

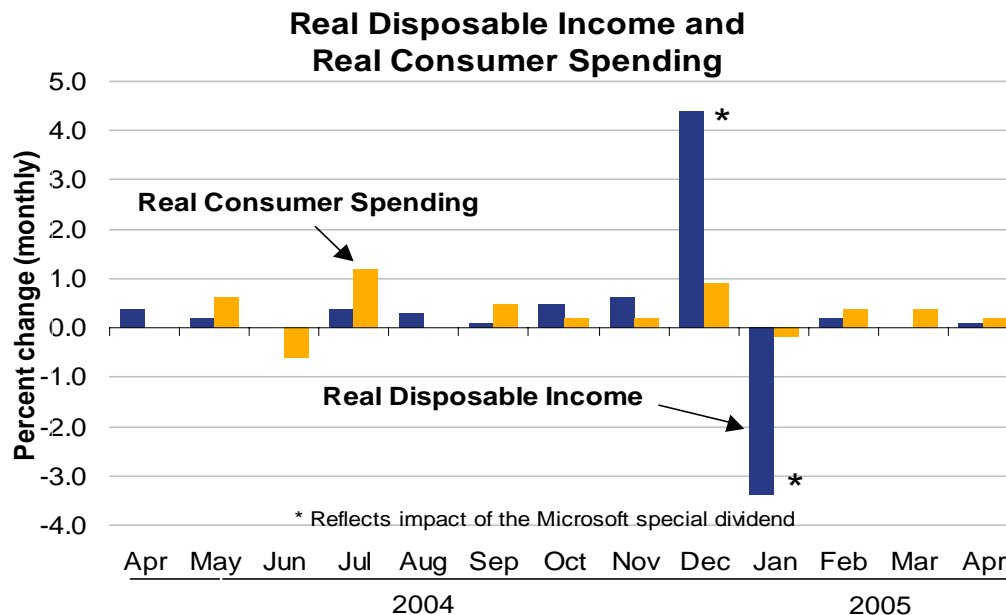


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INFLATION-ADJUSTED INCOME AND CONSUMER SPENDING INCREASE MODESTLY IN APRIL

Personal Income Estimates

After-tax income received by individuals, adjusted for inflation, increased 0.1 percent in April, after not changing in March, according to estimates released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Real consumer spending increased 0.2 percent in April after increasing 0.4 percent in March. Over the last 12 months, real disposable personal income has increased 3.3 percent and real consumer spending has increased 4.1 percent.



Personal income—the total income received by individuals, before taxes and *not* adjusted for inflation—increased \$69.1 billion (or 0.7 percent) in April. In March, personal income increased \$47.3 billion (or 0.5 percent).

- Wages and salaries, the largest component of personal income, increased \$41.4 billion in April.
- Personal current transfer receipts increased \$15.3 billion in April.
- Proprietors' income increased \$8.6 billion in April, boosted by an increase in nonfarm income.

Consumer spending increased by \$53.6 billion (or 0.6 percent) in April, with the bulk of that increase occurring in the nondurable goods sector.

Personal saving was 0.4 percent of disposable personal income in April.

NOTE: Monthly estimates are expressed at seasonally adjusted annual rates, unless otherwise specified. Month-to-month percent changes are calculated from unrounded data and are not annualized. "Real" estimates are in chained (2000) dollars.

BEA's 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 its Web site: www.bea.gov.

Estimates of personal income and outlays for May, along with revised estimates for January, February, March, and April will be released on June 30, 2005.

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