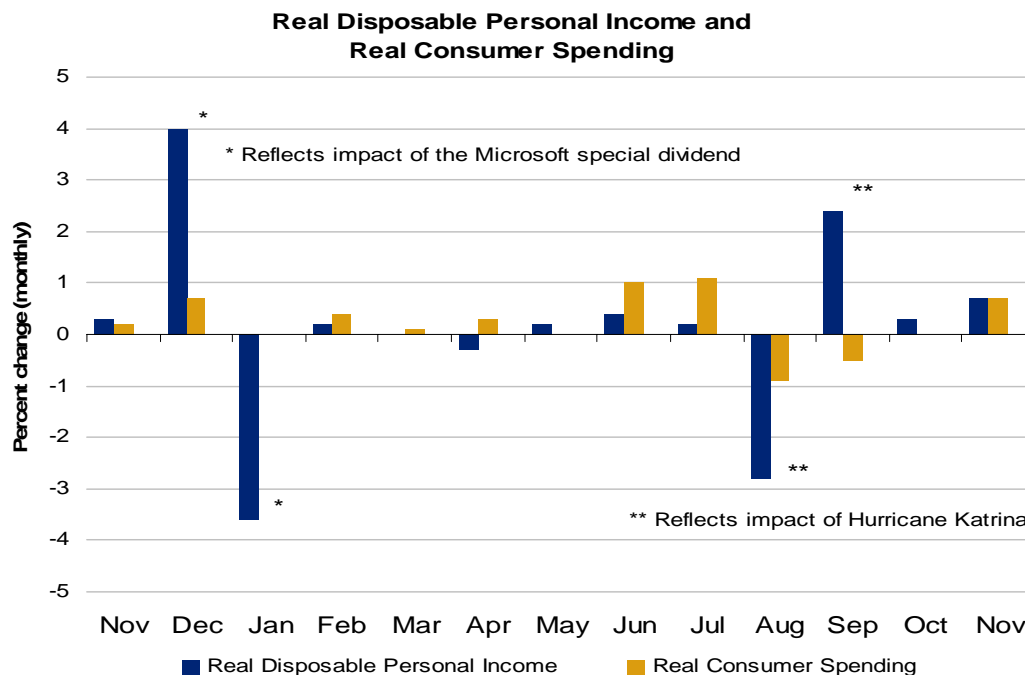


PERSONAL INCOME, CONSUMER SPENDING ROSE IN NOVEMBER

Personal income rose 0.3 percent in November after rising 0.5 percent in October, 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 November reflected a rise in wages and salaries, although the rise was not as large as in October. Rental income turned up. Personal interest and dividend income both rose.

Real disposable personal income, the amount of personal income available for spending or saving, increased 0.7 percent after rising 0.3 percent.

Consumer Spending

Real consumer spending increased 0.7 percent in November after being flat in October. The higher growth rate reflected increases in consumer purchases of durable and nondurable goods and services.

Effect of Hurricanes

The November, 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.

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. [E-mail alerts](#) are also available.

NOTE: On January 30, 2006, the December estimate of Personal Income will be released.