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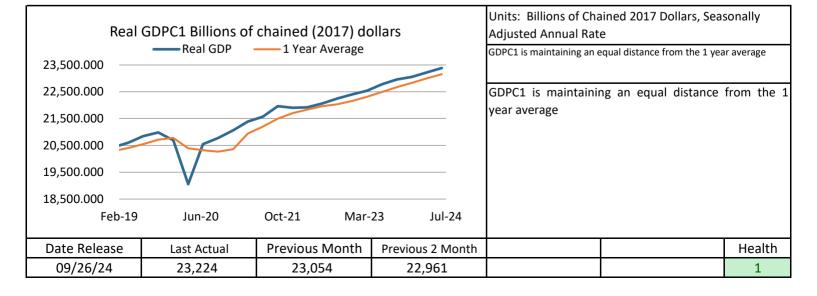
Gross Domestic Product, Third Quarter 2024 (Advance Estimate)

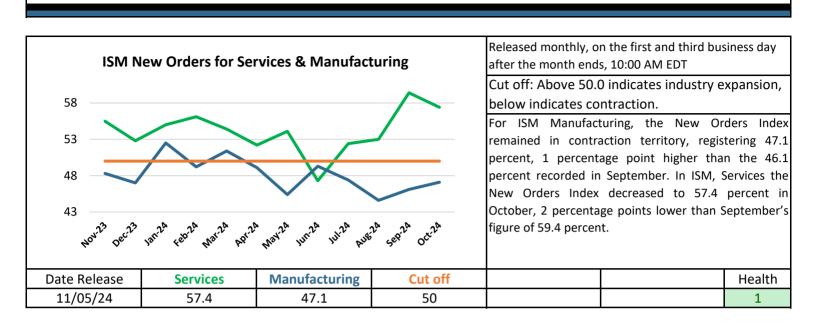
Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 2.8 percent in the third quarter of 2024 (table 1), according to the "advance" estimate released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. In the second quarter, real GDP increased 3.0 percent.

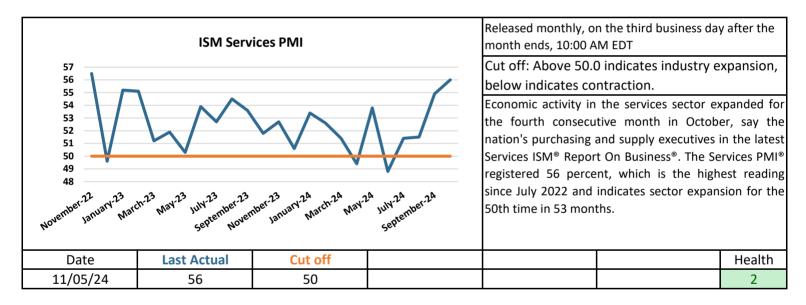
The increase in real GDP primarily reflected increases in consumer spending, exports, and federal government spending (table 2). Imports, which are a subtraction in the calculation of GDP, increased.

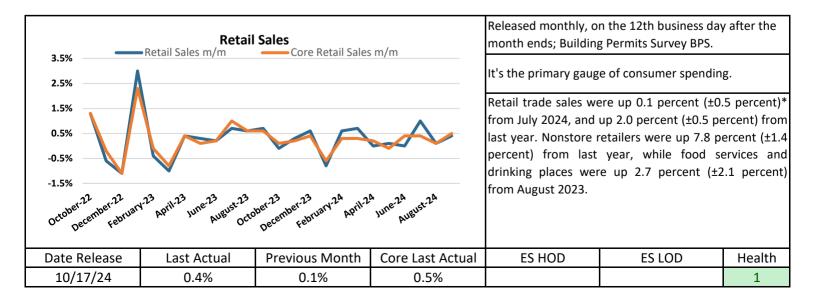
The increase in consumer spending reflected increases in both goods and services. Within goods, the leading contributors were other nondurable goods (led by prescription drugs) and motor vehicles and parts. Within services, the leading contributors were health care (led by outpatient services) as well as food services and accommodations. The increase in exports primarily reflected an increase in goods (led by capital goods, excluding automotive). The increase in federal government spending was led by defense spending. The increase in imports primarily reflected an increase in goods (led by capital goods, excluding automotive).

	GDP	Released quarterly, about 1st-30, 2nd-60, & 3rd-85, days after the quarter ends; 8:30 AM EDT				
7.0% 2.0% -3.0% Nov-20 Jun-	21 Dec-21 Jul-2	real GDP in the th downturn in private decrease in resid movements were	econd quarter, the dec nird quarter primarily inventory investment ential fixed investm partly offset by acce spending, and federal ccelerated.	reflected a and a larger ent. These lerations in		
Date Release	Last Actual	Previous Month	Previous 2 Month	Average		Health
10/30/24	2.8%	3.0%	1.6%	3.112%		0



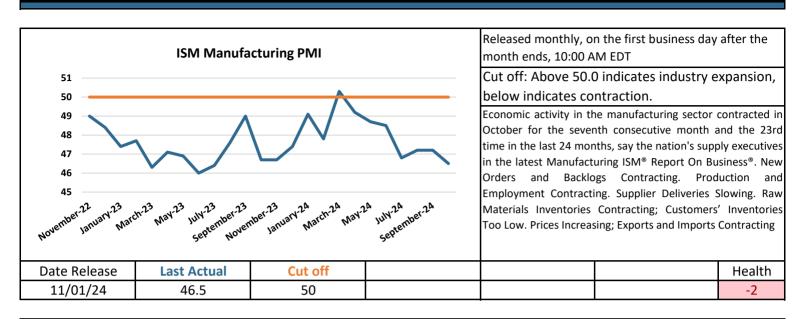


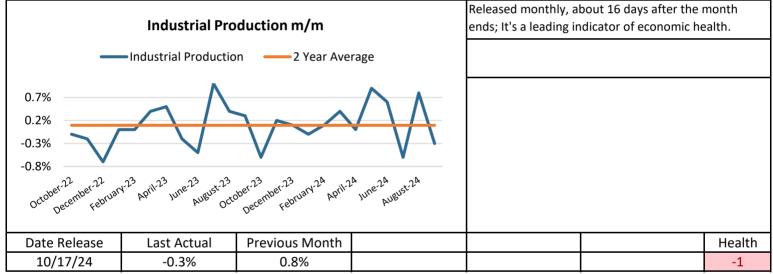




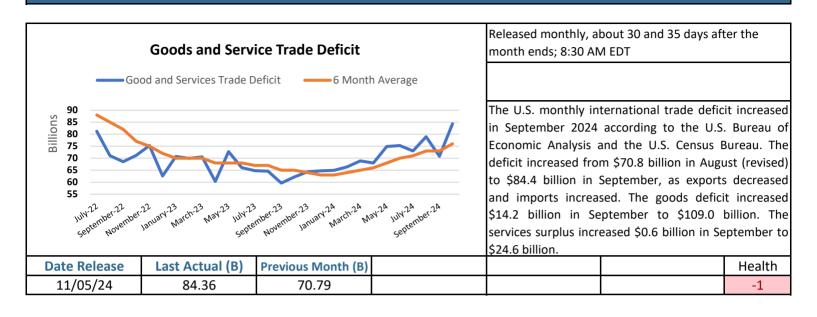
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Housing				Building Permits Survey (BPS); Released monthly, on the 12th business day after the month ends.		-
510 Existing Home Sales Building Permits 160 Sing and 460 410 360 Oct-22 Feb-23 Jun-23 Oct-23 Feb-24 Jun-24			150 150 140 140 140 140	According to NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun, "Home sale been essentially stuck at around a four-million-unit pace for t 12 months, but factors usually associated with higher home sideveloping. There are more inventory choices for consumers mortgage rates than a year ago and continued job additions economy."		ace for the past home sales are nsumers, lower additions to the month-over-
BPS	Date Release	Last Actual E	Ext. Home Sales	Date Release	Last Actual	Health
	10/18/24	143,000,000		10/23/24	384,000,000	0

NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION SEPTEMBER 2024				
Building Permits: Housing Starts: Housing Completions:	1,428,000 1,354,000 1,680,000			
Next Release: November 19, 2024				
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR) Source: U.S. Census Bureau, HUD, October 18, 2024				





Industrial production (IP) decreased 0.3 percent in September after advancing 0.3 percent in August. A strike at a major producer of civilian aircraft held down total IP growth by an estimated 0.3 percent in September, and the effects of two hurricanes subtracted an estimated 0.3 percent. For the third quarter as a whole, industrial production declined at an annual rate of 0.6 percent. Manufacturing output moved down 0.4 percent in September, and the index for mining fell 0.6 percent. The index for utilities gained 0.7 percent. At 102.6 percent of its 2017 average, total industrial production in September was 0.6 percent below its year-earlier level. Capacity utilization edged down to 77.5 percent in September, a rate that is 2.2 percentage points below its long-run (1972–2023) average.





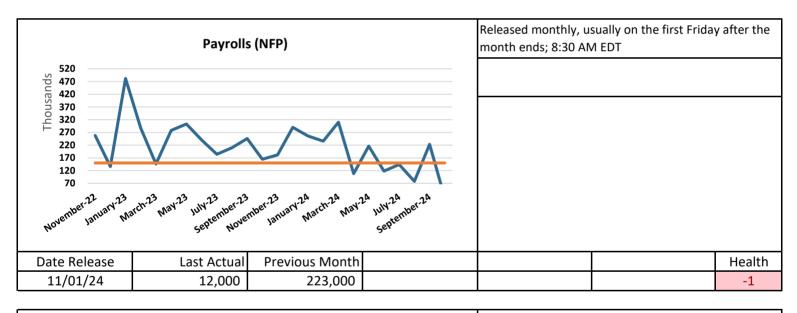


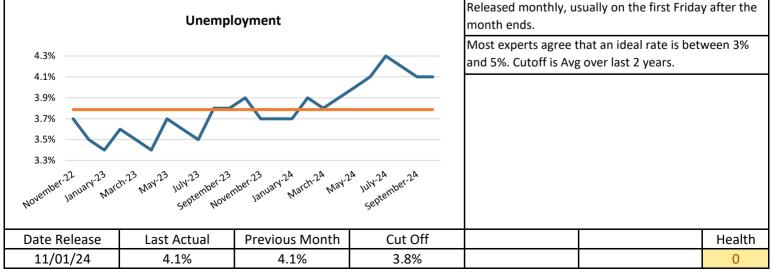


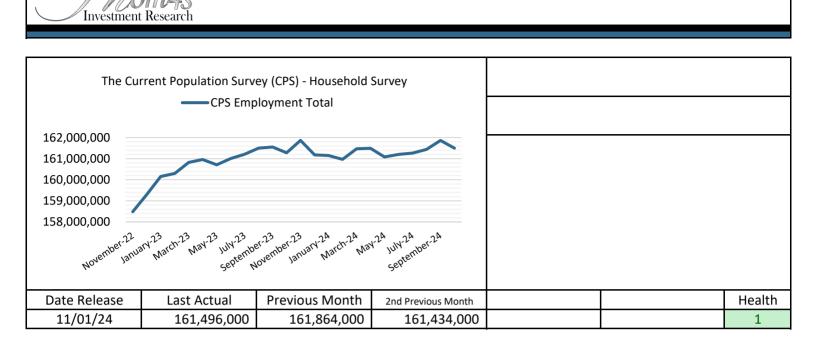
JOBS

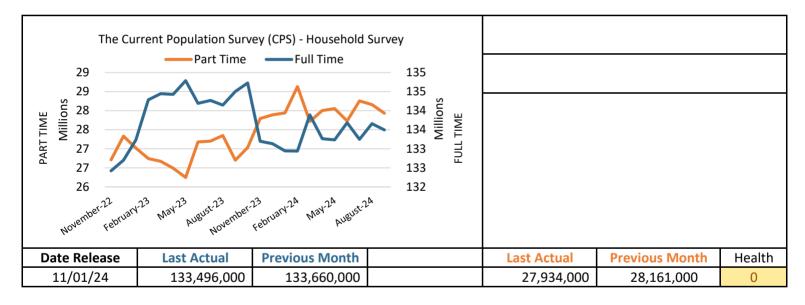
Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 254,000 in September, and the unemployment rate changed little at 4.1 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Employment continued to trend up in food services and drinking places, health care, government, social assistance, and construction.

Both the unemployment rate, at 4.1 percent, and the number of unemployed people, at 6.8 million, changed little in September. These measures are higher than a year earlier, when the jobless rate was 3.8 percent, and the number of unemployed people was 6.3 million. (See table A-1.)







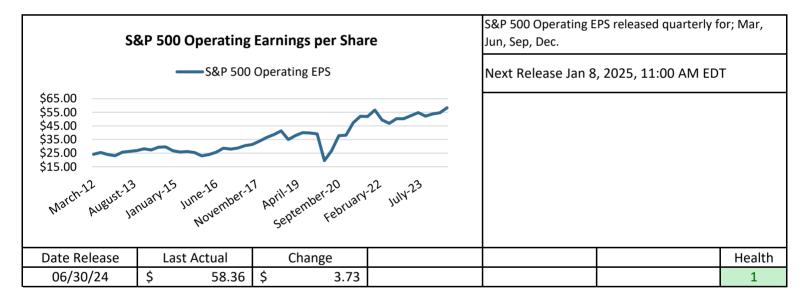






S&P 500 Operating Earnings Per Share is at a current level of 58.36, up from 54.63 last quarter and up from 54.84 one year ago. This is a change of 6.83% from last quarter and 6.42% from one year ago.

S&P 500 Operating Earnings Per Share tracks the operating earnings, or profits calculated from operating revenue and expenses of companies constituting the S&P 500 index. The S&P 500 index is a basket of 500 large US stocks, weighted by market cap, and is the most widely followed index representing the US stock market. Tracking operating EPS on a broad market index can reflect overall health in the stock market. The S&P 500 Operating EPS dipped as low as -\$0.09 in 2008 in the middle of Great Recession.

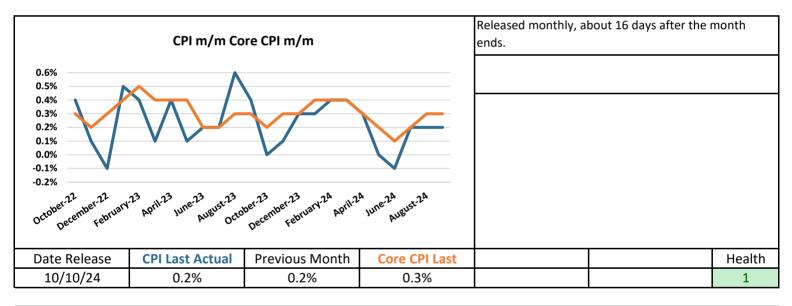


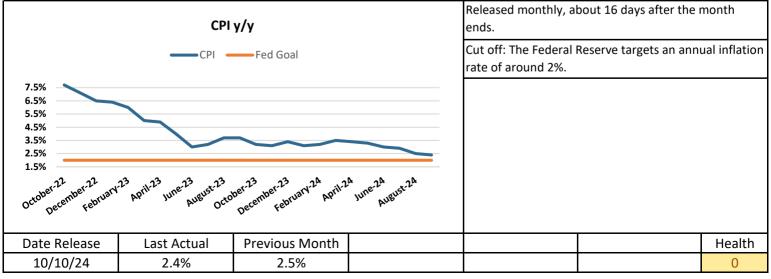


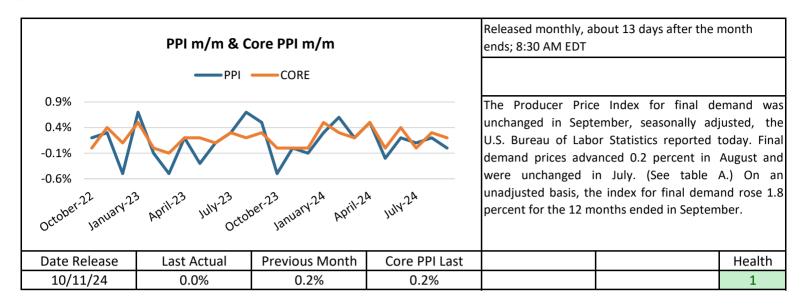


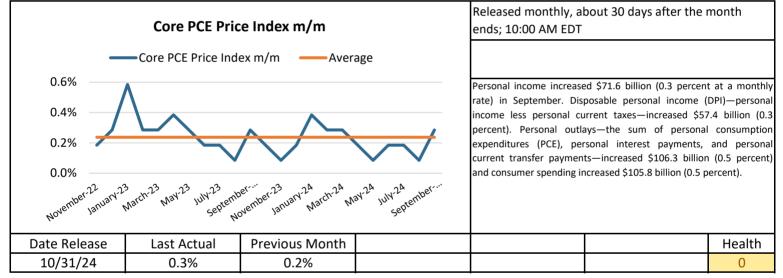
The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.2 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis, the same increase as in August and July, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 2.4 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The index for shelter rose 0.2 percent in September, and the index for food increased 0.4 percent. Together, these two indexes contributed over 75 percent of the monthly all items increase. The food at home index increased 0.4 percent in September and the food away from home index rose 0.3 percent over the month. The energy index fell 1.9 percent over the month, after declining 0.8 percent the preceding month.











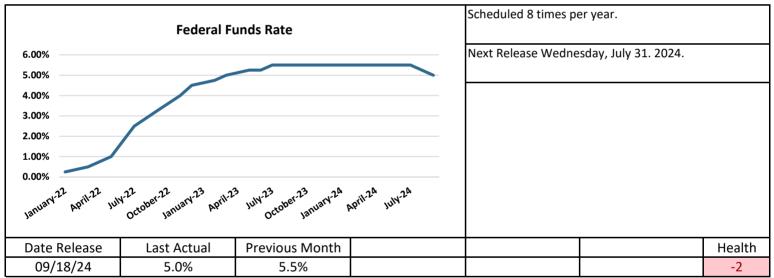
RATES

September 18, 2024

Federal Reserve issues FOMC statement For release at 2:00 p.m. EDT

Recent indicators suggest that economic activity has continued to expand at a solid pace. Job gains have slowed, and the unemployment rate has moved up but remains low. Inflation has made further progress toward the Committee's 2 percent objective but remains somewhat elevated.

The Committee seeks to achieve maximum employment and inflation at the rate of 2 percent over the longer run. The Committee has gained greater confidence that inflation is moving sustainably toward 2 percent, and judges that the risks to achieving its employment and inflation goals are roughly in balance. The economic outlook is uncertain, and the Committee is attentive to the risks to both sides of its dual mandate.



In light of the progress on inflation and the balance of risks, the Committee decided to lower the target range for the federal funds rate by 1/2 percentage point to 4-3/4 to 5 percent. In considering additional adjustments to the target range for the federal funds rate, the Committee will carefully assess incoming data, the evolving outlook, and the balance of risks. The Committee will continue reducing its holdings of Treasury securities and agency debt and agency mortgage backed securities. The Committee is strongly committed to supporting maximum employment and returning inflation to its 2 percent objective.

In assessing the appropriate stance of monetary policy, the Committee will continue to monitor the implications of incoming information for the economic outlook. The Committee would be prepared to adjust the stance of monetary policy as appropriate if risks emerge that could impede the attainment of the Committee's goals. The Committee's assessments will take into account a wide range of information, including readings on labor market conditions, inflation pressures and inflation expectations, and financial and international developments.

Voting for the monetary policy action were Jerome H. Powell, Chair; John C. Williams, Vice Chair; Thomas I. Barkin; Michael S. Barr; Raphael W. Bostic; Lisa D. Cook; Mary C. Daly; Beth M. Hammack; Philip N. Jefferson; Adriana D. Kugler; and Christopher J. Waller. Voting against this action was Michelle W. Bowman, who preferred to lower the target range for the federal funds rate by 1/4 percentage point at this meeting.



Updated: Tuesday, October 29, 2024



Confidence Rebounded in October as Consumers Regained Faith in the US Economy

The Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index[®] increased in October to 108.7 (1985=100), up from 99.2 in September. The Present Situation Index—based on consumers' assessment of current business and labor market conditions—increased by 14.2 points to 138.0. The Expectations Index—based on consumers' short-term outlook for income, business, and labor market conditions—increased by 6.3 points to 89.1, well above the threshold of 80 that usually signals a recession ahead. The cutoff date for the preliminary results was October 23, 2024.

"Consumer confidence recorded the strongest monthly gain since March 2021, but still did not break free of the narrow range that has prevailed over the past two years," said Dana M. Peterson, Chief Economist at The Conference Board. "In October's reading, all five components of the Index improved. Consumers' assessments of current business conditions turned positive. Views on the current availability of jobs rebounded after several months of weakness, potentially reflecting better labor market data. Compared to last month, consumers were substantially more optimistic about future business conditions and remained positive about future income. Also, for the first time since July 2023, they showed some cautious optimism about future job availability.

