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U.S. Economic Activity

October 13, 2020
Output Growth Decomposition

Contributions to real growth, annual rate, percentage points

Real GDP: -31.4%
PCE: -24%
Business Fixed Investment: -16%
Residential Fixed Investment: -9%
Government Spending: 0.5%
Net Exports: 0.3%
Private Inventories: 0.4%

2019Q1:2019Q4 avg.
2020Q1
2020Q2

SOURCE: Bureau of Economic Analysis.
Level of Actual and Potential GDP

SOURCES: Congressional Budget Office; Bureau of Economic Analysis.
Weekly Economic Index

SOURCEs: Lewis, Merterns 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.
Retail Sales

Level (Billions)

SOURCES: Census Bureau/Haver Analytics.

Aug 2020 1.9% above Feb 2020
Consumer Confidence

Index

- Consumer confidence (Conference Board)
- Consumer sentiment (University of Michigan)

SOURCES: The Conference Board; University of Michigan.
New Residential Construction

Thousands

Single family housing permits
Single family new houses sold

SOURCES: Census Bureau.
ISM Purchasing Manager Indices

Diffusion index, 50+=expansion


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Level of Employment

Level (thousands)


Sep 2020 7.0% below Feb 2020
Unemployment Rate

Percent

- Unemployment rate, Sep 2020 = 7.9
- SEP longer run projection, Sep 2020 = 4.1
- CBO estimate of natural rate, Q4 2020 = 4.4

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

- **Labor force participation rate, age 16+**
- **Labor force participation rate, age 25-54**

**Sources:** Bureau of Labor Statistics.

- Sep 2020: 61.4
- Sep 2020: 80.9

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Potential Labor Force Participation

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

Jobless Claims

Thous.


5000

4000

3000

2000

1000

0

Initial Claims

Week ending Oct 03
840.0

SOURCE: Department of Labor.

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PCE Inflation

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

Percent

Treasury Yield Curve

SOURCE: Federal Reserve Board.