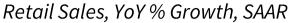
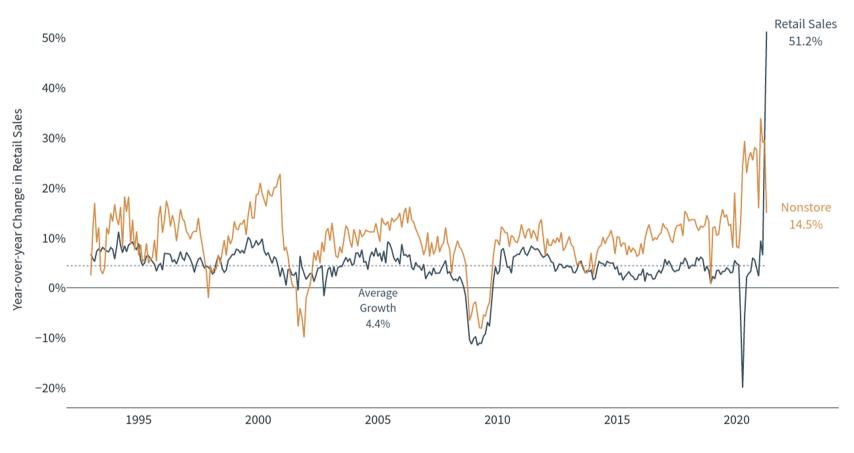
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## **Consumer Spending**





Latest data point is Apr 2021

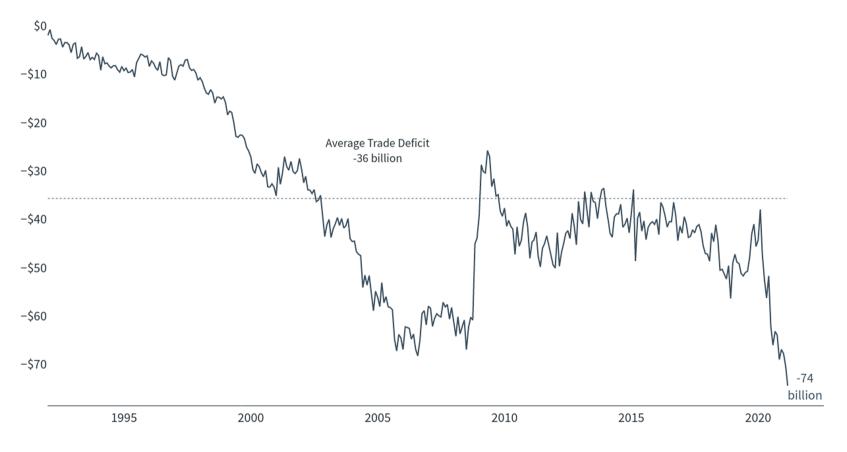
- Retail sales are an important way to measure consumer spending.
- Retail sales have risen dramatically with the Covid lockdowns ending.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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## U.S. Trade Balance

Goods and Services, Monthly

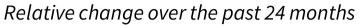


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- The U.S. Trade Balance measures what the U.S. exports vs. what it imports.
- The U.S. trade deficit has expanded in recent years as the U.S. relies increasingly on foreign goods.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

### Major Currencies





Latest data point is Jun 8, 2021

- The U.S. Dollar has not been a strong performer over recent years.
- Should the Dollar continue to weaken, the price of consumer goods will rise.

#### **Definitions and Methodology**

The **S&P 500** is a market capitalization-weighted index of large cap U.S. stocks. U.S. **mid cap** and **small cap** are the S&P 400 and S&P 600, respectively. **Value** and **growth** are the corresponding Standard and Poor's value and growth indices.

**MSCIEM** is an index of emerging market stocks. **MSCIEAFE** is an index of developed market stocks. **MSCIACWI** is an index of global stocks.

The **forward P/E** is a ratio of the current market price of an index divided by an estimate of earnings over the next twelve months. The **Shiller P/E** is based on Robert Shiller's cyclically adjusted price-to-earnings ratio.

The **AAII Investor Sentiment** index is based on a weekly survey conducted by AAII.

Unless stated otherwise, **earnings** and **valuations** data are from Refinitiv indices.

The **LEI**, or Leading Economic Index, is produced monthly by the Conference Board.

**Consumer sentiment** indices are based on surveys conducted by the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers.

#### Asset Class Performance and Asset Classes Relative to U.S.

**Stocks charts**: The EM, EAFE, Small Cap, Fixed Income and Commodities are these indices, respectively: MSCI EM, MSCI EAFE, Russell 2000, iShares Core U.S. Bond Aggregate, Bloomberg Commodity Index. **Fixed Income Performance**: All sectors are represented by the Bloomberg Barclays bond indices except for EMD USD and Local which are the JPMorgan EMBIG Diversified Index and JPMorgan GBI-EM Core Index, respectively.

The Balanced Portfolio is a hypothetical 60/40 portfolio consisting of 40% U.S. Large Cap, 5% Small Cap, 10% International Developed Equities, 5% Emerging Market Equities, 35% U.S. Bonds, and 5% Commodities.

The **Bloomberg Commodity Index** is a broadly diversified basket of physical commodities futures contracts.

The **DXY** is a U.S. dollar index based on a basket of currencies, including the Euro, Yen, Pound, Canadian Dollar, Swedish Krona and Swiss Franc.

#### **Portfolio Risk/Reward and Portfolio Drift Since 2009** charts: stocks and bonds are the S&P 500 and iShares Core U.S. Bond

Aggregate, respectively. Each portfolio represents a hypothetical stock/bond asset allocation.

The **MSCI Factor** indices are created and maintained by MSCI to capture factor returns. They cover various factors including Quality, Size, Momentum, Volatility, Value and Yield. The Multi-Factor index tracks the performance of Value, Momentum, Quality and Size.

The MSCIUSA index tracks large and mid cap U.S. stocks.

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