

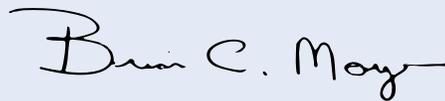
Director's Message

To help economists and researchers analyze the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on the economy, we are pleased to provide a *BEA Briefing* that discusses the major provisions of the ACA and how various transactions are classified and measured in the national income and product accounts (NIPAs).

A separate *BEA Briefing* takes a look at the source data used to prepare successive vintage estimates of gross domestic product and gross domestic income—two of the Bureau of Economic Analysis' (BEA) most closely followed statistics—according to a uniform set of criteria that reflects the quality, availability, and use of the data.

In addition, BEA estimates of real personal income and regional price parities for states and metropolitan areas for 2008–2012 are detailed in a separate report, with a description of the methodologies used to generate the data.

Other articles take a look at the profits of nonfinancial corporations for recent years, travel industry estimates for 2010–2013, the second estimates of the NIPAs for the first quarter, and estimates of government receipts and expenditures, also for the first quarter.



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