

S&P Sector Index Performance

A look at recent performance

S&P 500 Index Performance by Sector¹ (%)

Diversification among equities, bonds and cash equivalents may help to potentially reduce volatility. It may also be a good idea to diversify not only by asset class, but also across the range of equity sectors.

The natural tendency of investors is to put their money in last year's best performing investment categories. However, this strategy may cause them to miss potential upside in of lagging sectors that might be poised for a rebound. Proper diversification among equity sectors may help reduce the overall portfolio impact of dramatic shifts in performance of any individual equity sector.

The chart below illustrates, from a historical perspective, which of the S&P sectors have outperformed or underperformed the S&P 500 Index since 2003. Of course, past performance is no guarantee of future results. This may be helpful to review when talking to your financial advisor about a diversified portfolio.

6.48

0.99

19.19

8.42

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	10-Year Compound Annual Growth Rate ²
Energy	25.63	31.54	31.37	24.21	34.40	-34.87	13.82	20.46	4.71	2.33	15.36
Materials	38.19	13.19	4.42	18.63	22.53	-45.66	48.59	22.34	-9.65	12.24	12.48
Industrials	32.20	18.03	2.32	13.29	12.03	-39.92	20.93	26.74	-0.59	12.46	9.75
Consumer Discretionary	37.41	13.24	-6.36	18.64	-13.21	-33.49	41.30	27.84	6.23	21.87	11.35
Consumer Staples	11.57	8.16	3.58	14.36	14.18	-15.43	14.89	14.12	13.99	7.52	8.69
Health Care	15.06	1.68	6.46	7.53	7.15	-22.81	19.70	2.90	12.73	15.19	6.56

-55.32

-43.14

17.24

61.72

12.18

10.22

-17.02

2.43

26.26

13.15

3.23

11.99

19.85 -5.63 36.80 11.94 -30.49 18.96 6.31 12.50 Telecommunication Services 8.63 26.26 19.96 Utilities 24.28 16.84 20.99 19.38 -28.98 11.91 5.46 -2.91 11.32 S&P 500 Index 28.68 10.88 4.91 15.79 5.49 -37.00 26.46 15.06 2.11 16.00 7.10

-18.63

16.31

10.89

2.56

Diversification does not guarantee a profit or eliminate the risk of loss.

31.03

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¹ Source: FactSet Research Systems, Inc.

² Ten-Year Compound Annual Growth Rate is for the period 12/31/02 through 12/31/12 and is the year-over-year growth rate of an investment over a specified period of time including price and dividend returns.

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