

# MARKET MICROSCOPE – Nowhere To Hide: Stocks & Bonds Both Down In The First Half Of 2022

Quarterly Returns: Jan 1973 - Jun 2022



The chart to the left is a scatterplot of the quarterly returns of US stocks and US bonds over the past 49.5 years.

Since 1973, it has been relatively rare for both stocks and bonds to be down in the same quarter, occurring only about 10% of the time.

However, rising inflation and interest rates combined with global economic turmoil caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine produced a meaningful decline in both stocks and bonds in the first two quarters of 2022.

	# of Quarters	% of All
Stocks Up, Bonds Up	114	57.6%
Stocks Up, Bonds Down	26	13.1%
Stocks Down, Bonds Up	37	18.7%
Stocks Down, Bonds Down	21	10.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*Bond returns for 1973-1975 are for the Bloomberg Intermediate Gov/Credit Index. Aggregate Index data begins in 1976.