

# Reading Stock Quotes Resource

Most financial papers and Web sites have stock quotes that look similar to the example below. Use this sheet to learn how to read a stock quote table.

Sample stock quote table:

52W High	52W Low	Stock	Ticker	Div	P/E	YTD% Chg	Vol 00s	High	Low	Close	Net chg
\$45.39	\$19.75	ResMed	RMD		52.5	-8.5	3831	42.00	39.51	41.50	-1.90
11.63	3.55	Revlon A	REV			+1.3	162	6.09	5.90	6.09	+0.12
77.25	55.13	RioTinto	RTP	2.3		+5.5	168	72.75	71.84	72.74	+0.03
31.31	16.63	RitchieBr	RBA		20.9	-2.4	15	24.49	24.29	24.49	-0.01
8.44	1.75	RiteAid	RAD			+3.9	31028	4.5	4.20	4.31	+0.21
38.63	18.81	RobtHalf	RHI		26.5	+7.0	6517	27.15	26.50	26.50	+0.14
51.25	27.69	Rockwell	ROK	1.2	14.5	+5.4	6412	47.99	47.00	47.54	+0.24
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Columns 1 and 2

**52-Week High and Low** – The highest and lowest prices the stock traded over the previous 52 weeks (one year) and typically does not include the previous day's trading.

Column 3

**Company Name and Type of Stock** – The name of the company. If no special symbol or letter follows the name, it is common stock. Different symbols indicate different classes of shares (i.e., "pf" means preferred stock).

Column 4

**Ticker Symbol** – The unique alphabetic name which identifies the stock. When looking for stock quotes online, you search for a company by the ticker symbol. The following financial sites provide the ticker symbols for companies.

Yahoo! – <http://finance.yahoo.com>

MSN – <http://moneycentral.msn.com>

Google – <http://finance.google.com/finance>

Column 5

**Dividend Per Share** – The estimate of the anticipated yearly dividend per share in dollars and cents. If this space is blank, the company does not currently pay out dividends.

Column 6

**Price/Earnings Ratio** – Shows the relationship between a stock's price and the company's earnings for the last four quarters. Calculated by dividing the current price per share by the earnings per share.

Column 7

**Year-to-Date Percentage Change** – Reports gain or loss in each stock's price as a percentage of its price on January 1.

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Column 8

**Trading Volume** – The total number of shares traded for the day (in hundreds). Add two zeros to the end of the number listed to get the actual number traded.

Column 9 & 10

**Day High and Low** – The price range at which the stock has traded throughout the day. These are the maximum and the minimum prices that people have paid for the stock.

Column 11

**Close** – The last trading price recorded when the market closed on the day. If the closing price is up or down more than 5% than the previous day, the entire listing for that stock is bold-faced.

Column 12

**Net Change** – The change in the stock price from the previous day's closing price in dollars. When the net change is positive, it is recorded as being "up for the day."

## Quotes on the Internet

The most convenient way to get stock quotes is off the Internet. Most sites are updated frequently and provide you more information, news, charting, and research tools.

Most public Internet sites that provide stock quotes are reporting the price with a 15-minute delay. To get 'real-time' quotes typically requires a subscription to a fee-based service.