

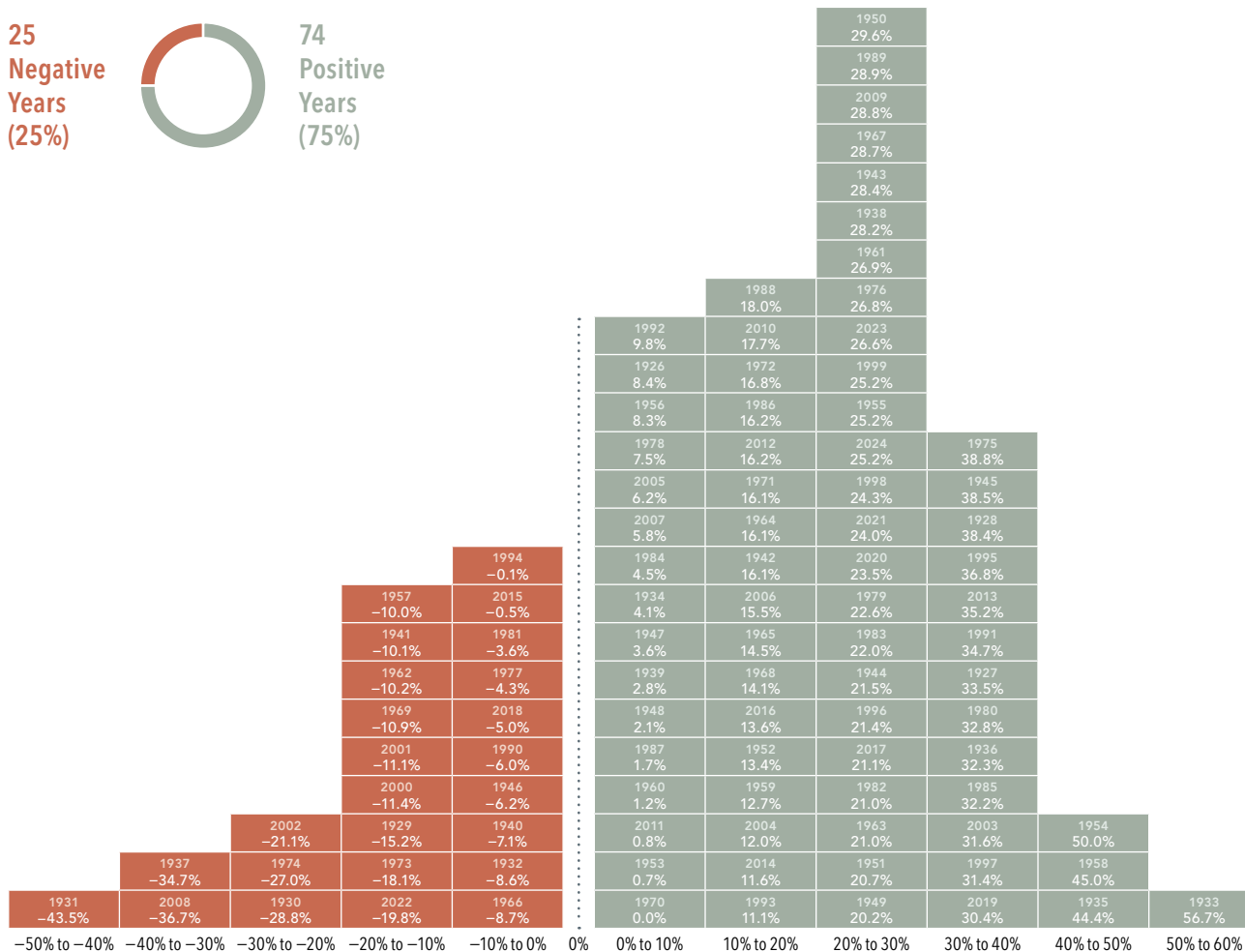
The Rewarding Distribution of US Stock Market Returns

CRSP 1-10 INDEX RETURNS BY YEAR
1926-2024

25
Negative
Years
(25%)



74
Positive
Years
(75%)



Annual stock market returns are unpredictable, but the long history of positive returns may be reassuring to investors who find market downturns unsettling.

- “Up” years have occurred much more frequently than “down” years in the US stock market from 1926 through 2024.
- The market averaged gains of 10.2% per year during this period.
- About three-quarters of the down years were followed by up years. The most recent example: a 19.8% loss in 2022 followed by a 26.6% gain in 2023.

The stock market tends to reward investors who can weather annual ups and downs and stay committed to a long-term plan.

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In USD. Return in 1970 was 0.002%. CRSP data provided by the Center for Research in Security Prices, University of Chicago. The CRSP 1–10 Index measures the performance of the total US stock market, which it defines as the aggregate capitalization of all US securities listed on the NYSE, NYSE MKT (formerly AMEX), and Nasdaq Global Market.

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