Results of the 2019 Annual Update of the National Income and Product Accounts

Released July 26, 2019



Real GDP growth







- Update covers 2014–2018
- Benefits of new 5-year revision span
 - Incorporates revised source data for earlier years
 - State and local government finances
 - Federal Reserve Board Financial Accounts
 - National Science Foundation Business R&D
 - Scanner data
 - Improves seasonal adjustment





Real GDI growth





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Average annual rates of change for real GDP 2013 Q4 to 2018 Q4





Recent contractions and expansions

[Average annual rates of change]





Average of real GDP growth rates by quarter, 2014 to 2018





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Real gross domestic product

[Percent change from preceding period, SAAR]





Final sales to private domestic purchasers

[Percent change from preceding period, SAAR]



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PCE excluding food and energy price index

[Percent change from preceding period, SAAR]

Revised





Personal income and outlays 2013 Q4 to 2018 Q4



[Average annual growth rate]



Statistical Improvements





- 2014–2017: New quality-adjusted prices for cellphones jointly developed by BEA and the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) based on data from the International Data Corporation on new cellphones
 - Replaces annual FRB quality-adjusted price index, which was based on prices for used cellphones
- 2018 and later: BLS aggregate CPI for telephone hardware, calculators, and other consumer items, which includes qualityadjusted prices for smartphones
- Impacts on
 - Consumer spending on telephone and related equipment
 - Consumer spending on cellular telephone services
 - Private fixed investment in communication equipment
 - Imports of other household goods

PCE wireless services price index







- Incorporation of newly identified private source data
 - Consumption expenditures for video streaming and rental, based on data from HarrisX
 - Consumption expenditures on tobacco, including purchases of vaping products, based on data from Nielsen

• Prices

- New quality-adjusted prices for electromedical equipment in investment and foreign trade
- Improved prices for exports and imports of telecommunication, computer, and information services
- Expanded use of Census quarterly services statistics
 - Air transportation

Gross Domestic Product























Real gross domestic product

[Percent change from preceding period, SAAR]





















Gross Domestic Income







Personal saving rate

[Personal saving rate as a percentage of disposable personal income]



