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Summary: Household saving, measured as the difference between disposable income and consumer spending, soared in the United States and other high-income economies during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the U.S. and Canada, stepped-up social benefit payments and other income support measures pushed incomes well above pre-pandemic trajectories, while similar measures in the euro area, United Kingdom, and Japan kept incomes near their trend paths. Meanwhile, consumption plummeted in all these economies. We have no clear explanation for the divergence in U.S. and foreign saving behavior. Related: [Accumulated Savings During the Pandemic: An International Comparison with Historical Perspective](#) and [Excess No More? Dwindling Pandemic Savings and The Trickle Up of Excess Savings](#)

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