Economic Update

Mutual Savings Association Advisory Committee

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Economic & Policy Analysis
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Highlights

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  - CARES Act and higher levels of home equity should prevent widespread foreclosures

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Consensus forecast indicates strongest growth since 1984; unemployment to sharply decline

Real GDP, % change annual rate

Quarterly average unemployment rate, %

Blue Chip consensus forecast: average of 50 economic forecasters

Sources: BEA, BLS (historical data through 4Q:2020); Blue Chip Economic Indicators (April 2021)

*Quarterly official U.S. unemployment rate adjusted for misclassification errors noted by BLS.
Pandemic job losses still significant, but continued job gains fuel optimism on recovery

U.S. nonfarm employment, millions

Current jobs shortfall: -8.4M from prior peak or -10.6M from trend

U.S. nonfarm employment, monthly change, millions

Source: BLS (data through March 2021)
Stimulus & automatic stabilizers lifted incomes; potential for large consumption rebound

Real personal income by components
SAAR, trillions in 2012 $’s

- Stimulus check & other govt transfer
- Unemployment insurance
- Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, Veterans’ Benefits
- Wages & salaries*

Pre-COVID income

Cumulative shortfall is about $925 billion

Real personal consumption expenditures
SAAR, trillions in 2012 $’s

- Spending on services
- Spending on goods

Source: BEA (data through February 2021), Moody’s Analytics

* Wages & salaries includes proprietors’ income, rental income, and receipts on assets, less contributions for government social insurance
Inflation expectations rise modestly following unprecedented monetary and fiscal stimulus

Change in Federal Reserve assets since Jan. 2020, $ trillion

Cumulative U.S. Treasury outlays beyond 2019 levels, $ trillion

5-Year forward inflation rate, %

Source: Federal Reserve, U.S. Treasury, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (data through March 2021)

5-year forward inflation rate is a measure of expected inflation (on average) over the five-year period that begins five years from today.
Inflation is forecasted to rise in 2021 and then stabilize as supply constraints ease.

Core personal consumption expenditures, Jan. 2019 = 100

Year-over-year percent change in core personal consumption expenditures, %

Source: BEA (historical data through 4Q:2020); Blue Chip Economic Indicators (April 2021)

Core PCE excludes food and energy, and is the Fed’s preferred measure of inflation.
Strong economic growth and rising inflation expected to increase long-term rates

Treasury yields, quarterly average, %

Sources: Federal Reserve Board (historical through 1Q:2021); Blue Chip Economic Indicators (April 2021)
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Home price appreciation continues despite recession; all but 3 counties register YoY growth

Year-over-year single-family home price percent change, %

Single-family home price change Jan 2020 to Jan 2021, %

The three counties with price declines were: New York County, NY (-2.2%), Midland County, TX (-0.7%), San Francisco County, CA (-0.5%)

Source: Black Knight (data through January 2021)
Growing concern over home price sustainability; intrinsic real estate measures are mixed

Source: Census; Freddie Mac; Moody’s Analytics; Black Knight (data through 4Q:20)

Mortgage payment estimated using the average-price single-family home at the prevailing 30-year fixed-rate mortgage interest rate with 20 percent down payment (P & I only) relative to median household income.
Lower rates ease payment burdens; most areas are more affordable than historical averages

National mortgage payment to median household income, %

Mortgage payment to median household income, Dec. 2020

Significantly more affordable = 2 or more standard deviations more affordable county’s 1Q:91 to 4Q:20 history
More affordable = 1 to 1.99 standard deviations more affordable
Near historic affordability = Within 1 standard deviation of county’s affordability
Less affordable = 1 or more standard deviation less affordable

Sources: Black Knight; Freddie Mac; Census Bureau, Moody’s Analytics (data through 4Q:20)

Mortgage payment on average priced home in market using a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with 20 percent down payment (P & I only) relative to median household income.
Household formation outpacing homebuilding; regional housing supply varies

Cumulative household formations and change in housing units* since 2010, million units

Moody’s Analytics’ estimated housing supply by metro

1.8 million fewer homes than households

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau (data through ); Housing supply estimates from Moody’s Analytics (Overcoming the Nation’s Daunting Housing Supply Shortage, March 2021)

*Includes new home completions and extinguished housing stock
CARES Act keeping foreclosures at bay despite surge in missed payments

Share of mortgages 90 days past due and completed foreclosures, in thousands

Government action curbing potential foreclosures

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides protections to mortgages insured or sponsored by the federal government (two-thirds of outstanding mortgages)
  - Foreclosure moratorium through March 31, 2021 for Fannie/Freddie and June 30, 2021 for FHA, VA, and USDA loans
  - Up to twelve months of forbearance with no lump sum payment due upon exit (later extended up to 18 months)
  - When forbearance ends, borrowers may roll foregone payments into the loan balance

- Non-federal loans, which comprise the other third of mortgages, are not entitled to the same relief. However, most non-federal mortgage lenders are depository institutions that offer some type of accommodations.

Note: Unlike other sources, the MBA asks servicers to report violations of the original loan agreement, regardless whether a loan is in forbearance. In this way, the MBA is currently measuring payment rather than delinquency rates.

Sources: ATTOM Data Processing; Mortgage Bankers Association (data through December 2020)
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Mutuals’ pretax return on assets fell in 2020, but performance rebounded by fourth quarter

Pretax return on assets, %

Sources: Call/Thrift Reports from OCC Integrated Banking Information System

Data are annual values 1984-2020, and are merger adjusted for institutions in continuous operation from 1Q:15 to 4Q:20. Stock community banks have assets < $2 billion and exclude specialists. Inset table data are quarterly annualized.
Noninterest income surge at mutuals offsets provisioning and rising noninterest expenses

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Net gains from loan sales drove mutuals’ noninterest income in 2020

Noninterest income, 2015 – 2020

Sources: Call/Thrift Reports from OCC Integrated Banking Information System

Data are merger-adjusted and held constant for banks in continuous operation from the first quarter of 2015 to the fourth quarter of 2020. ‘Loan related’ includes servicing, securitization, and sales of loans; ‘nontraditional’ includes trading revenue, investment banking, fiduciary, and insurance.
NIM is historically low due, in part, to banks holding a greater share of liquid assets*

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* Liquid assets include total cash balances and U.S. Treasury securities
Modest mutual loan deterioration caused by CRE; but NPLS are still below 30-year averages

Nonperforming loan ratio, %

Mutuals

All FDIC-insured

Current share of loans: 57% 31% 7% 3% <1%

Current share of loans: 23% 22% 23% 8% 8%

Sources: Call/Thrift Reports from OCC Integrated Banking Information System

Nonperforming loans are 90 days or more past due or in nonaccrual; CRE includes multifamily, nonfarm nonresidential and construction loans.
Tepid overall loan growth; Paycheck Protection Program boosts C&I for mutuals and system

Year-over-year loan growth, %

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Conclusion

- Strong economic rebound expected in 2021 with massive government stimulus and pent-up consumer demand

- Lower interest rates, limited housing supply, and government actions bolster residential real estate

- Mutual savings banks’ performance rebounded during 2H:20, but extremely low interest rates will continue to pressure net interest margins
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