



The Impact of Wealthy Consumers on US Economy

Description

Wealthy Americans are spending a lot on shopping and dining out, which is good for the economy. They have more money from higher incomes, home values, and stock market gains. This spending trend is different from before the pandemic. It shows that the economy could stay strong in the next year.

But people with lower incomes are struggling more with high prices for rent and food. They can't afford to buy as many extra things like electronics or go out to eat as much. It might take them a while to recover financially.

The economy is doing well even though the Federal Reserve has raised interest rates. People keep spending money, especially at stores and restaurants. This means businesses are still making money.

Overall, wealthy people are helping the economy by spending a lot. On the other hand, lower-income households are finding it hard to spend on extra things. But things are looking up for everyone as incomes rise and prices become more stable.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Economy** /i'kɒn.ə.mi/ (noun): The system of production distribution and consumption of goods and services in a society.
2. **Struggling** /'strʌɡlɪŋ/ (verb): Experiencing difficulty in achieving something.
3. **Afford** /ə'fɔːrd/ (verb): Have enough money to pay for something.
4. **Income** /'ɪn.kʌm/ (noun): Money received especially on a regular basis for work or through investments.
5. **Stable** /'steɪ.bəl/ (adjective): Not likely to change or fail; firmly established.
6. **Gains** /geɪnz/ (noun): An increase in wealth or resources.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What are wealthy Americans spending a lot on, according to the text?



- Option: a) Traveling abroad
- Option: b) Shopping and dining out
- Option: c) Investing in real estate
- Option: d) Saving money in banks

2. What is cited as contributing to the higher spending of wealthy Americans?

- Option: a) Low incomes
- Option: b) Decrease in home values
- Option: c) Higher incomes, home values, and stock market gains
- Option: d) Unemployment rates

3. What has made it challenging for people with lower incomes to spend on extra things?

- Option: a) Decrease in rent prices
- Option: b) High prices for rent and food
- Option: c) Increase in disposable income
- Option: d) Easy access to credit

4. What is the economic outlook for the next year, according to the text?

- Option: a) Continued recession
- Option: b) Decline in consumer spending
- Option: c) Strong economy
- Option: d) Increase in unemployment rates

5. What action did the Federal Reserve take despite the economy doing well?

- Option: a) Lowered interest rates
- Option: b) Raised interest rates
- Option: c) Increased government spending
- Option: d) Introduced universal basic income

6. What is a positive trend mentioned in the text regarding incomes and prices?

- Option: a) Decrease in incomes and prices
- Option: b) Income stagnation and price volatility
- Option: c) Rising incomes and stable prices
- Option: d) Decreasing incomes and rising prices

True-False

7. Wealthy Americans are not contributing to the economy by their high spending.



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8. People with lower incomes are able to afford extra luxurious items easily.
 9. The Federal Reserve has not raised interest rates despite the strong economy.
 10. The spending trend of wealthy Americans remained unchanged before the pandemic.
 11. Businesses are not making money despite people spending at stores and restaurants.
 12. Incomes are not rising and prices are not becoming more stable according to the text.

Gap-Fill

14. People with lower incomes are struggling more with _____ prices for rent and food.
15. People with lower incomes can't afford to buy _____ extra things like electronics or go out to eat as much.
16. The Federal Reserve has _____ interest rates, but the economy is still doing well.
17. Overall, wealthy people are helping the economy by _____ a lot.
18. Incomes are rising and prices are becoming more _____ for everyone.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. b) Shopping and dining out 2. c) Higher incomes, home values, and stock market gains 3. b) High prices for rent and food 4. c) Strong economy 5. b) Raised interest rates 6. c) Rising incomes and stable prices

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 14. high 15. as many 16. raised 17. spending 18. stable

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)



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1. Which word describes a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome?
 - Option: prepared
 - Option: relaxed
 - Option: anxious
 - Option: convincingly

 2. Which term refers to the system of production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services in a particular region or country?
 - Option: layoff
 - Option: quarter
 - Option: economy
 - Option: conference

 3. Which word is commonly associated with matters related to money, banking, and investments?
 - Option: competitive
 - Option: intelligence
 - Option: financial
 - Option: transition

 4. Which term signifies increases in financial profits or positive outcomes?
 - Option: struggling
 - Option: gains
 - Option: achievements
 - Option: networking

 5. What activity involves building and cultivating relationships with other professionals for mutual benefit?
 - Option: inspiring
 - Option: networking
 - Option: competitive
 - Option: quater

 6. Which term describes individuals who start their own business ventures with innovative ideas?
 - Option: layoff
 - Option: struggling
 - Option: entrepreneurs
 - Option: competitive

 7. Which word indicates being ready or equipped with necessary knowledge or skills for a particular situation?
 - Option: anxious
 - Option: prepared



Option: rehearsed

Option: afford

8. What is the term for achieving a desired aim or result?

Option: pressure

Option: success

Option: layoff

Option: transition

9. Which word describes the stress or urgency of a situation demanding immediate action or attention?

Option: stable

Option: pressure

Option: clueless

Option: intelligence

10. Which term represents facing difficulties or challenges in making progress?

Option: economy

Option: struggling

Option: transition

Option: intelligence

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Not everyone can _____ to buy luxury items.

12. It is important to have a _____ income for financial security.

13. Facing _____ can lead to personal growth and development.

14. Many employees were affected by the recent company _____.

15. In a _____ environment, companies strive to outperform each other.

16. Strategic decisions require a high level of _____ and analysis.

17. The company is undergoing a period of _____ to adapt to market changes.

18. The speaker sounded overly _____ and lacked authenticity.

19. The charity event was a grand _____ with many influential guests.



20. The industry _____ brought together experts from around the world.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The keynote speaker delivered a speech that motivated the audience to pursue their dreams.
22. The team celebrated their hard-earned successes and recognized individual accomplishments.
23. The workers decided to go on a strike to protest against unfair labor practices.
24. The company reported positive financial results for the second of the year.
25. Without prior knowledge or information, she felt completely lost and during the presentation.
26. Developing a clear business is crucial for long-term success.
27. The film received rave reviews from both critics and the viewing .
28. Establishing financial is key to weathering economic uncertainties.
29. She argued her case , persuading the jury of her innocence.
30. The company is undergoing a major following a change in leadership.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. anxious 2. economy 3. financial 4. gains 5. networking 6. entrepreneurs 7. prepared 8. success 9. pressure 10. struggling

Gap-Fill: 11. afford 12. stable 13. challenges 14. layoff 15. competitive 16. intelligence 17. transition 18. rehearsed 19. gala 20. conference

Matching sentence: 1. inspiring 2. achievements 3. strike 4. quarter 5. clueless 6. strategy 7. audience 8. stability 9. convincingly 10. transition

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