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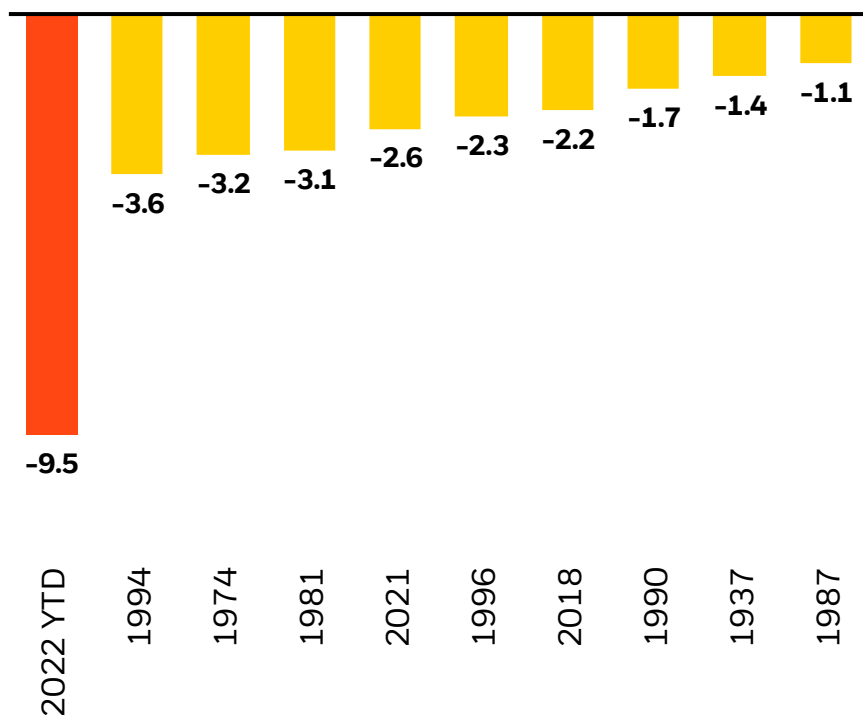
BOND MARKET RETURNS

Worst ever start to a year for bonds

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Since 1926, total return for 1/1- 4/30 each calendar year



Returns following the 10 worst starts to a year

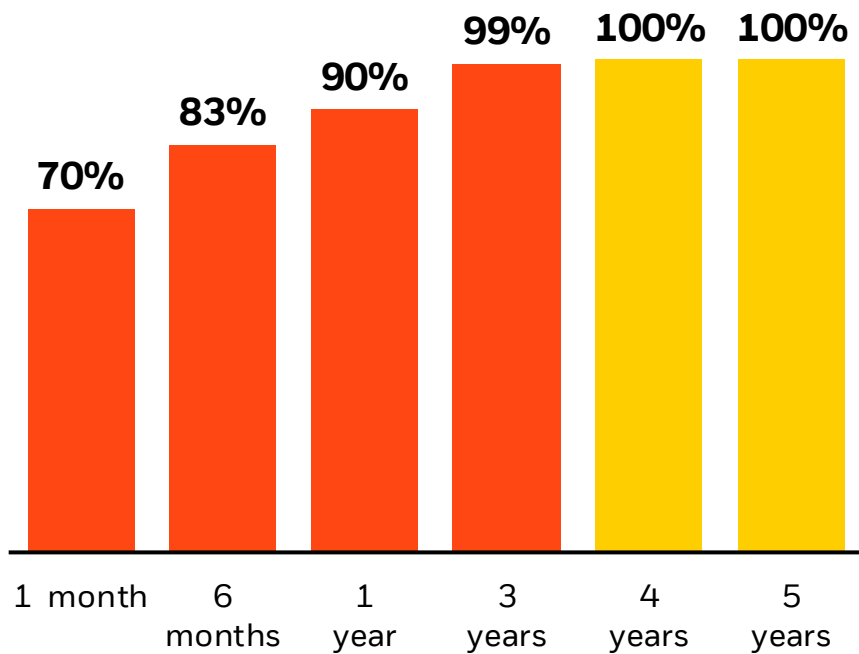
Since 1926, returns for the next 8 and 12 months

Year	First 4 months	Next 8 months	Next 12 months
2022	-9.5	?	?
1994	-3.6	0.8	7.3
1974	-3.2	9.2	8.6
1981	-3.1	9.7	17.1
2021	-2.6	1.1	-8.5
1996	-2.3	6.1	7.1
2018	-2.2	2.3	5.3
1990	-1.7	10.9	15.2
1937	-1.4	3.0	6.7
1987	-1.1	3.9	7.3
Avg	-3.1	5.2	7.3

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U.S. bonds: Percent of periods that earned a positive return

Percentage of U.S. bond rolling periods that are positive
(1/1/26 - 4/30/22)



Current bond returns and historical rank
(1/1/26 - 4/30/22)

	U.S. Bonds	Worst period since	Historical rank
1-month	-3.8%	Feb 1980 (-5.9%)	3rd worst (out of 1156)
6-month	-9.5%	Mar 1980 (-11.5%)	3rd worst (out of 1151)
1-year	-8.5%	Mar 1980 (-9.2%)	2nd worst (out of 1145)
3-year	0.4%	Sept 1981 (-0.3%)	12th worst (out of 1121)
4-year	1.6%	Nov 2018 (1.2%)	111th worst (out of 1109)
5-year	1.2%	Dec 1959 (1.0%)	21st worst (out of 1097)

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Returns following bad periods for bonds

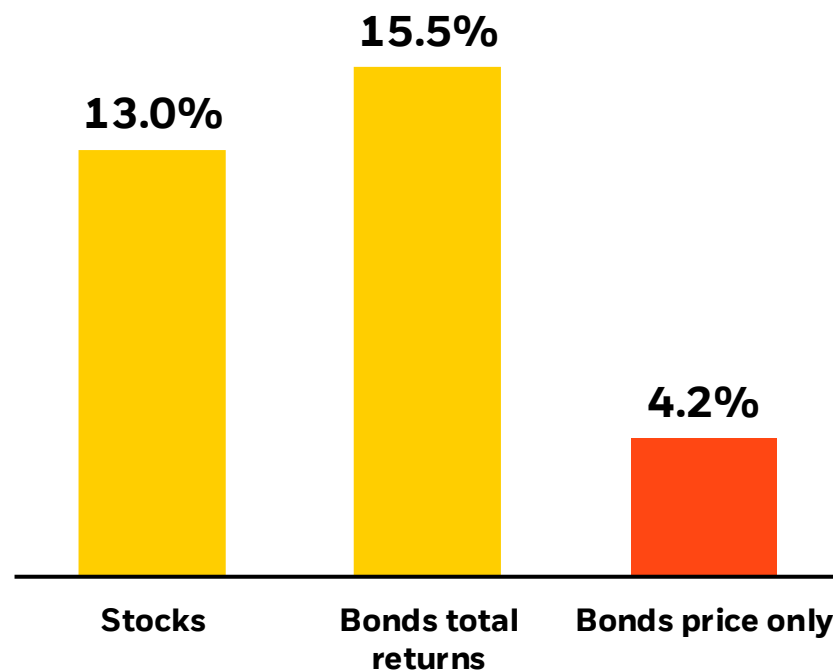
Worst 1-year bond periods (price return only)

Since 1926, 25 worst 1-year periods (price only, ex-income)

	Bond return (price only)	Stock total return 1 year later	Bond total return 1 year later	Bond price return 1 year later
Mar-80	-17.3	40.1	13.1	1.6
Feb-80	-16.4	21.6	10.5	-0.5
Jul-81	-15.3	-13.3	20.5	6.1
Jun-81	-15.2	-11.5	13.4	-0.3
Aug-81	-14.2	3.2	29.9	14.3
Sep-81	-13.5	9.9	35.2	19.2
May-81	-13.2	-10.7	14.9	1.2
Apr-81	-12.1	-7.4	17.1	3.2
Jan-80	-11.3	19.5	6.0	-4.6
Sep-80	-11.2	-2.7	-2.6	-13.5
Aug-80	-11.1	5.4	-3.6	-14.2
May-84	-10.5	31.7	30.2	16.1
Apr-22	-10.4	?	?	?
Oct-94	-10.0	26.4	15.7	7.6
Nov-80	-9.6	-5.4	13.4	0.5
Nov-94	-9.6	37.0	17.6	9.6
Dec-94	-9.5	37.6	18.5	10.4
Jun-84	-9.5	31.0	29.9	16.0
Sep-94	-9.5	29.8	14.1	6.1
Oct-79	-9.4	32.1	3.4	-6.7
Sep-69	-9.2	-6.2	11.12	3.1
Jan-95	-9.1	38.7	17.0	9.1
Apr-84	-8.7	17.7	19.9	6.7
Sep-87	-8.2	-12.4	13.3	3.5
Jan-00	-8.1	-0.9	13.8	6.2
Avg	-11.3	13.0	13.9	4.2

Following the worst 1-year price returns for bonds

Since 1926, average 1-year returns after (price only)



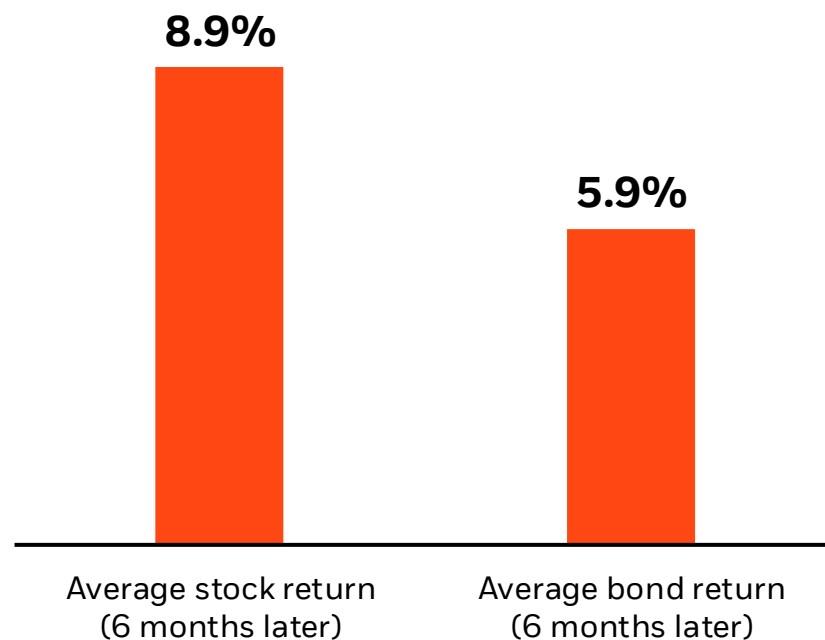
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The Fed raising rates by 1/2 percent or more

Average returns following a Fed rate hike of 1/2 percent+ (1/1/90 - 4/30/22)

Date of Fed rate hike	Hike amount (in bps)	Return 6 months later		Return 1 year later	
		Stocks	Bonds	Stocks	Bonds
May 16, 2000	50	-3.8%	7.8%	-13.0%	13.8%
Feb 1, 1995	50	21.1%	9.0%	38.7%	17.0%
Nov 15, 1994	75	14.3%	9.6%	29.8%	16.8%
Aug 16, 1994	50	6.6%	2.8%	24.5%	10.5%
May 17, 1994	50	6.3%	0.2%	22.3%	10.7%
<i>Avg</i>		<i>8.9%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>20.5%</i>	<i>13.8%</i>

Average 6-month return after a Fed rate hike of 1/2 percent+ (1/1/90 - 4/30/22)



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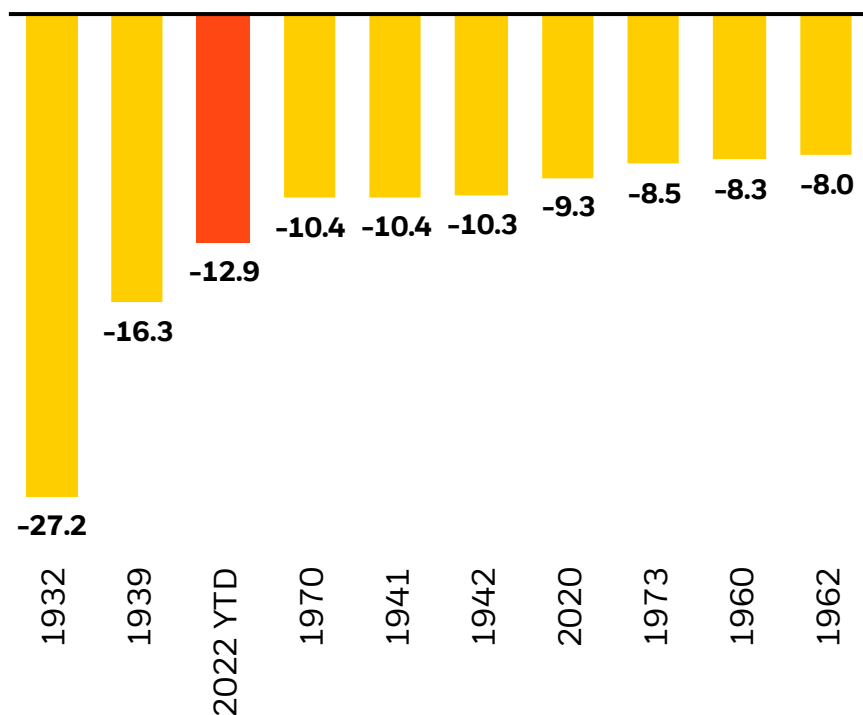
STOCK MARKET RETURNS

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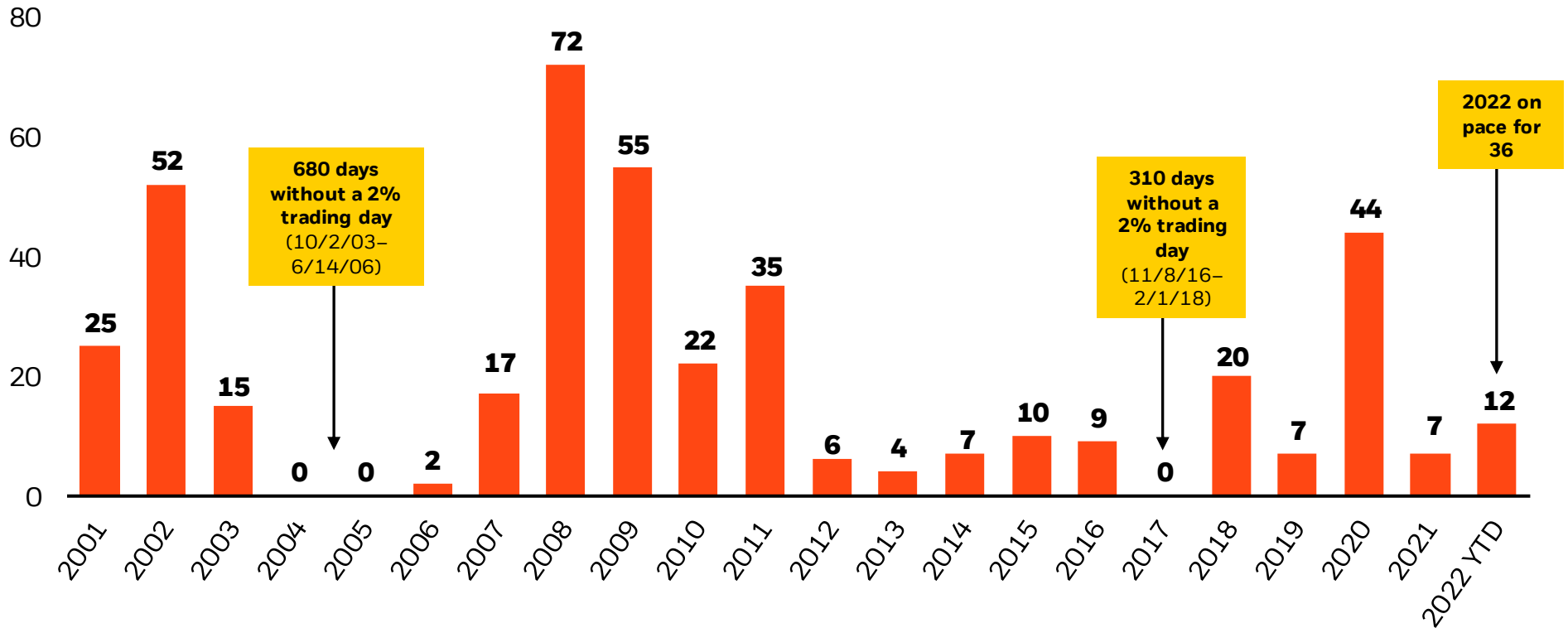
Since 1926, returns the next 8 and 12 months

Year	First 4 months	Next 8 months	Next 12 months
1932	-27.2	26.2	54.6
1939	-16.3	19.0	17.7
2022 YTD	-12.9	?	?
1970	-10.4	16.0	32.1
1941	-10.4	-1.4	-11.5
1942	-10.3	34.1	61.2
2020	-9.3	30.5	46.0
1973	-8.5	-6.7	-12.6
1960	-8.3	9.5	24.2
1962	-8.0	-0.8	10.8
Avg	-12.2	14.1	24.7

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Volatility picking up in 2022

Number of single day stock market returns of +/-2% or more
S&P 500, past 20+ years by calendar year (1/1/01 - 4/30/22)



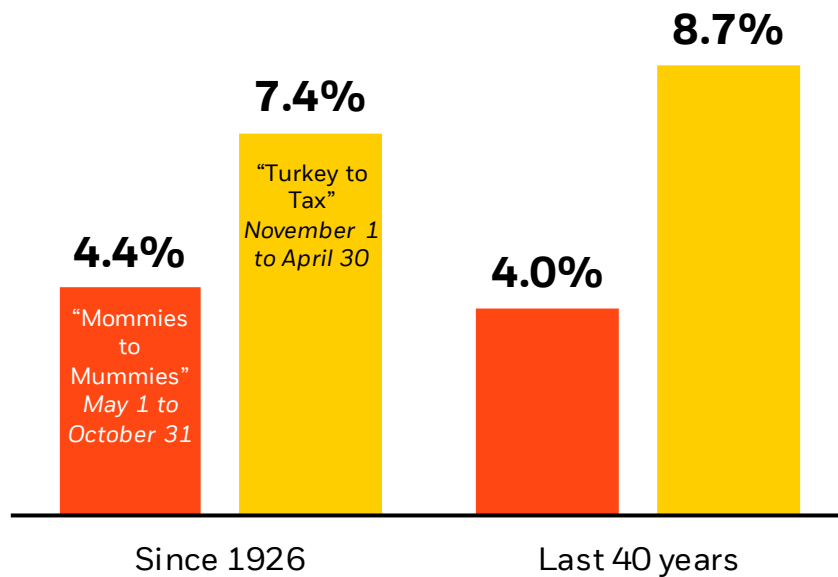
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Stocks and bonds are entering a new seasonal return period

Stocks like “turkey to tax”

Since 1926, Average for all 6-month periods

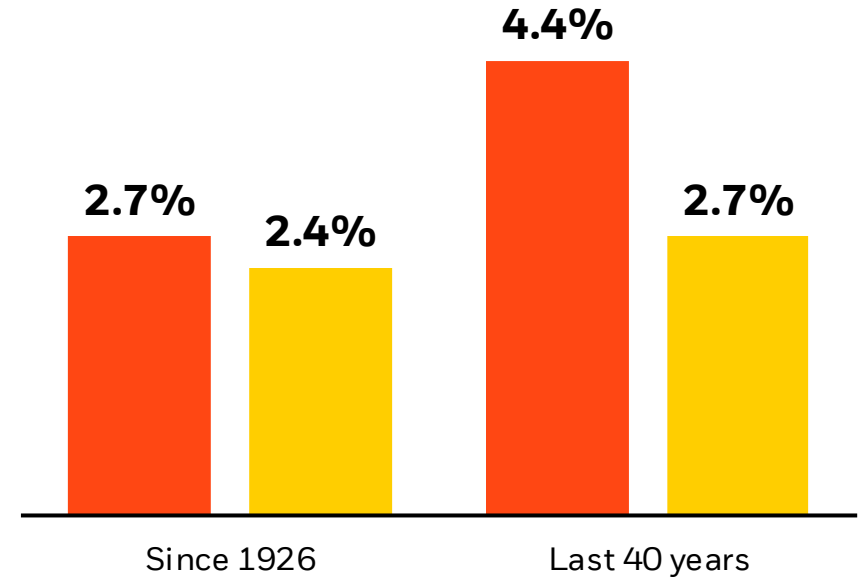
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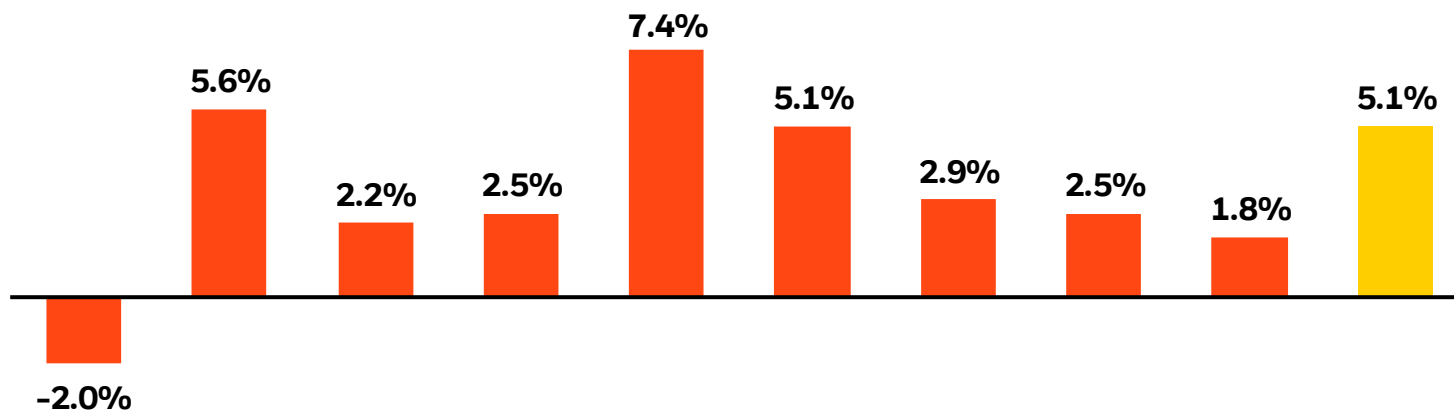


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Inflation-adjusted returns are starting to look like the '40's and '50's

Inflation rate and inflation-adjusted asset class returns by decade

Inflation rate shown in bar graph as annualized for each decade, asset class returns shown in table as cumulative for each decade 1/1/30 - 4/30/22



	1930's	1940's	1950's	1960's	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's	2010's	2020's YTD
Stocks (adjusted for inflation)	22.3	42.0	371.9	65.3	-13.2	206.6	299.2	-29.2	200.4	19.4
Bonds (adjusted for inflation)	92.5	-29.2	-8.1	9.8	-3.6	87.5	50.2	41.8	15.8	-13.2
Cash (adjusted for inflation)	29.9	-38.5	-3.2	14.0	-9.5	42.6	21.2	2.3	-11.5	-9.6

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Returns as of 4/30/22	Total Ret 1 Year	Total Ret 5 Years	Total Ret 10 Years
Bloomberg US Agg Bond PR USD	-10.38	-1.30	-0.87
Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD	-8.51	1.20	1.73
IA SBBI US IT Govt Cap App	-9.24	-0.82	-0.29
IA SBBI US IT Govt TR USD	-8.09	0.80	1.19
IA SBBI US Large Stock TR USD Ext	0.21	13.66	13.67
S&P 500 TR USD	0.21	13.66	13.67
US BLS CPI All Urban NSA 1982-1984	8.54	3.35	2.28
IA SBBI US Large Stock Infl Adj TR Ext	-6.30	10.23	11.26
IA SBBI US IT Govt Infl Adj TR USD	-14.07	-2.28	-0.98
IA SBBI US 30 Day TBill Infl Adj TR USD	-6.47	-2.07	-1.60

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