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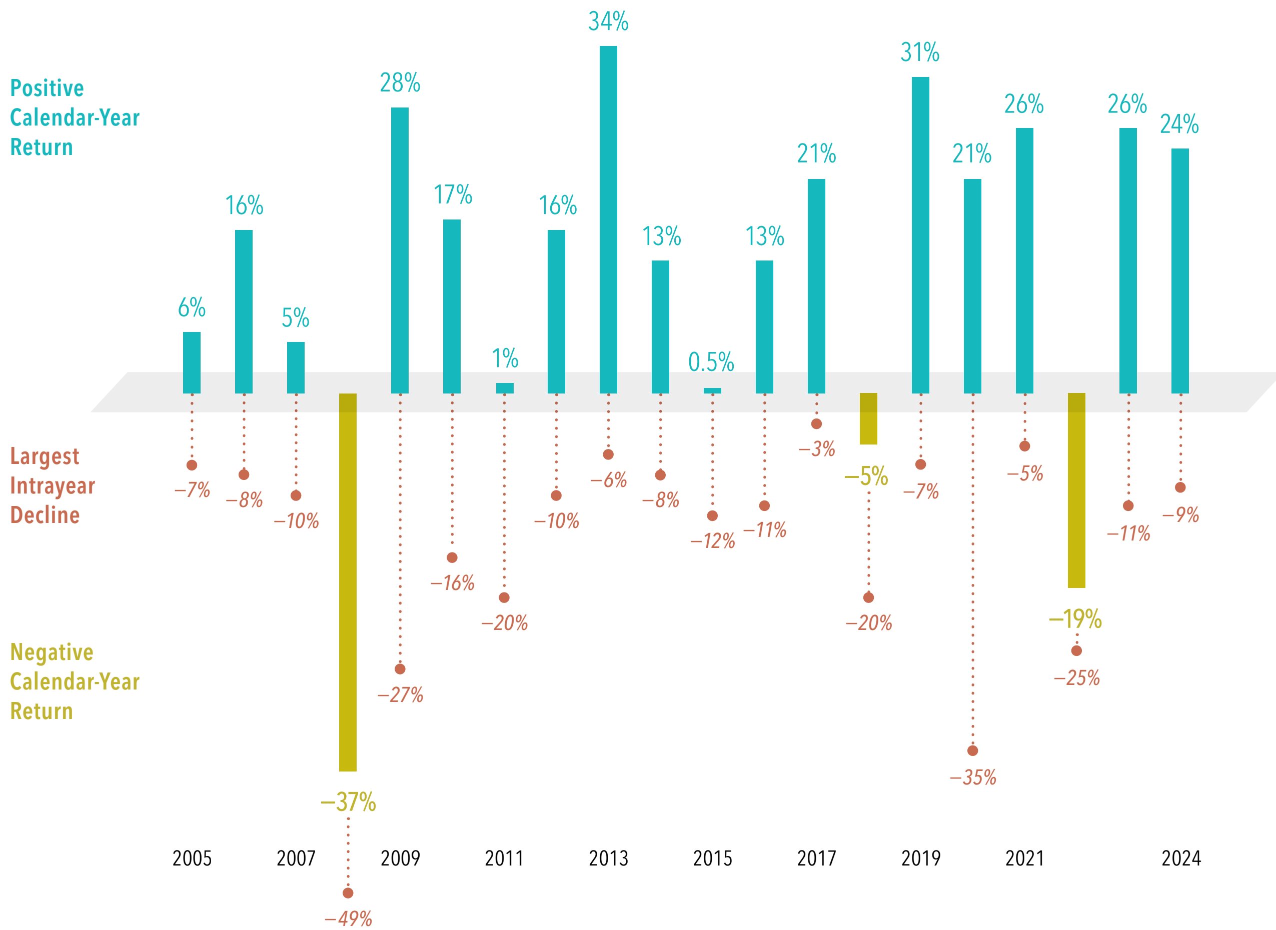
Do Downturns Lead to Down Years?

YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS, WITH STEEPEST DECLINE WITHIN EACH YEAR

Russell 3000 Index, 2005–2024



Stock market declines over a few days or months may lead investors to anticipate a down year. But the US stock market has had positive annual returns in many years despite some notable dips.

- Intrayear declines for the index ranged from 3% to 49%.
- Many years with large intrayear declines saw positive annual returns.
- In 17 of the last 20 years, US stocks ended up with gains for the year.

Tumbles may be scary, but they shouldn't be surprising. And a short-term slump needn't mean a full-year fall.

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