

# Regional Economic Outlook in a Global Economy

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# A Little About the Fed ...



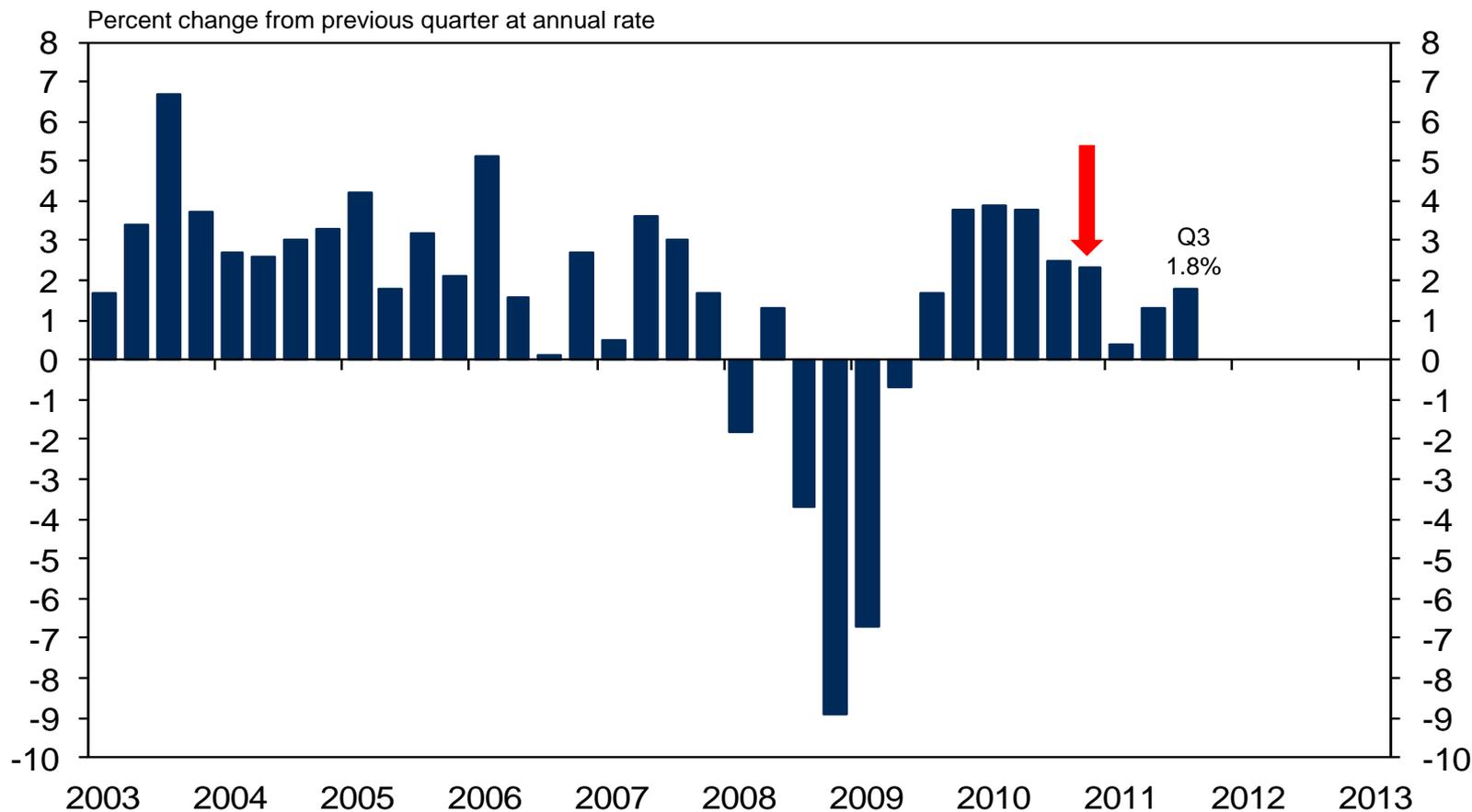


# Where Things Stand Today



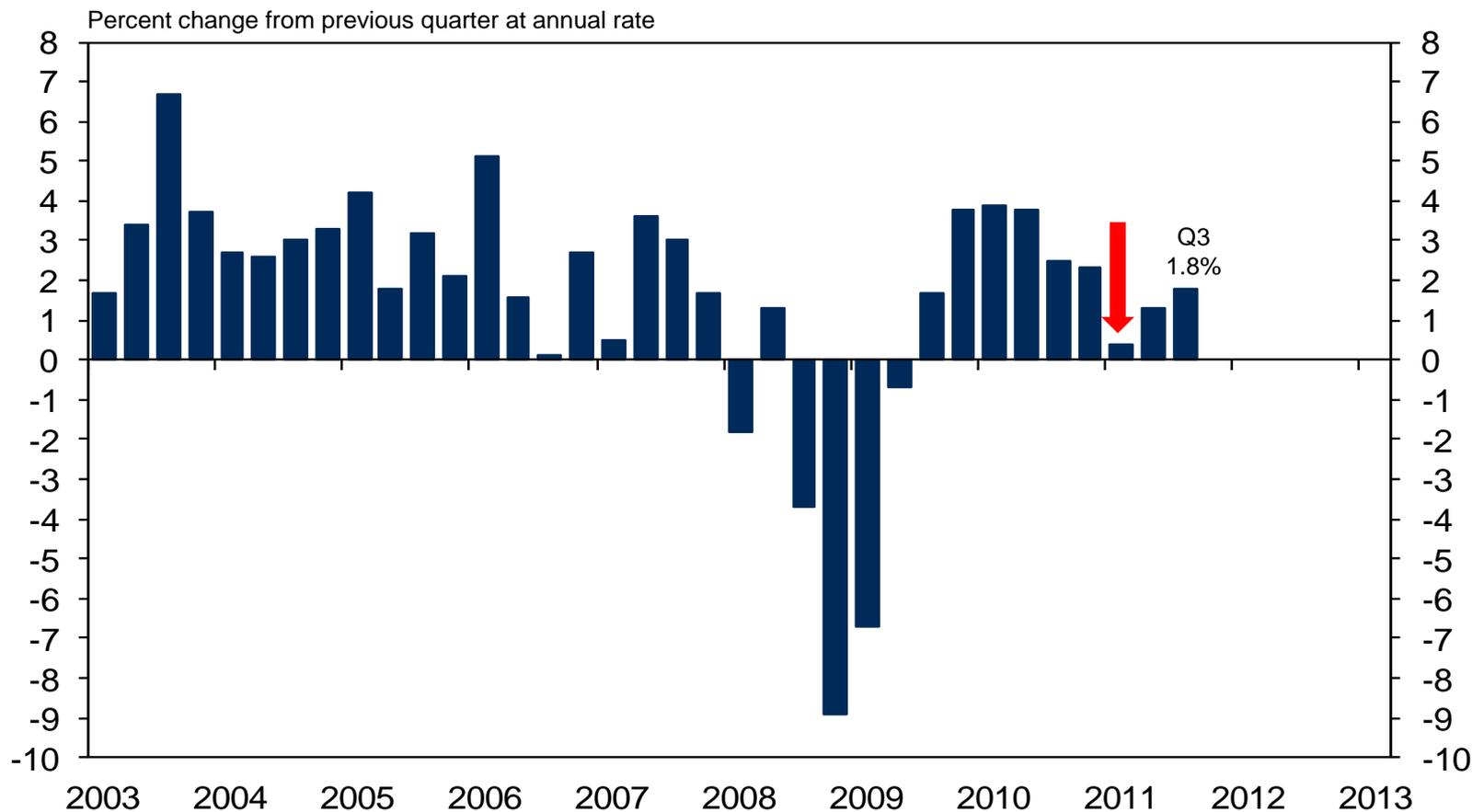


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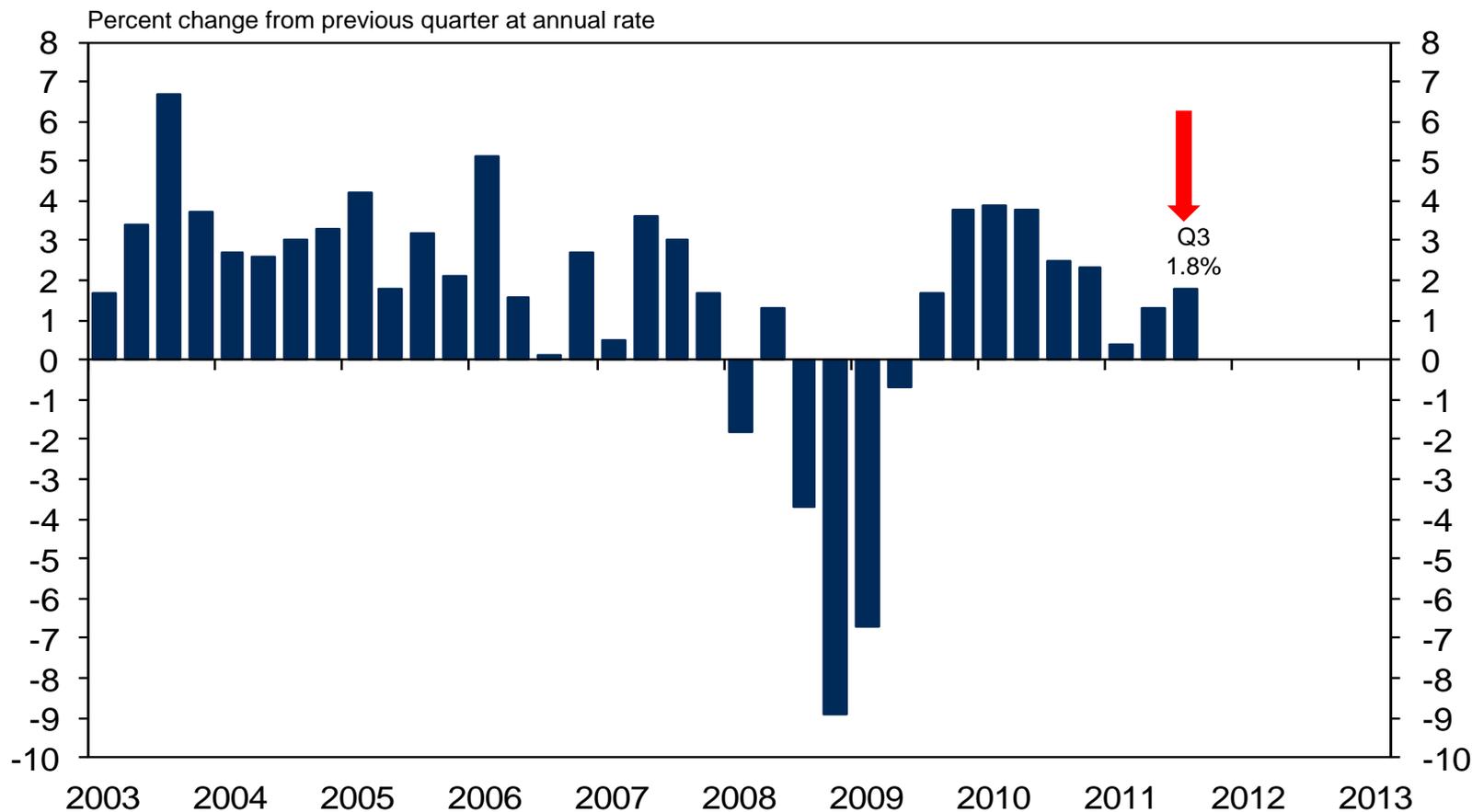


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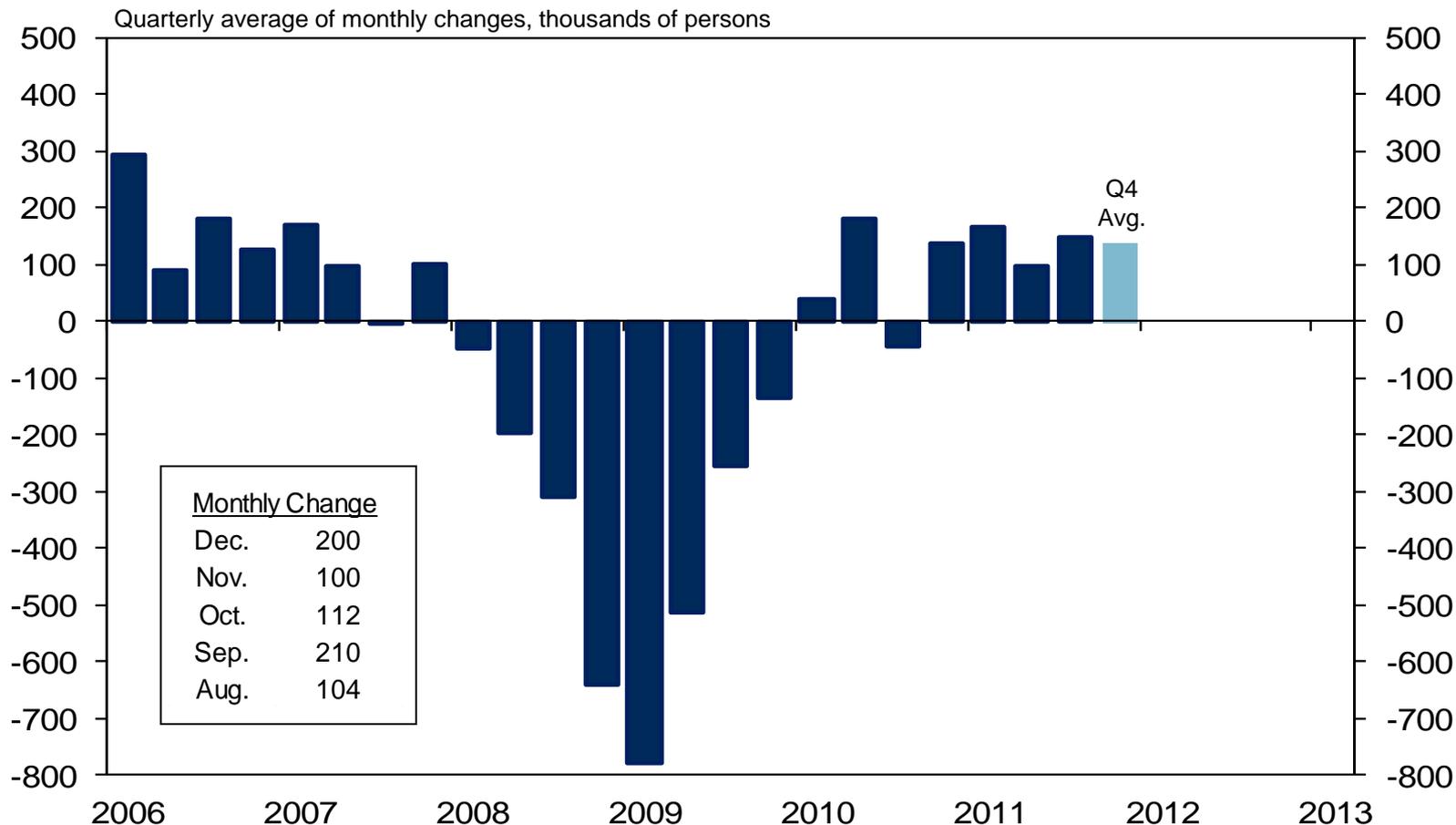


# What Happened to Growth?



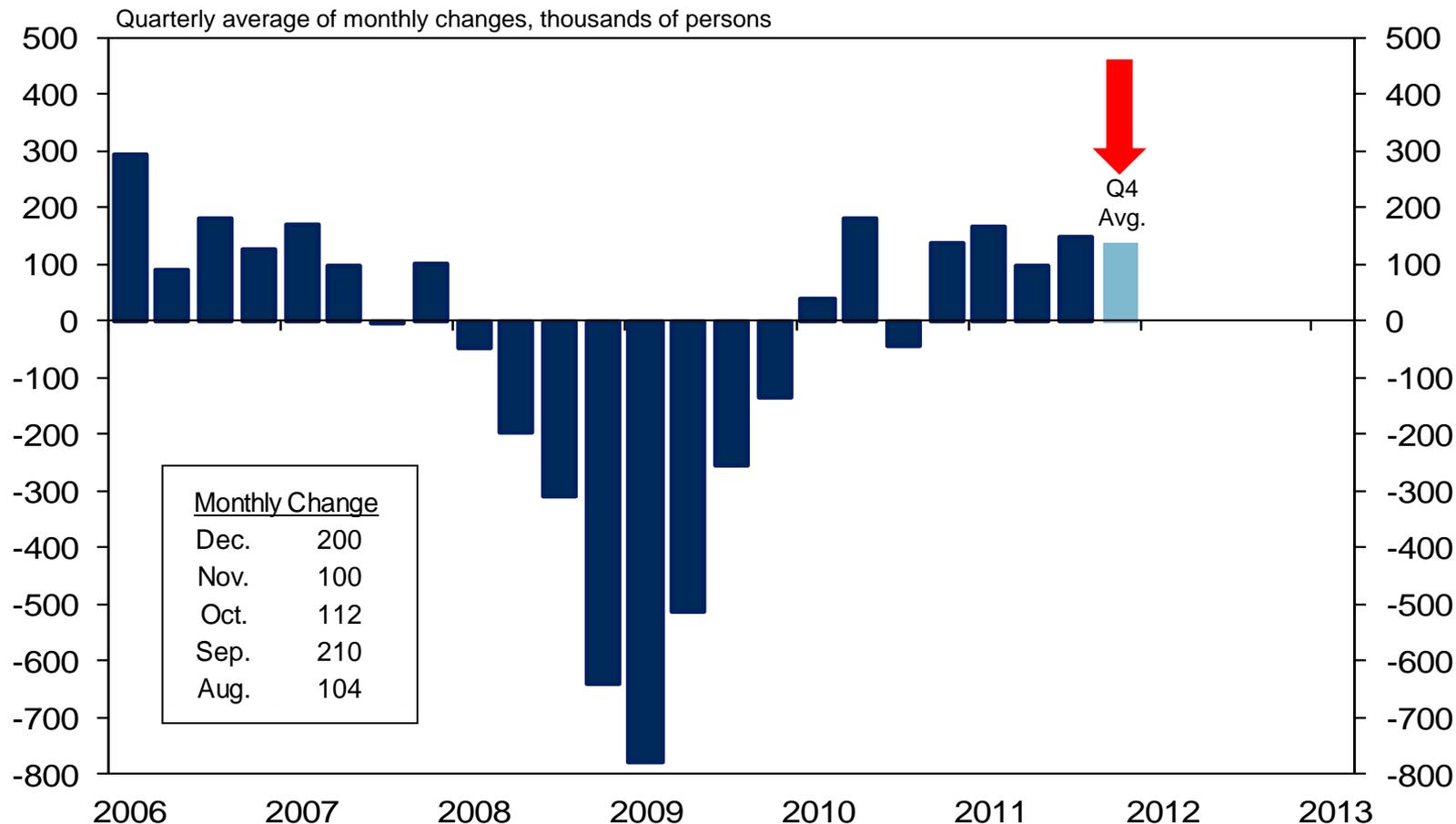


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| Monthly Change |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Dec.           | 200 |
| Nov.           | 100 |
| Oct.           | 112 |
| Sep.           | 210 |
| Aug.           | 104 |





# How is Inflation Doing?



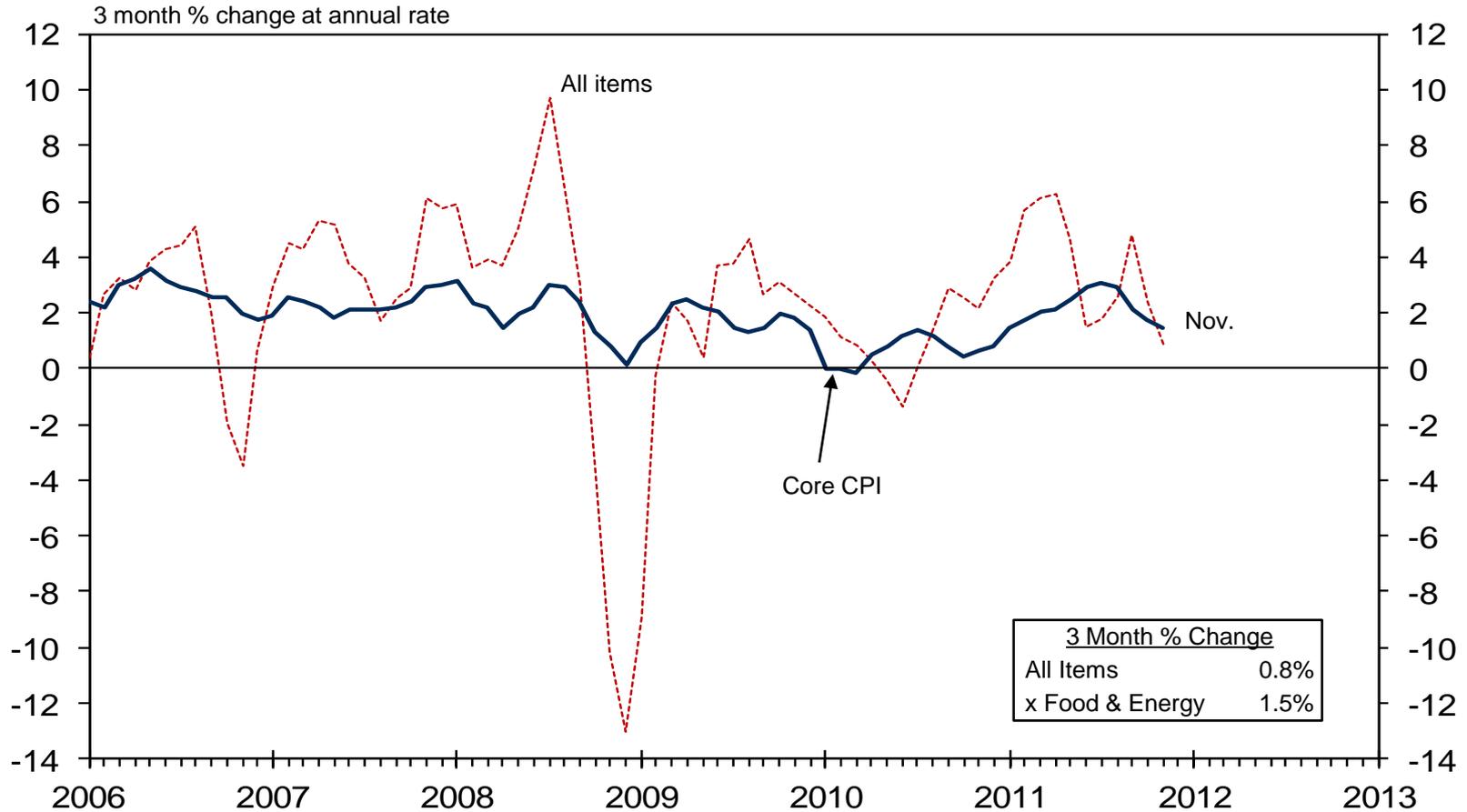
# Crude Oil Prices



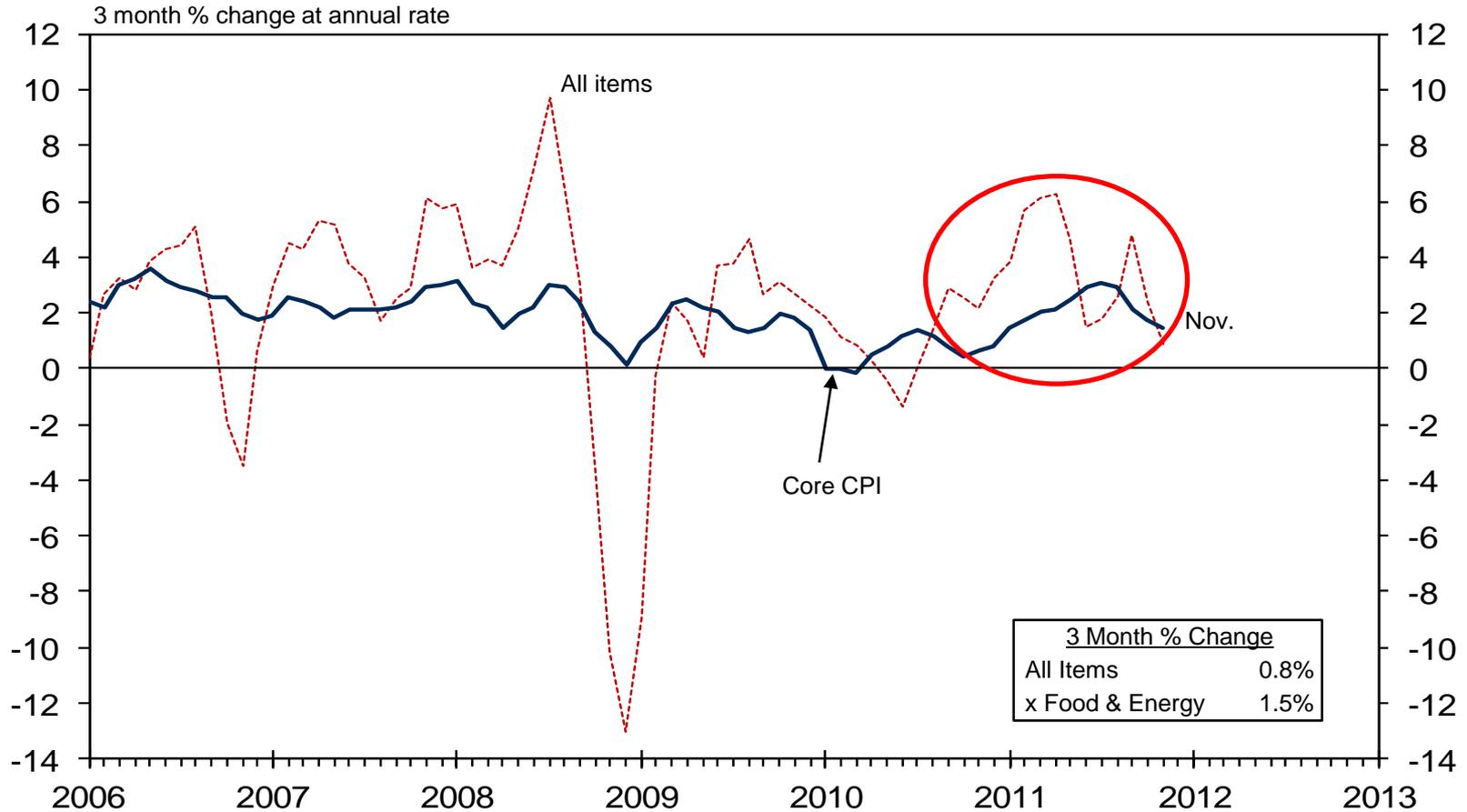
Notes: Spot and Futures Prices are for Brent Crude Oil.



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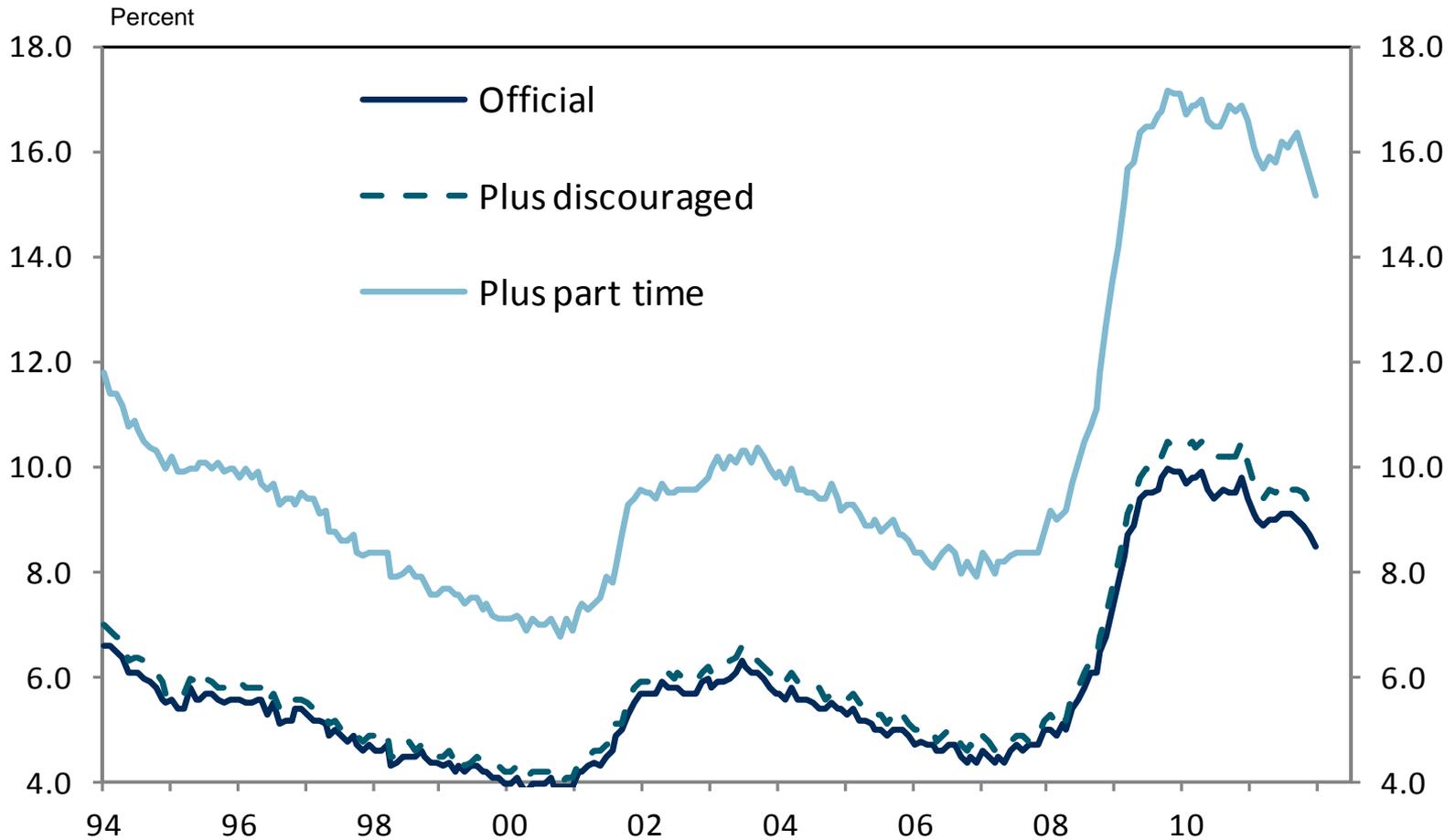


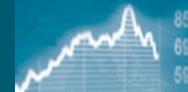


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# Alternative Measures of Labor Underutilization

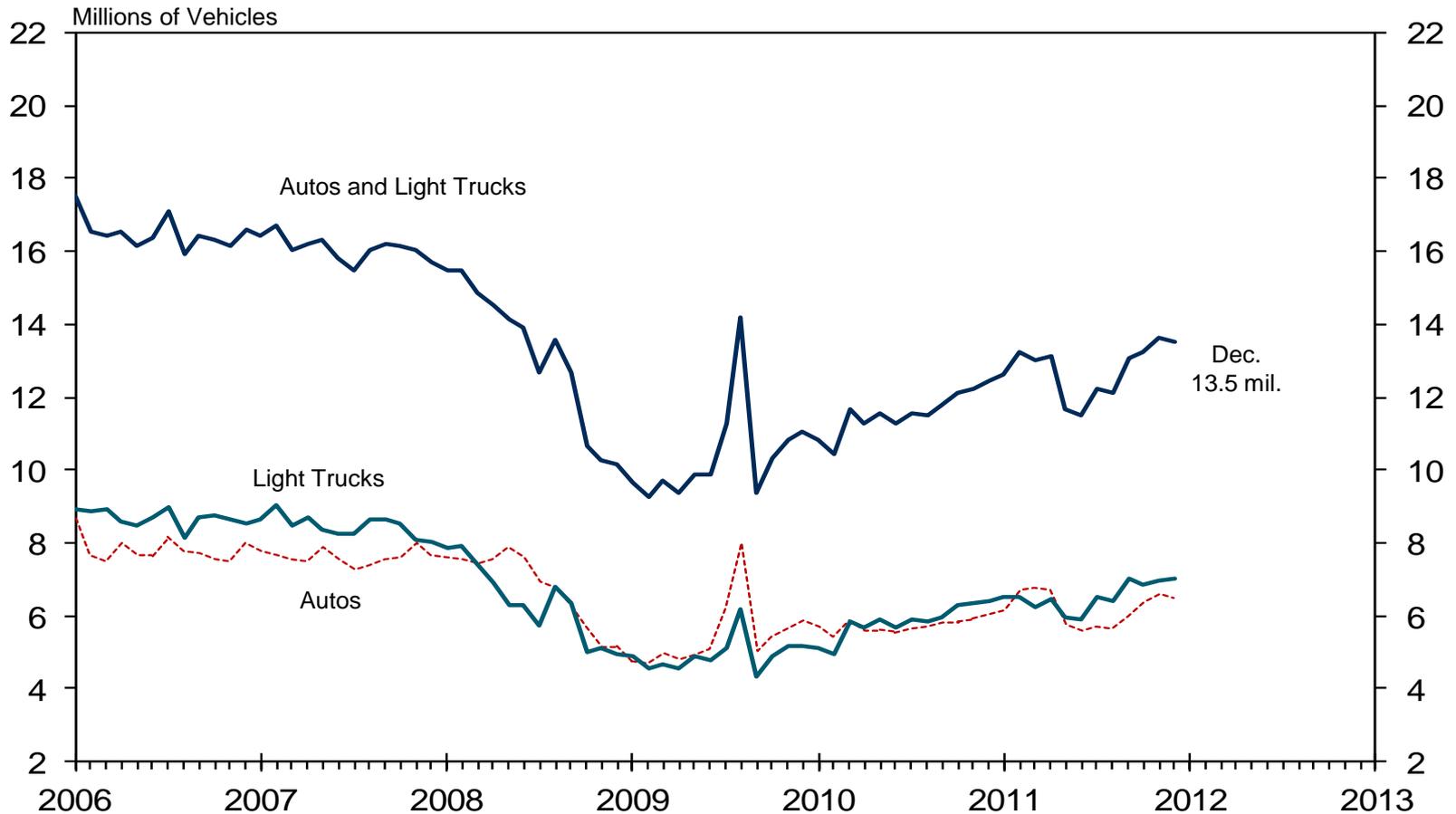




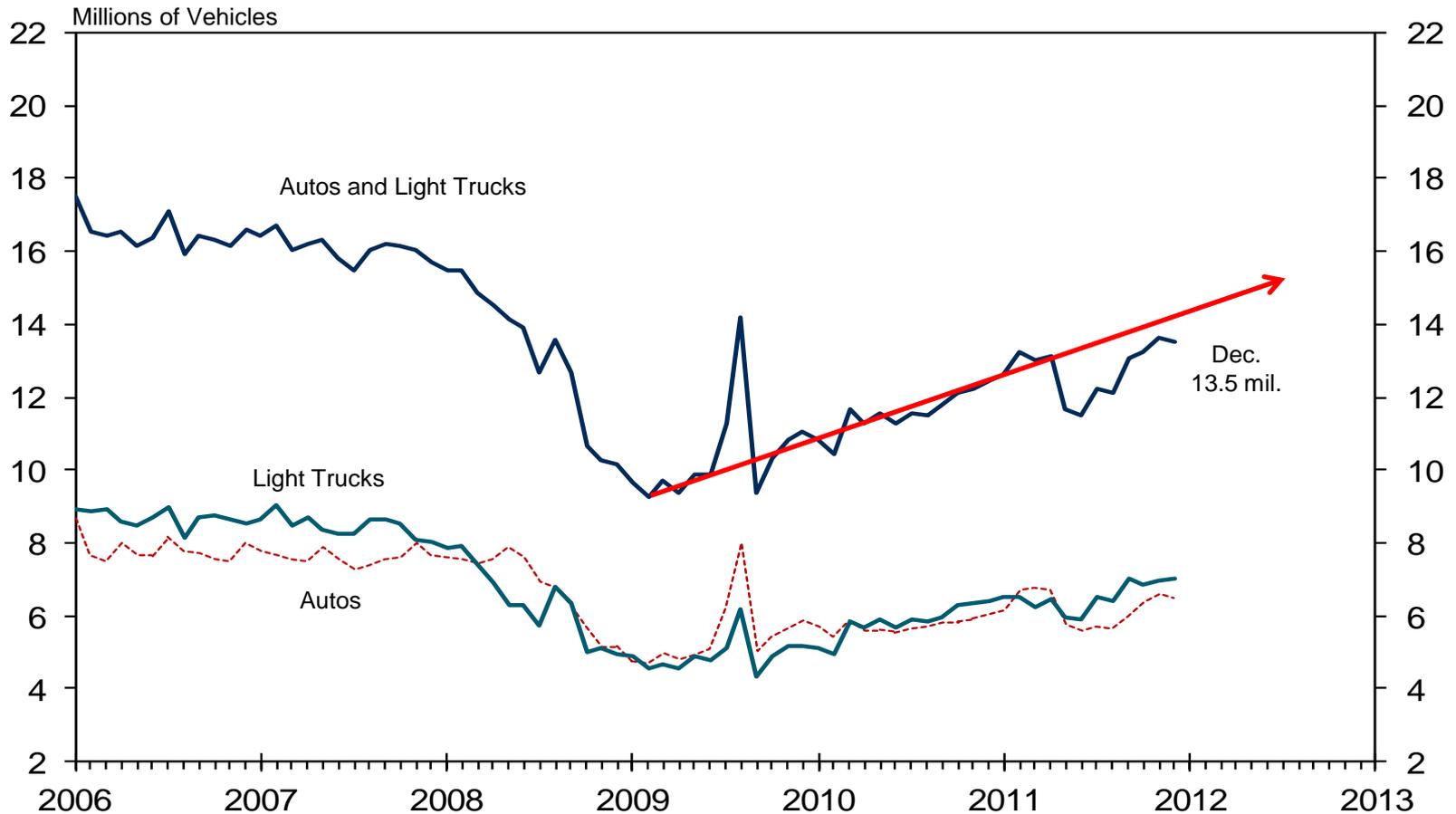
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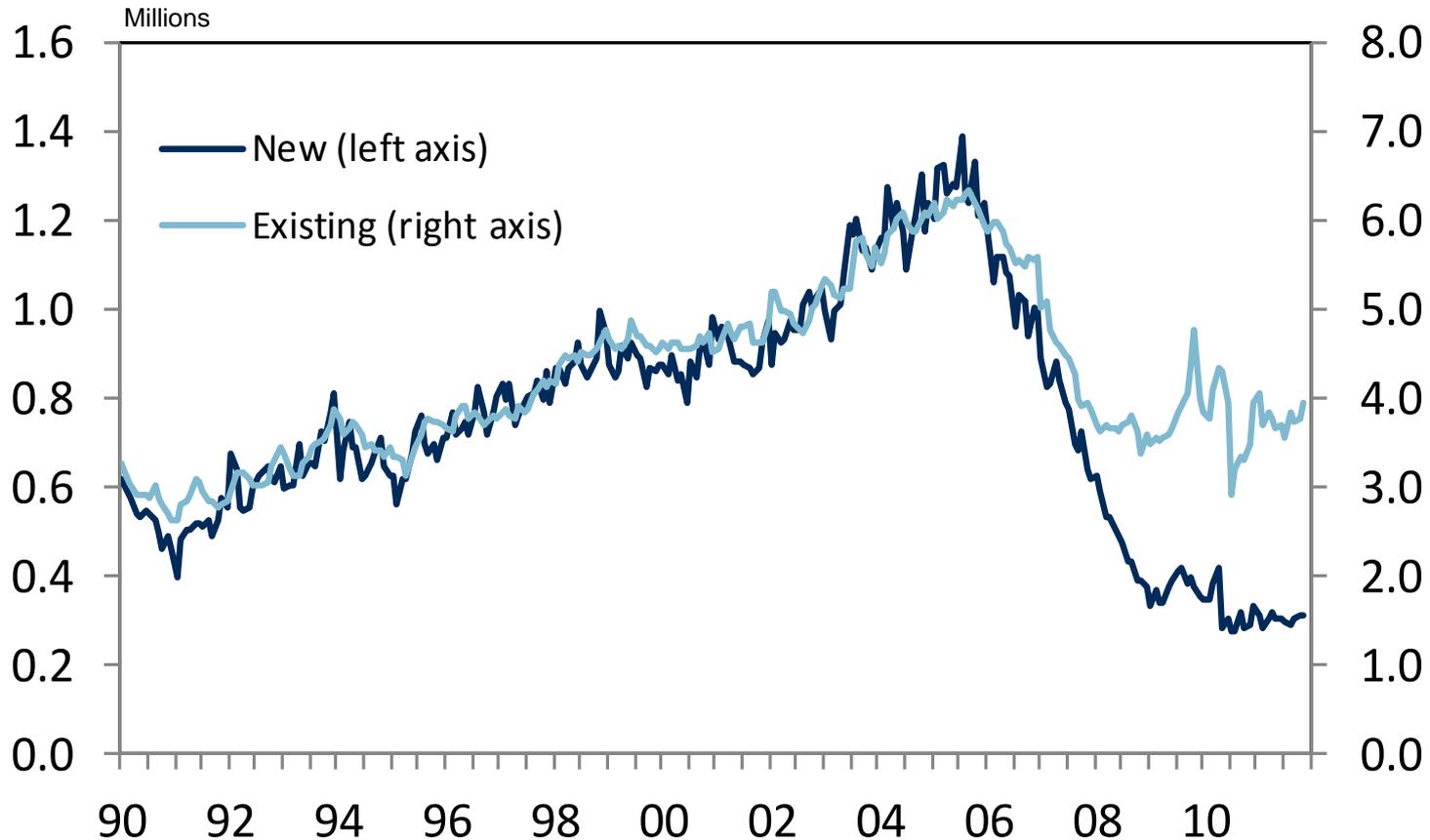




# Impediments to Growth: Flat Housing Markets



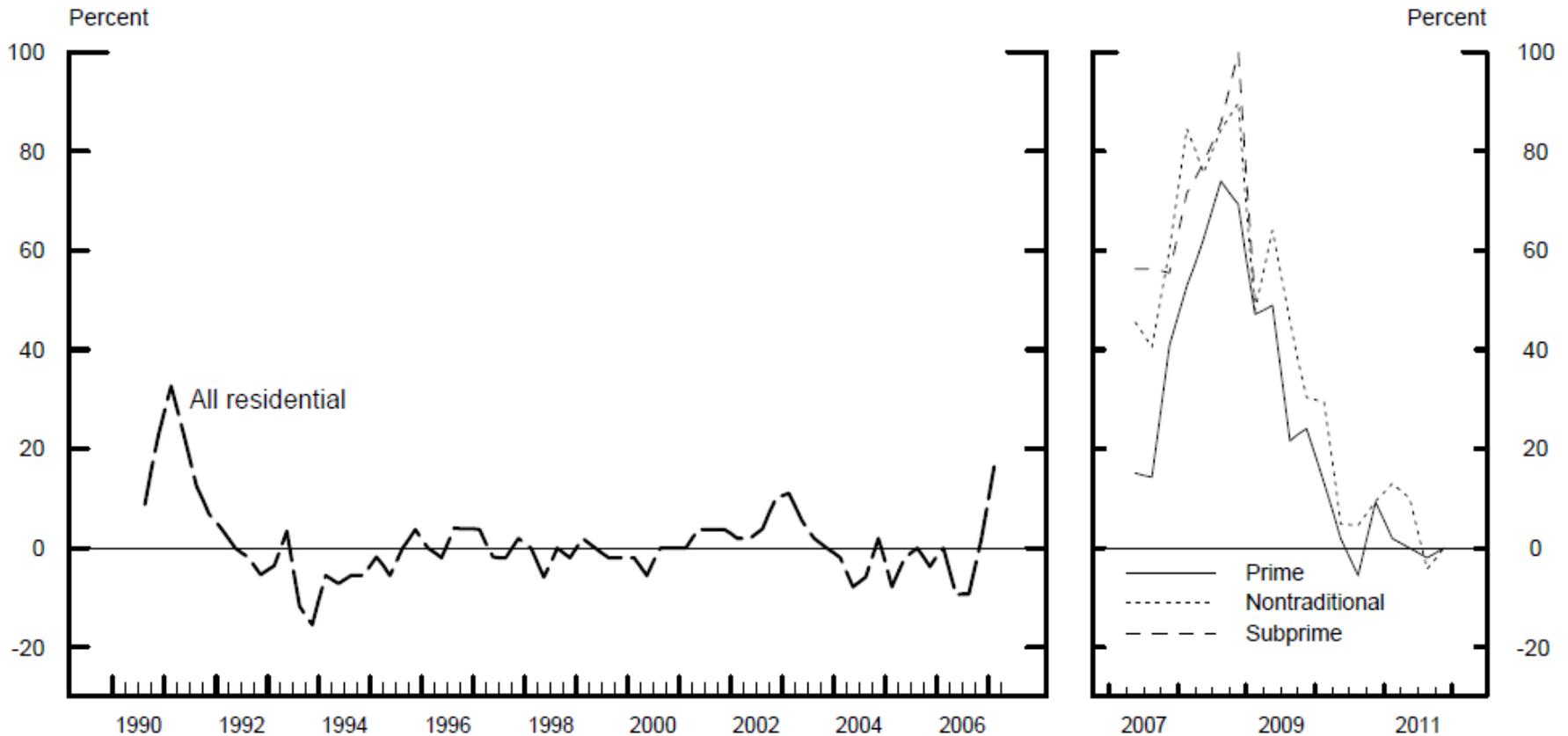
# Single-Family Home Sales





# Federal Reserve Senior Loan Officer Survey

Index, net percent tightening standards for residential mortgages





# Contributors to Growth: Business Investment



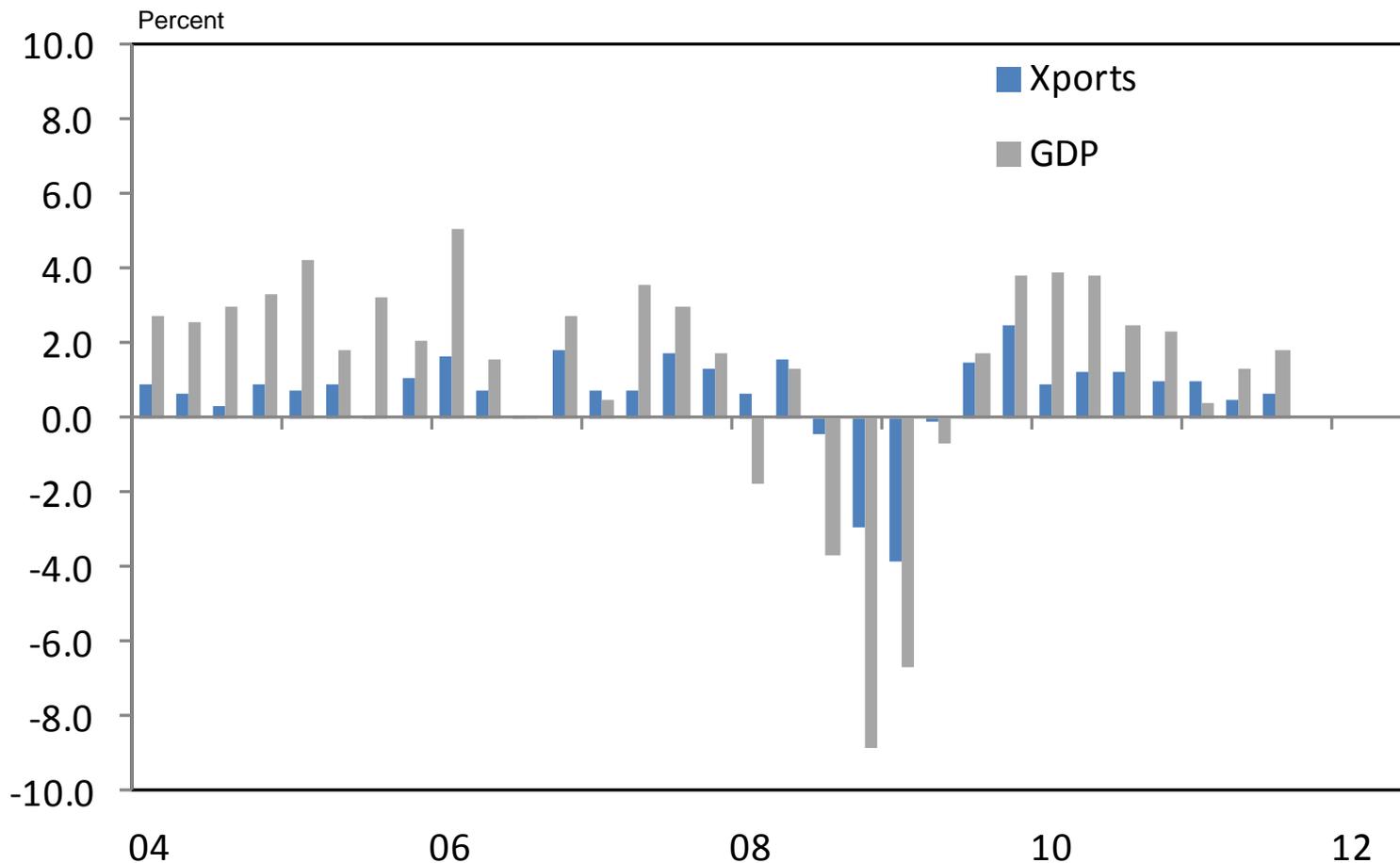


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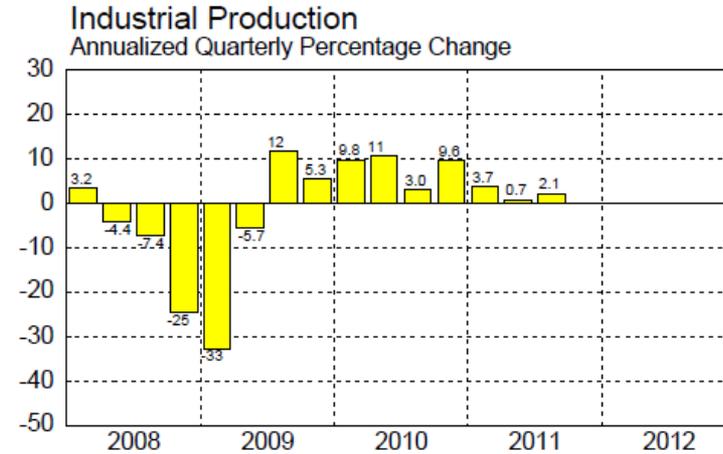
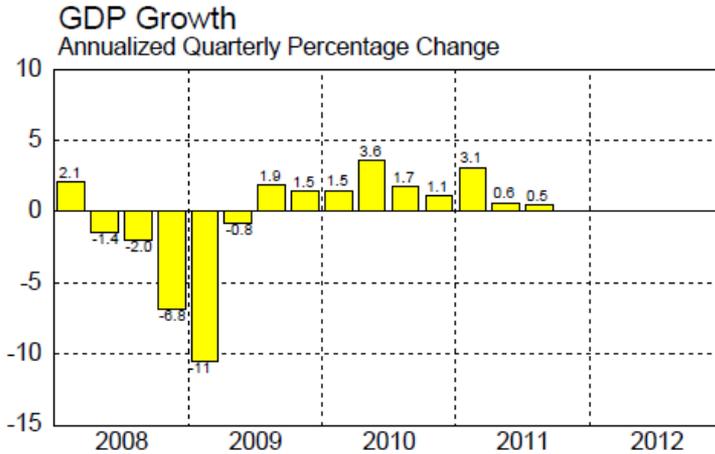




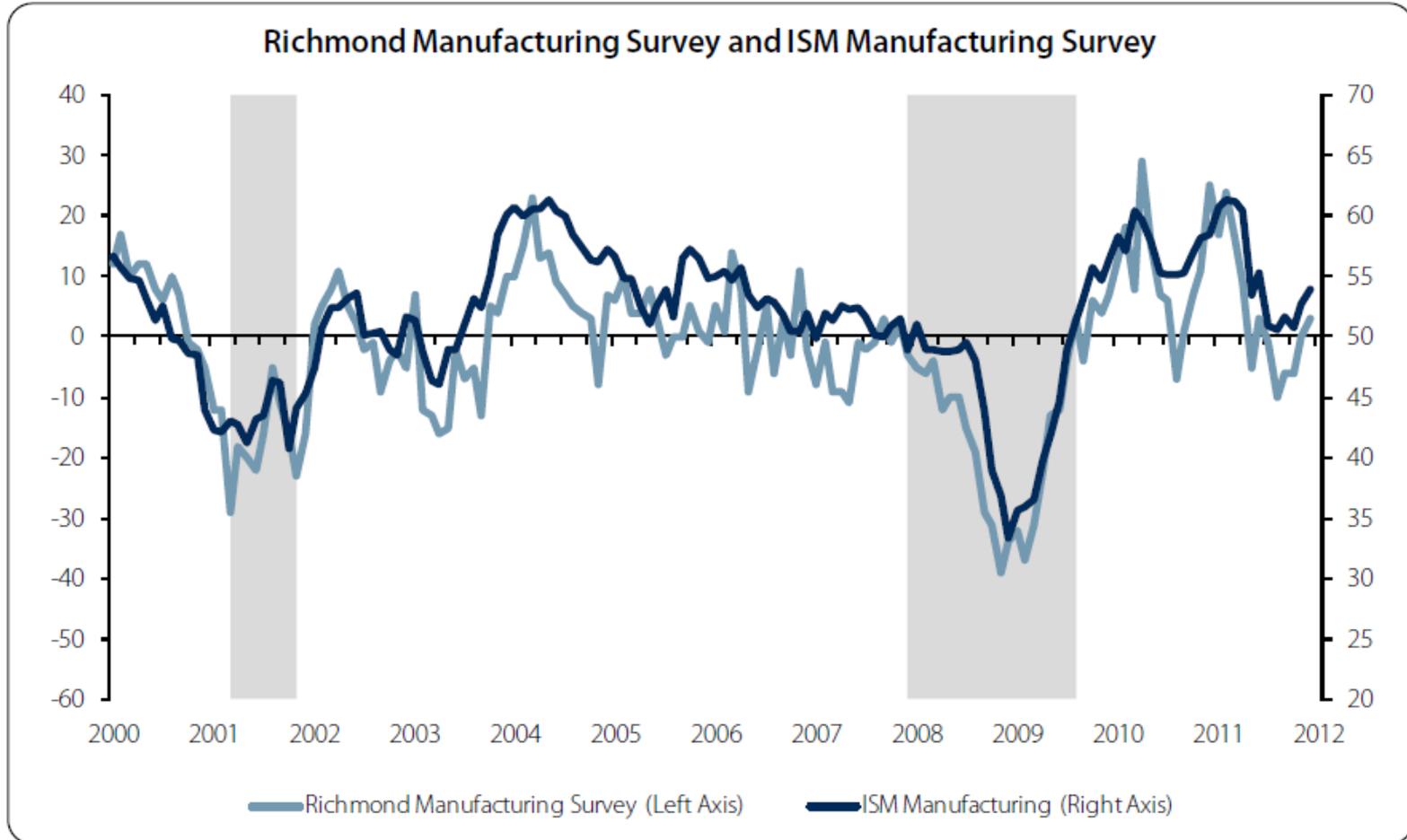
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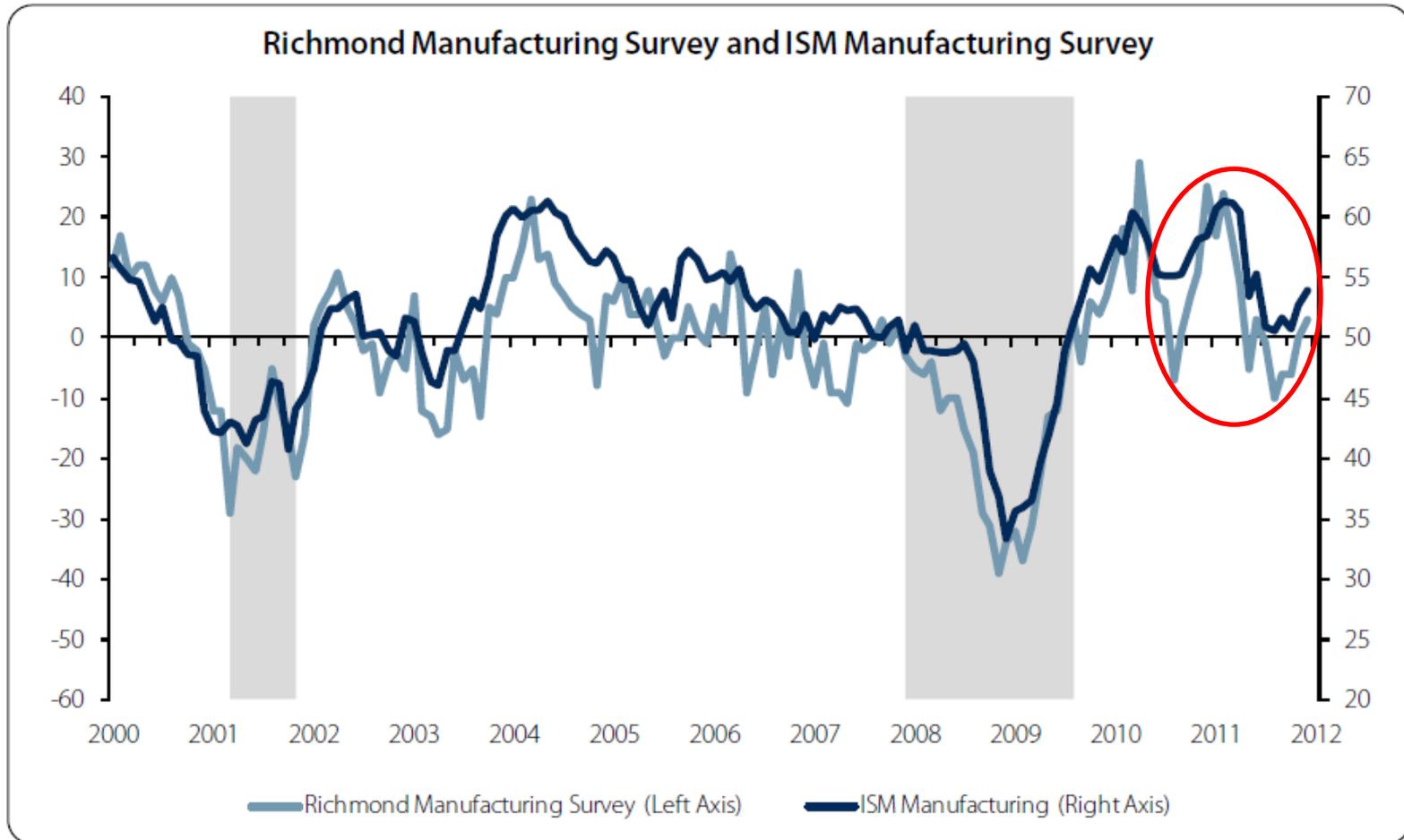
# Euro Area Economic Indicators



# Fifth District Manufacturing Survey

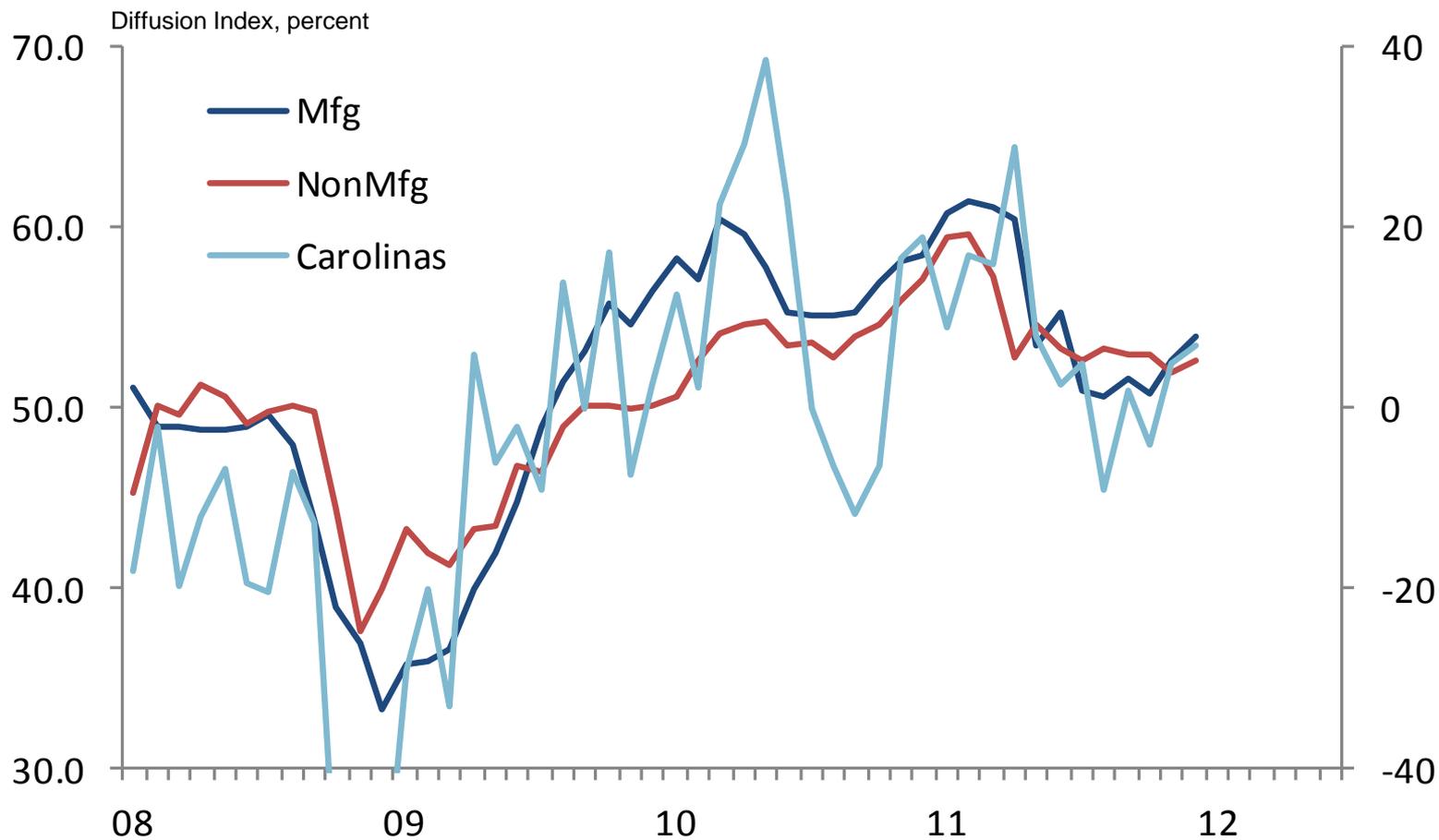


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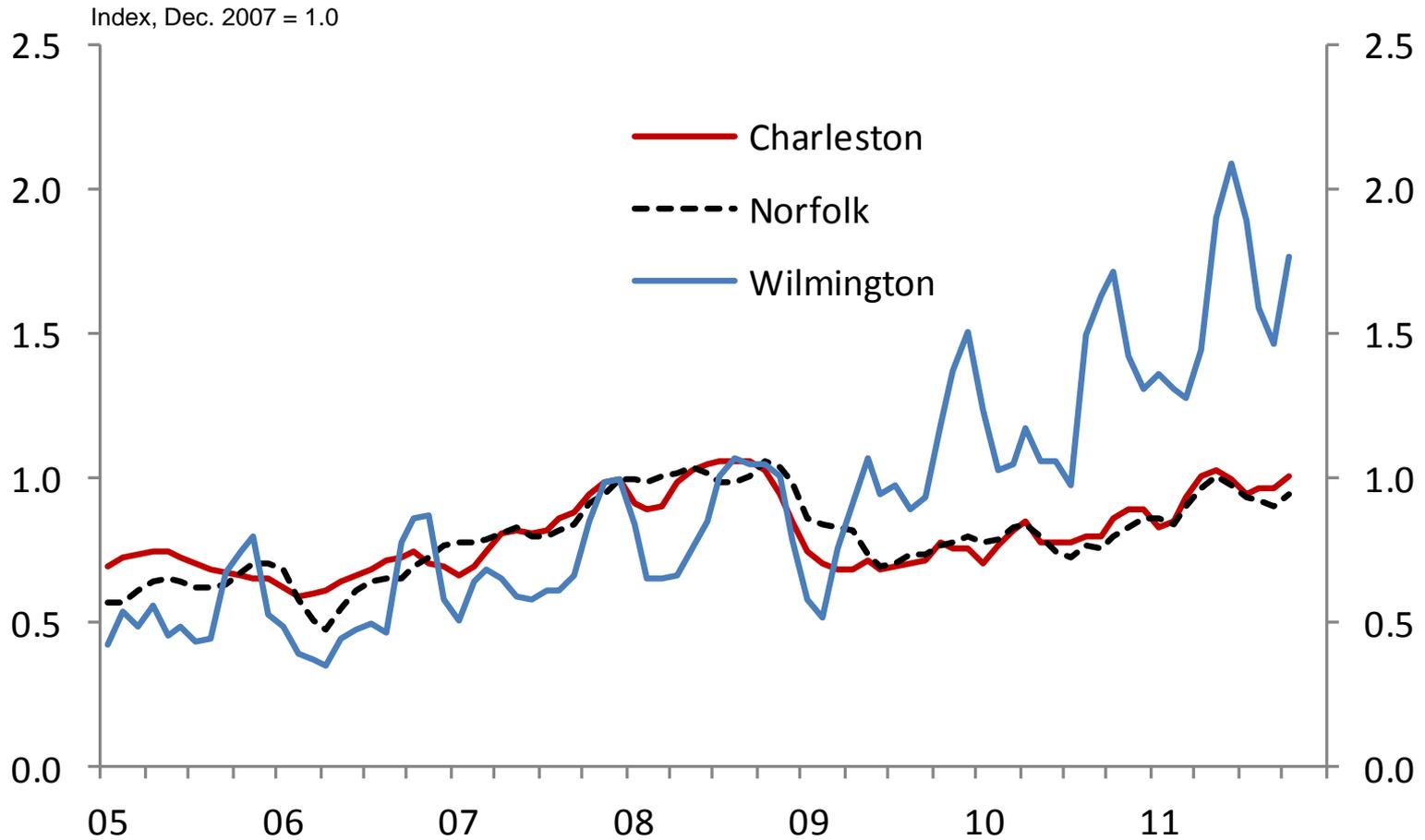




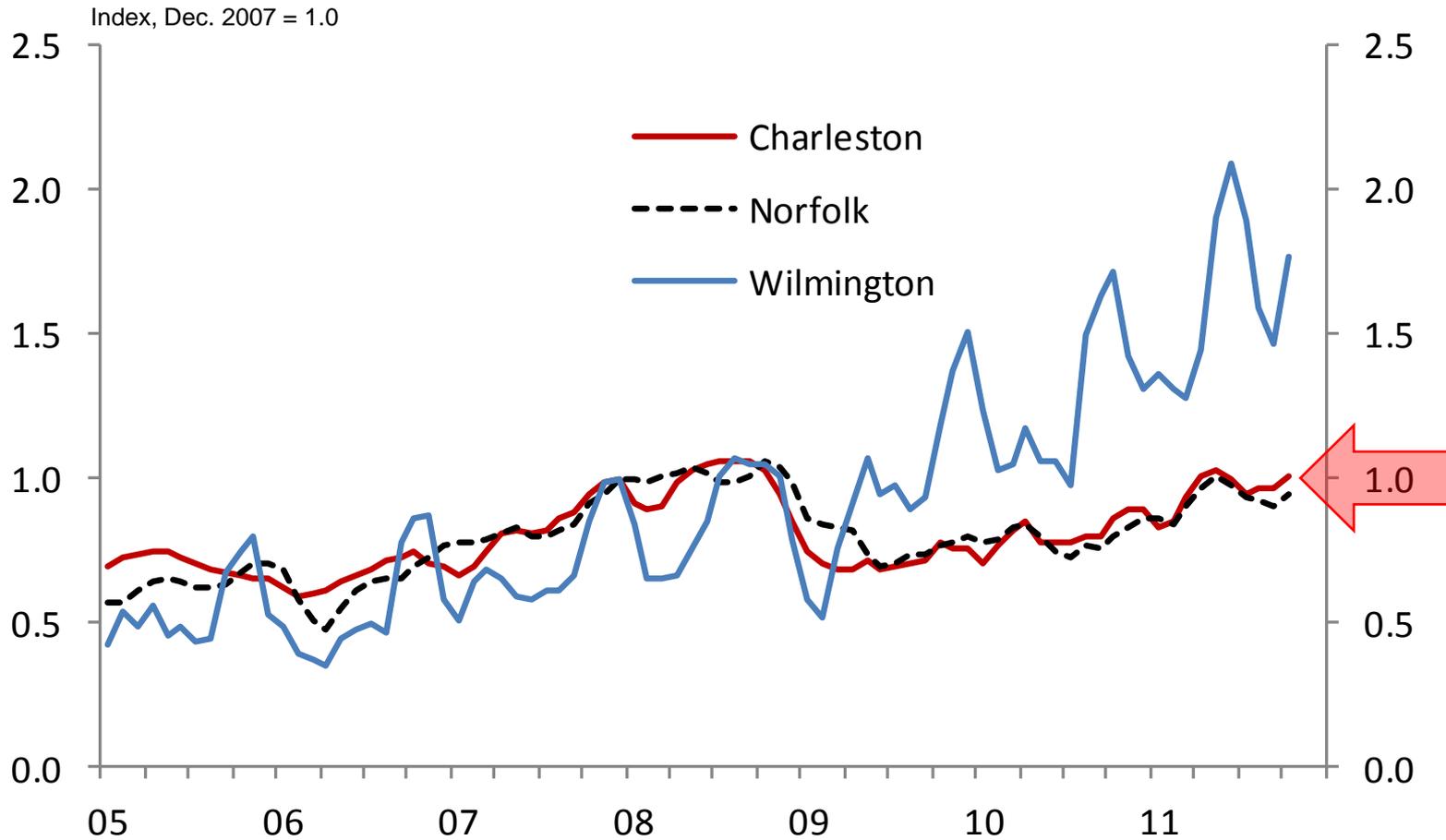
# ISM and Carolinas Business Activity Indexes



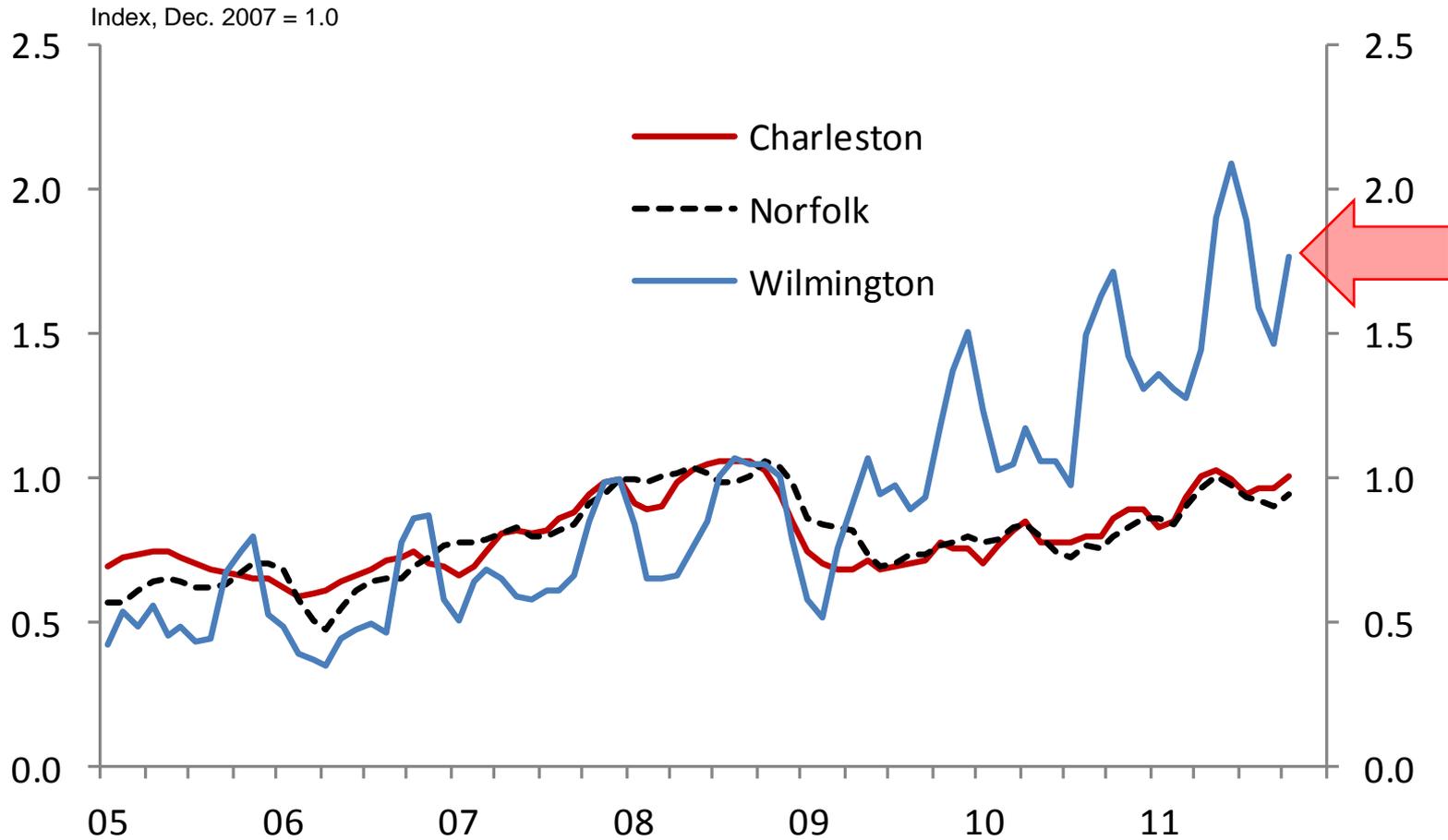
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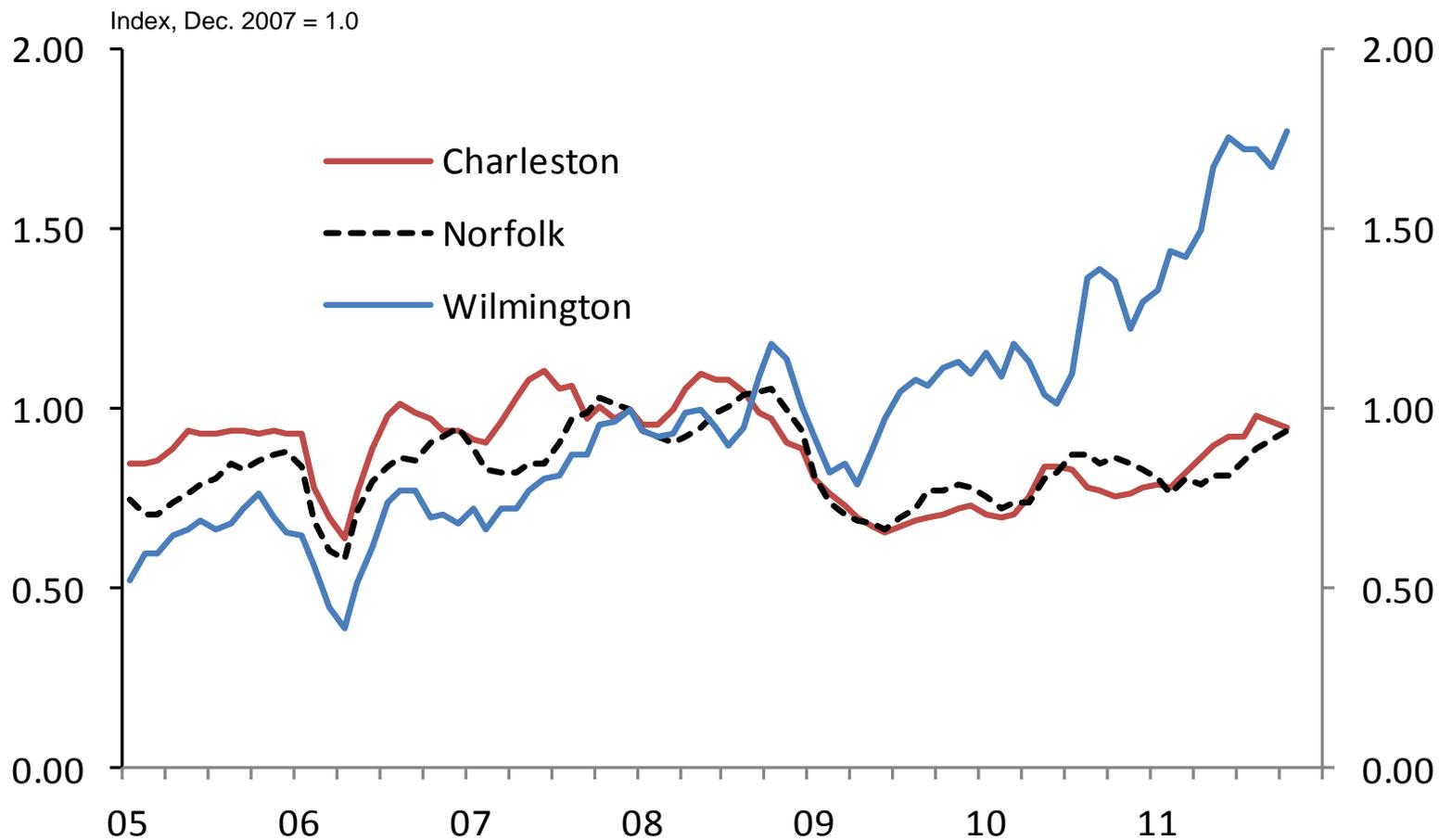


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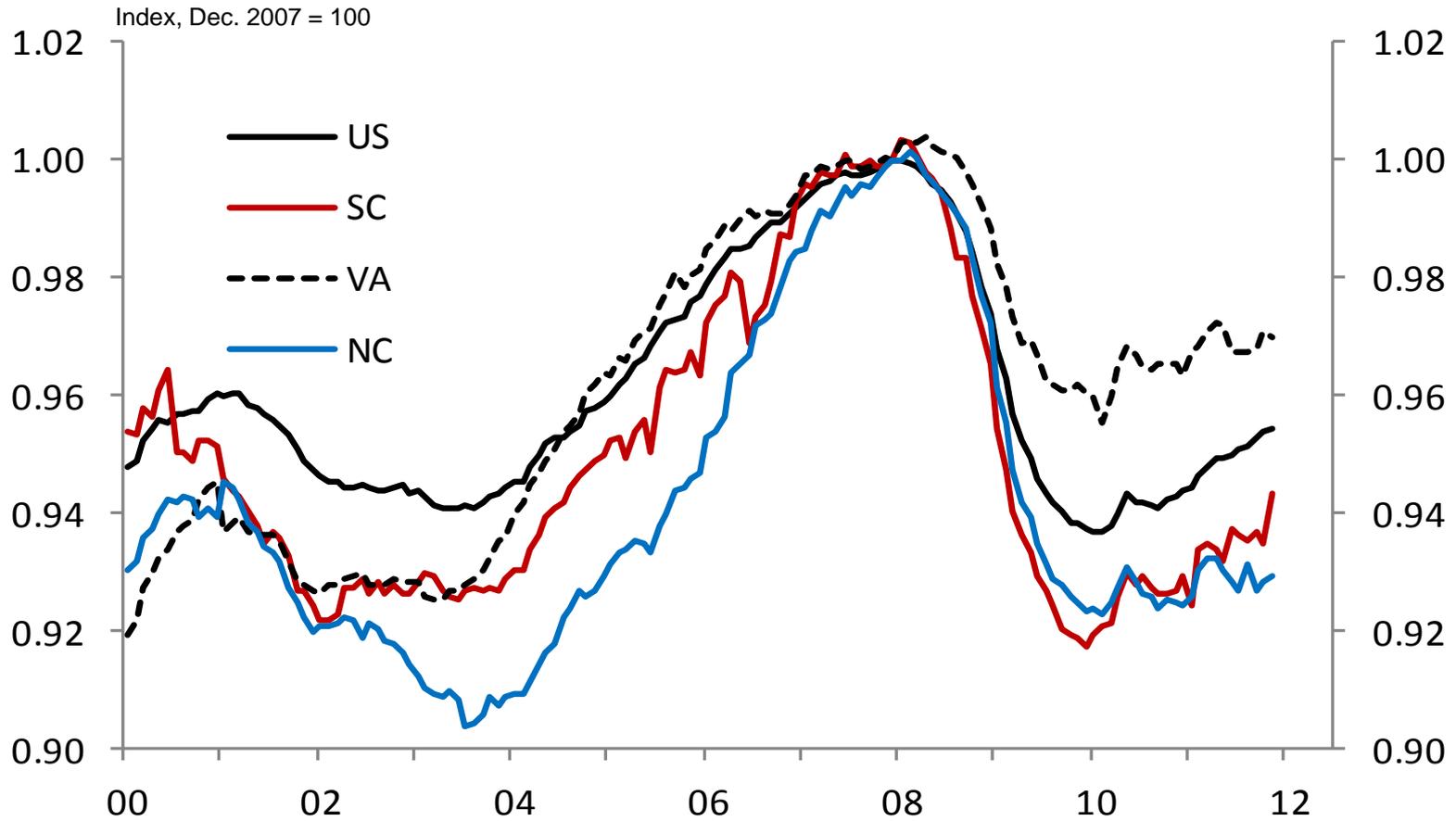




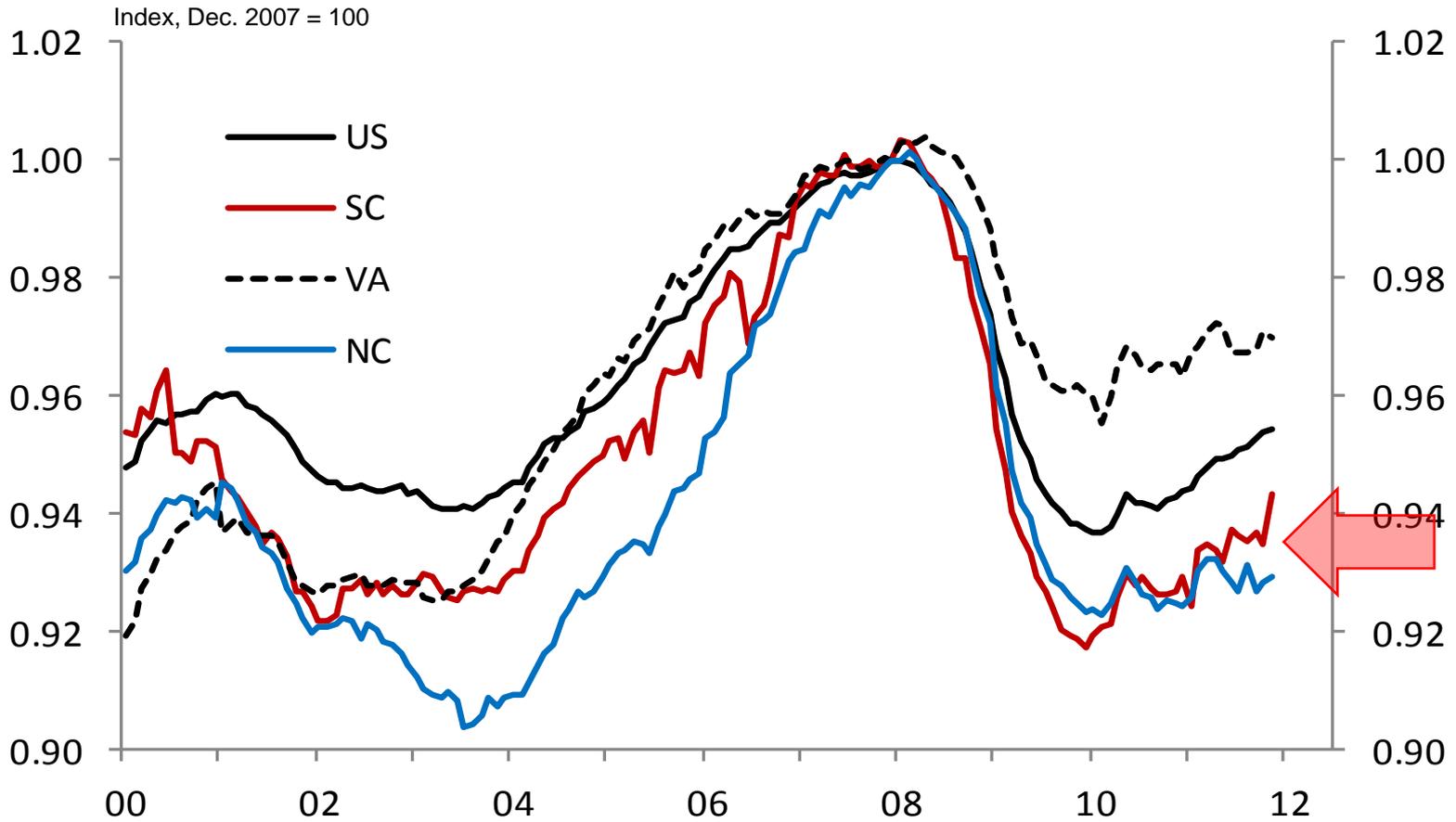
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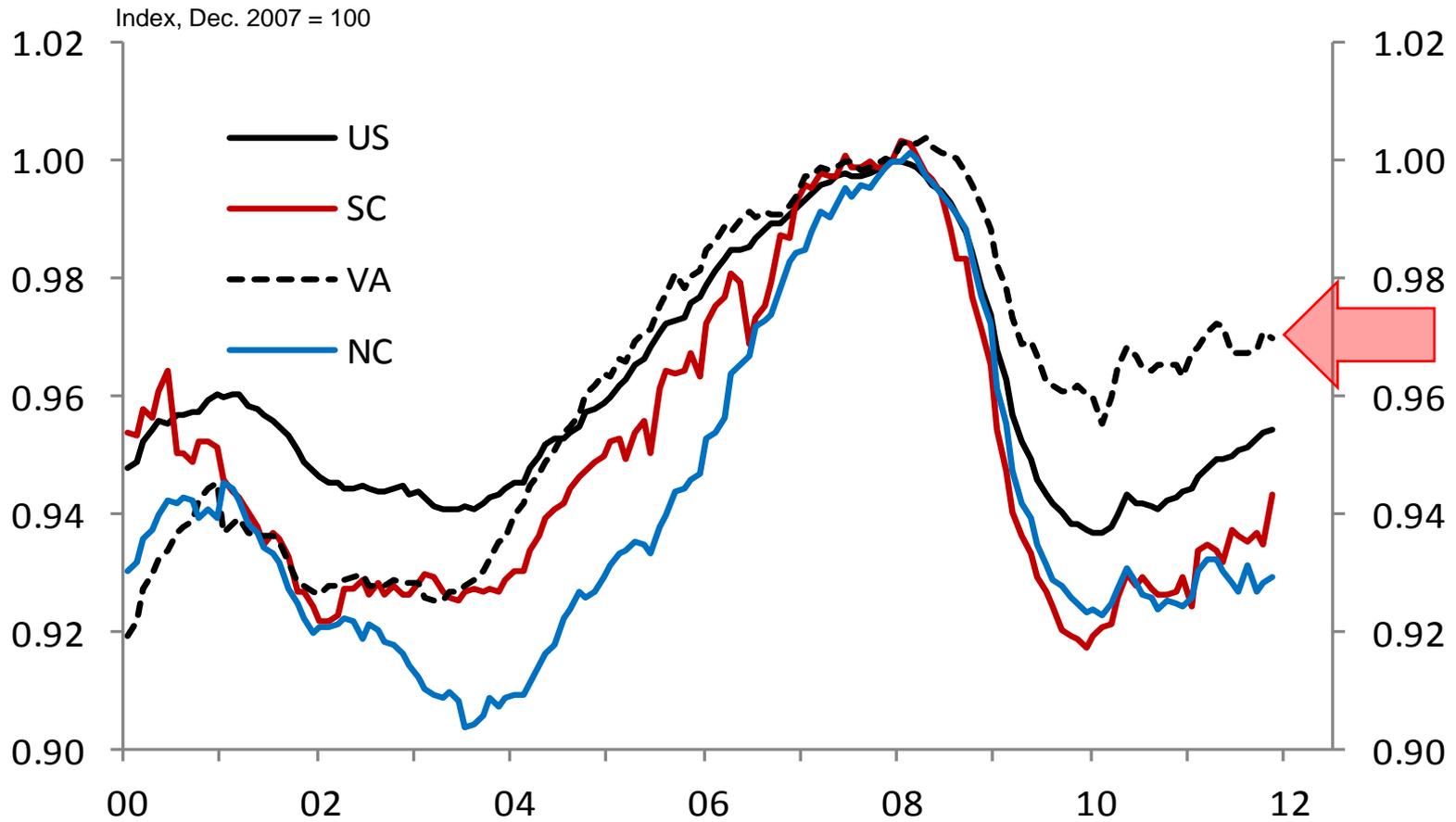
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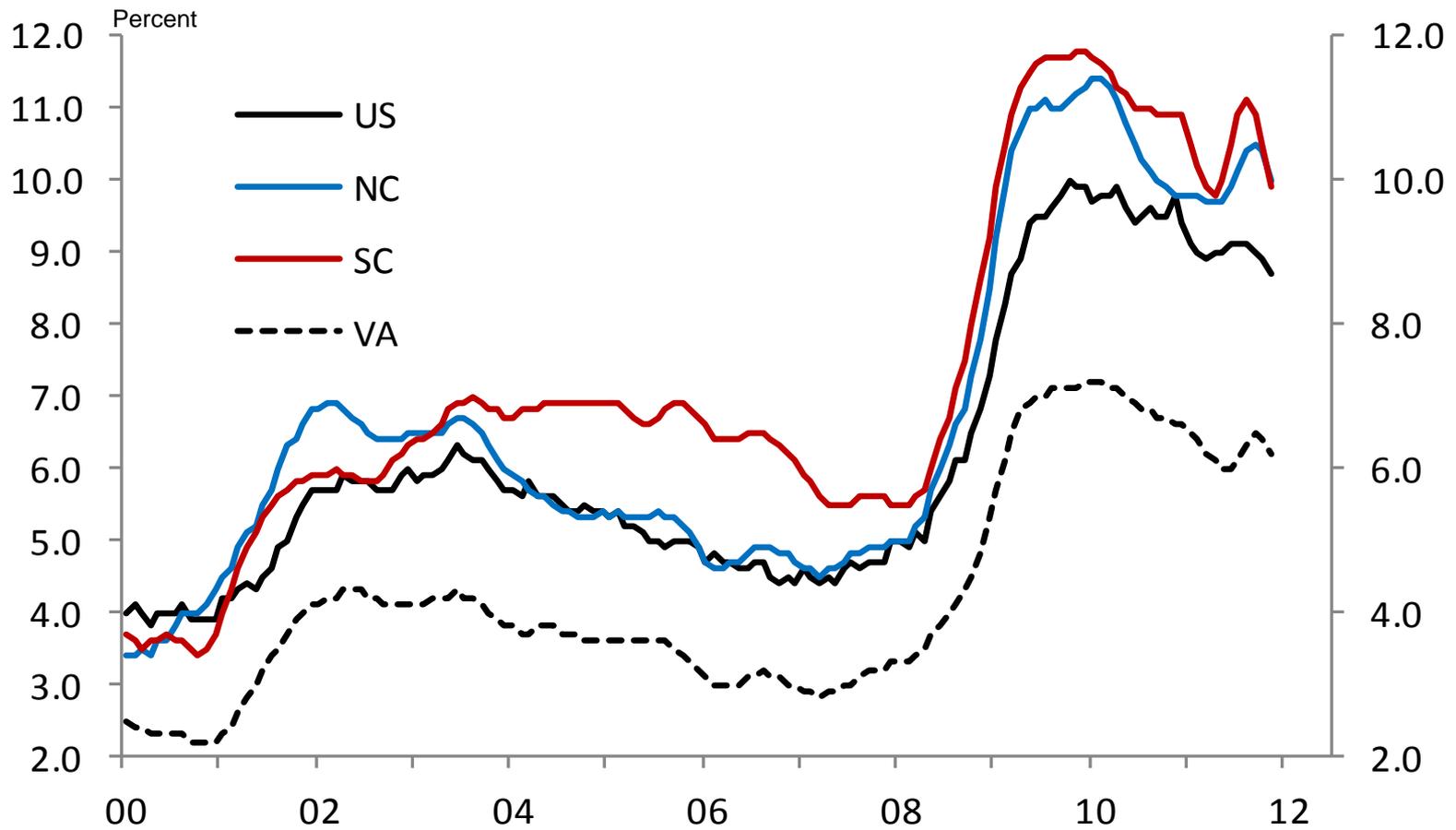
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- Key uncertainties
  - Unsettled debt crisis in Europe
  - Inability of U.S. to deal with long-term debt problems in fiscally and politically sustainable way
  - Uncertainty surrounding regulations, taxes, elections
  - Confidence



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