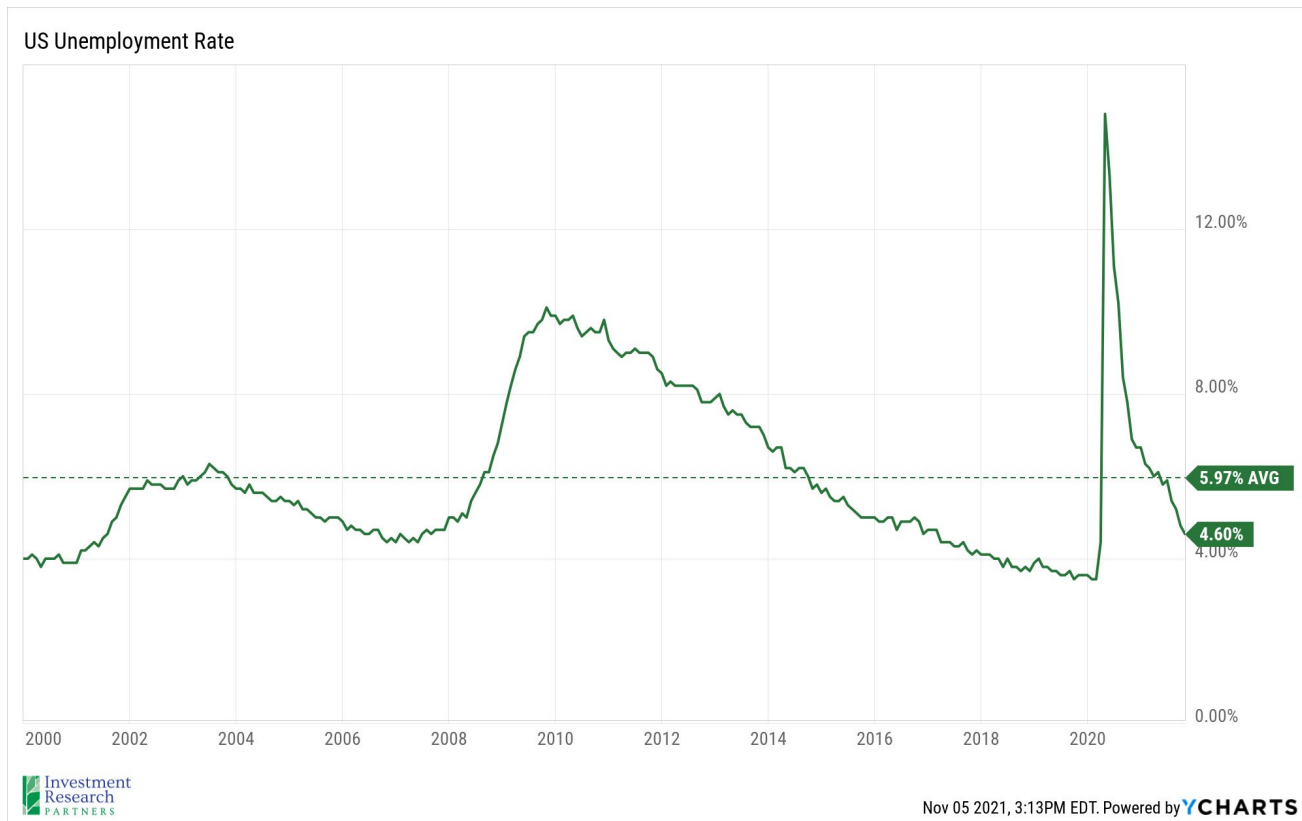


## Weekly Investment Update

November 8, 2021

Equity markets rallied again last week, as investors applauded a host of positive news throughout the week. The much-awaited Federal Reserve meeting wrapped up and while they shared plans to gradually taper their bond buying program between now and mid-2022, Fed President Jerome Powell indicated they are in no hurry to begin raising rates.<sup>1</sup> Markets reacted favorably to Powell's patient messaging.

In addition, the US payroll report issued Friday surprised to the upside with 531,000 new jobs added last month, pushing the unemployment rate down to 4.6% (see graph below). That result easily bested economist estimates, which projected growth of 450,000 jobs.<sup>2</sup> Not surprisingly, nearly all major equity index posted positive returns for the week based on the news. The S&P 500 (a proxy for large-cap US stocks) was up 2% for the week and the MSCI ACWI index (a proxy for global large-cap stocks) climbed 1.6%.<sup>3</sup>



Lastly, there was positive news on the pandemic front, as well. Pharmaceutical company Pfizer released clinical trial results for their Covid pill, reporting a reduction in deaths and hospitalizations in high-risk patients by 89%. The company plans to file for emergency FDA approval soon, and, if approved, the treatment “would be another tool in our toolbox to protect people”, stated President Joe Biden.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: [November 2021 Fed Interest Rate Decision: Federal Reserve Tapers, Holds Rates - Bloomberg](#)

<sup>2</sup> Source: [US Jobs Report October 2021: 531,000 Jobs Added, Unemployment Rate Drops to 4.6% - Bloomberg](#)

<sup>3</sup> Source: YCharts

<sup>4</sup> Source: [Pfizer \(PFE\) Covid-19 Pill Treatment Paxlovid 89% Effective on Hospitalization - Bloomberg](#)

### Prices & Interest Rates

Representative Index	Current	Year-End 2020
Crude Oil (US WTI)	\$81.17	\$48.52
Gold	\$1,820	\$1,893
US Dollar	94.22	89.94
2 Year Treasury	0.39%	0.13%
10 Year Treasury	1.45%	0.93%
30 Year Treasury	1.87%	1.65%

Source: Morningstar, YCharts, and US Treasury as of November 6, 2021

### Asset Class Returns

Category	Representative Index	YTD 2021	Full Year 2020
Global Equity	MSCI All-Country World	18.7%	16.3%
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US Large Cap Equity	S&P 500	26.6%	18.4%
US Large Cap Equity	Dow Jones Industrial Average	20.5%	9.7%
US Small Cap Equity	Russell 2000	24.4%	20.0%
Foreign Developed Equity	MSCI EAFE	12.8%	7.8%
Emerging Market Equity	MSCI Emerging Markets	-0.3%	18.3%
US Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond	1.0%	5.2%
US Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays US Agg Bond	-1.0%	7.5%
Global Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Global Agg. Bond	-3.6%	9.2%

Source: YCharts as of November 6, 2021

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