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Economic Predictions: What Lies Ahead?

Here's what the financial forecast may have in store.

It can be easy to overlook the nation's solid economic fundamentals when the financial media splashes stories every day about an army of amateur traders, short-selling mania, and initial public offerings (IPOs) that double in price on the first day of trading.

But a recent survey by The Wall Street Journal showed just how upbeat economists are about 2021.¹

Here's a quick summary of the highlights.

Increased projected economic expansion. Economists now expect the economy to expand by 4.9% this year, an increase from their estimate of 4.3% last month. The forecast

has brightened due to the distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations and the prospect of additional fiscal relief.

They are less optimistic about employment. The group sees 4.8 million jobs to be added this year, versus a January 2021 forecast of 5 million. There is an ongoing worry that jobs may take longer to return to certain industries, such as leisure, airlines, and restaurants.²

Brace for higher inflation. They project a 2.8% increase in consumer prices in June 2021 compared with a year earlier.

Decreased chance of an economic downturn. The economists believe there is a 17.5% chance

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of an economic downturn in the next 12 months, an improvement from the 21.2% risk estimate in January. Vaccines and the prospect for new federal spending are driving the optimism.

While the consensus is upbeat about 2021, it's important to remain vigilant as economic trends unfold this year. An outside force can

cause a sudden shift in sentiment, which is why we monitor surveys like the one conducted by The Wall Street Journal.

Keep us in mind as you read information about the economy. We'd welcome the opportunity to hear your thoughts.

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2021 Limits for IRAs, 401(k)s and More

Numbers to know for the new year.

On October 26, the Treasury Department released the 2021 adjusted figures for retirement account savings. Although these adjustments won't bring any major changes, there are some minor elements to note.

401(k)s. The salary deferral amount for 401(k)s remains the same at \$19,500, while the catch-up amount of \$6,500 also remains unchanged. However, the overall limit for these plans will increase from \$57,000 to \$58,000 in 2021.¹

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA). The limit on annual contributions remains at \$6,000 for 2021, and the catch-up contribution limit is also unchanged at \$1,000.²

Roth IRAs. Roth IRA account holders will experience some slightly beneficial changes. In

2021, the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) phase-out range will be \$198,000 to \$208,000 for couples filing jointly. This will be an increase from the 2020 range of \$196,000 to \$206,000. For those who file as single or as head of household, the income phase-out range has also increased. The new range for 2021 will be \$125,000 to \$140,000, up from the current range of \$124,000 to \$139,000.³

Although these modest increases won't impact many, it's natural to have questions anytime the financial landscape changes. If you're curious about any of the above, speak to your financial or tax professional for more information.

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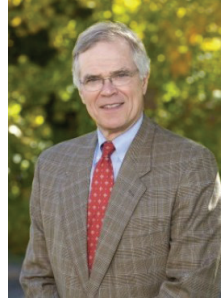
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Gerald (Gerry) M. Malmo, III CLTC was recognized by MassMutual as a leader in production and for the exceptional number of insurance contracts placed in force in 2020.

David Holden, CFP®, CLU®, ChFC®, CLTC, was recognized by the firm's Broker Dealer (MMLIS) as the leading producer of investment business in the Triad.

Brian Holden's business production in 2020 qualified him for the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT).

Lawrence "Chip" Holden's CLU®, ChFC® Top of the Table business production qualified him for the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) for the 44th time. Top of the Table is internationally recognized as a mark of excellence reserved for the most successful in the Financial Services Industry.

John E. Mickey, CLU®, CLTC will celebrate his 45th year anniversary in the financial services business this year.



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