

GLOBAL MARKET SQUARE



Stock Markets ended the month primarily flat, and U.S. Home prices rose 21.15% last month.

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The U.S. & European stock markets closed a wild, volatile month with a losing session that continues to be marred with fear of high inflation and recession concerns.

Following the long weekend, investors are still absorbing all the available data to determine the market's direction.

We still have the three significant issues front and center, inflation, rising interest rates, and a changing monetary policy. Adding insult to injury today, the Case-Shiller Composite 20 Home Price Index reported that home prices rose by another 21.15% last month.

While some continue talking about a recession, we oppose that view as the broad signs of growth continue at a slower pace, and we do not see the expansion ending anytime soon. As we said before, emotional behavior and panic selling took the markets drastically to their lows, and now the available data confirms that the pessimistic view was too extreme.

As May ended, the major indices were primarily flat, except for the Nasdaq; let's see the damage:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 12.91 points.
- Standard & Poor's 500 rose 0.22 points.
- Nasdaq Composite fell -252.25 points.
- Birling Puerto Rico Stock Index rose 156.89 points.

Key economic data:

- U.S. Retail Gas Price: rose to \$4.694, up from 4.591 last week, increasing 2.24%.
- Chicago PMI: rose to 60.30, up from 56.40 last month, an increase of 6.91%.
- Case-Shiller Composite 20 Home Price Index YoY: rose to 21.15%, compared to 20.25% last month. Still higher than the long-term average of 5.04%.
- Case-Shiller Home Price Index: National: rose to 296.28, up from 290.21 last month.
- Canada Real GDP QoQ: fell to 3.05%, compared to 6.57% last quarter.
- Germany's Unemployment Rate: fell to 5.00%, compared to 5.10% last month.
- Japan's Unemployment Rate: fell to 2.50%, compared to 2.60% last month.
- Japan Housing Starts YoY: fell to 2.20%, compared to 6.04% last month.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update May 31:

- Daily Cases: 945, up 5.39%.
- Positivity Rate: 30.65%, down 1.76%.
- Hospitalizations: 363, down 1.08%.

- Deaths: 4, No change.
- Vaccination Rate: 87.4%
- Source Puerto Rico Department of Health.

Eurozone Summary for May 31:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 442.70, down 3.87 points or 0.87%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,607.66, up 7.60 points or 0.10%.
- Dax Index closed at 14,388.35, down 187.63 points or 1.29%.

Wall Street Summary for May 31:

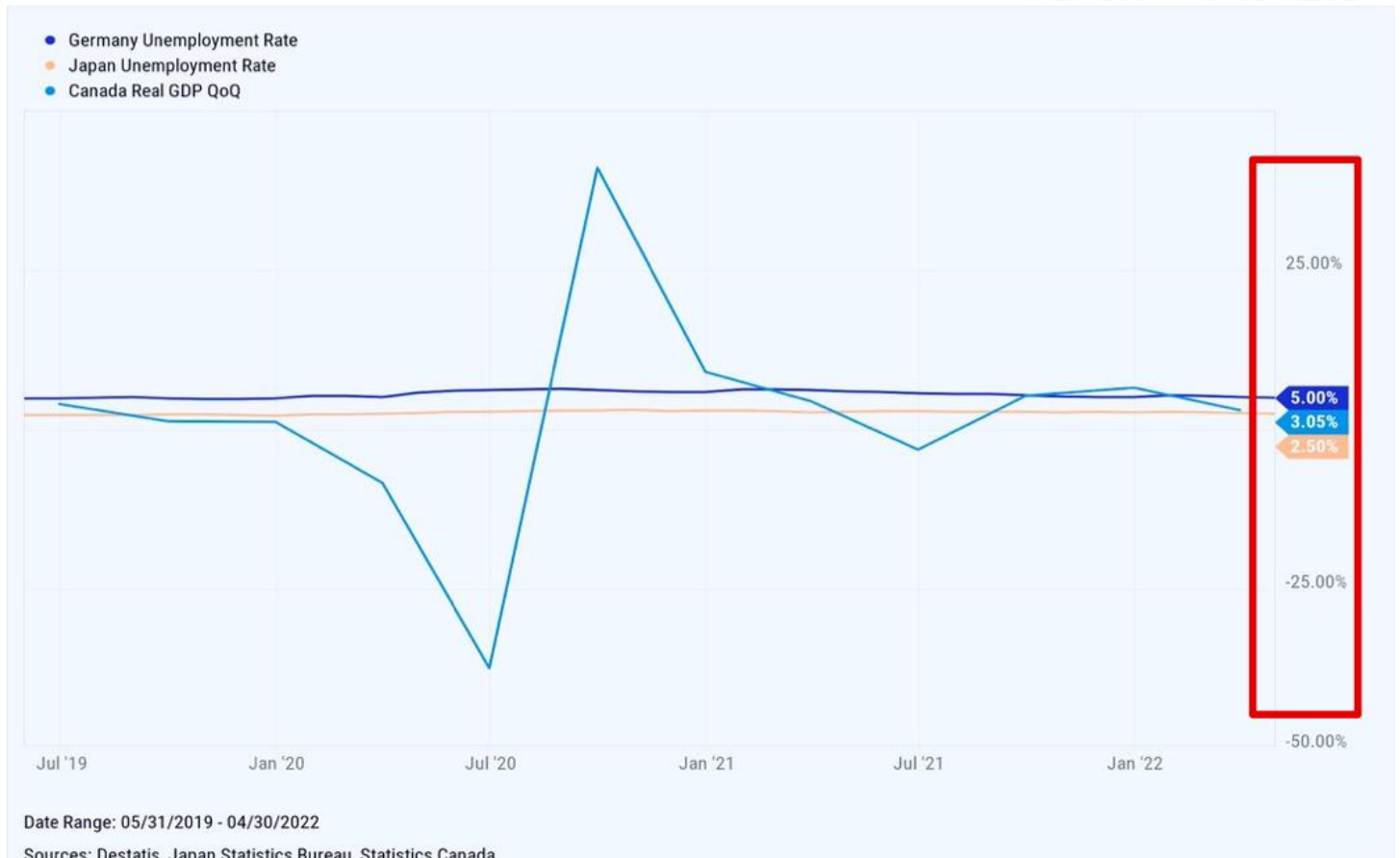
- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 32,990.12, down 222.84 points or 0.67%.
- S&P 500 closed at 4,132.15, down 26.09 points or 0.64%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 12,081.39, down 49.74 points or 0.41%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,855.14, up 48.65 points or 1.73%.
- The U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 2.85%.
- The U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 2.53%.



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Germany & Japan Unemployment Rate, Canada Real GDP QoQ



Chigago PMI, Case-Shiller Home Price & National Index

- Chicago PMI
- Case-Shiller Composite 20 Home Price Index YoY
- Case-Shiller Home Price Index: National



Date Range: 05/31/2019 - 05/31/2022

Sources: ISM Chicago, S&P

Dow Jones, S&P 500, Nasdaq & Birling Puerto Rico Stock Index, YTD Returns





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