

PERSONAL INCOME RISES IN APRIL

Personal income rose 0.5 percent in April. Wages and salaries, the largest component of personal income, were flat in April after falling 0.6 percent in March. In Jan., Feb. and March—but not in April—wages were reduced by \$20 billion to reflect smaller-than-expected bonuses.

Real disposable personal income (DPI), income adjusted for inflation and taxes, increased 1.1 percent in April. Taxes fell \$64 billion after falling \$34 billion. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 reduced taxes and boosted government benefit payments in April and March. Excluding those effects, real DPI rose 0.7 percent in April after falling 0.1 percent in March.

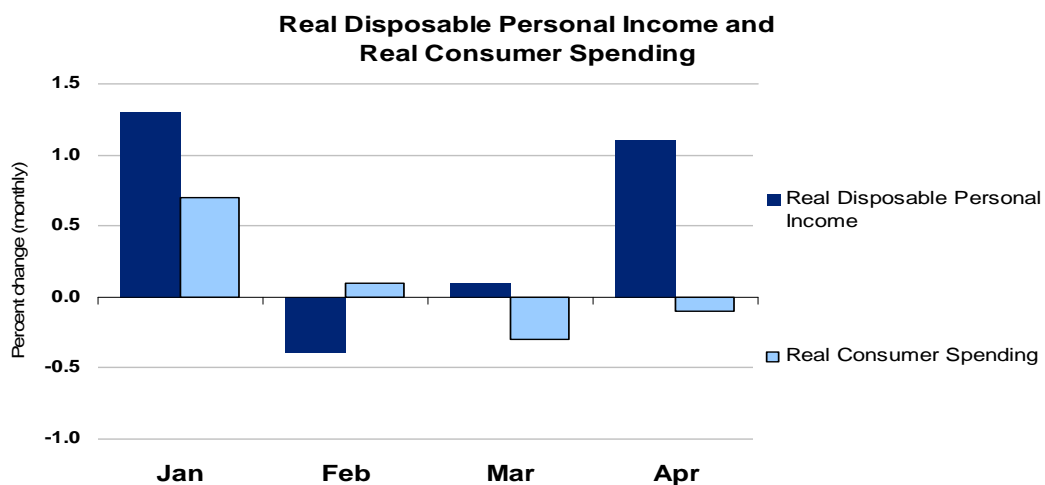
Real consumer spending, spending adjusted for price changes, decreased 0.1 percent in April.

PCE prices increased 0.1 percent in April after remaining flat in March. Excluding food and energy, prices rose 0.3 percent in April, after increasing 0.2 percent in March.

	Average growth, last 12 months	March	April
Personal Income	0.1 %	-0.2 %	0.5 %
Real DPI	0.3 %	0.1 %	1.1 %
Real PCE	-0.2 %	-0.3 %	-0.1 %
PCE Prices	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.1 %

Personal saving as a percent of disposable income rose to 5.7 percent in April.

	12-month average	March	April
Personal Saving Rate	3.3 %	4.5 %	5.7 %



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NOTE: On June 26, 2009, the May estimates of Personal Income and Outlays will be released.