

## Key Releases (December 16 - December 27)

Date	Time (EST)		Economic Indicator	(Consensus Ests. in parentheses, Green = DE Above, Red = DE Below)							
				Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	
<b>Mon</b>											
12/16	9:45 AM	Dec P	Markit Composite PMI	51.5	52.6	50.7	51.0	50.9	52.0		<b>52.1</b>
		Dec P	Markit Services PMI	51.5	53.0	50.7	50.9	50.6	51.6		<b>51.8 (51.8)</b>
		Dec P	Markit Manufacturing PMI	50.6	50.4	50.3	51.1	51.3	52.6		<b>52.5 (52.6)</b>
	10:00 AM	Dec	NAHB Housing Market Index	64	65	67	68	71	70		<b>69 (70)</b>
<b>Tue</b>											
12/17	8:30 AM	Nov	Housing Starts (Thous)	1233	1204	1375	1266	1314	<b>1335 (1340)</b>		
			%m/m	-2.5	-2.4	14.2	-7.9	3.8	<b>1.6 (2)</b>		
	8:30 AM	Nov	Building Permits (Thous)	1232	1317	1425	1391	1461	<b>1400 (1405)</b>		
			%m/m	-5.2	6.9	8.2	-2.4	5.0	<b>-4.2 (-3.8)</b>		
	9:15 AM	Nov	Industrial Production (%m/m)	0.0	-0.1	0.7	-0.3	-0.8	<b>1 (0.8)</b>		
		Nov	Capacity Utilization (%)	77.7	77.4	77.9	77.5	76.7	<b>77.5 (77.4)</b>		
<b>Wed</b>											
12/18											
<b>Thu</b>											
12/19	8:30 AM	3Q	Curr. Account Balance (\$Bils)	-128		<b>-118 (-122.1)</b>					
		Dec	Philadelphia Fed Survey	0.3	21.8	16.8	12.0	5.6	10.4		<b>8 (8)</b>
		Nov	Existing Home Sales (Mils)	5.29	5.42	5.50	5.36	5.46	<b>5.4 (5.44)</b>		
			%m/m	-1.3	2.5	1.5	-2.5	1.9	<b>-1.1 (-0.4)</b>		
<b>Fri</b>											
12/20	8:30 AM	3Q S	<b>Real GDP (Third) (% Ann)</b>	2.0			2.1				
			Final Sales	3.0			2.0				
			Consumer Spending	4.6			2.9				
			GDP Price Index	2.4			1.8				
	10:00 AM	Nov	<b>Personal Income (%m/m)</b>	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	<b>0.3 (0.3)</b>		
			Personal Spending (%m/m)	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	<b>0.4 (0.4)</b>		
			PCE Deflator (%m/m)	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	<b>0.2 (0.2)</b>		
			PCE Deflator (%y/y)	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	<b>1.4 (1.4)</b>		
		Core PCE (%y/y)	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.6	<b>1.6 (1.5)</b>			
				<b>Jun-19</b>	<b>Jul-19</b>	<b>Aug-19</b>	<b>Sep-19</b>	<b>Oct-19</b>	<b>Nov-19</b>	<b>Dec-19</b>	
<b>Mon</b>											
12/23	10:00 AM	Nov	New Home Sales (Thous)	729	660	706	738	733	<b>731 (735)</b>		
			%m/m	21.9	-9.5	7	4.5	-0.7	<b>-0.3 (0.3)</b>		
<b>Tue</b>											
12/24	8:30 AM	Nov P	Durable Goods Orders (%m/m)	1.8	2.1	0.2	-1.5	0.5	<b>-1.2 (1.5)</b>		
<b>Wed</b>											
12/25											
<b>Holiday</b>											
<b>Thu</b>											
12/26											
<b>Fri</b>											
12/27											

**DE Assessment, Underlying Themes**

FOMC full employment objective effectively reached, core inflation holding below 2%. Q3 economy posted 2.1% annualized, on business investment weakness though resilient with strong consumer. "New New Normal" growth path of near-3% on average ahead. Wage growth is stronger than in recent years. Downside risks mainly external, inflation risks near-term to the downside on slack, upside on tariffs. Headwinds related to geopolitical uncertainties and trade policy persist but are likely to recede compared to heightened levels in the past two quarters. Fed is expected to hold in 2020 given receding downside risks and the resilience in the current economy.

