

Recent Movements in the Baltic Dry Index

The Baltic Dry Index (BDI) is an index published daily by the Baltic Exchange in London, the leading global marketplace for brokering shipping contracts. Exchange members include companies from the international bulk-shipping industry, shipbrokers, freight derivative brokers, trading houses, shipowners, and other cargo interests.¹ Every day, the Baltic Exchange asks brokers around the world the cost of booking cargo of various sizes to move raw materials across various ocean routes. The exchange uses this information to compute the BDI—an indicator of maritime transportation costs for major raw materials.

The BDI has generated interest as a leading indicator of economic activity because manufacturers increase their demand for raw materials to meet expected increases in the demand for finished products.² Likewise, a slowdown in economic activity reduces the demand for raw materials when manufacturers detect increases in unsold inventory. The BDI can be viewed as the equilibrium price of shipping raw materials, determined by the supply of cargo ships and the demand for transporting raw materials by ship. First, the supply of cargo ships is inelastic relative to demand because cargo ships are costly and time-consuming to build. In contrast, companies can simply stop booking cargo ships when demand drops. Second, the index is sensitive to changes in the price of crude oil. Fuel and port-related charges are significantly large components of the total cost of maritime shipping.³ Although port-related expenses such as dockage charges are relatively stable, oil prices are notoriously volatile. As a result, the BDI is sensitive to changes in the demand for raw materials and oil price changes.

Movements in the BDI can be traced to changes in global demand for manufactured goods. In addition, this demand affects the price of crude oil, which in turn affects the cost of maritime shipping. Between January 2006 and October 2007, the BDI increased more than 400 percent, from 2,081 to 10,656 points (see chart). This steady rise was largely due to the significant growth in the global economy for manufactured products. The growth rate of total industrial production (excluding construction) for member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and six major non-members (Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Russia, and South Africa) was more than 6 percent per annum from March 2006 to October 2007. Movements in this data series closely mirror the (lower) growth rate of industrial production of manufactured goods in the United States. Such high growth rates of industrial production around the world are likely to have also contributed

to a surge in crude oil prices, which increased from \$67 per barrel to \$95 per barrel during the same period, thereby exacerbating the rise in the BDI.

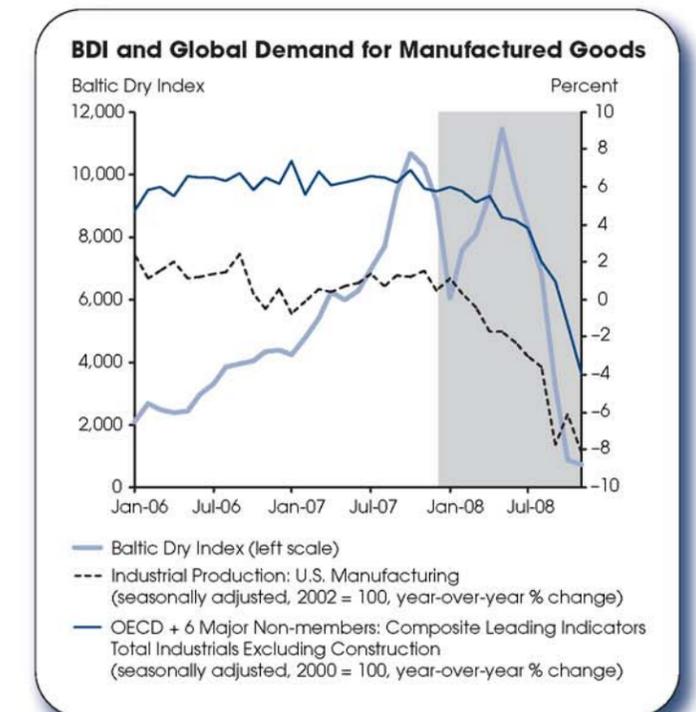
However, the index declined sharply to 6,052 points by late January 2008, only to rise again, this time reaching an all-time high of 11,440 points in June 2008. The growth in industrial production had slowed only marginally over this period. The increase in the BDI could be attributed to the surge in crude oil prices, which had increased by more than 52 percent in the first five months of 2008 to \$140 per barrel at the end of June. However, a sharp slowdown in the growth rate of industrial production worldwide, and the consequent decline in oil prices, contributed to a precipitous decline in the BDI. As of November 31, 2008, the index was at 715 points, its lowest level since January 1987.

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¹ From the Baltic Exchange; www.balticexchange.com.

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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 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 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 $\%(C)$ 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 (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.

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.

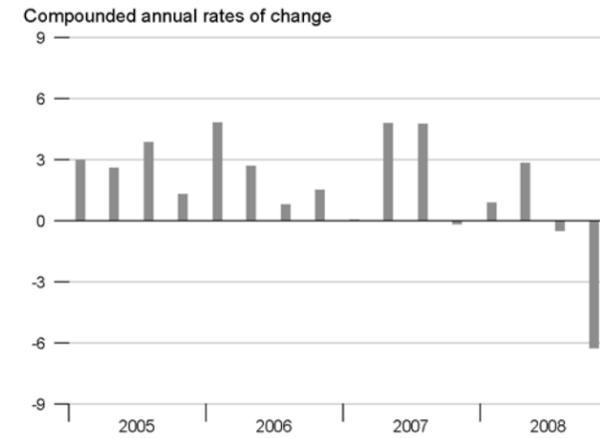
Federal Reserve Board
 Index of industrial production, treasury yields, exchange rates, capacity utilization, household debt.

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

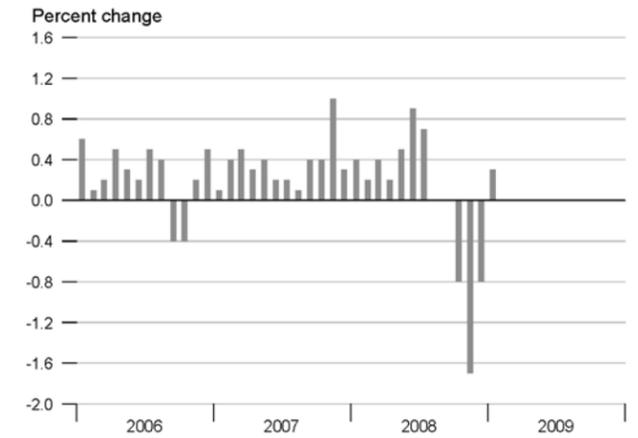
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
 GDP for major trading partners (not available on FRED).

	Consumer Price Index					Consumer Price Index less Food and Energy					Producer Price Index Finished Goods				
	Index	Percent change				Index	Percent change				Index	Percent change			
		Monthly/quarterly	Annual rate	Year ago	Year to date		Monthly/quarterly	Annual rate	Year ago	Year to date		Monthly/quarterly	Annual rate	Year ago	
2004	188.908			2.7		196.642			1.8		148.5			3.6	
2005	195.292			3.4		200.883			2.2		155.8			4.9	
2006	201.583			3.2		205.933			2.5		160.3			2.9	
2007	207.348			2.9		210.730			2.3		166.6			3.9	
2008	215.224			3.8		215.570			2.3		177.2			6.4	
2006	1	199.567	0.5	1.9	3.7	1.9	203.700	0.6	2.5	2.1	2.5	159.6	-0.0	-0.1	4.5
	2	201.233	0.8	3.4	3.9	2.6	205.433	0.9	3.4	2.5	3.0	160.5	0.6	2.4	4.3
	3	203.033	0.9	3.6	3.3	3.0	206.767	0.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	161.1	0.4	1.4	2.8
	4	202.500	-0.3	-1.0	1.9	1.9	207.833	0.5	2.1	2.7	2.7	160.1	-0.6	-2.4	0.3
2007	1	204.426	1.0	3.9	2.4	3.9	208.993	0.6	2.3	2.6	2.3	162.6	1.6	6.4	1.9
	2	206.542	1.0	4.2	2.6	4.0	210.097	0.5	2.1	2.3	2.2	166.0	2.0	8.5	3.4
	3	207.747	0.6	2.4	2.3	3.5	211.204	0.5	2.1	2.1	2.2	166.9	0.6	2.4	3.6
	4	210.679	1.4	5.8	4.0	4.0	212.627	0.7	2.7	2.3	2.3	171.0	2.4	10.1	6.8
2008	1	213.007	1.1	4.5	4.2	4.5	213.942	0.6	2.5	2.4	2.5	174.4	2.0	8.1	7.2
	2	215.358	1.1	4.5	4.3	4.5	215.007	0.5	2.0	2.3	2.3	178.5	2.4	9.9	7.6
	3	218.620	1.5	6.2	5.2	5.1	216.493	0.7	2.8	2.5	2.4	182.7	2.4	9.7	9.5
	4	213.910	-2.2	-8.3	1.5	1.5	216.836	0.2	0.6	2.0	2.0	173.3	-5.2	-19.1	1.3
2007	Jan	203.574	0.1	1.6	2.1	1.6	208.588	0.2	2.9	2.7	2.9	160.8	-0.4	-4.4	0.1
	Feb	204.357	0.4	4.7	2.4	3.2	209.093	0.2	2.9	2.7	2.9	162.8	1.2	16.0	2.5
	Mar	205.348	0.5	6.0	2.8	4.1	209.299	0.1	1.2	2.4	2.3	164.3	0.9	11.6	3.1
	Apr	205.920	0.3	3.4	2.6	3.9	209.726	0.2	2.5	2.4	2.4	165.4	0.7	8.3	3.2
	May	206.682	0.4	4.5	2.7	4.0	210.072	0.2	2.0	2.3	2.3	166.4	0.6	7.5	3.7
	Jun	207.023	0.2	2.0	2.6	3.7	210.492	0.2	2.4	2.2	2.3	166.1	-0.2	-2.1	3.2
	Jul	207.338	0.2	1.8	2.3	3.4	210.866	0.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	167.2	0.7	8.2	4.0
	Aug	207.520	0.1	1.1	1.9	3.1	211.159	0.1	1.7	2.1	2.2	166.2	-0.6	-6.9	2.4
	Sep	208.382	0.4	5.1	2.8	3.3	211.587	0.2	2.5	2.1	2.2	167.4	0.7	9.0	4.5
	Oct	209.133	0.4	4.4	3.6	3.5	212.070	0.2	2.8	2.2	2.3	168.6	0.7	8.9	6.3
	Nov	211.166	1.0	12.3	4.4	4.2	212.644	0.3	3.3	2.3	2.4	172.6	2.4	32.5	7.6
	Dec	211.737	0.3	3.3	4.2	4.2	213.166	0.2	3.0	2.4	2.4	171.8	-0.5	-5.4	6.4
2008	Jan	212.495	0.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	213.714	0.3	3.1	2.5	3.1	173.4	0.9	11.8	7.8
	Feb	212.860	0.2	2.1	4.2	3.2	213.859	0.1	0.8	2.3	2.0	174.1	0.4	5.0	6.9
	Mar	213.667	0.4	4.6	4.1	3.7	214.252	0.2	2.2	2.4	2.1	175.6	0.9	10.8	6.9
	Apr	213.997	0.2	1.9	3.9	3.2	214.496	0.1	1.4	2.3	1.9	176.0	0.2	2.8	6.4
	May	215.044	0.5	6.0	4.0	3.8	214.950	0.2	2.6	2.3	2.0	178.6	1.5	19.2	7.3
	Jun	217.034	0.9	11.7	4.8	5.1	215.575	0.3	3.5	2.4	2.3	181.0	1.3	17.4	9.0
	Jul	218.610	0.7	9.1	5.4	5.6	216.162	0.3	3.3	2.5	2.4	183.4	1.3	17.1	9.7
	Aug	218.576	-0.0	-0.2	5.3	4.9	216.534	0.2	2.1	2.5	2.4	182.5	-0.5	-5.7	9.8
	Sep	218.675	0.0	0.5	4.9	4.4	216.784	0.1	1.4	2.5	2.3	182.3	-0.1	-1.3	8.9
	Oct	216.889	-0.8	-9.4	3.7	2.9	216.758	-0.0	-0.1	2.2	2.0	177.3	-2.7	-28.4	5.2
	Nov	213.263	-1.7	-18.3	1.0	0.8	216.868	0.1	0.6	2.0	1.9	172.9	-2.5	-26.0	0.2
	Dec	211.577	-0.8	-9.1	-0.1	-0.1	216.882	0.0	0.1	1.7	1.7	169.7	-1.9	-20.1	-1.2
2009	Jan	212.174	0.3	3.4	-0.2	3.4	217.265	0.2	2.1	1.7	2.1	171.1	0.8	10.4	-1.3

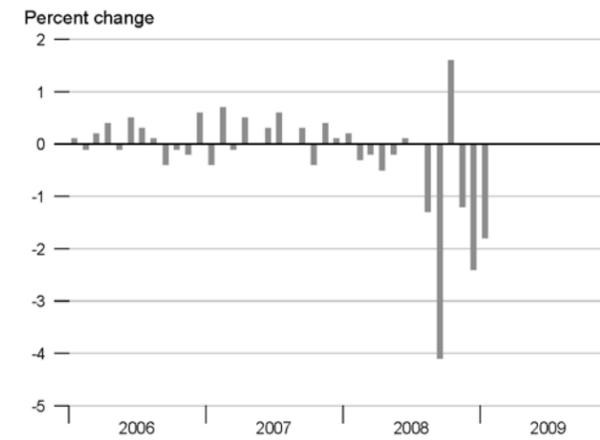
Real GDP Growth



Consumer Price Index



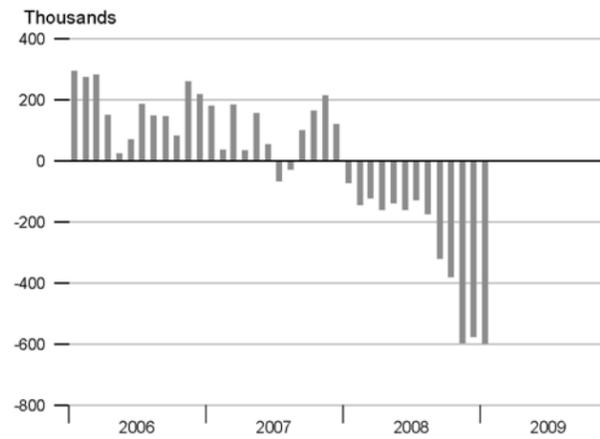
Industrial Production



Interest Rates



Change in Nonfarm Payrolls

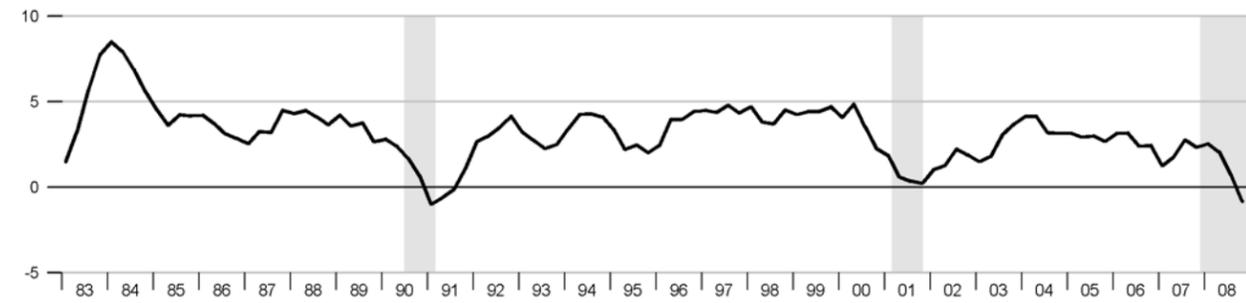


Unemployment Rate



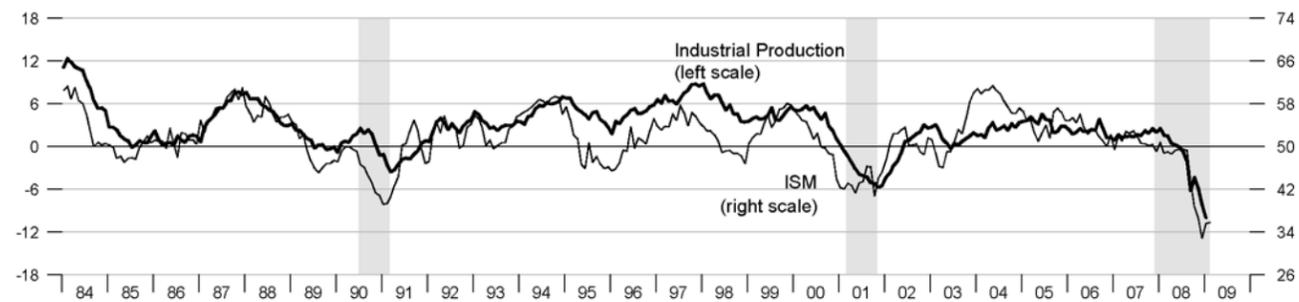
Real Gross Domestic Product

Percent change from year ago



Industrial Production and Institute for Supply Management (ISM) Indexes

Percent change from year ago



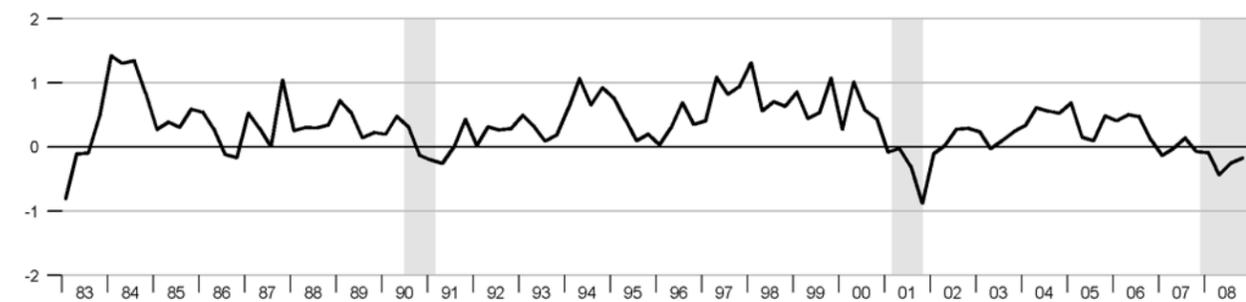
Aggregate Private Nonfarm Hours

Percent change from year ago



Real Change in Private Inventories

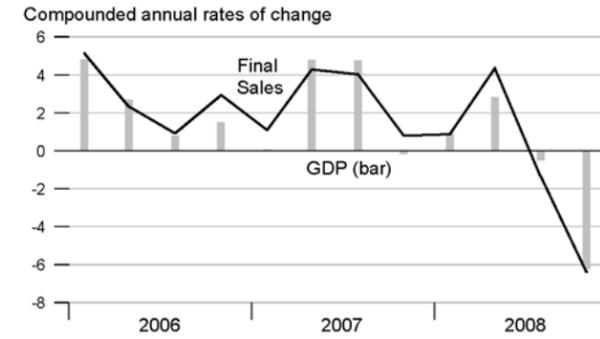
Percent of GDP



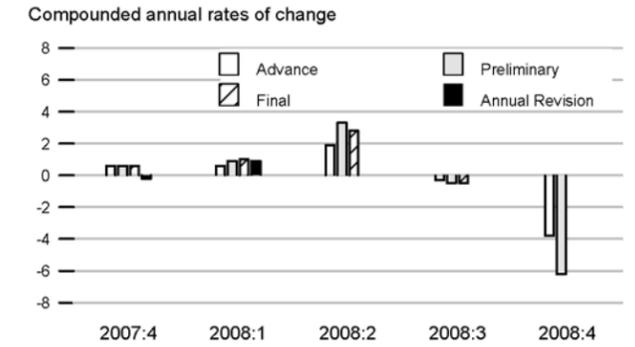
	Unempl. Rate	Retail and Food Services Sales			Industrial Production			Treasury Yields			
		Billions of dollars	Percent change		Index	Percent change		(Percent)			
			Monthly/quarterly	Annual rate	Year ago		Monthly/quarterly	Annual rate	Year ago	3-mo	10-yr
2004	5.5	3832.862			6.1	103.7644			2.5	1.37	4.27
2005	5.1	4078.592			6.4	107.2099			3.3	3.15	4.29
2006	4.6	4313.695			5.8	109.5711			2.2	4.73	4.79
2007	4.6	4496.261			4.2	111.3932			1.7	4.35	4.63
2008	5.8	4475.147			-0.5	109.4164			-1.8	1.37	3.67
2006	1	1070.109	3.1	13.0	7.6	108.8526	0.8	3.2	2.1	4.39	4.57
	2	1075.965	0.5	2.2	6.0	109.5473	0.6	2.6	2.2	4.70	5.07
	3	1082.149	0.6	2.3	5.0	110.0689	0.5	1.9	2.8	4.91	4.90
	4	1085.472	0.3	1.2	4.6	109.8155	-0.2	-0.9	1.7	4.90	4.63
2007	1	1105.203	1.8	7.5	3.3	110.2336	0.4	1.5	1.3	4.98	4.68
	2	1119.377	1.3	5.2	4.0	111.0922	0.8	3.2	1.4	4.74	4.85
	3	1126.927	0.7	2.7	4.1	112.0778	0.9	3.6	1.8	4.30	4.73
	4	1144.754	1.6	6.5	5.5	112.1693	0.1	0.3	2.1	3.39	4.26
2008	1	1139.799	-0.4	-1.7	3.1	112.2848	0.1	0.4	1.9	2.04	3.66
	2	1148.626	0.8	3.1	2.6	111.3146	-0.9	-3.4	0.2	1.63	3.89
	3	1133.577	-1.3	-5.1	0.6	108.7582	-2.3	-8.9	-3.0	1.49	3.86
	4	1053.145	-7.1	-25.5	-8.0	105.3078	-3.2	-12.1	-6.1	0.30	3.25
2007	Feb	368.271	0.7	9.1	3.6	110.5181	0.7	8.4	1.6	5.03	4.72
	Mar	371.322	0.8	10.4	4.1	110.4036	-0.1	-1.2	1.3	4.94	4.56
	Apr	370.568	-0.2	-2.4	3.1	110.9530	0.5	6.1	1.4	4.87	4.69
	May	376.206	1.5	19.9	5.0	110.9686	0.0	0.2	1.5	4.73	4.75
	Jun	372.603	-1.0	-10.9	4.0	111.3551	0.3	4.3	1.4	4.61	5.10
	Jul	374.270	0.4	5.5	3.7	112.0024	0.6	7.2	1.7	4.82	5.00
	Aug	374.253	-0.0	-0.1	3.4	111.9712	-0.0	-0.3	1.6	4.20	4.67
	Sep	378.404	1.1	14.2	5.3	112.2598	0.3	3.1	2.2	3.89	4.52
	Oct	379.623	0.3	3.9	5.5	111.8262	-0.4	-4.5	1.9	3.90	4.53
	Nov	384.163	1.2	15.3	6.6	112.2962	0.4	5.2	2.5	3.27	4.15
	Dec	380.968	-0.8	-9.5	4.3	112.3855	0.1	1.0	2.0	3.00	4.10
	2008	Jan	381.673	0.2	2.2	4.4	112.5704	0.2	2.0	2.5	2.75
Feb		378.106	-0.9	-10.7	2.7	112.2604	-0.3	-3.3	1.6	2.12	3.74
Mar		380.020	0.5	6.2	2.3	112.0235	-0.2	-2.5	1.5	1.26	3.51
Apr		380.788	0.2	2.5	2.8	111.4410	-0.5	-6.1	0.4	1.29	3.68
May		383.769	0.8	9.8	2.0	111.2179	-0.2	-2.4	0.2	1.73	3.88
Jun		384.069	0.1	0.9	3.1	111.2850	0.1	0.7	-0.1	1.86	4.10
Jul		381.578	-0.6	-7.5	2.0	111.2376	-0.0	-0.5	-0.7	1.63	4.01
Aug		378.966	-0.7	-7.9	1.3	109.7708	-1.3	-14.7	-2.0	1.72	3.89
Sep		373.033	-1.6	-17.3	-1.4	105.2662	-4.1	-39.5	-6.2	1.13	3.69
Oct		360.296	-3.4	-34.1	-5.1	106.9803	1.6	21.4	-4.3	0.67	3.81
Nov		351.777	-2.4	-25.0	-8.4	105.7249	-1.2	-13.2	-5.9	0.19	3.53
Dec		341.072	-3.0	-31.0	-10.5	103.2183	-2.4	-25.0	-8.2	0.03	2.42
2009	Jan	344.649	1.0	13.3	-9.7	101.3370	-1.8	-19.8	-10.0	0.13	2.52
	Feb									0.30	2.87

	Household Survey Employment				Nonfarm Payroll Employment				Nonfarm Aggregate Hours			
	Thousands	Change	Percent change		Thousands	Change	Percent change		Index	Monthly rate	Annual rate	Year ago
			Annual rate	Year ago			Annual rate	Year ago				
2004	139240	1511		1.1	131419	1423		1.1	100.2			1.6
2005	141714	2474		1.8	133699	2280		1.7	102.7			2.6
2006	144420	2707		1.9	136098	2398		1.8	105.8			3.0
2007	146050	1629		1.1	137604	1507		1.1	107.3			1.4
2008	145368	-681		-0.5	137055	-550		-0.4	106.2			-1.0
2006	1	143422	792	2.2	135432	804	2.4	2.1	104.9	1.0	3.9	3.3
	2	144071	649	1.8	135901	470	1.4	1.9	105.6	0.7	2.7	3.1
	3	144566	495	1.4	136290	389	1.1	1.6	105.9	0.3	1.1	2.8
	4	145622	1056	3.0	136767	477	1.4	1.6	106.6	0.6	2.5	2.6
2007	1	146081	459	1.3	137265	498	1.5	1.4	106.8	0.2	0.8	1.8
	2	145873	-208	-0.6	137557	292	0.9	1.2	107.3	0.4	1.8	1.5
	3	145969	96	0.3	137595	38	0.1	1.0	107.3	0.0	0.0	1.3
	4	146275	306	0.8	138000	406	1.2	0.9	107.7	0.4	1.5	1.0
2008	1	146138	-137	-0.4	137943	-57	-0.2	0.5	107.5	-0.1	-0.5	0.7
	2	145990	-149	-0.4	137509	-434	-1.3	-0.0	106.9	-0.6	-2.3	-0.3
	3	145299	-690	-1.9	137004	-505	-1.5	-0.4	106.1	-0.7	-2.8	-1.1
	4	144046	-1253	-3.4	135762	-1243	-3.6	-1.6	104.1	-1.9	-7.3	-3.3
2007	Jan	145983	-6	-0.0	137180	180	1.6	1.5	106.6	-0.5	-5.5	1.7
	Feb	145992	9	0.1	137216	36	0.3	1.3	106.6	0.0	0.0	1.7
	Mar	146267	275	2.3	137400	184	1.6	1.2	107.2	0.6	7.0	1.9
	Apr	145647	-620	-5.0	137435	35	0.3	1.2	106.9	-0.3	-3.3	1.1
	May	145915	268	2.2	137591	156	1.4	1.3	107.4	0.5	5.8	1.9
	Jun	146057	142	1.2	137645	54	0.5	1.2	107.5	0.1	1.1	1.6
	Jul	145972	-85	-0.7	137580	-65	-0.6	1.1	107.3	-0.2	-2.2	1.3
	Aug	145732	-240	-2.0	137552	-28	-0.2	0.9	107.2	-0.1	-1.1	1.0
	Sep	146203	471	3.9	137652	100	0.9	0.9	107.3	0.1	1.1	1.4
	Oct	145867	-336	-2.7	137817	165	1.4	1.0	107.5	0.2	2.3	1.2
	Nov	146665	798	6.8	138032	215	1.9	0.9	107.7	0.2	2.3	1.1
	Dec	146294	-371	-3.0	138152	120	1.0	0.8	107.8	0.1	1.1	0.7
2008	Jan	146317	23	0.2	138080	-72	-0.6	0.7	107.5	-0.3	-3.3	0.8
	Feb	146075	-242	-2.0	137936	-144	-1.2	0.5	107.6	0.1	1.1	0.9
	Mar	146023	-52	-0.4	137814	-122	-1.1	0.3	107.5	-0.1	-1.1	0.3
	Apr	146257	234	1.9	137654	-160	-1.4	0.2	107.4	-0.1	-1.1	0.5
	May	145974	-283	-2.3	137517	-137	-1.2	-0.1	106.9	-0.5	-5.4	-0.5
	Jun	145738	-236	-1.9	137356	-161	-1.4	-0.2	106.4	-0.5	-5.5	-1.0
	Jul	145596	-142	-1.2	137228	-128	-1.1	-0.3	106.2	-0.2	-2.2	-1.0
	Aug	145273	-323	-2.6	137053	-175	-1.5	-0.4	106.4	0.2	2.3	-0.7
	Sep	145029	-244	-2.0	136732	-321	-2.8	-0.7	105.8	-0.6	-6.6	-1.4
	Oct	144657	-372	-3.0	136352	-380	-3.3	-1.1	105.0	-0.8	-8.7	-2.3
	Nov	144144	-513	-4.2	135755	-597	-5.1	-1.6	104.1	-0.9	-9.8	-3.3
	Dec	143338	-806	-6.5	135178	-577	-5.0	-2.2	103.3	-0.8	-8.8	-4.2
2009	Jan	142099	-1239	-9.9	134580	-598	-5.2	-2.5	102.6	-0.7	-7.8	-4.6

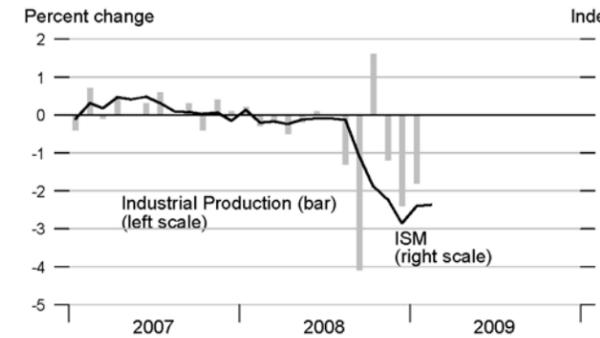
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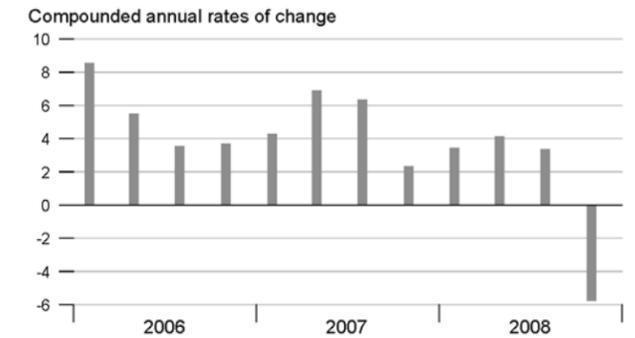
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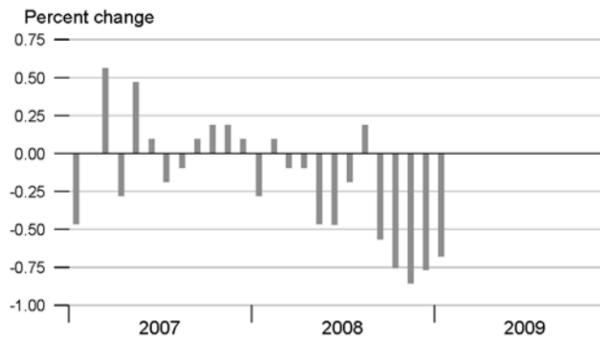
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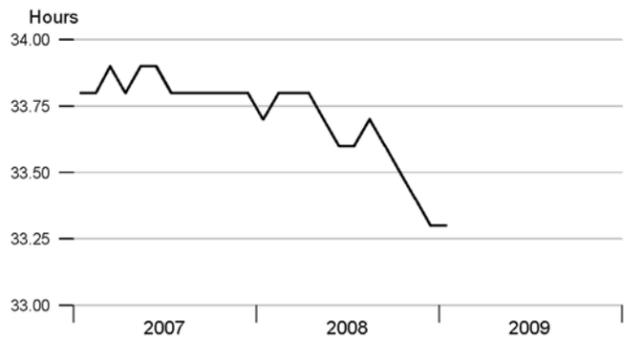
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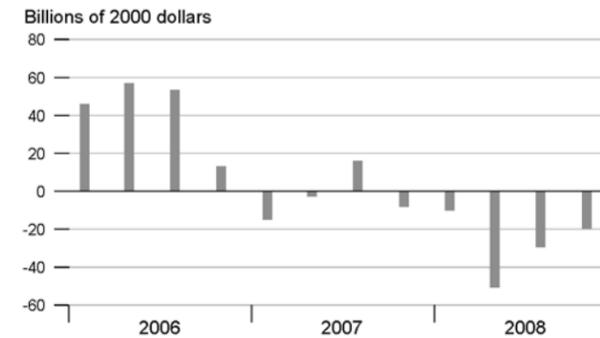
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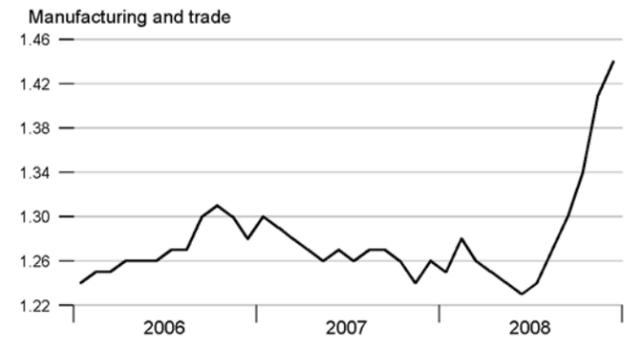
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Real Change in Private Inventories

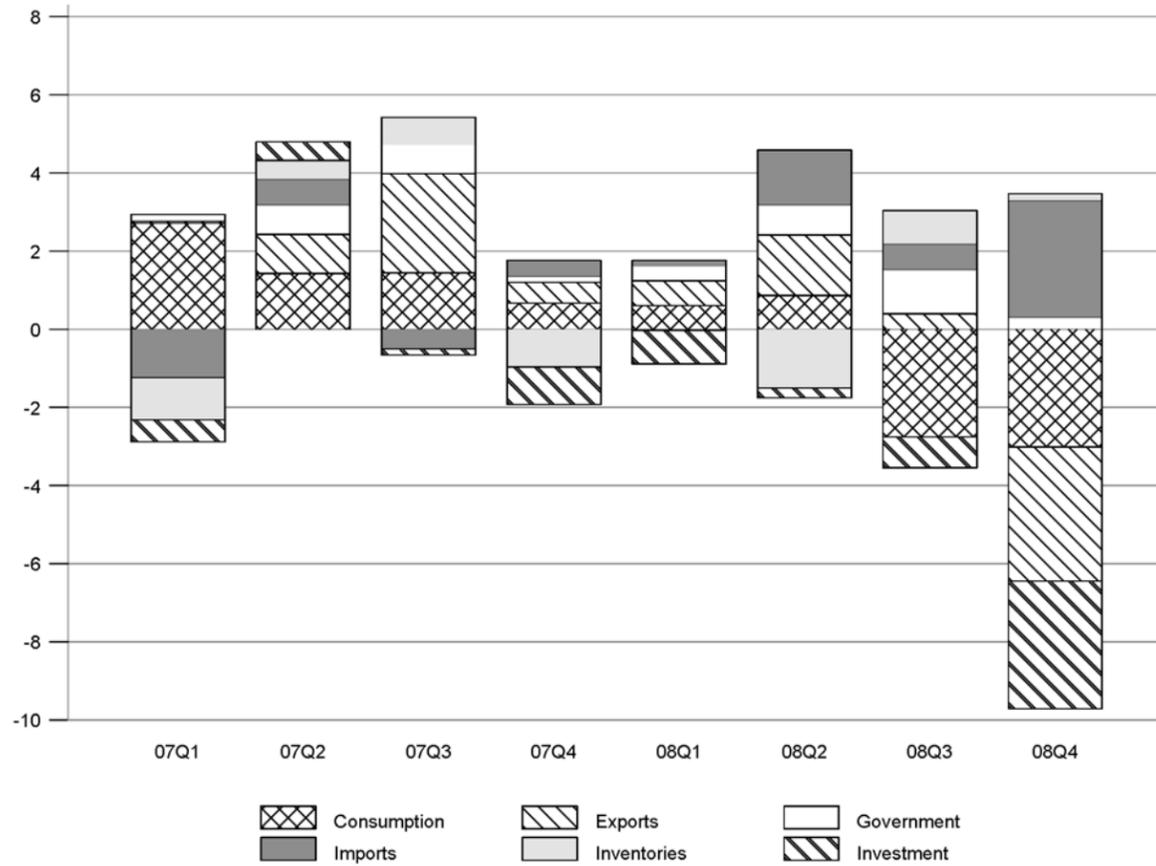


Inventory-Sales Ratio



Contribution of Components to Real GDP Growth

Percentage points at compounded annual rates



Contributions to Real GDP Growth Rate

	2007				2008			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Final Sales	1.11	4.32	4.07	0.79	0.89	4.33	-1.35	-6.41
Consumption	2.71	1.42	1.44	0.67	0.61	0.87	-2.75	-3.01
Fixed Investment	-0.57	0.47	-0.15	-0.97	-0.86	-0.25	-0.79	-3.26
Nonresidential	0.33	1.07	0.91	0.36	0.26	0.27	-0.19	-2.48
Residential	-0.91	-0.60	-1.06	-1.33	-1.12	-0.52	-0.60	-0.78
Government	0.17	0.77	0.75	0.16	0.38	0.78	1.14	0.32
Federal	-0.26	0.47	0.51	-0.04	0.41	0.47	0.97	0.50
State and Local	0.43	0.30	0.24	0.19	-0.03	0.31	0.17	-0.18
Net Exports	-1.20	1.66	2.03	0.94	0.77	2.93	1.05	-0.46
Exports	0.06	1.01	2.54	0.53	0.63	1.54	0.40	-3.44
Imports	-1.25	0.65	-0.51	0.40	0.14	1.39	0.65	2.99
Change in Inventory	-1.06	0.47	0.69	-0.96	-0.02	-1.50	0.84	0.16
Residual	-0.24	-0.15	-0.24	-0.34	-0.10	0.02	0.28	0.27
Real GDP Growth	0.05	4.79	4.76	-0.17	0.87	2.83	-0.51	-6.25

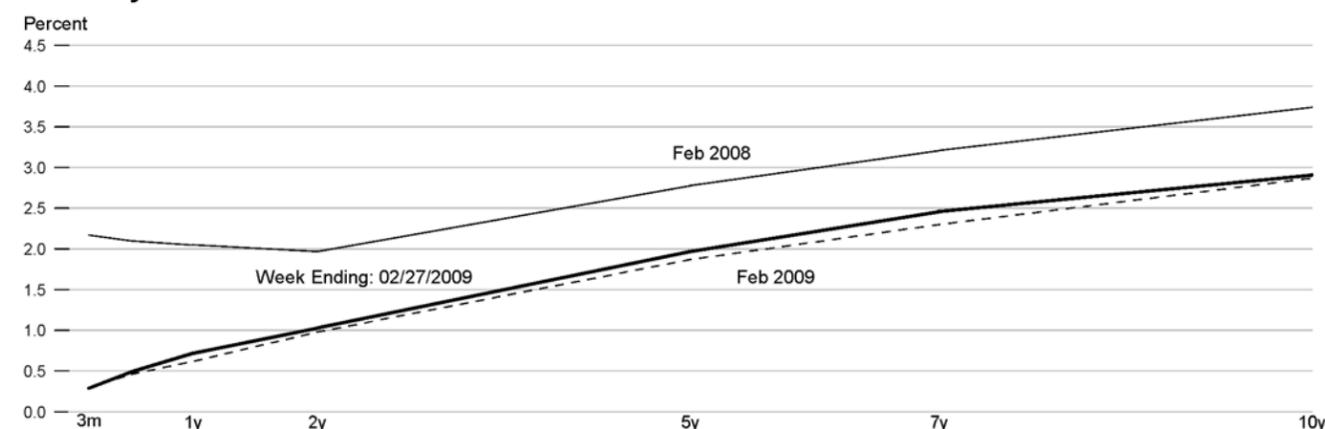
	GDP Chain Price Index			Employment Cost Index			ECI: Wages			ECI: Benefits		
	Index	Percent change		Index	Percent change		Index	Percent change		Index	Percent change	
		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago
2005	113.039		3.3	99.2		3.1	99.2		2.5	99.2		4.6
2006	116.676		3.2	102.1		2.9	102.1		2.9	102.1		2.9
2007	119.819		2.7	105.2		3.1	105.5		3.4	104.5		2.4
2008	122.495		2.2	108.2		2.9	108.7		3.0	107.2		2.5
2005 1	111.778	4.0	3.3	98.2	3.8	3.5	98.3	2.5	2.6	98.0	6.4	5.5
2005 2	112.357	2.1	2.9	98.8	2.5	3.1	98.8	2.1	2.5	98.8	3.3	4.7
2005 3	113.487	4.1	3.4	99.5	2.9	2.9	99.4	2.5	2.3	99.7	3.7	4.5
2005 4	114.536	3.7	3.5	100.2	2.8	3.0	100.1	2.8	2.5	100.3	2.4	3.9
2006 1	115.536	3.5	3.4	100.8	2.4	2.6	100.8	2.8	2.5	100.8	2.0	2.9
2006 2	116.317	2.7	3.5	101.6	3.2	2.8	101.6	3.2	2.8	101.6	3.2	2.8
2006 3	117.109	2.8	3.2	102.5	3.6	3.0	102.5	3.6	3.1	102.5	3.6	2.8
2006 4	117.742	2.2	2.8	103.3	3.2	3.1	103.3	3.2	3.2	103.4	3.6	3.1
2007 1	118.935	4.1	2.9	104.0	2.7	3.2	104.3	3.9	3.5	103.1	-1.2	2.3
2007 2	119.531	2.0	2.8	104.8	3.1	3.1	105.1	3.1	3.4	104.2	4.3	2.6
2007 3	119.984	1.5	2.5	105.6	3.1	3.0	105.9	3.1	3.3	105.0	3.1	2.4
2007 4	120.826	2.8	2.6	106.5	3.5	3.1	106.7	3.1	3.3	105.8	3.1	2.3
2008 1	121.613	2.6	2.3	107.3	3.0	3.2	107.6	3.4	3.2	106.4	2.3	3.2
2008 2	121.951	1.1	2.0	107.9	2.3	3.0	108.4	3.0	3.1	106.9	1.9	2.6
2008 3	123.134	3.9	2.6	108.6	2.6	2.8	109.0	2.2	2.9	107.5	2.3	2.4
2008 4	123.284	0.5	2.0	109.1	1.9	2.4	109.6	2.2	2.7	107.9	1.5	2.0
	Exports			Imports			Nonfarm Output per Hour			Nonfarm Compensation per Hour		
	Billions of 2000 \$	Percent change		Billions of 2000 \$	Percent change		Index	Percent change		Index	Percent change	
		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago
2005	1205.274		7.0	1821.900		5.9	133.887		1.8	162.179		4.0
2006	1314.848		9.1	1930.515		6.0	135.180		1.0	168.367		3.8
2007	1425.912		8.4	1972.412		2.2	137.081		1.4	175.290		4.1
2008	1514.053		6.2	1906.354		-3.3	140.980		2.8	181.261		3.4
2005 1	1177.922	8.1	6.9	1801.652	3.2	9.1	133.301	3.2	2.3	160.015	2.8	4.6
2005 2	1203.137	8.8	7.5	1804.427	0.6	5.5	133.394	0.3	1.3	160.775	1.9	3.9
2005 3	1204.299	0.4	6.8	1807.939	0.8	4.5	134.616	3.7	1.9	163.199	6.2	4.0
2005 4	1235.740	10.9	7.0	1873.551	15.3	4.8	134.232	-1.1	1.5	164.677	3.7	3.6
2006 1	1284.261	16.7	9.0	1920.229	10.3	6.6	135.071	2.5	1.3	166.793	5.2	4.2
2006 2	1301.418	5.5	8.2	1920.864	0.1	6.5	135.672	1.8	1.7	167.081	0.7	3.9
2006 3	1312.622	3.5	9.0	1935.666	3.1	7.1	134.957	-2.1	0.3	167.887	1.9	2.9
2006 4	1361.067	15.6	10.1	1945.317	2.0	3.8	135.021	0.2	0.6	171.676	9.3	4.3
2007 1	1363.150	0.6	6.1	1981.783	7.7	3.2	135.013	-0.0	-0.0	173.744	4.9	4.2
2007 2	1392.190	8.8	7.0	1963.366	-3.7	2.2	136.384	4.1	0.5	174.098	0.8	4.2
2007 3	1466.244	23.0	11.7	1978.005	3.0	2.2	138.320	5.8	2.5	175.505	3.3	4.5
2007 4	1482.053	4.4	8.9	1966.509	-2.3	1.1	138.606	0.8	2.7	177.806	5.3	3.6
2008 1	1500.591	5.1	10.1	1962.628	-0.8	-1.0	139.511	2.6	3.3	179.486	3.8	3.3
2008 2	1544.749	12.3	11.0	1926.000	-7.3	-1.9	140.757	3.6	3.2	179.894	0.9	3.3
2008 3	1556.096	3.0	6.1	1909.146	-3.5	-3.5	141.299	1.5	2.2	181.760	4.2	3.6
2008 4	1454.777	-23.6	-1.8	1827.640	-16.0	-7.1	142.415	3.2	2.7	183.994	5.0	3.5

	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		
2005	12421.9	6.3		10989.508	2.9		10947.255	3.1		38.946			
2006	13178.4	6.1		11294.816	2.8		11249.341	2.8		42.301			
2007	13807.5	4.8		11523.944	2.0		11523.416	2.4		-2.480			
2008	14264.6	3.3		11652.693	1.1		11679.778	1.4		-27.561			
2005	1	12155.4	7.1	6.6	10875.827	3.0	3.2	10799.286	2.3	2.8	74.596	64.179	
	2	12297.5	4.8	5.9	10946.117	2.6	2.9	10925.879	4.8	3.4	16.724	52.139	
	3	12538.2	8.1	6.4	11049.980	3.8	3.0	11035.489	4.1	3.5	11.001	39.875	
	4	12696.4	5.1	6.3	11086.107	1.3	2.7	11028.364	-0.3	2.7	53.464	38.946	
2006	1	12959.6	8.6	6.6	11217.261	4.8	3.1	11167.646	5.1	3.4	45.924	31.778	
	2	13134.1	5.5	6.8	11291.674	2.7	3.2	11232.065	2.3	2.8	56.922	41.828	
	3	13249.6	3.6	5.7	11314.057	0.8	2.4	11257.833	0.9	2.0	53.270	52.395	
	4	13370.1	3.7	5.3	11356.368	1.5	2.4	11339.723	2.9	2.8	13.086	42.301	
2007	1	13510.9	4.3	4.3	11357.840	0.1	1.3	11370.469	1.1	1.8	-15.044	27.059	
	2	13737.5	6.9	4.6	11491.351	4.8	1.8	11490.523	4.3	2.3	-2.821	12.123	
	3	13950.6	6.4	5.3	11625.746	4.8	2.8	11605.013	4.0	3.1	16.001	2.806	
	4	14031.2	2.3	4.9	11620.739	-0.2	2.3	11627.950	0.8	2.5	-8.058	-2.481	
2008	1	14150.8	3.5	4.7	11645.968	0.9	2.5	11653.718	0.9	2.5	-10.182	-1.265	
	2	14294.5	4.1	4.1	11727.351	2.8	2.1	11778.847	4.4	2.5	-50.550	-13.197	
	3	14412.8	3.4	3.3	11712.429	-0.5	0.7	11739.220	-1.3	1.2	-29.588	-24.595	
	4	14200.3	-5.8	1.2	11525.023	-6.2	-0.8	11547.329	-6.4	-0.7	-19.924	-27.561	
	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	
2005	7791.732	3.0		1134.384	4.6		1829.815	6.8		1226.160	7.2		
2006	8028.958	3.0		1185.122	4.5		1865.493	1.9		1318.159	7.5		
2007	8252.773	2.8		1242.395	4.8		1808.543	-3.1		1382.929	4.9		
2008	8271.963	0.2		1188.496	-4.3		1719.670	-4.9		1406.117	1.7		
2005	1	7697.515	1.7	3.0	1111.627	0.6	4.3	1790.510	5.3	8.7	1200.397	3.7	9.2
	2	7766.392	3.6	3.3	1143.717	12.1	6.8	1823.502	7.6	7.3	1218.952	6.3	8.1
	3	7838.099	3.7	3.3	1158.894	5.4	6.2	1847.243	5.3	6.4	1237.089	6.1	6.6
	4	7864.922	1.4	2.6	1123.291	-11.7	1.2	1857.972	2.3	5.1	1248.226	3.6	4.9
2006	1	7947.412	4.3	3.2	1173.061	18.9	5.5	1895.228	8.3	5.8	1295.218	15.9	7.9
	2	8002.135	2.8	3.0	1178.310	1.8	3.0	1883.072	-2.5	3.3	1315.436	6.4	7.9
	3	8046.346	2.2	2.7	1188.386	3.5	2.5	1859.953	-4.8	0.7	1332.661	5.3	7.7
	4	8119.940	3.7	3.2	1200.722	4.2	6.9	1823.721	-7.6	-1.8	1329.322	-1.0	6.5
2007	1	8197.173	3.9	3.1	1227.322	9.2	4.6	1807.821	-3.4	-4.6	1340.423	3.4	3.5
	2	8237.272	2.0	2.9	1242.274	5.0	5.4	1821.269	3.0	-3.3	1373.787	10.3	4.4
	3	8278.517	2.0	2.9	1249.405	2.3	5.1	1816.954	-0.9	-2.3	1402.876	8.7	5.3
	4	8298.196	1.0	2.2	1250.580	0.4	4.2	1788.160	-6.2	-1.9	1414.655	3.4	6.4
2008	1	8316.055	0.9	1.5	1237.008	-4.3	0.8	1762.404	-5.6	-2.5	1423.095	2.4	6.2
	2	8341.328	1.2	1.3	1228.280	-2.8	-1.1	1754.899	-1.7	-3.6	1431.818	2.5	4.2
	3	8260.590	-3.8	-0.2	1180.123	-14.8	-5.5	1731.058	-5.3	-4.7	1425.682	-1.7	1.6
	4	8169.878	-4.3	-1.5	1108.571	-22.1	-11.4	1630.319	-21.3	-8.8	1343.872	-21.1	-5.0

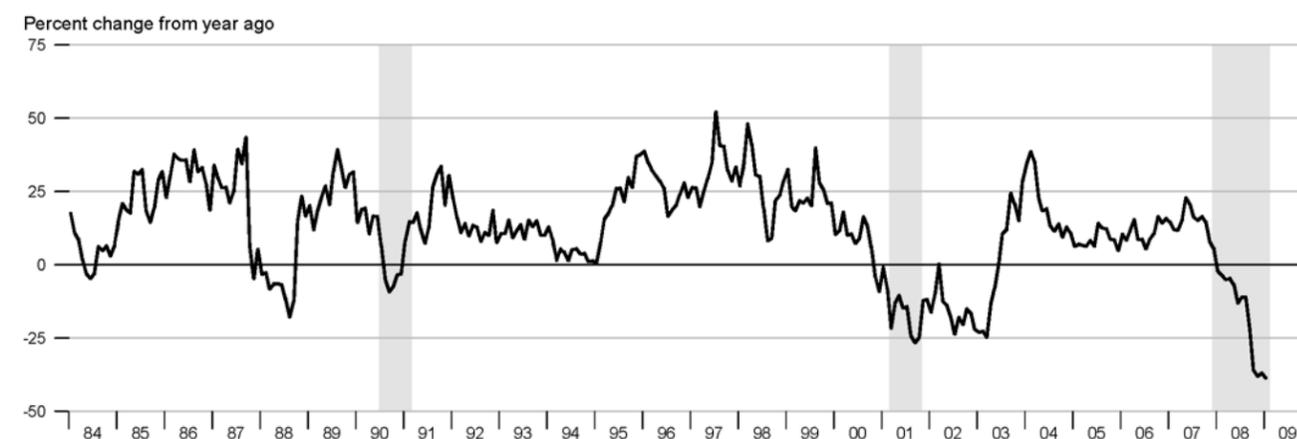
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Treasury Yield Curve

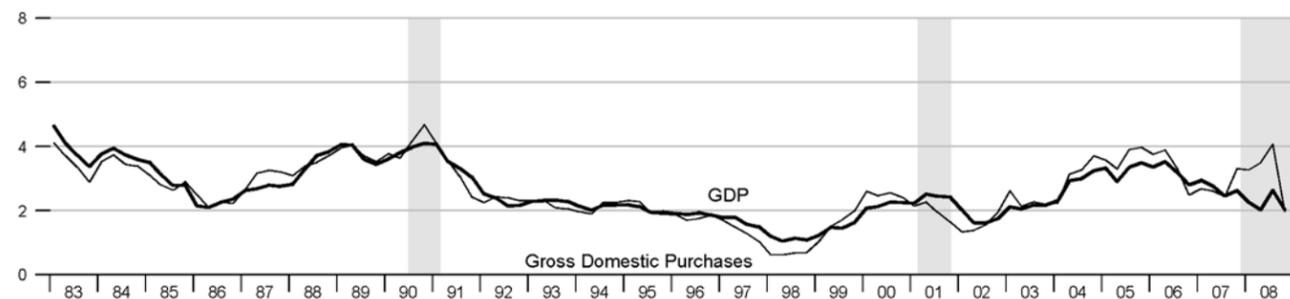


Standard and Poor's 500 Index with Reinvested Dividends



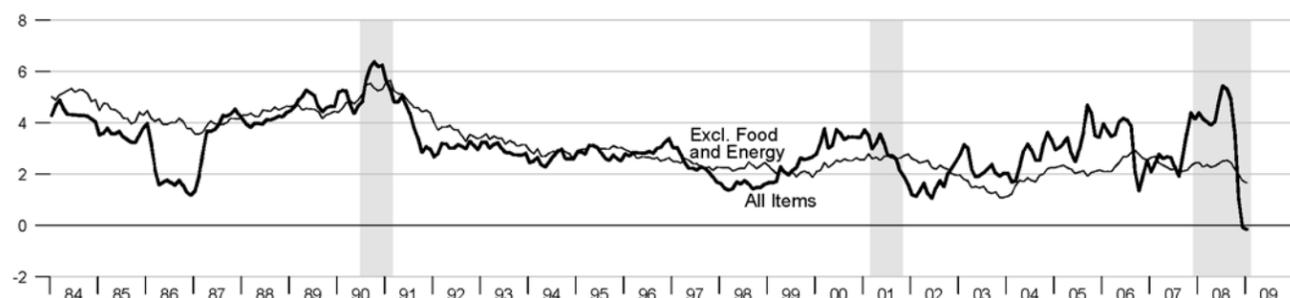
NIPA Chain Price Indexes

Percent change from year ago



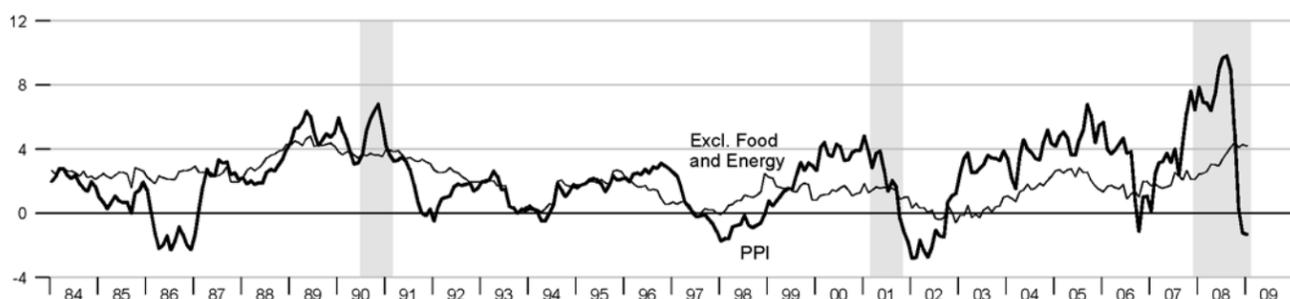
Consumer Price Index

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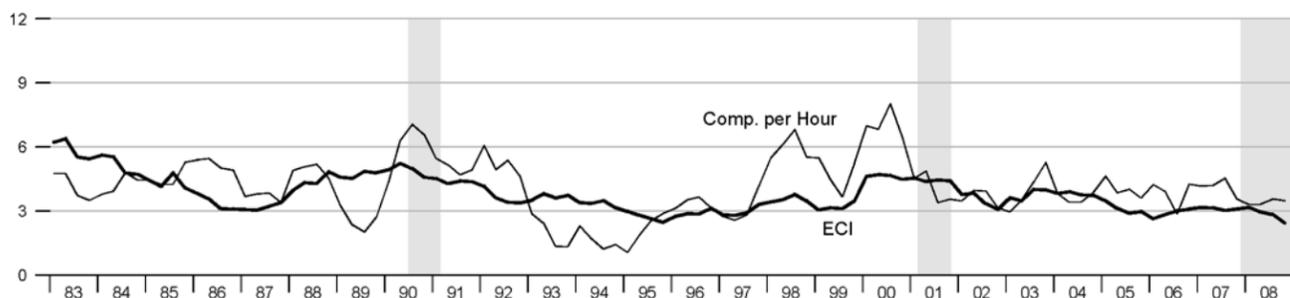
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods

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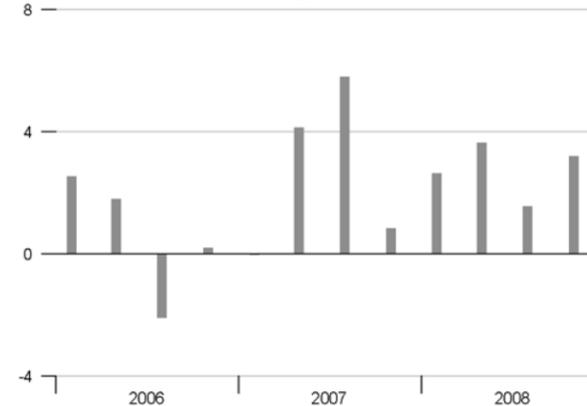
Employment Cost Index and Compensation per Hour

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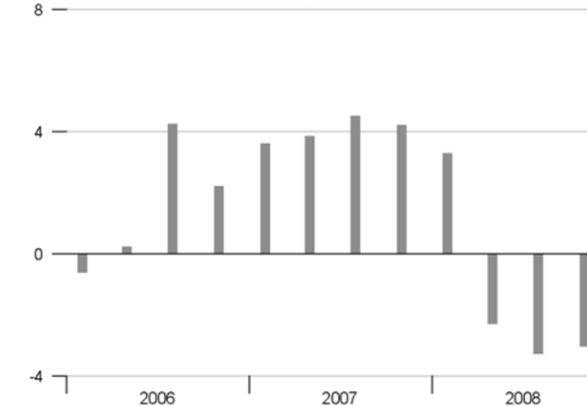
Nonfarm Output per Hour

Compounded annual rates of change

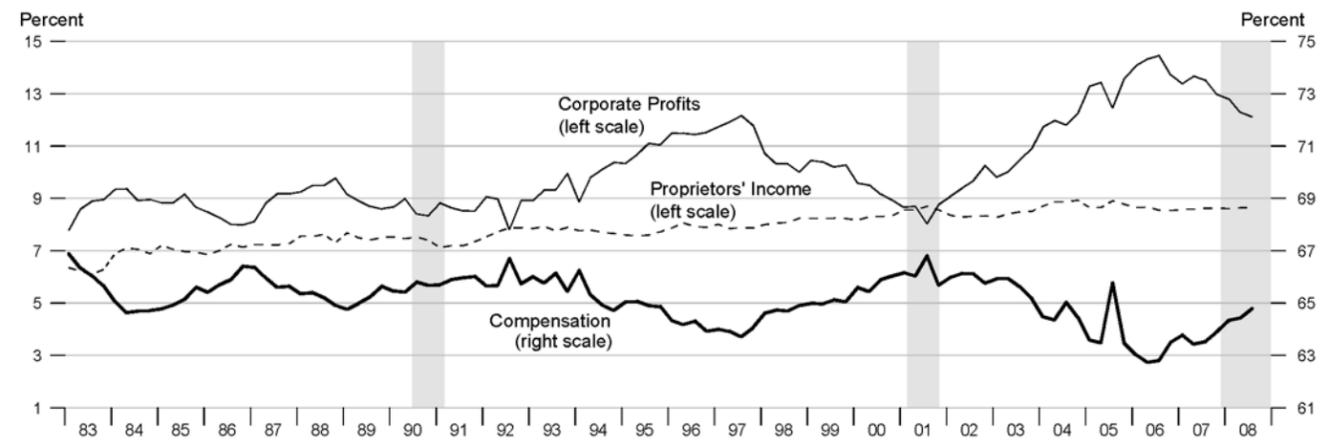


Manufacturing Output per Hour

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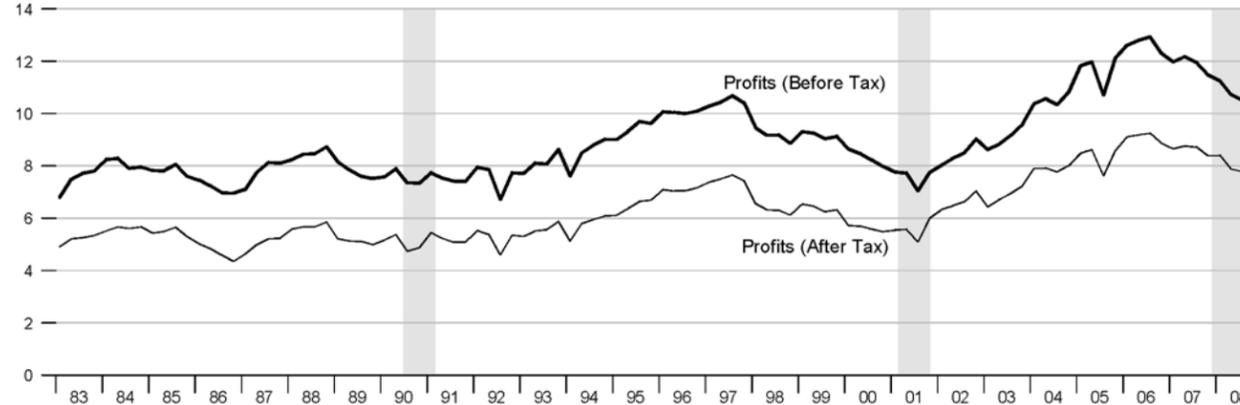


Selected Component Shares of National Income

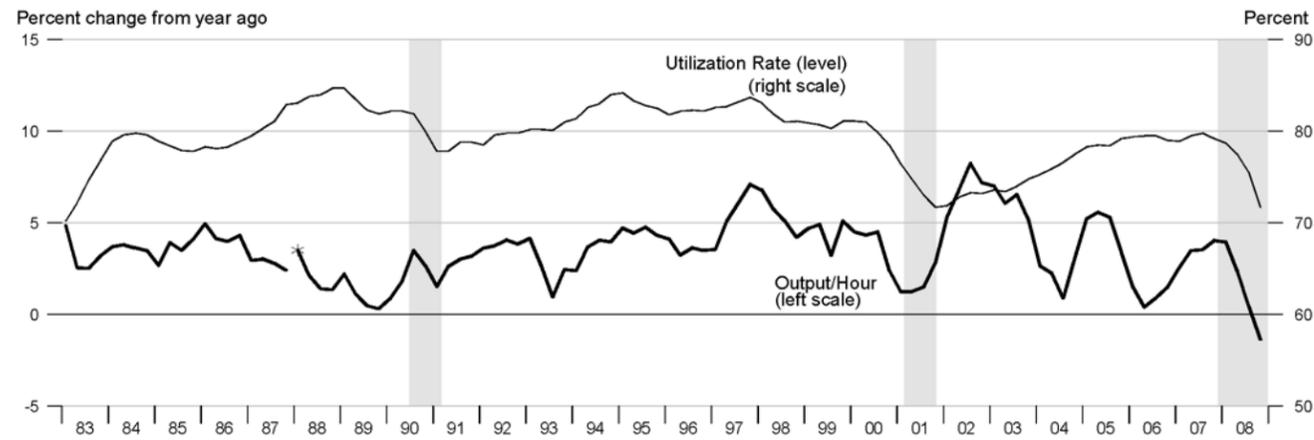


Corporate Profits

Percent of GDP

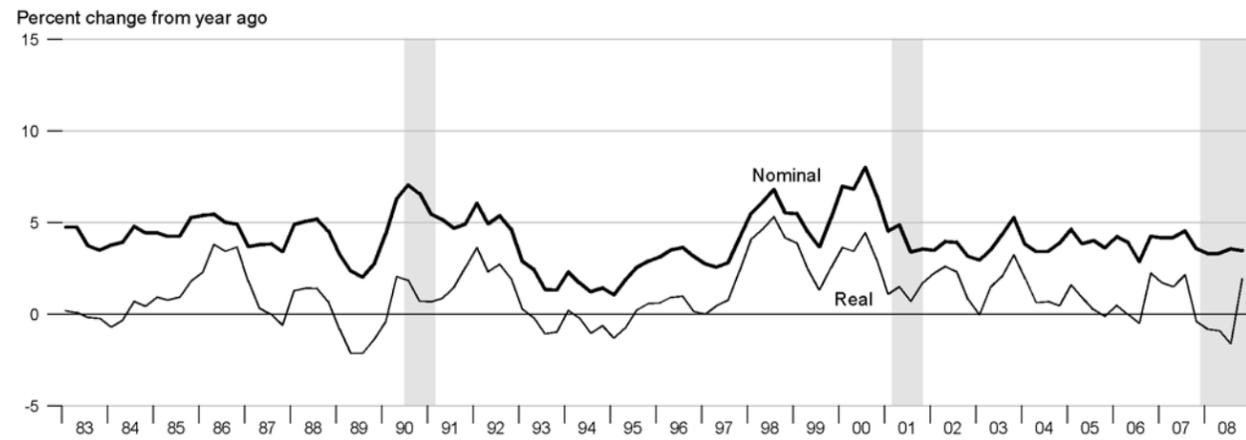


Output per Hour and Capacity Utilization, Manufacturing

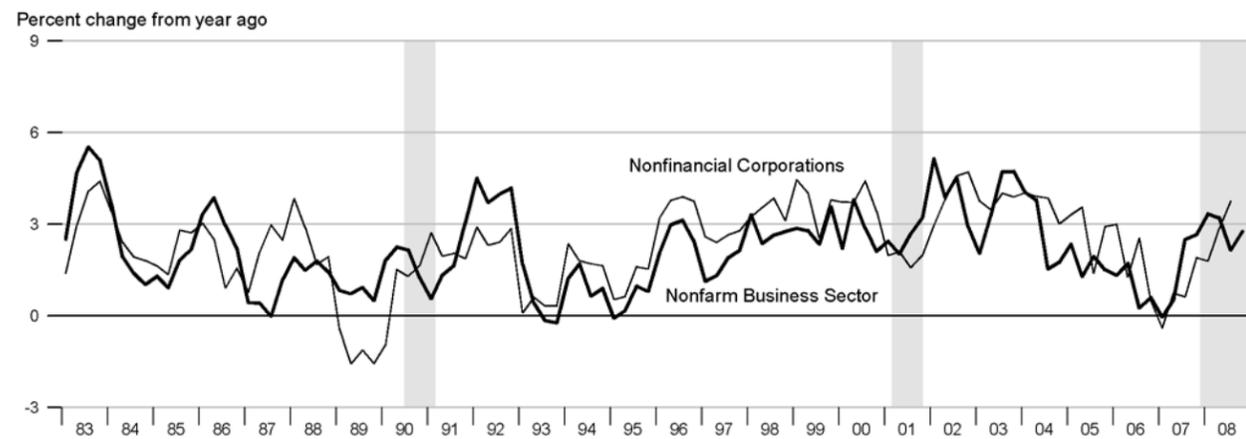


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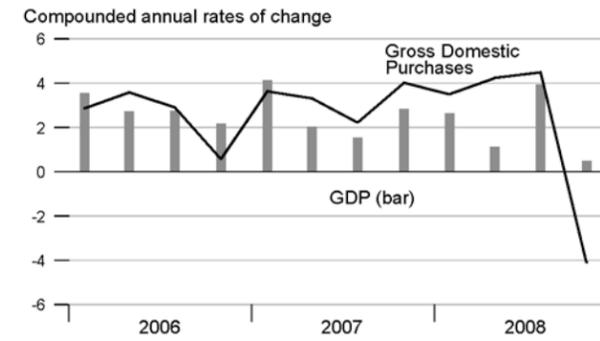
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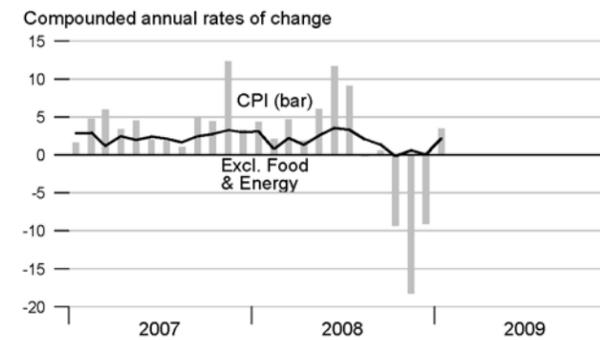
Output per Hour, Nonfarm Business and Nonfinancial Corporations



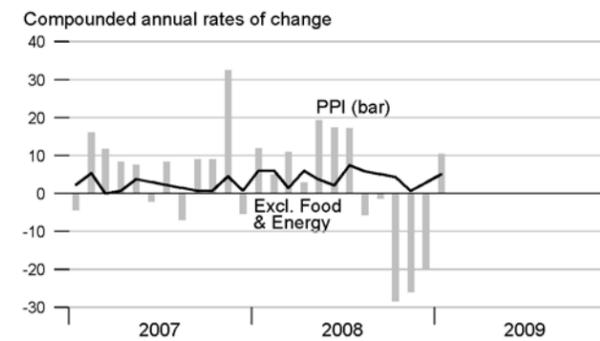
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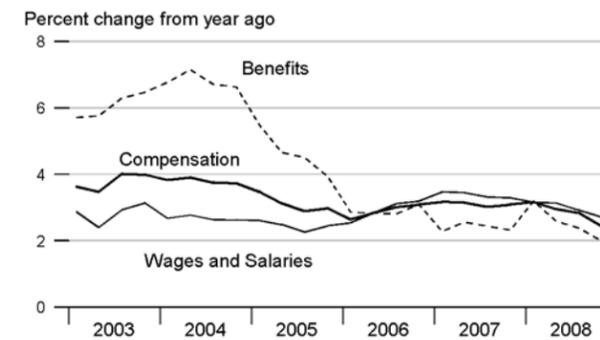
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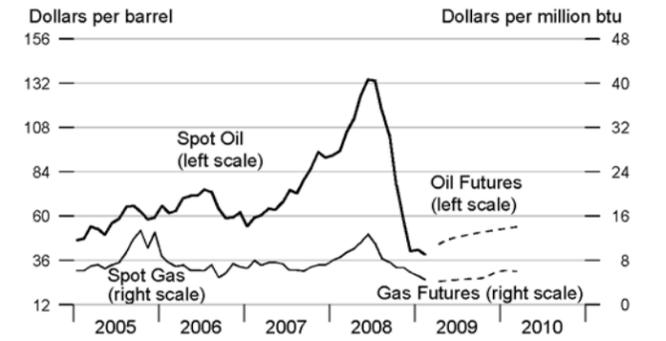
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods



Employment Cost Index

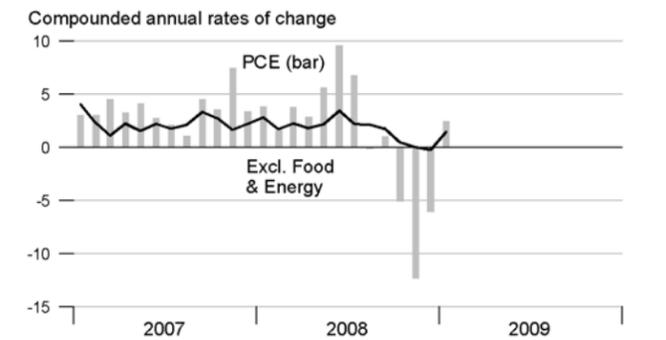


Oil & Natural Gas Prices: Spot & Futures

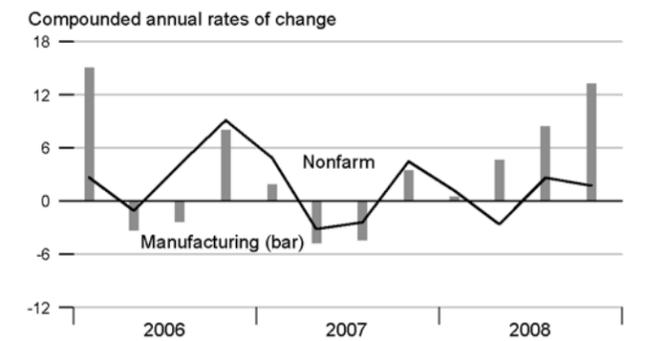


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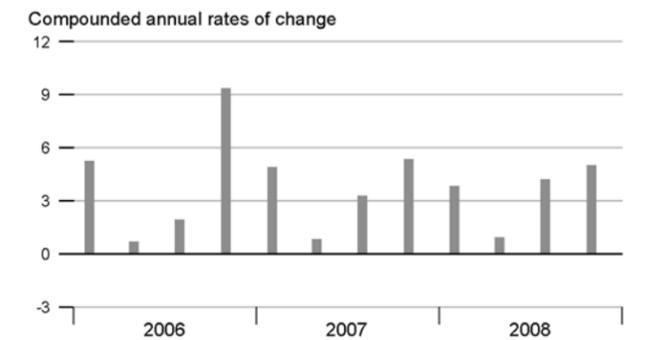
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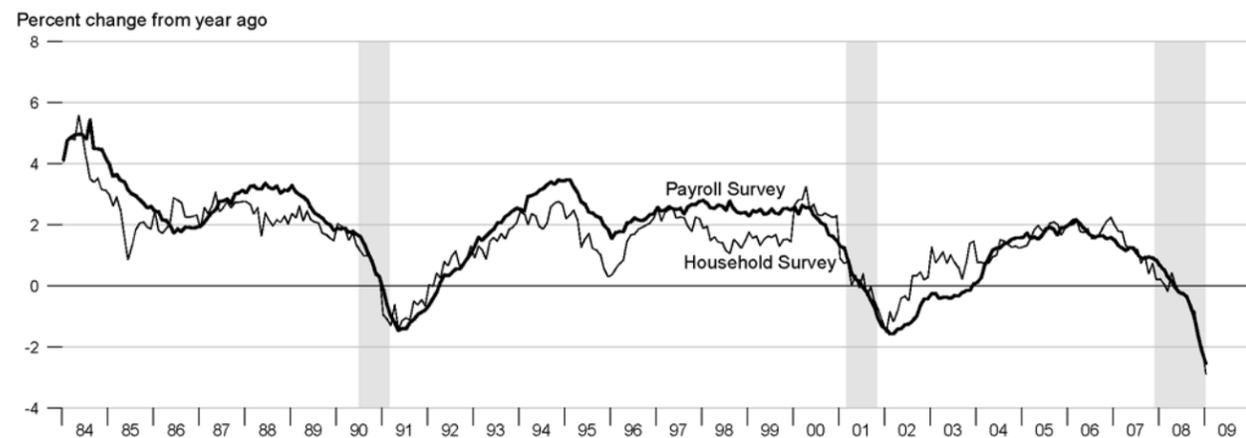
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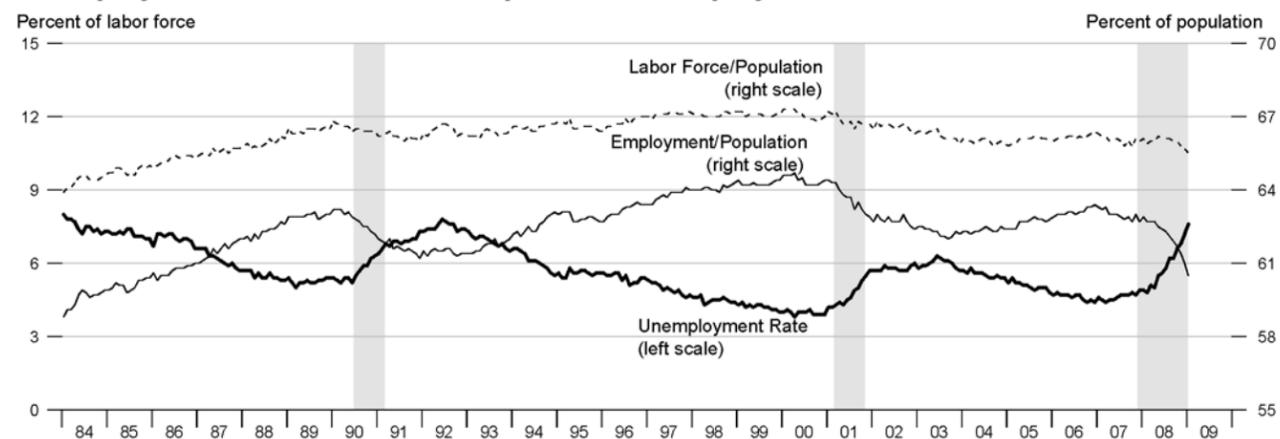
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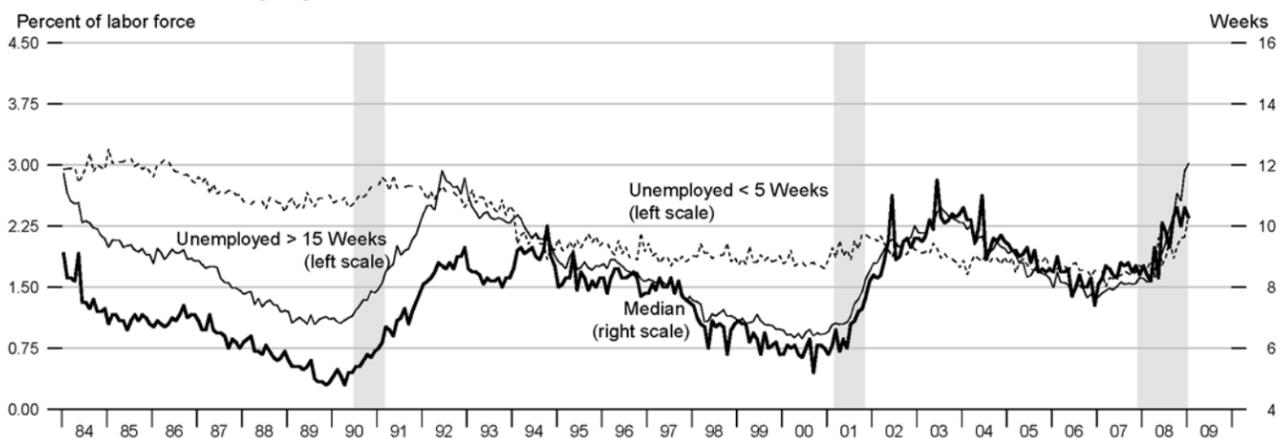
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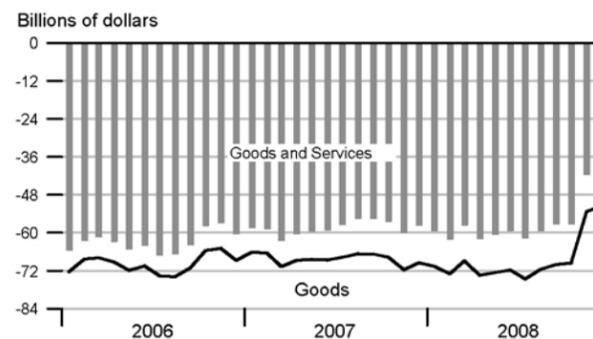
Unemployment, Labor Force Participation, and Employment Rates



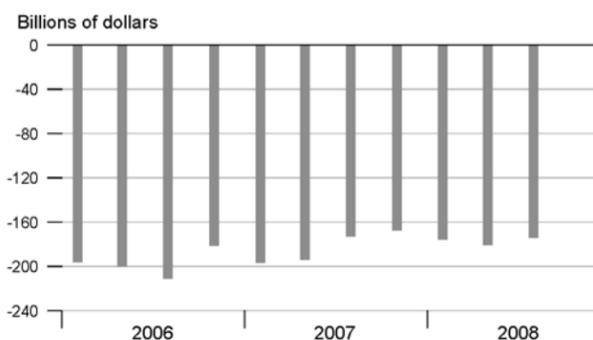
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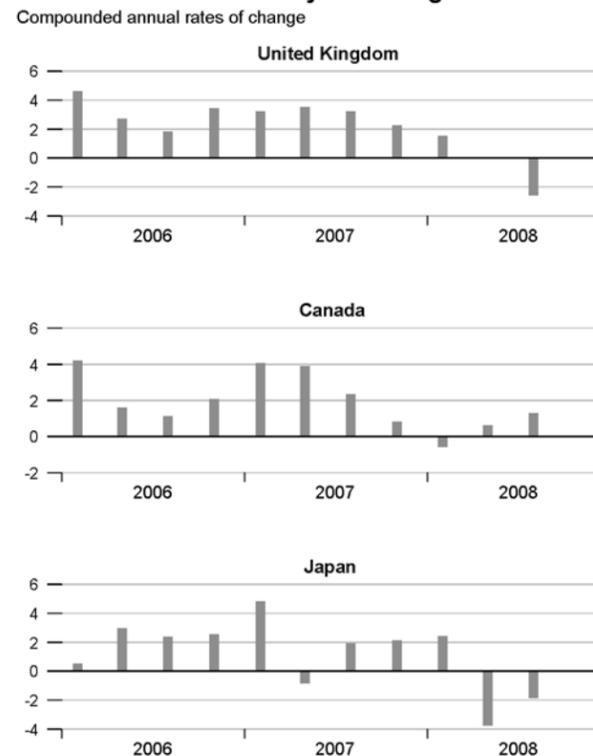
Trade Balance



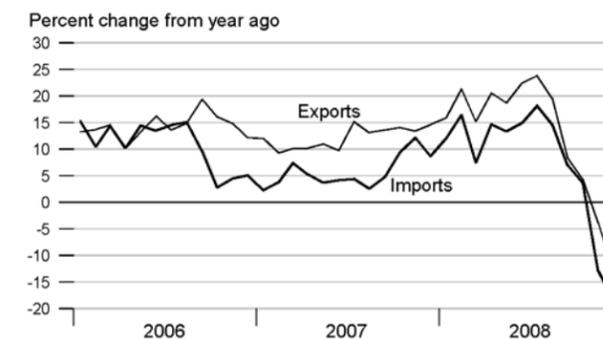
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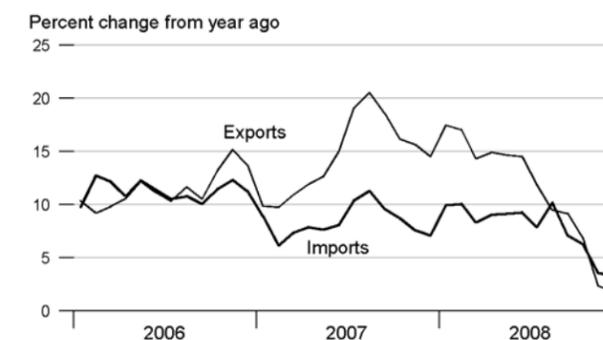
Real GDP Growth of Major Trading Partners



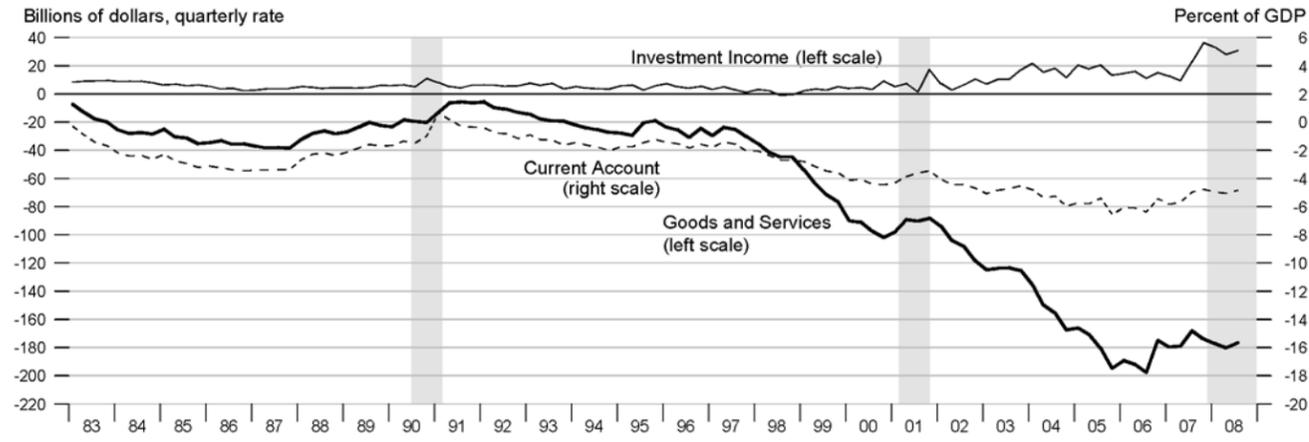
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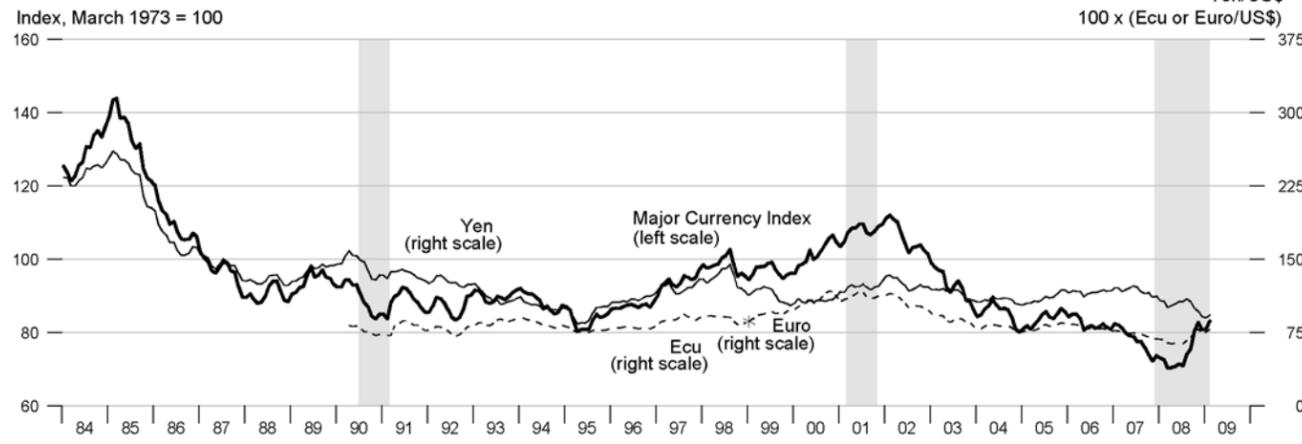
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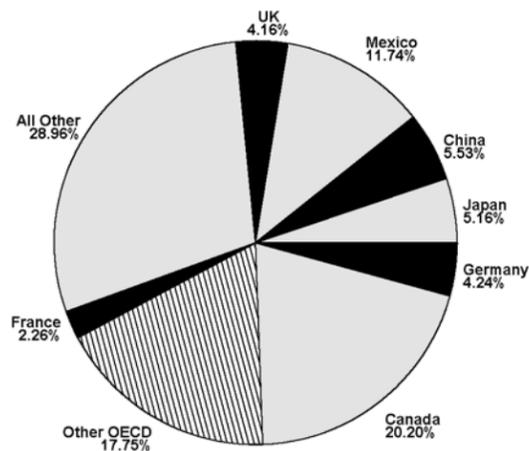
Current Account, Trade and Investment Income Balances



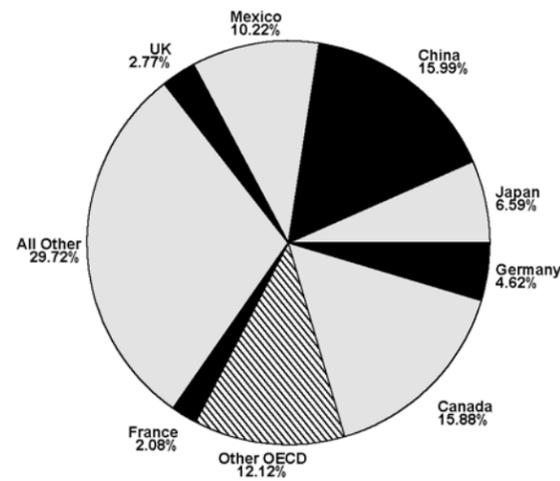
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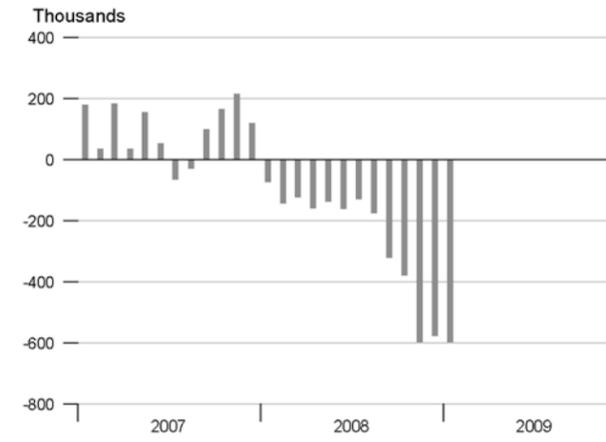
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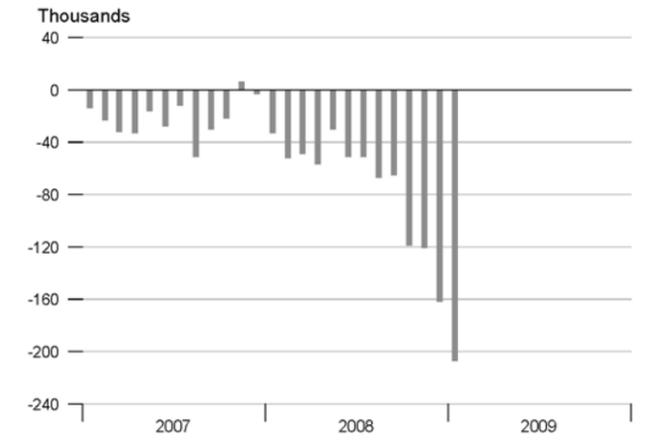
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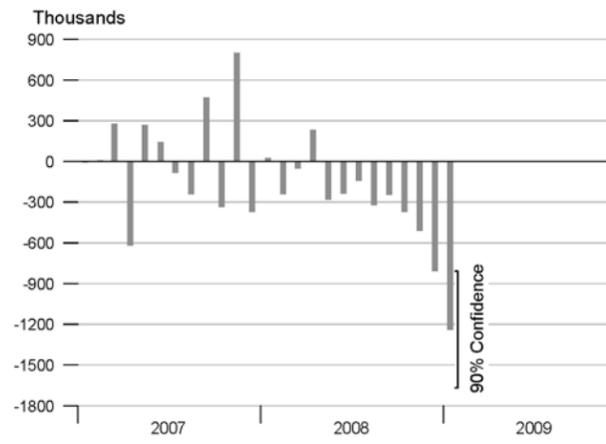
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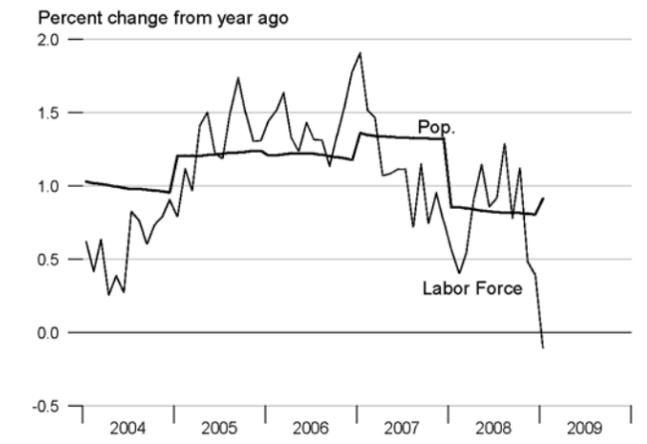
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Change in Household Employment



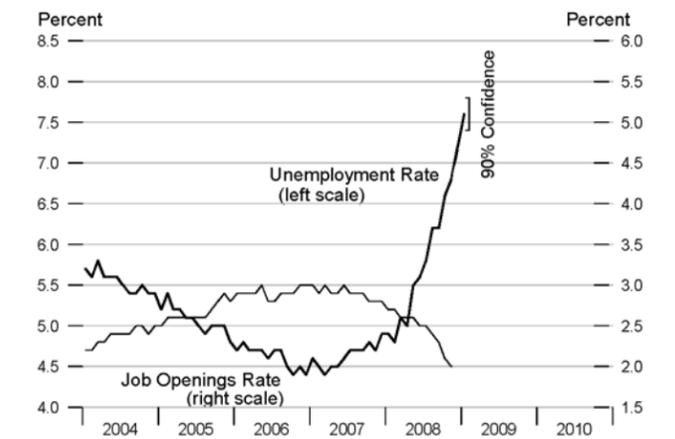
Labor Force and Population



Available Labor Supply and Components

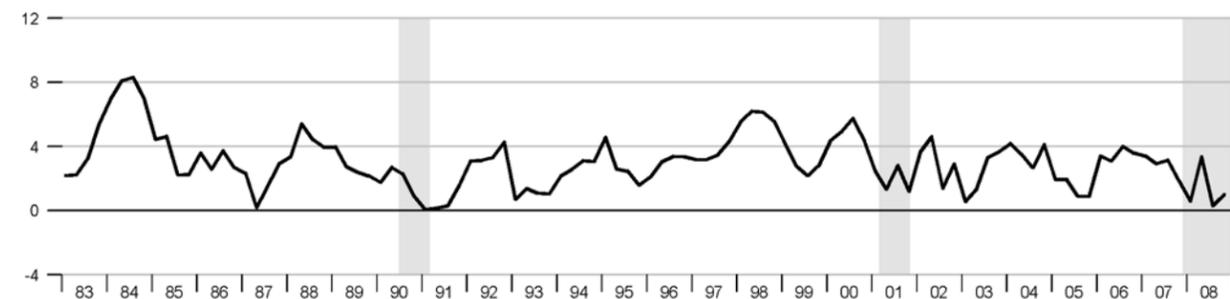


Unemployment Rate & Job Openings Rate



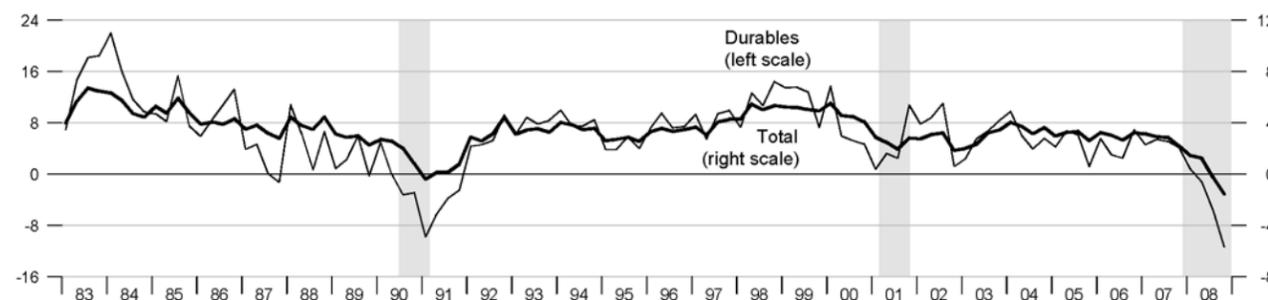
Real Disposable Personal Income

Percent change from year ago, quarterly data



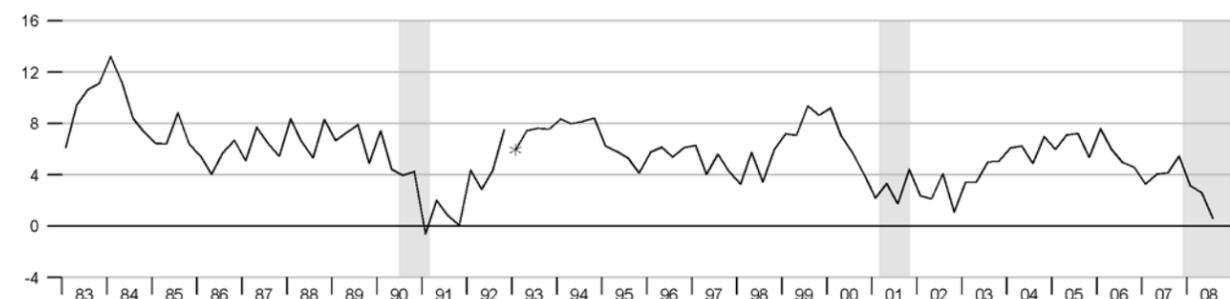
Real Consumption

Percent change from year ago, quarterly data



Retail and Food Services Sales

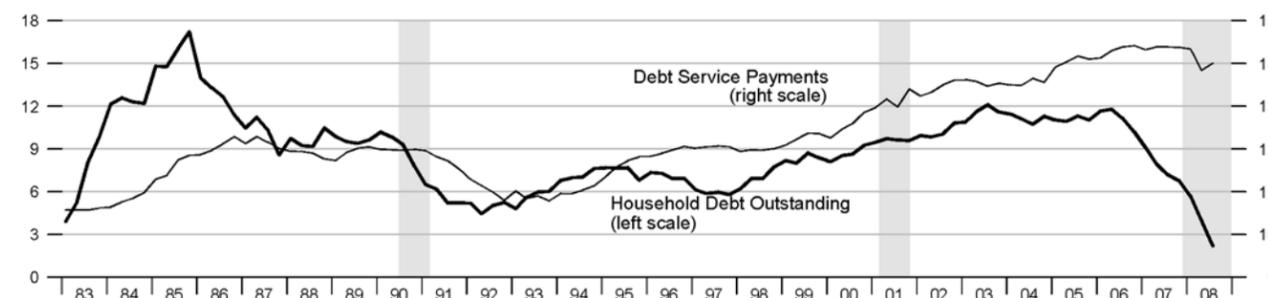
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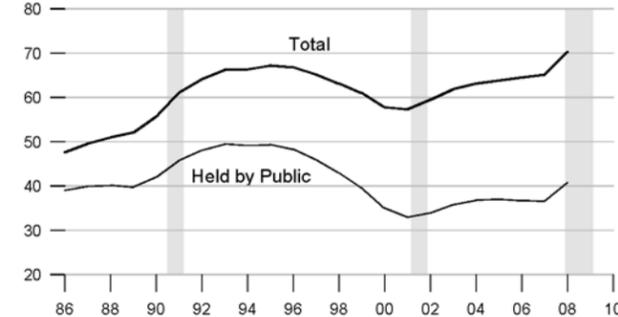
Debt Service Payments and Household Debt Outstanding

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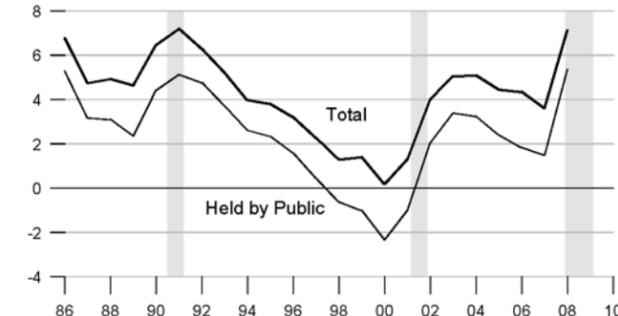
Federal Debt

Percent of GDP



Change in Federal Debt

Percent of GDP



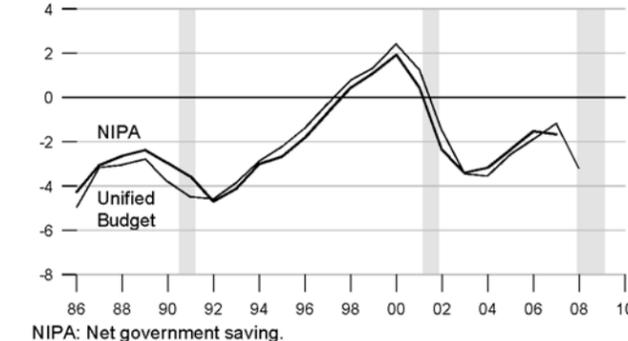
Federal Government Debt

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
2006		8507.0	3663.8	4843.2	768.9	4074.2	2027.3
2007		9007.7	3958.4	5049.2	779.6	4269.7	2237.2
2008		10024.7	4210.5	5814.2	476.6	5344.2	2862.0
2005	March	7776.9	3204.5	4572.4	717.3	3855.4	1956.3
	June	7836.5	3308.9	4527.6	724.7	3803.0	1879.6
	September	7932.7	3331.1	4601.6	736.4	3864.9	1930.6
	December	8170.4	3455.8	4714.6	744.2	3970.6	2036.0
2006	March	8371.2	3498.4	4872.8	758.5	4114.0	2084.5
	June	8420.0	3622.6	4797.5	766.4	4030.8	1979.8
	September	8507.0	3663.8	4843.2	768.9	4074.2	2027.3
	December	8680.2	3779.0	4901.2	778.9	4122.1	2105.0
2007	March	8849.7	3795.4	5054.3	780.9	4273.1	2196.7
	June	8867.7	3924.7	4943.0	790.5	4152.6	2193.9
	September	9007.7	3958.4	5049.2	779.6	4269.7	2237.2
	December	9229.2	4092.9	5136.3	740.6	4395.7	2355.1
2008	March	9437.6	4103.6	5334.0	591.2	4742.9	2515.6
	June	9492.0	4207.0	5285.0	478.8	4806.2	2647.9
	September	10024.7	4210.5	5814.2	476.6	5344.2	2862.0

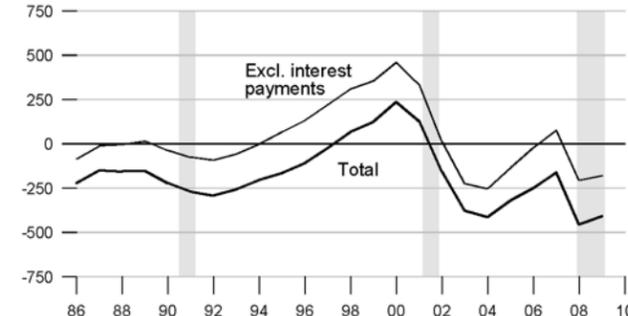
Federal Surplus (+) / Deficit (-)

Percent of GDP

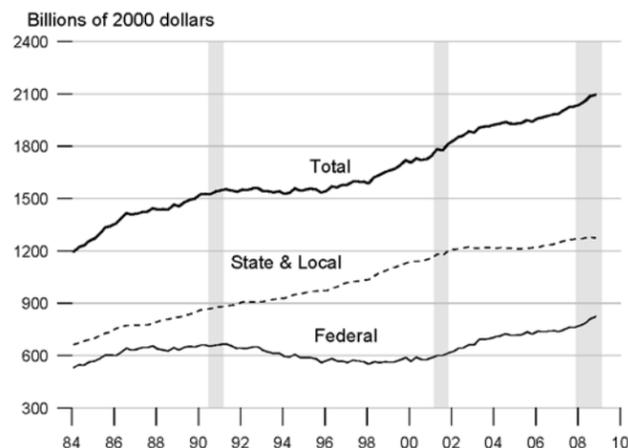


Federal Surplus (+) / Deficit (-), Unified Basis

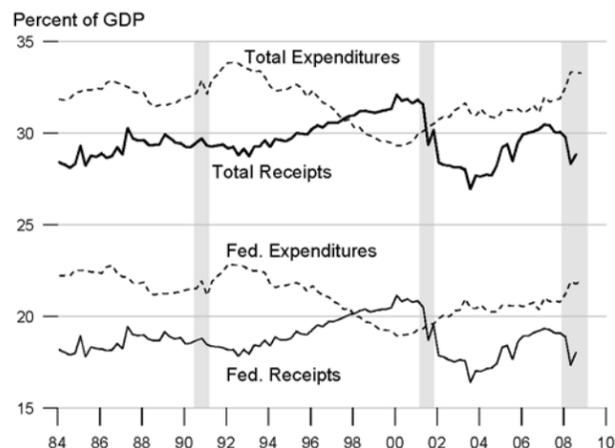
Billions of dollars, fiscal years



Govt. Consumption and Investment



Govt. Current Receipts and Expenditures

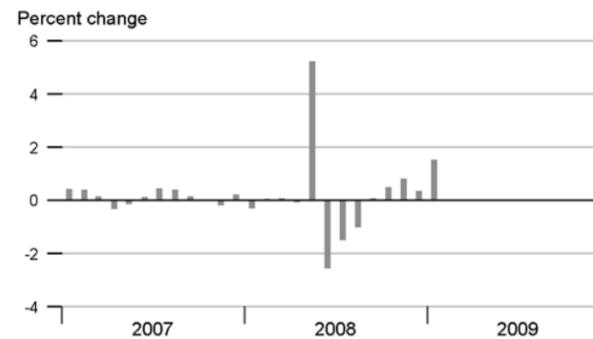


Government Budgets

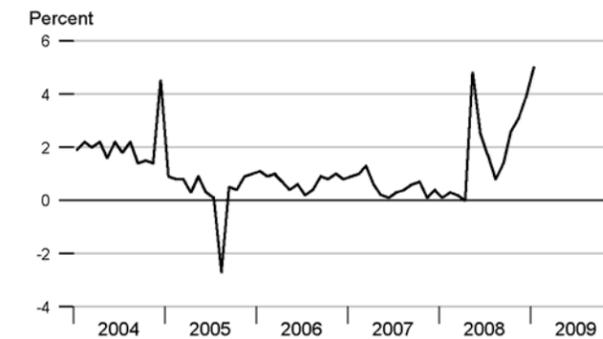
Billions of dollars

	National Income Accounts			Unified Budget		
	Calendar Years			Fiscal Years		
	State and Local		Federal	Federal		Federal
	Receipts	Expenditures	Surplus or Deficit (-)	Receipts	Outlays	Surplus or Deficit (-)
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	1494.2	1514.5	-20.3	1879.9	2252.1	-372.2
2004	1594.3	1592.8	1.5	2008.9	2379.5	-370.6
2005	1714.4	1684.9	29.5	2266.9	2558.6	-291.7
2006	1811.4	1765.3	46.1	2510.4	2711.6	-201.2
2007	1902.8	1892.4	10.4	2651.2	2880.5	-229.3
2008	.	2015.2	.	.	3096.0	.
2007Q1	1877.5	1854.3	23.2	2612.8	2837.9	-225.1
2007Q2	1909.8	1874.0	35.8	2648.1	2859.5	-211.4
2007Q3	1905.5	1900.7	4.8	2664.9	2909.2	-244.3
2007Q4	1918.4	1940.7	-22.3	2679.2	2915.6	-236.4
2008Q1	1922.9	1975.3	-52.4	2672.5	3003.2	-330.7
2008Q2	1955.4	2022.3	-66.9	2478.8	3128.4	-649.6
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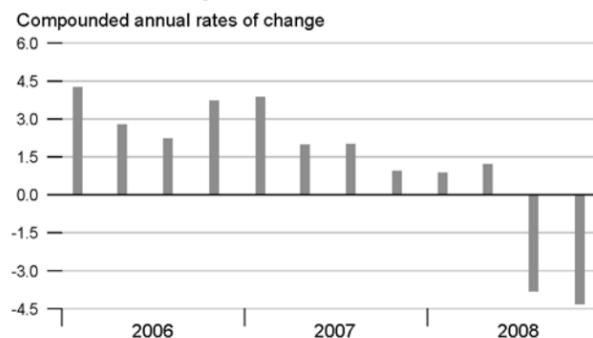
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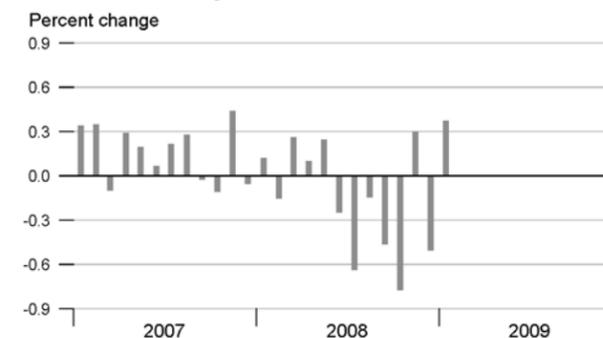
Personal Saving Rate



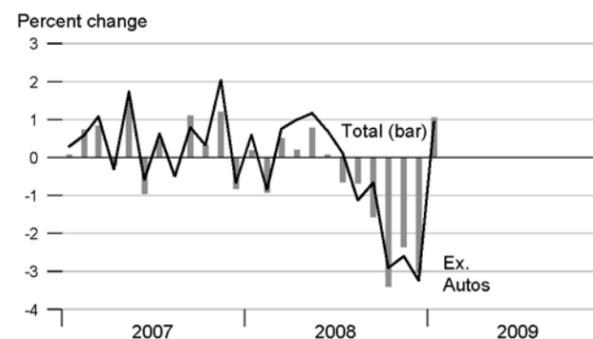
Real Consumption



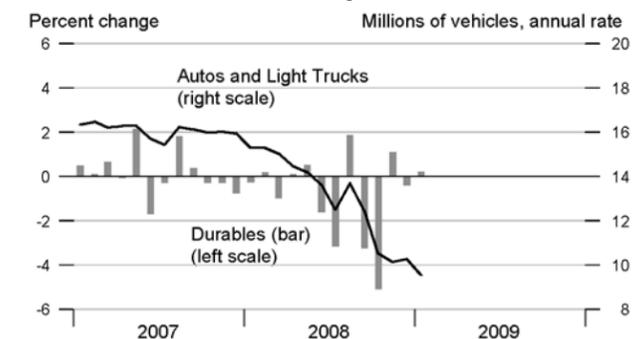
Real Consumption



Retail & Food Services



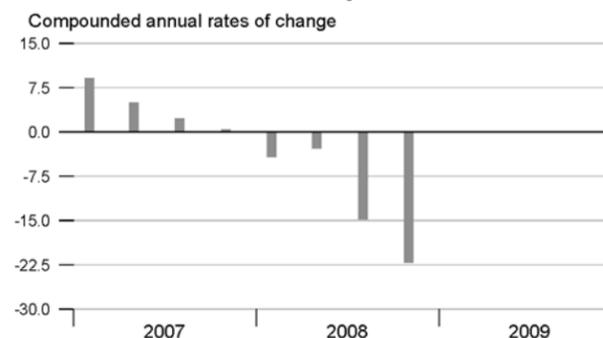
Real Durables Consumption & Vehicle Sales



Consumer Sentiment (U. of Michigan)

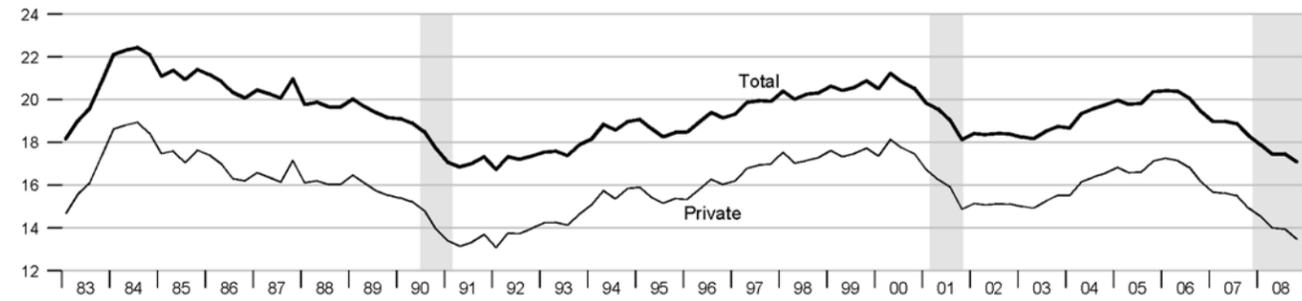


Real Durables Consumption



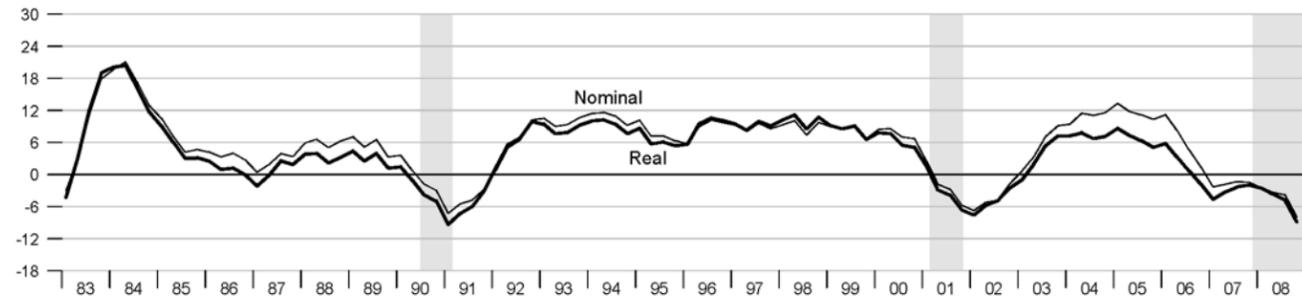
Investment

Percent of nominal GDP



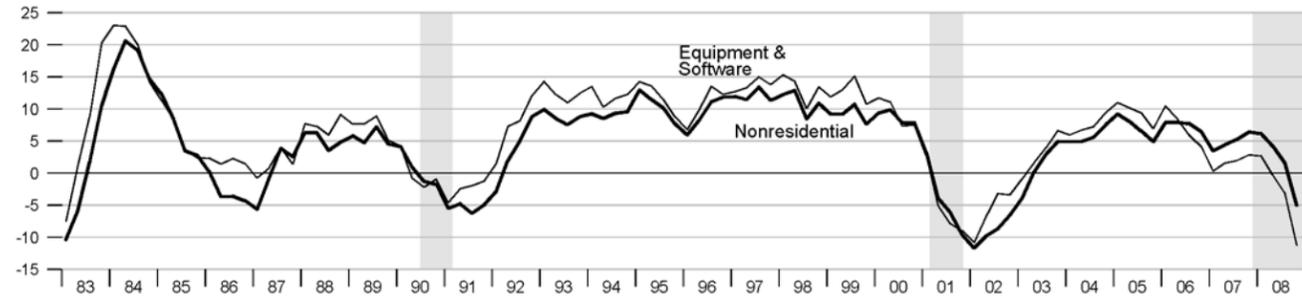
Private Fixed Investment

Percent change from year ago



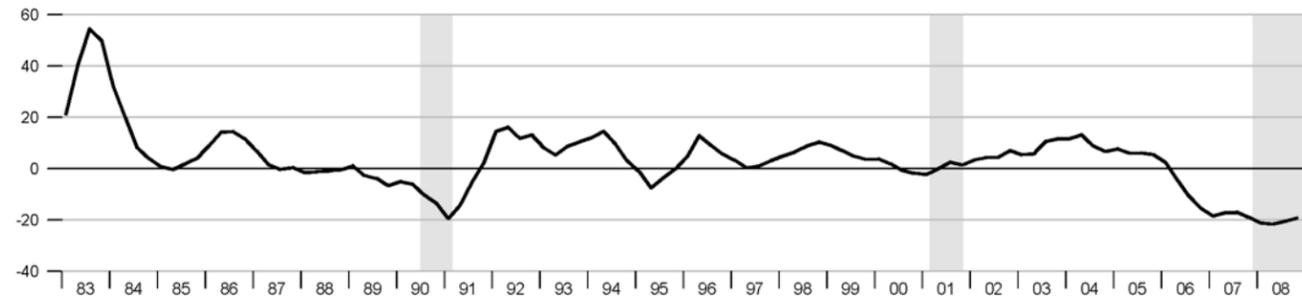
Real Nonresidential Fixed and Equipment & Software Investment

Percent change from year ago



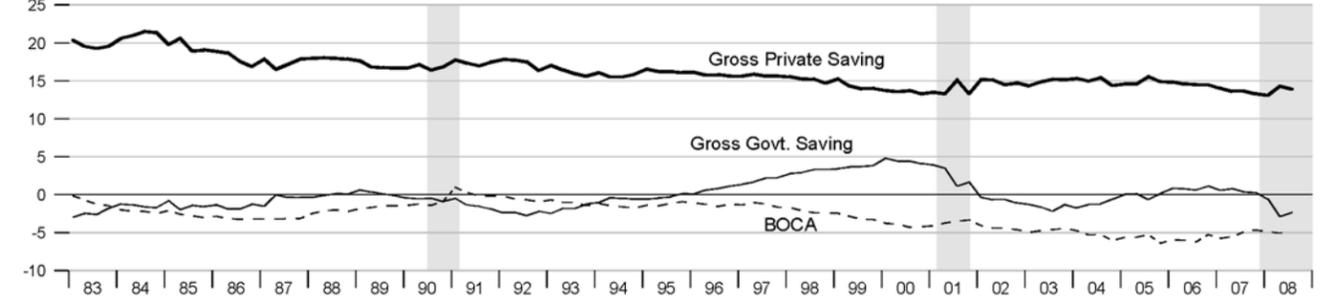
Real Residential Fixed Investment

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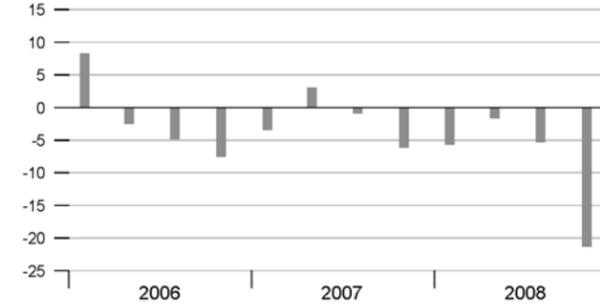
Gross Saving Rates and Balance on Current Account (NIPA)

Percent of GDP



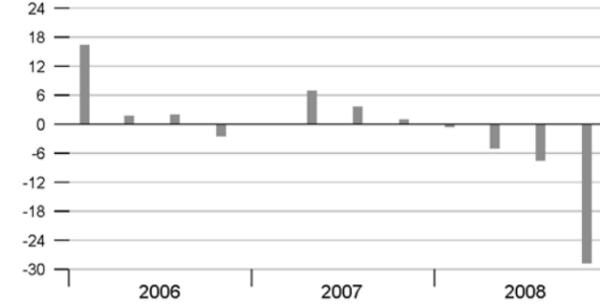
Real Private Fixed Investment

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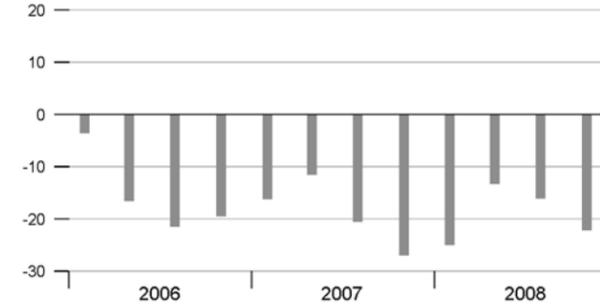
Real Equipment & Software Investment

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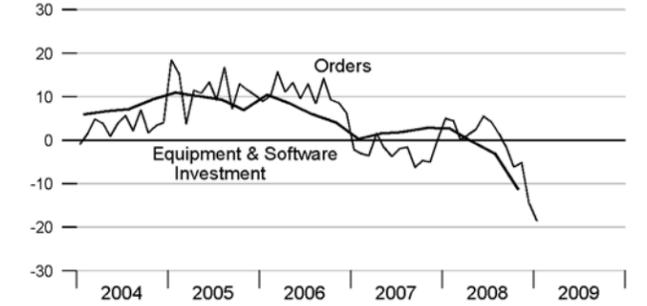
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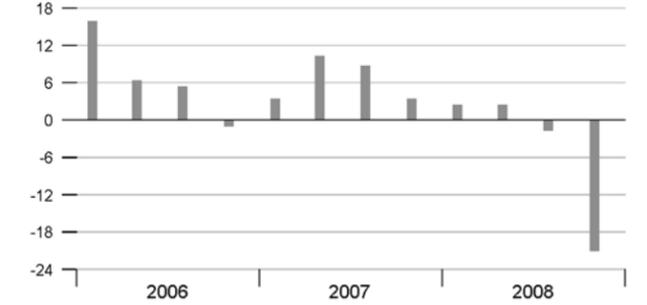
Nondefense Capital Goods Orders

Percent change from year ago, excluding aircraft



Real Nonresidential Fixed Investment

Compounded annual rates of change



Housing Starts and New Home Sales

Millions, annual rate

Millions, annual rate

