Part 1: SUMMARY RETURNS & RANK

Last Month: -3.3%  Rank: 19 out of 23
Last Year: 12.7%  Rank: 4 out of 23
Last 5 Years: -8.9%  Rank: 12 out of 23
Last 10 Years: 59.4%  Rank: 17 out of 23

The annual gain or loss in the S&P 500 Stock index from 1951 to present. Dividends are not included.

The graph plots the monthly close for the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index in logarithmic scale. Updated Friday, November 2, 2012. Click the links below for the forecast and other links related to this stock index.

S&P 500 Index Forecast
Dow Jones Multi-Index Charts & Analysis
Market Trend Analysis

Stock Market Performance Ranking: S&P 500 Index

Market Commentary 11612
October, 2012 Data:
Returns for the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index is shown above for four time periods. For example: the change in the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index was -3.3% in the last month. With that return, the S&P 500 Index was ranked 19th out of the 23 indexes reviewed in this site for that time period. Dividends are not included.

Part 2: HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

The performance ranking of the S&P 500 Index relative to the other 23 stock indexes covered in this site is detailed below. Four different time periods are reviewed. The Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index is compared to foreign and domestic, large cap and small cap indexes. Each paragraph identifies the top and bottom performers as well as the average and median market performance for the indexes during in each time period.

Last Month:
During October of 2012, the S&P 500 had a rank of 19 with a return of -3.34%. The top ranked index during October was the Hang Seng Index, with a return of 3.00%. The worst performing index during that period was the NASDAQ 100 Index with a return of -5.83%.
The median return for all stock market indexes during October was -1.86%. The average return for the indexes during the month was -1.76%.

Last Year:
During the last 12 months, the S&P 500 had a rank of 4 with a return of 13%. The top ranked index during the last year was the DAX Stock Index, with a return of 18%. The worst performing index during that period was the Nikkei 225 Index with a return of -1%.
The median return for the indexes during this period was 10%. The average return for all stock market indexes over the year was 9%.

Last 5 Years:
Over the 5 years ended October of 2012, the S&P 500 had a rank of 12 with a return of -9%. The top ranked index during the 5 year period was the Mexico IPC Index, with a return of 30%. The worst performing index during that period was the Nikkei 225 Index with a return of -45%.
The median return for all stock market indexes during this time period was -9%. The average return for the indexes over the 5 years was -9%.

Last 10 Years:
During the 10 years ended October of 2012, the S&P 500 had a rank of 17 with a return of 59%. The top ranked index during the period was the Mexico IPC Index, with a return of 587%. The worst performing index during the 10 year time period was the Nikkei 225 Index with a return of -5%.
The median return for the indexes during the last 10 years was 89%. The average return for all stock market indexes over that time frame was 108%.

Table:
In this site, you may view the returns for all 23 indexes over all 4 time periods in one convenient table. Click the Market Trend Analysis link under the chart (above). The table of contents for Forecast-Chart.com's Market Trend Analysis will open. Click the link to the Stock Index Return Scoreboard in the table of contents.

All calculations are based on the monthly market close for each index, excluding dividends.