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Dow tumbles 570 to wrap worst month since Sept. 2022; ASX to drop

- Global markets.** Stocks tumbled on Tuesday to close out a losing month after higher-than-expected wage data raised fresh inflation concerns ahead of the Federal Reserve's rate decision on Wednesday.

The S&P 500 dropped 1.57% to close at 5,035.69 The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 570.17 points, or 1.49% to finish the session at 37,815.92. The Nasdaq Composite shed 2.04% to 15,657.82.

It was a notably ugly April for the major averages, with the Dow losing 5% for its worst monthly performance since September 2022. The S&P 500 slid about 4.2% this month, and the Nasdaq lost 4.4%. The three major averages snapped five-month winning streaks.

The Labor Department said Tuesday the employment cost index, a measure of wages and benefits, added 1.2% in the first quarter, above the 1% consensus estimate from economists polled by Dow Jones. Treasury yields jumped following the data, with the 2-year yield topping 5%.

Nvidia traded into the red on Tuesday, losing 1.5% in the session and falling 4% this month. The favorite AI play of investors was up for five months straight before this month. Shares of [Amazon](#), another big winner of the bull market, dipped 3% in the session before its quarterly update due late Tuesday.

Following the Fed's decision Wednesday, investors will next need to grapple with the April jobs report Friday.

- In economic news.** The Fed will make its interest rate decision Wednesday afternoon, and officials are likely to express a reluctance to lower interest rates any time soon as inflation data continues to point to elevated price pressures.
- In other markets.** Two-year Treasury yields topped 5 per cent, the highest level since November, adding to the anxiety around the Federal Reserve's rate decision Wednesday (Thursday AEST).
- Futures.** ASX futures were down 1.2 per cent or by 95 points near 7am AEST, tracking a 1.6 per cent sell-off for the S&P 500 which was the most since January.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Local Markets

All Ordinaries	7,932.0	7,906.6	0.3%
ASX 200	7,664.1	7,637.4	0.3%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,205.5	2,211.3	-0.3%

US Markets

Dow Jones	37,815.9	38,386.1	-1.5%
S&P500	5,035.7	5,116.2	-1.6%
Nasdaq	17,440.7	17,782.7	-1.9%
Russell 2000	1,973.9	2,016.0	-2.1%

Asian & European Markets

Shanghai Composite	3,104.8	3,113.0	-0.3%
Nikkei	38,405.4	37,934.7	1.2%
Hang Seng	17,763.0	17,746.9	0.1%
FTSE 100	8,144.1	8,147.0	0.0%
DAX 30	17,932.2	18,118.3	-1.0%
CAC 40	7,943.0	8,054.0	-1.4%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Information Technology	3,612.6	3,692.5	-2.2%
Communication Services	278.0	282.2	-1.5%
Consumer Discretionary	1,420.8	1,459.6	-2.7%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
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USA - ISM Manufacturing PMI	0:00		
USA - Fed Interest Rate Decision	4:00	5.50%	5.5%

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Lotus Resources	0.440	0.435	1.1%
Elementos	0.180	0.180	0.0%
Frontier Energy	0.360	0.360	0.0%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
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Oil - West Texas Crude	81.22	82.59	-1.7%
Gold	2,291	2,334	-1.8%
Gold (Aus)	3,540	3,556	-0.4%
Silver	26.34	27.10	-2.8%
Uranium (Spot)	90.00	90.00	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	28.77	30.44	-5.5%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	49.75	52.60	-5.4%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	21.28	21.60	-1.5%
Tin (Futures)	32,566	32,411	0.5%
Copper	4.54	4.66	-2.6%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
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SPI200 Futures	7,593.0	7,671.0	-1.0%
DXY Index	105.6	106.1	-0.4%
AUD/USD	0.6473	0.6565	-1.4%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	5.037	4.979	6 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.682	4.612	7 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	-0.197	-0.197	0 bp
VIX Index	15.64	14.68	6.5%