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Federal Reserve issues FOMC statement

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Information received since the Federal Open Market Committee met in December indicates that the labor market remains strong and that economic activity has been rising at a moderate rate. Job gains have been solid, on average, in recent months, and the unemployment rate has remained low. Although household spending has been rising at a moderate pace, business fixed investment and exports remain weak. On a 12-month basis, overall inflation and inflation for items other than food and energy are running below 2 percent. Market-based measures of inflation compensation remain low; survey-based measures of longer-term inflation expectations are little changed.

Economic Expansions 1945-2019

Average expansion = 58.4 months

Longest expansion = 120 months

(March 1991 – March 2001)

Old Record



Current expansion = 126 months

July 2009 – December 2019

Contribution to GDP by Component: 2019 (IV) vs. 2019 (III)

**Contribution to 2.1%
growth 4Q19***

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growth 3Q19**

Consumer

1.20

2.12

The increase in consumer spending slowed to 1.8% from 3.2% in the 3Q of 2019.

Investment

-1.08

-0.17

The 4th qtr saw an increase in residential fixed investments of 5.8%. However, nonresidential declined by 1.5%. The change in inventories subtracted 109 bps from overall GDP growth.

Government

0.47

0.30

Both state and federal spending increased in the 3Q by 2.2% and 3.6%, respectively.

Export - Import

1.48

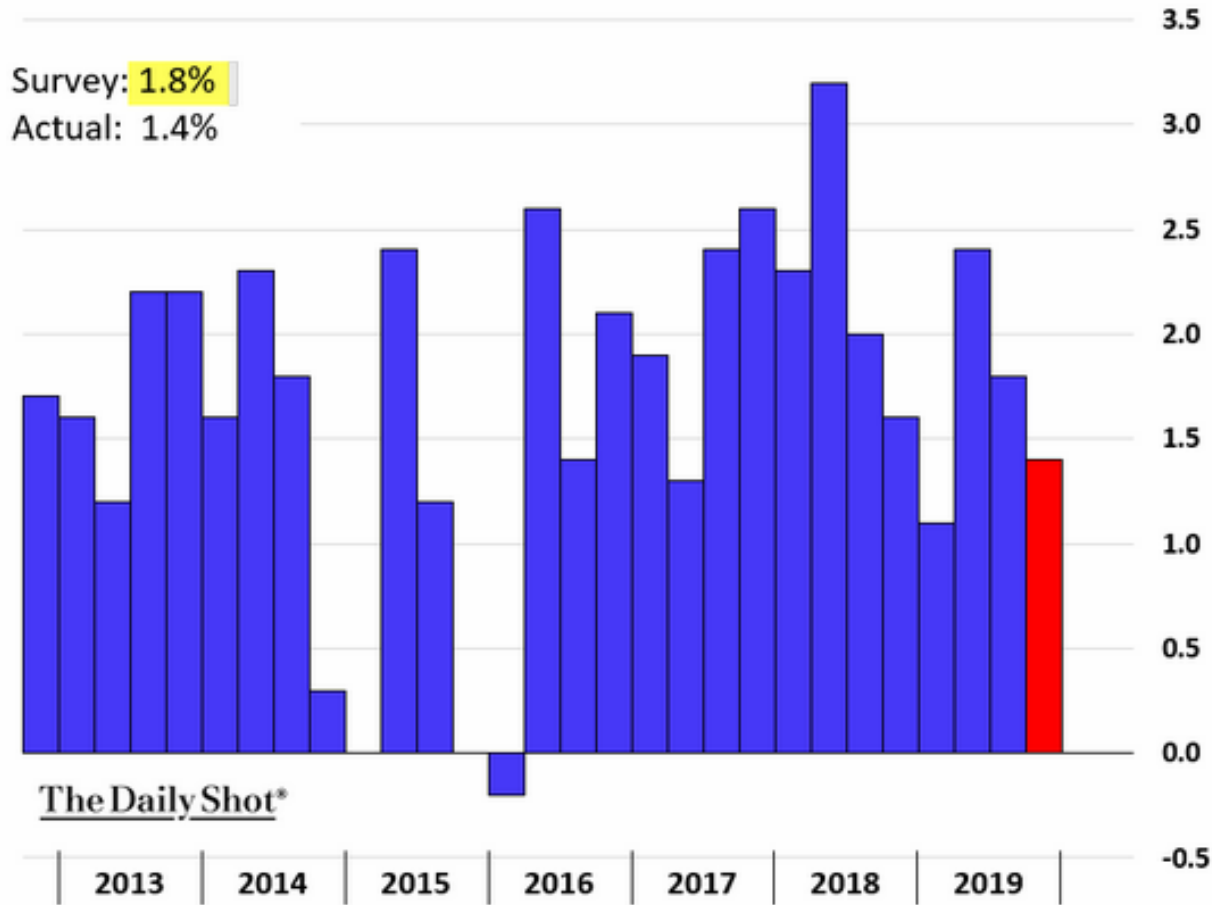
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An increase in exports of 1.4% compounded the impact of the reduction in imports of 8.7%.

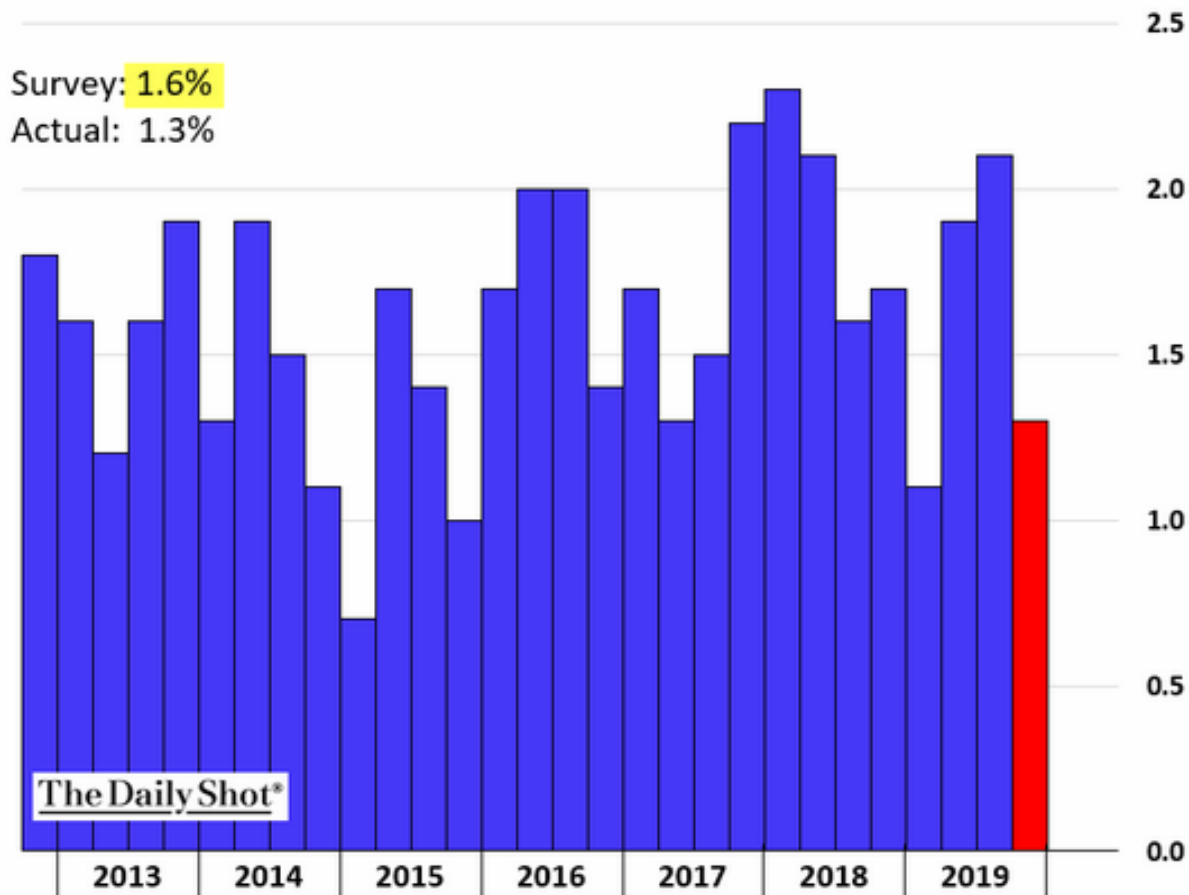
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis

*Advance Estimate

US GDP Price Index QoQ

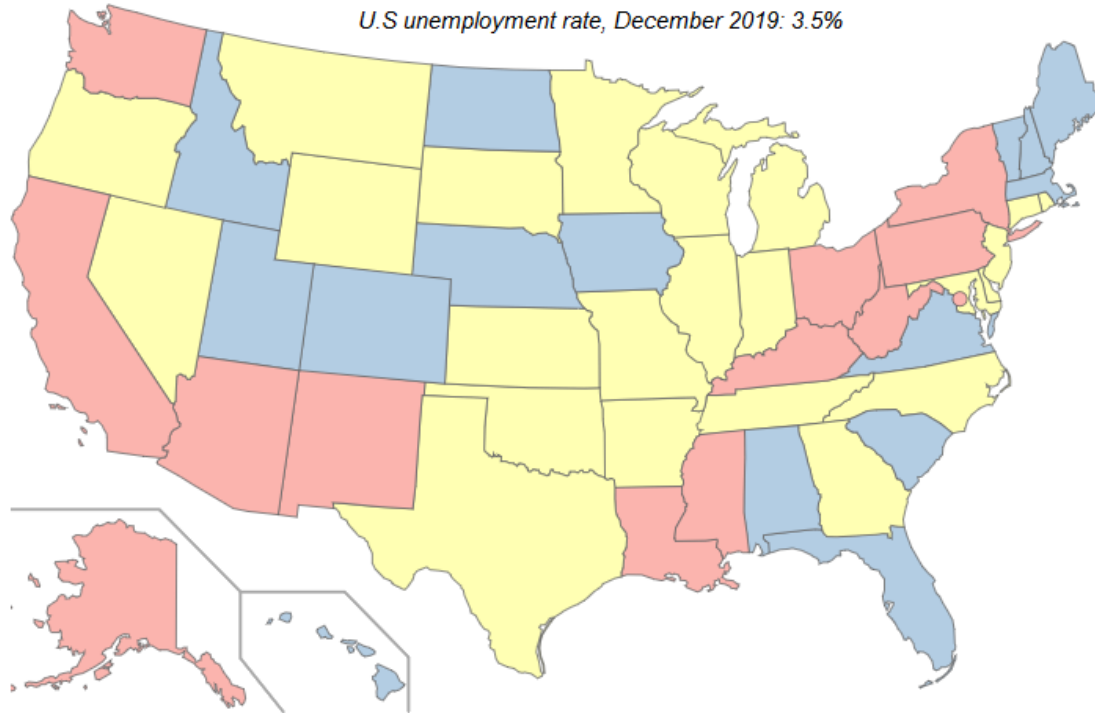


US GDP Core Price Index QoQ



States with unemployment rates significantly different from the U.S. rate, December 2019, seasonally adjusted

U.S. unemployment rate, December 2019: 3.5%



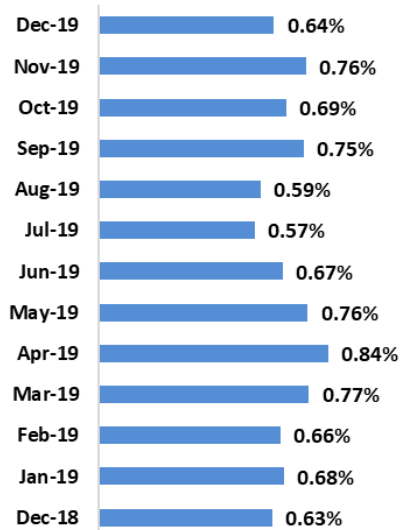
- Significantly lower than U.S. rate
- Significantly higher than U.S. rate
- Not significantly different than U.S. rate

Hover over a state to see data.

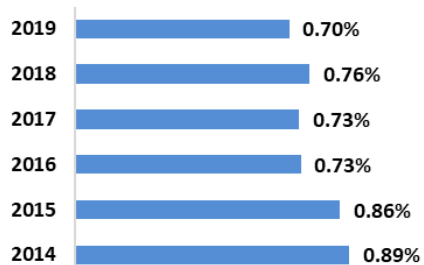
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

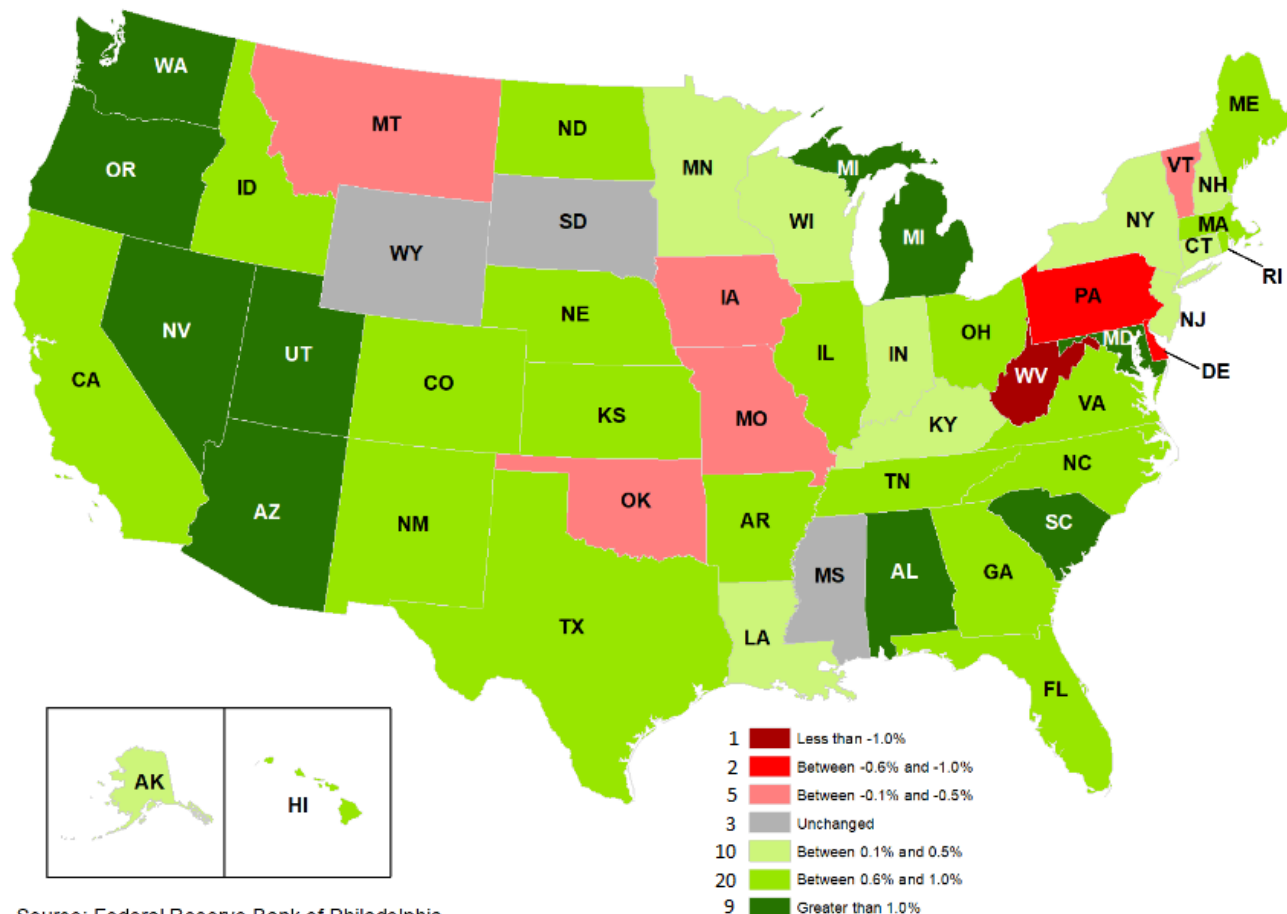
US 3-Month Change



US Annual Averages



December 2019 State Coincident Indexes: Three-Month Change



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

