

# Inflation, Employment, Business and Consumer Confidence Indicators

**EMPLOYMENT:** Weekly initial unemployment claims were 222,000 down 13k from the prior week. November's net new jobs came in at a 266k vs prior month's 128k. The unemployment rate decreased from 3.6% to 3.5%.

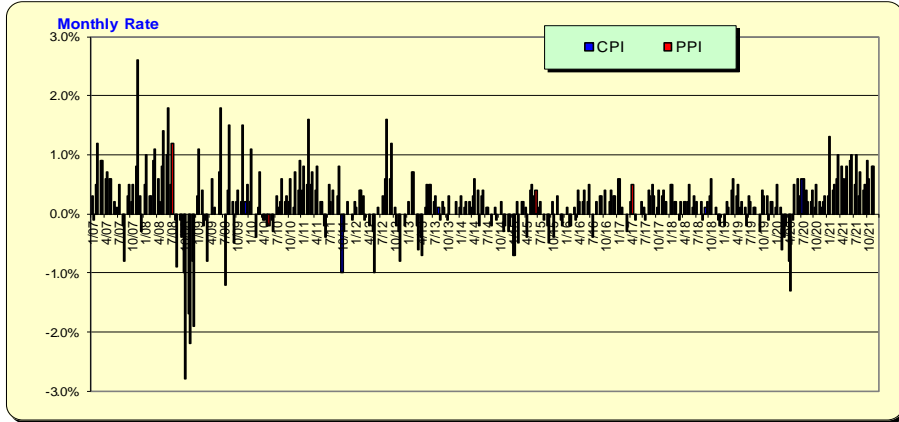
**INFLATION:** Nov's CPI decreased from 0.4% to 0.3% Core remained at 0.2%

**Producer Price** Index decreased from 0.4% to 0.0% as energy and gas prices increases slowed. (this is a relatively volatile index). Core PPI increased from 0.0% to 0.2%.

**Consumer Confidence** has vacillated over the past couple of months. It decreased from 126.1 to 125.5 in Nov.

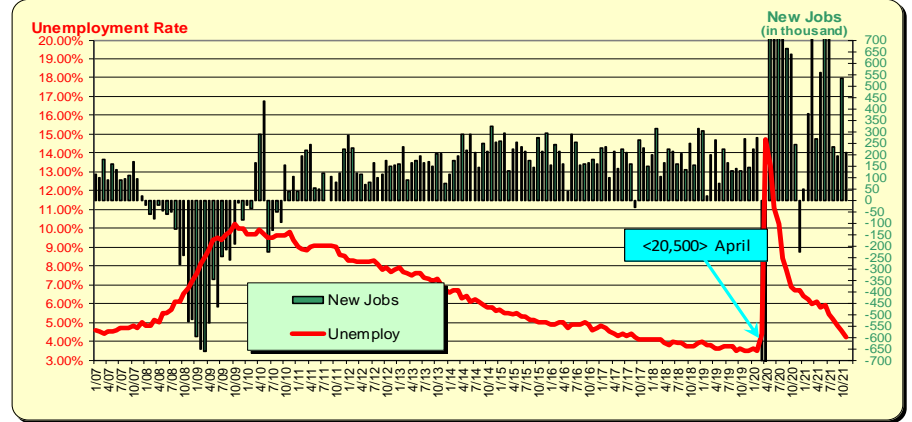
**Leading Business** Indicators has been (0.2%) and improved to 0.0% in Nov

**Inflation: Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI)**



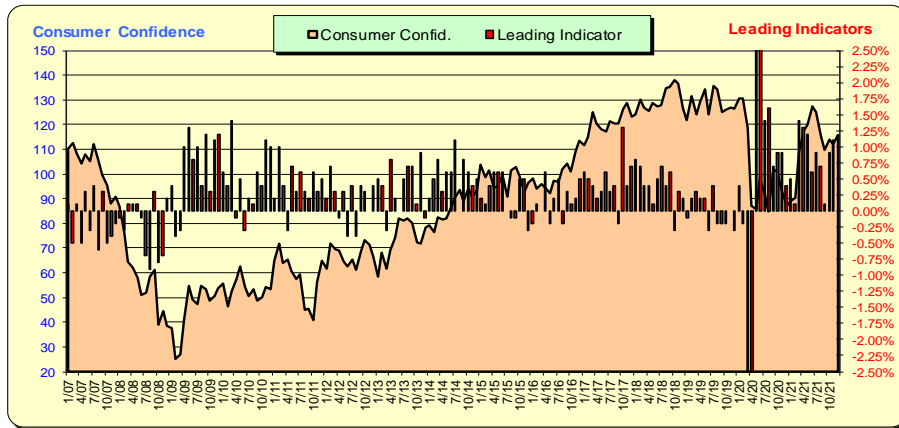
Next Date: CPI: Jan-12 PPI: Jan-13 Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Employment: Monthly New Jobs Created and Unemployment Rate**



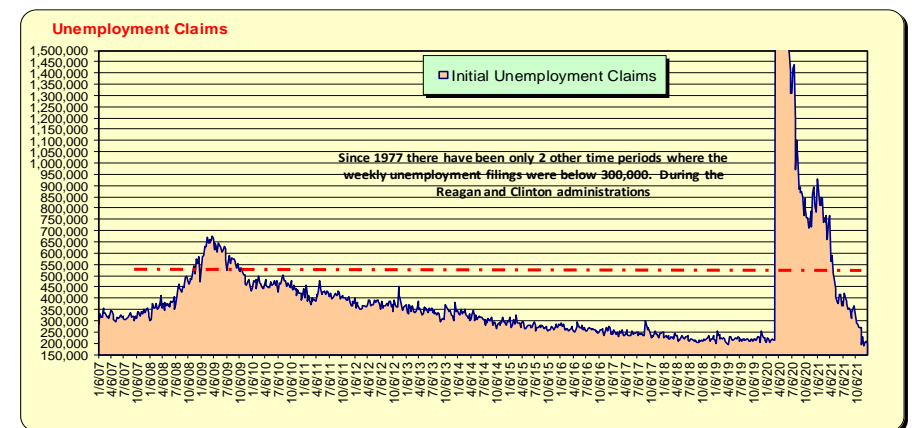
Next Date: New Jobs Jan-7 Unemploy Jan-7 Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Leading Business Indicator and Consumer Confidence**



Next Date: Leading Indicator Index: Jan-21 Consumer Confidence In Jan-25 The Conference Board

**Weekly Initial Unemployment Claims**



Next Date: Initial Unemployment Claims Jan-6 Bureau of Labor Statistics