

Talking Points

In the latest *Take Five* released Friday, December 13, 2019, Economist Bill Emmons discusses...

The December 11, 2019, FOMC Policy Statement:

- Labor Market
 - The labor market remains strong and economic activity is rising at a moderate rate. Job gains have been solid in recent months and unemployment remains low. Although household spending has been rising at a strong pace, business fixed investment and exports remain weak.
- Inflation
 - Overall inflation and inflation for items other than food and energy have declined and are running below 2 percent.
- The Federal Funds Target Range
 - The Federal Open Market Committee voted to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 1.5% to 1.75%.
- Monetary Policy
 - The Federal Open Market Committee directed the Open Market Desk to purchase Treasury bills, to conduct term and overnight repurchase agreement operations, and to conduct overnight reverse repurchase operations at an offering rate of 1.45%.

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Resources

- [FOMC Statement](#)
- [FOMC Press Conference](#)