

American stock indexes moved in different directions during Thursday trading session. The market continues to follow corporate earnings reports and macroeconomic stats; however, it is neither able nor willing to resume steady growth.

As at 7:15 p.m. (MSK), S&P500 hovered around zero. Dow Jones went down 0.2%, while NASDAQ technology index gained about 0.2%.

Key indicators as of Thursday evening (April 22nd, 2021):

- S&P 500: -0.05%
- NASDAQ: +0.2%
- Dow Jones: -0.2%
- 10-Yr UST yield: 1.580 (+1.0%)
- IMOEX: +1.08%, RTSI: +2.57%
- Gold: \$1,778 (-0.9%)
- Copper: \$9,408 (-0.4%)
- Brent: \$65.5 (+0.23%)
- USD/RUB: 75.4 (-1.69%)

Labor market stats turned out to be fairly good. The number of original unemployment benefit applications fell **by 39 thousand to 547 thousand applicants**. This is the minimum since the onset of COVID-19 pandemic. Experts predicted applications to grow **to 617 thousand**.

As to sales of previously owned U.S. homes, the data is somewhat disappointing. The indicator declined in March by 3.7% to **6.01 million homes**, whereas experts expected 0.8% growth as compared to February.

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