

Investment Insights

History of Market Corrections

Declines in the market are an inevitable part of investing, and occur more often than we might recognize. The table below provides historical context to the recent declines in the market.

S&P 500 Index, 1928 - 2019

Type of Decline	Average Frequency*	Average Length**	Last Occurrence
-5% or more	About 5 times a year	24 days	April 2019
-10% or more	About every 7 months	64 days	December 2018
-15% or more	About every 1.5 years	110 days	December 2018
-20% or more	About every 2.5 years	183 days	March 2009

Disclosures

Source: First Trust, Bloomberg. As of 12/31/2019.

*Assumes a 50% recovery rate of lost value.

**Measures from the date of the market high to the date of the market low.

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