

PERSONAL INCOME RISES IN MARCH

Personal income increased 0.5 percent in March after increasing 0.4 percent in February. Wages and salaries, the largest component of personal income, increased 0.3 percent in March, after increasing 0.4 percent in February. Government social benefits to persons picked up in March.

Current-dollar disposable personal income (DPI) rose 0.6 percent in March after rising 0.4 percent in February.

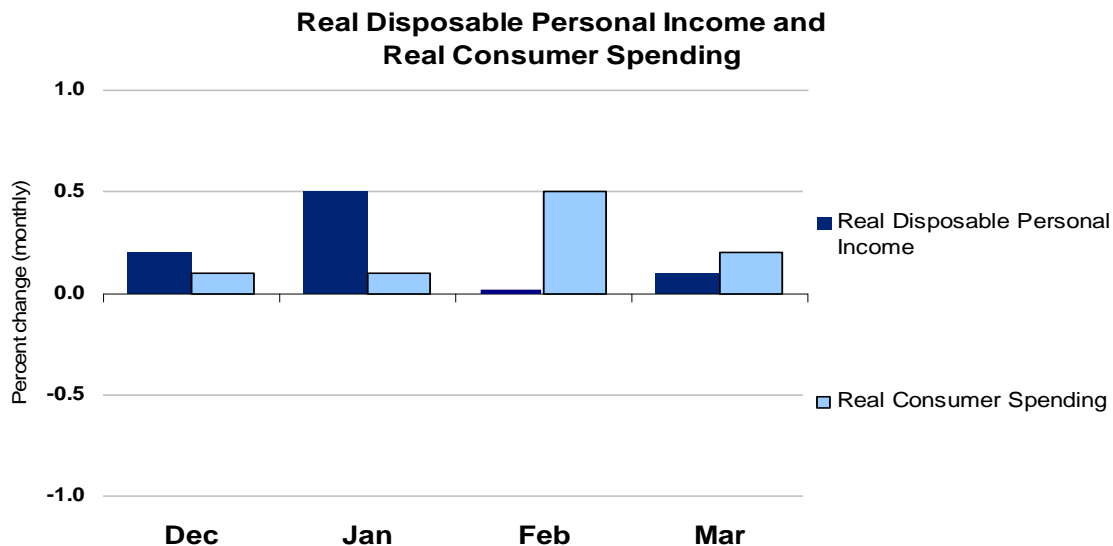
Real DPI, income adjusted for inflation and taxes, increased 0.1 percent in March after remaining flat in February.

Real consumer spending, spending adjusted for price changes, rose 0.2 percent in March, after rising 0.5 percent in February. Spending on goods turned down in March, falling 0.2 percent after rising 1.1 percent in February.

PCE prices increased 0.4 percent in March after increasing the same percent in February. Excluding food and energy, the PCE price index increased 0.1 percent in March after increasing 0.2 percent in February.

Personal saving rate
Personal saving as a percent of DPI was 5.5 percent in both March and February.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Personal Income	1.1%	0.4%	0.5%
Current-dollar DPI	0.8%	0.4%	0.6%
Real DPI	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%
Real PCE	0.1%	0.5%	0.2%
PCE Prices	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
Personal Saving Rate	5.9%	5.5%	5.5%



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NOTE: On May 27, 2011, the April estimates of personal income and outlays will be released.