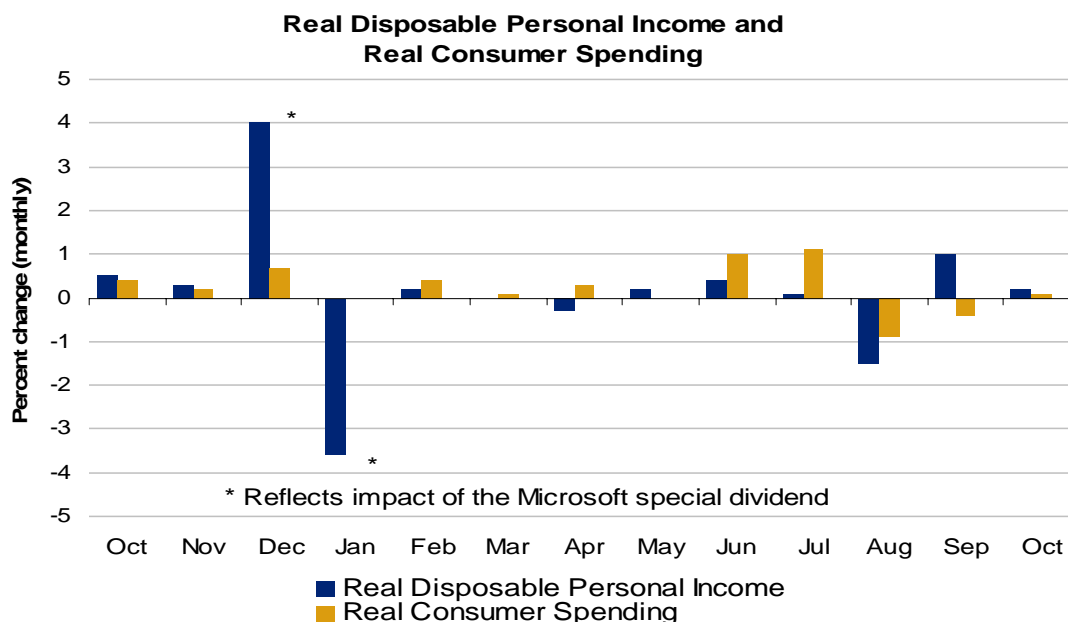


## PERSONAL INCOME, CONSUMER SPENDING ROSE IN OCTOBER

Personal income rose 0.4 percent in October after rising 1.7 percent in September, according to estimates released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Real disposable personal income and real consumer spending also rose.



### Personal Income

Personal income growth in October reflected increases in wages and salaries and in personal current transfer receipts. These increases, however, were tempered by downturns in proprietors' income and rental income.

Growth of real disposable personal income, the amount of personal income available for spending or saving, also moderated, to 0.2 percent from 1.0 percent.

### Consumer Spending

Real consumer spending increased 0.1 percent in October after falling 0.4 percent in September. The higher growth rate reflected an upturn in consumer purchases of nondurable goods.

### Effect of Hurricanes

The October, September and August estimates of personal income reflected the effects of Hurricanes Wilma, Rita and Katrina. For more information on how disasters can affect GDP, personal income, and their components, please see the FAQs on "Hurricane Katrina" on the BEA Web site: [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov).

BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov).

NOTE: On December 22, 2005, the November estimate of Personal Income will be released.