

# Stock Repurchases in the US

What can our data tell you about share repurchases and associated trends?\*

#### **Executive Summary**

- Calcbench analyzed 21 quarterly periods going back to Q1 2012 through Q1 2017
- 18,458 firm quarter observations collected\*\* (e.g. AAPL is in the dataset 15 times, in 6 quarters AAPL did not buy back shares)
- 1233 observations were firm quarters with share repurchases greater than \$500 Million dollars
- Total dollars spent on share repurchases for the 21 periods is \$2.54
   Trillion
- The average share repurchase per firm quarter is \$137.6 million
- 584 quarterly share repurchases greater than or equal to \$1B
  - Only 3.2% of all repurchasing programs
  - <u>BUT</u> 47% of all repurchasing dollars

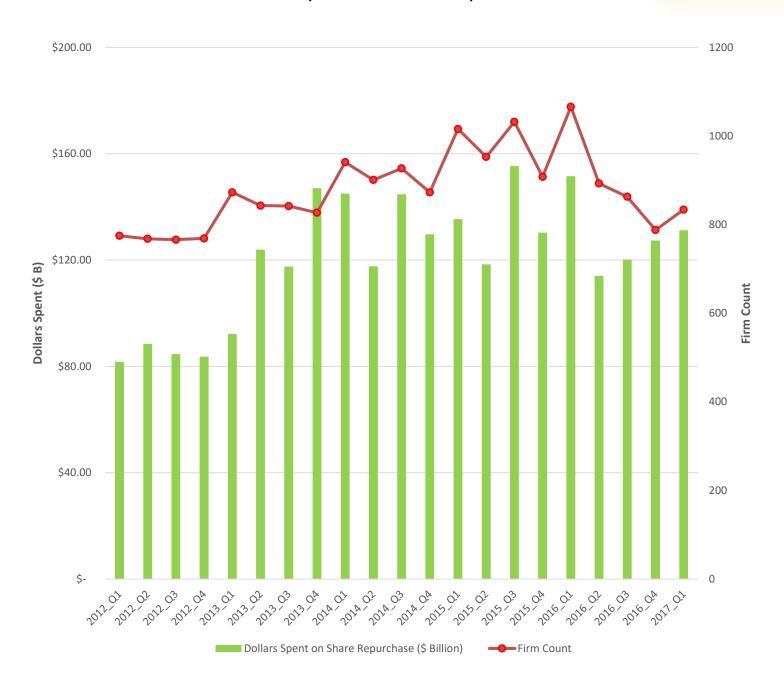
Please note all data is based on Calendar Quarters, NOT Fiscal Quarters. Fiscal quarters provided upon request.

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# Dollars Spent on Share Repurchases By Quarter

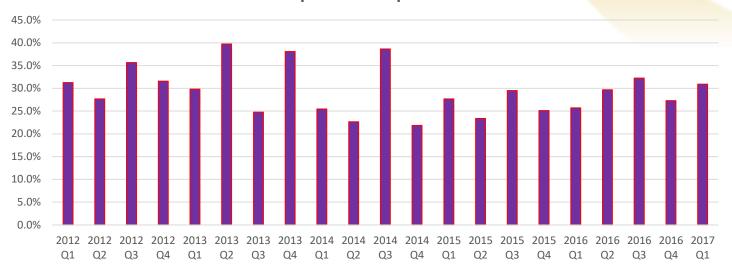
(in USD Billions)



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### Firm Level Share Repurchases

Percent of Top 10 Firm Repurchases of Total



The table below represents the biggest buyers of their own stock over the last 21 quarters.

	Dollars Repurchased (Billions)	Avg. Daily Repurchase (Millions)
Apple Inc	\$ 141.98	\$ 107.31
Exxon Mobil Corp	\$ 55.88	\$ 42.24
International Business Machines Corp	\$ 48.82	\$ 36.90
Microsoft Corp	\$ 47.54	\$ 35.93
Oracle Corp	\$ 46.49	\$ 35.14
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$ 46.29	\$ 34.99
American International Group Inc	\$ 44.24	\$ 33.44
Wells Fargo & Company/MN	\$ 37.68	\$ 28.48
Walt Disney Co/	\$ 29.92	\$ 22.62
Wal Mart Stores Inc	\$ 29.88	\$ 22.58
Jpmorgan Chase & Co	\$ 29.82	\$ 22.54
At&T Inc.	\$ 29.24	\$ 22.10
Goldman Sachs Group Inc	\$ 28.05	\$ 21.20
Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta	\$ 25.79	\$ 19.49
Merck & Co., Inc.	\$ 25.45	\$ 19.24

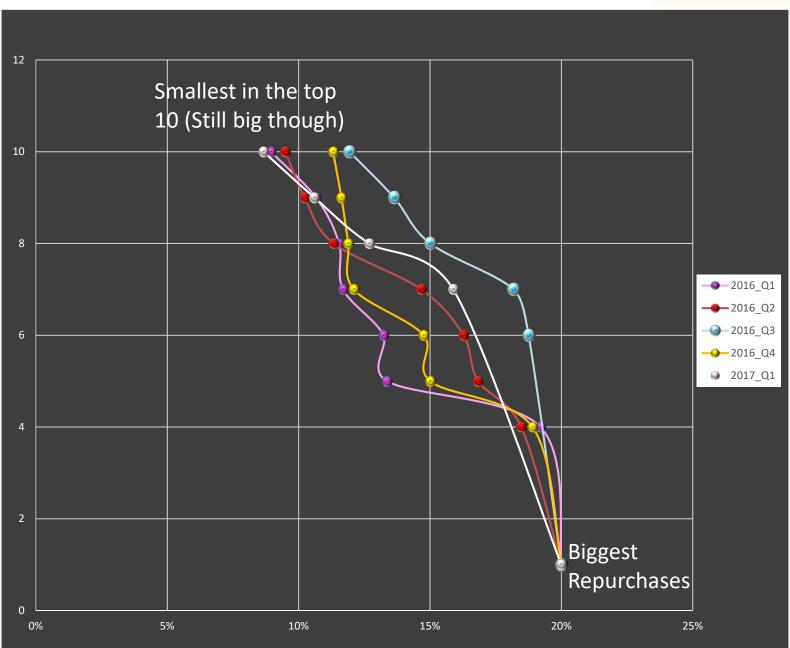
\*Avg. Daily Repurchase based on 63 day quarters



#### **Share Repurchase Yields**

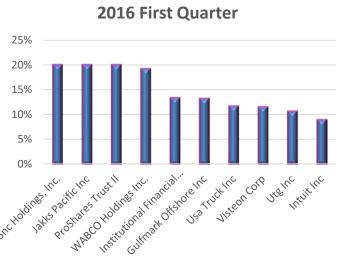
A share repurchase yield is the total dollars bought back divided by the market capitalization of the firm.

Top 10 Firms by Quarter



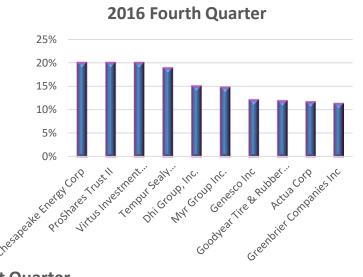


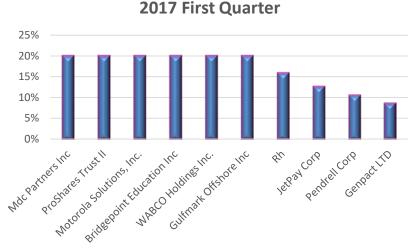
### **Share Repurchase Yields For Top 10 Firms**











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