

## TIPS for Social Security?

The largest retirement plan in the United States is the Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) program of the Social Security Administration. During 2004, 48 million persons received \$493 billion in benefits, and 157 million persons with earnings subject to the program's payroll tax furnished the bulk of the program's \$658 billion income. The \$165 billion in excess revenue was added to the program's trust fund, which at the end of 2004 totaled \$1.7 trillion.

During the next 25 years, it is projected that the OASDI program's ratio of beneficiaries to taxpayers will decrease from its current 3.3 to 1 to about 2.2 to 1. As a result, it is projected that outlays will persistently exceed revenues after 2018 or so. Under current tax and benefit rules, and by drawing down the trust fund, it is projected that all scheduled benefit payments can be made for at least the next 25 years, at which time the trust fund will be exhausted. Thereafter, if no changes are made to benefits or taxes, it is projected that incoming tax revenue will be sufficient to fund about 70 percent of scheduled benefit payments through 2080. Many analysts (and politicians) have argued that this shortfall is unacceptable and that the OASDI program must change. Proposals include increasing the payroll tax, reducing benefit levels, increasing earnings on the trust fund's investments, and delaying the age at which new retirees are eligible for full benefits. Economic analysis suggests it is important to analyze these proposals carefully because each is likely to have different effects on various groups in the economy.

Consider, for example, the Social Security trust fund. Prior to 1983, the OASDI program operated largely as a pay-as-you-go system. Established by Congress in 1940, the program's trust fund grew little prior to 1983 as a result of Congressional deferrals of proposed tax increases.<sup>1</sup> In 11 of the years between 1940 and 1983, the level of the fund decreased as benefit outlays exceeded revenues. In 1983, the Greenspan commission on OASDI recommended that the program be changed from one in which benefits were paid solely from current revenues to a partially funded retirement plan. Payroll tax rates were increased, and the trust fund began to grow. Recently, some analysts have proposed that the trust fund ought to seek to earn a higher rate of return so as to mitigate the future OASDI shortfall. This proposal is problematic

because the fund consists solely of Treasury securities. Not until benefit payments begin to exceed payroll tax revenues, say in 2018, will the Treasury be required to redeem these securities and transfer funds to OASDI. How the Treasury chooses to raise those funds will have tax-incidence implications. Increases in income taxes, to fill the Treasury's general fund for payment to OASDI, will fall more heavily on upper-income households; decreases in OASDI benefits or increases in payroll taxes will fall more heavily on lower-income households.<sup>2</sup> Hence, higher rates of return credited to the trust fund by the Treasury during the next several decades would have the effect of transferring more of the burden of resolving the OASDI shortfall to higher-income households.

Current law sharply limits the trust fund's investment options: The fund is permitted to invest solely in securities backed by the full faith and credit of the federal government. In practice, each year the fund purchases nonmarketable Treasury securities with maturities varying from 1 to 15 years, at a yield equal to the average market yield on Treasuries with 4 years or more to maturity. In 2003, the fund purchased \$210 billion at a 3.5 percent yield; in 2004, the fund purchased \$215 billion at a 4.6 percent yield. Some analysts have suggested that the trust fund's investments should more closely resemble those of private retirement systems by including long-maturity inflation-indexed securities. A few of these proposals suggest that the Treasury be required to issue, to the trust fund, long-maturity Treasury inflation-protected securities (TIPS) with above-market yields. Although controversial, such a change would shift the tax incidence of resolving a substantial portion of the OASDI shortfall from lower-income to higher-income households. Simple calculations, using current benefit and tax projections, suggest that the trust fund's exhaustion date likely might be delayed to as late as 2080 if the entire current fund were invested in such special-issue TIPS at a real coupon rate of approximately 5.5 to 6 percent.

—Richard G. Anderson

<sup>1</sup>Technically, the OASI trust fund was established in 1940. The DI fund came later.

<sup>2</sup>This discussion assumes that the Treasury will not be able to fund its entire obligation by marketing new securities to the public and, hence, at some point will require higher income taxes.

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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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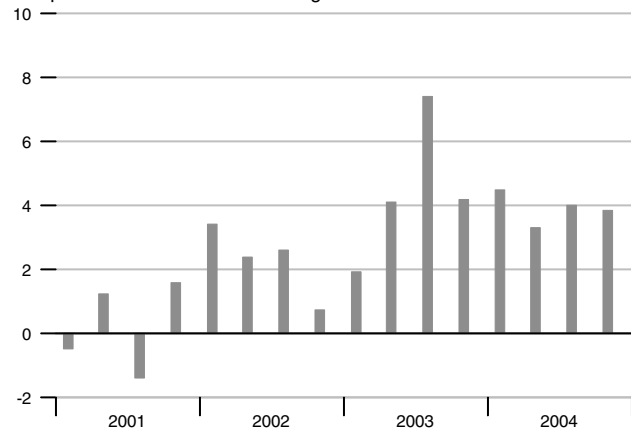
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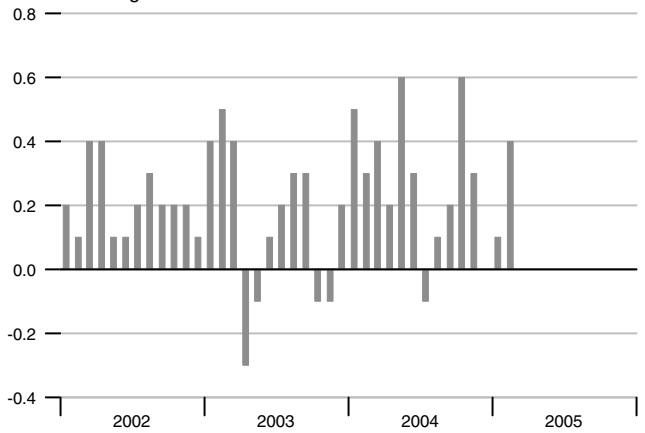
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Compounded annual rates of change



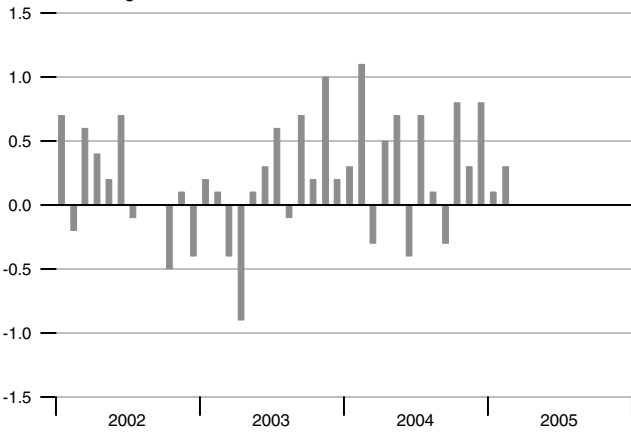
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Percent change



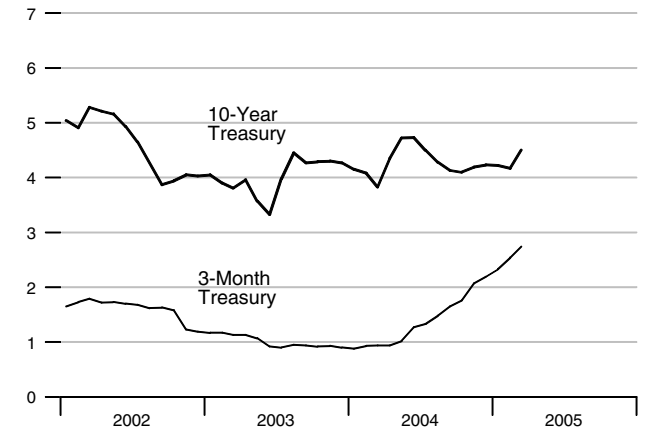
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Percent change



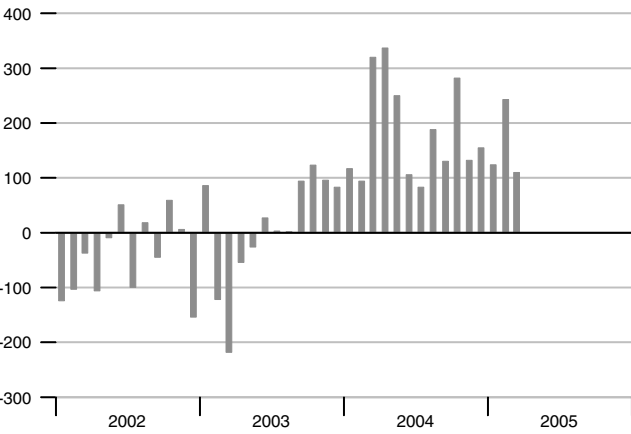
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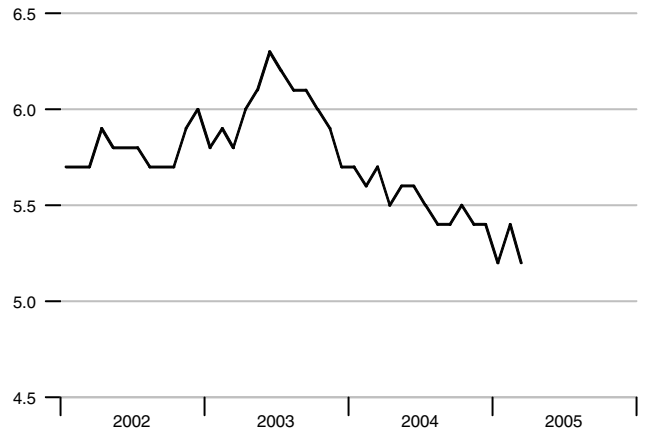
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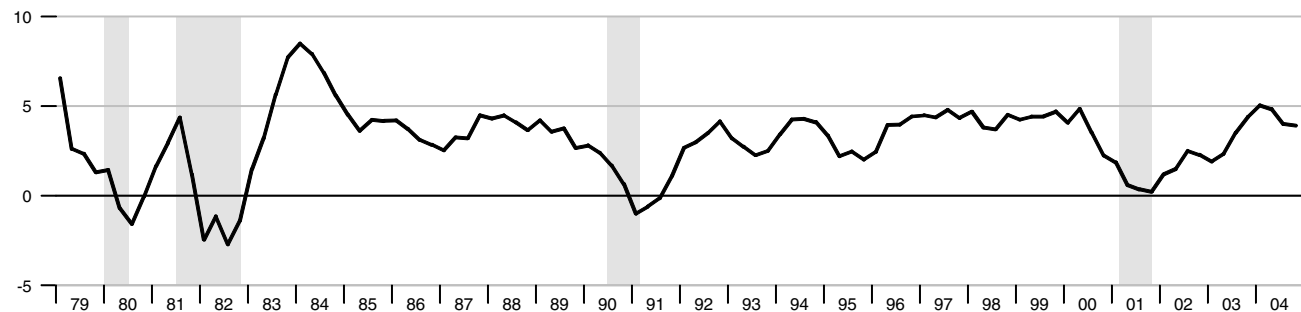
### Unemployment Rate

Percent of labor force



### Real Gross Domestic Product

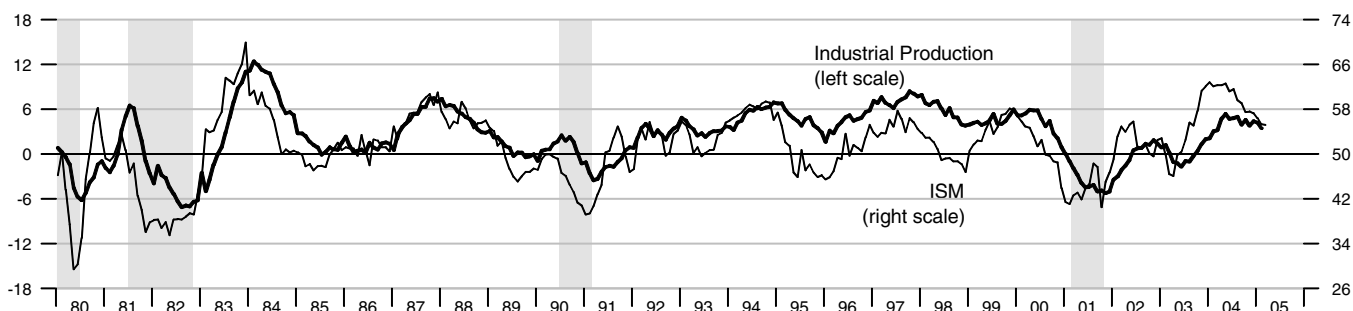
Percent change from year ago



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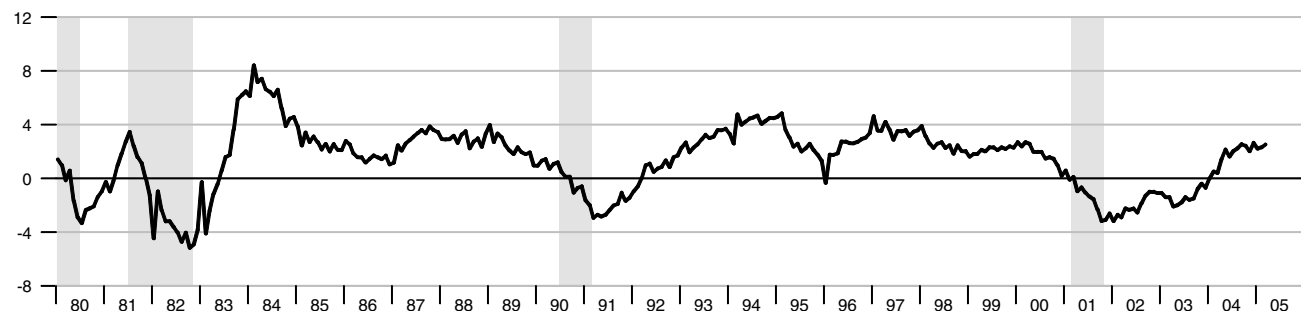
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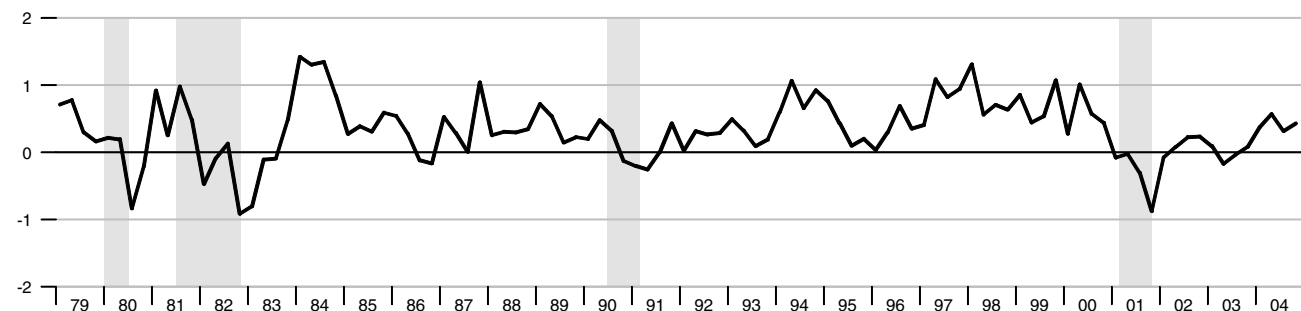
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Percent change from year ago

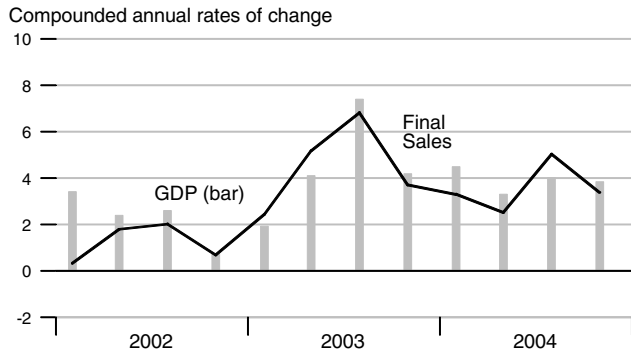


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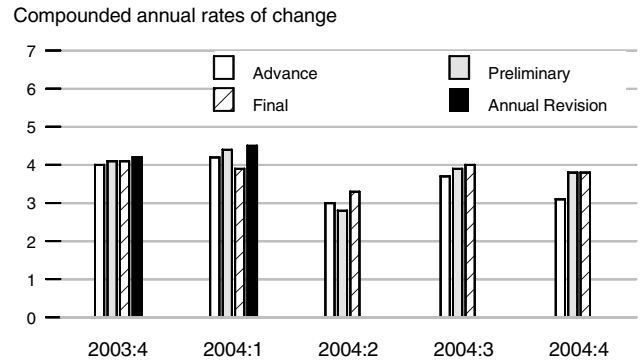
Percent of GDP



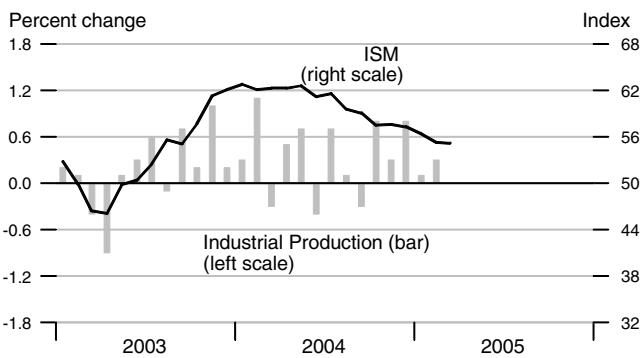
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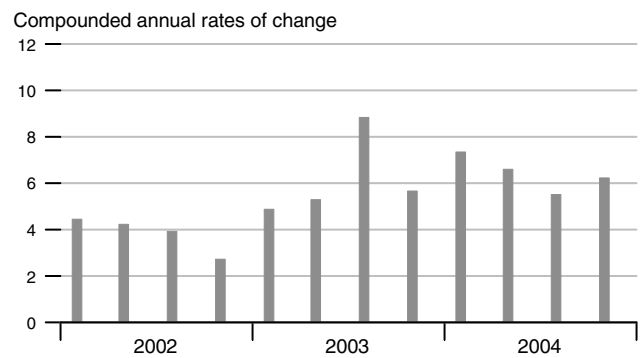
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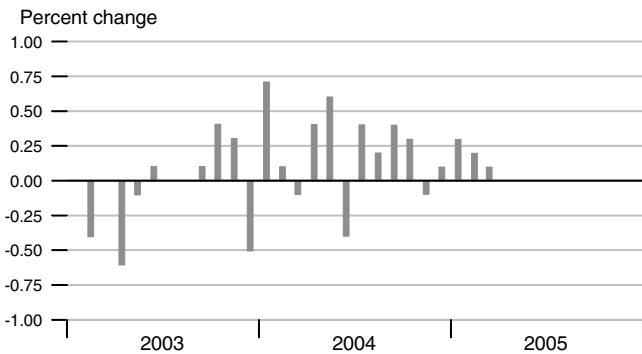
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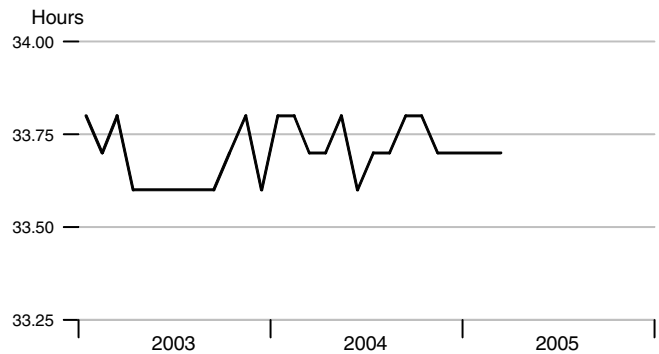
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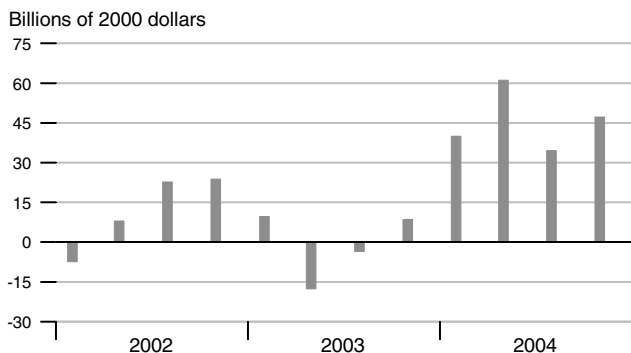
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### Average Weekly Private Nonfarm Hours



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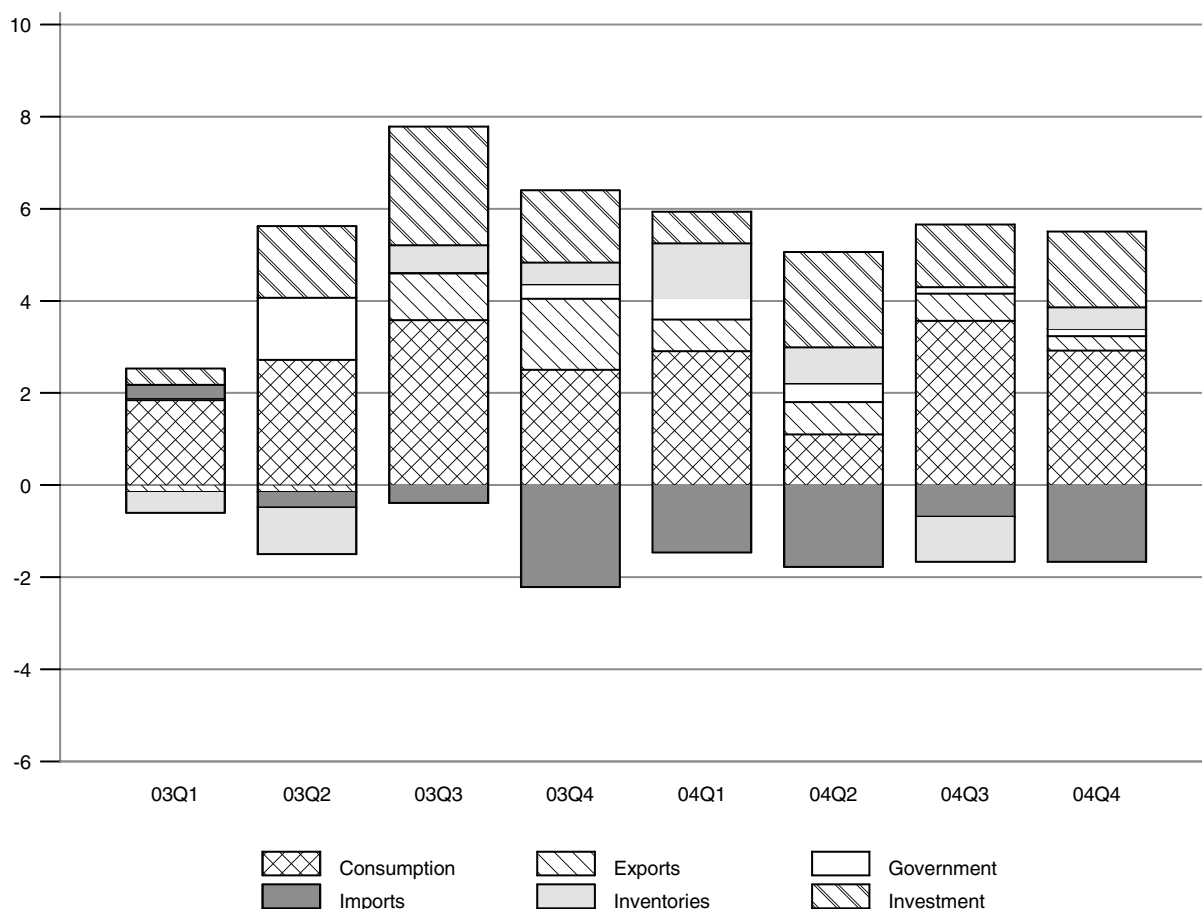


### Inventory-Sales Ratio



### Contribution of Components to Real GDP Growth

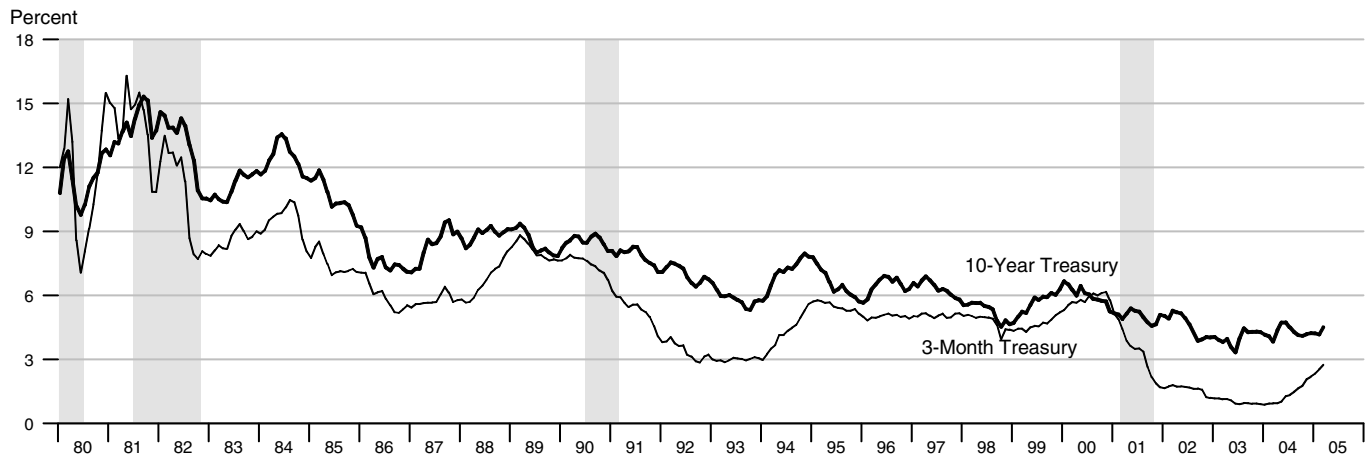
Percentage points at compounded annual rates



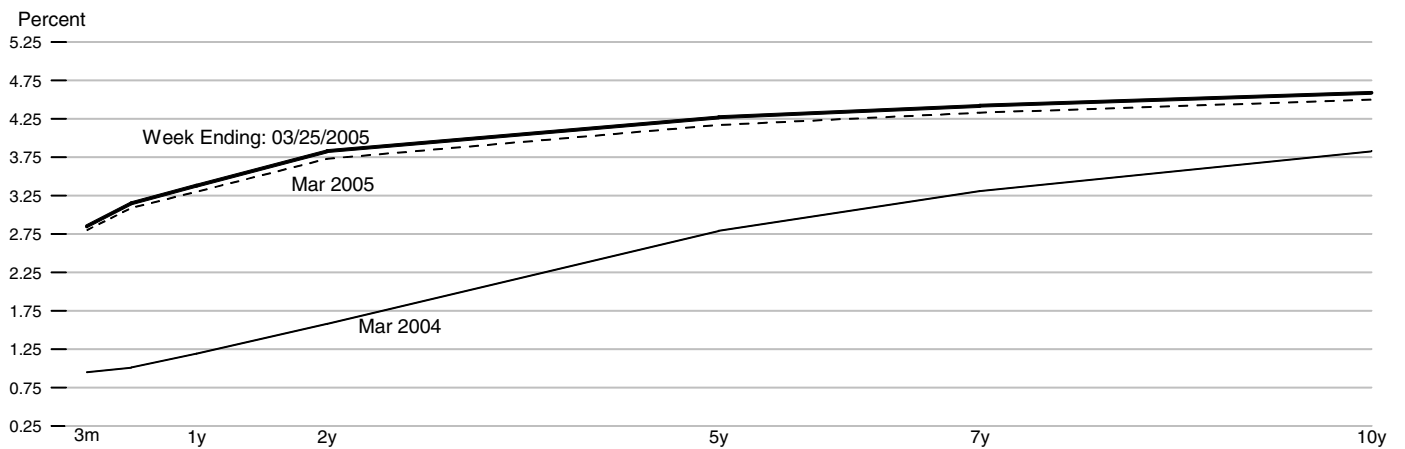
### Contributions to Real GDP Growth Rate

	2003				2004			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
<b>Final Sales</b>	2.38	5.12	6.84	3.72	3.32	2.52	4.97	3.39
<b>Consumption</b>	1.84	2.72	3.58	2.50	2.90	1.10	3.57	2.92
<b>Fixed Investment</b>	0.35	1.55	2.59	1.57	0.69	2.07	1.37	1.65
Nonresidential	-0.01	1.10	1.50	1.07	0.42	1.21	1.27	1.46
Residential	0.36	0.44	1.09	0.50	0.27	0.86	0.09	0.19
Federal	0.04	1.40	-0.23	0.33	0.48	0.18	0.33	0.09
<b>Government</b>	0.05	1.35	0.03	0.31	0.48	0.41	0.13	0.16
State and Local	0.02	-0.05	0.26	-0.02	0.00	0.23	-0.20	0.07
Imports	0.29	-0.34	-0.39	-2.22	-1.46	-1.77	-0.69	-1.67
<b>Change in Inventory</b>	-0.45	-1.01	0.57	0.47	1.17	0.78	-0.97	0.46
Exports	-0.15	-0.15	1.02	1.55	0.70	0.70	0.59	0.32
<b>Net Exports</b>	0.14	-0.50	0.64	-0.66	-0.76	-1.06	-0.10	-1.35
<b>Residual</b>	0.09	0.05	-0.10	0.02	0.02	0.01	-0.10	-0.09
<b>Real GDP Growth</b>	1.93	4.11	7.41	4.19	4.49	3.30	4.00	3.85

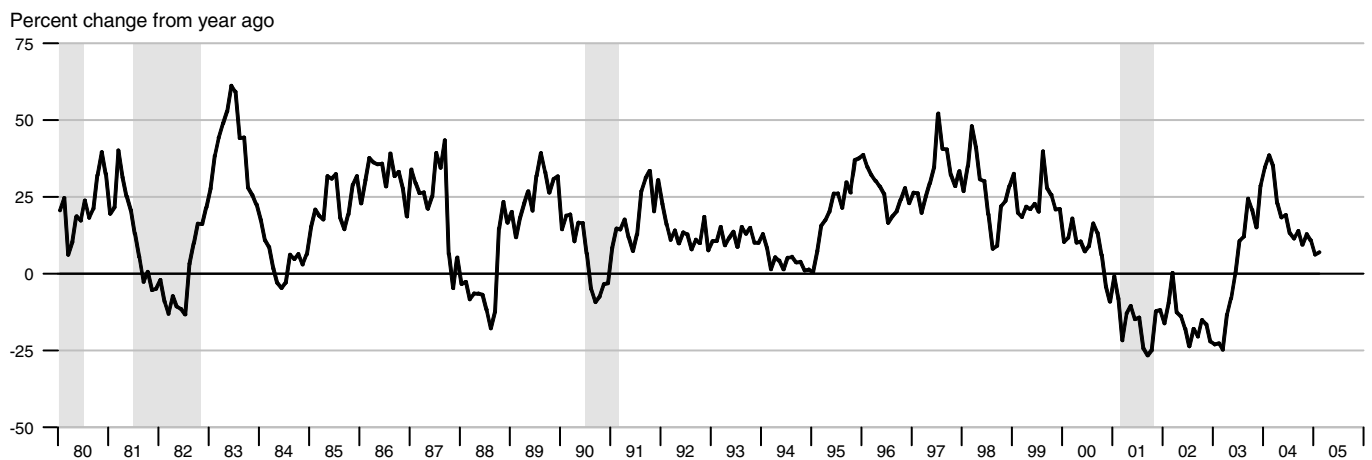
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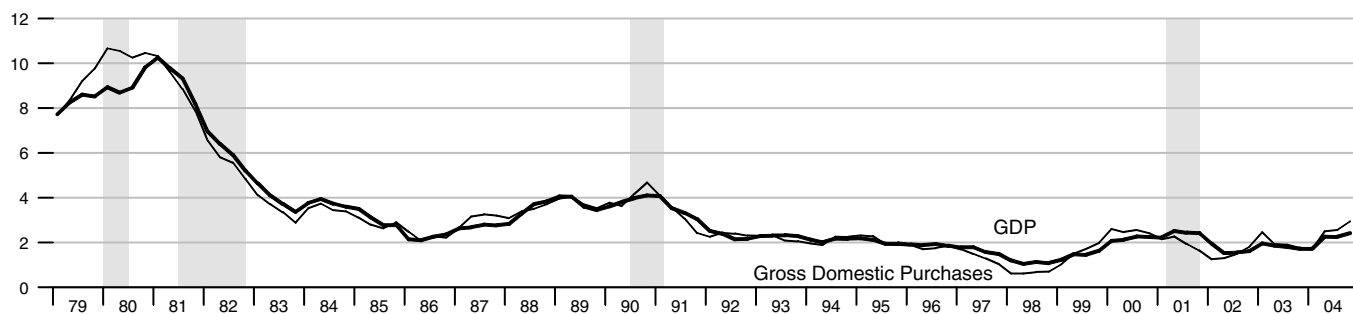


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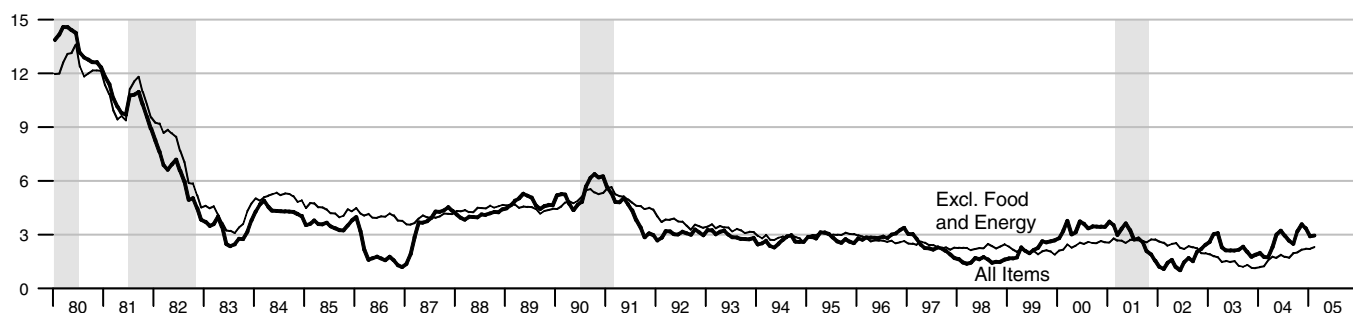
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Percent change from year ago



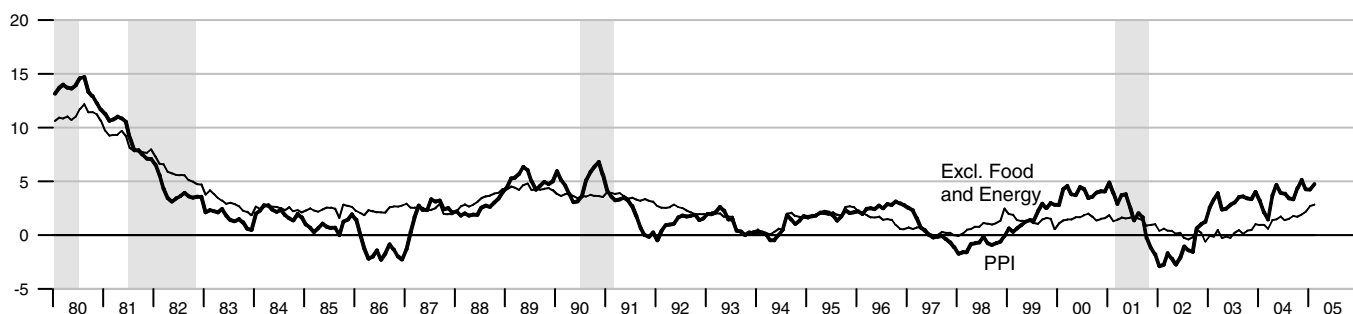
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Percent change from year ago



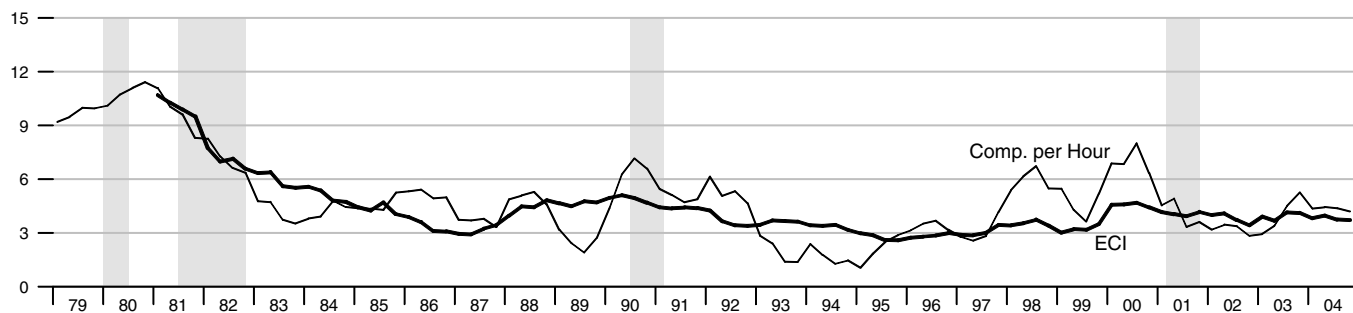
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Percent change from year ago



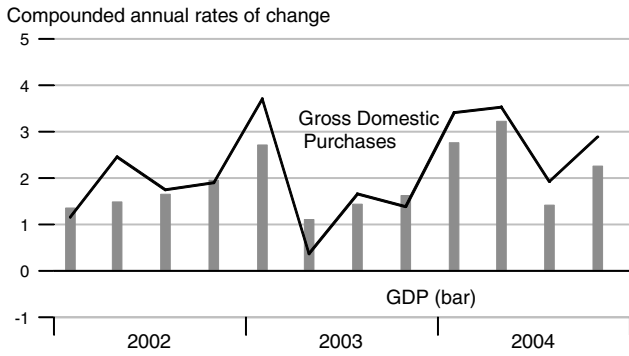
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Percent change from year ago

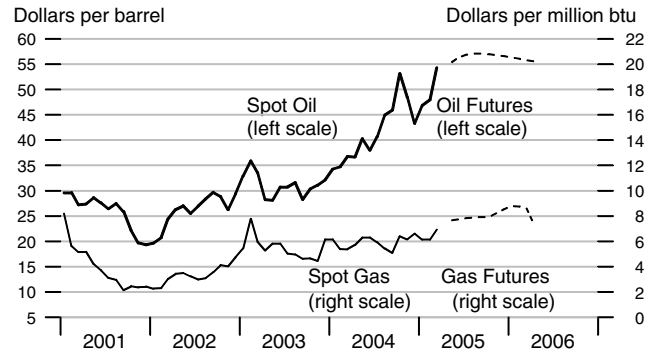




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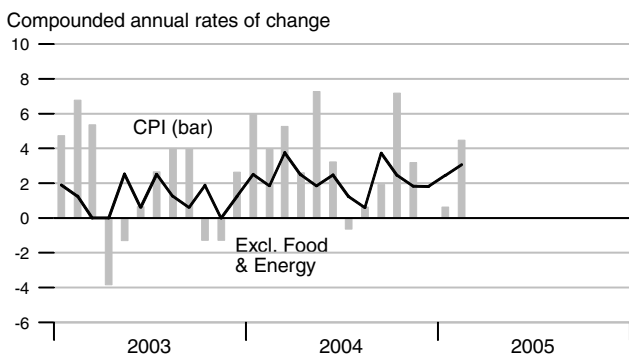


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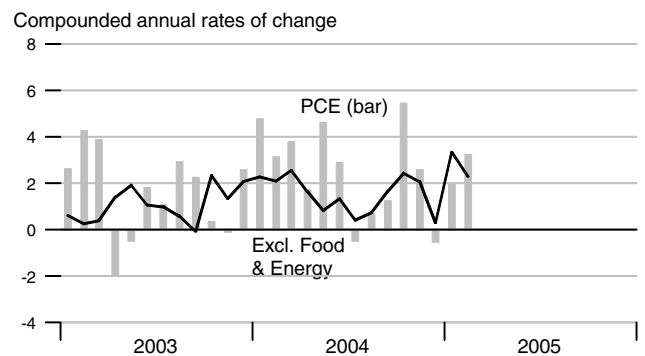


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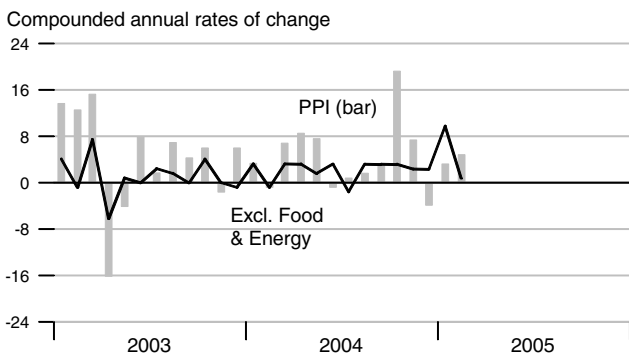
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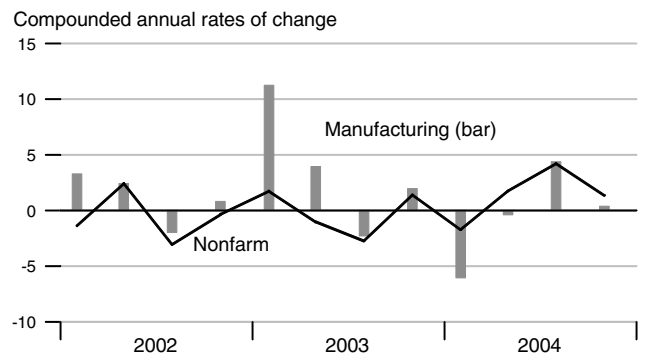
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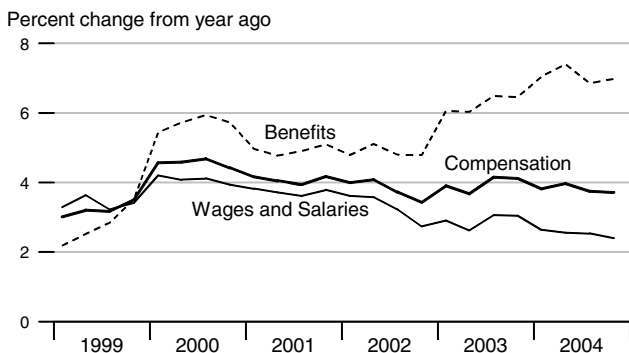
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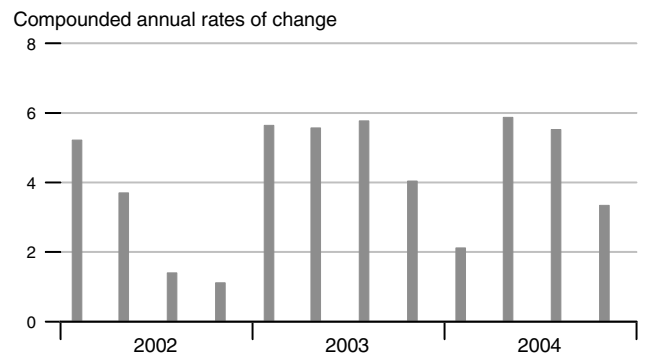
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### Employment Cost Index

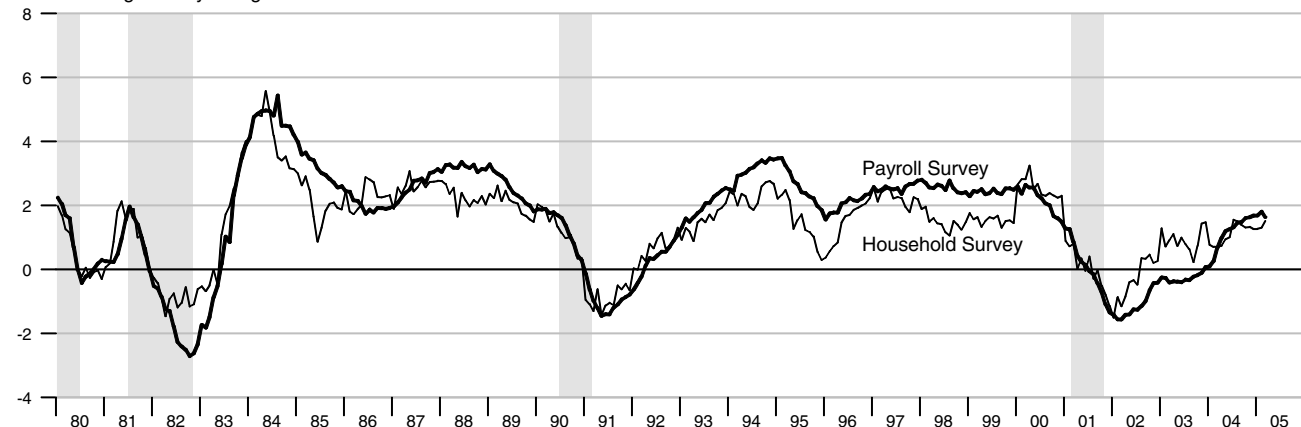


### Compensation per Hour



### Employment

Percent change from year ago

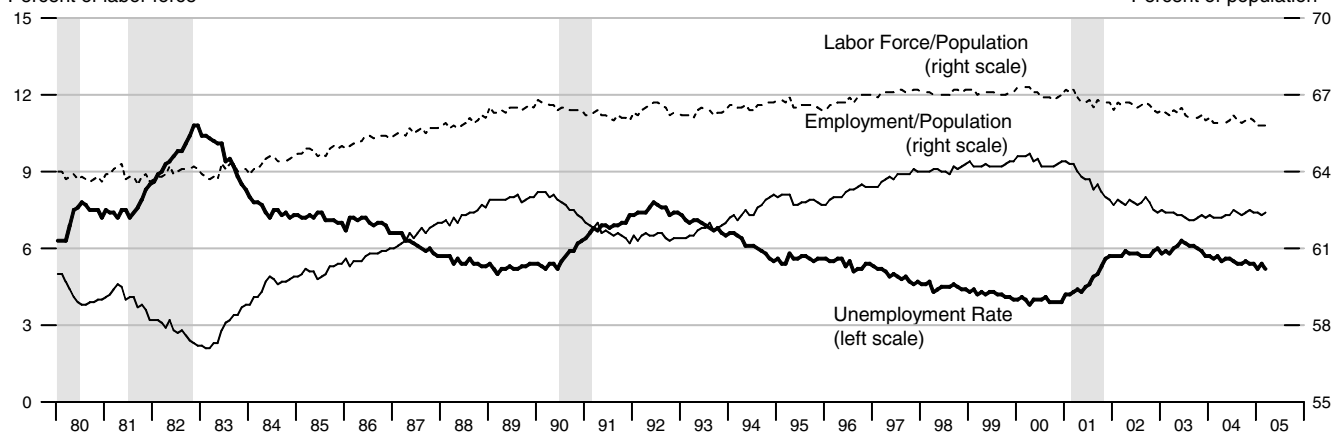


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Percent of labor force

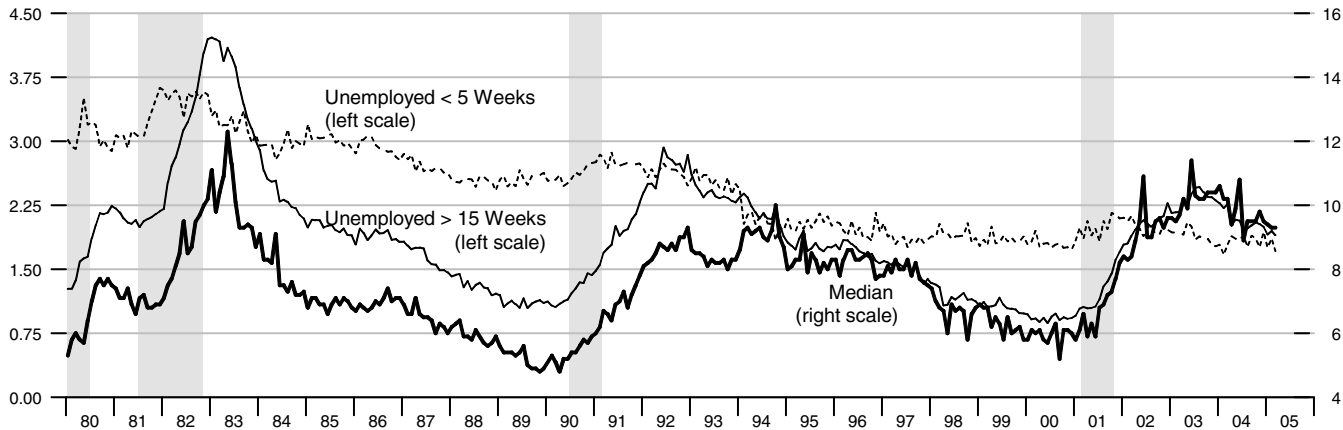
Percent of population



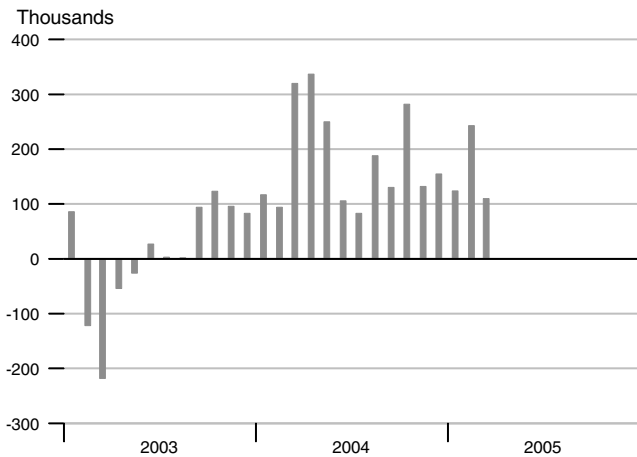
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Percent of labor force

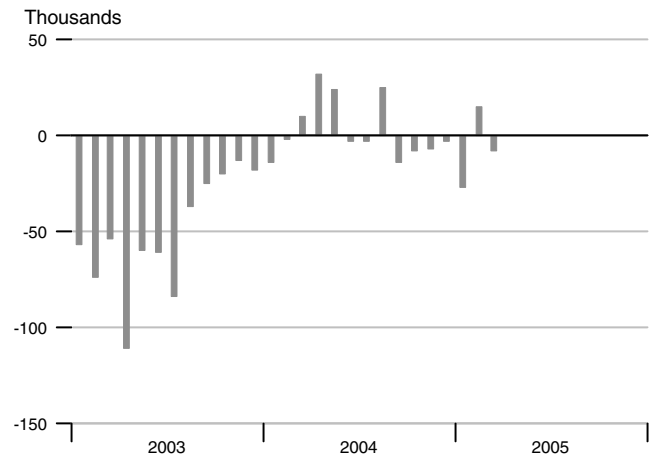
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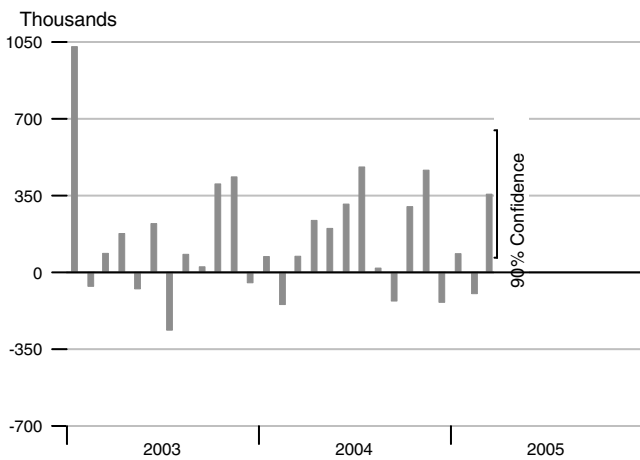
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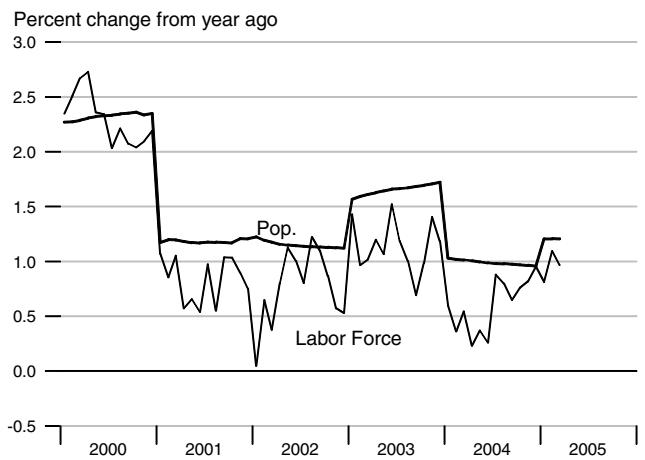
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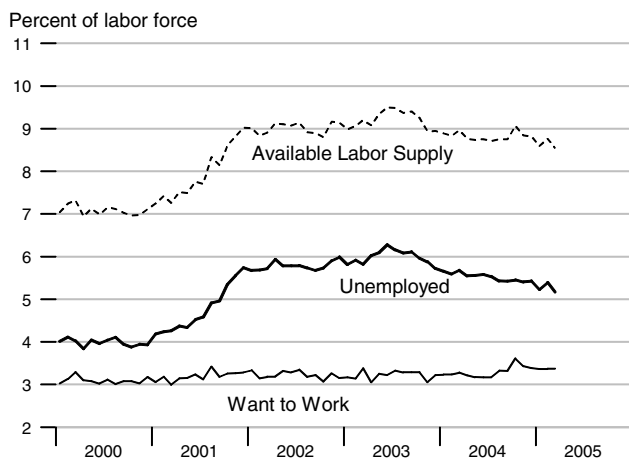
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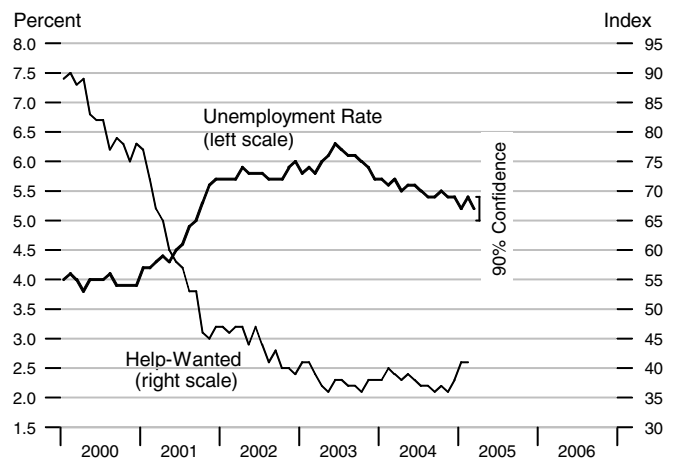
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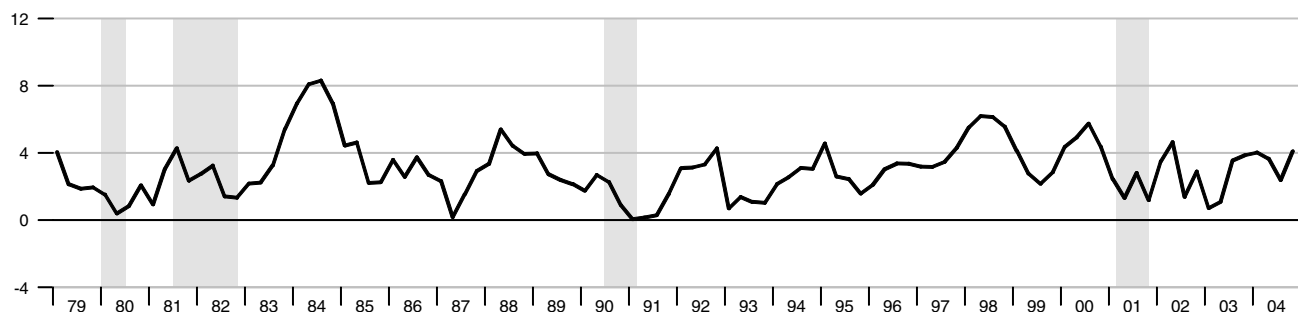


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### Real Disposable Personal Income

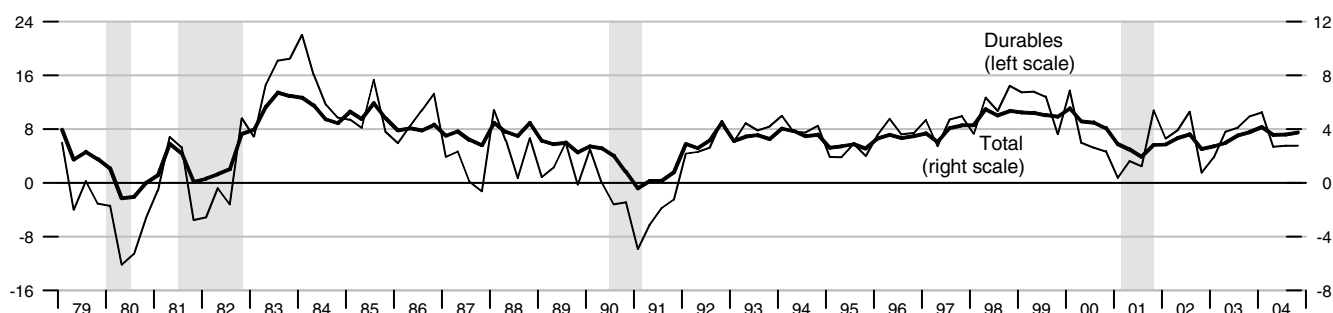
Percent change from year ago, quarterly data



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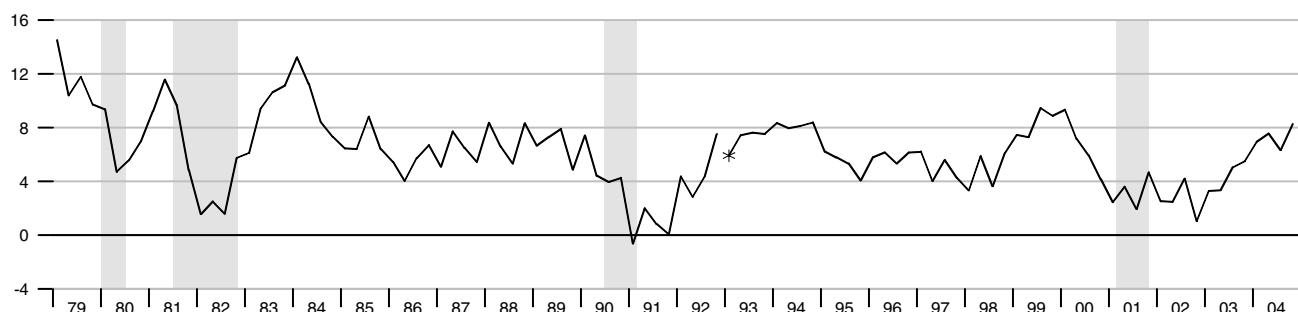
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Percent change from year ago, quarterly average

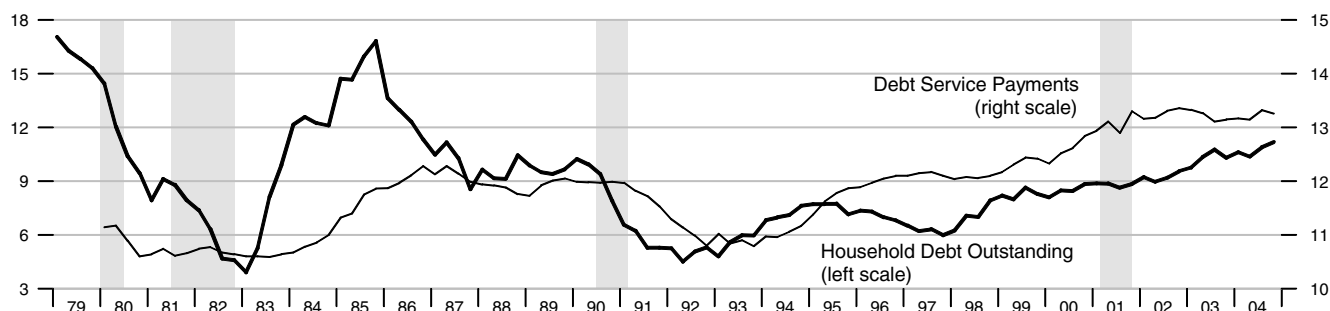


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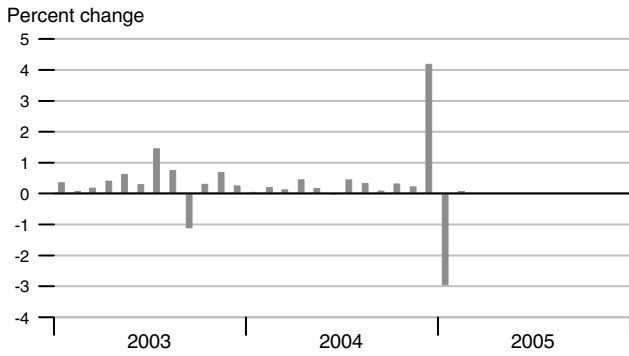
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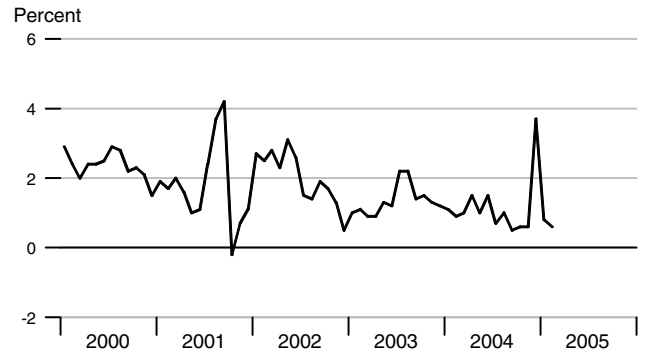
Percent of disposable personal income



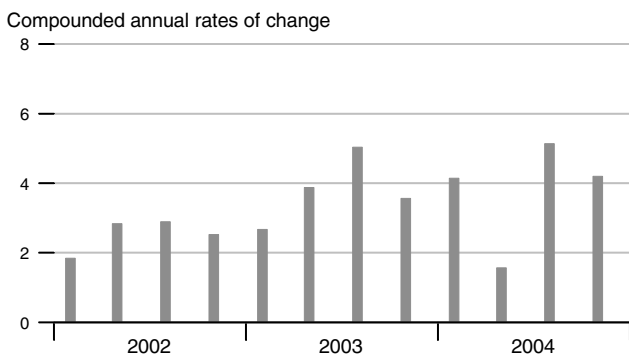
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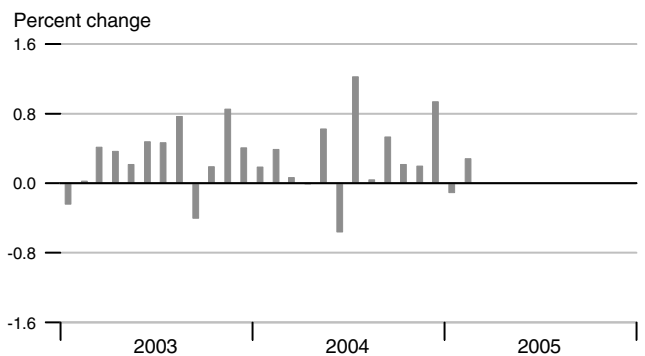
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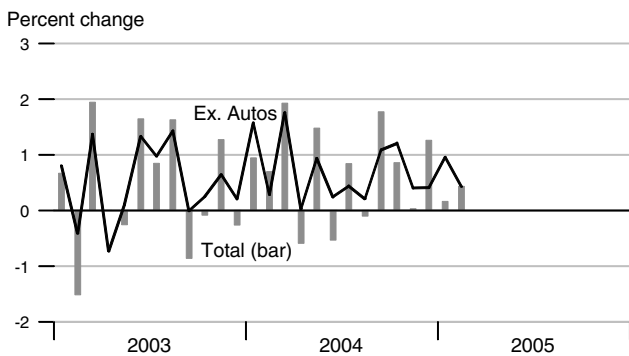
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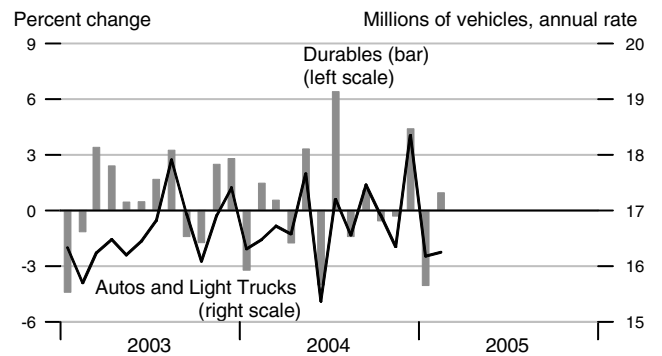
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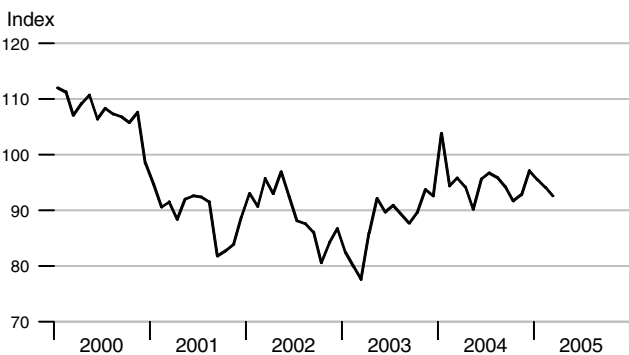
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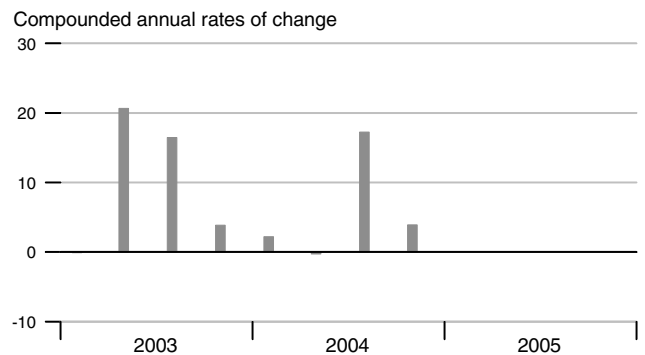
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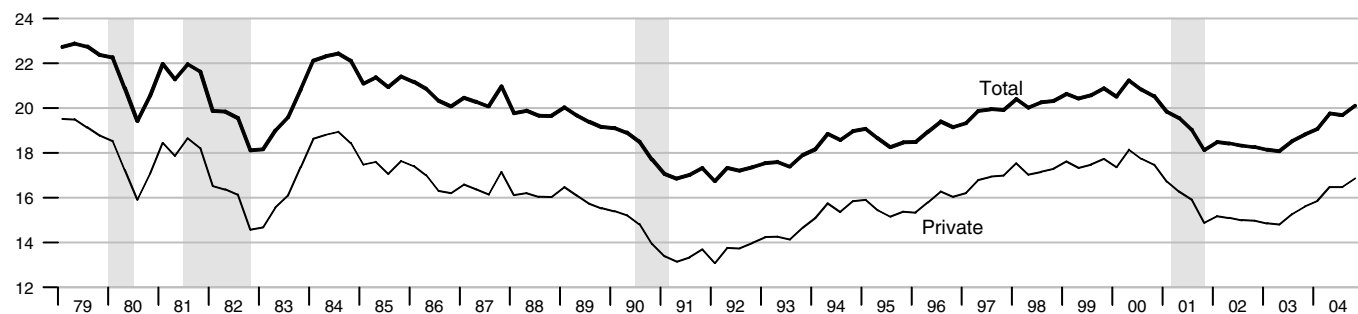


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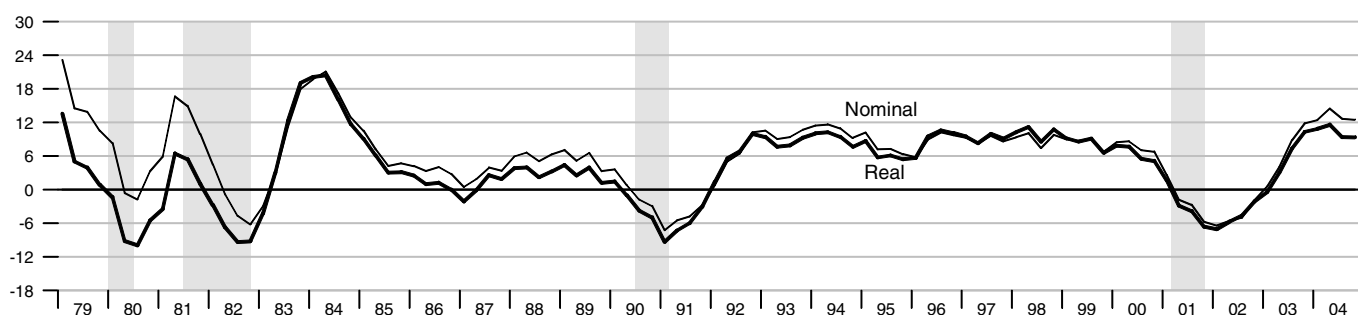
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Percent of nominal GDP



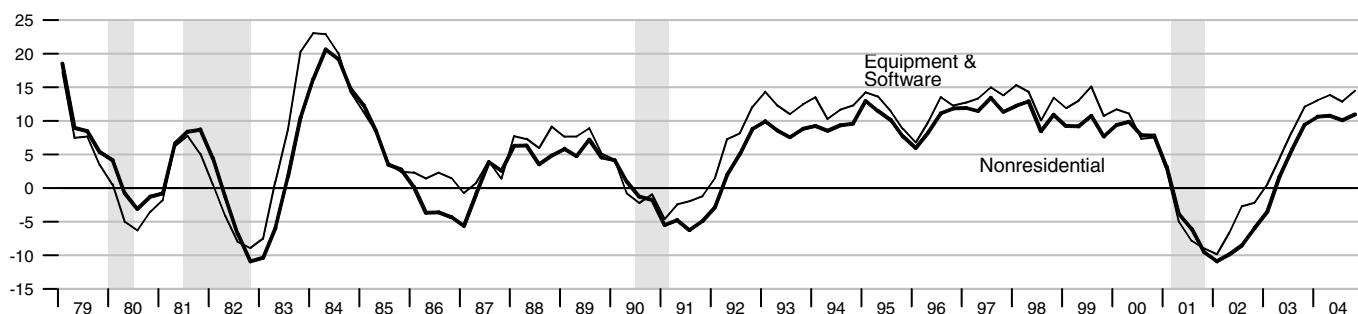
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Percent change from year ago



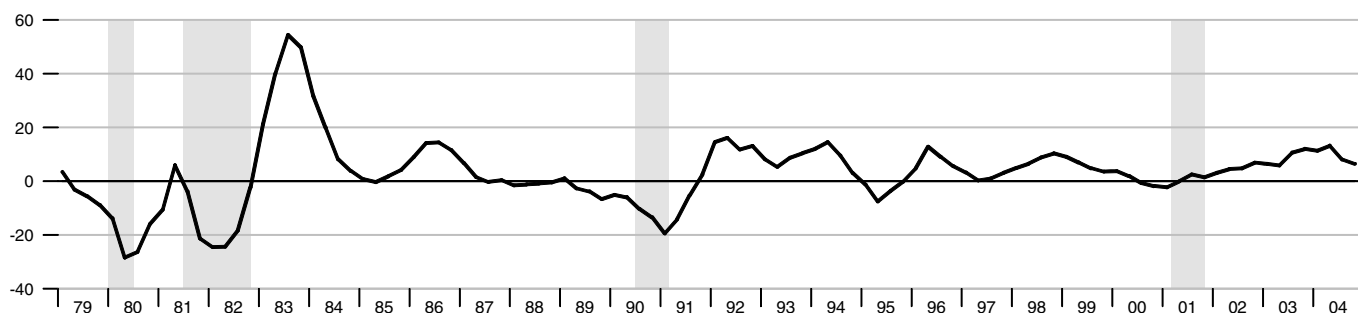
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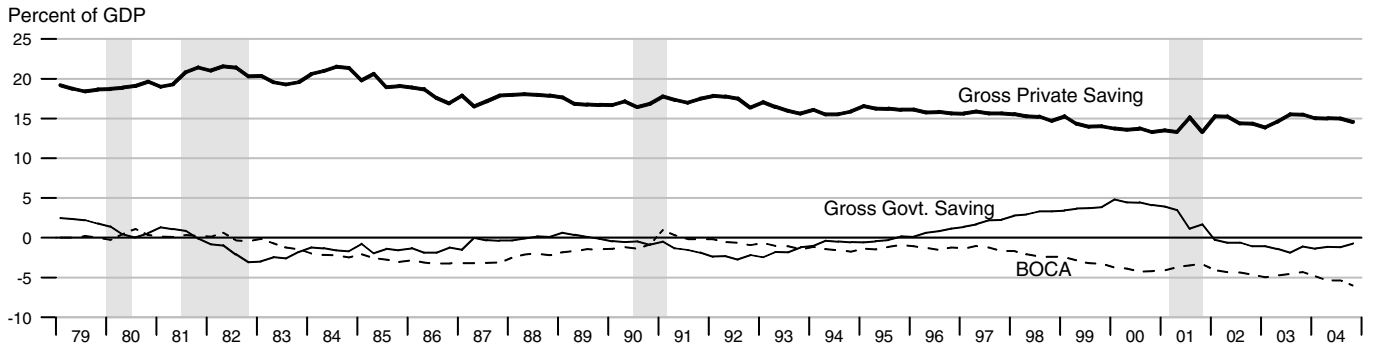


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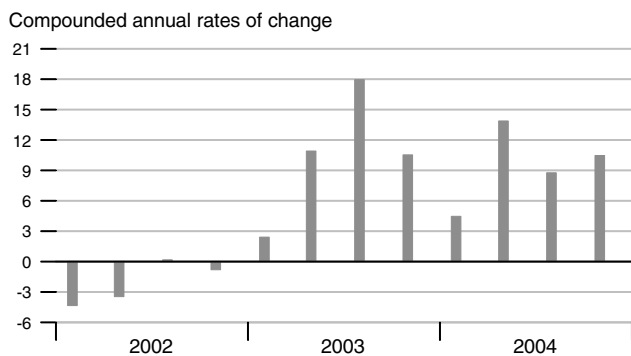
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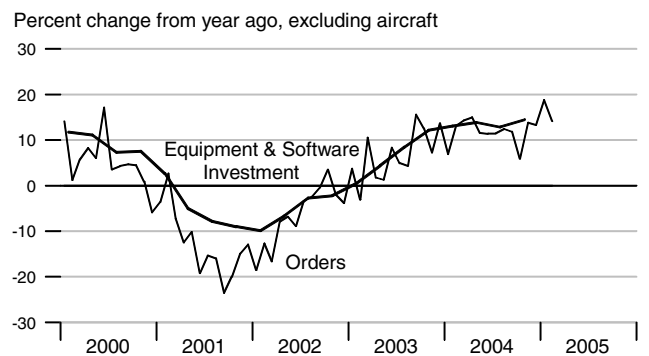
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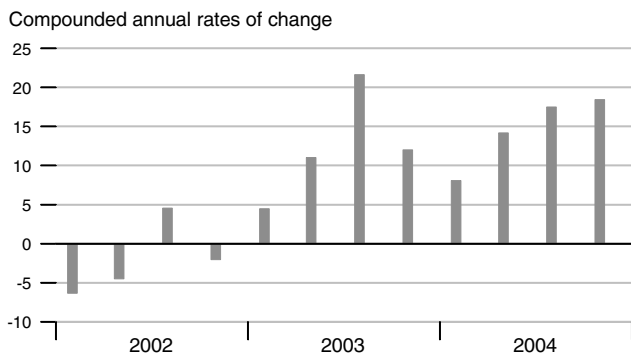
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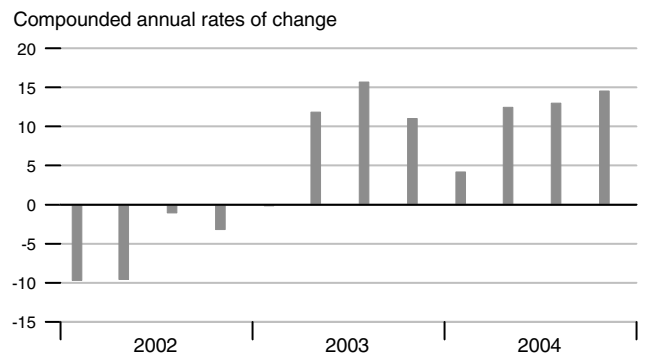
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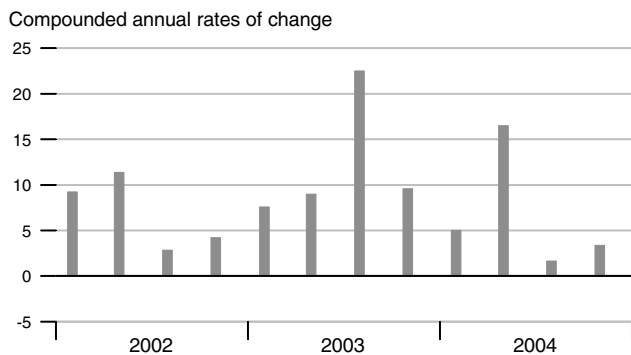
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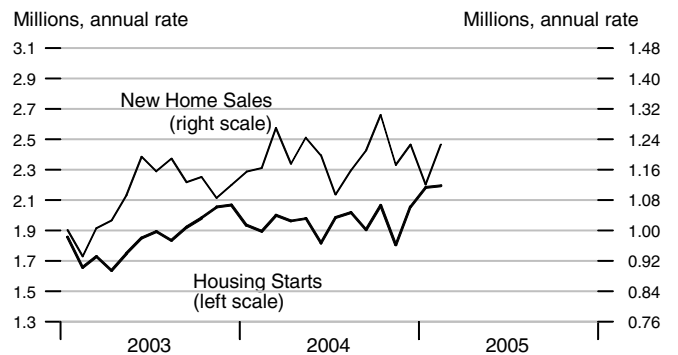
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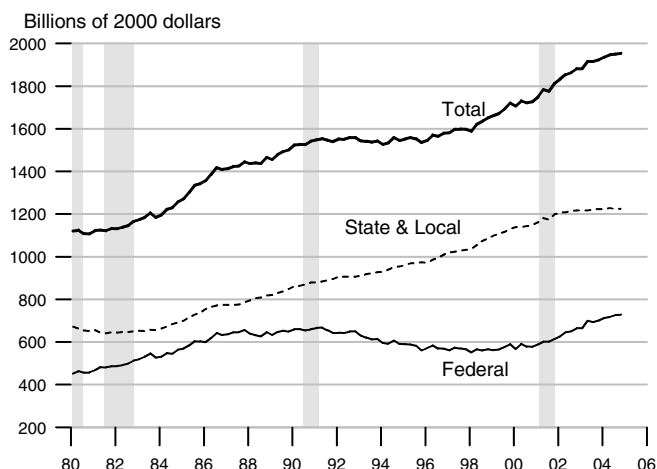
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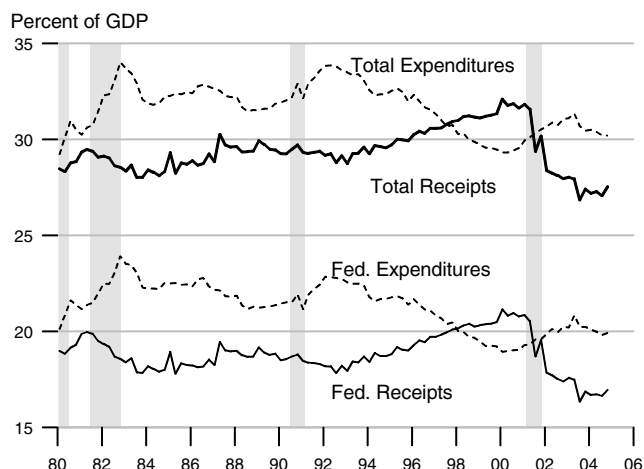
### Housing Starts and New Home Sales



**Govt. Consumption and Investment**



**Govt. Current Receipts and Expenditures**



**Government Budgets**

Billions of dollars

**National Income Accounts**

Calendar Years

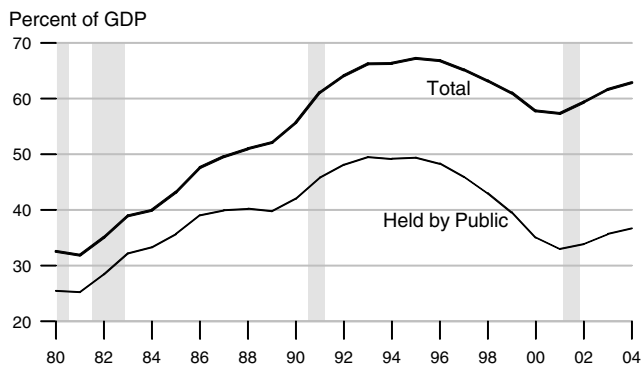
**Unified Budget**

Fiscal Years

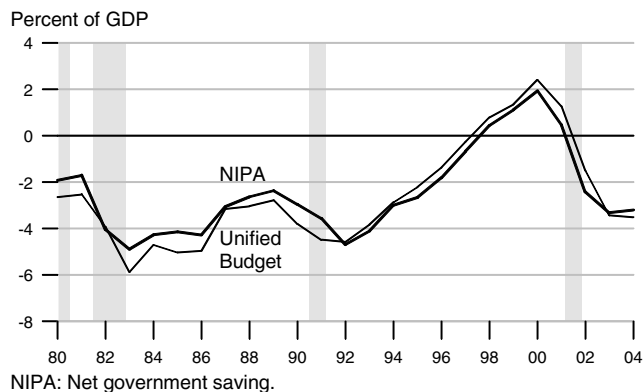
	State and Local			Federal			Federal		
	Receipts	Expenditures	Surplus or Deficit (-)	Receipts	Expenditures	Surplus or Deficit (-)	Receipts	Outlays	Surplus or Deficit (-)
1991	789.2	793.3	-4.1	1101.3	1315.0	-213.7	1055.0	1324.3	-269.3
1992	845.7	845.0	0.7	1147.2	1444.6	-297.4	1091.3	1381.6	-290.3
1993	886.9	886.0	0.9	1222.5	1496.0	-273.5	1154.4	1409.5	-255.1
1994	942.9	932.4	10.5	1320.8	1533.1	-212.3	1258.6	1461.9	-203.2
1995	990.2	978.2	12.0	1406.5	1603.5	-197.0	1351.8	1515.8	-164.0
1996	1043.3	1017.5	25.8	1524.0	1665.8	-141.8	1453.1	1560.5	-107.5
1997	1097.4	1058.3	39.1	1653.1	1708.9	-55.8	1579.3	1601.2	-21.9
1998	1163.2	1111.2	52.0	1773.8	1734.9	38.9	1721.8	1652.6	69.2
1999	1236.7	1186.3	50.4	1891.2	1787.6	103.6	1827.5	1701.9	125.5
2000	1319.5	1269.5	50.0	2053.8	1864.4	189.4	2025.2	1789.1	236.2
2001	1373.0	1368.2	4.8	2016.2	1969.5	46.7	1991.2	1863.0	128.2
2002	1411.9	1436.9	-25.0	1847.3	2101.8	-254.5	1853.2	2011.0	-157.8
2003	1494.9	1498.1	-3.2	1877.0	2241.6	-364.6	1782.3	2159.9	-377.6
2004	1585.3	1567.8	17.5	1965.7	2341.2	-375.5	1880.1	2292.2	-412.1
2002Q1	1380.9	1409.8	-28.9	1844.6	2053.1	-208.5	412.6	509.2	-96.6
2002Q2	1404.1	1427.7	-23.6	1850.5	2102.1	-251.6	522.6	506.9	15.6
2002Q3	1423.9	1445.3	-21.4	1847.9	2103.1	-255.2	451.7	493.2	-41.5
2002Q4	1438.5	1464.8	-26.3	1846.2	2148.8	-302.6	427.3	535.6	-108.2
2003Q1	1437.7	1486.6	-48.9	1888.6	2170.2	-281.6	397.7	542.6	-144.9
2003Q2	1484.6	1490.2	-5.6	1902.5	2266.9	-364.4	527.6	544.2	-16.6
2003Q3	1511.4	1504.9	6.5	1816.4	2249.4	-433.0	429.4	536.9	-107.4
2003Q4	1545.8	1510.5	35.3	1900.6	2279.8	-379.2	440.8	570.9	-130.2
2004Q1	1550.6	1538.8	11.8	1915.3	2306.3	-391.0	409.6	580.8	-171.2
2004Q2	1583.9	1565.7	18.2	1949.1	2329.1	-380.0	549.9	575.7	-25.8
2004Q3	1574.7	1570.2	4.5	1965.8	2340.8	-375.0	479.5	565.2	-85.7
2004Q4	1632.0	1596.4	35.6	2032.5	2388.7	-356.2	487.2	605.2	-118.1



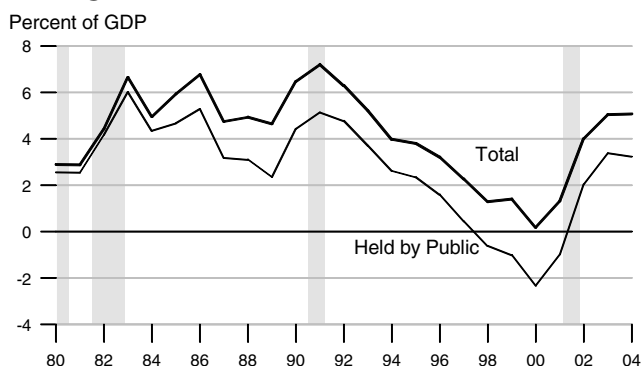
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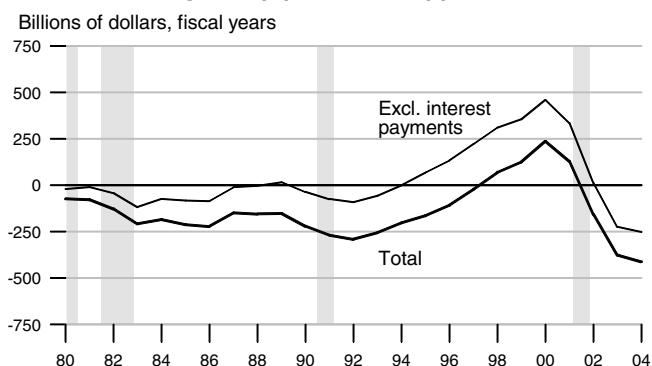
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### Change in Federal Debt



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

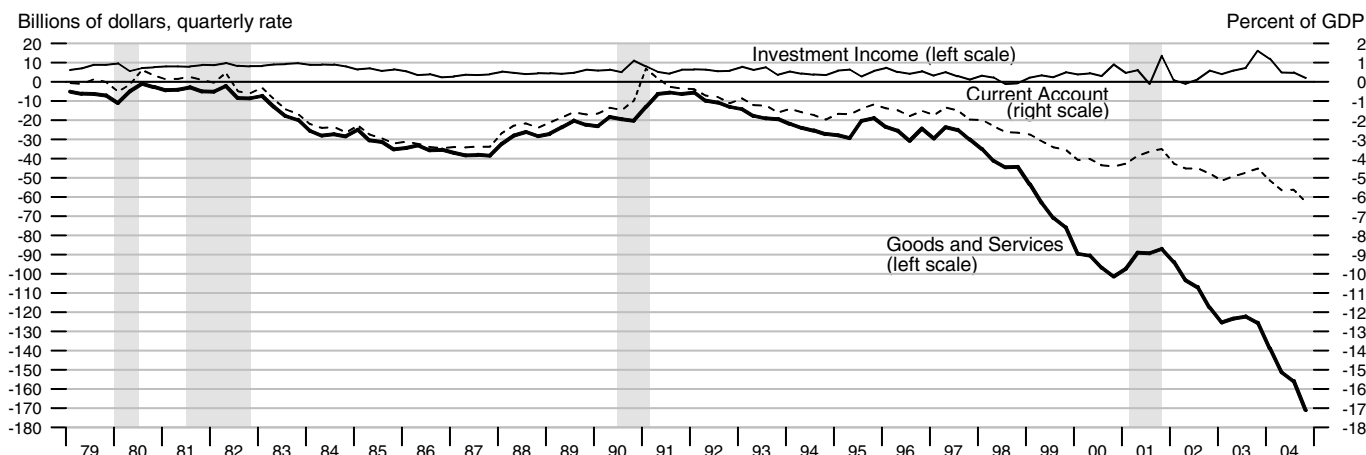


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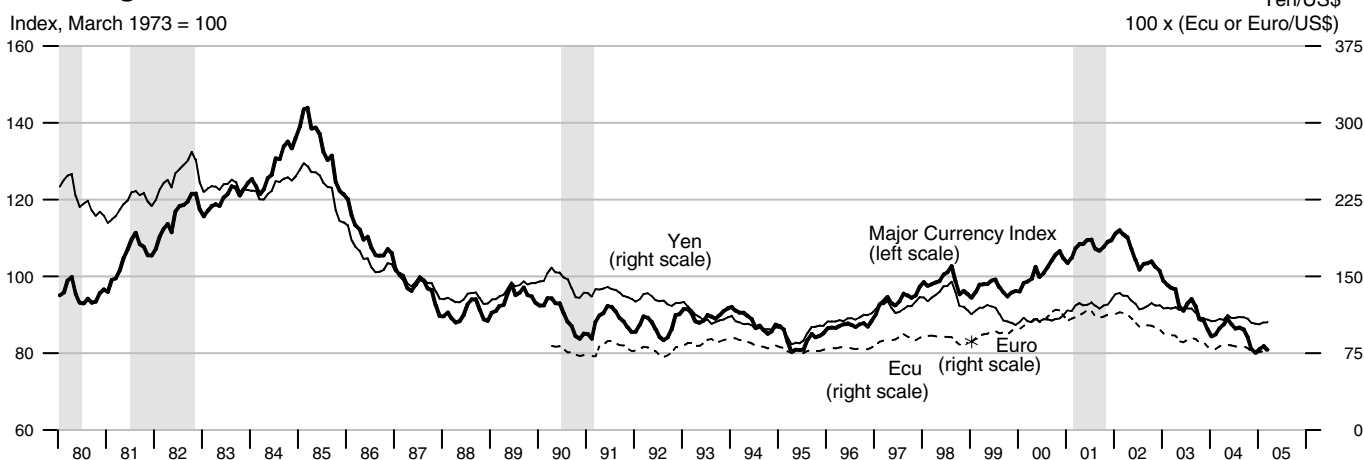
Billions of dollars, end of month or fiscal year  
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		Total Public Debt	Held by Agencies and Trusts	Held by Public		Held by Private Investors	
				Total	Federal Reserve Banks	Total	Foreign and International
2002		6228.2	2675.7	3552.6	604.2	2924.8	1200.8
2003		6783.2	2859.3	3923.9	656.1	3268.0	1455.8
2004		7379.1	3075.7	4303.4	700.3	3607.0	1886.2
2001	March	5773.7	2339.4	3434.4	523.9	2892.8	1029.9
	June	5726.8	2452.6	3274.2	535.1	2722.6	1000.5
	September	5807.5	2468.8	3338.7	534.1	2779.7	1005.5
	December	5943.4	2549.7	3393.8	551.7	2819.5	1051.2
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	1285.9
	June	6670.1	2853.8	3816.3	652.1	3164.7	1388.8
	September	6783.2	2859.3	3923.9	656.1	3268.0	1455.8
	December	6998.0	2954.5	4044.1	666.7	3377.9	1535.6
2004	March	7131.1	2954.4	4176.7	674.1	3502.8	1680.8
	June	7274.3	3055.6	4218.7	687.4	3531.5	1828.3
	September	7379.1	3075.7	4303.4	700.3	3607.0	1886.2
	December	7596.1	3189.1	4407.1	717.8	3667.1	1942.0

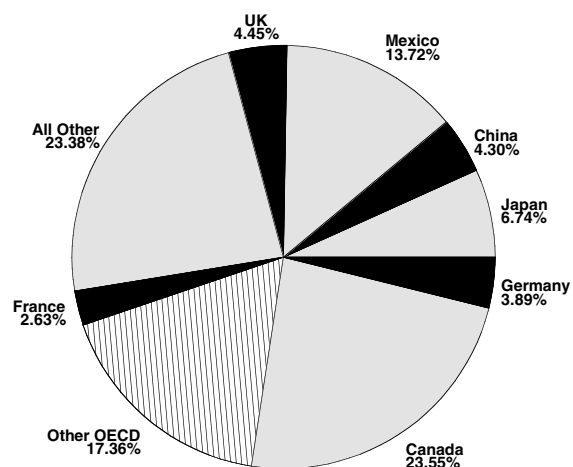
### Current Account, Trade and Investment Income Balances



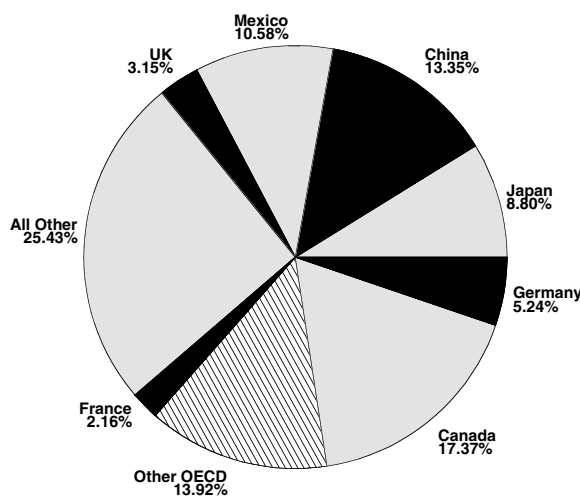
### Exchange Rates



### Goods Export Shares, 2004



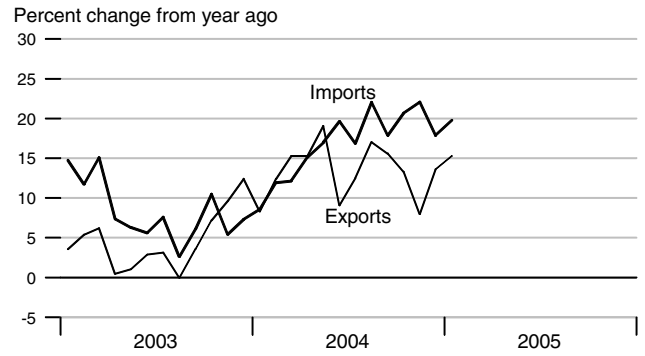
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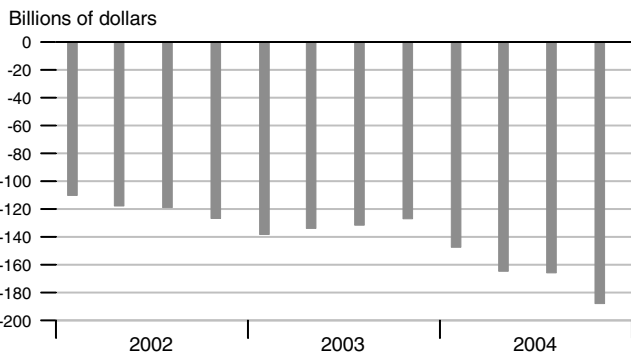
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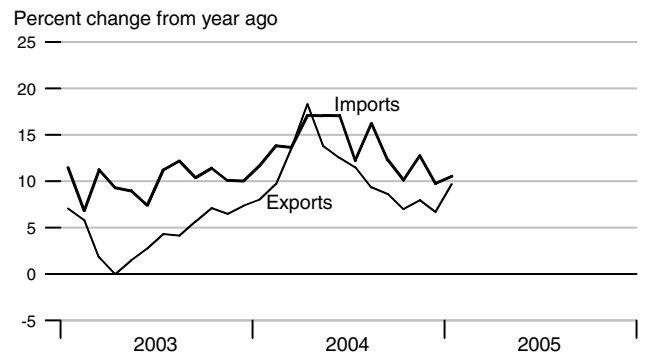
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### Current Account Balance



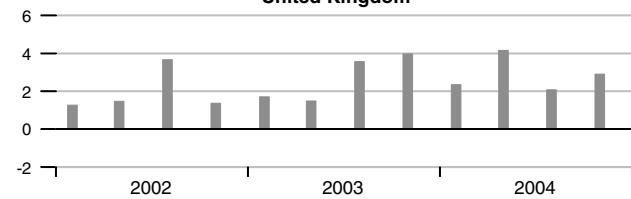
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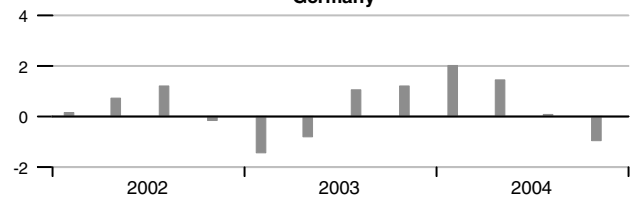
### Real GDP Growth of Major Trading Partners

Compounded annual rates of change

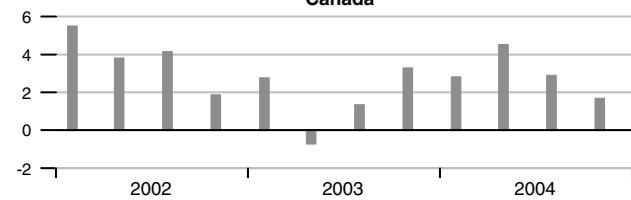
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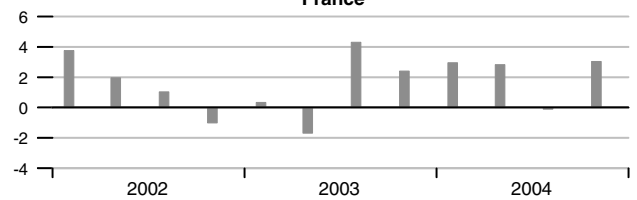
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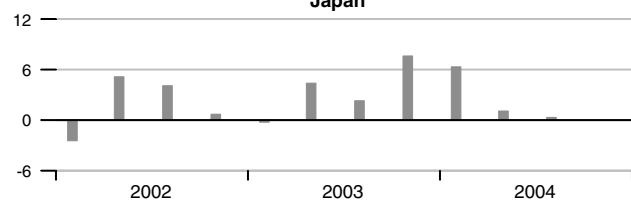
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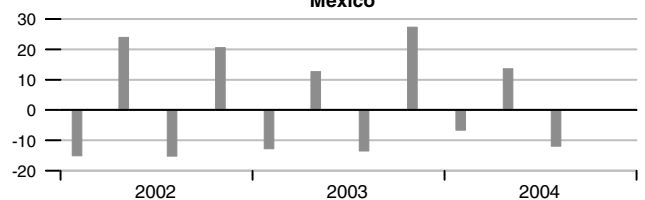
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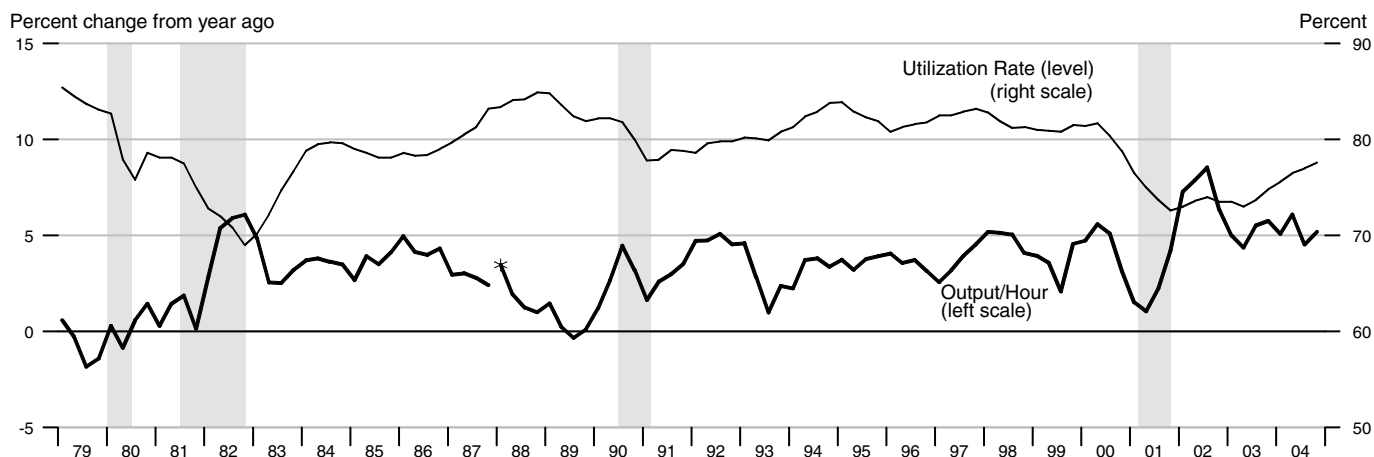
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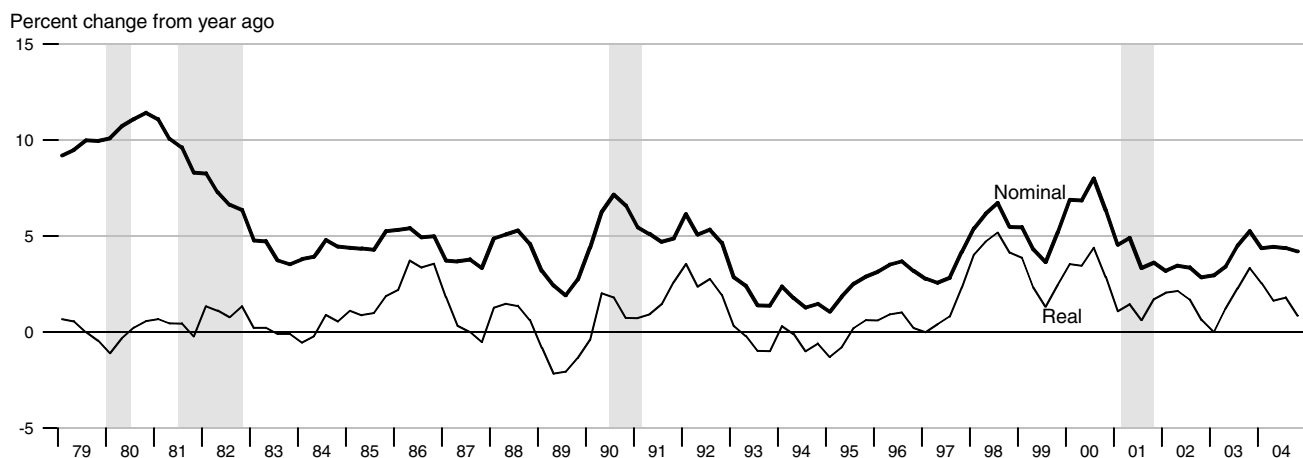


### Output per Hour and Capacity Utilization, Manufacturing

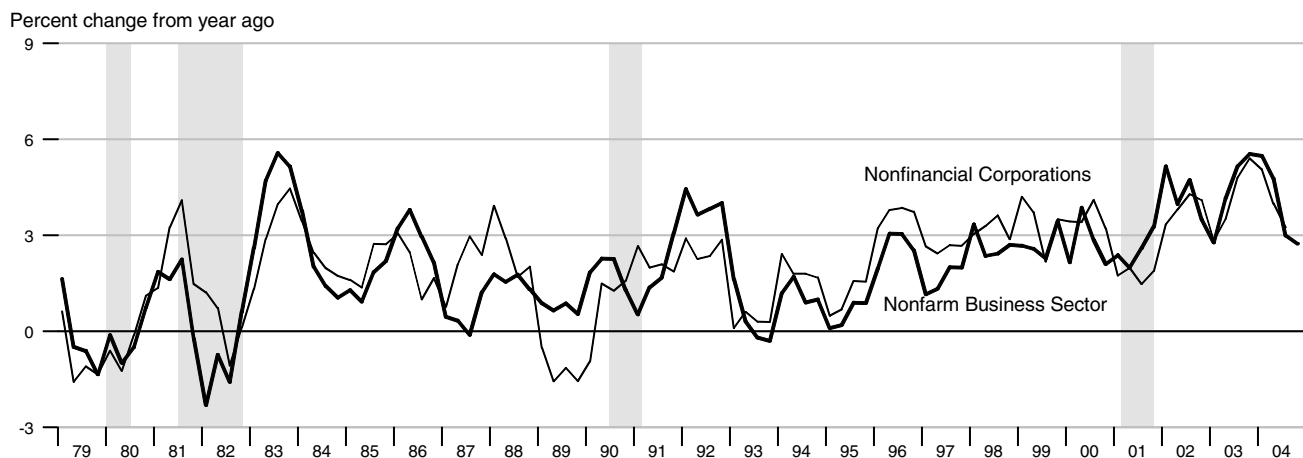


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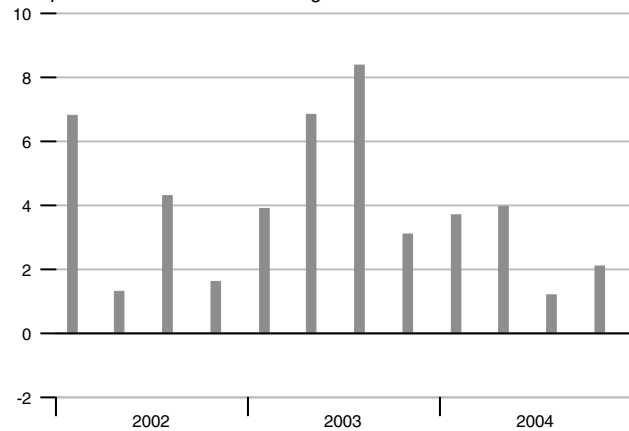


### Output per Hour, Nonfarm Business and Nonfinancial Corporations



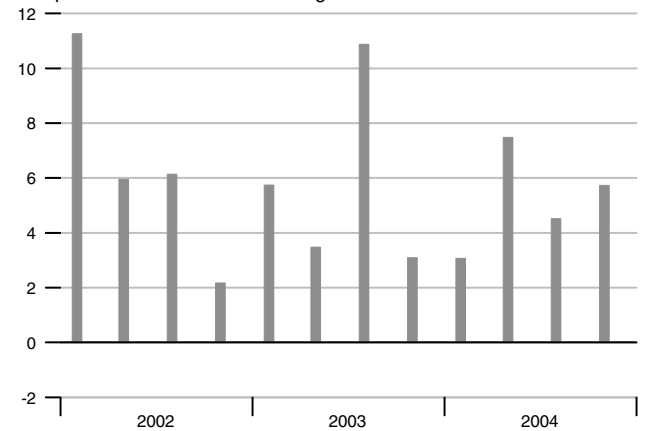
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Compounded annual rates of change

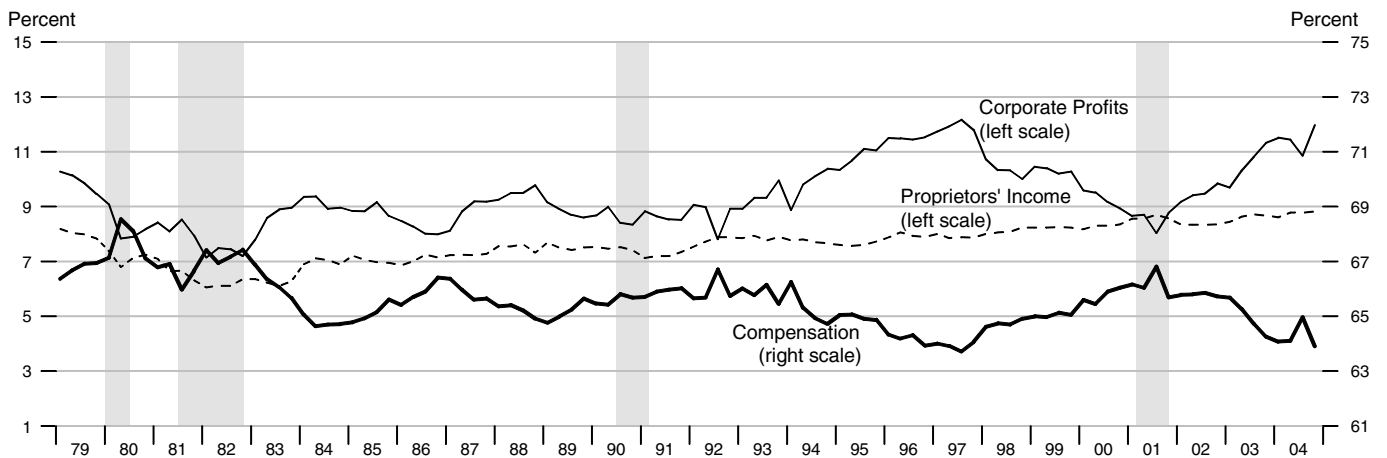


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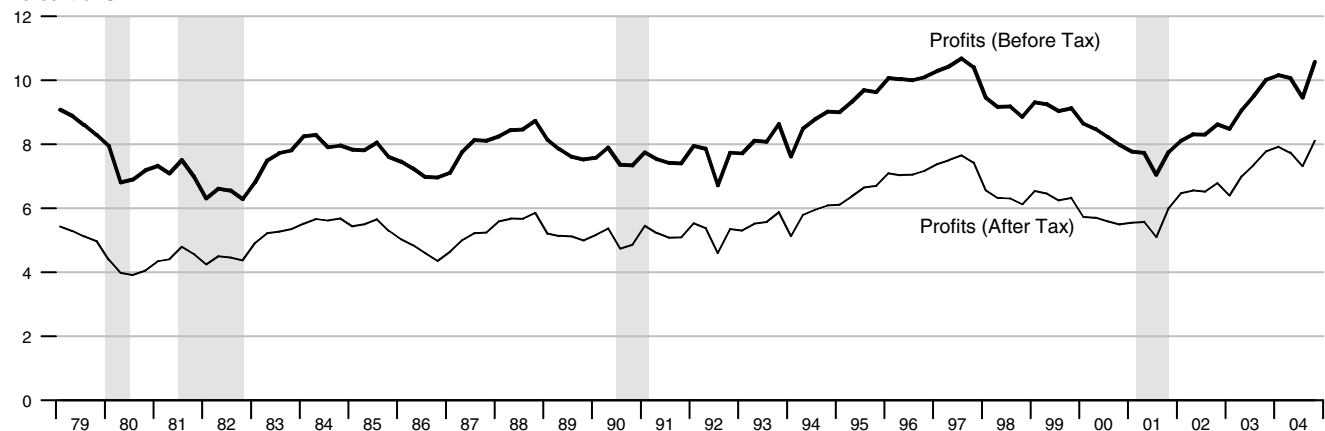


### Selected Component Shares of National Income



### Corporate Profits

Percent of GDP



	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		
2001	10128.0		3.2	9890.694		0.8	9920.940		1.6		-31.720		
2002	10487.0		3.5	10074.763		1.9	10063.248		1.4		11.736		
2003	11004.0		4.9	10381.347		3.0	10379.878		3.1		-0.753		
2004	11735.0		6.6	10841.885		4.4	10794.576		4.0		45.686		
2001	1	10021.5	2.8	4.1	9875.576	-0.5	1.9	9883.167	1.6	2.2	-7.762	47.824	
	2	10128.9	4.4	3.1	9905.911	1.2	0.6	9908.740	1.0	1.6	-2.458	22.384	
	3	10135.1	0.2	2.8	9871.060	-1.4	0.4	9899.858	-0.4	1.2	-29.939	0.838	
	4	10226.3	3.6	2.7	9910.034	1.6	0.2	9992.289	3.8	1.5	-86.720	-31.720	
2002	1	10338.2	4.4	3.2	9993.478	3.4	1.2	10000.391	0.3	1.2	-7.403	-31.630	
	2	10445.7	4.2	3.1	10052.576	2.4	1.5	10044.898	1.8	1.4	7.893	-29.042	
	3	10546.5	3.9	4.1	10117.270	2.6	2.5	10095.165	2.0	2.0	22.687	-15.886	
	4	10617.5	2.7	3.8	10135.922	0.7	2.3	10112.538	0.7	1.2	23.765	11.736	
2003	1	10744.6	4.9	3.9	10184.418	1.9	1.9	10173.346	2.4	1.7	9.585	15.983	
	2	10884.0	5.3	4.2	10287.398	4.1	2.3	10302.477	5.2	2.6	-17.629	9.602	
	3	11116.7	8.8	5.4	10472.841	7.4	3.5	10473.871	6.8	3.8	-3.524	3.049	
	4	11270.9	5.7	6.2	10580.729	4.2	4.4	10569.622	3.7	4.5	8.556	-0.753	
2004	1	11472.6	7.4	6.8	10697.453	4.5	5.0	10655.807	3.3	4.7	40.020	6.856	
	2	11657.5	6.6	7.1	10784.726	3.3	4.8	10722.276	2.5	4.1	61.073	26.531	
	3	11814.9	5.5	6.3	10891.044	4.0	4.0	10854.725	5.0	3.6	34.502	36.038	
	4	11994.8	6.2	6.4	10994.318	3.8	3.9	10945.498	3.4	3.6	47.150	45.686	
		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
2001		6910.356		2.5	900.682		4.3	1629.396		-3.0	1180.536		-4.2
2002		7123.388		3.1	959.587		6.5	1548.906		-4.9	1075.625		-8.9
2003		7355.559		3.3	1030.621		7.4	1627.331		5.1	1110.801		3.3
2004		7632.548		3.8	1099.340		6.7	1794.443		10.3	1228.624		10.6
2001	1	6853.071	1.7	2.9	879.531	6.7	0.8	1678.187	-2.6	1.6	1234.440	-4.2	3.2
	2	6870.257	1.0	2.5	878.883	-0.3	3.2	1640.511	-8.7	-2.9	1190.183	-13.6	-3.9
	3	6900.517	1.8	2.0	885.565	3.1	2.5	1621.941	-4.5	-3.8	1169.337	-6.8	-6.1
	4	7017.580	7.0	2.8	958.732	37.4	10.8	1576.961	-10.6	-6.7	1128.198	-13.3	-9.6
2002	1	7049.659	1.8	2.9	937.779	-8.5	6.6	1559.618	-4.3	-7.1	1099.786	-9.7	-10.9
	2	7099.193	2.8	3.3	947.837	4.4	7.8	1545.867	-3.5	-5.8	1072.360	-9.6	-9.9
	3	7149.941	2.9	3.6	979.297	14.0	10.6	1546.622	0.2	-4.6	1069.502	-1.1	-8.5
	4	7194.623	2.5	2.5	973.443	-2.4	1.5	1543.516	-0.8	-2.1	1060.853	-3.2	-6.0
2003	1	7242.203	2.7	2.7	973.236	-0.1	3.8	1552.700	2.4	-0.4	1060.508	-0.1	-3.6
	2	7311.416	3.9	3.0	1019.985	20.6	7.6	1593.382	10.9	3.1	1090.607	11.8	1.7
	3	7401.724	5.0	3.5	1059.586	16.5	8.2	1660.574	18.0	7.4	1131.069	15.7	5.8
	4	7466.826	3.6	3.8	1069.678	3.9	9.9	1702.683	10.5	10.3	1161.045	11.0	9.4
2004	1	7543.049	4.1	4.2	1075.462	2.2	10.5	1721.437	4.5	10.9	1172.984	4.2	10.6
	2	7572.365	1.6	3.6	1074.685	-0.3	5.4	1778.254	13.9	11.6	1207.938	12.5	10.8
	3	7667.795	5.1	3.6	1118.258	17.2	5.5	1816.148	8.8	9.4	1245.319	13.0	10.1
	4	7746.982	4.2	3.8	1128.954	3.9	5.5	1861.934	10.5	9.4	1288.257	14.5	11.0

	GDP Chain Price Index			Employment Cost Index			ECI: Wages			ECI: Benefits			
	Index	Percent change		Index	Percent change		Index	Percent change		Index	Percent change		
		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago		Annual rate	Year ago	
2001	102.402		2.4	155.0		4.1	151.4		3.7	163.7		4.9	
2002	104.097		1.7	160.9		3.8	156.4		3.3	171.7		4.9	
2003	106.003		1.8	167.3		4.0	161.0		2.9	182.5		6.3	
2004	108.298		2.2	173.7		3.8	165.0		2.5	195.4		7.1	
2001	1	101.507	3.3	2.2	152.7	4.3	4.2	149.4	4.1	3.8	160.7	4.6	5.0
	2	102.290	3.1	2.5	154.2	4.0	4.0	150.8	3.8	3.7	162.5	4.6	4.8
	3	102.690	1.6	2.4	155.7	3.9	3.9	152.0	3.2	3.6	164.7	5.5	4.9
	4	103.122	1.7	2.4	157.4	4.4	4.2	153.5	4.0	3.8	167.0	5.7	5.1
2002	1	103.470	1.4	1.9	158.8	3.6	4.0	154.8	3.4	3.6	168.4	3.4	4.8
	2	103.853	1.5	1.5	160.5	4.4	4.1	156.2	3.7	3.6	170.8	5.8	5.1
	3	104.280	1.7	1.5	161.5	2.5	3.7	156.9	1.8	3.2	172.6	4.3	4.8
	4	104.786	2.0	1.6	162.8	3.3	3.4	157.7	2.1	2.7	175.0	5.7	4.8
2003	1	105.490	2.7	2.0	165.0	5.5	3.9	159.3	4.1	2.9	178.6	8.5	6.1
	2	105.780	1.1	1.9	166.4	3.4	3.7	160.3	2.5	2.6	181.1	5.7	6.0
	3	106.158	1.4	1.8	168.2	4.4	4.1	161.7	3.5	3.1	183.8	6.1	6.5
	4	106.586	1.6	1.7	169.5	3.1	4.1	162.5	2.0	3.0	186.3	5.6	6.5
2004	1	107.314	2.8	1.7	171.3	4.3	3.8	163.5	2.5	2.6	191.2	10.9	7.1
	2	108.169	3.2	2.3	173.0	4.0	4.0	164.4	2.2	2.6	194.5	7.1	7.4
	3	108.551	1.4	2.3	174.5	3.5	3.7	165.8	3.5	2.5	196.4	4.0	6.9
	4	109.159	2.3	2.4	175.8	3.0	3.7	166.4	1.5	2.4	199.3	6.0	7.0
		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
2001		1036.699		-5.4	1435.782		-2.7	118.3		2.4	139.3		4.0
2002		1012.340		-2.3	1484.393		3.4	123.5		4.4	143.8		3.2
2003		1031.777		1.9	1550.256		4.4	128.9		4.4	149.6		4.0
2004		1120.348		8.6	1704.034		9.9	134.1		4.0	156.3		4.5
2001	1	1097.192	-5.3	3.4	1495.388	-3.7	5.9	116.4	-0.7	2.4	138.1	6.9	4.5
	2	1060.631	-12.7	-2.9	1445.832	-12.6	-1.4	118.1	6.0	2.0	139.0	2.6	4.9
	3	1008.678	-18.2	-9.9	1407.063	-10.3	-7.2	118.5	1.4	2.6	139.6	1.7	3.3
	4	980.317	-10.8	-11.9	1394.859	-3.4	-7.6	120.4	6.6	3.3	140.7	3.2	3.6
2002	1	991.576	4.7	-9.6	1436.505	12.5	-3.9	122.4	6.8	5.2	142.5	5.2	3.2
	2	1017.799	11.0	-4.0	1475.922	11.4	2.1	122.8	1.3	4.0	143.8	3.7	3.5
	3	1025.517	3.1	1.7	1495.314	5.4	6.3	124.1	4.3	4.7	144.3	1.4	3.4
	4	1014.456	-4.2	3.5	1529.847	9.6	9.7	124.6	1.6	3.5	144.7	1.1	2.8
2003	1	1010.575	-1.5	1.9	1522.261	-2.0	6.0	125.8	3.9	2.8	146.7	5.6	2.9
	2	1006.529	-1.6	-1.1	1531.721	2.5	3.8	127.9	6.8	4.2	148.7	5.6	3.4
	3	1033.794	11.3	0.8	1542.494	2.8	3.2	130.5	8.4	5.2	150.8	5.8	4.5
	4	1076.220	17.5	6.1	1604.520	17.1	4.9	131.5	3.1	5.5	152.3	4.0	5.3
2004	1	1095.449	7.3	8.4	1645.531	10.6	8.1	132.7	3.7	5.5	153.1	2.1	4.4
	2	1114.809	7.3	10.8	1695.087	12.6	10.7	134.0	4.0	4.8	155.3	5.9	4.4
	3	1131.100	6.0	9.4	1714.346	4.6	11.1	134.4	1.2	3.0	157.4	5.5	4.4
	4	1140.035	3.2	5.9	1761.172	11.4	9.8	135.1	2.1	2.7	158.7	3.3	4.2

		Household Survey Employment				Nonfarm Payroll Employment				Nonfarm Aggregate Hours			
		Thousands	Change	Percent change		Thousands	Change	Percent change		Index	Percent change		
				Annual rate	Year ago			Annual rate	Year ago		Monthly rate	Annual rate	Year ago
2000		136901	3400		2.5	131792	2800		2.2	103.5			1.8
2001		136940	40		0.0	131833	41		0.0	102.1			-1.4
2002		136483	-458		-0.3	130345	-1487		-1.1	100.0			-2.0
2003		137734	1252		0.9	129999	-347		-0.3	98.6			-1.4
2004		139248	1513		1.1	131475	1476		1.1	100.3			1.7
2003	1	137415	773	2.3	1.0	130093	-169	-0.5	-0.3	99.0	-0.4	-1.7	-1.3
	2	137652	237	0.7	0.9	129845	-248	-0.8	-0.4	98.3	-0.8	-3.1	-2.0
	3	137574	-77	-0.2	0.5	129890	45	0.1	-0.3	98.3	0.1	0.3	-1.5
	4	138296	722	2.1	1.2	130168	278	0.9	-0.1	98.8	0.5	2.0	-0.6
2004	1	138408	112	0.3	0.7	130541	374	1.2	0.3	99.3	0.5	2.0	0.3
	2	138883	475	1.4	0.9	131325	784	2.4	1.1	100.0	0.6	2.6	1.7
	3	139608	725	2.1	1.5	131731	406	1.2	1.4	100.6	0.6	2.4	2.3
	4	140092	484	1.4	1.3	132302	571	1.7	1.6	101.2	0.6	2.4	2.4
2005	1	140295	203	0.6	1.4	132772	470	1.4	1.7	101.7	0.5	2.0	2.3
2003	Mar	137451	86	0.8	0.9	129907	-218	-2.0	-0.4	98.9	0.0	0.0	-1.4
	Apr	137628	177	1.6	1.1	129853	-54	-0.5	-0.4	98.3	-0.6	-7.0	-2.1
	May	137552	-76	-0.7	0.7	129827	-26	-0.2	-0.4	98.2	-0.1	-1.2	-2.0
	Jun	137775	223	2.0	1.0	129854	27	0.2	-0.4	98.3	0.1	1.2	-1.8
	Jul	137511	-264	-2.3	0.8	129857	3	0.0	-0.3	98.3	0.0	0.0	-1.4
	Aug	137593	82	0.7	0.6	129859	2	0.0	-0.3	98.3	0.0	0.0	-1.6
	Sep	137619	26	0.2	0.2	129953	94	0.9	-0.2	98.4	0.1	1.2	-1.5
	Oct	138022	403	3.6	0.7	130076	123	1.1	-0.2	98.8	0.4	5.0	-0.8
	Nov	138457	435	3.8	1.4	130172	96	0.9	-0.1	99.1	0.3	3.7	-0.4
	Dec	138409	-48	-0.4	1.5	130255	83	0.8	0.1	98.6	-0.5	-5.9	-0.7
2004	Jan	138481	72	0.6	0.8	130372	117	1.1	0.1	99.3	0.7	8.9	0.0
	Feb	138334	-147	-1.3	0.7	130466	94	0.9	0.3	99.4	0.1	1.2	0.5
	Mar	138408	74	0.6	0.7	130786	320	3.0	0.7	99.3	-0.1	-1.2	0.4
	Apr	138645	237	2.1	0.7	131123	337	3.1	1.0	99.7	0.4	4.9	1.4
	May	138846	201	1.8	0.9	131373	250	2.3	1.2	100.3	0.6	7.5	2.1
	Jun	139158	312	2.7	1.0	131479	106	1.0	1.3	99.9	-0.4	-4.7	1.6
	Jul	139639	481	4.2	1.5	131562	83	0.8	1.3	100.3	0.4	4.9	2.0
	Aug	139658	19	0.2	1.5	131750	188	1.7	1.5	100.5	0.2	2.4	2.2
	Sep	139527	-131	-1.1	1.4	131880	130	1.2	1.5	100.9	0.4	4.9	2.5
	Oct	139827	300	2.6	1.3	132162	282	2.6	1.6	101.2	0.3	3.6	2.4
	Nov	140293	466	4.1	1.3	132294	132	1.2	1.6	101.1	-0.1	-1.2	2.0
	Dec	140156	-137	-1.2	1.3	132449	155	1.4	1.7	101.2	0.1	1.2	2.6
2005	Jan	140241	85	0.7	1.3	132573	124	1.1	1.7	101.5	0.3	3.6	2.2
	Feb	140144	-97	-0.8	1.3	132816	243	2.2	1.8	101.7	0.2	2.4	2.3
	Mar	140501	357	3.1	1.5	132926	110	1.0	1.6	101.8	0.1	1.2	2.5



	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	
2000	4.0	3284.226			6.6	115.380			4.3	5.82	6.03	
2001	4.8	3388.094			3.2	111.266			-3.6	3.39	5.02	
2002	5.8	3474.391			2.5	110.959			-0.3	1.60	4.61	
2003	6.0	3623.849			4.3	110.932			-0.0	1.01	4.02	
2004	5.5	3887.460			7.3	115.523			4.1	1.37	4.27	
2003	1	5.8	884.854	0.9	3.8	3.3	110.825	-0.2	-0.7	0.8	1.16	3.92
	2	6.1	895.092	1.2	4.7	3.3	109.707	-1.0	-4.0	-1.3	1.04	3.62
	3	6.1	919.020	2.7	11.1	5.0	110.825	1.0	4.1	-0.7	0.93	4.23
	4	5.9	924.883	0.6	2.6	5.5	112.369	1.4	5.7	1.2	0.92	4.29
2004	1	5.7	946.335	2.3	9.6	6.9	113.920	1.4	5.6	2.8	0.92	4.02
	2	5.6	962.689	1.7	7.1	7.6	115.130	1.1	4.3	4.9	1.08	4.60
	3	5.4	977.181	1.5	6.2	6.3	115.893	0.7	2.7	4.6	1.49	4.30
	4	5.4	1001.255	2.5	10.2	8.3	117.149	1.1	4.4	4.3	2.01	4.17
2005	1	5.3									2.54	4.30
2003	Mar	5.8	297.235	1.9	26.0	4.0	110.551	-0.4	-5.1	0.2	1.13	3.81
	Apr	6.0	297.241	0.0	0.0	2.3	109.538	-0.9	-10.5	-1.1	1.13	3.96
	May	6.1	296.481	-0.3	-3.0	3.7	109.640	0.1	1.1	-1.2	1.07	3.57
	Jun	6.3	301.370	1.6	21.7	4.0	109.942	0.3	3.4	-1.7	0.92	3.33
	Jul	6.2	303.921	0.8	10.6	4.1	110.616	0.6	7.6	-1.0	0.90	3.98
	Aug	6.1	308.875	1.6	21.4	5.1	110.528	-0.1	-1.0	-1.0	0.95	4.45
	Sep	6.1	306.224	-0.9	-9.8	5.9	111.331	0.7	9.1	-0.3	0.94	4.27
	Oct	6.0	305.969	-0.1	-1.0	5.3	111.559	0.2	2.5	0.4	0.92	4.29
	Nov	5.9	309.864	1.3	16.4	6.2	112.657	1.0	12.5	1.3	0.93	4.30
	Dec	5.7	309.050	-0.3	-3.1	5.1	112.892	0.2	2.5	2.0	0.90	4.27
2004	Jan	5.7	311.973	0.9	12.0	5.4	113.223	0.3	3.6	2.1	0.88	4.15
	Feb	5.6	314.149	0.7	8.7	7.7	114.426	1.1	13.5	3.1	0.93	4.08
	Mar	5.7	320.213	1.9	25.8	7.7	114.110	-0.3	-3.3	3.2	0.94	3.83
	Apr	5.5	318.330	-0.6	-6.8	7.1	114.736	0.5	6.8	4.7	0.94	4.35
	May	5.6	323.040	1.5	19.3	9.0	115.534	0.7	8.7	5.4	1.02	4.72
	Jun	5.6	321.319	-0.5	-6.2	6.6	115.120	-0.4	-4.2	4.7	1.27	4.73
	Jul	5.5	324.034	0.8	10.6	6.6	115.930	0.7	8.8	4.8	1.33	4.50
	Aug	5.4	323.700	-0.1	-1.2	4.8	116.036	0.1	1.1	5.0	1.48	4.28
	Sep	5.4	329.447	1.8	23.5	7.6	115.714	-0.3	-3.3	3.9	1.65	4.13
	Oct	5.5	332.280	0.9	10.8	8.6	116.649	0.8	10.1	4.6	1.76	4.10
	Nov	5.4	332.392	0.0	0.4	7.3	116.948	0.3	3.1	3.8	2.07	4.19
	Dec	5.4	336.583	1.3	16.2	8.9	117.851	0.8	9.7	4.4	2.19	4.23
2005	Jan	5.2	337.129	0.2	2.0	8.1	117.991	0.1	1.4	4.2	2.33	4.22
	Feb	5.4	338.584	0.4	5.3	7.8	118.393	0.3	4.2	3.5	2.54	4.17
	Mar	5.2									2.74	4.50

		Consumer Price Index					Consumer Price Index less Food and Energy					Producer Price Index Finished Goods			
		Percent change					Percent change					Percent change			
		Index	Monthly/ quarterly	Annual rate	Year ago	Year to date	Index	Monthly/ quarterly	Annual rate	Year ago	Year to date	Index	Monthly/ quarterly	Annual rate	Year ago
2000		172.2			3.4		181.3			2.4		138.0			3.9
2001		177.1			2.8		186.1			2.7		140.7			1.9
2002		179.8			1.6		190.4			2.3		138.9			-1.3
2003		184.0			2.3		193.2			1.5		143.3			3.2
2004		188.9			2.7		196.6			1.8		148.5			3.6
2002	1	178.1	0.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	189.0	0.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	138.2	-0.2	-1.0	-2.4
	2	179.5	0.8	3.3	1.3	2.3	190.0	0.5	2.1	2.4	2.2	138.6	0.3	1.3	-2.3
	3	180.4	0.5	2.1	1.6	2.3	191.0	0.6	2.3	2.3	2.2	138.8	0.1	0.5	-1.4
	4	181.4	0.5	2.1	2.2	2.2	191.8	0.4	1.5	2.1	2.1	139.9	0.8	3.1	1.0
2003	1	183.2	1.0	4.2	2.9	4.2	192.4	0.3	1.4	1.8	1.4	142.7	2.0	8.4	3.3
	2	183.4	0.1	0.4	2.2	2.3	192.8	0.2	0.8	1.5	1.1	142.2	-0.4	-1.5	2.5
	3	184.4	0.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	193.6	0.4	1.6	1.3	1.3	143.5	0.9	3.8	3.4
	4	184.8	0.2	0.9	1.9	1.9	194.1	0.3	1.0	1.2	1.2	144.9	1.0	4.0	3.6
2004	1	186.6	1.0	3.9	1.8	3.9	195.0	0.5	1.9	1.3	1.9	145.9	0.7	2.8	2.2
	2	188.6	1.1	4.4	2.8	4.2	196.2	0.6	2.6	1.8	2.2	148.0	1.4	5.8	4.1
	3	189.4	0.4	1.6	2.7	3.3	197.1	0.4	1.7	1.8	2.1	148.6	0.4	1.6	3.5
	4	191.0	0.9	3.6	3.4	3.4	198.2	0.6	2.3	2.1	2.1	151.5	2.0	8.2	4.6
2003	Feb	183.3	0.5	6.8	3.0	5.7	192.5	0.1	1.3	1.8	1.6	142.6	1.0	12.6	3.3
	Mar	184.1	0.4	5.4	3.1	5.6	192.5	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.0	144.3	1.2	15.3	3.9
	Apr	183.5	-0.3	-3.8	2.3	3.2	192.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.8	142.2	-1.5	-16.1	2.4
	May	183.3	-0.1	-1.3	2.1	2.3	192.9	0.2	2.5	1.5	1.1	141.7	-0.4	-4.1	2.5
	Jun	183.4	0.1	0.7	2.1	2.0	193.0	0.1	0.6	1.5	1.0	142.6	0.6	7.9	2.8
	Jul	183.8	0.2	2.6	2.1	2.1	193.4	0.2	2.5	1.5	1.3	142.8	0.1	1.7	3.0
	Aug	184.4	0.3	4.0	2.2	2.3	193.6	0.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	143.6	0.6	6.9	3.5
	Sep	185.0	0.3	4.0	2.3	2.5	193.7	0.1	0.6	1.2	1.2	144.1	0.3	4.3	3.6
	Oct	184.8	-0.1	-1.3	2.0	2.1	194.0	0.2	1.9	1.3	1.3	144.8	0.5	6.0	3.4
	Nov	184.6	-0.1	-1.3	1.8	1.8	194.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	144.6	-0.1	-1.6	3.4
	Dec	185.0	0.2	2.6	1.9	1.9	194.2	0.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	145.3	0.5	6.0	4.0
2004	Jan	185.9	0.5	6.0	2.0	6.0	194.6	0.2	2.5	1.2	2.5	145.7	0.3	3.4	3.2
	Feb	186.5	0.3	3.9	1.7	5.0	194.9	0.2	1.9	1.2	2.2	145.6	-0.1	-0.8	2.1
	Mar	187.3	0.4	5.3	1.7	5.1	195.5	0.3	3.8	1.6	2.7	146.4	0.5	6.8	1.5
	Apr	187.7	0.2	2.6	2.3	4.4	195.9	0.2	2.5	1.8	2.6	147.4	0.7	8.5	3.7
	May	188.8	0.6	7.3	3.0	5.0	196.2	0.2	1.9	1.7	2.5	148.3	0.6	7.6	4.7
	Jun	189.3	0.3	3.2	3.2	4.7	196.6	0.2	2.5	1.9	2.5	148.2	-0.1	-0.8	3.9
	Jul	189.2	-0.1	-0.6	2.9	3.9	196.8	0.1	1.2	1.8	2.3	148.3	0.1	0.8	3.9
	Aug	189.3	0.1	0.6	2.7	3.5	196.9	0.1	0.6	1.7	2.1	148.5	0.1	1.6	3.4
	Sep	189.6	0.2	1.9	2.5	3.3	197.5	0.3	3.7	2.0	2.3	148.9	0.3	3.3	3.3
	Oct	190.7	0.6	7.2	3.2	3.7	197.9	0.2	2.5	2.0	2.3	151.1	1.5	19.2	4.4
	Nov	191.2	0.3	3.2	3.6	3.7	198.2	0.2	1.8	2.2	2.2	152.0	0.6	7.4	5.1
	Dec	191.2	0.0	0.0	3.4	3.4	198.5	0.2	1.8	2.2	2.2	151.5	-0.3	-3.9	4.3
2005	Jan	191.3	0.1	0.6	2.9	0.6	198.9	0.2	2.4	2.2	2.4	151.9	0.3	3.2	4.3
	Feb	192.0	0.4	4.5	2.9	2.5	199.4	0.3	3.1	2.3	2.8	152.5	0.4	4.8	4.7

## 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 ( $\pm 0.2$  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/](http://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 (CCAdj)** increase profits and proprietors' income by the difference between estimates of economic depreciation and depreciation allowed by the tax code. Components of national income not shown are rental income of persons and net interest.

**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.

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