made lately and it could be time to take some profits. High-flying tech stocks bore the brunt of today's sell-off. A continual decline into next week would be more alarming and signal a greater trend. The upcoming presidential election could be contributing to more volatility as Election Day nears. Today served as a reminder that the election is barely two months away.

ECONOMIC VITAL SIGNS

Volatility has quickly moved into the low 30s after registering in the low 20s just last week. The 10-year Treasury yield, which climbed above 0.70 a few days ago, dropped near 0.60 as investors looked for safety.

[Volatility Index](#): 33.60 ↑

[10-year Treasury](#): 0.63 ↓

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