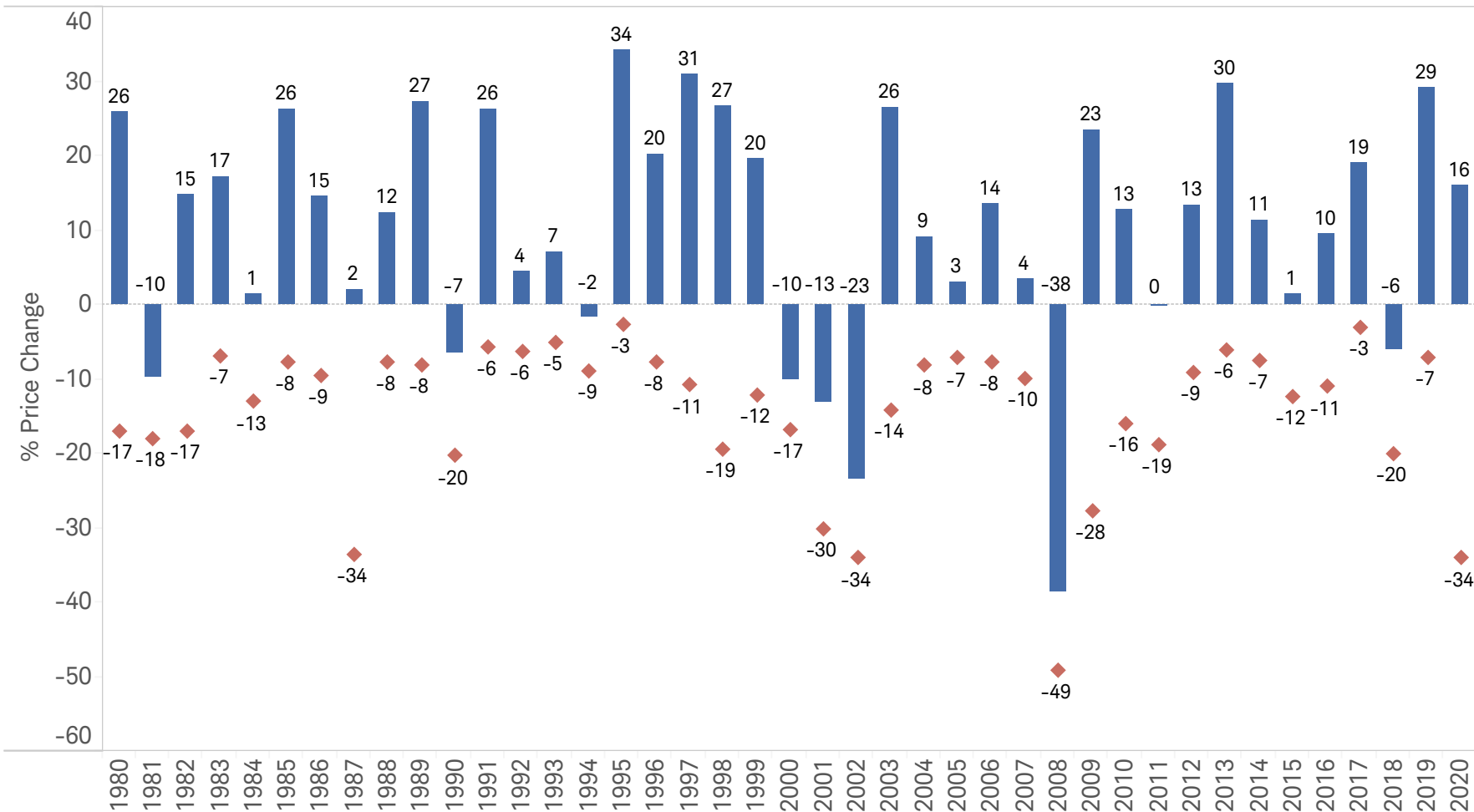


Intra-year big drops don't usually mean calendar year losses

Annual returns positive in 32 of 41 years despite average 13.9% intra-year declines (1980-2020)

■ Annual Stock Price Return ■ Largest Intra-Year Decline



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