

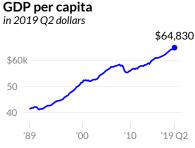
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Overall Economic Activity

This analysis of the United States economy begins with the most popular measure of economic activity, Gross Domestic Product (GDP). According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, GDP–the seasonally-adjusted annualized value of goods and services produced in the US–was \$21,337 billion in the second quarter of 2019, compared to an inflation-adjusted equivalent of \$10,208 billion in the first quarter of 1989.

The US population is growing by about sixth-tenths of a percent per year. GDP per capita (see -), adjusted for inflation to 2019 Q2 dollars, has increased to \$64,830 in 2019 Q2 from \$41,420 in 1989 Q1.



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Economic Growth

GDP (see 1) increased at an annual rate of 2.1 percent during the second quarter of 2019, compared to an increase of 3.1 percent in the first quarter of 2019. Quarterly growth has averaged 2.6 percent over the past three years, 2.3 percent over the past 10 years, and 2.5 percent over the past 30 years.

Real Gross Domestic Product Growth

quarterly growth at seasonally adjusted annual rate, percent

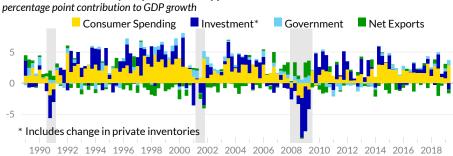


Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Components of Growth

The **expenditure approach** compiles GDP from the sum of spending on domestic goods and services. Major spending categories are consumer spending (see ■), private investment (gross spending on capital goods) and changes in private inventories (see ■), government spending and investment (see ■), and net exports (see ■) which is measured as foreign spending on US goods and services less US spending on goods and services produced by the rest of the world.

Real GDP Growth by Expenditure Type



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The **production approach** calculates GDP as the sum of gross value added-output minus inputs-in each sector. This identifies contributions from: goods-producing sectors combined with trade, transportation, and utilities (see), finance, insurance, and real estate (see), other service-providing sectors (see), and government (see).

Real GDP Growth by Industry Group

percentage point contribution to GDP growth

Government

Other Services

FIRE

Goods and TTU

bistorical data

1990 1992 1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

The **income approach** calculates GDP as the sum of market income to persons (in exchange for labor (see ■) or from returns on capital (see ■)), indirect taxes such as sales taxes or tariffs (see ■), and depreciation (see ■).

Real Gross Domestic Income Growth

percentage point contribution to GDI growth

Labor Profit Depreciation Indirect Taxes

1990 1992 1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Changes to GDP can be assigned to changes in **household inputs**: population (see \blacksquare), employment rates (see \blacksquare), average hours worked (see \blacksquare), and total economy productivity (see \blacksquare).

Real GDP Growth by Inputs

percentage point contribution to GDP growth

Population Employment Rate Productivity Average Hours

1990 1992 1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018

Source: Author's Calculations

Components of Economic Growth percentage point contribution to real GDP/GDI growth moving averages										
percent	age point contribution to real G	2019 2019		'10	240 240 240			moving averages		
		Q2	'19 Q1	'18 Q4	'18 Q3	'18 Q2	3- year	10- year	30- year	
– C	■ Gross Domestic Product		3.1	0.6	1.3	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.5	
•	Consumer Spending	1.13	1.41	2.16	0.83	1.15	2.13	1.28	1.38	
	Durable Goods									
	Non-durable Goods									
	Gross Investment	-0.91	0.34	0.69	1.03	0.14	0.92	1.01	1.30	
	Residential									
	Non-residential									
	Change in inventories									
	Government	0.11	-0.18	0.87	0.13	0.16	0.03	0.34	0.29	
	Federal									
	State and Local									
	Net Exports	-0.87	-0.21	-0.87	0.13	0.17	-0.48	-0.48	-0.56	
	Goods									
	Services									
	Goods and TTU	1.13	1.41	2.16	0.83	1.15	2.13	1.28	1.38	
	Manufacturing									
	Construction									
	Retail Trade									
	FIRE	-0.91	0.34	0.69	1.03	0.14	0.92	1.01	1.30	
	Other Services	0.11	-0.18	0.87	0.13	0.16	0.03	0.34	0.29	
	Education & Healthcare									
	Government	0.11	-0.18	0.87	0.13	0.16	0.03	0.34	0.29	
	Population	1.13	1.41	2.16	0.83	1.15	2.13	1.28	1.38	
	Employment Rate	-0.91	0.34	0.69	1.03	0.14	0.92	1.01	1.30	
•	Productivity	0.11	-0.18	0.87	0.13	0.16	0.03	0.34	0.29	
	Average Hours	-0.87	-0.21	-0.87	0.13	0.17	-0.48	-0.48	-0.56	
C	Gross Domestic Income	1.13	1.41	2.16	0.83	1.15	2.13	1.28	1.38	
	Labor	1.13	1.41	2.16	0.83	1.15	2.13	1.28	1.38	
	Rate of Pay									
	Hours of Work									
	Profit	-0.91	0.34	0.69	1.03	0.14	0.92	1.01	1.30	
	Depreciation	0.11	-0.18	0.87	0.13	0.16	0.03	0.34	0.29	
	Indirect Taxes	-0.87	-0.21	-0.87	0.13	0.17	-0.48	-0.48	-0.56	

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Author's Calculations

Poverty

Share of local population in bottom third of housing-adjusted income, 2017 Share of commuting zone householders with after-housing-expense annual income below \$13,060

