U.S. and Regional Economic Conditions



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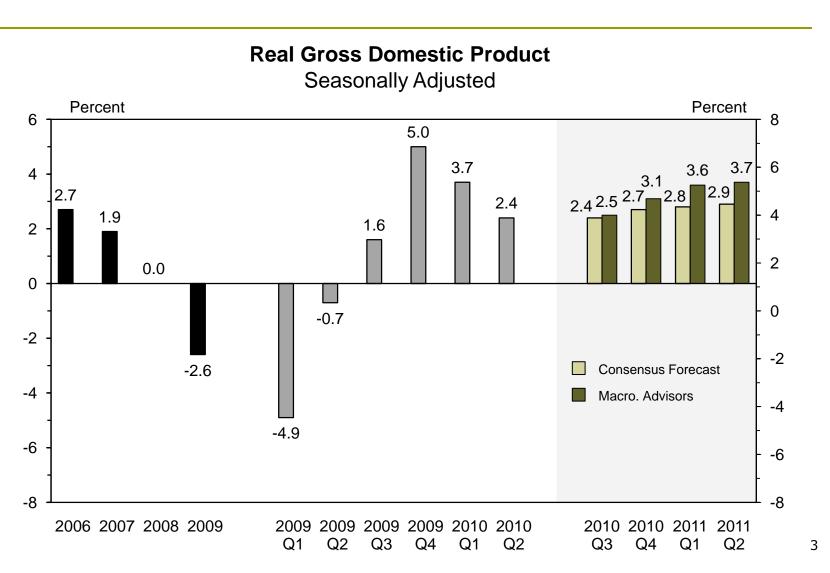
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Is the Recovery Sustainable?

- Recent weakness in data has shifted the debate
- How does recovery compare to prior cycles?
- Any fuel underlying consumer spending?
- Housing and commercial real estate remain greatest domestic risks
- Access to capital remains constrained
- Fiscal issues emerging as major LR challenge
- 10th District is about 1 quarter behind U.S.

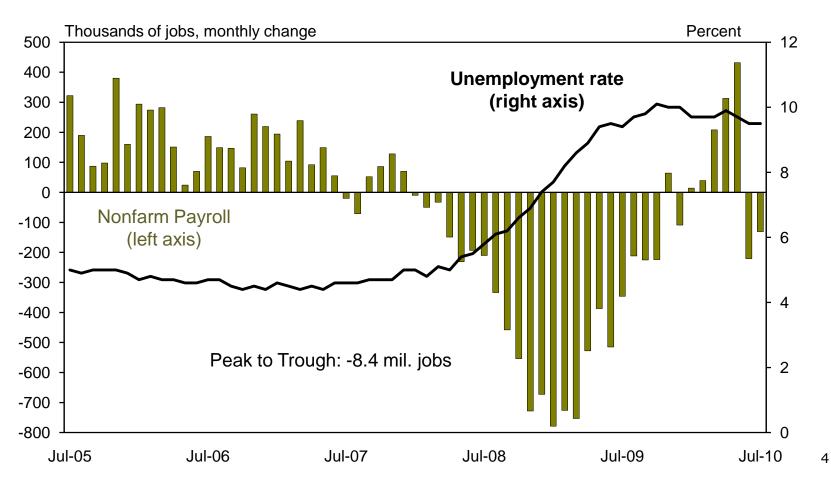
3.0-3.5% GDP growth expected in '10 and '11



Census hiring was expected to produce cycle Slightly weaker than initial projections for 2010

Nonfarm Payroll Employment and Unemployment

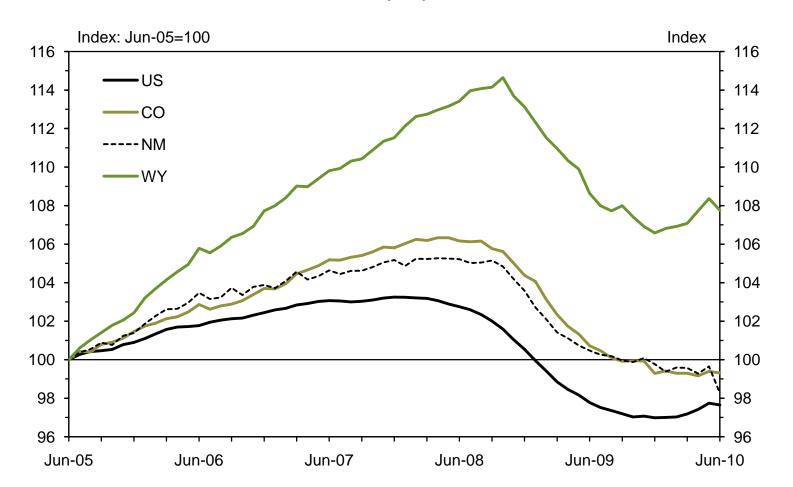
Seasonally Adjusted



State Cycles: CO/NM show no bounce yet, WY hit by energy cycle

Total Nonfarm Employment

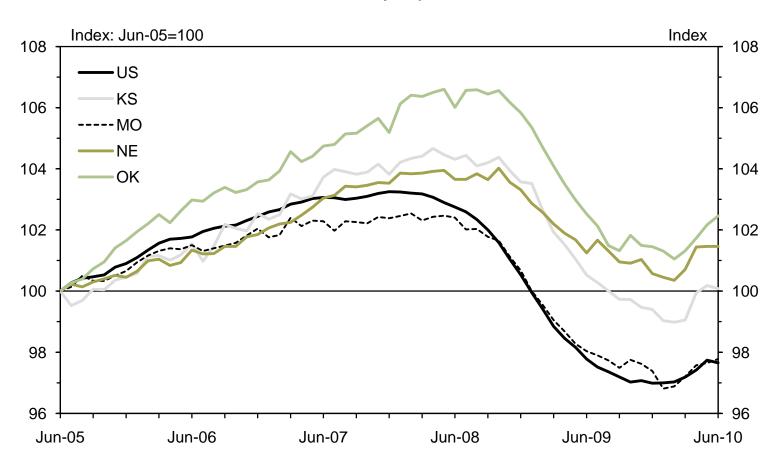
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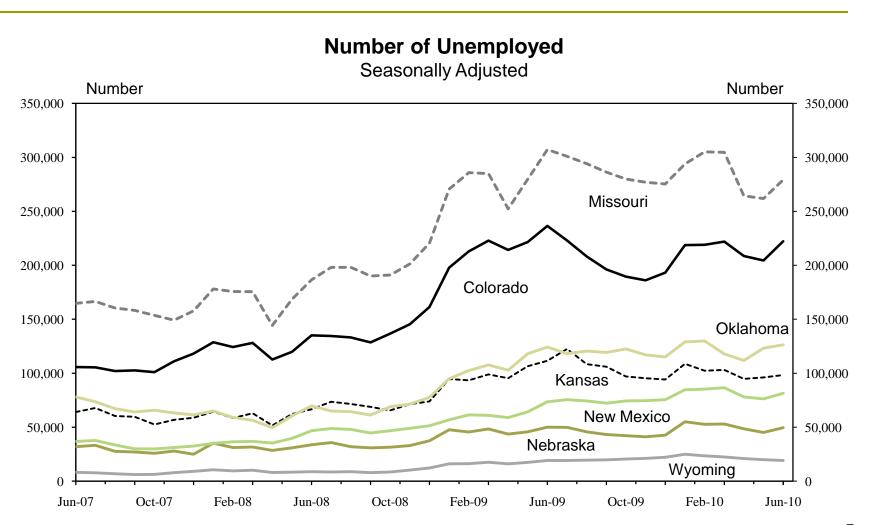
State Cycles: NE smallest job loss, OK energy cycle, KS energy/mfg, MO long-run issues, all show bounce

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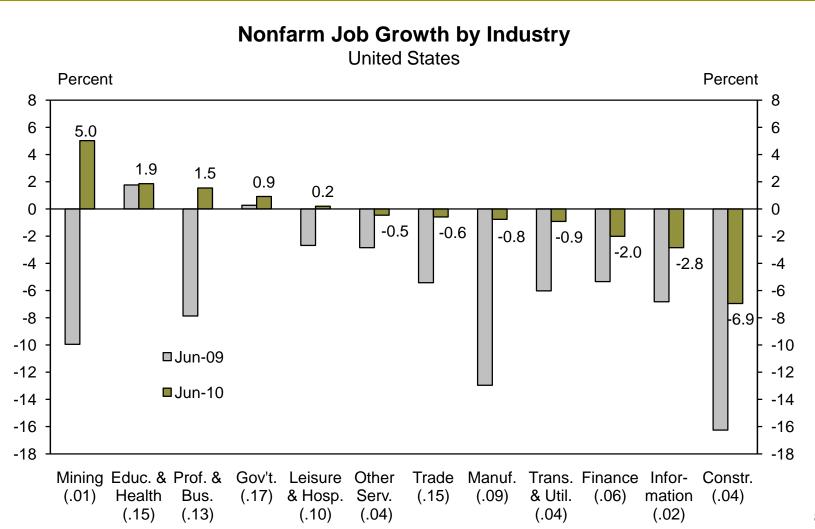
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Number unemployed is much better measure than unemployment rate

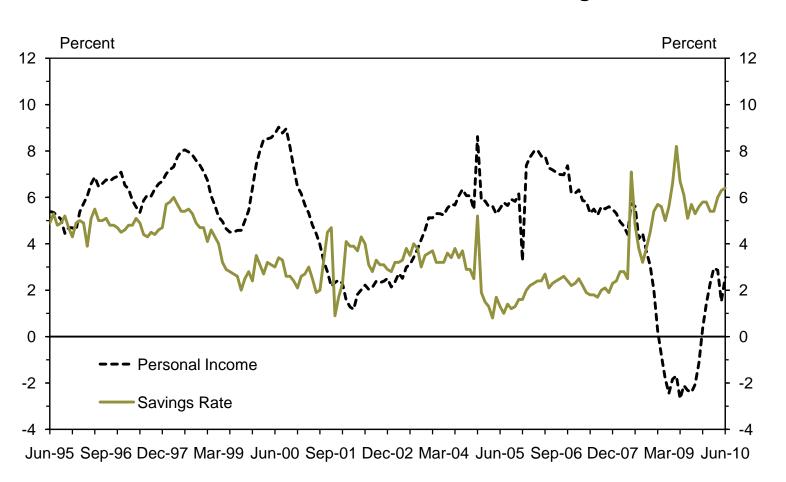


Across the board improvement in hiring energy/temp empl./health bounce; govt weakens



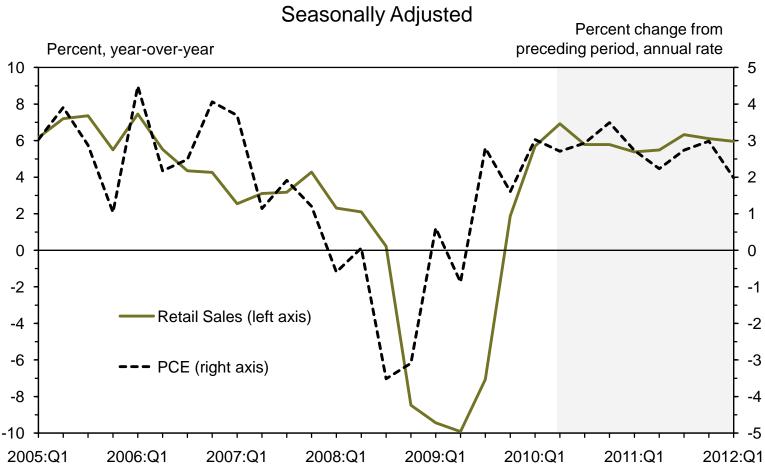
Income bounce weaker than expected; savings rate stronger

Growth in Personal Income vs. Personal Savings Rate



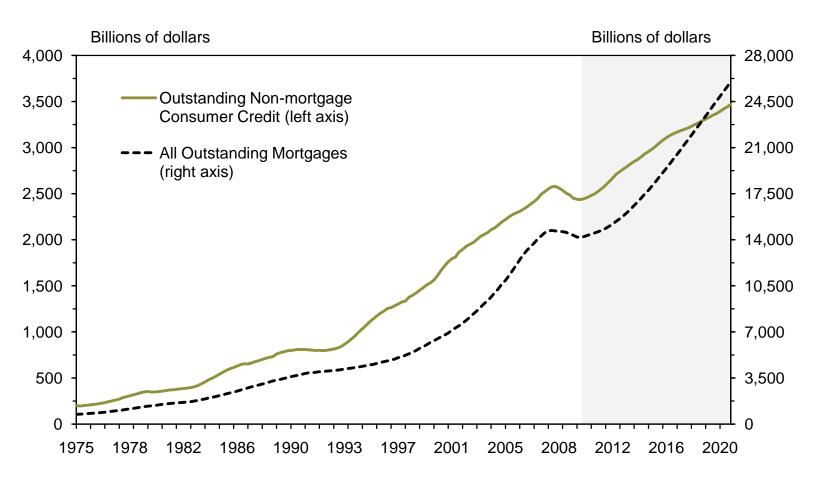
Forecasts suggest 'normal' consumer spending recovery





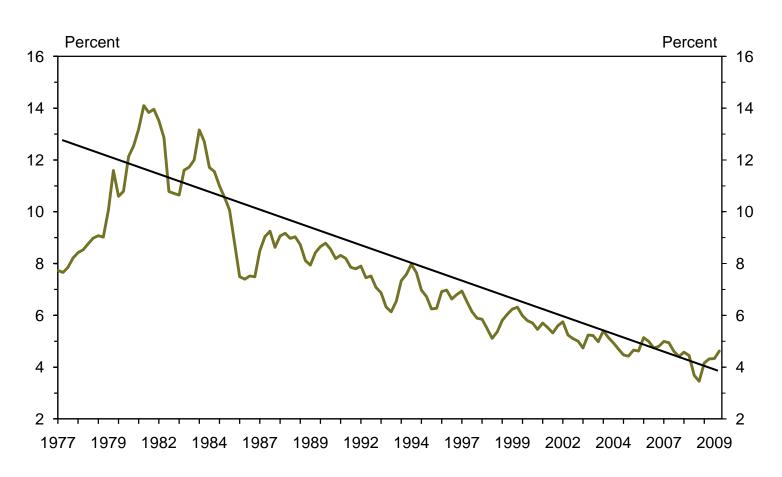
No major deleveraging of the household sector is expected: cyclical adjustment

U.S. Consumer Credit



Was household leveraging fully irrational?

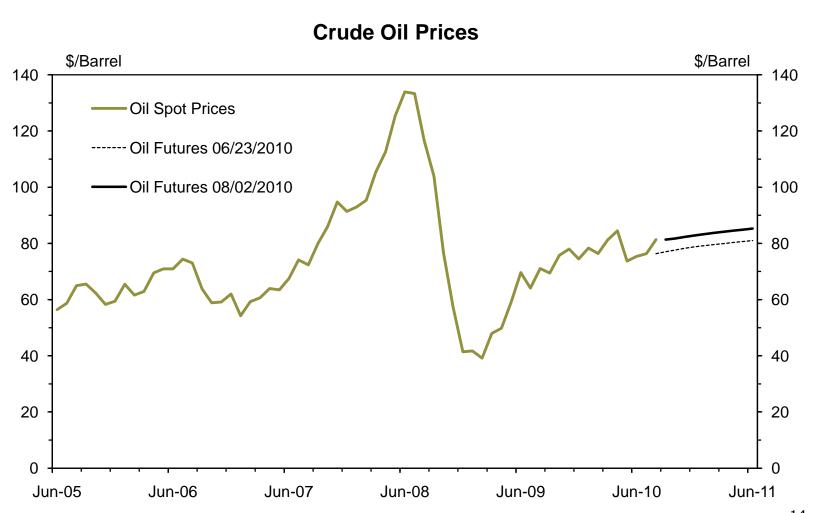
Long-Term Treasury Bond Yields



Are Banks Lending? Which Ones? For What?

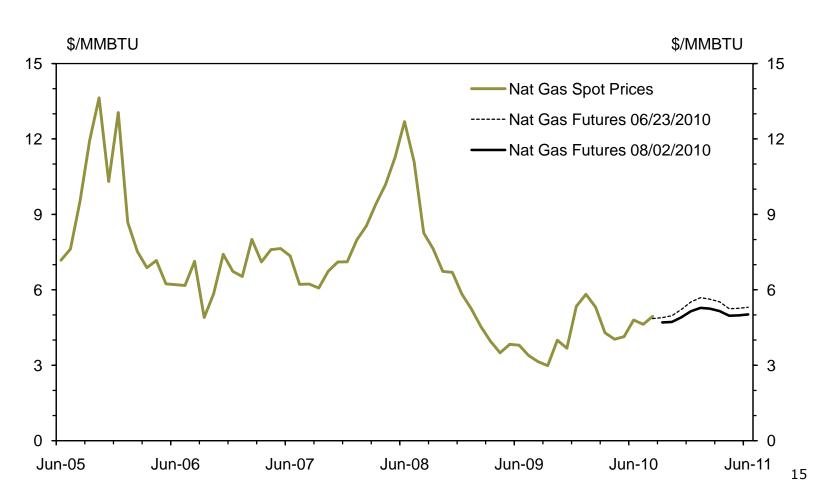
- Roughly half of all banks added loans in past 12mo
- Strength determines who is up
- CLD loans have collapsed (-25%) at all size banks
- Other CRE loans up (10%) at all size banks
- 1-4 family resid loans up (5%) at all size banks
- Comm & Indust loans up (1%) at small banks, collapsed (-20%) at large banks

Oil prices remain attractive to producers, neutral to consumers



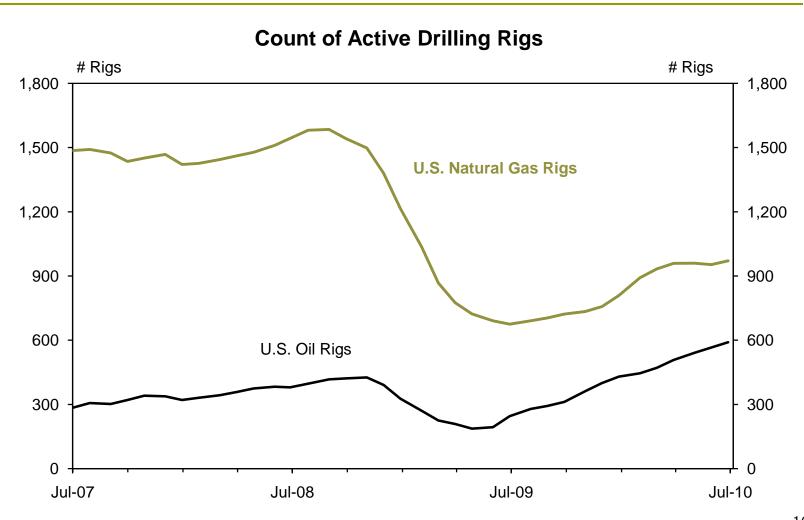
... but natural gas prices remain below pre-boom lows

Natural Gas Prices



Drilling activity responded to prices

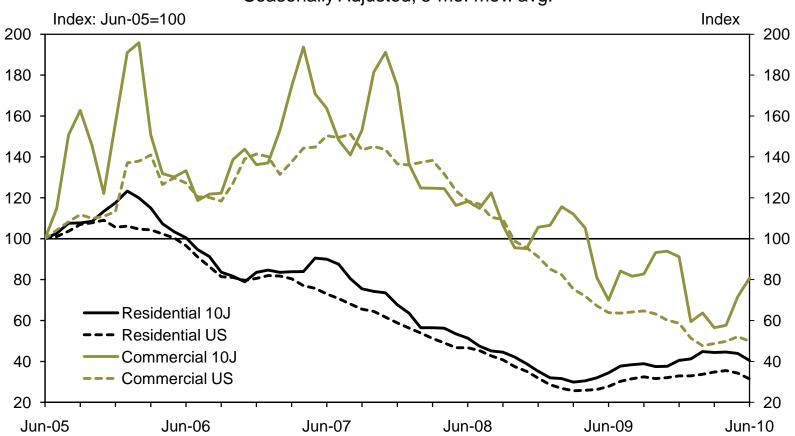
(oil leads nationally, 10J at disadvantage)



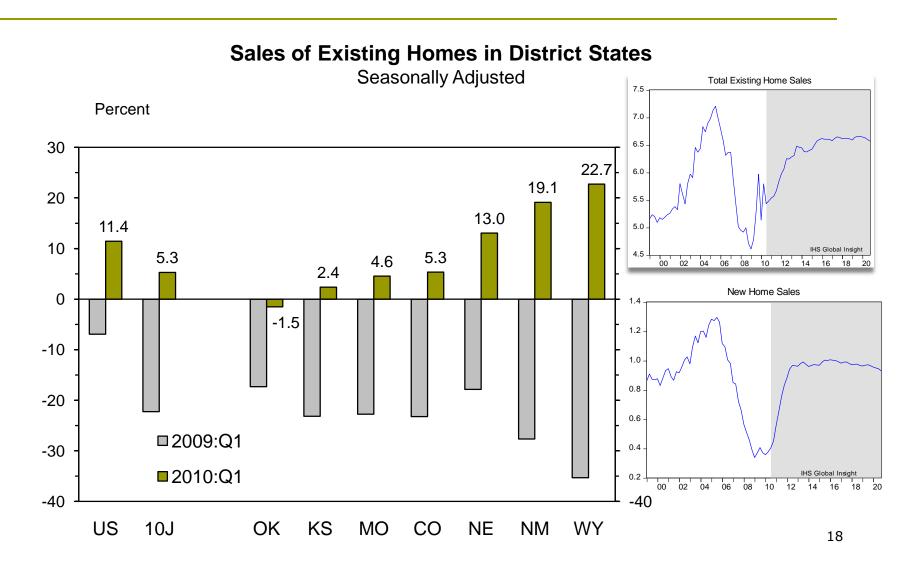
District commercial and residential construction tracking U.S. trends

Value of Commercial & Residential Construction Contracts

Seasonally Adjusted, 3-mo. mov. avg.



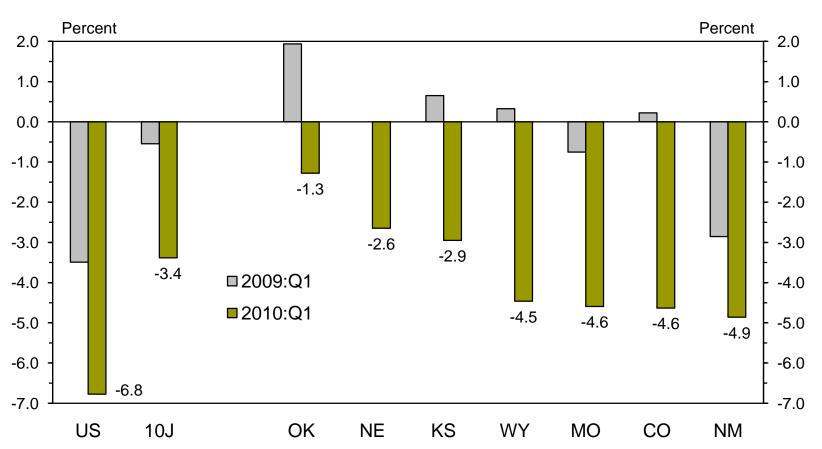
Home sales volume up in most district states tax credits still driving activity in latest data



But no clear bottom in District home prices

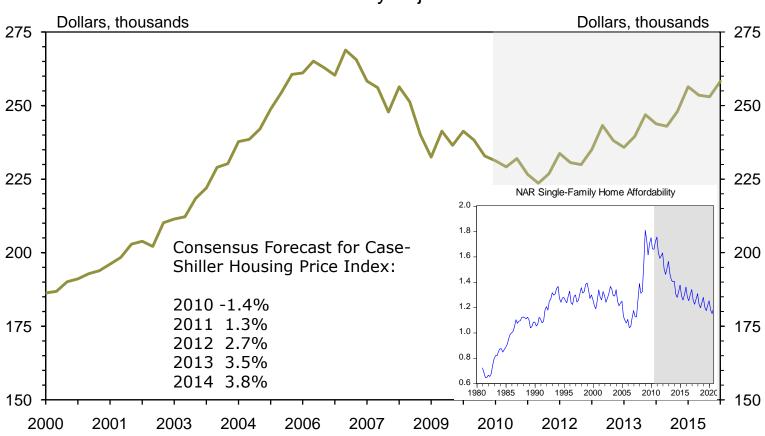


Year-over-year growth



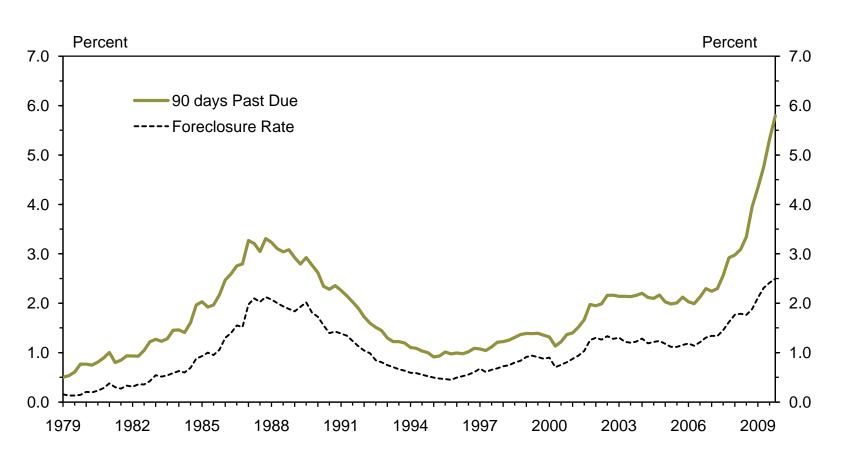
Home prices are expected to languish through 2011

Average Sales Price of a New 1996-style Single-family Home Seasonally Adjusted



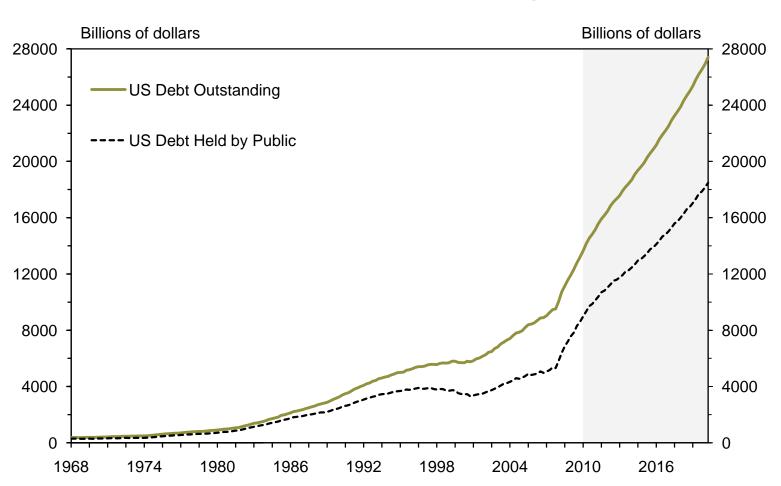
No peak reached in late mortgages or foreclosures

Tenth District Mortgage Foreclosure and Delinquency Rates



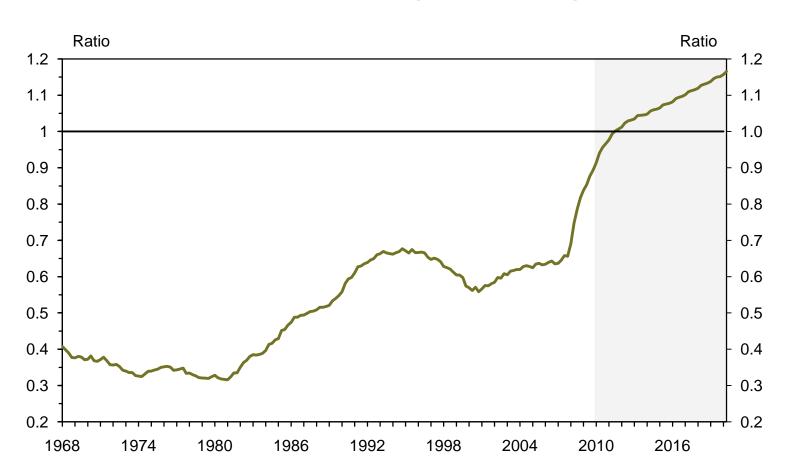
U.S. fiscal stance suffers in recession, believed problematic at these levels

U.S. Federal Debt Outstanding



Federal debt expected to exceed 100% of GDP

U.S. Federal Debt Outstanding as a Percentage of GDP



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