U.S. Economic Activity

November 29, 2021
Output Growth Decomposition

Contributions to real growth, annual rate, percentage points

2021Q1  2021Q2  2021Q3

Real GDP: 6.3  6.7  2.1
PCE: 7.4  7.9  1.2
Business Fixed Investment: 1.2  1.2  0.2
Residential Fixed Investment: 0.6  -0.6  0.4
Government Spending: 0.8  -0.4  0.2
Net Exports: -1.6  -1.2  -0.2
Private Inventories: -2.6  -1.3  2.1

SOURCE: Bureau of Economic Analysis.
Weekly Economic Index

Year-over-year percent change

-10 -5 0 5 10 15 20 25

Quarterly GDP
Weekly Economic Index

Week ended Nov 20
7.0

SOURCES: Lewis, Mertens and Stock; Bureau of Economic Analysis.
NOTE: WEI is an aggregate of 10 weekly indicators relevant to the current level of economic activity. It is scaled to match the 4-quarter change in real GDP growth.
Consumer Confidence

Index

Consumer confidence (Conference Board)

Consumer sentiment (University of Michigan)

SOURCES: The Conference Board; University of Michigan.

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
New Residential Construction

Thousands

- Single family housing permits
- Single family new houses sold

SOURCES: Census Bureau.
Level of Employment

Level (thousands)

All employees: Total Nonfarm

Oct 2021
2.8% below
Feb 2020

Unemployment Rate

Percent

- Unemployment rate, Oct 2021 = 4.6
- SEP longer run projection, Oct 2021 = 4.0
- CBO estimate of natural rate, Q4 2021 = 4.4

SOURCES: Federal Reserve Board; Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Labor Force Participation

Percent

Labor force participation rate, age 16+

Labor force participation rate, age 25-54

Oct 2021

68

66

64

62

60

58

1989

1994

1999

2004

2009

2014

2019

84

82

80

78

76

61.6

81.7

Potential Labor Force Participation

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Congressional Budget Office.
Combined Unemployment and Participation Gaps

Jobless Claims

Thous.
0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000
0 5000
Jan 2020 Apr Jul Oct Jan 2021 Apr Jul Oct

Initial Claims

Week ending Nov 20
199.0

SOURCE: Department of Labor.
Wage Growth

Percent, year-over-year

Atlanta Fed Wage Growth Tracker
Average Hourly Earnings
ECI: Wages and Salaries


2009

Oct 2021
4.9

Q3 2021
4.2

PCE Inflation

Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; Bureau of Economic Analysis.
Core Inflation

[Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; Bureau of Economic Analysis.]