

CONSUMER SPENDING FLAT IN OCTOBER

Personal income rose 0.2 percent in October, after increasing 0.4 percent in September. Wages and salaries, the largest component of personal income, increased 0.1 percent, after increasing 0.6 percent in September.

	Average growth, last 12 months	September	October
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Real disposable personal income (DPI), income adjusted for inflation and taxes, decreased 0.1 percent in October, the first decline since May. In September, real DPI increased 0.2 percent.

Personal Income	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%
Real DPI	0.2%	0.2%	-0.1%

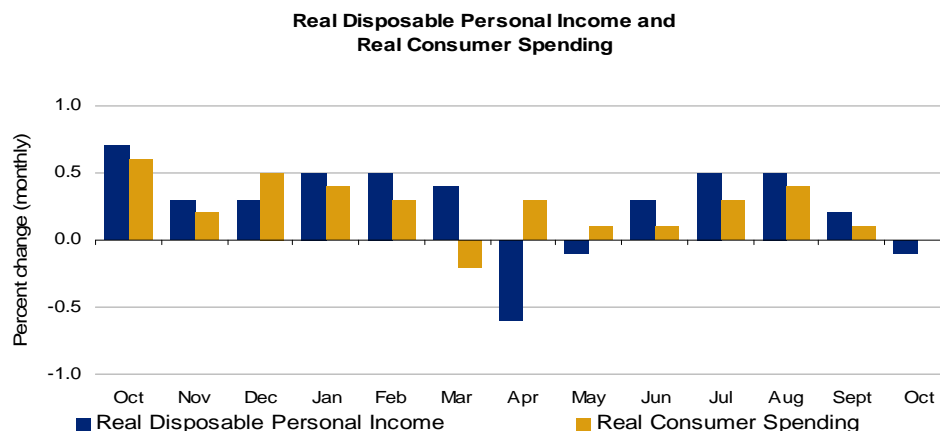
Real consumer spending was unchanged in October after increasing 0.1 percent in September. Spending on durable goods turned down, as spending on cars, trucks, and auto parts fell. Spending on nondurables also turned down; purchases of gas, oil, and other types of energy fell. In contrast, spending on services turned up.

Real PCE	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%
PCE Prices	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%

Prices, as measured by the personal consumption expenditures price index (PCE), increased 0.3 percent in October.

Personal saving as a percent of disposable personal income was 0.5 percent in October.

	12-month average	September	October
Personal Saving Rate	0.6%	0.7%	0.5%



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NOTE: On December 21, 2007, the November estimates of Personal Income and Outlays will be released.