

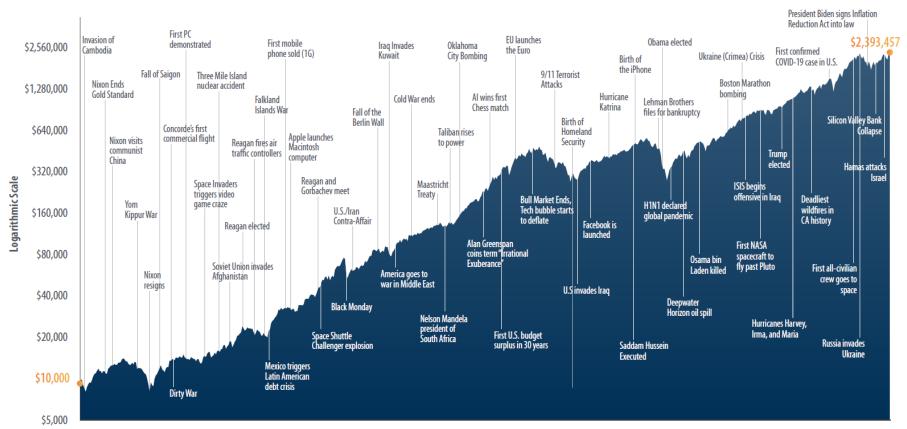
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Crisis and Events: S&P 500 Index Since 1970



Source: Bloomberg, First Trust Advisors L.P., 12/31/1969 - 12/29/2023. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges. Stocks are not guaranteed and have been more volatile than the other asset classes. These returns were the result of certain market factors and events which may not be repeated in the future.

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History of US Bull & Bear Markets since 1942

This chart shows daily historical performance of the S&P 500 Index throughout the U.S. Bull and Bear Markets since 1942. We believe looking at the history of the market's expansions and recessions helps to gain a fresh perspective on the benefits of investing for the long-term.

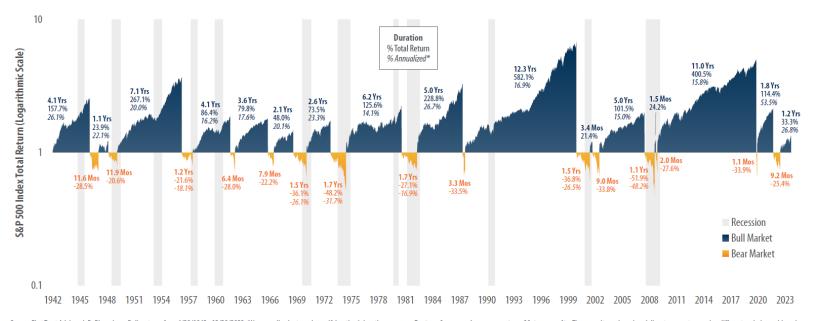
- The average Bull Market period lasted 4.2 years with an average cumulative total return of 148.0%.
- The average Bear Market period lasted 11.1 months with an average cumulative loss of -31.7%.

BULL

From the lowest close reached after the market has fallen 20% or more, to the next market high.

BEAR

When the index closes at least 20% down from its previous high close, through the lowest close reached after it has fallen 20% or more.



Source: First Trust Advisors L.P., Bloomberg. Daily returns from 4/29/1942 - 12/29/2023. *No annualized return shown if duration is less than one year. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** These results are based on daily returns—returns using different periods would produce different results. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 companies used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. These returns were the result of certain market factors and events which may not be repeated in the future.

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