On any given year, the market has experienced some form of a pullback, with an average annual decline of $\sim 14 \%$, and four $5 \%$ or more pullbacks per year. However, $80 \%$ of the time since 1981 has the market ended up closing the year in positive territory.


Data as of January 31, 2021. The diamonds represent the max intra-year decline of the S\&P 500 index and the bars represent calendar year returns.
S\&P 500 | The S\&P 500 Total Return Index: The index is widely regarded as the best singe gauge of large-cap U.S equities.

