

Today's economic highlights...

Dollar Edges Higher; Inflation Data in Focus

- Investing.com -- The dollar edged higher in early European trade Tuesday, but activity remains subdued ahead of this week's key U.S. inflation release after Friday's lackluster payrolls number.
- At 2:55 AM ET (0755 GMT), the [Dollar Index](#), which tracks the greenback against a basket of six other currencies, was up 0.2% at 90.093, not far above 89.533, a 4 1/2-month low touched late last month.
- [EUR/USD](#) traded 0.1% lower at 1.2177, still above its three-week low of 1.2104 set on Friday, while [USD/JPY](#) gained 0.2% to 109.48, after Japan's GDP contracted 1% quarter-on-quarter and 3.9% year-on-year for the first quarter of 2021. [GBP/USD](#) fell 0.2% to 1.4150 and the risk-sensitive [AUD/USD](#) was down 0.1% at 0.7745. [Read more...](#)

Oil Down as Fuel Demand Jitters Continue

- Investing.com – Oil was down Tuesday morning in Asia, continuing Monday's losses as the fragile state of the global economic recovery from COVID-19 impacts the fuel demand outlook.
- [Brent oil futures](#) fell 0.77% to \$70.94 by 11:38 PM ET (3:38 AM GMT), but remained above the \$70-mark. [WTI futures](#) were down 0.74% to \$68.72.
- Investor worries were heightened by [trade data from China](#), the world's top oil importer, released on Monday. [Imports](#) grew 51.1% year-on-year in May, below the 51.5% in forecasts prepared by Investing.com but higher than April's 43.1% growth. [Read more...](#)

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- The Federal Reserve is in the early stages of a campaign to ready markets for reducing its \$120 billion in monthly asset purchases to stimulate the economy.
- Comments by Fed officials in the past several weeks suggest the issue of tapering looks likely to be discussed as soon as the Federal Open Markets Committee meeting next week, and the Fed may be on track to begin asset reductions later this year or early next year.
- At least five Fed officials have publicly commented on the likelihood of those discussions in recent weeks, including Patrick Harker, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Robert Kaplan of Dallas, Fed Vice Chair for bank supervision Randal Quarles and [Cleveland Fed President Loretta Mester](#), whose comments to CNBC came after Friday's monthly jobs report. [Read more...](#)

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