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PRODUCTIVITY AND COSTS

Second Quarter 2021, Preliminary

Nonfarm business sector labor productivity increased 2.3 percent in the second quarter of 2021, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today, as output increased 7.9 percent and hours worked increased 5.5 percent. (All quarterly percent changes in this release are seasonally adjusted annual rates.) From the second quarter of 2020 to the second quarter of 2021, nonfarm business sector labor productivity increased 1.9 percent. (See chart 1 and table A1.)

Chart 1. Labor productivity, nonfarm business, 2017Q1 – 2021Q2

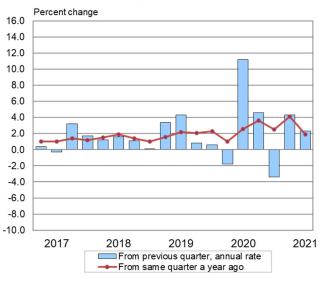
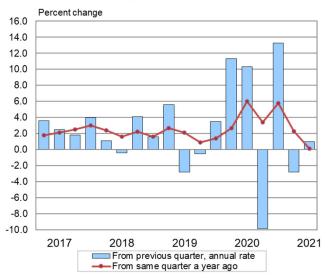


Chart 2. Unit labor costs, nonfarm business, 2017Q1 - 2021Q2



Unit labor costs in the nonfarm business sector increased at an annual rate of 1.0 percent in the second quarter of 2021, the combined effect of a 3.3-percent increase in hourly compensation and a 2.3-percent increase in productivity. Unit labor costs increased 0.1 percent over the last four quarters, as hourly compensation increased 2.0 percent and productivity increased 1.9 percent. (See chart 2 and table A1.) BLS calculates unit labor costs as the ratio of hourly compensation to labor productivity. Increases in hourly compensation tend to increase unit labor costs and increases in productivity tend to reduce them.

Historical Revisions to Productivity and Costs Data

Data in this release reflect the 2021 Annual Update of the National Income and Product Accounts (NIPA) released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce on July 29, 2021. See "Revised measures" section on page 3.

Labor productivity, or output per hour, is calculated by dividing an index of real output by an index of hours worked by all persons, including employees, proprietors, and unpaid family workers. The second quarter of 2021 is the fourth consecutive quarter with increases in both output and hours worked, following historic declines in those measures in the second quarter of 2020. Over those four quarters, nonfarm business sector output increased 15.8 percent and the index is now 1.2 percent above the level seen in the fourth quarter of 2019, the last quarter not affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hours worked increased 13.6 percent from the second quarter of 2020 to the second quarter of 2021; the hours worked index remains below its fourth quarter of 2019 level by 2.8 percent. (See chart 3 and tables A1 and 2.)

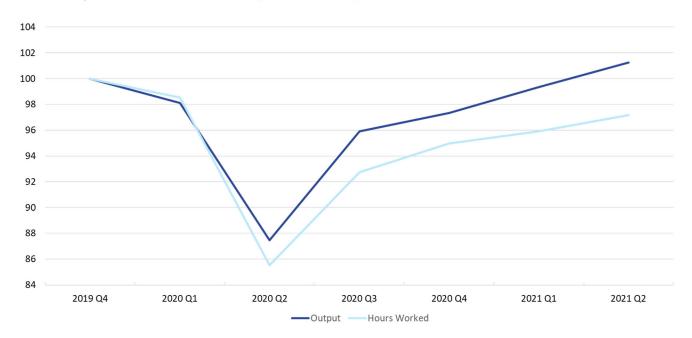


Chart 3. Output and Hours Worked index series, nonfarm business, 2019 Q4 - 2021 Q2

Manufacturing sector labor productivity increased 6.9 percent in the second quarter of 2021, as output increased 3.8 percent and hours worked decreased 2.9 percent. Although productivity also increased in both manufacturing subsectors, these gains reflected different underlying conditions. In the durable manufacturing sector, productivity increased 4.6 percent as a 1.4-percent decrease in output was outpaced by a 5.7-percent decrease in hours worked. In contrast, nondurable manufacturing sector productivity increased 7.8 percent as output (9.9 percent) grew faster than hours worked (2.0 percent). Manufacturing productivity increased 6.8 percent from the same quarter a year ago. (See tables A1, 3, 4, and 5.)

Unit labor costs in the total manufacturing sector decreased 1.9 percent in the second quarter of 2021, reflecting a 4.9-percent increase in hourly compensation and a 6.9-percent increase in productivity. Manufacturing unit labor costs decreased 5.8 percent from the same quarter a year ago. (See tables A1 and 3.)

Manufacturing sector output increased 16.5 percent over the last four quarters and is now just 0.8 percent below its level in the fourth quarter of 2019, the last quarter not affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Hours worked in manufacturing declined in the second quarter of 2021, prolonging the recovery in that measure, which stands 5.0 percent below the fourth-quarter 2019 level. (See chart 4 and tables A1 and 3.)

102 100 98 96 94 90 88 86 2020 Q1 2019 Q4 2020 Q2 2020 Q3 2020 Q4 2021 Q1 2021 Q2 -Output Hours Worked

Chart 4. Output and Hours Worked index series, manufacturing, 2019 Q4 - 2021 Q2

The concepts, sources, and methods used for the manufacturing output series differ from those used in the business and nonfarm business output series; these output measures are not directly comparable. See the Technical Notes for a more detailed explanation. (See page 8.)

Revised measures

Measures of output for the business, nonfarm business, and nonfinancial corporate sectors, and measures of compensation for all sectors, incorporate revised National Income and Product Accounts (NIPA) data released on July 29 by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce. As a result, all measures incorporating output, including labor productivity and unit labor costs, were revised back to 1947 for the business, nonfarm business, and nonfinancial corporate sectors; prior to 1998, revisions were due primarily to revisions to output in the index base year of 2012, therefore revisions to percent changes are small. Quarterly and annual measures incorporating compensation were subject to revision back to 1999 for the business sectors, and back to 2016 for the manufacturing sectors and the nonfinancial corporate sector. Profits and related measures for the nonfinancial corporate sector were also revised beginning in 2016.

Quarterly measures of manufacturing output and all related measures—including labor productivity—were revised historically to incorporate revised monthly Indexes of Industrial Production (IIP) published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on May 28, 2021. Annual manufacturing output measures for 1987 to 2019 were not revised; the annual average percent change for 2020 reflects changes in IIP.

Measures of hours worked for all sectors incorporate regular updates and corrections to source data for the first quarter of 2021. Hours worked and related measures for the business and nonfarm business sectors were revised back to 2014 due to revised NIPA data on government enterprises employment and on the proportion of industry compensation paid to employees of nonprofit institutions. Hours worked and related measures for the nonfinancial corporate sector were subject to revision back to 2016 due to the incorporation of revised NIPA data on the proportion of industry compensation paid to employees of

corporations.

Table B1 presents revised and previous labor productivity and related measures for the nonfarm business, business, and manufacturing sectors for the first quarter of 2021. Table A2 presents these measures for the nonfinancial corporate sector.

Nonfarm business sector productivity was revised down to an increase of 4.3 percent in the first quarter of 2021, as output was revised down slightly to an increase of 8.4 percent and hours worked increased 4.0 percent rather than increasing 3.0 percent as reported June 3. (See table B1.) A downward revision to first-quarter unit labor costs—from an increase of 1.7 percent to a decrease of 2.8 percent—reflected a large downward revision to hourly compensation that was partially offset by a smaller downward revision to productivity. Hourly compensation increased at a 1.4-percent annual rate in the first quarter of 2021, and real hourly compensation decreased 2.2 percent.

Manufacturing sector productivity was revised upward 0.4 percentage point to a decline of 1.3 percent in the **first quarter of 2021**, as output was revised up by more than hours worked. Productivity was revised down in the durable manufacturing subsector and up in the nondurable manufacturing subsector. In the first quarter of 2021, total manufacturing unit labor costs increased 1.9 percent rather than increasing 10.7 percent as reported June 3, reflecting both an 8.3-percentage point downward revision to hourly compensation and a 0.4-percentage point upward revision to productivity. (See table B1.)

Nonfinancial corporate sector productivity grew 5.0 percent in the first quarter of 2021, slower than the previously published estimate of 5.8 percent, as a result of a 0.9-percentage point upward revision to hours worked and a 0.1-percentage point upward revision to output. Productivity in nonfinancial corporations increased 5.9 percent from the first quarter of 2020 to the first quarter of 2021. Unit labor costs in the nonfinancial corporate sector were revised down from a 0.8-percent increase to a decline of 4.8 percent in the first quarter of 2021, as a large downward revision to hourly compensation was partially offset by a downward revision to productivity. (See table A2.) Unit labor costs increased 0.2 percent from the same quarter last year. Unit profits were revised up dramatically, and increased at a 30.0-percent annual rate in first-quarter 2021. (See table 6.)

Annual averages

Table C1 presents annual data for the nonfarm business, total manufacturing, and nonfinancial corporate sectors from 2018 to 2020. Annual average percent changes compare average annual indexes from one year to the next.

Annual average productivity in the **nonfarm business sector** was revised down to a 2.4-percent increase in 2020, as output decreased 4.4 percent and hours worked decreased 6.6 percent. Productivity increased 2.0 percent in 2019 and 1.5 percent in 2018. The average annual rate of productivity growth from 2007 to 2019 —representing the previous business cycle—was unchanged at 1.4 percent. Unit labor costs were revised up 0.2 percentage point to an increase of 4.5 percent in 2020. The 7.0-percent increase in hourly compensation in 2020 was the largest annual gain since 2000, when the measure also increased 7.0 percent. (See table C1.)

Annual average **manufacturing sector** productivity grew 0.3 percent in 2020, rather than decreasing 0.1 percent as previously reported. Output decreased 6.4 percent and hours worked decreased 6.6 percent in

the manufacturing sector in 2020. Productivity decreased 1.4 percent in 2019 as previously reported. The average annual rate of manufacturing productivity growth from 2007 to 2019 was unchanged at 0.2 percent. The 6.5-percent increase in manufacturing unit labor costs in 2020 was the largest increase in the annual series which begins in 1987. (See table C1.)

Annual average productivity in the **nonfinancial corporate sector** was revised up to a 2.2-percent increase in 2020, as output decreased 4.2 percent and hours worked decreased 6.3 percent. Productivity was revised up significantly in both 2019 and 2018, from a 0.7-percent increase to a 1.4-percent increase in 2019, and from a 0.6-percent increase to a 1.2-percent increase in 2018. (See tables C1 and 6.) The average annual rate of productivity growth in the nonfinancial corporate sector from 2007 to 2019 was revised up from 0.8 percent to 0.9 percent.

Complete quarterly and annual data series can be found on the Productivity and Costs home page: www.bls.gov/lpc/#data.

The revised Productivity and Costs news release for second-quarter 2021 is scheduled to be released on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. (ET).

Table A1.	. Labor productivity growth and related measures - preliminary second-quarter 202	1:1
(percent ch	nange from previous quarter at annual rate and from same quarter a year ago)	

Sector	Percent change from:	Labor productivity	Output	Hours worked	Hourly compensation	Real hourly compensation	Unit labor costs
	s Previous quarter	2.3	7.9	5.5	3.3	-4.8	1.0
Tromami basines	A year ago	1.9	15.8	13.6	2.0	-2.7	0.1
Business	Previous quarter	2.7	7.8	5.0	3.7	-4.4	0.9
	A year ago	2.1	15.7	13.3	2.2	-2.5	0.1
Manufacturing	Previous quarter	6.9	3.8	-2.9	4.9	-3.3	-1.9
	A year ago	6.8	16.5	9.1	0.6	-4.0	-5.8
Durable	Previous quarter	4.6	-1.4	-5.7	5.4	-2.8	0.7
manufacturing	A year ago	12.4	23.2	9.6	0.2	-4.3	-10.8
Nondurable	Previous quarter	7.8	9.9	2.0	4.8	-3.4	-2.8
manufacturing	A year ago	1.3	9.8	8.4	1.2	-3.4	-0.1

Table A2. Labor productivity growth and related measures - revised and previously published first-quarter 2021	ı
(percent change from previous quarter at annual rate)	

Sector		Labor productivity	Output	Hours worked	Hourly compensation	Real hourly compensation	Unit labor costs
Nonfinancial	Revised	5.0	8.9	3.7	0.0	-3.6	-4.8
corporate	Previously published	5.8	8.8	2.8	6.7	2.8	8.0

Table B1. Labor productivity growth and related measures - revised and previously published first-quarter 2021
(percent change from previous quarter at annual rate)

Sector		Labor productivity	Output	Hours worked	Hourly compensation	Real hourly compensation	Unit labor costs
Nonfarm business	Revised	4.3	8.4	4.0	1.4	-2.2	-2.8
	Previously published	5.4	8.6	3.0	7.2	3.3	1.7
Business	Revised	4.2	8.2	3.8	1.5	-2.1	-2.6
	Previously published	5.2	8.3	2.9	7.3	3.4	1.9
Manufacturing	Revised	-1.3	2.4	3.8	0.6	-3.1	1.9
	Previously published	-1.7	1.4	3.1	8.9	5.0	10.7
Durable	Revised	0.8	6.3	5.5	1.8	-1.9	1.0
manufacturing	Previously published	1.1	5.7	4.6	11.7	7.6	10.4
Nondurable	Revised	-2.7	-1.7	1.0	-2.1	-5.6	0.6
manufacturing	Previously published	-3.7	-3.0	0.7	3.6	-0.1	7.6

Table C1. Labor productivity growth and related measures - revised and previous annual average changes: 2018-2020 Labor Hours Hourly Real hourly Unit labor Year productivity Output compensation Sector worked compensation costs 2020 Revised Nonfarm 2.4 -4.4 -6.6 7.0 5.6 4.5 business Previously 2.5 -4.2 -6.6 7.0 5.6 4.3 published 2019 Revised 2.0 2.7 0.7 3.8 2.0 1.8 Previously 1.8 2.5 0.7 3.7 1.8 1.9 published 2018 1.5 3.5 0.9 Revised 2.0 3.4 1.9 Previously 3.5 2.0 3.3 0.9 1.9 1.4 published Manufacturing Revised 0.3 -6.4 -6.6 6.8 5.4 6.5 2020 Previously -0.1 -6.8 -6.6 5.6 4.3 5.8 published 2019 Revised -1.4 -1.7 -0.2 2.8 1.0 4.3 Previously 3.1 -1.4 -1.7 -0.2 1.2 4.6 published 2018 Revised -0.1 1.8 1.9 2.2 -0.2 2.3 2.2 Previously -0.1 1.8 1.9 2.1 -0.3 published Nonfinancial 2020 Revised 2.2 -4.2 -6.3 6.9 5.6 4.6 corporate Previously 2.1 -4.3 -6.3 7.5 6.2 5.3 published 2019 Revised 1.4 2.3 0.9 3.9 2.1 2.5 Previously 0.7 1.6 0.9 3.8 1.9 3.1 published 2018 Revised 1.2 3.2 2.0 3.5 1.1 2.3 Previously 0.6 2.6 2.0 3.5 1.0 2.8 published

TECHNICAL NOTES

Labor Hours

Hours worked data for the labor productivity and cost measures include hours worked for all persons working in the sector—wage and salary workers, the self-employed and unpaid family workers. The primary source of hours and employment data is the BLS Current Employment Statistics (CES) program, which provides monthly survey data on the number of jobs held by wage and salary workers in nonfarm establishments, counting a person who is employed by two or more establishments at each place of employment. The CES also provides average weekly paid hours of production and nonsupervisory workers in these establishments. Weekly paid hours are adjusted to hours worked using data from the National Compensation Survey (NCS) for 1996 forward and data from the BLS Hours at Work survey, conducted for this purpose, prior to 1990. Between 1990 and 1995, weekly paid hours are adjusted to hours at work using a combination of NCS and Hours at Work survey data. The Office of Productivity and Technology estimates average weekly hours at work for nonproduction and supervisory workers using information from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the CES, and the NCS.

Data from the CPS are used to estimate hours worked for farm labor, nonfarm proprietors, and nonfarm unpaid family workers. Using CPS information on employment and hours worked at primary jobs and all other jobs, separately, the BLS productivity measures assign all hours worked to the appropriate industrial sector. Hours for government enterprises are derived from the CPS, the CES, and the National Income and Product Accounts (NIPA) prepared by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) of the Department of Commerce.

Detailed hours data are presented in the table "Hours Worked in Total U.S. Economy and Subsectors" on the BLS website (www.bls.gov/lpc/special requests/us total hrs emp.xlsx).

Output

Business sector output is a chain-type, current-weighted index constructed after excluding from gross domestic product (GDP) the following outputs: general government, nonprofit institutions, and private households (including owner-occupied housing). Corresponding exclusions also are made in labor hours worked. Business output accounted for about 75 percent of the value of GDP in 2020. Nonfarm business, which excludes farming, accounted for about 74 percent of GDP in 2020.

Annual indexes for manufacturing and its durable and nondurable goods components are constructed by deflating current-dollar industry value of production data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census with deflators from the BLS. These deflators are based on data from the BLS Producer Price Index program and other sources. The industry shipments are aggregated using annual weights, and intrasector transactions are removed. Quarterly manufacturing output measures are based on the indexes of industrial production prepared monthly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, adjusted to be consistent with annual indexes of manufacturing sector output prepared by BLS.

Nonfinancial corporate output is a chain-type, current-weighted index calculated on the basis of the costs incurred and the incomes earned from production. The output measure excludes the following outputs from GDP: general government; nonprofit institutions; private households; unincorporated business; and those corporations classified as offices of bank holding companies, offices of other holding companies, or offices in the finance and insurance sector. Nonfinancial corporations accounted for about 49 percent of the value of GDP in 2020.

Labor Productivity

The measure describes the relationship between real output and the labor time involved in its production. Measures of labor productivity growth show the changes from period to period in the amount of goods and services produced per hour worked. They reflect the joint effects of many influences, including changes in technology; capital investment; level of output; utilization of capacity, energy, and materials; the organization of production; managerial skill; and the characteristics and effort of the work force.

Labor Compensation

The measure includes accrued wages and salaries, supplements, employer contributions to employee benefit plans, and taxes. Estimates of labor compensation by major sector, required for measures of hourly compensation and unit labor costs, are based primarily on employee compensation data from the NIPA, prepared by the BEA. The compensation of employees in general government, nonprofit institutions and private households are subtracted from compensation of employees in domestic industries to derive employee compensation for the business sector. The labor compensation of proprietors cannot be explicitly identified and must be estimated. This is done by assuming that proprietors have the same hourly compensation as employees in the same sector. The quarterly labor productivity and cost measures do not contain estimates of compensation for unpaid family workers.

Unit Labor Costs

These measures describe the relationship between compensation per hour and labor productivity, or real output per hour, and can be used as an indicator of inflationary pressure on producers. Increases in hourly compensation increase unit labor costs; labor productivity increases offset compensation increases and lower unit labor costs.

Presentation of the data

The quarterly data in this release are presented in three ways: as percent changes from the previous quarter presented at a compound annual rate, as percent changes from the corresponding quarter of the previous year, and as index number series where 2012=100. Annual data are presented both as index number series and percent changes from the previous year.

The index numbers and rates of change reported in the productivity and costs news release are rounded to one decimal place. All percent changes in this release and on the BLS web site are calculated using index numbers to three decimal places. A complete historical series of these index numbers are available at the BLS web site, www.bls.gov/data/home.htm, or by contacting the BLS Division of Major Sector Productivity (Telephone 202-691-5606 or email productivity@bls.gov).

For a more detailed explanation of methodology see "Technical Information About the Major Sector Productivity and Costs Methods" at www.bls.gov/lpc/lpcmethods.pdf.

Information in this release will be made available to sensory-impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: 202-691-5200; Federal Relay Service number: 1-800-877-8339.

Table 1. Business sector: Labor productivity, hourly compensation, unit labor costs, and prices, seasonally adjusted.

Year and quarter	Labor produc-	Output		(1)	Real hourly compen- sation (2)	costs	Unit nonlabor payments (3)	Implicit price deflator (4)
		Percent chan			er at annua			
2021 II I	2.7 4.2 r	7.8 8.2 r	5.0 3.8 r	3.7 1.5 r	-4.4 -2.1 r	0.9 -2.6 r	16.5 17.3 r	7.2 5.1 r
2020 ANNUAL	2.4 r	-4.2 r	-6.5	6.8 r	5.5 r	4.3 r	-4.8 r	0.4 r
2020 IV	-4.2 r		10.8		6.0 r		-13.3 r	1.6 r
III	5.9 r		36.7	-4.7 r		-10.0 r		5.1 r
ΙΙ	10.2		-42.7 r	21.9 r	25.8 r	10.6 r	-23.2 r -12.6 r	-4.6 r
I		-6.8 r						
2019 ANNUAL	1.9 r	2.6 r	0.7	3.8 r	2.0 r	1.8 r	1.1 r	1.5
2019 IV	0.5 r	1.8 r	1.3	3.9 r	1.3 r	3.4 r	-1.2 r	1.4 r
III	0.6 r	3.1 r	2.5 r	0.1 r	-1.2 r	-0.4 r	2.5 r	0.8 r
ΙΙ	4.3 r		-0.7		-2.0 r			2.7 r
I	3.2 r	3.1 r	-0.2	9.4 r	8.6 r	5.9 r		0.7 r
	Pe	rcent change	from corre	esponding qu	arter of pr	evious year		
2021 II	2.1	15.7	13.3	2.2	-2.5	0.1	11.8	4.7
I	3.9 r	1.2 r	-2.6 r	6.4 r	4.4 r	2.4 r	0.7 r	1.7 r
2020 ANNUAL	2.4 r	-4.2 r	-6.5	6.8 r	5.5 r	4.3 r	-4.8 r	0.4 r
2020 IV	2.5	-2.5	-4.9	8.3 r	7.0 r	5.7 r	-6.4 r	0.5 r
III	3.8 r	-3.5 r	-7.0	7.2 r	5.8 r	3.3 r	-3.3 r	0.4 r
II	2.5 r	-11.3 r	-13.5 r	8.5 r	8.0 r	5.9 r	-9.2 r	-0.6 r
I	1.1 r	0.3 r	-0.7	3.6 r	1.5 r	2.5 r	-0.6 r	1.2 r
2019 ANNUAL	1.9 r	2.6 r	0.7	3.8 r	2.0 r	1.8 r	1.1 r	1.5
2019 IV	2.1 r	2.9 r	0.7	3.7 r	1.6 r	1.5	1.3	1.4
III	2.0 r	2.7 r	0.7 0.6	3.1 r	1.3 r	1.0 r	2.0 r	1.5
II	2.0 r	2.4 r	0.4	4.2	2.4 r			1.5
I	1.5	2.5 r	1.0	4.2	2.6 r	2.7 r	0.4	1.7 r
			Inde	exes 2012=10	0			
2021 II	113.0	124.0	109.7	133.4	113.7	118.0	110.3	114.6
I	112.3 r	121.6 r						112.6 r
2020 ANNUAL	110.5 r	116.0 r	105.0 r	128.8 r	114.0 r	116.5 r	103.0 r	110.6 r
2020 IV	111.1 r	119.3 r	107.3 r	131.7 r	115.6 r	118.5 r	102.0 r	111.3 r
III	112.3 r	117.5 r	104.6 r		113.9 r	114.8 r	105.7 r	110.8 r
II	110.7 r		96.8 r			117.9 r	98.7 r	109.5 r
I	108.1 r		111.2 r		110.1 r	115.0 r	105.4 r	110.8 r
2019 ANNUAL	107.9 r	121.2 r	112.3	120.5 r	108.0 r	111.7 r	108.3 r	110.2 r
2019 IV	108.4 r	122.3 r	112.9 r	121.5 r	108.0 r	112.1 r	109.0 r	110.8 r
	108.2 r			120.4 r				110.4 r
ΙΙ	108.1 r					111.3 r	108.6 r	110.2 r
I	106.9 r	119.8 r	112.0 r	119.9 r	108.5 r	112.1 r	106.0 r	109.4 r

See footnotes following Table 6. r=revised

August 10, 2021 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 2. Nonfarm business sector: Labor productivity, hourly compensation, unit labor costs, and prices, seasonally adjusted.

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Table 3. Manufacturing sector: Labor productivity, hourly compensation, and unit labor costs, seasonally adjusted.

Year and quar		Labor produc- tivity	Output	Hours worked	Hourly compensa- tion (1)	Real hourly compensa- tion (2)	Unit labor costs
		Percen	t change from p		at annual rate		
2021	TT	6.9	3.8	-2.9	4.9	-3.3	-1.9
2021	I		2.4 r				1.9 r
2020	ANNUAL	0.3 r	-6.4 r	-6.6	6.8 r	5.4 r	6.5 r
2020	T17	3.1 r	11 0	7.6	10 F	7.9 r	7.2 r
2020	III	3.1 r 19.4 r	11.0 r 56.2 r	30.8	10.5 r -12.0 r	7.9 r -16.0 r	-26.3 r
	II			-38.1	27.2 r		-20.3 r
		-10.3 r	-44.5 r			31.3 r	
	I	1.8	-5.5	-7.2	7.8 r	6.7 r	6.0 r
2019	ANNUAL	-1.4	-1.7	-0.2	2.8 r	1.0 r	4.3 r
2019	IV	-1.6 r	-1.5 r	0.1	6.7 r	4.0 r	8.5 r
	III	-1.3 r	-0.2 r	1.1	-1.1 r	-2.4 r	0.2 r
	II	-2.0 r	-3.3 r	-1.4	1.7 r	-1.7 r	3.8 r
	I	-1.1	-4.2	-3.1	6.2 r	5.4 r	7.4 r
					ter of previous		
2021	TT	6.8	16.5	9.1	0.6	-4.0	-5.8
	I	2.2 r	-0.4 r	-2.5 r	5.6 r	3.7 r	3.4 r
2020	ANNUAL	0.3 r	-6.4 r	-6.6	6.8 r	5.4 r	6.5 r
2020	TV	3.0 r	-2.4 r	-5.2	7.5 r	6.2 r	4.4 r
2020	III	1.7 r	-5.2 r	-6.8	6.5 r	5.2 r	4.7 r
	II	-3.0 r	-15.3 r	-12.7	9.7 r	9.2 r	13.1 r
	I	-0.8 r	-2.7 r	-1.9	3.7 r	1.6 r	4.6 r
2019	ANNUAL	-1.4	-1.7	-0.2	2.8 r	1.0 r	4.3 r
2019		-1.5 r	-2.3 r	-0.8	3.3 r	1.3 r	4.9 r
	III	-1.8	-2.5	-0.7	2.3 r	0.5 r	4.2 r
	II	-1.7 r	-1.8 r	-0.1	3.5 r	1.6 r	5.4 r
	I 	-0.7 r	-0.1 r	0.6	2.1 r	0.5 r	2.9 r
			In	idexes 2012=100			
2021	TT	99.5	100.5	101.0	127.2	108.5	127.8
2021	I	97.9 r	99.6 r	101.7 r	125.7 r	109.4 r	128.4 r
2020	ANNUAL	96.2 r	95.4 r	99.2	123.2 r	109.1 r	128.1 r
2020	ANNUAL	90.2 1	93.4 1	99.2	123.2 1	109.1 1	120.1 1
2020		98.2 r	99.0 r	100.8	125.5 r	110.2 r	127.8 r
	III	97.4 r	96.4 r	99.0	122.4 r	108.1 r	125.6 r
	II	93.2 r	86.2 r	92.5	126.4 r	113.0 r	135.6 r
	I	95.8 r	99.9 r	104.3	119.0 r	105.5 r	124.3 r
2019	ANNUAL	95.9	101.9	106.2	115.4 r	103.5 r	120.3 r
2019	IV	95.4 r	101.3 r	106.3	116.8 r	103.8 r	122.5 r
	III	95.8 r	101.7 r	106.2	114.9 r	102.8 r	120.0 r
	II	96.1 r	101.8 r	105.9	115.2 r	103.4 r	119.9 r
	I	96.6 r	102.7 r	106.3	114.7 r	103.9 r	118.8 r
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Table 4. Durable manufacturing sector: Labor productivity, hourly compensation, and unit labor costs, seasonally adjusted.

quart	ter	Labor produc- tivity	Output	Hours worked	Hourly compensa- tion (1)	hourly compensa- tion (2)	Unit labor costs
		Percent	 t change from p		at annual rate		
2021	тт	4.6	-1.4	-5.7	5.4	-2.8	0.7
2021	I		6.3 r		1.8 r		1.0 r
2020	ANNUAL	-0.2 r	-8.1 r	-8.0	6.8 r	5.5 r	7.0 r
0000		4 0	11 0	6.0	10.0	0 6	7.0
2020		4.8 r	11.0 r	6.0	12.3 r	9.6 r	7.2 r
	III	44.6 r	97.9 r	36.9	-16.1 r	-19.9 r	-42.0 r
	II	-20.3 r	-54.4 r	-42.8	29.7 r	33.9 r	62.7 r
	I	-2.6 r	-10.0 r	-7.6	6.9 r	5.8 r	9.7 r
2019	ANNUAL	-1.7	-1.8	0.0	2.3 r	0.4 r	4.1 r
2019	IV	-1.0 r	-2.0 r	-1.1	10.2 r	7.4 r	11.3 r
	III	-1.0	-0.2 r	0.8	-2.4 r	-3.6 r	-1.4 r
	II	-1.0 r	-3.3 r	-2.4	0.9 r	-2.4 r	1.9 r
	I		-5.7 r	-2.9	5.8 r	5.0 r	8.9 r
					ter of previous		
2021	TT	12.4	23.2	9.6	0.2	-4.3	-10.8
	I	5.0 r	1.6 r	-3.3 r	5.6 r	3.6 r	0.5 r
2020	ANNUAL	-0.2 r	-8.1 r	-8.0	6.8 r	5.5 r	7.0 r
2020	TV	4.1 r	-2.6 r	-6.4	6.9 r	5.6 r	2.6 r
2020	III	2.7 r	-5.6 r	-8.0	6.4 r	5.1 r	3.6 r
	II	-6.6 r	-20.4 r	-14.8	10.5 r	10.1 r	18.3 r
	I	-1.4 r	-4.0 r	-2.6	3.8 r	1.7 r	5.3 r
2019	ANNUAL	-1.7	-1.8	0.0	2.3 r	0.4 r	4.1 r
2019		-1.5 r	-2.9 r	-1.4	3.5 r	1.5 r	5.1 r
	III	-2.0	-2.4	-0.4	1.3 r	-0.5 r	3.4 r
	II	-2.0 r	-1.7 r	0.3	2.6 r	0.8 r	4.7 r
	I 	-1.5 r	-0.1 r	1.4	1.6 r	0.0 r	3.1 r
			In	idexes 2012=100			
2021	TT	101.5	100.6	99.1	128.2	109.3	126.3
2021	I	100.4 r	101.0 r	100.6 r	126.5 r	110.1 r	126.0 r
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2020	ANNUAL	96.4 r	94.4 r	97.9	123.8 r	109.6 r	128.5 r
2020		100.2 r	99.5 r	99.3	126.0 r	110.6 r	125.7 r
	III	99.0 r	96.9 r	97.8	122.4 r	108.1 r	123.5 r
	II	90.3 r	81.7 r	90.5	127.9 r	114.3 r	141.6 r
	I	95.6 r	99.4 r	104.0	119.8 r	106.2 r	125.3 r
2019	ANNUAL	96.6	102.7	106.4	116.0 r	104.0 r	120.1 r
2019	IV	96.2 r	102.1 r	106.1	117.8 r	104.7 r	122.5 r
	III	96.4 r	102.6 r	106.4	115.0 r	102.9 r	119.2 r
	II	96.7 r	102.7 r	106.2	115.7 r	103.8 r	119.6 r
	I	96.9 r	103.5 r	106.8	115.4 r	104.5 r	119.1 r

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Table 5. Nondurable manufacturing sector: Labor productivity, hourly compensation, and unit labor costs, seasonally adjusted.

Year and quart	er	Labor produc- tivity	Output	Hours worked	Hourly compensation (1)	Real hourly compensa- tion (2)	Unit labor costs
		Percen	t change from p	revious quarter	at annual rate	(5)	
2021		7.8	9.9	2.0	4.8	-3.4	-2.8
	I	-2.7 r	-1.7 r	1.0 r	-2.1 r	-5.6 r	0.6 r
2020	ANNUAL	-0.1 r	-4.4 r	-4.3	7.1 r	5.8 r	7.2 r
2020		0.5 r	10.9 r	10.3	7.6 r	5.1 r	7.1 r
	III	-0.1 r	21.4 r	21.5	-4.8 r	-9.1 r	-4.8 r
	II	-3.3 r	-31.7 r	-29.4	25.2 r	29.3 r	29.5 r
	I	6.6 r	-0.3 r	-6.4	9.8 r	8.7 r	3.1 r
2019	ANNUAL	-1.0	-1.6	-0.6	3.9 r	2.0 r	4.9 r
2019	IV	-3.1 r	-0.9 r	2.3	0.5 r	-2.0 r	3.7 r
	III	-1.7 r	-0.2 r	1.5	1.4 r	0.1 r	3.2
	II	-3.8 r	-3.3 r	0.5	3.6 r	0.1 r	7.6 r
	I	1.0 r	-2.5 r	-3.5 	6.9 r	6.1 r 	5.8
		Percent	change from cor	responding quar	ter of previous	year	
2021	II	1.3	9.8	8.4	1.2	-3.4	-0.1
	I	-1.4 r	-2.5 r	-1.1 r	5.9 r	3.9 r	7.4 r
2020	ANNUAL	-0.1 r	-4.4 r	-4.3	7.1 r	5.8 r	7.2 r
2020	IV	0.9 r	-2.2 r	-3.0	9.0 r	7.6 r	8.0 r
	III	-0.1 r	-4.9 r	-4.8	7.1 r	5.8 r	7.2 r
	II	-0.5 r	-9.4 r	-9.0	8.8 r	8.3 r	9.3 r
	I	-0.6 r	-1.2 r	-0.6	3.8 r	1.6 r	4.4 r
2019	ANNUAL	-1.0	-1.6	-0.6	3.9 r	2.0 r	4.9 r
2019	IV	-1.9	-1.8 r	0.2	3.1 r	1.0	5.1 r
	III	-1.4 r	-2.5 r	-1.1	4.3 r	2.5 r	5.8 r
	II	-1.3 r	-1.9 r	-0.7	5.2 r	3.3 r	6.6 r
	I 	0.6 r	-0.1 r	-0.7	3.0 r	1.3 r	2.4 r
			In	dexes 2012=100			
2021	II	97.5	101.5	104.1	125.9	107.4	129.1
	I	95.7 r	99.2 r	103.6 r	124.5 r	108.3 r	130.0 r
2020	ANNUAL	96.5 r	97.7 r	101.3	122.4 r	108.4 r	126.9 r
2020	IV	96.4 r	99.6 r	103.3	125.1 r	109.9 r	129.8 r
	III	96.2 r	97.0 r	100.8	122.9 r	108.5 r	127.7 r
	II	96.3 r	92.5 r	96.0	124.4 r	111.2 r	129.2 r
	I	97.1 r		104.8	117.6 r	104.2 r	121.1 r
2019	ANNUAL	96.5	102.2	105.9	114.3 r	102.5 r	118.4 r
2019	IV	95.5 r	101.8 r	106.5	114.9 r	102.1 r	120.2 r
	III	96.3 r			114.7 r	102.6 r	119.1 r
	II	96.7 r	102.1 r	105.5	114.3 r	102.6 r	118.2 r
	I	97.7 r	102.9 r		113.3 r	102.6 r	116.0 r

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Table 6. Nonfinancial corporate sector: Labor productivity, hourly compensation, unit labor costs, unit profits, and prices, seasonally adjusted.

Year and quarter		Output	worked		sation (2)	labor costs	(6)	costs (7)	(8)	Implicit price deflator (4)
				rom previou						
2021 I	5.0 r	8.9 r	3.7 r	0.0 r	-3.6 r	-4.8 r	18.7 r	1.6 r	30.0 r	5.1
2020 ANNUAL	2.2 r	-4.2 r	-6.3	6.9 r	5.6 r	4.6 r	-10.6 r	-0.2 r	2.4 r	0.1 r
2020 IV	16.3 r	28.4 r	10.3	7.7 r	5.2 r	-7.4 r	53.3 r	6.3 r	-31.4 r	-0.2 r
III		31.7 r	32.8	-5.7 r	-9.9 r	-4.9 r	-21.4 r	-9.6 r	206.1 r	6.2 r
II		-39.0 r		25.0 r			-49.3 r		-9.1 r	
I	1.1 r	-3.3 r	-4.3	7.8 r	6.7 r	6.6 r	4.2 r	5.8 r	-35.4 r	-0.4 r
2019 ANNUAL	1.4 r	2.3 r	0.9	3.9 r	2.1 r	2.5 r	1.9	2.3 r	-1.2 r	1.9
2019 IV	1.1 r	2.2 r	1.1	3.6 r	1.0 r	2 6 r	-2.7 r	0 8 r	8.8 r	1.8 r
III	0.5 r	1.1 r		1.0 r		0.5 r	5.3 r		2.6 r	
II	1.3 r		0.3	2.3 r	-1.2 r	1.0 r	1.7 r		13.3 r	
I	2.7 r	3.4 r	0.7	8.0 r	7.2 r	5.2 r	3.2 r	4.6 r	-31.2 r	-1.0 r
		Percent	 change fro	m correspon			evious yea			
2021 I	5.9 r	3.0 r	-2.8 r	6.2 r	4.2 r	0.2 r	-7.7 r	-2.3 r	25.5 r	1.0 r
2020 ANNUAL	2.2 r	-4.2 r	-6.3	6.9 r	5.6 r	4.6 r	-10.6 r	-0.2 r	2.4 r	0.1 r
2020 IV	4.9 r	-0.1 r	-4.7	8.2 r	6 0 x	2 1 n	-10 7 ×	_1 2 x	5.4 r	-0.4 r
III		-5.6 r		7.1 r	5.9 r	5.1 I	-10.7 r -20.3 r	-1.2 I	10 3 r	0.1 r
II	1.6 r	-11.6 r		9.0 r			-14.2 r			
I	1.0 r	0.4 r		3.6 r	1.5 r		2.1 r		-4.9 r	
2019 ANNUAL	1.4 r	2.3 r	0.9	3.9 r	2.1 r	2.5 r	1.9	2.3 r	-1.2 r	1.9
0010		0.4	. =	0 5	4.6		4.0	0.1		
2019 IV	1.4 r	2.1 r		3.7 r					-3.4 r	
III	1.1 r	1.7 r			1.7 r 2.6 r	2.4 r			-2.4 r	
II	2.2 r 0.9 r	3.0 r 2.3 r	1.4	4.5 r 4.1 r	2.6 r 2.5 r		1.1 r 1.4 r		0.8 r 0.6 r	
2021 I	111.3 r	122.0 r	109.6 r	131.6 r	114.5 r	118.3 r	100.7 r	112.4 r	113.8 r	112.6 r
2020 ANNUAL	106.7 r	113.7 r	106.5 r	128.9 r	114.1 r	120.8 r	96.3 r	112.6 r	100.9 r	111.0 r
2020 IV	109.9 r	119.4 r	108.6 r	131.6 r	115.6 r	119.8 r	96.5 r	112.0 r	106.6 r	111.2 r
III	105.8 r			129.2 r	114.1 r					
II	106.1 r	104.7 r	98.7 r	131.1 r	117.2 r	123.6 r	92.1 r	113.1 r	88.6 r	109.6 r
I	105.1 r	118.5 r	112.8 r	124.0 r	109.9 r	118.0 r	109.1 r	115.0 r	90.7 r	111.6 r
2019 ANNUAL	104.4 r	118.7 r	113.7 r	120.6 r	108.1 r	115.5 r	107.7 r	112.9 r	98.5 r	110.8 r
2019 IV	104.8 r	119.5 r	114.0	121.7 r	108.1 r	116.1 r	108.0 r	113.4 r	101.2 r	111.7 r
				121.7 I						
II				120.0 r						
I	104.0 r	118.0 r	113.4	119.6 r	108.3 r	115.0 r	106.9 r	112.3 r	95.4 r	109.9 r
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SIZE OF REVISIONS: Productivity and cost measures are revised on a regular schedule as more complete data become available. The first estimate is published within 40 days of the close of the reference quarter, the second estimate approximately 30 days later, and the third estimate approximately 60 days after the second estimate. Based on past revisions, the third estimate of nonfarm business sector quarterly labor productivity growth has differed from the first estimate by -1.0 to +1.4 percentage point about 80 percent of the time. This interval is based on estimates for reference quarters from the first quarter of 2001 to the first quarter of 2021. For more about revisions to labor productivity growth see "How large are revisions to estimates of quarterly labor productivity growth?" at www.bls.gov/osmr/research-papers/2021/ec210040.htm.

Table Footnotes

- (1) Wages and salaries of employees plus employers' contributions for social insurance and private benefit plans. Except for nonfinancial corporations, where there are no self-employed, data also include an estimate of wages, salaries, and supplemental payments for the self-employed.
- (2) The change for recent quarters is based on the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U). The trend from 1978-2020 is based on the Consumer Price Index Retroactive series (CPI-U-RS).
- (3) Unit nonlabor payments include profits, consumption of fixed capital, taxes on production and imports less subsidies, net interest and miscellaneous payments, business current transfer payments, rental income of persons, and the current surplus of government enterprises.
- (4) Current dollar output divided by the output index.
- (5) Quarterly changes: Percent change compounded at annual rate is calculated using index numbers to three decimal places. Indexes published in the news release are rounded to one decimal place for convenience. Annual changes: Percent change is calculated using annual indexes to three decimal places.
- (6) Unit nonlabor costs include consumption of fixed capital, taxes on production and imports less subsidies, net interest and miscellaneous payments, and business current transfer payments.
- (7) Total unit costs are the sum of unit labor and nonlabor costs.
- (8) Unit profits include corporate profits before tax with inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustment.