

2022 Year Ahead Outlook

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Q1: What is the outlook for U.S. growth in 2022?

We expect another strong year in 2022. With GDP growth of about 4%. That's down from about five and a half percent in 2021. But just to put it in perspective in a normal trending economy with no big events going on, U. S. growth is about half of that. So it's going to mean ongoing healing, a falling unemployment rate, and generally, good backdrop for businesses.

Now why the continued strong growth?

Part of it is because we're still recovering from the impact of the virus. So there's going to be some re-engagement, particularly in the service sector. Another reason to expect strong growth, is there's a lot of left over money from last year where people accumulated stimulus checks, and unspent service spending money in their bank accounts. They were now able to deploy that, going forward, to sustain strong spending.

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