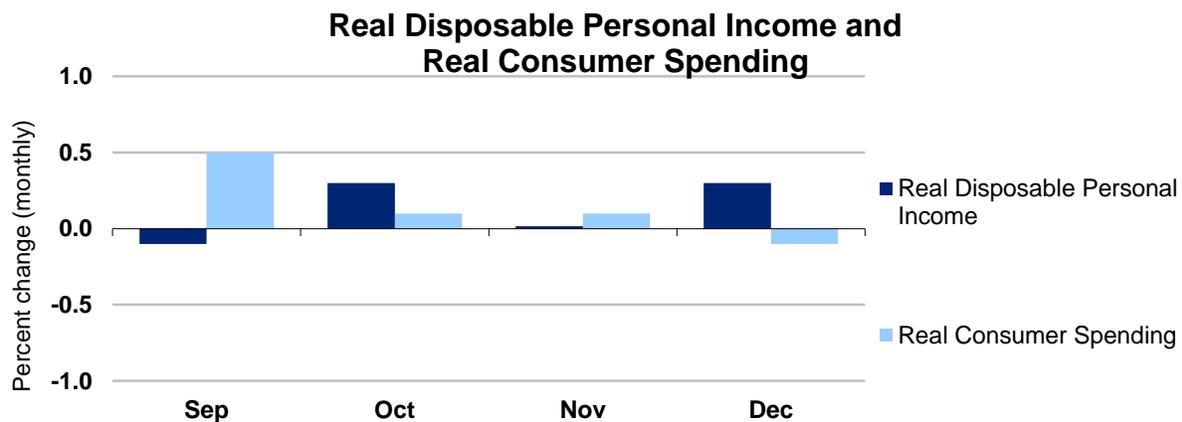


PERSONAL INCOME RISES IN DECEMBER

| | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
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| Personal income increased 0.5 percent in December after increasing 0.1 percent in November. Wages and salaries increased 0.4 percent in December after remaining flat in November. | 0.4% | 0.1% | 0.5% |
| Current-dollar disposable personal income (DPI) , after-tax income, increased 0.4 percent in December after remaining flat in November. | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.4% |
| Real DPI , income adjusted for taxes and inflation, increased 0.3 percent in December after remaining flat in November. | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.3% |
| Real consumer spending , spending adjusted for price changes, decreased 0.1 percent in December after increasing 0.1 percent in November. Spending on durable goods decreased 0.1 percent after increasing 0.7 percent. | 0.1% | 0.1% | -0.1% |
| PCE prices increased 0.1 percent in December after remaining flat in November. Excluding food and energy, the PCE price index increased 0.2 percent in December after increasing 0.1 percent in November. | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Personal saving rate Personal saving as a percent of DPI was 4.0 percent in December, compared with 3.5 percent in November. | 3.6% | 3.5% | 4.0% |



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NOTE: On March 1, 2012, the January estimates of personal income and outlays will be released.