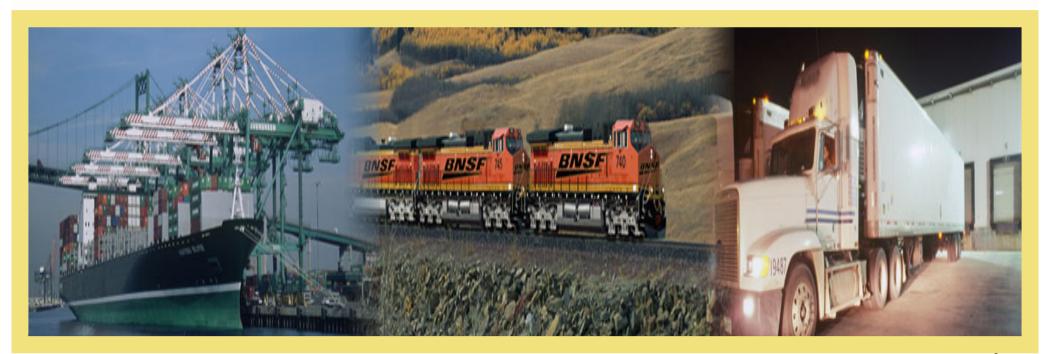
"Consumption, Manufacturing & the Supply Chain"

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U.S. ECONOMIC GROWTH: "THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY"

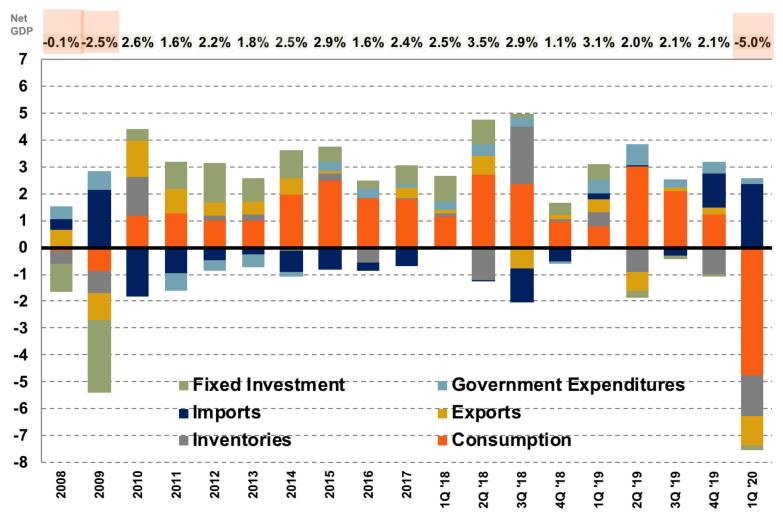
"THE GOOD": The consumer sector; "THE BAD": The manufacturing sector; "THE UGLY": The Supply Chain



U.S. ECONOMIC GROWTH

Q1 real GDP fell 5% q/q, reflecting the response to COVID-19 outbreak, as governments issued "stay-at-home" orders in March

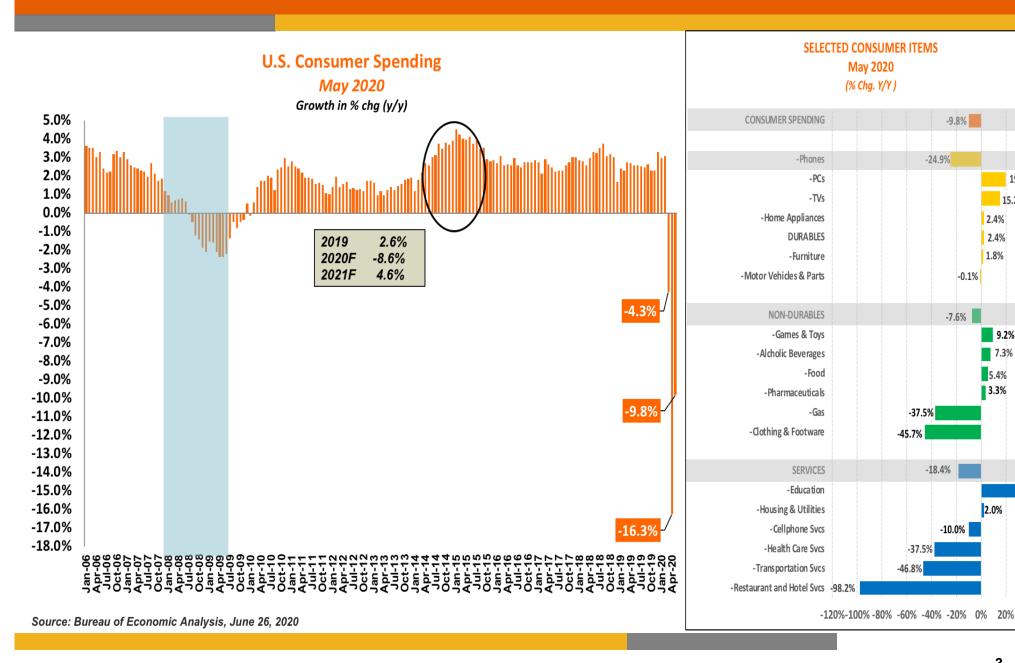
Real GDP Growth and its Contributions



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, June 26, 2020

THE CONSUMER SECTOR

Consumer spending fell 9.8% y/y in May '20, reflecting outsized impact of pandemic lockdowns on health, airlines, restaurants, etc.



19.7%

15.2%

2.4%

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1.8%

9.2%

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5.4%

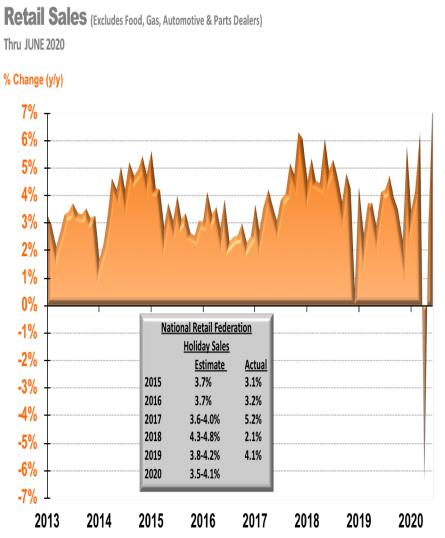
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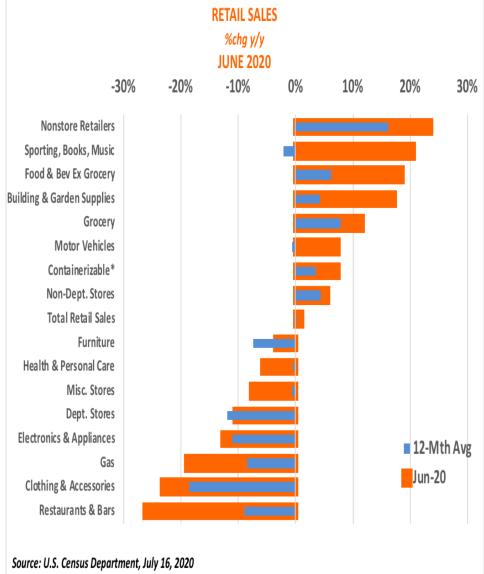
28.5%

THE CONSUMER SECTOR

June '20 core retail sales rose 7.4% y/y, reflecting strong e-commerce sales, supplied from stockpiles. E-commerce sales rose 24% y/y



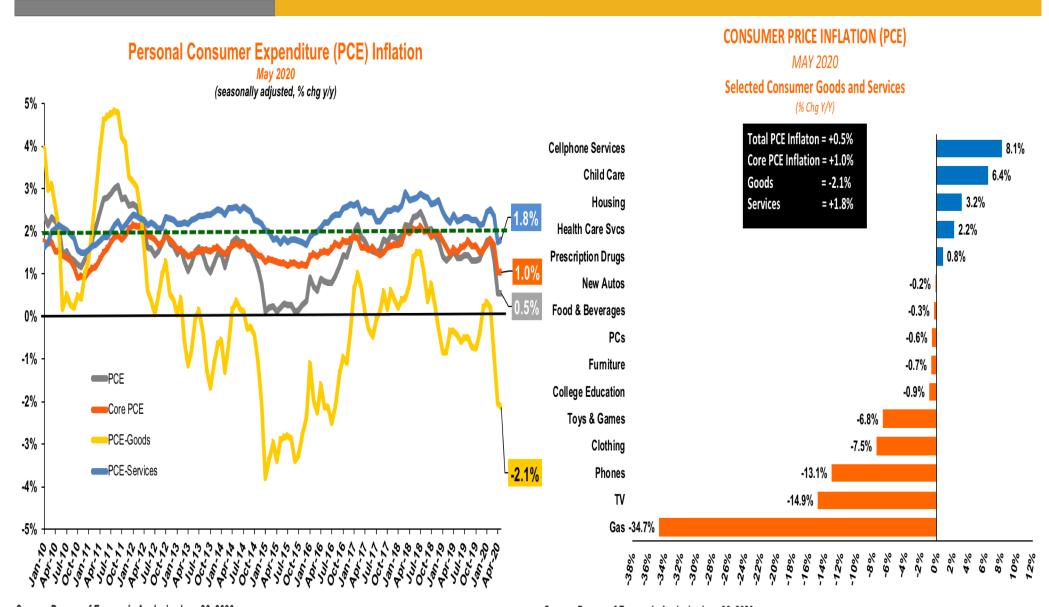
JUN. 2020 +7.4% JUN. 2018 +4.1%



Source: U.S. Census Department--Seasonally Adjusted , July 16, 2020, NRF June 14, 2020

THE CONSUMER SECTOR

Consumer inflation was contained at 1.0% y/y, reflecting excess capacity, deflation in "globalization goods" partially offset by services prices

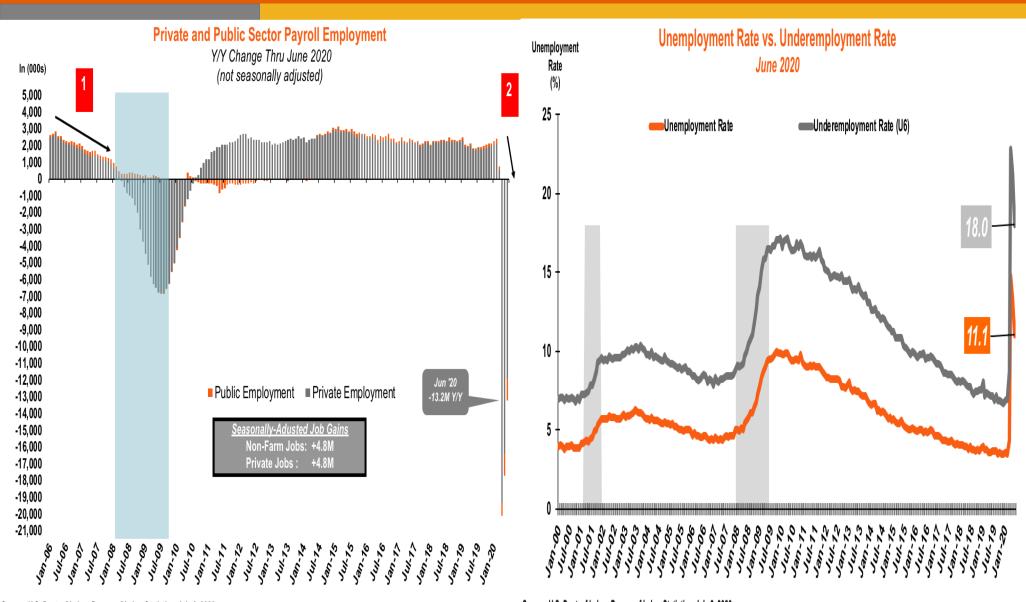


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THE LABOR MARKET

The labor market added 4.8M more jobs in Jun. '20, after 22M job losses due to a pandemic lockdown. The recovery rate by June was 34%

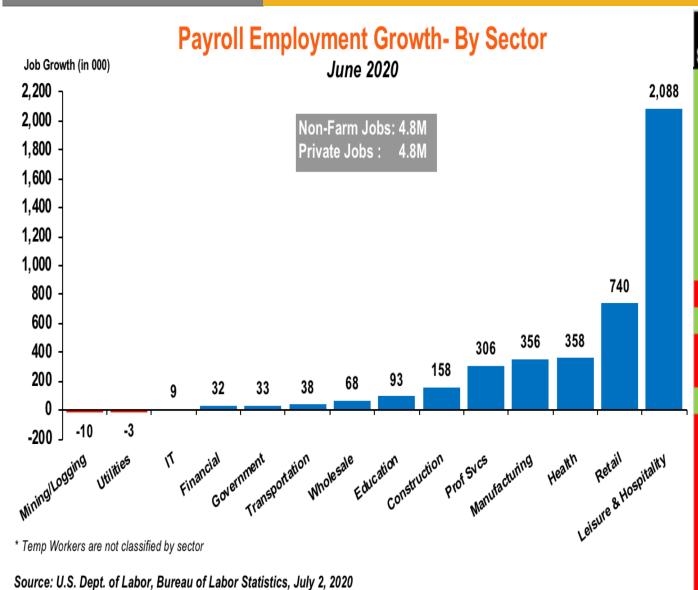


Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, July 2, 2020

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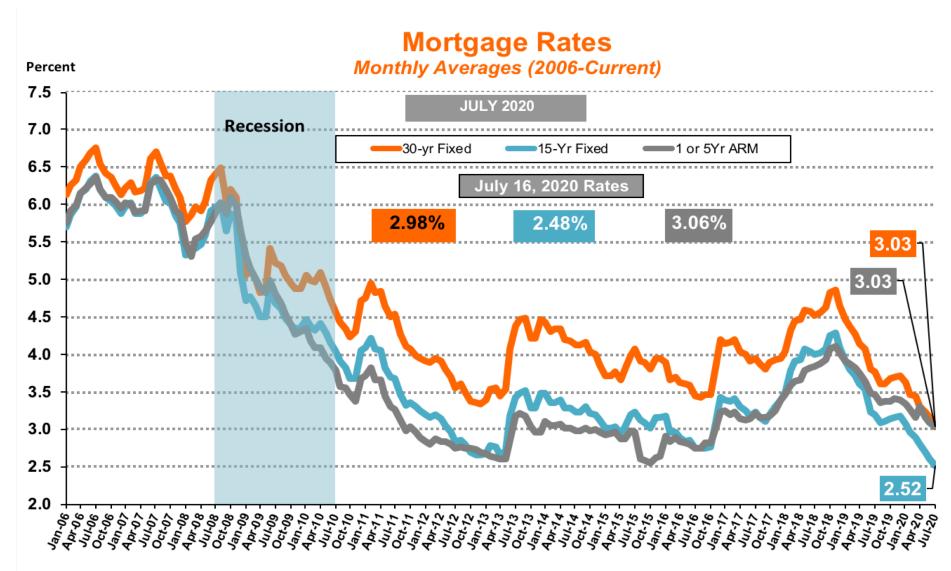
The sectors in the labor market that lost the most jobs due to Covid-19 include leisure and hospitality, restaurants, hotels, retail, etc.



	Loss	Gain	
Sector	(Mar-Apr)	(May-Jun)	Recovery%
Leisure & Hospitality	8,318	3,491	42%
Retail	2,384	1,111	47%
Prof Svcs	2,296	466	20%
Health	1,578	674	43%
Manufacturing	1,363	606	44%
Construction	1,083	611	56%
Education	511	123	24%
Wholesale	397	80	20%
IT	285	(30)	-11%
Financial	279	42	15%
State/Local Govt.	206	(492)	-239%
Transit & Passenger	191	(3)	-2%
Trucks	97	10	10%
Airlines	78	(54)	-69%
Mining/Logging	61	(29)	-48%
Barges	6	(1)	-10%
Railroads	6	(9)	-156%
Utilities	4	(5)	-126%
Pipelines	0	(0)	0%
Federal Govt.	(26)	(8)	31%

HOUSING SECTOR

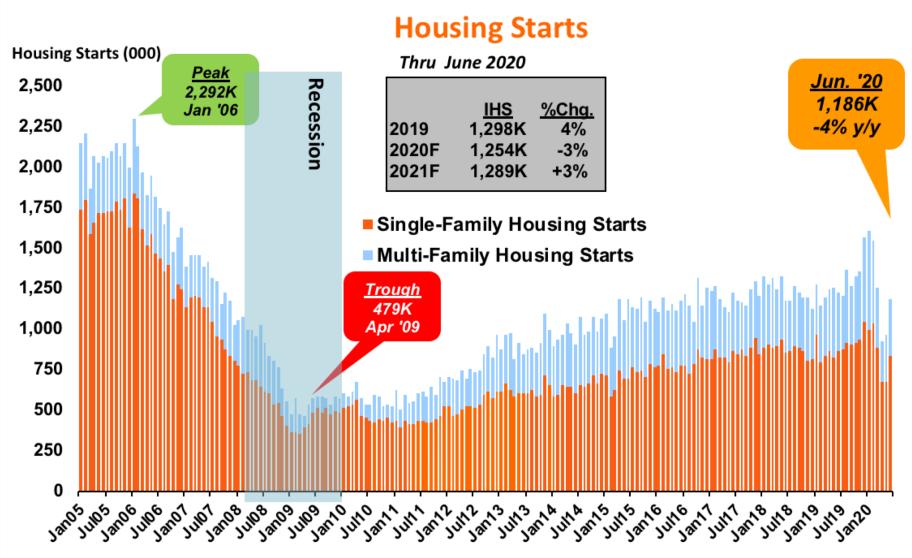
Mortgage rates have fallen by almost 200 basis points since the Nov '18, due to trade tensions, lower interest rates and the pandemic



Source: Freddie Mac, Primary Mortgage Market Survey, July 16, 2020

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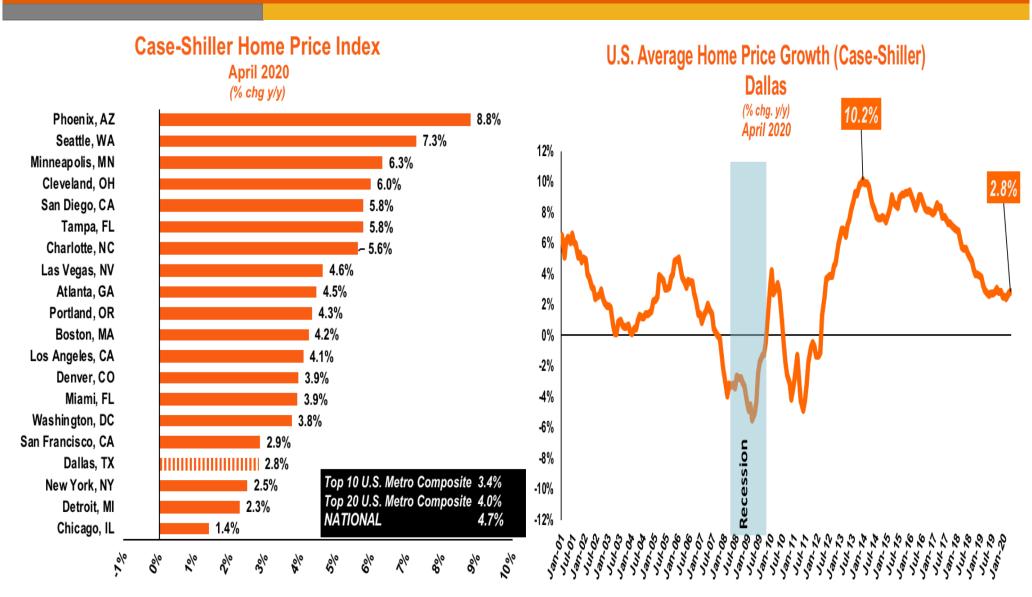
The housing market is resurging. Both home construction and sales show double-digit growth due to recent mortgage rates declines



Source: Census Bureau, July 17, 2020, IHS Markit, July 2020

HOUSING SECTOR

Home price gain was +4.7% y/y in Apr. '20. A year earlier, price growth was higher at about 3.7%. Price growth has slowed in many markets

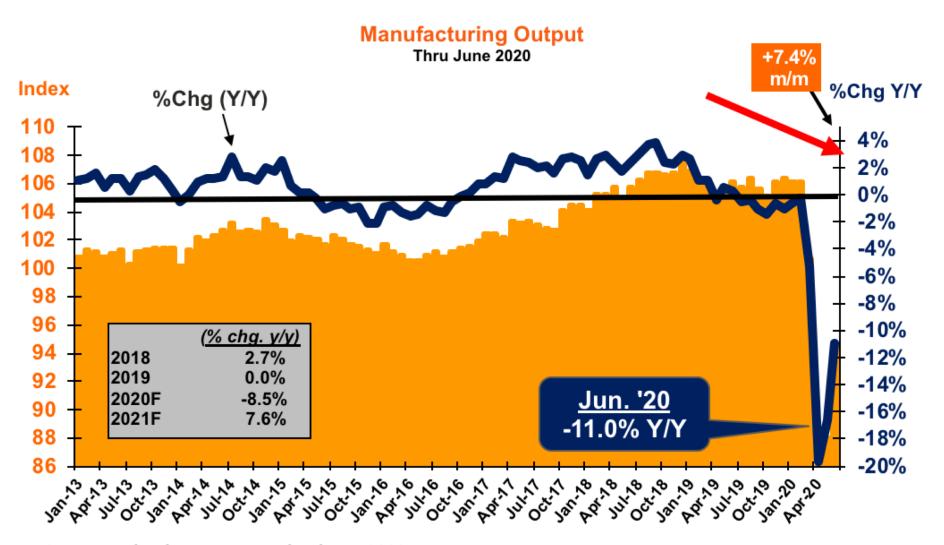


Source: S&P Corelogic Case Shiller Home Price Index, June 30, 2020

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THE U.S. MANUFACTURING SECTOR

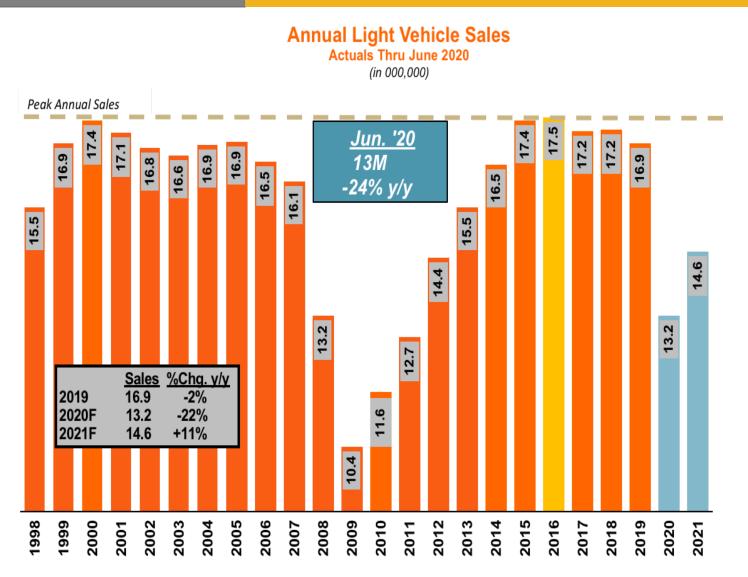
Recession started a year earlier for US factories due to tariffs. The pandemic added a steep 20% y/y decline in Apr '20.



Source: Federal Reserve Board, July 15, 2020

THE AUTO SECTOR

Like the housing market, the auto sector weakened with initial Fed tightening and trade policy. But, auto faces additional structural issues



2.3% 2.9 GM 2.4 **Ford** 3.0% 2.4 1.8% **Toyota** 2.2 Fiat Chrysler 1.6 Honda 0.2% 1.3 Nissan 9.9% 4.1 Other

2019 Sales By Company & %Chg Y/Y

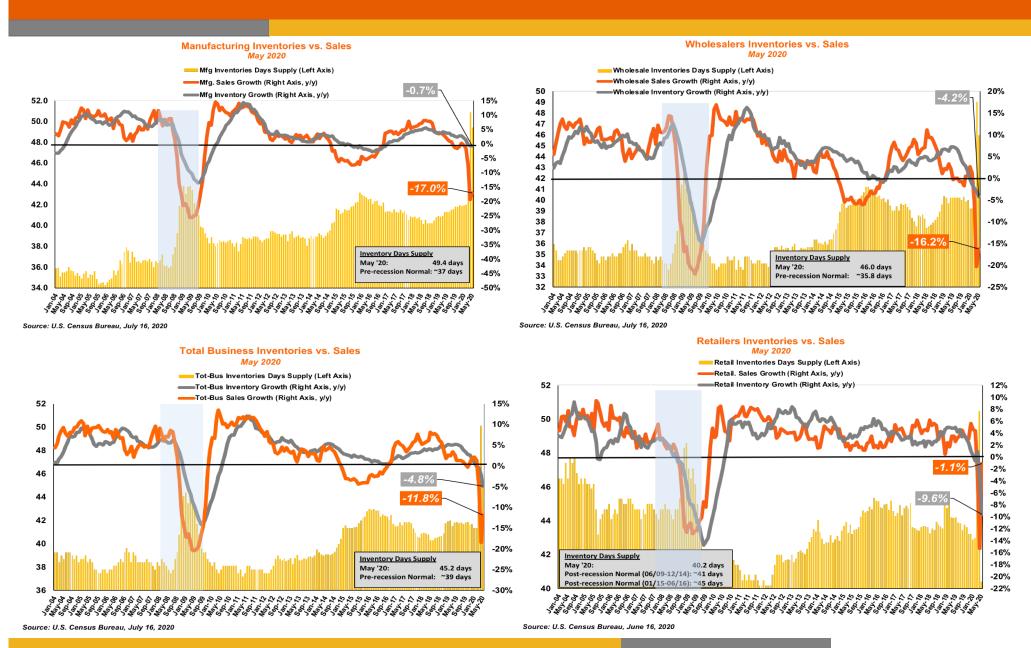
Source: BEA, Jul. 2, 2020; IHS Markit, June 2020

Structural Headwinds

- 1. "Peak Car"
- 2. Ride Sharing
- 3. Rising Trade Barriers
- **4. Stricter Emissions Controls**

INVENTORIES

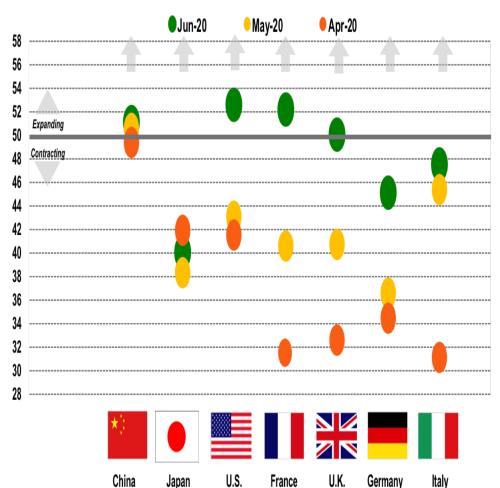
Due to pandemic lockdowns US businesses saw a record inventory overhang in Apr-May period in addition tariff front-loading of shipments



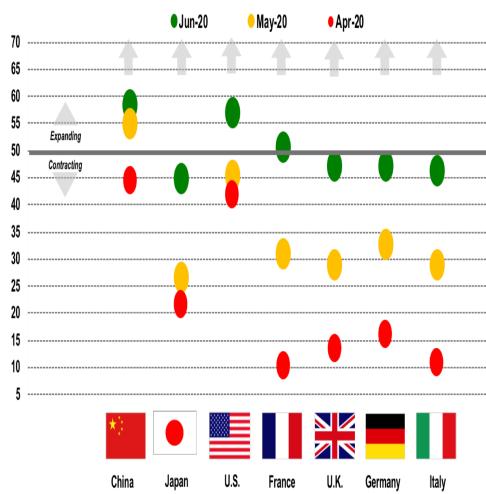
THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

The global economy found the bottom of the recession in Apr '20. Since Apr '20 there has been sequential improvements in both sectors

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index - By Country



Non-Manufacturing (or Service) Purchasing Managers' Index - By Country

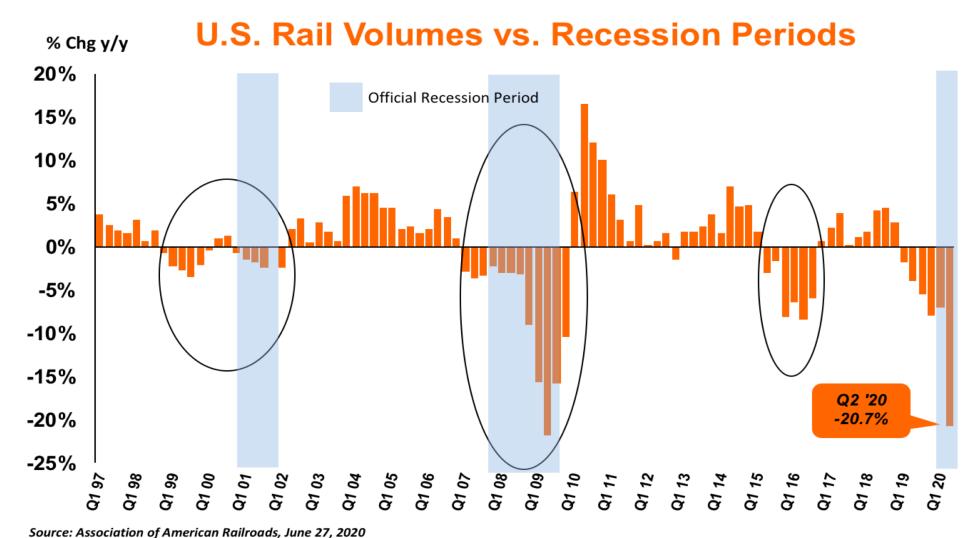


Source: Markit Economics; Caixin Insight Group; Institute of Supply Managers; July 1, 2020

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RAIL VOLUMES AND THE BUSINESS CYCLE

Rail sector volume growth is a leading indicator of recessions. But, Q2 growth of -20.7% y/y largely reflects the pandemic lockdowns

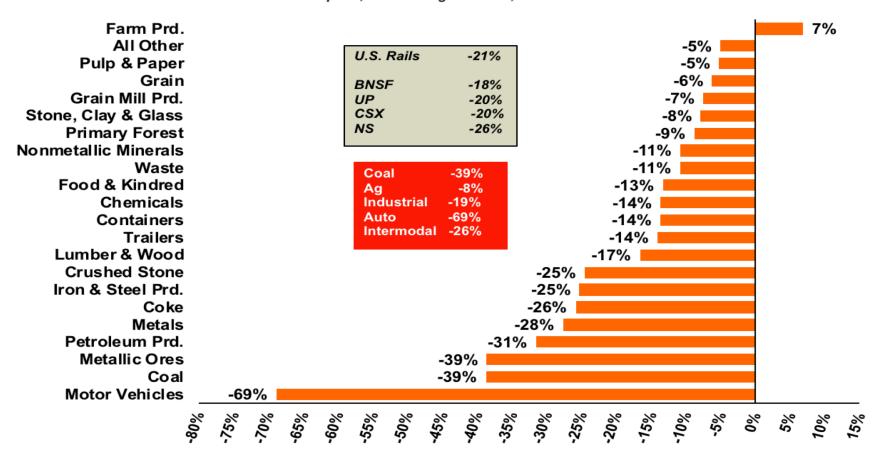


Volumes on US Rails fell 21% y/y in Q2, reflecting the pandemic, tariffs and precision railroading (with 21 declining sectors out of 22)

U.S. RAILROADS (CS54 Groups, % Change in Units Handled)

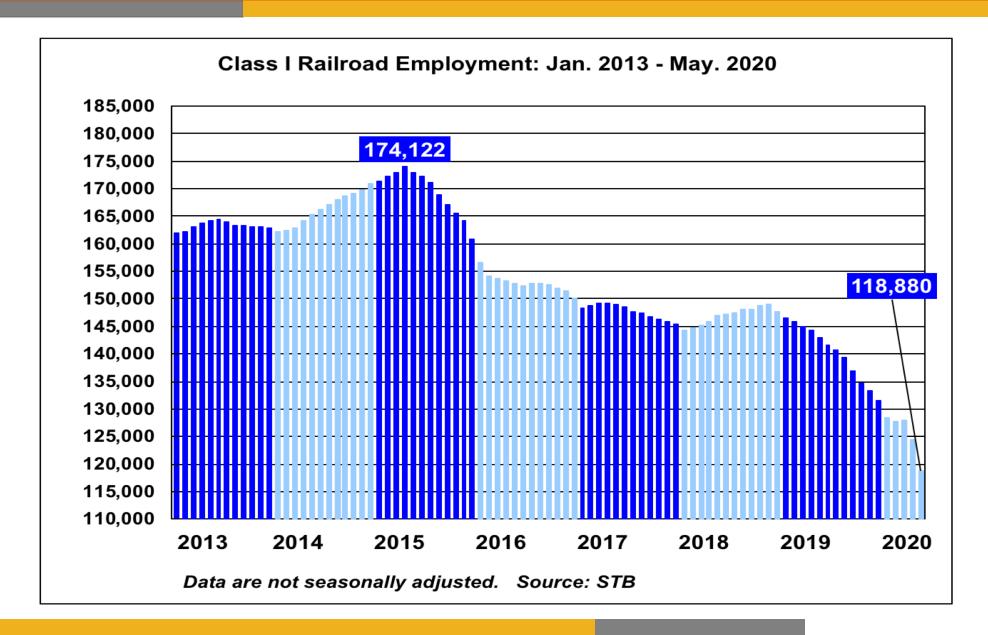
2020 Q1

Weeks 14 through 26 2020 vs. 2019 April 4, 2020 through June 27, 2020



Source: Association of American Railroads, June 27, 2020

In May '20 the rail sector had 118K employees, -30K vs. Fall '18 and -9K since Feb. '20. UP lost 46% of the jobs

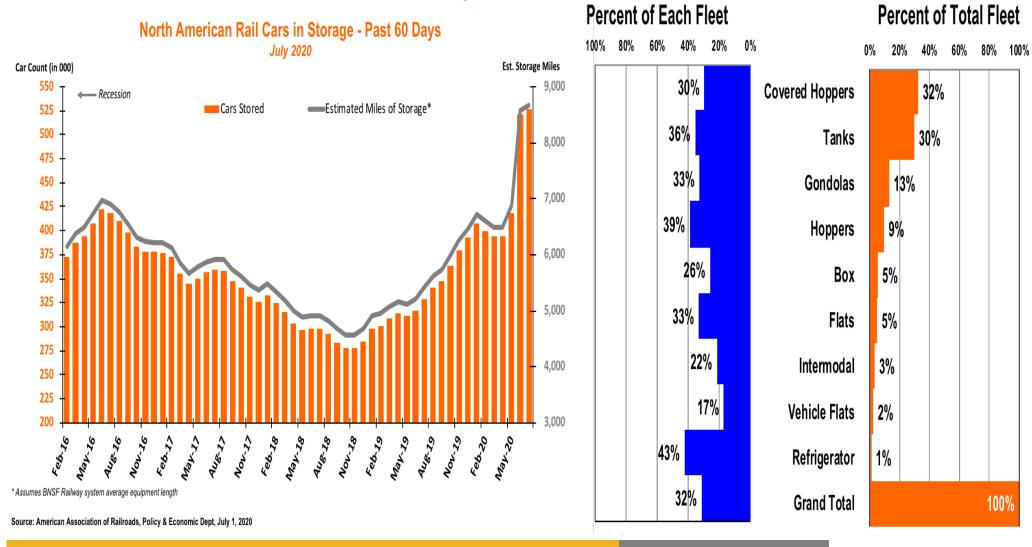


Source: STB, July 12, 2020

Most car types have about over a third of their respective fleet stored. Covered hoppers, tanks and gondolas are about 75% of the stored cars

Car Storage By Car Type

July 1, 2020



Precision Scheduled Railroading: Most North American Class 1 Railroads are implementing the PSR model. Matt Rose: "Less is NOT better"

What is Precision Scheduled Railroading?

Freight railroad operating plan that precisely schedules car shipments on fixed point to point schedules with the goal of minimizing in-transit work events and achieving low operating ratios. It reflects the airline model and is opposed to the gathering and distribution freight rail model.

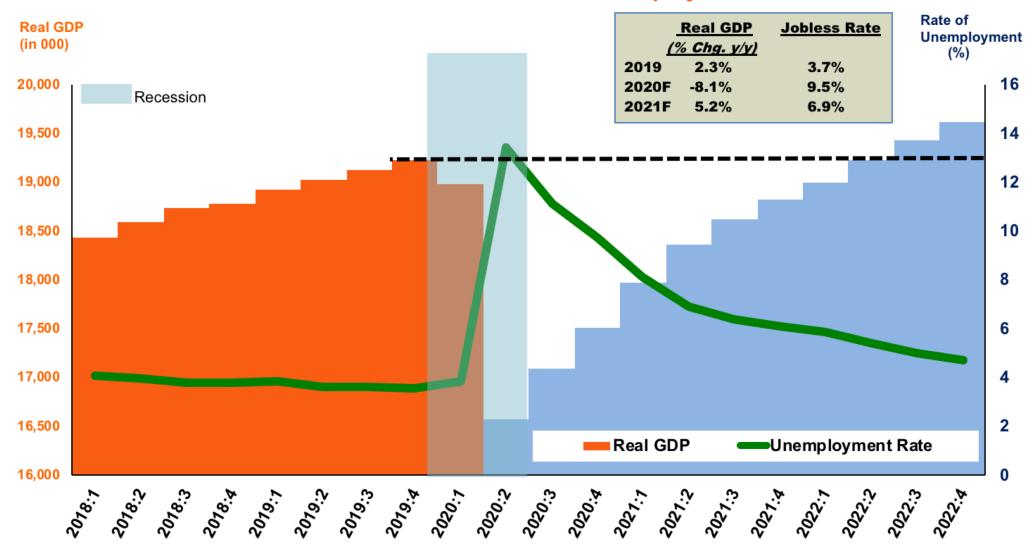
Key Performance Measures and Financials Q1 2020 Results

	TRAIN SPEEDS		TERMIN DWELL	AL	ERATIN	G	VOLUME (UNITS)	•	OPERAT RATIO	ING
	(mph)	%Chg	(hrs)	%Chg	\$000)	%Chg	(000)	%Chg		Chg
BNSF					\$ 1,823	2%	2,336	-5%	65.2%	-3%
UP	25.4	9%	23.8	-11%	\$ 2,143	9 %	1,940	- 7 %	59.0%	-5%
NS	23.8	10%	18.6	-16%	\$ 953	-1%	1,688	-11%	63.7%	-2%
CSX	21.2	4%	8.3	- 7 %	\$ 1,178	-3%	1,514	-1%	58.7%	-1%

Source: , December 28, 2919

THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Real GDP vs. Rate of Unemployment



Source: BEA, June 26, 2020, IHS Markit June 2020

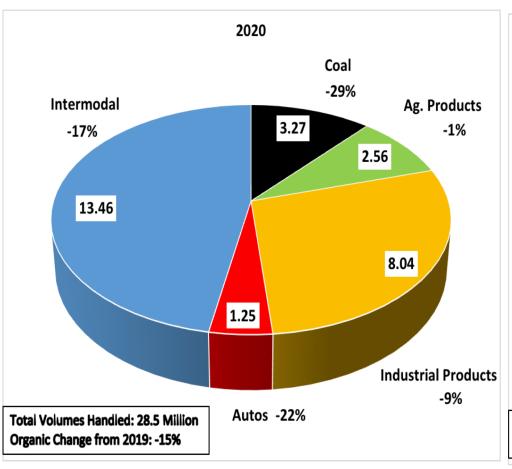
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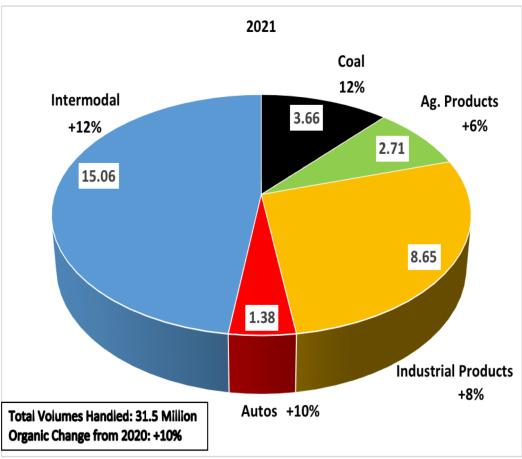
Macro Economic BASE CASE Assumptions					
(July 2020 Forecast)					
% Chg Y/Y Unless Stated	2020	2021			
Real GDP	-6.1%	3.7%			
Unemployment Rate	8.6%	6.3%			
EIA- Western Coal Production	-27.1%	16.3%			
EIA- App Coal Production	-31.8%	4.5%			
Coal Share of Electriicity Generation	17.6%	21.2%			
Natural Gas Share of Electricity Generation	40.6%	35.6%			
Natural Gas Price (Henry Hub)	\$1.93	\$3.10			
Grains Useage (Bushels, Billions)	20.1	21.5			
Industrial Production	-8.6%	6.4%			
Manufacturing	-8.5%	7.6%			
Housing Starts (Thousands)	1.254	1.289			
Housing Starts (% Chg.Y/Y)	-3.2%	2.8%			
Lt Veh - Sales (Millions)	13.2	14.6			
Lt Veh - Sales (% Chg.Y/Y)	-21.8%	10.3%			
Goods Imports	-17.7%	12.3%			
Goods Exports	-20.0%	21.7%			
Consumer Expenditures	-5.8%	3.2%			
WTI Crude Oil (\$/Barrel)	37.6	45.7			
Brent Crude Oil (\$/Barrel)	40.5	49.7			
Brent-WTI Spread (\$/Barrel)	3.0	4.0			

Source: IHS Markit (Jul. 2020); EIA and USDA WASDE (July 2020), SAK Economics LLC

THE RAIL OUTLOOK

US Railroad Volumes (Units Handled)

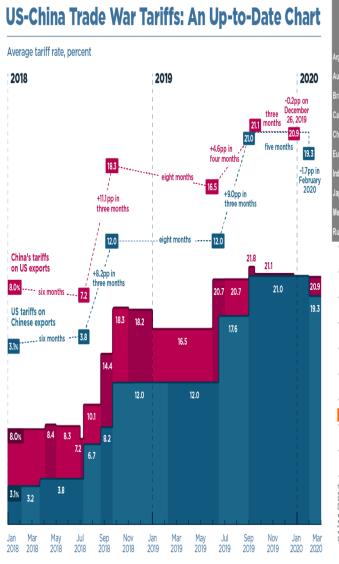




RISKS - PANDEMIC, RACISM, TRADE POLICY & GEOPOLITICS

A second coronavirus wave during the Fall, trade, currency, race and geopolitical tensions could spell trouble for global growth







Source: Chad Brown, Petersen Institute, Feb. 12, 2020

Source: Wall Street Journal, BUXX; July 15, 2020, XE.com, July 15, 2020

OPPORTUNITIES – MONETARY & FISCAL POLICY

The Fed's balance sheet has expanded by \$3 trillion to \$7.1 trillion. Congress has spent over \$2.2 trillion stimulus on CARES Act

