Dow sheds more than 800 points and the S&P 500 sinks to its lowest level since July as chip stocks slide ahead of Nvidia

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The U.S. and European stock markets fell on Tuesday as investors sold semiconductor shares ahead of Nvidia's earnings report, due after the close on Wednesday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 848.75 points, or 1.64%, to close at 50,759.42, and the S&P 500 fell 1.03% to 7,340.53. The Nasdaq Composite slid 0.74% to 24,328.53 after touching its weakest point in about seven months. Europe fell sharply; with all three benchmarks we follow down by more than 1.7%. A report of an outage on a classified National Security Agency network added to the unease and pushed major averages to their lows for the day.

U.S. Markets

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 848.75 points, or 1.64%, to 50,759.42, after dropping by more than 1,000 points at its worst. The S&P 500 fell 76.06 points, or 1.03%, to 7,340.53, after being down nearly 1.7% earlier in the session. The Nasdaq Composite lost 181.37 points, or 0.74%, to 24,328.53, after dropping as much as 2.1% at one point. The Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index fell 1.22% to 4,901.83, and the Birling Capital U.S. Bank Index fell 2.19% to 9,339.98.

Home Depot reported third-quarter revenue of $43.4 billion, up 4.9%, and net income of $3.7 billion, ahead of estimates, with earnings per share of $3.86. Even so, the shares fell and added to the pressure on the Dow.

The selloff deepened after CNN reported that a classified communications network used by the NSA had gone down, citing six people familiar with the matter. The sources said there was no evidence of a cyberattack. The agency later said the network had experienced temporary degradation during routine scheduled maintenance, and that its mission-critical capabilities remained fully operational. Traders said the report added to losses but kept them contained. The incident came after a weekend ground stop at the FAA, last week's Outlook outage at Microsoft and some recent problems with banking apps, which have left investors uneasy about the stability of technology infrastructure.

Nvidia traded about 2% lower. The stock briefly rallied after Jensen Huang, its former chief executive, said he would be open to returning if the board judged it best for shareholders. A strategist at Baird said strong results and guidance are likely, but the company may struggle to answer investors' questions about its leadership and the investigations tied to export controls. He added that a further rally would need more clarity on the outlook for 2028 and beyond.

The rest of technology was weaker. Micron fell about 6%, Intel 4%, Marvell more than 2% and Advanced Micro Devices more than 1.5%. Microsoft lost 3%, one of the biggest declines among large technology names. Among so-called neocloud stocks, CoreWeave fell 5%, Iren 6% and Nebius 4.2%. Investor Steve Eisman said earlier in the day that these companies have the most to lose if the leadership turmoil at Nvidia leads it to scale back its financing of the AI ecosystem.

The VIX volatility index rose as much as 21% to an intraday high of 27.73, its highest level since November 6. It is on track for a fourth straight daily gain, the first such run since August 28.

European Markets
European stocks fell sharply on Tuesday; with all three benchmarks we follow losing more than 1.5%. The pan-European Stoxx 600 dropped 1.75% to 650.72, the FTSE 100 fell 1.76% to 10,689.87, and Germany's DAX lost 2.08% to 26,045.37. The DAX was the weakest of the three, as its heavy exposure to industrial and technology-linked companies left it most sensitive to the unease around the AI trade.
The selling followed Monday's declines and came as investors positioned ahead of Nvidia's earnings on Wednesday and the Anthropic IPO later this week. Strong U.S. retail sales added to the caution by lifting the dollar and Treasury yields, and reinforcing expectations that interest rates will stay high for longer. With the technology sector under pressure and several big events still ahead, buyers stayed on the sidelines.
The three indexes we follow closed lower: Stoxx 600, down 11.59 points; FTSE 100, down 191.68 points; and DAX Index, down 553.27 points.

Consumer resilience continues
October retail sales rose 0.2% from September, in line with expectations. The control group, which excludes several volatile categories and feeds directly into GDP, rose 0.6%, well above consensus. Earlier months were also revised higher. Consumers are still willing to spend despite elevated borrowing costs and high energy prices, which supports both growth and corporate earnings.
Oil prices have dropped roughly 15% since late October, which could give household budgets some relief heading into the holidays. Walmart and Target report soon, and investors will look to them for more evidence on spending.
There is a cost to this strength. Resilient consumers strengthen the case for the Federal Reserve to keep policy restrictive for longer, and markets now price roughly three rate hikes over the next 12 months. That could limit how far bond yields fall, even with cheaper energy.

Nvidia and the Anthropic IPO test AI sentiment
Two events this week will shape views on both the opportunity and the risk in AI. Nvidia, the center of the infrastructure buildout, reports after the close on Wednesday. Analysts expect another strong quarter, with chip demand still outrunning supply. Still, questions remain after Huang's departure, including how much financial support the company has given customers and how tighter U.S. export restrictions could affect growth.
Anthropic, one of the leading AI labs, then goes public. It is targeting a valuation of about $1.3 trillion to $1.5 trillion, compared with roughly $1.6 trillion for Meta and $3.6 trillion for Alphabet. Pricing is expected Wednesday, with trading set to begin Thursday under the ticker ANT.
Large listings tend to draw strong early enthusiasm, but history is a caution. The 30 largest IPOs on record trailed the S&P 500 over their first three months, falling 2.8% on average while the index gained 3.0%.

The Final Word
Tuesday's selloff shows how nervous the market has become about technology. Consumers are holding up, which is good for growth but not for rate relief, and the AI trade now faces a real test this week as Nvidia's results and the Anthropic debut arrive together. Expect volatility and keep portfolios diversified rather than concentrated in a single theme.

Corporate Earnings Parade:

- **The Home Depot, Inc. (HD):** reported third-quarter 2026 earnings with revenues of $43.4 billion, up 4.9%; net income of $3.7 billion, beating estimates; and earnings per share of $3.86, with a Stock Price Objective of $377.59.

GDPNow Update:

- The GDPNow for the fourth quarter of 2026 was updated on November 17, 2026, to 3.40%, down -2.86% from 3.50%.

Economic Update:

- **US Retail and Food Services Sales MoM:** fell 0.21%, down from 0.83% last month.
- **NY Fed Business Leaders Survey Current Business Activity:** is at -10.60, up from -20.70 last month.
- **US Industrial Production MoM**: is at -0.43%, compared to 0.73% last month.
- **US Business Inventories MoM:** rose to 0.51%, compared to 0.40% last month.
- **US Wholesalers Inventories MoM:** rose to 0.68%, compared to 0.59% last month.
- **US Export Prices YoY:** rose to 11.80%, compared to 9.20% last month.
- **US Import Prices YoY:** rose to 8.10%, compared to 6.80% last month.

Eurozone Summary:

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- **DAX Index:** Closed at 26,045.37, down 553.27 points, or 2.08%.

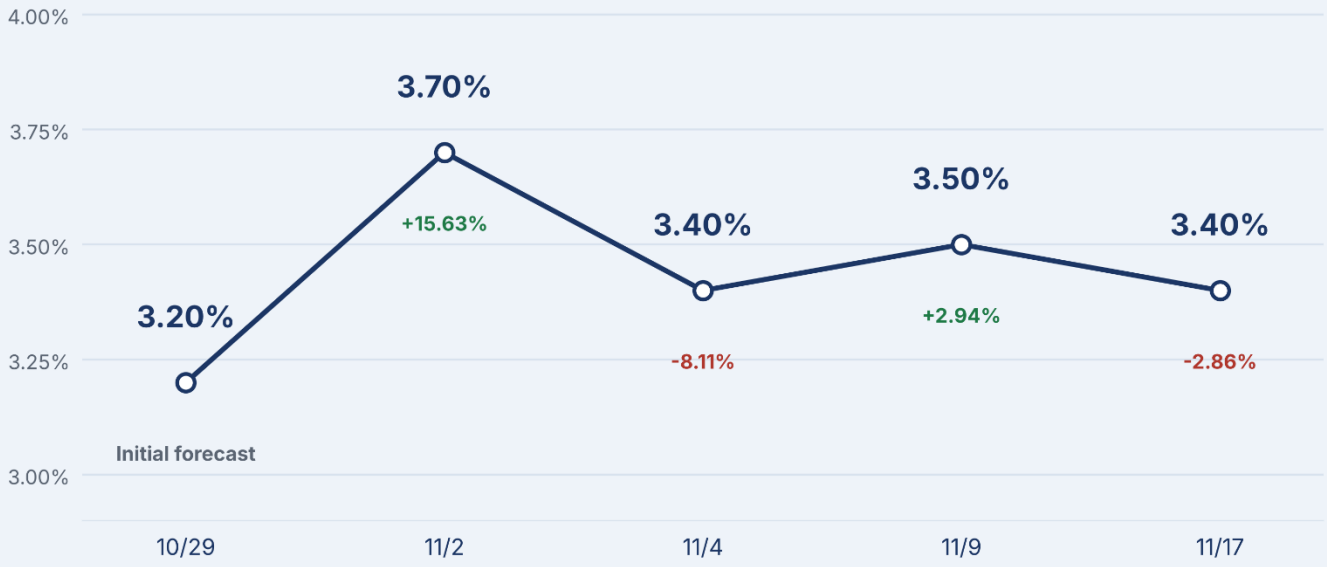
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- **Nasdaq Composite:** Closed at 24,328.38, down 181.37 points, or 0.74%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index:** Closed at 4,901.83, down 60.67 points, or 1.22%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Index:** Closed at 9,339.98, down 208.69 points, or 2.19%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note:** Closed at 5.10%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note:** Closed at 4.80%

GDPNow Estimate for Fourth Quarter 2026

Updated November 17, 2026; change shown versus prior estimate

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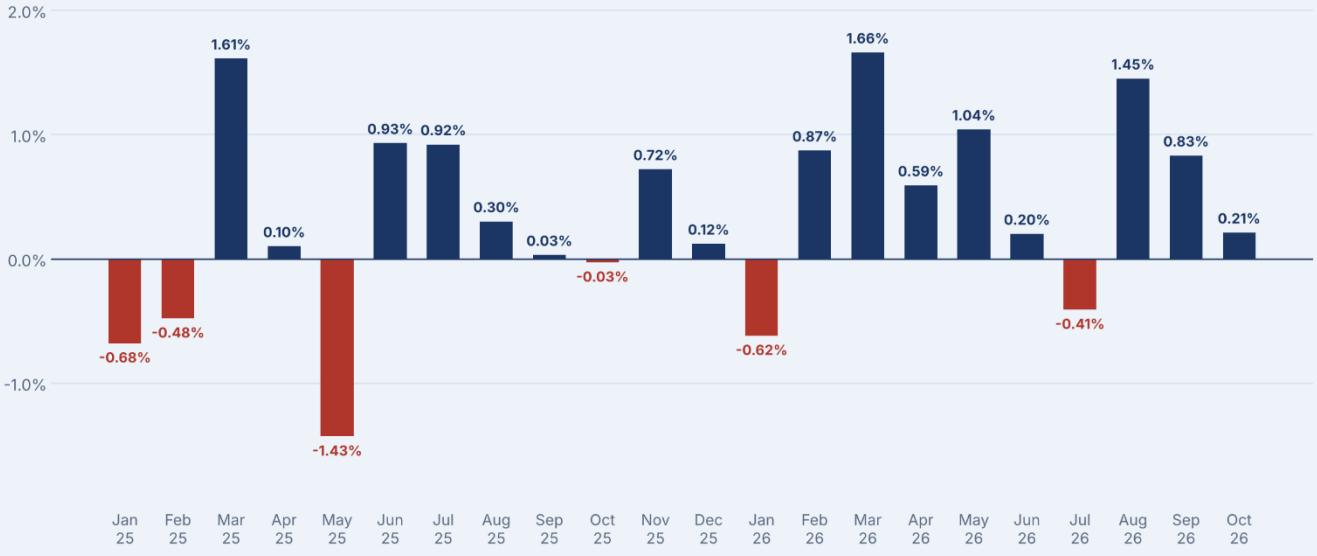
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US Retail and Food Services Sales, Month over Month

Monthly percent change, Jan 25 to Oct 26

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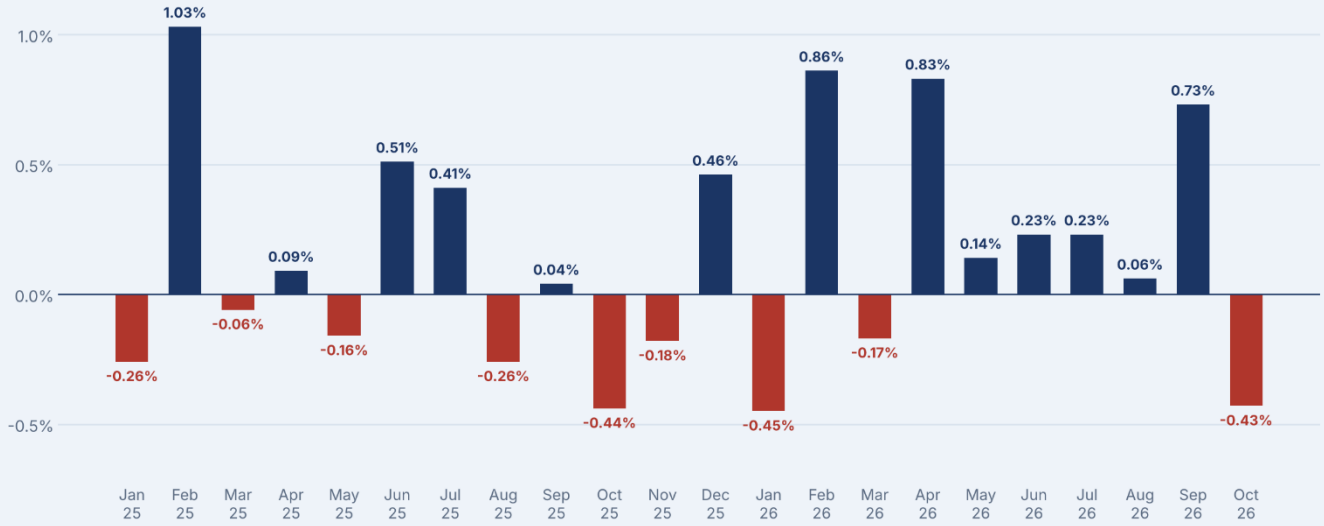
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US Industrial Production, Month over Month

Monthly percent change, Jan 25 to Oct 26

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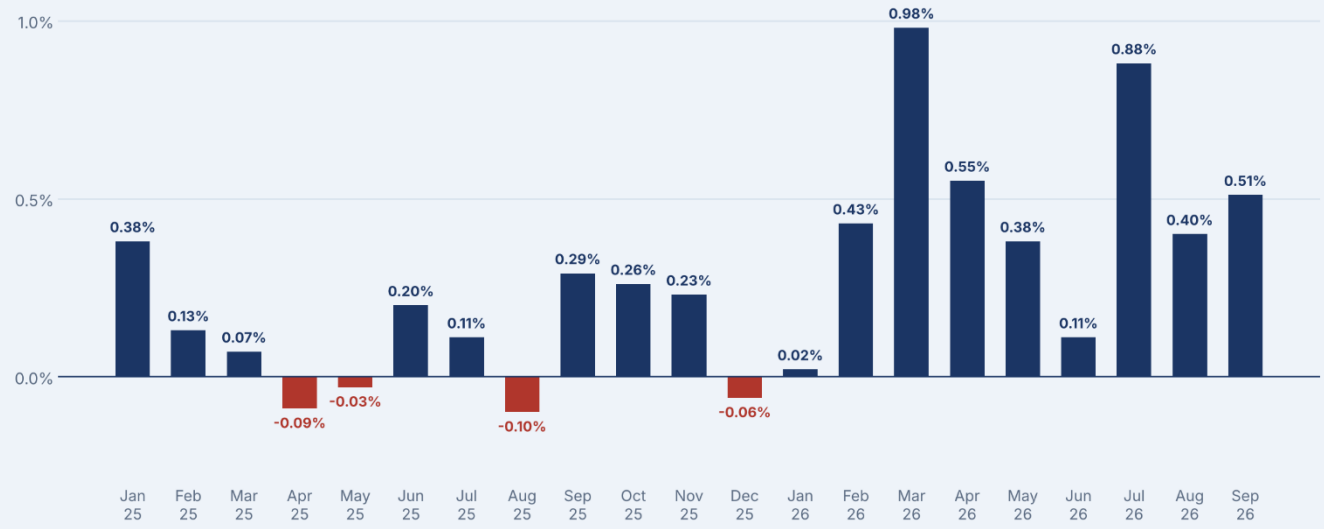
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US Business Inventories, Month over Month

Monthly percent change, Jan 25 to Sep 26

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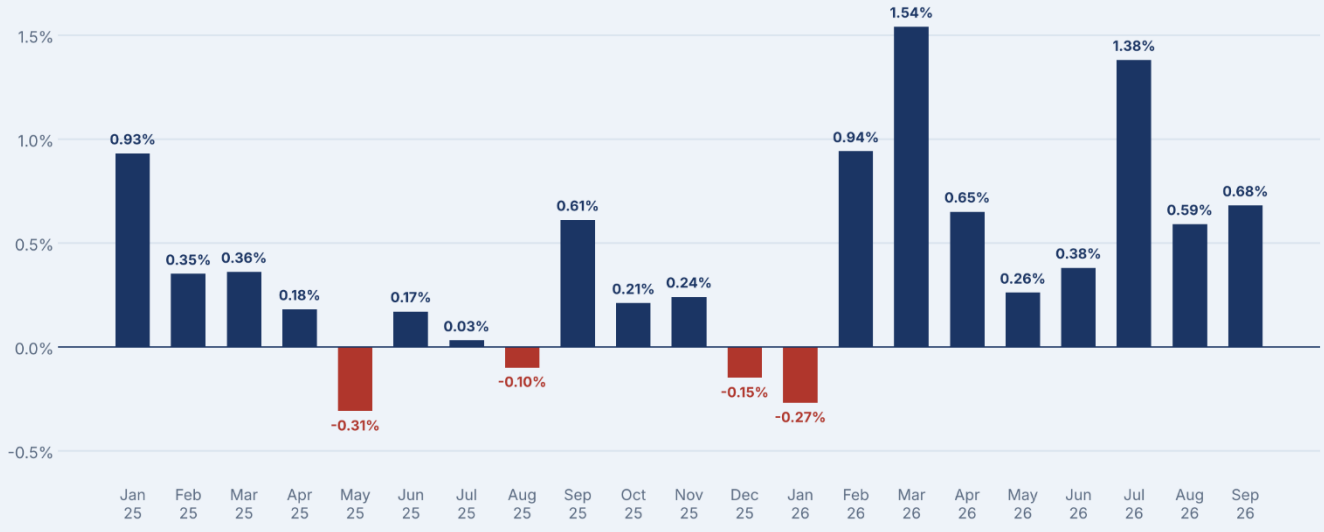


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US Wholesalers Inventories, Month over Month

Monthly percent change, Jan 25 to Sep 26

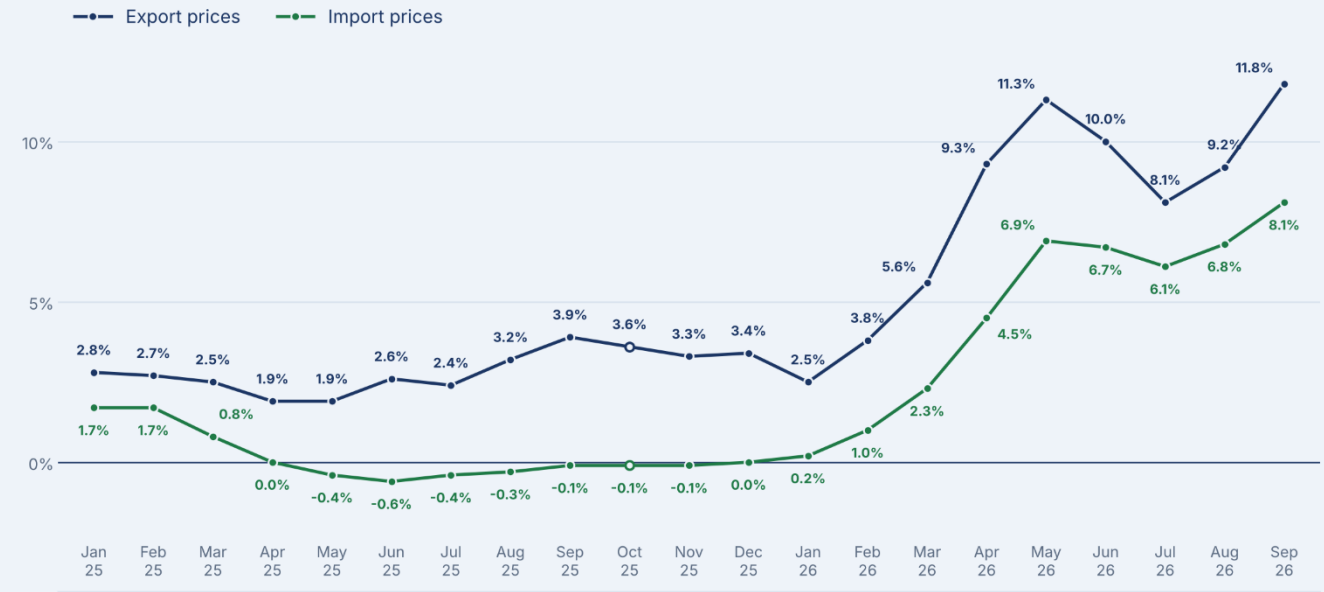


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US Export and Import Prices, Year over Year

Year-over-year percent change, Jan 25 to Sep 26



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Wall Street and Birling Capital Indexes Close Lower

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