

Cross-Country Personal Saving Rates

As measured by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the U.S. personal saving rate (PSR) has trended down over the past two decades, bottoming out in negative territory within the past year. The PSR is defined as disposable income minus consumption expenditures, all divided by disposable income. Simply put, a negative PSR means that U.S. households are consuming more than their current after-tax income. Consequently, many analysts have expressed concern that households are saving too little to support the levels of investment required to sustain economic growth, without excessive dependence on foreign sources of capital.

During 1970-93 the monthly U.S. PSR averaged 8.9 percent, but it subsequently fell to an average 2.8 percent in the period 1994 to February 2006. In the past 12 months, the rate dropped to -0.6 percent, leading analysts to wonder whether the United States has become a spend-thrift nation.

The downward trend of the U.S. PSR is not simply the product of accounting and measurement practices that may distort the BEA's calculations.¹ For example, even after adjusting the BEA's treatment of capital gains, pension benefits and contributions, and durable goods purchases to better reflect actual disposable income and consumption, the resulting PSR figures remain at or below levels reported by the BEA.

One way to gain further insight into the declining U.S. PSR is by comparing the recent dynamics of PSRs across a few other developed countries. The chart plots the PSRs for five such countries during 1970-2004. Two blocks of countries emerge: the Anglo-Saxon "group" (United States, United Kingdom, Australia), in which the PSR steadily declines after the late 1980s; and continental Europe (Germany) and Japan, where the PSR oscillates, but no clear trend emerges.

The table highlights three interesting associations that emerge from our cross-country data: (i) The PSR usually declined more in countries where access to domestic credit grew faster. This trend may have resulted if households achieved easier access to credit to finance consumption in excess of income. Alternatively, higher consumption may have led to lower savings and thus higher demand for credit. (ii) In countries where public (government) debt was higher, households tended to save

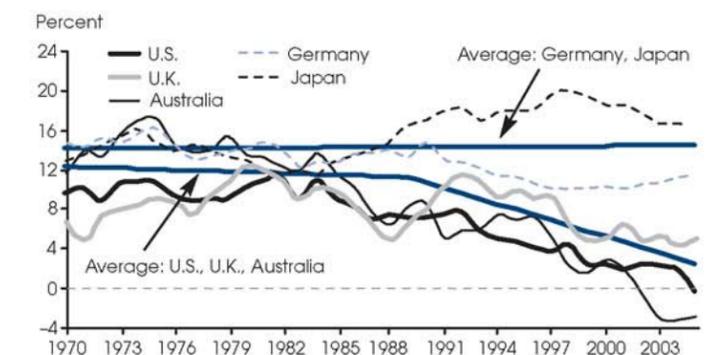
more. This makes sense since households, in the face of higher government deficits, may increase savings in anticipation of higher future taxes (economists call this "Ricardian equivalence"). (iii) The PSR also declined in countries with higher income inequality (Gini index), a higher percentage of labor force employed in the service sector, and less health infrastructure.

Untangling the causes of different trends of the PSRs across countries will be the subject of future study. The data nonetheless reveal interesting associations that may inform our current understanding of the negative U.S. PSR puzzle.

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¹ See, for example, Sterne, Susan M. "It's All About Wealth." *Business Economics*, July 2005, pp. 36-40.

Personal Saving Rates (Annual Data)



	U.S.	Australia	U.K.	Germany	Japan
Domestic Credit to Private Sector (% of GDP)					
Change: 1990-2003 average vs. 1971-90 average	70.13	45.4	76.44	31.4	45.79
Average 1971-2003					
Gini inequality index	40.8	35.2	36.0	28.3	24.9
Employment in service sector (% of total)	73.3	72.2	70.1	60.5	60.8
Government debt (% of GDP)	35.0	27.5	50.5	58.8	44.8
Health infrastructure (hospital beds/1,000)	4.2	8.6	4.8	9.6	16.3

SOURCE: Global Insight; World Bank.

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Conventions used in this publication:

1. Shaded areas indicate recessions, as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.
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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Notes

Pages 4, 5: **Final Sales** is gross domestic product (GDP) minus change in private inventories. **Advance, Preliminary, and Final 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 2000 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. The 30-year constant maturity series was discontinued by the Treasury Department as of Feb. 18, 2002. **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 May 2003 **Employment Situation**, the establishment survey data for employment, hours, and earnings have been converted from the 1987 SIC system to the 2002 NAICS system. All published NAICS-based labor series have been revised back to at least 1990. For more information see <http://www.bls.gov/ces/>. **Nonfarm Payroll Employment** is counted in a survey of about 400,000 establishments (Current Employment Survey). 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 ($\pm 290,000$) 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/.

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 CCAAdj (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 76 percent of the value of GDP in 1996, 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 (CCAAdj)** 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.

NOTE: Most measures of economic activity are now based on the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), which replaces the 1987 Standard Industry Classification (SIC) system.

Sources

Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), U.S. Dept. of Commerce
 National income and product accounts, international trade and investment data (except by country), auto and light truck sales.

Census Bureau, U.S. Dept. of Commerce
 Inventory-sales ratios, retail sales, capital goods orders, housing starts, exports and imports by country.

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.

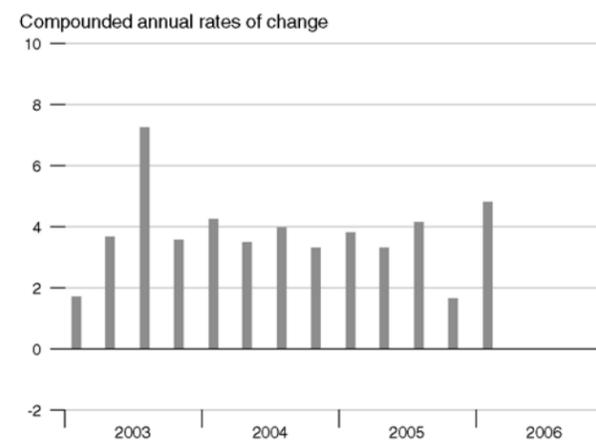
The Survey Research Center, The University of Michigan
 Consumer sentiment index.

The Conference Board
 Help-wanted advertising index.

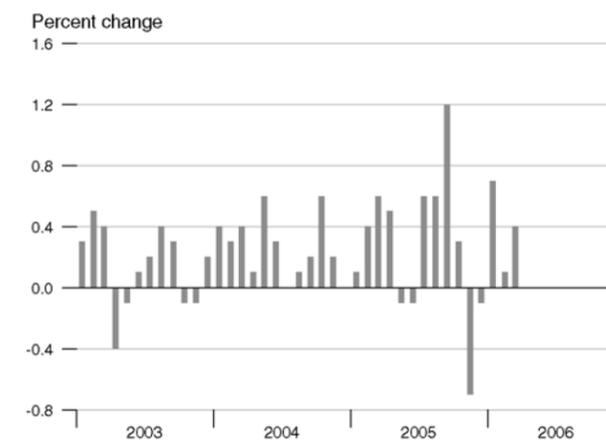
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
 GDP for major trading partners (not available on FRED).

	Index	Consumer Price Index				Consumer Price Index less Food and Energy				Producer Price Index Finished Goods					
		Percent change				Percent change				Percent change					
		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	
2001	177.0			2.8		186.1			2.7		140.7			1.9	
2002	179.9			1.6		190.5			2.3		138.9			-1.3	
2003	184.0			2.3		193.2			1.4		143.3			3.2	
2004	188.9			2.7		196.6			1.8		148.5			3.6	
2005	195.3			3.4		200.9			2.2		155.7			4.9	
2004	1	186.6	0.9	3.7	1.8	3.7	194.9	0.4	1.8	1.3	1.8	145.9	0.7	2.9	2.3
	2	188.4	1.0	4.1	2.8	3.9	196.2	0.7	2.7	1.8	2.2	148.2	1.6	6.5	4.1
	3	189.4	0.5	2.1	2.7	3.3	197.1	0.5	1.8	1.8	2.1	148.5	0.2	0.9	3.5
	4	191.1	0.9	3.5	3.3	3.3	198.2	0.6	2.3	2.1	2.1	151.5	2.0	8.3	4.6
2005	1	192.2	0.6	2.5	3.0	2.5	199.5	0.6	2.5	2.3	2.5	152.6	0.7	2.8	4.6
	2	194.0	0.9	3.7	3.0	3.1	200.4	0.5	2.0	2.1	2.2	154.2	1.1	4.4	4.1
	3	196.6	1.4	5.5	3.8	3.9	201.2	0.4	1.6	2.1	2.0	156.7	1.6	6.5	5.5
	4	198.2	0.8	3.2	3.7	3.7	202.4	0.6	2.4	2.1	2.1	159.5	1.8	7.3	5.3
2006	1	199.3	0.6	2.2	3.7	2.2	203.6	0.6	2.4	2.1	2.4	159.2	-0.2	-0.7	4.3
2004	Mar	187.3	0.4	5.3	1.7	4.8	195.4	0.3	3.8	1.6	2.5	146.3	0.5	5.9	1.5
	Apr	187.5	0.1	1.3	2.3	3.9	195.9	0.3	3.1	1.8	2.6	147.4	0.8	9.4	3.7
	May	188.6	0.6	7.3	2.9	4.6	196.2	0.2	1.9	1.7	2.5	148.6	0.8	10.2	4.7
	Jun	189.2	0.3	3.9	3.2	4.5	196.6	0.2	2.5	1.9	2.5	148.5	-0.1	-0.8	4.1
	Jul	189.2	0.0	0.0	2.9	3.8	196.8	0.1	1.2	1.8	2.3	148.4	-0.1	-0.8	3.9
	Aug	189.4	0.1	1.3	2.7	3.5	197.0	0.1	1.2	1.8	2.2	148.5	0.1	0.8	3.4
	Sep	189.7	0.2	1.9	2.5	3.3	197.6	0.3	3.7	2.0	2.3	148.6	0.1	0.8	3.3
	Oct	190.8	0.6	7.2	3.2	3.7	197.9	0.2	1.8	2.0	2.3	150.8	1.5	19.3	4.3
	Nov	191.2	0.2	2.5	3.5	3.6	198.3	0.2	2.5	2.2	2.3	152.2	0.9	11.7	5.2
	Dec	191.2	0.0	0.0	3.3	3.3	198.5	0.1	1.2	2.2	2.2	151.5	-0.5	-5.4	4.3
2005	Jan	191.4	0.1	1.3	3.0	1.3	199.0	0.3	3.1	2.3	3.1	151.7	0.1	1.6	4.1
	Feb	192.1	0.4	4.5	3.0	2.9	199.4	0.2	2.4	2.4	2.8	152.4	0.5	5.7	4.7
	Mar	193.2	0.6	7.1	3.2	4.3	200.0	0.3	3.7	2.4	3.1	153.6	0.8	9.9	5.0
	Apr	194.1	0.5	5.7	3.5	4.6	200.2	0.1	1.2	2.2	2.6	154.4	0.5	6.4	4.7
	May	194.0	-0.1	-0.6	2.9	3.6	200.5	0.1	1.8	2.2	2.4	154.1	-0.2	-2.3	3.7
	Jun	193.9	-0.1	-0.6	2.5	2.8	200.6	0.0	0.6	2.0	2.1	154.2	0.1	0.8	3.8
	Jul	195.1	0.6	7.7	3.1	3.5	201.0	0.2	2.4	2.1	2.2	155.4	0.8	9.7	4.7
	Aug	196.2	0.6	7.0	3.6	3.9	201.2	0.1	1.2	2.1	2.0	156.2	0.5	6.4	5.2
	Sep	198.6	1.2	15.7	4.7	5.2	201.5	0.1	1.8	2.0	2.0	158.4	1.4	18.3	6.6
	Oct	199.1	0.3	3.1	4.4	5.0	202.0	0.2	3.0	2.1	2.1	159.6	0.8	9.5	5.8
	Nov	197.8	-0.7	-7.6	3.5	3.8	202.5	0.2	3.0	2.1	2.2	158.8	-0.5	-5.9	4.3
	Dec	197.7	-0.1	-0.6	3.4	3.4	202.8	0.1	1.8	2.2	2.2	160.0	0.8	9.5	5.6
2006	Jan	199.0	0.7	8.2	4.0	8.2	203.2	0.2	2.4	2.1	2.4	160.4	0.3	3.0	5.7
	Feb	199.1	0.1	0.6	3.6	4.3	203.5	0.1	1.8	2.1	2.1	158.2	-1.4	-15.3	3.8
	Mar	199.8	0.4	4.3	3.4	4.3	204.2	0.3	4.2	2.1	2.8	159.0	0.5	6.2	3.5

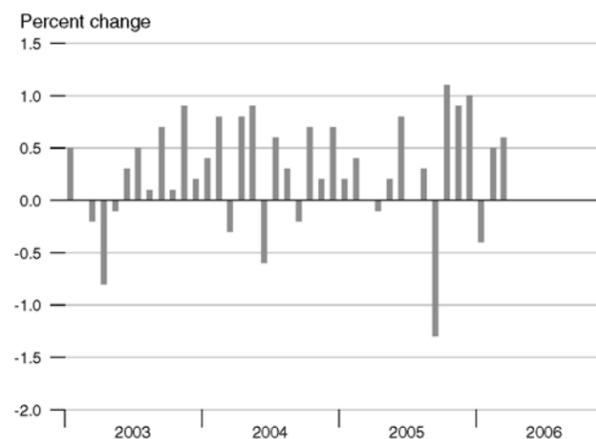
Real GDP Growth



Consumer Price Index



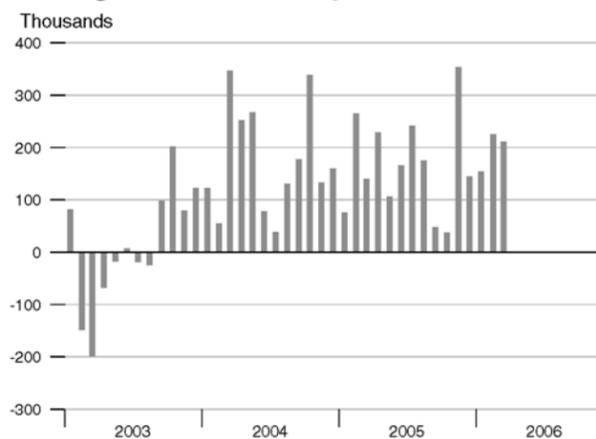
Industrial Production



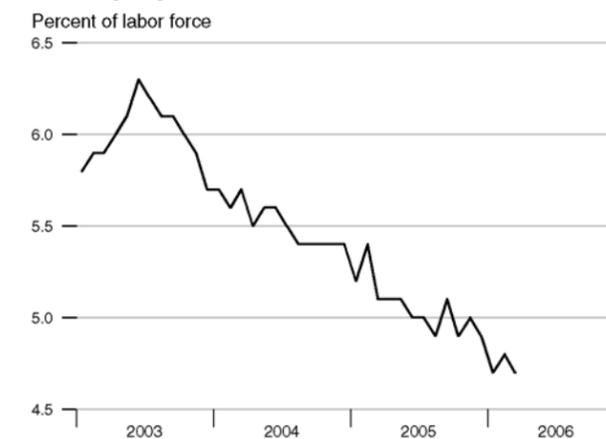
Interest Rates



Change in Nonfarm Payrolls

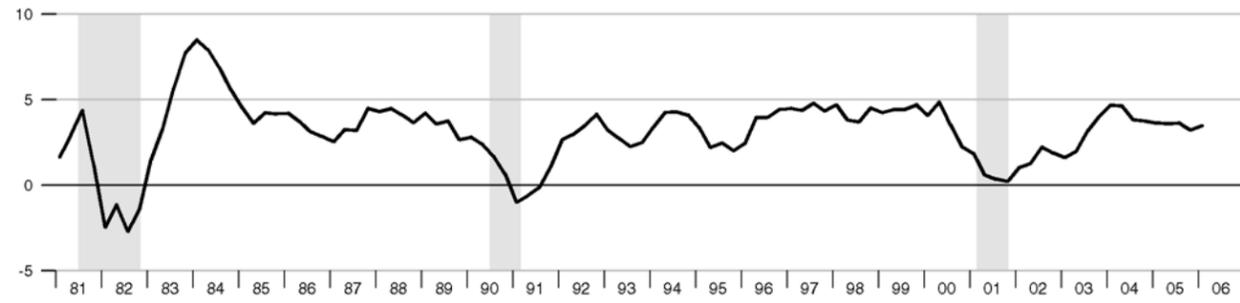


Unemployment Rate



Real Gross Domestic Product

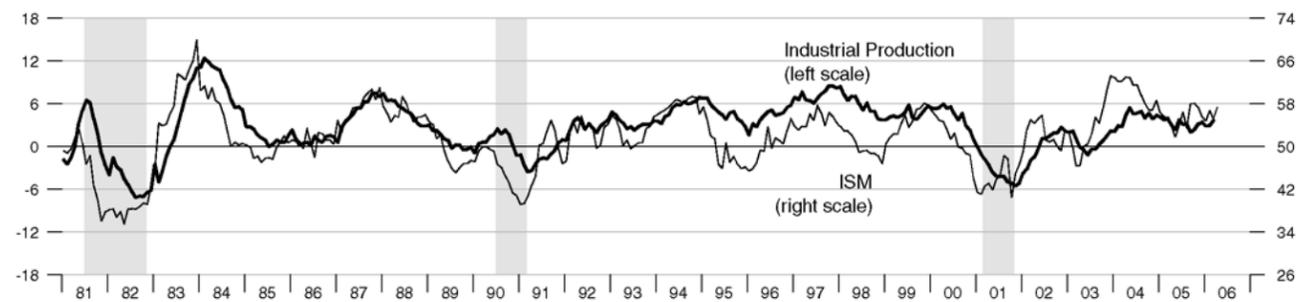
Percent change from year ago



Industrial Production and Institute for Supply Management (ISM) Indexes

Percent change from year ago

Index



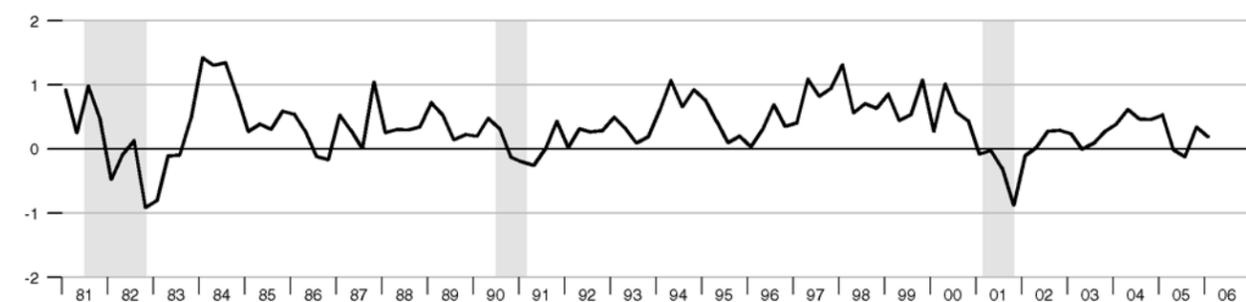
Aggregate Private Nonfarm Hours

Percent change from year ago



Real Change in Private Inventories

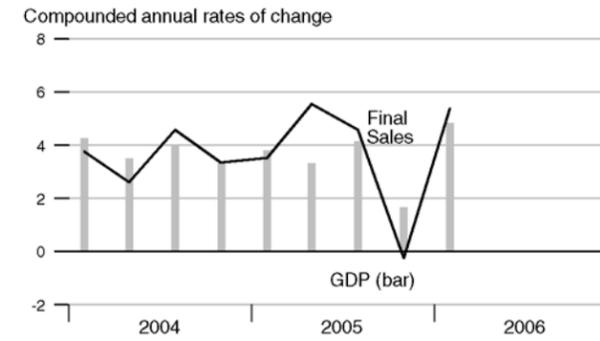
Percent of GDP



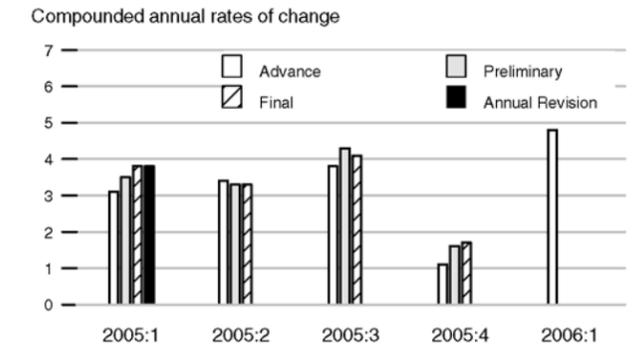
	Unempl. Rate	Retail and Food Services Sales			Industrial Production			Treasury Yields			
		Billions of dollars	Percent change		Index	Percent change		(Percent)			
			Monthly/quarterly	Annual rate	Year ago		Monthly/quarterly	Annual rate	Year ago	3-mo	10-yr
2001	4.7	3385.830			2.9	99.8784			-3.5	3.39	5.02
2002	5.8	3467.083			2.4	100.0000			0.1	1.60	4.61
2003	6.0	3614.287			4.2	100.6244			0.6	1.01	4.02
2004	5.5	3836.987			6.2	104.7252			4.1	1.37	4.27
2005	5.1	4112.424			7.2	108.0621			3.2	3.15	4.29
2004	1	938.788	2.0	8.3	6.1	103.1294	1.3	5.3	2.6	0.92	4.02
	2	947.407	0.9	3.7	6.2	104.4460	1.3	5.2	4.8	1.08	4.60
	3	964.134	1.8	7.3	5.1	105.1248	0.6	2.6	4.6	1.49	4.30
	4	986.658	2.3	9.7	7.2	106.2005	1.0	4.2	4.3	2.01	4.17
2005	1	999.073	1.3	5.1	6.4	107.2067	0.9	3.8	4.0	2.54	4.30
	2	1022.092	2.3	9.5	7.9	107.6359	0.4	1.6	3.1	2.86	4.16
	3	1043.116	2.1	8.5	8.2	108.0066	0.3	1.4	2.7	3.36	4.21
	4	1048.143	0.5	1.9	6.2	109.3991	1.3	5.3	3.0	3.83	4.49
2006	1	1081.586	3.2	13.4	8.3	110.5999	1.1	4.5	3.2	4.39	4.57
2004	Apr	313.959	-1.1	-12.4	6.0	104.0044	0.8	9.6	4.4	0.94	4.35
	May	319.870	1.9	25.1	7.8	104.9562	0.9	11.6	5.4	1.02	4.72
	Jun	313.578	-2.0	-21.2	4.9	104.3773	-0.6	-6.4	4.6	1.27	4.73
	Jul	319.699	2.0	26.1	5.3	104.9954	0.6	7.3	4.7	1.33	4.50
	Aug	319.188	-0.2	-1.9	3.5	105.3165	0.3	3.7	4.9	1.48	4.28
	Sep	325.247	1.9	25.3	6.4	105.0624	-0.2	-2.9	4.0	1.65	4.13
	Oct	327.054	0.6	6.9	7.4	105.8234	0.7	9.0	4.7	1.76	4.10
	Nov	327.663	0.2	2.3	6.2	106.0348	0.2	2.4	3.9	2.07	4.19
	Dec	331.941	1.3	16.8	8.1	106.7432	0.7	8.3	4.4	2.19	4.23
2005	Jan	330.643	-0.4	-4.6	6.9	106.9478	0.2	2.3	4.2	2.33	4.22
	Feb	333.908	1.0	12.5	7.0	107.3608	0.4	4.7	3.7	2.54	4.17
	Mar	334.522	0.2	2.2	5.4	107.3115	-0.0	-0.5	4.0	2.74	4.50
	Apr	340.533	1.8	23.8	8.5	107.1838	-0.1	-1.4	3.1	2.78	4.34
	May	338.577	-0.6	-6.7	5.8	107.4337	0.2	2.8	2.4	2.84	4.14
	Jun	342.982	1.3	16.8	9.4	108.2903	0.8	10.0	3.7	2.97	4.00
	Jul	351.454	2.5	34.0	9.9	108.2725	-0.0	-0.2	3.1	3.22	4.18
	Aug	345.111	-1.8	-19.6	8.1	108.5868	0.3	3.5	3.1	3.44	4.26
	Sep	346.551	0.4	5.1	6.6	107.1604	-1.3	-14.7	2.0	3.42	4.20
	Oct	347.443	0.3	3.1	6.2	108.3814	1.1	14.6	2.4	3.71	4.46
	Nov	349.630	0.6	7.8	6.7	109.3877	0.9	11.7	3.2	3.88	4.54
	Dec	351.070	0.4	5.1	5.8	110.4282	1.0	12.0	3.5	3.89	4.47
2006	Jan	361.743	3.0	43.2	9.4	110.0230	-0.4	-4.3	2.9	4.24	4.42
	Feb	358.797	-0.8	-9.3	7.5	110.5679	0.5	6.1	3.0	4.43	4.57
	Mar	361.046	0.6	7.8	7.9	111.2088	0.6	7.2	3.6	4.51	4.72
	Apr									4.60	4.99

	Household Survey Employment				Nonfarm Payroll Employment				Nonfarm Aggregate Hours				
	Thousands	Change	Percent change		Thousands	Change	Percent change		Index	Monthly rate	Percent change		
			Annual rate	Year ago			Annual rate	Year ago			Annual rate	Year ago	
2001	136939	39		0.0	131832	40		0.0	102.0			-1.4	
2002	136480	-459		-0.3	130342	-1490		-1.1	100.0			-2.0	
2003	137731	1251		0.9	129993	-349		-0.3	98.6			-1.4	
2004	139244	1513		1.1	131424	1431		1.1	100.2			1.6	
2005	141719	2475		1.8	133459	2035		1.5	102.6			2.4	
2004	1	138473	193	0.6	130572	382	1.2	0.4	99.2	0.4	1.6	0.2	
	2	138894	421	1.2	131277	705	2.2	1.1	99.9	0.7	2.7	1.6	
	3	139548	654	1.9	131602	325	1.0	1.4	100.5	0.6	2.6	2.3	
	4	140059	511	1.5	132244	642	2.0	1.6	101.1	0.6	2.4	2.3	
2005	1	140373	314	0.9	132694	450	1.4	1.6	101.6	0.4	1.7	2.4	
	2	141506	1132	3.3	133230	536	1.6	1.5	102.3	0.8	3.1	2.4	
	3	142324	818	2.3	133750	520	1.6	1.6	102.9	0.6	2.2	2.4	
	4	142672	348	1.0	134161	412	1.2	1.4	103.4	0.5	2.1	2.3	
2006	1	143324	652	1.8	134750	589	1.8	1.5	104.2	0.7	3.0	2.6	
2004	Mar	138452	-43	-0.4	130821	346	3.2	0.7	99.3	-0.1	-1.2	0.4	
	Apr	138659	207	1.8	131073	252	2.3	0.9	99.6	0.3	3.7	1.3	
	May	138843	184	1.6	131340	267	2.5	1.2	100.3	0.7	8.8	1.8	
	Jun	139181	338	3.0	131418	78	0.7	1.2	99.8	-0.5	-5.8	1.6	
	Jul	139591	410	3.6	131456	38	0.3	1.3	100.3	0.5	6.2	2.1	
	Aug	139558	-33	-0.3	131587	131	1.2	1.4	100.4	0.1	1.2	2.2	
	Sep	139495	-63	-0.5	131764	177	1.6	1.4	100.9	0.5	6.1	2.5	
	Oct	139768	273	2.4	132102	338	3.1	1.5	100.9	0.0	0.0	2.1	
	Nov	140276	508	4.4	132235	133	1.2	1.6	101.0	0.1	1.2	1.9	
	Dec	140133	-143	-1.2	132395	160	1.5	1.6	101.5	0.5	6.1	2.9	
	2005	Jan	140234	101	0.9	132471	76	0.7	1.6	101.3	-0.2	-2.3	2.3
		Feb	140285	51	0.4	132736	265	2.4	1.7	101.6	0.3	3.6	2.2
Mar		140601	316	2.7	132876	140	1.3	1.6	101.8	0.2	2.4	2.5	
Apr		141196	595	5.2	133104	228	2.1	1.5	102.4	0.6	7.3	2.8	
May		141571	375	3.2	133210	106	1.0	1.4	102.2	-0.2	-2.3	1.9	
Jun		141750	179	1.5	133376	166	1.5	1.5	102.4	0.2	2.4	2.6	
Jul		142111	361	3.1	133617	241	2.2	1.6	102.9	0.5	6.0	2.6	
Aug		142425	314	2.7	133792	175	1.6	1.7	102.7	-0.2	-2.3	2.3	
Sep		142435	10	0.1	133840	48	0.4	1.6	103.1	0.4	4.8	2.2	
Oct		142625	190	1.6	133877	37	0.3	1.3	103.1	0.0	0.0	2.2	
Nov		142611	-14	-0.1	134231	354	3.2	1.5	103.5	0.4	4.8	2.5	
Dec		142779	168	1.4	134376	145	1.3	1.5	103.7	0.2	2.3	2.2	
2006	Jan	143074	295	2.5	134530	154	1.4	1.6	104.0	0.3	3.5	2.7	
	Feb	143257	183	1.5	134755	225	2.0	1.5	104.2	0.2	2.3	2.6	
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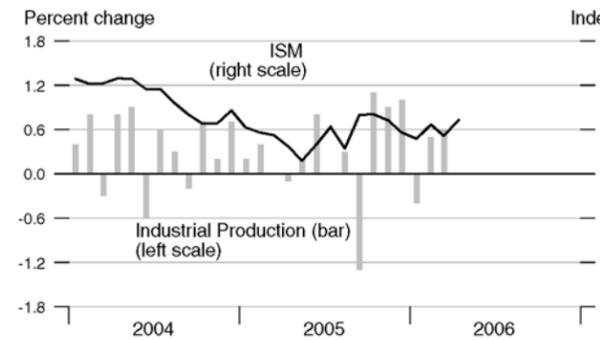
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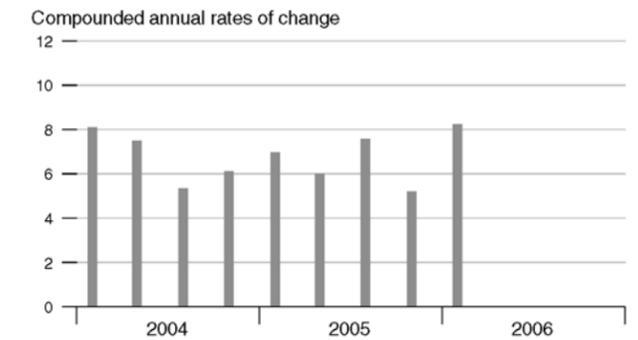
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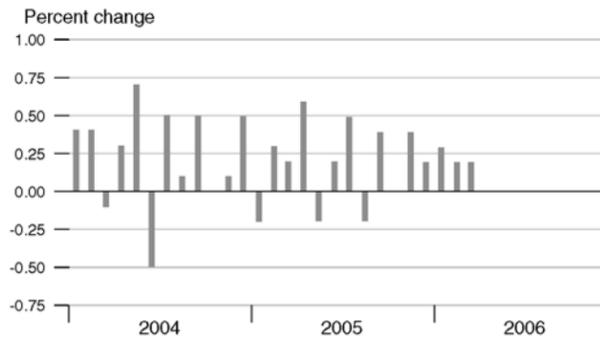
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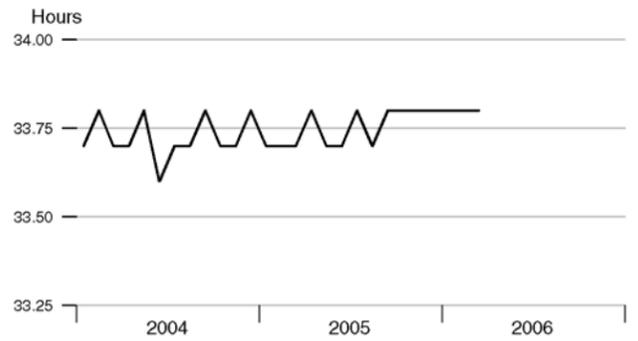
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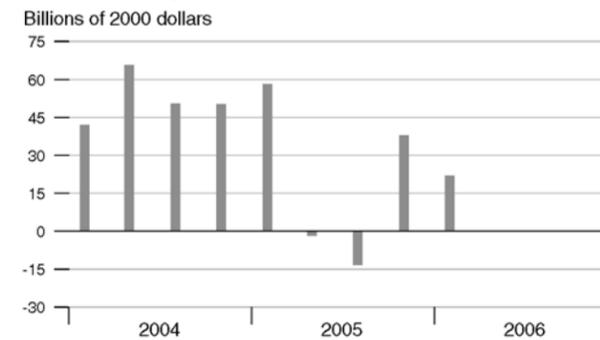
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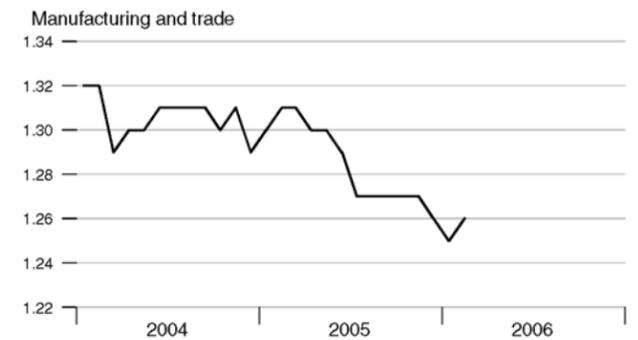
Average Weekly Private Nonfarm Hours



Real Change in Private Inventories



Inventory-Sales Ratio

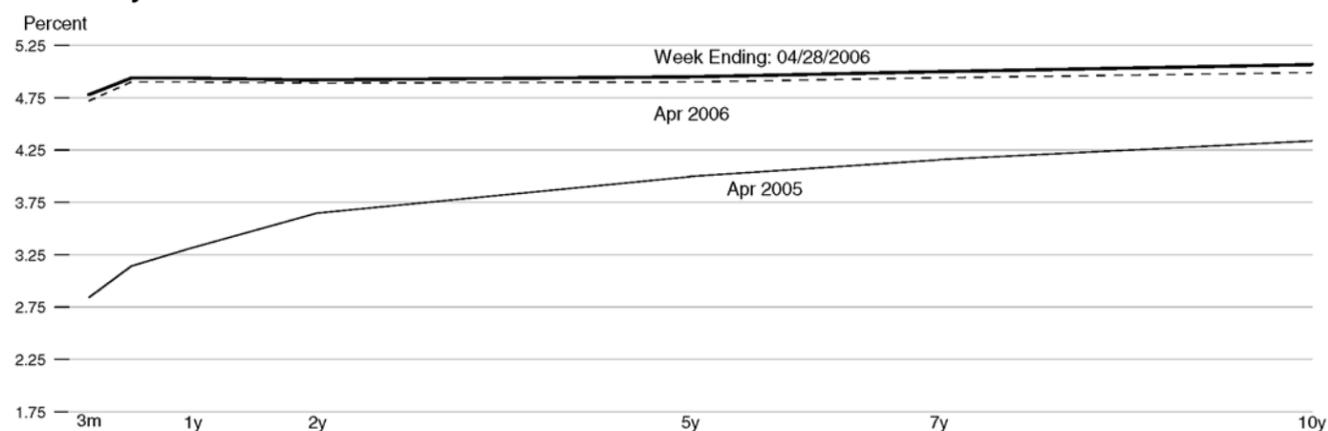


	Nominal GDP			Real GDP			Final Sales			Change in Private Inventories		
	Billions of \$	Percent change		Billions of 2000 \$	Percent change		Billions of 2000 \$	Percent change		Billions of 2000 \$		
		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago	Last qtr	Year/Year ago	
2002	10469.6		3.4	10048.846		1.6	10036.504		1.2		12.482	
2003	10971.2		4.8	10320.580		2.7	10303.551		2.7		15.481	
2004	11734.3		7.0	10755.668		4.2	10702.364		3.9		51.983	
2005	12487.1		6.4	11134.774		3.5	11112.841		3.8		20.283	
2003 1	10717.0	4.8	3.7	10138.573	1.7	1.6	10114.686	1.9	1.3	24.039	21.045	
2003 2	10844.6	4.8	4.0	10230.362	3.7	2.0	10228.200	4.6	2.0	-0.447	20.271	
2003 3	11087.4	9.3	5.3	10410.896	7.2	3.2	10399.496	6.9	3.3	9.330	15.601	
2003 4	11236.0	5.5	6.1	10502.586	3.6	4.0	10471.822	2.8	4.0	29.000	15.481	
2004 1	11457.1	8.1	6.9	10612.536	4.3	4.7	10568.938	3.8	4.5	41.895	19.945	
2004 2	11666.1	7.5	7.6	10704.128	3.5	4.6	10637.359	2.6	4.0	65.588	36.453	
2004 3	11818.8	5.3	6.6	10808.876	4.0	3.8	10757.120	4.6	3.4	50.362	46.711	
2004 4	11995.2	6.1	6.8	10897.130	3.3	3.8	10846.038	3.3	3.6	50.087	51.983	
2005 1	12198.8	7.0	6.5	10999.325	3.8	3.6	10940.325	3.5	3.5	58.165	56.051	
2005 2	12378.0	6.0	6.1	11089.150	3.3	3.6	11089.172	5.6	4.2	-1.687	39.232	
2005 3	12605.7	7.6	6.7	11202.340	4.1	3.6	11214.399	4.6	4.3	-13.291	23.319	
2005 4	12766.1	5.2	6.4	11248.283	1.7	3.2	11207.469	-0.2	3.3	37.944	20.283	
2006 1	13020.9	8.2	6.7	11381.401	4.8	3.5	11355.340	5.4	3.8	21.908	11.219	
	Consumption			Durables Consumption			Private Fixed Investment			Nonresidential Fixed Investment		
	Billions of 2000 \$	Percent change		Billions of 2000 \$	Percent change		Billions of 2000 \$	Percent change		Billions of 2000 \$	Percent change	
		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago
2002	7099.261		2.7	964.784		7.1	1544.608		-5.2	1071.522		-9.2
2003	7306.564		2.9	1028.515		6.6	1600.014		3.6	1085.001		1.3
2004	7588.607		3.9	1089.906		6.0	1755.101		9.7	1186.660		9.4
2005	7856.919		3.5	1138.421		4.5	1897.079		8.1	1289.027		8.6
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2003 2	7256.827	3.6	2.4	1014.028	15.1	6.0	1573.738	8.8	1.8	1072.915	8.4	-0.0
2003 3	7360.681	5.8	3.3	1060.950	19.8	7.9	1628.993	14.8	5.6	1101.758	11.2	3.2
2003 4	7416.416	3.1	3.8	1060.026	-0.3	9.2	1656.343	6.9	7.7	1113.721	4.4	5.6
2004 1	7501.399	4.7	4.3	1071.552	4.4	9.4	1684.399	6.9	9.3	1135.060	7.9	7.9
2004 2	7536.579	1.9	3.9	1072.519	0.4	5.8	1744.540	15.1	10.9	1171.641	13.5	9.2
2004 3	7617.519	4.4	3.5	1100.421	10.8	3.7	1780.168	8.4	9.3	1204.845	11.8	9.4
2004 4	7698.796	4.3	3.8	1115.124	5.5	5.2	1811.279	7.2	9.4	1235.105	10.4	10.9
2005 1	7764.909	3.5	3.5	1122.315	2.6	4.7	1842.206	7.0	9.4	1252.194	5.7	10.3
2005 2	7829.540	3.4	3.9	1143.898	7.9	6.7	1884.684	9.5	8.0	1278.967	8.8	9.2
2005 3	7907.851	4.1	3.8	1169.738	9.3	6.3	1921.471	8.0	7.9	1305.198	8.5	8.3
2005 4	7925.374	0.9	2.9	1117.731	-16.6	0.2	1939.956	3.9	7.1	1319.748	4.5	6.9
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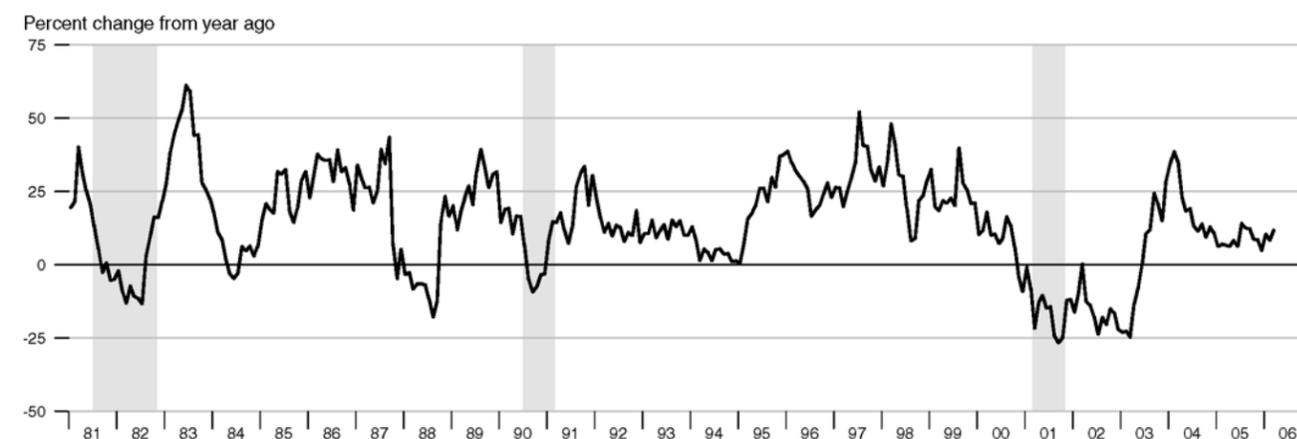
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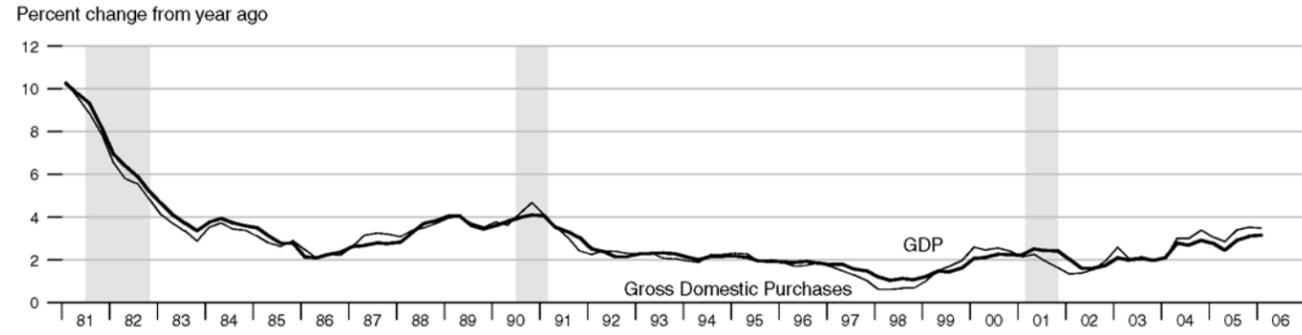
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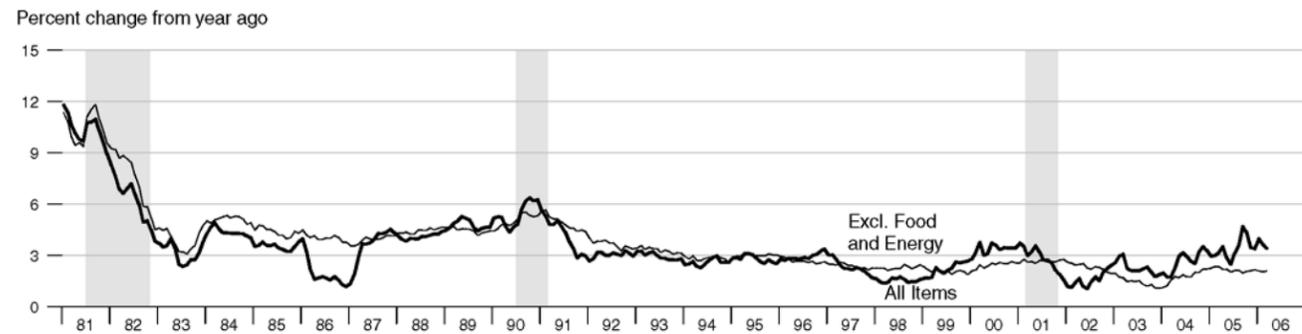
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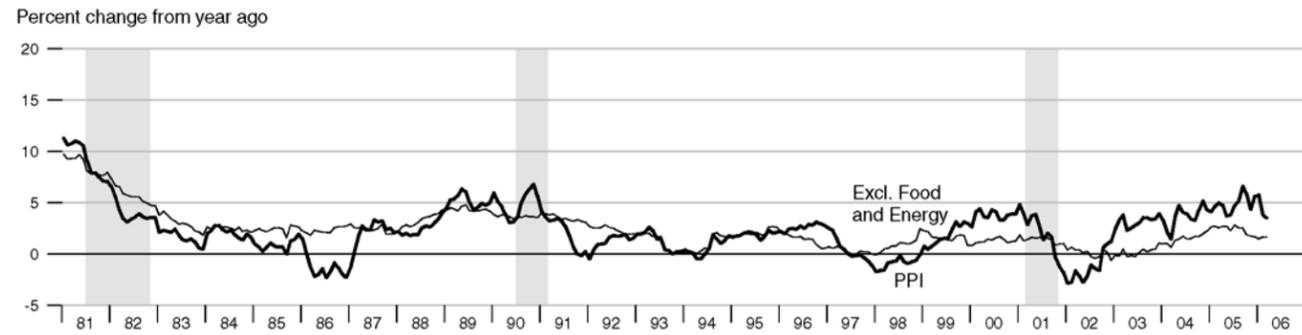
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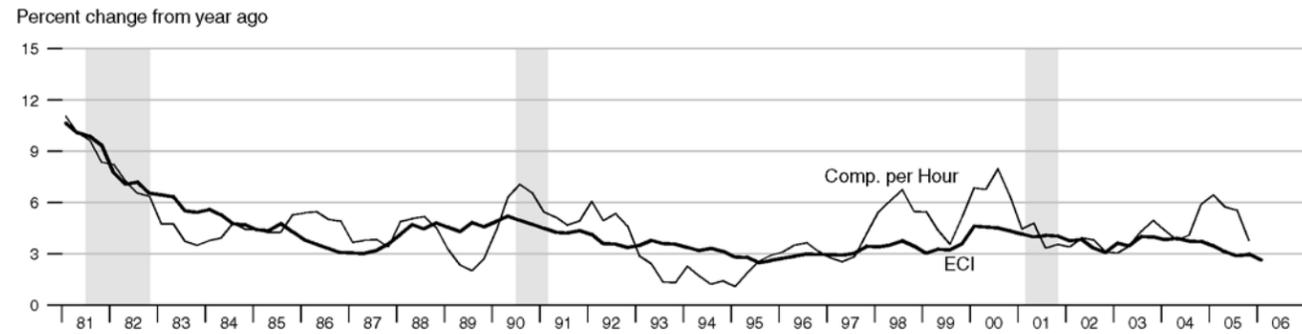
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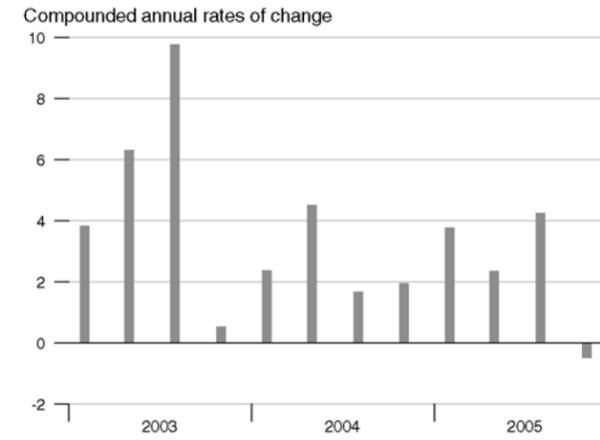
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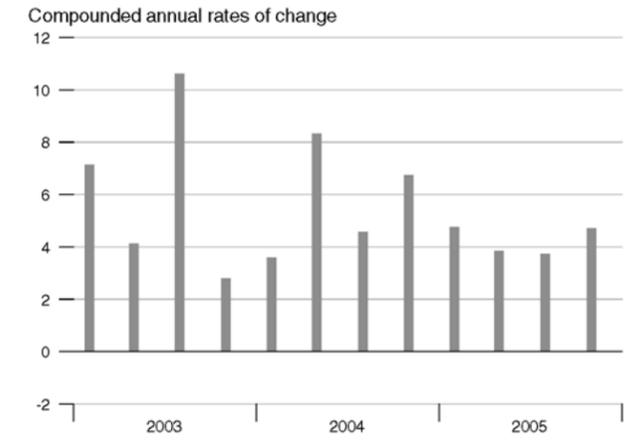
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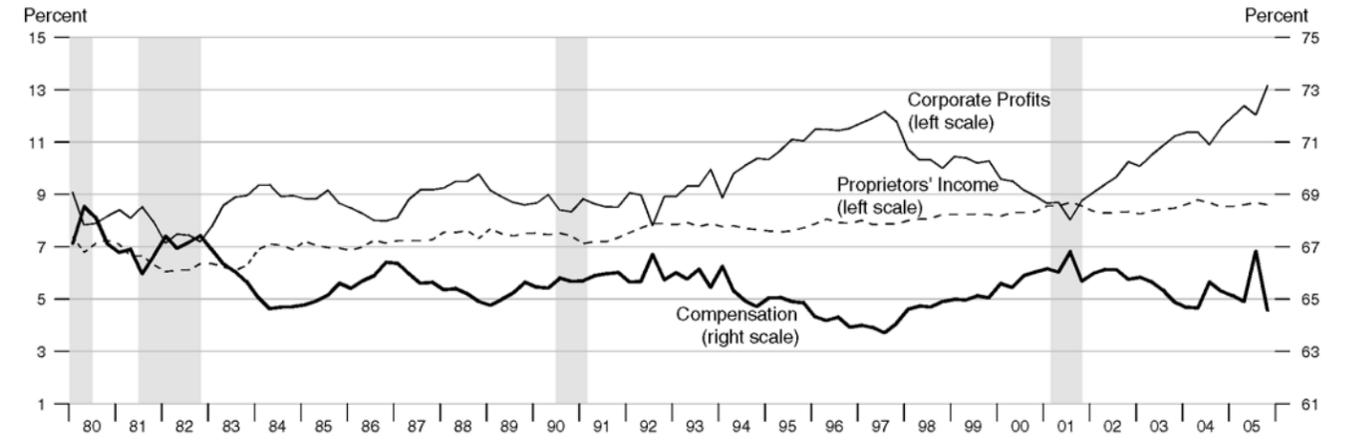
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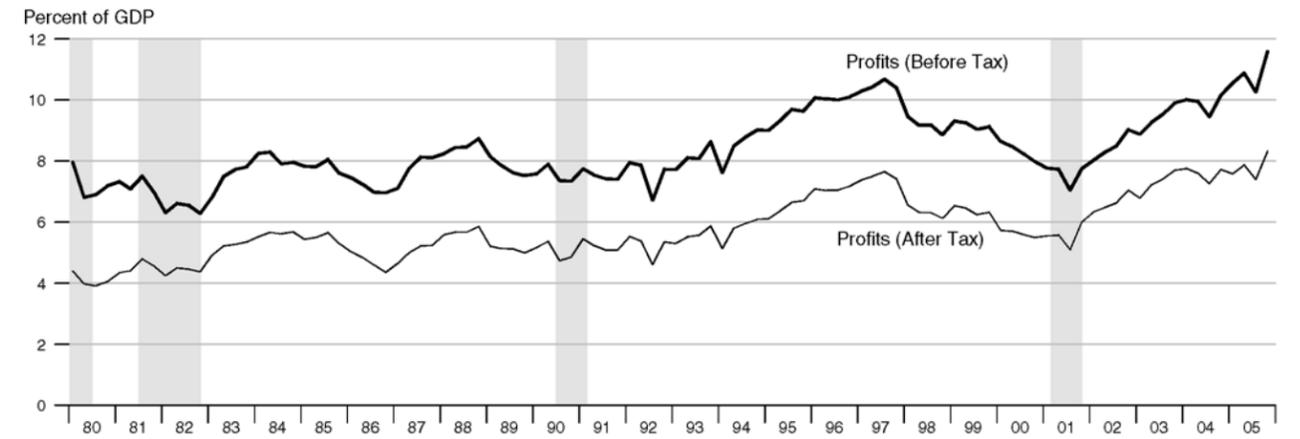
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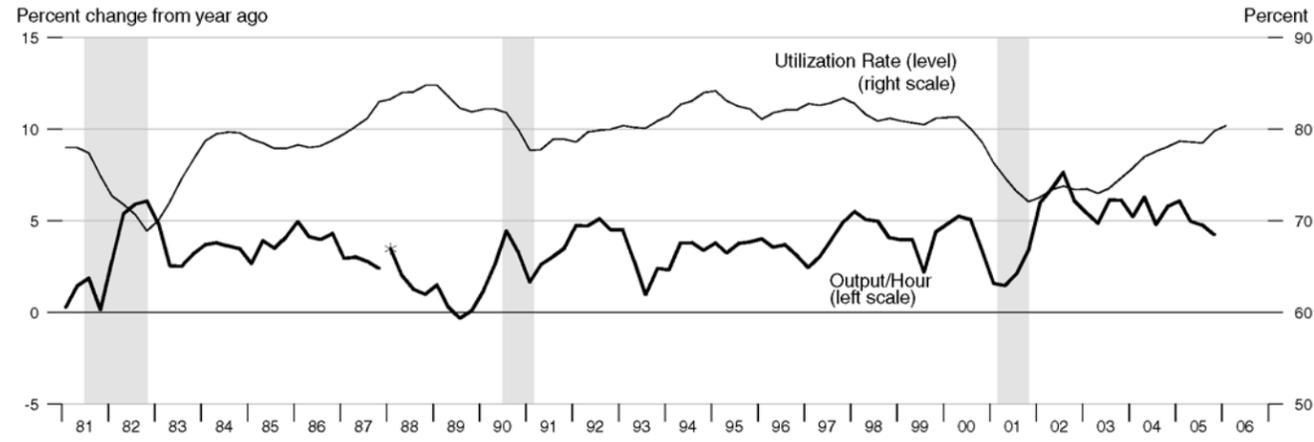
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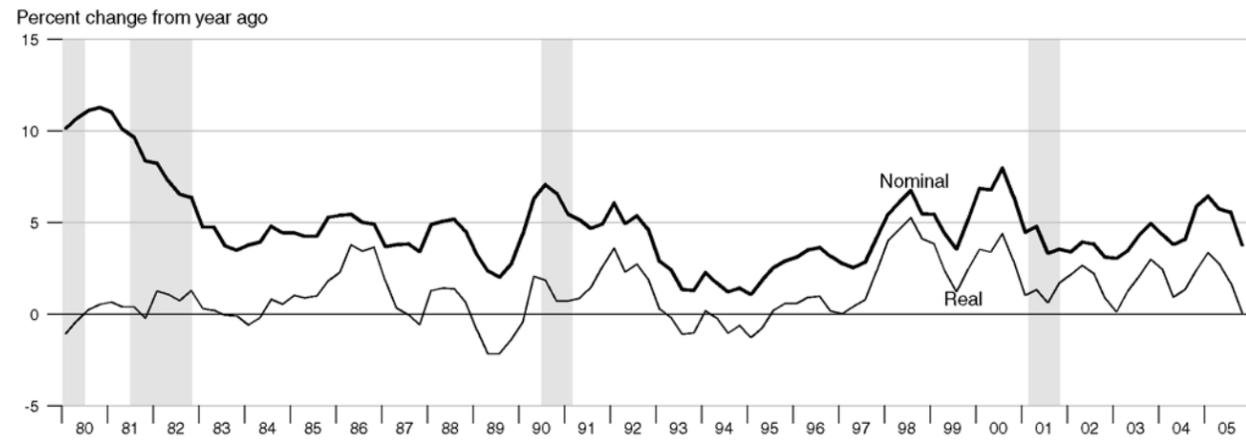


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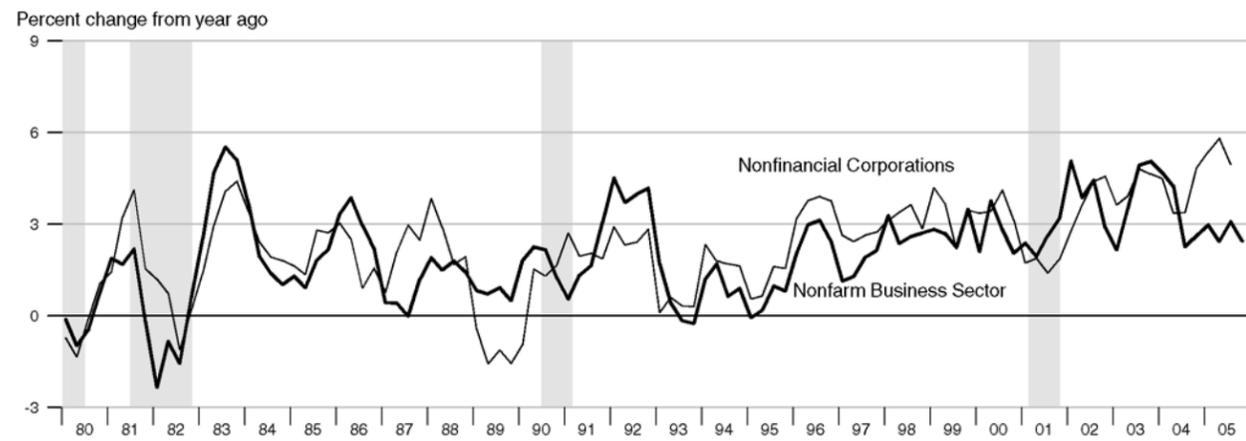


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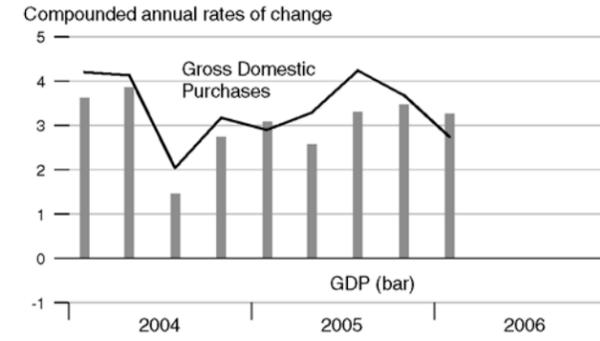
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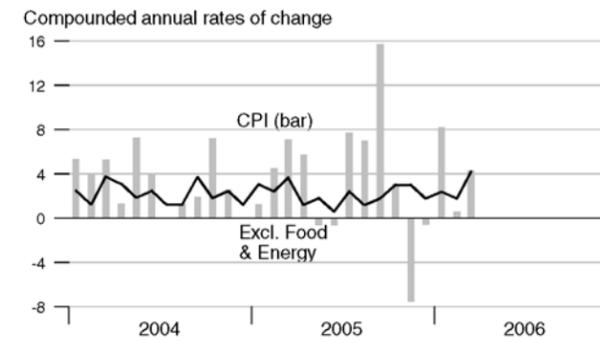
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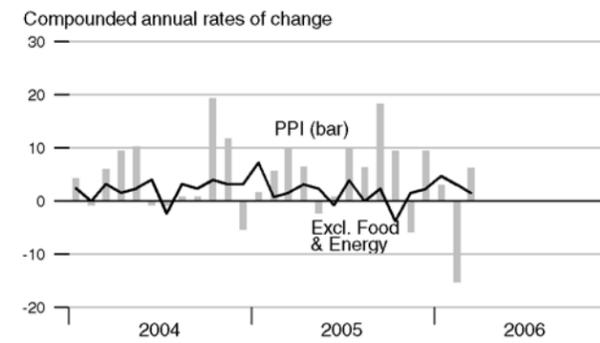
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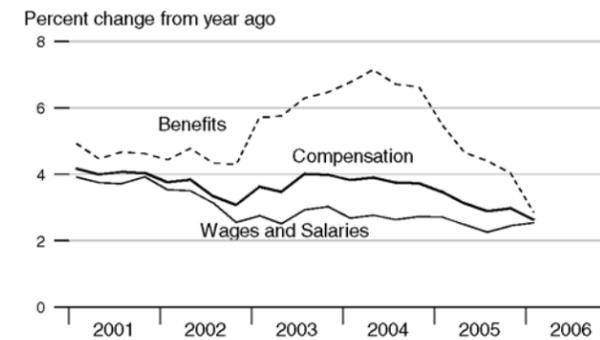
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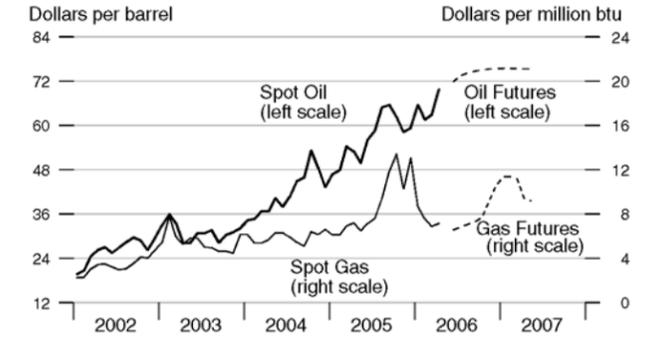
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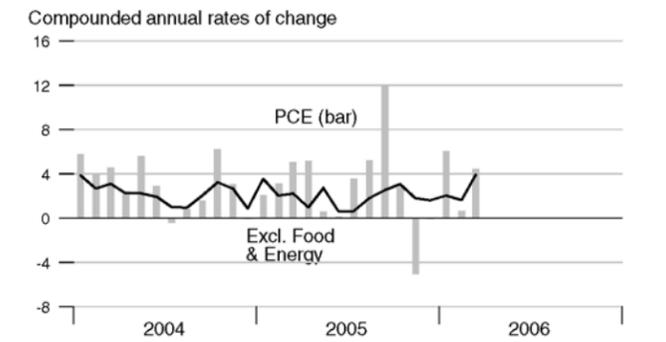


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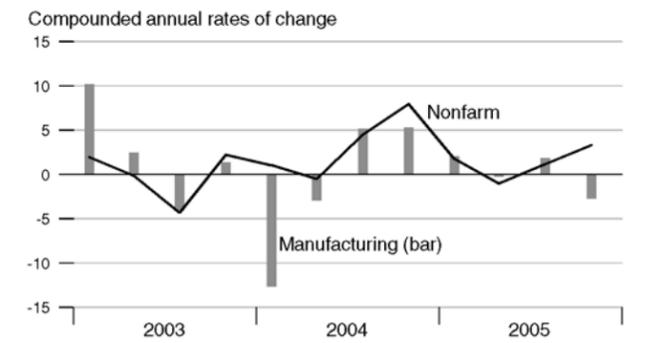


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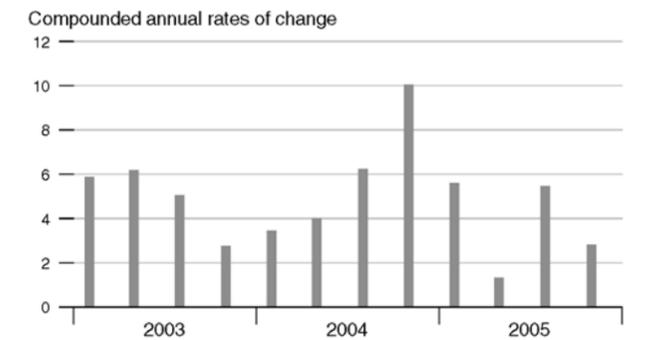
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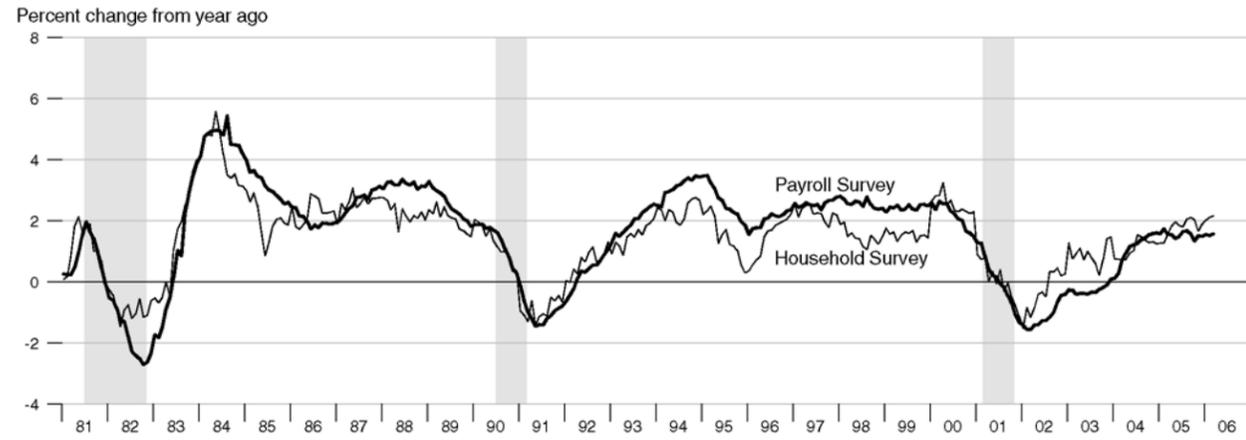
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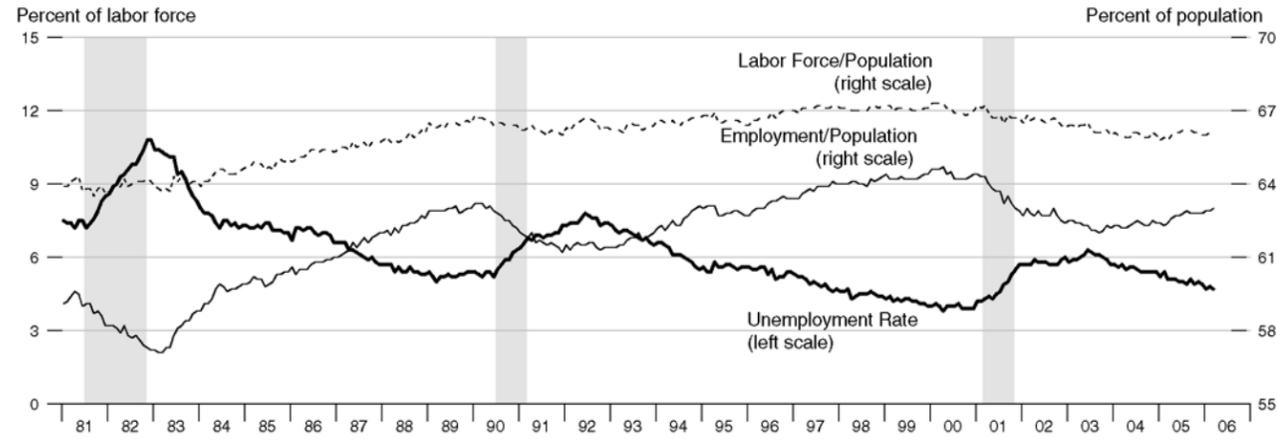
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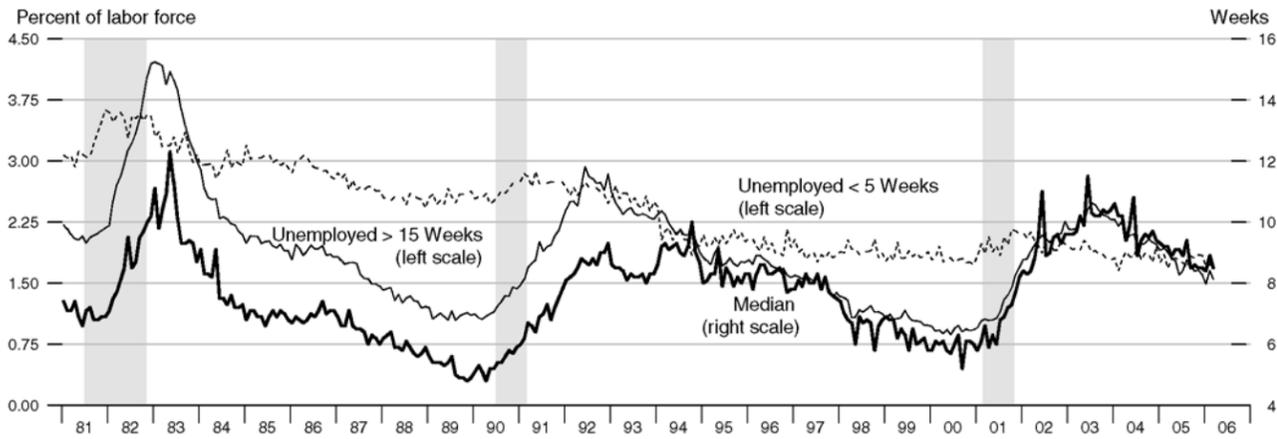
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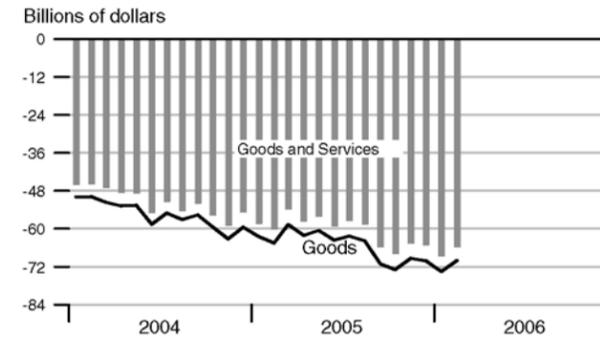
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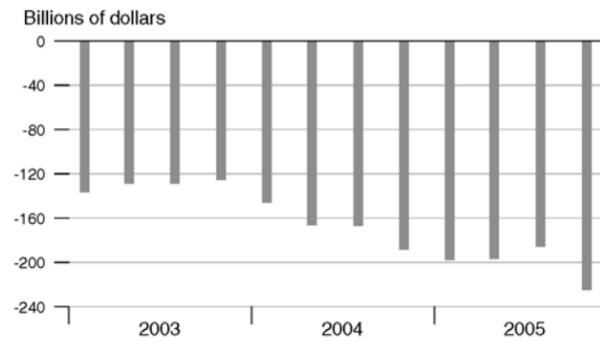
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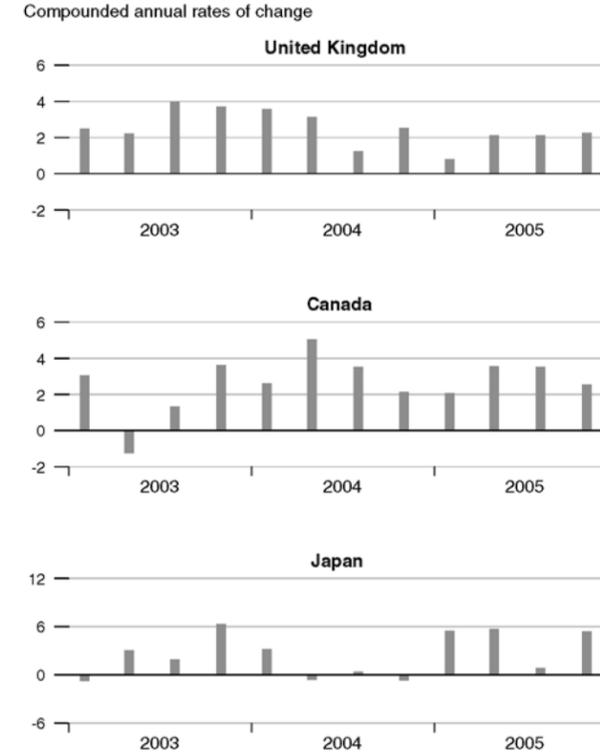
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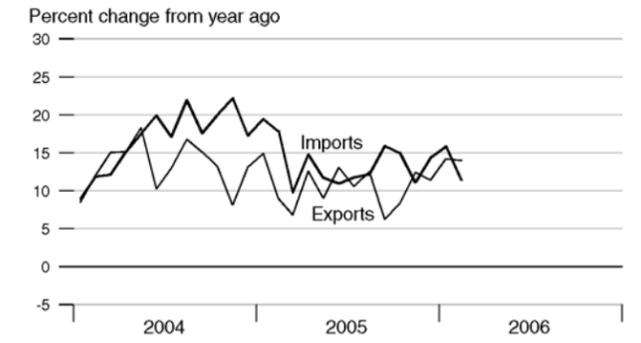
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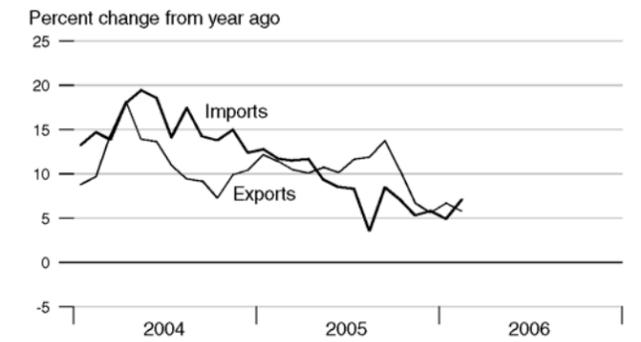
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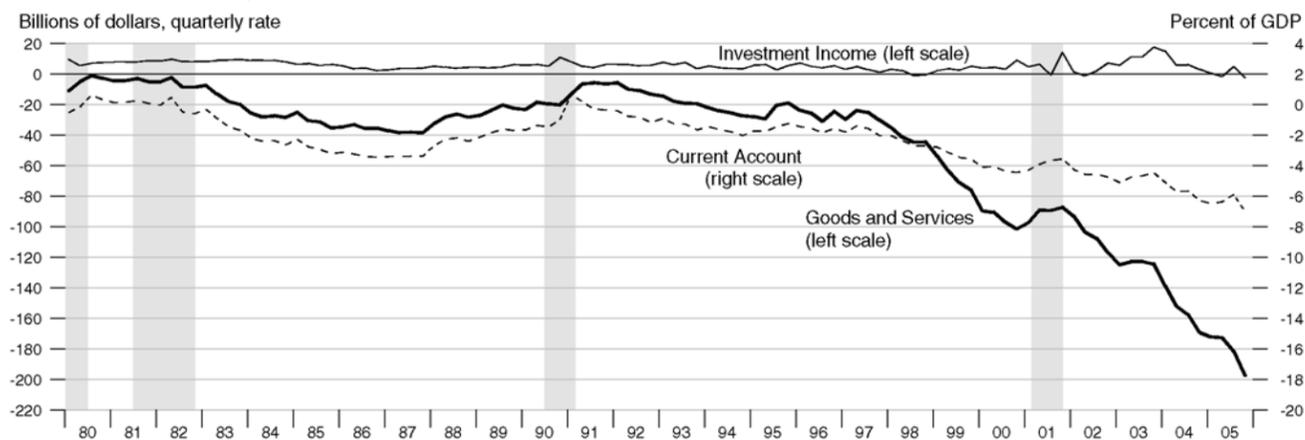
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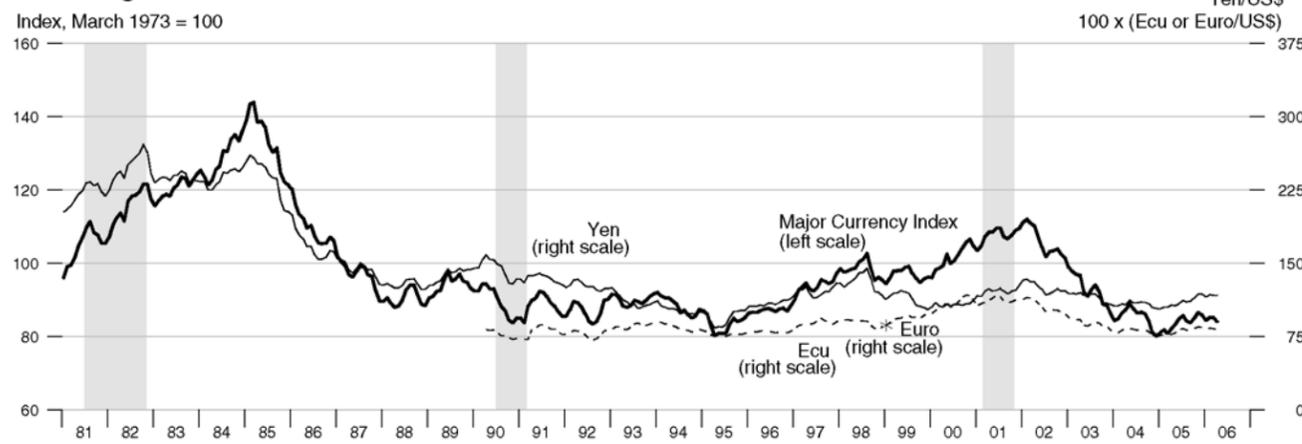
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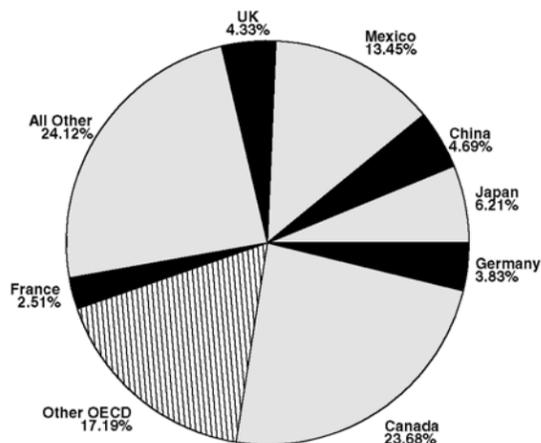
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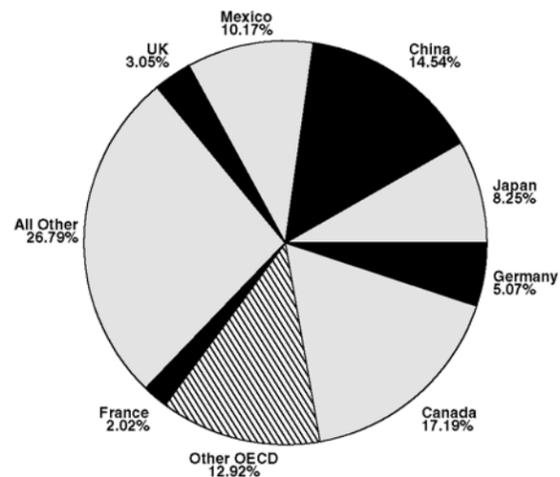
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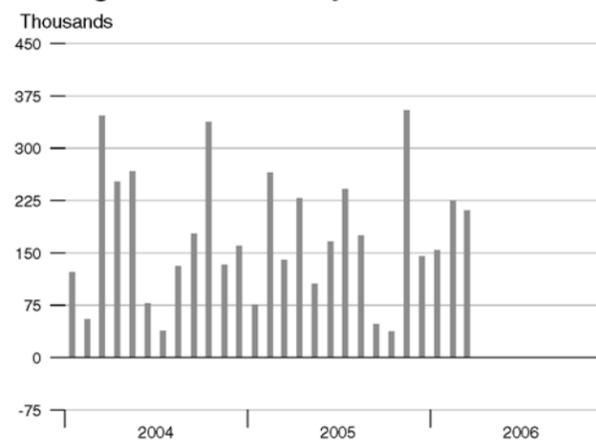
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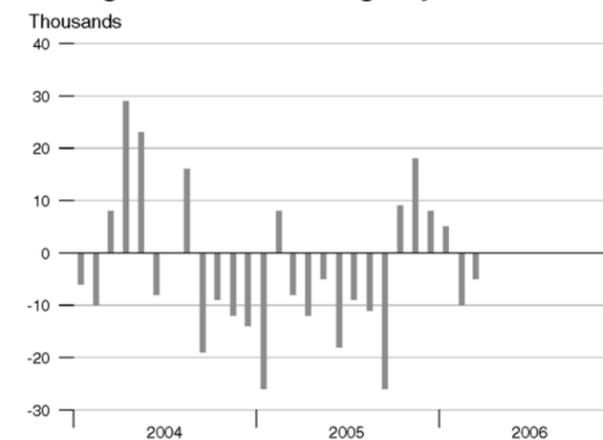
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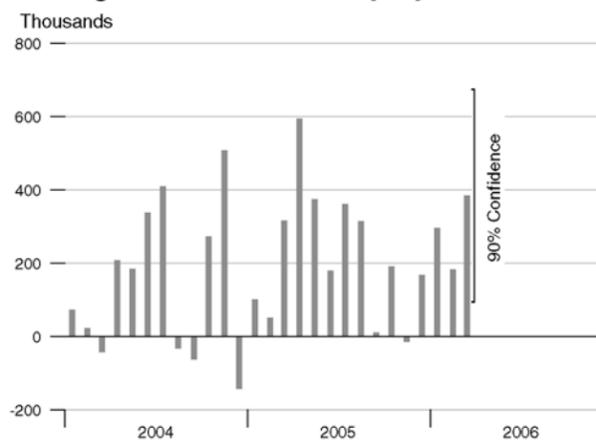
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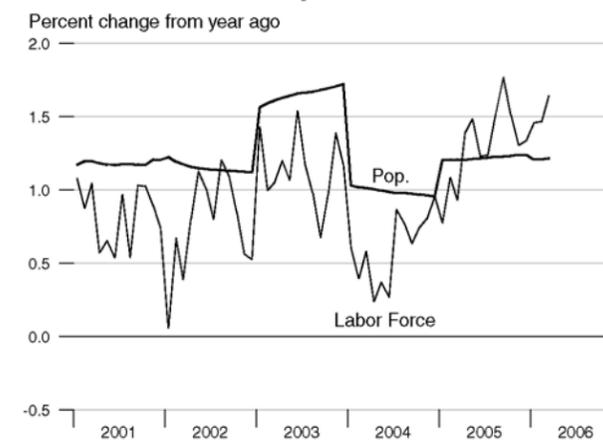
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Change in Household Employment



Labor Force and Population



Available Labor Supply and Components

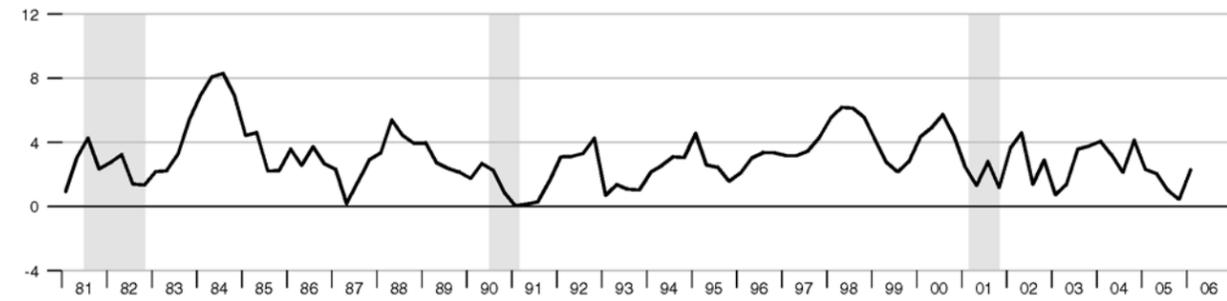


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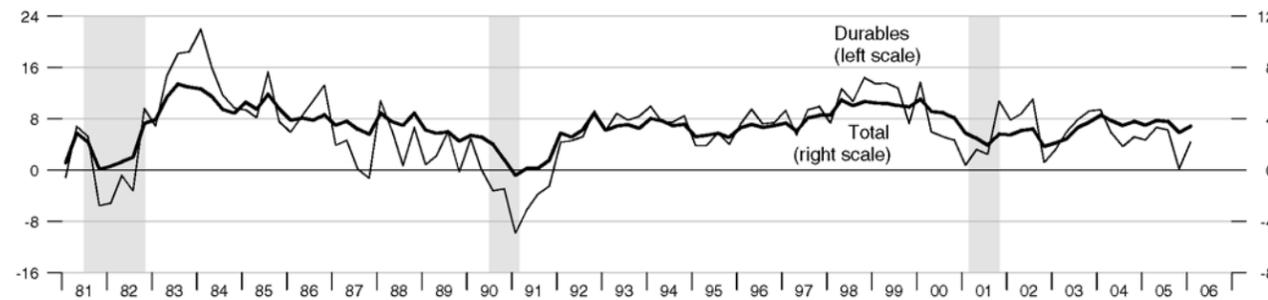
Real Disposable Personal Income

Percent change from year ago, quarterly data



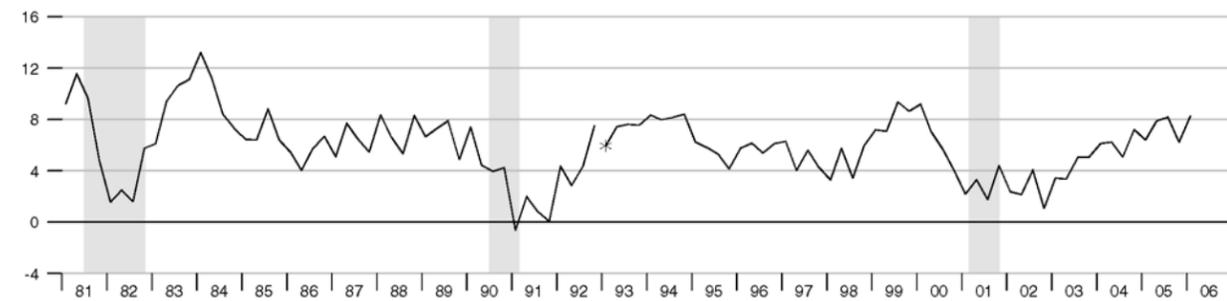
Real Consumption

Percent change from year ago, quarterly data



Retail and Food Services Sales

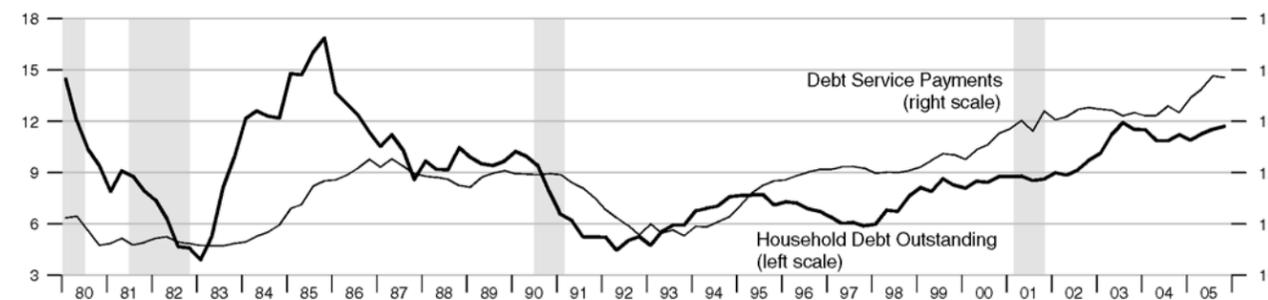
Percent change from year ago, quarterly average



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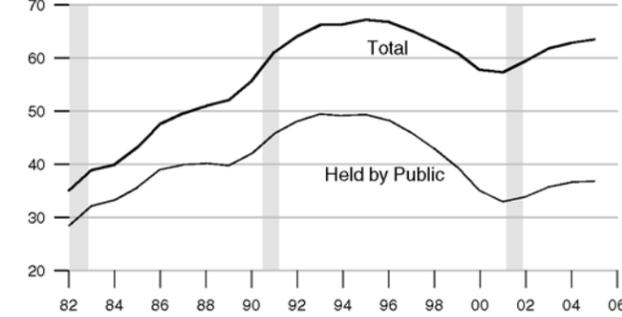
Debt Service Payments and Household Debt Outstanding

Percent change from year ago, quarterly data



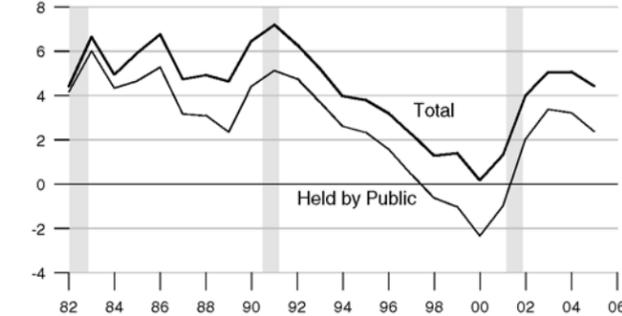
Federal Debt

Percent of GDP



Change in Federal Debt

Percent of GDP



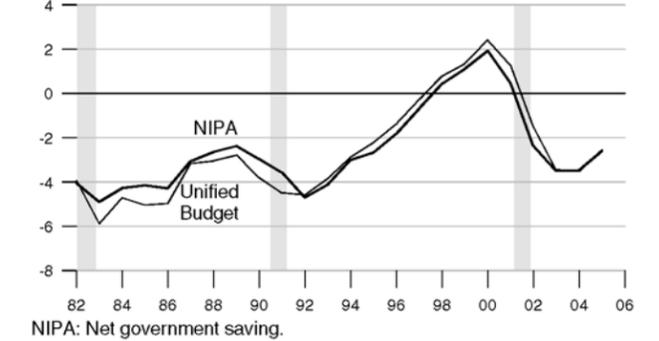
Federal Government Debt

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
2003		6783.2	2859.3	3923.9	656.1	3268.0	1454.2
2004		7379.1	3075.7	4303.4	700.3	3607.0	1836.6
2005		7932.7	3331.1	4601.4	736.4	3864.9	2070.0
2002	March	6006.0	2562.4	3443.7	575.4	2849.2	1067.1
	June	6126.5	2662.9	3463.5	590.7	2849.8	1135.4
	September	6228.2	2675.7	3552.6	604.2	2924.8	1200.8
	December	6405.7	2758.3	3647.4	629.4	3018.5	1246.8
2003	March	6460.8	2750.0	3710.8	641.5	3069.9	1286.3
	June	6670.1	2853.8	3816.3	652.1	3164.7	1382.8
	September	6783.2	2859.3	3923.9	656.1	3268.0	1454.2
	December	6998.0	2954.5	4044.1	666.7	3377.9	1533.0
2004	March	7131.1	2954.4	4176.7	674.1	3502.8	1677.1
	June	7274.3	3055.6	4218.7	687.4	3531.5	1777.5
	September	7379.1	3075.7	4303.4	700.3	3607.0	1836.6
	December	7596.1	3189.8	4406.4	717.8	3667.1	1890.7
2005	March	7776.9	3204.5	4572.4	717.3	3855.4	1983.5
	June	7836.5	3308.9	4527.6	724.7	3803.0	2017.2
	September	7932.7	3331.1	4601.4	736.4	3864.9	2070.0
	December	8170.4	3455.8	4714.6	744.2	3970.6	2180.0

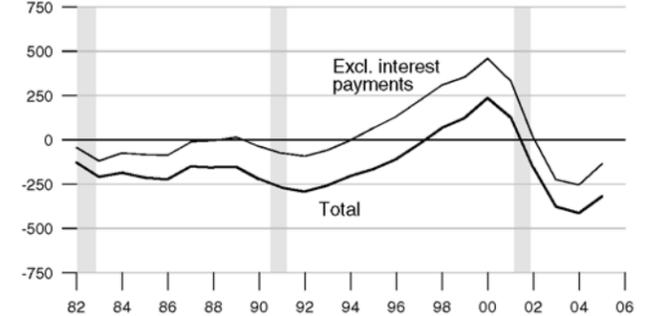
Federal Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)

Percent of GDP

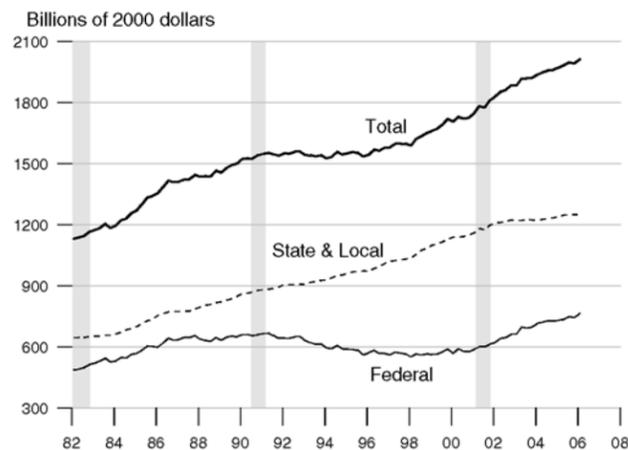


Federal Surplus (+) / Deficit (-), Unified Basis

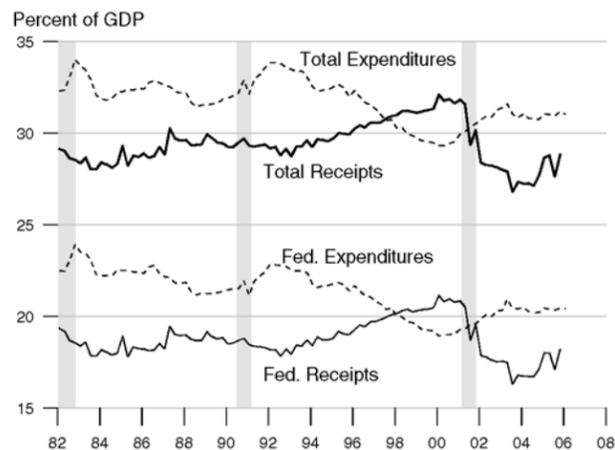
Billions of dollars, fiscal years



Govt. Consumption and Investment



Govt. Current Receipts and Expenditures

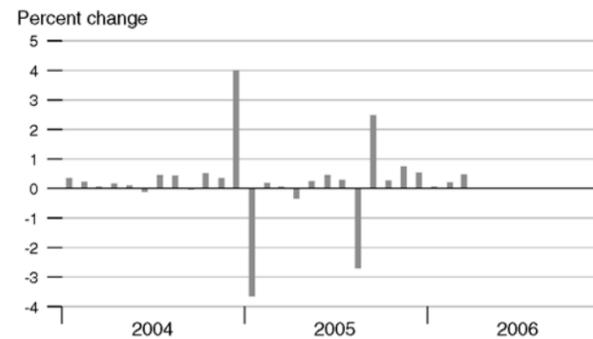


Government Budgets

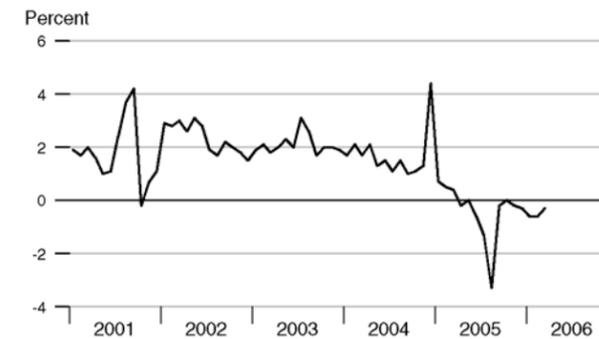
Billions of dollars

	National Income Accounts Calendar Years			Unified Budget Fiscal Years		
	State and Local	Federal		Federal		
	Receipts	Expenditures	Surplus or Deficit (-)	Receipts	Expenditures	Surplus or Deficit (-)
1991	789.2	793.3	-4.1	1101.3	1315.0	-213.7
1992	845.7	845.0	0.7	1147.2	1444.6	-297.4
1993	886.9	886.0	0.9	1222.5	1496.0	-273.5
1994	942.9	932.4	10.5	1320.8	1533.1	-212.3
1995	990.2	978.2	12.0	1406.5	1603.5	-197.0
1996	1043.3	1017.5	25.8	1524.0	1665.8	-141.8
1997	1097.4	1058.3	39.1	1653.1	1708.9	-55.8
1998	1163.2	1111.2	52.0	1773.8	1734.9	38.9
1999	1236.7	1186.3	50.4	1891.2	1787.6	103.6
2000	1319.5	1269.5	50.0	2053.8	1864.4	189.4
2001	1373.0	1368.2	4.8	2016.2	1969.5	46.7
2002	1410.1	1444.3	-34.2	1853.2	2101.1	-247.9
2003	1488.6	1512.4	-23.8	1868.6	2251.4	-382.8
2004	1581.7	1587.5	-5.8	1974.8	2381.3	-406.5
2005	1689.4	1686.4	3.0	2225.4	2548.4	-323.0
2004Q1	1546.8	1553.2	-6.4	1917.8	2347.2	-429.4
2004Q2	1579.7	1581.3	-1.6	1951.4	2364.9	-413.5
2004Q3	1574.5	1593.8	-19.3	1975.4	2387.0	-411.6
2004Q4	1625.7	1621.7	4.0	2054.6	2426.2	-371.6
2005Q1	1656.7	1649.4	7.3	2196.6	2494.9	-298.3
2005Q2	1694.9	1673.7	21.2	2227.9	2525.2	-297.3
2005Q3	1684.3	1690.8	-6.5	2155.8	2563.7	-407.9
2005Q4	1721.5	1731.7	-10.2	2321.4	2610.0	-288.6
2006Q1		1732.8			2658.4	

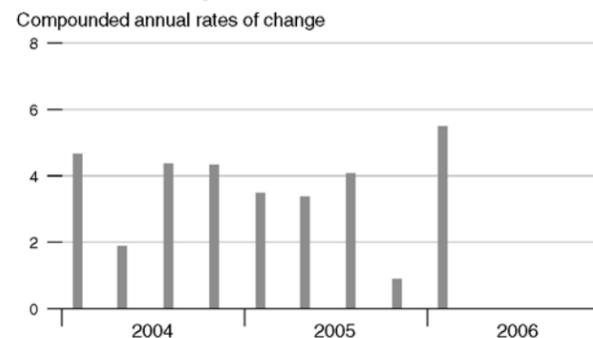
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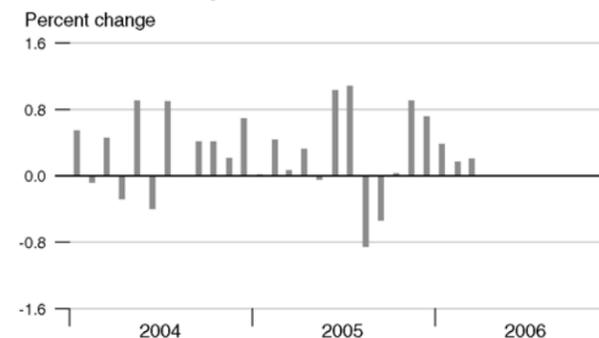
Personal Saving Rate



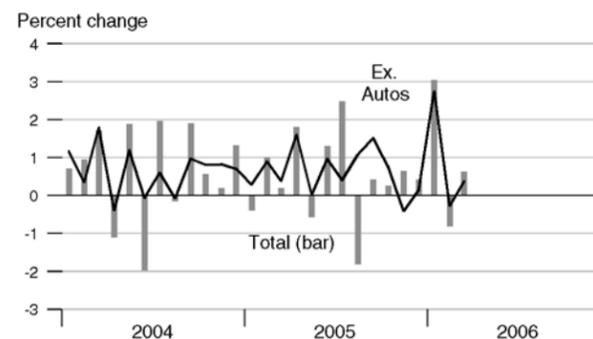
Real Consumption



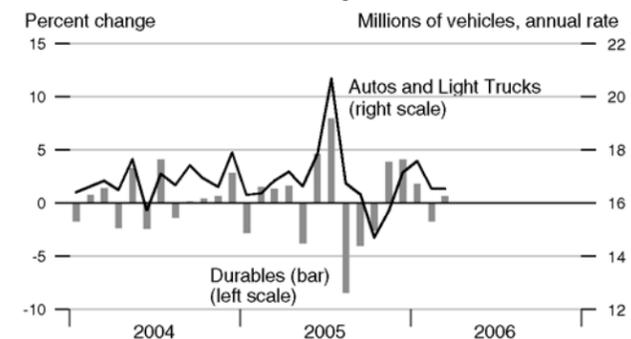
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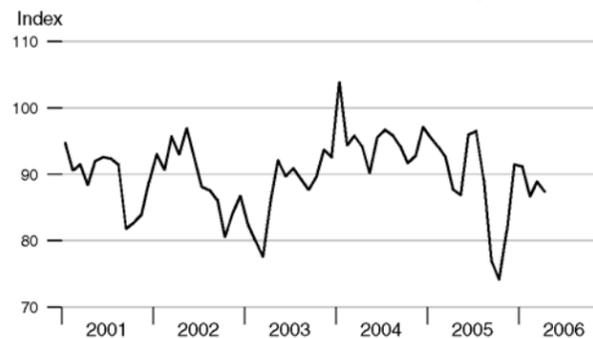
Retail & Food Services



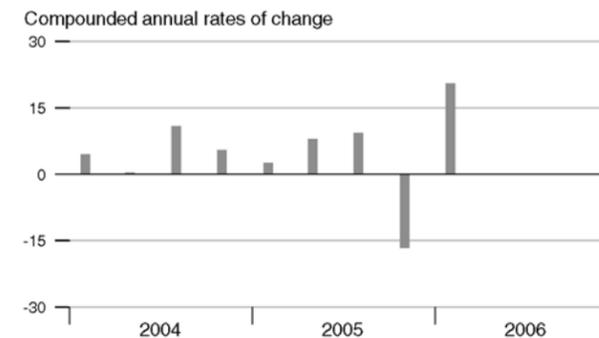
Real Durables Consumption & Vehicle Sales



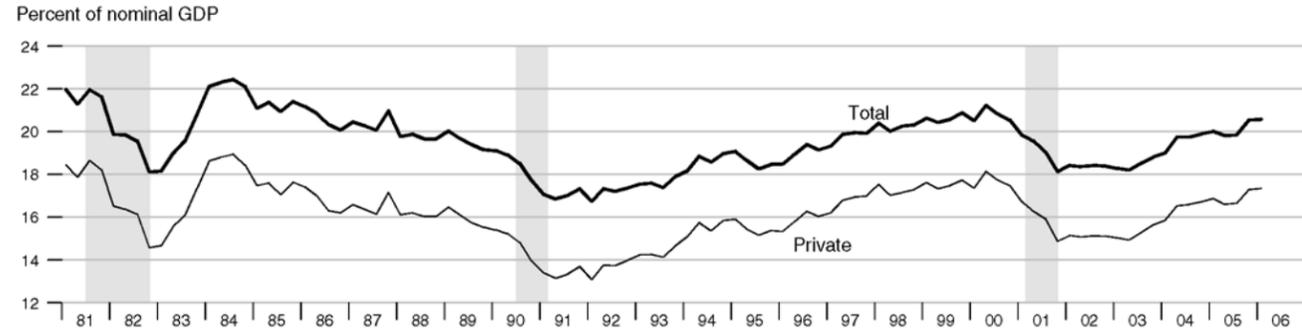
Consumer Sentiment (U. of Michigan)



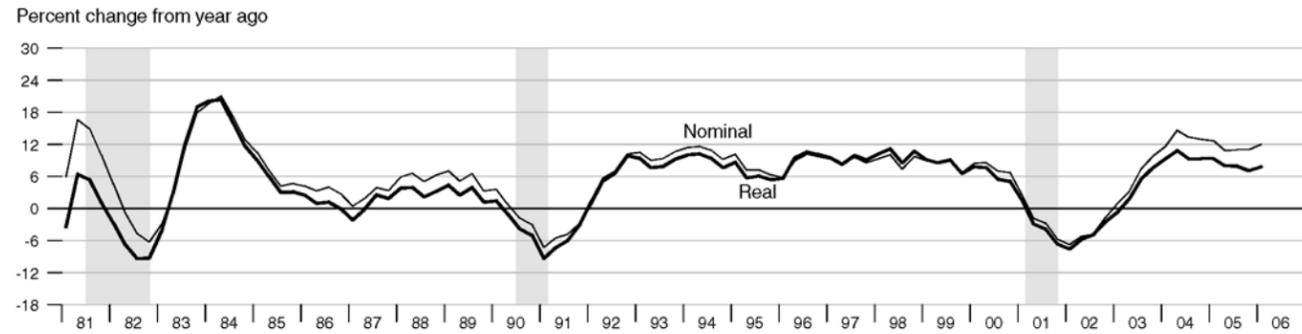
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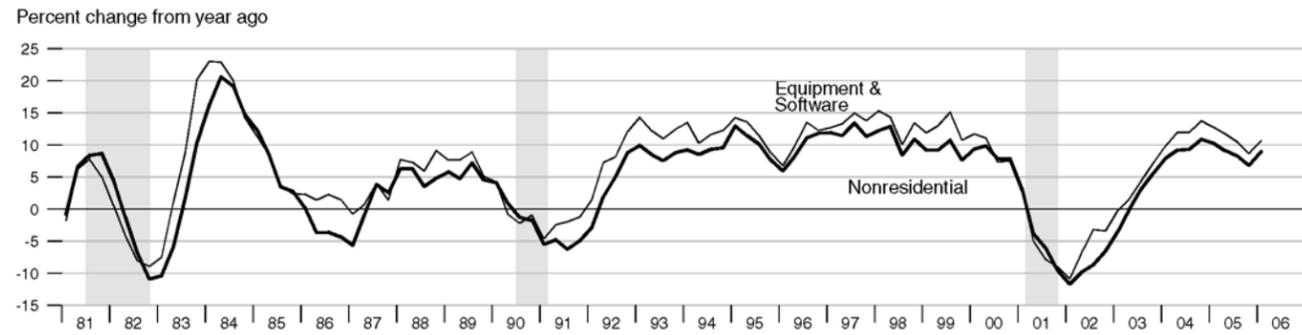
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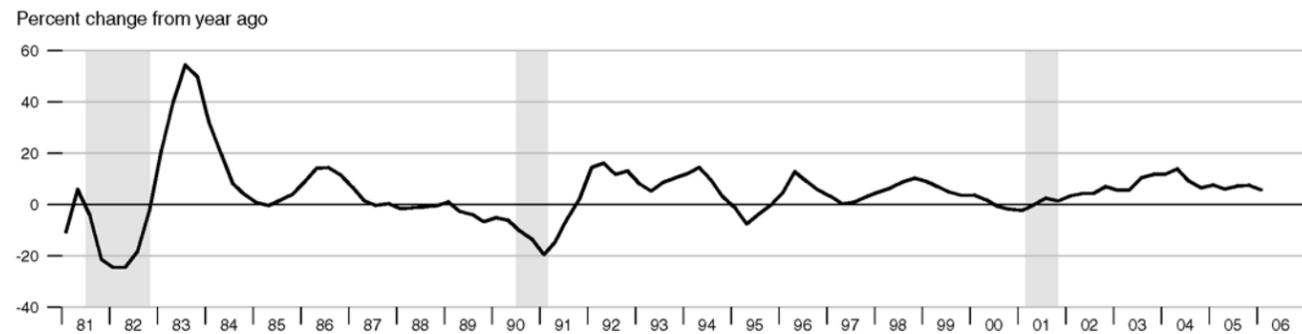
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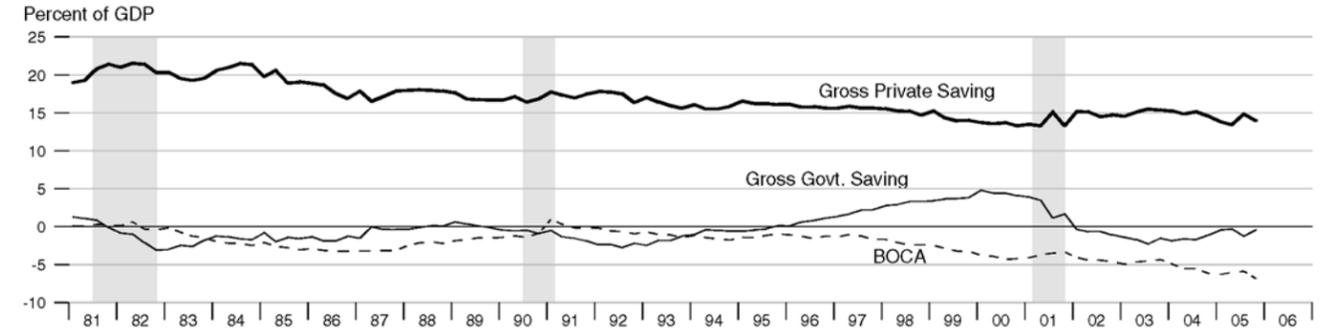
Real Nonresidential Fixed and Equipment & Software Investment



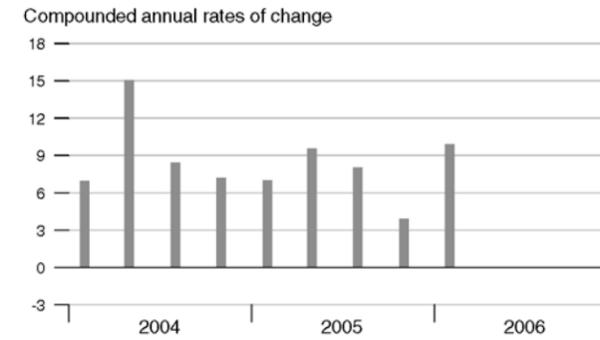
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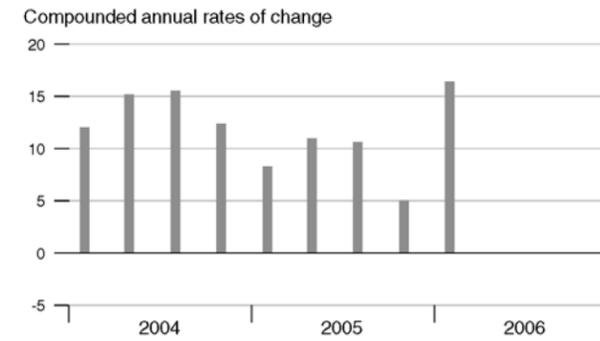
Gross Saving Rates and Balance on Current Account (NIPA)



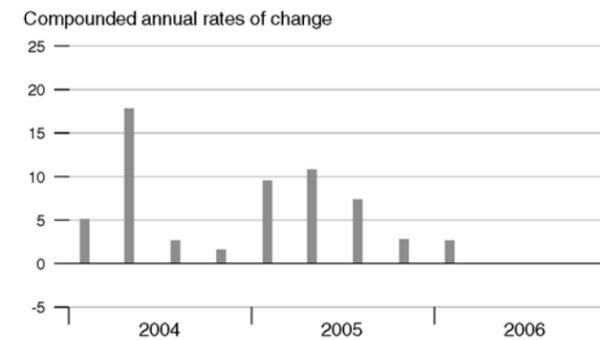
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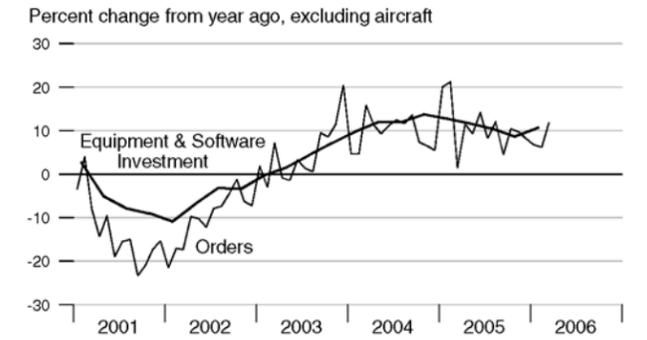
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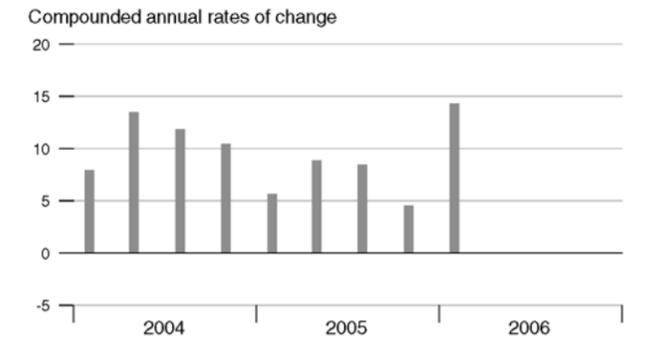
Real Residential Fixed Investment



Nondefense Capital Goods Orders



Real Nonresidential Fixed Investment



Housing Starts and New Home Sales

