

In the final report of 2023, the Labor Department indicated that the U.S. economy added 216,000 jobs last month. The unemployment rate remained at 3.7%, while labor force participation dropped to 62.5%. However, wage inflation continues to show signs of "stickiness", with wage growth accelerating to 4.1% over the past year.

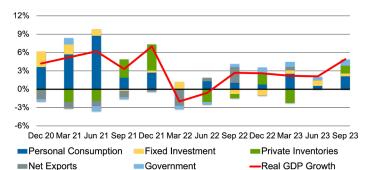
U.S. GDP GROWTH

Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023
2.7%	2.6%	2.2%	2.1%	4.9%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

GDP GROWTH JUMPS IN THIRD QUARTER

Q3 2023 Real Gross Domestic Product: 4.9%



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

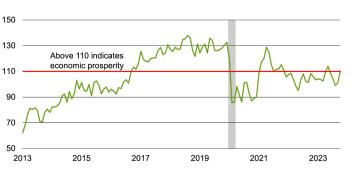
INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

November 2023 - December 2023

SUPERSECTORS	1-Month Total Change	1-Month % Change	
Mining & Logging	-1,000	-0.2%	
Construction	17,000	0.2%	
Manufacturing	6,000	0.0%	
Trade, Trans., & Utilities	0	0.0%	
Information	14,000	0.5%	
Financial Activities	2,000	0.0%	
Professional & Business Services	13,000	0.1%	
Education & Health Services	74,000	0.3%	
Leisure & Hospitality	40,000	0.2%	
Other Services	-1,000	0.0%	
Government	52,000	0.2%	

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE JUMPS IN DECEMBER

December 2023: Consumer Confidence = 110.7



Source: The Conference Board

SMALL BUSINESS OPTIMISM TICKS UP IN DECEMBER

December 2023: NFIB Small Business Index = **91.9**



Source: National Federation of Independent Business

INFLATION DECREASES IN NOVEMBER

November 2023: Consumer Price Index = 3.1%; Producer Price Index = 0.9%



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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MANUFACTURING INDEX INDICATES CONTRACTION

December 2023: ISM Manufacturing Index = 47.4%



Source: Institute for Supply Management

SERVICES INDEX DECREASES IN DECEMBER

December 2023: ISM Services Index = 50.6%



Source: Institute for Supply Management

FREIGHT SHIPMENT INDEX DROPS IN NOVEMBER

November 2023: Cass Freight Shipment Index = 1.094



Source: Cass Information Systems

TRADE-WEIGHTED DOLLAR INDEX

December 2023: Trade-weighted Dollar Index = 120.1585



Source: Federal Reserve Economic Data

COMMODITIES AND FUTURES

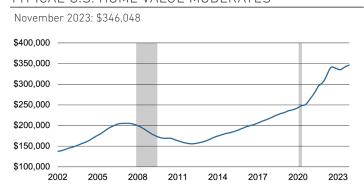
		As of January 5, 2024	Yearly Change
Crude Oil	¥	73.81	0.2%
Copper	CU CU	3.8060	-0.4%
Live Cattle		170.575	+8.4%
Lumber	Po	574.50	24.5%

Source: Wall Street Journal

		As of January 5, 2024	Yearly Change
Gold		2049.80	+11.4%
Silver		23.315	-0.5%
Corn	\$	460.75	-29.4%
Wheat		616.00	-17.5%

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TYPICAL U.S. HOME VALUE MODERATES



Source: Zillow Home Value Index

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