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	2020				2021				2022				2019	2020	2021	2022
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
Production	q/q % chng : a.r.															
Real GDP (chain-weighted)	-5.0	-31.4	33.4	4.3	5.0	10.0	8.3	4.7	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.3	2.2	-3.5	6.5	4.5
Final Sales	-3.6	-28.1	25.9	2.9	5.3	10.0	8.2	4.7	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.3	2.2	-2.9	5.8	4.5
Final Domestic Demand	-4.6	-27.1	29.8	4.4	6.2	10.4	8.5	4.9	3.7	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.3	-2.7	7.0	4.6
Consumer Spending	-6.9	-33.2	41.0	2.3	7.9	11.1	8.5	4.7	4.2	3.6	2.9	2.6	2.4	-3.9	7.6	4.9
Durables	-12.5	-1.7	82.7	-1.1	22.0	11.0	7.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.8	2.5	4.8	6.3	16.2	4.3
Nondurables	7.1	-15.0	31.1	-1.6	9.0	8.5	6.5	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.7	2.6	3.1	2.6	7.0	4.1
Services	-9.8	-41.8	38.0	4.3	4.0	12.0	9.5	5.0	4.3	4.0	3.0	2.5	1.8	-7.3	6.1	5.2
Government Spending	1.3	2.5	-4.8	-0.8	-0.6	9.3	7.8	4.8	0.1	1.1	1.7	1.9	2.3	1.1	2.2	3.0
Business Investment	-6.7	-27.2	22.9	13.1	8.1	7.4	9.3	6.2	5.5	3.2	2.5	2.4	2.9	-4.0	8.0	5.2
Non-residential Construction	-3.7	-33.6	-17.4	-6.2	1.0	8.0	16.0	9.0	8.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	-0.6	-11.0	-2.2	7.3
Equipment	-15.2	-35.9	68.2	25.4	14.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	-5.0	15.0	4.8
Intellectual Property	2.4	-11.4	8.4	10.5	3.0	5.0	8.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	6.4	1.7	5.2	4.6
Residential Construction	19.0	-35.6	63.0	36.6	1.0	14.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	3.0	2.8	2.7	-1.7	6.1	13.9	5.3
Exports	-9.5	-64.4	59.6	22.3	7.6	5.3	5.6	4.3	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.9	-0.1	-12.9	6.7	3.4
Imports	-15.0	-54.1	93.1	29.8	11.8	9.1	8.0	5.7	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	1.1	-9.3	14.6	4.4
Inventory Change	2012\$ blns : a.r.															
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.															
Net Exports	-788.0	-775.1	-1019.0	-1122.0	-1176.0	-1222.5	-1259.5	-1285.4	-1295.0	-1307.6	-1318.8	-1330.7	-917.6	-926.0	-1235.8	-1313.0
Contrib. to GDP Growth	ppts : a.r.															
Nominal GDP	\$ blns : a.r.															
Growth	21,561	19,520	21,170	21,495	21,896	22,543	23,125	23,500	23,827	24,117	24,388	24,643	21,433	20,937	22,766	24,244
Real GDP	y/y % chng															
	0.3	-9.0	-2.8	-2.4	0.1	12.6	6.9	7.0	6.7	4.9	3.5	2.9	4.0	-2.3	8.7	6.5
Inflation	q/q % chng : a.r.															
GDP Price Index	1.4	-1.8	3.5	2.0	2.4	2.1	2.3	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.2	2.1	1.9
Core PCE Deflator	1.6	-0.8	3.4	1.3	2.2	1.4	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.1	1.7	1.4	1.8	2.1
CPI All Items	1.0	-3.1	4.7	2.4	3.3	2.4	2.6	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.2	2.6	2.2
Ex. Food and Energy	2.0	-1.1	4.0	1.8	1.0	1.6	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.3
Food Prices	2.8	9.8	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	3.4	2.6	2.3
Energy Prices	-12.0	-43.7	23.6	13.4	41.3	10.9	0.0	-2.1	1.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-2.1	-8.3	12.4	0.4
Services	2.6	-0.4	3.0	1.7	1.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.1	1.9	2.2
CPI All Items	y/y % chng															
Ex. Food and Energy	y/y % chng															
Core PCE Deflator	y/y % chng															
	2.1	0.4	1.3	1.2	1.8	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1				
	2.2	1.3	1.7	1.6	1.4	2.1	1.8	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3				
	1.8	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1				
Financial	% : quarterly avg.															
Fed Funds Rate	1.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	2.13	0.38	0.13	0.13
90-Day T-Bill	1.13	0.14	0.11	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	2.10	0.37	0.05	0.10
3-Month Libor	1.53	0.66	0.25	0.22	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	2.34	0.67	0.25	0.25
10-Year Bond Yield	1.38	0.69	0.65	0.86	1.32	1.70	1.70	1.75	1.80	1.85	1.90	2.00	2.14	0.89	1.60	1.90
10-Year BBB Corporate Spread	ppts															
	2.16	2.78	1.93	1.62	1.30	1.31	1.37	1.42	1.47	1.53	1.58	1.63	1.80	2.12	1.35	1.55
Foreign Trade	\$ blns : a.r.															
Current Account Balance	-458	-653	-724	-754	-807	-848	-881	-904	-914	-928	-940	-958	-480	-647	-860	-935
Share of GDP	-2.1	-3.3	-3.4	-3.5	-3.7	-3.8	-3.8	-3.8	-3.8	-3.8	-3.9	-3.9	-2.2	-3.1	-3.8	-3.9
Merchandise Balance	-775	-886	-990	-1012	-1074	-1118	-1157	-1187	-1202	-1219	-1235	-1251	-864	-916	-1134	-1227
Non-Merchandise Balance	316	233	266	258	267	270	277	283	288	291	294	293	384	268	274	292
Yen	¥/US\$: qtr. avg.															
	109	108	106	104	106	111	109	106	105	104	104	103	109	107	108	104
Euro	US\$/€ : qtr. avg.															
	1.10	1.10	1.17	1.19	1.21	1.16	1.17	1.17	1.18	1.19	1.19	1.20	1.12	1.14	1.18	1.19
Pound	US\$/£ : qtr. avg.															
	1.28	1.24	1.29	1.32	1.38	1.39	1.40	1.41	1.41	1.41	1.42	1.42	1.28	1.28	1.39	1.42
Trade-Wt, Dollar (broad)	Jan. '97 = 100															
	117.8	122.1	117.6	114.2	112.6	114.4	114.2	113.2	112.2	111.7	111.1	110.5	115.7	117.9	113.6	111.4
WTI Spot	US\$/bbl : qtr. avg.															
	45.8	27.8	40.9	42.5	57.8	62.0	61.0	59.0	58.5	57.5	56.5	55.5	57.0	39.3	60.0	57.0
Henry Hub Spot	US\$/mmbtu : qtr. avg.															
	1.9	1.7	2.0	2.5	3.6	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.0	2.7	2.5
Incomes	y/y % chng															
Pre-Tax Profits w/IVA,CCA	-6.7	-19.3	3.5	-0.7	14.8	31.8	6.1	9.3	8.8	7.0	5.5	4.9	0.3	-5.8	14.6	6.5
Personal Income	3.2	10.7	6.8	4.0	15.7	-0.9	2.9	4.5	-6.2	2.5	2.7	3.9	3.9	6.1	5.4	0.6
Real Disposable Income	1.4	12.2	6.4	3.1	14.3	-4.8	0.0	2.0	-8.0	0.5	0.8	2.0	2.2	5.8	2.7	-1.3
Savings Rate	% : quarterly avg.															
	9.6	26.0	15.7	13.0	20.4	11.5	9.9	8.2	7.8	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.5	16.3	12.6	7.4
Other Indicators	quarterly avg.															
Unemployment Rate	percent															
	3.8	13.0	8.8	6.7	6.2	5.6	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.7	8.1	5.3	4.1
Housing Starts	mlns : a.r.															
	1.48	1.08	1.43	1.58	1.54	1.65	1.66	1.67	1.67	1.68	1.69	1.70	1.30	1.40	1.63	1.69
Existing Home Sales	mlns : a.r.															
	5.49	4.38	6.10	6.66	6.43	6.60	6.61	6.62	6.63	6.64	6.65	6.66	5.33	5.66	6.57	6.64
Home Prices (Case-Shiller)	y/y % chng															
	3.5	3.6	5.4	9.1	11.5	12.3	11.0	7.3	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.2	2.4	5.4	10.5	4.4
Motor Vehicle Sales	mlns : a.r.															
	15.2	11.4	15.4	16.2	17.0	16.9	17.0	17.1	17.1	16.8	16.6	16.7	17.1	14.5	17.0	16.8
Civilian Employment Growth	q/q % chng : a.r.															
	-2.3	-42.0	27.6	10.1	1.6	5.4	5.9	4.7	3.9	2.6	2.1	1.7	1.1	-6.2	3.8	3.8
Industrial Production	q/q % chng : a.r.															
	-6.8	-42.6	43.3	9.2												

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