

## Consumer Spending Accelerates in August

**Personal income**, a broad current-dollar measure, rose 0.3 percent in August, after rising 0.5 percent in July. Wages and salaries, the largest component of personal income, increased 0.2 percent, after increasing 0.4 percent in July.

**Real disposable personal income (DPI)**, the after-tax amount available for spending or saving, increased 0.4 percent in August, after increasing 0.5 percent in July.

**Real consumer spending** (personal consumption expenditures) increased 0.6 percent in August after increasing 0.3 percent in July. Spending on motor vehicles, mainly trucks, turned up. The August increase in consumer spending was the largest since July 2005.

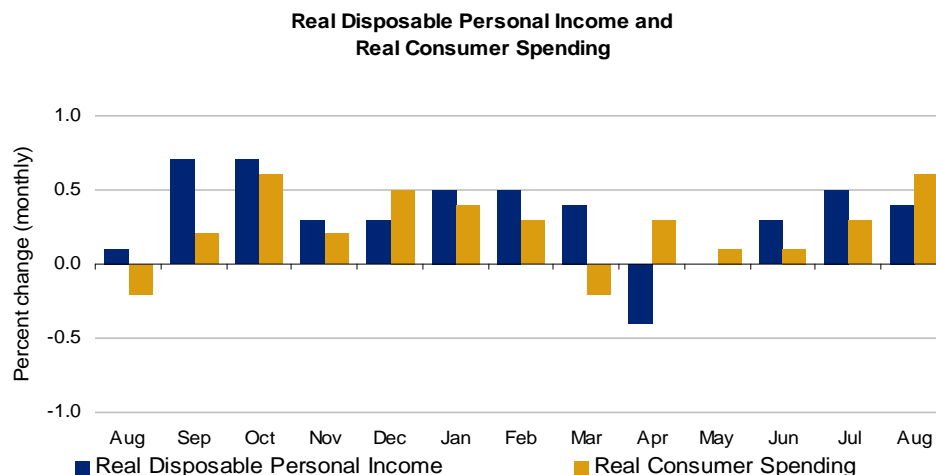
**Prices**, as measured by the personal consumption expenditures price index, decreased 0.1 percent in August, compared with a 0.1 percent increase in July. Excluding food and energy, prices rose 0.1 percent, the same as in July.

**Personal saving** as a percent of disposable personal income was 0.7 percent in August.

	Average growth, last 12 months	July	August
Personal Income	0.5%	0.5%	0.3%
Real DPI	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Real PCE	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%
PCE Prices	0.1%	0.1%	-0.1%

	12-month average	July	August
Personal Saving Rate	0.7%	0.9%	0.7%



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NOTE: On November 1, 2007, the September estimates of Personal Income and Outlays will be released.