

GDPNow for the Third Quarter Rises to 3.40%, U.S. Retail Sales Rise by 1.44% Ahead of Estimates and Wall Street Closes Mixed.

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The U.S. and European stock markets closed with mixed results even as U.S. retail sales for September exceeded expectations by rising 1.44%, contributing to a positive sentiment. The 10-year Treasury yield increased roughly 0.07% to 4.09%, nearing its monthly peak. This yield movement is primarily driven by stronger-than-anticipated economic data and inflation numbers that slightly surpassed forecasts in recent weeks.

The latest economic reports highlight the resilience of the U.S. consumer as September retail sales grew by 0.4% month-over-month, beating predictions of 0.3%. Excluding auto sales, retail growth was even more impressive at 0.5%, far exceeding the forecast of 0.1%. Additionally, the October Philadelphia Fed index, which gauges regional business conditions, jumped to 10.3, outperforming expectations of 3.0 and last month's 1.7. These indicators suggest that the U.S. economy continues to expand at or above trend levels. The Fed's GDPNow forecast rose to 3.4% for the third quarter. This solid economic backdrop and a potential "soft landing" scenario keep the outlook for financial markets favorable.

GDPNow Update:

- The GDPNow for the third quarter was updated on October 17, 2024, rising to 3.40%, up from 3.20% increasing 6.25%.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Retail Sales YoY:** rose by 1.44%, compared to 1.94% last month.
- **U.S. Retail and Food Services Sales MoM:** rose by 0.43%, compared to 0.06% last month.
- **U.S. Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance:** fell to 241,000, down from 260,000 last week, decreasing -7.31%.
- **U.S. Industrial Production MoM:** fell by -0.28%, compared to 0.34% last month.
- **U.S. Business Inventories MoM:** rose by 0.27%, compared to 0.35% last month.
- **U.S. Wholesalers Inventories MoM:** rose by 0.11%, compared to 0.25% last month.
- **NAHB/Wells Fargo US Housing Market Index:** rose to 43.00, up from 41.00 last month.
- **30-Year Mortgage Rate:** rose to 6.44%, compared to 6.32% last week.
- **Eurozone Inflation Rate:** Excluding Energy, Food, Alcohol, and Tobacco: fell to 2.70%, compared to 2.80% last month.
- **Japan Consumer Price Index YoY:** rose to 3.00%, compared to 2.80% last month.

Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600:** Closed at 523.91, up 4.31 points or 0.83%.
- **FTSE 100:** Closed at 8,385.13, up 56.06 points or 0.67%.
- **DAX Index:** Closed at 19,583.39, up 150.58 points or 0.77%.

Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average:** closed at 43,239.05 up 161.35 points or 0.37%.
- **S&P 500:** closed at 5,841.47, down 1.00 points or 0.02%.
- **Nasdaq Composite:** closed at 18,373.61, up 6.53 points or 0.04%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index:** closed at 3,784.42, down 94.82 points or 2.44%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Stock Index:** closed at 5,816.26, up 132.55 points or 2.33%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note:** closed at 4.09%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note:** closed at 3.96%.

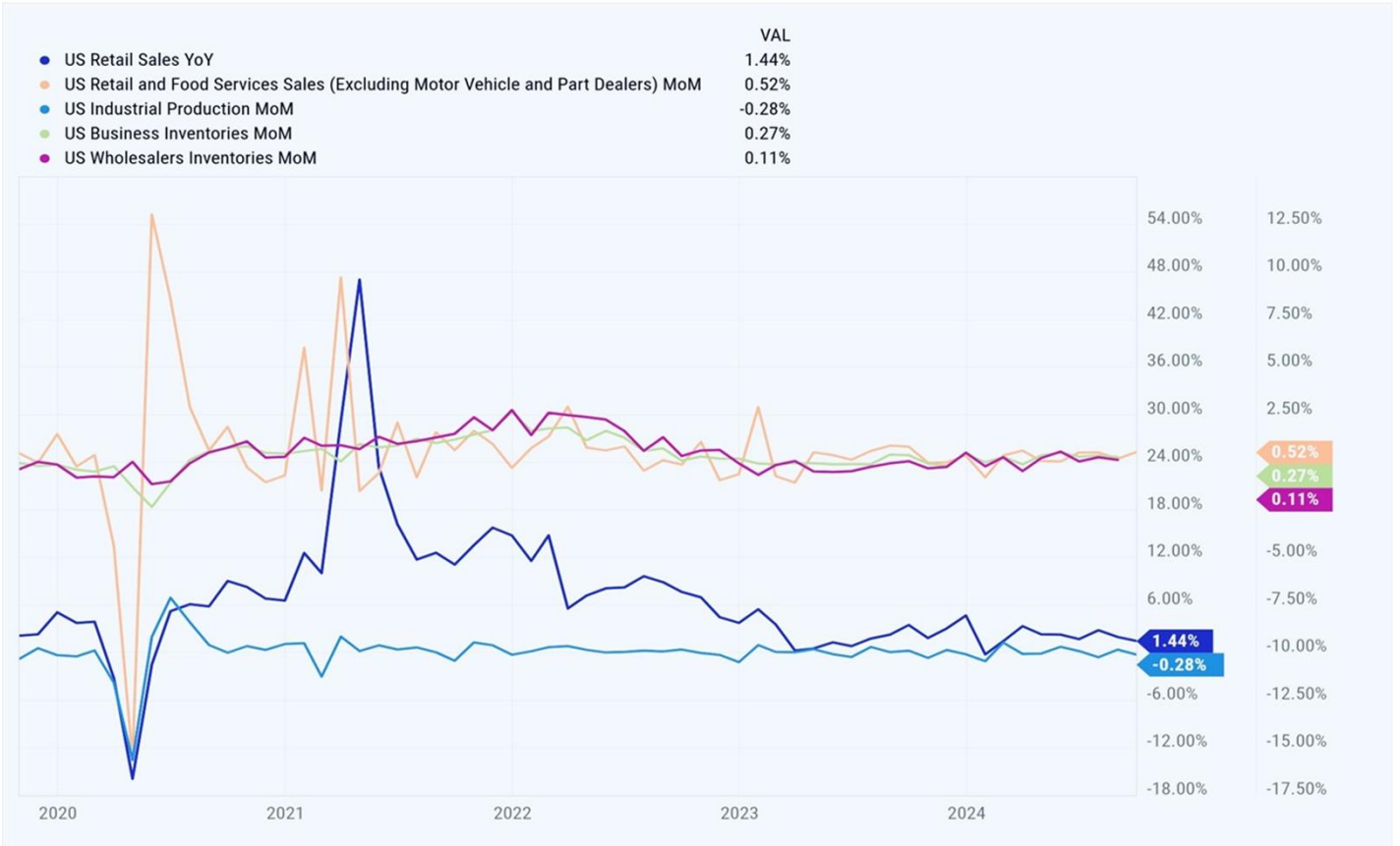


GDPNow 3Q24

Date	GDPNow 3Q24	Change
7/25/2024	2.80%	Initial Forecast
8/1/2024	2.50%	10.71%
8/6/2024	2.90%	16.00%
8/8/2024	2.90%	0.00%
8/15/2024	2.40%	-17.24%
8/15/2024	2.00%	-16.67%
9/3/2024	2.00%	0.00%
9/4/2024	2.10%	5.00%
9/9/2024	2.50%	19.05%
9/17/2024	3.00%	20.00%
9/18/2024	2.90%	-3.33%
9/27/2024	3.10%	6.90%
10/1/2024	2.50%	-19.35%
10/8/2024	3.20%	28.00%
10/9/2024	3.20%	0.00%
10/17/2024	3.40%	6.25%

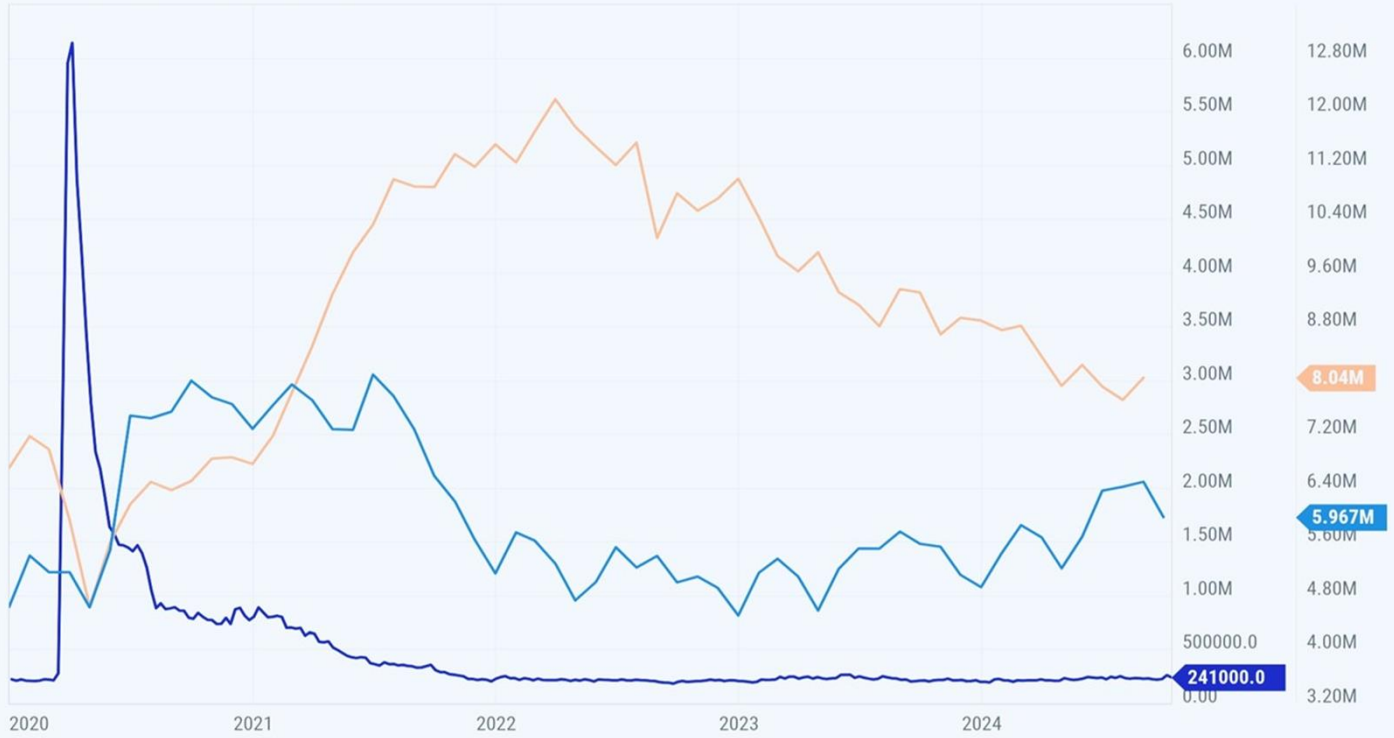


US Retail Sales YoY, US Retail and Food Services Sales, US Industrial Production, US Business Inventories and US Wholesalers Inventories



US Initial Claims for Unemployment, US Job Openings and US Job Seekers

- US Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance 241000.0
- US Job Openings: Total Nonfarm 8.04M
- US Unemployed Persons: Job Seeker 5.967M





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