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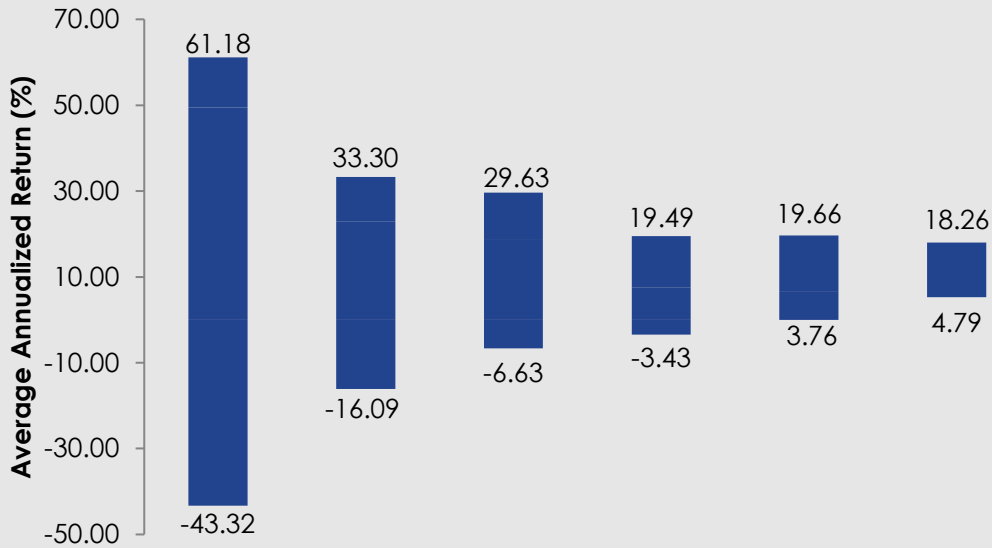
In times of extreme equity market volatility some investors are tempted to abandon their holdings and seek so-called safer havens such as cash or bonds. Unfortunately, short-term thinking can be detrimental to long-term success. The graph and table below show various rolling time periods for the S&P 500® Index. Rolling periods represent a series of overlapping, smaller periods within a single, longer-term period. This method allows investors to evaluate the consistency of an investment's performance throughout market cycles.

Rolling Periods Range of Returns for the S&P 500® Index
(1-1-1970 to 9-30-2026)

History shows that the longer the time period, the greater the chance for a positive return.



	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
# of positive rolling periods	544	565	567	538	502	442
# of total rolling periods	670	646	622	562	202	442
% of positive rolling periods	**81%**	**87%**	**91%**	**96%**	**100%**	**100%**
High (%)	61.18	33.30	29.63	19.49	19.66	18.26
(Dates)	07/1982 to 06/1983	08/1984 to 07/1987	08/1982 to 07/1987	09/1990 to 08/2000	08/1982 to 07/1997	04/1980 to 03/2000
Low (%)	-43.32	-16.09	-6.63	-3.43	3.76	4.79
(Dates)	03/2008 to 02/2009	04/2000 to 03/2003	03/2004 to 02/2009	03/1999 to 02/2009	09/2000 to 08/2015	04/2000 to 03/2020
Average (%)	12.66	11.48	11.37	11.47	11.39	11.14

Source: Mellon Analytical Solutions, Inc., October 2026

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