



25 years ago: February 1996

S&P 500: 640.43 (vs. 3911.23 in 02/2021)

10-year U.S. Government Bond Yield: 6.13% (vs. 1.15% in 02/2021)

Gold: \$400.65 (vs. \$1839.60 in 02/2021)

Oil: \$19.515 (vs. \$58.34 in 02/2021)

GBP/USD: 1.5313 (vs. 1.3853 in 02/2021)

US GDP: \$7,772.6 billion (vs. \$21,479 billion in 12/2020)

US Population: 269 million (vs. 333 million in 2021)

02/01/1996: Cuban authorities arrest or detain at least 150 dissidents, marking the most widespread crackdown on opposition groups in the country since the early 1960s.

02/06/1996: Birgenair Flight 301 crashed off the coast of the Dominican Republic, and all 189

people inside the airplane are killed. This is the worst accident/incident involving a Boeing 757.

02/09/1996: The Provisional Irish Republican Army declares the end to its 18-month ceasefire and explodes a large bomb in London's Canary Wharf.

02/10/1996: The IBM supercomputer Deep Blue defeats Garry Kasparov in chess for the first time.

02/17/1996: NASA's Discovery Program begins as the NEAR Shoemaker spacecraft lifts off on the first mission ever to orbit and land on an asteroid, 433 Eros.

02/24/1996: Cuban fighter jets shoot down two US-registered civilian aircraft over international waters, killing four men

50 years ago: February 1971

S&P 500: 96.75 (vs. 3911.23 in 02/2021)

10-year U.S. Government Bond Yield: 6.14% (vs. 1.15% in 02/2021)

Gold: \$38.80 (vs. \$1839.60 in 02/2021)

Oil: \$3.41 (vs. \$58.34 in 02/2021)

GBP/USD: 2.416 (vs. 1.3853 in 02/2021)

US GDP: \$1,088.6 billion (vs. \$21,479 billion in 12/2020)

US Population: 211 million (vs. 333 million in 2021)

02/02/1971: Idi Amin replaces President Milton Obote as leader of Uganda.

02/03/1971: New York Police Officer Frank Serpico is shot during a drug bust in Brooklyn and survives to later testify against police corruption. Many believe the incident proves that NYPD officers tried to kill him.

02/05/1971: National Quotation Bureau Index of OTC issues discontinued. New indexes compiled by NASD, through its automated system for quoting OTC securities (called NASDAQ), became effective. Astronauts land on the moon in the Apollo 14 mission.

02/08/1971: South Vietnamese ground troops launch an incursion into Laos to try to cut off the Ho Chi Minh trail and stop communist infiltration.

02/09/1971: Satchel Paige becomes the first Negro League player to be voted into the Baseball

Hall of Fame. The Sylmar earthquake hits the San Fernando Valley area of California.

02/11/1971: Eighty-seven countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, and Soviet Union, sign the Seabed Arms Control Treaty outlawing nuclear weapons on the ocean floor in international waters.

02/15/1971: The decimalization of British coinage is completed on Decimal Day.

02/24/1971: Algeria nationalizes 51 percent of French oil concessions.

02/26/1971: U.N. Secretary General U Thant signs United Nations proclamation of the vernal equinox as Earth Day.

100 years ago: February 1921

S&P 500: 7.0353 (vs. 3911.23 in 02/2021)

10-year U.S. Government Bond Yield: 5.28% (vs. 1.15% in 02/2021)

Gold: \$20.67 (vs. \$1839.60 in 02/2021)

Oil: \$4.188 (vs. \$58.34 in 02/2021)

GBP/USD: 3.86 (vs. 1.3853 in 02/2021)

US GDP: \$91.5 billion (vs. \$21,479 billion in 09/2020)

US Population: 108.5 million (vs. 333 million in 2021)

02/06/1921: Nikolaos Kalogeropoulos (People's Party) became Head of Government of Greece

02/16/1921: Red Army invasion of Georgia: The Eleventh Army crossed into Georgia.

02/21/1921: Reza Shah takes control of Tehran during a successful coup

02/22/1921: After Russian forces under Baron Roman von Ungern-Sternberg drive the Chinese out, the Bogd Khan is reinstated as the emperor of Mongolia.

02/25/1921: Tbilisi, capital of the Democratic Republic of Georgia, is occupied by Bolshevik Russia. Democratic Republic of Georgia annexed by the Bolshevik forces of the Soviet Union, following an invasion which began 14 days earlier on the 11th.

02/28/1921: Kronstadt rebellion: The crews of the battleships Petropavlovsk and Sevastopol, harbored at Kronstadt, published a list of demands on the government.

200 years ago: February 1821

S&P 500: 1.714 (vs. 3911.23 in 02/2021)

10-year U.S. Government Bond Yield: 4.013% (vs. 1.15% in 02/2021)

Gold: \$19.39 (vs. \$1839.60 in 02/2021)

GBP/USD: 4.6062 (vs. 1.3853 in 02/2021)

US GDP: \$656 million (vs. \$21,479 billion in 09/2020)

US Population: 9.939 million (vs. 333 million in 2021)

02/21/1821: Revolt of Greek War of Independence declared by Alexandros Ypsilantis in Wallachia.

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