Economic Developments and Monetary Policy Environment

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Surge in Job Losses and Unemployment

Nonfarm Payroll Employment (thousands)

Unemployment Rate (percent)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics from Haver Analytics and December 2019 Summary of Economic Projections
Collapse in Household Spending

Real PCE Growth
(quarterly percent change, annual rate)

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Light Vehicle Sales
(millions)

Source: Census Bureau and Bureau of Economic Analysis from Haver Analytics
High Frequency Indicators

Confirmed Coronavirus Cases
(Thousands, log scale)

Morning Consult Consumer Confidence
(Index)

Unemployment Insurance
(Number)

Daily and weekly proprietary data on credit card, debit card, payment platform, and banking transactions generally show consumer activity bottoming out in early to mid April and flat to up a bit since.

Source: Johns Hopkins and Department of Labor from Haver Analytics and Morning Consult
Capital Goods and Manufacturing

Nondefense Capital Goods ex. Aircraft (billions of $)

Manufacturing Industrial Production (Index, SA)

Mfg. Purchasing Managers Index (Diffusion Index, SA)

Source: Census Bureau, Federal Reserve Board, and Institute for Supply Management from Haver Analytics
Global Collapse in Activity

JPMorgan Global PMIs
(50+ equals expansion)

Source: JPMorgan, IHS Markit PMI from Haver Analytics

Euro Area PMIs

China PMIs
Inflation -- Supply and Demand Shocks

PCE Price Index
(12-month percent change)

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<td>Yr/Yr</td>
<td>1.7</td>
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CPI monthly pct changes

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<td>Food at home</td>
<td>0.2</td>
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<td>Gasoline</td>
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<td>Core goods</td>
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<td>Core services</td>
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<td>Airfares</td>
<td>-0.1</td>
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<td>Owners equiv. rent</td>
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Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of Labor Statistics from Haver Analytics
Inflation Expectations Indicators

**Inflation Surveys** (percent)

- University of Michigan Expected CPI Inflation: 5-10 Years Ahead
- SPF CPI Forecasts: Next 10 Years

**TIPS 5F/5 Inflation Compensation** (percent)

Source: Federal Reserve Board, University of Michigan Survey of Consumers, and Survey of Professional Forecasters from Haver Analytics
Dollar and Oil Prices

Exchange Rate and Import Prices
(index, 2012=100)

Brent Crude Oil Prices and Futures
(dollars)

Source: Federal Reserve Board, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Energy Information Administration, and CME from Haver Analytics
Financial Market Developments

S&P 500 Index (index)

10 Year Treasury (percent)

Source: Wall Street Journal and U.S. Treasury from Haver Analytics
Financial Market Stress

Heightened Uncertainty and Risk
- Difficult to fund longer than overnight
- Liquidity strains in Treasury, MBS mkts
- Credit worthy firms, HH have trouble getting credit
- International flow of dollars strained

Show up in Many Market Metrics
- Mkt. volatility spikes
- Bid-asks spreads widen
- Pricing connections between similar assets/trades break down
- Risk spreads up across credit markets

Chicago Fed National Financial Conditions Index
(deviation from 1971-to-current average)

Heightened Stress in March; improvements in April

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago from Haver Analytics
Federal Reserve Actions

- **Monetary (FOMC/BoG)**
  - Cut funds rate to ELB, gave forward guidance
  - Cut discount/ffr wedge, extend term loans
  - Overnight and term repo
  - Purchase treasuries, MBS, CMBS
  - Eliminate reserve reqs.
  - Swap lines, FIMA facility

- **Supervisory & regulatory (BoG)**
  - Support banks using capital and liquidity buffers to lend
  - Temporary change to supplementary leverage ratio
  - Other guidance (some with other regulators)

- **13(3) Facilities (BoG)**
  - Commercial paper funding (CPFF)
  - Money mkt mutual fund liquidity (MMLF)
  - Primary dealer credit (PDCF)
  - Primary market corporate credit (PMCCF)
  - Secondary market corporate credit (SMCCF)
  - Term asset-backed securities loan (TALF)
  - Paycheck protection program liquidity (PPPLF)
  - Municipal liquidity (MLF)
  - Main street lending program (MSNLF, MSPLF, MSELF)
Federal Reserve Assets

Balance Sheet
(Bil. of $)

- Repurchase Agreements + Loans + Swap Lines
- Mortgage Backed Securities
- Treasuries
- Other Assets

Federal Reserve Board from Haver Analytics
Federal Fiscal Policy Actions ~ $2.5T

- **Households**
  - Direct payments ($290B)
  - Expanded unemployment insurance ($270B)
  - Emergency paid leave mandate/subsidies ($105B)
  - Other

- **Businesses**
  - Paycheck protection plan for small business ($670)
  - Support for targeted industries ($25B)
  - Tax cuts ($240B)

- **Health care support $270B)**

- **State and local government ($270B)**

- **Loss absorption buffers for Fed facilities ($450B)**

*Not included in the $2.5T total

Source: Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget from Congressional Budget Office, Joint Committee on Taxation, legislative summaries, agency reports, Federal Reserve, media reports, CRFB estimates.
Federal Debt Rising

End of fiscal year debt held by the public, including Federal Reserve
(Percent of GDP)

OMB and CBO from Haver Analytics
Forecasters see steep drop in GDP

GDP Level
(Index, 2019:Q4=100)

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<th>GDP (percent change, annual rate)</th>
<th>Q1</th>
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Source: Blue Chip from Haver Analytics and other internal sources
And Large Increase in Unemployment

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Inflation

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