



## Fear & Greed Index

Friday, August 18, 2017

The **Fear & Greed Index** reading for **August 18** is: **17** – **Extreme Fear**. (Thursday: **19** – **Extreme Fear**)

**eResearch Corporation** is pleased to provide CNNMoney's Fear & Greed Index.

Investors are driven by two emotions: fear and greed. Too much fear can sink stocks well below where they should be. When investors get greedy, they can bid up stock prices way too far. So, what emotion is driving the market now? CNNMoney's Fear & Greed index gives the answer.

CNNMoney looks at 7 Indicators:

- **Market Momentum:** The S&P 500 (**SPX**) versus its 125-day moving average
- **Market Volatility:** The VIX (**VIX**), which measures volatility
- **Safe Haven Demand:** The difference in returns for stocks versus Treasuries
- **Junk Bond Demand:** The spread between yields on investment grade bonds and junk bonds
- **Stock Price Breadth:** The volume of shares trading in stocks on the rise versus those declining
- **Stock Price Strength:** The number of stocks hitting 52-week highs and lows on the New York Stock Exchange
- **Put and Call Options:** The put/call ratio, which compares the trading volume of bullish call options relative to the trading volume of bearish put options

Each Indicator is analyzed to see how far it has veered from its average relative to how far it normally veers. Each Indicator is rated on a scale from 0 - 100. The higher the reading, the greedier investors are being; 50 is neutral.

Then all the Indicators are put together, equally weighted, for a final index reading.

There is a link at the bottom of the next page to access all of today's readings.

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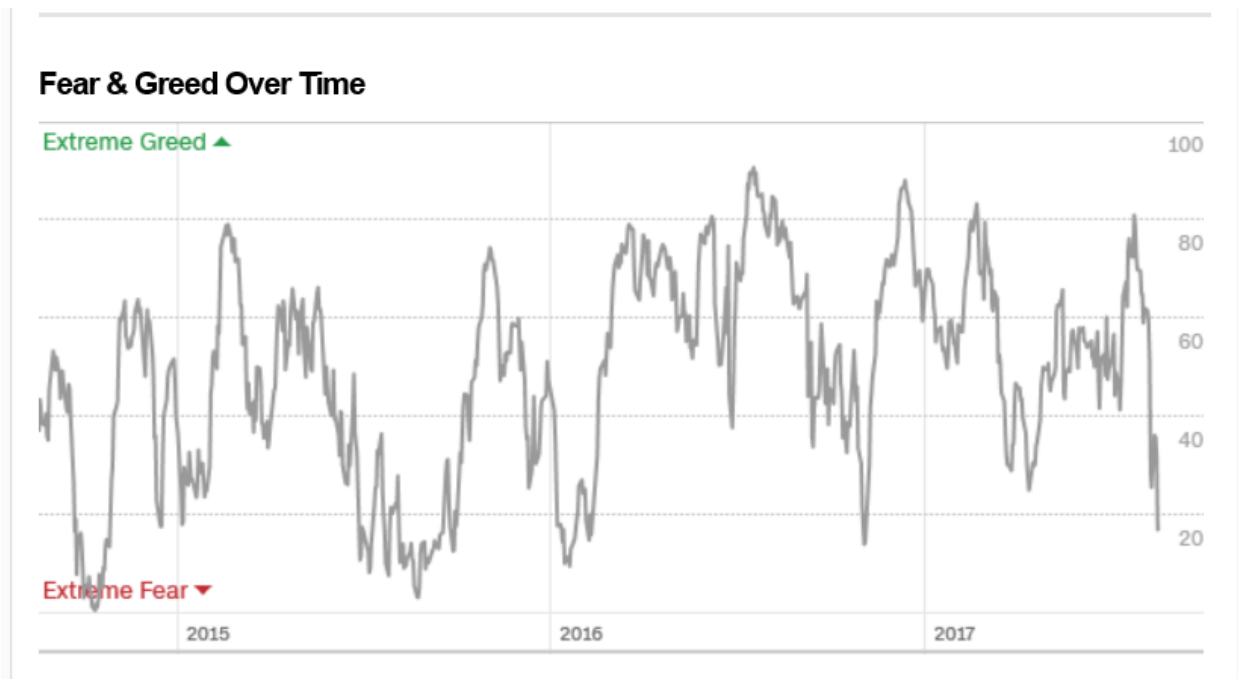


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### Key:

| <u>Status</u>        | <u>Reading</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Extreme Fear</b>  | 0-25           |
| <b>Fear</b>          | 26-44          |
| <b>Neutral</b>       | 45-55          |
| <b>Greed</b>         | 56-74          |
| <b>Extreme Greed</b> | 75-100         |

**CURRENT READING: 17 – Extreme Fear**



### LINK

To get today's readings, <Ctrl-Click> on the following link:

<http://money.cnn.com/data/fear-and-greed/>

**NOTE:** The above link is "live", i.e., the readings will change commensurate with the opening of the market at 9:30 am, and they will be updated through-out the day. The readings are "static" from about 5:00 pm until the market opening on the next day.

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