U.S. Economic Activity

March 1, 2021
Output Growth Decomposition

Contributions to real growth, annual rate, percentage points

- Real GDP: -31.4, 33.4, 4.1
- PCE: -24.0, 25.4, 1.6
- Business Fixed Investment: -3.7, 3.2, 1.8
- Residential Fixed Investment: -1.6, 2.2, 1.4
- Government Spending: -0.8, 0.8, 0.2
- Net Exports: 0.6, -0.6, 1.6
- Private Inventories: -3.5, -3.2, 1.1

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

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

Year-over-year percent change


Quarterly GDP
Weekly Economic Index

Week ended Feb 20
-3.3

SOURCES: Lewis, Merterans 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.

Jan 2021
7.8% above
Feb 2020
New Residential Construction

Thousands

- Blue line: Single family housing permits
- Red line: Single family new houses sold

SOURCES: Census Bureau.

Jan 2021: 1270
Jan 2021: 923
ISM Purchasing Manager Indices

Diffusion index, 50+ = expansion

- ISM Manufacturing Index
- ISM Nonmanufacturing Index


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Level of Employment

[Graph showing the level of employment from 2004 to 2024, with a decline from 2020 to 2021, indicating a 6.5% decrease from February 2020.]

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Unemployment Rate

Unemployment rate, Jan 2021 = 6.3
SEP longer run projection, Jan 2021 = 4.1
CBO estimate of natural rate, Q1 2021 = 4.5

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

Potential Labor Force Participation

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Congressional Budget Office.
Jobless Claims

Thous.

Jan 2020 Apr Jul Oct Jan 2021

0 5000 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000

Initial Claims

SOURCE: Department of Labor.

Week ending Feb 20 730.0

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Wage Growth

Percent, year-over-year

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

PCE Inflation

![Graph showing PCE Inflation from 2007 to 2021](image)

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

Treasury Yield Curve

1-year: 0.08
10-year: 1.44

Percent

SOURCE: Federal Reserve Board.