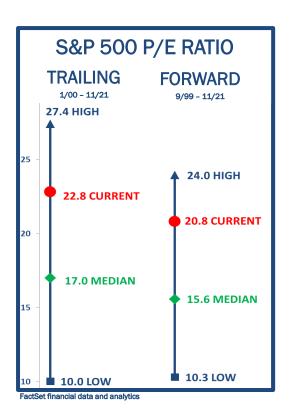


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Executive Summary





The November Employment Report missed expectations, as the economy added 210,000 jobs, well below forecasts of 573,000. However, the Unemployment Rate fell to 4.2% and the Participation Rate improved to 61.8%. Overall, the labor market continues to improve.

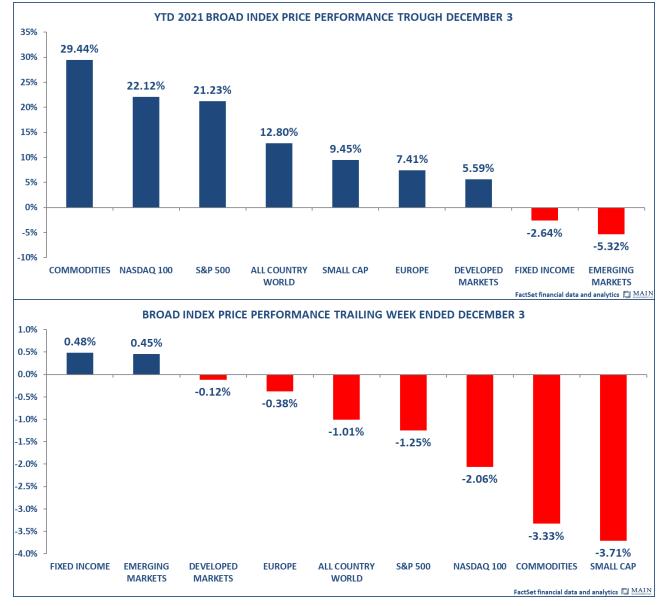
PMIs largely moderated in November but remain firmly in expansion territory. Japan saw solid improvement and the Eurozone moved higher as well. China saw some weakness however. The vast majority of the manufacturing, service, and composite indices we track remain in expansion territory, though.

Unemployment Claims are getting close to their prepandemic levels. Both Initial Claims as well as Continued Claims have continued to move lower in recent weeks.

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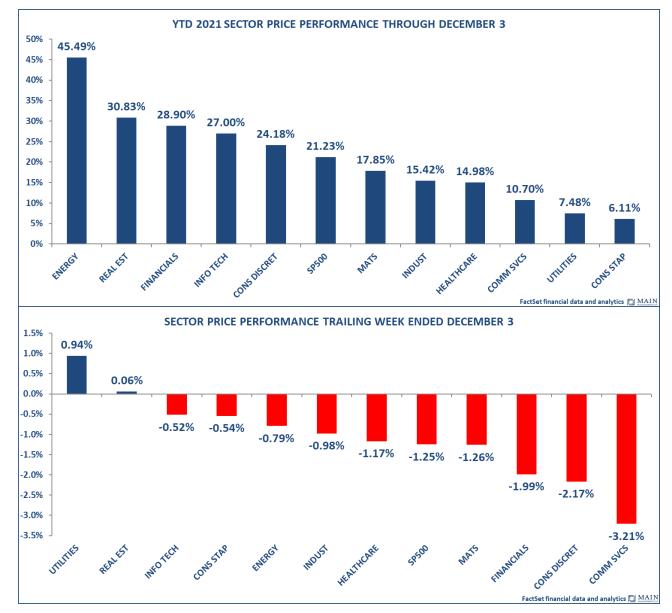


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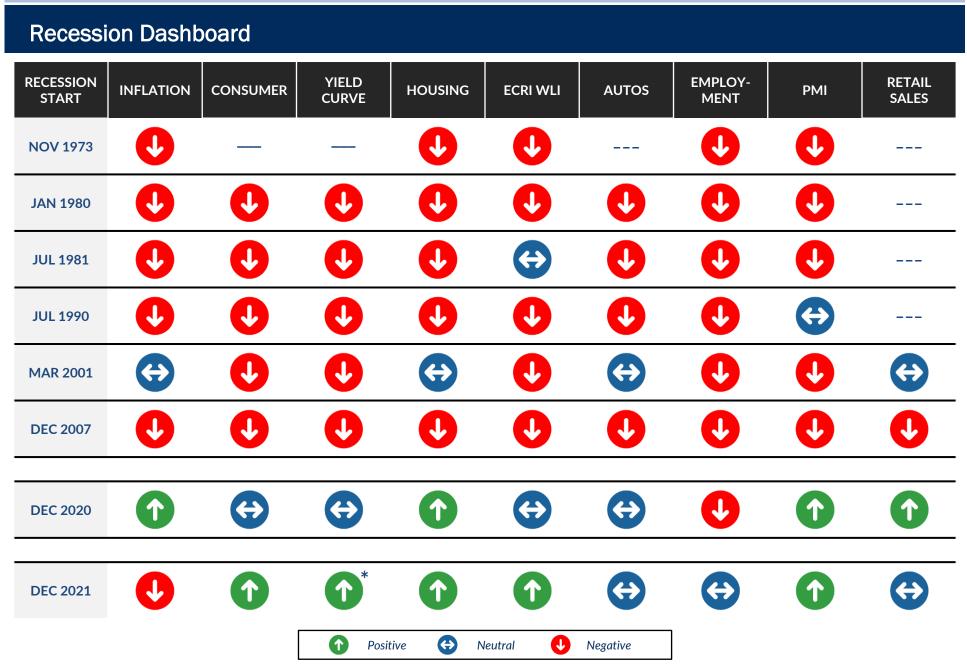




S&P 500 Sector Performance





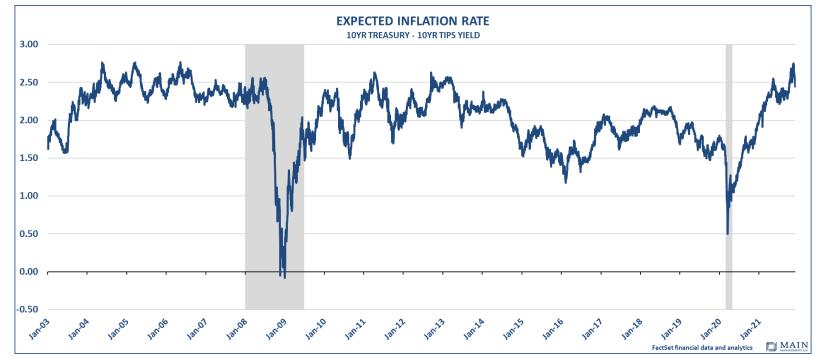




Inflation: Headline CPI. Source: St. Louis Fed. <u>Consumer</u>: Conference Board Consumer Confidence. Source: The Conference Board. <u>Yield Curve</u>: 10 year - 3 month Treasury spread. Source: FactSet financial data and analytics. <u>Housing</u>: Housing Starts & Existing Home Sales. Source: St. Louis Fed. <u>ECRI WLI</u>: ECRI Weekly Leading Index. Source: businesscycle.com. <u>Autos</u>: Auto Sales. Source: St. Louis Fed. <u>Employment</u>: Initial Weekly Unemployment Claims & Nonfarm Payrolls. Source: St. Louis Fed. <u>PMI</u>: Markit US Manufacturing PMI & US ISM Manufacturing PMI & Chicago PMI. Source: Markit, ISM. <u>Retail Sales</u>: Advance Retail Sales. Source: St. Louis Fed.

* 10 year – 3 month Treasury spread inverted on 5/23/19 and again on 1/30/20.

Inflation Watch



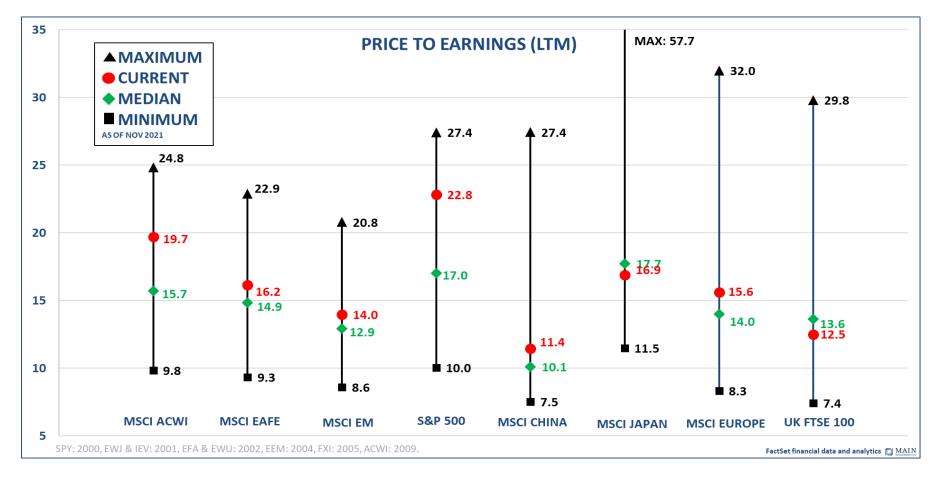
COMMODITY	1MO	YTD	3MO	12MO
REUTERS/JEFFERIES CRB	-8.2%	30.8%	-0.2%	37.7%
S&P GSCI	-11.2%	30.9%	-0.6%	38.5%
LUMBER	57.8 %	4.7%	76.9%	40.9%
GASOLINE	0.4%	52.7%	7.9%	61.5%
NATURAL GAS	- 23.9%	71.9%	-12.8%	47.5%
WTI CRUDE	- 20.7%	37.5%	-5.1%	47.0%
COTTON	-7.1%	39.4%	14.5%	55.6%
CORN	0.7%	19.2%	11.8%	37.7%
COPPER	-1.7%	22.3%	0.2%	23.7%
SOYBEANS	0.0%	-5.4%	- 2.7%	7.9%
SILVER	- 4.9%	-15.4%	-6.4%	-7.2%
COFFEE	14.1%	85.1%	23.7%	103.2%
GOLD	-1.1%	- 6.9%	-2.3%	-3.4%
BITCOIN	- 10.7%	94.6%	15.8%	196.3%
US DOLLAR DXY	2.2%	6.9%	4.3%	5.5%



Data as of December 2, 2021

Broad Index Valuations

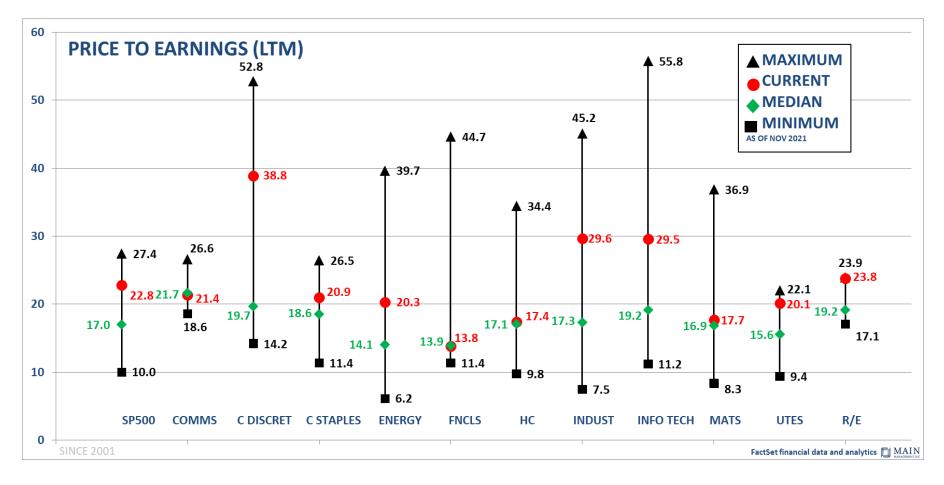
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US Sector Valuations

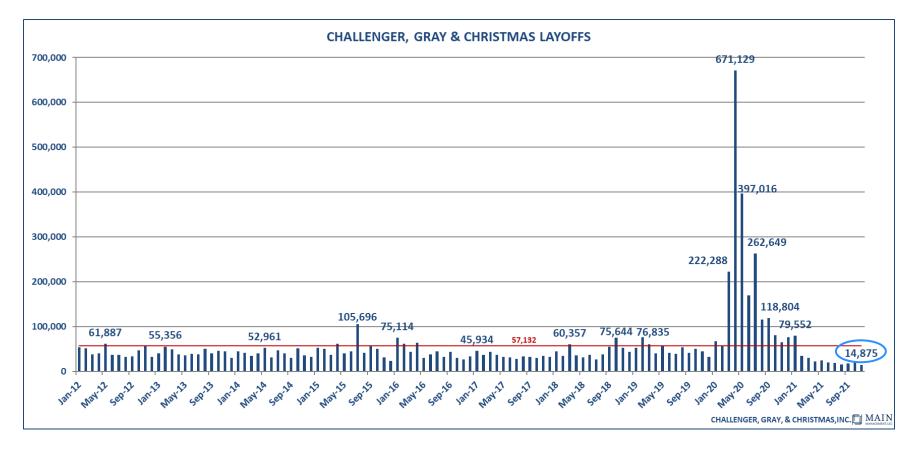
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Of Note This Week

The Challenger, Gray & Christmas Job Cut Announcement Report showed that firms announced 14,875 job cuts in November, the lowest monthly total since May 1993!! Cuts were down -35% M/M and are down -77% Y/Y. Firms are clearly reluctant to lay off workers in a tight labor market.





Payrolls rose by 210,000, a sizeable miss from expectations of 573k. However, October and September were revised higher by 15k and 67k, respectively. The Unemployment Rate dropped to 4.2% and the Participation Rate improved to 61.8%. The Labor Force grew by 594,000 and the Household Employment Survey improved by 1.136 million, the biggest gain since October 2020. Earnings rose +0.26% M/M and were largely unchanged from October on a Y/Y basis at +4.80%.

		Nov-21	Oct-21	Nov-20	Y/Y	M/M
1	TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT (000s)	148,611	148,401	142,809	4.06%	0.14%
2	NONFARM EMPLOYMENT Δ FROM PRIOR PERIOD (000s)	210	546	264		
3	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION (000s)	262,029	261,908	261,085	0.36%	0.05%
4	CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION Δ FROM PRIOR PERIOD (000s)	121	142	160		
5	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (000s)	162,052	161,458	160,467	0.99%	0.37%
6	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE Δ FROM PRIOR PERIOD (000s)	594	104	-400		
7	PARTICIPATION RATE	61.8%	61.6%	61.5%	0.55%	0.25%
8	EMPLOYED (000s)	155,175	154,039	149,809	3.58%	0.74%
9	EMPLOYED Δ FROM PRIOR PERIOD (000s)	1,136	359	140		
10	EMPLOYED / POPULATION	59.2%	58.8%	57.4%	3.21%	0.69%
11	UNEMPLOYED (000s)	6,877	7,419	10,728	-35.90%	- 7.3 1%
12	UNEMPLOYED Δ FROM PRIOR PERIOD (000s)	-542	-255	-321		
13	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (U3)	4.2%	4.6%	6.7%	-37.31%	- 8.70 %
14	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (U6)	7.8%	8.3%	12.0%	-35.00%	-6.02%
15	PART-TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS (000s)	4,286	4,423	6,641	-35.46%	-3.10%
16	WANT A JOB Δ FROM PRIOR PERIOD (000s)	-137	-45	-27		
17	NOT IN LABOR FORCE (000s)	99,977	100,450	100,548	-0.57%	-0.47%
18	NOT IN LABOR FORCE Δ FROM PRIOR PERIOD (000s)	-473	38	341		
19	NOT IN LABOR FORCE / POPULATION	38.2%	38.4%	38.5%	-0.93%	-0.52%
20	Δ IN NONFARM PAYROLLS LESS Δ IN THOSE LEAVING THE LABOR FORCE (000s)	683	508	-77		
21	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS	\$31.03	\$30.95	\$29.61	4.80%	0.26%
22	YEAR OVER YEAR Δ IN AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS	4.80%	4.84%	4.52%		
23	PRIVATE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED	34.8	34.7	34.8	0.00%	0.29%
24	MANUFACTURING WEEKLY HOURS WORKED	40.4	40.3	40.3	0.25%	0.25%



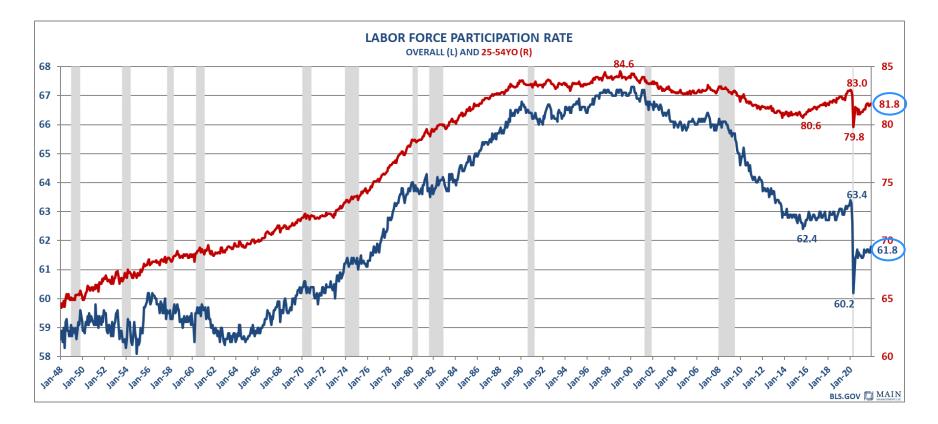


From an industry standpoint, Professional & Business Services led the way adding +90,000 jobs, followed by Transportation & Warehousing at +50,000. The biggest laggards were Government which lost -25,000 jobs and then Retail Trade which shed -20,000 jobs.

EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTE INDUSTRY	Nov-21	% OF TOTAL	1MO Δ	%Δ M/M	%∆ Y/Y
TOTAL NONFARM	148,611	100.0%	210	0.1%	4.1%
TOTAL PRIVATE	126,711	85.3%	235	0.2%	4.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	20,724	13.9%	60	0.3%	2.9%
MINING AND LOGGING	645	0.4%	-2	-0.3%	8.0%
CONSTRUCTION	7,533	5.1%	31	0.4%	2.4%
MANUFACTURING	12,546	8.4%	31	0.2%	2.9%
DURABLE GOODS	7,800	5.2%	15	0.2%	2.9%
MOTOR VEHICLES AND PARTS	924	0.6%	-10	-1.1%	1.9%
NONDURABLE GOODS	4,746	3.2%	16	0.3%	2.8%
PRIVATE SERVICE-PROVIDING	105,987	71.3%	175	0.2%	4.8%
WHOLESALE TRADE	5,747	3.9%	8	0.1%	2.6%
RETAIL TRADE	15,434	10.4%	-20	-0.1%	2.0%
TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING	6,033	4.1%	50	0.8%	5.6%
UTILITIES	536	0.4%	0	-0.1%	-0.6%
INFORMATION	2,791	1.9%	-2	-0.1%	5.3%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	8,905	6.0%	13	0.1%	1.7%
PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES	21,400	14.4%	90	0.4%	4.9%
TEMPORARY HELP SERVICES	2,792	1.9%	6	0.2%	9.1%
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES	23,772	16.0%	4	0.0%	2.1%
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	20,149	13.6%	6	0.0%	1.3%
LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY	15,581	10.5%	23	0.1%	14.3%
OTHER SERVICES	5,787	3.9%	10	0.2%	5.5%
GOVERNMENT	21,900	14.7%	-25	-0.1%	1.9%



The Overall Participation Rate rose to 61.8% from 61.6%, the highest since March 2020. The 25-54yo Participation Rate also improved, rising to 81.8% from 81.7%, tied for the highest since March 2020. It would be great to see these continue higher in the coming months...







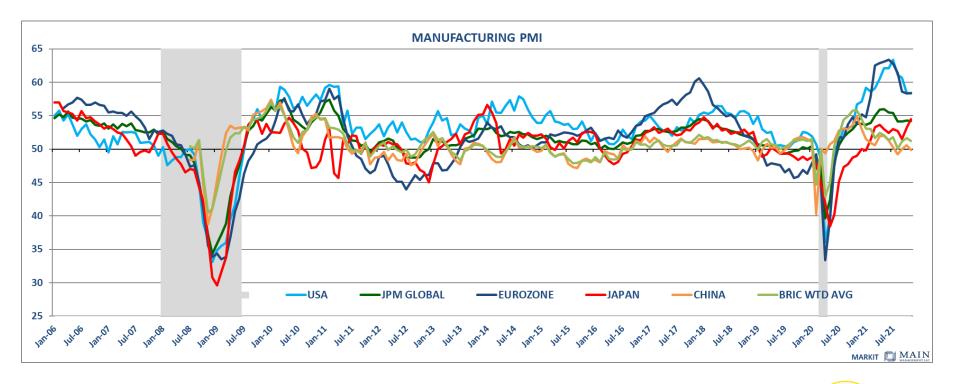
Here's Long Term vs Short Term Unemployment. It is encouraging to see the LT figure decline to 2.19 million, the lowest since August 2020. That LT figure has a high correlation with the Unemployment Rate. The ST figure also declined to 1.972 million, the lowest since October 2019.





POSITIVE

On the whole, Manufacturing PMIs moderated a bit in November but remain solidly in expansion territory for the most part. The U.S. ticked down to 58.3 from 58.4. The JPM Global index edged lower to 54.2 from 54.3. The Eurozone inched up to 58.4 from 58.3. Japan improved to 54.5 from 56.2, the best since January 2018! China moved into contraction at 49.9 and took the BRIC weighted average down with it as well.





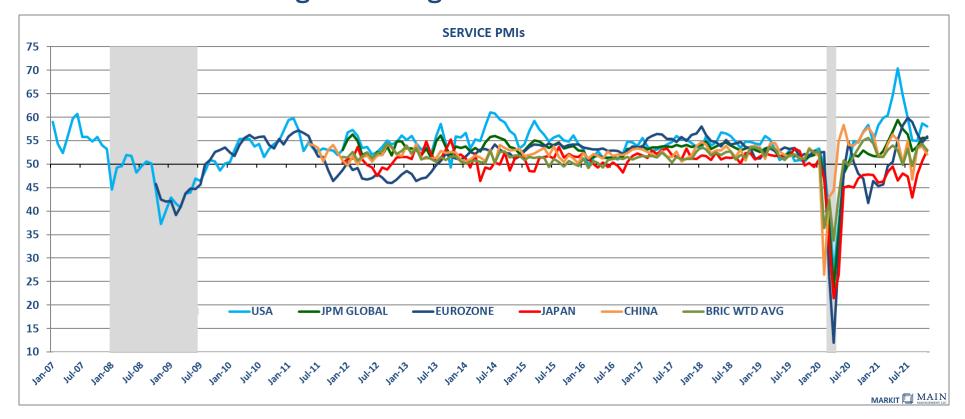
Here's a heatmap of the Manufacturing PMI indices we are tracking. The overall average was basically flat at 55.4 versus 55.3 in October. 18 of the 21 countries we track are above 50, or in expansion territory. China, Brazil, and Mexico are the only countries we track that are in contraction.

DATE	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21
JPM GLOBAL	50.1	50.4	47.1	47.6	39.6	42.4	47.9	50.6	51.8	52.4	53.0	53.8	53.8	53.6	53.9	55.0	55.9	56.0	55.5	55.4	54.1	54.1	54.3	54.2
EUROZONE	46.3	47.9	49.2	44.5	33.4	39.4	47.4	51.8	51.7	53.7	54.8	53.8	55.2	54.8	57.9	62.5	62.9	63.1	63.4	62.8	61.4	58.6	58.3	58.4
BRIC	51.2	51.5	44.7	49.9	42.9	44.9	50.5	52.2	54.4	54.9	55.7	55.8	54.5	53.1	53.0	51.7	52.4	52.0	51.4	51.8	50.1	51.2	51.6	51.2
EUROPE DM	48.6	49.6	50.5	43.7	33.4	40.5	48.0	52.0	51.2	52.1	52.4	51.2	53.5	53.5	55.6	59.7	61.2	62.5	62.3	62.1	61.5	59.7	59.5	59.2
ASIA DM	49.7	50.1	47.4	39.1	35.0	32.8	41.7	45.4	45.5	46.4	48.7	47.9	50.3	51.4	53.2	53.4	52.7	53.7	51.3	54.9	52.4	52.7	52.8	53.3
ASIA EM	50.5	50.5	48.0	46.4	38.7	41.0	46.2	49.0	50.1	51.5	51.9	53.0	53.7	53.7	53.8	54.7	55.6	55.2	52.1	49.6	48.6	49.9	53.1	52.4
USA	52.4	51.9	50.7	48.5	36.1	39.8	49.8	50.9	53.1	53.2	53.4	56.7	57.1	59.2	58.6	59.1	60.5	62.1	62.1	63.4	61.1	60.7	58.4	58.3
UK	47.5	50.0	51.7	47.8	32.6	40.7	50.1	53.3	55.2	54.1	53.7	55.6	57.5	54.1	55.1	58.9	60.9	65.6	63.9	60.4	60.3	57.1	57.8	58.1
GERMANY	43.7	45.3	48.0	45.4	34.5	36.6	45.2	51.0	52.2	56.4	58.2	57.8	58.3	57.1	60.7	66.6	66.2	64.4	65.1	65.9	62.6	58.4	57.8	57.4
FRANCE	50.4	51.1	49.7	43.2	31.5	40.6	52.3	52.4	49.8	51.2	51.3	49.6	51.1	51.6	56.1	59.3	58.9	59.4	59.0	58.0	57.5	55.0	53.6	55.9
ITALY	46.2	48.9	48.7	40.3	31.1	45.4	47.5	51.9	53.1	53.2	53.8	51.5	52.8	55.1	56.9	59.8	60.7	62.3	62.2	60.3	60.9	59.7	61.1	62.8
SPAIN	47.4	48.5	50.4	45.7	30.8	38.3	49.0	53.5	49.9	50.8	52.5	49.8	51.0	49.3	52.9	56.9	57.7	59.4	60.4	59.0	59.5	58.1	57.4	57.1
SWITZ	48.8	47.8	49.5	43.7	40.7	42.1	41.9	49.2	51.8	53.1	52.3	55.2	57.3	59.4	61.3	66.3	69.5	69.9	66.7	71.1	67.7	68.1	65.4	62.5
GREECE	53.9	54.4	56.2	42.5	29.5	41.1	49.4	48.6	49.4	50.0	48.7	42.3	46.9	50.0	49.4	51.8	54.4	58.0	58.6	57.4	59.3	58.4	58.9	58.8
IRELAND	49.5	51.4	51.2	45.1	36.0	39.2	51.0	57.3	52.3	50.0	50.3	52.2	57.2	51.8	52.0	57.1	60.8	64.1	64.0	63.3	62.8	60.3	62.1	59.9
AUSTRALIA	48.3	45.4	44.3	53.7	35.8	41.6	51.5	53.5	49.3	46.7	56.3	52.1	52.1	55.3	58.8	59.9	61.7	61.8	63.2	60.8	51.6	51.2	50.4	54.8
JAPAN	48.4	48.8	47.8	44.8	41.9	38.4	40.1	45.2	47.3	47.7	48.7	49.0	50.0	49.8	51.4	53.3	53.6	53.0	52.4	53.0	52.7	51.5	53.2	54.5
SINGAPORE	51.0	51.4	47.0	33.3	28.1	27.1	43.2	45.6	43.6	45.1	48.6	46.7	50.5	52.9	54.9	53.5	51.8	54.4	50.1	56.7	52.1	53.8	52.3	52.0
CHINA	51.5	51.1	40.3	50.1	49.4	50.7	51.2	52.8	53.1	53.0	53.6	54.9	53.0	51.5	50.9	50.6	51.9	52.0	51.3	50.3	49.2	50.0	50.6	49.9
RUSSIA	47.5	47.9	48.2	47.5	31.3	36.2	49.4	48.4	51.1	48.9	46.9	46.3	49.7	50.9	51.5	51.1	50.4	51.9	49.2	47.5	46.5	49.8	51.6	51.7
BRAZIL	50.2	51.0	52.3	48.4	36.0	38.3	51.6	58.2	64.7	64.9	66.7	64.0	61.5	56.5	58.4	52.8	52.3	53.7	56.4	56.7	53.6	54.4	51.7	49.8
INDIA	52.7	55.3	54.5	51.8	27.4	30.8	47.2	46.0	52.0	56.8	58.9	56.3	56.4	57.7	57.5	55.4	55.5	50.8	48.1	55.3	52.3	53.7	55.9	57.6
INDONESIA	49.5	49.3	51.9	45.3	27.5	28.6	39.1	46.9	50.8	47.2	47.8	50.6	51.3	52.2	50.9	53.2	54.6	55.3	53.5	40.1	43.7	52.2	57.2	53.9
TAIWAN	50.8	51.8	49.9	50.4	42.2	41.9	46.2	50.6	52.2	55.2	55.1	56.9	59.4	60.2	60.4	60.8	62.4	62.0	57.6	59.7	58.5	54.7	55.2	54.9
MEXICO	47.1	49.0	50.3	47.9	35.0	38.3	38.6	40.4	41.3	42.1	43.6	43.7	42.4	43.0	44.2	45.6	48.4	47.6	48.8	49.6	47.1	48.6	49.3	49.4
VIETNAM	50.8	50.6	49.0	41.9	32.7	42.7	51.1	47.6	45.7	52.2	51.8	49.9	51.7	51.3	51.6	53.6	54.7	53.1	44.1	45.1	40.2	40.2	52.1	52.2
S. KOREA	50.1	49.8	48.7	44.2	41.6	41.3	43.4	46.9	48.5	49.8	51.2	52.9	52.9	53.2	55.3	55.3	54.6	53.7	53.9	53.0	51.2	52.4	50.2	50.9
AVERAGE	49.4	50.0	49.5	45.8	34.8	39.0	47.1	50.0	50.8	51.5	52.5	52.1	53.3	53.4	54.7	56.2	57.2	57.8	56.7	56.5	54.8	54.7	55.3	55.4
%Δ	-0.2%	1.3%	-1.0%	-7.6%	-23.9%	12.0%	20.6%	6.2%	1.5%	1.4%	2.0%	-0.9%	2.4%	0.2%	2.4%	2.8%	1.7%	1.1%	-2.0%	-0.3%	-3.1%	-0.2%	1.2%	0.0%



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Service PMIs are similar to Manufacturing – moderation with Japan showing solid strength. The U.S. declined to 58.0 from 58.7. The JPM Global Index was unchanged at 55.6. The Eurozone improved to 55.9 from 54.6. Japan jumped to 53.0 from 50.7, a 27-month high! China declined to 52.1 from 53.8 and the BRIC weighted average declined to 52.9 from 54.3.



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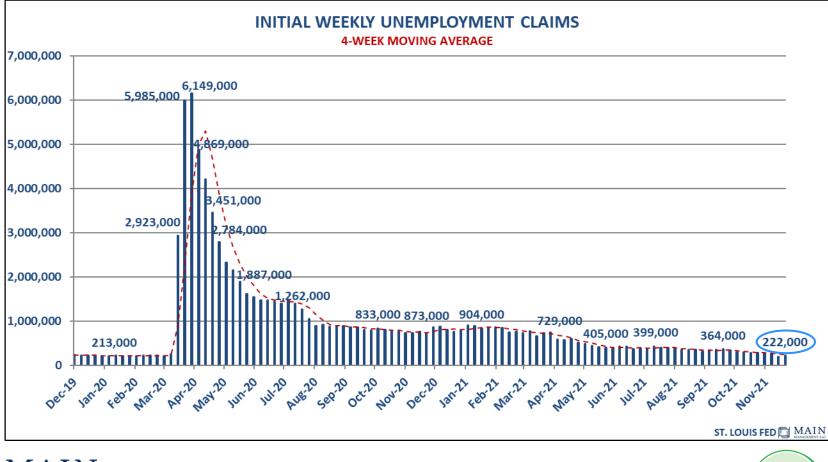
Unsurprisingly, Composite PMIs were similar to the Manufacturing and Service figures. The U.S. moved down to 57.2 from 57.6. The JPM Global Index rose to 54.8 from 54.5. The Eurozone increased to 55.4 from 54.2 and Japan rose to 53.3 from 50.7, the best since October 2017! China inched lower to 51.2 from 51.5 and the BRIC weighted average declined to 52.3 from 52.7.





Unemployment Claims

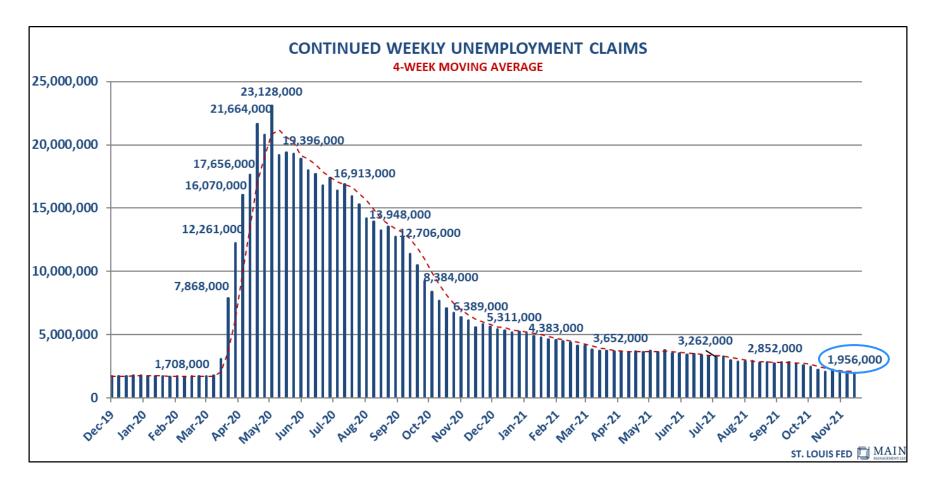
Initial Unemployment Claims ticked a bit higher to 222,000 for the week ended Nov. 27. However, they did drop below 200k to 194,000 for the week ended Nov. 20, the first time they've been below 200k since November 1969! The 4-week moving average is now at the lowest level since March 14, 2020.





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Continued Claims fell to 1.956 million for the week ended Nov. 27, their first time below the 2 million level since March 2020.

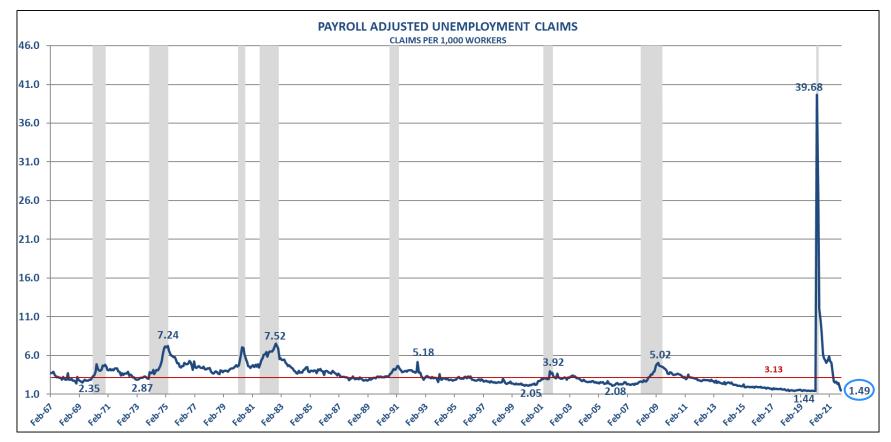






Unemployment Claims

On a payroll-adjusted basis, Initial Claims are now at 1.49 claims per 1,000 workers, the lowest level since the pandemic. For some perspective, the median since the last peak in March 2009 was 2.39 claims per 1,000 workers and the lowest reading was 1.38, so the retracement here has been remarkably quick.

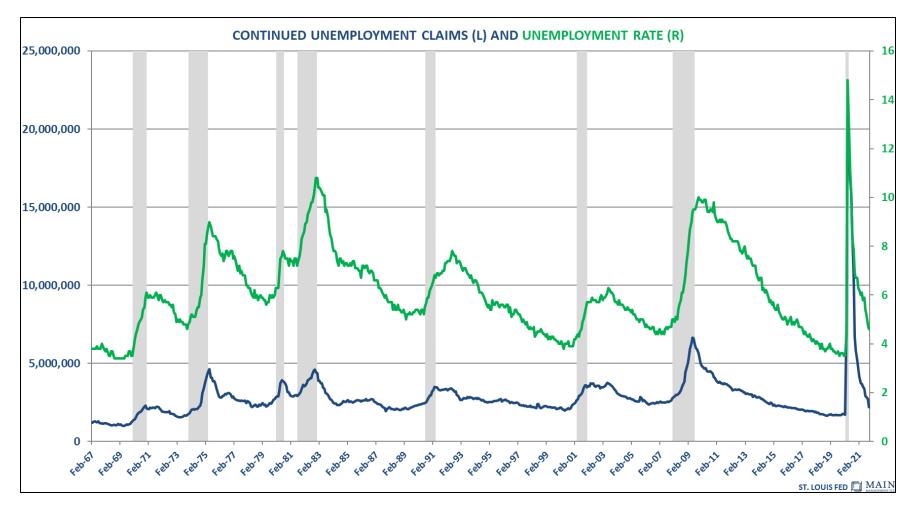






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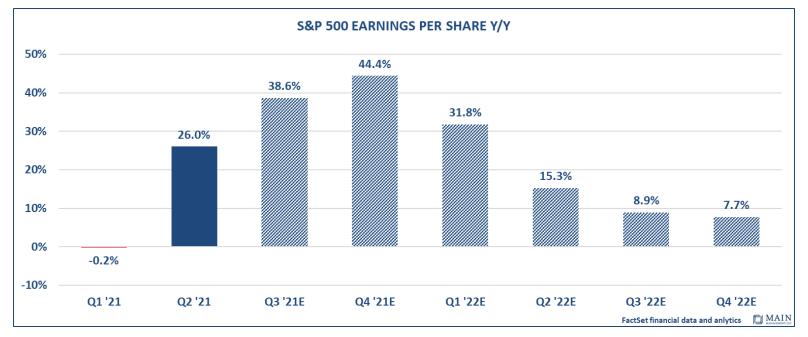
As you can see below, Continued Claims track quite closely with the Unemployment Rate, which dropped to 4.2% in November from 4.6% in October.





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S&P 500 Earnings Estimates

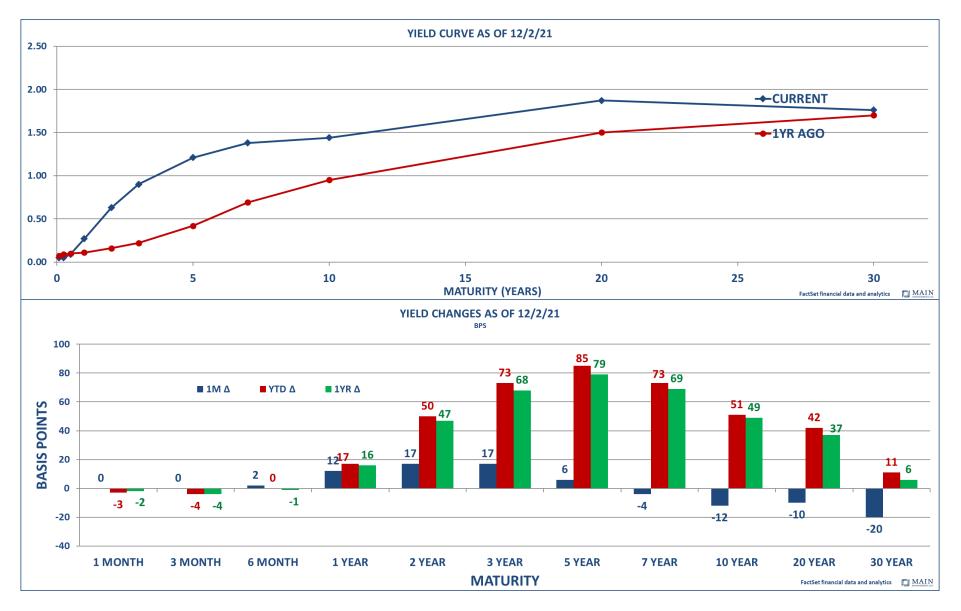


S&P	500 EARNI	NGS ESTIM	ATES	CHANGE						
PERIOD	12/3/21	1WK AGO	1MO AGO	1WK %Δ	1WK \$∆	1MO %Δ	1MO \$ ∆			
1Q21	\$48.62	\$48.62	\$48.62							
2Q21	\$52.26	\$52.26	\$52.26							
3Q21E	\$53.11	\$53.11	\$52.86	0.00%	\$0.00	0.47%	\$0.25			
4Q21E	\$50.42	\$50.34	\$50.41	0.16%	\$0.08	0.02%	\$0.01			
1Q22E	\$51.47	\$51.48	\$51.45	-0.02%	-\$0.01	0.04%	\$0.02			
2Q22E	\$54.52	\$54.50	\$54.26	0.04%	\$0.02	0.48%	\$0.26			
3Q22E	\$56.88	\$56.83	\$56.41	0.09%	\$0.05	0.83%	\$0.47			
4Q22E	\$57.29	\$57.25	\$56.89	0.07%	\$0.04	0.70%	\$0.40			
2020	\$138.68	\$138.68	\$138.68							
2021E	\$203.02	\$202.86	\$202.29	0.08%	\$0.16	0.36%	\$0.73			
2022E	\$220.28	\$220.12	\$219.35	0.07%	\$0.16	0.42%	\$0.93			



FactSet financial data and analytics

Yields





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