

# Stock Market News and Insights

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## Time to Cool Off Following an Overheated Summer

With the first Monday in August behind us, the stock markets around the world looked to cool off from the fast-paced growth of 2024. Stocks ended down Monday, but did so in an orderly pullback from July highs as fears of a recession reappeared.

On Friday we mailed out our Newsletter with a lot of information that we thought you would enjoy and be helpful. If you haven't received it yet, please remember the postal service has been a little unpredictable recently, but a copy can be found on our website, [ForYourFuture.net/Newsletters](https://ForYourFuture.net/Newsletters).

***Yes, this is a Slowdown scenario, Not a Recession scenario.***

This morning Dr. David Kelly, chief Global Strategist at J.P. Morgan, echoed that thought and shared the data which supports this:

- Stable economy
- Very strong corporate balance sheets
- Good employment growth
- Real wage growth
- Fine consumer fundamentals

Our mailed newsletter contains an article entitled "Mega-Cap Stocks Shine, But Too Concentrated?". The article highlights the risk of the fast growth seen from a select number of stocks, known as the "Magnificent Seven". And today, August 5th, those stocks lost roughly \$800 billion in value as the markets adjusted. It was an orderly pullback and rather calm as investors moved away from riskier assets. Last week we received notice that inflation has decelerated, and over the past month, we have experienced a slowdown in growth in our economy.

This article from Mitch on the Markets may provide you with additional insight and confidence.

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