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## Director's Message

In this issue, we provide an article detailing selected [activities of majority-owned U.S. affiliates of foreign multinational enterprises](#) in 2019 and the changes in these activities from 2018–2019. Presented in our *Visual Essay* format, we include statistics on value added and employment and expenditures on property, plant, and equipment and research and development.

This month's "[GDP and the Economy](#)" article discusses the second estimate of gross domestic product for the second quarter of 2021. A separate article details [government receipts and expenditures](#) for the same quarter.

Lastly, we present a [tribute](#) to Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) research economists Bruce Grimm and Ray Mataloni, both of whom impacted the development of BEA statistics in their respective fields.



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