Do Downturns Lead to Down Years?

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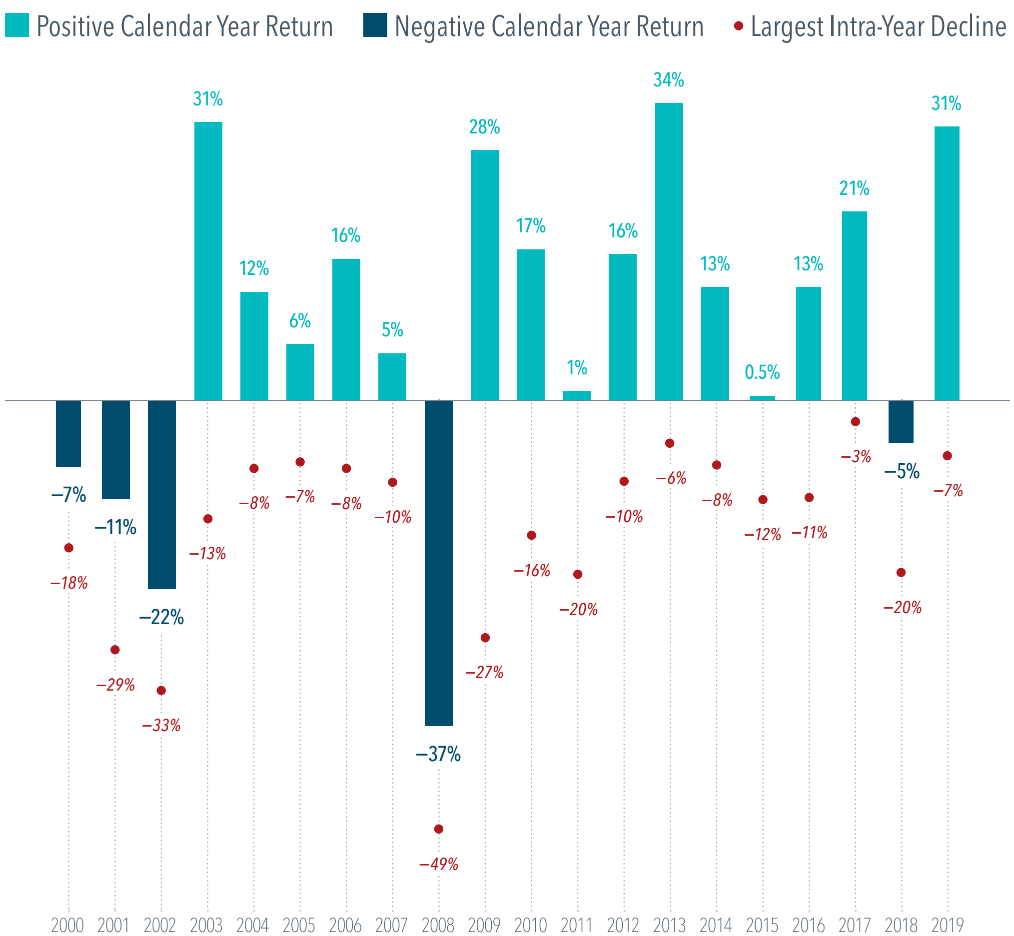
US MARKET INTRA-YEAR DECLINES VS. CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS, January 1, 2000–December 31, 2019



Stock market slides over a few days or months may lead investors to anticipate a down year. But a broad US market index had positive returns in 15 of the past 20 calendar years, despite some notable dips in many of those years.

- Intra-year declines for the index ranged from 3% to 49%.
- Calendar year returns improved on those intra-year slides. The steepest declines saw notable recoveries, and in 15 of the 20 years, stocks ended up with gains for the year.
- Even amid the financial crisis in 2009, a 27% plunge gave way to a 28% gain by the end of the year.

Volatility is a normal part of investing. Tumbles may be scary, but they shouldn't be surprising. A long-term focus can help investors keep perspective.

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In US dollars.

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