

# S&P 500

## Equity Indices |



**BLOOMBERG<sup>SM</sup> Homepage:**  
SPXU <GO>

For more information visit:  
[www.standardandpoors.com/indices/us](http://www.standardandpoors.com/indices/us)

For comprehensive index data visit  
Standard & Poor's Index Data Platform  
(IDP): [www.sp-indexdata.com](http://www.sp-indexdata.com)

S&P Thought Leadership and Research  
is available at: [www.indexresearch.  
standardandpoors.com](http://www.indexresearch.standardandpoors.com)

**S&P Custom Indices:**  
[custom\\_index@standardandpoors.com](mailto:custom_index@standardandpoors.com)

**Contact Us:**  
[index\\_services@standardandpoors.com](mailto:index_services@standardandpoors.com)

New York	+1.212.438.2046
Toronto	+1.416.507.3200
London	+44.20.7176.8888
Tokyo	+813.4550.8463
Beijing	+86.10.6569.2919
Sydney	+61.2.9255.9870

Standard & Poor's does not sponsor,  
endorse, sell or promote any S&P  
index-based investment product.

See what others don't,  
so you can do what others can't.

## About the Index

Widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market, this world-renowned index includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. Although the S&P 500 focuses on the large cap segment of the market, with approximately 75% coverage of U.S. equities, it is also an ideal proxy for the total market. S&P 500 is part of a series of S&P U.S. indices that can be used as building blocks for portfolio construction.

S&P 500 is maintained by the S&P Index Committee, a team of Standard & Poor's economists and index analysts, who meet on a regular basis. The goal of the Index Committee is to ensure that the S&P 500 remains a leading indicator of U.S. equities, reflecting the risk and return characteristics of the broader large cap universe on an on-going basis. The Index Committee also monitors constituent liquidity to ensure efficient portfolio trading while keeping index turnover to a minimum.

### Index Methodology

The S&P Index Committee follows a set of published guidelines for maintaining the index. Complete details of these guidelines, including the criteria for index additions and removals, policy statements, and research papers are available on the Web site at [www.indices.standardandpoors.com](http://www.indices.standardandpoors.com). These guidelines provide the transparency required and fairness needed to enable investors to replicate the index and achieve the same performance as the S&P 500.

### Criteria for Index Additions

- **U.S. Company.** Determining factors include location of the company's operations, its corporate structure, its accounting standards and its exchange listings.
- **Market Capitalization.** Companies with market cap in excess of US\$ 3.5 billion. This minimum is reviewed from time to time to ensure consistency with market conditions.
- **Public Float.** There must be public float of at least 50%.

- **Financial Viability.** Companies should have four consecutive quarters of positive as-reported earnings, where as-reported earnings are defined as GAAP Net Income excluding discontinued operations and extraordinary items.
- **Adequate Liquidity and Reasonable Price.** The ratio of annual dollar value traded to market capitalization for the company should be 1.0 or greater. Very low stock prices can affect a stock's liquidity.
- **Sector Representation.** Companies' industry classifications contribute to the maintenance of a sector balance that is in line with the sector composition of the universe of eligible companies with market cap in excess of US\$ 3.5 billion.
- **Company Type.** Constituents must be operating companies. Closed-end funds, holding companies, partnerships, investment vehicles and royalty trusts are not eligible. Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and business development companies (BDCs) are eligible for inclusion.

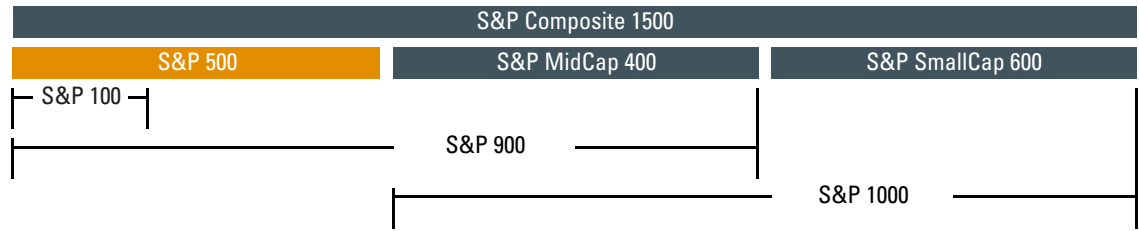
Continued index membership is not necessarily subject to these guidelines. The Index Committee strives to minimize unnecessary turnover in index membership and each removal is determined on a case-by-case basis.

### Criteria for Index Removals

- Companies that substantially violate one or more of the criteria for index inclusion.
- Companies involved in merger, acquisition, or significant restructuring such that they no longer meet the inclusion criteria.

December 31, 2009

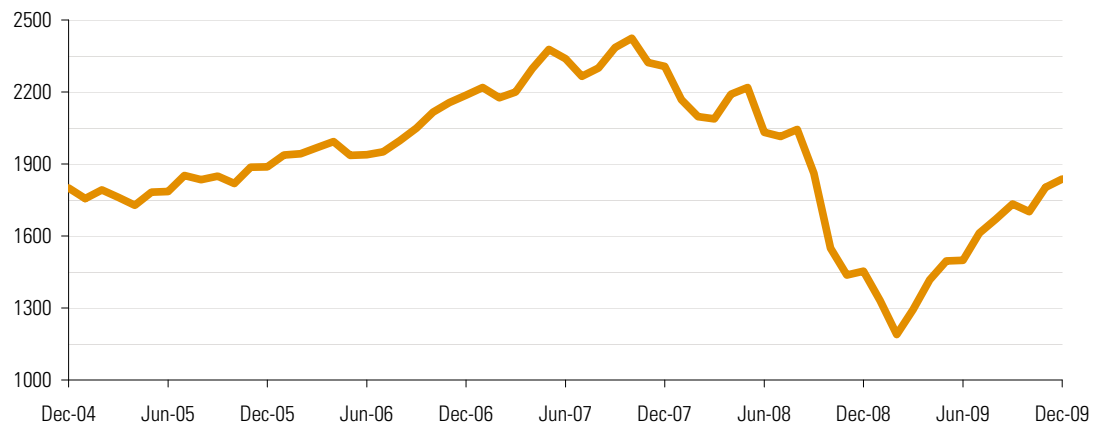
The large cap segment of the U.S. equities market, covering approximately 75% of the U.S. equities market.



### Index Performance

<b>Returns</b>	1 Month	1.93%
	3 Month	6.04%
	YTD	26.46%
<b>Annualized Returns</b>	1 Year	26.46%
	3 Years	-5.63%
	5 Years	0.42%
<b>Annualized Risk</b>	3 Years Std Dev	19.91%
	5 Years Std Dev	16.05%
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	3 Years	-0.2935
	5 Years	-0.0682

### 5 Year Historical Performance



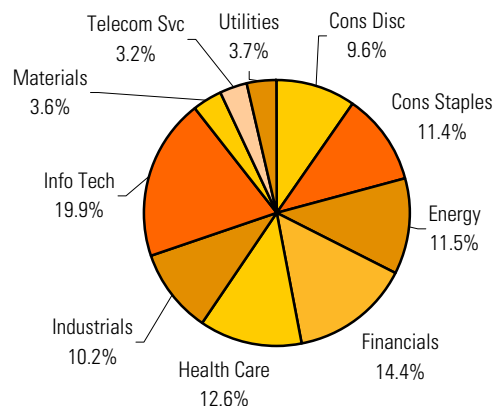
### Top 10 Companies By Weight

Country	Company	Float Adjusted Market Cap (\$ Million)	Index Weight	Sector Weight	Investable Weight Factor	GICS® Sector
United States	Exxon Mobil Corp	323,717.3	3.26%	28.40%	1.00	Energy
United States	Microsoft Corp	235,530.2	2.37%	11.95%	0.87	Information Technology
United States	Apple Inc.	189,917.0	1.91%	9.63%	1.00	Information Technology
United States	Johnson & Johnson	177,713.6	1.79%	14.17%	1.00	Health Care
United States	Procter & Gamble	177,144.7	1.78%	15.71%	1.00	Consumer Staples
United States	Intl Business Machines Corp	171,950.6	1.73%	8.72%	1.00	Information Technology
United States	AT&T Inc	165,405.0	1.67%	52.68%	1.00	Telecommunication Services
United States	JP Morgan Chase & Co	164,207.1	1.65%	11.50%	1.00	Financials
United States	General Electric Co	161,096.6	1.62%	15.84%	1.00	Industrials
United States	Chevron Corp	154,462.6	1.56%	13.55%	1.00	Energy

### Tickers

<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	
BLOOMBERG <sup>SM</sup>	SPX
Reuters	.SPX
<b>Total Return</b>	
BLOOMBERG <sup>SM</sup>	SPTR
Reuters	.SPXTR

### Sector Breakdown



### Index Portfolio Characteristics

Number of Companies	500
Adjusted Market Cap (\$ Billion)	9,929.45
Company Size By Market Cap (Adjusted \$ Billion):	
Average	19.86
Largest	323.72
Smallest	1.06
Median	8.59
% Weight Largest Company	3.26%
Top 10 Holdings (% Market Cap Share)	19.35%

Standard & Poor's assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the above data and disclaims all express or implied warranties in connection therewith.