

PERSONAL INCOME RISES IN DECEMBER

Personal income increased 0.4 percent in December after increasing the same percent in November. Wages and salaries, the largest component of personal income, increased 0.3 percent in December, after a 0.1 percent increase in November.

Current-dollar disposable personal income (DPI) increased 0.4 percent in December after increasing 0.3 percent in November.

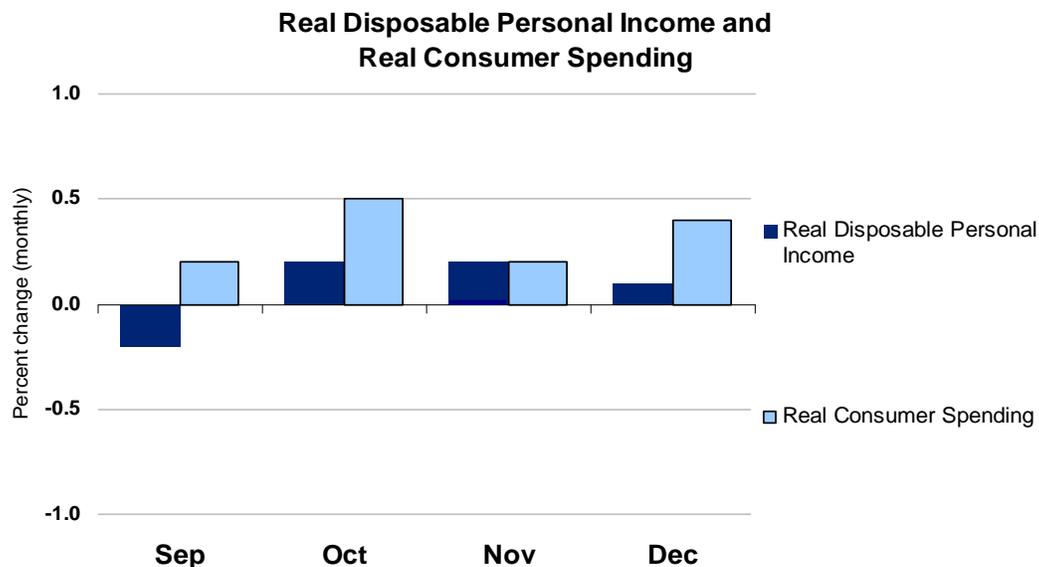
Real DPI, income adjusted for inflation and taxes, rose 0.1 percent in December after increasing 0.2 percent in November.

Real consumer spending, spending adjusted for price changes, increased 0.4 percent in December following a 0.2 percent increase in November.

PCE prices increased 0.3 percent in December and 0.1 percent in November. Excluding food and energy, the PCE price index was flat in December.

Personal saving rate
Personal saving as a percent of disposable personal income was 5.3 percent in December, compared with 5.5 percent in November.

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Personal Income	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Current-dollar DPI	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
Real DPI	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Real PCE	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%
PCE Prices	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%
Personal Saving Rate	5.5%	5.5%	5.3%



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NOTE: On February 28, 2011, the January estimates of personal income and outlays will be released.