

Monthly Economic Indicators And Charts

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Labor Market Showing No Signs Of Pausing

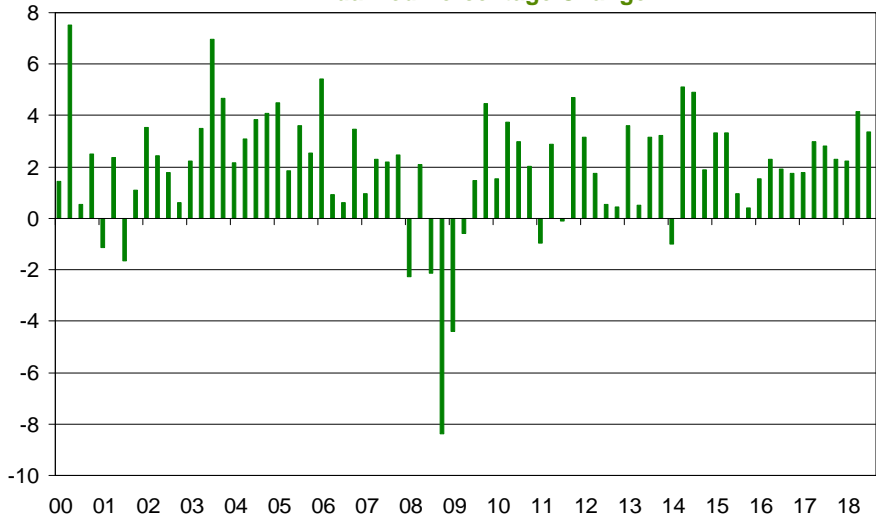
- The FOMC may be taking a breather, but the labor market is still running at full speed. Total nonfarm employment rose by 304,000 jobs in January, with private sector payrolls up by 296,000 jobs and public sector payrolls up by 8,000 jobs. To be sure, the January employment report is full of noise and by no means do we believe actual job growth was as strong as the BLS's initial estimate suggests. That said, the labor market remains rock solid, with broad based job growth and accelerating wage growth likely to continue over coming months.
- The partial government shutdown had little impact on growth in nonfarm employment in January, as furloughed government workers were still counted as employed. The shutdown did, however, help push the unemployment rate up to 4.0 percent in January. Furloughed government workers who were not required to report to work contributed to the reported decline in household employment, but this should reverse in the February data.
- Average hourly earnings rose by just 0.1 percent in January, but this followed upward revisions to prior estimates for November and December, and the bottom line is that average hourly earnings are up 3.2 percent year-on-year. Wage growth continues to accelerate, but in an orderly manner that does not point to a labor market on the boil.
- The ISM Manufacturing Index rebounded in January, particularly the ISM's gauge of new factory orders. Though there remains a considerable degree of uncertainty over the course of trade policy, the manufacturing sector continues to enjoy steady, broad based growth.
- In his press conference following the January FOMC meeting, Fed Chairman Powell stressed the FOMC would be patient and flexible. Patient in terms of any further increases in the Fed funds rate, and flexible in managing the Fed balance sheet. Chairman Powell's message struck all the right notes with the financial markets, but our view is that it would be premature to conclude the FOMC's work is done for this cycle.

ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL DATA HIGHLIGHTS – February 2019

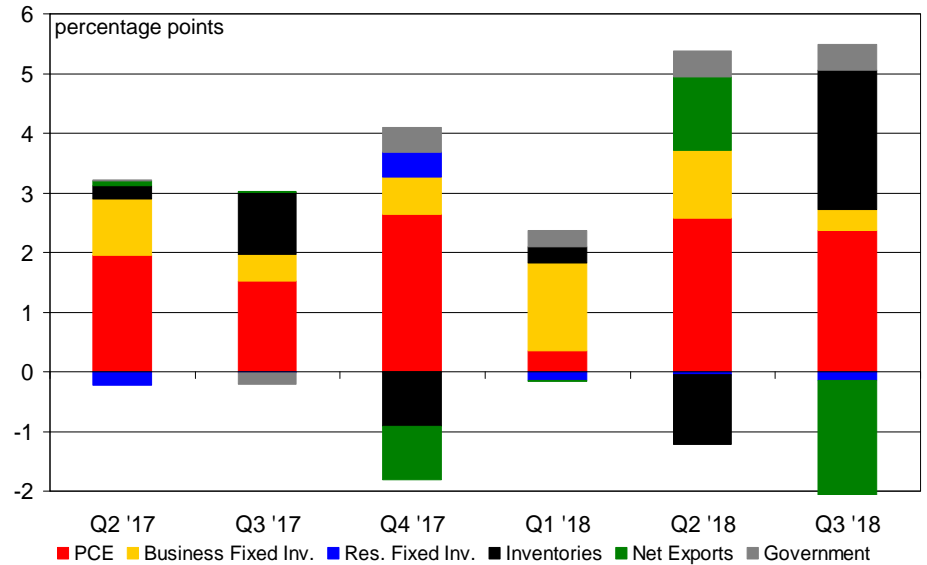
Indicator:	Last Observation:	Reported As:	Value:	% Change Year Ago, or Year Ago Value:
Real GDP	Q3 2018 (3 rd est.)	Annualized % change	3.36%	3.00%
Payroll Employment	January 2019	Monthly change, thousands of jobs	+304	1.90%
Private Sector Employment	January 2019	Monthly change, thousands of jobs	+296	2.13%
Unemployment Rate	January 2019	% of labor force	4.0%	4.1%
“U6” Unemployment/Underemployment	January 2019	% of labor force	8.1%	8.2%
Unemployed 27 Weeks or More	January 2019	Millions of people	1.252	1.428
Aggregate Private Sector Earnings	January 2019	Monthly % change	0.34%	5.70%
Real Personal Disposable Income	November 2018	Monthly % change	0.18%	2.84%
Real Personal Disposable Income ex-Transfers	November 2018	Monthly % change	0.20%	2.14%
Real Personal Consumption Expenditures	November 2018	Monthly % change	0.38%	4.74%
Personal Savings Rate	November 2018	% of disposable personal income	6.00%	6.20%
Consumer Price Index – Total	December 2018	Monthly % change	<0.06%>	1.91%
Consumer Price Index – Core	December 2018	Monthly % change	0.21%	2.21%
Producer Price Index – Final Demand	December 2018	Monthly % change	<0.17%>	2.45%
Producer Price Index – Core Final Demand	December 2018	Monthly % change	<0.09%>	2.74%
Single Family Housing Permits	November 2018	Seasonally adjusted annual rate	848,000	864,000
Multi-Family Housing Permits	November 2018	Seasonally adjusted annual rate	480,000	459,000
Single Family Housing Starts	November 2018	Seasonally adjusted annual rate	824,000	948,000
Multi-Family Housing Starts	November 2018	Seasonally adjusted annual rate	432,000	355,000
Industrial Production	December 2018	Monthly % change	0.35%	3.95%
ISM Manufacturing Index	January 2019	Index value, %	56.6%	59.1%
ISM Manufacturing New Orders Index	January 2019	Index value, %	58.2%	65.4%
ISM Non-Manufacturing Index	January 2019	Index value, %	56.7%	59.9%
ISM Non-Manufacturing New Orders Index	January 2019	Index Value, %	57.7%	62.7%
Federal Funds Rate Target Range Mid-Point	February 1, 2019	Percent	2.375%	1.375%
One-Month LIBOR Rate	February 1, 2019	Percent	2.51%	1.58%
3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Yield	February 1, 2019	Percent	2.35%	1.48%
2-Year U.S. Treasury Note Yield	February 1, 2019	Percent	2.52%	2.16%
10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Yield	February 1, 2019	Percent	2.69%	2.78%
Dollar-Euro Exchange Rate	February 1, 2019	Euros per U.S. dollar	0.8725	0.8012
Dollar-Yen Exchange Rate	February 1, 2019	Yen per U.S. dollar	109.54	109.50
Federal Reserve Broad U.S. Dollar Index	January 25, 2019	Index value, 1997 = 100	126.3117	115.3967

Real GDP

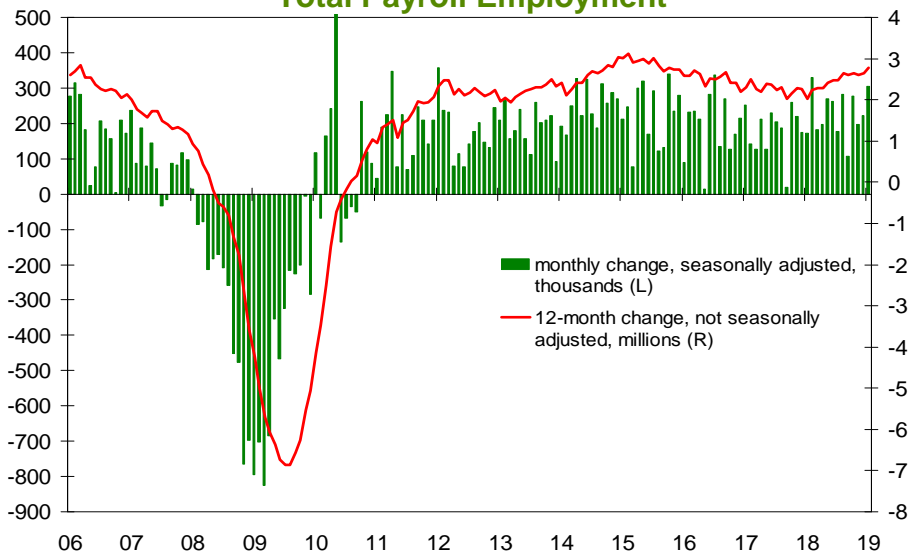
Annualized Percentage Change



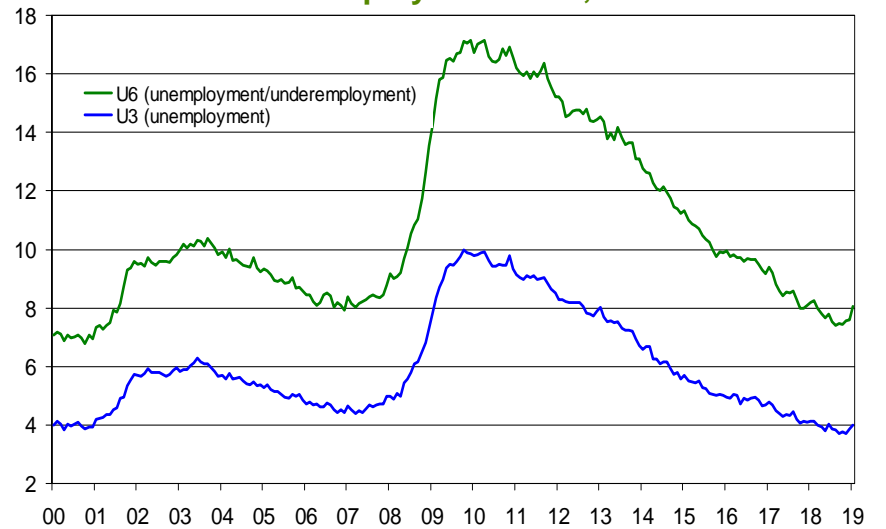
Contribution To Real GDP Growth



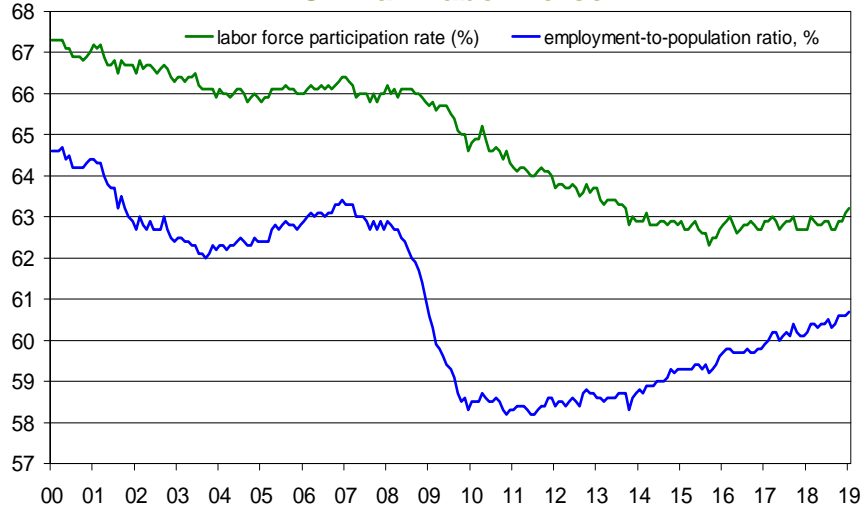
Total Payroll Employment



Unemployment Rate, %



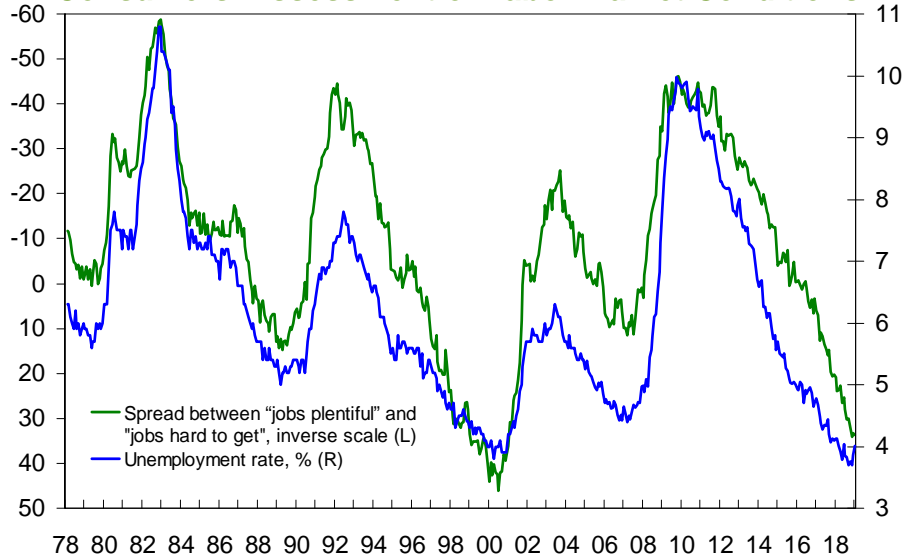
Civilian Labor Force



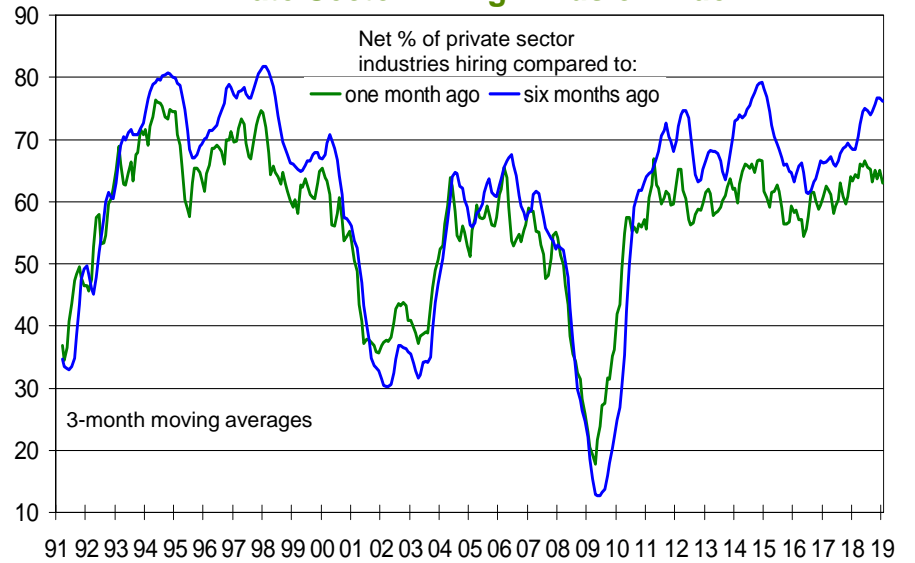
Long-Term Unemployed Unemployed for 27 Weeks or Longer, Millions of People



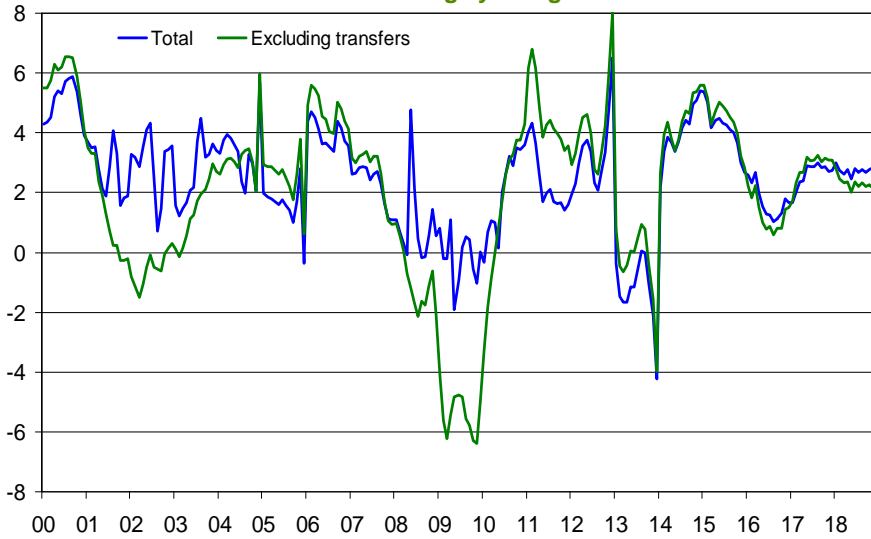
Consumers' Assessment of Labor Market Conditions



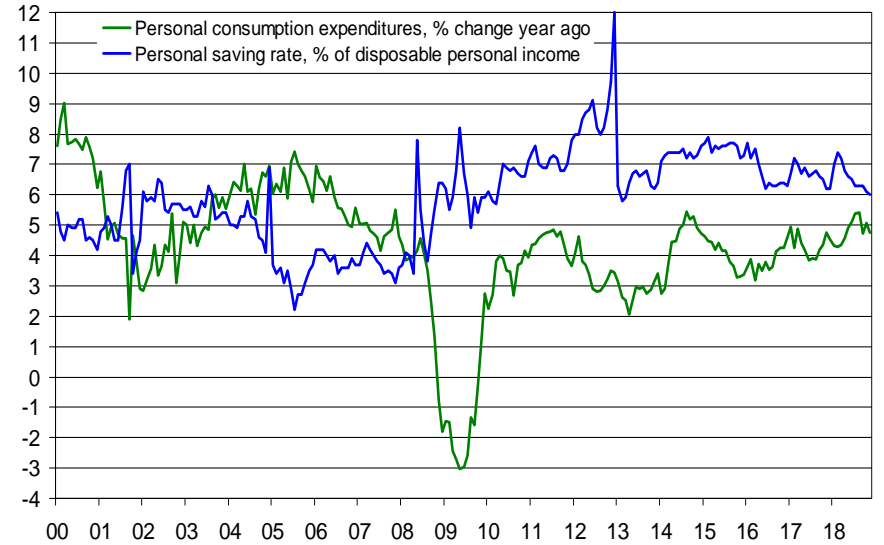
Private Sector Hiring Diffusion Index



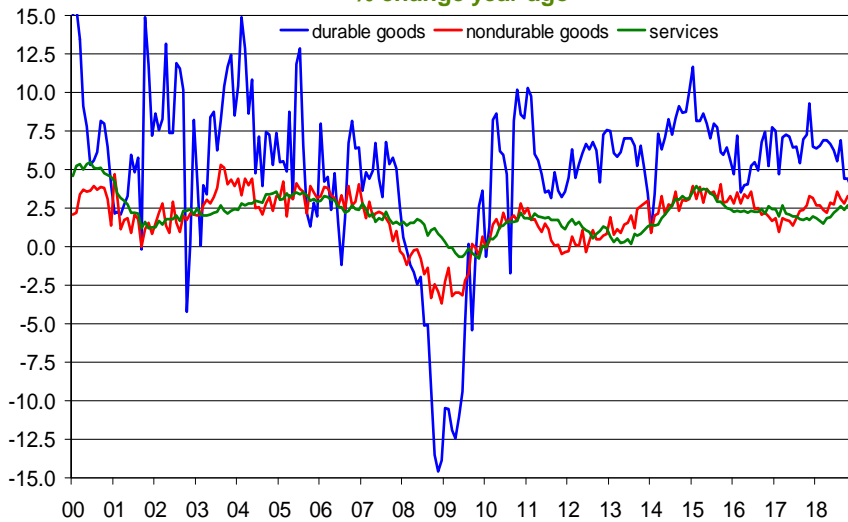
Real Disposable Personal Income % change year ago



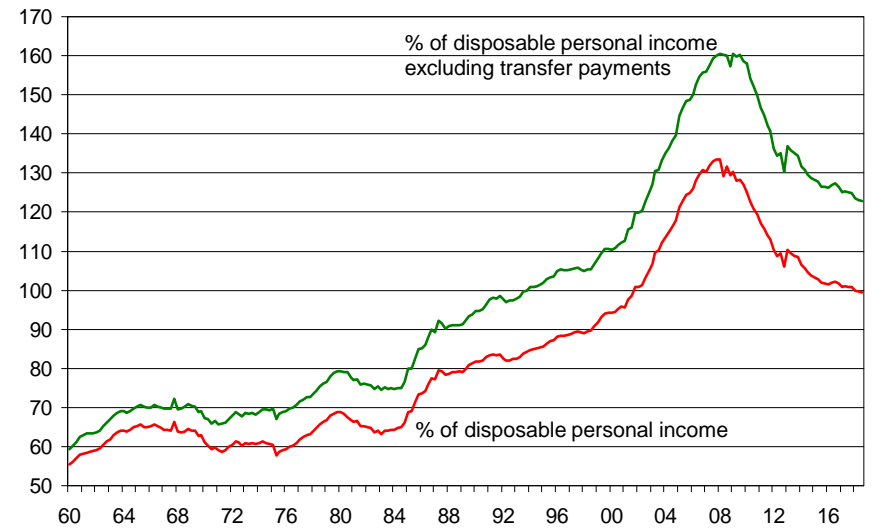
Personal Spending, Saving



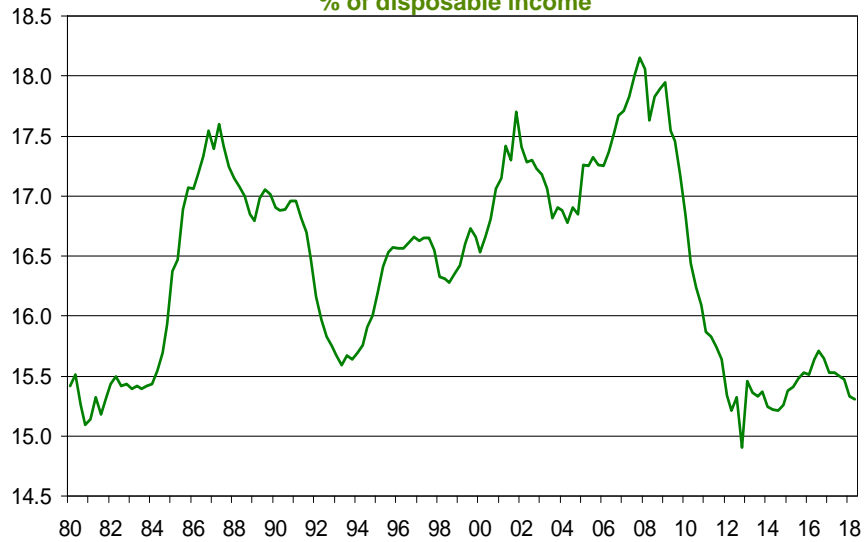
Real Consumer Spending % change year ago



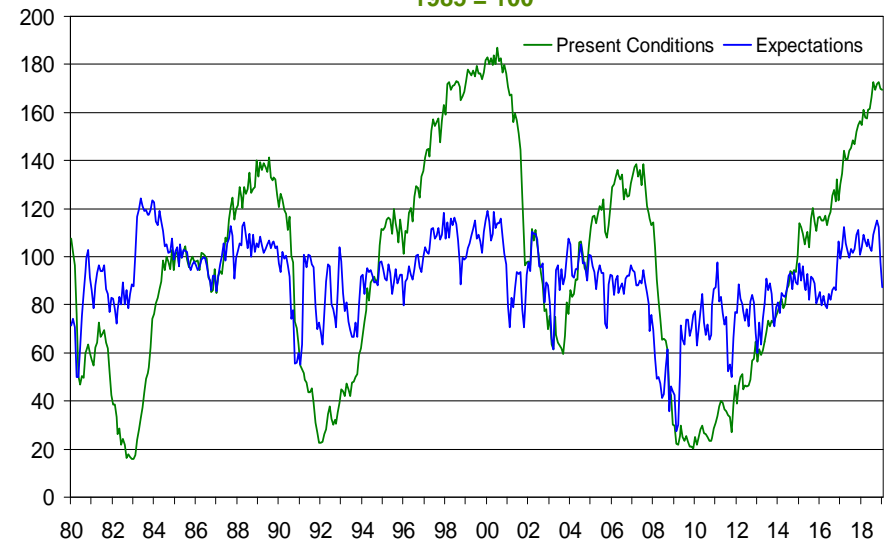
Total Household Debt



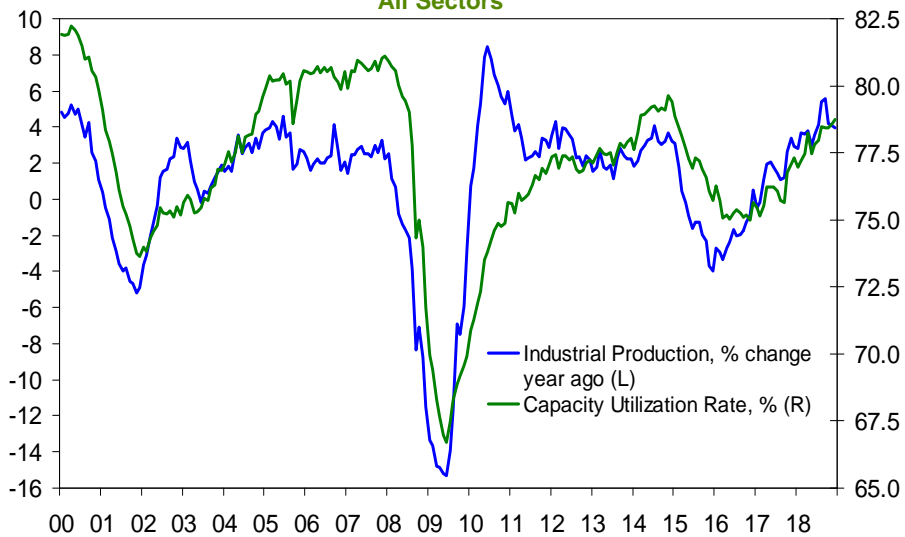
Household Financial Obligations Ratio
% of disposable income



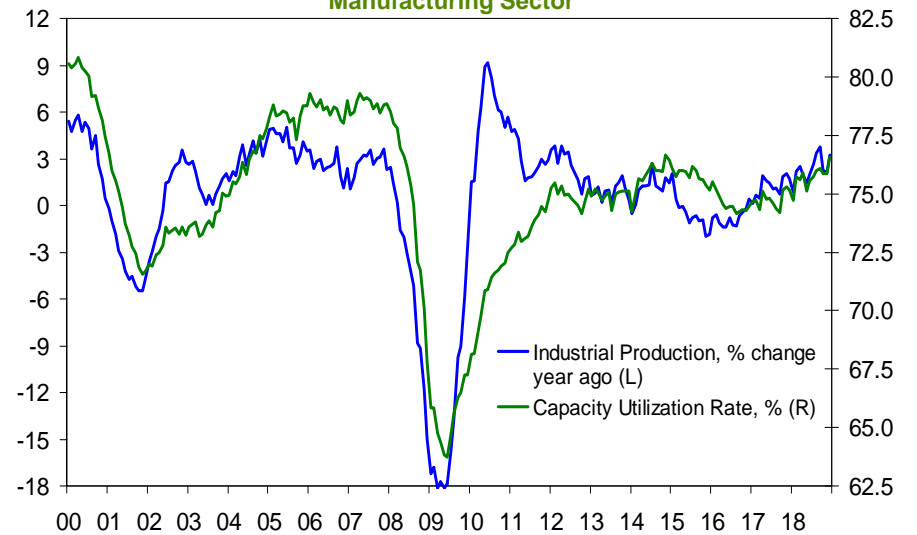
Consumer Confidence Index
1985 = 100



Industrial Production, Capacity Utilization
All Sectors

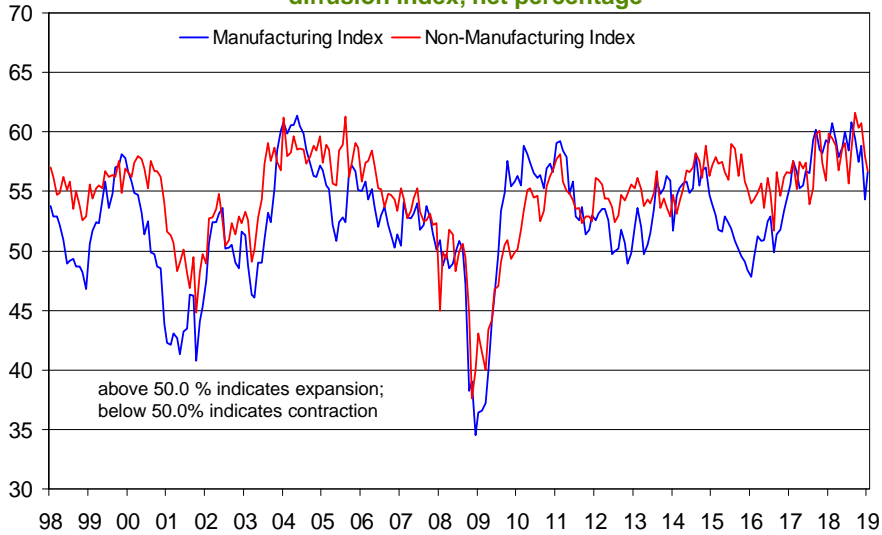


Industrial Production, Capacity Utilization
Manufacturing Sector



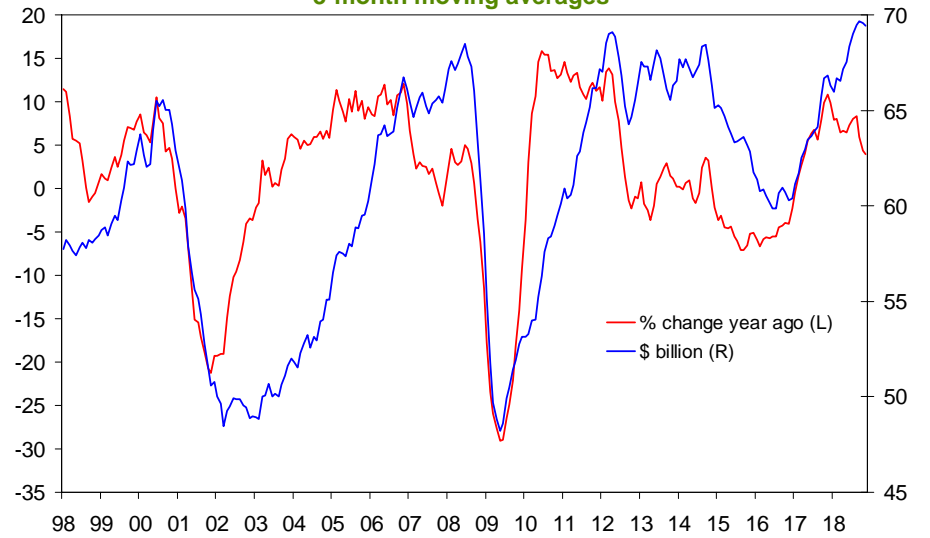
ISM Index

diffusion index, net percentage



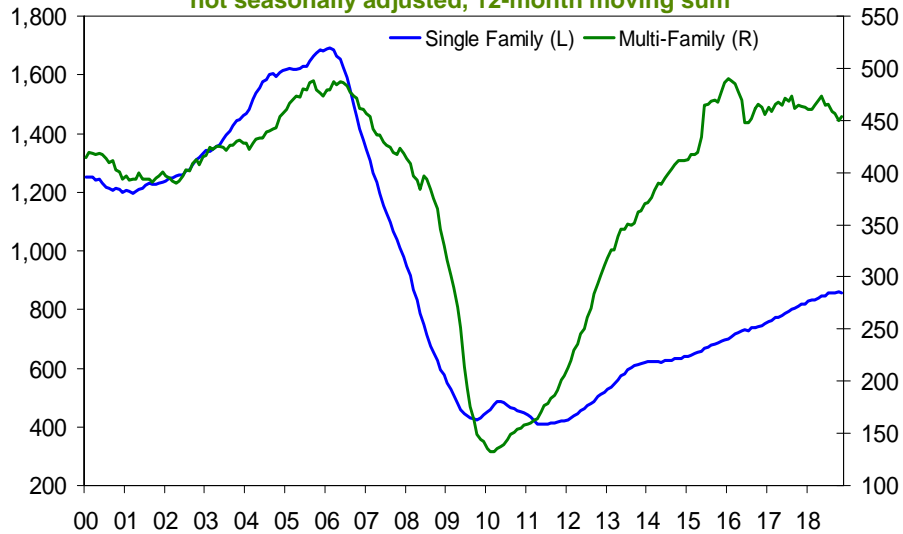
Core Capital Goods Orders

3-month moving averages



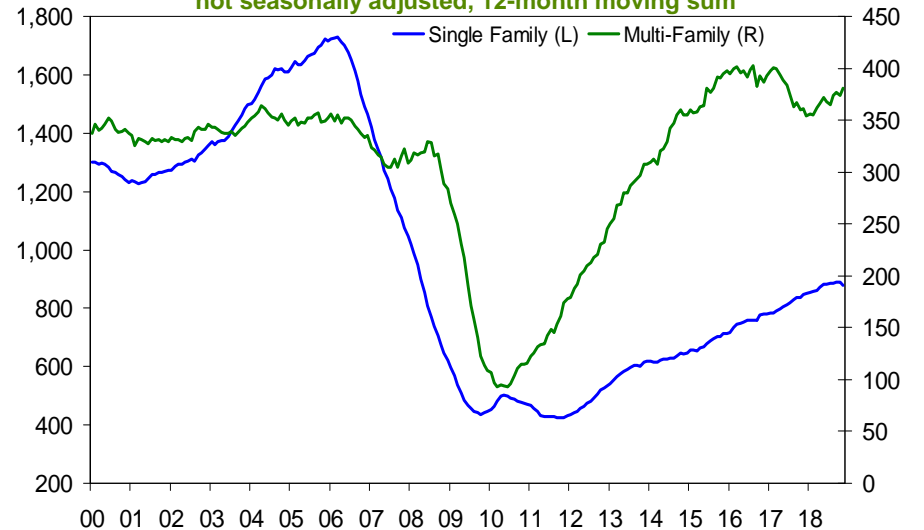
Housing Permits (000's of units)

not seasonally adjusted, 12-month moving sum



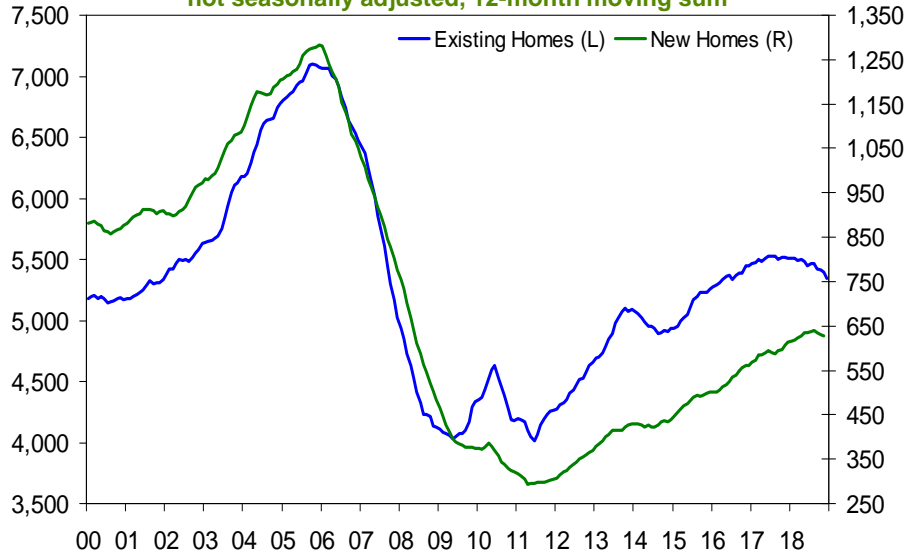
Housing Starts (000's of units)

not seasonally adjusted, 12-month moving sum



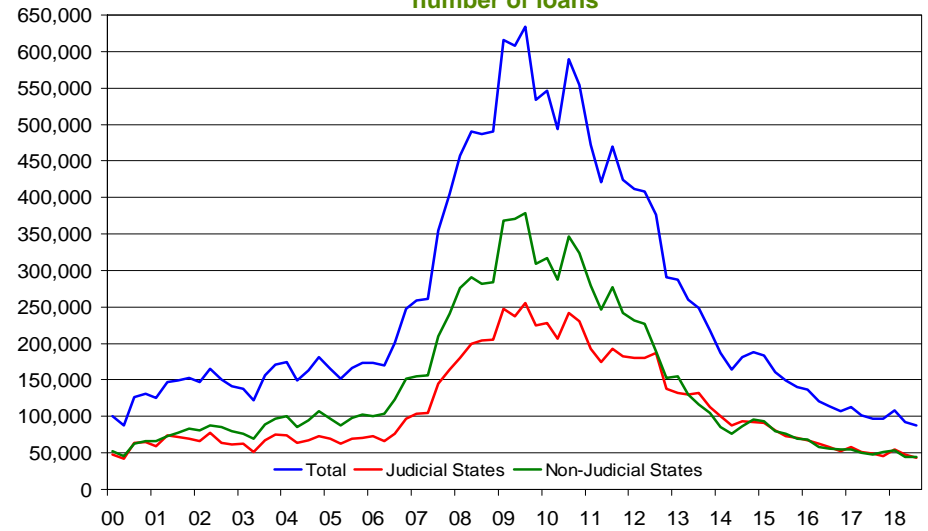
Home Sales (000's of units)

not seasonally adjusted, 12-month moving sum



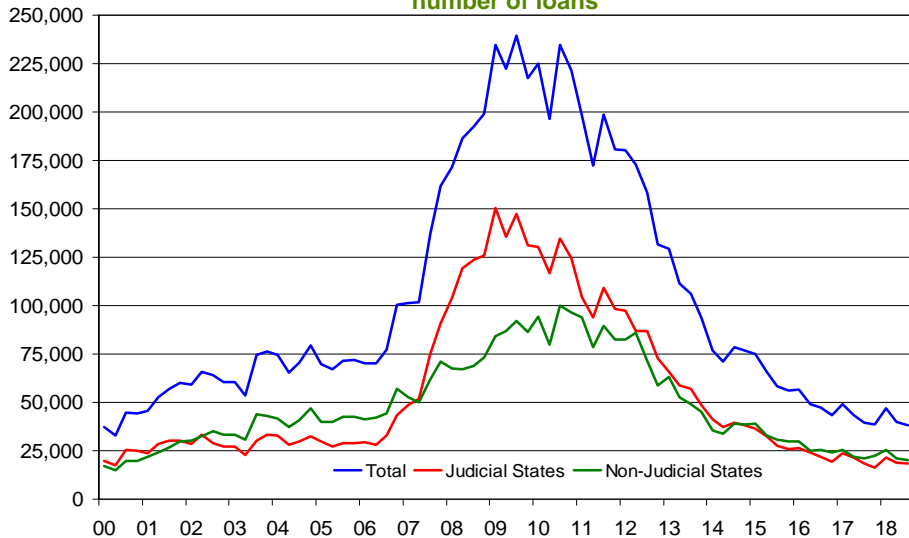
Foreclosure Starts – United States

number of loans



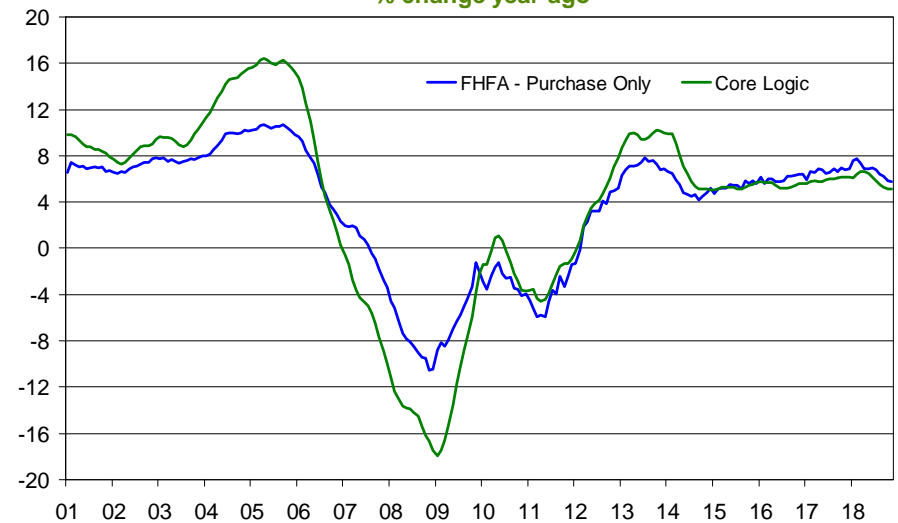
Foreclosure Starts – Regions Footprint

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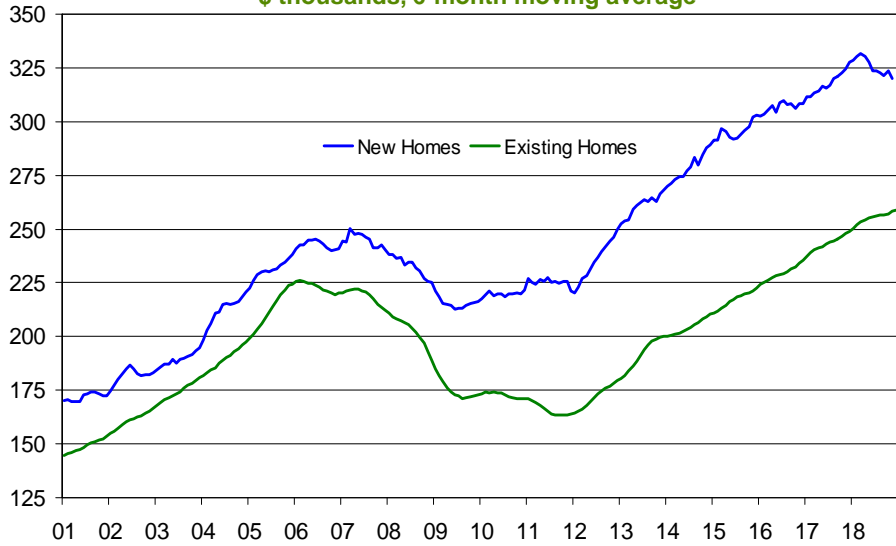


Index of House Prices

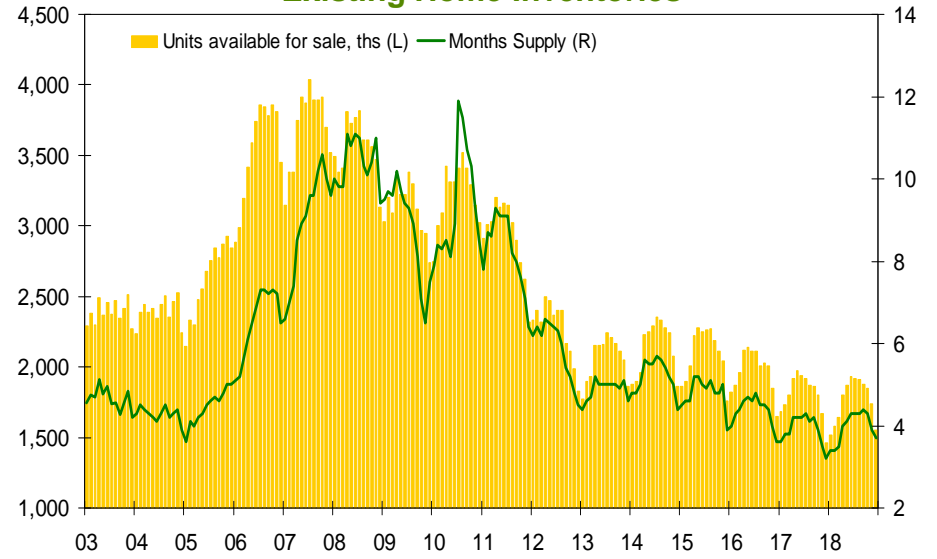
% change year ago



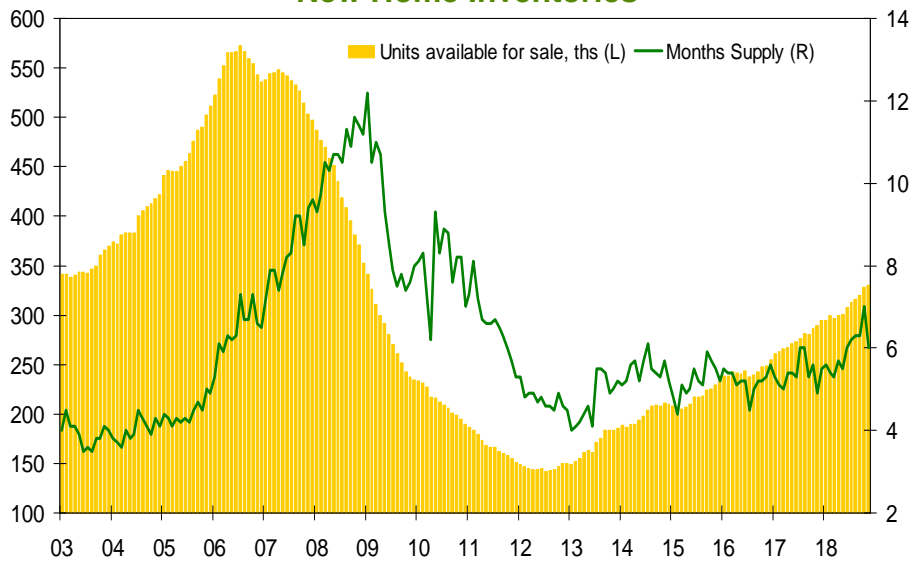
Median Home Prices
\$ thousands, 6-month moving average



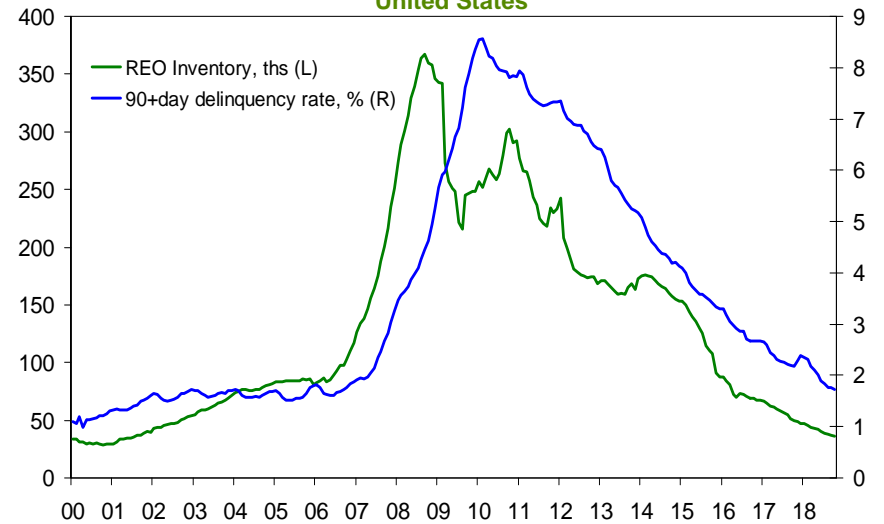
Existing Home Inventories



New Home Inventories

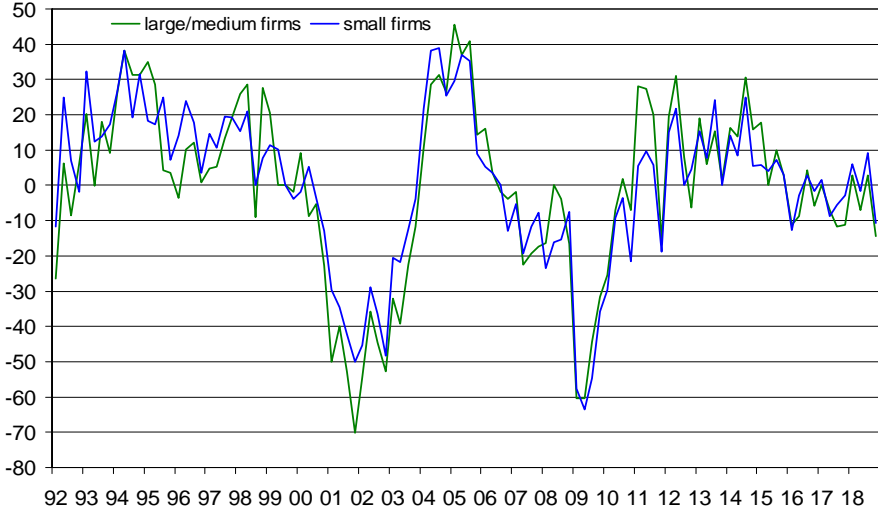


CoreLogic Loan Performance Data
United States



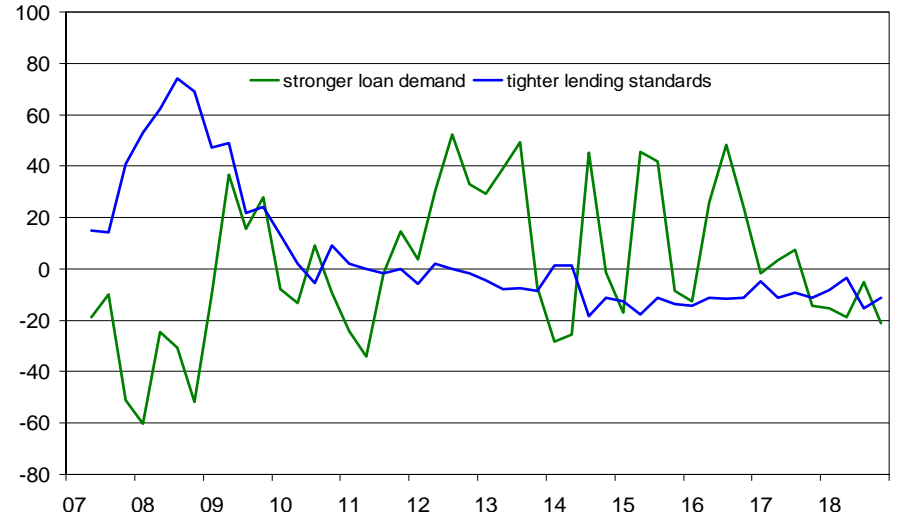
Survey of Senior Lending Officers – C&I Loans

net % of banks reporting rising loan demand from:

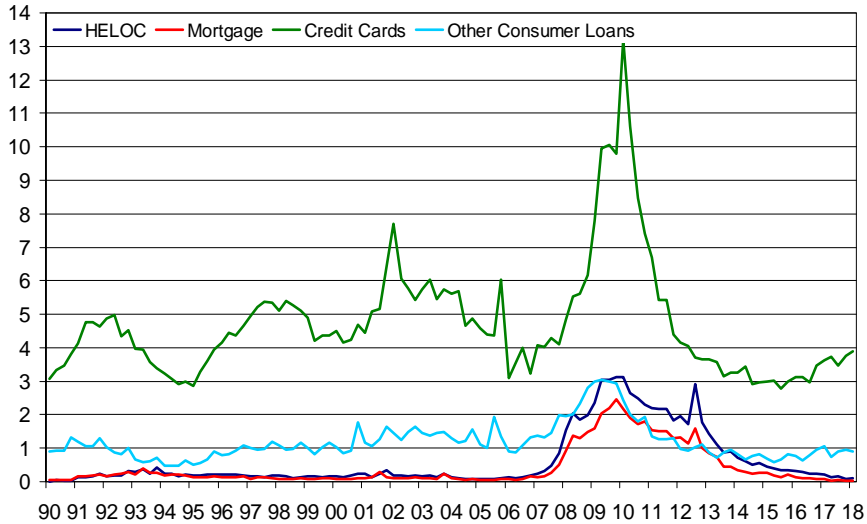


Survey of Senior Lending Officers – Prime Mortgages

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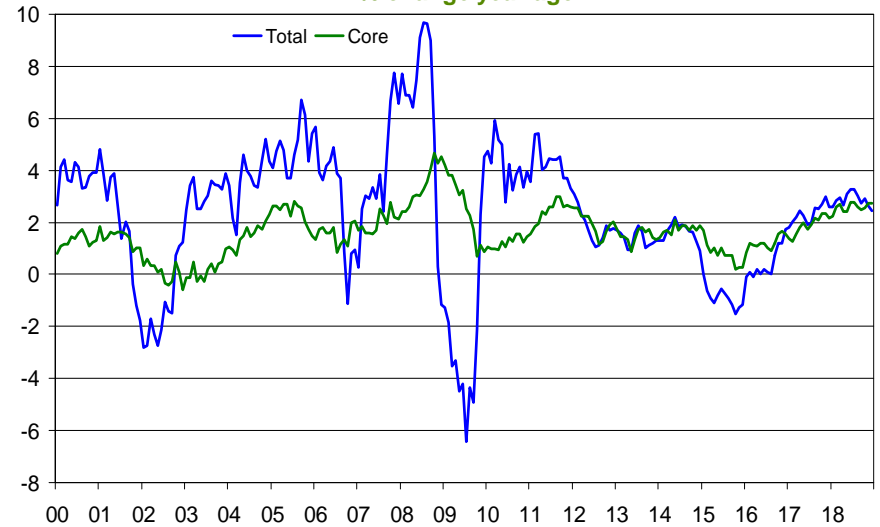


Bank Charge-Off Rates By Loan Type, %

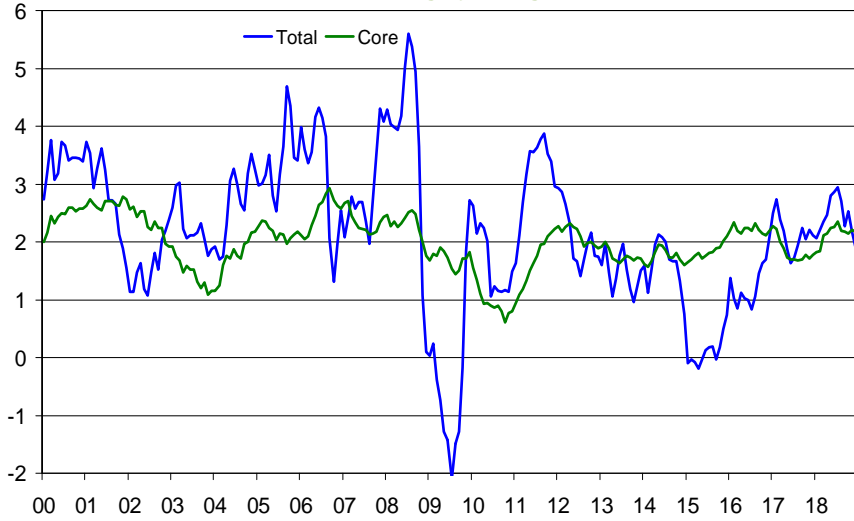


Producer Price Index

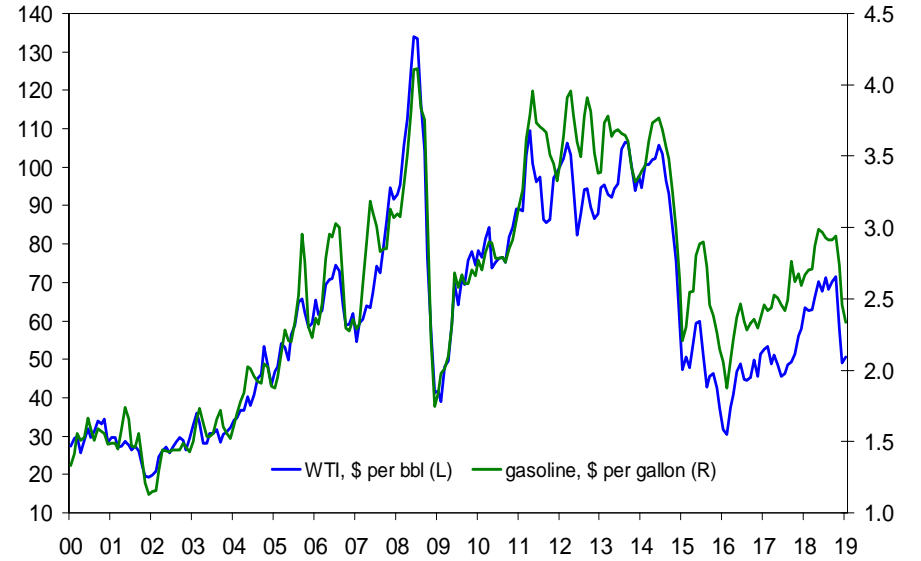
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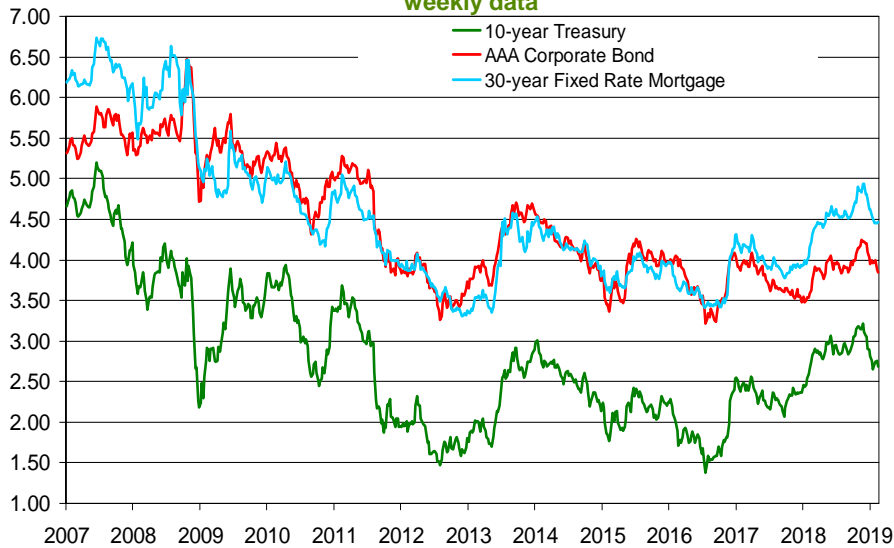
Consumer Price Index
% change year ago



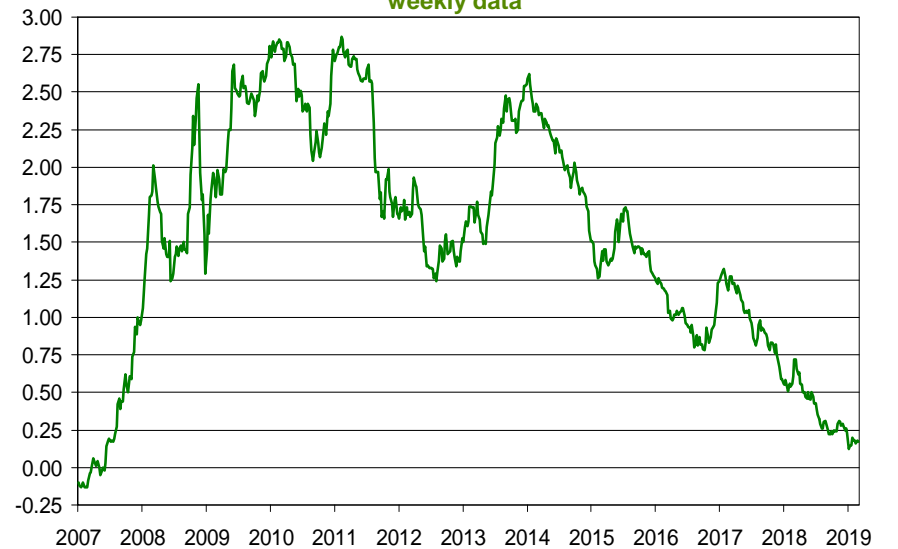
WTI Crude Oil, Retail Gasoline Prices



Selected Interest Rates, %
weekly data

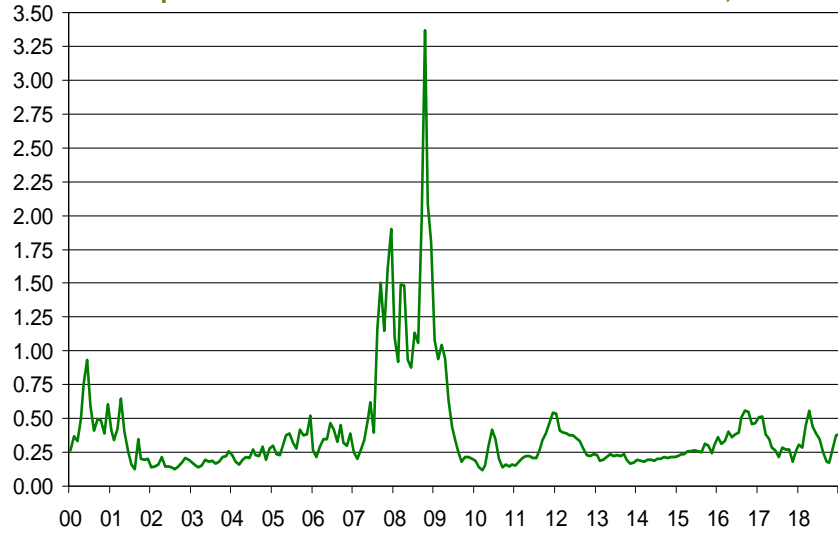


Spread Between Yields On 10-year and 2-year Treasury Notes
weekly data



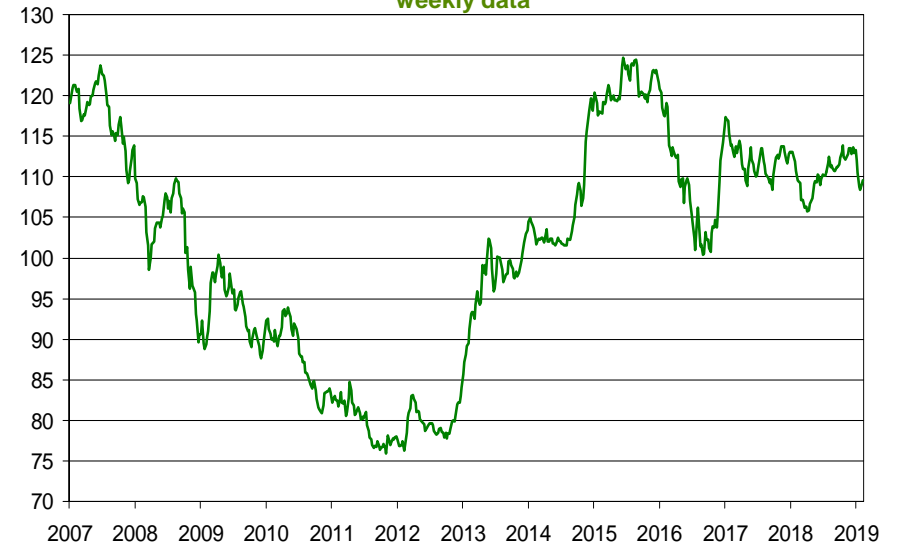
TED Spread

spread between 3-month LIBOR and 3-month T-bill, %



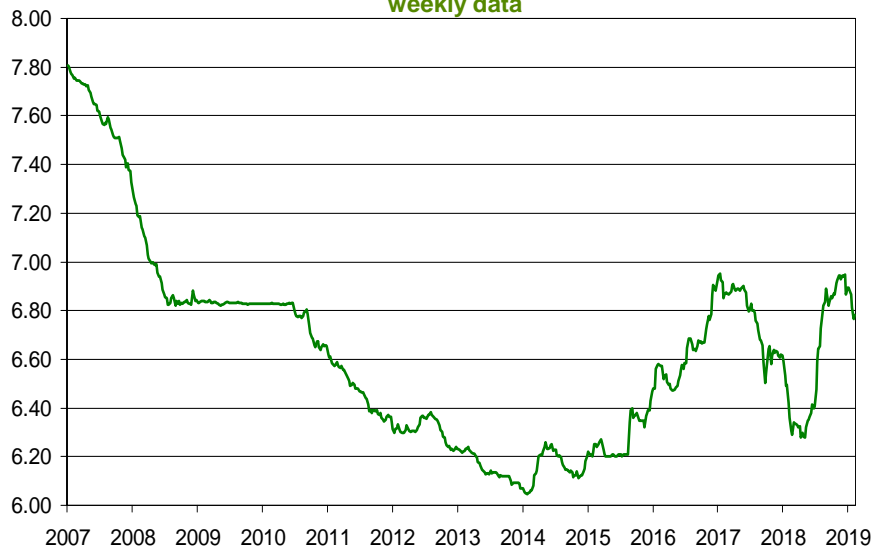
Japanese Yen per U.S. Dollar

weekly data



Chinese Yuan per U.S. Dollar

weekly data



Euros per U.S. Dollar

weekly data

