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Overview

- Real GDP grew 2.1% (annual rate) in 2019:Q4:
  - Growth in personal consumption expenditure moderated, residential investment picked up but business investment declined for the third quarter in a row.
- Labor market remained strong in January; inflationary pressures remained muted.
- Significant uncertainty stemming from increased confirmed cases of the new coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outside China.
Real GDP Growth Fluctuating Around 2%

Note: Data through 2019:Q4. Shading shows NBER recessions. Source: BEA.
Note: Data through January 2020. Annualized consumption growth from three-month average level over three month prior. Savings rate as percent of disposable income. Source: BEA.
Consumer Confidence Remained High

Labor Market Remained Strong

Note: Data through January 2020. Shading shows NBER recessions. Source: BLS.
PCE Inflation Remained Muted

12 Month Percent Change

Total PCE

Core PCE

FOMC Objective

Note: Data through January 2020. Shading shows NBER recessions. Source: BEA.
National Business Activity Moderated

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2014 2016 2018 2020

Note: Data through February 2020 except for ISM non-manufacturing. PMI non-manufacturing is flash estimate. Source: IHS Markit and Institute for Supply Management.
Increased COVID-19 Cases Outside China

Note: Confirmed cases through March 1. Except for China and rest of Asia, cases on the right axis. Source: Johns Hopkins CSSE.
Sharp Movements in Financial Conditions

Note: Data through February 28. Source: Federal Reserve Board, Financial Times.