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03/10 07:30	÷	I Change in Manufact. Payrolls	Feb	10k		19k	
03/10 07:30	÷	III Unemployment Rate	Feb	3.4%		3.4%	
03/10 07:30	÷	Average Hourly Earnings MoM	Feb	0.3%		0.3%	
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03/14 07:30	Ŷ	Real Avg Hourly Earning YoY	Feb			-1.8%	
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They Said it:

THE WORLD IS SMOLDERING. How many more must die before we force a negotiated settlement? Where is leadership?

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Ukraine Hit by One of Russia's Biggest Missile Barrages This Year

https://www.wsj.com/articles/ukraine-hit-in-one-of-russias-biggest-missile-barrages-this-yearae9d4b91?mod=hp_lead_pos2

Russia fired dozens of missiles at Kyiv and other regions across Ukraine overnight, striking civilian infrastructure and the country's defense industry in one of the <u>biggest barrages this</u> <u>year</u> as its forces continued to claw more territory in the east.

Gen. Valeriy Zaluzhny, the commander-in-chief of Ukraine's armed forces, said Russia had launched 81 missiles of different varieties from air, land and sea, in addition to eight Iranianmade attack drones. Four of the drones and 34 cruise missiles were intercepted, Gen. Zaluzhny said.

There were strikes in 10 of Ukraine's 27 regions, Mr. Zelensky said. "Russians can only terrorize civilians. That's all they can do. But that won't help them. They won't avoid responsibility for everything they have done," Mr. Zelensky said on Telegram.

Biden's Budget Would Cut Deficits by \$3 Trillion Over 10 Years, Raise Taxes on Businesses

https://www.wsj.com/articles/bidens-budget-would-cut-deficits-by-3-trillion-over-10-years-raisetaxes-on-businesses-b5081d03?mod=hp_lead_pos6

The budget is unlikely to gain momentum on Capitol Hill as Republicans, who control the House, are expected to oppose most of Mr. Biden's proposals. It will detail the president's policy priorities for the second half of his term and provide insight into how the administration views the economy. It will also offer a starting position for Democrats as lawmakers begin hashing out their visions for government spending before the fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

Deepest Bond Yield Inversion Since Volcker Suggests Hard Landing

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-03-07/deepest-bond-yield-inversion-since-volcker-suggests-hard-landing?sref=k5DuN3at

The bond market is doubling down on the prospect of a US recession after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell <u>warned</u> of a return to bigger interest-rate hikes to cool inflation and the economy. As swaps traders priced in around a full percentage point of Fed hikes over the next four meetings, the yield on two-year Treasury notes touched 5.08% on Wednesday, its highest level since 2007. Critically, longer-dated yields remained in check, with the 10-year rate under 4% and the yield on 30-year bonds lower.

As a result, the closely watched spread between 2- and 10-year yields this week showed a discount larger than a percentage point for the first time since 1981, when then-Fed Chair Paul Volcker was engineering hikes that broke the back of double-digit inflation at the cost of a lengthy recession. A similar dynamic is unfolding now, according to Ken Griffin, the chief executive officer and founder of hedge fund giant Citadel.

The White House Changes Its Tune on Big Oil

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-03-09/the-white-house-changes-its-tune-on-bigoil-lf13qz4l?srnd=premium&sref=k5DuN3at

Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm <u>heaped praise on the oil industry</u> Wednesday for boosting output and making the US "a global energy powerhouse."

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What a difference five months makes. It was only October when President Joe Biden was accusing the oil industry of war profiteering by steering revenues to shareholders instead of new drilling.

In her address to the CERAWeek by S&P Global conference in Houston, Granholm even appealed to "creative visionaries" in the oil industry to help transform the energy sector by putting drilling, fracking and gas transportation know-how to work advancing offshore wind farms, geothermal projects and hydrogen.

US Treasury Auction Schedule On Bloomberg: NI TRE <go>

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Bill Auctions	Announcement	Auction	Settles	Numbers	R	Bil	Auction	\$ Blr
4-week	03/14/2023	03/09/2023	03/14/2023	912796CT4		\$65	03/02/2023	\$75
8-week	03/14/2023	03/09/2023	03/14/2023	912797FD4		\$55	03/02/2023	\$60
17-week	03/14/2023	03/15/2023	03/21/2023	TBA		TBA	03/08/2023	\$36
3-month	03/09/2023	03/13/2023	03/16/2023	912796X53		TBA	03/06/2023	\$57
6-month	03/09/2023	03/13/2023	03/16/2023	912796CQ0		TBA	03/06/2023	\$48
1-year	03/16/2023	03/21/2023	03/23/2023	TBA		TBA	02/21/2023	\$34
Note Auctions								
2-year	03/23/2023	03/27/2023	03/31/2023	TBA		TBA	02/21/2023	\$42
3-year	04/06/2023	04/11/2023	04/17/2023	TBA		TBA	03/07/2023	\$4(
5-year	03/23/2023	03/28/2023	03/31/2023	TBA		TBA	02/22/2023	\$43
7-year	03/23/2023	03/29/2023	03/31/2023	TBA		TBA	02/23/2023	\$35
10-year	04/06/2023	04/12/2023	04/17/2023	TBA	R	TBA	03/08/2023	\$32
Bond Auctions								
20-year	03/16/2023	03/21/2023	03/31/2023	TBA	R	TBA	02/15/2023	\$1
30-year	04/06/2023	03/09/2023	03/15/2023	912810TN8	R	\$18	02/09/2023	\$2
TIPS Auctions								
5-yr TIPS	04/13/2023	04/20/2023	04/28/2023	TBA		TBA	12/22/2022	\$19
10-yr TIPS	03/16/2023	03/23/2023	03/31/2023	TBA	R	TBA	01/19/2023	\$17
30-yr TIPS	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA	02/16/2023	\$9
Floating Rate Note								
2-year FRN	03/23/2023	03/29/2023	03/31/2023	TBA	R	TBA	02/22/2023	\$22
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Buyback	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		TBA	11/14/2018	\$.02

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Current Implied Probability of Fed Rate Movement (Futures) On Bloomberg: WIRP <go>

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			03/22/2023	+1.712	+171.2%	+0.428	5.003	0.2
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Z - OIS	03/16/2023	+198.1%	06/14/2023	+3.942	+81.3%	+0.986	5.560	0.2
B - OIS	03/23/2023	+103.28	07/26/2023	+4.272	+33.0%	+1.068	5.642	0.2
- OIS	04/26/2023	+215.68	09/20/2023	+4.342	+7.0%	+1.086	5.660	0.2
			11/01/2023	+4.166	-17.6%	+1.041	5.616	0.2
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FOMC Projections Materials, Accessible Version

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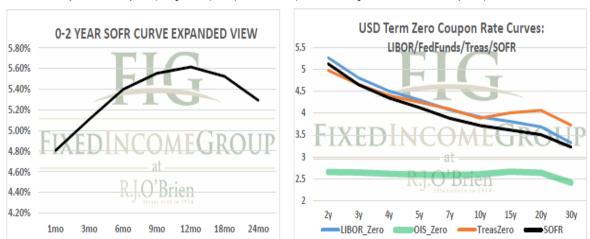
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Select STIR Rates

	Date		Change
SOFR RATES	3/9/23	Current	
1 Month		4.80496	0.02211
3 Month		5.1078	0.03122
6 Month		5.39853	0.03019
12 Month		5.61492	0.01934
LIBOR	3/9/23	Settle	
1 Month		4.80600	0.04629
3 Month		5.15371	0.02900
6 Month		5.49986	0.02572
12 Month		5.86329	-0.01742
BSBY INDEX	3/9/23	Settle	
1 Month		4.68687	0.02140
3 Month		4.96583	0.02715
6 Month		5.31020	0.03546
12 Month		5.65111	0.05176

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THE STIR CURVE: Distributed by The Fixed Income Group at RJ O'Brien



Making the change from LIBOR to a new reference rate is not an insignificant exercise. It will take planning and changes to processes and systems. Sonia and SOFR appear likely to offer a few options for users: compounded, setting in arrears (currently used in OIS markets) or a term rate setting in advance like LIBOR. You have questions, we have answers.

** Futures indicative prices supplied for analytics purposes only. Rates are not intended as a real-time offer to buy or sell.

		Te	erm SOFR i	from 1-day	Returns				
4.80496%	5.10780%	5.39853%	5.55322%	5.61492%	5.52361%	5.29061%	4.90569%		
1.0041376	1.013053263	1.027592471	1.04242039	1.057085052	1.084388472	1.10742868	1.149351029		
1mo	3mo	6mo	9mo	12mo	18mo	24mo	36mo		
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For more information on the Libor replacement, contact:	Rocco Chierici:	312-373-5439	SVP Fixed Income Group at RJO
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Getting Granular

The Fed watches 1-month bills v. 1-month bills 6-months forward. Below is a chart of 1-month SOFR v. 1-month SOFR 6-months forward, a proxy in futures.



Federal Reserve economists said, watching forward rates relative to those on current Treasury bills has served traders well in the past. When the short term forward spread inverts, it indicates easier Fed policy in the near future.

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3) 3 YR	4.895 /		4.899	-0.024		-0.1	4.234 —	-+
4) 4 YR	4.595 /	4.602	4.598	-0.020		-0.1	3.981 —	 •• 4.
5) 5 YR	4.392 /		4.395			-0.1	3.827 —	
6) 6 YR	4.258 /			-0.008		-0.1	3.730	• • 4.
7) 7 YR	4.160 /		4.163	-0.005		0.0	3.662	• • 4.
8) 8 YR	4.088 /		4.091	-0.003		0.0	3.616	• • 4.
9) 9 YR	4.036 /	4.043	4.040	0.000		0.0	3.586	• • 4.
10) 10 YR	3.997 /		4.000	0.003		0.0	3.567 —	→ 4.
11) 15 YR	3.891 /		3.894	0.008		0.1	3.537 —	— + • 4.
12) 20 YR	3.785 /		3.788	0.011		0.1	3.487 —	
13) 25 YR	3.636 /		3.639	0.012		0.2	3.378	-• 3.
14) 30 YR	3.502 /	3.508	3.505	0.015		0.2	3.269 —	— • 3 .
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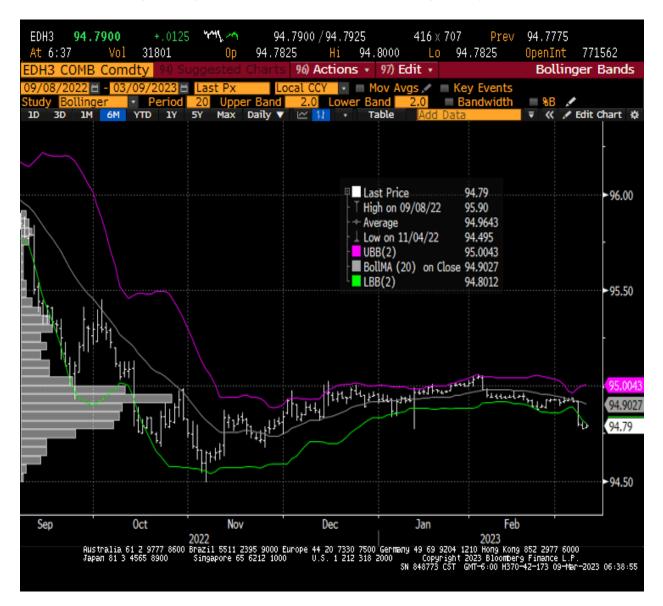


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THE TREND EDH3: ^94.91 is the pivot point Above the pivot you should be long, below short. Resistance is at 94.91^ and 94.99** Support is at 94.83**^Pivot Point is a 20-day moving average. ** (

Support is at 94.83**^Pivot Point is a 20-day moving average. ** 2-STD Deviations from the pivot point

Position in EDH3 has you long from 94.950 (1/12/23) has rolled over, resulting in a 1-tick winner (\$31.25) and a new short from 94.960 (2/2/23).



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Ultra 10-year Note (UXYM3): 117-13 is the pivot point.

Above the pivot you should be long, below short.

Resistance is at 117-13[^] and 119-15**

Support is at 115-12*

^Pivot Point is a 20-day moving average. ** 2-STD Deviations from the pivot point

Position had you long UXYH3 from 121-13 (2/1/23) has rolled over resulting in a 5-tick winner (\$156.25) and a short from 121-26 (2/3/23)





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EQUITIES



The **S&P** is **-9** and the **NASDAQ** is **-55**. Earnings:7 <u>www.moneycentral.msn.com/investor/market/earncalendar</u> **On Bloomberg type in ACDR <GO>**

UK

In the UK the FTSE closed -0.68%. BOE Rate 4.00% (.50% increase). Next meeting 03/23/23

EU: The CAC Index closed -0.44%. The DAX Index closed -0.46%. ECB Main Refinancing Operations Rate 3.00% (+0.50% increase). Deposit Facility Rate 2.50%. Next meeting 03/16/23

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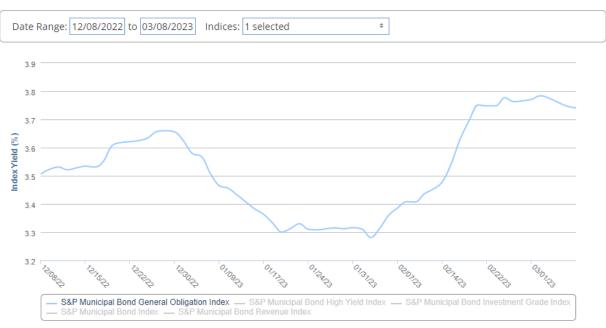
Japan: The TOPIX closed +0.97%. The NIKKEI closed +0.63%. BOJ Policy Balance Rate -0.10% (No Change). Next meeting 03/10/23

China: The Hang Seng closed -0.63%. The Shanghai Composite closed -0.27%. PBOC Deposit Rate: 1.50% 1 Year Prime Rate: 3.65%7-Day Repo Rate: 2.1394% Reserve Requirement Ratio: 11.00%

Muni IG Curve

The S&P Municipal Bond Index and its sub-indices are market value-weighted and based on bonds that are tax-exempt but may be subject to alternative minimum tax (AMT). Data are available for 12/02/2009 through 09/20/2021.

https://emma.msrb.org/ToolsAndResources/MBISYieldCurve?daily=False



Historical Index Data

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The Fundamentals

LABOR

Bureau of Labor and Statistics

http://www.bls.gov/news.release/

CPI, ECI, Employment situation PPI, CPI, Productivity and Costs, Real Earnings and US import/exports.

Average Hourly Earnings y/y Department of Labor Department.



Bureau of Labor Statistics

https://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/cesnaicsrev.htm

Nonfarm Payroll Employment: Revisions between over-the-month estimates, 1979-present

KC Federal Reserve Agricultural Finance Update DECEMBER 2, 2022

Farm Debt Climbs but Financial Stress Remains Limited

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Farm real estate debt continued to climb and led to a notable increase in agricultural loan balances at commercial banks. The pace of farm loan growth increased further in the third quarter and was faster among agricultural banks than those with less concentrated agricultural lending portfolios. Despite the increases in loan balances, farm finances remained strong and delinquency rates on agricultural loans reached an all-time low. As <u>interest rates edged higher</u>, increases in both agricultural and non-agricultural lending also supported earnings for farm lenders.

<u>The outlook for the agricultural economy</u> through the end of 2022 was generally positive, but some pressures remained looking ahead to next year. Profit opportunities for most producers across the sector remained favorable and continued to support farm finances. <u>Agricultural credit conditions</u> also remained strong, but improvement has been more measured in recent months alongside the pressures associated with uncertainty about commodity prices, intense drought and higher expenses. Despite some notable risks, farm finances remained bolstered by strong incomes in recent years and sharp growth in farm real estate values.

https://www.kansascityfed.org/agriculture/agfinance-updates/farm-debt-climbs-but-financialstress-remains-limited/

How do Farm Incomes Compare to the average population

https://www.ers.usda.gov/faqs/#Q1

Charge-off Delinquency Rates on Loans and Leases at Commercial Banks https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/chargeoff/delallsa.htm

Baker Hughes Rig Count Overview and Summary Count

https://bakerhughesrigcount.gcs-web.com/rig-count-overview?c=79687&p=irolrigcountsoverview

What is U.S. electricity generation by energy source? https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm_table_grapher.php?t=epmt_es1b

Biofuels International https://biofuels-news.com/home/

Renewable Fuels Association

http://www.ethanolrfa.org/

How Many Electric Vehicles are on the Road in America

https://usafacts.org/articles/how-many-electric-cars-in-united-states/

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Trucking 2/17/23

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ta Library	 Truckstop.com Stats 							
larket Share	 Average Market Demand Index (MDI) 	42.29	44.60	44.30	41.29	42.11	50.38	64.
lacro	U.S. Dry-Van Market Demand Index	48.63	51.68	54.73	53.01	53.32	77.80	110.
ndustry	U.S. Flatbed Market Demand Index	60.36	61.56	56.31	53.90	54.47	56.36	63.
ompany	 U.S. Temperature-Controlled Market De 	46.23	52.14	62.97	49.13	50.07	69.50	109.
nalyzer	U.S. Specialty Market Demand Index	13.50	13.86	13.67	12.50	13.39	15.53	18.
aluation								
ontributors	 Weekly Avg Truckload Rates Inc. Fuel Su 							
nitor	Average Rate Per Mile	2.457	2.460	2.465	2.429	2.457	2.518	2.5
ews/Research	Dry-Van Rate Per Mile	2.008	2.035	2.095	2.081	2.140	2.267	2.3
vents	Flatbed Rate Per Mile	2.579	2.565	2.568	2.514	2.527	2.562	2.5
omp Sheets	Temperature Controlled Rate Per Mile	2.311	2.369	2,420	2.401	2.501	2.685	2.9
arkets	 Specialized Rate Per Mile 	2.625	2.642	2.625	2.563	2.573	2.656	2.6
	U.S. Fuel Surcharge	0.57	0.59	0.60	0.60	0.59	0.59	0.
	Weekly average rates are weighted by the # of loads per day.							
	Load Turnaround (minutes)	278.1	271.7	276.2	270.9	274.1	285.1	27
	Truck Turnaround (minutes)	1,093.1	1,081.0	1,114.4	1,056.4	1,100.5	1,084.3	1,09
	Truckers Looking for Loads	29.737M		36.246M	39.317M		37.780M	30.12
	Shippers Looking for Truckers	84,460.0	147,721.0	149,078.0	145,384.0	150,407.0	186,496.0	164,07
	Truckers' Average Credit Scores Source: Truckstop.com	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.8	20.7	20.7	2

Rail Traffic

Total carloads for the week ending March 4 were 237,413 carloads, down 1.0 percent compared with the same week in 2022, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 236,778 containers and trailers, down 11.1 percent compared to 2022.

Four of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2022. They included coal, up 3,612 carloads, to 72,903; petroleum and petroleum products, up 1,320 carloads, to 10,523; and motor vehicles and parts, up 995 carloads, to 14,264. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2022 included grain, down 4,309 carloads, to 20,522; nonmetallic minerals, down 1,312 carloads, to 31,204; and metallic ores and metals, down 1,244 carloads, to 19,124.

For the first nine weeks of 2023, U.S. railroads reported cumulative volume of 2,066,853 carloads, up 0.1 percent from the same point last year; and 2,100,685 intermodal units, down 8.6 percent from last year. Total combined U.S. traffic for the first nine weeks of 2023 was 4,167,538 carloads and intermodal units, a decrease of 4.5 percent compared to last year.

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North American rail volume for the week ending March 4, 2023, on 12 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads totaled 341,889 carloads, up 1.9 percent compared with the same week last year, and 311,197 intermodal units, down 10.4 percent compared with last year. Total combined weekly rail traffic in North America was 653,086 carloads and intermodal units, down 4.4 percent. North American rail volume for the first nine weeks of 2023 was 5,750,477 carloads and intermodal units, down 2.5 percent compared with 2022.

Canadian railroads reported 80,825 carloads for the week, up 7.6 percent, and 57,978 intermodal units, down 12.2 percent compared with the same week in 2022. For the first nine weeks of 2023, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 1,250,113 carloads, containers and trailers, up 3.7 percent.

Mexican railroads reported 23,651 carloads for the week, up 15.0 percent compared with the same week last year, and 16,441 intermodal units, up 9.4 percent. Cumulative volume on Mexican railroads for the first nine weeks of 2023 was 332,826 carloads and intermodal containers and trailers, up 0.1 percent from the same point last year.

https://www.aar.org/news/aar-reports-weekly-rail-traffic-for-the-week-ending-march-4-2023/



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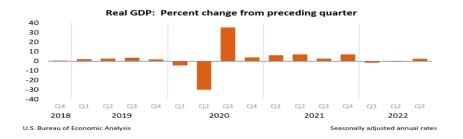
GDP

U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of economic analysis <u>http://www.bea.gov/newsreleases/national/gdp/gdpnewsrelease.htm</u> GDP, Personal Income, Outlays, Consumer Spending, Corporate Profits and Fixed Assets

Gross Domestic Product, Third Quarter 2022 (Advance Estimate)

Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 2.6 percent in the third quarter of 2022 (table 1), according to the "advance" estimate released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. In the second quarter, real GDP decreased 0.6 percent.

The GDP estimate released today is based on source data that are incomplete or subject to further revision by the source agency (refer to "Source Data for the Advance Estimate" on page 3). The "second" estimate for the third quarter, based on more complete data, will be released on November 30, 2022.



As of 3/7/23 GDP 1Q 2023 is forecast at *+2.02% down from +2.285% on 3/1/23.

*An average of the Atlanta and St. Louis GDP Nowcasts

Latest estimate: 2.0 percent — March 7, 2023

The GDPNow model estimate for real GDP growth (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in the first quarter of 2023 is 2.0 percent on March 7, down from 2.3 percent on March 1. After recent releases from the US Census Bureau, the US Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the Institute for Supply Management, the nowcasts of first-quarter real personal consumption expenditures growth and first-quarter real gross private domestic

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investment growth decreased from 3.7 percent and -6.1 percent, respectively, to 3.5 percent and -6.4 percent.

The next GDPNow update is Wednesday, March 8. Please see the "Release Dates" tab below for a list of upcoming releases.

https://www.atlantafed.org/cqer/research/gdpnow

St. Louis Fed: Real GDP Nowcast 1Q 2023 +2.04 as of 3/7/23. https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/GDPNOW

Index	Series Index Feb	Series Index Jan	Percentage Point Change	Direction	Rate of Change	Trend* (Months)
Manufacturing PMI [®]	47.7	47.4	+0.3	Contracting	Slower	4
New Orders	47.0	42.5	+4.5	Contracting	Slower	6
Production	47.3	48.0	-0.7	Contracting	Faster	3
Employment	49.1	50.6	-1.5	Contracting	From Growing	1
Supplier Deliveries	45.2	45.6	-0.4	Faster	Faster	5
Inventories	50.1	50.2	-0.1	Growing	Slower	19
Customers' Inventories	46.9	47.4	-0.5	Too Low	Faster	77
Prices	51.3	44.5	+6.8	Increasing	From Decreasing	1
Backlog of Orders	45.1	43.4	+1.7	Contracting	Slower	5
New Export Orders	49.9	49.4	+0.5	Contracting	Slower	7
Imports	49.9	47.8	+2.1	Contracting	Slower	4
	OVERALL	ECONOMY		Contracting	Slower	3
	Manufact	uring Sector		Contracting	Slower	4

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Manufacturing ISM[®] Report On Business[®] data is seasonally adjusted for the New Orders, Production, Employment and Inventories indexes. *Number of months moving in current direction.

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THE LAST 12 MONTHS

Month	Manufacturing PMI [®]	Month	Manufacturing PMI [®]
Feb 2023	47.7	Aug 2022	52.9
Jan 2023	47.4	Jul 2022	52.7
Dec 2022	48.4	Jun 2022	53.1
Nov 2022	49.0	May 2022	56.1
Oct 2022	50.0	Apr 2022	55.9
Sep 2022	51.0	Mar 2022	57.0

Average for 12 months - 51.8 High - 57.0

Low - 47.4

https://www.ismworld.org/supply-management-news-and-reports/reports/ism-report-onbusiness/pmi/february/

<u>US Census Bureau (Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories and Orders).</u> <u>http://www.census.gov/manufacturing/m3/</u>

Ranking of Countries by Military might. <u>www.military.com</u>

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- 2. Provide for the Common Defense.
- 3. Promote the General welfare.

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US Foreign Assistance http://foreignassistance.gov/

How much aid do we give around the world? https://explorer.usaid.gov

CBOT Non-Commercial Net Total – Futures Only http://www.cmegroup.com/trading/interest-rates/cftc-tff/main.html

How Natural Resources have performed over the last 10 years

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2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Key
	26.23%	11.35%	-2.50%	103.67%	56.25%	18.59%	54.20%	47.89%	160.61%	Aluminum
19.19%	<u> </u>	Pd	Pb	-	Pd	Pd	Pd		-	AL
	7.19%	6.91%	-9.63%	60.59%	32.39%	17.86%	34.46%	26.02%	55.01%	Coal
15.19%	6	Ni	<u> </u>	Zn	A	II.	۲	Cu	ک	-10-
РЬ	1.70%	3.91%	-10.42%	59.35%	31.19%	6.91%	31.55%	25.86%	46.91%	Copper
12.16%	Pd	Zn	Au	<u> 19</u>	- 10-	9	Ni	Pd	<u> 19</u>	Cu
	0.17%	3.80%	-10.72%	45.03%	30.49	-0.44%		25.12%	42.18%	Com
12.11%	Zn	A	- E	<u> </u>	Cu	<u> </u>	Pt	Au	AL	5
8.98%	-1.00%	-1.72%	-11.75%	20.96%	30.49%	-1.58%	18.31%	24.82%	31.53%	Gas
		Au	Ag	Pd	Zn	Au	Au	10 700	Zn	C
Pt 8.00%		-2.24%	-17.79%	17.37%	30.49%	-8.53%		19.73%	26.14%	Gold
0.00%	РЬ	5 5004	A	Cu	INI	Ag	Ag	Zn	INI	Au
7.52%	- 6.72% Cu	-5.52%	-19.11%	14.86%	27.51% Pb	- 14.49% Pt	11.03%	18.66%	25.70% Cu	Lead Pb
7.52% D.4	-11.03%	-11.79%	-20.31%	13.58%	24.27%	-16.54%	3.40%	15.99%	22.57%	Nickel
7.14%	-11.03% Pt		-20.31%	13.56% Al	24-2170 Au	-10.3476	3.40%	15.99%	22.5170	NICKEI
	-14.02%	-14.00%	-26.07%	13.49%		-17.43%	3.36%	14.63%	20.34%	Oil
4.18%	-14.02 /s		-20.07 /8	13.43 /s	13.03 %	AL	Cu	14.05%	20.3470	A
Cu	-18.63%	-15.51%	-26.10%	11.27%	12.47%	-17.46%		10.92%	18.32%	Palladium
2.33%	Ni	-10.01 /	Cu	РЬ	Ag	Cu	AI	Pt	РБ	Pd
AL		-16.00%	-26.50%	8.56%		-19.23%	-4.66%	10.80%	-3.64%	Platinum
-7.09%	I	РЬ	Zn	Au	I	РЬ	РЬ	AL	Au	Pt
الى 🕹	-28.04%	-19.34%	-29.43%	1.16%	4.66%	-22.16%	-9.49%	3.25%	-9.64%	Silver
-9.22%	Au	Ag	Pd	Pt	Pt	- 400-	Zn	РЬ	Pt	Aq
1Ni	-35.84%	-31.21%	-30.47%	-1.88%	2.99%	-24.54%	-18.02%	-1.29%	-11.72%	Wheat
-16.78%	Ag	i de la companya de l	۵	0	Q	Zn	-	-	Ag	1
400	-39.56%	-45.58%	-41.75%	-13.19%	-0.36%	-24.84%	-25.54%	-20.54%	-22.21%	Zinc
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https://www.usfunds.com/interactive/the-periodic-table-of-commodity-returns-2021/#.XDjAAlxKiUk

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