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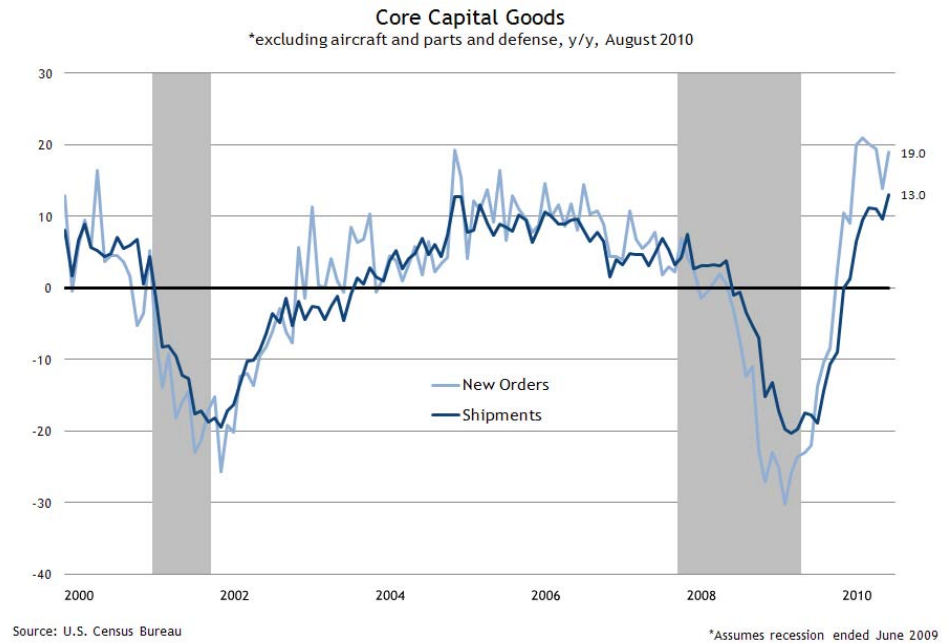
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Despite negative headlines that took into consideration a volatile series on commercial aircraft, August's durable goods report revealed a bounceback in new orders for core capital goods following July's slump.

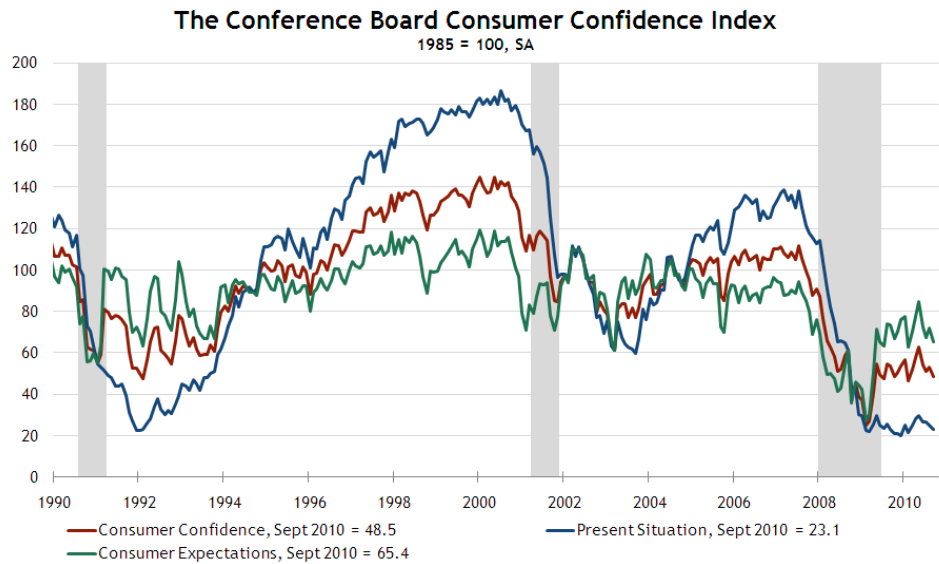


- New orders for core capital goods rose 4.12% in August after an upwardly revised 5.3% drop in July. (July's drop was originally reported to be more than 8%.)
- New orders for core capital were up 19% compared with a year earlier.
- Drivers for the orders growth included strong orders for machinery (+3.9%), computers (+3.8%), primary metals (+2.4%), and fabricated metals (+1%).

Consumer Spending

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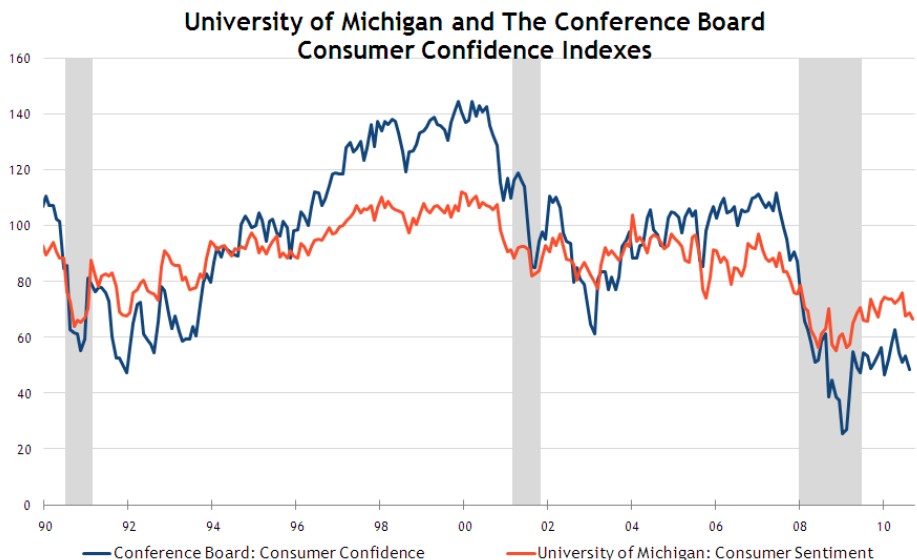
The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index dropped further in September.



Source: The Conference Board

- In September, the Conference Board's Index of Consumer Confidence fell 4.7 points to 48.5, the lowest level since February. The index has still not returned to prerecession levels though it is above its historic lows of late 2008 and early 2009.
- The decline in the index was led by the expectations component, which fell 7 points to 65.4. The present situation component fell 1.8 points to 23.1, remaining near its historical low.

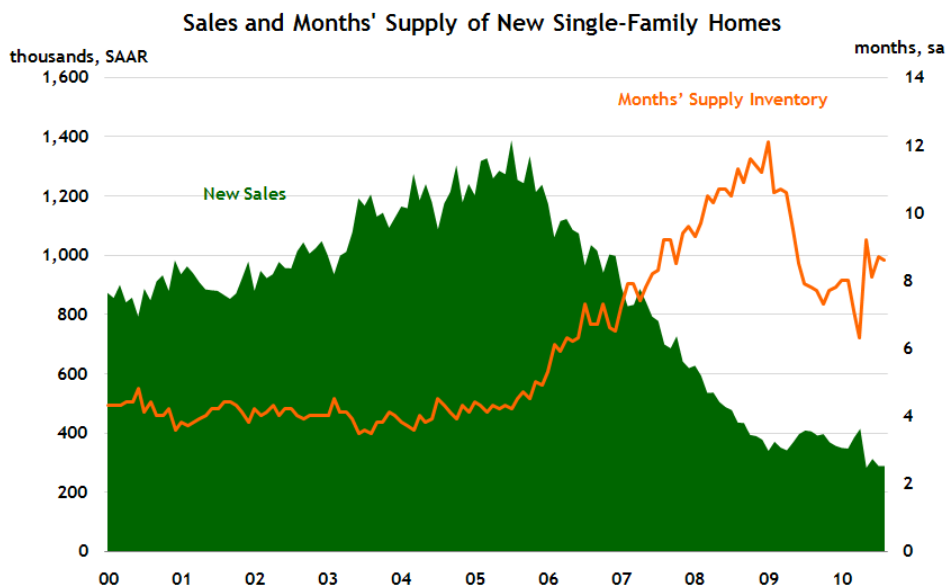
Both the University of Michigan and Conference Board consumer confidence indexes have drifted lower since the summer.



Source: The Conference Board, Reuters/University of Michigan

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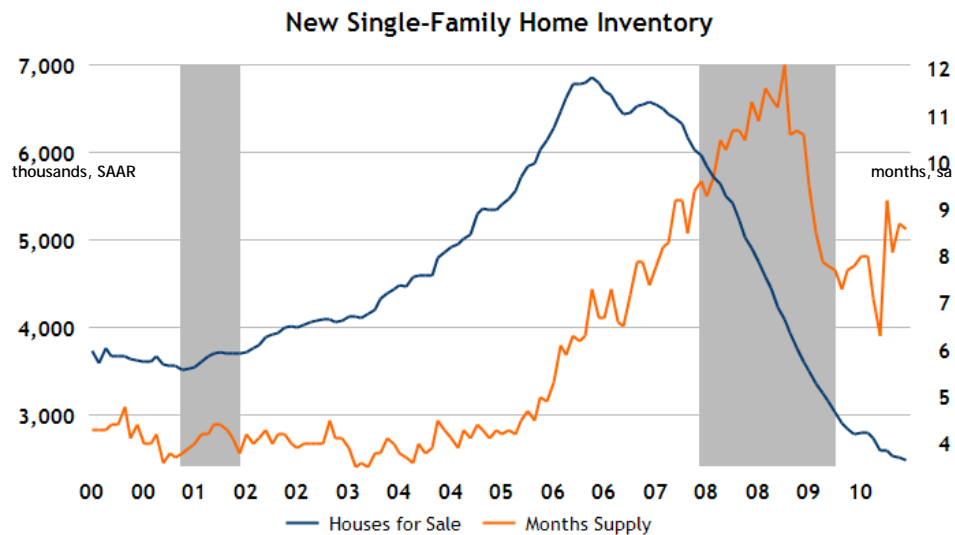
The U.S. Census Bureau reported that new single-family home sales held steady in August at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 288,000 homes, down 29% from a year earlier.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- New single-family home sales remained at a series low (the series dates back to January 1963), and sales have fallen 79% from their peak in July 2005.

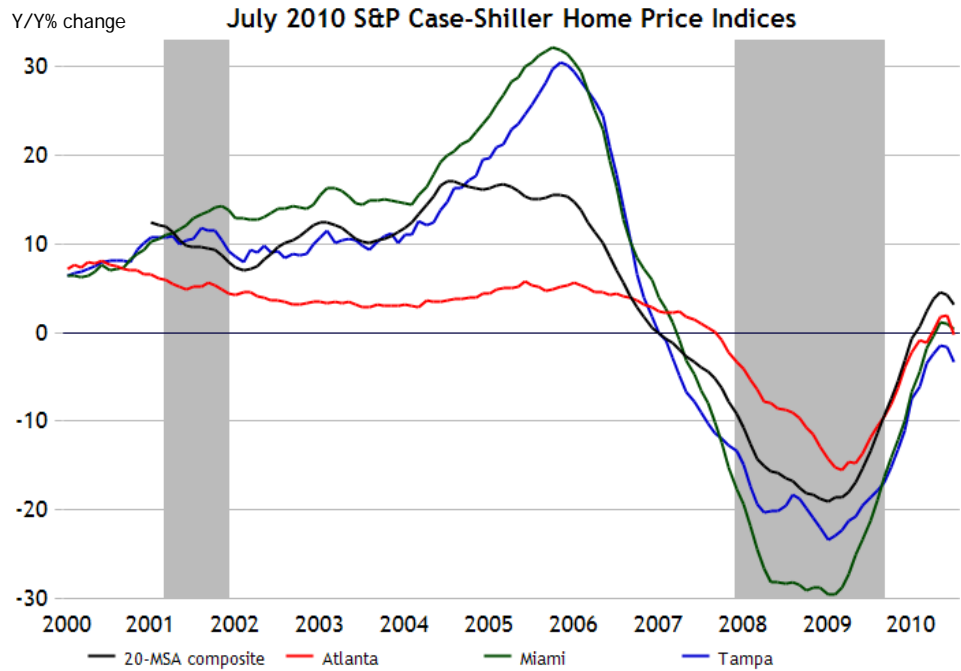
New single-family homes for sale continued to dwindle in August while weak sales levels kept the months supply elevated at 8.6 months.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Summary

In July the S&P/Case-Shiller home prices for the 20-city and 10-city composite indices remained ahead of the year-earlier level, but the pace of gain continued to moderate.



Source: Standard & Poor's and Fiserve Inc.

	July (NSA)	June (SA)	M/M (NSA)	M/M(SA)	Y/Y
Case-Shiller					
20-City Index	148.9	147.6	0.7%	-0.1%	3.1%
10-City Index	162.3	160.9	0.8%	0.0%	4.0%
Atlanta	109.9	108.3	0.2%	-0.8%	-0.2%
Miami	147.9	148.0	0.7%	-0.1%	0.4%
Tampa	138.2	136.9	-0.3%	-1.4%	-3.3%