

Personal Income, Consumer Spending Accelerate in July

Personal income, a broad current-dollar measure, rose 0.5 percent in July, after increasing 0.4 percent in June. Wages and salaries, the largest component of personal income, increased 0.5 percent, the same increase as in June.

Real disposable personal income (DPI), the after-tax amount available for spending or saving, increased 0.5 percent in July, after increasing 0.2 percent in June. The July increase was the largest since February.

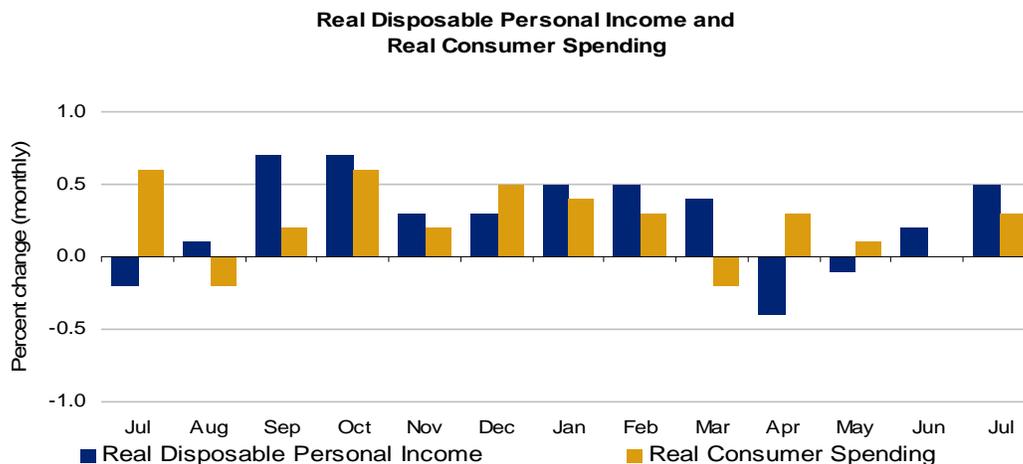
Real consumer spending (personal consumption expenditures) increased 0.3 percent in July after remaining unchanged in June.

Prices, as measured by the personal consumption expenditures price index, increased 0.1 percent in July, after increasing 0.2 percent in June. Excluding food and energy, prices increased 0.1 percent after increasing 0.2 percent in June.

Personal saving as a percent of disposable personal income was 0.7 percent in July.

| | June | July | Average growth, last 12 months |
|-----------------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| Personal Income | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.5% |
| Real DPI | 0.2% | 0.5% | 0.3% |
| Real PCE | 0.0% | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| PCE Prices | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.2% |

| | June | July | 12-month average |
|----------------------|------|------|------------------|
| Personal Saving Rate | 0.5% | 0.7% | 0.6% |



BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov. [E-mail alerts](#) are also available.

NOTE: On September 28, 2007, the August estimates of Personal Income and Outlays will be released.