The US economy grew at a 2.7 per cent pace in the third quarter, faster than previously estimated, the Commerce Department says in a report that nevertheless points to a weaker fourth quarter.

Gross domestic product growth was revised upward from the prior estimate of 2.0 per cent, reflecting in part increases in federal government spending and private inventory investment, the department said.

Growth in the July-September quarter was the strongest of the year, and followed a meagre 1.3 per cent pace in the second quarter.

Still, growth remained modest as the world's largest economy headed into the fourth quarter.

"This morning's GDP report is one of those rare instances when growth is a lot stronger than in the advance report but the domestic economy turns out to be a lot weaker," said Chris Low at FTN Financial.

Growth in consumer spending, which accounts for 70 per cent of output, was revised down to 1.4 per cent, just slightly above the second-quarter pace.

Inflation slowed slightly from the second quarter. Prices rose 1.4 per cent in the third quarter and the core price index, excluding food and energy prices, increased 1.1 per cent.

Sal Guatieri at BMO Capital Markets said the weaker momentum in consumer and business spending and a jump in business inventories suggested a slower pace in the fourth quarter.

"Outside of the housing market recovery, the economy has little momentum as we edge closer to the year-end fiscal cliff," he said.

The Federal Reserve on Tuesday reported that businesses around the country are increasingly worried about the combination of significant spending cuts and tax increases that will occur in January unless politicians reach a compromise on a less severe deficit reduction plan.

Manufacturers said they were worried about the economy in 2013 "in part due to the uncertainty regarding the outcome of the fiscal cliff", the Fed said in its Beige Book survey of regional economies.

Economists say the $US500 billion ($A480 billion) amalgam of tax hikes and spending cuts required by last year's debt-ceiling deal could pitch the US economy back into recession in 2013.

Meanwhile US jobless claims fell back to 393,000 in the most recent week, the Labor Department said on Thursday, still showing the impact of superstorm Sandy, which blasted the Northeast in late October.

Claims in the week to November 24 fell from 416,000 the previous week and 451,000 in the November 10 week.

But they remained well above the 360,000-380,000 range held most of this year.

The three weeks of high claims, much the result of the shutdown of the economy in and around New York due to the storm, pushed the four-week rolling average to 405,250.

Many companies in the region, especially small businesses, are still struggling to get back to normal nearly one month after the storm struck.
About the Investor Confidence Index

The State Street Investor Confidence Index measures investor confidence or risk appetite quantitatively by analyzing the actual buying and selling patterns of institutional investors. The index assigns a precise meaning to changes in investor risk appetite: the greater the percentage allocation to equities, the higher risk appetite or confidence.

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New Measures of Systemic Risk

Systemic risk has emerged as a critical challenge for asset owners and managers around the world. But what exactly is systemic risk? Can it be measured? Can financial professionals deploy an early warning system to identify it and defend against it? New quantitative research approaches are answering these questions and opening up a whole new field of portfolio and risk management.

Turbulence, Systemic Risk and Dynamic Portfolio Construction

History shows that turbulence is inherent in financial markets, making risk management a challenge. Previous attempts to measure this turbulence have focused on volatility and ignored the impact of correlations between investments. Risk management groups are now looking at these correlations to help clients monitor the turbulence level of the market.
The S&P/TSX 60 VIX® Index (VIXC) estimates the 30-day volatility of the stock market that is implied by the near-term and next-term options on the S&P/TSX 60 index.

VIX has negative correlations to the stock market historically and is considered a useful tool to hedge the potential downturn of the broad equity market. While the S&P/TSX 60 index options have various expirations, VIXC indicates the implied volatility of the fixed 30-day period.

Since the VIXC methodology uses S&P/TSX 60 index options, VIXC is a good proxy of investor sentiment for the Canadian equity market: the higher the index, the greater the risk of market turmoil. A rising index therefore reflects the heightened fears of investors for the coming month. VIXC also gives an indication of whether options are relatively cheap or expensive, as the higher the implied volatility, the higher option premiums are.

"Implied volatility" represents the volatility built into the price of an option in the market. Implied volatility is important because it determines market consensus about the probable volatility of the underlying stock in the future.

FAQ

1. What is VIXC?

   In 2002, the Montréal Exchange (MX) introduced the MX Implied Volatility index (MVX) reflecting market expectation of how relatively volatile the stock market will be over the next month. MVX was calculated from current prices of at-the-money options on the iShares of the CDN S&P/TSX 60 Fund (XIU).

   The new VIXC still measures market expectation of the stock market volatility over the next month. However, VIXC approximates the 30-day volatility of the Canadian stock market that is implied by the near-term and next-term options on the S&P/TSX 60 index (SXO).
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Value | Net Change | % Change
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Volume | 191,879,118
Open | 12,242.48
High | 12,306.82
Low | 12,234.96

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