[1] The US reopens: reopening, mobility, production and spending

High frequency US data tracker
Index, with 0 = lowest observed value and 100 = highest observed value, Jan 1 2020 to present

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Source: WWPA, EIA, AISI, EEI, AAR, Redbook, Census Bureau, TSA.gov, Apple, Smith Travel, MBA, Google, ThinkNum, JPMAM. September 03, 2020.
Credit and debit card spending trends

Here’s our new analysis on the US consumer based on select internal Chase transaction data¹. On a national level, consumer spending in our credit and debit card data set² is down around 5% vs 2019 (first chart). However, this aggregation includes a lot of e-commerce. When narrowing the focus to consumer transactions that took place with “cards present”, the y/y decline in spending is larger.

We’re also interested specifically in discretionary “social distancing spending” (SDS). For our purposes, we define SDS as “card present” transactions for retail, lodging, restaurants, rental cars, ride hailing/taxis/limos, amusement parks, tourist attractions, theaters, night clubs and other recreational services. In other words, discretionary spending that requires people to go someplace and not buy from home. In our dataset, card-present SDS represented around one third of all consumer spending in 2019. The SDS decline this year is even sharper than the decline in total spending, since the latter includes food, healthcare, gasoline, recurring payments and other non-discretionary items.

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² Our data may not be representative of national spending trends. While it is based on a large number of cardholders, we have not normalized the data for age, gender, income or other factor differences vs the national average.
E-commerce monitor

Lingering consumer preferences for e-commerce after the pandemic is over may be one of its more lasting legacies, with implications for a wide range of sectors and industries.
Other spending trends: airlines, oil and recurring spending

Recurring payments are either discretionary (cable TV/internet, gyms, equipment and furniture leasing and member organizations) or non-discretionary (utilities, child care, telecom services and insurance).

National credit and debit card spending trends
Oil spending, all transactions
Spending change 2020 vs 2019, 7 day smoothing

National credit and debit card spending trends
Airline spending, all transactions
Spending change 2020 vs 2019, 7 day smoothing

National credit and debit card spending trends
Recurring non-discretionary spending, all transactions
Recurring discretionary spending, all transactions

Nationwide consumer, mobility and manufacturing trackers

**US retail sales**

*y/y % change, weekly data*

- Discount store sales
- Department store sales

Source: Redbook Research. August 29, 2020

**New business applications with the IRS**

% of 2019 level, weekly data

Source: US Census Bureau. August 22, 2020

**United States and New York City travel tracker**

% decline from baseline level, daily data


**US hotel occupancy rate**

Weekly data

Source: Smith Travel. August 22, 2020

**US mortgage applications for purchases of single-family homes, y/y % change, weekly data**

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association. August 28, 2020
Coronavirus

Estimated year over year % change in US GDP growth based on Weekly Economic Index conditions


US 2020 high frequency manufacturing tracker y/y % change, weekly data

Source: WWPA, EIA, AISI, AAR, EEI, Haver. JPMAM. August 22, 2020

Baltic exchange dry index vs industrial commodity prices, Index level

Price Return Index reflects price changes in Copper, Aluminum, Zinc, and Nickel

US demand for petroleum products vs global crude oil floating storage, % of 2019 level, weekly data

Source: EIA, Vortexa LTD. August 28, 2020

US railroad traffic y/y % change, weekly data

Source: Association of American Railroads. August 29, 2020
Coronavirus

US Mobility data

US residential mobility data
% change from baseline


US retail, restaurants and recreation mobility data
% change from baseline


US transit stations mobility data
% change from baseline


US workplaces mobility data
% change from baseline


International mobility data

Regional mobility data: Europe
% change from baseline: retail, restaurants, transit & workplace


Regional mobility data: Asia
% change from baseline: retail, restaurants, transit & workplace

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