



National Economic Indicators

October 15, 2018



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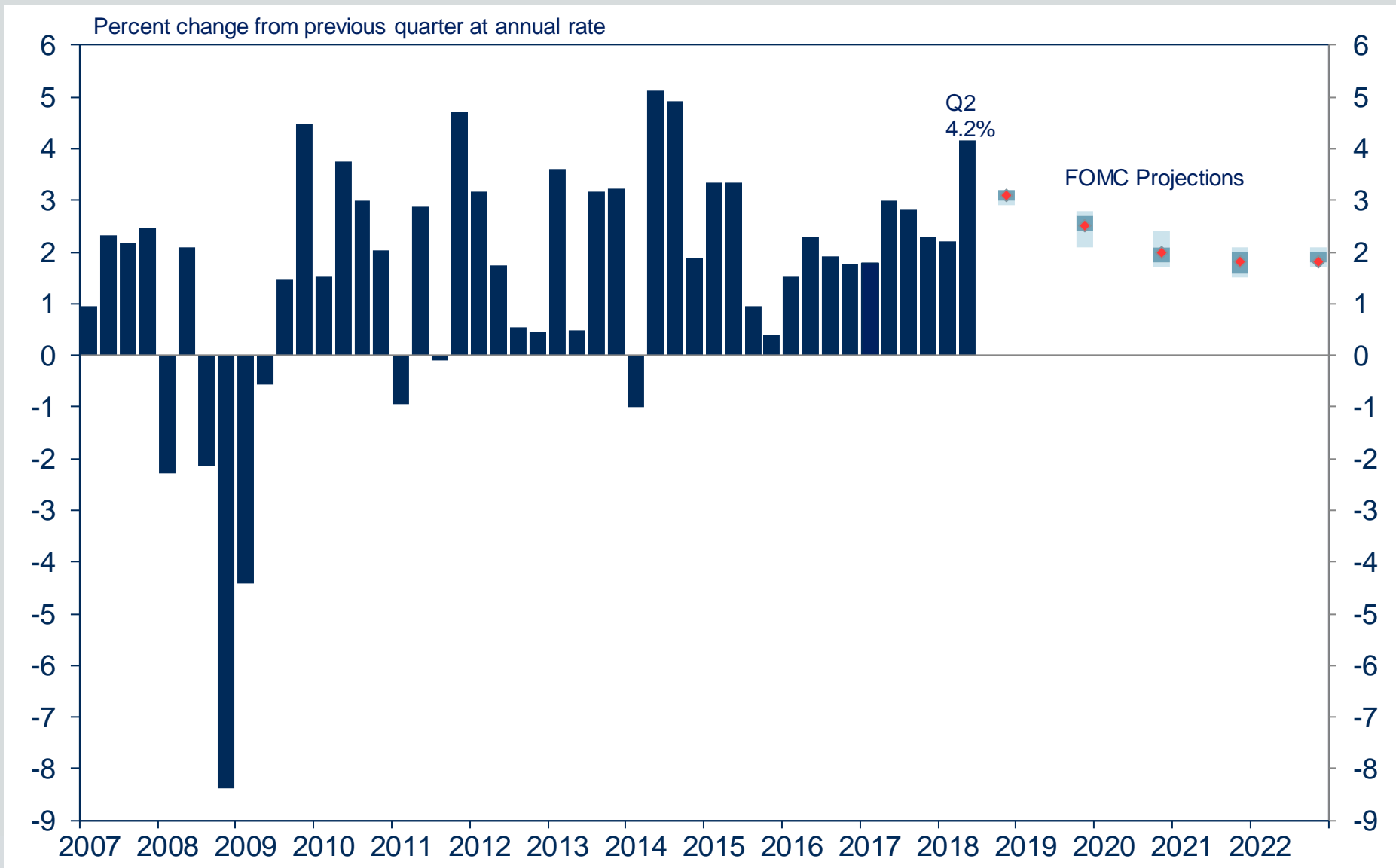
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Real Gross Domestic Product

	2017			2018	
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER AT COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE [Percent]:					
Gross Domestic Product	3.0	2.8	2.3	2.2	4.2
Personal Consumption Expenditures	2.9	2.2	3.9	0.5	3.8
Nonresidential Fixed Investment	7.3	3.4	4.8	11.5	8.7
Structures	3.8	-5.7	1.3	13.9	14.5
Equipment	9.7	9.8	9.9	8.5	4.6
Intellectual Property	6.6	1.7	0.7	14.1	10.5
Residential Fixed Investment	-5.5	-0.5	11.1	-3.4	-1.3
Exports of Goods & Services	3.6	3.5	6.6	3.6	9.3
Imports of Goods & Services	2.5	2.8	11.8	3.0	-0.6
Government Consumption Expenditures & Gross Investment	0.0	-1.0	2.4	1.5	2.5
Final Sales to Domestic Purchasers	2.6	1.7	4.0	1.9	4.0
LEVEL IN QUARTER AT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATE [Billions of Chained (2012) Dollars]:					
Change in Private Inventories	11.9	64.4	16.1	30.3	-36.8
Net Exports of Goods & Services	-844.1	-845.9	-899.2	-902.4	-841.0

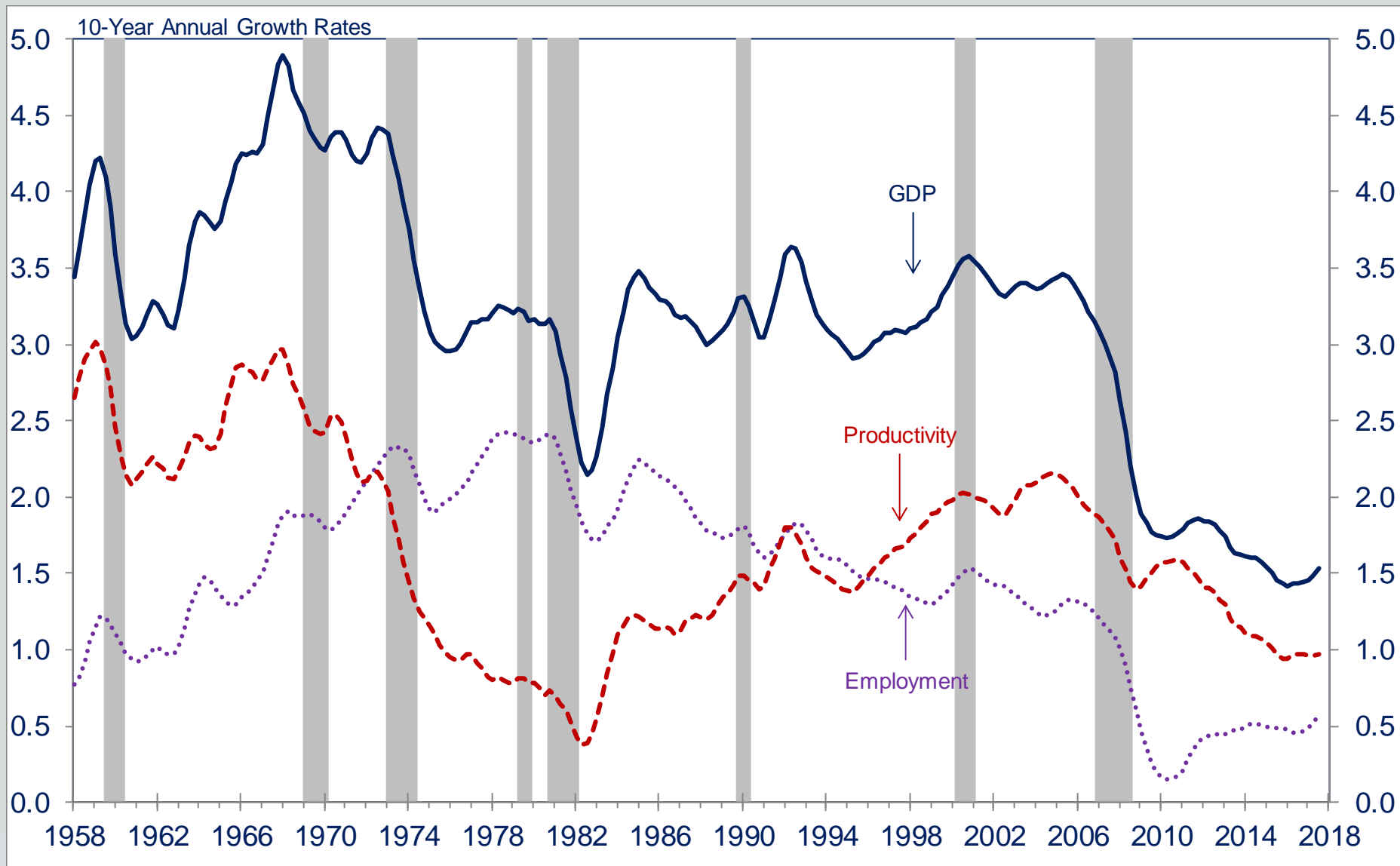
Real Gross Domestic Product



Note: Projection is the median, central tendency, and range from the September 2018 Summary of Economic Projections. Red dots indicate median projections. Projections of change in real gross domestic product (GDP) are from the fourth quarter of the previous year to the fourth quarter of the year indicated.

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis via Haver Analytics & Federal Reserve Board

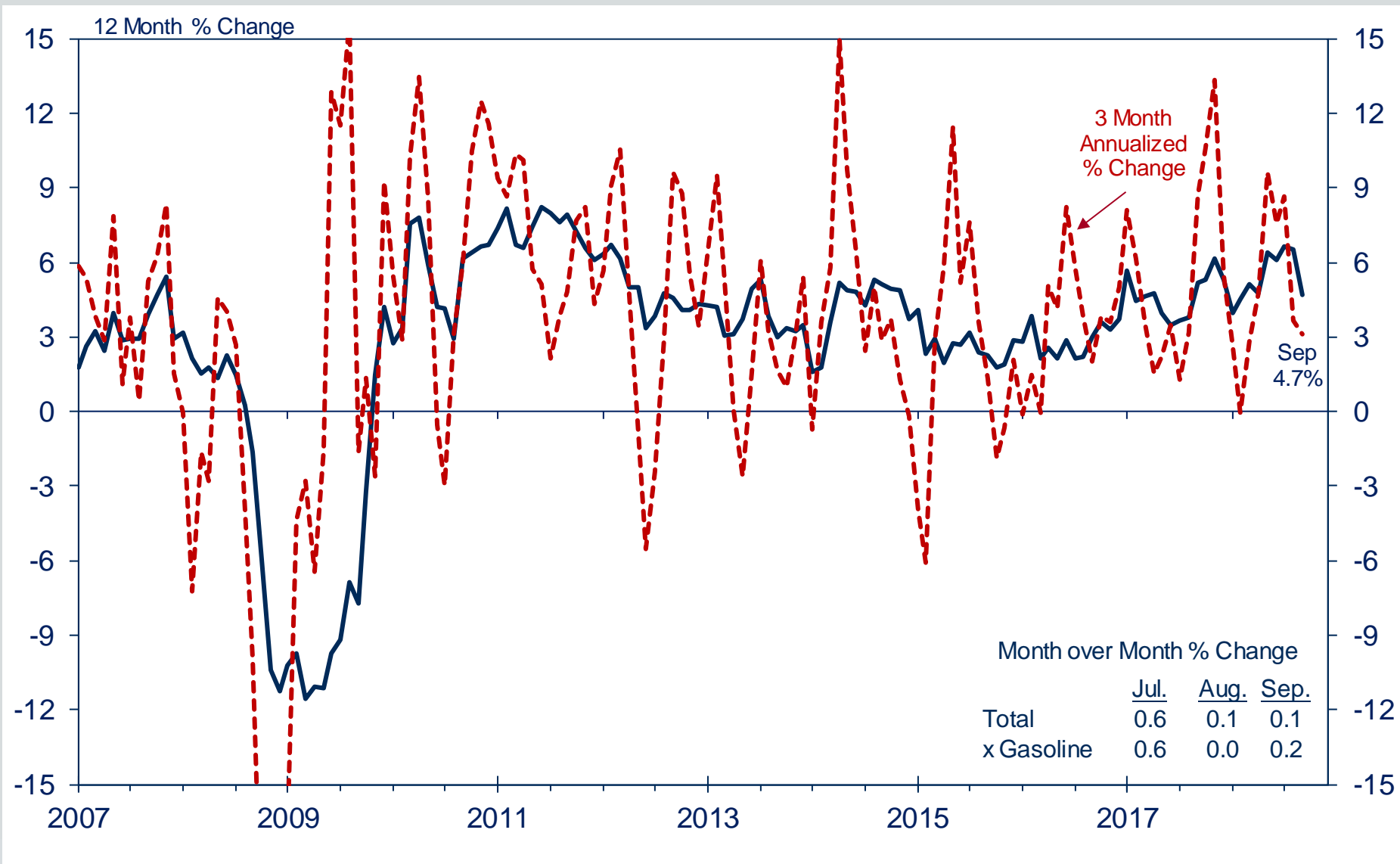
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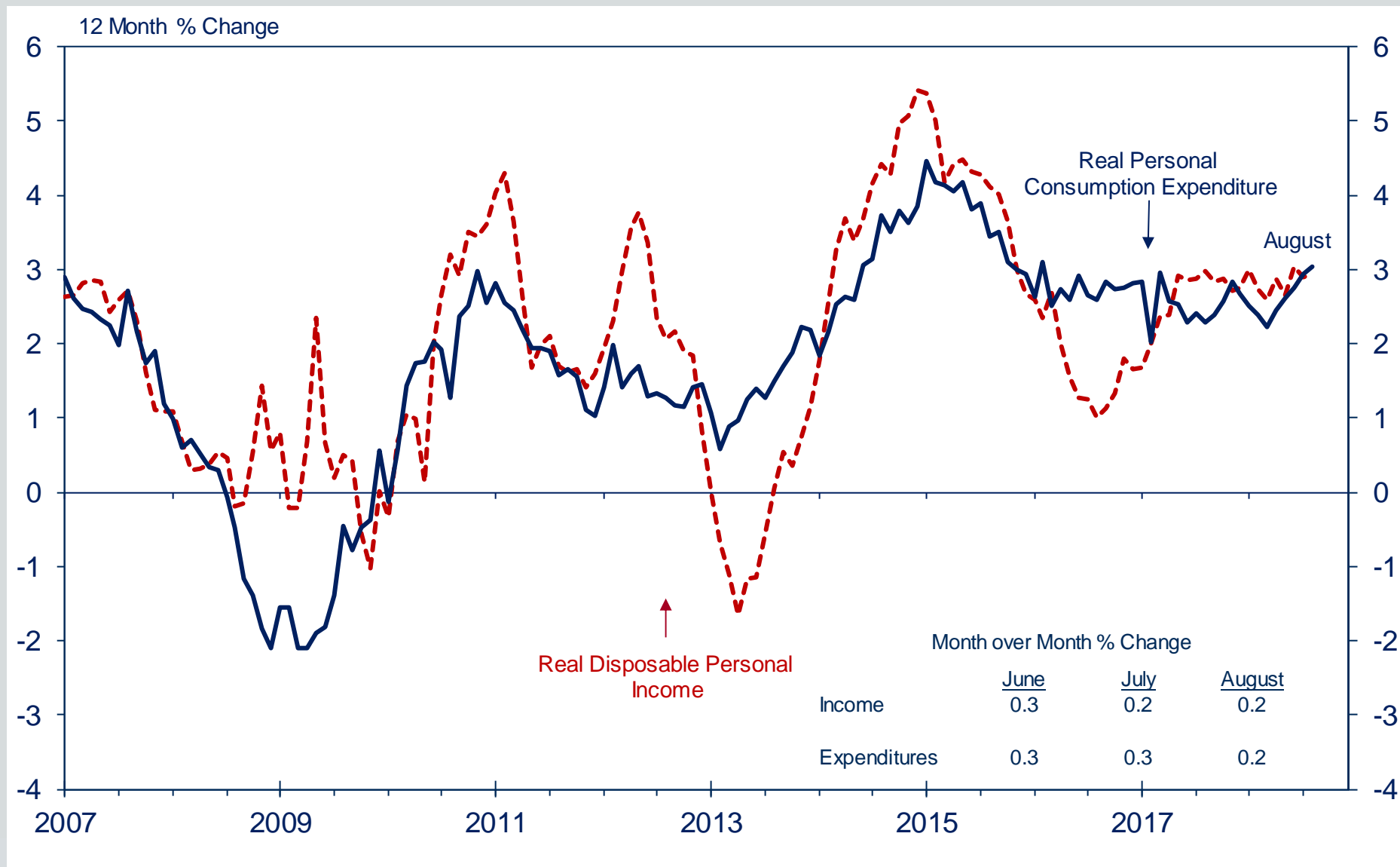
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Consumer Spending and Income

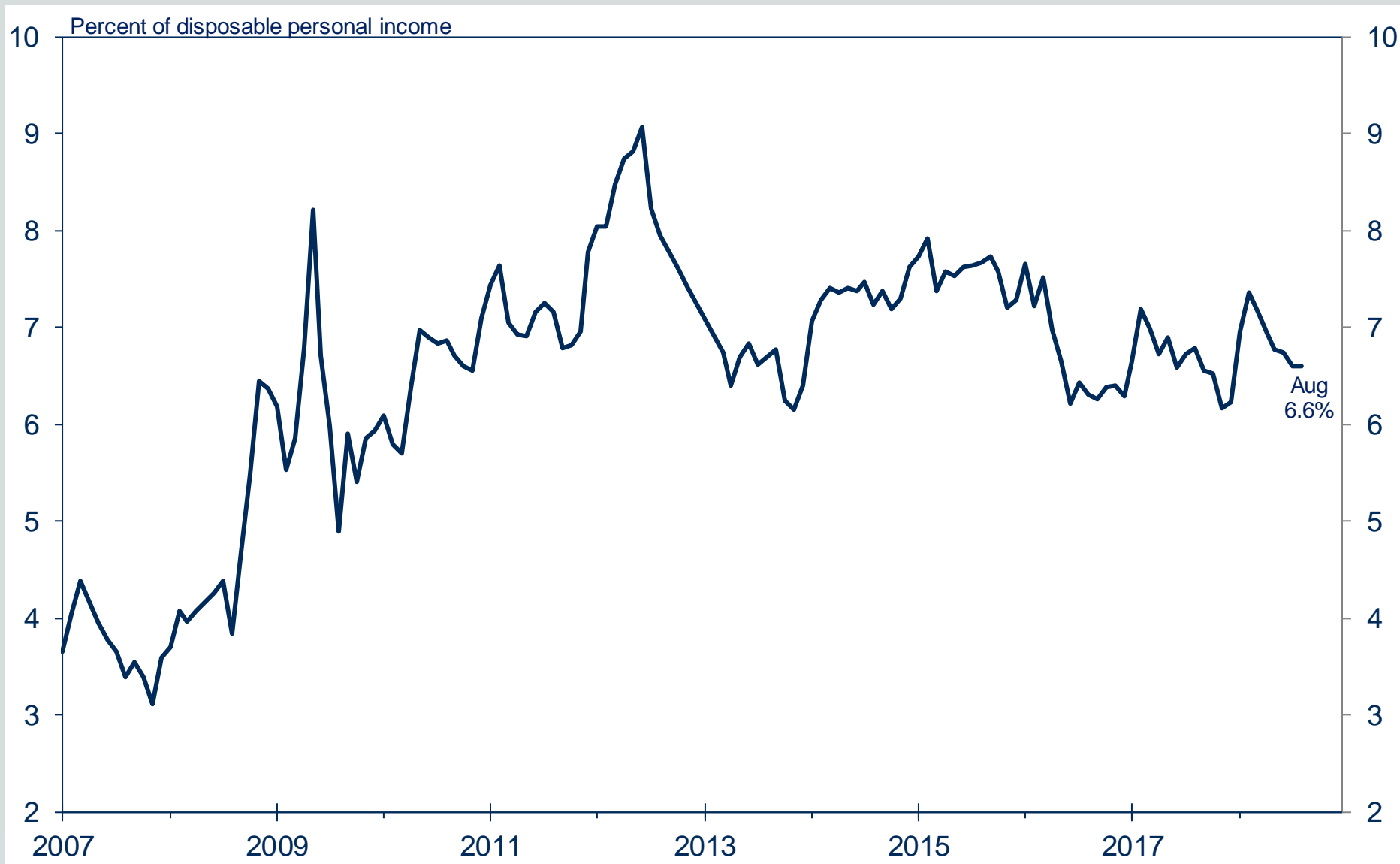


Note: Income has been adjusted to account for temporary fiscal actions in 2008 and 2012-2013.

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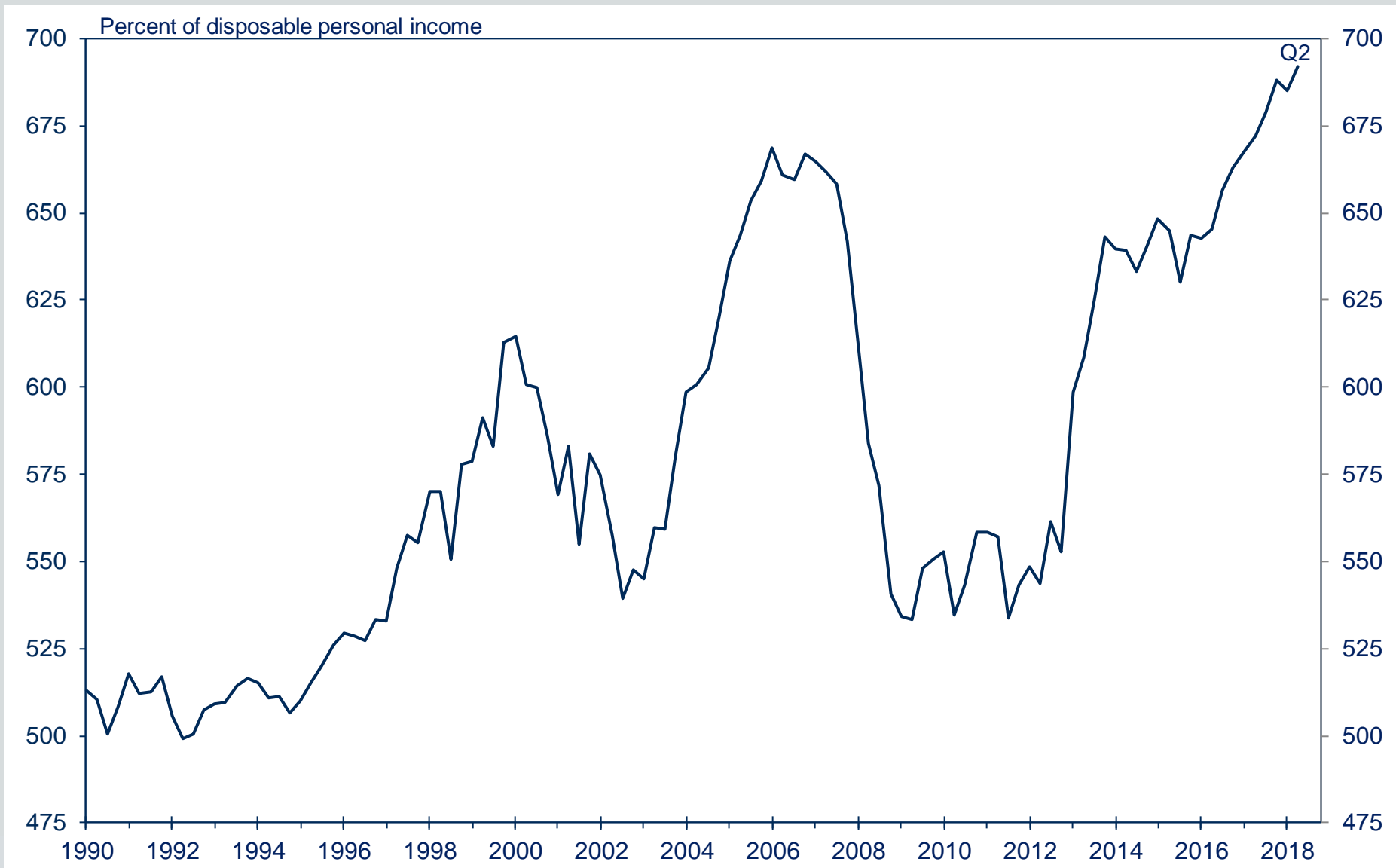


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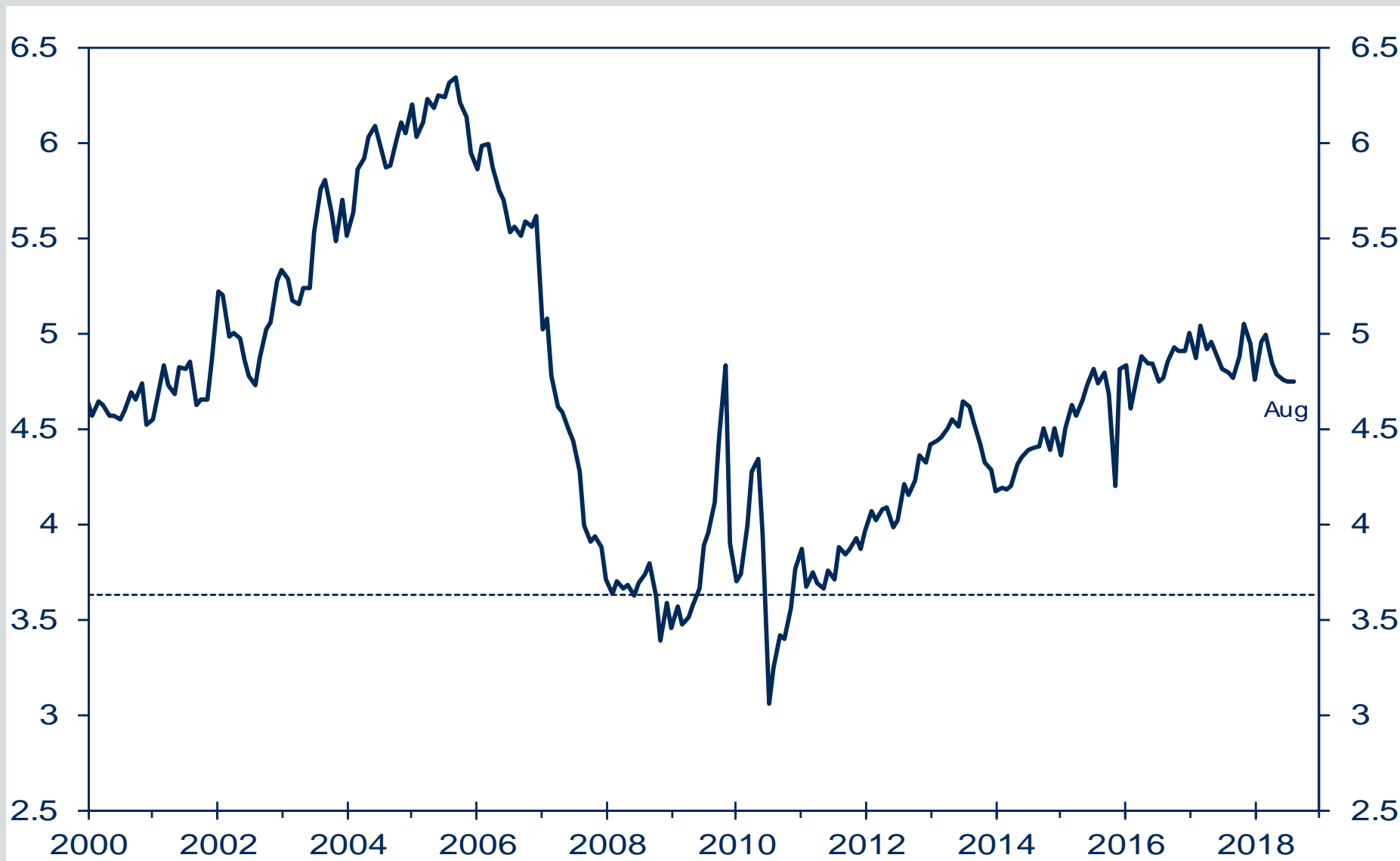


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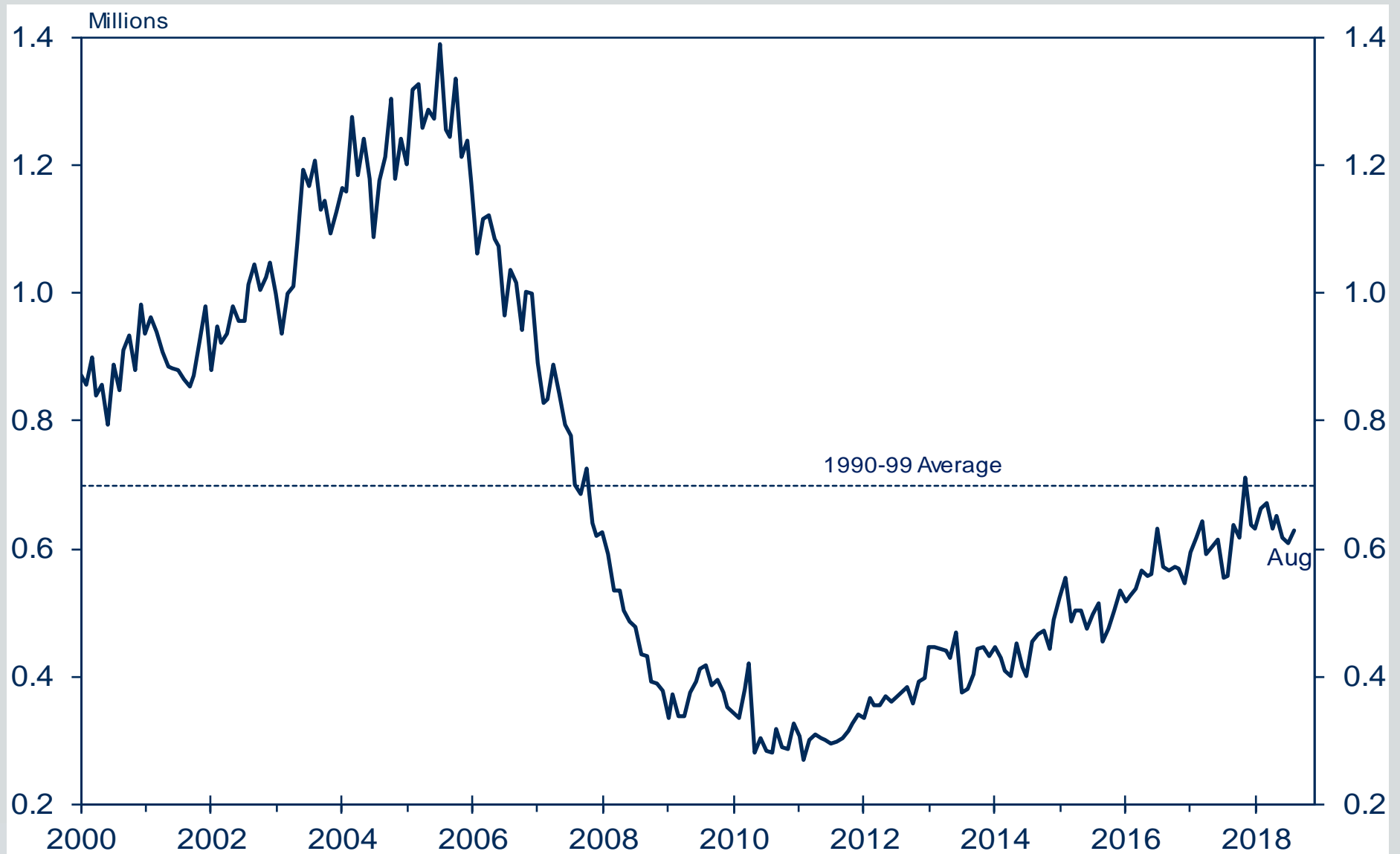
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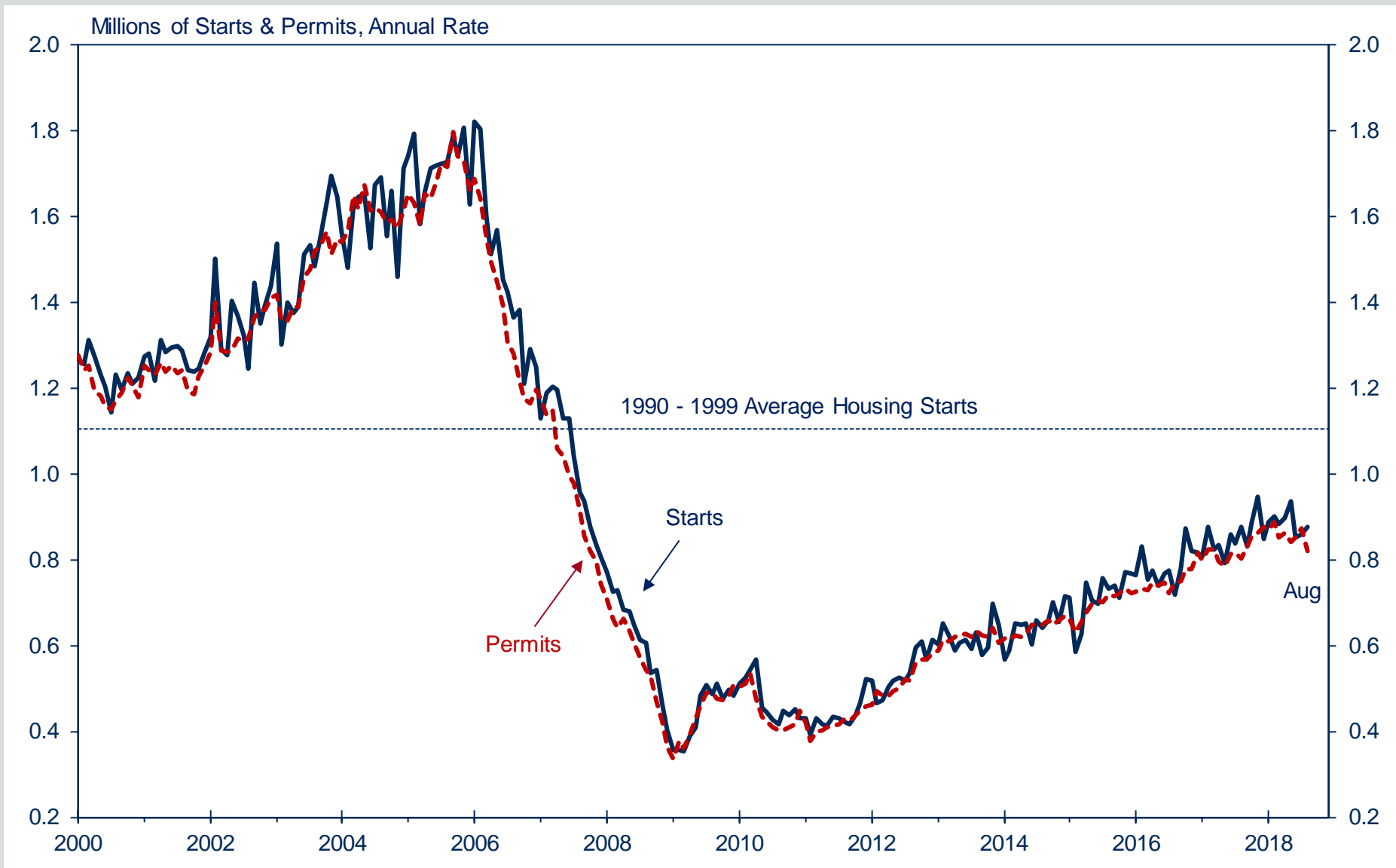
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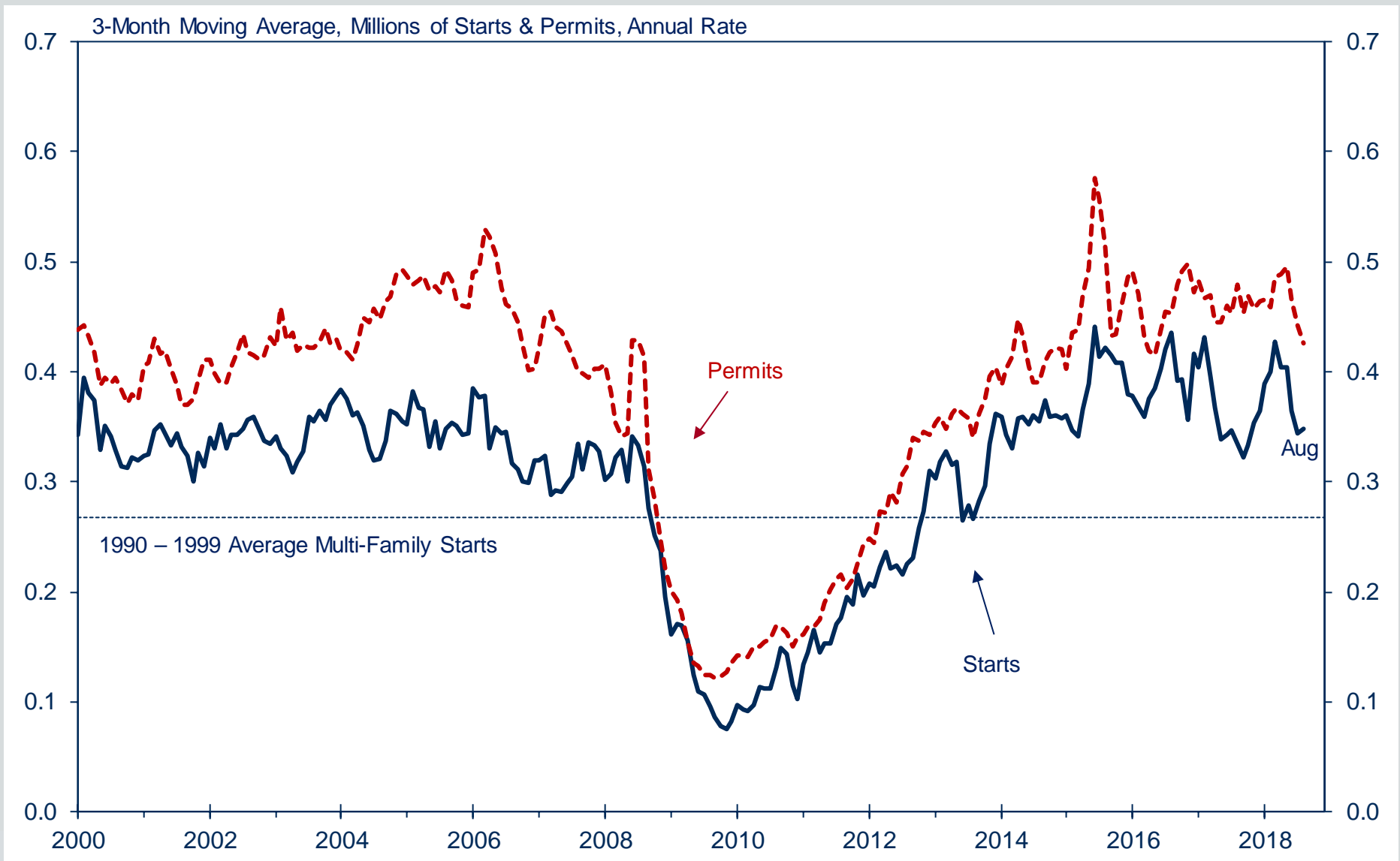
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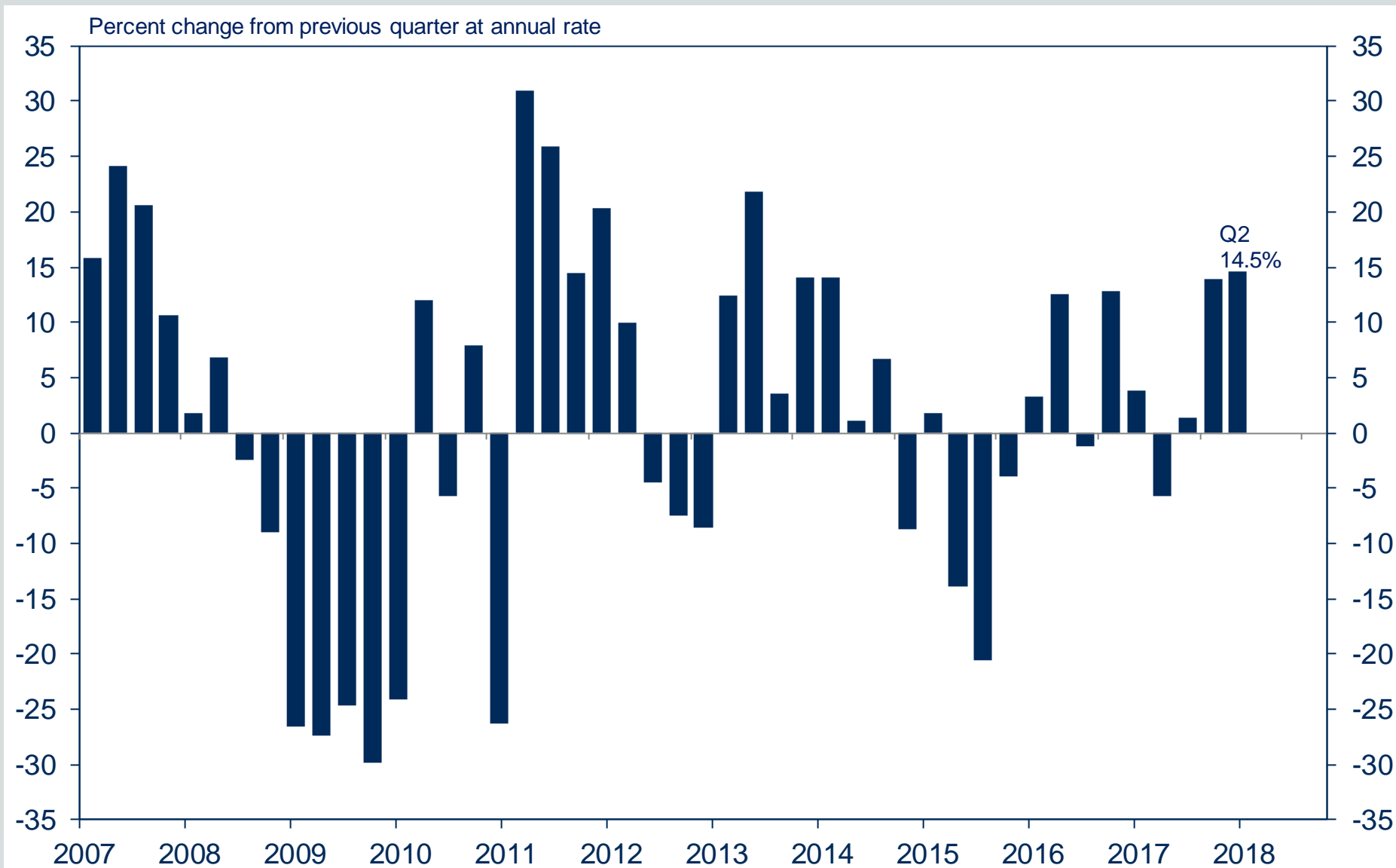
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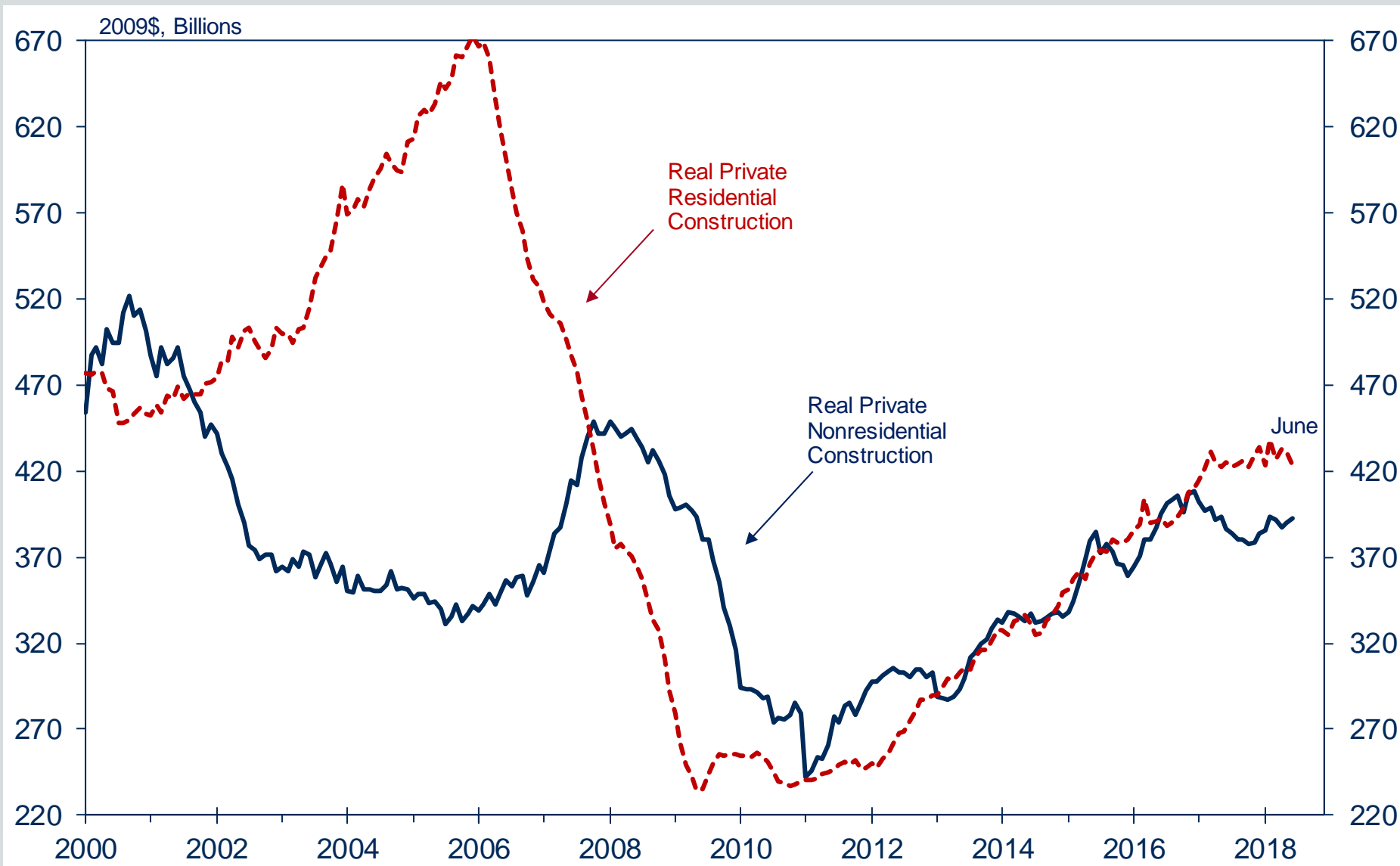
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Real Investment in Nonresidential Structures



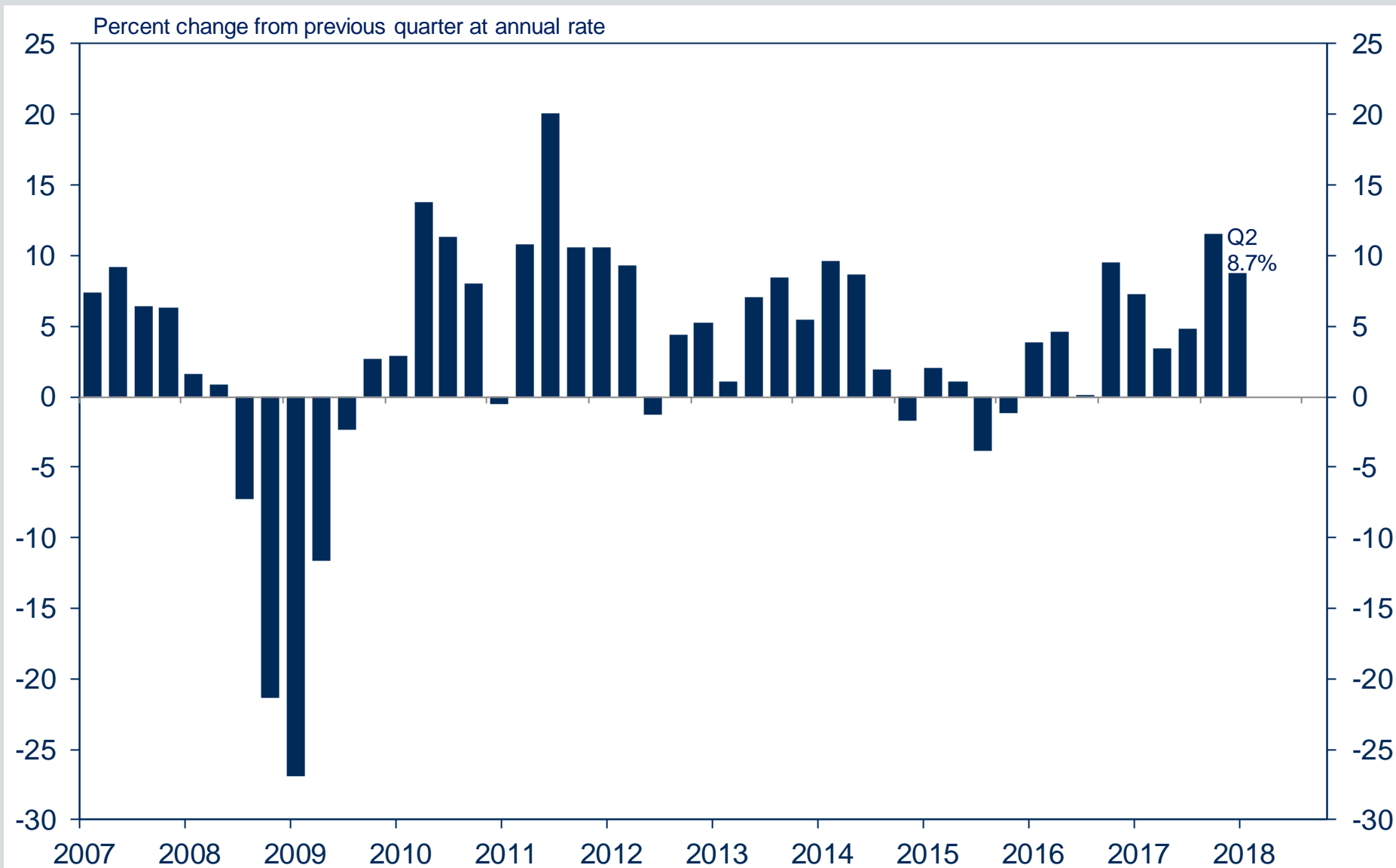
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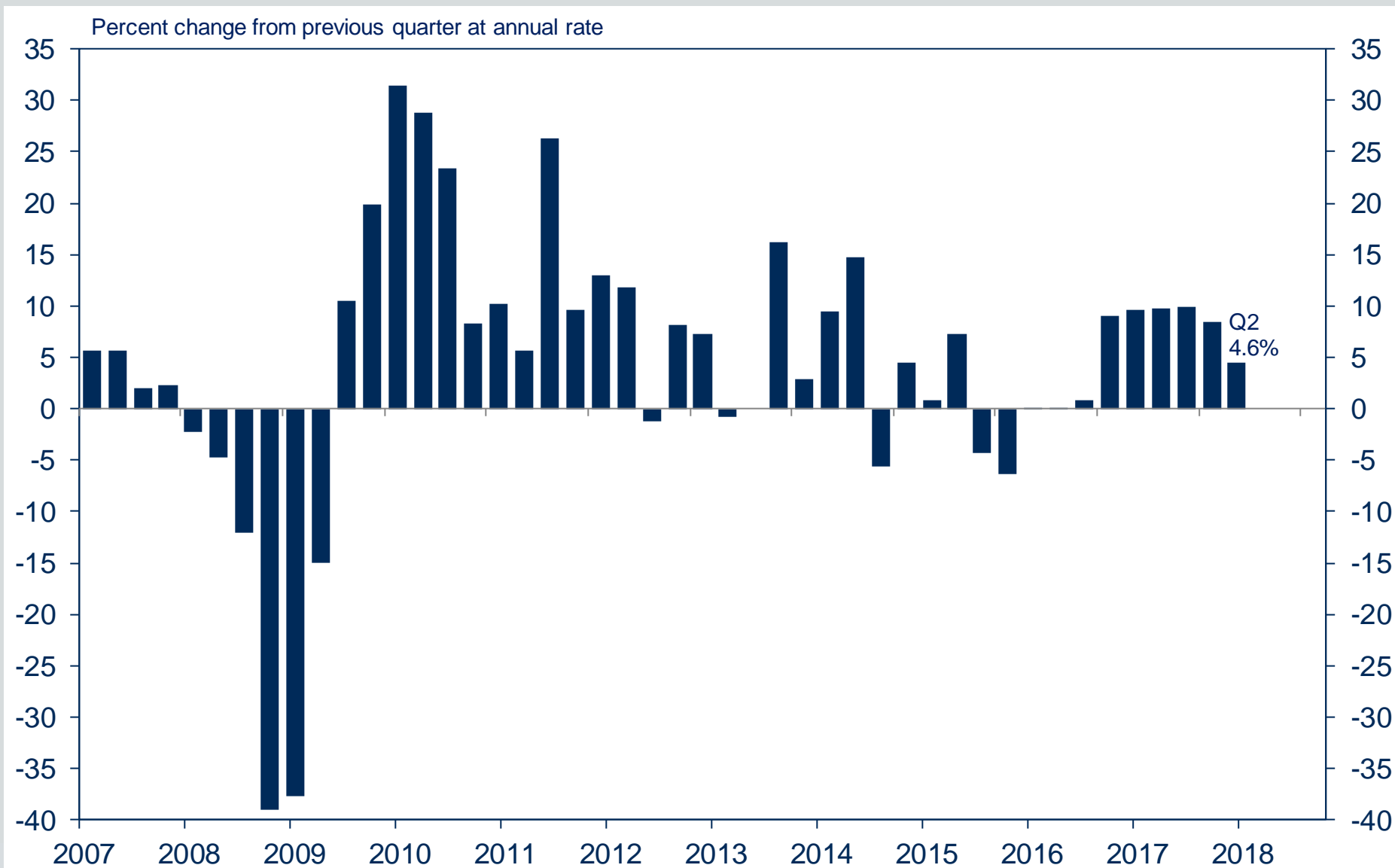
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Source: Census Bureau via Haver Analytics 17

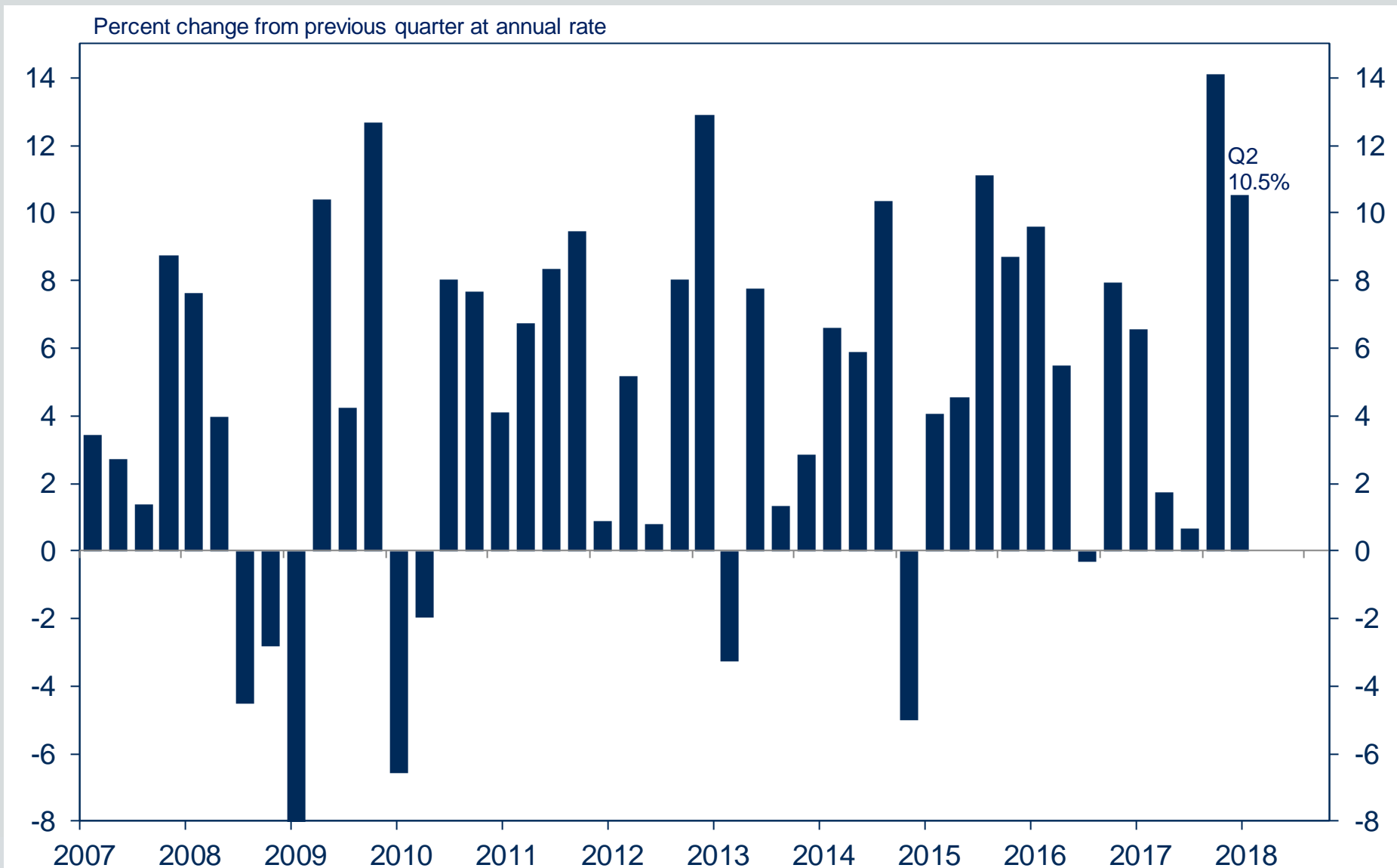
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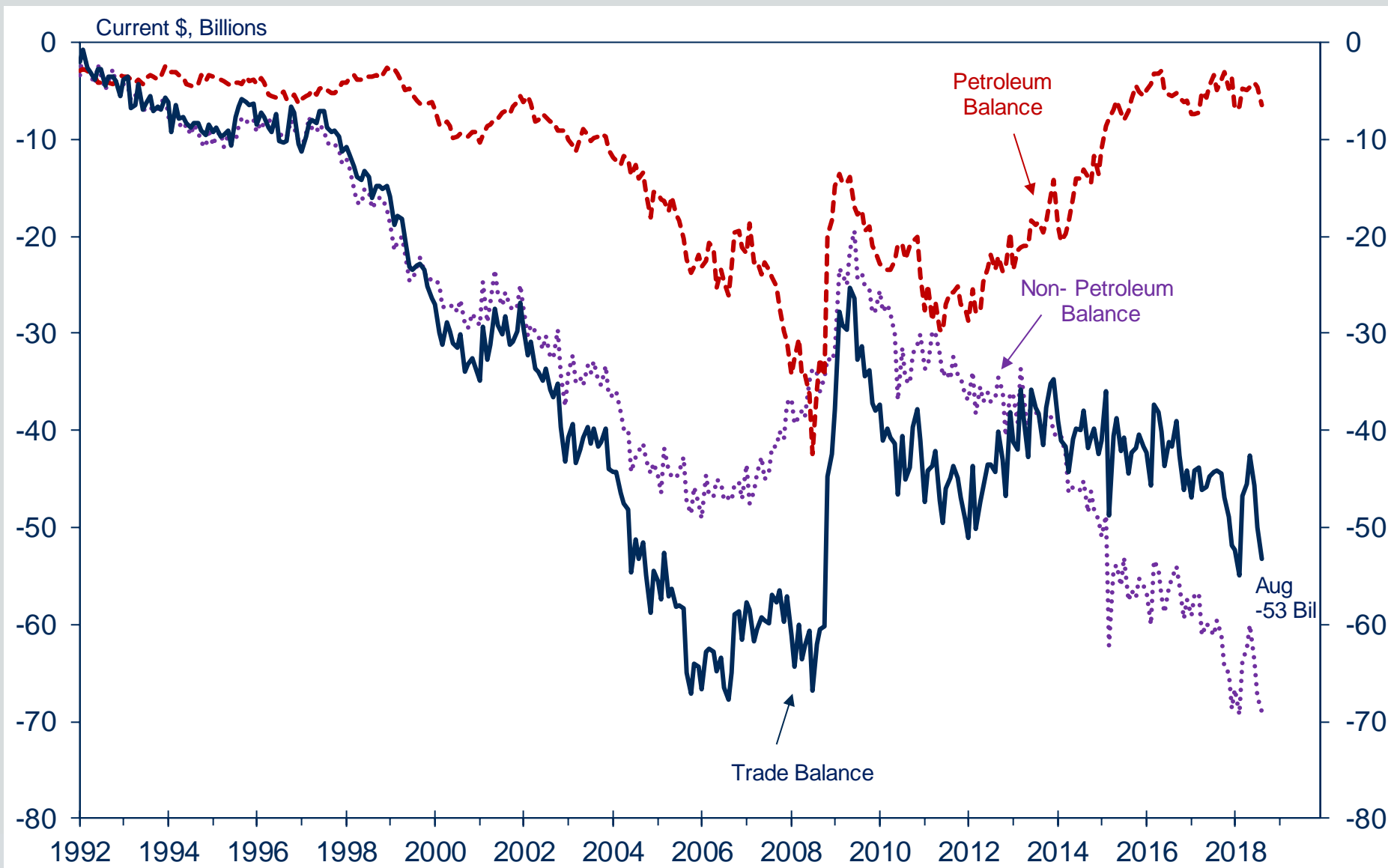
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Balance of International Trade



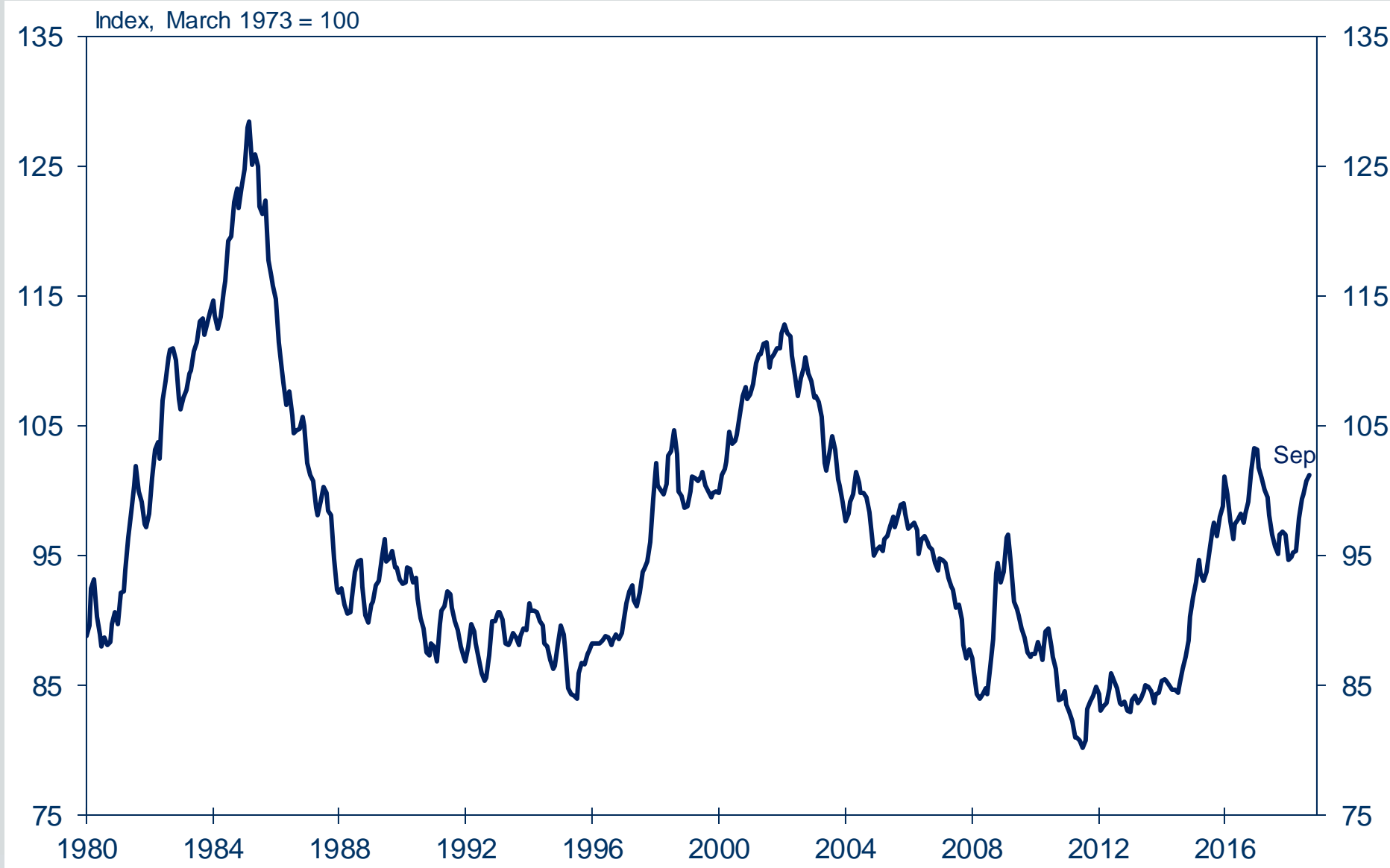
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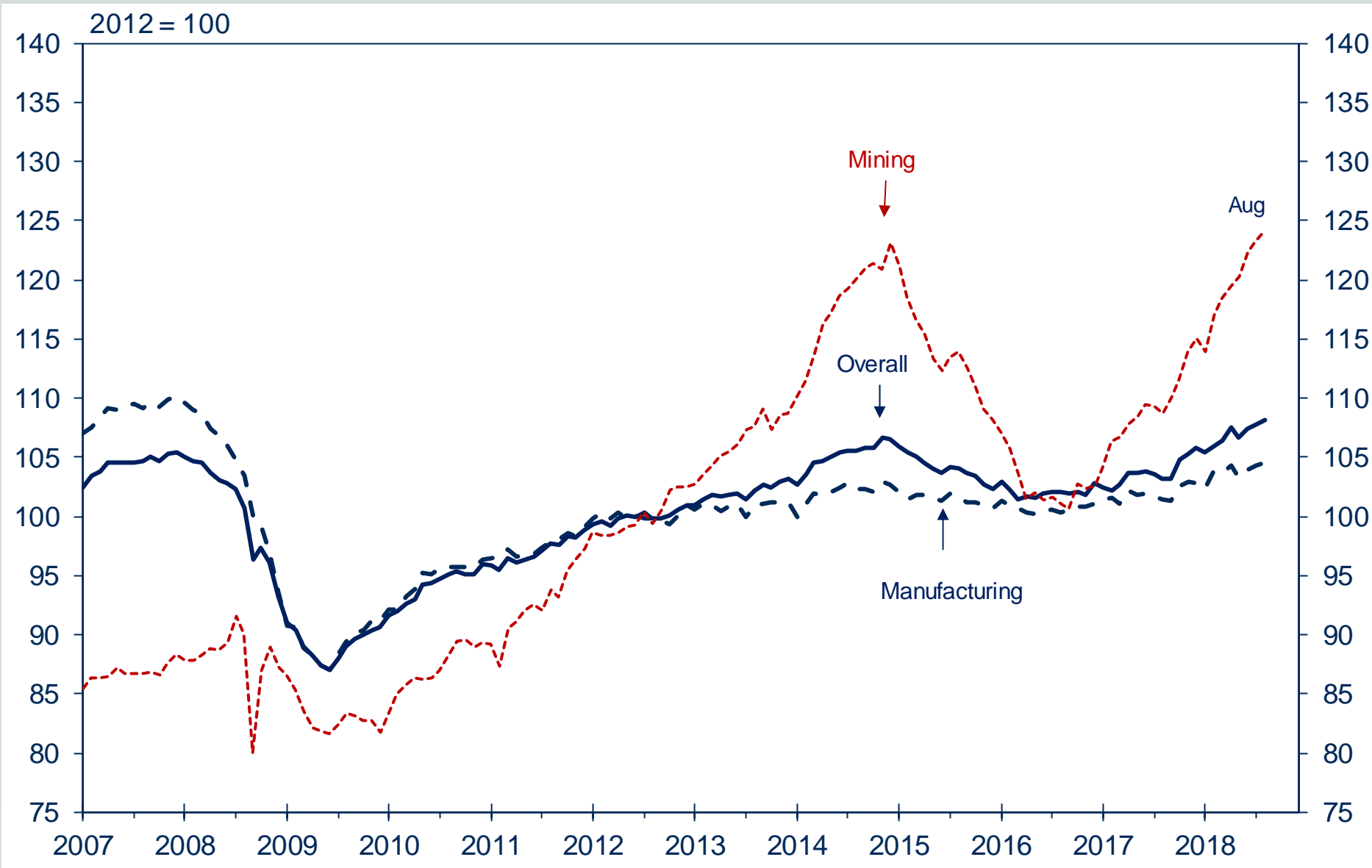
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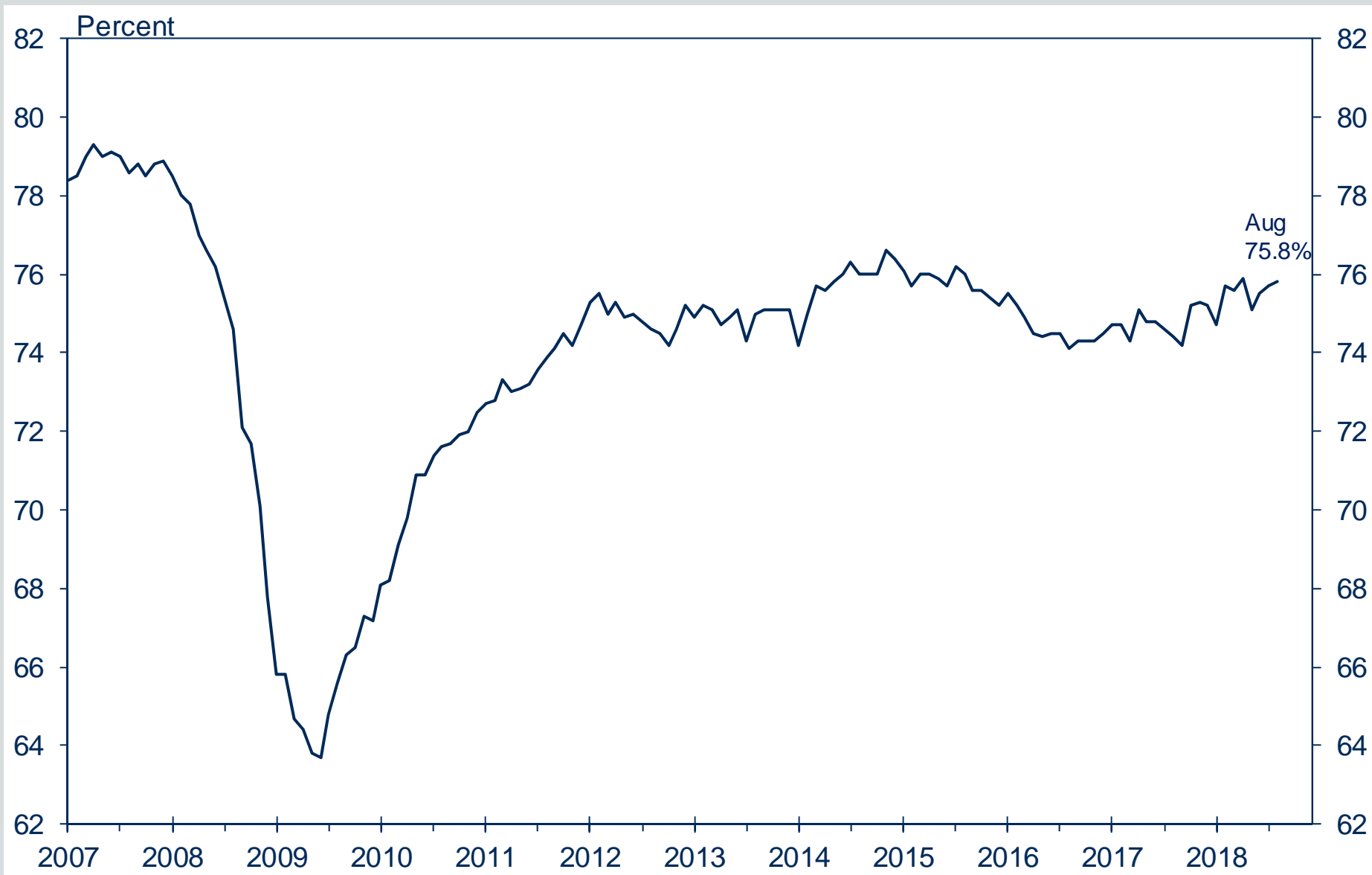


Notes: Measured as the real broad trade-weighted exchange value of the United States Dollar.

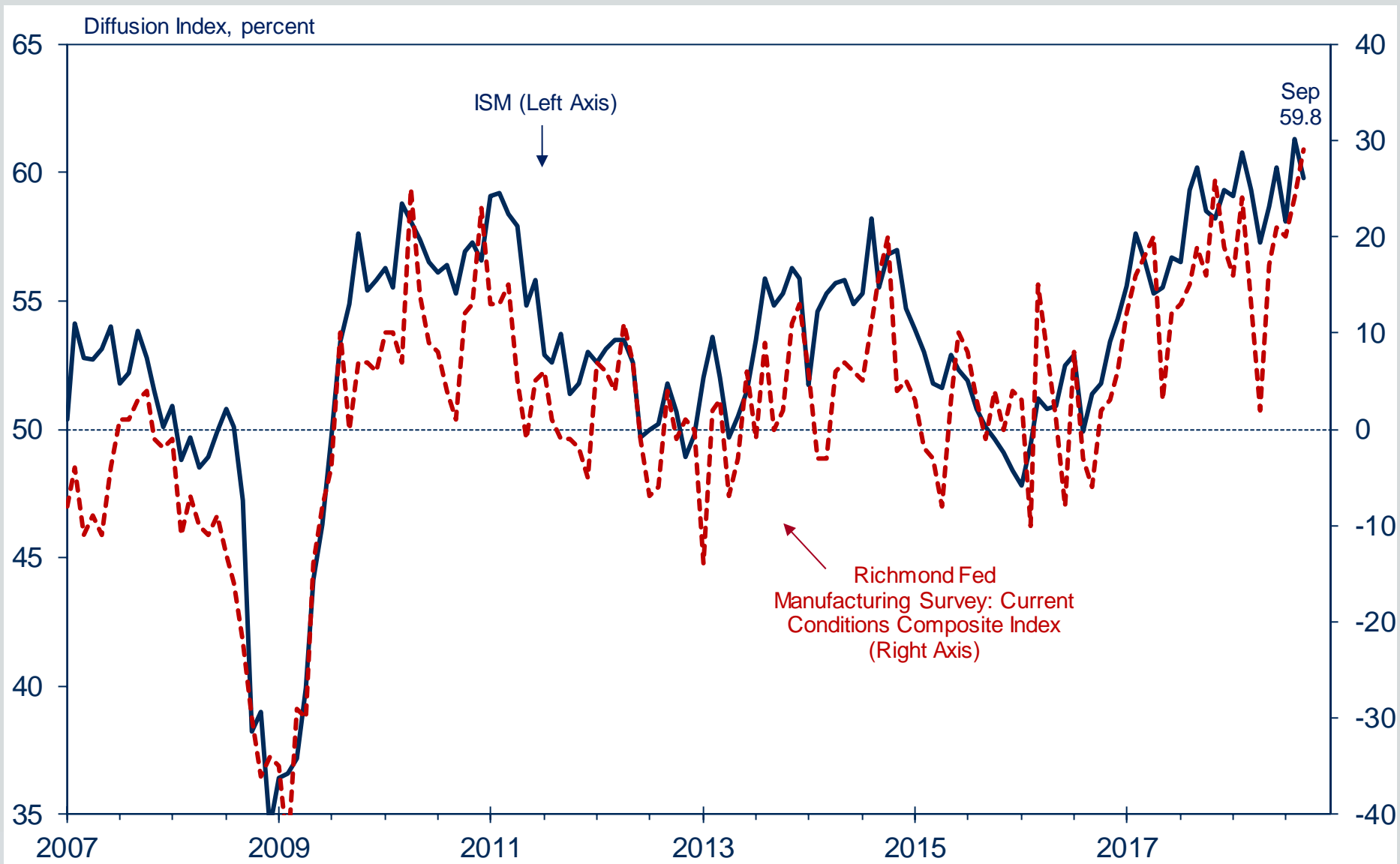
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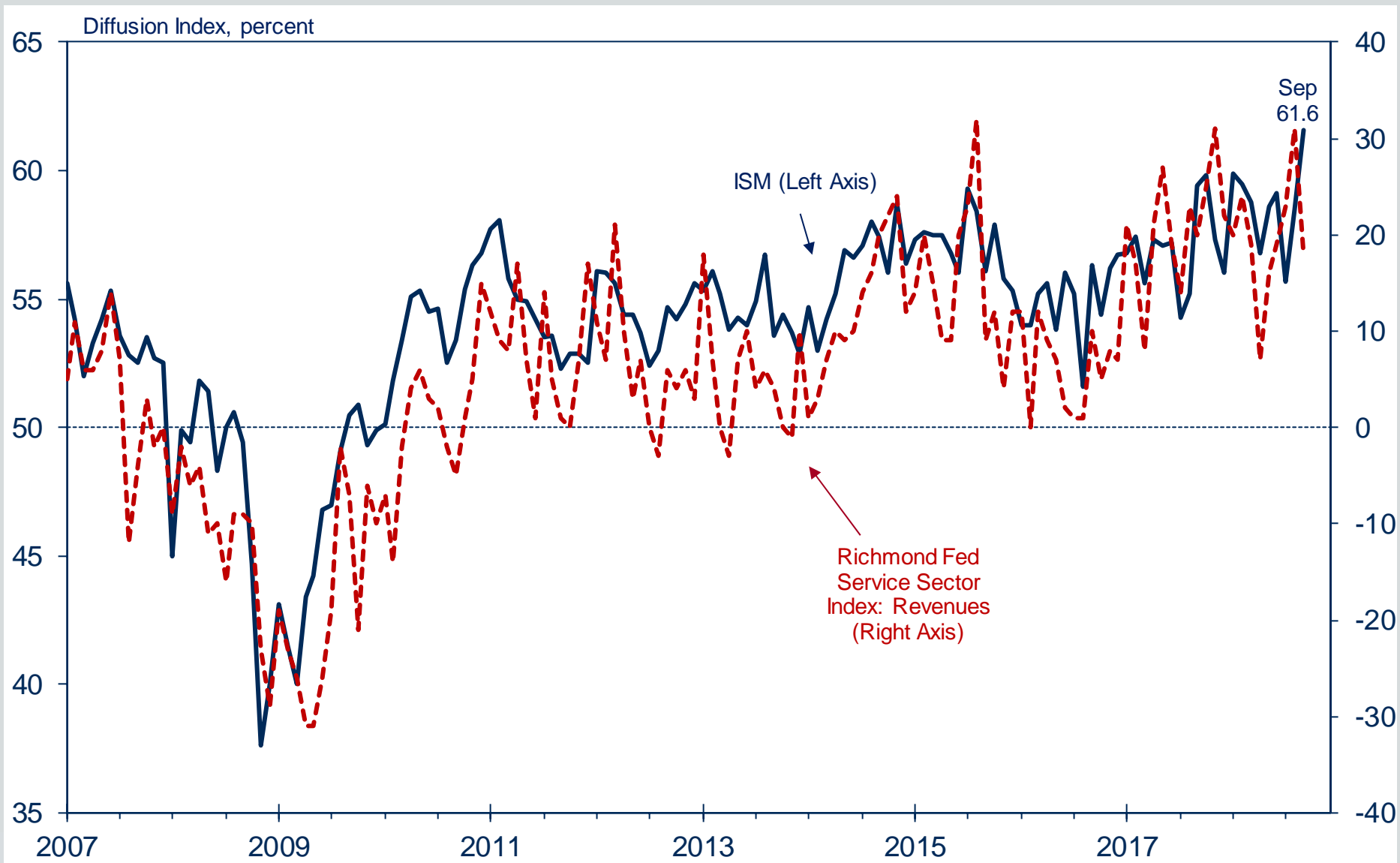
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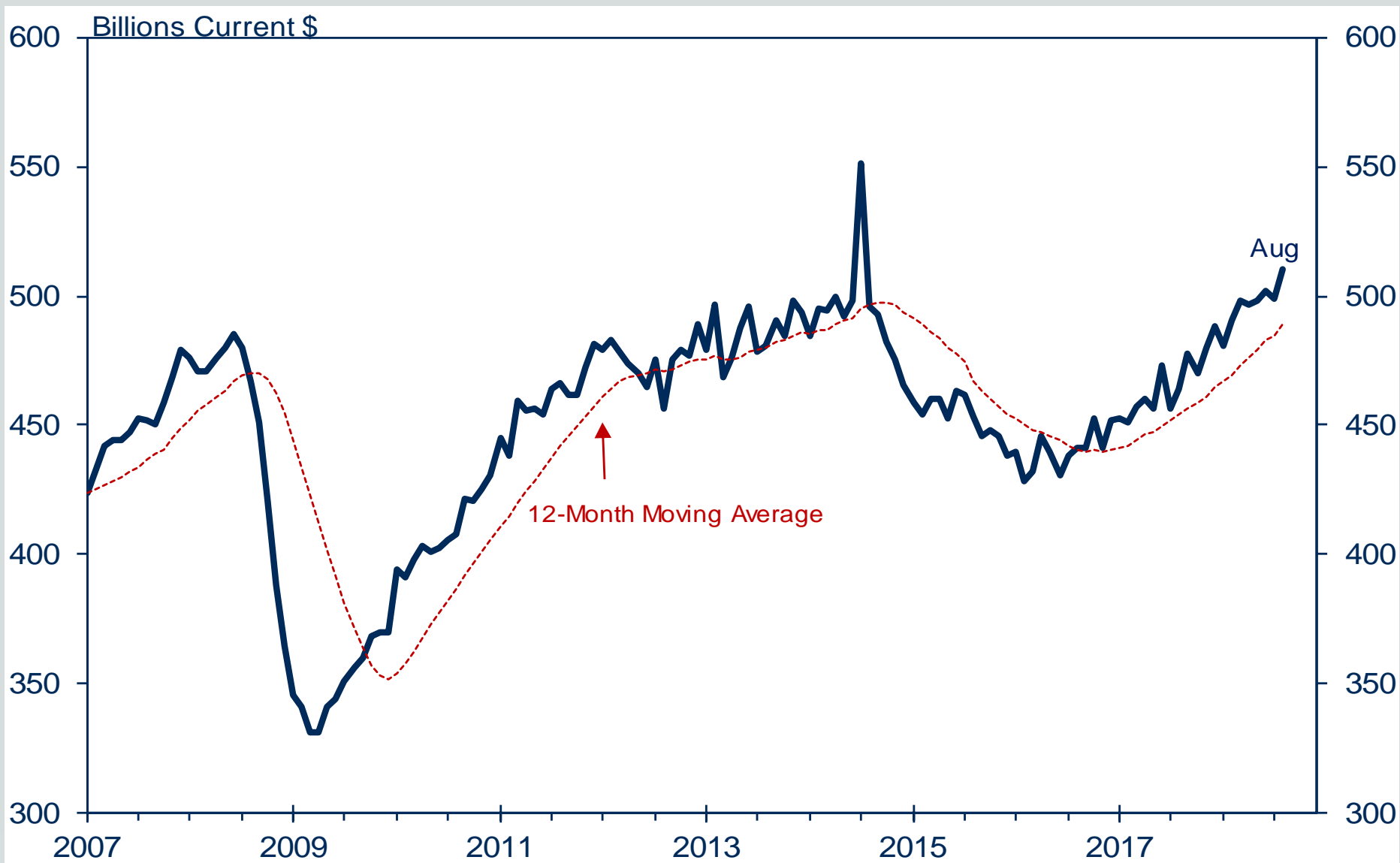
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NON-MANUFACTURING BUSINESS:

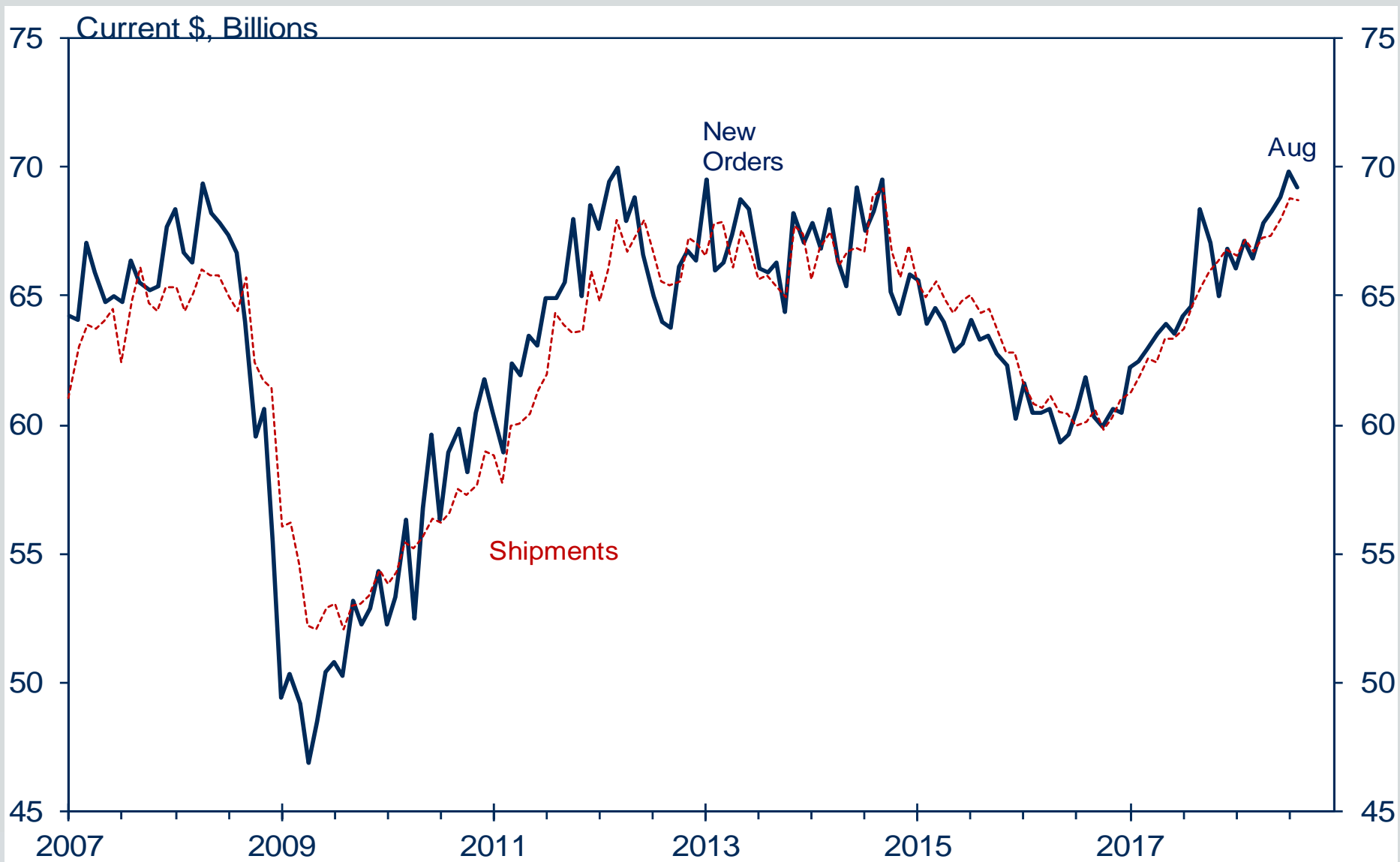
	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sep.</u>		<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sep.</u>
Purchasing Managers Index	61.3	59.8	Non-Manufacturing Index	58.5	61.6
Production	63.3	63.9	Business Activity	60.7	65.2
New Orders	65.1	61.8	New Orders	60.4	61.6
Employment	58.5	58.8	Employment	56.7	62.4
Supplier Deliveries	64.5	61.1	Supplier Deliveries	56.0	57.0
Inventories	55.4	53.3	Inventories	53.5	54.5
Prices	72.1	66.9	Prices	62.8	64.2
Backlog of Orders	57.5	55.7	Backlog of Orders	56.5	58.5
New Export Orders	55.2	56.0	New Export Orders	60.5	61.0
Imports	53.9	54.5	Imports	52.0	55.0



Manufacturers' New Orders

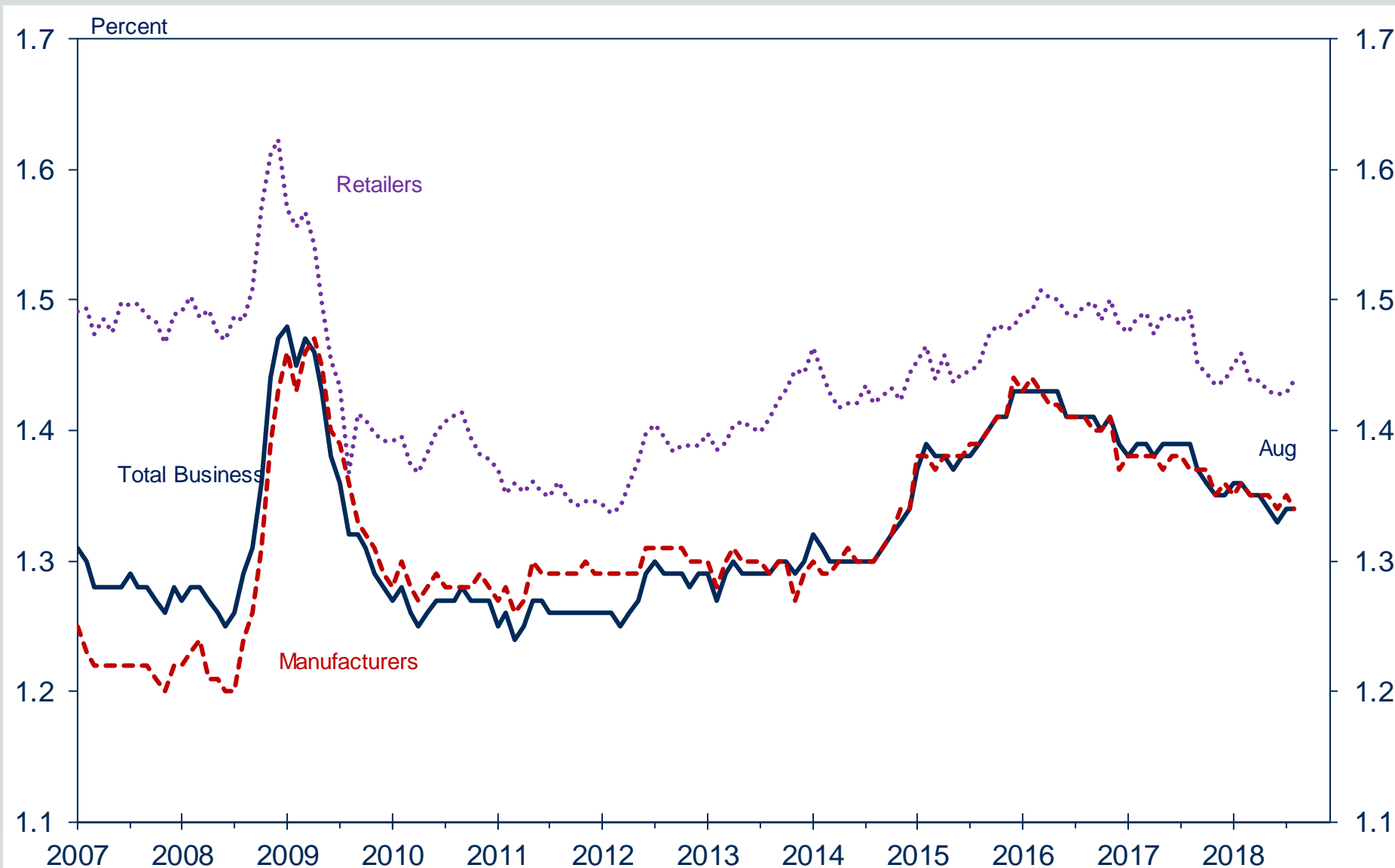


Core Capital Goods

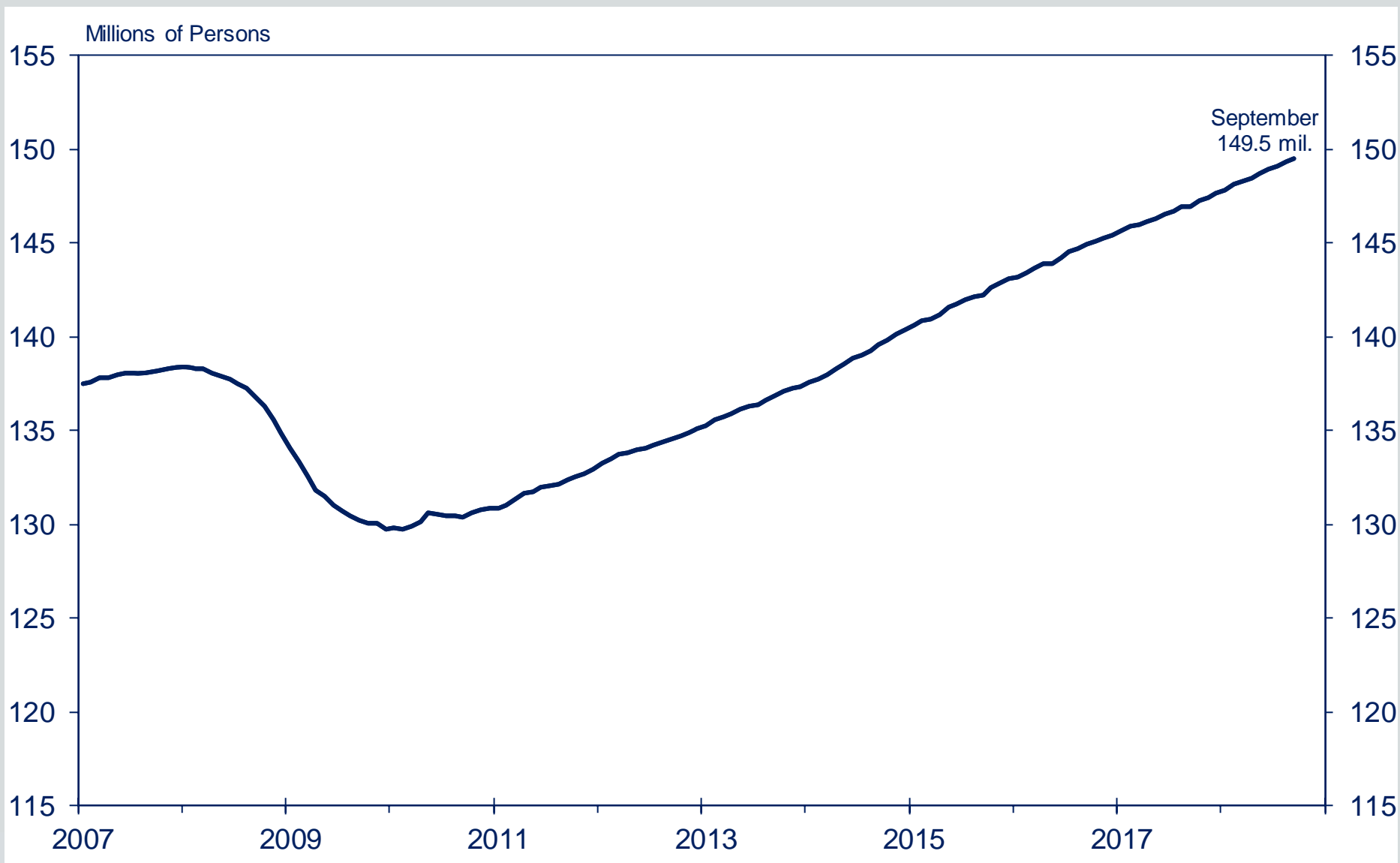


Notes: Core capital goods are nondefense capital goods excluding aircraft.

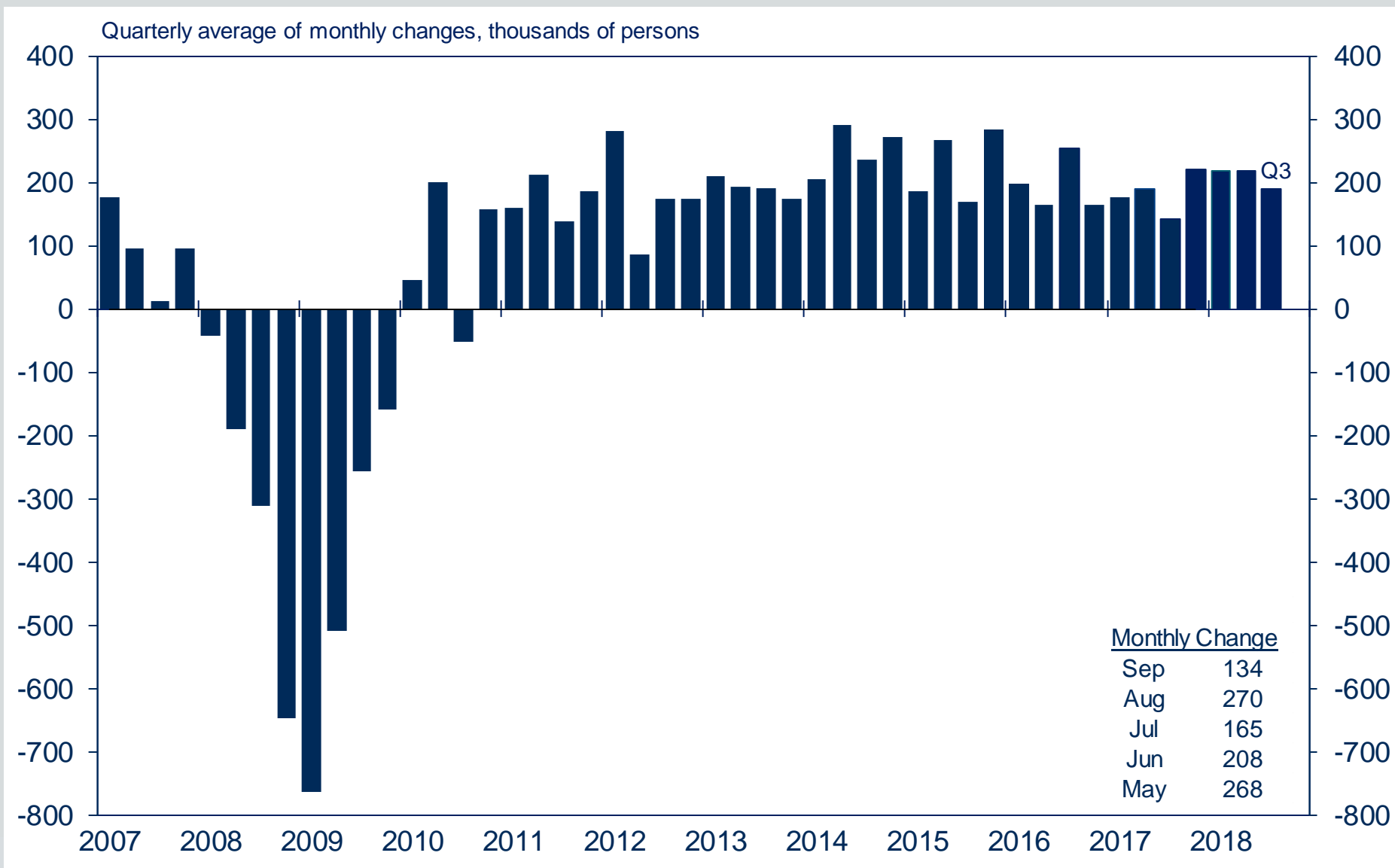
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Nonfarm Payroll Employment

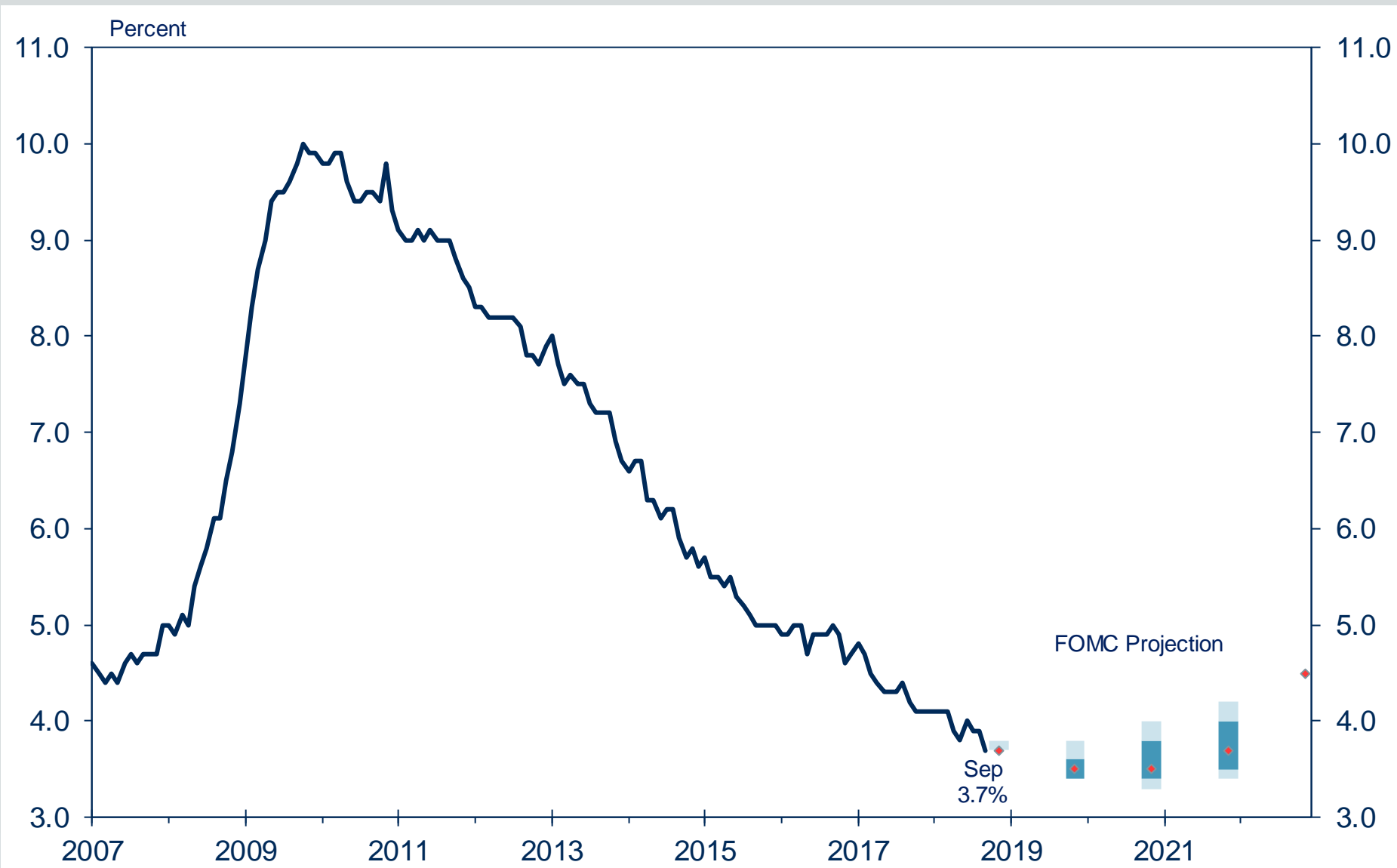


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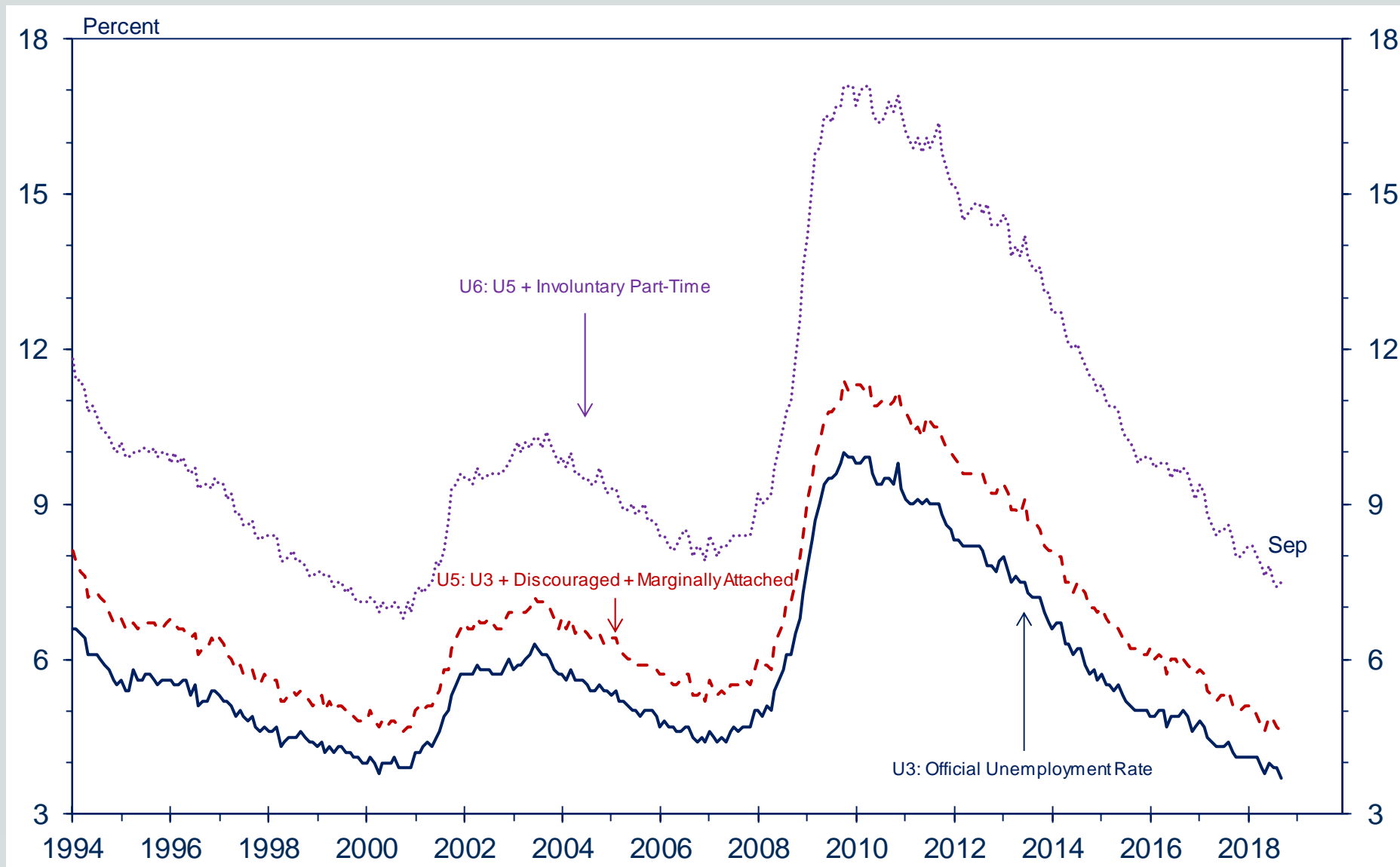
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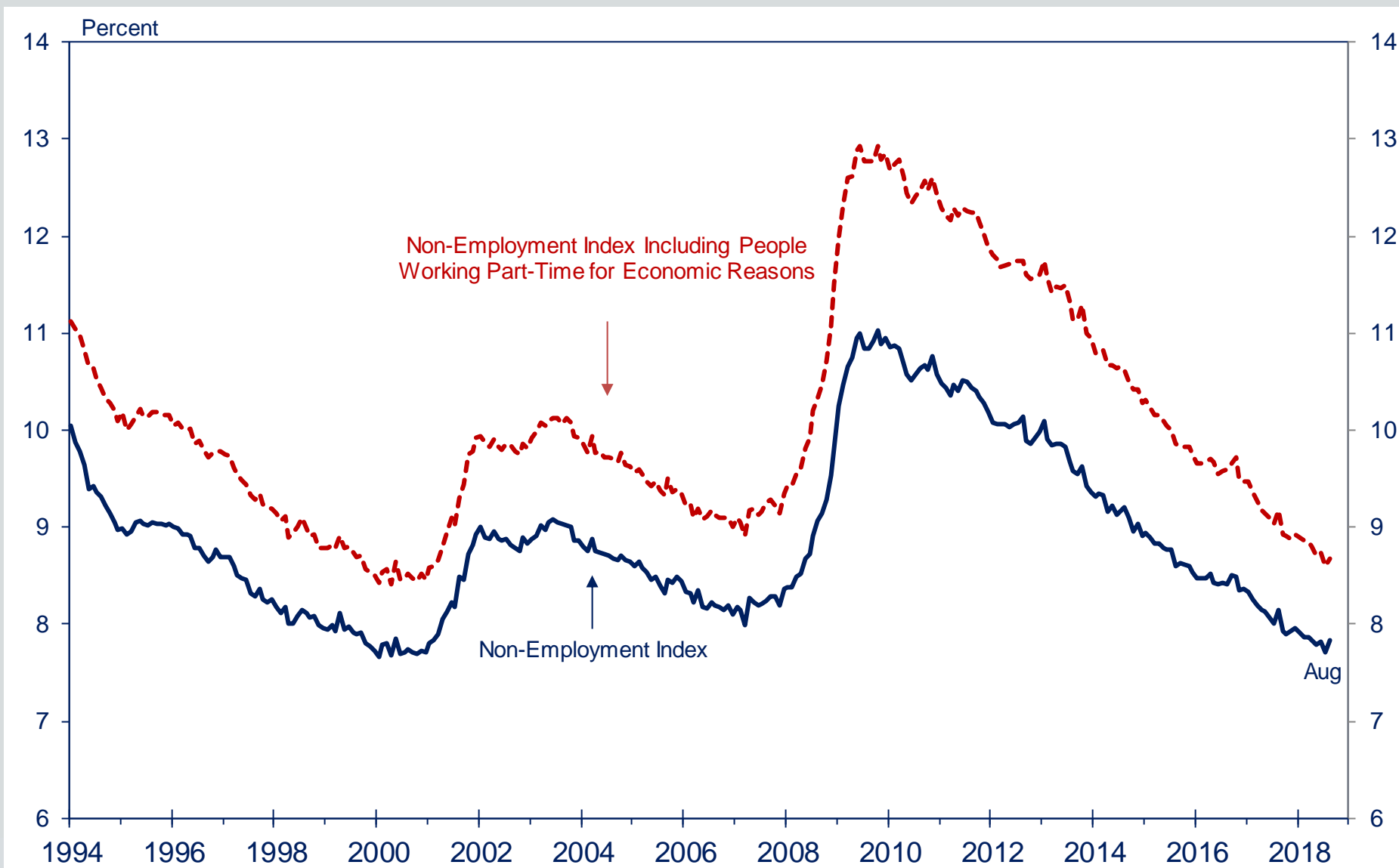


Notes: FOMC projection is the median, range, and central tendency for the Q4 levels, from the September 2018 meeting. Red dots indicate median projections

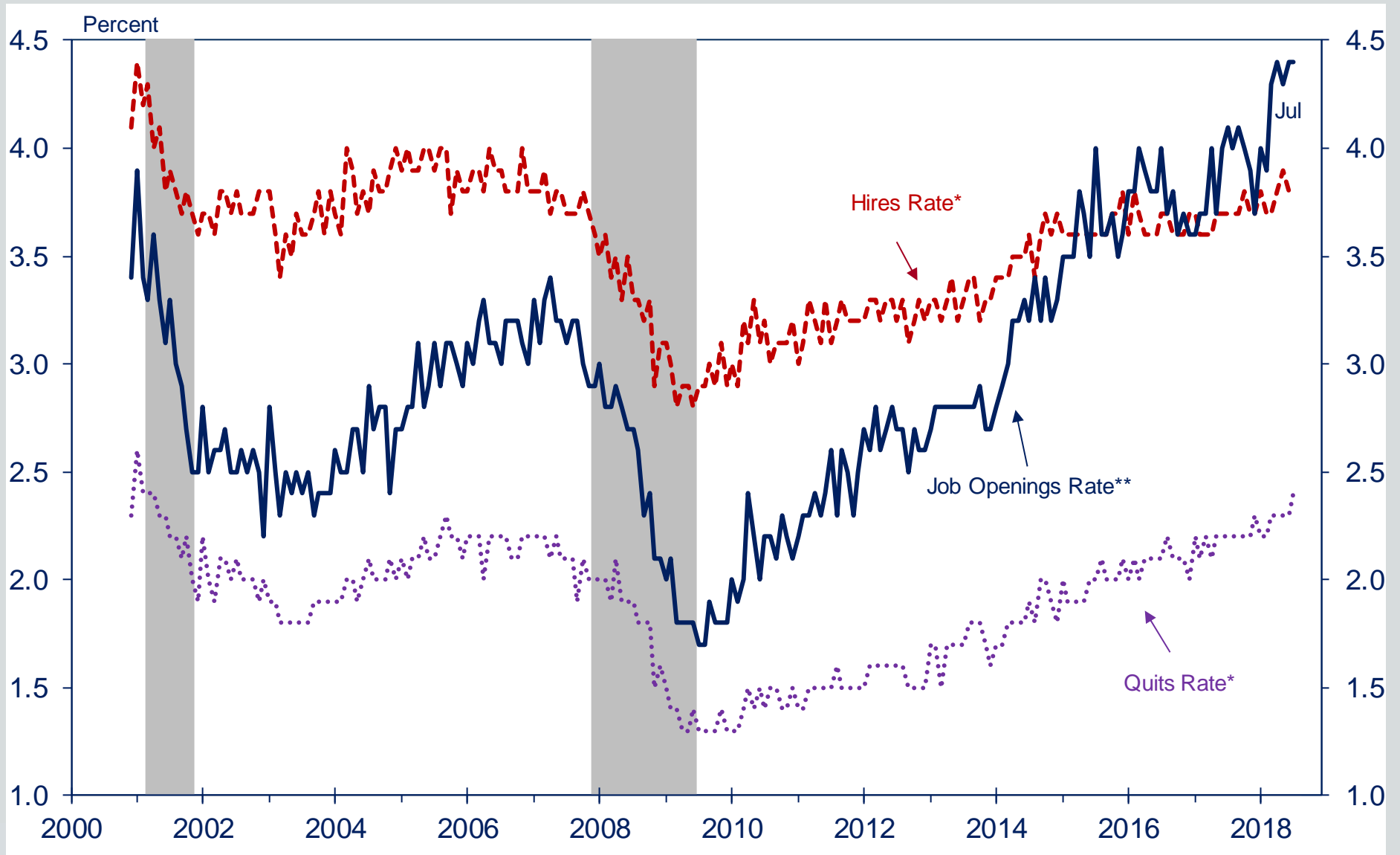
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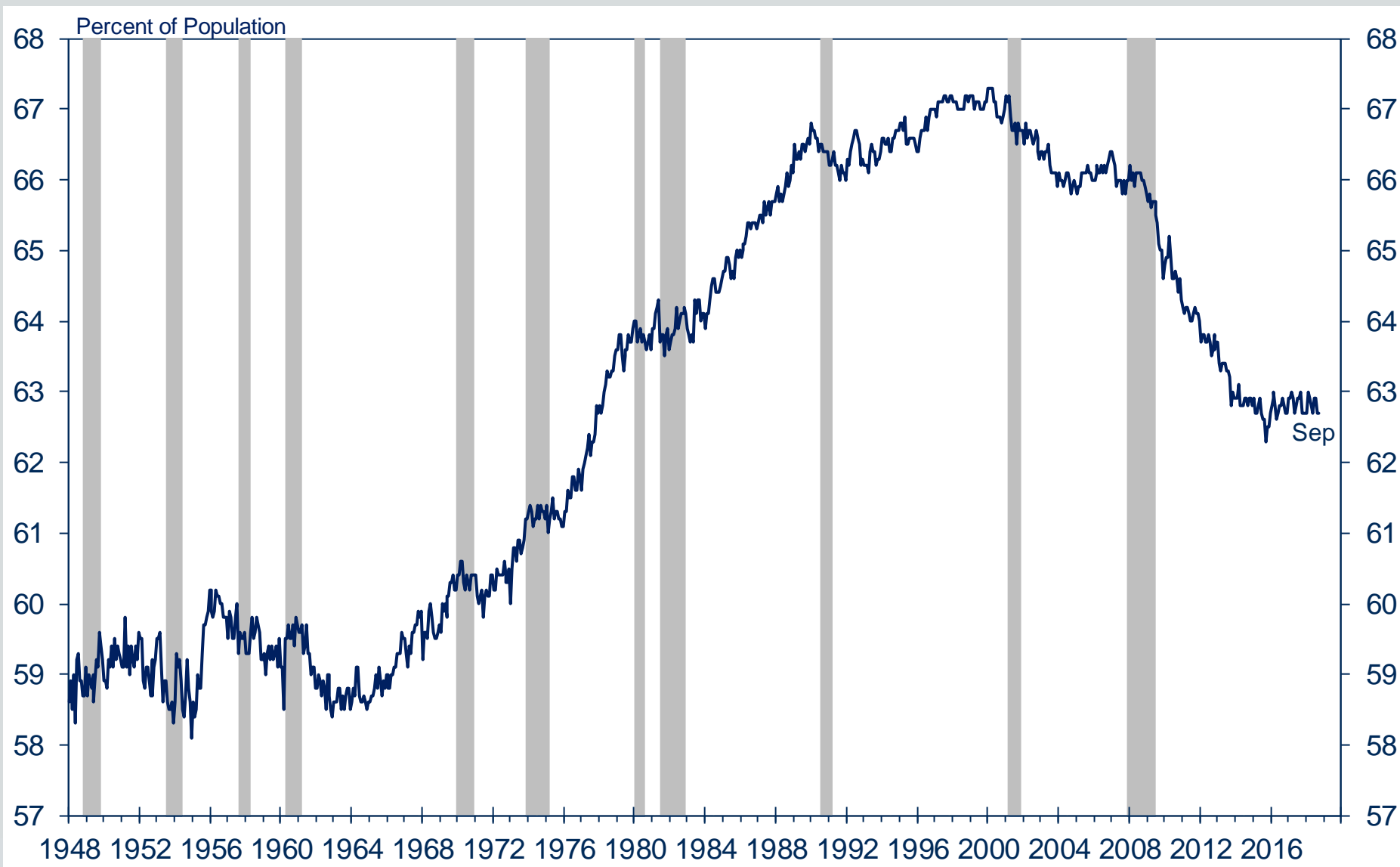


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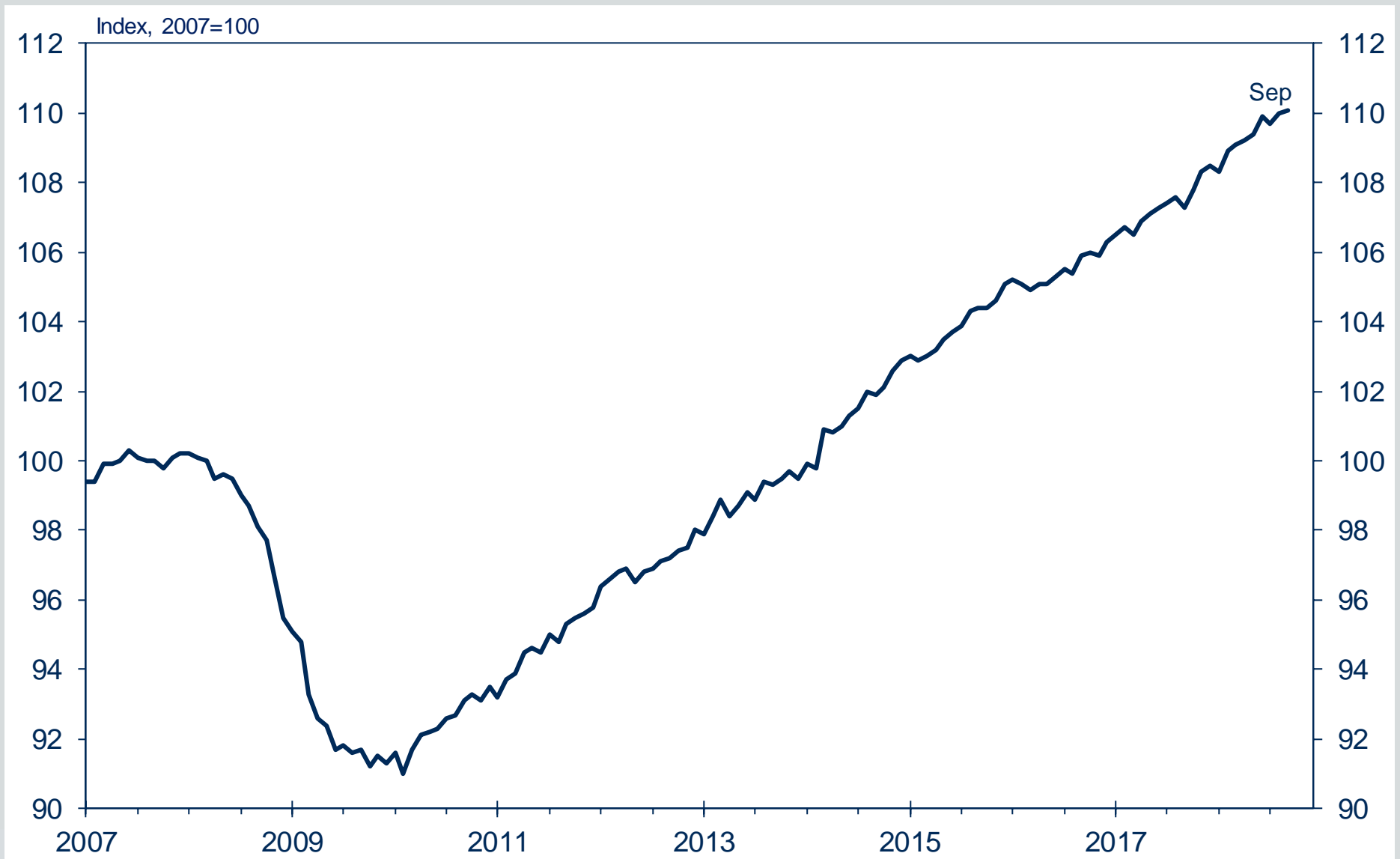


Note: *Percent of total employment. **Percent of total employment plus job openings.

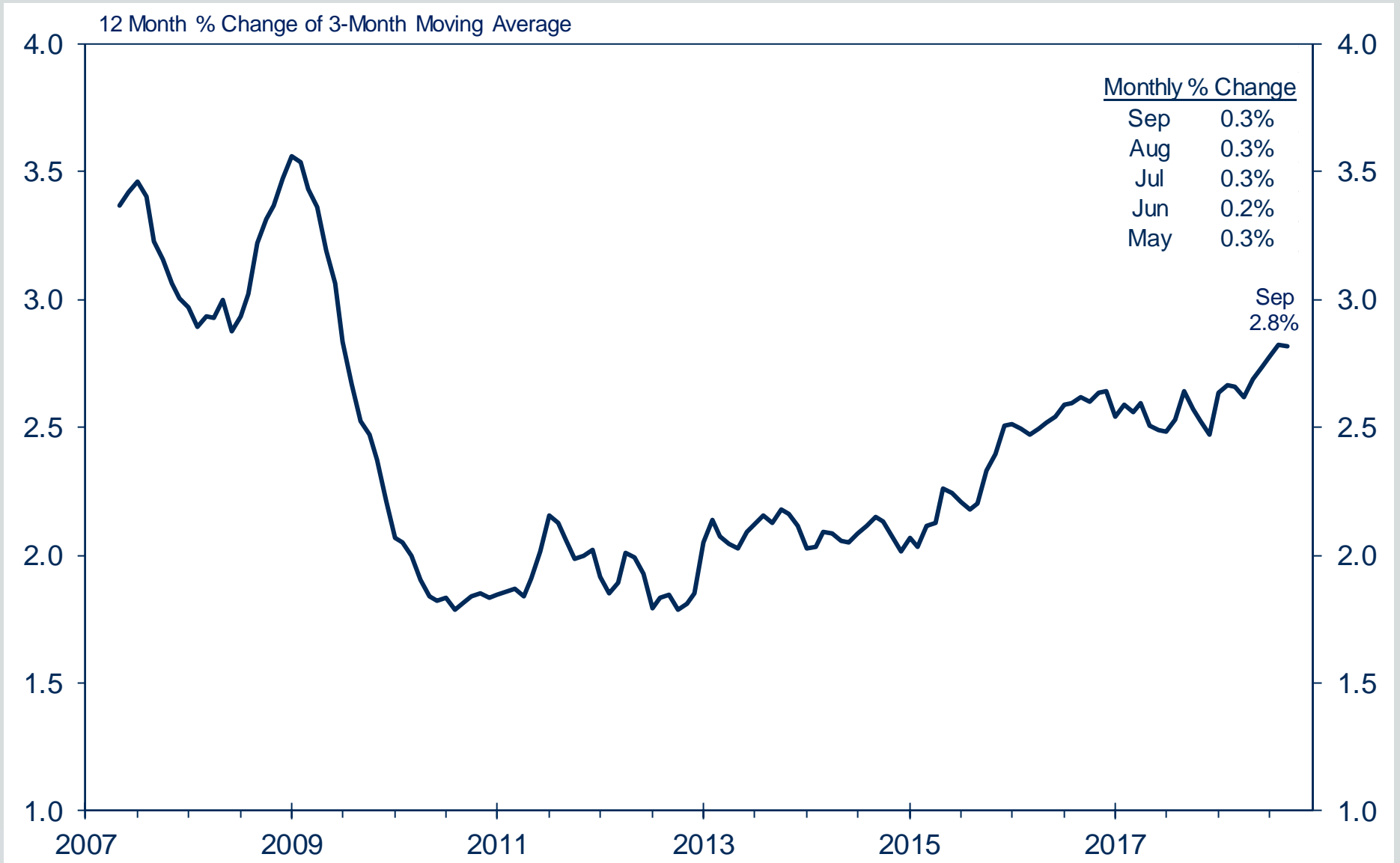
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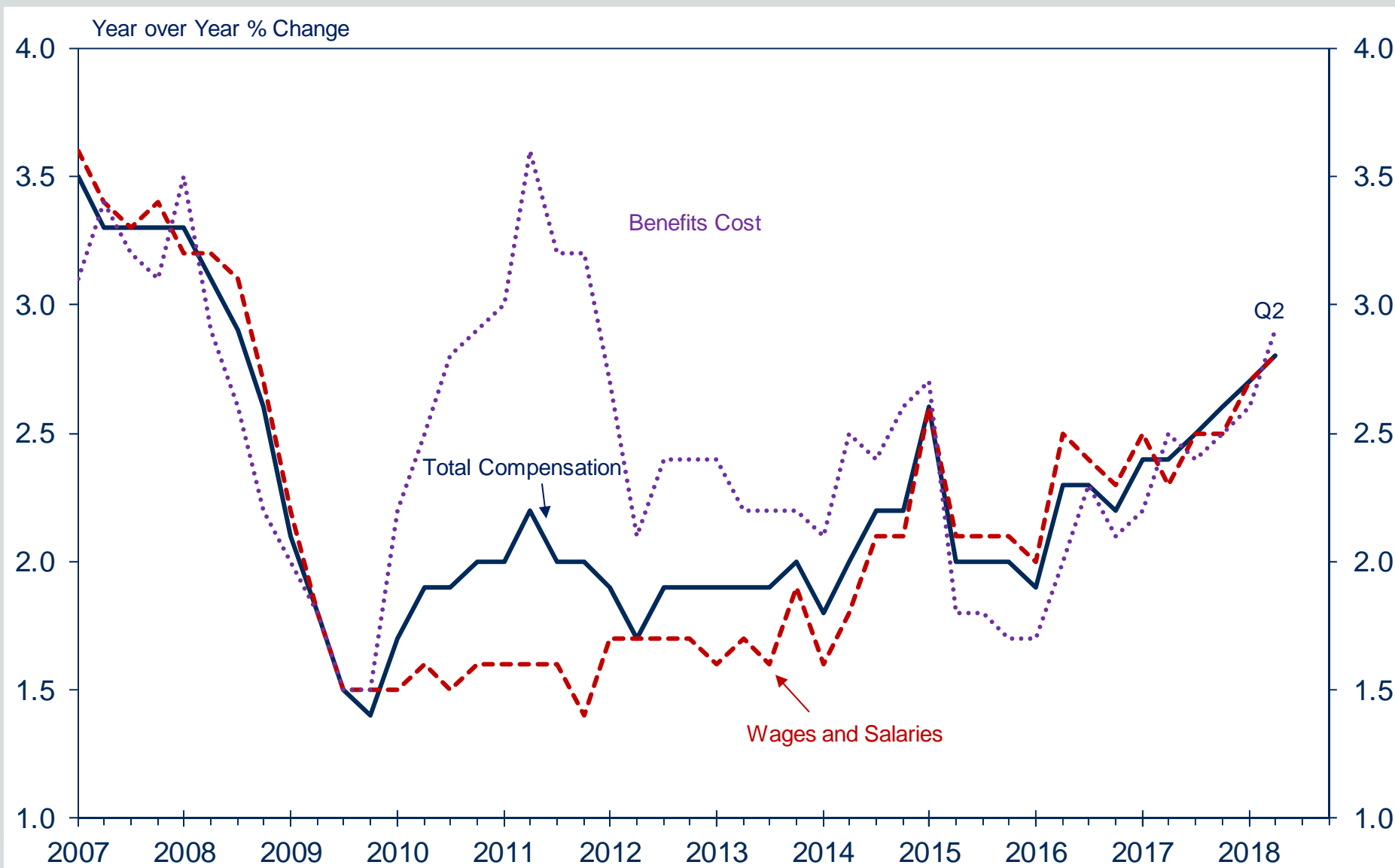
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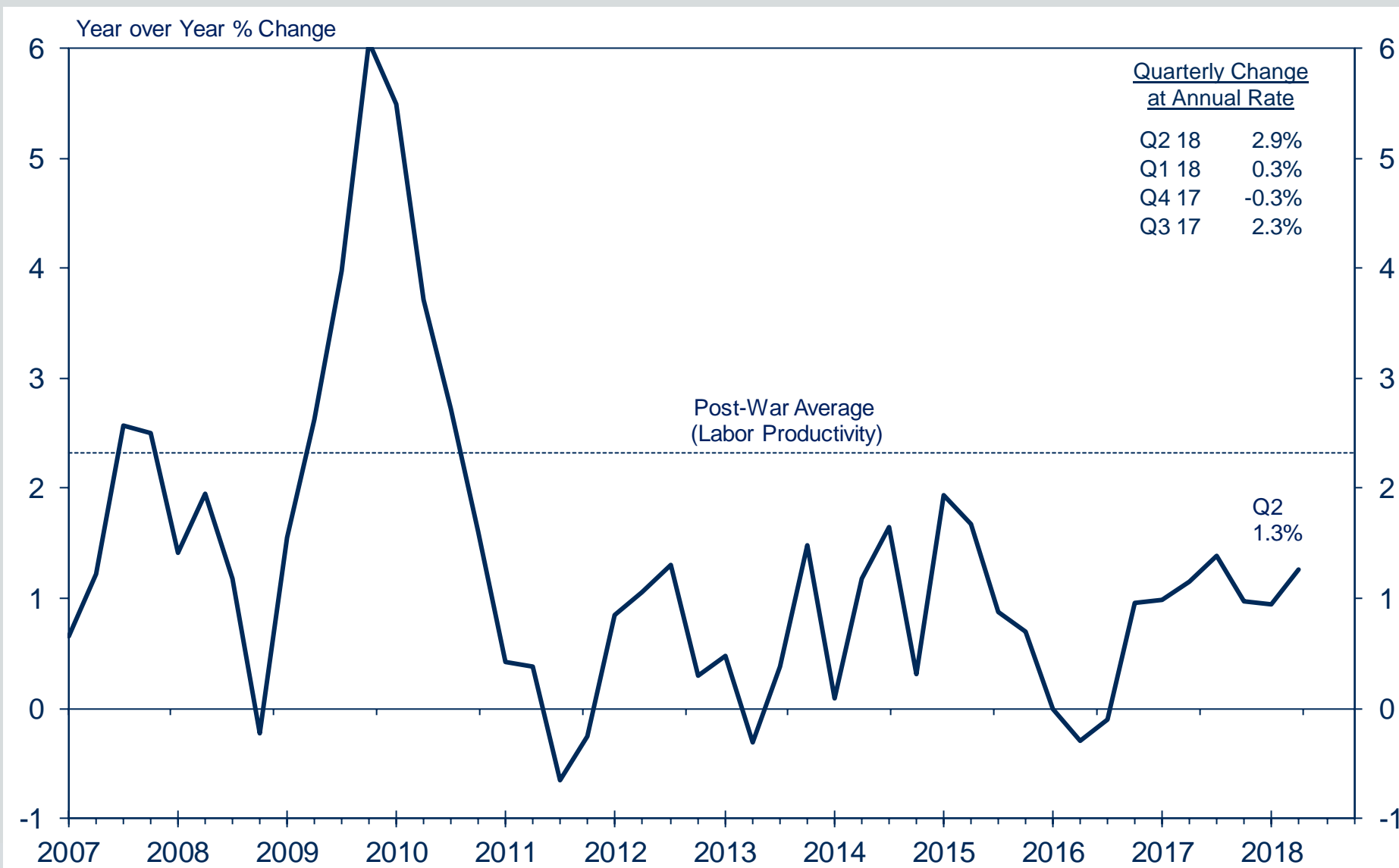
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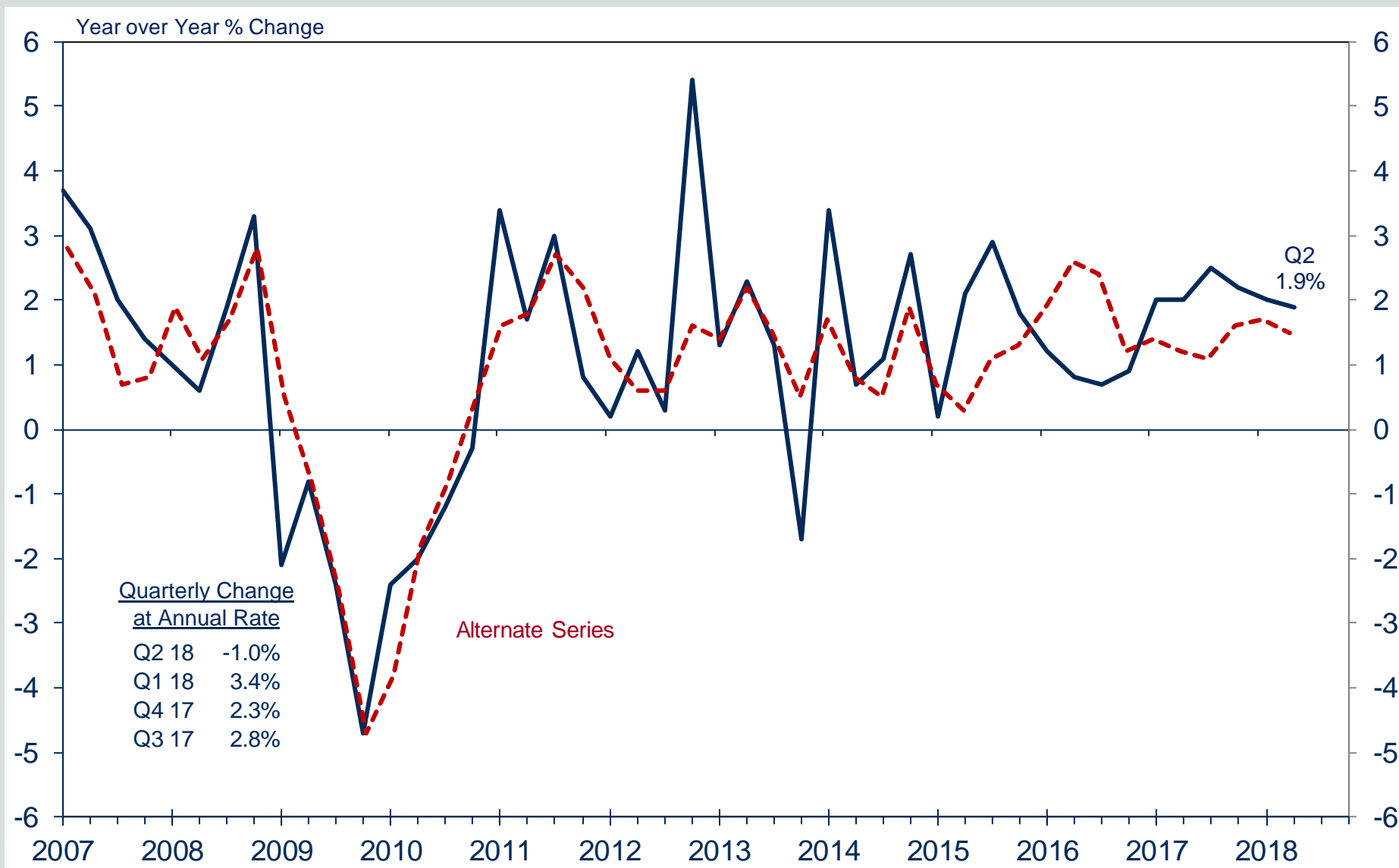
Employment Cost Index



Labor Productivity, Nonfarm Business



Unit Labor Cost, Nonfarm Business



Notes: Alternate series is derived from the Employment Cost Index.

Gauges of Inflation

Expenditure Price Indexes	[Percent Change from Previous Month at Annual Rate]:		
	July	Aug.	YoY %
Personal Consumption Expenditures	1.6	1.3	2.2
Core (excludes Food and Energy)	2.0	0.4	2.0

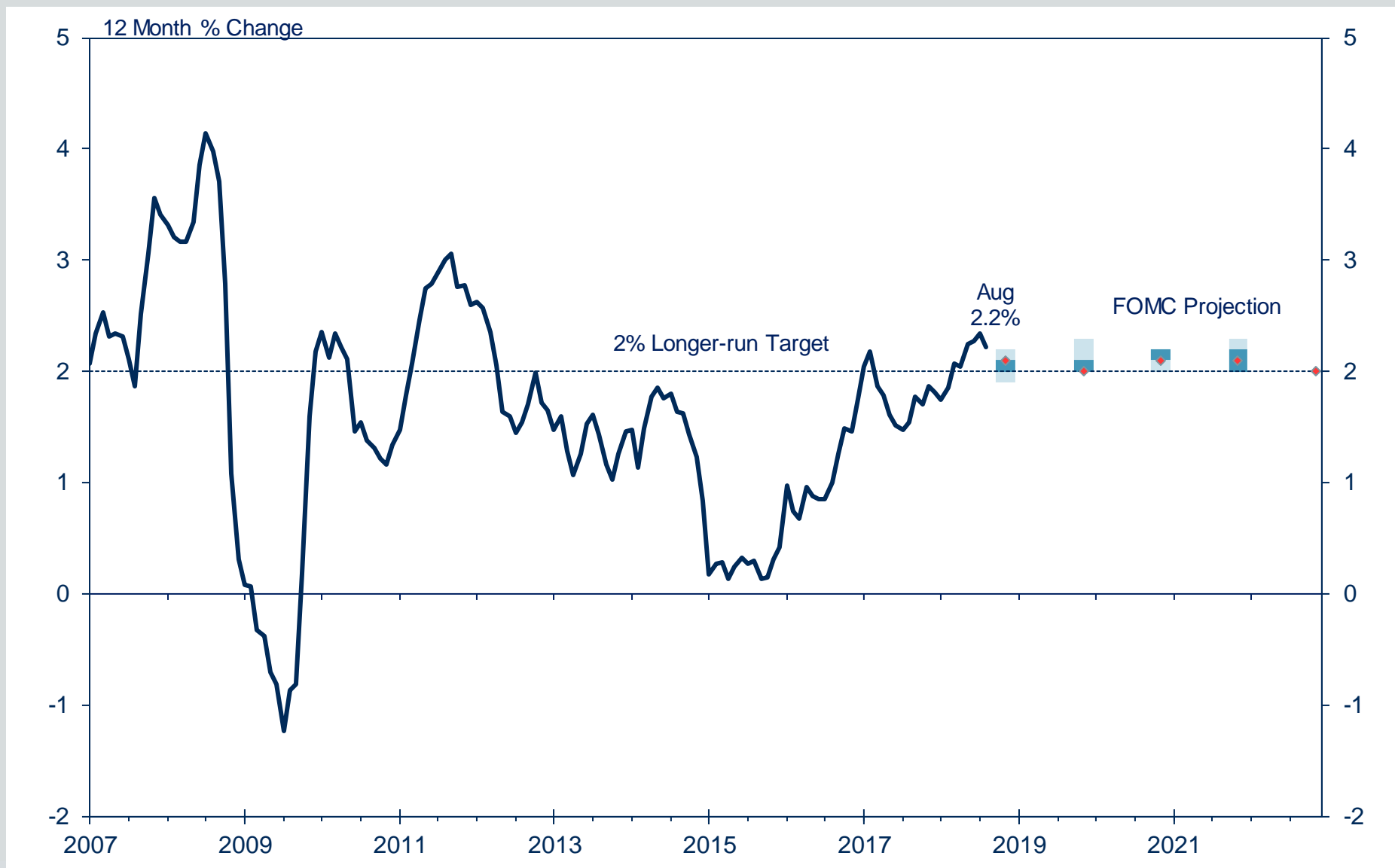
Consumer Price Indexes	[Percent Change from Previous Month at Annual Rate]:		
	Aug.	Sep.	YoY %
All Items	2.7	0.7	2.3
Core (excludes Food and Energy)	1.0	1.4	2.2

Producer Price Indexes	[Percent Change from Previous Month at Annual Rate]:		
	Aug.	Sep.	YoY %
Finished Goods	0.6	-1.2	2.9
Core (excludes Food and Energy)	1.2	3.6	2.6
Core Intermediate Goods	2.4	2.4	5.0
Crude Goods	-51.2	21.8	4.2

Spot Commodity Price Index	[Percent Change from Previous Month]:		
	Aug.	Sep.	YoY %
CRB Spot Commodity Price Index	-4.8	0.9	-2.9

Notes: Core PCE Price Index includes expenditures on food services.

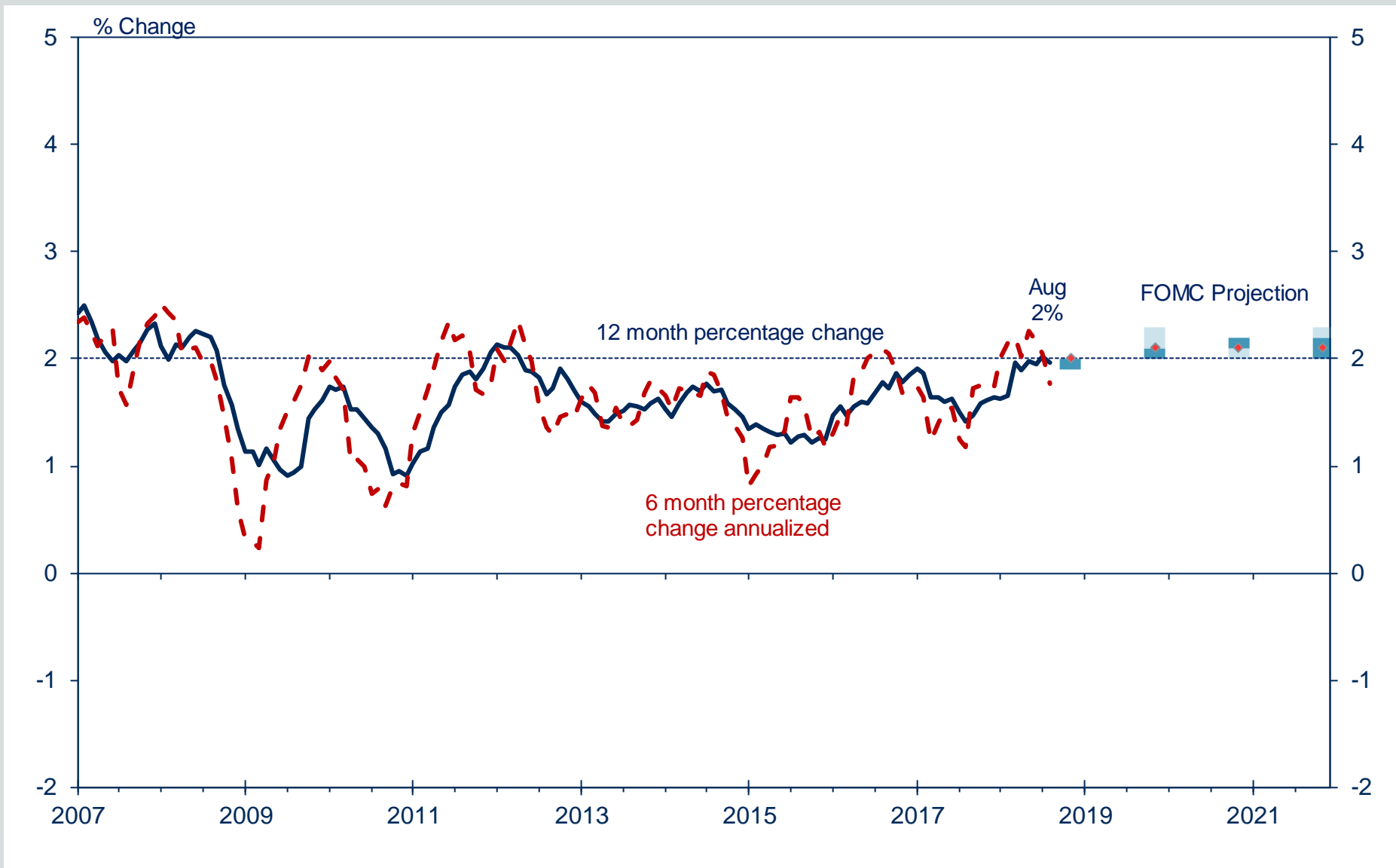
Personal Consumption Expenditure Price Index



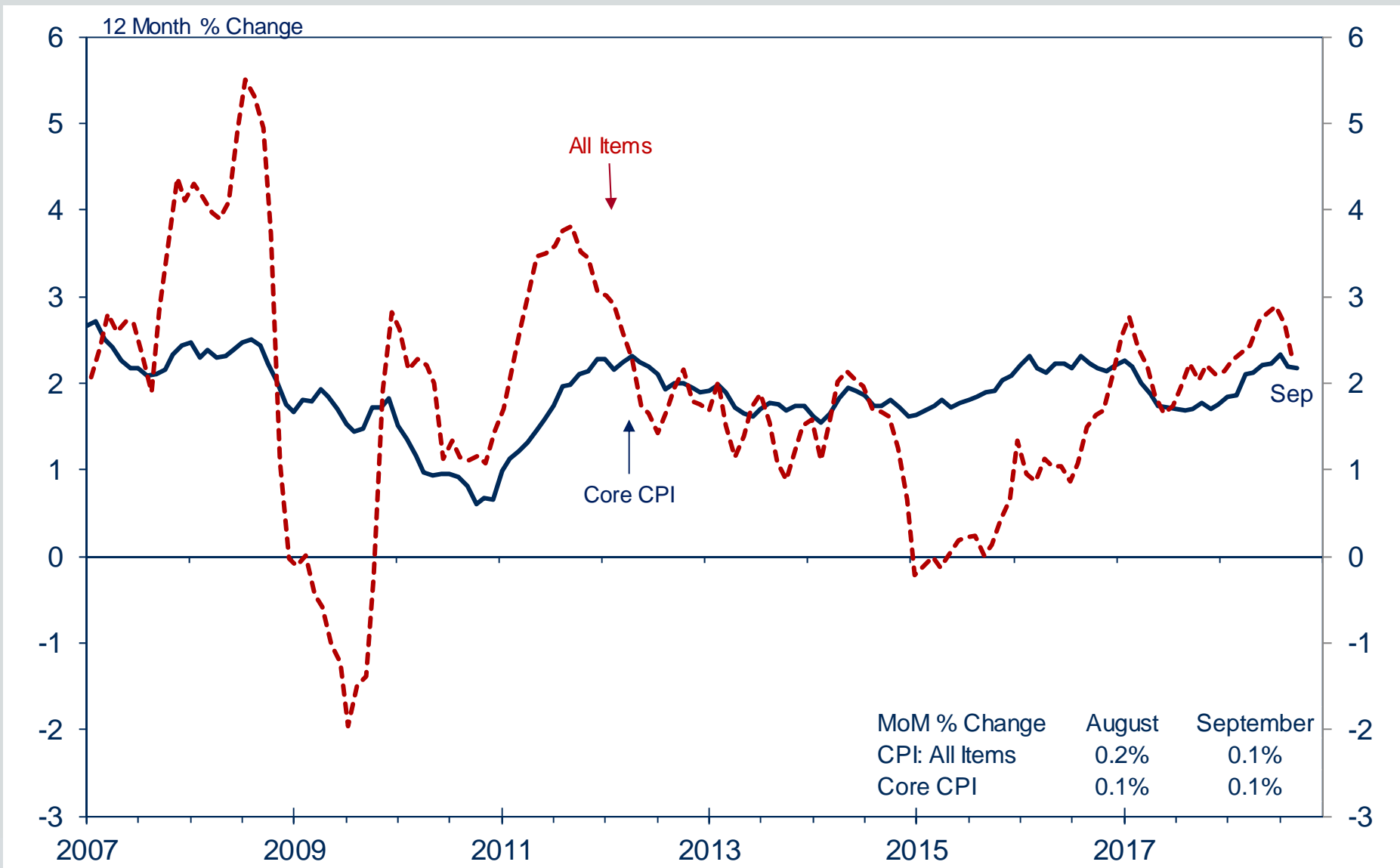
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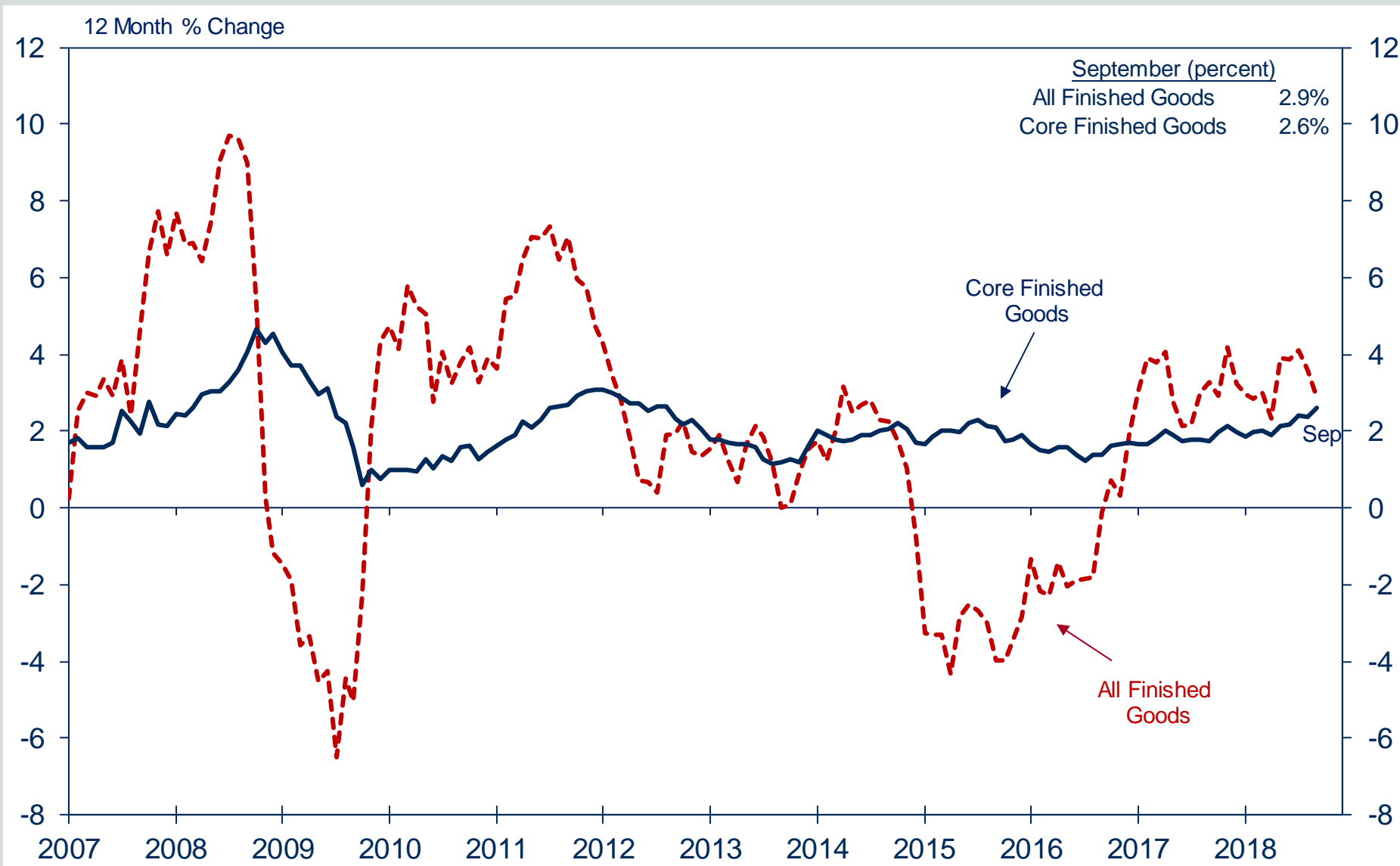
Core Personal Consumption Expenditure Price Index



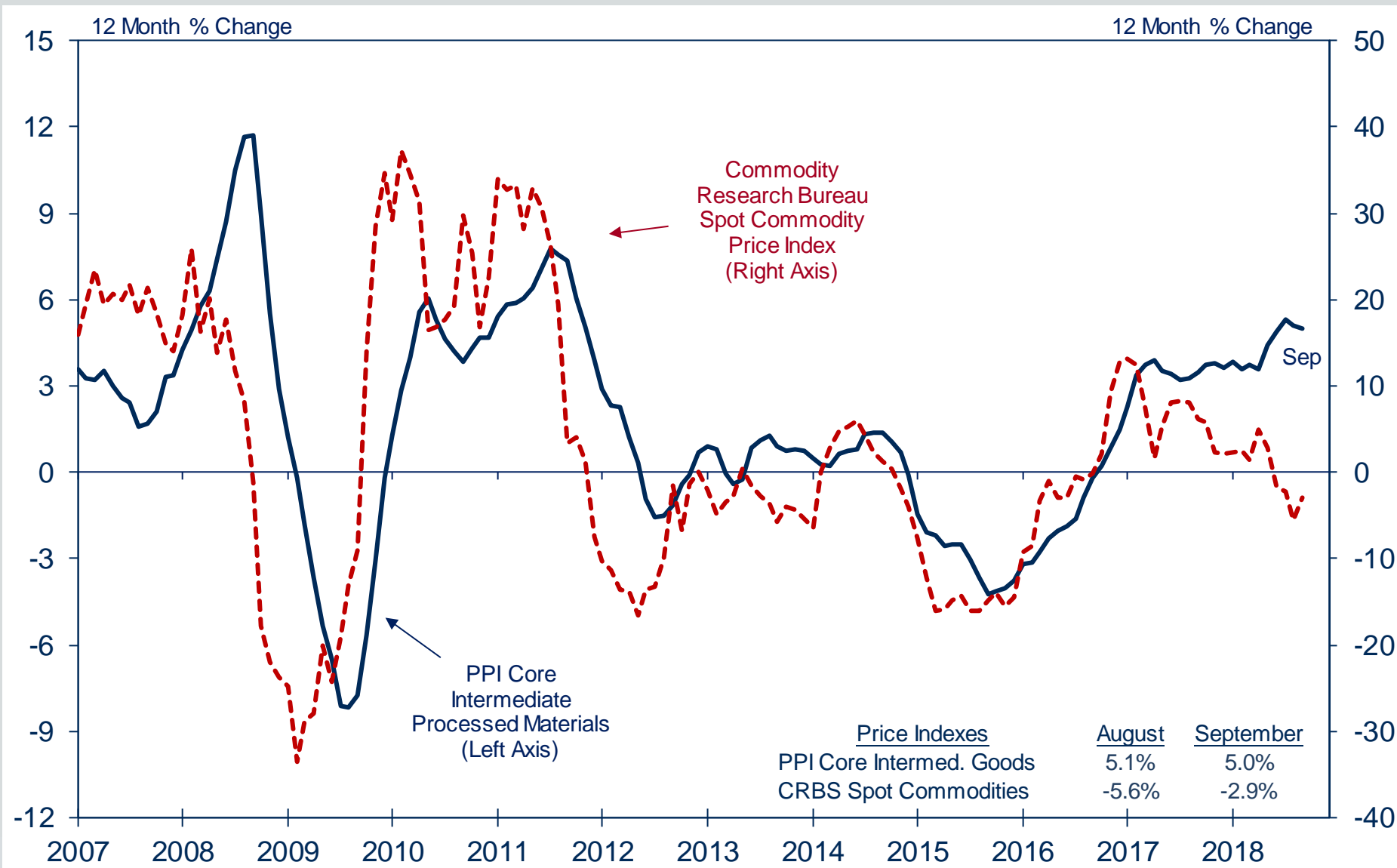
Consumer Price Indexes



Producer Price Indexes



Commodity Price Indexes



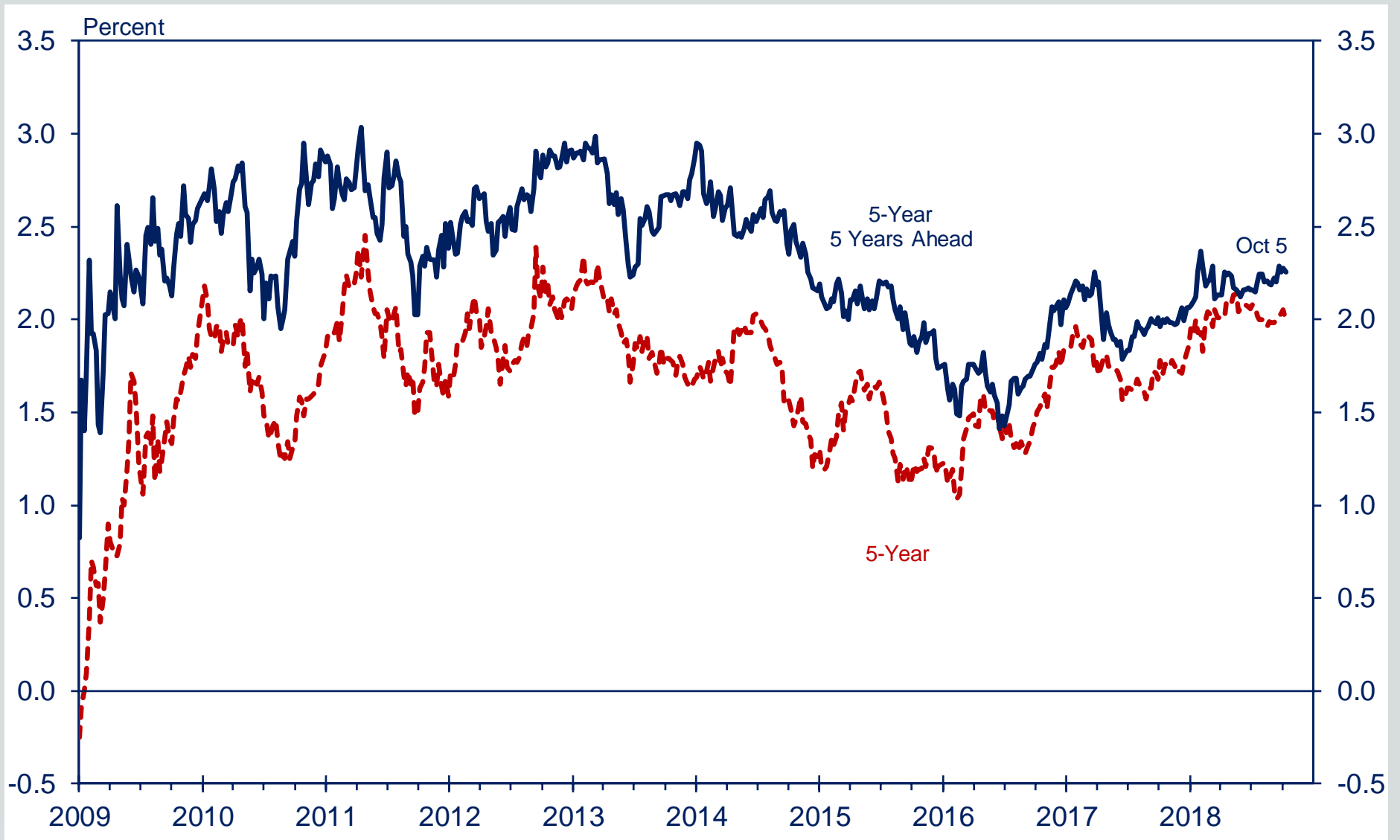
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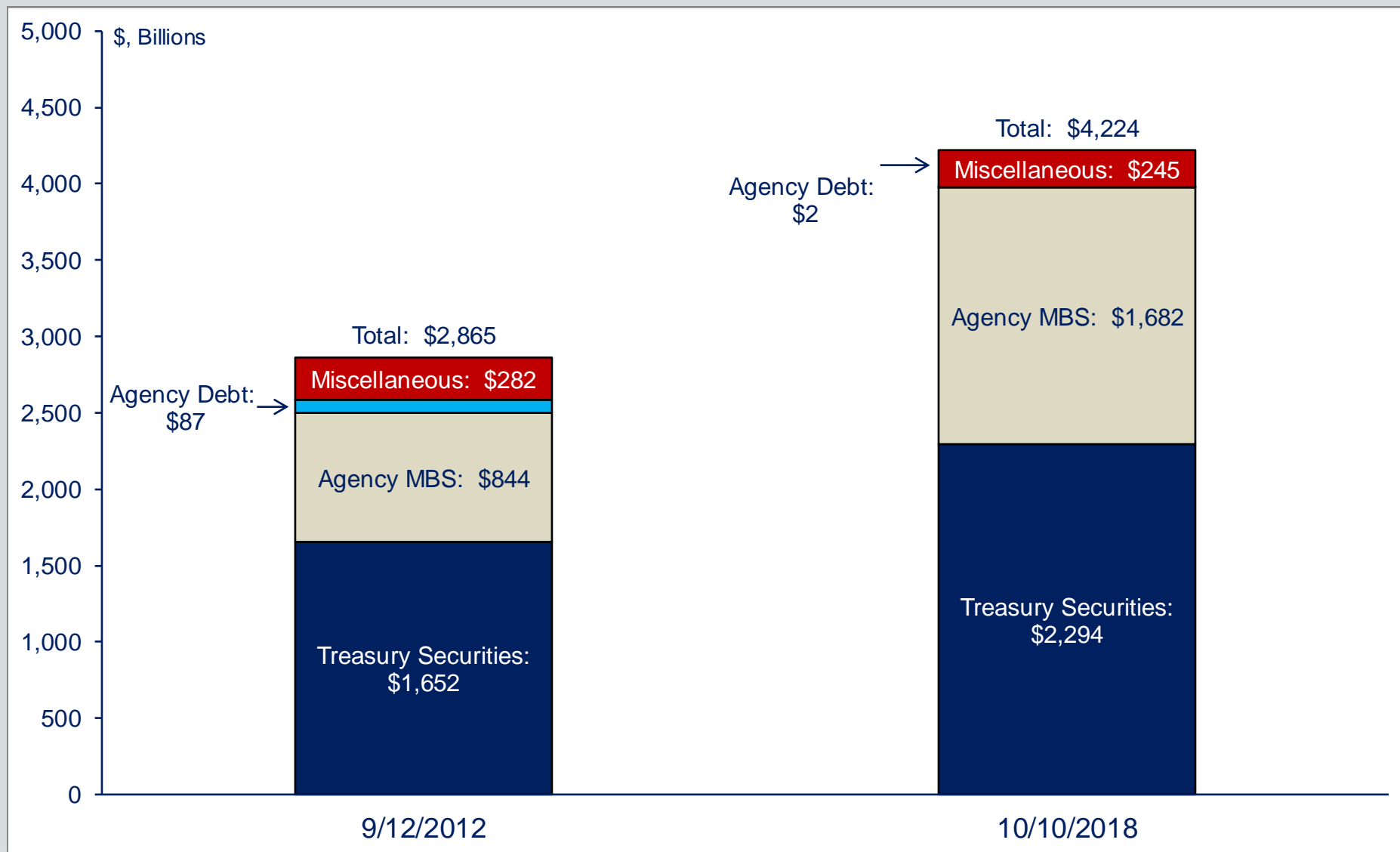
Notes: Spot and Futures Prices are for Brent Crude Oil.

Source: Financial Times & New York Mercantile Exchange via Haver Analytics & Bloomberg

TIPS Inflation Compensation

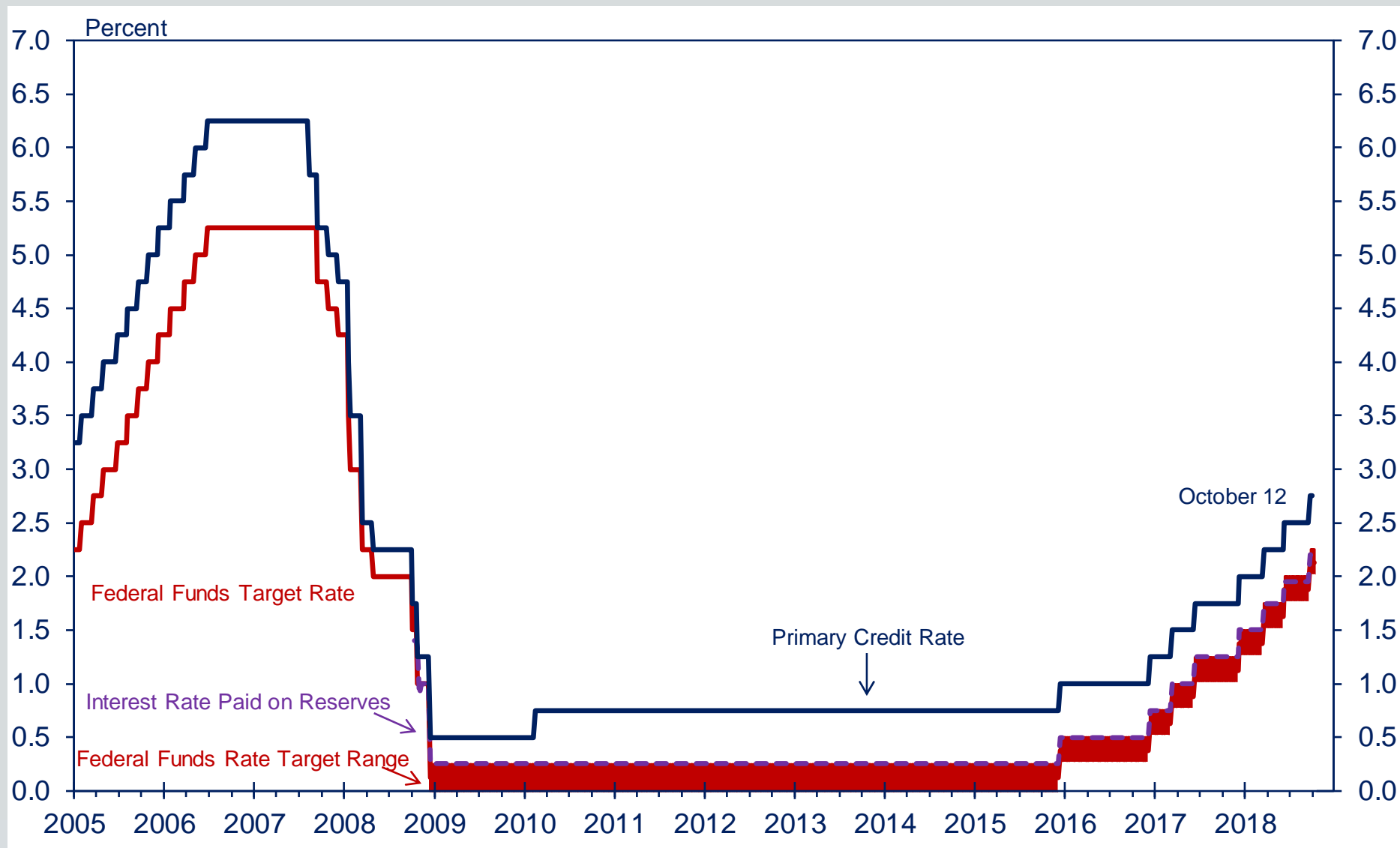


Federal Reserve System Assets

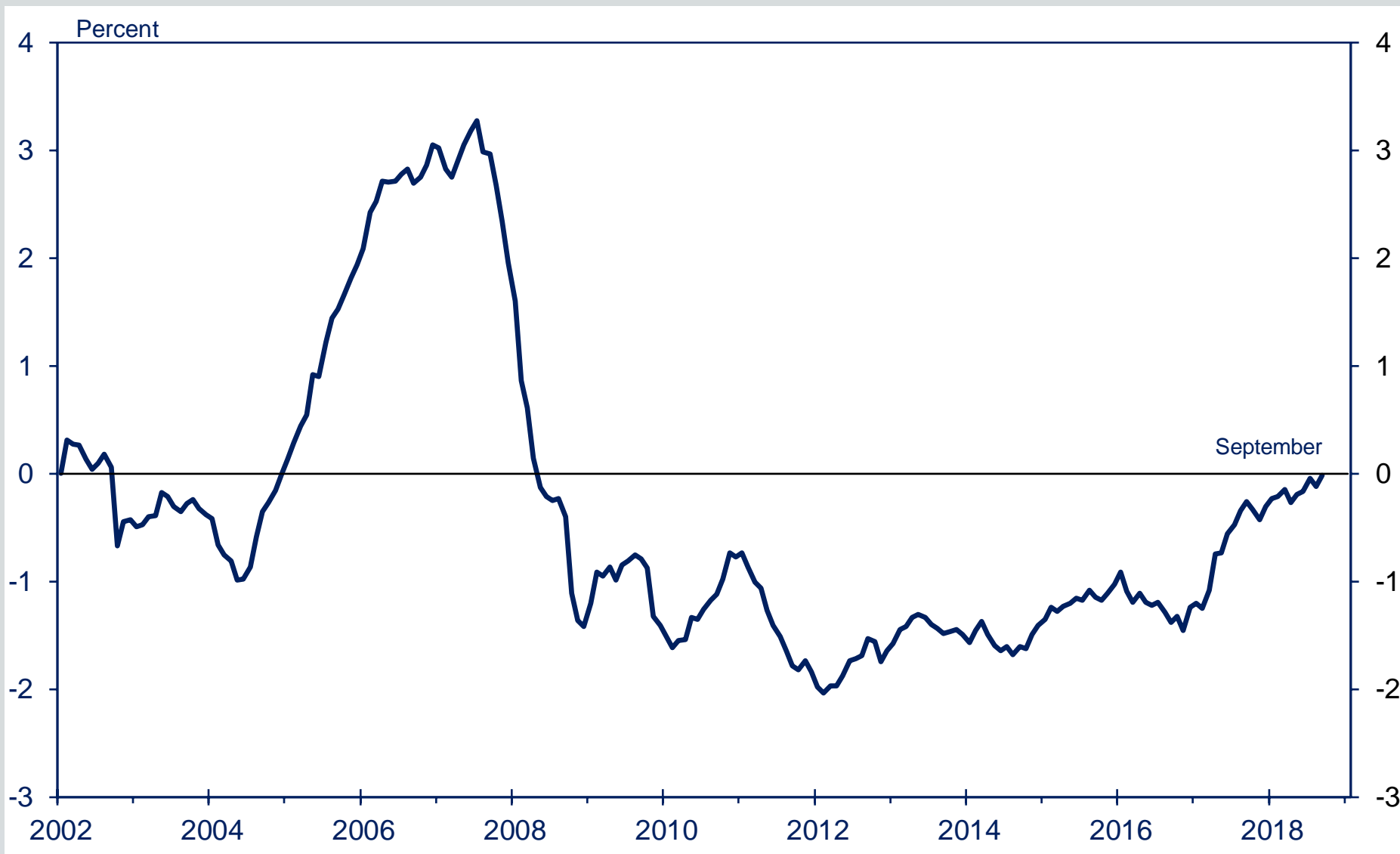


Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

Monetary Policy Instruments



Real Federal Funds Rate



FOMC Statement

September 26, 2018

Information received since the Federal Open Market Committee met in August indicates that the labor market has continued to strengthen and that economic activity has been rising at a strong rate. Job gains have been strong, on average, in recent months, and the unemployment rate has stayed low. Household spending and business fixed investment have grown strongly. On a 12-month basis, both overall inflation and inflation for items other than food and energy remain near 2 percent. Indicators of longer-term inflation expectations are little changed, on balance.

Consistent with its statutory mandate, the Committee seeks to foster maximum employment and price stability. The Committee expects that further gradual increases in the target range for the federal funds rate will be consistent with sustained expansion of economic activity, strong labor market conditions, and inflation near the Committee's symmetric 2 percent objective over the medium term. Risks to the economic outlook appear roughly balanced.

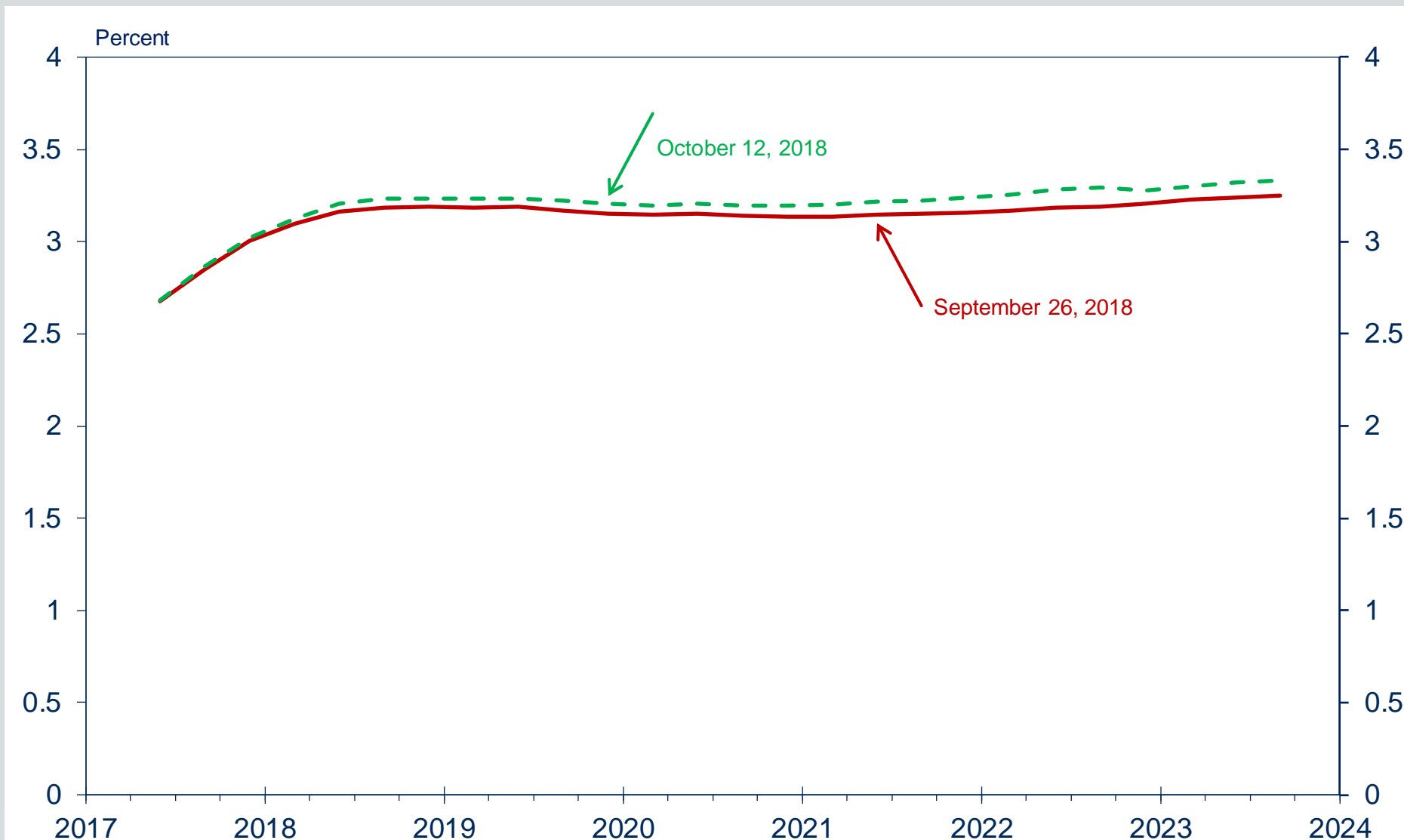
In view of realized and expected labor market conditions and inflation, the Committee decided to raise the target range for the federal funds rate to 2 to 2-1/4 percent.

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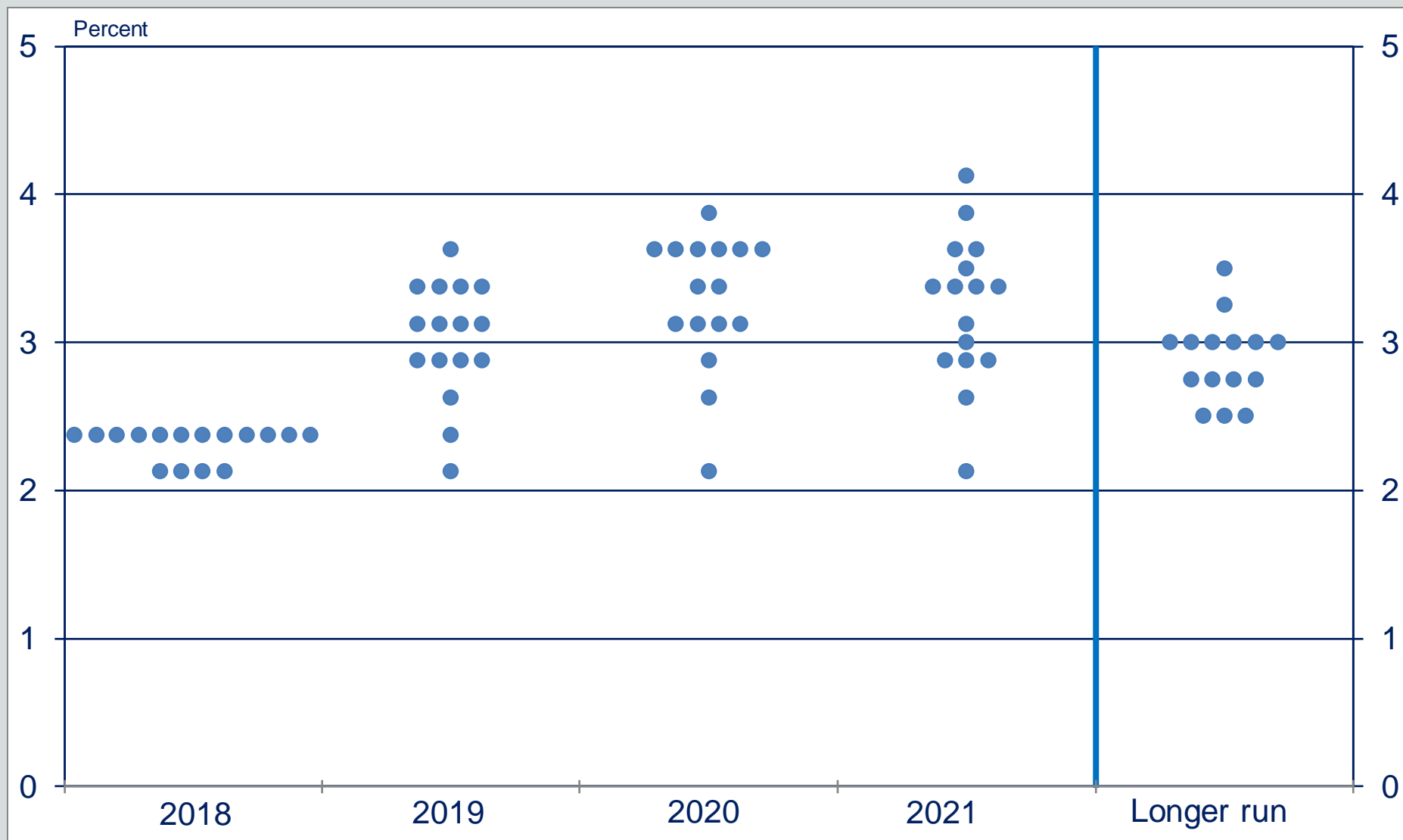
In determining the timing and size of future adjustments to the target range for the federal funds rate, the Committee will assess realized and expected economic conditions relative to its maximum employment objective and its symmetric 2 percent inflation objective. This assessment will take into account a wide range of information, including measures of labor market conditions, indicators of inflation pressures and inflation expectations, and readings on financial and international developments.

Voting for the FOMC monetary policy action were: Jerome H. Powell, Chairman; John C. Williams, Vice Chairman; Thomas I. Barkin; Raphael W. Bostic; Lael Brainard; Richard H. Clarida; Esther L. George; Loretta J. Mester; and Randal K. Quarles.

Eurodollar Futures



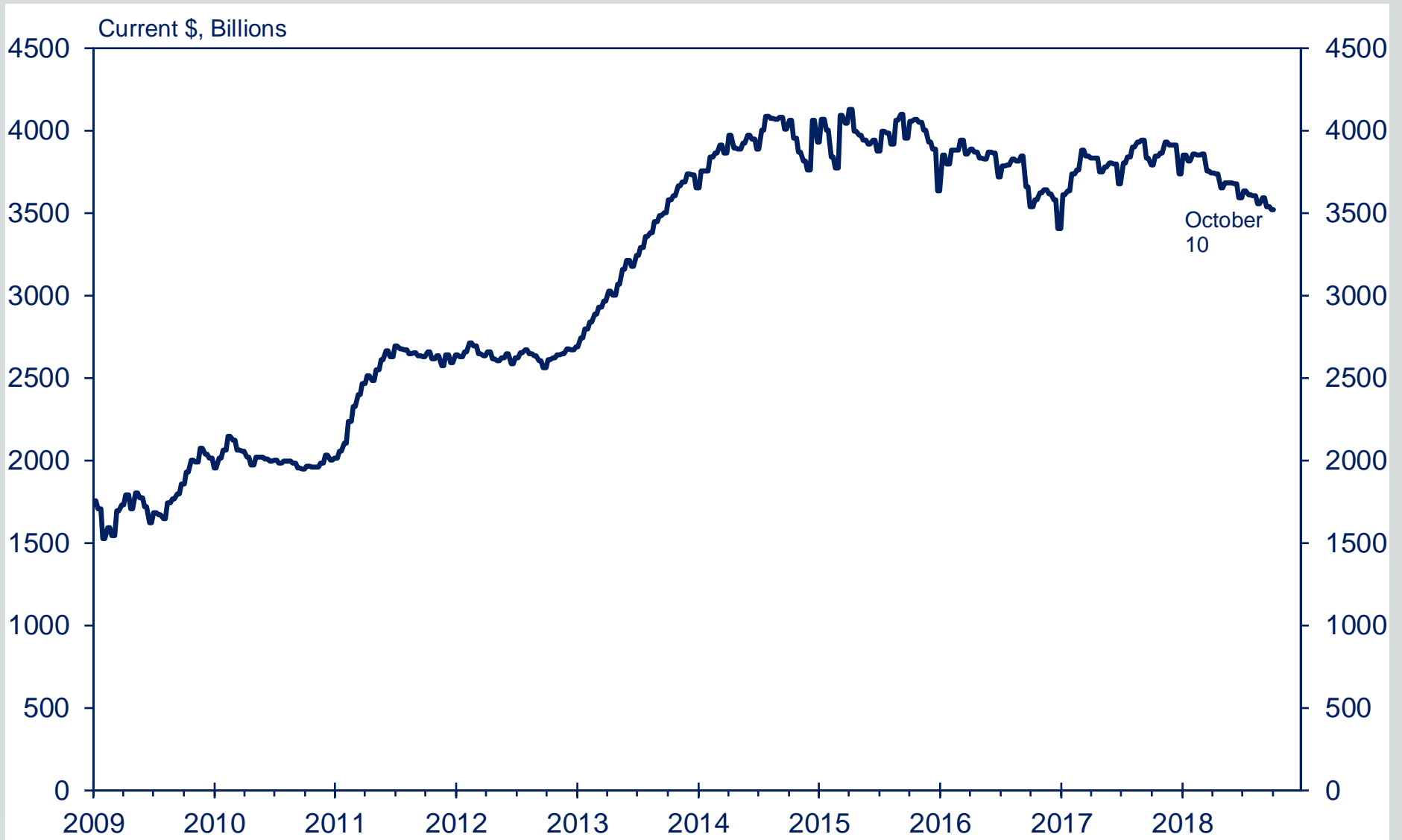
Summary of Economic Projections: Federal Funds Rate



Note: Each dot in the chart represents the value of an FOMC participant's judgment of the midpoint of the appropriate target range (or the appropriate target level) for the federal funds rate at the end of the calendar year. Projections made for the September 2018 meeting.

Source: Board of Governors

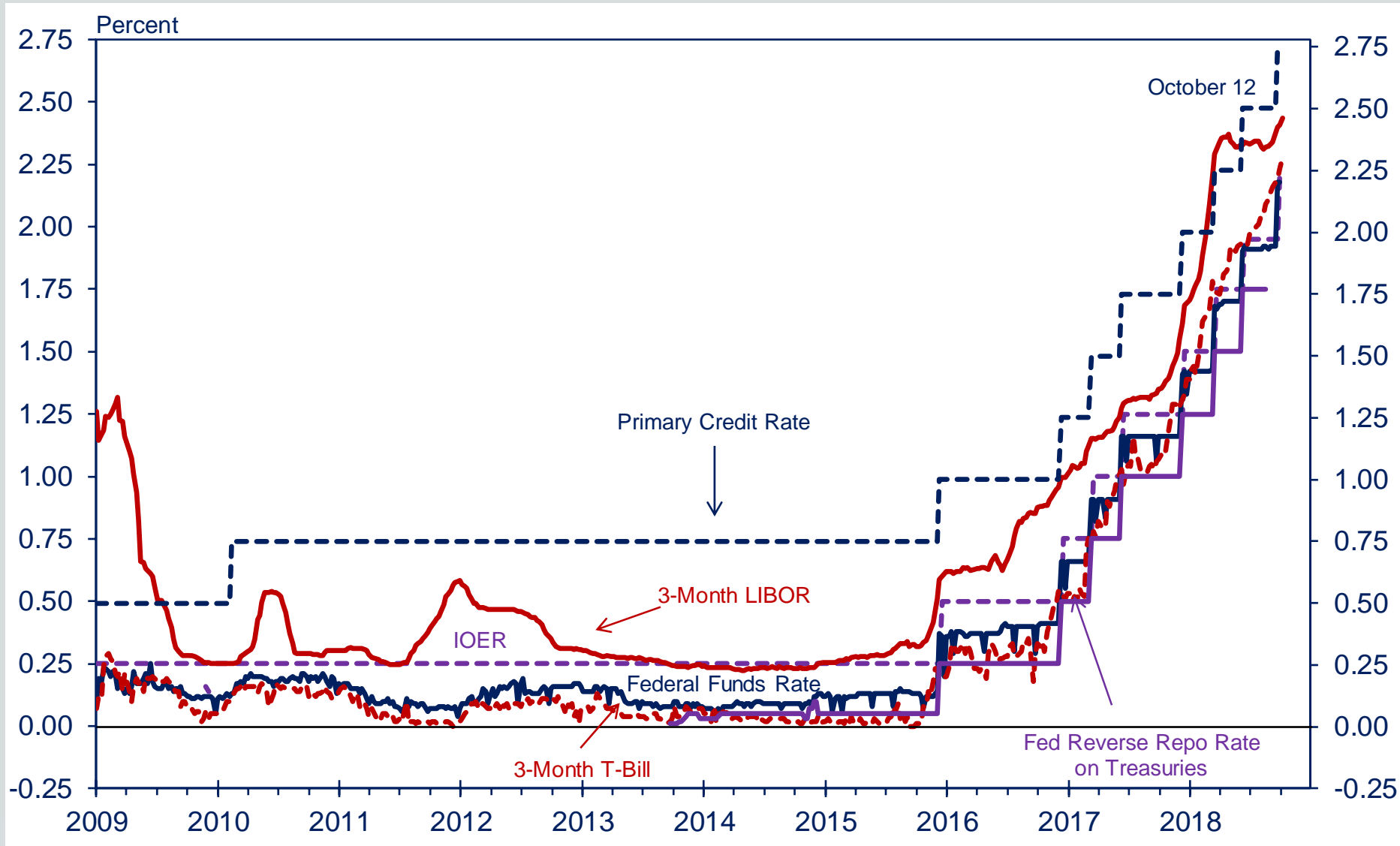
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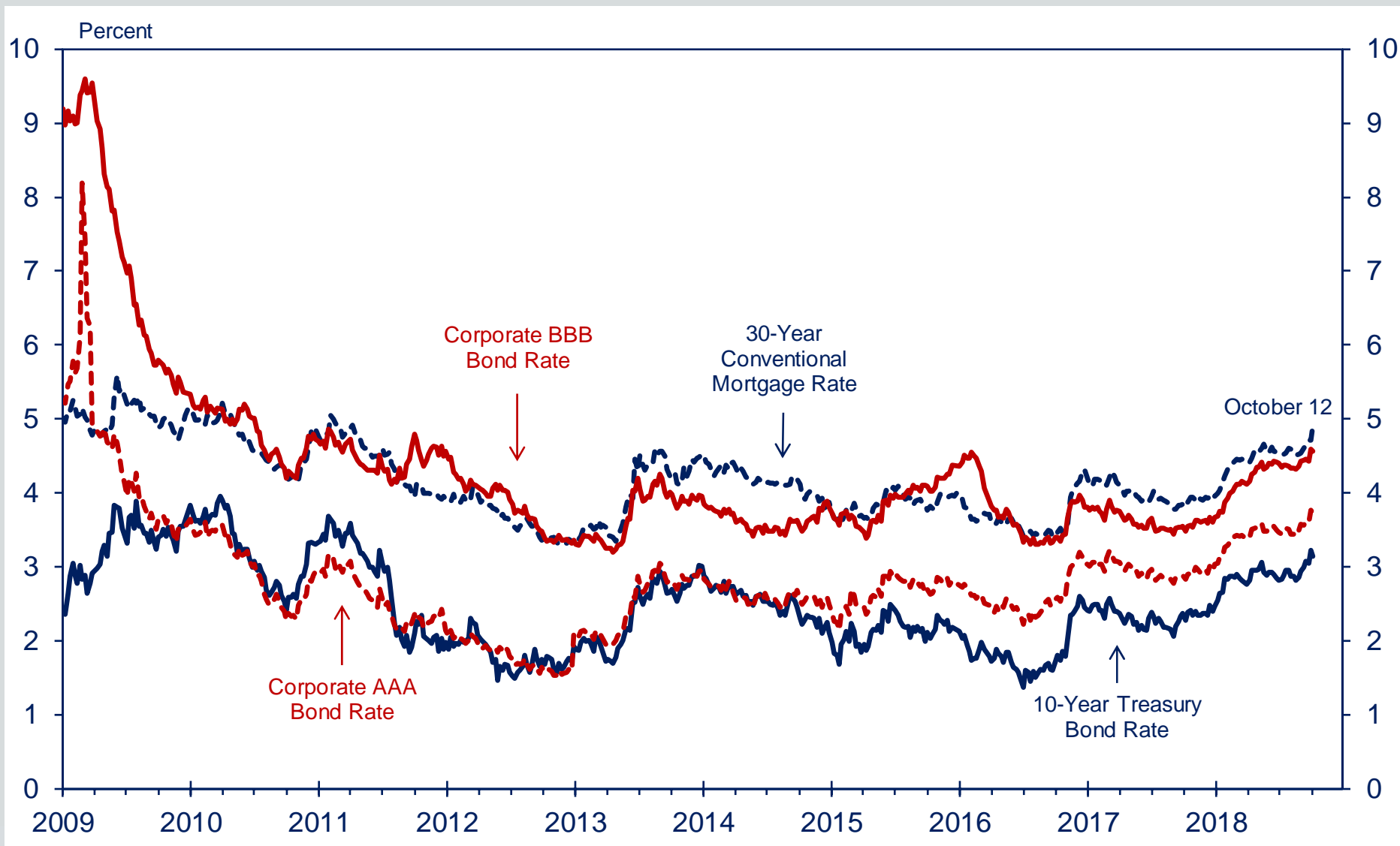
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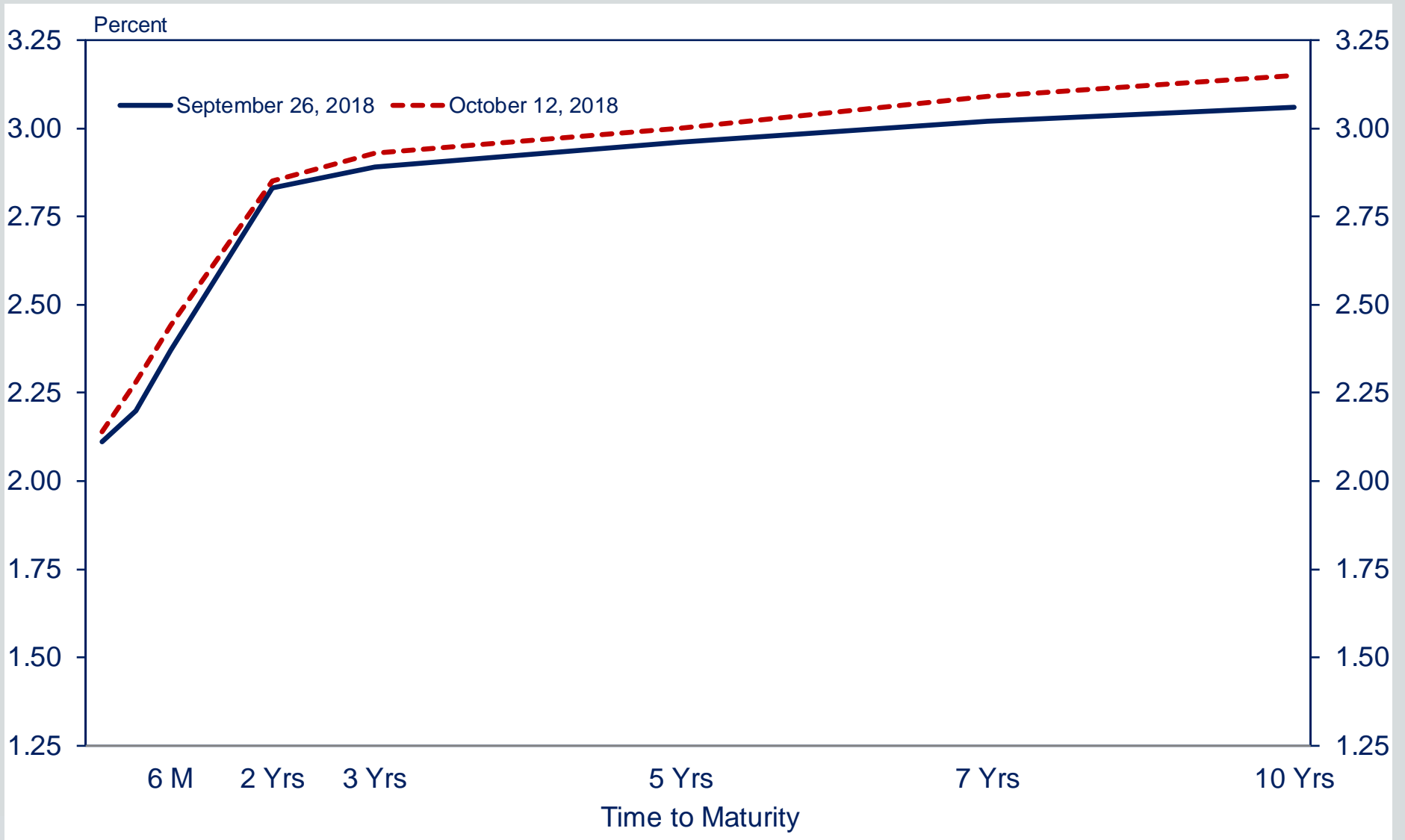
Money Market Rates



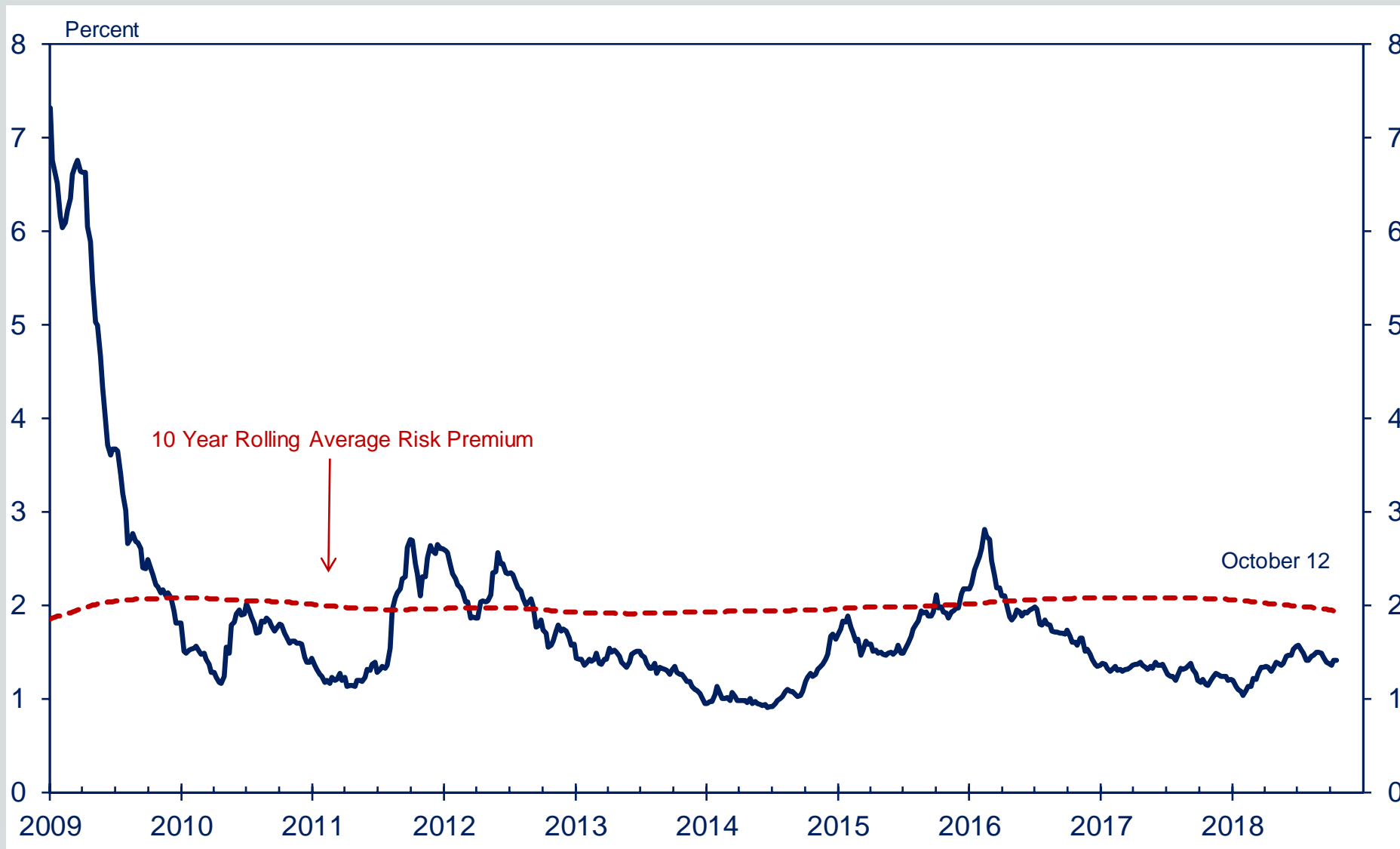
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Treasury Yield Curve



Risk Premium



Note: Risk Premium is defined as the difference in yields between BofA Merrill Lynch BBB and 10-year Treasury.

Source: BofA Merrill Lynch & Board of Governors via Haver Analytics 63