

# MONTHLY SNAPSHOT

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## The Economy Roars Ahead

-In the first quarter of 2021, Gross Domestic Product(GDP) rose at a 6.4% annual rate.

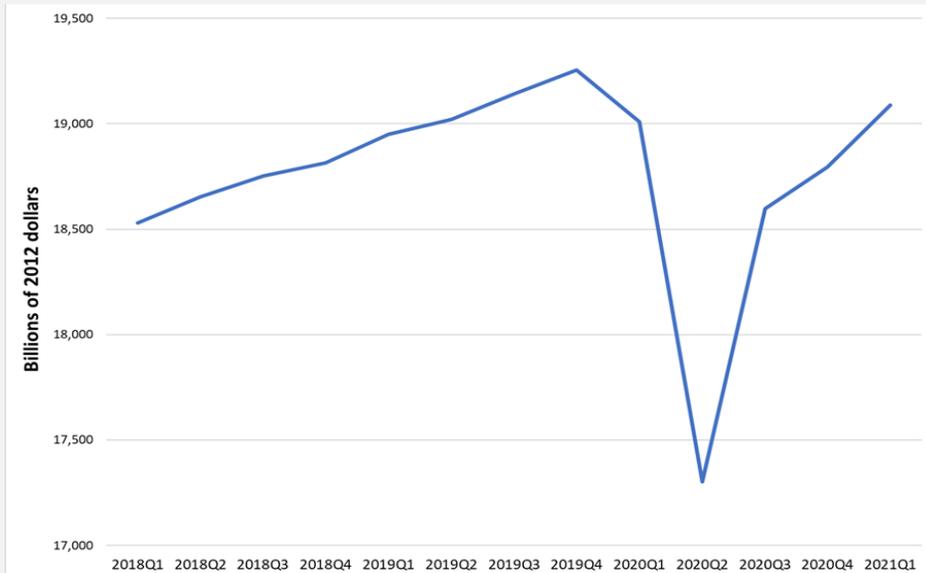
-This extraordinary growth rate understates the underlying strength of the economy. If you just look at real domestic demand and back out inventory changes and trade flows, domestic final sales grew at a 9.9% rate.

-The fiscal stimulus checks received by consumers in the first quarter certainly boosted retail sales and also caused the savings rate to rise to 27.6% in March.

-The growing economy is also propelling housing prices to march ever higher. Home prices over the last year have risen by double digit levels as low interest rates, rising incomes and ample savings combine to encourage home buyers.

-This good economic news has driven consumer confidence to nearly pre-pandemic highs which should auger well for continued strength in retail sales, especially as local businesses reopen fully.

## Real GDP, Annualized



## Index Returns

As of April 30, 2021	1-Month %	1-Year %
S&P 500 (large-cap)	5.34	45.98
S&P 400 (mid-cap)	4.47	66.93
Russell 2000 (small-cap)	2.10	74.91
Russell 1000 Growth	6.80	51.41
Russell 1000 Value	4.00	45.92
MSCI ACWI	4.37	45.75
MSCI EAFE	3.01	39.88
MSCI EM	2.49	48.71
US Aggregate Bond Index <sup>1</sup>	0.79	-0.27
US Corp. High Yield <sup>1</sup>	1.09	19.67

## Economic Indicators

	As of Date	
Real GDP	6.4%	1Q 2021
CPI (year-over-year)	2.6%	March 2021
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	March 2021
Fed Funds Target	0.125%	April 2021

## Style Returns<sup>2</sup>

	1 Month			1 Year		
	Value	Core	Growth	Value	Core	Growth
Large	2.13	5.17	7.73	34.67	48.24	45.57
Mid	5.05	5.22	6.04	85.23	57.66	57.94
Small	3.92	4.16	3.19	61.78	67.40	63.25

## Sector Performance<sup>3</sup>

Top 3 Sectors	1-Yr Return %	Bottom 3 Sectors	1-Yr Return %
Materials	63.04	Utilities	20.65
Financials	62.90	Cons Staples	22.81
Industrials	61.60	Health Care	23.70



<sup>1</sup> Bloomberg Barclays Indices <sup>2</sup> Source: Morningstar US Equities <sup>3</sup> S&P 500 Index

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