Increased Government Assistance Has Boosted Personal Income Since Start of Pandemic

Year-over-year change in U.S. personal income with and without government assistance, Q4 2007-Q1 2021



Note: Government assistance includes pandemic-relief aid to individuals and businesses as well as recurring support, such as Social Security checks, Medicare and Medicaid benefits, and safety-net services.

Source: Pew's analysis based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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