

**Dow Jumps**  
**March 24, 2020**



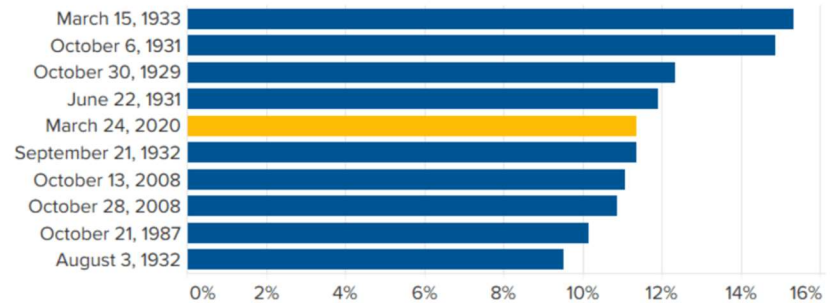
It's not a place you want to be when you are comparing current time period to 2008 or 1933, but the Dow Jones Industrial Average just rose the most since 1933 while the S&P 500 had its biggest rise since 2008. The Dow soared 2112 points or an eyepopping 11.3% in a single day. The S&P 500 jumped 9.3% and the NASDAQ Composite climbed 8.1% today. The numbers are remarkable, but in this speedy bear market, volatile moves have been the norm – just not enough of the positive kind.

In what was undoubtedly a machine driven, squeeze on short sellers, the market jumped forward on the prospects of the Senate coming to an agreement on the fiscal spending bill that has been, by all accounts close but still not signed since Saturday night.

The fiscal spending is designed to fill the hole that has been created in the economy due to the government prescribed public health initiatives. Important fiscal spending provisions such as additional capital for the federal reserve, bridge loans for small and large business are part of the package and seen by the market as an important economic weapon to fight the effects of the coronavirus.

**The Dow's best day since 1933**

Top 10 measured by Dow Jones Industrial Average daily percent change



SOURCE: FactSet



The impressive rally today was an impressive respite from the seeming relentless selling. However, it is possible that this program driven rally doesn't mean the end of the selling, but it does signal how quickly the market can and does change directions. Of course, the market wants to get an all clear sign relative to the war on the coronavirus and we'll be able to string several positive rallies together when we see positive signs coming in on that front. We find it interesting that Italy, Spain and Japan have put together several days of neutral or positive stock market action. Hopefully, we are beginning that trading pattern.

