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FTSE-100 Index

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Daily closing price



The FTSE-100 tracks the share-prices of the 100 largest companies listed on the London Stock Exchange. In 2020, the index has fallen dramatically, as global share prices fell amid fears of the impact of the coronavirus. The FTSE closed at 4,993.89 on 23 March, the index's lowest level since October

2011, though it subsequently rallied and closed at 6,484.30 on 5 June, its highest level since early March, and has largely remained above or around 6,000 since mid-June.

Brent Crude Oil

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Daily closing price of Brent crude, near-month futures contract



The price of Brent crude oil reached an all-time high above \$145/barrel in July 2008. In January 2016, the price fell below \$30/barrel for the first time in over ten years, though climbed in late 2016, after OPEC agreed to its first supply cut since 2008. Recently, the price has fallen dramatically,

owing to a collapse in demand due to the pandemic. On 21 April, the price closed at \$19.31, its lowest level since February 2002. The price reached \$45.90/barrel on 1 September, its highest since early March.

Gold price

Gold (\$ per ounce)

Daily price



The nominal price of gold exceeded \$1,800/ounce for the first time in August 2011, but the metal's price moderated considerably after that, falling to \$1,049/ounce in December 2015. Recently, despite some turbulence following the coronavirus outbreak, the price has been rising

steadily and passed \$2,000/ounce for the first time in August 2020, closing at a record high of \$2,067/ounce on 7 August.

Data from 15 October 2020

| | FTSE-100 | Oil (\$/bbl) | Gold (\$/oz) |
|---------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 15 Oct 2020 | 5832.52 | 42.50 | 1910.05 |
| %change over: | | | |
| 1-month | -4% | 5% | -2% |
| 12-months | -19% | -28% | 28% |

Note: Oil is Brent near-month futures price

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