Supply Chains and the Rise of Inflation

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Headline Inflation Higher Than Past Decade, Near 30+ Year Highs

12-Month Percent Change, U.S. Consumer Price Index



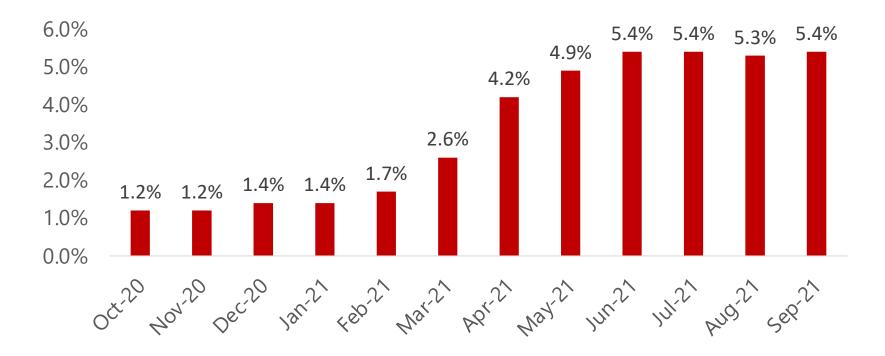
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Headline Inflation Climbs and Levels

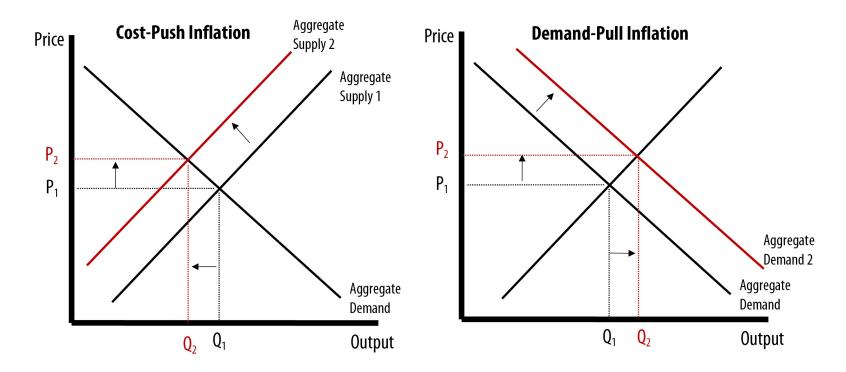
12-Month Percent Change, U.S. Consumer Price Index



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Inflation 101

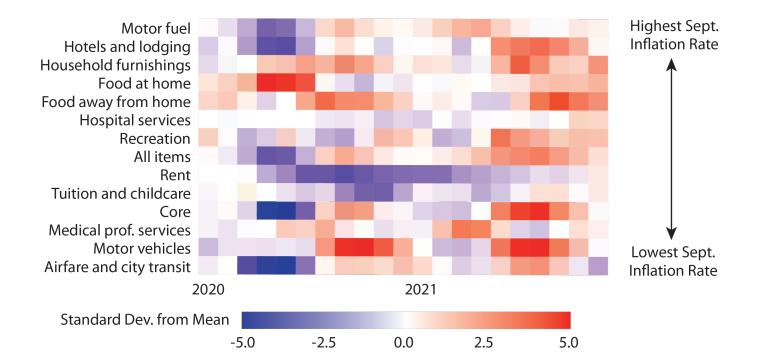
The U.S. is experiencing cost-push and demand-pull inflation



Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute

Inflation Running Hot

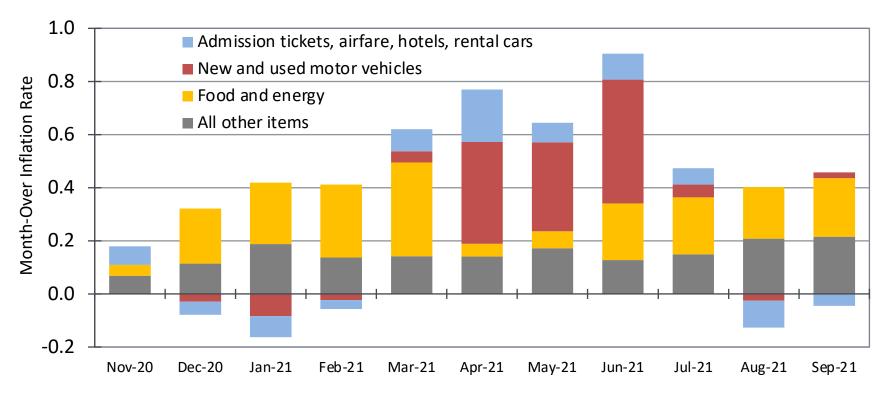
Standard deviations from 5-yr moving average, Consumer Price Index



Source: BLS, Moody's Analytics

Breaking Down Inflation

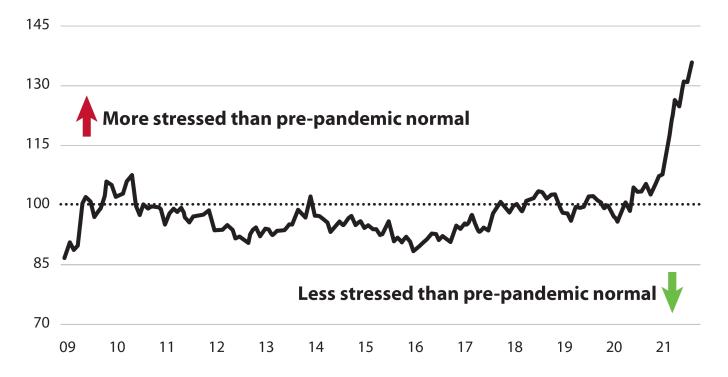
U.S. Consumer Price Index Components, by Month



Source: BLS, Moody's Analytics

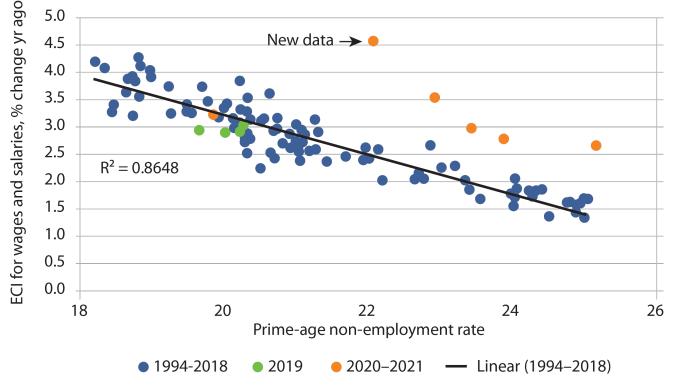
Supply Chain Bottleneck

U.S. Supply Chain Stress Index, 2019 Q4=100



Pandemic Recession Disruption

Wage Growth and Prime-age Non-employment Rate, quarterly 1994Q1-2021Q3



Note: ECI is Employment Cost Index

Source: BLS and Moody's Analytics

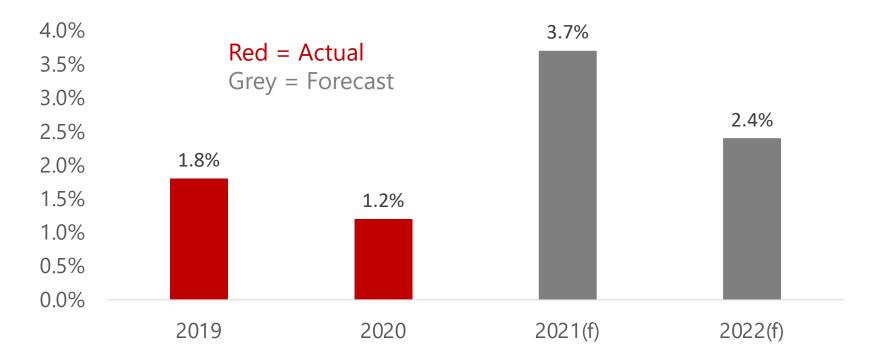
When Will the Supply Side Wake Up?

Until the supply side of the economy wakes up and catches up with the fast-reviving demand side coming out of the pandemic, the economic statistics will undoubtedly hold more surprises...But there is money to be made. And, if history is any guide, when businesses can make a healthy profit, they will solve the problems. Quickly.

Mark Zandi, Moody's Analytics

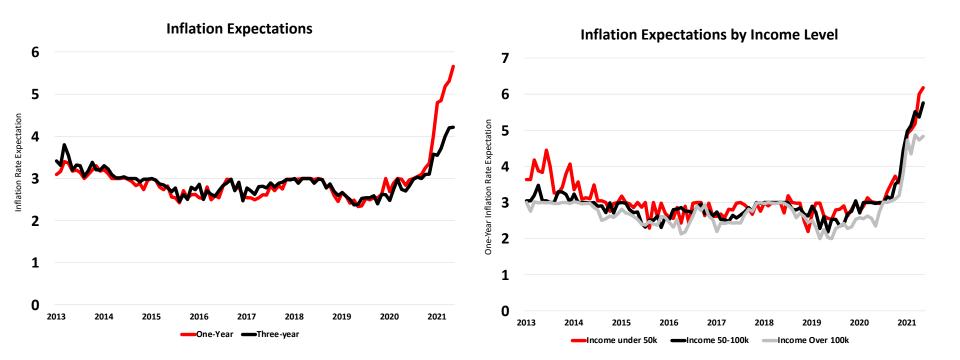
Inflation Forecast

Annual Percent Change, U.S. Consumer Price Index



Source: Revenue Assumptions Working Group July Forecast

Are Inflation Expectations Becoming Unmoored?



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York