

Talking Points

In this Take Five released on Monday August 4, 2014 Assistant Vice President and Economist Bill Emmons discussed economic results through the second quarter of 2014 and provided insights in what to expect in the future. Bill’s discussion centered on the following:

- The economy bounced back strongly in the second quarter – second quarter GDP rebounded to around a 4.0% annualized rate.
 - Amounted to a 2.4% year-over-year rate
- Employment and output remain on a 2-percent growth track, both nationally and in most 8th-District states.
- The economy’s cruising speed appears to be about 2 percent.

Hour and real GDP are growing at the same 2% rate as the difference between hours and real GDP is productivity growth, which has been very weak. Bill expects growth of hours to slow, while productivity growth increases. The net result will likely be a continuation of the 2% real GDP growth (or slightly higher than 2%).