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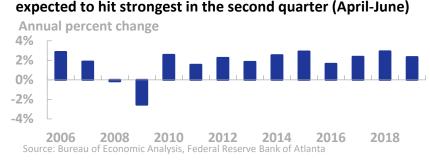




Macroeconomic Dashboard Growth and Employment

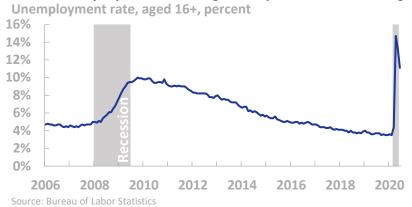
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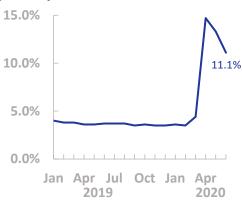
1. Quarterly GDP estimates have not yet shown the full economic impact of COVID-19, which was





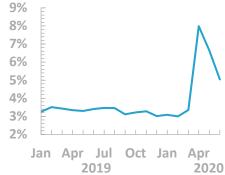
2. The unemployment rate surged in April, and lowered slightly in May and June



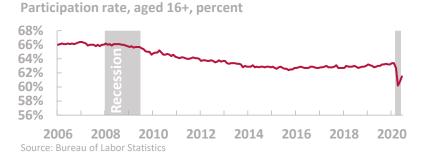


3. Nominal wage growth spiked in April because lower-income Americans were disproportionately losing their jobs





4. Labor force participation has fallen by almost 2 percentage points since coronavirus crisis began

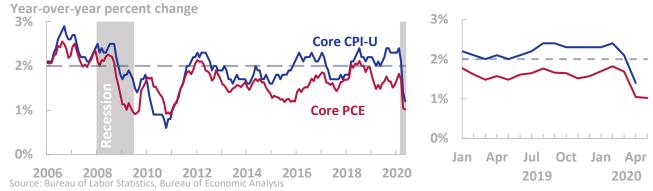






Prices and Investment

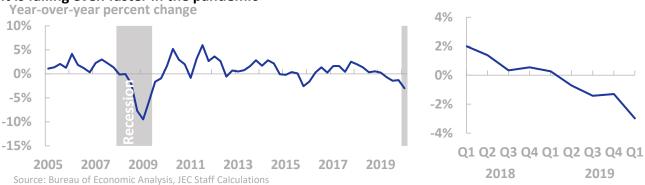
5. CPI is showing signs of deflation (a plunge in prices reflecting dropping demand)



6. Retail sales rose a record 17.7% in May, after plummeting a record 14.7% in April, buoyed by increased consumption from households receiving pandemic stimulus



7. Business fixed investment dropped in 2019, despite a promised boost from the 2017 tax cuts. It is falling even faster in the pandemic





2019

2020

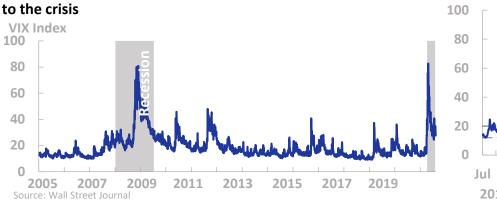


Financial Indicators

9. Stocks dropped 30% from their February high, then made up much of their lost ground

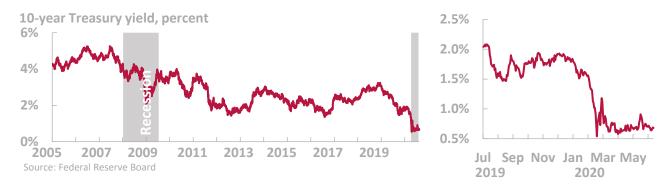


10. Volatility spiked in March, but it lowered significantly after Congress and the Fed responded

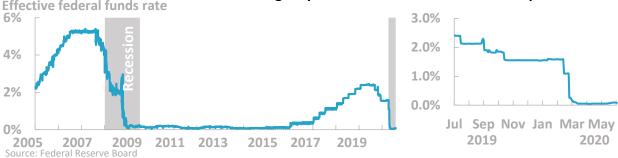


Higher 40 - Higher 40 - Volatility 20 Lower volatility Jul Sep Nov Jan MarMay 2019 2020

11. 10-year Treasury bond yields are still below 1 percent



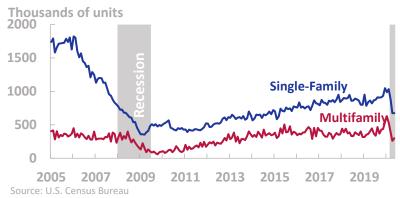
12. The Fed cut its rates to zero in an emergency move to combat coronavirus impact

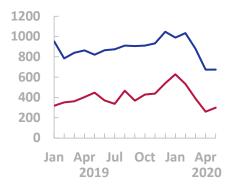




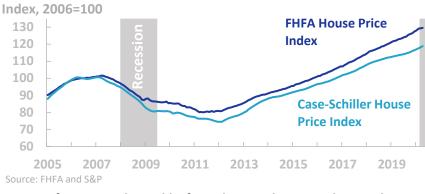
13. Housing starts are slowing

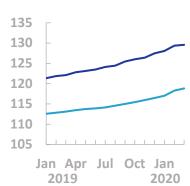
Real Economy Indicators





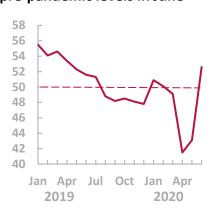
14. House price data lags behind the COVID-19 impact



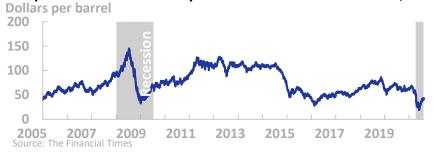


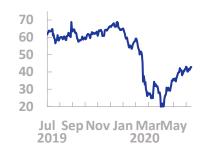
15. Manufacturing slowed before the pandemic and rose above pre-pandemic levels in June





16. Oil prices remain extremely low due to decreased demand, but have bounced off of recent lows



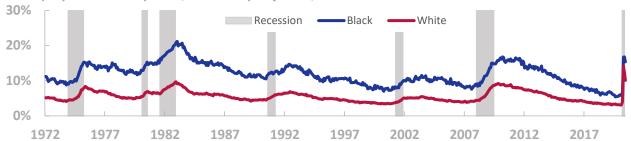




Special Topic - The Economic State of Black America

17. Black unemployment is consistently almost double white unemployment across time

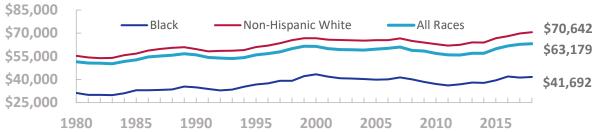
Unemployment Rate by Race, Seasonally Adjusted, 1972-2020



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Bureau of Economic Research, Haver Analytics. Note: Unemployment rate for those 16 years and over; data are seasonally adjusted.

18. Black families earn far less than white families and all families nationwide

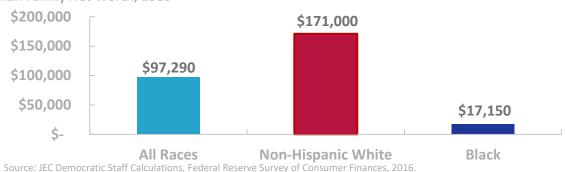
Median Household Income, Adjusted to 2018 Dollars, 1980-2018



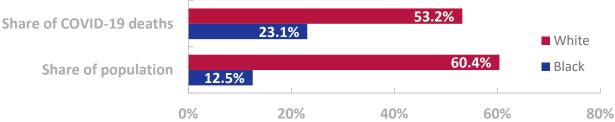
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Income and Poverty in the United States: 2018," Table A-2. Note: Income in 2018 CPI-U-RS adjusted dollars. Households as of March of the following year.

19. White families own nearly ten times the wealth of Black families

Median Family Net Worth, 2016



20. Black Americans make up a disproportionate share of COVID-19 deaths



Source: "Provisional Death Counts for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19): Weekly State-Specific Data Updates." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, https://data.cdc.gov/NCHS/Provisional-Death-Counts-for-Coronavirus-Disease-C/pj7m-y5uh/data. 7/1/2020.