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## Conventions used in this publication:

1. Charts and tables contain data that were current through January 2012. Unless otherwise indicated, data are quarterly.
2. The *percent change* refers to the percent change from the same period in the previous year. For example, the percent change in  $x$  between quarter  $t-4$  and the current quarter  $t$  is:  $[(x_t/x_{t-4})-1] \times 100$ .
3. All data with significant seasonal patterns are adjusted accordingly.

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