Over time, investing in the stock market has paid off

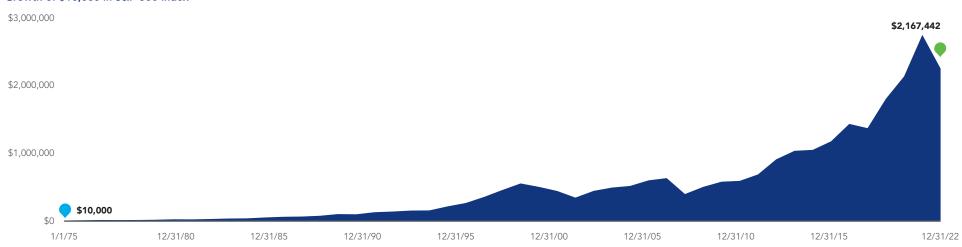


There has always been a reason not to invest in stocks

1976	Clouded economic prospects Economic recovery slows Market slumps 198	3 Iran/Iraq war	1999 2000 2001	Tech bubble Tech bubble bursts September 11th	2011 2012 2013	Year of investing dangerously Political dysfunction Taper tantrum
1978	Interest rates rise 1996	Persian Gulf crisis	2002	Corporate accounting issues	2014	Ukraine crisis
1979	Oil prices skyrocket 199	Recession	2003	War in Iraq	2015	China scare
1980	Interest rates at all-time high 1993	Clinton elected president	2004	Presidential election uncertainty	2016	Geopolitical risk
1981	Steep recession begins 1993	Tax and budget uncertainties	2005	Rising interest rates	2017	D.C. discord
1982	Worst recession in 40 years 1994	Worst bond market since 1927	2006	Oil prices hit \$78/barrel	2018	Trade wars
1983	Cold War tension 1999	Mexican peso crisis	2007	Subprime mortgage crisis	2019	Trade wars, the sequel
1984	Record federal deficits 1996	Greenspan's "irrational exuberance"	2008	Global financial crisis	2020	Global Covid-19 crisis
1985	Economic growth slows 1993	Liquidity crisis	2009	Roller coaster	2021	Inflation
1986	Iran-Contra affair 1998	Emerging markets crisis	2010	Five little PIIGS	2022	Fed tightening

...and **one** good reason why you should

Growth of \$10,000 in S&P 500 Index





Sources: Federated Hermes, Morningstar, Inc.

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