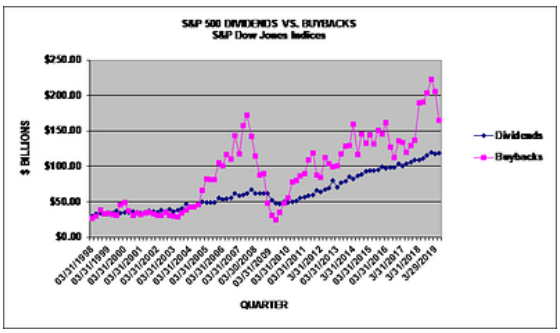
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S&P 500 buybacks decline significantly in Q2 2019; expenditures still remain higher than the pre-2018 levels

- Q2 2019 share repurchases were $164.5 billion - 20.1% lower than Q1 2019, 13.7% lower than Q2 2018, and 26.2% lower than the record Q4 2018.
- Apple continues to lead, spending $18.2 billion - down from last quarter's issue level record $23.8 billion, but still the 6th highest expenditure historically.
- Buybacks remain concentrated among the top 20 companies, accounting for 50.4% of the total.
- Buybacks for the 12-month period ending in June 2019 were $797.0 billion - down from $823.2 billion in Q1 2019, but up 23.4% from the same period last year.
- Buyback impact remains broad, as one in four companies used buybacks to reduce their share count by at least four percent and increase their EPS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- S&P Dow Jones Indices ("S&P DJI") announced today that preliminary **Q2 2019 S&P 500® stock buybacks**, or share repurchases, were $164.5 billion. This was the second consecutive quarterly decline after four consecutive quarters of record buybacks. Q2 2019 buybacks were 20.1% lower than Q1 2019's $205.6 billion, 13.7% lower year-over-year from Q2 2018's $190.6 billion, and 26.2% lower than the Q4 2018 record expenditure of $223.0 billion.



Historical data on S&P 500 buybacks are available at www.spdji.com/indices/equity/sp-500.

Key Takeaways:

- While companies significantly reduced their Q2 2019 buyback expenditures from the record setting quarters of 2018, levels remain higher than 2017 and prior periods.
  - The 2018 tax rate decline may have pushed companies to overspend on buybacks, posting a 55% gain over 2017 and a 39% gain over the prior record in 2015.
- The cumulative rolling four quarters of repurchases continued to impact EPS as 24.2% of the issues reduced share counts by at least 4% year-over-year, slightly down from the Q1 2019 24.9% rate, and substantially up from the Q2 2018's 15.6%, giving 1-in-4 issues at least a 4% EPS tailwind.
- S&P 500 Q2 2019 dividends totaled $118.7 billion, up 6.3% from the Q2 2018 of $111.6 billion; Q3 2019 is set to post a new record, in the $122 billion range.
- Total shareholder return of buybacks and dividends for the quarter came in at $283.2 billion, down 12.4% from the Q1 2019 period expenditure of $323.1 billion and down 6.3% from the $302.2 billion reported for Q2 2018.
- Total shareholder return for the 12-month period ending June 2019 declined to $1.269 trillion, from the record 12-month March 2019 level of $1.288 trillion, and was up 17.3% from the year-over-year 12-month Q2 2018 of $1.081 trillion.

"In what may have been a reaction to their tax-inspired record-setting buying spree of 2018, companies significantly pulled back on their Q2 2019 buybacks, said **Howard Silverblatt, Senior Index Analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices.** "While the decline is significant compared to 2018, it remains higher than the pre-2018 levels. Estimates vary, but a base amount of $170 billion a quarter has been emerging as the consensus level of buybacks going forward."

Silverblatt also found that buybacks continue to be top heavy, with the top 20 issues accounting for 51.4% of the buybacks, up a tick from the Q1 2019 51.2%, as the 10-year average is 44.1%.

Q2 2019 GICS® Sector Analysis:

Information Technology buybacks continued to dominate, even as they decreased 20.3% to $54.2 billion compared to $68.0 billion for Q1 2019. Twelve-month expenditures were up 33.8% to $265.8 billion from $198.7 billion spent for the same period in 2018. The sector represents 33.0% of the index's buybacks for the quarter, flat from last quarter.

Materials buyback declined 49.3% to $2.4 billion compared to $4.8 billion for Q1 2018. **Utilities** declined 40.4%, to 0.9 billion from 1.5 billion in Q1 2019.

Health Care buybacks continued to be volatile, as they decreased 44.5% to$17.1 billion, down from $30.7 billion for Q1 2019, as the 12-months ending in Q2 2019, buybacks were $93.6 billion, up 6.1% from the$88.2 billion spent in the corresponding 2018 period.

Issues:

The five issues with the highest total buybacks for Q2 2019 are:

- **Apple** (AAPL) again led in buybacks spending $18.2 billion in Q2 2018, ranking 6th in S&P 500 history, as the level was down 23.8% from the record $23.8 billion spent in Q1 2019. Over the past 12-months, Apple has spent$71.4 billion on buybacks, almost twice the value of Ford Motor Company, up from $63.9 billion in the prior 12-month period.
- **Bank of America** (BAC): $6.5 billion for Q2 2019, up from $6.3 billion for Q1 2019; in the last 12-months they spent$23.0 billion, up from $17.7 billion.
- **Oracle** (ORCL): $6.3 billion for Q2 2019, down up from their$10.0 billion Q1 2019 expenditure; in the last 12 months they spent$36.6 billion, up from $11.9 billion.
- **JP Morgan (JPM**): $5.2 billion for Q2 2019, up from the$5.1 billion spent in Q1 2019; in the last 12-months they spent$20.6 billion, up from $19.2 billion.
- **Cisco Systems (CSCO)**: $4.9 billion for Q2 2019, down from $6.1 billion for Q1 2019; in the last 12-months they spent$21.6 billion, up from $18.3 billion.

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S&P 500, $ U.S. BILLIONS (preliminary and estimates in bold)

PERIOD	MARKET VALUE $ BILLIONS	OPERATING EARNINGS $ BILLIONS	AS REPORTED EARNINGS $ BILLIONS	DIVIDENDS $ BILLIONS	BUYBACKS $ BILLIONS	DIVIDEND YIELD	BUYBACK YIELD	DIVIDEND & BUYBACK YIELD
12 Mo Jun,'19 Prelim.	$24,423.49	**$1,295.01**	**$1,132.67**	**$471.54**	**$797.03**	1.93%	**3.26%**	**5.19%**
12 Mo Jun,'18	$23,036.32	$1,196.08	$1,043.63	$435.69	$645.81	1.89%	2.80%	4.69%
2018	$21,026.90	$1,281.66	$1,119.43	$456.31	$806.41	2.17%	3.84%	6.01%
2017	$22,821.24	$1,066.00	$940.86	$419.77	$519.40	1.84%	2.28%	4.12%
2016	$19,267.93	$919.85	$818.55	$397.21	$536.38	2.06%	2.78%	4.85%
6/28/2019 Prelim	$24,423	**$335.58**	**$291.25**	$118.68	**$164.48**	1.93%	**3.26%**	**5.19%**
3/29/2019	$23,619	$316.48	$291.23	$117.33	$205.81	1.97%	3.49%	5.45%
12/31/2018	$21,027	$293.82	$242.91	$119.81	$222.98	2.17%	3.84%	6.01%
9/30/2018	$24,579	$349.04	$306.70	$115.72	$203.76	1.81%	2.93%	4.75%
6/30/2018	$23,036	$327.53	$288.55	$111.60	$190.62	1.89%	2.80%	4.69%
3/29/2018	$22,496	$311.26	$281.28	$109.18	$189.05	1.90%	2.56%	4.46%
12/29/2017	$22,821	$288.93	$230.12	$109.46	$136.97	1.84%	2.28%	4.12%
9/29/2017	$21,579	$268.35	$243.68	$105.45	$129.17	1.92%	2.40%	4.32%
6/30/2017	$20,762	$261.39	$231.40	$104.01	$120.11	1.96%	2.41%	4.37%
3/31/2017	$20,276	$247.32	$235.65	$100.86	$133.15	1.98%	2.51%	4.49%
12/31/2016	$19,268	$240.11	$207.93	$103.82	$135.29	2.06%	2.78%	4.85%
9/30/2016	$18,742	$247.98	$219.46	$98.43	$112.20	2.10%	2.92%	5.01%
6/30/2016	$18,193	$222.77	$201.79	$98.30	$127.50	2.14%	3.22%	5.36%
3/31/2016	$17,958	$208.99	$189.37	$96.67	$161.39	2.15%	3.28%	5.43%
12/31/2015	$17,900	$201.95	$163.76	$99.39	$145.88	2.14%	3.20%	5.33%
9/30/2015	$16,917	$224.14	$204.58	$95.07	$150.58	2.22%	3.30%	5.52%
6/30/2015	$18,219	$230.84	$201.35	$94.45	$131.56	2.03%	3.04%	5.07%

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S&P 500 SECTOR BUYBACKS

SECTOR $ MILLIONS	Q2,'18	Q1,'19	Q2,'18	12MoJun,'19	12MoJun,'18	5-YEARS	10-YEARS
Consumer Discretionary	$15,764	$17,721	$22,656	$78,825	$86,352	$429,464	$728,807
Consumer Staples	$7,114	$9,786	$6,580	$36,512	$39,904	$211,298	$439,981
Energy	$4,552	$4,294	$4,285	$24,874	$21,922	$92,142	$263,972
Financials	$37,819	$42,845	$29,968	$166,948	$131,925	$593,911	$813,978
Healthcare	$17,066	$30,749	$27,241	$93,633	$88,210	$408,431	$686,549
Industrials	$16,967	$19,426	$23,426	$74,578	$64,702	$356,504	$543,959
Information Technology	$54,210	$67,986	$71,511	$265,787	$198,677	$864,307	$1,333,335
Materials	$2,420	$4,771	$3,237	$16,062	$8,998	$67,230	$108,265
Real Estate	$555	$409	$884	$2,963	$3,888	$9,334	$9,334
Communication Services	$7,132	$6,345	$419	$33,125	$601	$41,328	$72,197
Utilities	$882	$1,479	$413	$3,720	$631	$8,517	$18,596
TOTAL	**$164,481**	**$205,811**	**$190,621**	**$797,028**	**$645,811**	**$3,082,465**	**$5,018,974**

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S&P 500 20 LARGEST Q2 2019 BUYBACKS, $ MILLIONS

Company	Ticker	Sector	Q2 2019 Buybacks	12-Months Jun,'19	12-Months Jun,'18	5-Year Buybacks	10-Year Buybacks	Indicated Dividend

			$ Million	$ Million	$ Million	$ Million	$ Million	$ Million
Apple	AAPL	Information Technology	$18,154	$71,443	$63,924	$247,481	$302,414	$14,917
Bank of America	BAC	Financials	$6,507	$23,041	$17,673	$53,164	$58,059	$7,361
Oracle	ORCL	Information Technology	$6,301	$36,643	$11,853	$70,970	$99,812	$4,621
JPMorgan	JPM	Financials	$5,210	$20,645	$19,210	$63,391	$83,456	$11,678
Cisco Systems	CSCO	Information Technology	$4,936	$21,579	$18,250	$53,425	$85,891	$5,993
Wells Fargo	WFC	Financials	$4,906	$24,691	$11,734	$63,997	$79,914	$10,187
Microsoft	MSFT	Information Technology	$4,633	$19,543	$10,721	$72,464	$112,993	$14,100
Johnson Controls Internat'l	JCI	Industrials	$4,125	$5,154	$484	$8,011	$9,537	$828
Alphabet	GOOGL	Communication Services	$3,577	$11,452	$6,326	$25,996	$26,914	$0
Citigroup	C	Financials	$3,464	$13,043	$16,071	$49,206	$52,920	$4,717
Intel	INTC	Information Technology	$3,049	$10,037	$6,920	$34,109	$62,342	$5,641
Booking Holdings	BKNG	Consumer Discretionary	$2,718	$9,557	$3,178	$18,043	$19,578	$0
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	Health Care	$2,486	$8,971	$2,715	$36,423	$58,932	$10,089
Amgen	AMGN	Health Care	$2,415	$9,426	$15,730	$32,349	$51,126	$3,538
Biogen	BIIB	Health Care	$2,402	$4,410	$3,000	$15,325	$20,316	$0
Visa	V	Information Technology	$2,152	$8,178	$7,418	$31,863	$44,473	$1,739
Lowe's Companies	LOW	Consumer Discretionary	$1,944	$3,961	$2,535	$18,373	$34,586	$1,722
Mastercard	MA	Information Technology	$1,921	$5,920	$4,824	$20,322	$28,488	$1,498
Honeywell Internat'l	HON	Industrials	$1,900	$4,946	$3,601	$13,875	$16,396	$2,387
Walgreens Boots Alliance	FB	Communication Services	$1,752	$12,083	$10,230	$24,262	$28,017	$0
Top 20			**$84,552**	**$324,723**	**$236,397**	**$953,050**	**$1,276,164**	**$101,017**
S&P 500			**$164,481**	**$797,028**	**$645,811**	**$3,082,465**	**$5,073,953**	**$530,924**
Top 20 % of S&P 500			**51.40%**	**40.74%**	**36.60%**	**30.92%**	**25.15%**	**19.03%**

Gross values are not adjusted for float

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S&P 500 20 Largest Quarterly Buybacks, $ Millions, as of Q2 2019; Apple added at #6

$ MILLIONS	QUARTER	COMPANY	SECTOR	
$23,811	Q1 2019	Apple	Information Technology	1
$22,908	Q1 2018	Apple	Information Technology	2
$21,860	Q2 2018	Apple	Information Technology	3
$21,162	Q2 2006	QUALCOMM	Information Technology	4
$19,364	Q3 2018	Apple	Information Technology	5
$18,154	**Q2 2019**	**Apple**	**Information Technology**	**6**
$18,036	Q1 2014	Apple	Information Technology	7
$17,319	Q3 2014	Apple	Information Technology	8
$16,413	Q2 2013	Apple	Information Technology	9
$15,707	Q3 2007	International Business Machines	Information Technology	10
$13,420	Q3 2015	Apple	Information Technology	11
$12,852	Q4 2013	Johnson & Johnson	Healthcare	12
$12,318	Q4 2016	Allergan plc (AGN)	Healthcare	13
$12,183	Q2 2012	Johnson & Johnson	Healthcare	14
$11,480	Q4 2016	Apple	Information Technology	15
$11,133	Q4 2017	Apple	Information Technology	16
$10,776	Q2 2016	Apple	Information Technology	17
$10,724	Q2 2015	Apple	Information Technology	18
$10,723	Q1 2016	Home Depot	Consumer Discretionary	19
$10,697	Q1 2018	Amgen	Healthcare	20

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S&P 500 Q2 2019 Buyback Report

SECTOR	DIVIDEND YIELD	BUYBACK YIELD	COMBINED YIELD
Consumer Discretionary	**1.43%**	**3.12%**	**4.54%**
Consumer Staples	**3.74%**	**1.97%**	**5.71%**
Energy	**4.03%**	**2.11%**	**6.15%**
Financials	**2.53%**	**5.04%**	**7.58%**
HealthCare	**1.87%**	**2.77%**	**4.64%**
Industrials	**2.10%**	**3.22%**	**5.32%**
Information Technology	**1.52%**	**4.90%**	**6.42%**
Materials	**2.35%**	**2.46%**	**4.82%**
Real Estate	**3.17%**	**0.38%**	**3.55%**
Communications Services	**1.60%**	**1.50%**	**3.10%**
Utilities	**3.18%**	**0.44%**	**3.62%**
S&P 500	**2.18%**	**3.25%**	**5.43%**

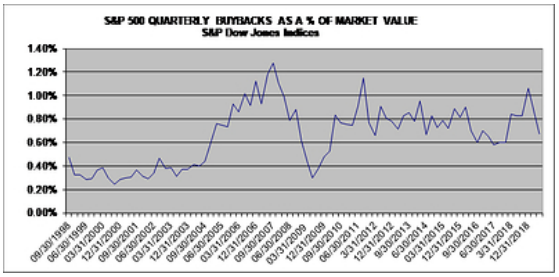
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Dividends based on indicated; buybacks based on the last 12-months ending Q2,'19

Share Count Reduction (SCR) (Y/Y diluted shares used for EPS)	SCR >=4%	SCR <=-4%
Q2 2019	8.00%	24.20%
Q1 2019	8.03%	24.90%
Q4 2018	8.45%	18.71%
Q3 2018	6.43%	17.67%
Q2 2018	6.20%	15.60%
Q1 2018	7.01%	13.63%
Q4 2017	6.83%	15.06%
Q3 2017	8.62%	14.23%
Q2 2017	10.00%	14.00%
Q1 2017	12.00%	14.80%
Q4 2016	10.48%	19.35%
Q3 2016	9.94%	23.73%
Q2 2016	10.48%	26.61%
Q1 2016	10.06%	28.17%
Q4 2015	9.48%	25.81%
Q3 2015	9.64%	22.69%
Q2 2015	9.04%	21.08%

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