

Regional Economic Maps

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Global Growth Steady Through Late 2016

Political uncertainty in several major developed economies a big question mark heading into 2017

U.S. expansion in its eighth year

- The U.S. labor market has been one of the brightest spots in a long recovery marked by sluggish growth.
- GDP advanced at a 3.2% clip in the third quarter - it was the strongest quarterly reading in two years after three straight quarters of sub-2% growth.
- U.S. households, benefiting from rising incomes and subdued inflation, are spending steadily, and early signs point to a solid holiday shopping season.
- Home prices have climbed back above the record reached more than a decade ago, bringing to a close the worst period for the housing market since the Great Depression.
- Profits at U.S. corporations have been stressed in recent years by weak foreign demand, a stronger dollar and the energy sector's woes.
- Economists cite 'trade wars' as biggest risk to the economy as uncertainty over outlook remains high.

Little material impact from Brexit (so far)

- Political uncertainty following the U.K.
 Referendum has not yet had a material impact upon economic activity.
- GDP growth was unchanged in the third quarter. Output increased by 0.3% in Eurozone and 0.4% across the wider European Union.
- Unemployment continues to trend lower. At a rate of 8.5% European Union unemployment has fallen by 1.6 million in the past 12 months.
- The most notable reductions in unemployment have been in Iberia, Poland and the Netherlands.
- Southern Europe and France expected to see the strongest job growth over the next two years as spare capacity is utilised.
- U.K. growth is expected to slow next year as business and consumer spending feels the effect of the Referendum vote.
- Upcoming elections in France, Netherlands and Germany could create periods of uncertainty in 2017.

Mixed growth outlook in Asia-Pacific

- Growth in Asia-Pacific remained subdued as export growth continued to slow, while services maintained its growth momentum.
- China's GDP growth stabilized at 6.7% in the first nine months supported by strong income and consumption growth though exports continue to fall.
- Japan's labour market remained tight with the unemployment rate falling to a 21-year low of 3% in September.
- Australia's economy remains supported by healthy growth and steady employment in the services and construction industries.
- Monetary policies in Asia remain loose as BoJ, BoK and RBA cut interest rates to record lows in the first half of 2016, while Japan shifted its monetary policy towards interestrate targeting.
- Risks arising from a slowdown in China, rise in U.S. interest rates and decline in global trade due to U.S. policy shifts towards increased protectionism.

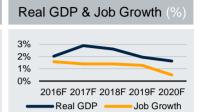
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United States Regional Economic Map: December 2016



Economic Highlights and Perspective

- Broader U.S. economic growth picked up over the summer after a slow start to the year, with GDP expanding at a rate of 3.2% in the third quarter, the strongest growth in two years.
- The monthly pace of job growth has been slowing the past two years, from an average of about 250,000 in 2014, to 229,000 in 2015, to 181,000 over the past year. That number is expected to slow again in 2017 to about 150,000.
- The headline unemployment rate is currently 4.6%. This is close to the rate many economists believe is consistent with "full employment." A tightening iob market is delivering the strongest wage growth for U.S. workers since the recession.
- Consumer spending has been strong this year as Americans have benefited from low inflation, rising wages and high levels of employment.



Source: Moody's Analytics (October 2016).

Employment growth: 2016 - 2018

Pacific Northwest

Portland led the nation in home-price increases for 11 months, but Seattle took the top spot in September -Portland saw home prices rise 10.9% yr/yr, compared with Seattle's 11%

San Francisco

SF is reaching a more mature phase of the business cycle in which rising labor and real estate costs and a shrinking pool of skilled job seekers are sapping the rate of job creation.

Silicon Valley

San Jose boasts the strongest economy in the Bay Area and one of the strongest in the entire nation.

Los Angeles

LA ranks #2 among the top 25 office markets of the U.S. in deal volume year-to-date Q3'16, activity is 51% higher than a year earlier.

Phoenix

Ranked 11th on Forbes' list of fastest-growing cities. Phoenix is projected to be the fourth largest by 2020.

Phoenix

It's status as a low-cost alternative to Silicon Valley and Southern California is paying dividends as high-tech employment has exploded over the last six years.

Above national average

Seattle

Oakland San Jose Las Vegas

Orange San Diego

The energy slump has taken some shine off Denver's rapid expansion, pulling job growth in line with the U.S. average.

San Francisco

Los Angeles • Riverside

County

Denver

Minneapolis

Salt Lake

Minneapolis is a solid performer; employment is keeping pace with the in the rest of the Midwest.

Near national average

nation and rising faster than

Chicago

Minneapolis:

Kansas City

Oklahoma City

Houston

Dallas-Ft. W

San Antonio

The ripple effects from factory slowing, troubled government finances, and weak demographics are becoming more pronounced.

Below national average

Boston

New York

hiladelphia

NNJ

Baltimore

Washington, D.C.

W. Palm Beach

Ft. Lauderdale

Miami

Raleigh

Charlotte

Boston's economy is strong - job growth since 2012 is the fastest rate of growth over the long term since 2000.

Connecticut

General Electric, one of the most storied companies in American history is relocating its global HQ from the Nutmeg State to Boston.

New York City

Since 2010 the Big Apple has added an impressive 530,000 jobs, paced by 22% growth in professional/business services jobs.

Washington, D.C.

Arlington was the top U.S. city where affluent Millennials live as nearly 9% of Millennials living in the D.C. suburb earn more than \$350k per year.

Accelerating wage growth and improving job prospects underpin Charlotte's healthy demographic trends.

The relocation of corporate HQs. including heavyweights such as Porsche and Mercedes Benz, has served as a magnet in attracting highskilled workers.

Miami

Miami faces its second property crash of the past 10 years as condo developers start canceling building projects, cut prices and offer incentives to potential buyers.

Houston has not stabilized vet, while the Dallas-Fort Worth jobs market remains hot benefitting from growth drivers in multiple industries.

Corporate Profits Earnings began to

rebound in third quarter, a glimmer of growth after four straight quarters of contractions

Housing Market First-time home buyers now

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make up 52% of prospective buyers looking to purchase in 2017, up from 33% a year earlier.

Worker Productivity Advanced at the best rate

Nashville

Atlanta

in two years during Q3. but the broader trend remains consistent with a decade-long decline.

Retail

The underlying trend in sales remains positive overall with October yr/yr gains at 4.3% - the highest since Nov 2014

Europe Regional Economic Map: December 2016



Regional Economic Highlights and Perspective

- The pace of Eurozone and E.U. GDP growth was unchanged in the third quarter, expanding at a quarterly rate of 0.3% and 0.4% respectively.
- Despite the E.U. Referendum result, the U.K. economy has continued to outperform the E.U. average, growing by 0.5% in the third quarter.
- The E.U. unemployment rate was 8.5% in September, down 9.2% a year earlier. Large reductions have been recorded in Iberia and Poland.
- With growth modest and core inflation falling back in October, monetary policy in the Eurozone is expected to remain exceptionally loose.

E.U. GDP Growth (%) 2.5 1.5 2015 2016f 2017f 2018f 2019f 2020f 2021f Latest ••••• 6m Ago

Source: Deutsche AM, Oxford Economics, Eurostat, Markit, Macrobond, Bloomberg, Reuters, Berlin Salary Report (November 2016).

Emp. growth: 2017 - 2018f:

London: Despite the vote to leave the E.U., the tech sector is doing well. Google will create 3,000 jobs in the capital while Facebook announces 500 new jobs.

Paris: GDP growth in Paris continued to outperform national trend and recent labour reforms are set to support job creations this year, but tourism is still struggling.

Regional France: The recovery of the French economy in 2016 was undermined by the terrorists attacks in July. Unemployment rate still abové 10% in mány regions.

Frankfurt: Overall job creation above German average despite concerns that some financial services businesses will be reducing headcounts over the next year.

Berlin: Strong economic performance in 2016, driven by a dynamic real estate sector and construction activity. Vibrant start-up scene boosting job growth.

Other Germany: Economic growth lost momentum in the first nine months of 2016, but remains above Eurozone average. Ongoing job growth and falling unemployment.

Leading European Average

Regional U.K.: West Midlands and Yorkshire economies growing faster than London. Signs that jobs growth is slowing, and unemployment is about to rise.

Dublin: Rumours persist that some financial service providers are looking to move some operations from Central London to Dublin in response to the E.U. Referendum.

Near European Average

Benelux: The Dutch economy performing better than expected on the back of a housing market recovery and 54,000 jobs created during the third quarter.

Lagging European Average



Madrid and Barcelona: With a government in place and the economy one of the fastest growing in Europe, job creation is running at a strong pace.

Milan and Rome: Milan looking to attract European Medicines Agency from London, but referendum may dampen job growth in the short term.

Stockholm: Higher immigration could help support gaps in the labour market, but it is not vet clear when recent refugees will be fully integrated into the workforce.

Other Nordics: Share of long-term unemployment remains stubbornly high in Finland. Norway continues to see jobs losses as oil producers announce further spending cuts.

Warsaw: Robust consumptiondriven growth due to strong employment but slump in E.U. funding and higher policy risk will weigh on investor confidence.

Other CEE: Growth in the CEE economies slowed sharply in Q3 2016. External demand is likely to remain fragile, so absorption of E.U. funds becomes a priority.

Istanbul: GDP and employment growth projections remain strong, but political worries could weigh upon vital inflows of foreign direct investment

Athens: Set to underperform the national average but with unemployment falling and Greek GDP accelerating in Q3, there are signs a corner has been turned.

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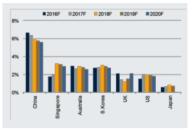
Asia Pacific Regional Economic Map: December 2016



Economic Highlights and Perspectives

- China's economy expanded 6.7% vr/vr for a third successive quarter in Q3 2016, allaying fears of an economic hard landing. The China-led RCEP pact has gained momentum following increased uncertainties on the U.S.-led TPP, which could boost China's exports in Asia, though risks remain from any escalation in U.S.-China tensions.
- Japan's GDP growth forecast was lowered down to 0.7%, due to export headwinds from the strong Yen appreciation on the back of increased demand for the currency deemed as a safe haven asset following Brexit.
- Bank of Japan (BoJ) announced it would shift its monetary policy focus away from expanding the monetary base to controlling long-term interest rates. in renewed efforts to meet its ambitious inflation target of 2%.
- Bank of Korea (BoK) lowered its 2016 GDP growth forecast to 2.7% for the third time since 2015, following the downturn of key export industries symbolized by the bankruptcy of the country's largest shipping company. Risks abound from the political turmoil surrounding Korea's President and restructuring of the troubled shipping and export industries.
- Recent economic data for Australia indicate that the recovery in the non-mining sector remains on track. Oxford Economics forecasts economic growth to accelerate from 2.4% in 2015 to 2.9% in 2016.





Source: Oxford Economics, Deutsche Asset Management (October 2016).

Employment Growth 2016 - 17F

Beijing: Beijing's economic growth remained stable at 6.7% in Q316, supported by its services sector which grew at the fastest rate of 7.3% yr/yr.

HK: Economy expanded 1.9% in 3Q16 as strong external headwinds continue to weigh on exports and retail sales. The unemployment rate remain stable at 3.4%.

KL: GDP growth picked up to 4.3% in 3Q16 on the back of higher private consumption though exports declined 1.3%. Sharp volatility in the currency remains a concern.

Singapore: Near term outlook remains challenging due to trade headwinds and domestic restructuring. GDP grew 0.6% in 3Q16. Overall unemployment rate held steady at 2.1% in Sep 2016.

Shanghai: Shanghai's economy grew at a stable pace of 6.7%, in line with national economic growth.

Services grew 10.3% in the first nine months, and remains the main economic driver, accounting for 71% of GDP output.

Above 10-Year Average

Seoul: BoK lowered its GDP growth forecast for 2016 to 2.7% from 2.8% in Jul due to weak global trade. The recent political turmoil and the revitalization of its key export industry are main economic risks.

Below 10-Year Average

Tokyo: GDP is estimated to grow 0.7% in 2016 amidst global market uncertainties. BoJ announced its new monetary policy emphasizing long-term interest rate to meet its inflation goal.

Osaka: Tourist arrivals in Japan 2016 YTD increased 23% vr/vr to record highs. Among major destinations, Osaka enjoyed the highest increase, benefiting its hotels and high street retail.

Sydney: Employment growth moderated to 1.2% in October following strong growth in 2015. Most of the employment growth remained in health, retail and business services.

Melbourne: Employment growth increased by 3.6% in October with most gains recorded in the health, construction and business services sectors.



Near 10-Year Average

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