

CONSUMER SPENDING RISES IN AUGUST

Personal income increased 0.5 percent in August, compared with a 0.2 percent increase in July. Wages and salaries, the largest component of personal income, increased 0.3 percent in August after a 0.4 percent increase in July.

Current-dollar disposable personal income (DPI) increased 0.5 percent after remaining flat in July.

Real disposable personal income (DPI), income adjusted for inflation and taxes, increased 0.2 percent in August after decreasing 0.2 percent in July.

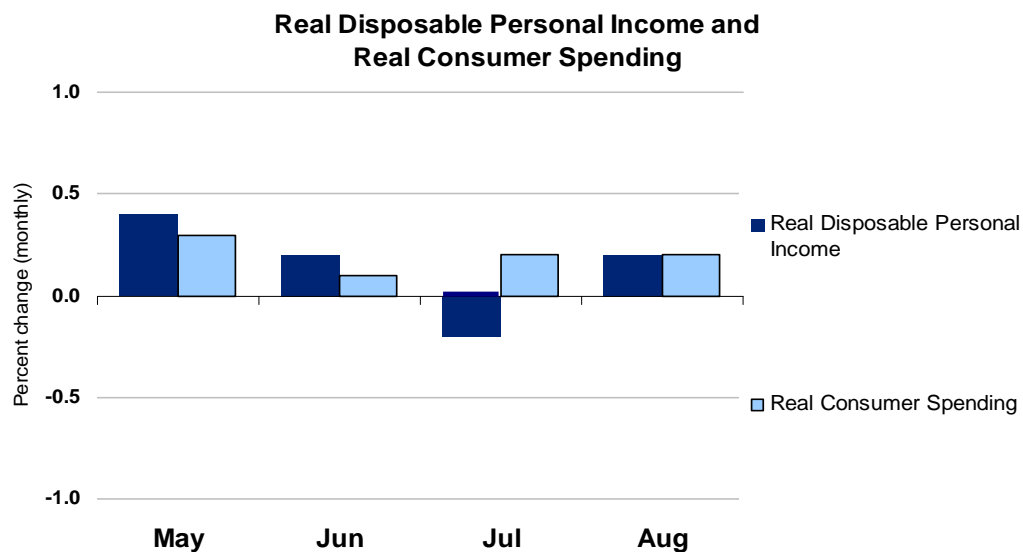
Real consumer spending, spending adjusted for price changes, increased 0.2 percent in August the same increase that occurred in July.

PCE prices increased 0.2 percent in August and July. Excluding food and energy, the PCE price index increased 0.1 percent in August.

Personal saving rate

Personal saving as a percent of disposable personal income was 5.8 percent in August, compared with 5.7 percent in July.

	June	July	Aug
Personal Income	0.0%	0.2%	0.5%
Current-dollar DPI	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Real DPI	0.2%	-0.2%	0.2%
Real PCE	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
PCE Prices	-0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Personal Saving Rate	6.0%	5.7%	5.8%



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NOTE: On November 1, 2010, the September estimates of personal income and outlays will be released.