



Current Economic Digest

Up-to-Date Releases of Macroeconomic Data

Gross Domestic Product:	Current GDP		Year Ago
	<u>Second Estimate Second Quarter</u>		<u>Final Estimate</u>
Components of Nominal GDP	annualized & seasonally adjusted		
Consumption spending	\$13,018 billion	67% of GDP	\$14,497
Investment	3,740	19%	3,739
Government Spending	3,839	20%	3,738
Net Exports	-545	-3%	-645
Total Nominal GDP	<u>\$19,409</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$21,330</u>
Real GDP	\$17,206 billion	annualized: 2012 chained dollars	\$19,021
GDP Deflator	112.8	basis 2012 = 100	112.1
Real GDP Growth	-32.9%	quarter-to-quarter annualized	1.5%
	<u>Current Year</u>		<u>Year Ago</u>
Consumer Confidence	for July	92.6 1985 = 100	135.7
Leading Economic Index	for July	104.4 2016 = 100	112.2
Inflation	for July		
CPI - urban, all items, unadjusted		259.1 1984 = 100	256.6
Change from a year ago		0.5 %	
Change from last month		1.0 %	
Core change from a year ago (excl. food & energy)		1.6 %	
Employment - adjusted	for July		
Civilian Noninstitutional Population		260.4 million	259.2
Labor Force		159.9	163.4
Employed		143.5 -13.8 million change	157.3
Unemployed		16.3 10.2% of the labor force	6.0
Participation Rate		61.4%	63.0%
Average Weekly Private Earnings		\$1,014 preliminary 5.4% growth	\$962
Money Supply	for July	<u>Increase</u>	
Currency		\$1,884 billion	13.1% \$1,667
M1		\$5,331	45.6% \$3,661
M2		\$18,277	23.3% \$14,825
Interest Rates	for July		
Federal Funds		0.25 % daily effective rate	2.50 %
Prime Rate (WSJ)		3.25 %	5.50 %
Upcoming releases:	CPI: 11 September		GDP: 27 August
	Leading Indicators: 18 September		Employment: 7 August
	Consumer Confidence: 25 August		

NOTES ON THE CURRENT ECONOMIC DIGEST

The Current Economic Digest is complimentary. Constantly updated, it brings together the numbers most often used to describe the state of the economy. Indeed the economy can be conceptualized as a composite of relationships among the numbers in the Digest. The relationship among GDP growth, inflation, and money supply is an identity in the Quantity Theory. Unemployment and GDP growth are correlated in Okun's Law. Real and nominal GDP are related through the GDP deflator, a broad measure of inflation. The federal funds rate can be prescribed by GDP in accordance with Taylor's Rule. The Phillips Curve ties unemployment to inflation.

The Current Digest shows the numbers behind these fundamental explanations of how the economy works. For understanding and explaining the economy, these are the numbers to know on a current basis. Data in the Current Economic Digest are drawn from these sources:

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Census Bureau, Dept. of Commerce
The Conference Board
Federal Reserve Bank of New York
Federal Reserve Board
Bureau of Economic Analysis, Dept. of Commerce
Wall Street Journal

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