

FAMOUS STOCK MARKET CRASHES: THE EXUBERANCE AND THE FALL



The history is full of stock market crashes that are worth remembering:

- 1623: financial crisis in Germany due to the start of the Thirty Years' War;
- 1637: collapse of the prices of tulip bulbs in the Netherlands;
- 1720: South Sea bubble in the UK;
- 1720: financial collapse in France during John Law economic hegemony;
- 1769: stock market crash in the UK, mainly affected by the British India Company, whose shares experienced a dramatic fall of more than 50% of their value in 6 years;
- 1772: financial crises in UK and US;
- 1791: burst of the bubble regarding the First Bank in the US;
- 1792: financial panic, followed by other situations of panic on the markets, as in 1819, 1825, 1837, 1847, 1857 and 1866;
- 1882: Paris Bourse crashes;
- 1901: panic after the assassination of President McKinley in the US;
- 1907: panic for more than one year, after U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt had threatened to rein in the monopolies that flourished in various industrial sectors, notably railways;
- 1929: stock market crash leading to the Great Depression;
- 1962: fall of the US market;
- 1973: dramatic rise in oil prices, the miners' strike and the downfall of the Heath government in the US;
- 1987: black Monday, October 19th;
- 1989: Rio de Janeiro stock market collapse, due to lack of internal controls and absence of credit discipline;
- 1991: Japanese asset price bubble;
- 1997: Asian financial crisis, with climax in Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea and Philippines;
- 1998: financial crisis because Russia defaults and devaluates the ruble;
- 2000: dot-com bubble;
- 2001: stock market falls because of the attacks to the Twin Towers;
- 2007: Shanghai Stock Exchange tumbles 9% from unexpected selloffs, the largest drop in 10 years, triggering major drops in worldwide stock markets;
- 2007-2009: US bear market, due to Lehman Brothers collapse;
- 2010: European sovereign debt crisis.
- 2010 and 2013: two flash crashes in the USA, respectively on May, 6 and April, 23.