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Summary: The underlying issue is that most consumers' nominal incomes continue to rise faster than they did before, without any commensurate increases in output or offsetting changes in saving. Strip out the volatile wage changes for managerial workers and the lower-paid workers in industries hit hardest by the pandemic, and the result (red lines below) is that hourly pay has been rising at a 5% yearly rate almost every month for nearly a year.

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