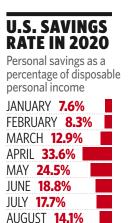


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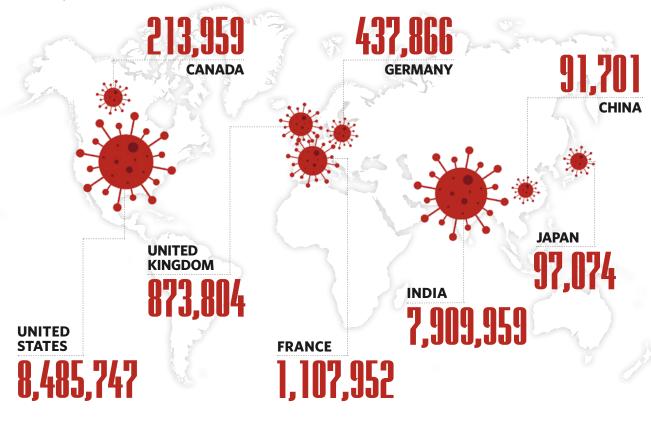


The first half of 2020 was interesting, to say the least. How did events affect economies around the world?

**A TURBULENT 2020** | COVID-19 and social unrest provided some strong economic headwinds in the first six months of the year, but the markets pushed back. Worldwide, millions of COVID-19 cases and a multitude of protests took business deep into uncharted waters in the first half of 2020. Although the pandemic lockdown hurt business activity and spiked unemployment, other economic indicators were not as consistently pessimistic. *By Mark Jost* 

#### **CONFIRMED CUMULATIVE COVID-19 CASES**

As of Sept. 30, 2020



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The **14-point drop** is the largest since the index launched in Q1 2005twice as deep as the largest decline during the global financial crisis of 2008-2009. Q1 2020: 106 | Q2 2020: 92



### **MARKET INDICATORS: JAN 3-SEP 30, 2020**

It has been an up-and-down year for key market indicators, but many of them have regained the financial ground that was lost during the first half of 2020.

Critical Dates	JAN 3 Cluster of viral pneumonia reported in China	MAR 19 More than 10,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S.	MAY 26 Death of George Floyd in the U.S.	JUN 30 End of Q2	SEPT 30 End of Q3
	Clinia				
	Stock Index Levels				
S&P 500 Index	3,234.85	2,409.39	2,991.77	3,100.29	3,363.00
FTSE 100 Index	3,234.85	5,151.60	6,067.80	6,169.70	5,866.10
SSE Composite Index	3,083.79	2,702.13	2,846.55	2,984.67	3,218.05
DAX Performance Index	13,219.14	8,610.43	11,504.65	12,310.93	12,760.73
	Oil Price per Barrel in U.S. dollars				
West Texas Intermediate NYMEX Crude Oil	\$63.05	\$22.59	\$34.35	\$39.27	\$40.22
	Price per Ounce in U.S. dollars				
Gold	\$1,547.40	\$1,504.45	\$1,722.75	\$1,770.70	\$1,893.90

## **WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: CHANGES 2019-2020**

World Unemployment and Growth Projections

	Yearly Unemployment Rate Change, '19-'20 Number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the total labor force	World Economic Outlook Growth Projections, '19-'20 Real GDP annual percent change
CANADA	5.7% to 9.7%	1.7% to -8.4%
CHINA	3.6% to 3.8%	6.1% to 1.0%
FRANCE	8.5% to 8.9%	1.5% to -12.5%
GERMANY	3.1% to 4.3%	0.6% to -7.8%
INDIA	5.36% to 11%	<b>4.2% to -4.5%</b>
JAPAN	2.4% to 3.3%	<b>0.7% to -5.8%</b>
UK	3.8% to 5.6%	1.4% to -10.2%
US	3.7% to 8.9%	<b>2.3% to -8.0%</b>



#### **AIRLINE TRAVELER THROUGHPUT IN THE UNITED STATES**

Transportation Security Administration checkpoint traveler numbers

	2019	2020
MARCH 1	2,301,439	2,280,522
APRIL 1	2,151,626	136,023
MAY 1	2,546,029	171,563
JUNE 1	2,499,002	353,261
JULY 1	2,547,889	626,516
AUGUST 1	2,367,967	709,033
SEPTEMBER 1	2,037,750	516,068
OCTOBER 1	2,447,687	855,908

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