

## CONSUMER SPENDING RISES 0.1% IN DECEMBER

**Personal income** increased 0.4 percent in December after increasing 0.5 percent in November. Wages and salaries, the largest component of personal income, increased 0.1 percent in December after increasing 0.4 percent in November.

**Real disposable personal income**, income adjusted for inflation and taxes, increased 0.3 percent in December, after increasing a similar amount in November.

**Real consumer spending**, spending adjusted for price changes, increased 0.1 percent in December, after increasing 0.4 percent in November. Spending on goods turned down, while spending on services turned up.

**PCE prices** rose 0.1 percent in December. Excluding food and energy, prices rose 0.1 percent in December.

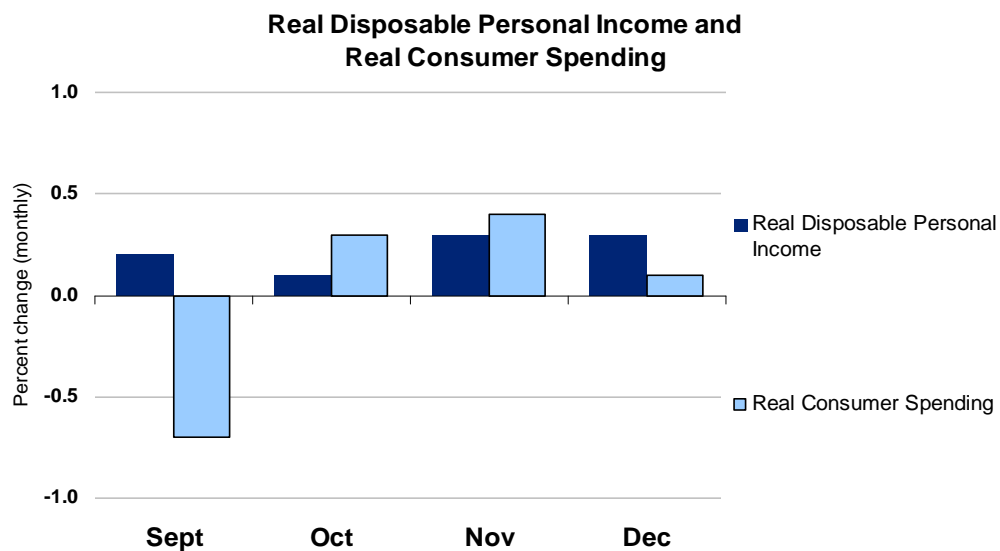
### Personal saving rate

Personal saving as a percent of disposable personal income was 4.8 percent in December.

	Average, last 12 months	November	December
Personal Income	0.0 %	0.5 %	0.4 %
Real DPI	0.1 %	0.3 %	0.3 %
Real PCE	0.1 %	0.4 %	0.1 %
PCE Prices	0.2 %	0.3 %	0.1 %

	12-month average	November	December
Personal Saving Rate	4.6 %	4.5 %	4.8 %



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