

The Nebraska Economy: Then and Now



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U.S. Economic Outlook

	2008: Q2	2008: Q3	2008: Q4	2009: Q1*	2009: Q2*
Real GDP Growth	2.8	-0.5	-3.8	-6.0 to -3.6	-3.4 to 0.1
Unemployment Rate	5.4	6.1	6.9	7.4 to 7.9	7.8 to 8.7
Consumer Price Index	5.0	6.7	-9.2	-4.9 to 1.0	-1.4 to 2.4
Producer Price Index	10.6	8.6	-19.7	-13.8 to -3.0	-5.2 to 2.9

Source: Blue Chip Economic Indicators

* Forecasted February 10, 2009

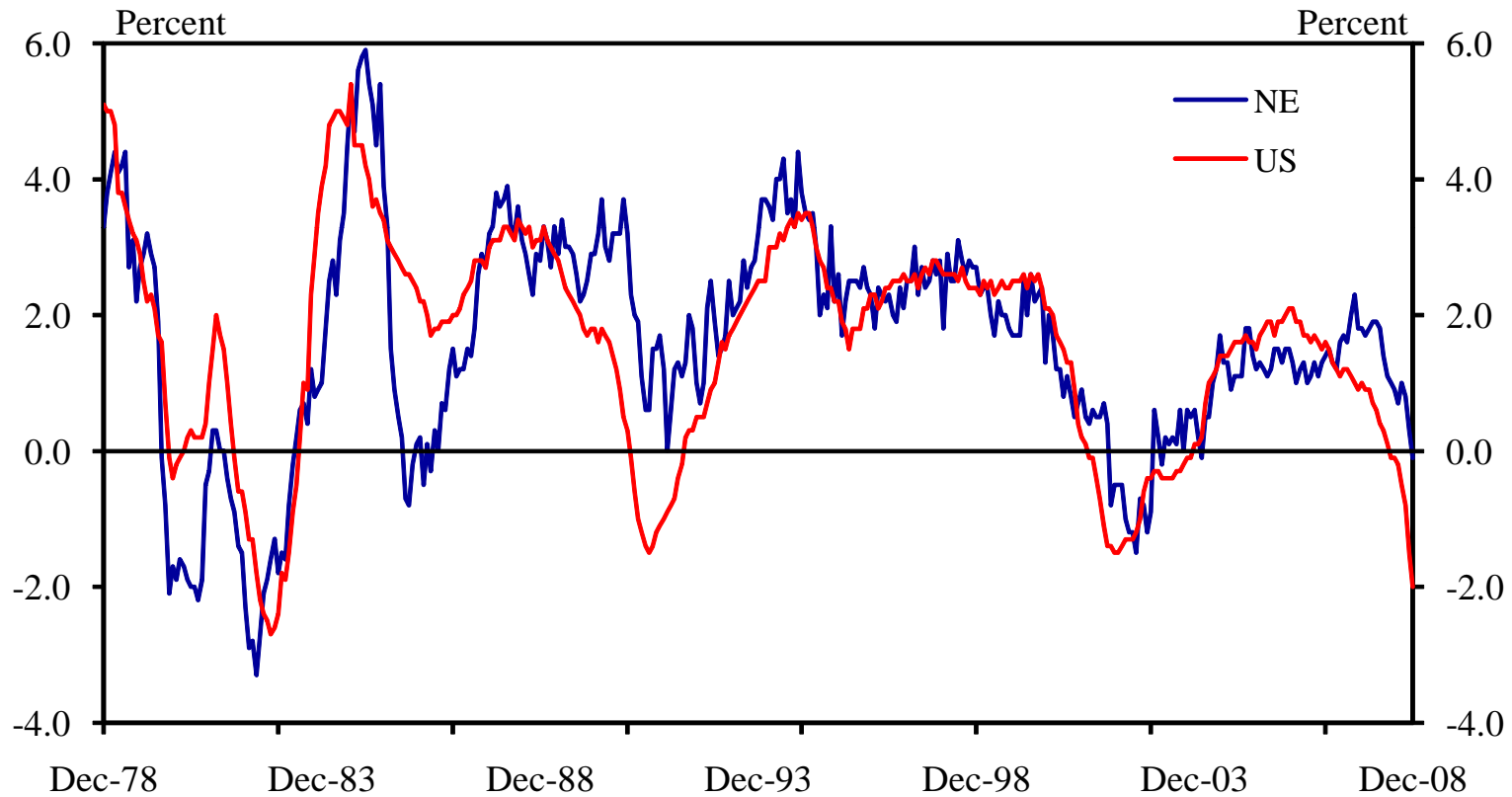


Labor Market



Growth in Nonfarm Employment

Year-over-year



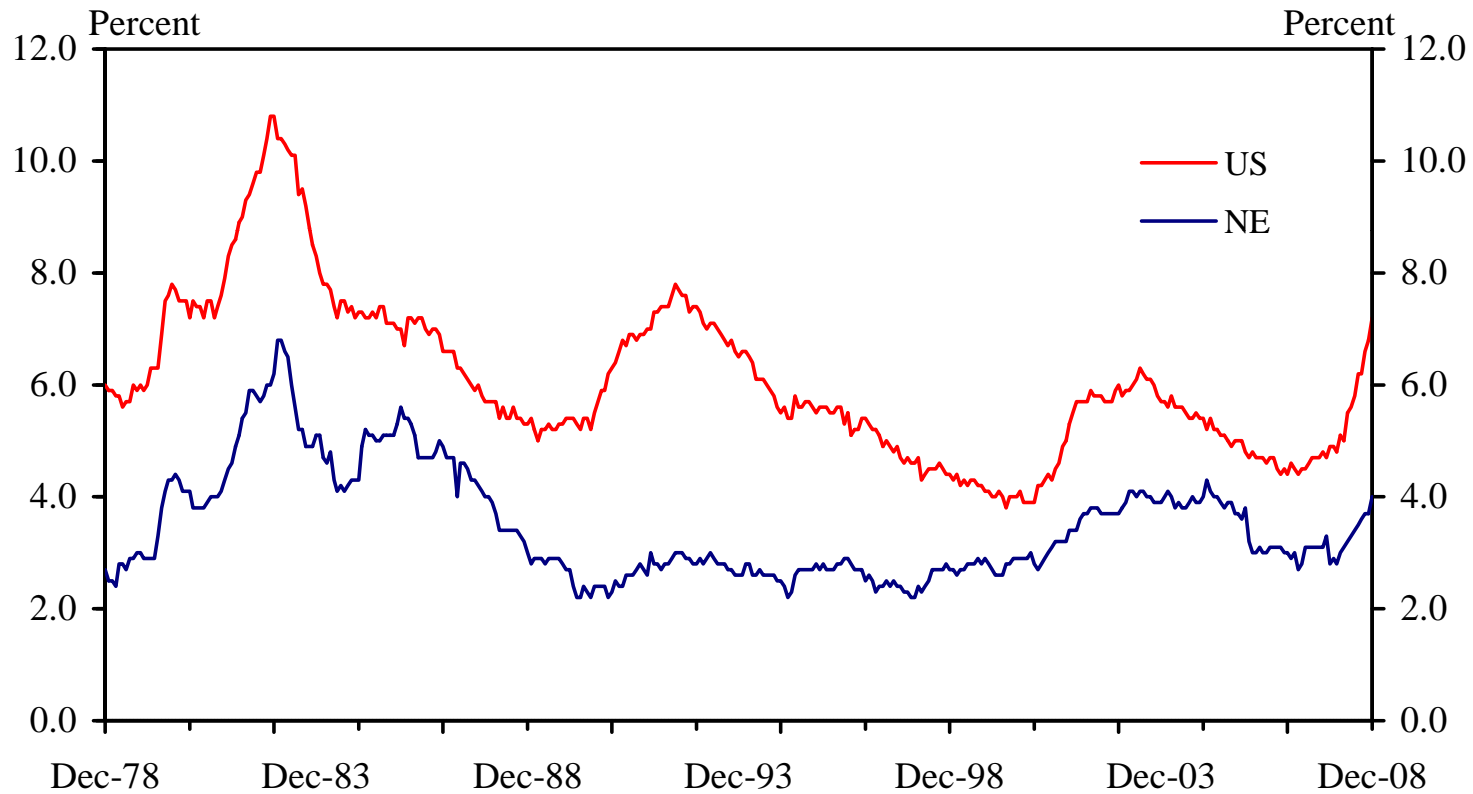
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Unemployment Rate

Seasonally adjusted



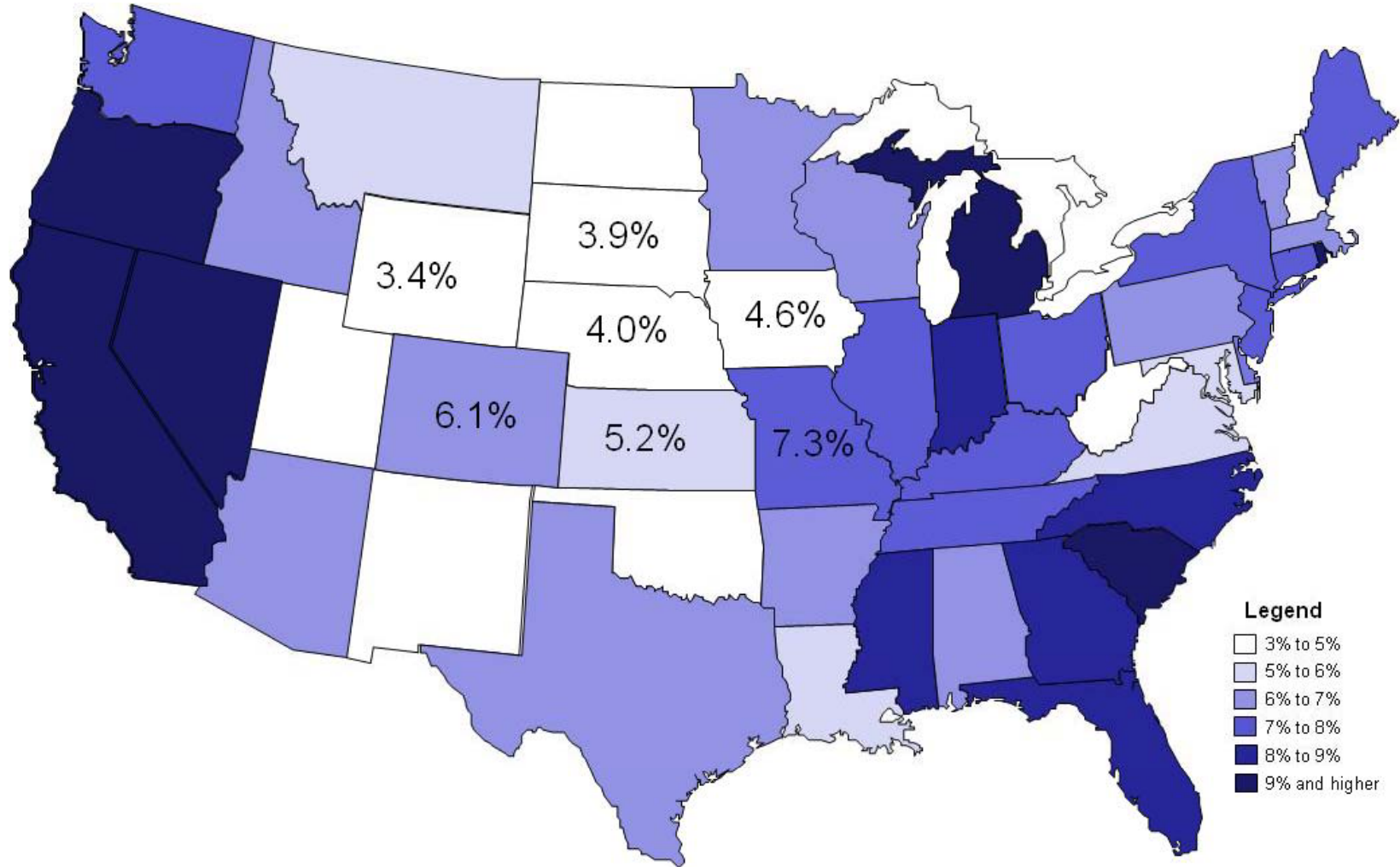
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Unemployment Rate, December 2008

Seasonally adjusted

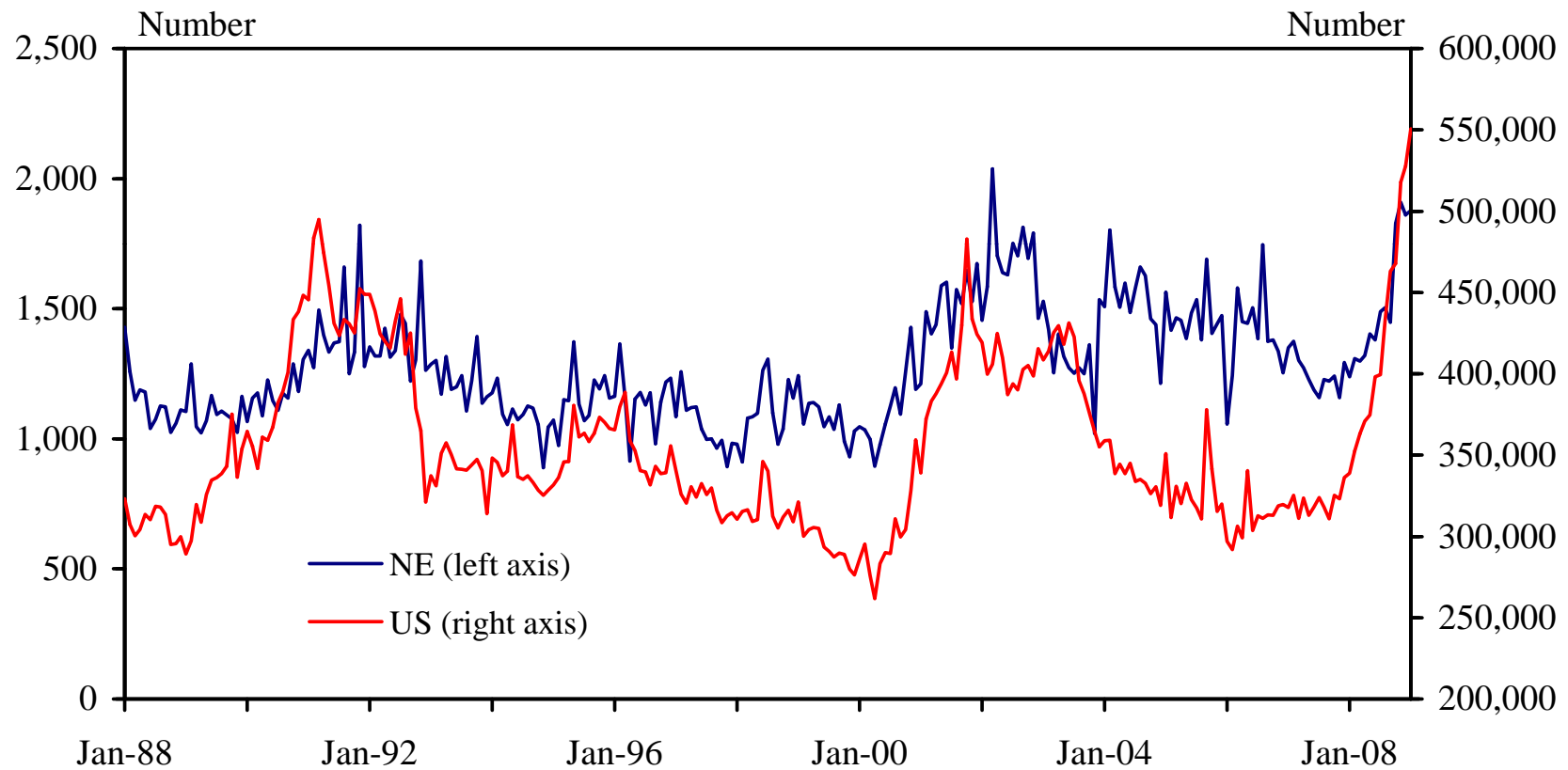


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Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Seasonally adjusted



Source: Department of Labor

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Nonfarm Employment by Industry

December 2008

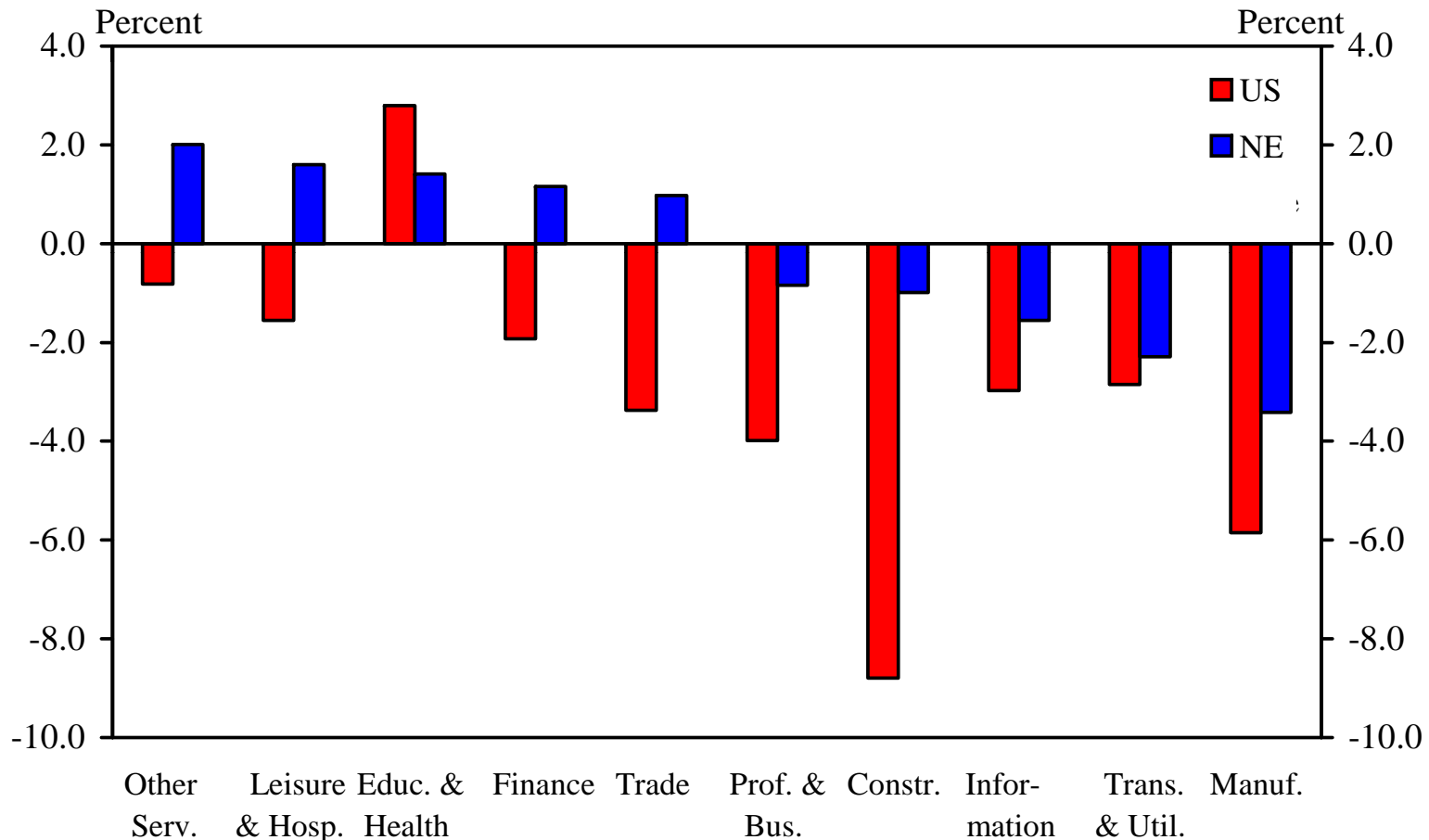
Industry	US	NE
Natural Resources and Mining	0.59%	
Construction	4.93%	5.15%
Manufacturing	9.54%	10.15%
Trade	15.74%	15.93%
Transportation and Utilities	3.68%	5.68%
Information	2.16%	1.95%
Financial Activities	5.94%	7.19%
Professional and Business Services	12.81%	10.84%
Educational and Health Services	14.15%	13.98%
Leisure and Hospitality Services	9.66%	8.46%
Other Services	4.00%	3.65%
State and Local Government	14.77%	15.38%
Federal Government	2.03%	1.62%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



Private Job Growth by Industry

Dec 2008 over Dec 2007



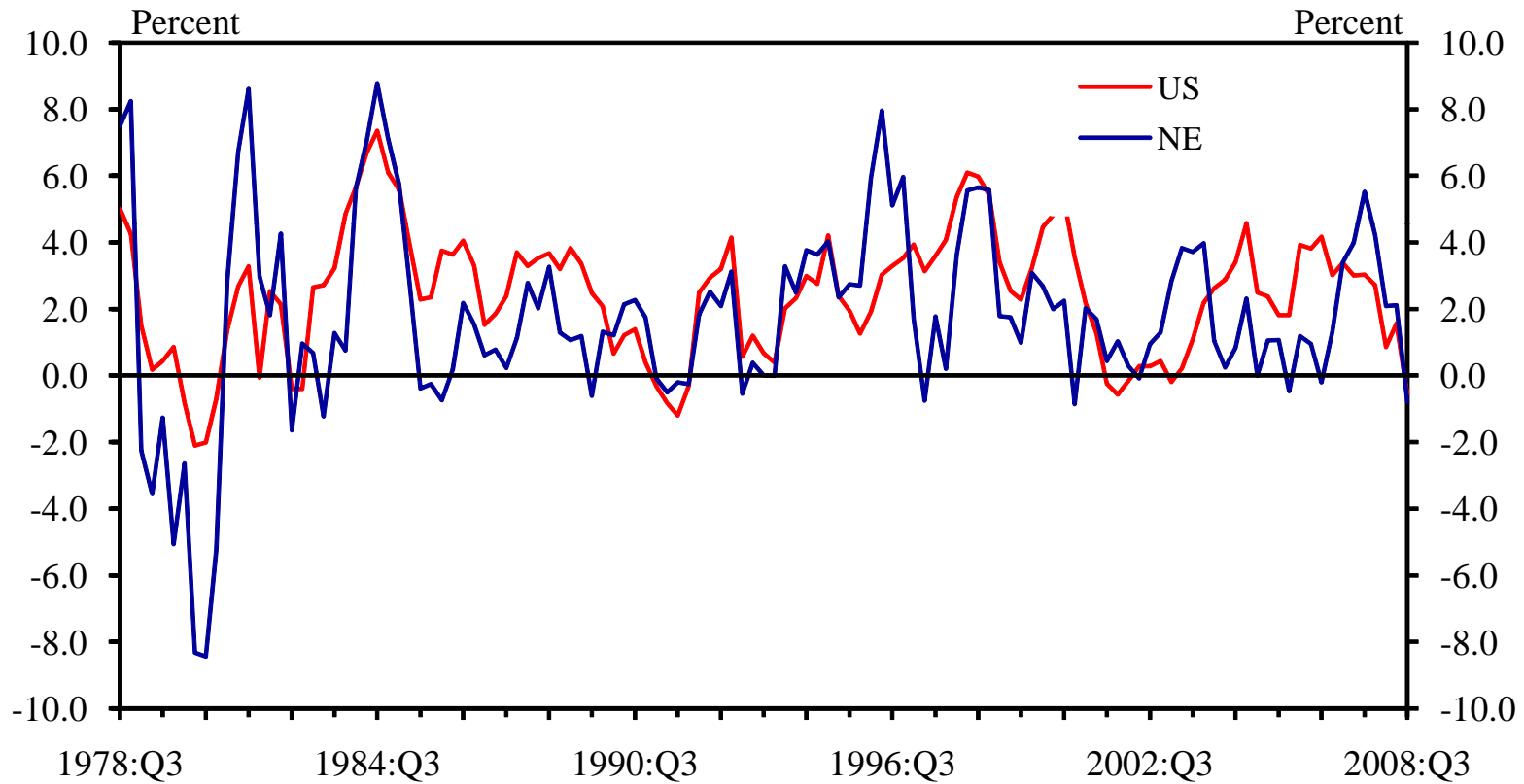
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Growth in Real Personal Income

Year-over-year



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

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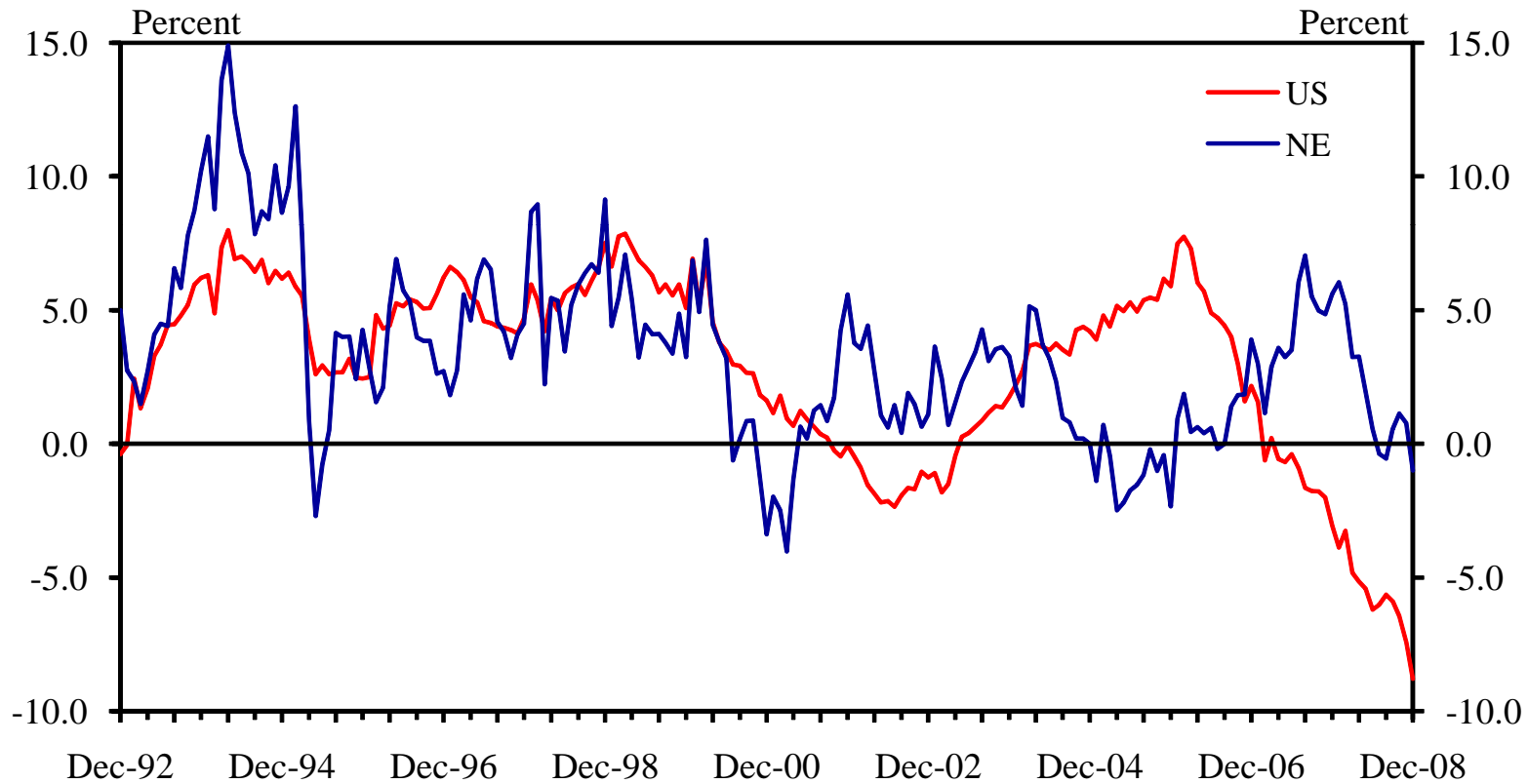


Housing and Construction Activity



Growth in Construction Employment

Year-over-year



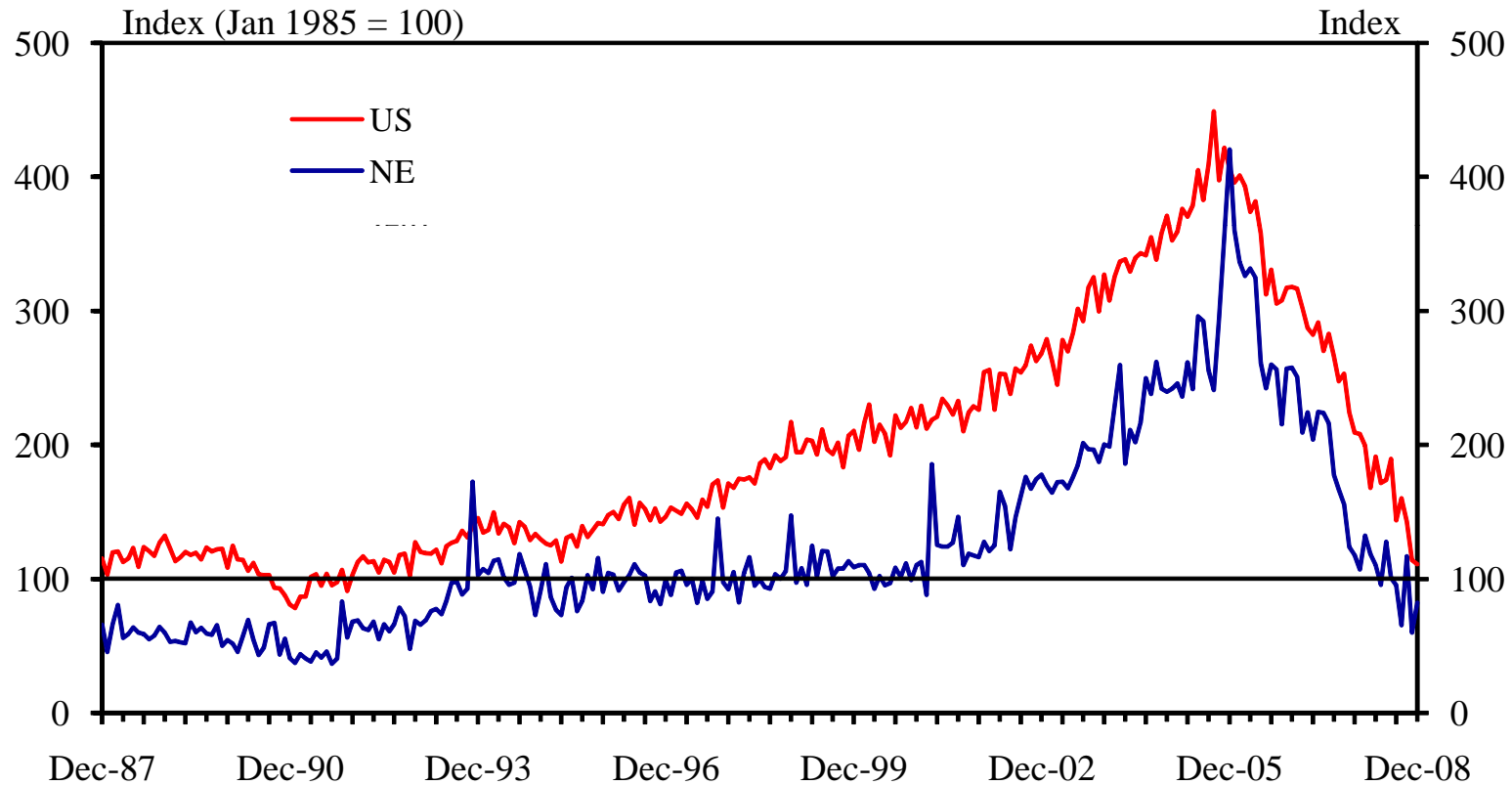
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Value of Residential Construction Contracts

Seasonally adjusted



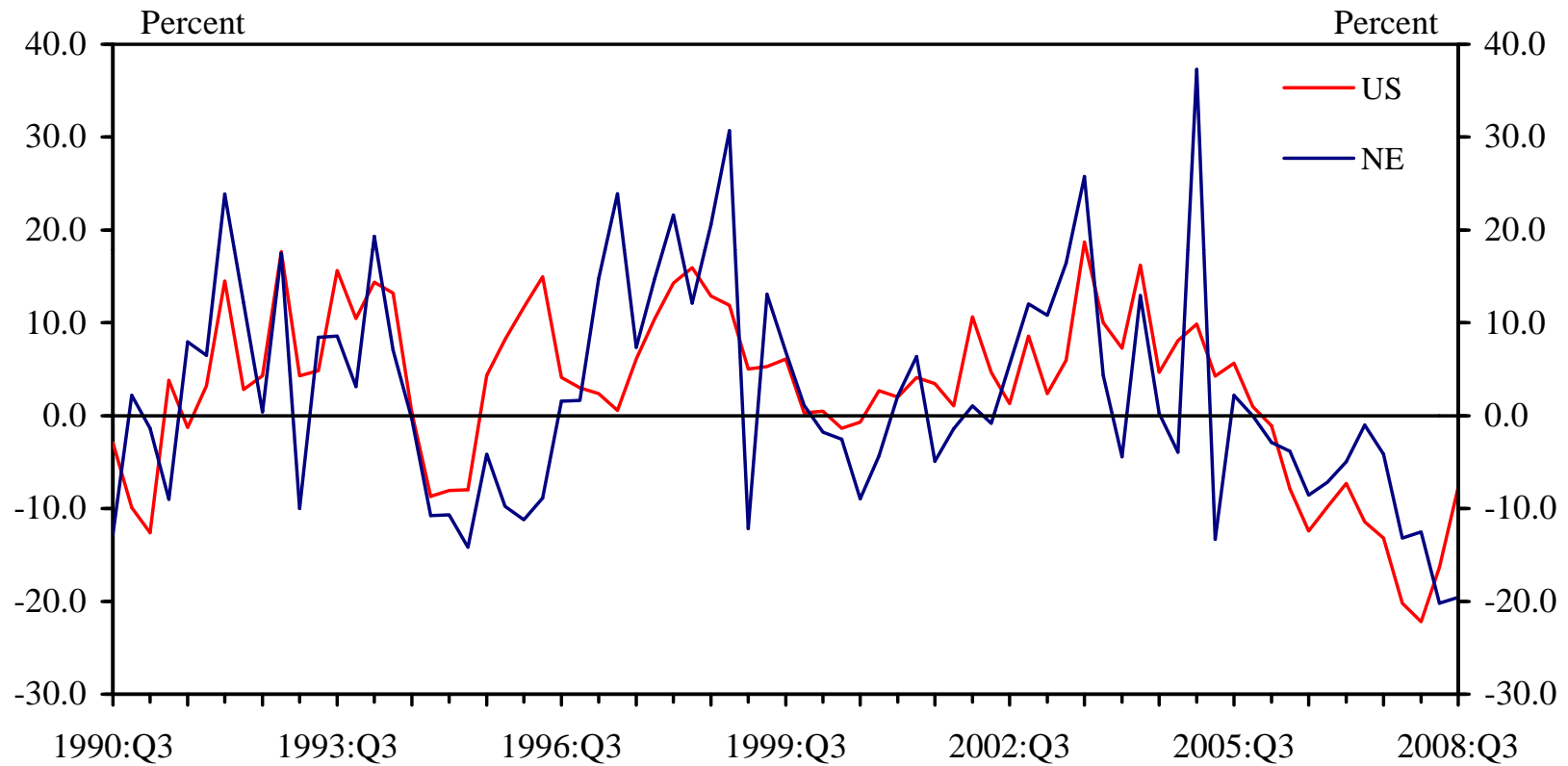
Source: F.W. Dodge

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Existing Home Sales

Year-over-year



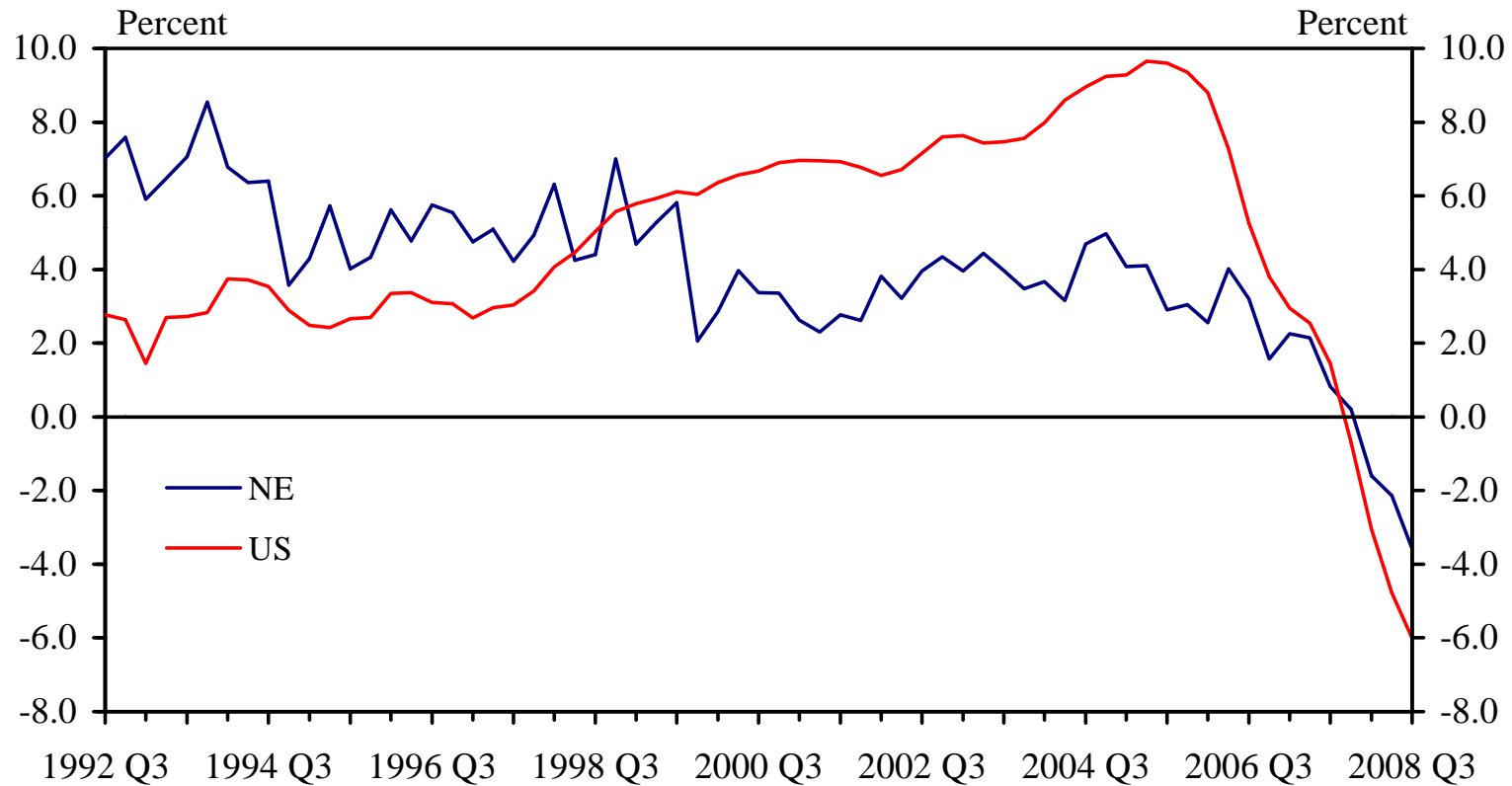
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Home Price Appreciation

Year-over-year



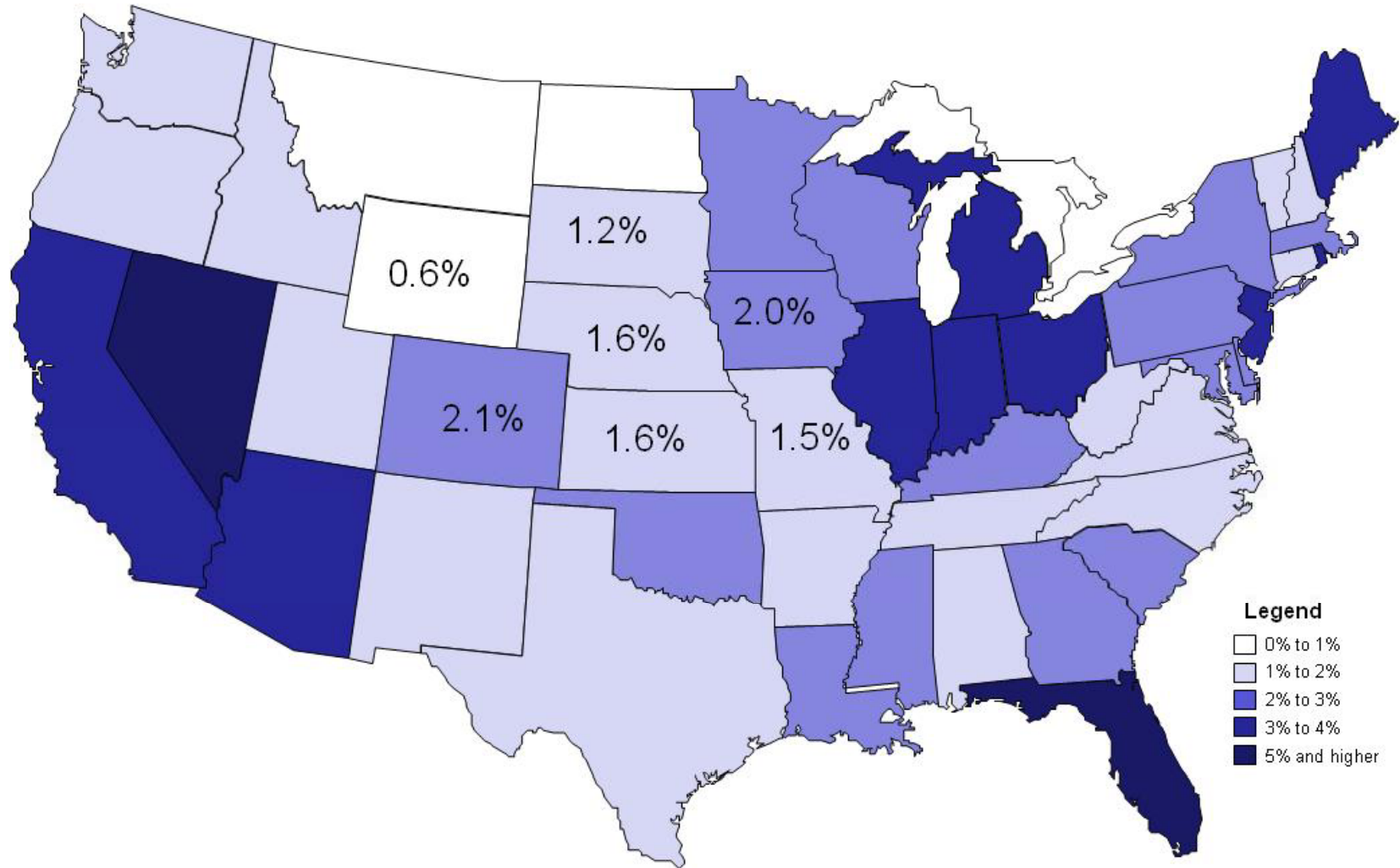
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Foreclosure Inventory

Third Quarter 2008

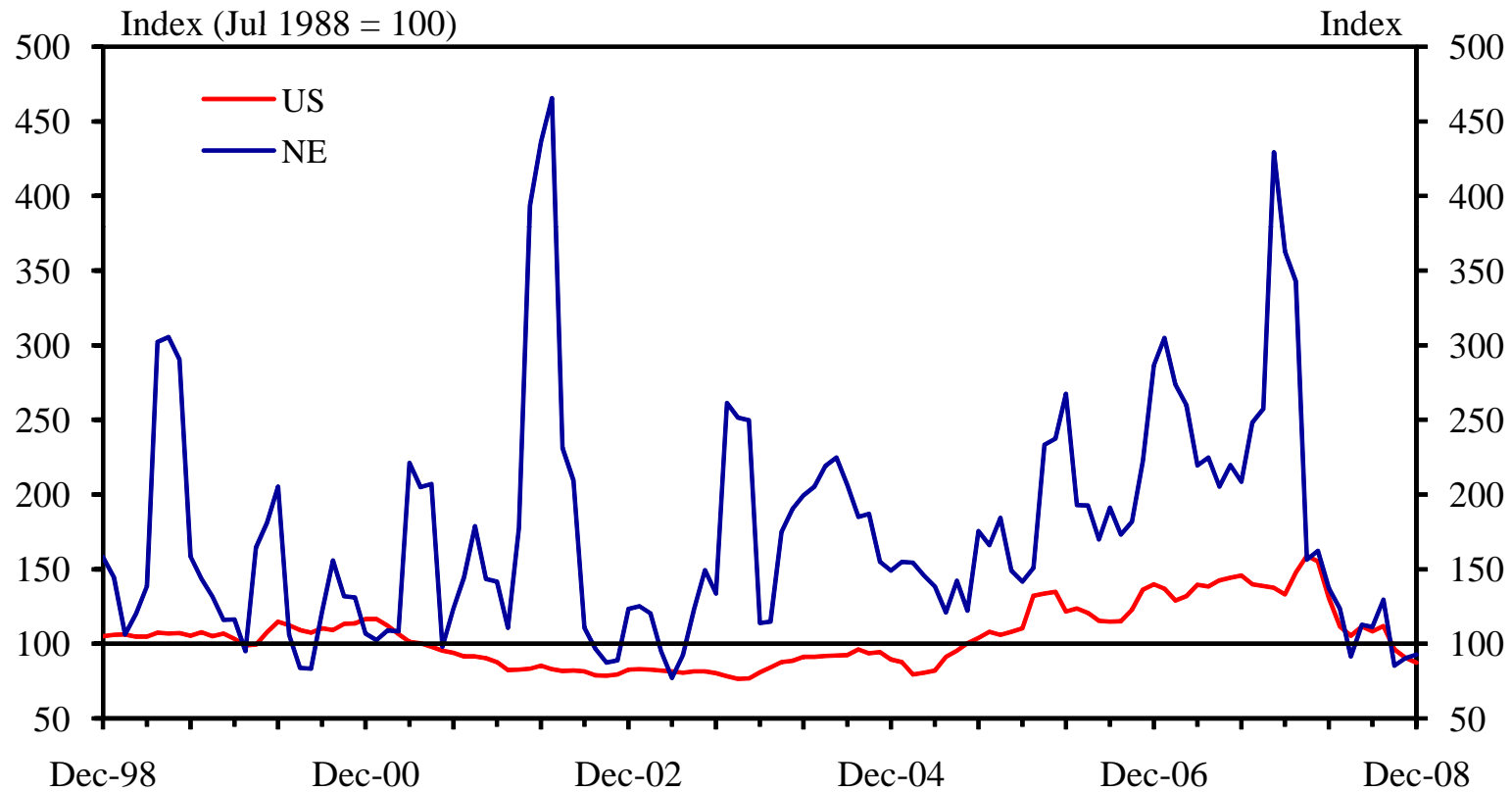


Source: Mortgage Bankers Association



Value of Commercial Construction Contracts

Seasonally adjusted



Source: F.W. Dodge

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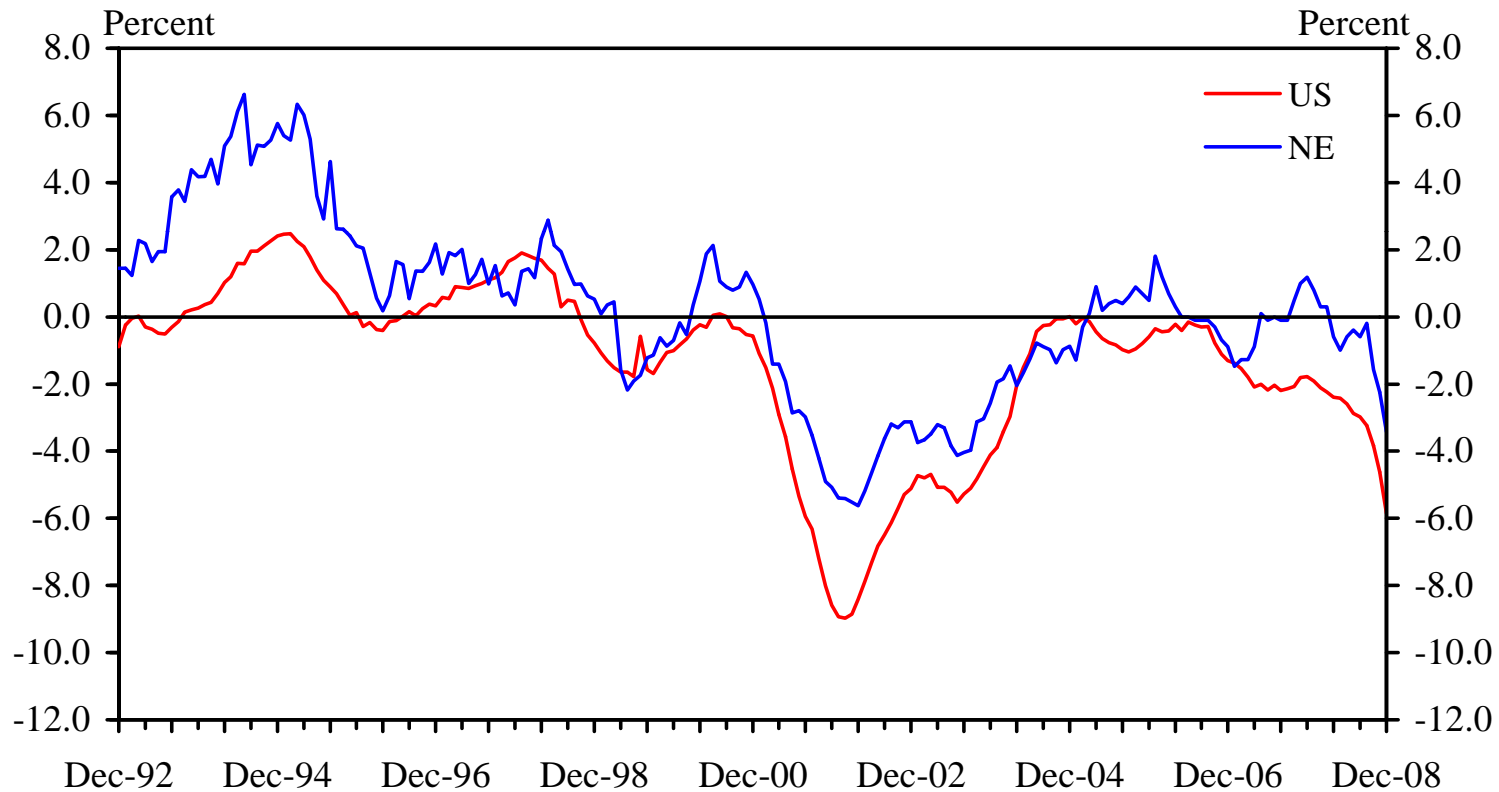


Manufacturing Activity



Growth in Manufacturing Employment

Year-over-year



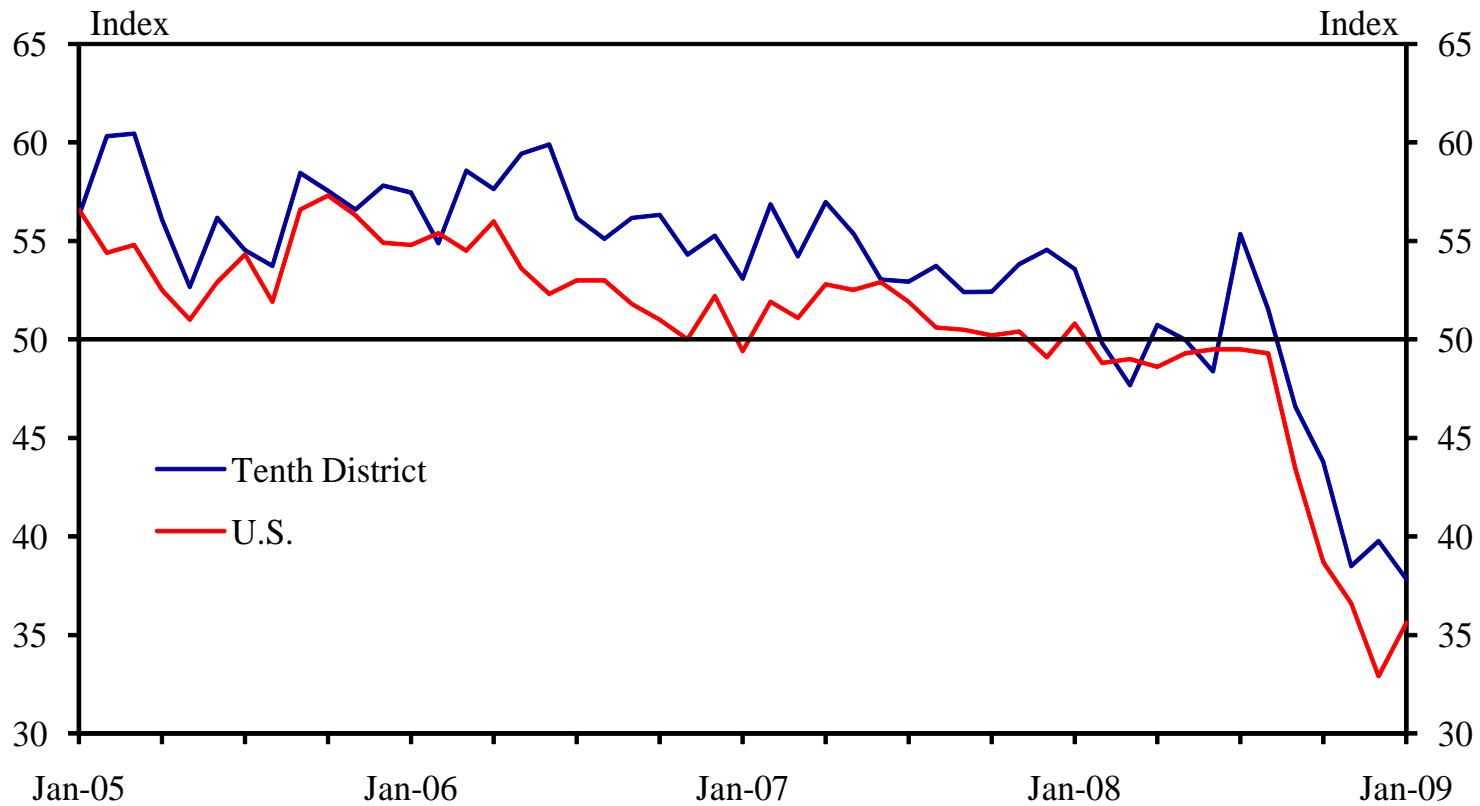
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Manufacturing Activity

Month-over-month PMI indexes (seasonally adjusted)



Source: FRBKC Manufacturing Survey

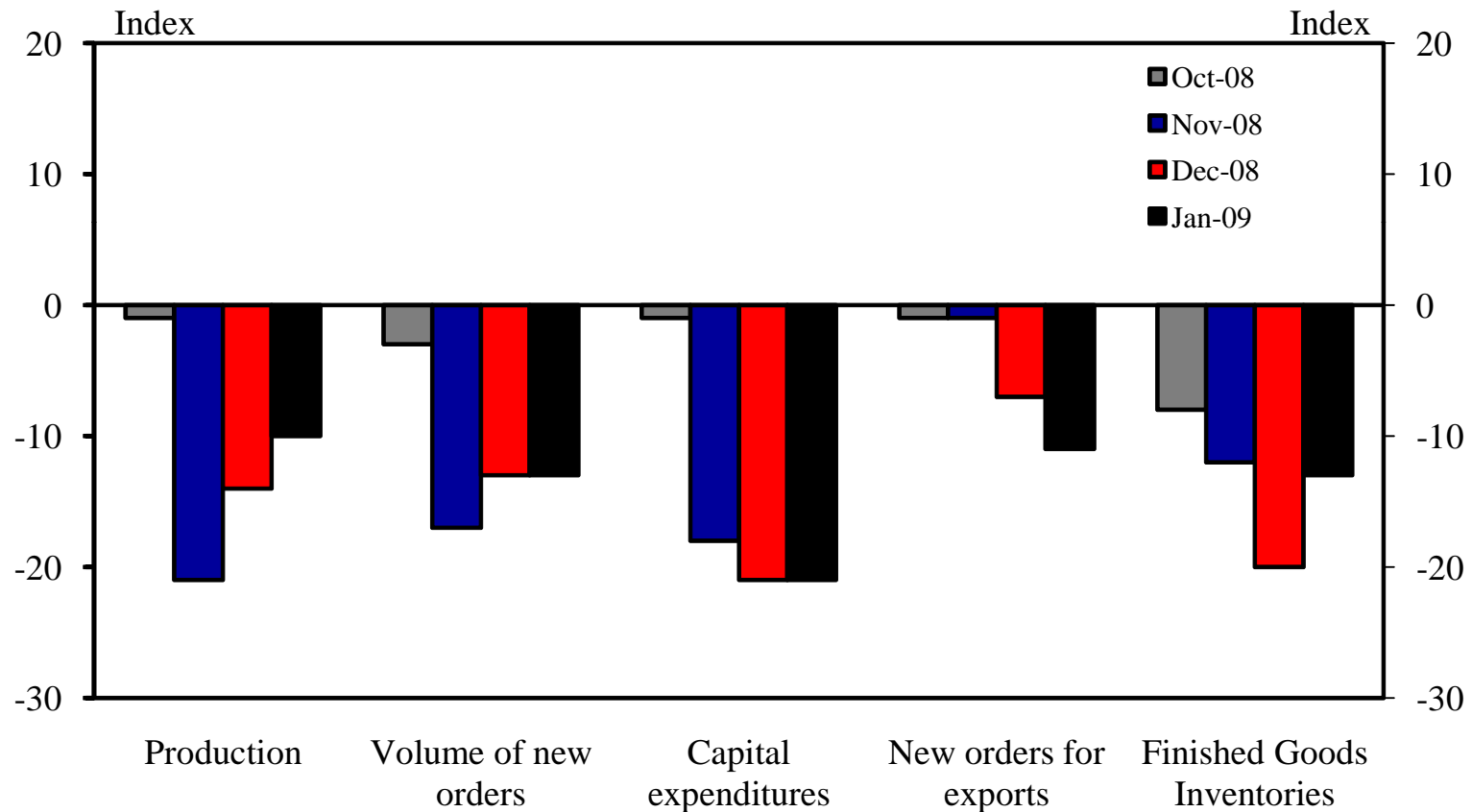
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Note: 10J index is computed on ISM basis (50 = zero change)



Manufacturing Activity in the 10th District

Six-month-ahead expectation indexes (seasonally adjusted)



Source: FRBKC Manufacturing Survey

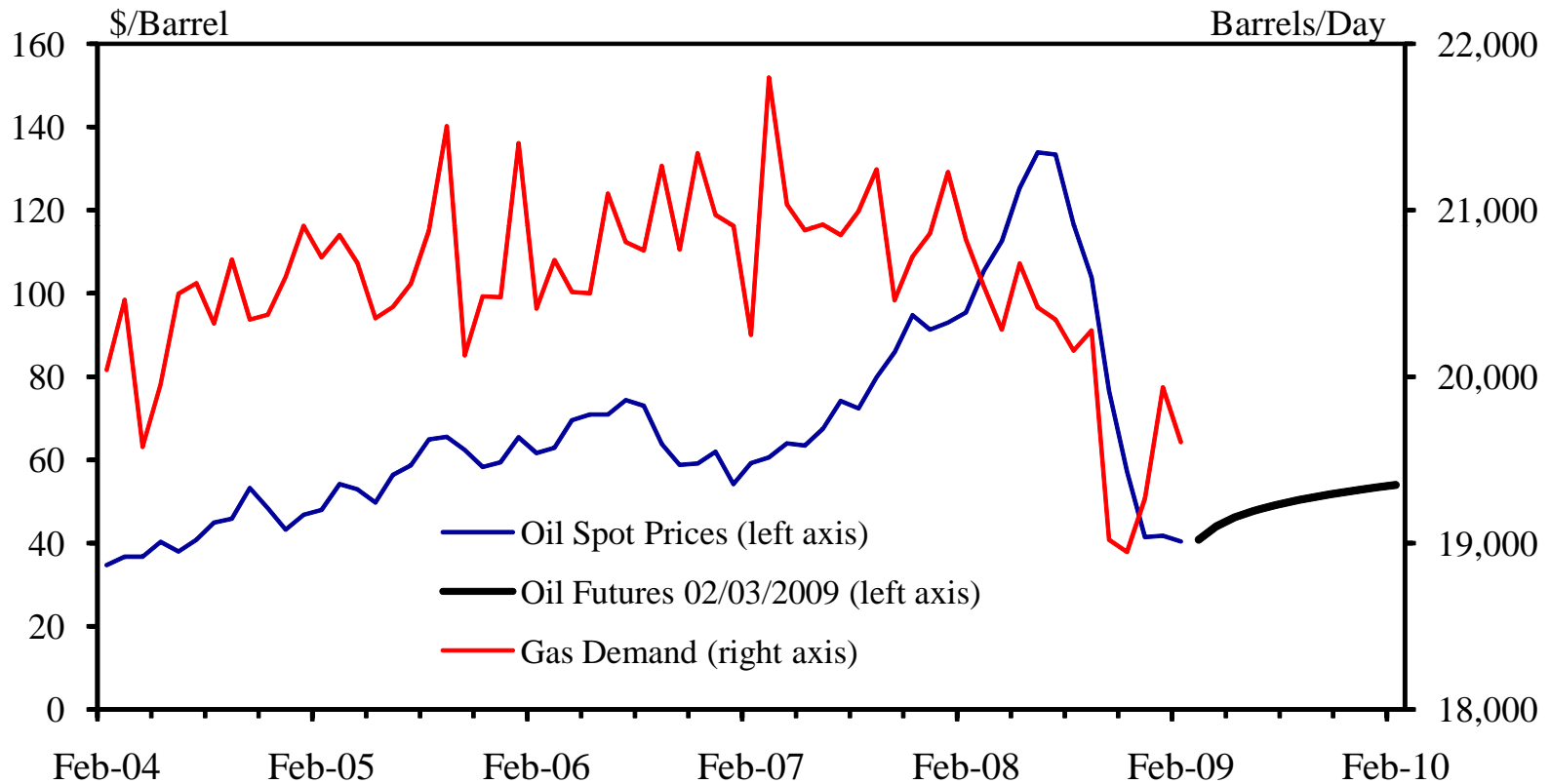
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Prices



Oil Prices and U.S. Demand for Oil

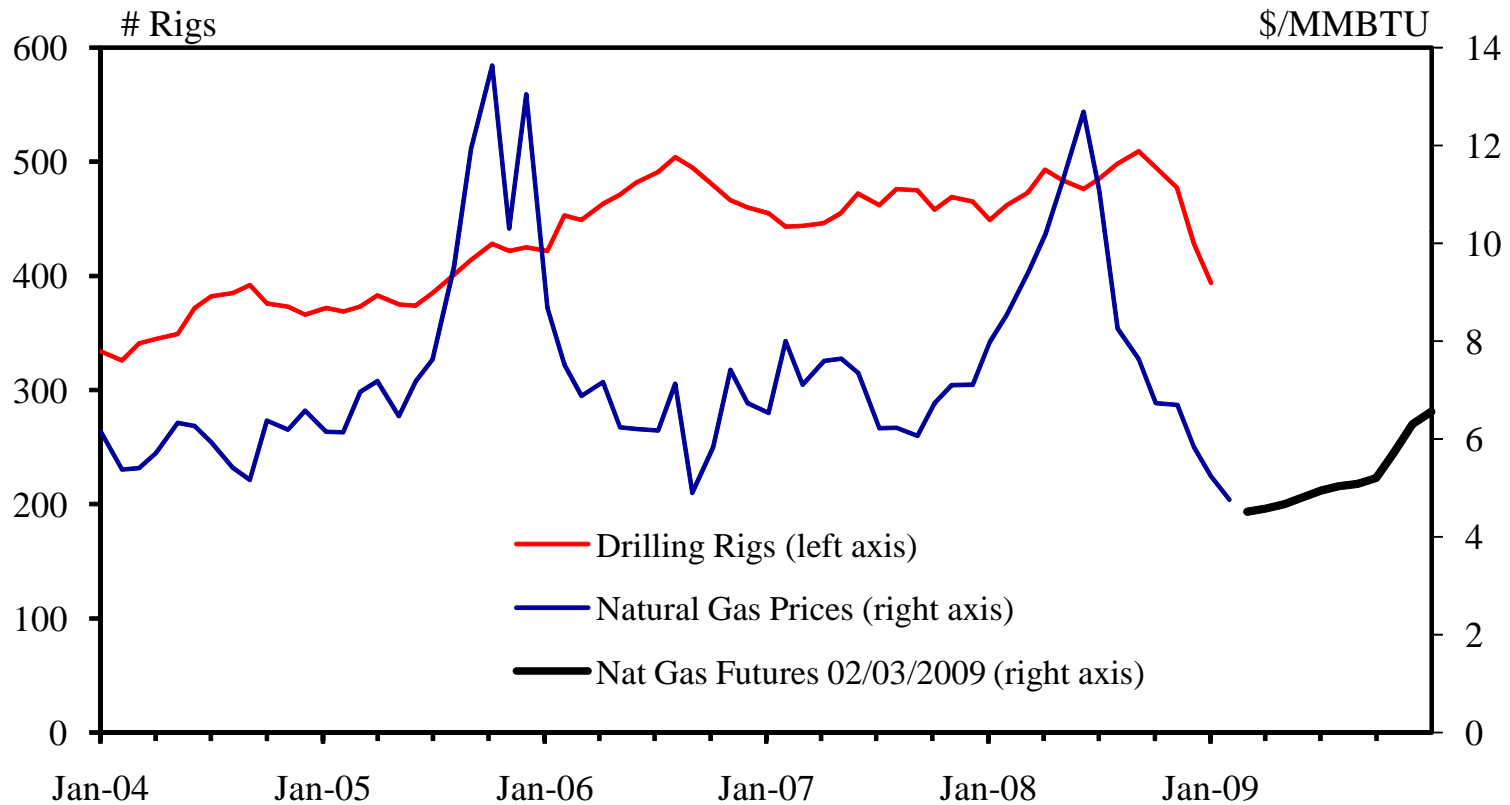


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Natural Gas Prices and 10th District Active Drilling Rigs

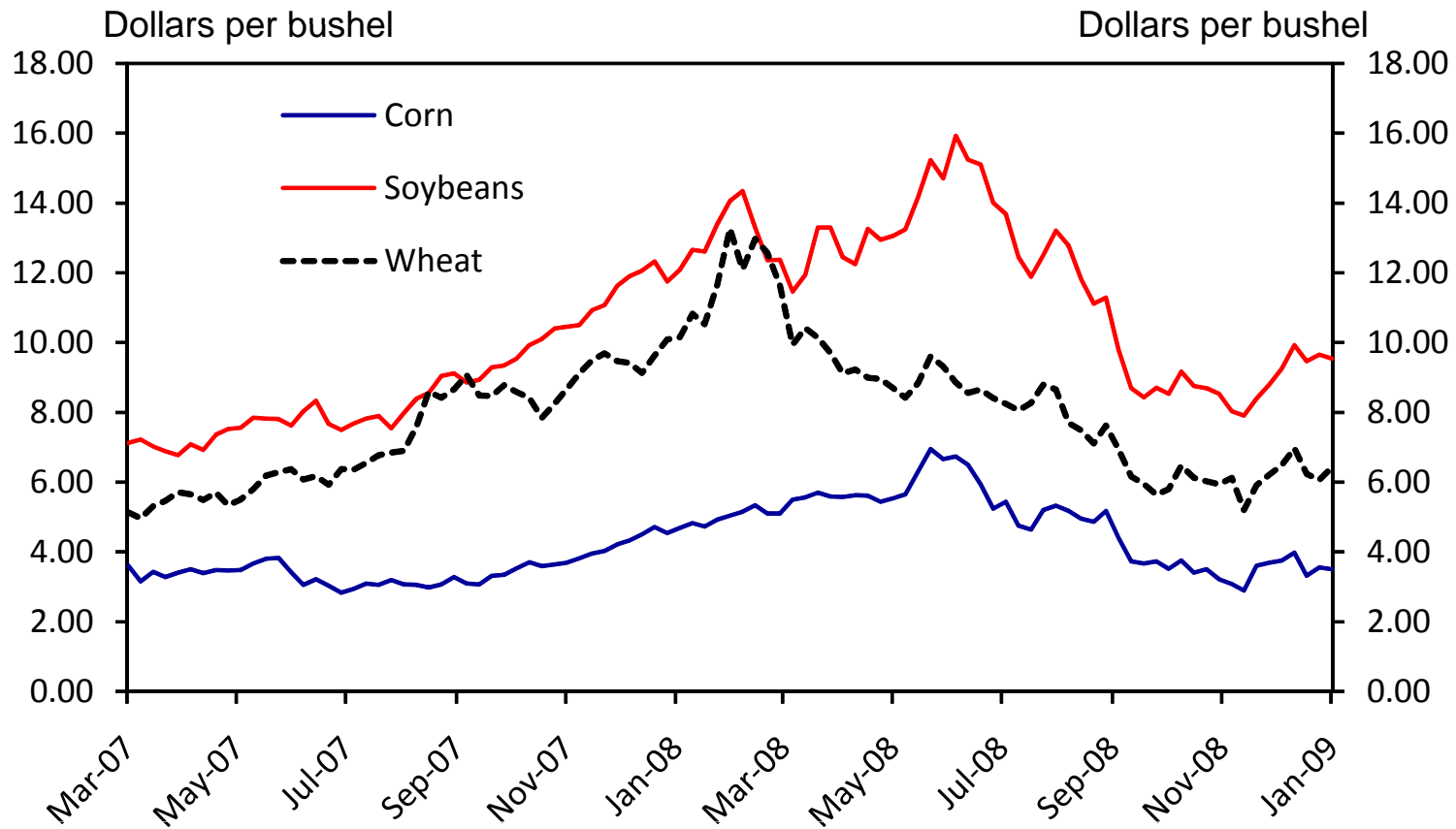


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U.S. Crop Prices



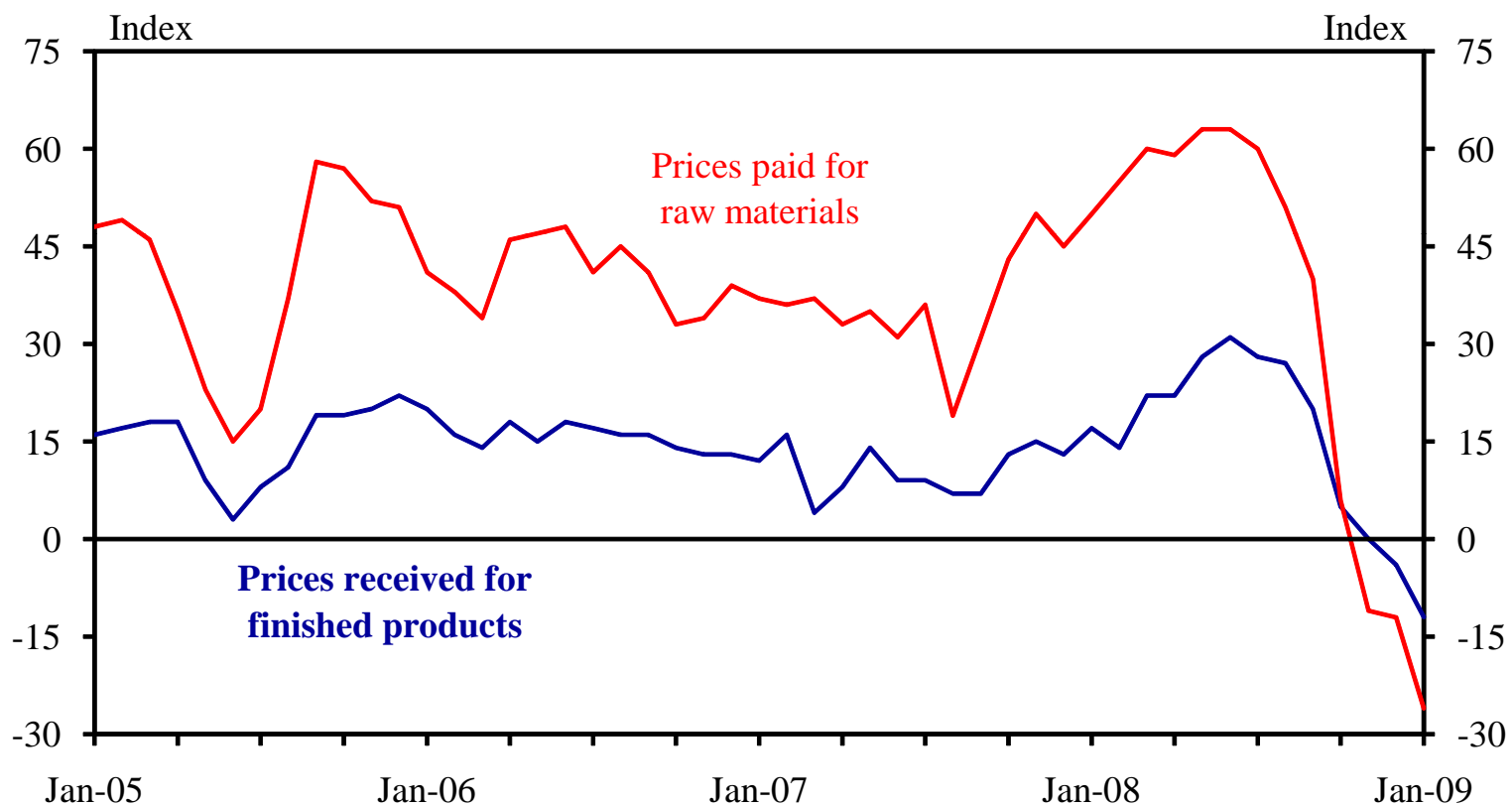
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Manufacturing Price Pressures

Month-over-month price diffusion index for the Tenth District



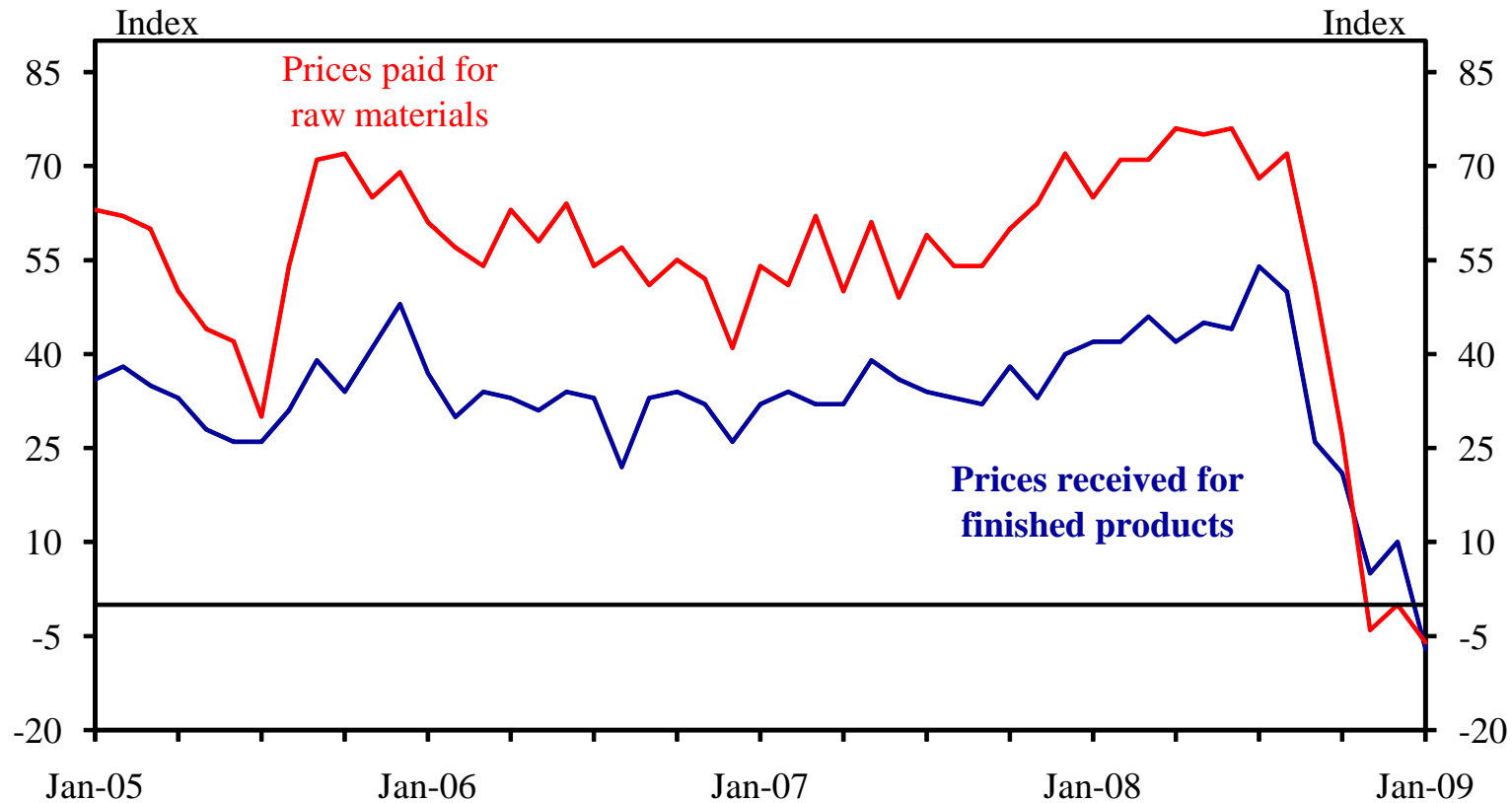
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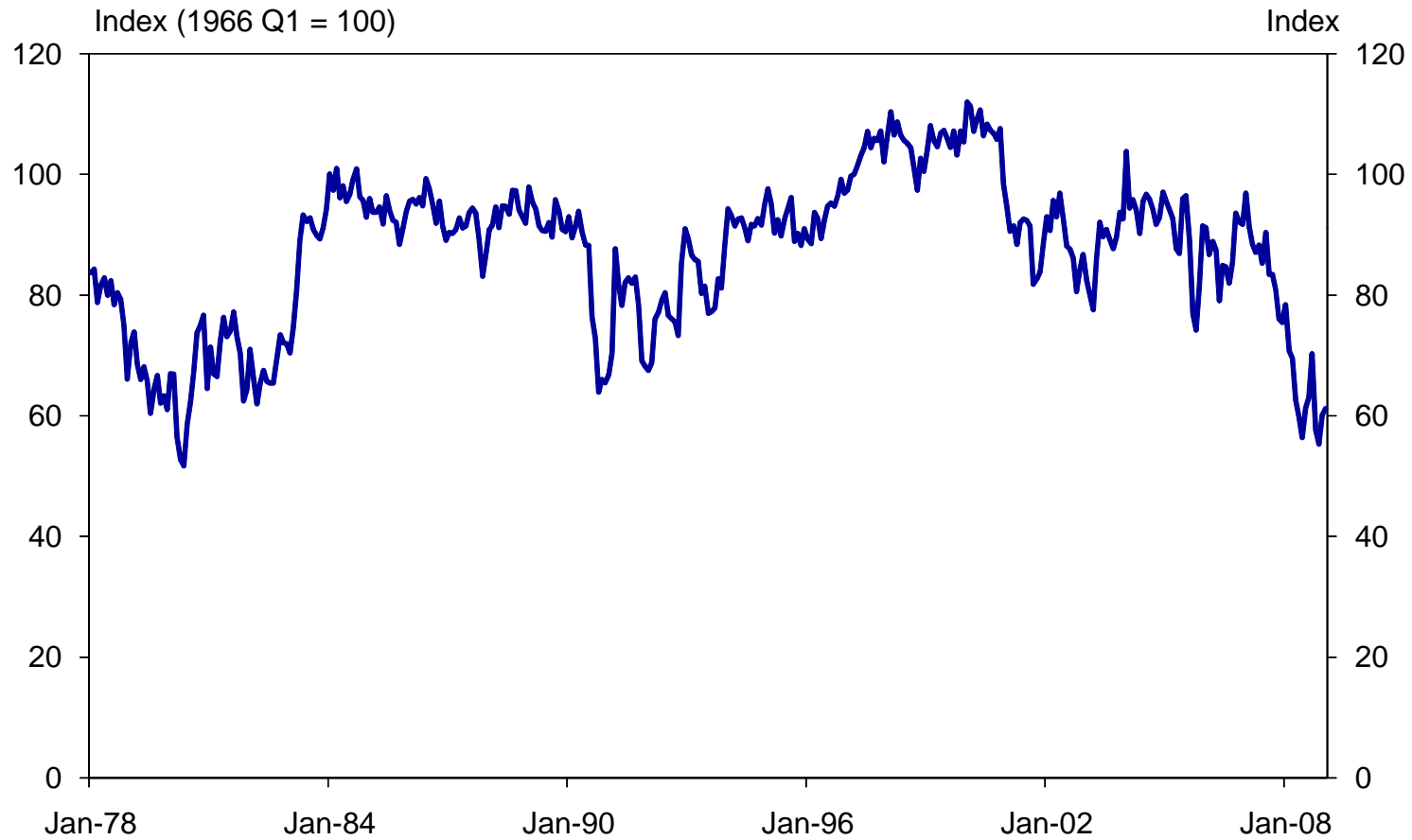


Consumer Confidence and Consumer Spending



Consumer Confidence

Seasonally adjusted



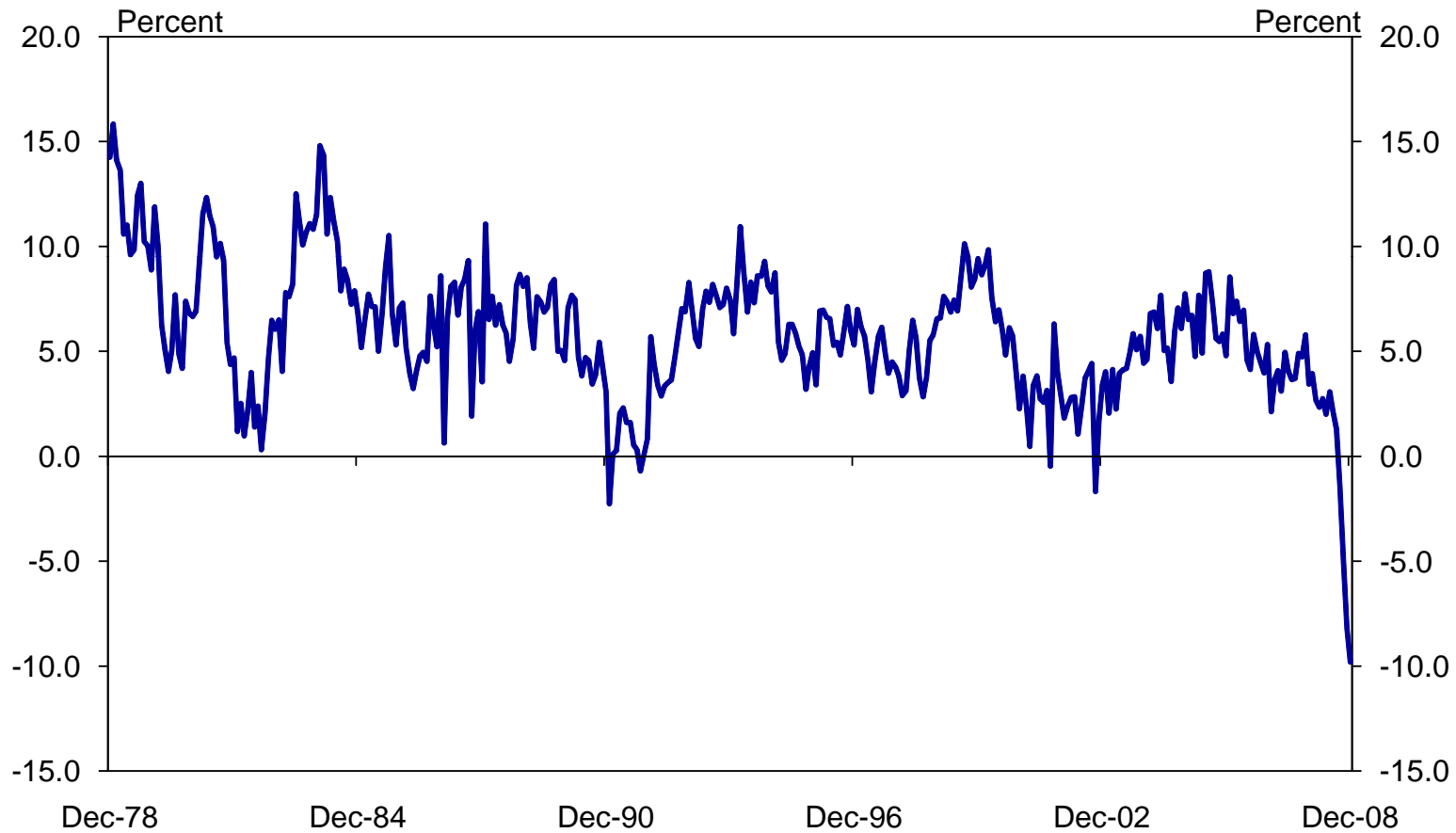
Source: University of Michigan

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National Retail Sales

Year-over-year, seasonally adjusted



Source: US Census Bureau

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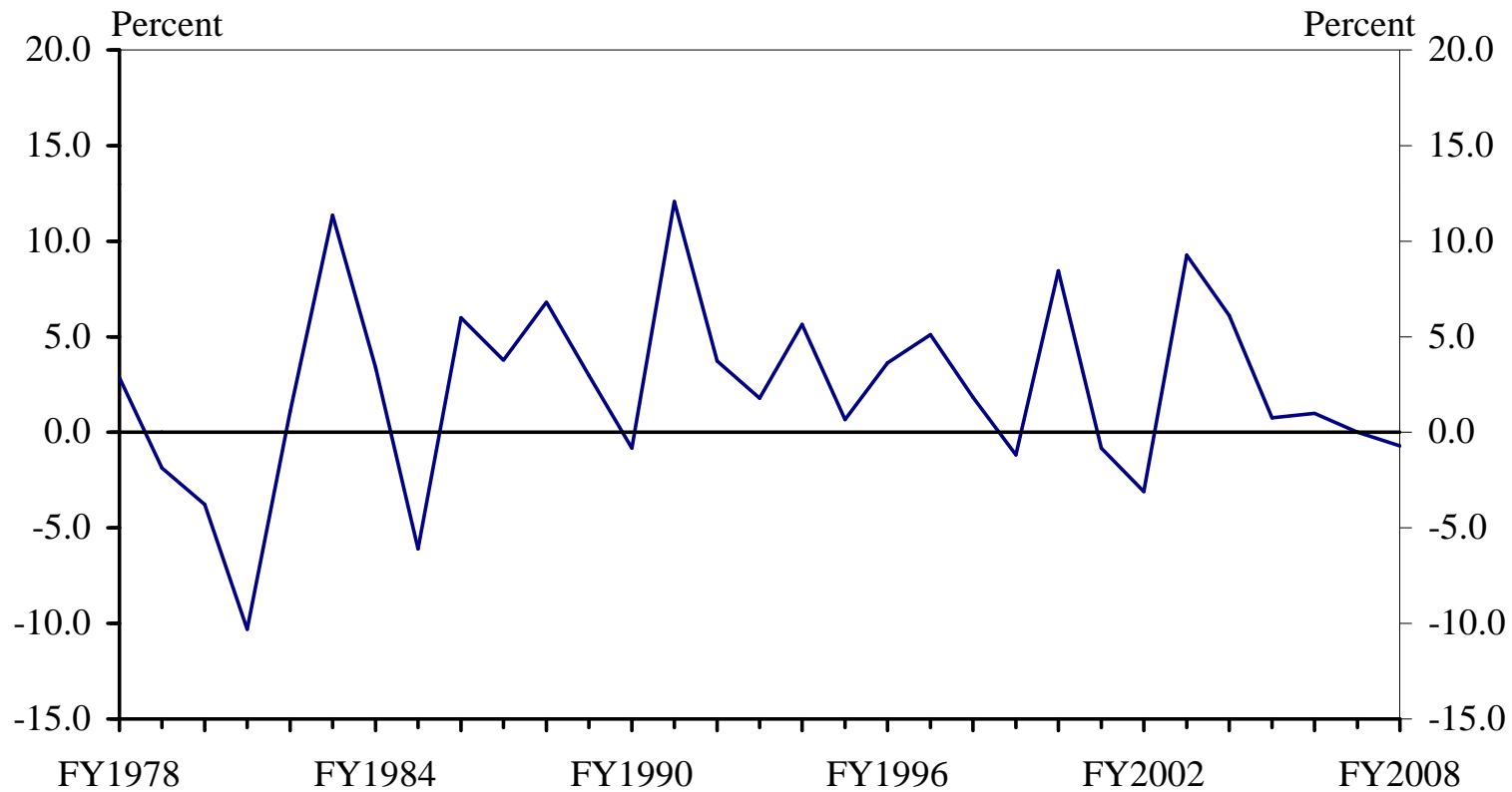


State Tax Revenues



Nebraska Real State Tax Revenue Growth

Year-over-year



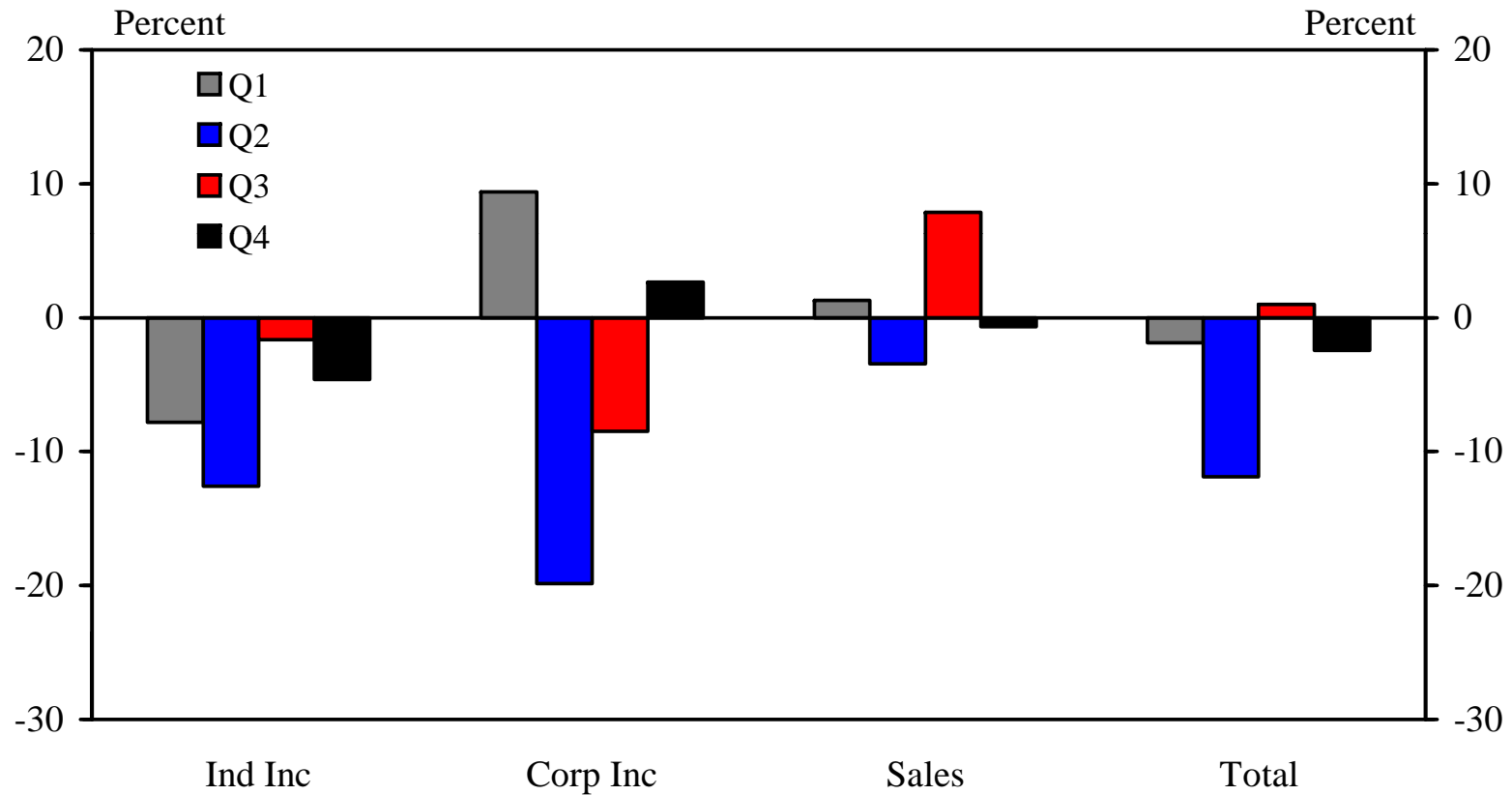
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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Nebraska State Tax Revenues

Year-over-year growth



Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Latest release: 01/14/2009



Conclusions

- ❑ The Nebraska economy is outperforming the nation, but economic activity is starting to slow.
- ❑ Nebraska employment growth stalled in 2008, but the unemployment rate remains modest at 4.0%.
- ❑ New residential construction, existing home sales and home prices have fallen over the past year and aren't showing signs of a bottom.
- ❑ The manufacturing industry is the weakest industry in Nebraska and current surveys do not indicate a near-term rebound.
- ❑ Price pressures eased substantially in the fourth quarter of 2008.
- ❑ Consumer confidence has been shaken, and its rebound is one key component of an economic recovery.

