

Recent Changes in Labor Force Participation: Trend or Cycle?

The labor force is defined as the number of people employed and unemployed. The labor force participation rate (LFPR) is computed by dividing the labor force by the working-age population. The participation rate has both cyclical and secular components. During a recession, the participation rate typically declines as discouraged workers exit the labor force. Anecdotal evidence highlights this effect during the recent recession, explaining how the weak labor market has led job seekers to quit looking for work and persuaded students to prolong their schooling.¹ However, it is not immediately clear how much of the recent decline in the participation rate is due solely to cyclical phenomena. Slowly evolving demographic changes are also affecting the participation rate. In this essay, we explain how to decompose the changes in the LFPR into a cyclical component (due to current economic conditions) and a long-run component (due to demographic shifts).

The table shows the decomposed changes in the LFPR across age groups.² Column 2 reports the total change in the LFPR. Columns 3 through 8 show the total change attributed to each age group. The last two columns report the contribution attributed to changes in the LFPR and population shares. The decomposition reveals that changes in the share of the population considered “prime working age” (25 to 54 years of age) have been a main driver of the lower LFPR over the past decade (column 7). Even without any change in this group’s LFPR, it is now a smaller segment of the total population, which alone has the effect of pulling down total LFPR.³ The table also highlights another well-known trend in the LFPR: the increasing participation of older Americans since 1990 (column 5).⁴

The bottom row of the table decomposes the 0.66 percent decline in the LFPR over the past three years, much of which is dominated by a smaller share (–0.79 percent) of the prime working-age population. Some evidence, however, substantiates recessionary causes. The LFPR of the prime working-age population has contributed negatively to the decline (–0.21 percent), which is likely due to difficult labor market conditions. The LFPR of 16- to 24-year-olds has also driven the aggregate decline; however, greater returns to education appear to have encouraged more high school graduates to go to college since at least the 1980s.

As individuals reenter the labor force, a cyclical correction in the LFPR is likely, causing the unemployment rate to rise. If the past two recessions are any indication, this correction may be modest. Difficult labor market conditions may have forced many individuals to make long-term decisions, such as early retirement or pursuing advanced education, that may remove them from the labor force for some time.

—Riccardo DiCecio and Charles S. Gascon

¹ See, for example, Murray, Sara. “Grads Head to College in Record Numbers.” *Wall Street Journal*, April 28, 2010.

² As proposed by Hotchkiss, Julie L. “Changes in the Aggregate Labor Force Participation Rate.” Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta *Economic Review*, 2009, 94(4), pp. 1-6.

³ The 2000-09 average LFPRs by group were as follows: ages 16-24, 61.3 percent; ages 25-54, 83.1 percent; ages 55 and older, 36.5 percent.

⁴ For additional details and for a discussion of trends in the LFPR by gender, see DiCecio, Riccardo; Engemann, Kristie, M.; Owyang, Michael T. and Wheeler, Christopher H. “Changing Trends in the Labor Force: A Survey.” Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis *Review*, January/February 2008, 90(1), pp. 47-62.

Decomposing the Percent Change in LFPR

| | Contribution to % Δ LFPR | | | | | | | | % of total contribution | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------------|---------------|----------|------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------------|-------|
| | (1) | (2) | Δ LFPR | | | Δ Population share | | | (9) | (10) |
| | | | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | | |
| LFPR | Δ LFPR | Ages 16-24 | Ages 25-54 | Ages 55+ | Ages 16-24 | Ages 25-54 | Ages 55+ | Δ LFPR | Δ Population share | |
| 1980-90 | 66.53 | 2.76 | -0.13 | 2.72 | -0.72 | -3.06 | 4.27 | -0.31 | 31.85 | 68.15 |
| 1990-2000 | 67.08 | 0.55 | -0.24 | 0.31 | 0.62 | -1.06 | 0.70 | 0.22 | 37.13 | 62.87 |
| 2000-07 | 66.05 | -1.04 | -1.04 | -0.55 | 1.86 | 0.02 | -2.14 | 0.81 | 53.62 | 46.38 |
| 2007-09 | 65.37 | -0.66 | -0.40 | -0.21 | 0.42 | -0.12 | -0.79 | 0.45 | 42.91 | 57.09 |

NOTE: Contributions to percent change may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics and authors’ calculations.

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Conventions used in this publication:

1. Except where otherwise noted, solid shading indicates recessions, as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The NBER has not yet determined the end of the recession that began in December 2007; however, the hatched shading shows that the recession ended in July 2009. We made this determination based on a statistical model for dating business cycle turning points developed by Marcelle Chauvet and Jeremy Piger (“A Comparison of the Real-Time Performance of Business Cycle Dating Methods,” *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*, 2008, 26, 42-49). For more information, see http://www.uoregon.edu/~jpiger/us_recession_probs.htm.
2. *Percent change* refers to simple percent changes. *Percent change from year ago* refers to the percent change from the same month or quarter during the previous year. *Compounded annual rate of change* shows what the growth rate would be over an entire year if the same simple percent change continued for four quarters or twelve months. The compounded annual rate of change of x between the previous quarter $t-1$ and the current quarter t is: $[(x_t/x_{t-1})^4 - 1] \times 100$. For monthly data replace 4 with 12.
3. All data with significant seasonal patterns are adjusted accordingly, unless labeled NSA.

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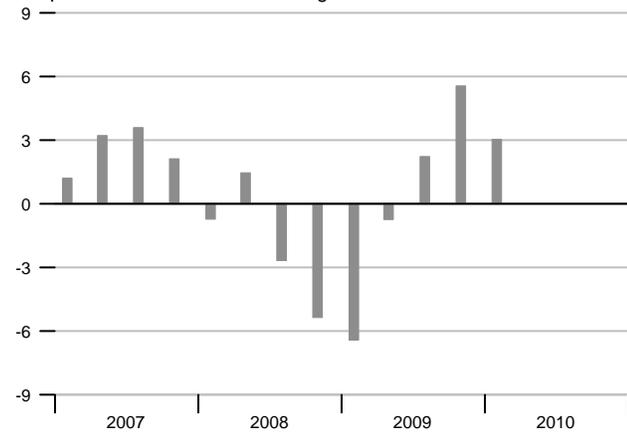
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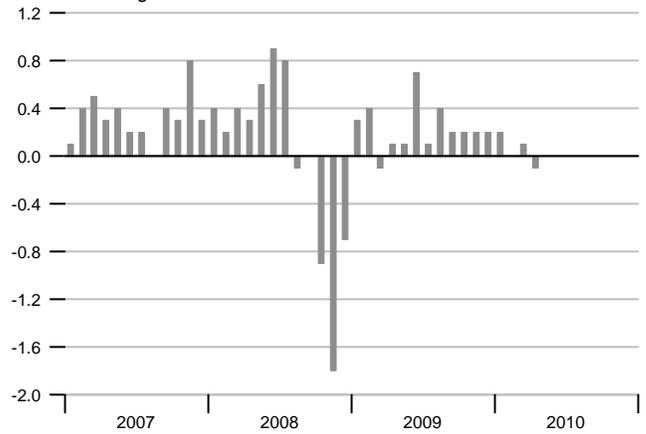
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Compounded annual rates of change



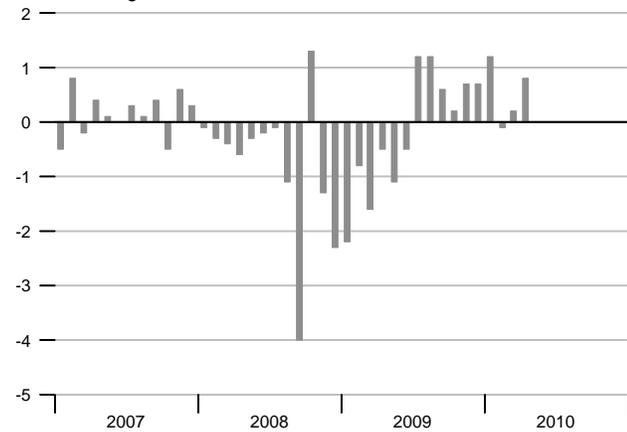
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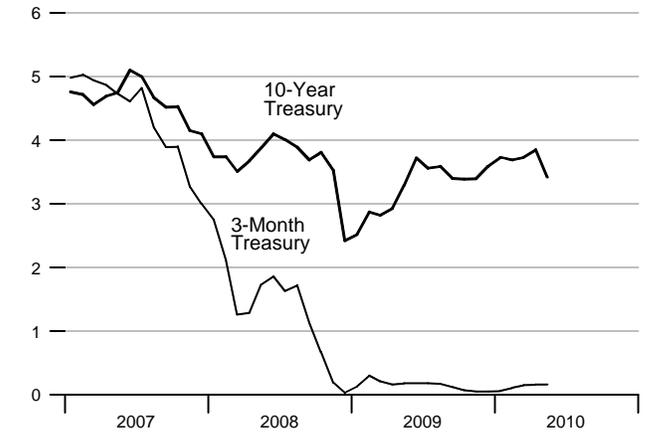
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Percent change



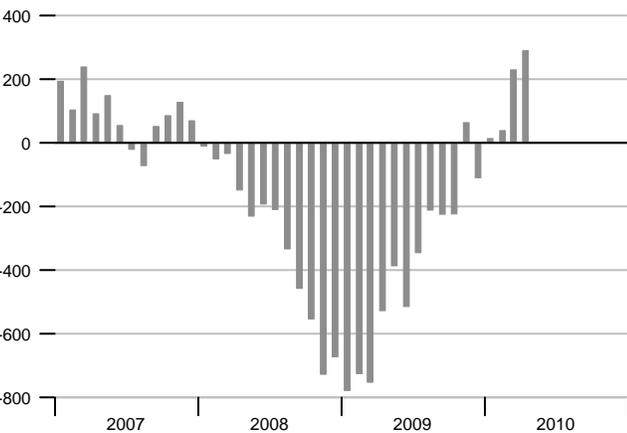
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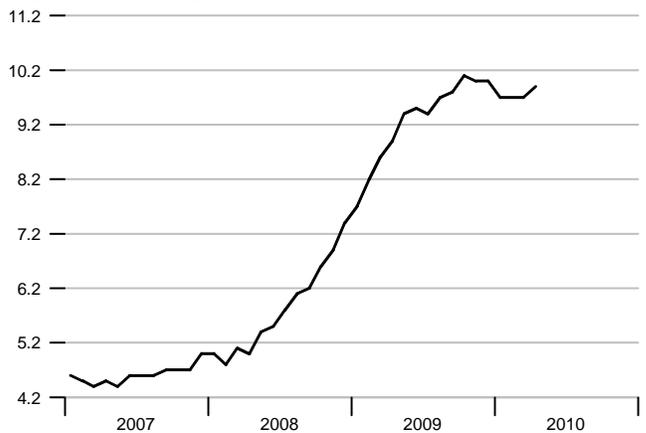
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Thousands



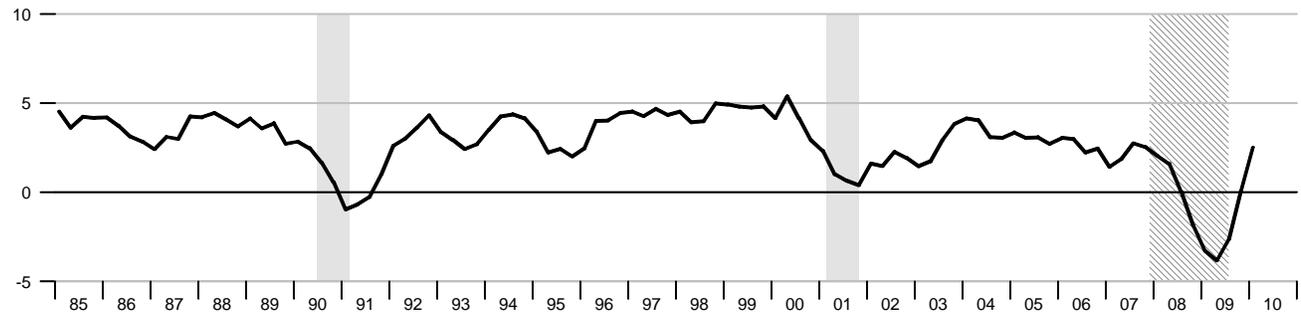
Unemployment Rate

Percent of labor force



Real Gross Domestic Product

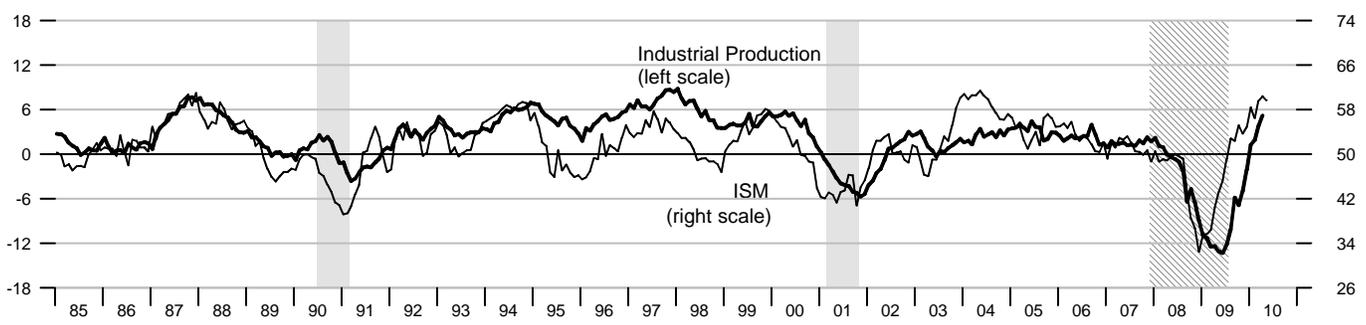
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Industrial Production and Institute for Supply Management (ISM) Indexes

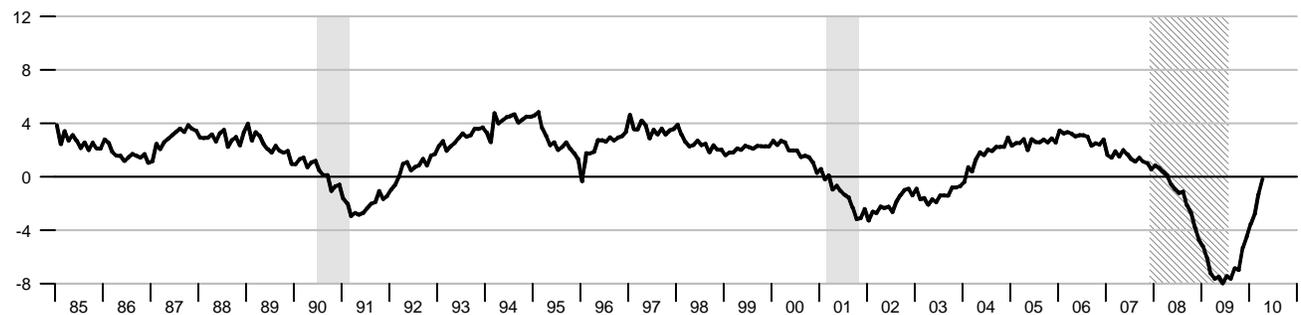
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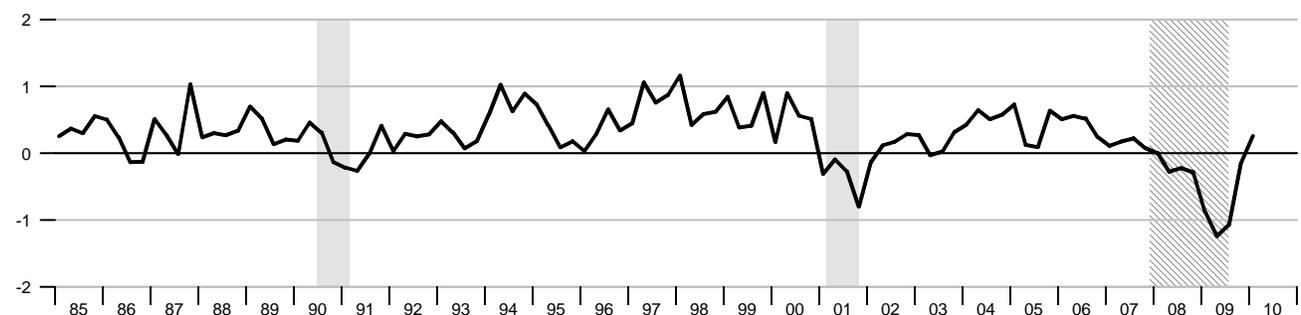
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Percent change from year ago



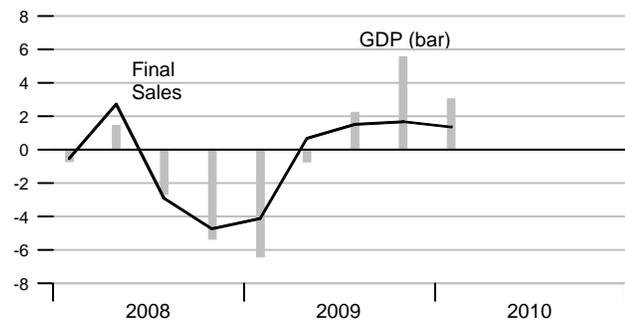
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Percent of GDP



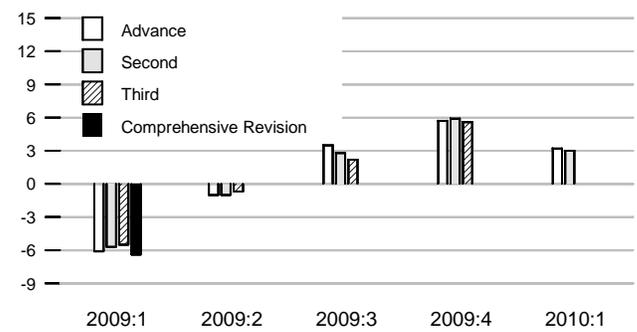
Real Final Sales and GDP

Compounded annual rates of change



Real GDP Revisions

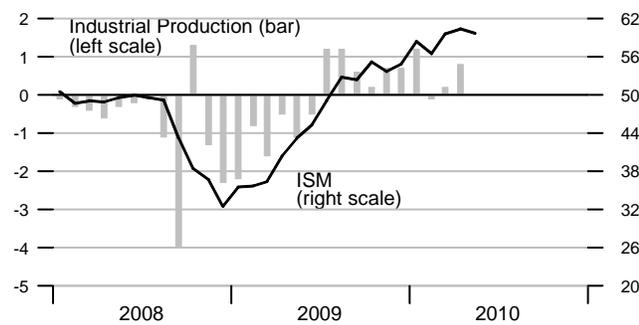
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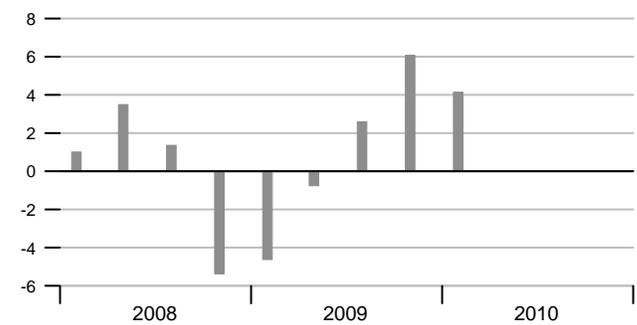
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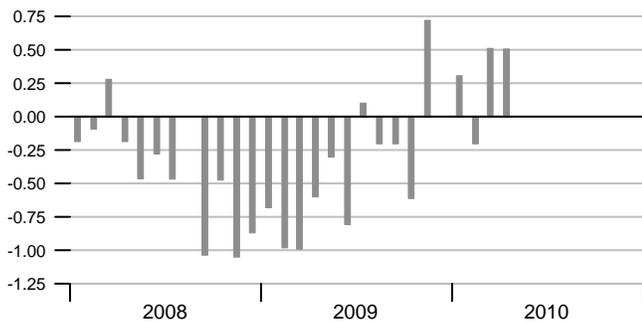
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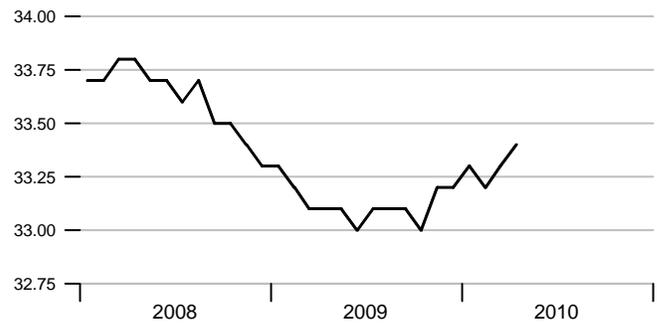
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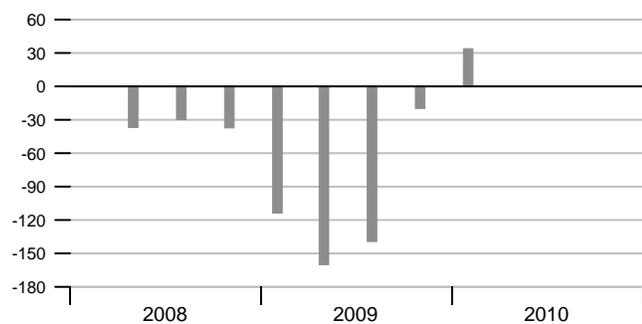
Average Weekly Private Nonfarm Hours

Hours



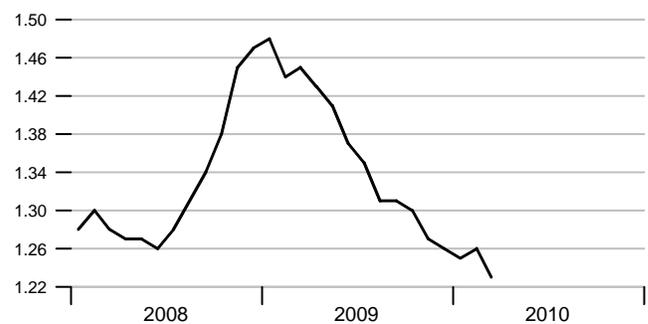
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Billions of 2005 dollars



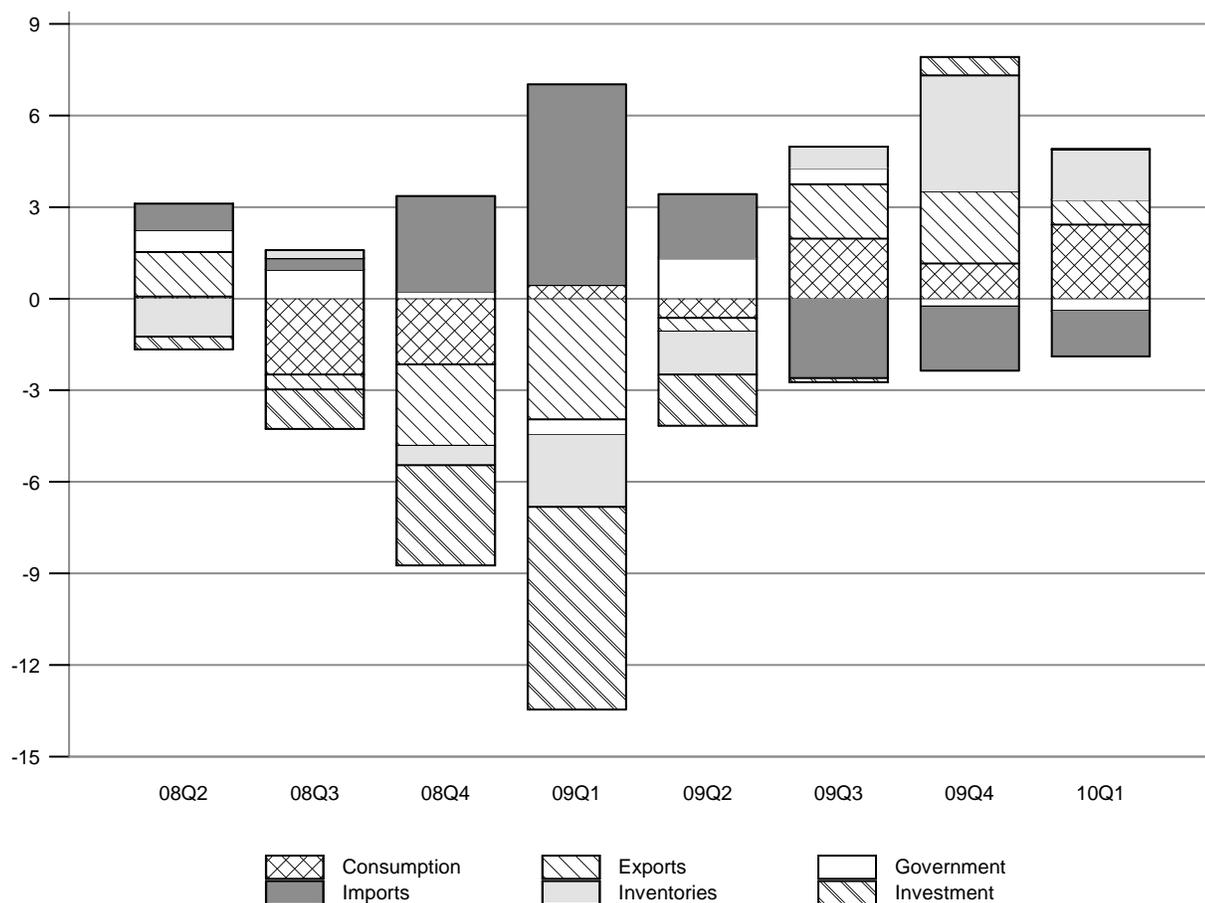
Inventory-Sales Ratio

Manufacturing and trade



Contribution of Components to Real GDP Growth

Percentage points at compounded annual rates



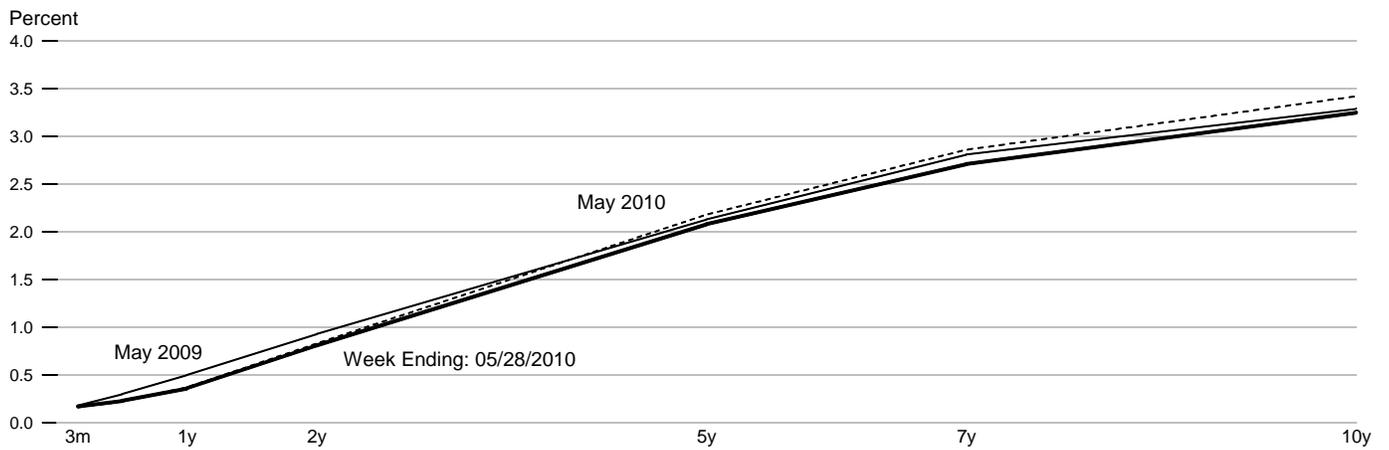
Contributions to Real GDP Growth Rate

| | 2008 | | | 2009 | | | | 2010 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1st |
| Final Sales | 2.71 | -2.94 | -4.73 | -4.07 | 0.68 | 1.55 | 1.76 | 1.39 |
| Consumption | 0.06 | -2.49 | -2.15 | 0.44 | -0.62 | 1.96 | 1.16 | 2.42 |
| Fixed Investment | -0.41 | -1.30 | -3.28 | -6.62 | -1.68 | -0.15 | 0.61 | 0.01 |
| Nonresidential | 0.19 | -0.73 | -2.47 | -5.29 | -1.01 | -0.59 | 0.51 | 0.29 |
| Residential | -0.60 | -0.57 | -0.81 | -1.33 | -0.67 | 0.43 | 0.10 | -0.28 |
| Government | 0.71 | 0.95 | 0.24 | -0.52 | 1.33 | 0.55 | -0.26 | -0.40 |
| Federal | 0.55 | 0.93 | 0.49 | -0.33 | 0.85 | 0.62 | 0.01 | 0.10 |
| State and Local | 0.15 | 0.01 | -0.25 | -0.19 | 0.48 | -0.08 | -0.27 | -0.49 |
| Net Exports | 2.35 | -0.10 | 0.45 | 2.64 | 1.65 | -0.81 | 0.27 | -0.66 |
| Exports | 1.47 | -0.48 | -2.67 | -3.95 | -0.45 | 1.78 | 2.36 | 0.82 |
| Imports | 0.88 | 0.38 | 3.12 | 6.58 | 2.09 | -2.59 | -2.09 | -1.48 |
| Change in Inventory | -1.25 | 0.26 | -0.64 | -2.36 | -1.42 | 0.69 | 3.79 | 1.65 |
| Residual | 0.06 | 0.07 | -0.22 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.03 | -0.02 | -0.04 |
| Real GDP Growth | 1.46 | -2.68 | -5.37 | -6.43 | -0.74 | 2.24 | 5.55 | 3.04 |

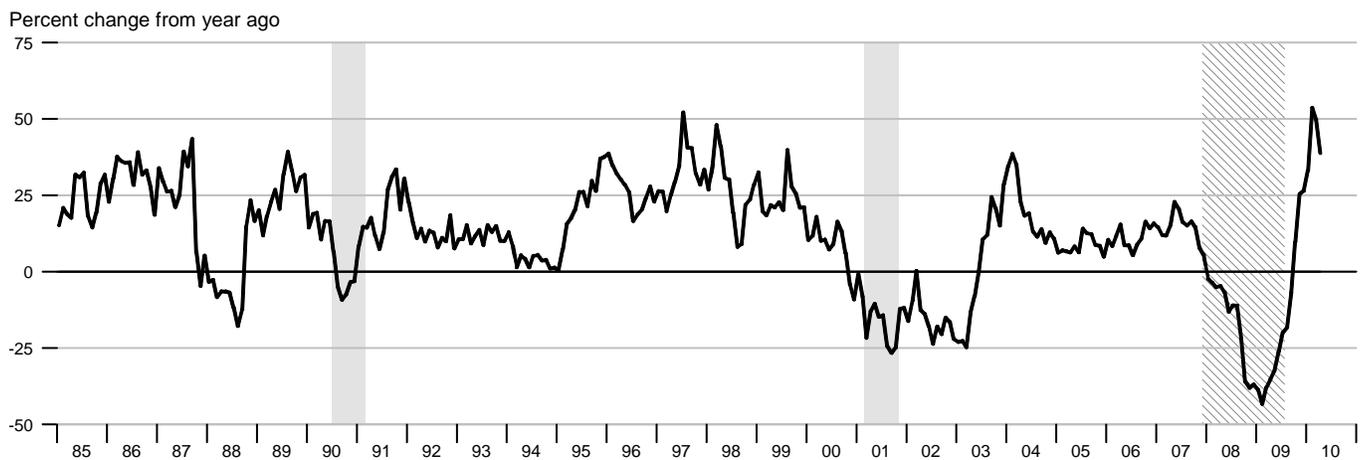
Interest Rates



Treasury Yield Curve

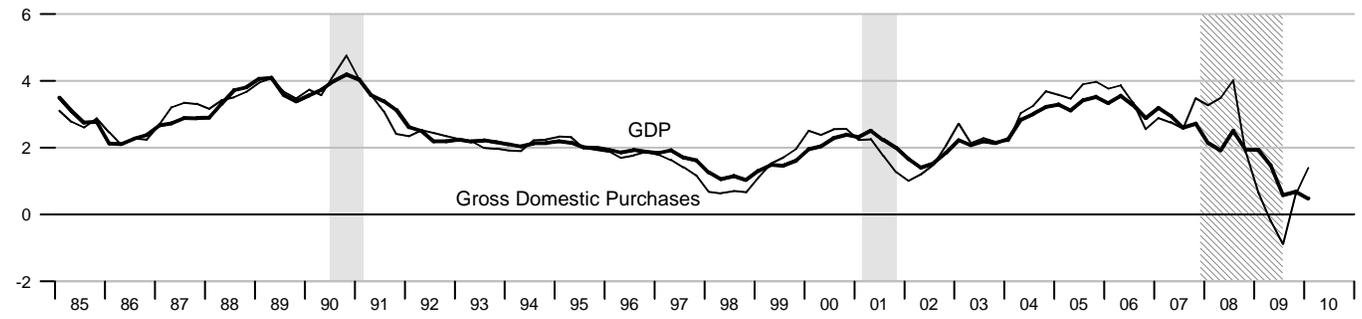


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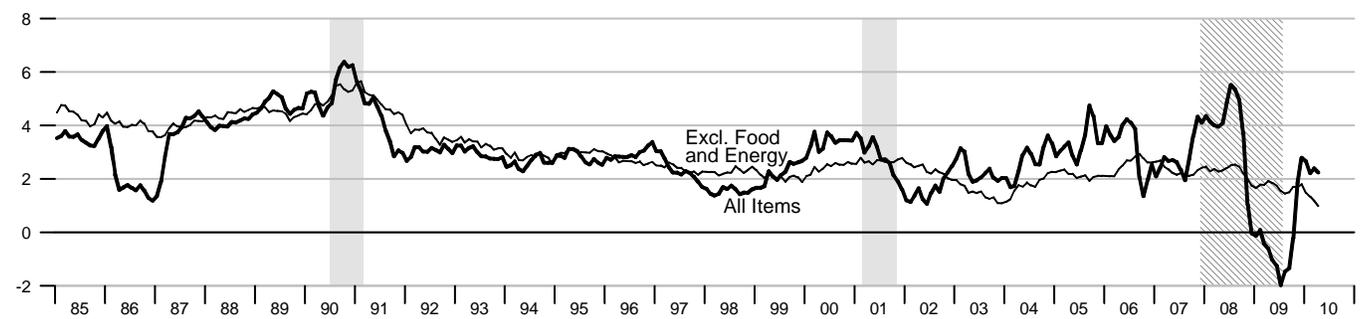
NIPA Chain Price Indexes

Percent change from year ago



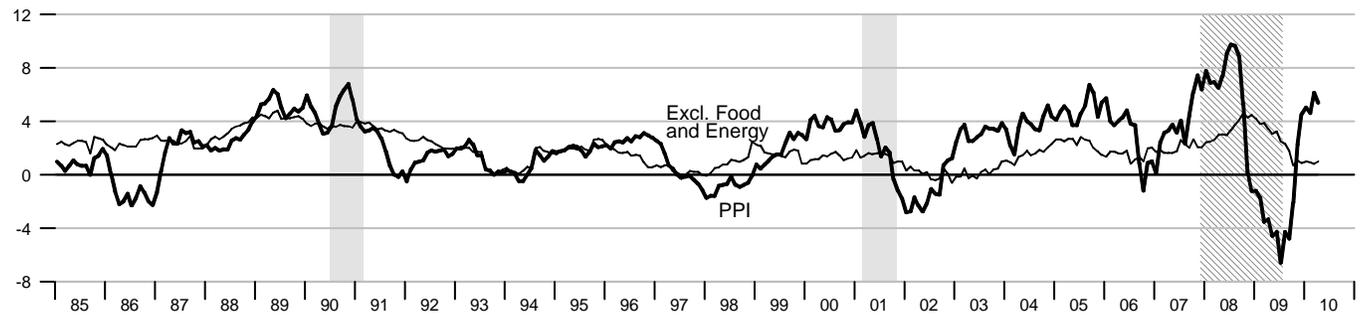
Consumer Price Index

Percent change from year ago



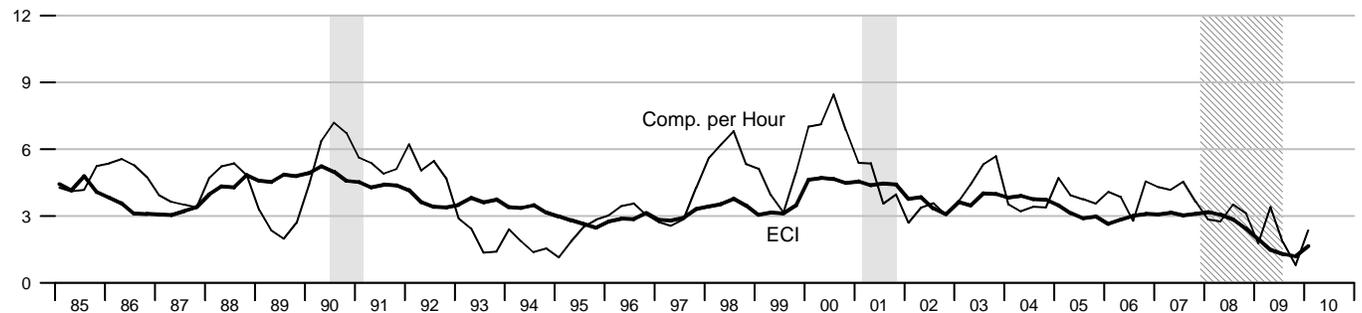
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods

Percent change from year ago

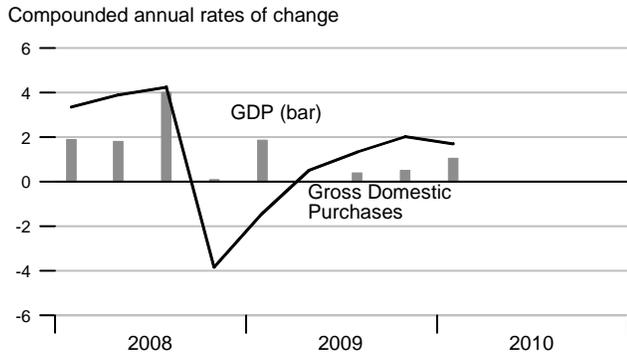


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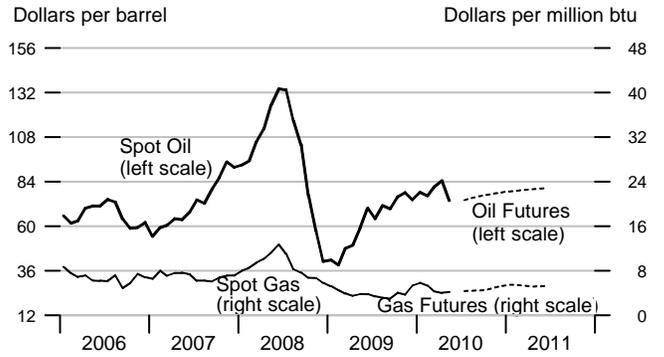
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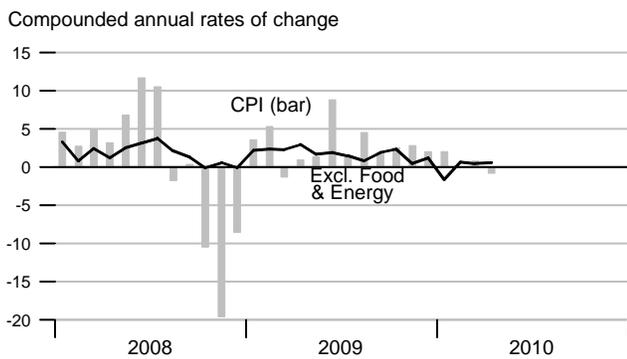


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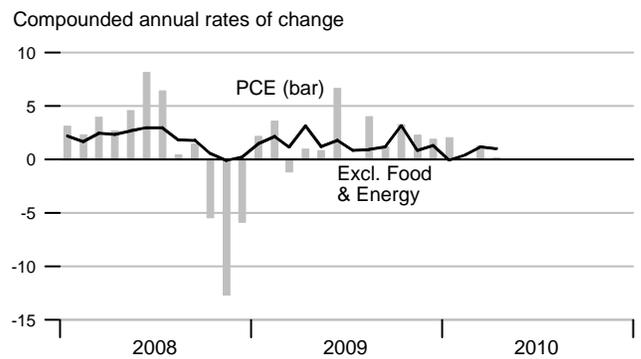


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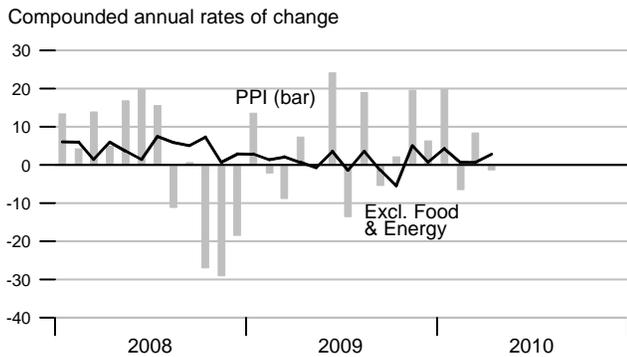
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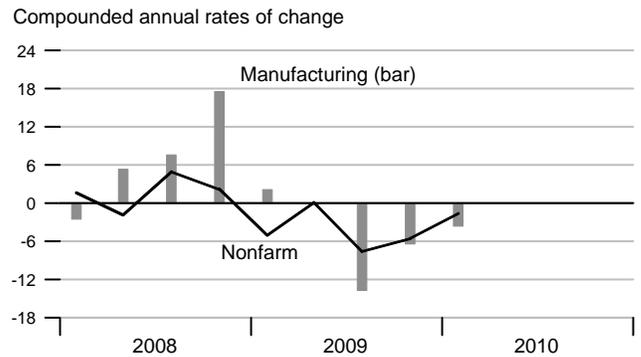
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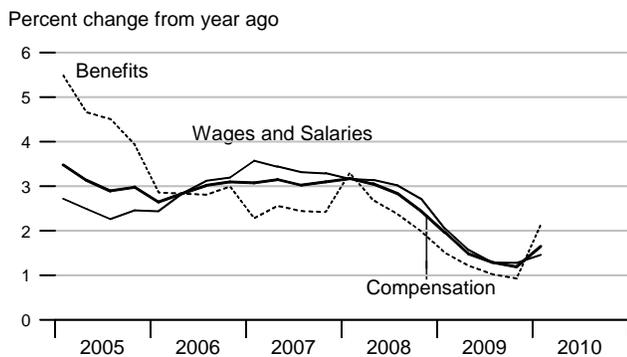
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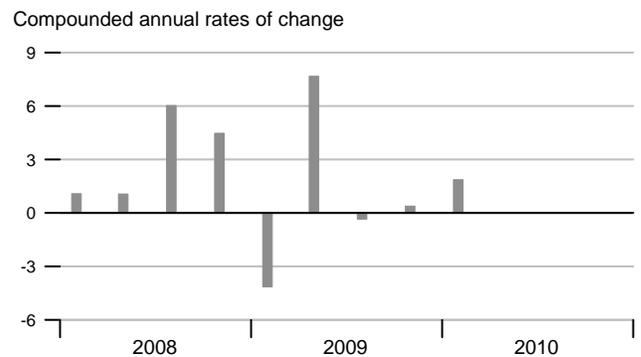
Unit Labor Cost



Employment Cost Index

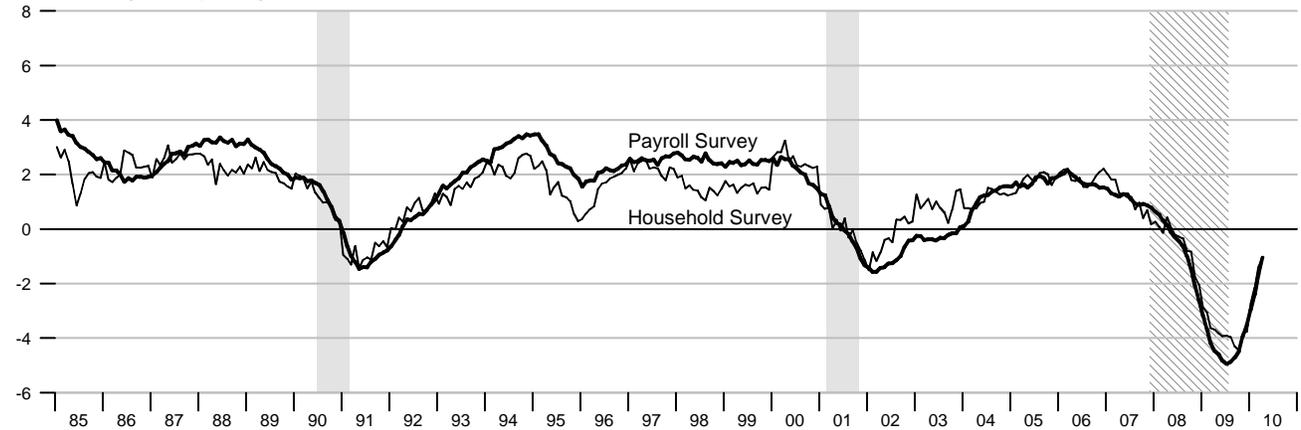


Compensation per Hour



Employment

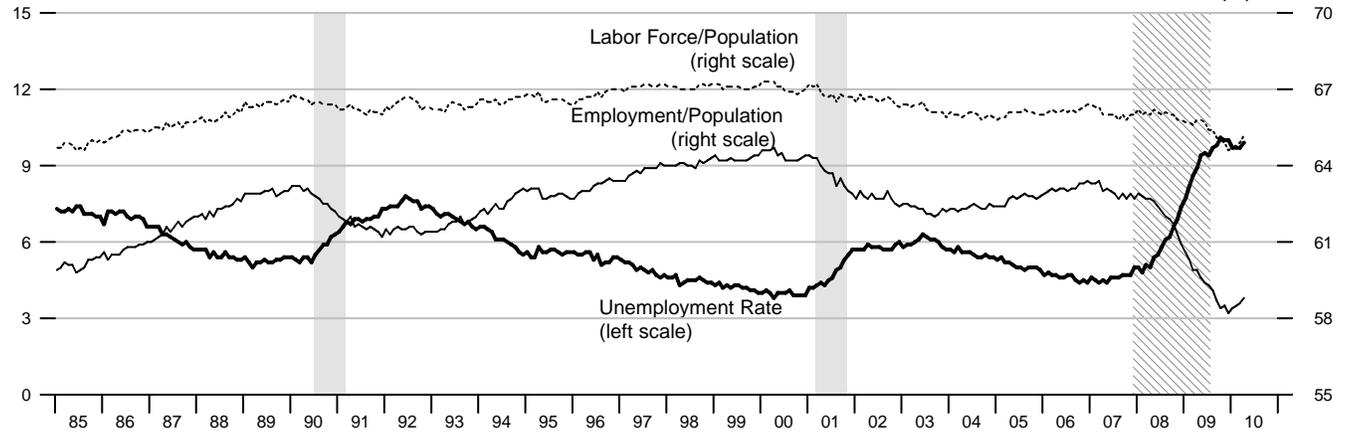
Percent change from year ago



Unemployment, Labor Force Participation, and Employment Rates

Percent of labor force

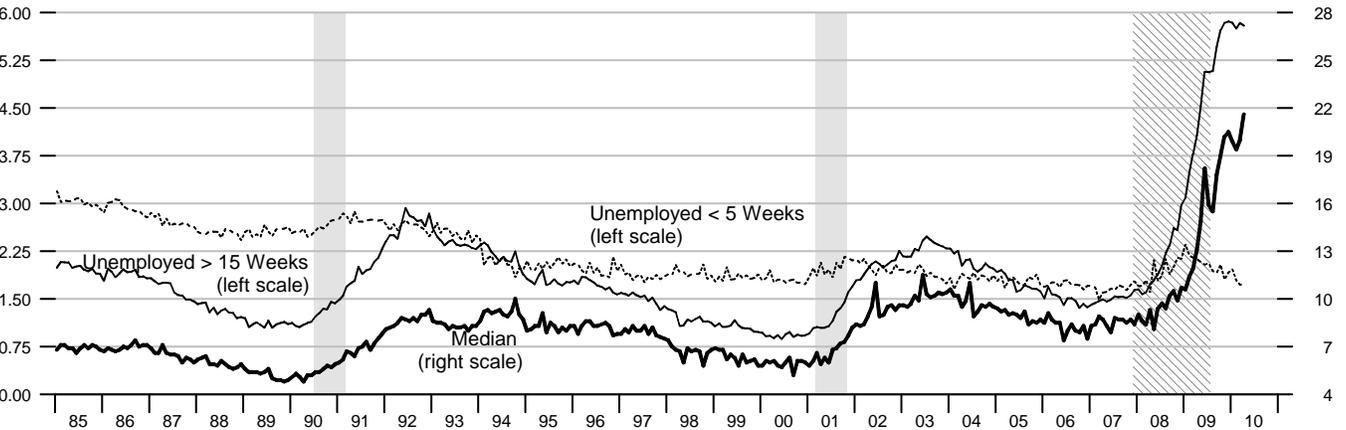
Percent of population



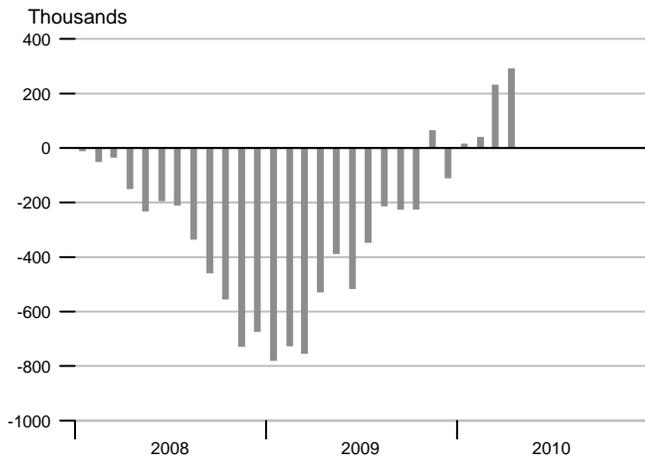
Duration of Unemployment

Percent of labor force

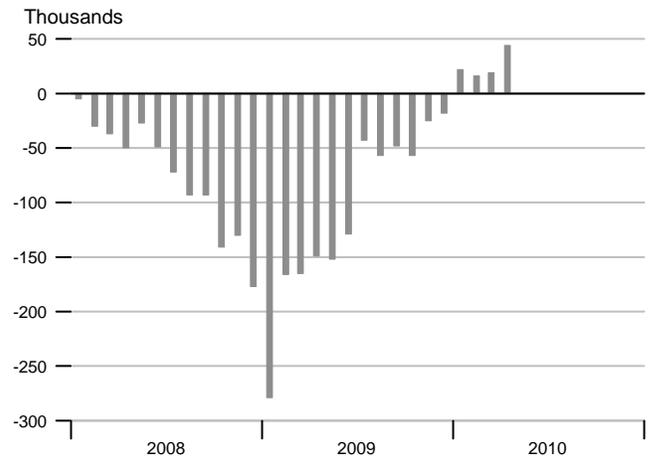
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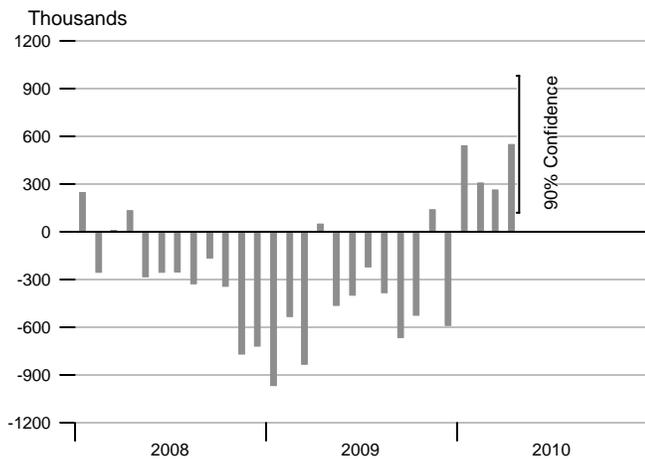
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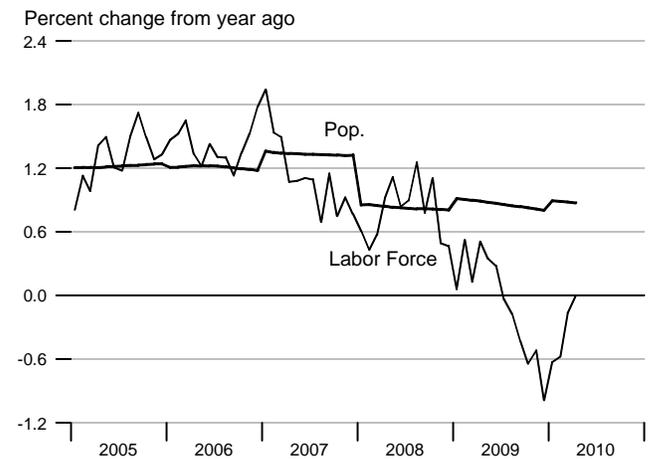
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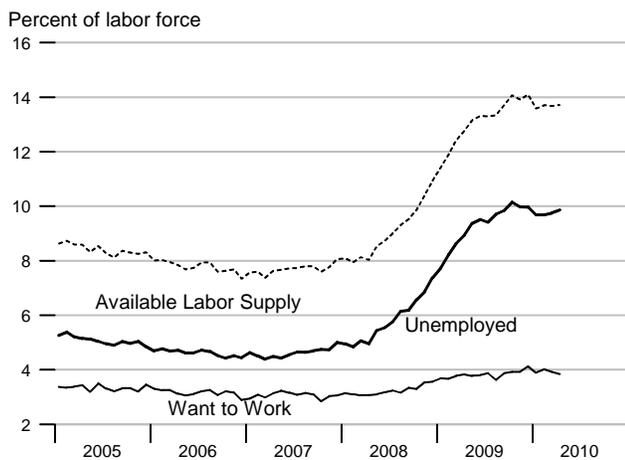
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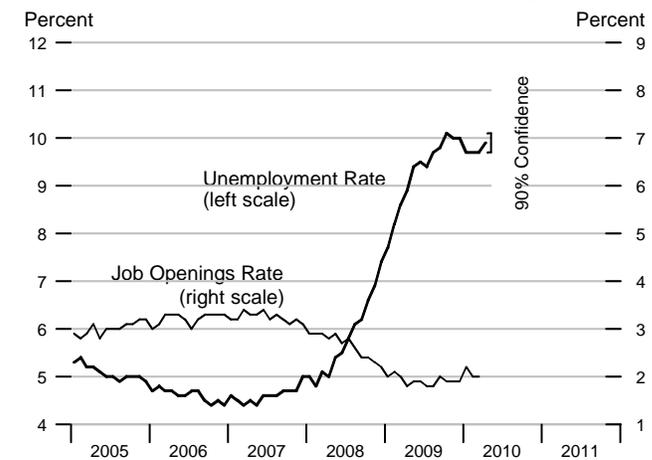
Labor Force and Population



Available Labor Supply and Components

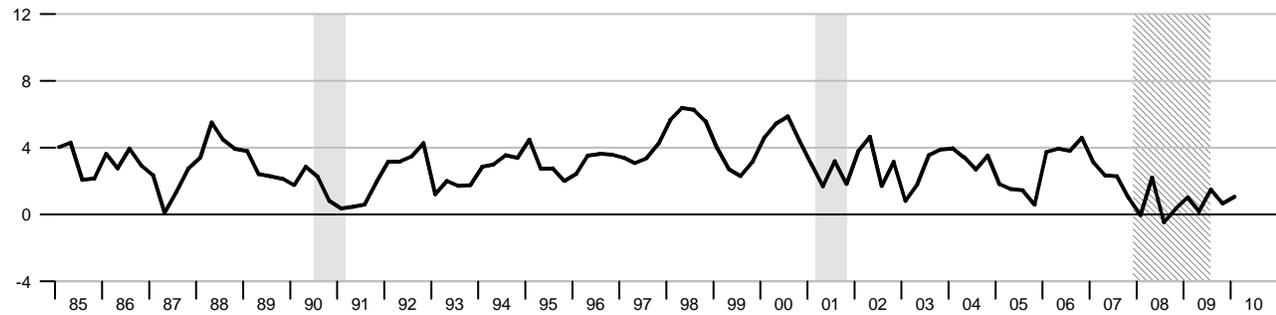


Unemployment Rate & Job Openings Rate



Real Disposable Personal Income

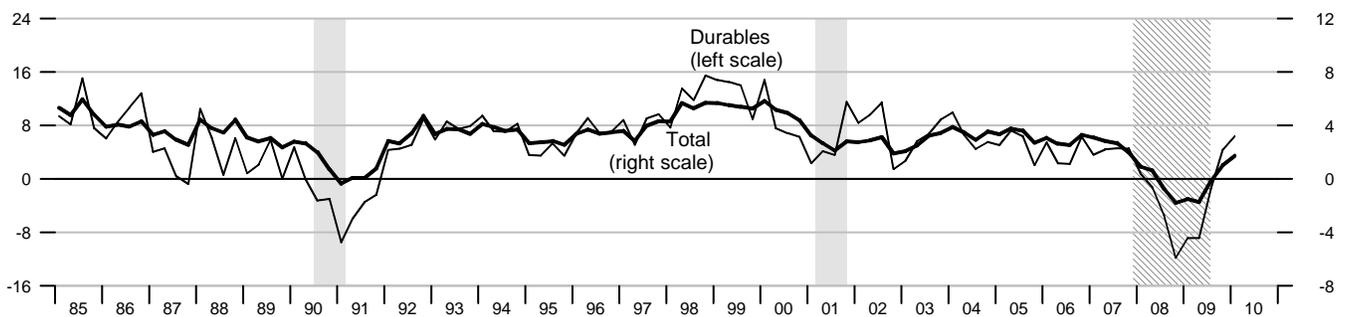
Percent change from year ago, quarterly data



Real Consumption

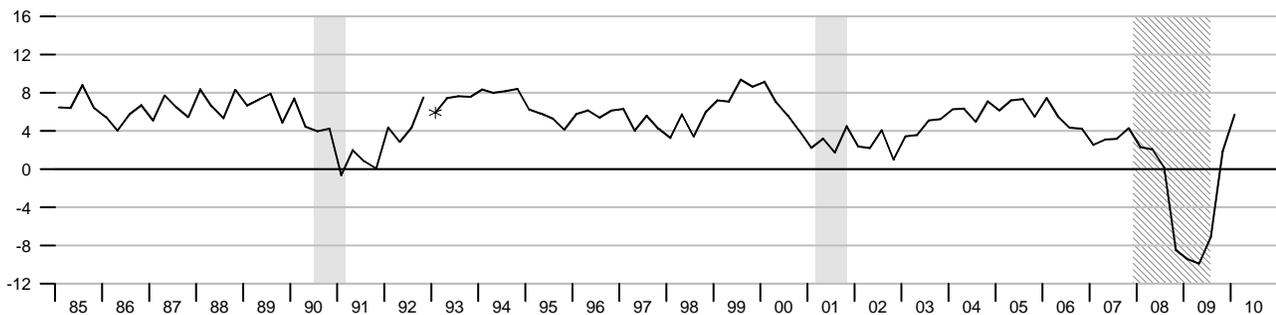
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Percent change from year ago, quarterly data



Retail and Food Services Sales

Percent change from year ago, quarterly average

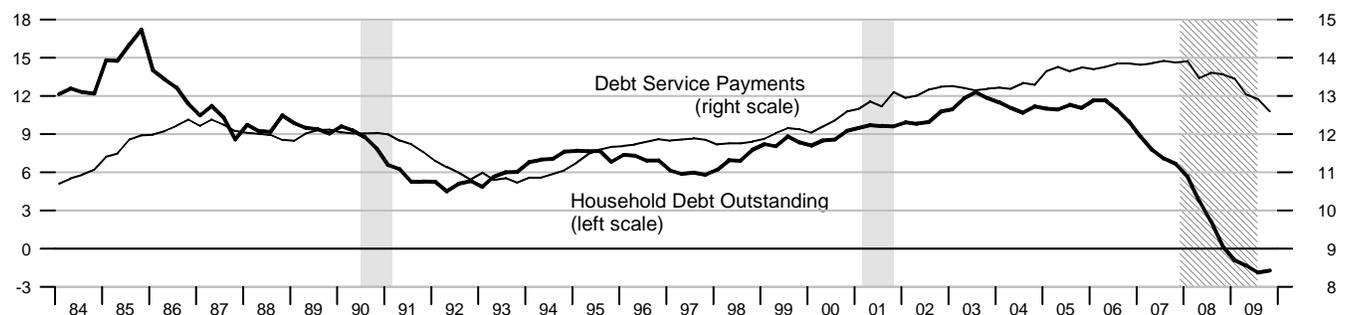


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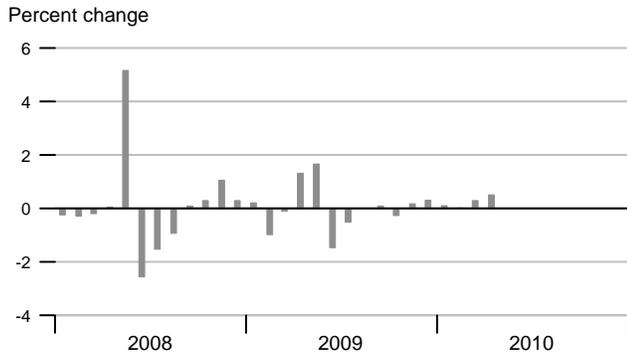
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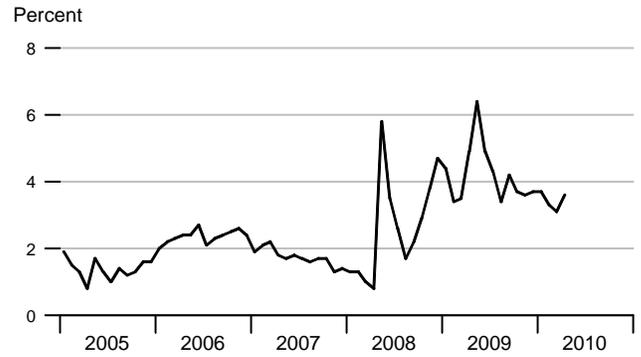
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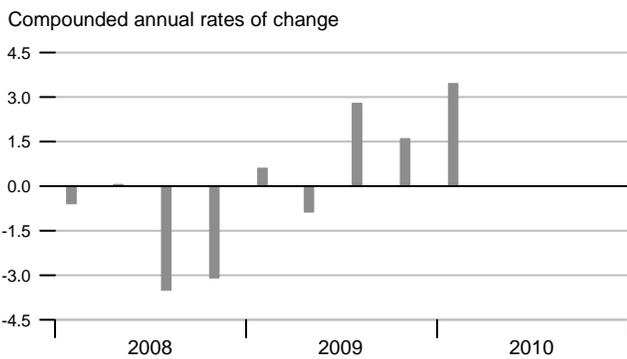
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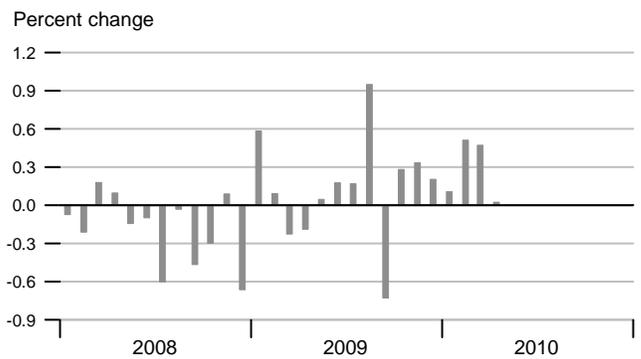
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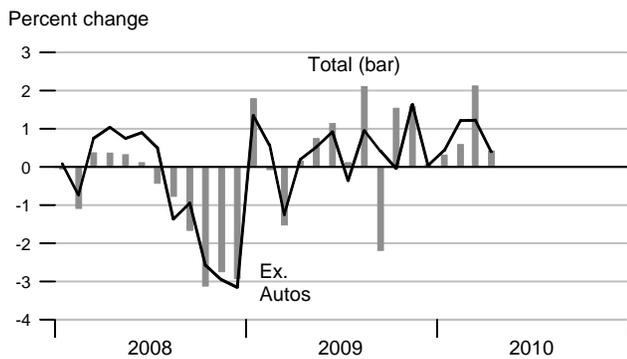
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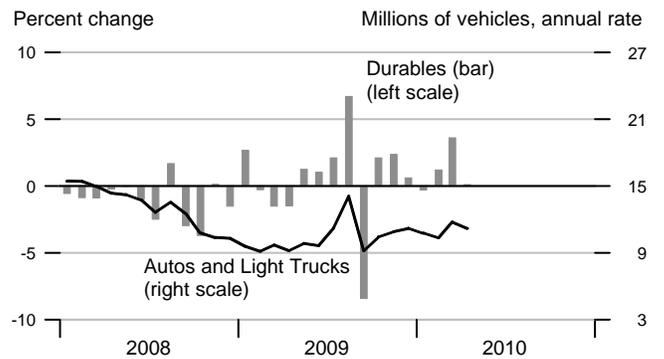
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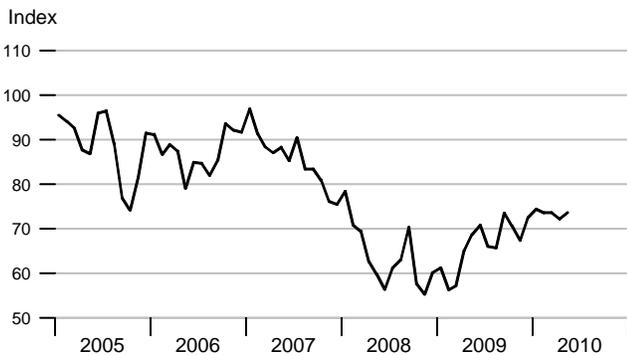
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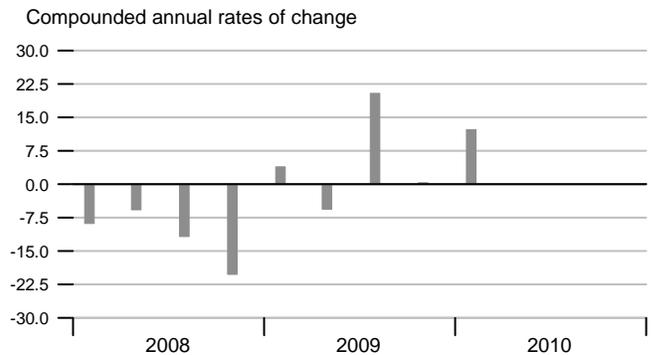
Real Durables Consumption & Vehicle Sales



Consumer Sentiment (U. of Michigan)

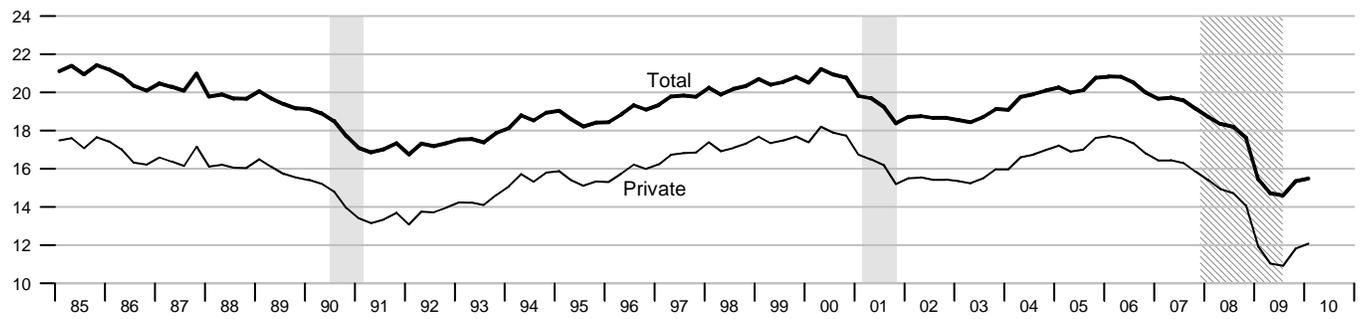


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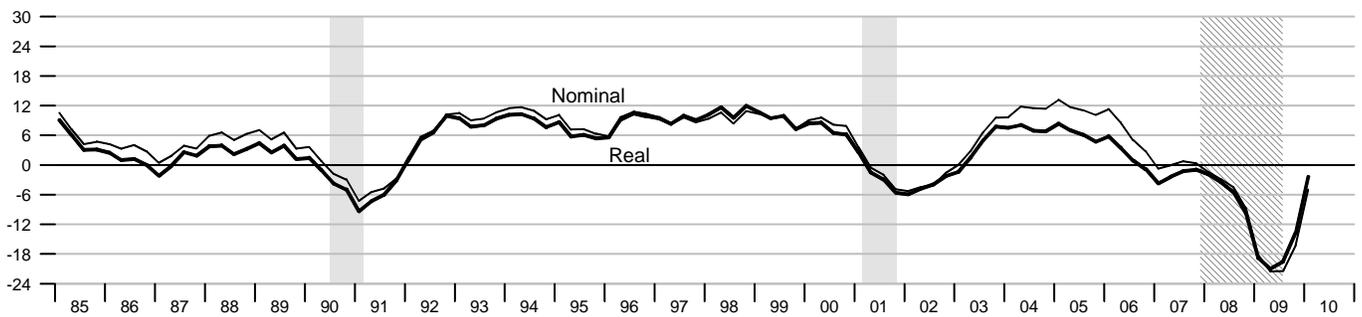
Investment

Percent of nominal GDP



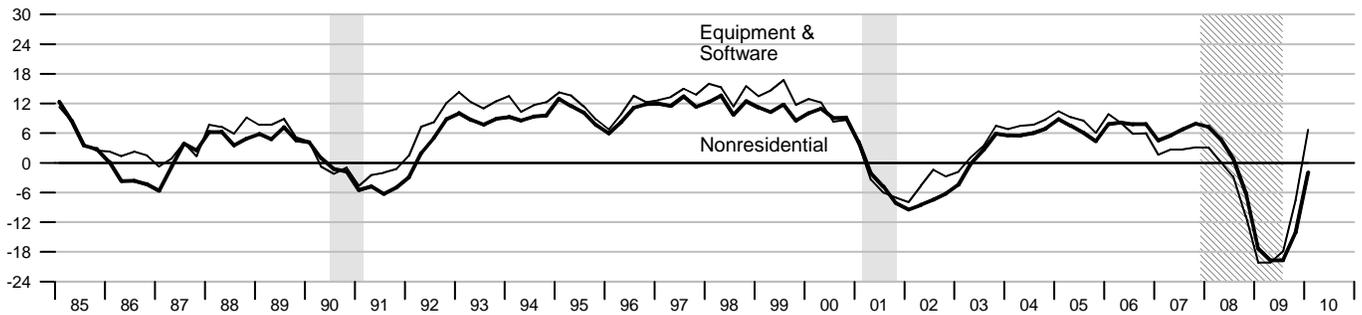
Private Fixed Investment

Percent change from year ago



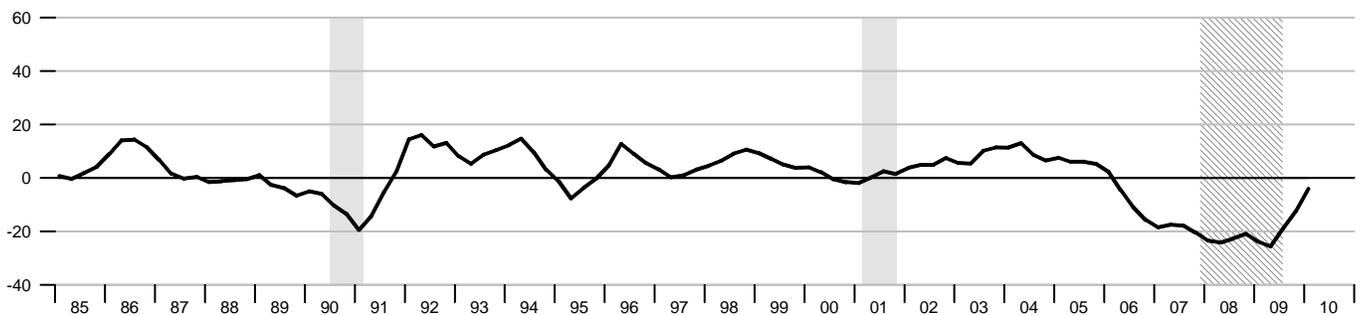
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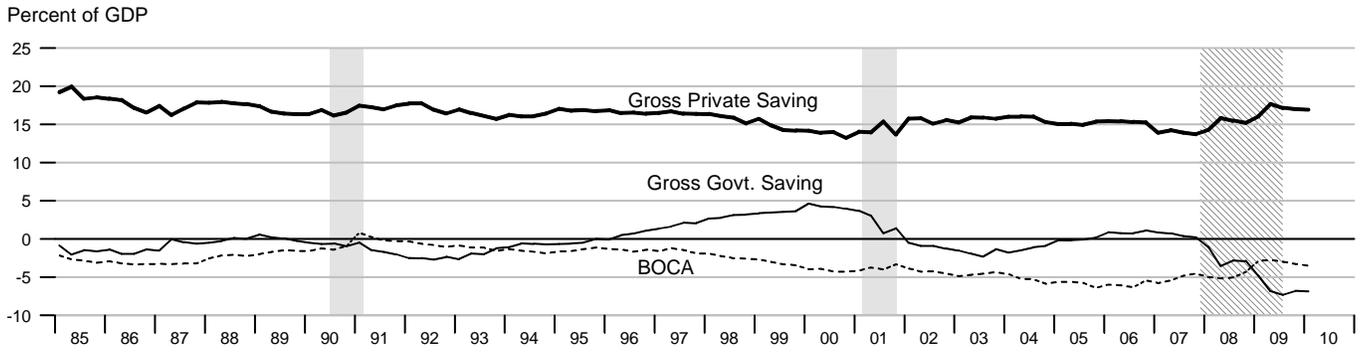


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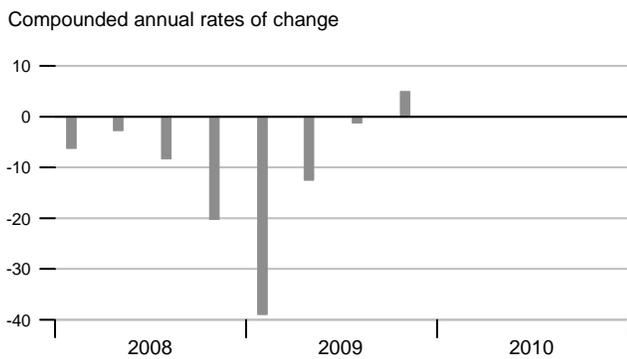
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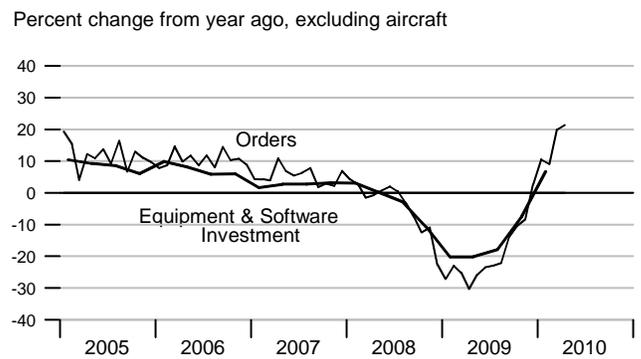
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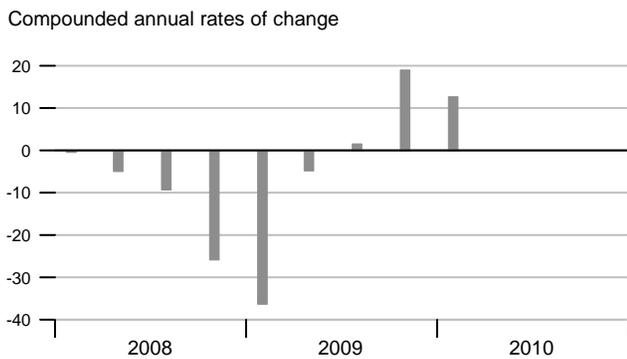
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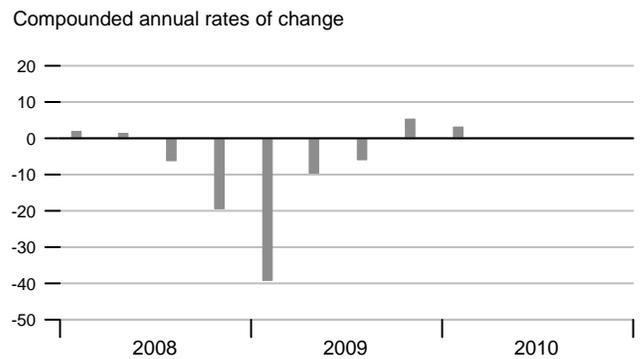
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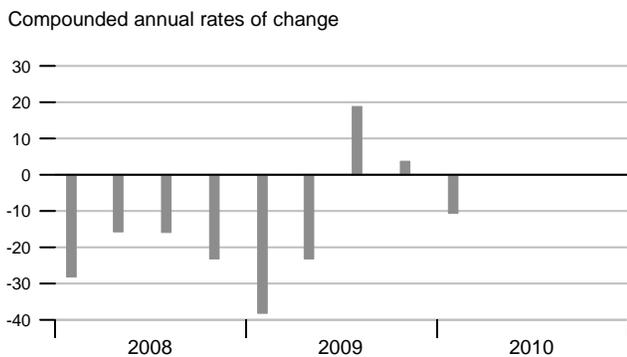
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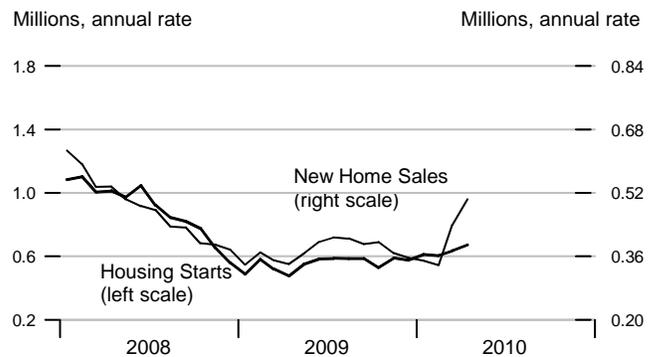
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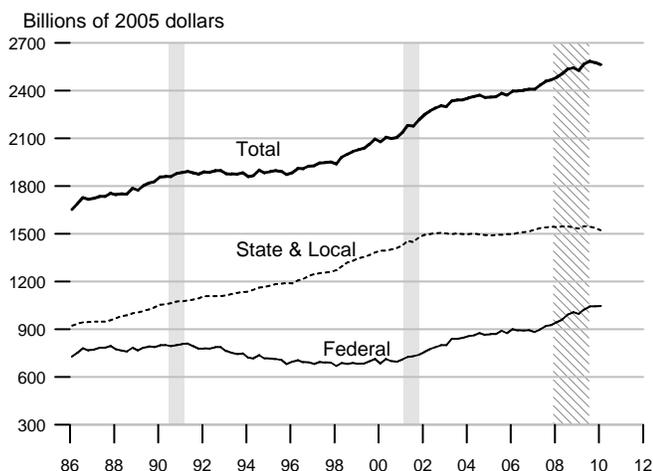
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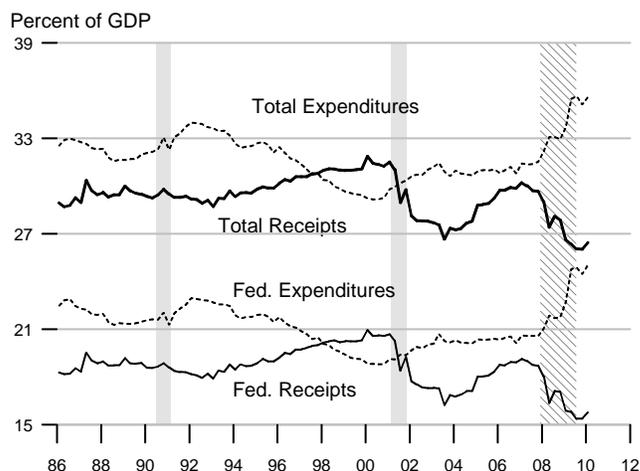
Housing Starts and New Home Sales



Govt. Consumption and Investment



Govt. Current Receipts and Expenditures



Government Budgets

Billions of dollars

National Income Accounts

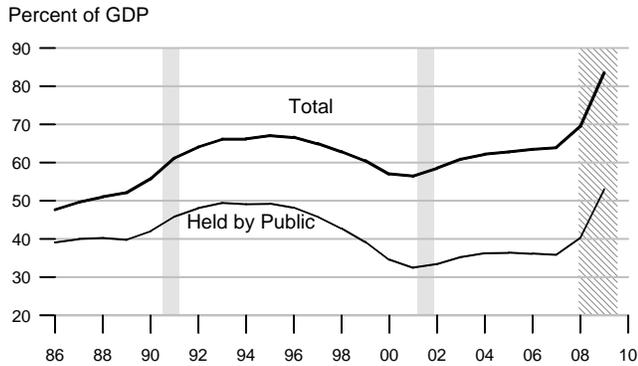
Calendar Years

Unified Budget

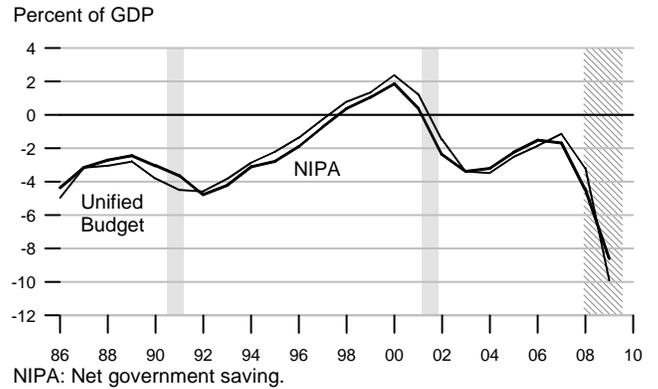
Fiscal Years

| | State and Local | | | Federal | | | Federal | | |
|--------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------|----------|---------|------------------------|
| | Receipts | Expenditures | Surplus or Deficit (-) | Receipts | Expenditures | Surplus or Deficit (-) | Receipts | Outlays | Surplus or Deficit (-) |
| 1996 | 1045.1 | 1022.1 | 23.0 | 1526.4 | 1674.7 | -148.3 | 1453.1 | 1560.5 | -107.4 |
| 1997 | 1099.5 | 1063.2 | 36.3 | 1656.2 | 1716.3 | -60.1 | 1579.2 | 1601.1 | -21.9 |
| 1998 | 1164.5 | 1117.6 | 46.9 | 1777.9 | 1744.3 | 33.6 | 1721.7 | 1652.5 | 69.3 |
| 1999 | 1240.4 | 1198.6 | 41.8 | 1895.0 | 1796.2 | 98.8 | 1827.5 | 1701.8 | 125.6 |
| 2000 | 1322.6 | 1281.3 | 41.3 | 2057.1 | 1871.9 | 185.2 | 2025.2 | 1789.0 | 236.2 |
| 2001 | 1374.0 | 1389.9 | -15.9 | 2020.3 | 1979.8 | 40.5 | 1991.1 | 1862.9 | 128.2 |
| 2002 | 1412.7 | 1466.8 | -54.1 | 1859.3 | 2112.1 | -252.8 | 1853.1 | 2010.9 | -157.8 |
| 2003 | 1496.3 | 1535.1 | -38.8 | 1885.1 | 2261.5 | -376.4 | 1782.3 | 2159.9 | -377.6 |
| 2004 | 1601.0 | 1609.3 | -8.3 | 2013.9 | 2393.4 | -379.5 | 1880.1 | 2292.9 | -412.7 |
| 2005 | 1730.4 | 1704.5 | 25.9 | 2290.1 | 2573.1 | -283.0 | 2153.6 | 2472.0 | -318.3 |
| 2006 | 1829.7 | 1778.6 | 51.1 | 2524.5 | 2728.3 | -203.8 | 2406.9 | 2655.1 | -248.2 |
| 2007 | 1927.3 | 1905.6 | 21.7 | 2660.8 | 2897.2 | -236.4 | 2568.0 | 2728.7 | -160.7 |
| 2008 | 1974.2 | 2014.4 | -40.2 | 2475.0 | 3117.6 | -642.6 | 2524.0 | 2982.6 | -458.6 |
| 2009 | 1995.5 | 2014.6 | -19.1 | 2224.9 | 3451.3 | -1226 | 2105.0 | 3517.7 | -1413 |
| 2008Q2 | 1994.2 | 2019.8 | -25.6 | 2372.1 | 3169.0 | -796.9 | 787.9 | 761.0 | 26.9 |
| 2008Q3 | 1987.5 | 2046.5 | -59.0 | 2489.5 | 3155.2 | -665.7 | 590.0 | 758.9 | -169.0 |
| 2008Q4 | 1951.4 | 2007.5 | -56.1 | 2447.8 | 3121.9 | -674.1 | 547.4 | 879.9 | -332.5 |
| 2009Q1 | 1961.4 | 1998.0 | -36.6 | 2251.3 | 3220.3 | -969.0 | 442.3 | 891.2 | -448.9 |
| 2009Q2 | 1989.3 | 2013.9 | -24.6 | 2237.0 | 3505.9 | -1269 | 598.8 | 903.7 | -304.9 |
| 2009Q3 | 2003.6 | 2018.6 | -15.0 | 2188.5 | 3542.1 | -1354 | 515.9 | 845.3 | -329.4 |
| 2009Q4 | 2027.5 | 2028.0 | -0.5 | 2222.7 | 3537.0 | -1314 | 487.8 | 875.8 | -388.1 |
| 2010Q1 | 2063.5 | 2046.1 | 17.4 | 2301.1 | 3653.5 | -1352 | 466.1 | 795.0 | -328.9 |

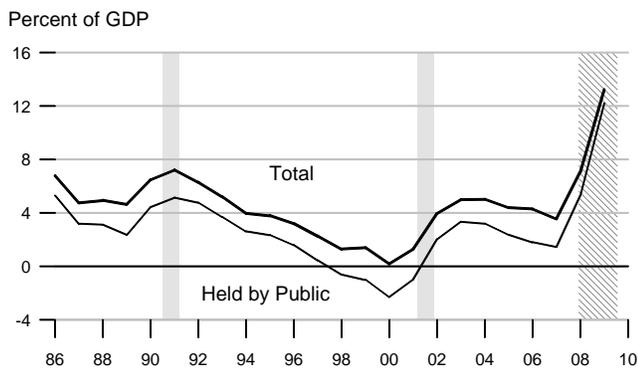
Federal Debt



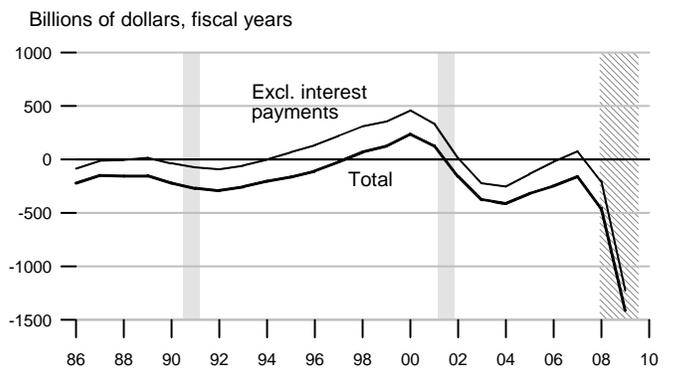
Federal Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)



Change in Federal Debt



Federal Surplus (+) / Deficit (-), Unified Basis

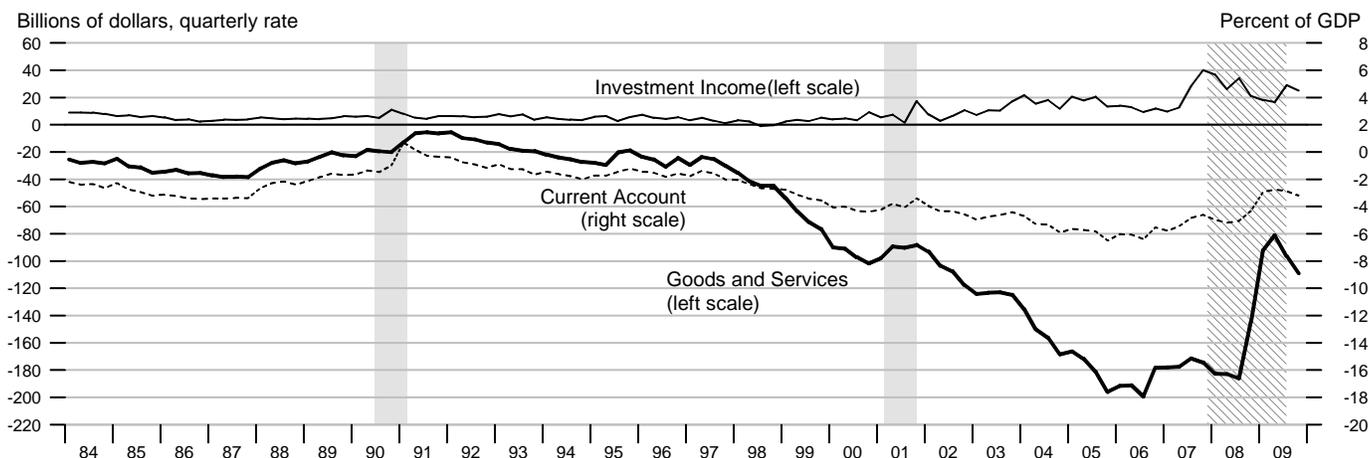


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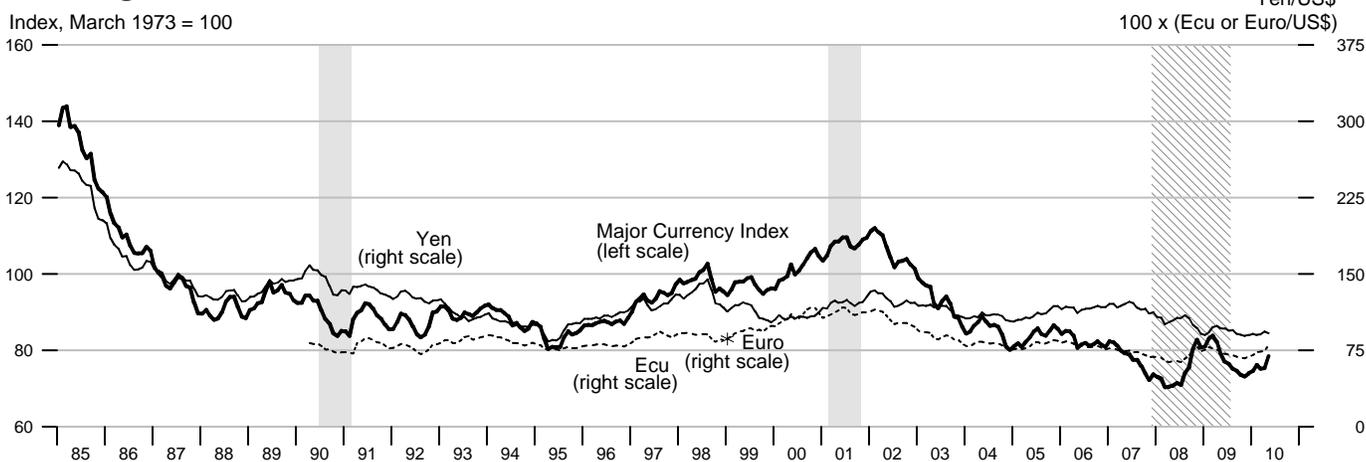
Billions of dollars, end of month or fiscal year
Excludes Agency-issued debt

| | | Total Public Debt | Held by Agencies and Trusts | Held by Public | | Held by Private Investors | |
|------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | Total | Federal Reserve Banks | Total | Foreign and International |
| 2007 | | 9007.7 | 3958.4 | 5049.2 | 779.6 | 4269.7 | 2235.3 |
| 2008 | | 10024.7 | 4210.5 | 5814.2 | 476.6 | 5332.0 | 2799.5 |
| 2009 | | 11909.8 | 4355.3 | 7554.5 | 769.2 | 6782.7 | 3497.4 |
| 2006 | March | 8371.2 | 3498.4 | 4872.8 | 758.5 | 4114.0 | 2082.1 |
| | June | 8420.0 | 3622.6 | 4797.5 | 766.4 | 4030.8 | 1977.8 |
| | September | 8507.0 | 3663.8 | 4843.2 | 768.9 | 4074.2 | 2025.3 |
| | December | 8680.2 | 3779.0 | 4901.2 | 778.9 | 4122.1 | 2103.1 |
| 2007 | March | 8849.7 | 3795.4 | 5054.3 | 780.9 | 4273.1 | 2194.8 |
| | June | 8867.7 | 3924.7 | 4943.0 | 790.5 | 4152.6 | 2192.0 |
| | September | 9007.7 | 3958.4 | 5049.2 | 779.6 | 4269.7 | 2235.3 |
| | December | 9229.2 | 4092.9 | 5136.3 | 740.6 | 4395.7 | 2353.2 |
| 2008 | March | 9437.6 | 4103.6 | 5334.0 | 591.2 | 4742.9 | 2505.8 |
| | June | 9492.0 | 4207.0 | 5285.0 | 478.8 | 4806.2 | 2587.2 |
| | September | 10024.7 | 4210.5 | 5814.2 | 476.6 | 5332.0 | 2799.5 |
| | December | 10699.8 | 4327.2 | 6372.7 | 475.9 | 5893.4 | 3075.9 |
| 2009 | March | 11126.9 | 4290.6 | 6836.3 | 492.3 | 6341.7 | 3264.6 |
| | June | 11545.3 | 4368.8 | 7176.5 | 656.5 | 6518.5 | 3382.1 |
| | September | 11909.8 | 4355.3 | 7554.5 | 769.2 | 6782.7 | 3497.4 |
| | December | 12311.4 | 4497.0 | 7814.4 | 776.6 | 7034.5 | 3614.0 |

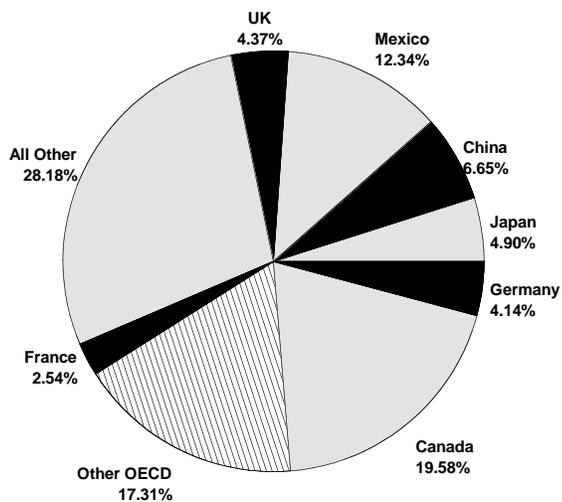
Current Account, Trade and Investment Income Balances



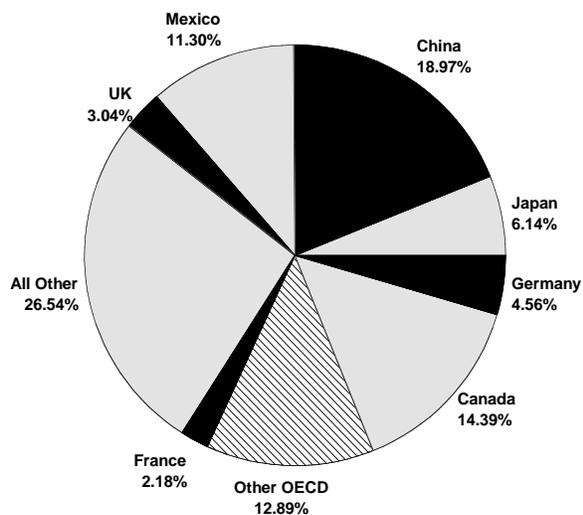
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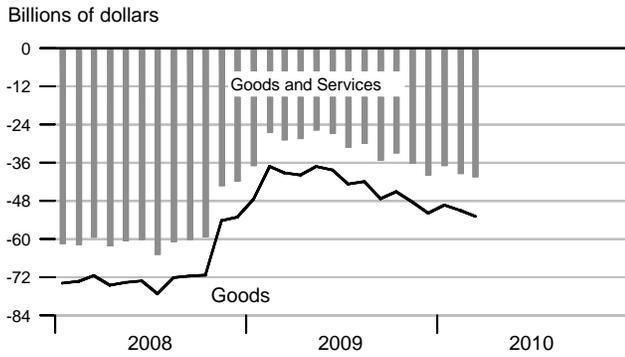
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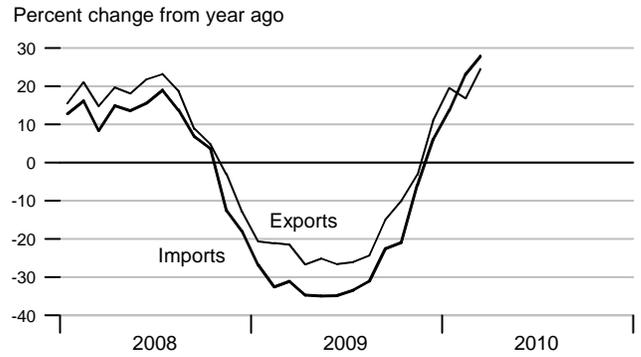
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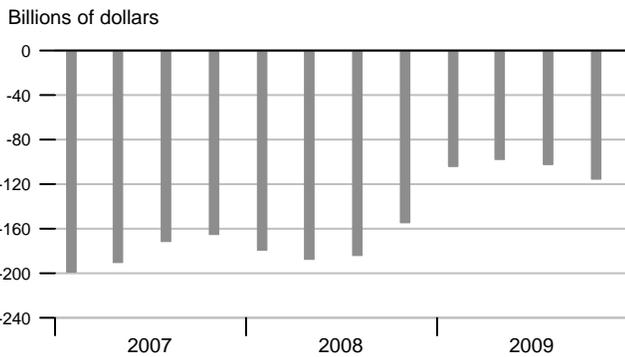
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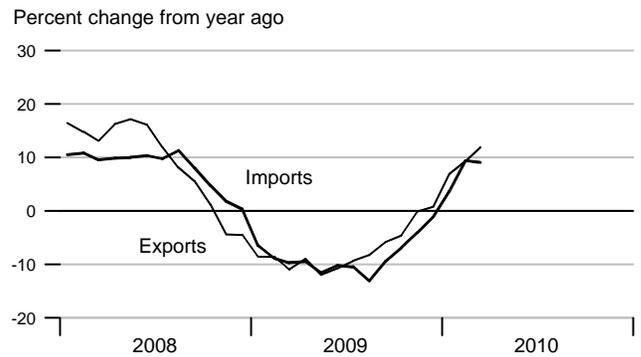
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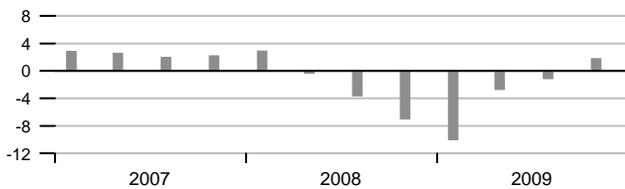
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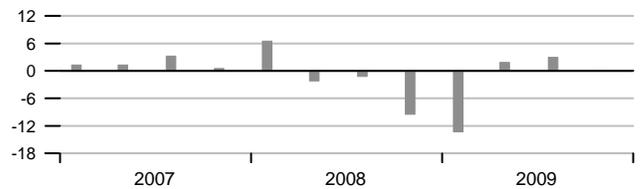
Real GDP Growth of Major Trading Partners

Compounded annual rates of change

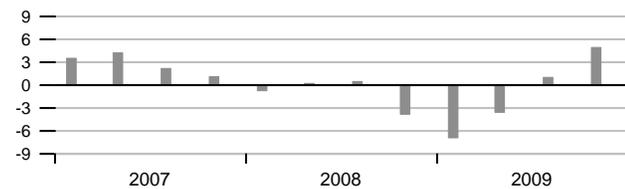
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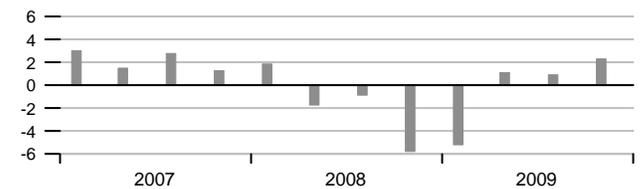
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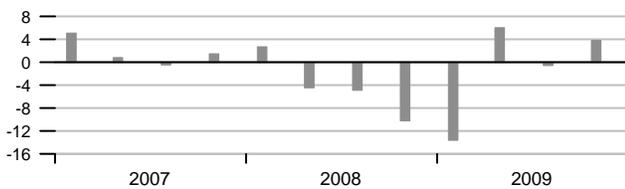
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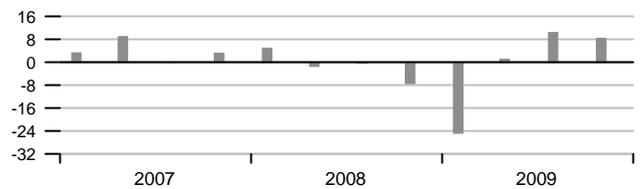
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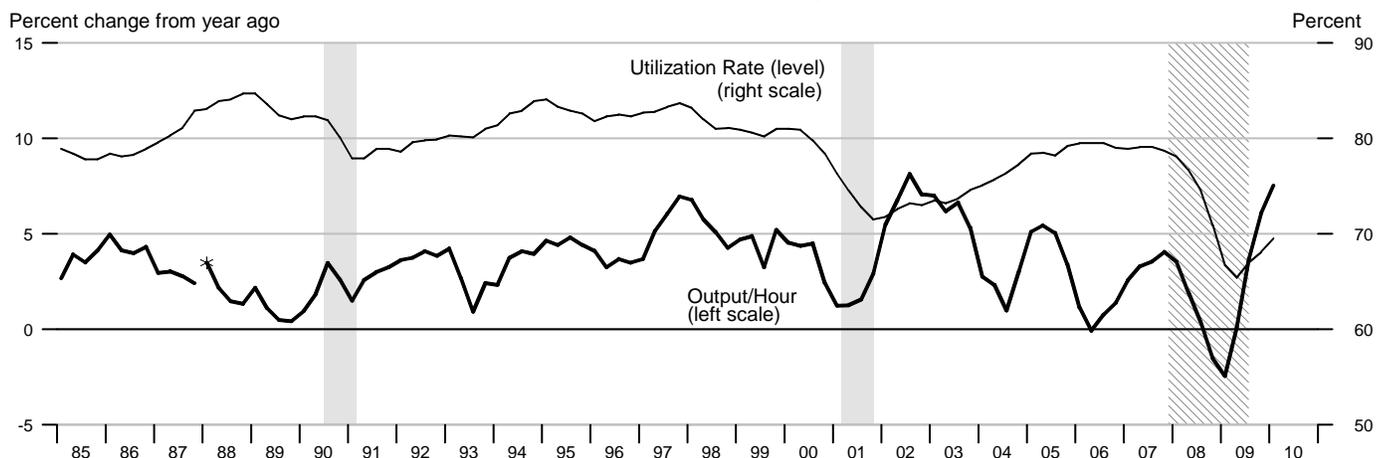
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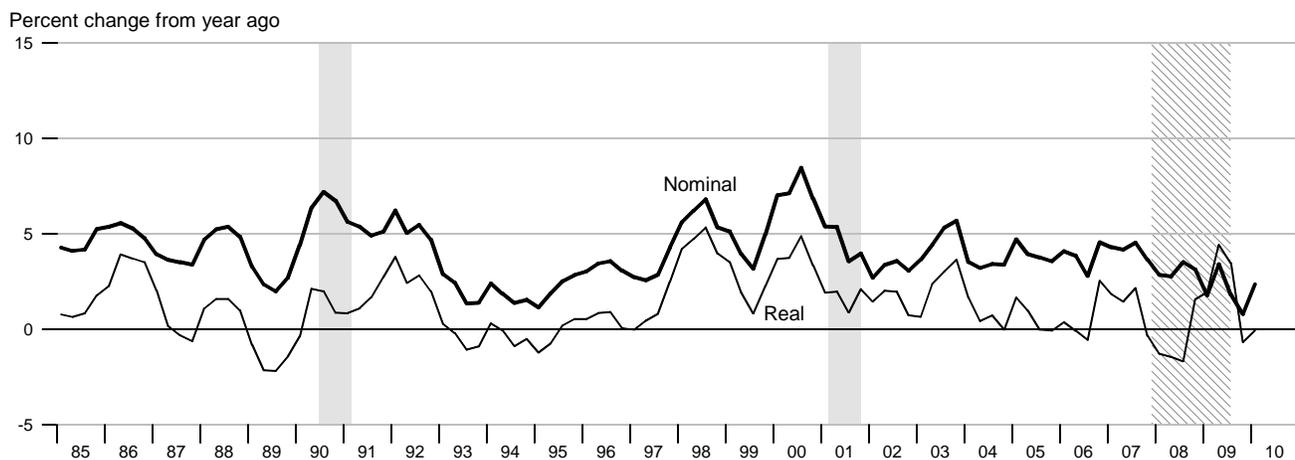


Output per Hour and Capacity Utilization, Manufacturing

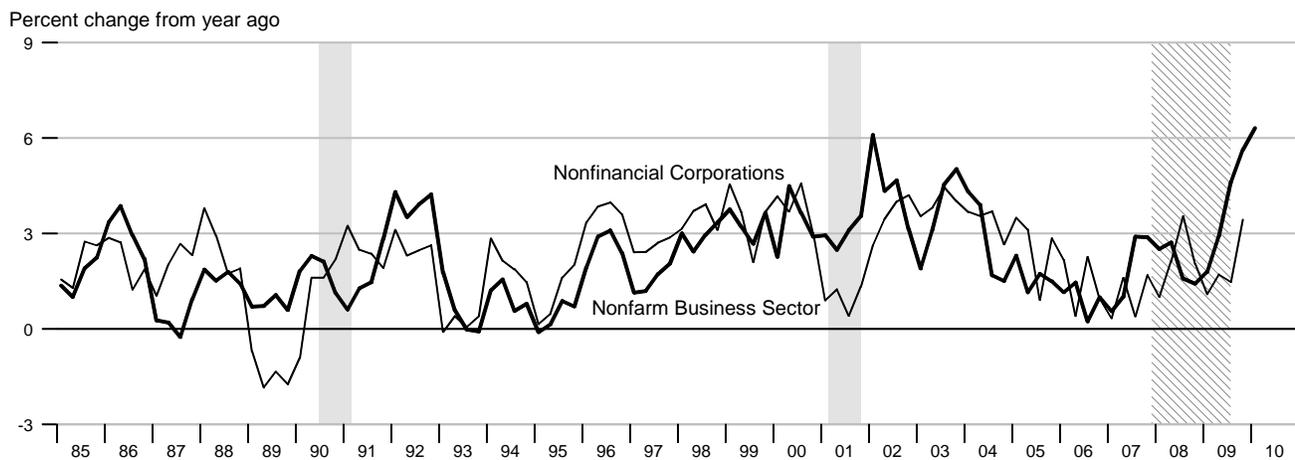


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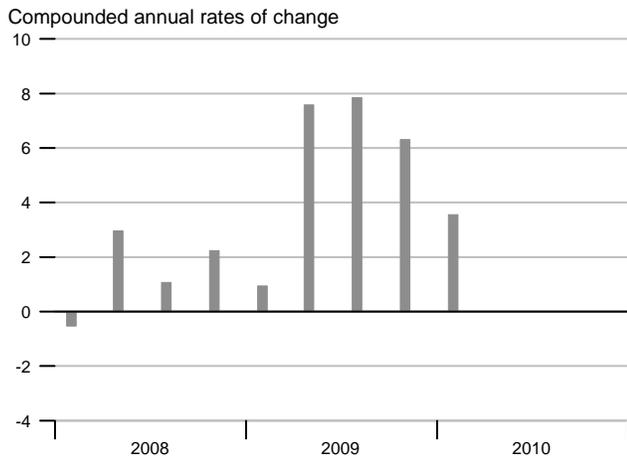
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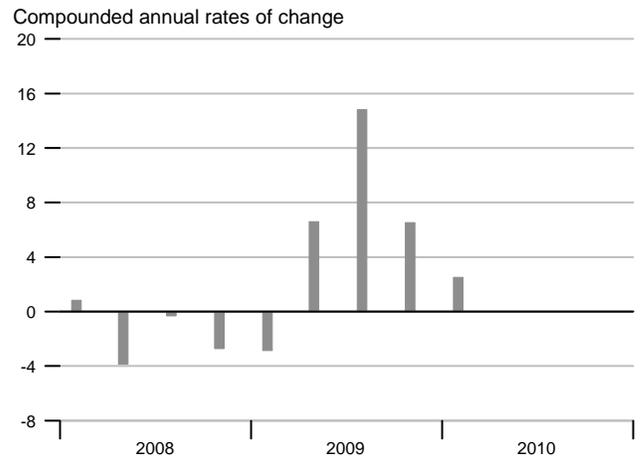
Output per Hour, Nonfarm Business and Nonfinancial Corporations



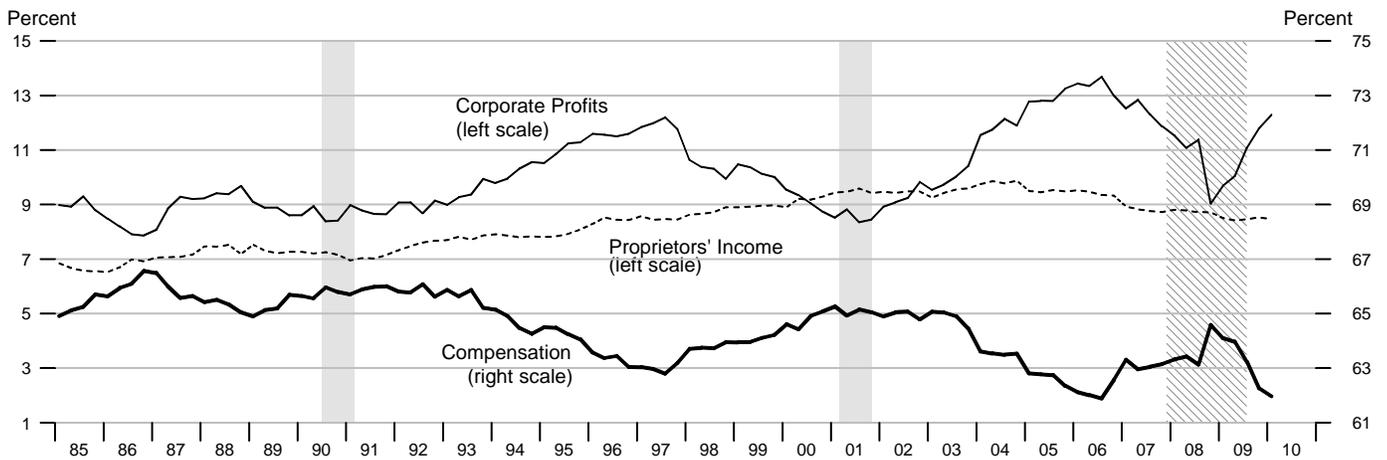
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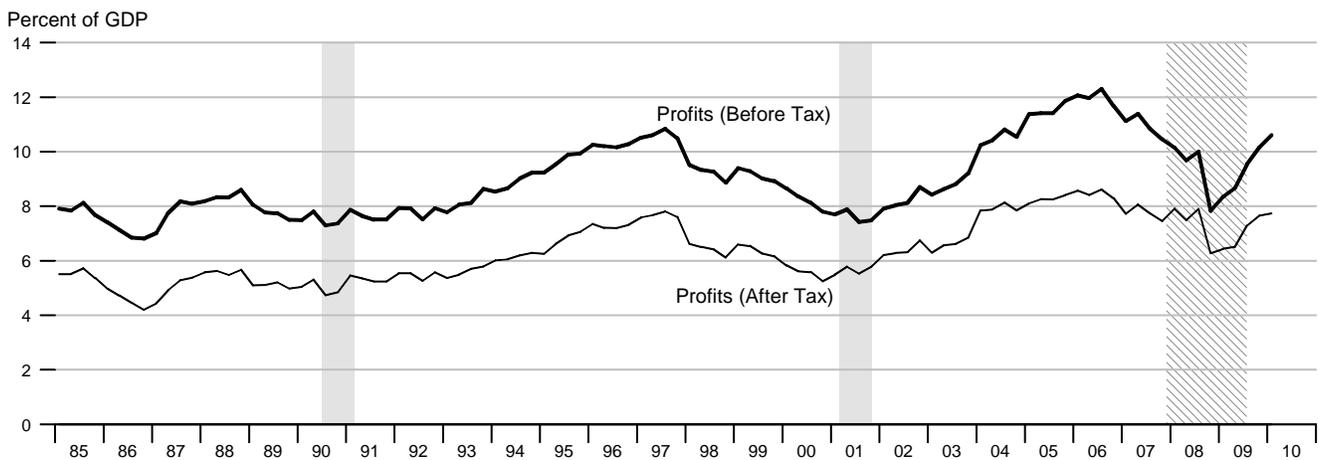
Manufacturing Output per Hour



Selected Component Shares of National Income

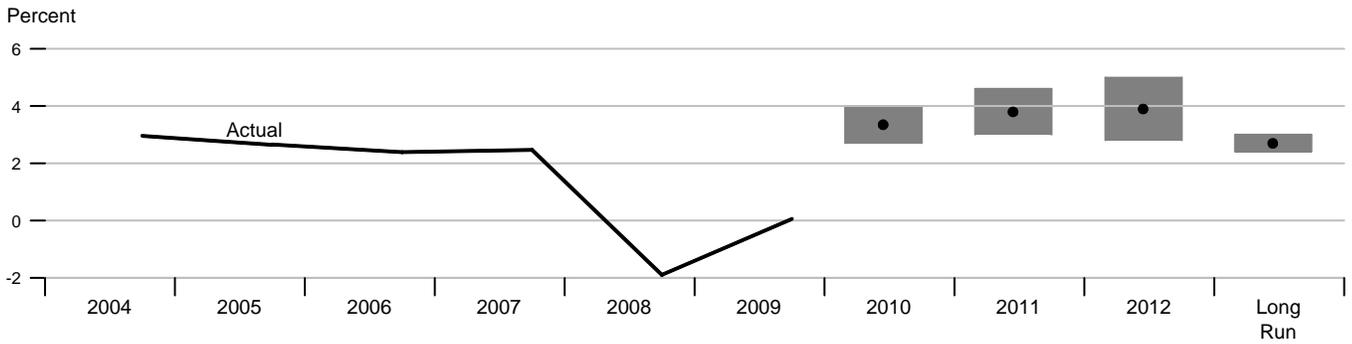


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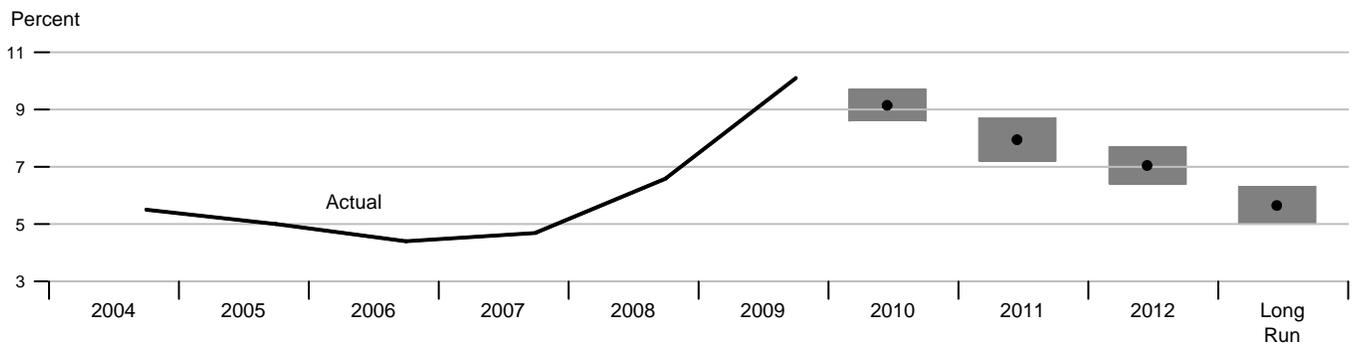


April 2010 FOMC Projections

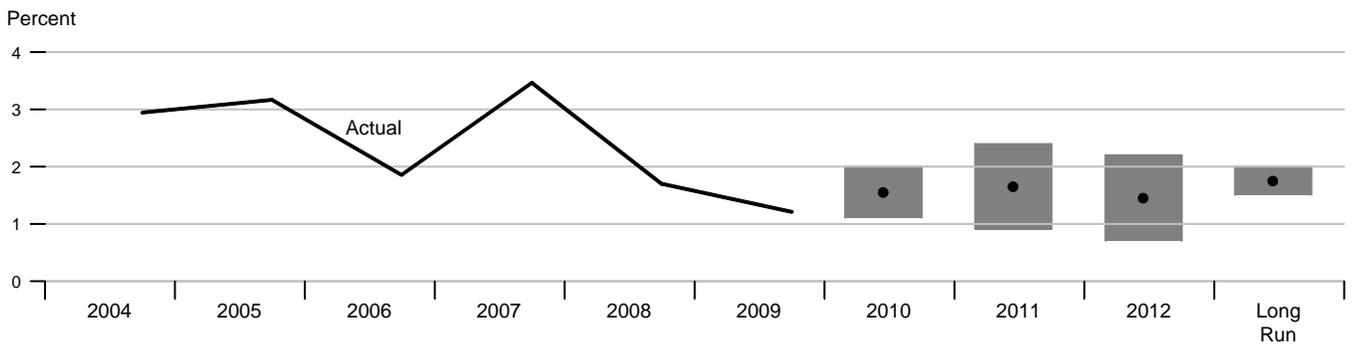
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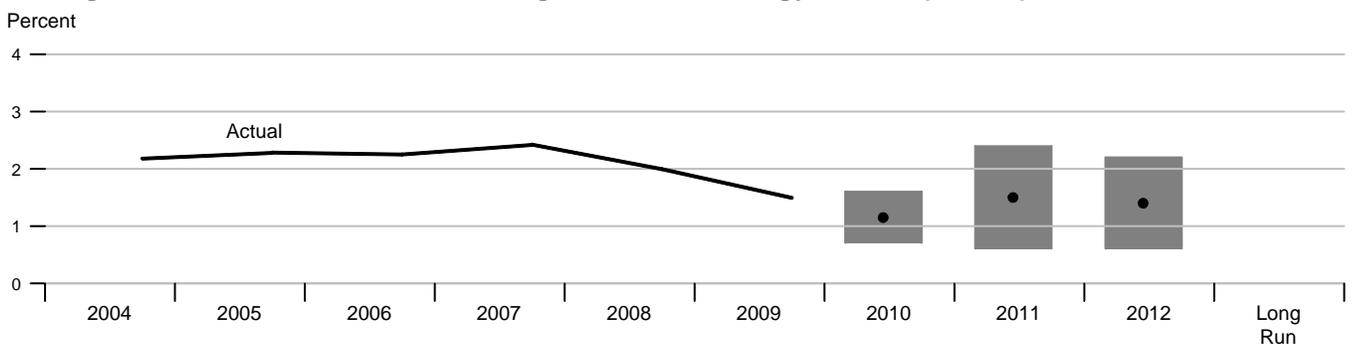
Unemployment Rate (Q4)



Change in PCE Price Index (Q4/Q4)

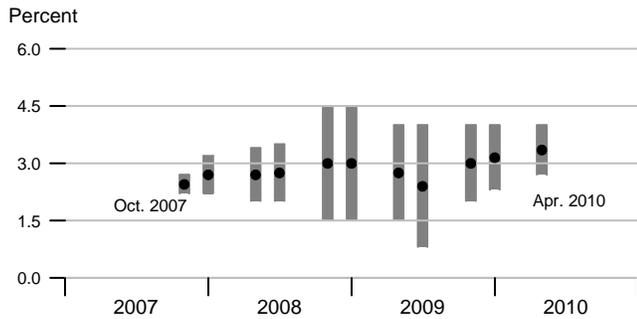


Change in PCE Price Index Excluding Food and Energy Prices (Q4/Q4)

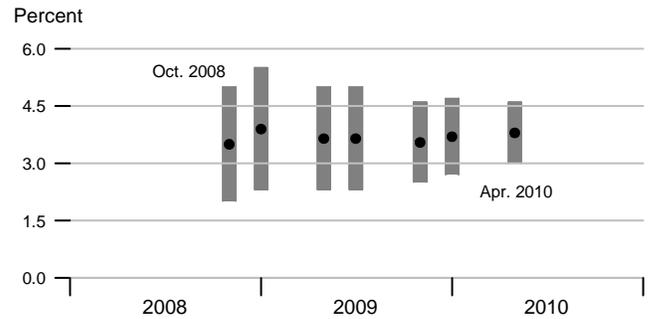


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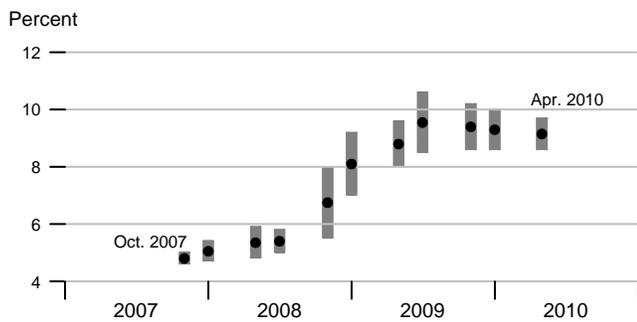
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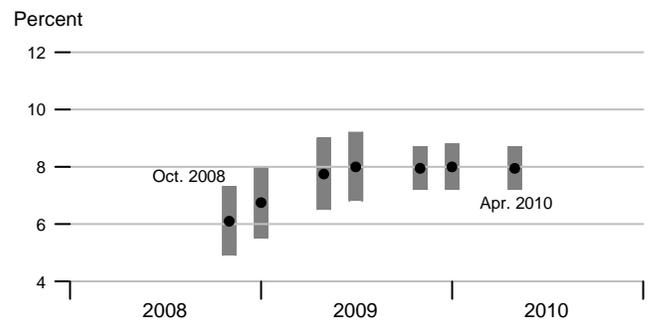
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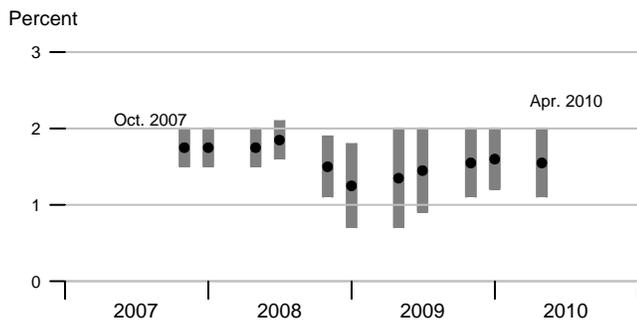
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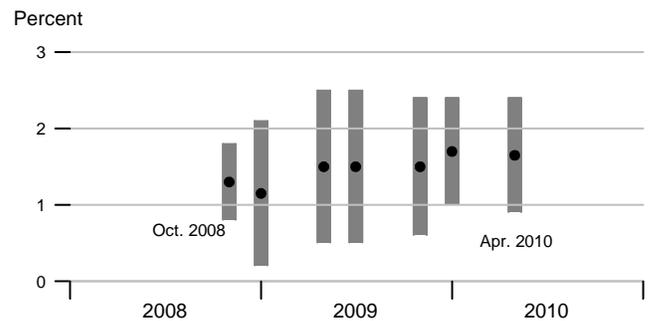
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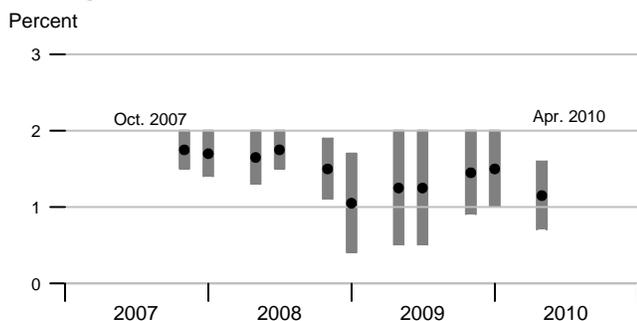
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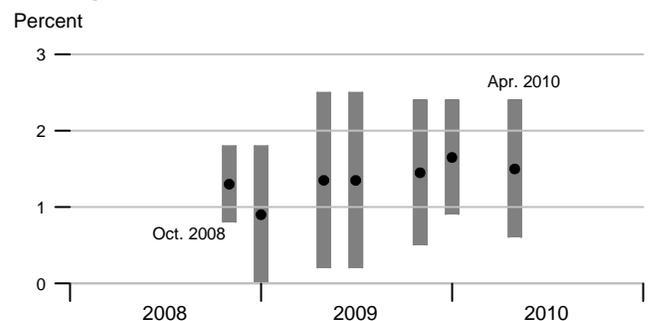
Change in PCE Price Index for 2011



Change in PCE Core Price Index for 2010



Change in PCE Core Price Index for 2011



| | Nominal GDP | | | Real GDP | | | Final Sales | | | Change in Private Inventories | | |
|--------|---------------------|----------------|----------|----------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| | Billions of \$ | Percent change | | Billions of 2005 \$ | Percent change | | Billions of 2005 \$ | Percent change | | Billions of 2005 \$ | | |
| | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago | Last qtr | Year/Year ago | |
| 2006 | 13398.9 | 6.0 | | 12976.249 | 2.7 | | 12917.095 | 2.6 | | 59.423 | | |
| 2007 | 14077.6 | 5.1 | | 13254.059 | 2.1 | | 13234.346 | 2.5 | | 19.469 | | |
| 2008 | 14441.4 | 2.6 | | 13312.163 | 0.4 | | 13341.170 | 0.8 | | -25.889 | | |
| 2009 | 14256.3 | -1.3 | | 12987.375 | -2.4 | | 13110.660 | -1.7 | | -108.238 | | |
| 2007 1 | 13795.6 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 13099.901 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 13086.383 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 14.463 | 46.586 | |
| 2 | 13997.2 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 13203.977 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 13179.586 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 23.297 | 34.274 | |
| 3 | 14179.9 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 13321.109 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 13290.306 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 29.797 | 24.846 | |
| 4 | 14337.9 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 13391.249 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 13381.108 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 10.321 | 19.470 | |
| 2008 1 | 14373.9 | 1.0 | 4.2 | 13366.865 | -0.7 | 2.0 | 13363.488 | -0.5 | 2.1 | 0.619 | 16.009 | |
| 2 | 14497.8 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 13415.266 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 13453.465 | 2.7 | 2.1 | -37.091 | 0.912 | |
| 3 | 14546.7 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 13324.600 | -2.7 | 0.0 | 13354.251 | -2.9 | 0.5 | -29.706 | -13.964 | |
| 4 | 14347.3 | -5.4 | 0.1 | 13141.920 | -5.4 | -1.9 | 13193.476 | -4.7 | -1.4 | -37.380 | -25.890 | |
| 2009 1 | 14178.0 | -4.6 | -1.4 | 12925.410 | -6.4 | -3.3 | 13055.782 | -4.1 | -2.3 | -113.893 | -54.518 | |
| 2 | 14151.2 | -0.8 | -2.4 | 12901.504 | -0.7 | -3.8 | 13077.807 | 0.7 | -2.8 | -160.215 | -85.299 | |
| 3 | 14242.1 | 2.6 | -2.1 | 12973.045 | 2.2 | -2.6 | 13127.159 | 1.5 | -1.7 | -139.169 | -112.664 | |
| 4 | 14453.8 | 6.1 | 0.7 | 13149.541 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 13181.894 | 1.7 | -0.1 | -19.673 | -108.238 | |
| 2010 1 | 14601.4 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 13248.196 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 13226.692 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 33.942 | -71.279 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Consumption | | | Durables Consumption | | | Private Fixed Investment | | | Nonresidential Fixed Investment | | |
| | Billions of 2005 \$ | Percent change | | Billions of 2005 \$ | Percent change | | Billions of 2005 \$ | Percent change | | Billions of 2005 \$ | Percent change | |
| | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago |
| 2006 | 9073.500 | 2.9 | | 1150.416 | 4.1 | | 2171.281 | 2.3 | | 1453.944 | 7.9 | |
| 2007 | 9313.943 | 2.6 | | 1199.936 | 4.3 | | 2126.279 | -2.1 | | 1544.262 | 6.2 | |
| 2008 | 9290.883 | -0.2 | | 1146.310 | -4.5 | | 2018.406 | -5.1 | | 1569.657 | 1.6 | |
| 2009 | 9235.077 | -0.6 | | 1101.360 | -3.9 | | 1648.163 | -18.3 | | 1290.998 | -17.8 | |
| 2007 1 | 9265.135 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 1183.693 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 2118.841 | -2.6 | -3.7 | 1489.617 | 4.2 | 4.5 |
| 2 | 9291.499 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 1189.884 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 2137.687 | 3.6 | -2.4 | 1530.277 | 11.4 | 5.5 |
| 3 | 9335.583 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 1204.996 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 2135.557 | -0.4 | -1.2 | 1565.843 | 9.6 | 6.8 |
| 4 | 9363.555 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 1221.172 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 2113.032 | -4.2 | -0.9 | 1591.313 | 6.7 | 7.9 |
| 2008 1 | 9349.565 | -0.6 | 0.9 | 1193.169 | -8.9 | 0.8 | 2079.181 | -6.3 | -1.9 | 1598.923 | 1.9 | 7.3 |
| 2 | 9350.972 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1175.732 | -5.7 | -1.2 | 2064.783 | -2.7 | -3.4 | 1604.432 | 1.4 | 4.8 |
| 3 | 9267.708 | -3.5 | -0.7 | 1139.580 | -11.7 | -5.4 | 2020.376 | -8.3 | -5.4 | 1579.202 | -6.1 | 0.9 |
| 4 | 9195.287 | -3.1 | -1.8 | 1076.759 | -20.3 | -11.8 | 1909.282 | -20.2 | -9.6 | 1496.070 | -19.5 | -6.0 |
| 2009 1 | 9209.213 | 0.6 | -1.5 | 1087.201 | 3.9 | -8.9 | 1687.499 | -39.0 | -18.8 | 1321.199 | -39.2 | -17.4 |
| 2 | 9189.042 | -0.9 | -1.7 | 1071.746 | -5.6 | -8.8 | 1631.918 | -12.5 | -21.0 | 1288.355 | -9.6 | -19.7 |
| 3 | 9252.587 | 2.8 | -0.2 | 1122.748 | 20.4 | -1.5 | 1626.662 | -1.3 | -19.5 | 1268.950 | -5.9 | -19.6 |
| 4 | 9289.465 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1123.743 | 0.4 | 4.4 | 1646.571 | 5.0 | -13.8 | 1285.487 | 5.3 | -14.1 |
| 2010 1 | 9368.728 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 1156.565 | 12.2 | 6.4 | 1646.899 | 0.1 | -2.4 | 1295.392 | 3.1 | -2.0 |

| | GDP Chain Price Index | | | Employment Cost Index | | | ECI: Wages | | | ECI: Benefits | | |
|--------|-----------------------|----------------|----------|-----------------------|----------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| | Index | Percent change | | Index | Percent change | | Index | Percent change | | Index | Percent change | |
| | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago |
| 2006 | 103.263 | | 3.3 | 102.1 | | 2.9 | 102.0 | | 2.9 | 102.1 | | 2.9 |
| 2007 | 106.221 | | 2.9 | 105.2 | | 3.1 | 105.5 | | 3.4 | 104.5 | | 2.4 |
| 2008 | 108.481 | | 2.1 | 108.2 | | 2.9 | 108.7 | | 3.0 | 107.2 | | 2.6 |
| 2009 | 109.745 | | 1.2 | 109.8 | | 1.5 | 110.4 | | 1.5 | 108.5 | | 1.2 |
| 2007 1 | 105.327 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 103.9 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 104.3 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 103.1 | -0.8 | 2.3 |
| 2 | 106.026 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 104.8 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 105.1 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 104.2 | 4.3 | 2.6 |
| 3 | 106.460 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 105.6 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 105.9 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 105.0 | 3.1 | 2.4 |
| 4 | 107.072 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 106.5 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 106.7 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 105.8 | 3.1 | 2.4 |
| 2008 1 | 107.577 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 107.2 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 107.6 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 106.5 | 2.7 | 3.3 |
| 2 | 108.061 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 108.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 108.4 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 107.0 | 1.9 | 2.7 |
| 3 | 109.130 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 108.6 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 109.1 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 107.5 | 1.9 | 2.4 |
| 4 | 109.155 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 109.1 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 109.6 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 107.9 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| 2009 1 | 109.661 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 109.3 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 109.8 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 108.1 | 0.7 | 1.5 |
| 2 | 109.656 | -0.0 | 1.5 | 109.6 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 110.1 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 108.3 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| 3 | 109.763 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 110.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 110.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 108.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| 4 | 109.902 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 110.4 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 111.0 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 108.9 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| 2010 1 | 110.188 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 111.1 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 111.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 110.4 | 5.6 | 2.1 |
| | Exports | | | Imports | | | Nonfarm Output per Hour | | | Nonfarm Compensation per Hour | | |
| | Billions of 2005 \$ | Percent change | | Billions of 2005 \$ | Percent change | | Index | Percent change | | Index | Percent change | |
| | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Annual rate | Year ago |
| 2006 | 1422.020 | | 9.0 | 2151.204 | | 6.1 | 137.549 | | 1.0 | 169.027 | | 3.8 |
| 2007 | 1546.124 | | 8.7 | 2193.827 | | 2.0 | 140.071 | | 1.8 | 176.052 | | 4.2 |
| 2008 | 1629.262 | | 5.4 | 2123.523 | | -3.2 | 142.933 | | 2.0 | 181.418 | | 3.0 |
| 2009 | 1472.404 | | -9.6 | 1827.971 | | -13.9 | 148.272 | | 3.7 | 184.955 | | 1.9 |
| 2007 1 | 1485.881 | 3.5 | 7.0 | 2190.837 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 138.307 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 174.315 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| 2 | 1504.758 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 2188.125 | -0.5 | 2.0 | 139.046 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 174.904 | 1.4 | 4.2 |
| 3 | 1569.896 | 18.5 | 11.0 | 2208.336 | 3.7 | 1.7 | 140.972 | 5.7 | 2.9 | 176.201 | 3.0 | 4.5 |
| 4 | 1623.961 | 14.5 | 10.2 | 2188.007 | -3.6 | 0.9 | 141.971 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 178.792 | 6.0 | 3.6 |
| 2008 1 | 1623.423 | -0.1 | 9.3 | 2174.293 | -2.5 | -0.8 | 141.782 | -0.5 | 2.5 | 179.273 | 1.1 | 2.8 |
| 2 | 1670.431 | 12.1 | 11.0 | 2146.478 | -5.0 | -1.9 | 142.821 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 179.746 | 1.1 | 2.8 |
| 3 | 1655.183 | -3.6 | 5.4 | 2134.428 | -2.2 | -3.3 | 143.200 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 182.393 | 6.0 | 3.5 |
| 4 | 1568.010 | -19.5 | -3.4 | 2038.891 | -16.7 | -6.8 | 143.994 | 2.2 | 1.4 | 184.401 | 4.5 | 3.1 |
| 2009 1 | 1434.549 | -29.9 | -11.6 | 1821.043 | -36.4 | -16.2 | 144.333 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 182.457 | -4.2 | 1.8 |
| 2 | 1419.458 | -4.1 | -15.0 | 1749.826 | -14.7 | -18.5 | 146.994 | 7.6 | 2.9 | 185.862 | 7.7 | 3.4 |
| 3 | 1478.825 | 17.8 | -10.7 | 1836.247 | 21.3 | -14.0 | 149.796 | 7.8 | 4.6 | 185.696 | -0.4 | 1.8 |
| 4 | 1556.783 | 22.8 | -0.7 | 1904.768 | 15.8 | -6.6 | 152.104 | 6.3 | 5.6 | 185.875 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| 2010 1 | 1584.081 | 7.2 | 10.4 | 1952.353 | 10.4 | 7.2 | 153.437 | 3.6 | 6.3 | 186.736 | 1.9 | 2.3 |

| | | Household Survey Employment | | | | Nonfarm Payroll Employment | | | | Nonfarm Aggregate Hours | | | |
|------|-----|-----------------------------|--------|----------------|----------|----------------------------|--------|----------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| | | Thousands | Change | Percent change | | Thousands | Change | Percent change | | Index | Percent change | | |
| | | | | Annual rate | Year ago | | | Annual rate | Year ago | | Monthly rate | Annual rate | Year ago |
| 2005 | | 141710 | 2470 | | 1.8 | 133694 | 2275 | | 1.7 | 102.8 | | | 2.6 |
| 2006 | | 144414 | 2704 | | 1.9 | 136086 | 2392 | | 1.8 | 105.8 | | | 3.0 |
| 2007 | | 146042 | 1629 | | 1.1 | 137588 | 1503 | | 1.1 | 107.3 | | | 1.4 |
| 2008 | | 145363 | -680 | | -0.5 | 136777 | -812 | | -0.6 | 105.9 | | | -1.3 |
| 2009 | | 139881 | -5482 | | -3.8 | 130911 | -5866 | | -4.3 | 98.8 | | | -6.7 |
| 2008 | 1 | 146253 | 73 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 137897 | 35 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 107.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 0.6 |
| | 2 | 146032 | -221 | -0.6 | 0.1 | 137491 | -406 | -1.2 | -0.1 | 107.0 | -0.4 | -1.7 | -0.5 |
| | 3 | 145241 | -791 | -2.2 | -0.5 | 136700 | -791 | -2.3 | -0.7 | 105.7 | -1.2 | -4.5 | -1.5 |
| | 4 | 143924 | -1317 | -3.6 | -1.5 | 135019 | -1680 | -4.8 | -2.1 | 103.5 | -2.1 | -8.3 | -3.8 |
| 2009 | 1 | 141587 | -2337 | -6.3 | -3.2 | 132814 | -2205 | -6.4 | -3.7 | 100.8 | -2.6 | -9.9 | -6.2 |
| | 2 | 140459 | -1128 | -3.1 | -3.8 | 131112 | -1702 | -5.0 | -4.6 | 98.7 | -2.1 | -8.0 | -7.7 |
| | 3 | 139339 | -1120 | -3.2 | -4.1 | 130078 | -1035 | -3.1 | -4.8 | 98.0 | -0.7 | -2.9 | -7.3 |
| | 4 | 138138 | -1201 | -3.4 | -4.0 | 129639 | -438 | -1.3 | -4.0 | 97.7 | -0.3 | -1.4 | -5.6 |
| 2010 | 1 | 138626 | 488 | 1.4 | -2.1 | 129705 | 65 | 0.2 | -2.3 | 98.2 | 0.6 | 2.3 | -2.5 |
| 2008 | Apr | 146306 | 133 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 137709 | -149 | -1.3 | 0.2 | 107.4 | -0.2 | -2.2 | 0.1 |
| | May | 146023 | -283 | -2.3 | 0.0 | 137478 | -231 | -2.0 | -0.1 | 106.9 | -0.5 | -5.4 | -0.6 |
| | Jun | 145768 | -255 | -2.1 | -0.2 | 137285 | -193 | -1.7 | -0.3 | 106.6 | -0.3 | -3.3 | -0.9 |
| | Jul | 145515 | -253 | -2.1 | -0.3 | 137075 | -210 | -1.8 | -0.4 | 106.1 | -0.5 | -5.5 | -1.2 |
| | Aug | 145187 | -328 | -2.7 | -0.3 | 136741 | -334 | -2.9 | -0.6 | 106.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -1.1 |
| | Sep | 145021 | -166 | -1.4 | -0.8 | 136283 | -458 | -3.9 | -1.0 | 105.0 | -1.0 | -11.8 | -2.1 |
| | Oct | 144677 | -344 | -2.8 | -0.8 | 135729 | -554 | -4.8 | -1.5 | 104.5 | -0.5 | -5.6 | -2.7 |
| | Nov | 143907 | -770 | -6.2 | -1.8 | 135001 | -728 | -6.2 | -2.1 | 103.4 | -1.1 | -11.9 | -3.8 |
| | Dec | 143188 | -719 | -5.8 | -2.0 | 134328 | -673 | -5.8 | -2.6 | 102.5 | -0.9 | -10.0 | -4.7 |
| 2009 | Jan | 142221 | -967 | -7.8 | -2.9 | 133549 | -779 | -6.7 | -3.2 | 101.8 | -0.7 | -7.9 | -5.2 |
| | Feb | 141687 | -534 | -4.4 | -3.1 | 132823 | -726 | -6.3 | -3.7 | 100.8 | -1.0 | -11.2 | -6.1 |
| | Mar | 140854 | -833 | -6.8 | -3.6 | 132070 | -753 | -6.6 | -4.2 | 99.8 | -1.0 | -11.3 | -7.2 |
| | Apr | 140902 | 48 | 0.4 | -3.7 | 131542 | -528 | -4.7 | -4.5 | 99.2 | -0.6 | -7.0 | -7.6 |
| | May | 140438 | -464 | -3.9 | -3.8 | 131155 | -387 | -3.5 | -4.6 | 98.9 | -0.3 | -3.6 | -7.5 |
| | Jun | 140038 | -400 | -3.4 | -3.9 | 130640 | -515 | -4.6 | -4.8 | 98.1 | -0.8 | -9.3 | -8.0 |
| | Jul | 139817 | -221 | -1.9 | -3.9 | 130294 | -346 | -3.1 | -4.9 | 98.2 | 0.1 | 1.2 | -7.4 |
| | Aug | 139433 | -384 | -3.2 | -4.0 | 130082 | -212 | -1.9 | -4.9 | 98.0 | -0.2 | -2.4 | -7.6 |
| | Sep | 138768 | -665 | -5.6 | -4.3 | 129857 | -225 | -2.1 | -4.7 | 97.8 | -0.2 | -2.4 | -6.9 |
| | Oct | 138242 | -526 | -4.5 | -4.4 | 129633 | -224 | -2.1 | -4.5 | 97.2 | -0.6 | -7.1 | -7.0 |
| | Nov | 138381 | 139 | 1.2 | -3.8 | 129697 | 64 | 0.6 | -3.9 | 97.9 | 0.7 | 9.0 | -5.3 |
| | Dec | 137792 | -589 | -5.0 | -3.8 | 129588 | -109 | -1.0 | -3.5 | 97.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -4.5 |
| 2010 | Jan | 138333 | 541 | 4.8 | -2.7 | 129602 | 14 | 0.1 | -3.0 | 98.2 | 0.3 | 3.7 | -3.5 |
| | Feb | 138641 | 308 | 2.7 | -2.1 | 129641 | 39 | 0.4 | -2.4 | 98.0 | -0.2 | -2.4 | -2.8 |
| | Mar | 138905 | 264 | 2.3 | -1.4 | 129871 | 230 | 2.1 | -1.7 | 98.5 | 0.5 | 6.3 | -1.3 |
| | Apr | 139455 | 550 | 4.9 | -1.0 | 130161 | 290 | 2.7 | -1.0 | 99.0 | 0.5 | 6.3 | -0.2 |

| | Unempl. Rate | Retail and Food Services Sales | | | | | Industrial Production | | | | Treasury Yields | |
|------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|------|
| | | Billions of dollars | Percent change | | | Index | Percent change | | | (Percent) | | |
| | | | Monthly/ quarterly | Annual rate | Year ago | | Monthly/ quarterly | Annual rate | Year ago | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 3-mo | 10-yr | |
| 2005 | 5.1 | 4092.650 | | | 6.5 | 107.2289 | | | 3.3 | 3.15 | 4.29 | |
| 2006 | 4.6 | 4312.711 | | | 5.4 | 109.6790 | | | 2.3 | 4.73 | 4.79 | |
| 2007 | 4.6 | 4454.282 | | | 3.3 | 111.3193 | | | 1.5 | 4.35 | 4.63 | |
| 2008 | 5.8 | 4409.379 | | | -1.0 | 108.8185 | | | -2.2 | 1.37 | 3.67 | |
| 2009 | 9.3 | 4131.816 | | | -6.3 | 98.2306 | | | -9.7 | 0.15 | 3.26 | |
| 2008 | 1 | 5.0 | 1125.390 | -0.7 | -2.6 | 2.3 | 112.0106 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 2.04 | 3.66 |
| | 2 | 5.3 | 1131.023 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 110.7109 | -1.2 | -4.6 | -0.4 | 1.63 | 3.89 |
| | 3 | 6.0 | 1116.164 | -1.3 | -5.2 | 0.2 | 108.1232 | -2.3 | -9.0 | -3.2 | 1.49 | 3.86 |
| | 4 | 7.0 | 1036.802 | -7.1 | -25.5 | -8.5 | 104.4294 | -3.4 | -13.0 | -6.7 | 0.30 | 3.25 |
| 2009 | 1 | 8.2 | 1019.214 | -1.7 | -6.6 | -9.4 | 99.0679 | -5.1 | -19.0 | -11.6 | 0.21 | 2.74 |
| | 2 | 9.3 | 1019.053 | -0.0 | -0.1 | -9.9 | 96.3971 | -2.7 | -10.4 | -12.9 | 0.17 | 3.31 |
| | 3 | 9.6 | 1037.267 | 1.8 | 7.3 | -7.1 | 97.9135 | 1.6 | 6.4 | -9.4 | 0.16 | 3.52 |
| | 4 | 10.0 | 1056.282 | 1.8 | 7.5 | 1.9 | 99.5439 | 1.7 | 6.8 | -4.7 | 0.06 | 3.46 |
| 2010 | 1 | 9.7 | 1077.323 | 2.0 | 8.2 | 5.7 | 101.3575 | 1.8 | 7.5 | 2.3 | 0.11 | 3.72 |
| 2008 | May | 5.4 | 377.272 | 0.3 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 110.6820 | -0.3 | -3.4 | -0.4 | 1.73 | 3.88 |
| | Jun | 5.5 | 377.687 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 110.4494 | -0.2 | -2.5 | -0.7 | 1.86 | 4.10 |
| | Jul | 5.8 | 376.056 | -0.4 | -5.1 | 1.6 | 110.3760 | -0.1 | -0.8 | -1.0 | 1.63 | 4.01 |
| | Aug | 6.1 | 373.158 | -0.8 | -8.9 | 0.8 | 109.1570 | -1.1 | -12.5 | -2.2 | 1.72 | 3.89 |
| | Sep | 6.2 | 366.950 | -1.7 | -18.2 | -1.8 | 104.8367 | -4.0 | -38.4 | -6.4 | 1.13 | 3.69 |
| | Oct | 6.6 | 355.484 | -3.1 | -31.7 | -5.3 | 106.1626 | 1.3 | 16.3 | -4.7 | 0.67 | 3.81 |
| | Nov | 6.9 | 345.704 | -2.8 | -28.4 | -9.0 | 104.7607 | -1.3 | -14.7 | -6.5 | 0.19 | 3.53 |
| | Dec | 7.4 | 335.614 | -2.9 | -29.9 | -11.1 | 102.3650 | -2.3 | -24.2 | -8.9 | 0.03 | 2.42 |
| 2009 | Jan | 7.7 | 341.617 | 1.8 | 23.7 | -9.5 | 100.1154 | -2.2 | -23.4 | -10.9 | 0.13 | 2.52 |
| | Feb | 8.2 | 341.390 | -0.1 | -0.8 | -8.5 | 99.3397 | -0.8 | -8.9 | -11.3 | 0.30 | 2.87 |
| | Mar | 8.6 | 336.207 | -1.5 | -16.8 | -10.3 | 97.7486 | -1.6 | -17.6 | -12.5 | 0.21 | 2.82 |
| | Apr | 8.9 | 336.713 | 0.2 | 1.8 | -10.5 | 97.2344 | -0.5 | -6.1 | -12.4 | 0.16 | 2.93 |
| | May | 9.4 | 339.232 | 0.7 | 9.4 | -10.1 | 96.2033 | -1.1 | -12.0 | -13.1 | 0.18 | 3.29 |
| | Jun | 9.5 | 343.108 | 1.1 | 14.6 | -9.2 | 95.7537 | -0.5 | -5.5 | -13.3 | 0.18 | 3.72 |
| | Jul | 9.4 | 343.490 | 0.1 | 1.3 | -8.7 | 96.9493 | 1.2 | 16.1 | -12.2 | 0.18 | 3.56 |
| | Aug | 9.7 | 350.727 | 2.1 | 28.4 | -6.0 | 98.1143 | 1.2 | 15.4 | -10.1 | 0.17 | 3.59 |
| | Sep | 9.8 | 343.050 | -2.2 | -23.3 | -6.5 | 98.6769 | 0.6 | 7.1 | -5.9 | 0.12 | 3.40 |
| | Oct | 10.1 | 348.321 | 1.5 | 20.1 | -2.0 | 98.8702 | 0.2 | 2.4 | -6.9 | 0.07 | 3.39 |
| | Nov | 10.0 | 353.863 | 1.6 | 20.9 | 2.4 | 99.5538 | 0.7 | 8.6 | -5.0 | 0.05 | 3.40 |
| | Dec | 10.0 | 354.098 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 5.5 | 100.2076 | 0.7 | 8.2 | -2.1 | 0.05 | 3.59 |
| 2010 | Jan | 9.7 | 355.197 | 0.3 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 101.3643 | 1.2 | 14.8 | 1.2 | 0.06 | 3.73 |
| | Feb | 9.7 | 357.272 | 0.6 | 7.2 | 4.7 | 101.2498 | -0.1 | -1.3 | 1.9 | 0.11 | 3.69 |
| | Mar | 9.7 | 364.854 | 2.1 | 28.7 | 8.5 | 101.4583 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 0.15 | 3.73 |
| | Apr | 9.9 | 366.404 | 0.4 | 5.2 | 8.8 | 102.2666 | 0.8 | 10.0 | 5.2 | 0.16 | 3.85 |
| | May | | | | | | | | | | 0.16 | 3.42 |

| | | Consumer Price Index | | | | | Consumer Price Index less Food and Energy | | | | | Producer Price Index Finished Goods | | | |
|------|-----|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | Percent change | | | | | Percent change | | | | | Percent change | | | |
| | | Index | Monthly/ quarterly | Annual rate | Year ago | Year to date | Index | Monthly/ quarterly | Annual rate | Year ago | Year to date | Index | Monthly/ quarterly | Annual rate | Year ago |
| 2005 | | 195.267 | | | 3.4 | | 200.867 | | | 2.1 | | 155.8 | | | 4.9 |
| 2006 | | 201.550 | | | 3.2 | | 205.942 | | | 2.5 | | 160.3 | | | 2.9 |
| 2007 | | 207.335 | | | 2.9 | | 210.729 | | | 2.3 | | 166.6 | | | 3.9 |
| 2008 | | 215.247 | | | 3.8 | | 215.568 | | | 2.3 | | 177.2 | | | 6.4 |
| 2009 | | 214.549 | | | -0.3 | | 219.236 | | | 1.7 | | 172.7 | | | -2.5 |
| 2008 | 1 | 212.824 | 1.1 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.7 | 213.951 | 0.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 174.3 | 2.2 | 9.0 | 7.2 |
| | 2 | 215.557 | 1.3 | 5.2 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 214.985 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 178.9 | 2.6 | 11.0 | 7.7 |
| | 3 | 218.909 | 1.6 | 6.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 216.501 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 182.5 | 2.0 | 8.3 | 9.4 |
| | 4 | 213.698 | -2.4 | -9.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 216.834 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 173.0 | -5.2 | -19.3 | 1.4 |
| 2009 | 1 | 212.493 | -0.6 | -2.2 | -0.2 | -2.2 | 217.670 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 170.6 | -1.4 | -5.5 | -2.2 |
| | 2 | 213.473 | 0.5 | 1.9 | -1.0 | -0.2 | 218.934 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 171.6 | 0.6 | 2.5 | -4.1 |
| | 3 | 215.417 | 0.9 | 3.7 | -1.6 | 1.1 | 219.752 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 173.0 | 0.8 | 3.2 | -5.2 |
| | 4 | 216.813 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 220.590 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 175.6 | 1.5 | 6.2 | 1.5 |
| 2010 | 1 | 217.636 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 220.569 | -0.0 | -0.0 | 1.3 | -0.0 | 179.5 | 2.2 | 9.2 | 5.3 |
| 2008 | Apr | 214.106 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 214.502 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 176.5 | 0.4 | 4.9 | 6.5 |
| | May | 215.287 | 0.6 | 6.8 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 214.948 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 178.8 | 1.3 | 16.8 | 7.4 |
| | Jun | 217.279 | 0.9 | 11.7 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 215.506 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 181.5 | 1.5 | 19.7 | 9.1 |
| | Jul | 219.102 | 0.8 | 10.5 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 216.173 | 0.3 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 183.7 | 1.2 | 15.6 | 9.7 |
| | Aug | 218.779 | -0.1 | -1.8 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 216.548 | 0.2 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 181.9 | -1.0 | -11.1 | 9.6 |
| | Sep | 218.846 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 216.783 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 182.0 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 8.9 |
| | Oct | 216.832 | -0.9 | -10.5 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 216.768 | -0.0 | -0.1 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 177.3 | -2.6 | -26.9 | 5.3 |
| | Nov | 212.923 | -1.8 | -19.6 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 216.873 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 172.3 | -2.8 | -29.1 | 0.2 |
| | Dec | 211.339 | -0.7 | -8.6 | -0.0 | -0.0 | 216.860 | -0.0 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 169.4 | -1.7 | -18.4 | -1.2 |
| 2009 | Jan | 211.959 | 0.3 | 3.6 | -0.1 | 3.6 | 217.249 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 171.2 | 1.1 | 13.5 | -1.2 |
| | Feb | 212.877 | 0.4 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 217.674 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 170.9 | -0.2 | -2.1 | -1.7 |
| | Mar | 212.643 | -0.1 | -1.3 | -0.4 | 2.5 | 218.086 | 0.2 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 169.6 | -0.8 | -8.8 | -3.5 |
| | Apr | 212.810 | 0.1 | 0.9 | -0.6 | 2.1 | 218.617 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 170.6 | 0.6 | 7.3 | -3.3 |
| | May | 213.050 | 0.1 | 1.4 | -1.0 | 2.0 | 218.920 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 170.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -4.6 |
| | Jun | 214.558 | 0.7 | 8.8 | -1.3 | 3.1 | 219.265 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 173.7 | 1.8 | 24.1 | -4.3 |
| | Jul | 214.774 | 0.1 | 1.2 | -2.0 | 2.8 | 219.533 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 171.6 | -1.2 | -13.6 | -6.6 |
| | Aug | 215.566 | 0.4 | 4.5 | -1.5 | 3.0 | 219.687 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 174.1 | 1.5 | 19.0 | -4.3 |
| | Sep | 215.911 | 0.2 | 1.9 | -1.3 | 2.9 | 220.035 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 173.3 | -0.5 | -5.4 | -4.8 |
| | Oct | 216.357 | 0.2 | 2.5 | -0.2 | 2.9 | 220.459 | 0.2 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 173.6 | 0.2 | 2.1 | -2.1 |
| | Nov | 216.859 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 220.546 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 176.2 | 1.5 | 19.5 | 2.3 |
| | Dec | 217.224 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 220.764 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 177.1 | 0.5 | 6.3 | 4.5 |
| 2010 | Jan | 217.587 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 220.463 | -0.1 | -1.6 | 1.5 | -1.6 | 179.8 | 1.5 | 19.9 | 5.0 |
| | Feb | 217.591 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 220.579 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.3 | -0.5 | 178.8 | -0.6 | -6.5 | 4.6 |
| | Mar | 217.729 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 220.664 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.2 | -0.2 | 180.0 | 0.7 | 8.4 | 6.1 |
| | Apr | 217.579 | -0.1 | -0.8 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 220.768 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 179.8 | -0.1 | -1.3 | 5.4 |

Notes

Pages 4, 5: **Final Sales** is gross domestic product (GDP) minus change in private inventories. **Advance, Second, and Third GDP Growth Rates** are released during the first, second, and third months of the following quarter. Changes result from incorporation of more complete information. Real GDP is measured in 2005 dollars. The **ISM** (formerly Purchasing Managers') **Index** is a weighted average of diffusion indexes for new orders, production, supplier deliveries, inventories, and employment. **Aggregate and Average Weekly Hours** are paid hours of production and nonsupervisory employees. The **Inventory-Sales Ratio** uses nominal (current-dollar) inventory and sales data.

Page 6: For information on how to calculate the **Contribution** of a component to the overall GDP growth rate, see the October 1999 issue of the Survey of Current Business, p. 16. The sign is changed for **Imports**.

Page 7: Ten-year **Treasury Yields** are adjusted to constant maturity; three-month yields are secondary market averages. All rates used in the yield curves are adjusted to constant maturity. **Standard and Poor's 500 Index with Reinvested Dividends** shows the total return: capital gains plus dividends.

Pages 8, 9: **Oil** (West Texas intermediate) and **Natural Gas** (Henry Hub) spot and futures **prices** are listed in the *Wall Street Journal*. Spot prices are monthly averages of daily prices; futures prices are usually taken from the last trading day of the month. **Consumer Price Index** is for all urban consumers. The **Consumption Chain Price Index** is the index associated with the personal consumption expenditures component of GDP. The **Employment Cost Index (ECI)** covers private nonfarm employers. **ECI Compensation** refers to a fixed sample of jobs, while **Compensation per Hour** covers all workers in the nonfarm business sector in a given quarter. In both cases, compensation is wages and salaries plus benefits.

Pages 10, 11: Effective with the January 2008 **Employment Situation**, the establishment survey data for employment, hours, and earnings have been converted from the 2002 NAICS system to the 2007 NAICS system. For more information see <http://www.bls.gov/ces/>. **Nonfarm Payroll Employment** is counted in a survey of about 400,000 establishments (Current Employment Statistics). It excludes self-employed individuals and workers in private households, but double-counts individuals with more than one job. The **Household Survey** (Current Population Survey) of about 60,000 households provides estimates of civilian employment, unemployment rate, labor force participation rate, and employment-population ratio. **Population** is civilian, noninstitutional, 16 years and over. The 90 percent confidence intervals for the unemployment rate (± 0.2 percentage points) and change in household survey employment ($\pm 430,000$) measure uncertainty due to sample size. Because the household survey was changed in January 1994, data prior to this date are not strictly comparable. The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced several revisions to the Household Survey on Feb. 7, 2003, with the release of the January 2003 data. For more information, see www.bls.gov/cps/. The **Job Openings rate** is the number of job openings on the last business day of the month as a percent of total employment plus job openings.

Page 13: The **Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index** shows changes in a summary measure of consumers' answers to five questions about their current and expected financial situation, expectations about future economic conditions, and attitudes about making large purchases. The survey is based on a representative sample of U.S. households.

Page 15: **Gross Private Saving** is the sum of personal saving, undistributed corporate profits with IVA and CCAj (see notes for pp. 18-19), and private wage accruals less disbursements. **Gross Government Saving** is net government saving (surplus/deficit) plus consumption of fixed capital. **Balance on Current Account (NIPA)** is net capital transfer payments to the rest of the world plus net lending or net borrowing (international trade and income flows).

Pages 16, 17: **Government Consumption and Investment** is current expenditures on goods and services, including capital consumption (depreciation) and gross investment, as reported in the NIPAs. The **Unified Federal Budget Surplus/Deficit** differs from **NIPA Basis** in four main ways: (1) NIPA excludes transactions involving existing assets; (2) NIPA outlays exclude government

investment and include consumption of government capital, while unified budget outlays do the reverse; (3) NIPA accounts exclude Puerto Rico and U.S. territories; and (4) various timing issues are handled differently. **Outlays and Receipts** are from the NIPAs, except as noted. Since 1977, the federal **Fiscal Year** starts on October 1. Excluded agency debt was 0.6 percent of federal debt at the end of fiscal 1997. **Federal Debt Held by the Public** includes holdings of the Federal Reserve System and excludes holdings of the social security and other federal trust funds. Federal grants in aid to state and local governments appear in both state and local receipts and federal outlays.

Pages 18, 19: The **Trade Balance** (shown on a balance of payments basis) is the difference between exports and imports of goods (merchandise) and services. It is nearly identical in concept to the **Net Exports** component of GDP, but differs slightly in accounting details. The **Investment Income Balance** equals income received from U.S.-owned assets in other countries minus income paid on foreign-owned assets in the U.S. The investment income balance is nearly identical in concept to the difference between gross national product and gross domestic product, but differs in accounting details. The **Current Account Balance** is the trade balance plus the balance on investment income plus net unilateral transfers to the U.S. from other countries.

Pages 20, 21: **Output per Hour (Y/H)**, **Unit Labor Cost (C/Y)**, and **Compensation per Hour (C/H)** are indexes which approximately obey the following relationship: $\%(Y/H) + \%(C/Y) = \%(C/H)$ with $\%()$ meaning percent changes. Unit labor cost is shown on page 9. **Real Compensation per Hour** uses the CPI to adjust for the effects of inflation. Nonfarm business accounted for about 77 percent of the value of GDP in 2000, while nonfinancial corporations accounted for about 54 percent. **Inventory Valuation Adjustments (IVA)** remove the effect of changes in the value of existing inventories from corporate profits and proprietors' income. (This change in value does not correspond to current production and therefore is not part of GDP). **Capital Consumption Adjustments (CCAdj)** increase profits and proprietors' income by the difference between estimates of economic depreciation and depreciation allowed by the tax code. Components of national income not shown are rental income of persons and net interest.

Pages 22, 23: The economic projections of the **Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC)** are published four times a year. Except for the unemployment rate, the projections for the current and following years are on a Q4/Q4 horizon. The shaded area represents the range of the economic projections of the FOMC members, and the dot signifies the mid-point of the ranges. The projections of the changes in the total PCE price index and the core PCE price index (excluding food and energy prices) are presumed to converge over time.

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Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), U.S. Dept. of Labor

All employment-related data, employment cost index, consumer and producer price indexes, unit labor cost, output per hour, compensation per hour, multifactor productivity.

United States Department of Treasury

Unified budget receipts, outlays, deficit, debt.

Federal Reserve Board

Index of industrial production, treasury yields, exchange rates, capacity utilization, household debt.

The Survey Research Center, The University of Michigan

Consumer sentiment index.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

GDP for major trading partners (not available on FRED).