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UPDATE: Stronger Retail Sales; Not Much of a Reaction

- Retail Sales
 - 0.6 vs 0.1 f'cast, -0.9 prev
- Core Retail Sales
 - o 0.5 vs 0.3 f'cast, 0.2 prev
 - last month revised from 0.4
- Import prices
 - o 0.1 vs 0.3
 - o last month revised to -0.4 from 0.0
- Jobless Claims
 - o 221k vs 235k f'cast, 228k prev
- Continued Claims
 - 1956k vs 1970k f'cast, 1954k prev
- Philly Fed
 - 15.9 vs -1 f'cast, -4.0 prev

There are obviously quite a few reports to digest this morning, but retail sales is the headliner--specifically core retail sales (aka "the control group," aka retail sales excluding autos/gas/building materials).

While this beat the forecast, last month was revised down by the same amount--sort of a wash. No help for bonds from still-strong jobless claims or the very strong Philly Fed. And import prices never move markets.





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