

2023 Economic Outlook: Losing Altitude

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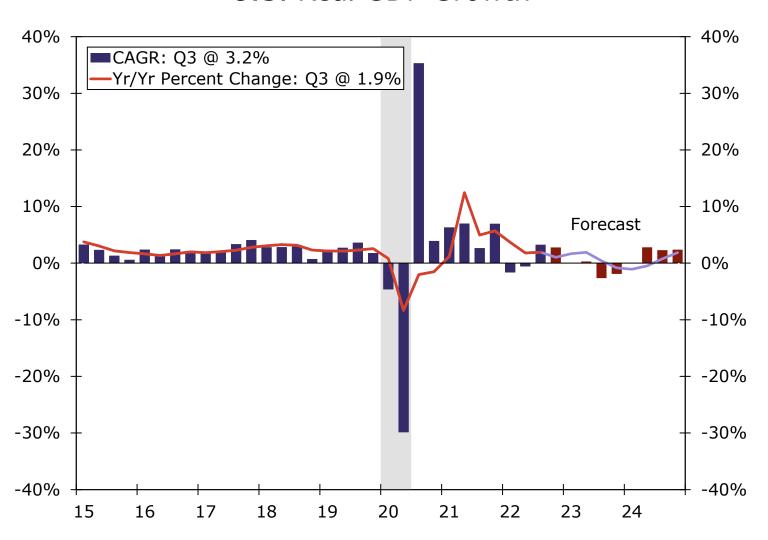
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U.S. GDP

We expect the U.S. economy to slip into a mild recession in the second half of the year

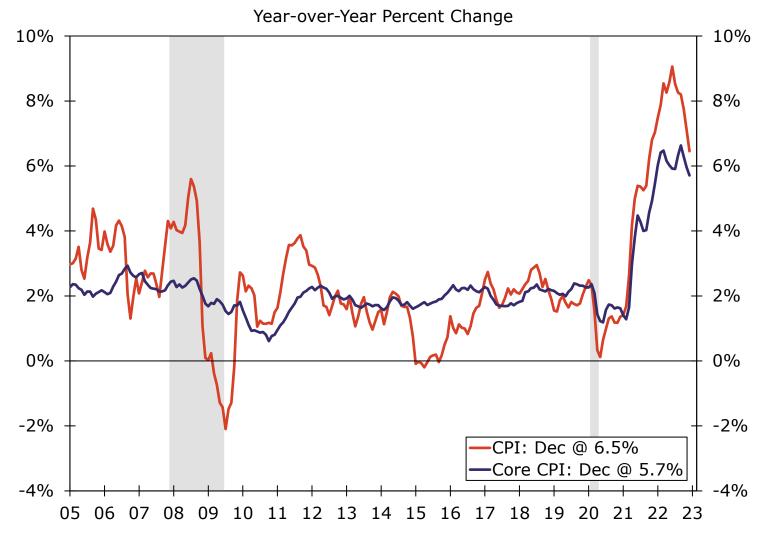
U.S. Real GDP Growth



Inflation

Inflation is slowing, but remains too high

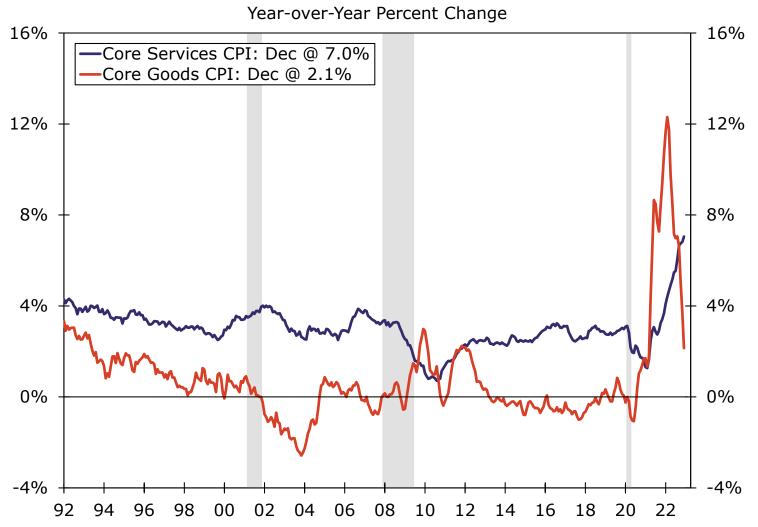
Headline CPI vs. Core CPI



Inflation: Goods v. Services

Goods inflation is quickly retreating, but services inflation is likely to prove more stubborn

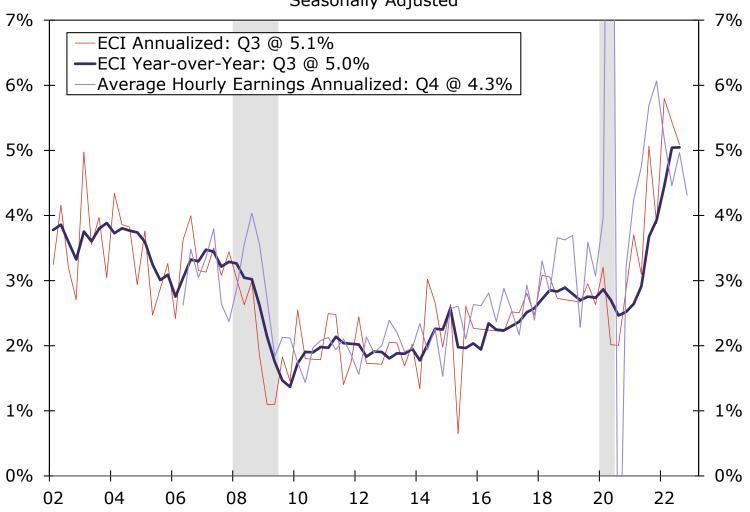




Inflation: Labor Costs

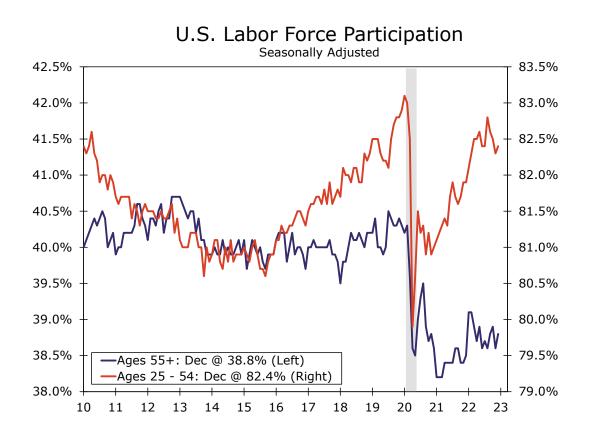
Labor costs are running well in excess of the Fed's 2% inflation goal

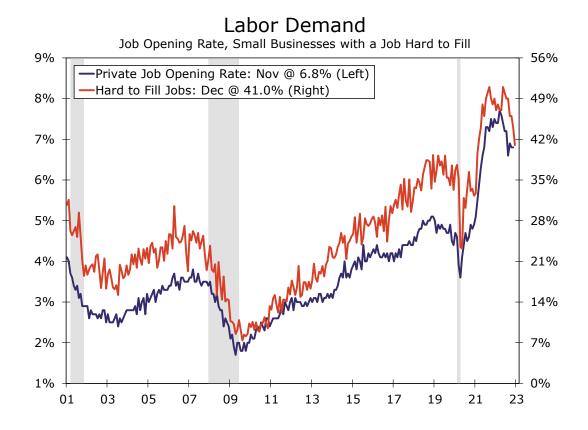




Labor Market: Supply & Demand

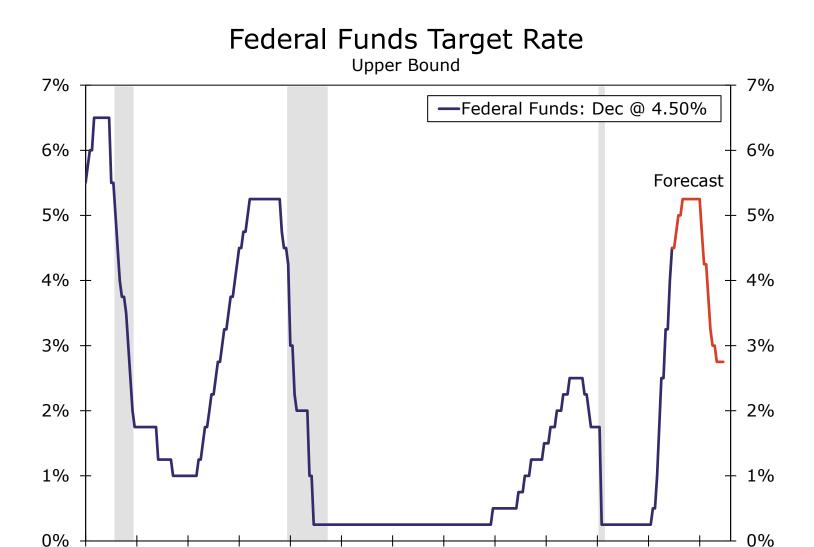
The overall recovery in labor supply remains incomplete and uneven. Demand for labor has begun to cool but the jobs market remains quite tight.





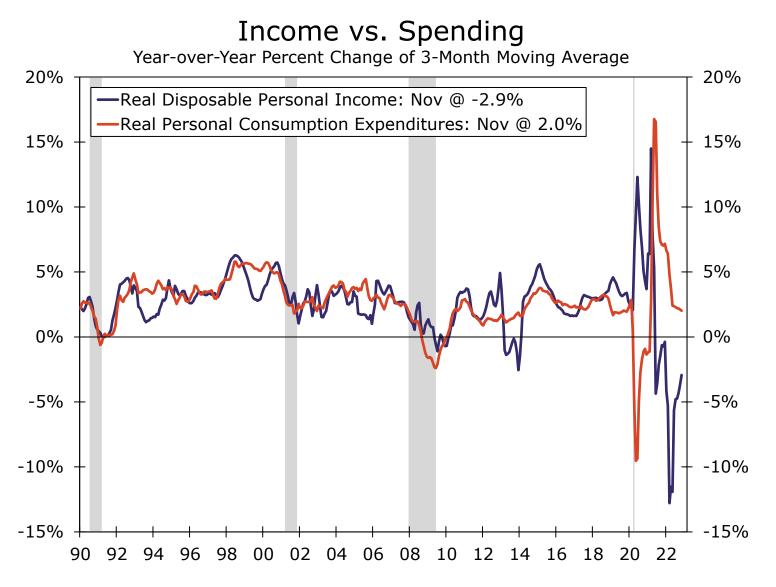
FOMC Rate Outlook

The strength of the labor market and elevated inflation stand to keep the FOMC in tightening mode a bit longer



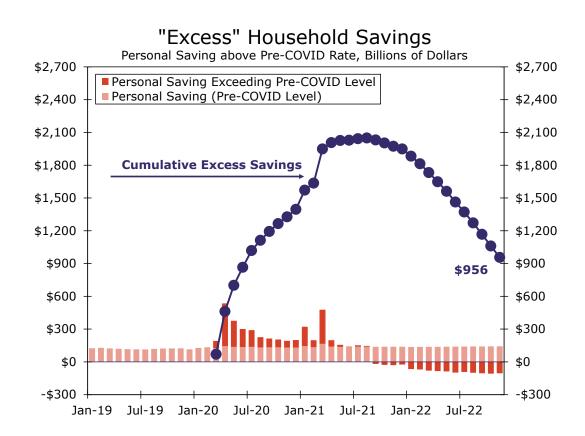
Household Income & Spending

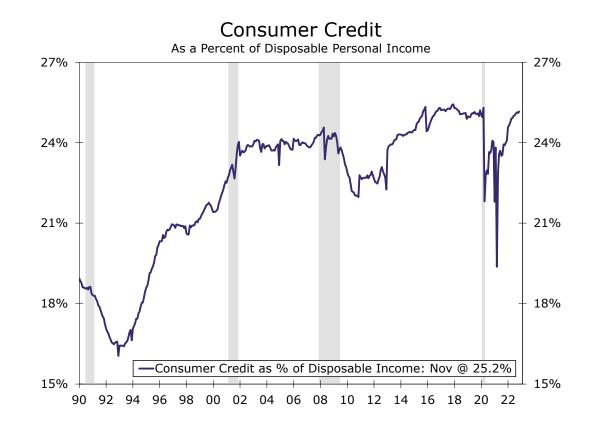
Spending and income have diverged since the pandemic, but will need to realign



Households Finances

Household finances remain strong in aggregate, but are starting to deteriorate



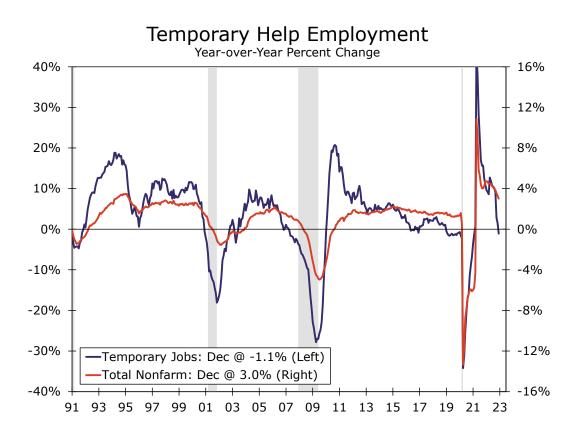


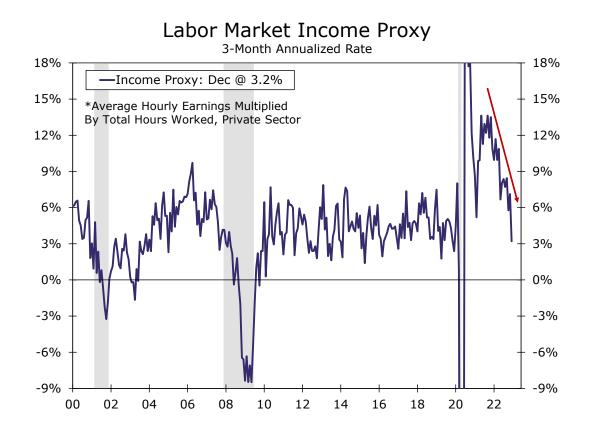
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Federal Reserve Board and Wells Fargo Economics

Labor Market: Trouble Ahead?

Hiring of temporary workers and a shorter average workweek suggest employers are using current workers less intensely.

Along with slower employment growth, the pace of labor income is cooling.

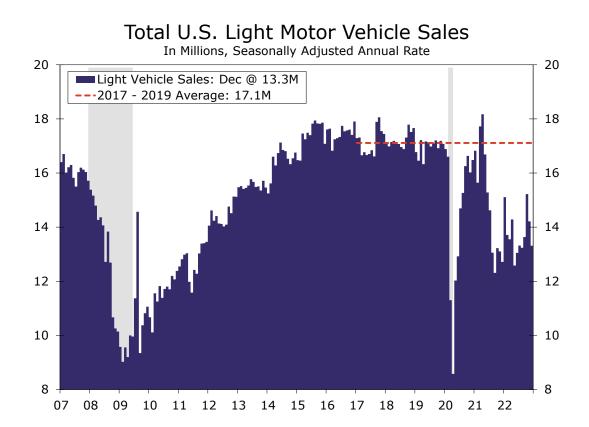


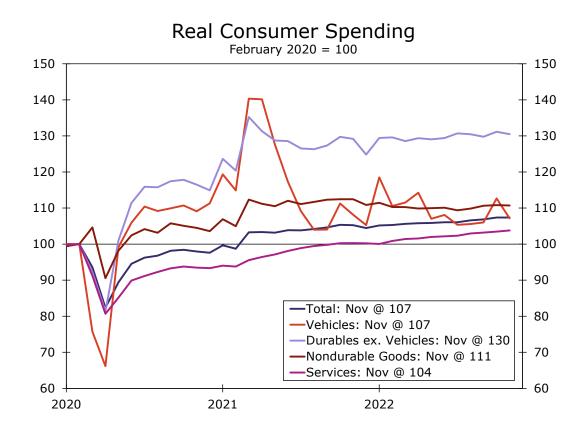


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Vehicle Sales

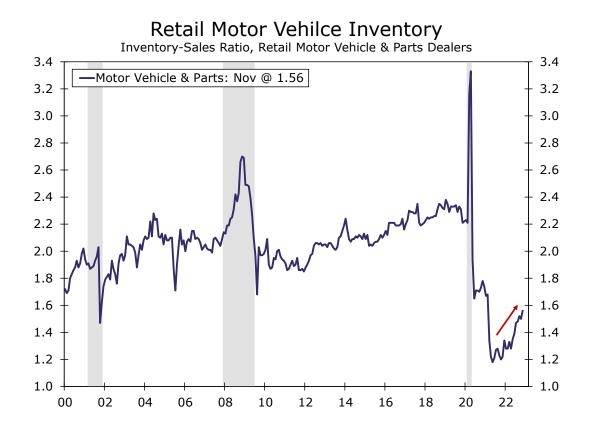
The supply chain strains of the past two years leave more pent-up demand for autos than other goods

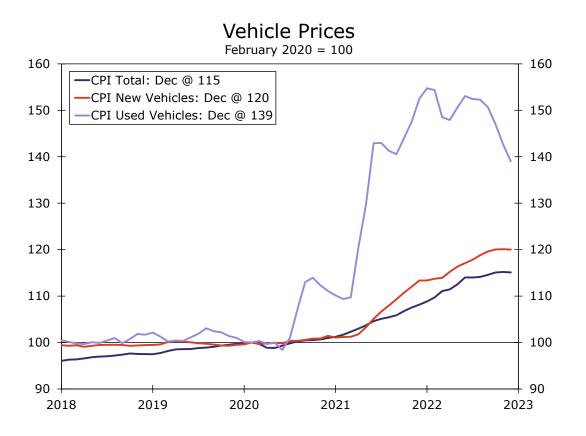




Vehicle Prices

Increasingly squeezed household finances along with improving inventory points to softer pricing





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Appendix

Inflation Dashboard

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	2020 2021												2022 May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov De																							
Indicator	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Consumer & End-Use																																				
Headline CPI (a)	1.0	2.3	1.8	-2.4	-3.5	-0.5	4.3	5.6	3.9	2.0	0.5	0.3	1.8	4.4	6.9	8.6	9.7	10.7	9.2	6.7	3.9	5.4	6.6	6.7	6.8	8.6	13.1	11.8	12.7	12.8	10.3	5.4	0.7	2.4	2.1	0.0
Headline PCE (a)	1.9	2.2	0.3	-2.5	-2.6	-0.3	3.1	3.9	3.2	2.1	0.9	1.9	3.4	4.7	5.4	6.0	6.7	6.6	6.3	5.8	4.8	5.2	6.2	7.1	6.9	6.9	8.6	7.2	7.3	7.4	6.2	4.8	2.1	4.0	3.3	
Core CPI (a)	1.4	3.3	3.6	0.1	-2.2	-1.5	2.4	4.5	4.2	2.5	1.1	0.3	0.6	1.8	3.7	6.4	7.9	9.9	7.8	5.3	2.4	3.6	4.7	5.9	6.4	7.7	7.8	7.0	6.3	7.6	6.8	6.5	5.2	5.1	3.3	2.3
Core PCE (a)	1.8	2.4	1.3	-1.2	-1.4	-0.3	2.7	3.5	3.3	2.1	0.9	1.6	2.7	3.3	3.7	5.0	6.5	6.7	5.7	4.9	3.8	3.9	4.6	6.0	6.3	5.7	4.9	4.3	4.3	5.4	4.4	5.1	4.5	5.2	3.6	
PPI Final Demand (a)	0.7	0.3	-1.0	-7.5	-3.7	-1.3	6.0	4.2	3.4	3.8	2.7	2.4	4.8	9.0	12.6	11.7	12.3	12.2	11.8	10.8	8.2	7.3	7.5	7.1	9.5	11.1	19.6	16.3	15.2	10.5	6.2	1.6	-2.1	1.3	2.2	-1.5
Alternative Measures																																				
Median CPI (a)	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.5	1.9	1.4	1.6	1.4	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.9	5.1	5.7	5.8	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.5	7.6	7.6	8.3	8.0	8.0	6.8	5.6
Trimmed Mean PCE (b)	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.5	5.0	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.1	4.7	
Atlanta Fed Sticky Core CPI (a)	2.9	2.8	2.4	0.6	0.0	0.7	3.2	4.0	3.1	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.3	3.4	4.1	4.1	3.6	3.3	3.5	4.2	4.6	4.8	5.4	6.1	6.6	6.5	6.8	7.6	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.2	6.5	5.5
Atlanta Fed Flexible Core CPI (a)	0.4	-0.4	-6.0	-13.4	-14.2	-4.2	7.7	13.2	10.7	7.8	3.4	3.9	7.0	12.5	16.4	19.3	21.7	25.4	23.7	18.2	9.6	13.8	18.6	20.7	14.8	14.6	25.1	20.1	22.7	20.1	16.5	3.5	-9.0	-3.3	-2.3	-5.5
Core CPI ex Shelter (a)	1.3	1.7	1.1	-2.5	-4.4	-2.9	3.1	6.8	6.8	3.6	2.0	1.0	0.9	0.6	1.9	6.9	10.8	14.0	9.7	6.0	2.2	4.2	5.7	7.9	8.3	8.0	6.1	5.3	5.9	8.4	6.5	5.8	4.4	3.5	1.0	-1.0
Input Prices																																				
CRB Food Index (a)	12.7	7.0	-14.5	-51.0	-41.0	-23.9	20.2	21.6	54.1	75.9	67.2	29.7	32.1	45.9	92.0	130.4	142.1	87.1	34.0	4.9	-13.9	-12.8	-10.4	11.4	31.8	54.6	92.0	74.7	61.2	12.0	-17.2	-20.7	-21.7	0.2	-3.0	-9.0
Gasoline Prices (\$/Gal.)	2.55	2.45	2.23	1.85	1.89	2.10	2.19	2.19	2.20	2.17	2.12	2.20	2.36	2.56	2.84	2.88	3.01	3.08	3.15	3.17	3.19	3.32	3.41	3.32	3.32	3.51	4.19	4.13	4.47	4.93	4.53	3.96	3.73	3.84	3.69	3.22
Bloomberg Industrial Metals (a)	-10.7	-27.9	-45.4	-52.5	-31.8	19.8	87.9	109.0	75.0	36.9	41.2	73.1	70.7	59.1	31.5	42.0	57.2	36.0	25.6	0.9	22.8	39.9	14.2	6.0	18.1	63.4	191.3	91.4	-2.6	-59.6	-75.2	-47.2	-45.2	-3.8	-1.6	0.0
PPI Trans. & Ware. (a)	2.2	0.3	-15.1	-23.3	-18.6	-3.2	7.6	-1.7	-8.3	3.0	6.6	4.1	-0.7	4.4	15.1	27.9	23.5	23.7	17.6	19.6	3.3	1.4	11.7	27.4	18.2	12.8	35.0	50.3	54.0	28.2	11.6	-4.0	-13.1	-5.8	-3.0	0.1
PPI Intermediate Services (a)	2.7	2.3	1.7	-6.7	-7.6	-6.7	1.3	6.9	9.3	10.3	6.4	4.6	8.0	9.7	10.7	9.9	10.5	12.8	9.8	9.3	4.8	2.3	2.9	5.0	9.7	8.4	11.2	10.5	10.9	4.2	1.4	2.1	4.2	5.0	6.2	6.0
Average Hourly Earnings (a)	2.7	3.7	6.0	21.8	16.8	10.3	-6.5	-2.7	0.2	2.3	1.8	6.3	5.6	5.6	2.7	5.0	6.7	7.5	7.6	6.9	7.2	7.3	7.1	7.5	7.0	6.2	4.9	4.7	5.6	5.9	5.9	5.2	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.2
Employment Cost Index (c)		2.9			2.7			2.5			2.5			2.6			2.9			3.7			3.9			4.5			5.0			5.0				
Expectations																																				
U. Mich Consumer 5-10 Yrs.	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.9
NY Fed Consumer 3-Yr.	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.0
ATL Fed Business Unit Cost	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.2
NFIB Price Plans	24.0	20.0	12.0	-3.0	9.0	11.7	13.0	16.0	17.0	20.0	20.7	22.1	28.0	34.0	34.1	36.0	43.0	44.0	44.0	44.0	46.0	51.0	54.0	49.0	47.0	47.0	52.0	48.0	51.0	49.0	37.0	32.0	31.0	34.0	34.0	24.0
Fed 5-Yr. Forward Breakeven	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1
Common Inflation Expectations		1.9			1.9			2.0			2.0			2.0			2.1			2.1			2.1			2.2			2.2			2.2				

Notes: (a) 3-Month Annualized Rate, (b) 6-Month Annualized Rate, (c) Quarterly Annualized Rate

Supply Chain Dashboard

Pressure Gauge

Indicator	Feb-20	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb-21	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb-22	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Volume																																			
Unfilled Orders (a)	9.0%	6.2%	2.6%	0.6%	1.1%	4.6%	5.6%	7.4%	9.4%	10.7%	10.3%	11.2%	12.6%	15.3%	16.2%	15.6%	14.1%	12.4%	11.6%	9.1%	7.8%	6.0%	4.5%	4.4%	3.9%	4.3%	3.5%	2.2%	1.2%	1.5%	3.0%	3.2%	1.8%	1.6%	
Cass Freight Index (a)	-13.2%	14.0%	-33.5%	-44.1%	-36.3%	48.0%	88.4%	115.9%	80.5%	21.6%	-17.4%	-21.7%	-8.1%	29.1%	26.8%	59.0%	12.2%	-0.3%	-10.6%	-14.4%	4.1%	-8.8%	8.4%	-32.4%	-11.1%	-1.6%	39.7%	23.7%	0.0%	9.5%	14.7%	13.2%	8.6%	-22.0%	-23.4%
Taiwan Elect. Product Exports (a)	-38.1%	14.7%	56.6%	41.7%	14.7%	39.7%	120.9%	87.0%	96.2%	3.3%	-9.4%	10.2%	-47.1%	23.5%	6.6%	133.2%	35.7%	39.3%	73.1%	70.5%	-2.4%	20.0%	-7.5%	41.6%	-4.8%	58.0%	37.1%	27.1%	-19.5%	-5.8%	8.4%	-6.5%	-1.3%	-37.6%	-20.6%
Real Goods Consumption (b)	0.0%	-1.1%	-13.9%	-1.0%	5.1%	7.7%	6.9%	9.2%	8.9%	8.0%	7.2%	12.3%	9.9%	20.7%	18.9%	16.7%	16.8%	14.9%	14.8%	15.5%	16.8%	16.4%	14.0%	16.7%	15.3%	15.1%	15.3%	14.7%	14.9%	14.6%	14.8%	15.2%	16.2%	15.5%	
Time																																			
ISM Manuf. Supplier Deliveries	57.3	65.0	76.0	68.0	56.9	55.8	58.2	59.0	60.5	61.7	67.7	68.2	72.0	76.6	75.0	78.8	75.1	72.5	69.5	73.4	75.6	72.2	64.9	64.6	66.1	65.4	67.2	65.7	57.3	55.2	55.1	52.4	46.8	47.2	45.1
ISM Serv. Supplier Deliveries	52.4	62.1	78.3	67.0	57.5	55.2	60.5	54.9	56.2	57.0	62.8	57.8	60.8	61.0	66.1	70.4	68.5	72.0	69.6	68.8	75.7	75.7	63.9	65.7	66.2	63.4	65.1	61.3	61.9	57.8	54.5	53.9	56.2	53.8	48.5
Ships Awaiting Space LA & LB (c)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.0	1.5	4.3	10.0	22.2	32.1	32.6	26.5	21.5	18.9	13.8	21.4	34.8	56.3	66.6	70.0	85.6	103.2	79.9	48.4	41.5	29.8	23.0	24.0	20.9	9.0	6.3	6.0	0.0
Price																																			
World Container Index (WCI)	\$1,633	\$1,520	\$1,500	\$1,549	\$1,788	\$2,009	\$2,144	\$2,541	\$2,592	\$2,806	\$3,955	\$5,263	\$5,227	\$4,991	\$4,919	\$5,898	\$7,052	\$8,879	\$9,556	\$10,237	\$9,891	\$9,180	\$9,227	\$9,518	\$9,398	\$8,783	\$7,907	\$7,667	\$7,412	\$6,908	\$6,317	\$4,894	\$3,425	\$2,705	\$2,168
PPI Transp. & Ware. of Goods (a)	0.3%	-1.9%	-7.6%	-12.2%	-8.8%	1.0%	9.0%	8.0%	6.5%	7.8%	10.2%	10.7%	13.0%	16.3%	16.5%	16.9%	14.4%	12.5%	9.6%	11.9%	16.4%	22.5%	19.6%	21.0%	19.5%	35.1%	34.3%	36.5%	15.9%	8.5%	-6.7%	-6.8%	-9.8%	-0.8%	-4.7%
Dry Van Rate Per Mile (a)	7.6%	-16.0%	-28.6%	-49.7%	-16.5%	52.6%	352.8%	315.4%	191.1%	112.6%	48.8%	12.2%	-25.4%	10.5%	12.6%	52.0%	-8.4%	-8.6%	-0.2%	41.8%	64.5%	57.1%	54.4%	91.6%	70.1%	-7.2%	-56.2%	-69.7%	-67.0%	-57.5%	-35.7%	-25.9%	-15.0%	-28.8%	-13.0%
Inventory																																			
Retail Inventory-to-Sales Ratio	1.42	1.53	1.69	1.35	1.23	1.22	1.23	1.23	1.25	1.27	1.27	1.22	1.24	1.10	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.12	1.11	1.10	1.09	1.10	1.17	1.15	1.15	1.18	1.18	1.20	1.21	1.23	1.24	1.24	1.22	1.24	
ISM Manuf. Cons. Inventories	41.8	43.4	48.8	46.2	44.6	41.6	38.1	37.9	36.7	36.3	37.9	33.1	32.5	29.9	28.4	28.0	30.8	25.0	30.2	31.7	31.7	25.1	31.7	33.0	31.8	34.1	37.1	32.7	35.2	39.5	38.9	41.6	41.6	48.7	48.2
Inventory Too Low (d)	-3.5%	-1.5%	-6.6%	-4.5%	1.2%	1.3%	2.7%	4.8%	4.4%	4.9%	6.5%	5.3%	4.5%	2.5%	7.0%	8.0%	11.0%	12.0%	11.0%	10.0%	9.0%	15.0%	9.0%	7.0%	7.0%	9.0%	6.0%	8.0%	5.0%	2.0%	3.0%	1.0%	0.0%	-2.0%	1.0%
Labor																																			
Production & Manuf. Posts (b)	0.2%	1.3%	-30.0%	-31.6%	-23.7%	-13.8%	-6.1%	4.2%	12.9%	20.6%	27.4%	26.3%	38.2%	46.8%	63.5%	74.8%	76.7%	84.0%	78.0%	87.3%	92.4%	103.0%	115.3%	102.9%	108.9%	108.3%	96.3%	97.1%	92.9%	91.1%	89.3%	91.1%	87.1%	90.4%	92.5%
Loading & Stocking Posts (b)	1.4%	-0.4%	-32.5%	-32.7%	-17.6%	-0.8%	4.6%	12.3%	28.2%	38.8%	39.0%	26.3%	38.9%	46.4%	61.7%	72.7%	76.6%	90.2%	72.0%	82.4%	92.4%	106.5%	114.9%	92.9%	97.5%	93.9%	80.7%	84.9%	83.5%	89.3%	74.1%	79.3%	77.8%	79.5%	79.3%
Jobs Hard to Fill (d)	37.6%	35.2%	23.5%	23.2%	31.9%	30.2%	33.4%	36.4%	33.1%	33.5%	32.3%	32.7%	39.6%	42.2%	44.0%	48.0%	46.0%	49.0%	50.0%	51.0%	49.0%	48.0%	49.0%	47.0%	48.0%	47.0%	47.0%	51.0%	50.0%	49.0%	49.0%	46.0%	46.0%	44.0%	41.0%

Notes: (a) 3-Month Annualized Rate, (b) versus February 2020, (c) Monthly Average, (d) Net % of Firms, Current Month Reflects Monthly Average of Available Data for All Series

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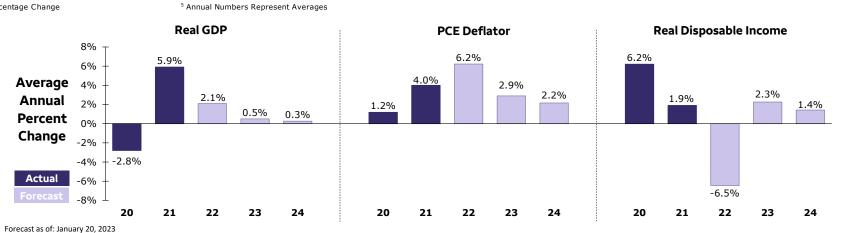
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Indicator	Feb-20	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-21	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-22	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Hiring																																			
Nonfarm Payrolls (Mo. Chg.)	376K	-1,498K	-20,493K	2,642K	4,505K	1,388K	1,665K	919K	647K	333K	-115K	520K	710K	704K	263K	447K	557K	689K	517K	424K	677K	647K	588K	504K	714K	398K	368K	386K	293K	537K	292K	269K	263K	256K	223K
ISM Manufacturing Employment	46.9	43.8	27.5	32.1	42.1	44.3	46.4	49.6	52.1	48.3	51.7	52.6	54.4	59.6	55.1	50.9	49.9	52.9	49.0	50.2	52.1	53.0	53.9	54.5	52.9	56.3	50.9	49.6	47.3	49.9	54.2	48.7	50.0	48.4	51.4
ISM Services Employment	55.6	47.0	30.0	31.8	43.1	42.1	47.9	51.8	50.1	51.5	48.7	55.2	52.7	57.2	58.8	55.3	49.3	53.8	53.7	53.0	51.6	56.5	54.7	52.3	48.5	54.0	49.5	50.2	47.4	49.1	50.2	53.0	49.1	51.5	49.8
Fed Mfg. PMI Average	3.0	-11.0	-34.8	-10.8	-3.0	4.7	9.4	11.8	10.3	11.9	13.1	18.2	19.4	20.0	25.3	22.2	23.3	27.1	21.9	22.3	26.4	26.0	24.3	19.8	24.9	23.9	22.5	21.2	19.4	16.4	13.3	8.8	10.7	5.1	5.2
Fed Services PMI Avg.	7.4	-3.6	-35.1	-29.1	-15.4	-12.1	-4.6	-2.0	1.4	1.3	0.4	-4.1	-1.6	6.5	12.9	13.8	15.7	13.9	18.1	13.9	14.4	15.7	13.2	8.3	13.0	14.5	14.7	14.1	11.8	9.9	9.5	10.3	9.2	8.2	1.7
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Initial Jobless Claims (Week of the 12th)	190K	221K	4,201K	2,176K	1,473K	1,393K	927K	861K	804K	738K	886K	844K	802K	699K	566K	467K	429K	424K	405K	380K	310K	265K	220K	240K	209K	177K	185K	218K	233K	261K	245K	209K	214K	223K	216K
NFIB Hiring Plans (Net % of Firms)	21.2	9.1	1.2	7.7	16.3	17.9	21.1	22.8	18.2	20.6	16.6	17.3	18.2	22.1	21.0	27.0	28.0	27.0	32.0	26.0	26.0	25.0	28.0	26.0	19.0	20.0	20.0	26.0	19.0	20.0	21.0	23.0	20.0	18.0	17.0
NFIB Jobs Hard to Fill (Net % of Firms)	37.6	35.2	23.5	23.2	31.9	30.2	33.4	36.4	33.1	33.5	32.3	32.7	39.6	42.2	44.0	48.0	46.0	49.0	50.0	51.0	49.0	48.0	49.0	47.0	48.0	47.0	47.0	51.0	50.0	49.0	49.0	46.0	46.0	44.0	41.0
Indeed Job Openings (vs. Feb. 2020)	-0.2	-3.2	-34.3	-38.2	-31.5	-22.5	-18.2	-14.0	-8.4	-6.1	-3.9	-1.2	3.6	8.6	18.2	25.8	29.8	36.0	36.5	41.4	46.7	52.9	61.4	60.6	60.5	58.7	53.3	55.6	54.1	54.0	50.9	49.6	49.0	48.5	48.0
JOLTS Job Openings	7.0M	5.9M	4.7M	5.4M	6.M	6.6M	6.3M	6.5M	6.9M	6.8M	6.9M	7.2M	7.9M	8.5M	9.3M	9.6M	9.9M	10.8M	10.6M	10.7M	11.1M	10.9M	11.4M	11.3M	11.3M	11.9M	11.7M	11.3M	11.M	11.2M	10.3M	10.7M	10.5M	10.5M	
Challenger Job Cuts (3-MMA YoY)	-9.5	82.1	435.4	710.6	780.9	495.3	308.5	271.4	116.9	93.7	74.2	52.5	21.5	-58.3	-90.7	-93.9	-94.5	-92.3	-89.9	-89.4	-82.1	-79.0	-74.5	-76.1	-72.1	-61.5	-30.8	-15.0	14.0	23.5	42.9	45.1	49.4	153.0	172.0
Supply																																			
Unemployment Rate	3.5	4.4	14.7	13.2	11.0	10.2	8.4	7.9	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.2	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.5
Labor Force Participation Rate	63.3	62.6	60.1	60.8	61.5	61.5	61.7	61.4	61.7	61.5	61.5	61.3	61.4	61.5	61.6	61.5	61.7	61.8	61.7	61.7	61.8	61.9	62.0	62.2	62.2	62.4	62.2	62.3	62.2	62.1	62.3	62.3	62.2	62.2	62.3
Prime Participation Rate (Ages 25-54)	83.0	82.5	79.9	80.6	81.5	81.2	81.3	80.9	81.2	80.9	81.0	81.1	81.2	81.3	81.4	81.3	81.7	81.9	81.7	81.6	81.7	81.9	81.9	82.1	82.3	82.5	82.5	82.6	82.4	82.4	82.8	82.6	82.5	82.3	82.4
Employment-Population Ratio	83.0	82.5	79.9	80.6	81.5	81.2	81.3	80.9	81.2	80.9	81.0	81.1	81.2	81.3	81.4	81.3	81.7	81.9	81.7	81.6	81.7	81.9	81.9	82.1	82.3	82.5	82.5	82.6	82.4	82.4	82.8	82.6	82.5	82.3	82.4
Jobs Plentiful Less Hard to Get	32.6	29.5	-15.7	-12.7	-2.8	2.2	-2.2	3.3	7.1	6.9	-1.9	-1.8	1.4	10.2	21.6	36.9	44.2	44.1	44.4	43.5	43.8	44.7	44.2	43.0	41.5	47.1	44.7	39.5	39.9	36.8	36.0	38.1	31.8	31.5	35.8
JOLTS Quit Rate	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.7	
Wages	•																																		
NFIB Compensation Plans (Net % of Firms)	19.2	16.0	7.0	10.0	13.0	14.0	14.0	16.0	18.0	20.2	13.6	17.0	19.0	16.5	20.0	22.0	26.0	27.0	26.0	30.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	27.0	26.0	28.0	27.0	25.0	28.0	25.0	26.0	23.0	32.0	28.0	27.0
Average Hourly Earnings (YoY)	3.1	3.6	8.0	6.7	5.1	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.6	5.5	5.3	5.2	4.4	0.6	2.2	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.8	5.4	5.3	4.9	5.4	5.2	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.6
Average Hourly Earnings (3-M Annualized)	3.0	6.1	24.2	17.1	8.2	-7.8	-3.1	2.1	1.6	2.3	5.7	5.5	5.4	1.9	3.7	4.3	6.3	6.4	5.4	5.3	5.9	6.3	6.1	5.9	4.8	4.8	3.9	4.9	4.6	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.2	4.7	4.1
Employment Cost Index (YoY)	2.	8		2.7			2.4			2.5			2.6			2.9			3.7			4.0			4.5			5.1			5.0				
Atlanta Fed Median Wage Tracker (3-MMA)	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.7	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.5	5.1	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.1

U.S. Forecast

					We	lls Fargo U	J.S. Econo	omic Forec	ast							
		Actual						Forecast					Actual		Forecast	
		20	22			20	23			20)24		2021	2022	2023	2024
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q				
Real Gross Domestic Product ¹	-1.6	-0.6	3.2	2.8	0.0	0.3	-2.6	-1.9	0.0	2.8	2.3	2.4	5.9	2.1	0.5	0.3
Personal Consumption	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.7	-0.3	0.8	-1.4	-2.2	-0.9	1.3	2.0	2.0	8.3	2.8	0.7	-0.1
Business Fixed Investment	7.9	0.1	6.2	5.9	2.0	1.0	-4.3	-5.0	-2.8	0.9	3.3	4.4	6.4	4.0	1.7	-1.3
Equipment	11.4	-2.0	10.6	6.0	1.5	0.9	-7.3	-8.9	-5.4	0.4	3.7	4.2	10.3	4.9	1.2	-3.2
Intellectual Property Products	10.8	8.9	6.8	6.9	2.9	2.0	-1.8	-1.8	-0.4	2.2	3.8	5.5	9.7	8.9	3.4	0.7
Structures	-4.3	-12.7	-3.6	2.5	1.3	-1.8	-2.4	-2.6	-2.3	-1.5	1.1	1.5	-6.4	-7.3	-1.3	-1.5
Residential Investment	-3.1	-17.8	-27.1	-23.0	-16.4	-11.3	-5.5	-3.4	-1.4	3.2	4.4	5.7	10.7	-10.5	-16.5	-1.0
Government Purchases	-2.3	-1.6	3.7	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.6	-0.7	1.6	1.2
Net Exports ²	-3.1	1.2	2.9	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.9	1.3	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-1.7	-0.7	0.4	0.5
Inventories ²	0.2	-1.9	-1.2	0.7	0.3	0.1	-1.0	-0.6	-0.4	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	-0.3	-0.1
Nonfarm Payroll Change ³	539	349	366	247	165	63	-33	-175	-242	-100	50	142	562	375	5	-38
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	4.1	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.2	4.9	5.4	3.6	4.1	5.1
Consumer Price Index ⁴	8.0	8.6	8.3	7.1	5.3	3.3	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.4	4.7	8.0	3.3	2.4
Real Disposable Income ⁴	-12.8	-5.7	-4.3	-2.4	1.9	2.7	2.6	1.9	0.6	1.0	1.5	2.5	1.9	-6.5	2.3	1.4
Quarter-End Interest Rates ⁵																
Federal Funds Target Rate	0.50	1.75	3.25	4.50	5.00	5.25	5.25	5.25	4.25	3.25	2.75	2.75	0.25	2.02	5.19	3.25
Conventional Mortgage Rate	4.27	5.58	6.01	6.36	6.60	6.35	5.85	5.55	5.30	5.15	5.00	4.90	3.03	5.38	6.09	5.09
2 Year Note	2.28	2.92	4.22	4.41	4.45	4.30	3.85	3.25	2.95	2.80	2.75	2.75	0.27	2.99	3.96	2.81
10 Year Note	2.32	2.98	3.83	3.88	3.85	3.75	3.35	3.15	3.00	2.95	2.90	2.90	1.45	2.95	3.53	2.94

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³ Average Monthly Change



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Labor, IHS Markit, Federal Reserve Board, Bloomberg Finance L.P. and Wells Fargo Economics

¹ Compound Annual Growth Rate Quarter-over-Quarter

⁴ Year-over-Year Percentage Change

² Percentage Point Contribution to GDP

Global Economic Forecasts

	Wells Fa	argo Inter	rnational	Economic	e Forecast			
		G	DP			C	PI	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2021	2022	2023	2024
Global (PPP Weights)	6.0%	2.4%	1.8%	2.6%	4.7%	7.2%	4.8%	3.6%
Advanced Economies1	5.2%	2.8%	0.5%	1.4%	3.1%	7.9%	4.4%	2.2%
United States	5.9%	2.1%	0.5%	0.3%	4.7%	8.0%	3.2%	2.3%
Eurozone	5.2%	3.3%	-0.6%	2.0%	2.6%	8.4%	5.6%	2.1%
United Kingdom	7.4%	4.0%	-1.2%	1.5%	2.6%	9.1%	7.6%	2.5%
Japan	1.7%	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	-0.2%	2.4%	1.8%	0.8%
Canada	4.5%	3.5%	0.4%	2.4%	3.4%	6.8%	3.6%	2.1%
Switzerland	4.2%	2.0%	0.1%	2.2%	0.6%	2.8%	1.8%	1.2%
Australia	4.9%	3.6%	1.5%	2.4%	2.8%	6.4%	4.3%	2.9%
New Zealand	5.6%	2.8%	1.1%	1.3%	3.9%	7.0%	4.2%	2.5%
Sweden	5.1%	3.0%	0.4%	2.0%	2.7%	8.0%	5.6%	1.9%
Norway	3.9%	3.5%	0.3%	0.8%	3.5%	5.8%	4.1%	2.5%
Developing Economies1	6.6%	2.0%	2.8%	3.5%	5.9%	6.5%	5.2%	4.6%
China	8.1%	3.0%	4.9%	4.9%	0.9%	2.0%	2.3%	2.0%
India	8.7%	6.5%	5.7%	6.5%	5.5%	6.8%	4.5%	5.0%
Mexico	4.8%	3.1%	1.1%	2.2%	5.7%	7.9%	5.5%	3.6%
Brazil	4.6%	3.1%	0.7%	2.2%	8.3%	9.0%	5.0%	4.0%

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1Aggregated Using PPP Weights

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