

CONSUMER SPENDING PICKS UP IN JANUARY

Personal income increased 0.1 percent in January 2010 after increasing 0.3 percent in December. Wages and salaries, the largest component of personal income, increased 0.4 percent in January after increasing 0.1 percent in December.

Real disposable personal income (DPI), income adjusted for inflation and taxes, fell 0.6 percent in January, after rising 0.2 percent in December. The January decline reflected higher nonwithheld taxes.

Real consumer spending, spending adjusted for price changes, increased 0.3 percent in January, after increasing 0.1 percent in December.

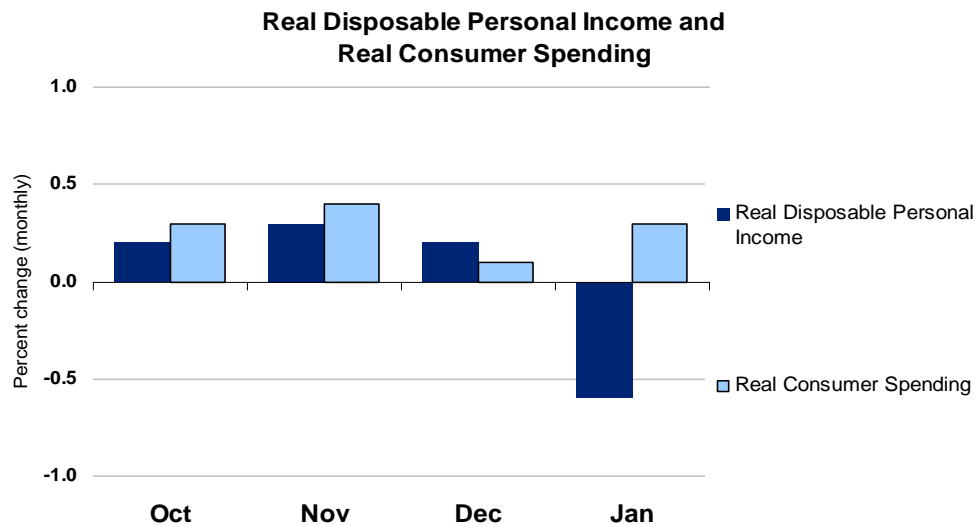
PCE prices rose 0.2 percent in January. Excluding food and energy, prices were virtually unchanged in January.

Personal saving rate

Personal saving as a percent of disposable personal income was 3.3 percent in January, as outlays rose and disposable personal income declined.

	Average, last 12 months	December	January
Personal Income	0.1 %	0.3 %	0.1 %
Real DPI	0.0 %	0.2 %	-0.6 %
Real PCE	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.3 %
PCE Prices	0.2 %	0.1 %	0.2 %

	12-month average	December	January
Personal Saving Rate	4.2 %	4.2 %	3.3 %



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NOTE: On March 29, 2010, the February estimates of personal income and outlays will be released.