

Talking Points

In the latest *Take Five* released Friday, December 16, 2022, Economist Bill Emmons discusses...

The December 14, 2022, Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) Policy Statement:

- Labor Market and Inflation
 - Recent indicators of spending and production point to modest growth. Job gains have been robust in recent months, and the unemployment rate has remained low.
 - Inflation remains elevated, reflecting supply and demand imbalances related to the pandemic, higher food and energy prices, and broader price pressures.
 - The invasion of Ukraine by Russia is causing tremendous human and economic hardship. The war and related events are contributing to upward pressure on inflation and are weighing on global economic activity.
- The Federal Funds Target Range
 - The FOMC decided to raise the target range for the federal funds rate to 4 ¼ to 4 ½ percent and anticipates that ongoing increases in the target range will be appropriate.
- Monetary Policy
 - The FOMC would be prepared to adjust the stance of monetary policy as appropriate if risks emerge that could impede the attainment of the FOMC's goals. The FOMC's assessments will take into account a wide range of information, including readings on public health, labor market conditions, inflation pressures and inflation expectations, and financial and international developments.

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Resources

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