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"It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours." (Harry S. Truman, 33rd US President)

My Website: www.davidjklein.com: Read *RBC's latest newsletter, Investor's Edge*, on the bulletin board, and *Global Insight* in the middle of the front page.

Do a "Wealth Plan Analysis" (attached to your e-mail) This is the perfect time to get it done - to get a better understanding of your retirement and estate planning needs, your goals, your income, savings, insurance needs, annuities, long-term care etc.... We will do a complete review for you.

Key Statistics Year-to-date as of August 21, 2020

Dow:	(-2.13%)
S&P 500:	+5.15%
Nasdaq:	+26.07%

--Notice that both the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq are positive for the year

Treasury Bond Yields: Year- to-date as of August 21, 2020

1-year Treasury:	0.13%
2-year Treasury	0.16%
5-year Treasury:	0.27%
10-year Treasury:	0.64% - down by 7 basis points from last week
30-year Treasury:	1.35% - down by 10 basis points from last week

Markets: (Barron's, IBD, WSJ, RBC, MFS, Reuters, Advisor Perspectives)

- For the week: Dow flat at 0.00%, S&P 500 rose +0.72%, Nasdaq rose +2.65%
- S&P hit a new record high – wipes out losses from March
- S&P performance wipes out Wall Street's shortest bear market in history
- Information technology best performing sector – Energy the worst for the week
- Oil fell below \$43/barrel – demand outlook still hurt by the pandemic
- US dollar has fallen to a 27-month low

Daily Closing Prices Last Week: As measured by the Dow (Dow Jones Industrial Average)

Monday:	-86 points:	-0.30%
Tuesday:	-67 points:	-0.24%
Wednesday:	-85 points:	-0.31%
Thursday:	+47 points:	+0.17%
Friday:	+191 points:	+0.69 %

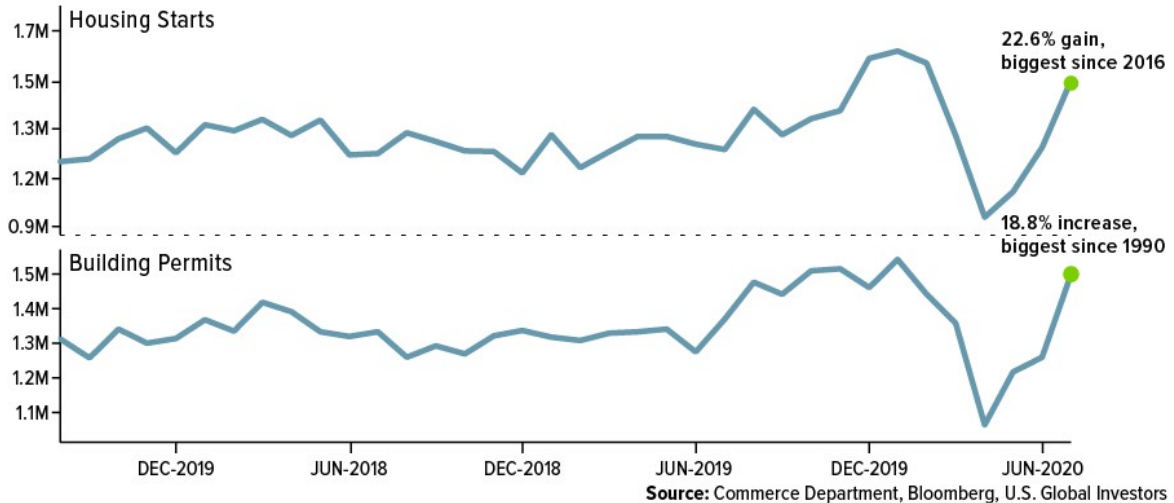
Another Interesting Fact: While the Dow was up 191 points on Friday, there were more than 2400 stocks that were down on the New York Exchange while only 1300 stocks were up. That's almost a 2:1 ratio of stocks down to stocks that were up.

Economic News:

- US economy picked up some momentum this month
- The Conference Board Leading Economic Index (LEI) for July was up 1.4 percent from the June final figure
- July minutes from the Fed still shows concern of public health crises on economic activity, employment, and inflation
- Fed is likely to stick with its aggressive stimulus measures
- The largest positive contributions came from average weekly manufacturing hours, building permits and initial claims for unemployment insurance
- Home construction starts jumped nearly 25% in July - the most since October 2016
- Applications to build posted the largest monthly advance in three decades (see chart below)
- Another 1.1 million Americans filed initial claims for unemployment benefits
- Many retail companies going bankrupt (see chart below)
- Economic data from Europe show the continent's recovery could be faltering
- U.S. reported fewer than 50,000 new coronavirus cases for the sixth day in a row



U.S. Housing Starts, Building Permits Exceeded Forecasts In July On Low Rates



Retail Companies Are Going Bankrupt At Fastest Pace On Record

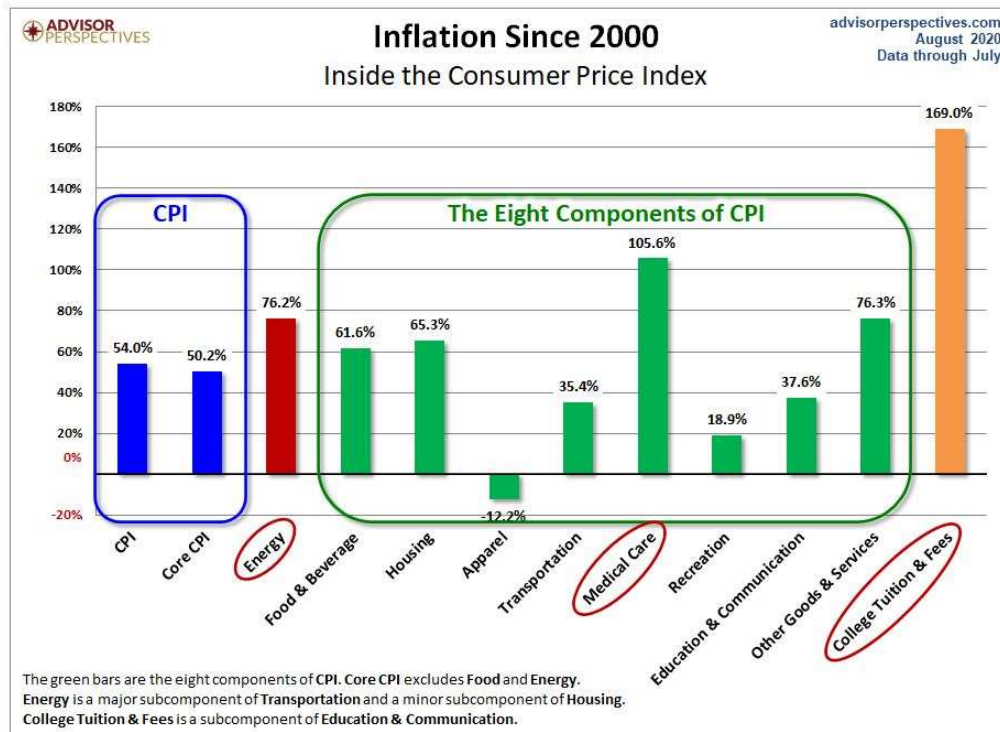


*Note: Filings are Chapter 11/7, \$50m+ liabilities Source: Bloomberg, U.S. Global Investors

Question of the Week: What is the size of the US economy as of the end of June of this year, and what was the size of the economy 10 years ago?

Question From Last Week: What are the 2 primary indices that measure inflation? Which one of the 2 indices is favored by the Fed?

Answer: The CPI and the Core CPI. The latter, which excludes Food and Energy, is the one more favored by the Fed.



Did You Know

- Since the beginning of 2020, the *size of the money market fund industry* in the US (both taxable and tax-free) has grown from **\$3.6 trillion to \$4.6 trillion**. (BTN Research, Investment Company Institute)
- While the US economy *fell 10.0%* in size from the end of March to the end of June, the economy of the United Kingdom *fell 20.4%*. (BTN Research, Office for National Statistics)

Sports Trivia: Interesting mathematics. The Big 10 Conference has **14 teams** while the Big 12 Conference has **10 teams**. The Pac-12 Conference has **12 teams**. (BTN Research)

Referrals: Many sincere thanks for your referrals of family, friends, and associates. I am deeply appreciative.

Sincerely,
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The Nasdaq Composite is a market-value weighted index that measures all NASDAQ domestic and foreign common stocks. The Standard and Poor's 500 is an unmanaged, capitalization weighted benchmark that tracks broad-based changes in the U.S. stock market. This index of 500 common stocks is comprised of 400 industrial, 20 transportation, 40 utility, and 40 financial companies representing major U.S. industry sectors. The index is calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested and is not available for direct investment. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.