

What's included in personal income?

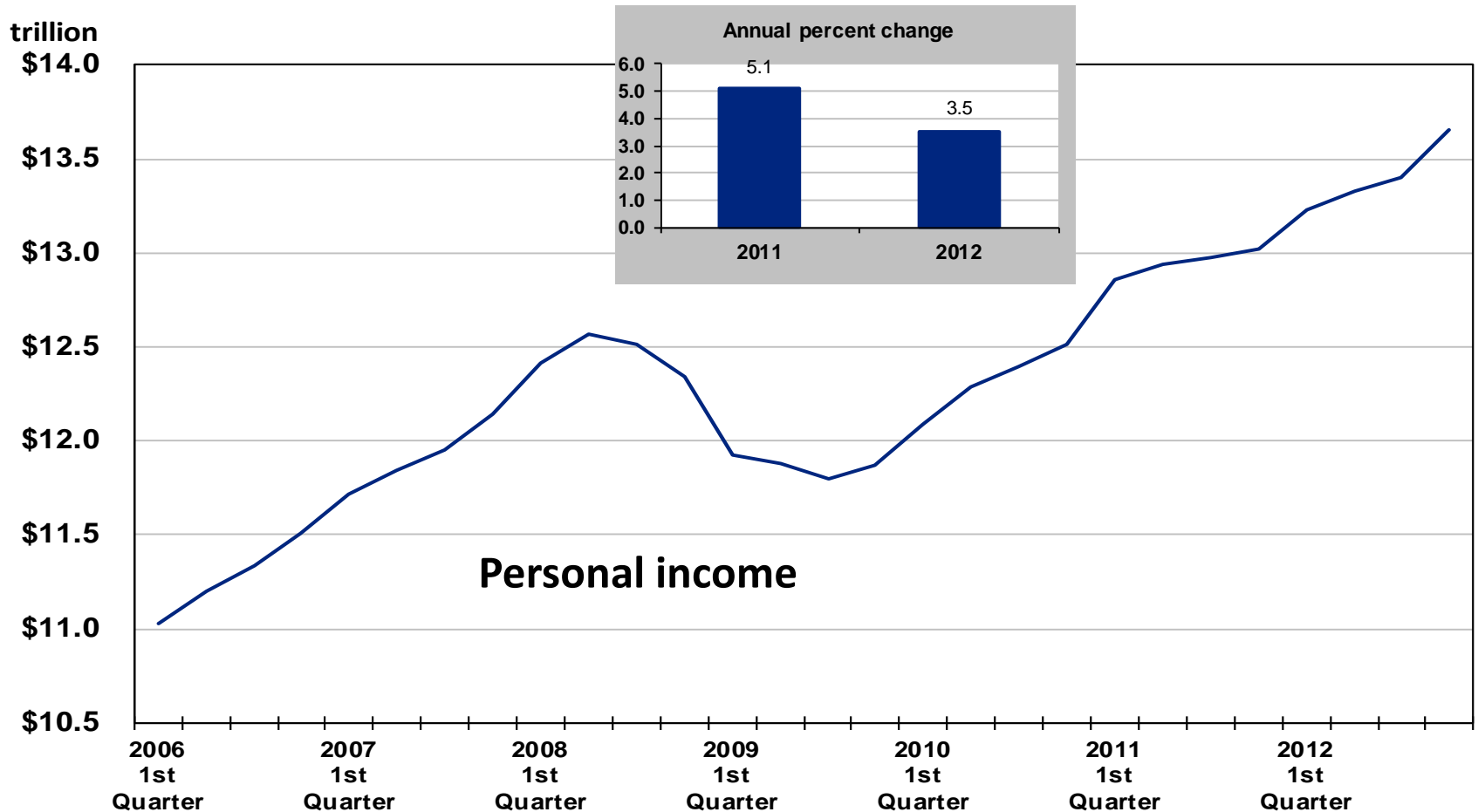
Personal income includes:

- Wages, salaries, and fringe benefits
- Proprietors' income
- Rental income
- Investment income (interest and dividends)
- Transfer income (Social Security, Medicare, unemployment benefits, etc.)

Personal income does *not* include:

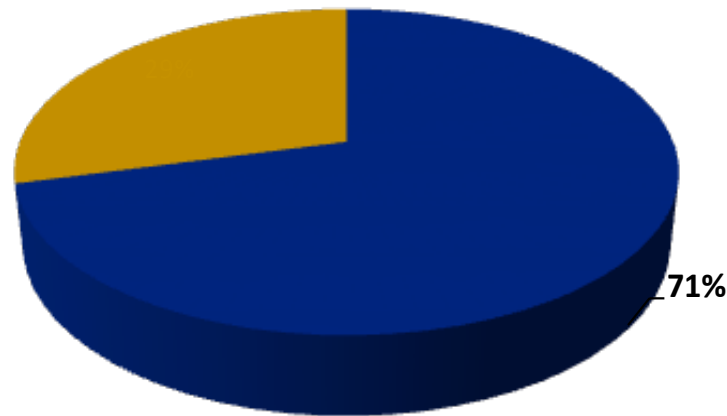
- Social Security and Medicare contributions
- Capital gains and losses

What's happened to household incomes?



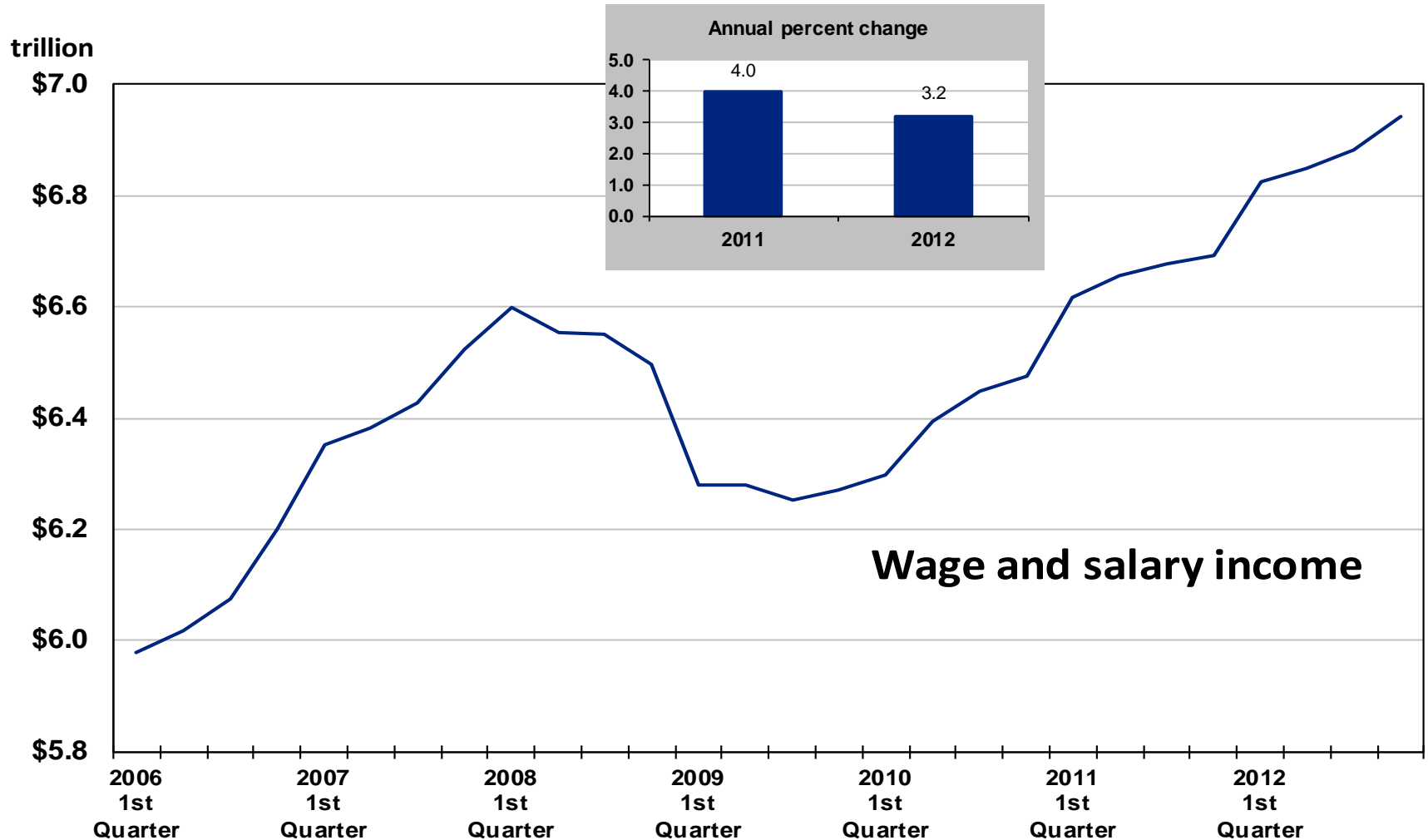
How important is household spending?

2012

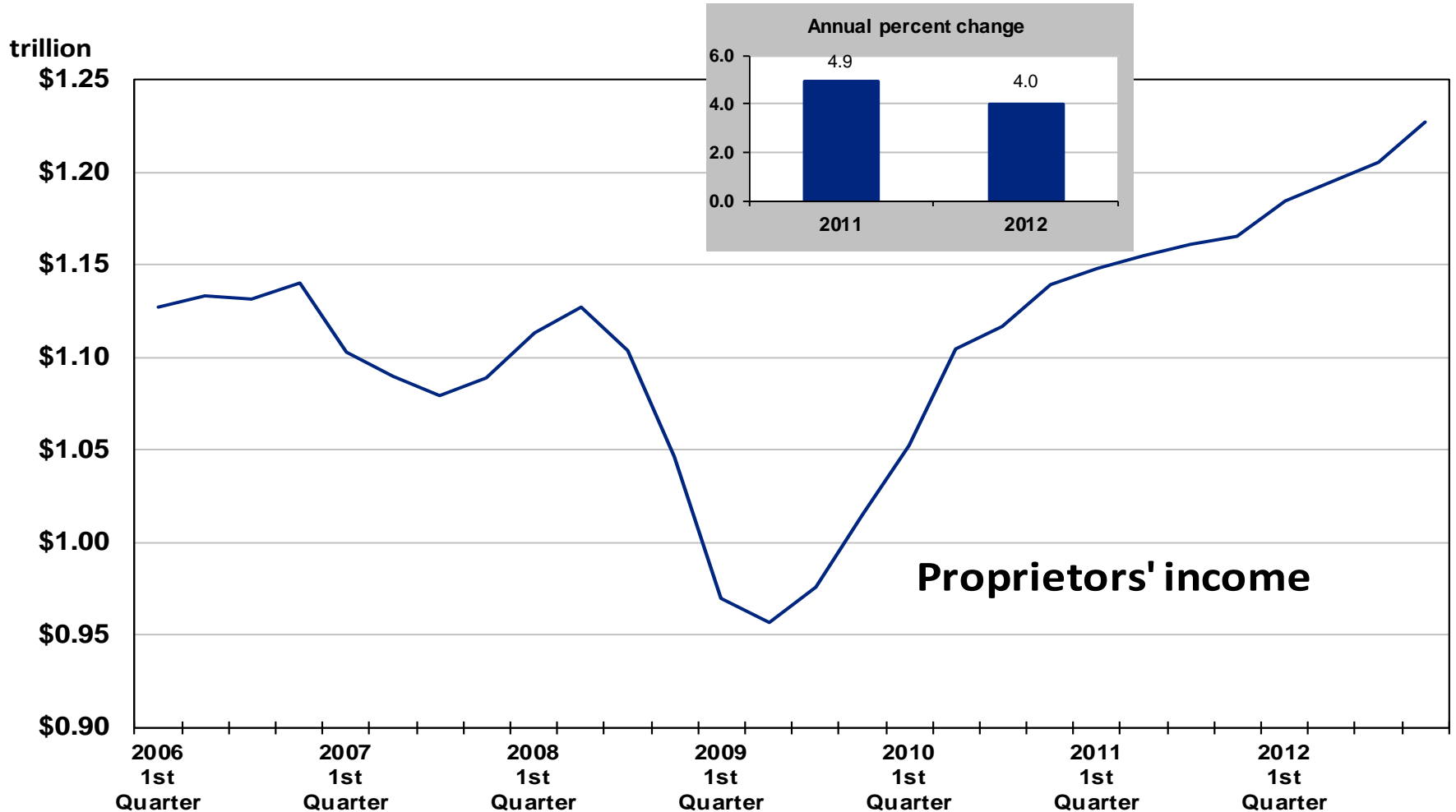


Personal consumption as a percent of GDP

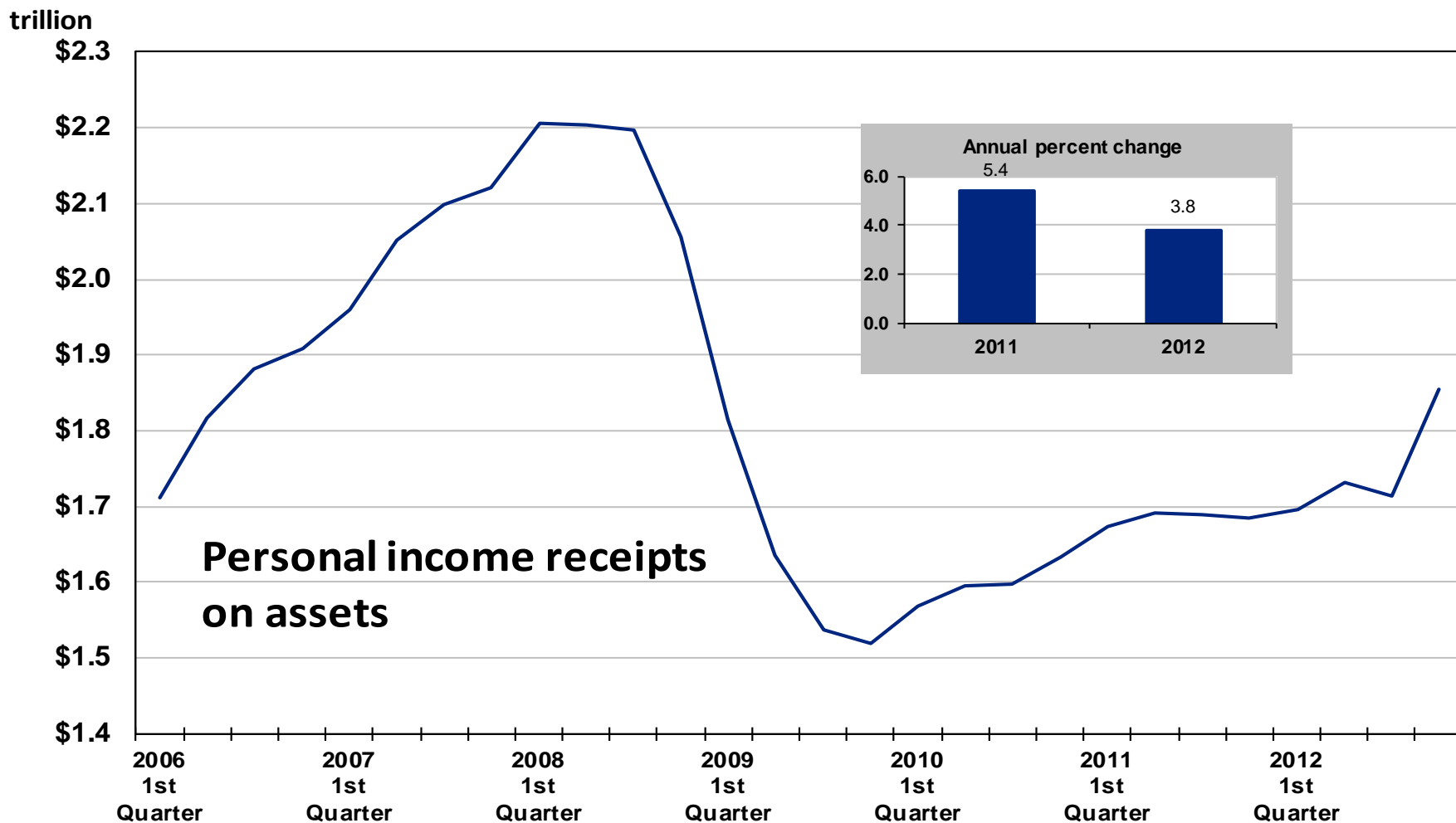
Are wages keeping up?



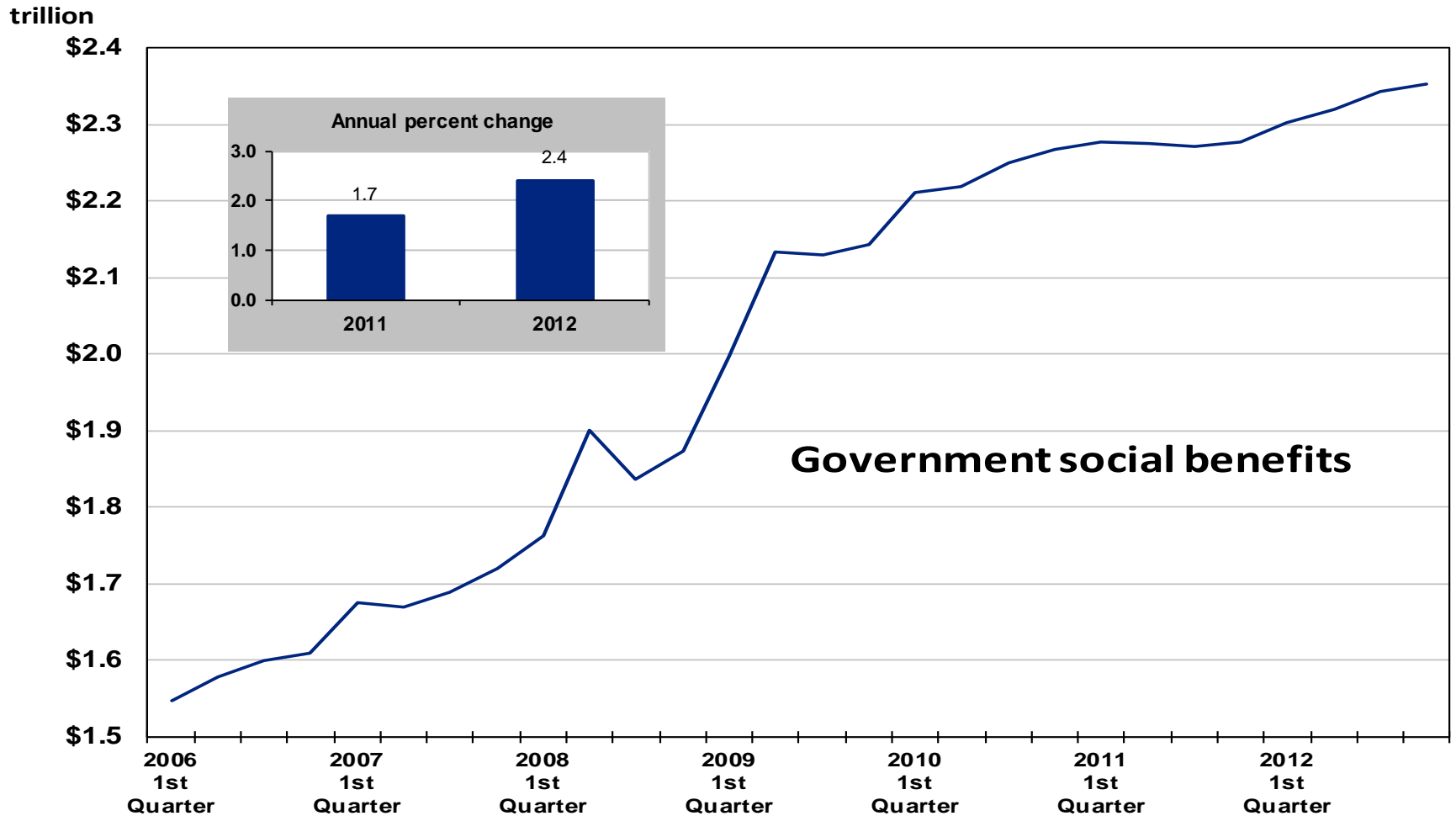
How are small businesses doing?



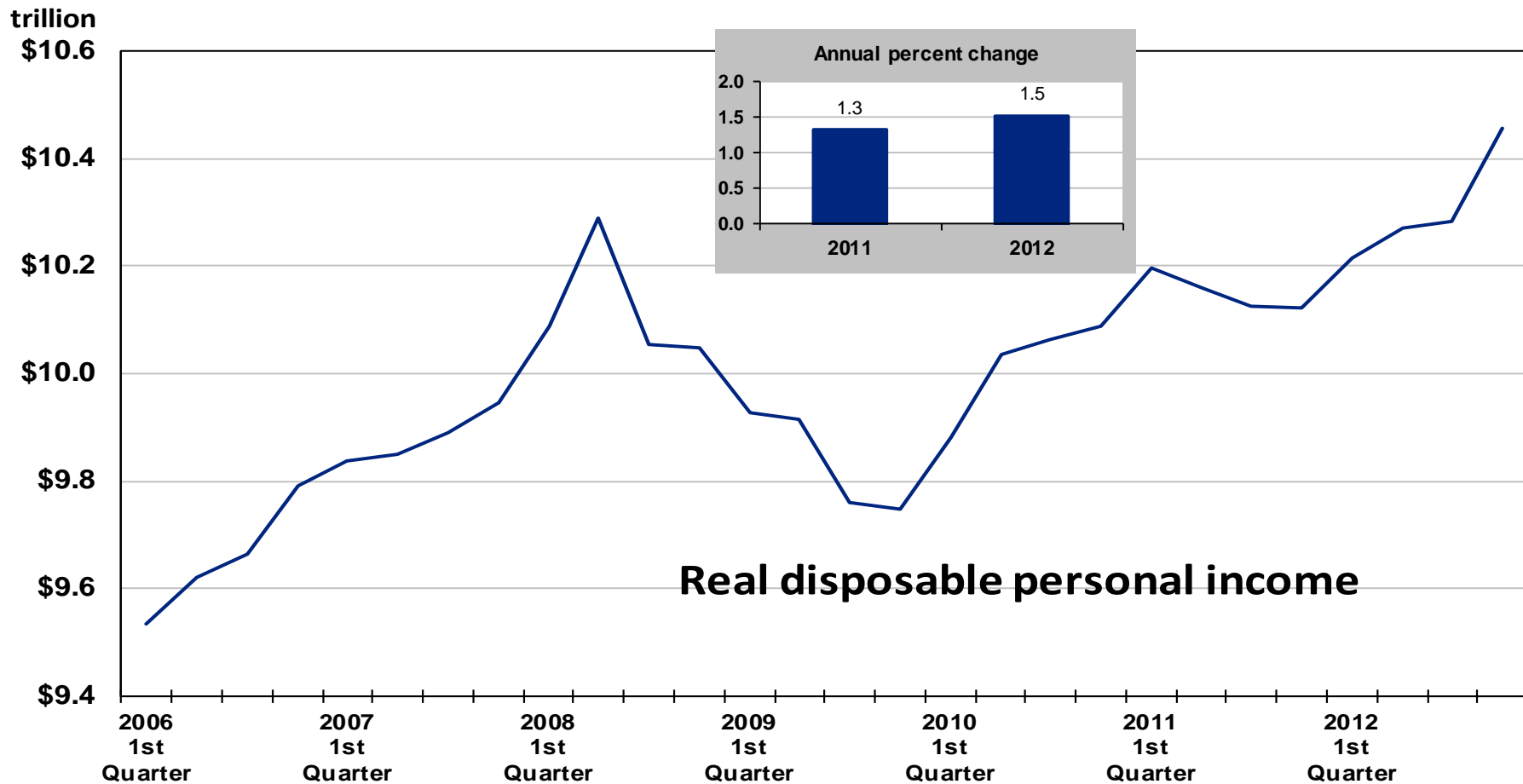
How important is investment income?



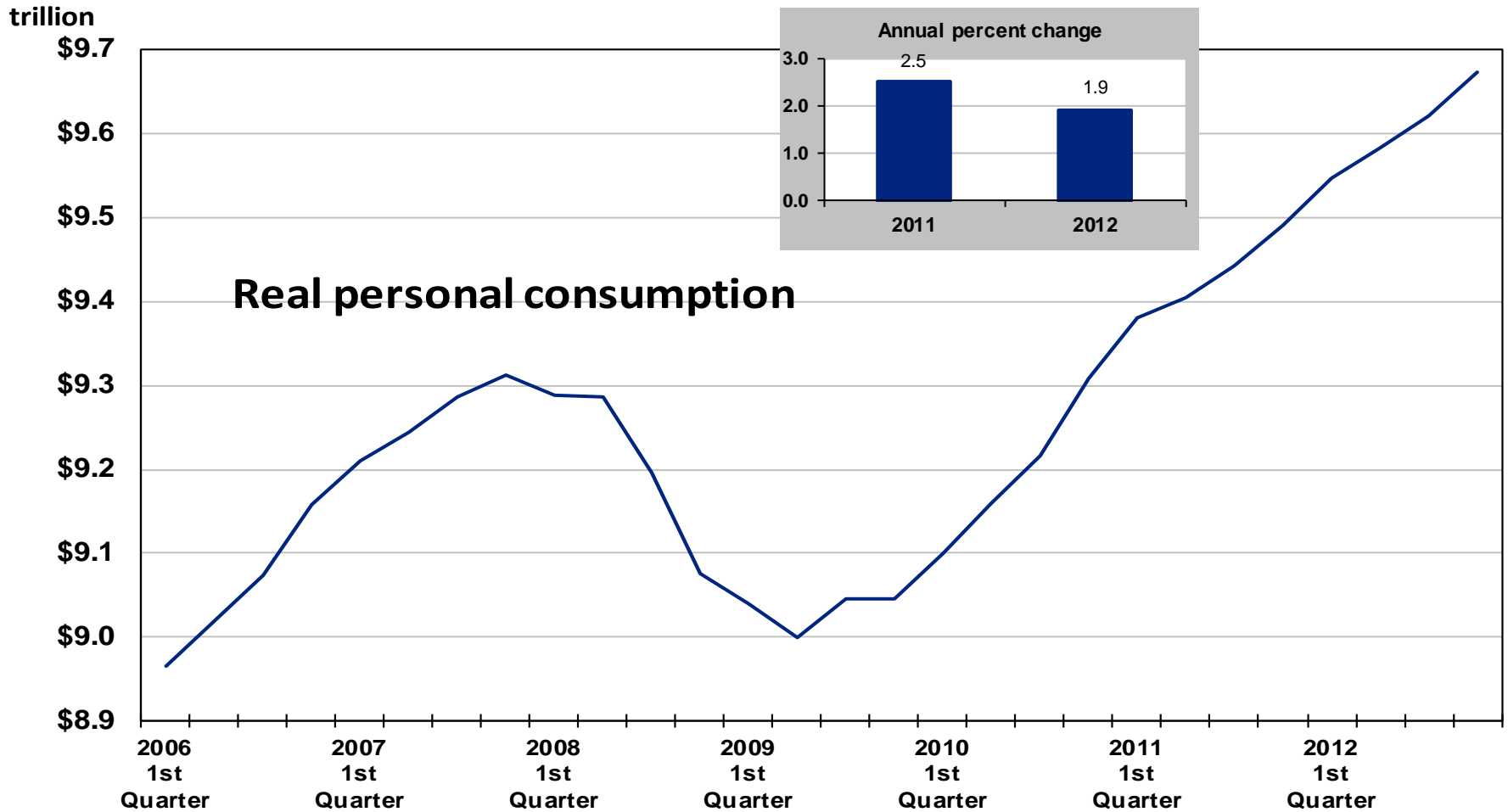
What's happened to the social safety net?



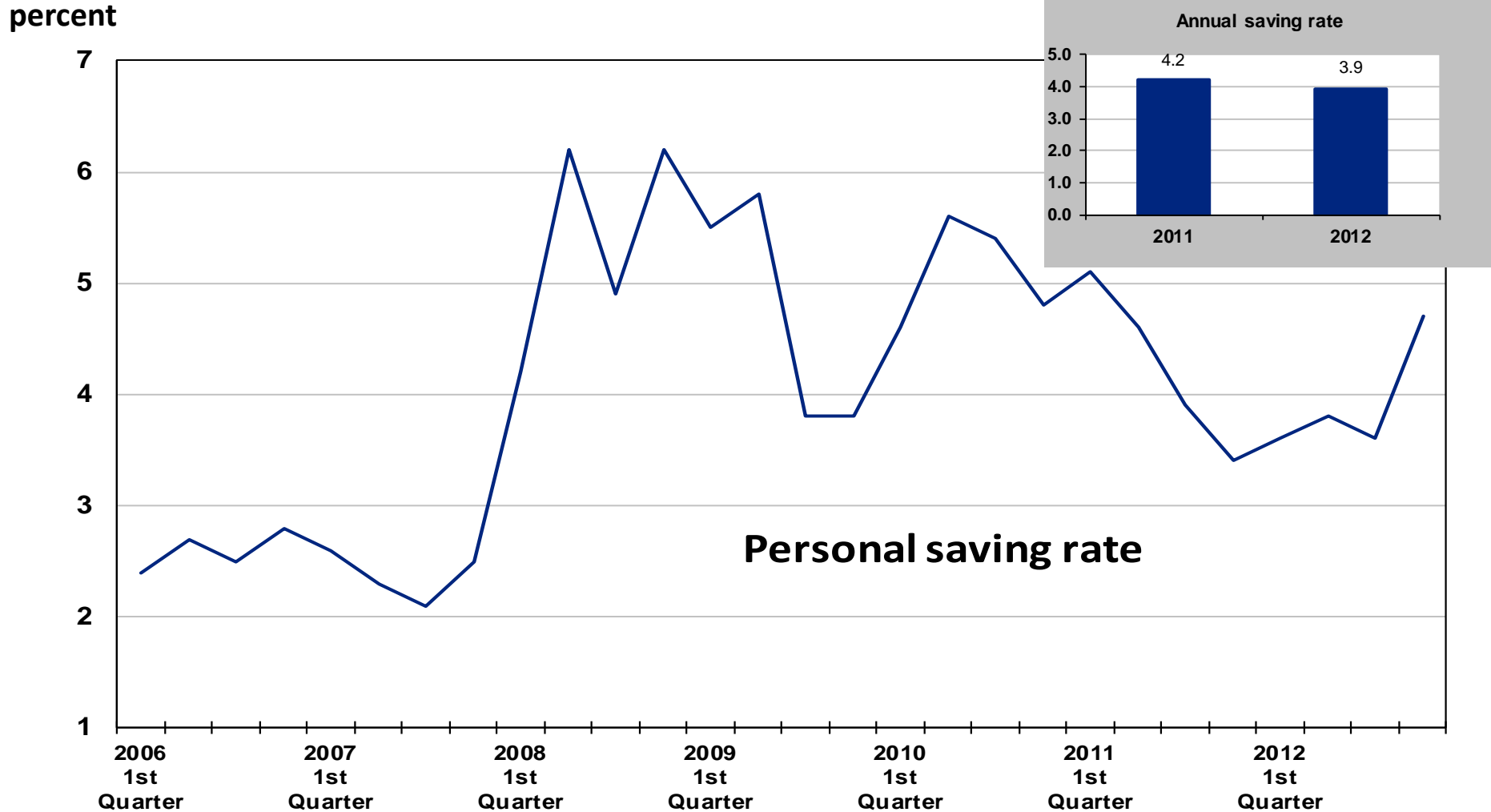
What's happened to income after taxes and inflation?



Are consumers spending again?



How much are households saving?



Did the economy grow in 2012?

