# HIGH FREQUENCY DATA TRACKER



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## **WEEKLY HIGH FREQUENCY DATA**

Indicator	Date (2022)	Level	2019 Level	% Change 2019	% Change MOM	% Change WOW
Initial Jobless Claims	September 23	193,000	218,000	-11.5%	-15.4%	-7.7%
Continuing Jobless Claims	September 16	1,347,000	1,566,000	-14.0%	-6.3%	-2.1%
ASA Staffing Index¹	September 19	106.5	96.5	10.3%	-0.5%	1.4%
Weekly Retail Sales²	September 24	11.0%	5.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Box Office Receipts	September 23-29	\$77,370,617	\$131,184,326	-41.0%	7.8%	9.7%
Rail Car Traffic (cars)	September 23	489,111	528,602	-7.5%	-4.4%	-0.3%
Steel Production (net tons)	September 26	1,683	1,809	-7.0%	-3.7%	-0.6%
Hotel Occupancy	September 18-24	70.0%	71.3%	-1.8%	7.7%	0.6%
OpenTable State of the Restaurant Industry <sup>3,4</sup>	September 29	N/A	N/A	0.0%	-0.5%	0.8%
TSA Checkpoint Data³	September 29	2,070,440	2,290,486	-9.6%	-0.3%	-4.0%
Supply of Motor Gasoline in the US (Mbbl/d)	September 23	8,825	9,346	-5.6%	2.7%	6.0%
Global Commercial Flights³	September 29	102,963	120,816	-14.8%	-2.6%	1.2%

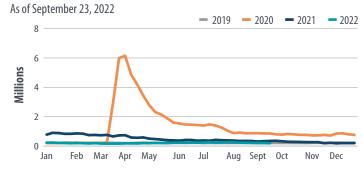
#### Indicates level is at a new post-pandemic best

Source: First Trust Advisors, Bloomberg, Department of Labor, Redbook Research, Box Office Mojo, Association of American Railroads, American Iron and Steel Institute, Hotel News Now, OpenTable, Transportation Security Administration, Energy Information Administration, American Staffing Association, Flight Radar 24

 $2019 \ Level \ and \% \ Change \ 2019 \ are from the same \ week in \ 2019, unless \ otherwise \ noted. \ MOM = Month-over-Month; WOW = Week-over-Week.$ 

All data is for the U.S. except for commercial flights.

#### **INITIAL JOBLESS CLAIMS**



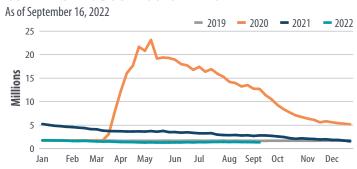
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### **ASA STAFFING INDEX**



Sources: American Staffing Association, First Trust Advisors

#### **CONTINUING JOBLESS CLAIMS**



Sources: Bloomberg, Department of Labor, First Trust Advisors

#### **WEEKLY RETAIL SALES**



Sources: Bloomberg, Redbook Research, First Trust Advisors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The baseline value for the ASA Staffing Index was set at 100 in June 2006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data for level and 2019 level are both Year-over-Year (YOY)% changes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Data is provided daily instead of weekly; the 7-day moving average is shown.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Data shows change in seated diners from 2019 to 2022 at restaurants on the OpenTable network across all channels: online reservations, phone reservations, and walk-ins. % change MOM and WOW are the current reading minus the month ago and week ago reading, respectively.

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#### **BOX OFFICE RECEIPTS**



Sources: Box Office Mojo, First Trust Advisors

### STEEL PRODUCTION (NET TONS)



Sources: Bloomberg, American Iron and Steel Institute, First Trust Advisors

#### OPENTABLE STATE OF THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY



Sources: Open Table, First Trust Advisors

## SUPPLY OF MOTOR GASOLINE IN THE U.S. (MBBL/D)



Sources: Bloomberg, First Trust Advisors

### RAIL CAR TRAFFIC (CARS)



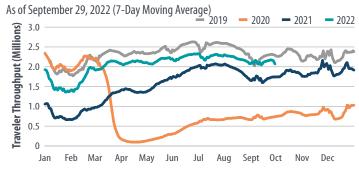
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#### **HOTEL OCCUPANCY**



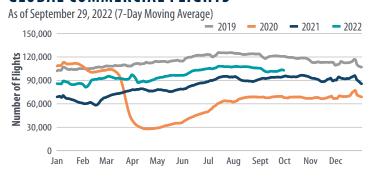
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#### TSA CHECKPOINT DATA



Sources: Transportation Security Administration, First Trust Advisors

#### GLOBAL COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS



Sources: Flight Radar 24, First Trust Advisors