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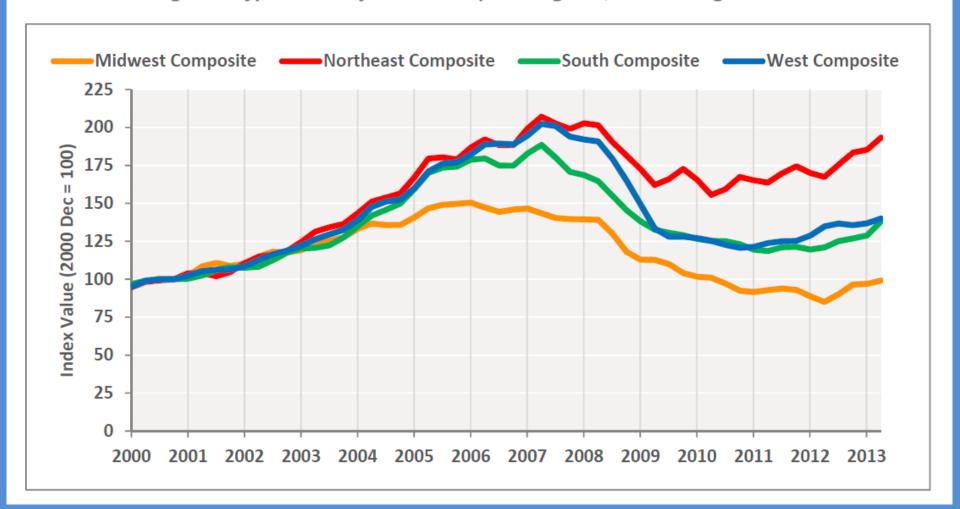
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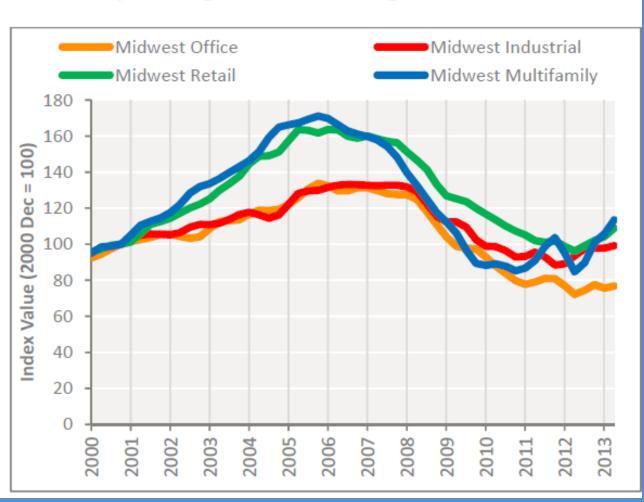
Is the Midwest a value proposition or structurally out of favor?

U.S. Regional Type Quarterly Indices - Equal Weighted, Data through June of 2013

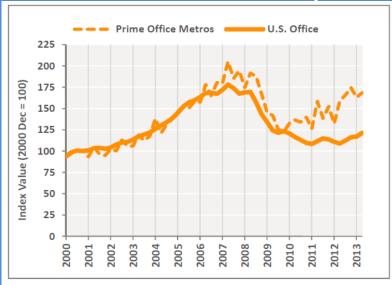


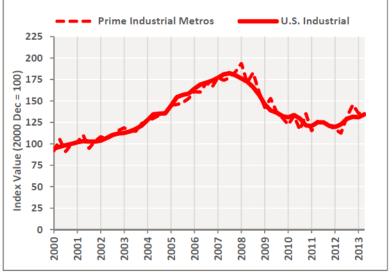
Which property type provides the greatest opportunity?

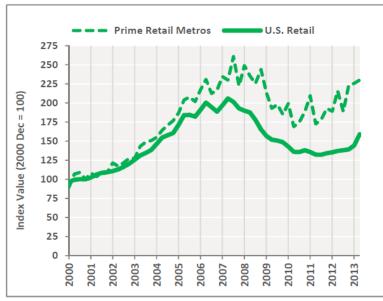
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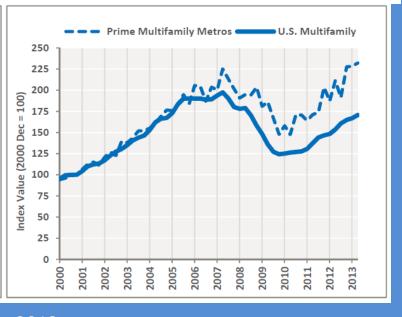


Or should one forgo the Midwest markets for the lower cap rate prime markets?



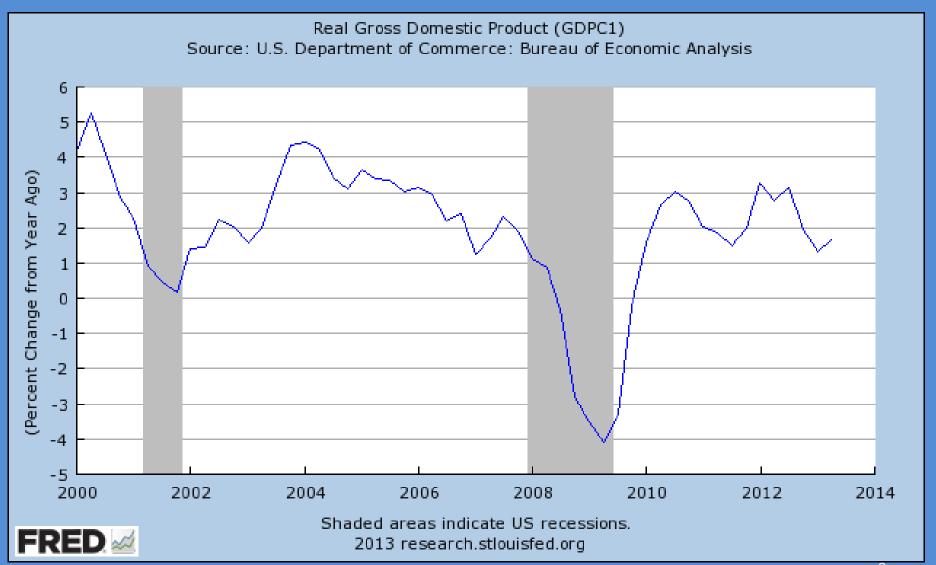


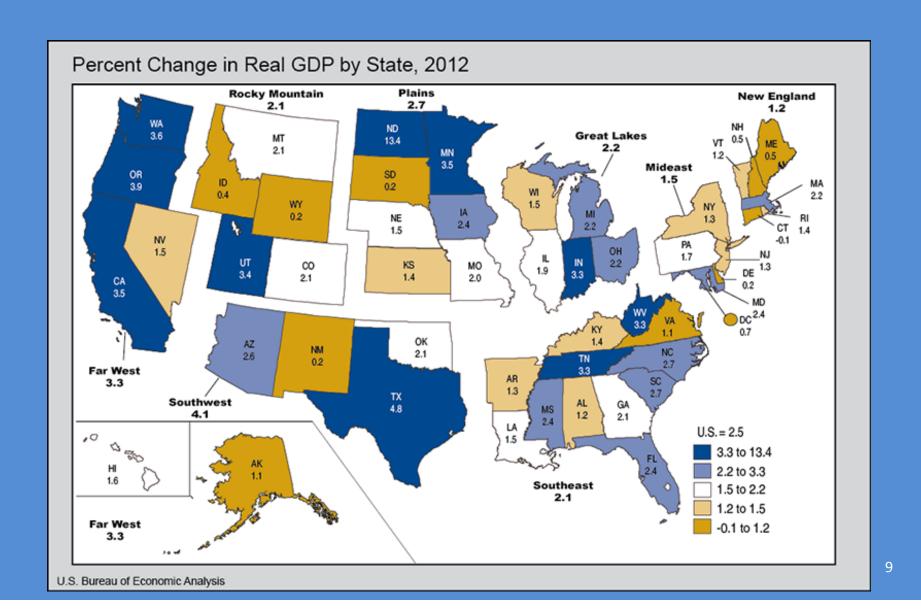




The Fundamentals: Growth

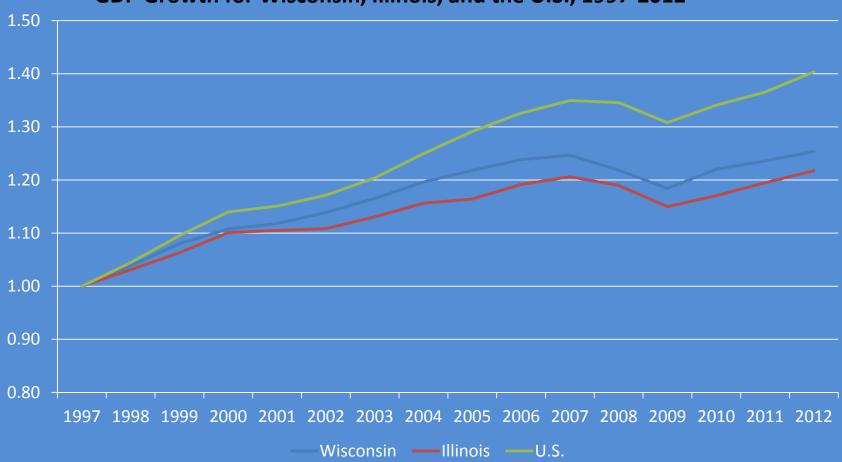
GDP Growth





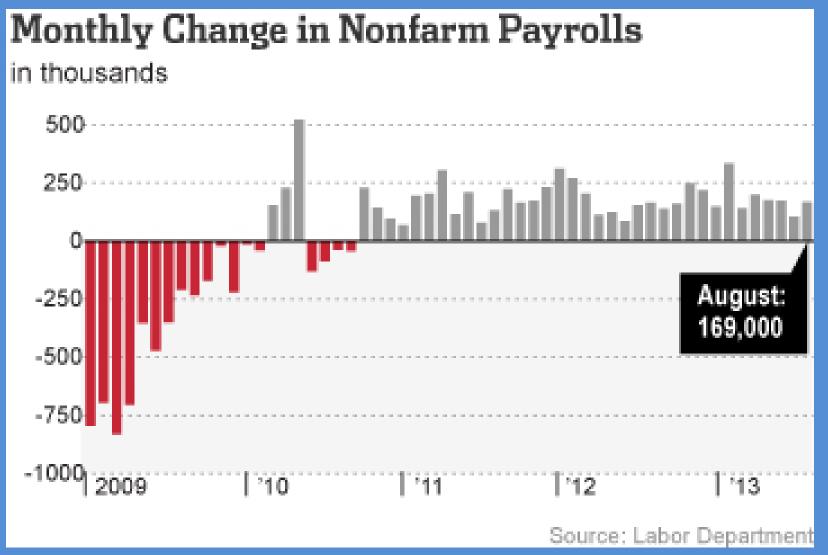
Economic growth in Wisconsin and Illinois has lagged that of the U.S.

GDP Growth for Wisconsin, Illinois, and the U.S., 1997-2012



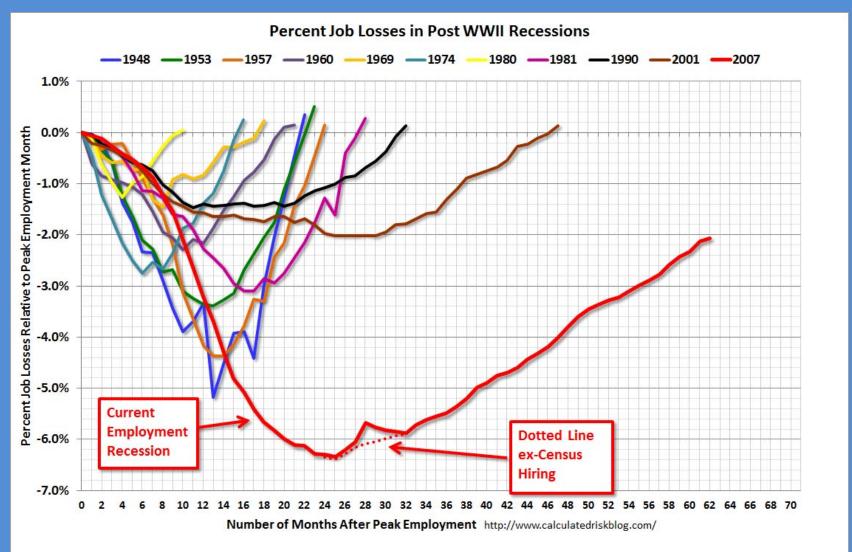
Source: Federal Reserve and Marquette University.

Nationally, jobs are making a slow recovery

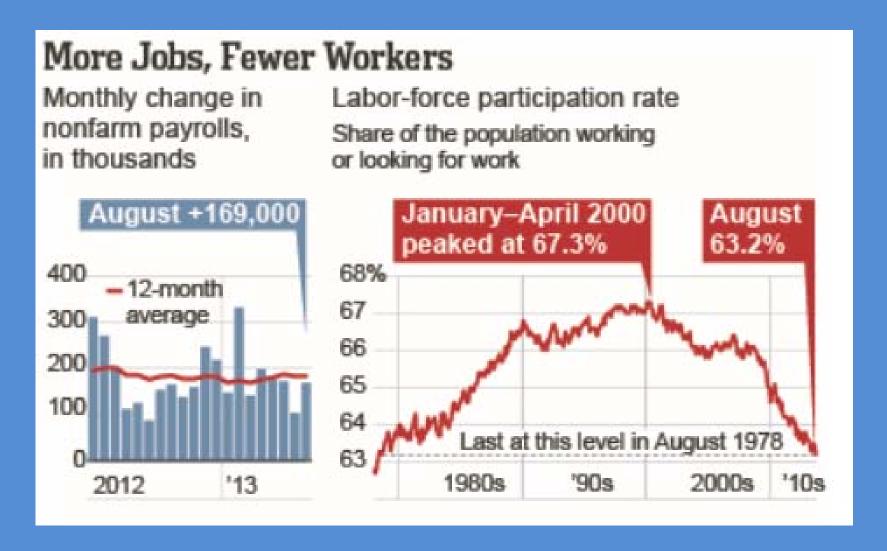


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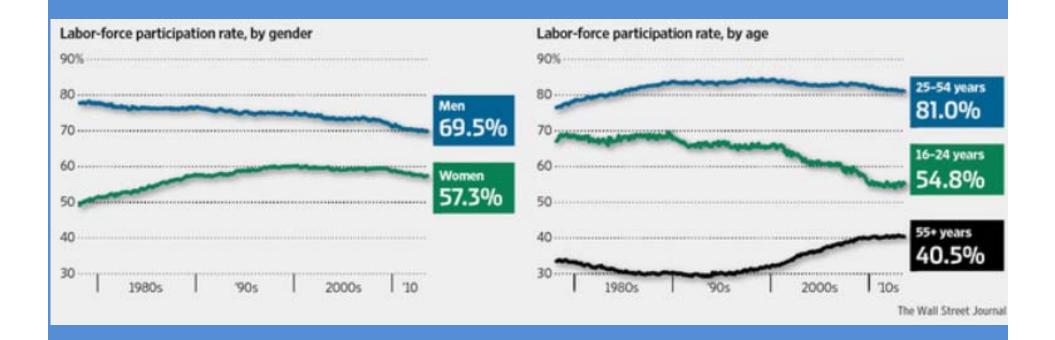
The U.S. has recovered about 2/3rds of the jobs lost in the recession



While the unemployment rate has dropped to 7.3%, how do we account for labor force participation rates

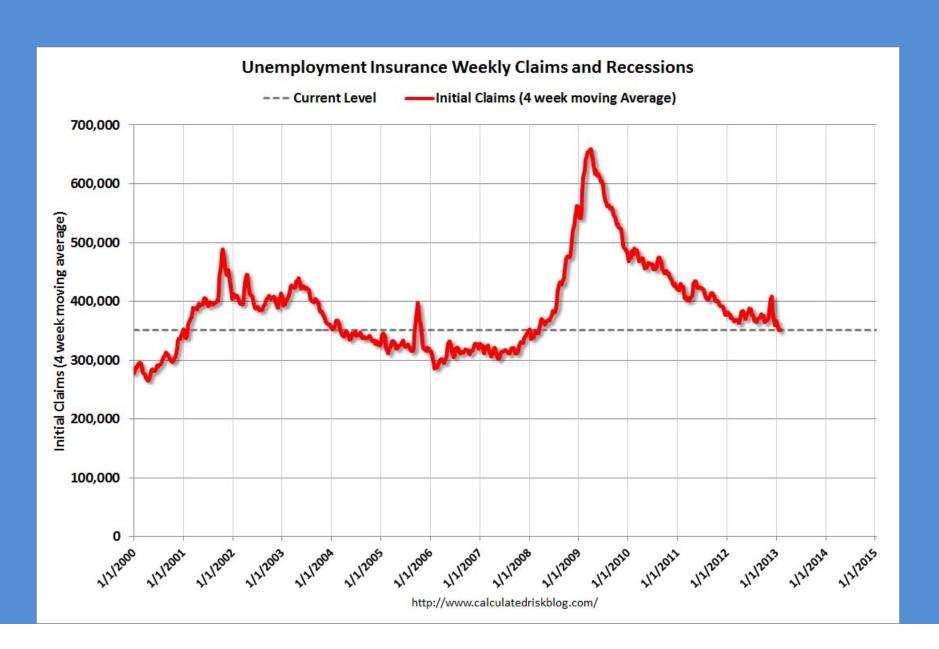


What part of the drop labor force participation rates is retiring baby boomers?



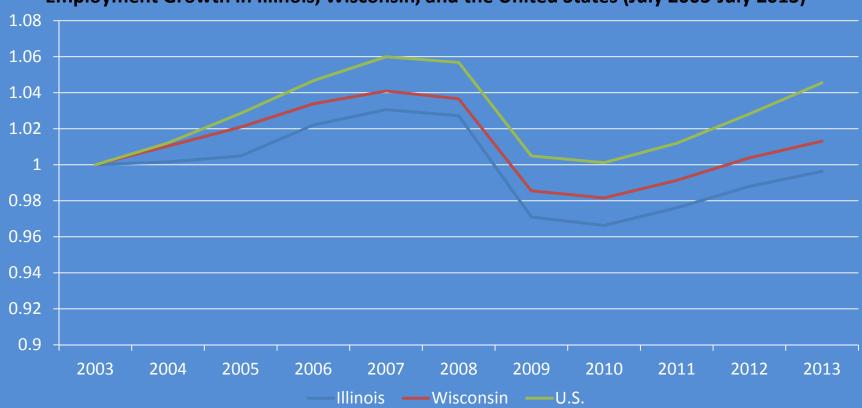
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The potential for increased hiring looks promising



Wisconsin and Illinois employment growth has lagged that of the U.S.

Employment Growth in Illinois, Wisconsin, and the United States (July 2003-July 2013)



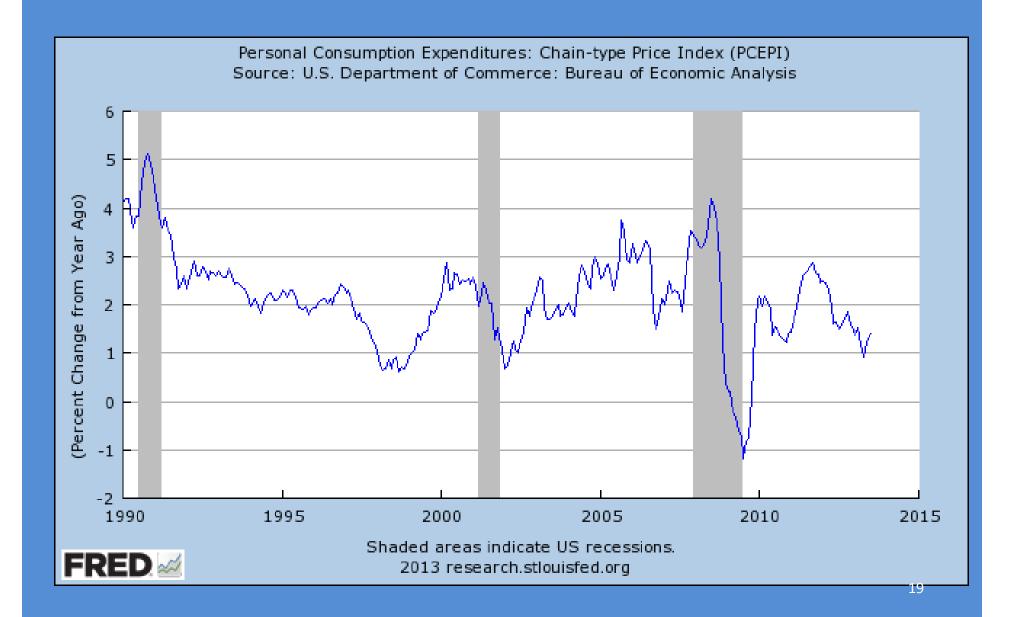
Expected population growth for Wisconsin and Illinois is well below the 29% national average 2000-2030

Change: 2000 to 2030 State	Change: 2000 to 2030 Number Percent		Change: 2000 to 2030 Rank in percent change	
.New Mexico	280,662	15.4	26	
.Missouri	834,962	14.9	27	
.Wisconsin	787,089	14.7	28	
.Oklahoma	462,597	13.4	29	
.Kentucky	513,229	12.7	30	
.Indiana	729,623	12.0	31	
.Maine	136,174	10.7	32	
.Massachusetts	662,912	10.4	33	
.Rhode Island	104,622	10.0	34	
.Alabama	427,143	9.6	35	
.Kansas	251,666	9.4	36	
.Mississippi	247,752	8.7	37	
.Connecticut	283,065	8.3	38	
.Illinois	1,013,599	8.2	39	
.Michigan	755,728	7.6	40	
.Louisiana us Bureau.	333,657	7.5	41	

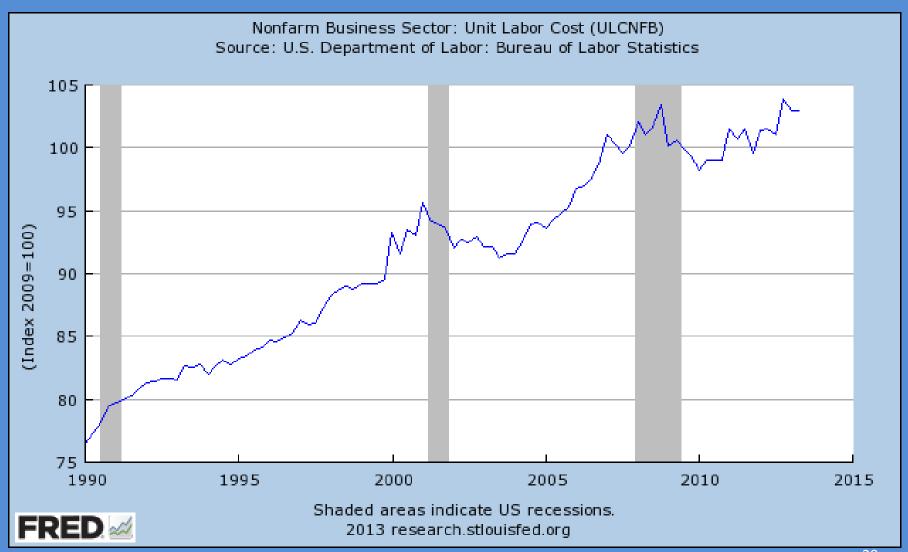
Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Inflation

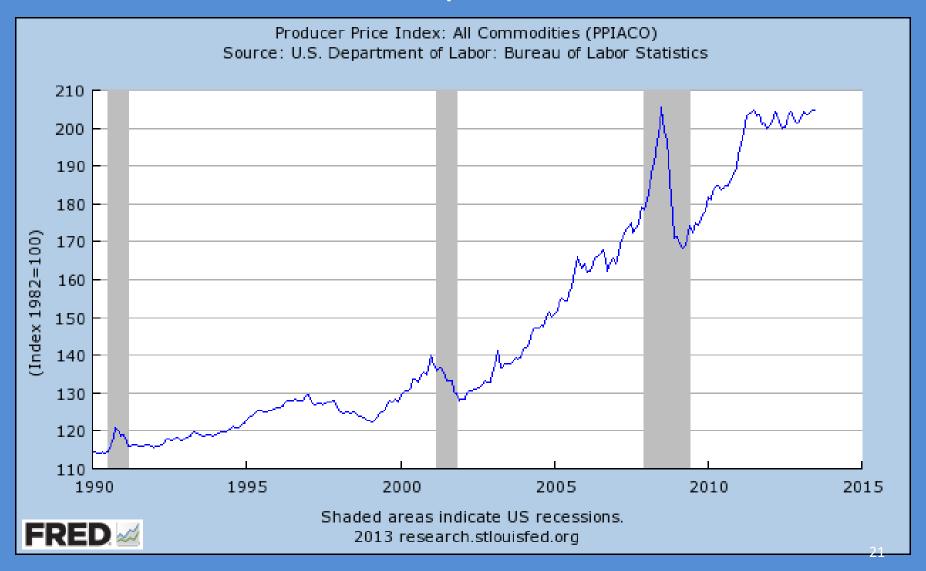
Recently, inflation has been well-behaved



. . . . with ample labor, unit labor costs are also well-behaved

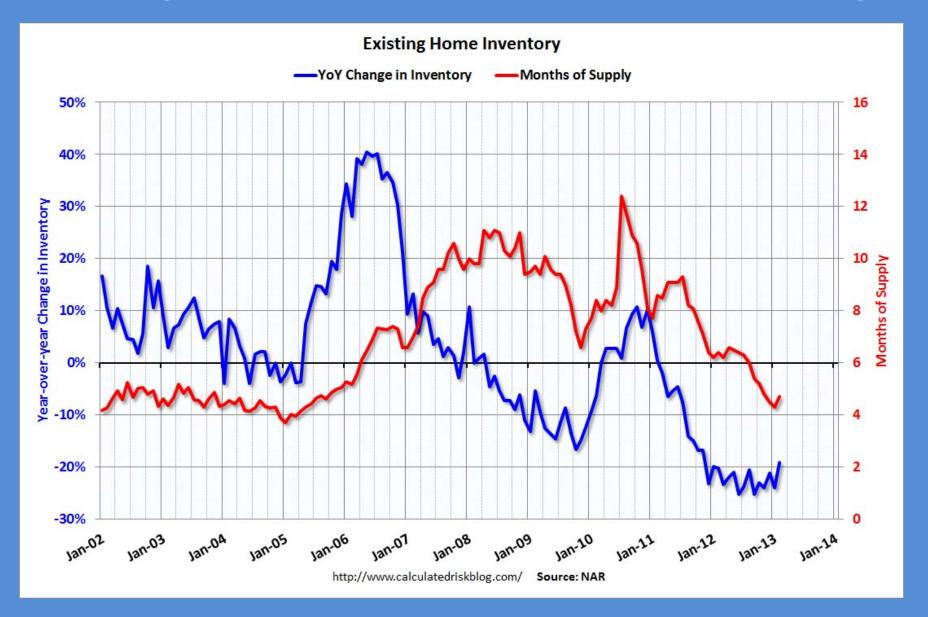


. . . . and commodity prices appear to be stable, which should keep inflation in check.

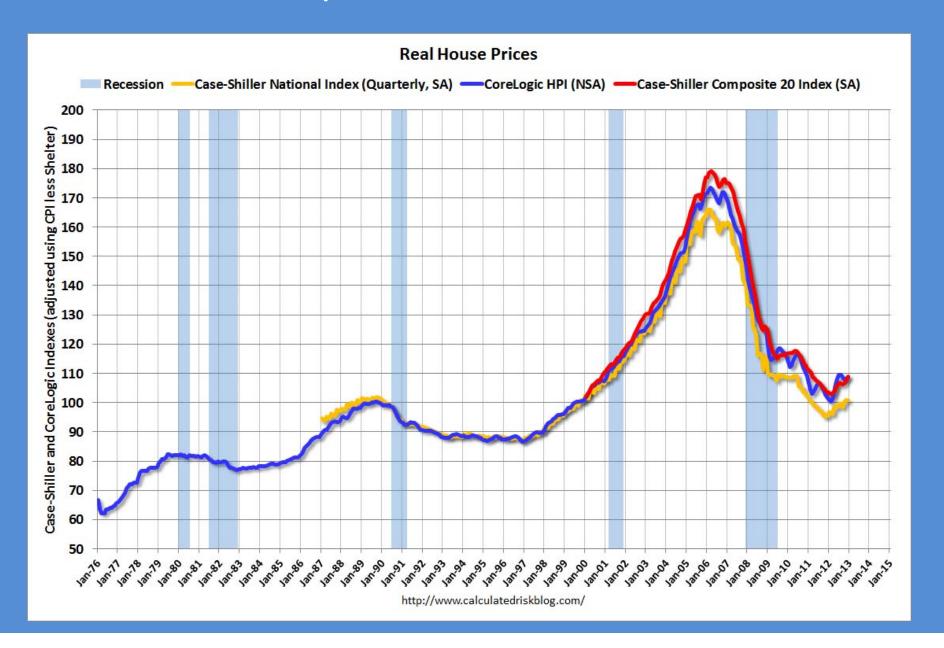


Housing

Existing home inventories are low and shrinking.



Real house prices bottomed out in 2012



Wisconsin homes sold and median prices up, but lagging national price statistics

Wisconsin home sales, prices in July

Sales of existing homes rose in every region of Wisconsin in July.

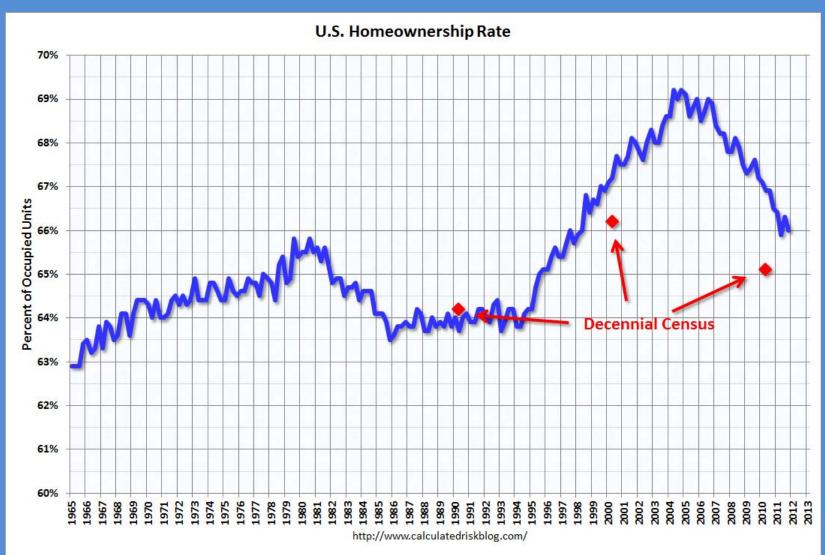
A.	HOMES SOLD		%	MEDIAN PRICE		%
REGION	2012	2013	CHANGE	2012	2013	CHANGE
Southeast	2,241	2,711	+21.0	\$154,000	\$165,000	+7.1
South central	1,362	1,626	+19.4	\$165,000	\$180,000	+9.1
West	605	761	+25.8	\$140,000	\$151,400	+8.1
Northeast	1,070	1,141	+6.6	\$123,600	\$131,000	+6.0
Central	369	413	+11.9	\$110,000	\$117,400	+6.7
North	548	609	+11.1	\$130,000	\$130,000	0.0

Note: Region totals don't match state totals.

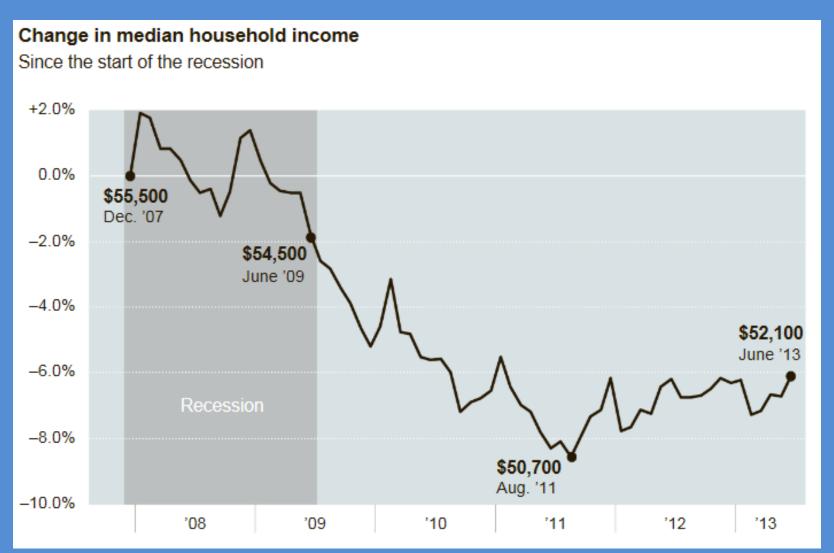
Source: Wisconsin Realtors Association

Journal Sentinel

U.S. homeownership reverts to the historic mean.



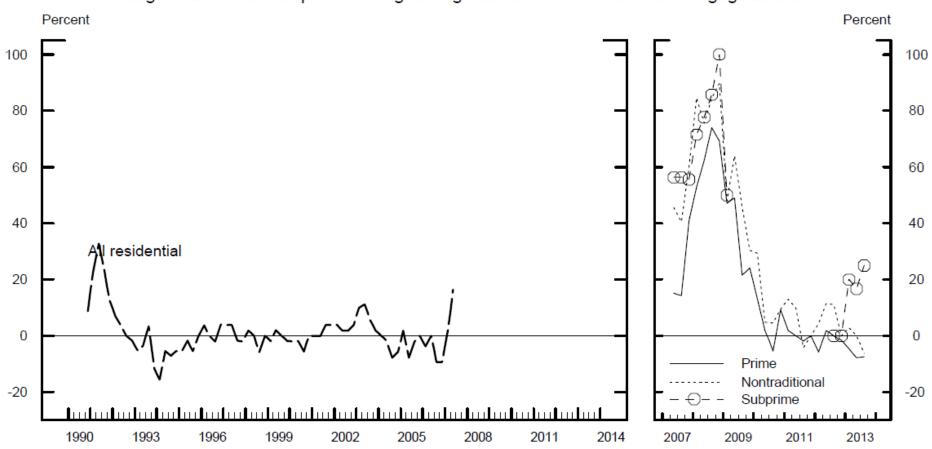
Real Median Household Income



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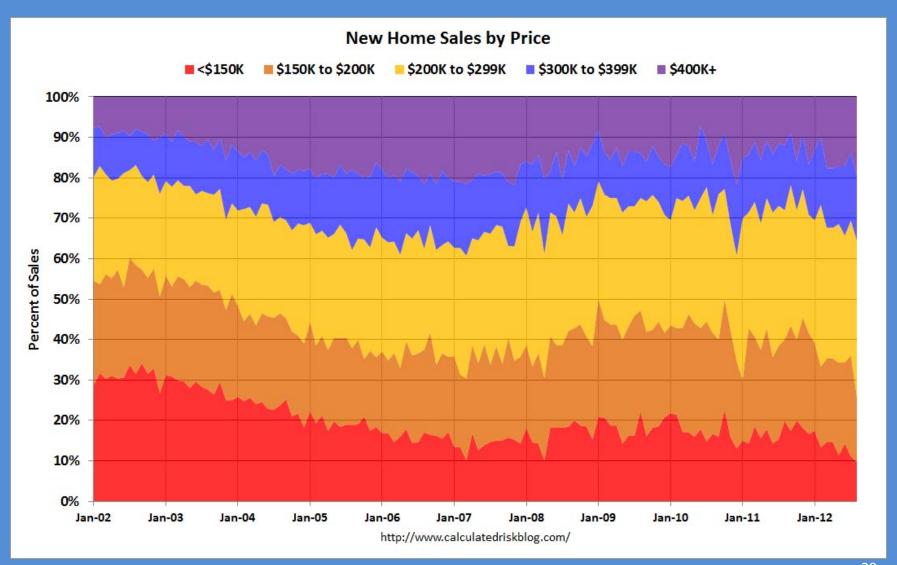
Freddie and Fannie continue to maintain tight underwriting standards for mortgage loans

Net Percentage of Domestic Respondents Tightening Standards for Residential Mortgage Loans



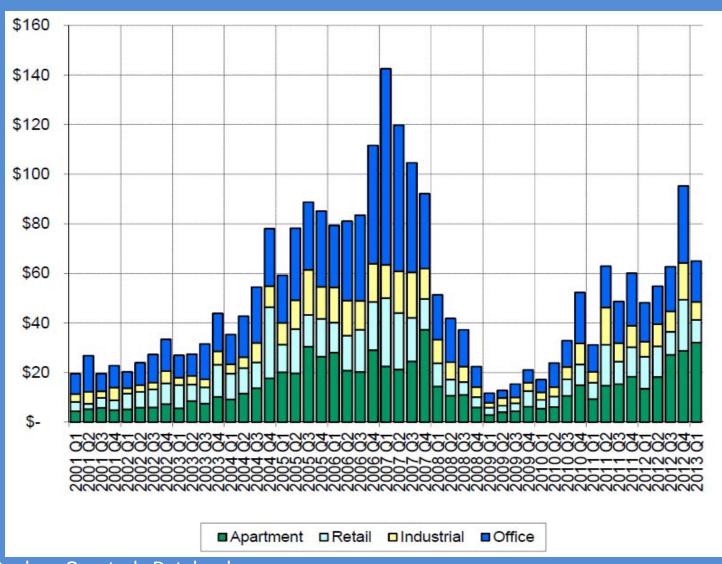
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Keeping first-time homebuyers out of the market



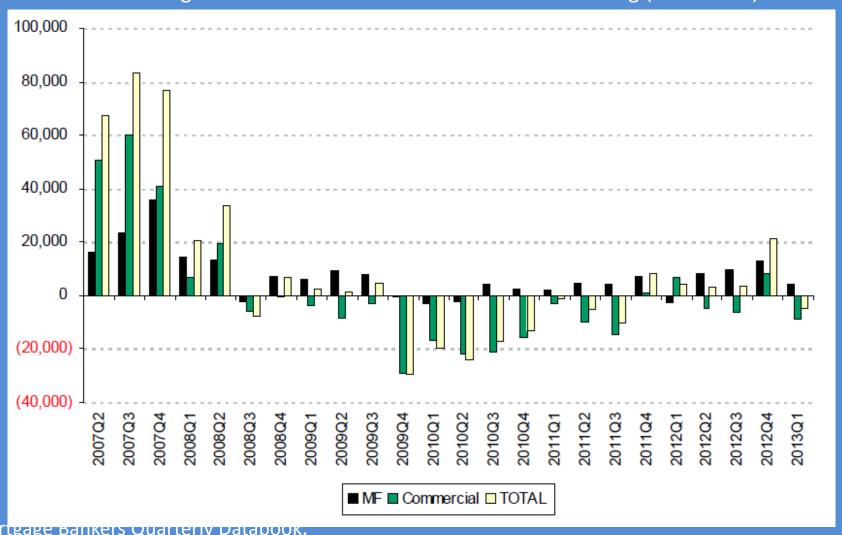
Commercial Real Estate

It appears as if commercial real estate transaction volume is back, what do you see?



The commercial real estate debt markets remain tepid for non-multifamily product

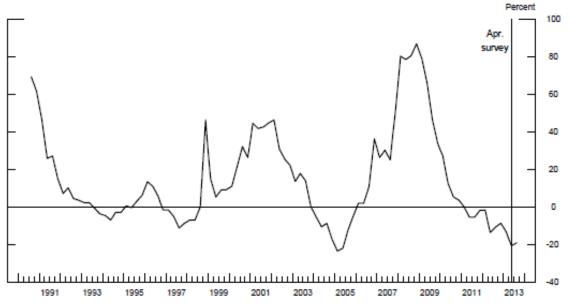
Net Change in Commercial Real Estate Debt Outstanding (in millions)



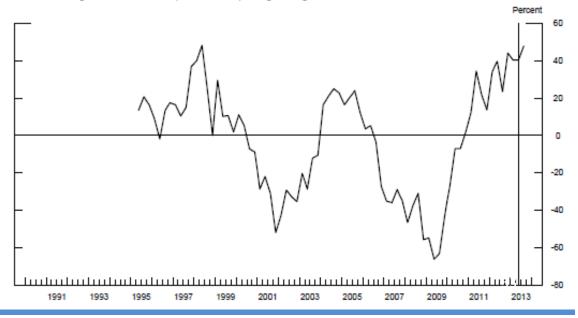
Banks are easing standards and commercial real estate loan demand is growing

Source: Federal Reserve Flow of Funds.





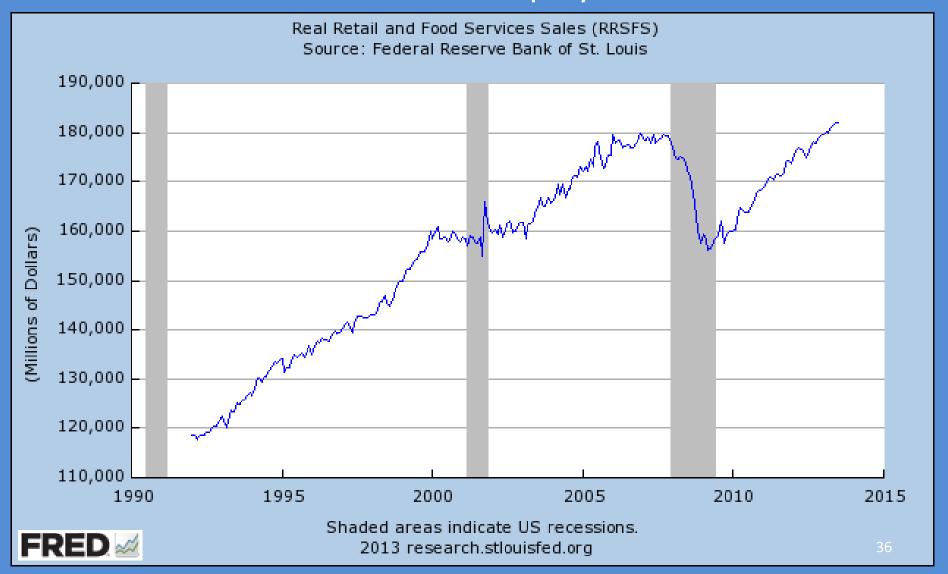
Net Percentage of Domestic Respondents Reporting Stronger Demand for Commercial Real Estate Loans



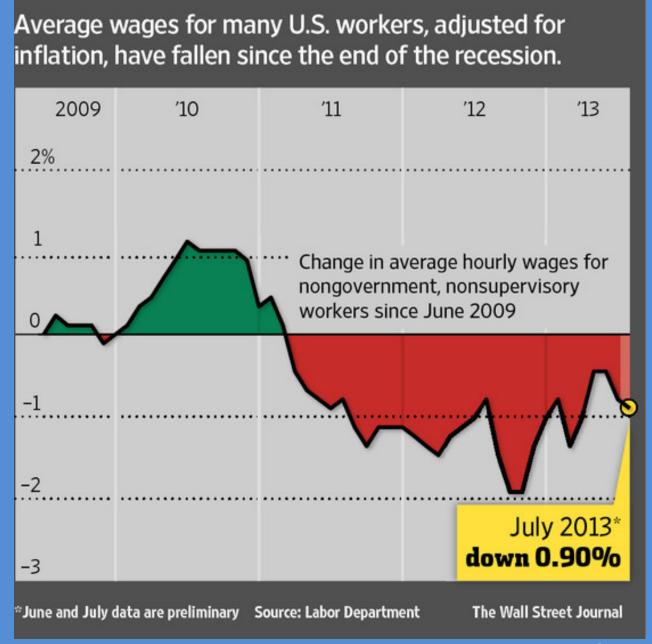
Property Markets

Retail

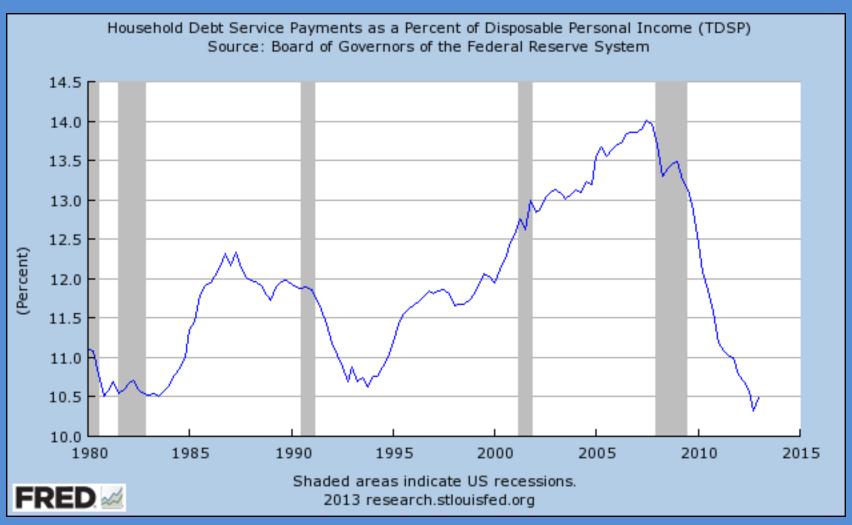
Real retail sales fundamentals are solid but the consumer has headwinds with payroll and affordable healthcare taxes with new limits on unemployment benefit



Real average wage increases have fallen and most all wage growth is concentrated in upper income levels



Household debt service levels provide dry spending powder

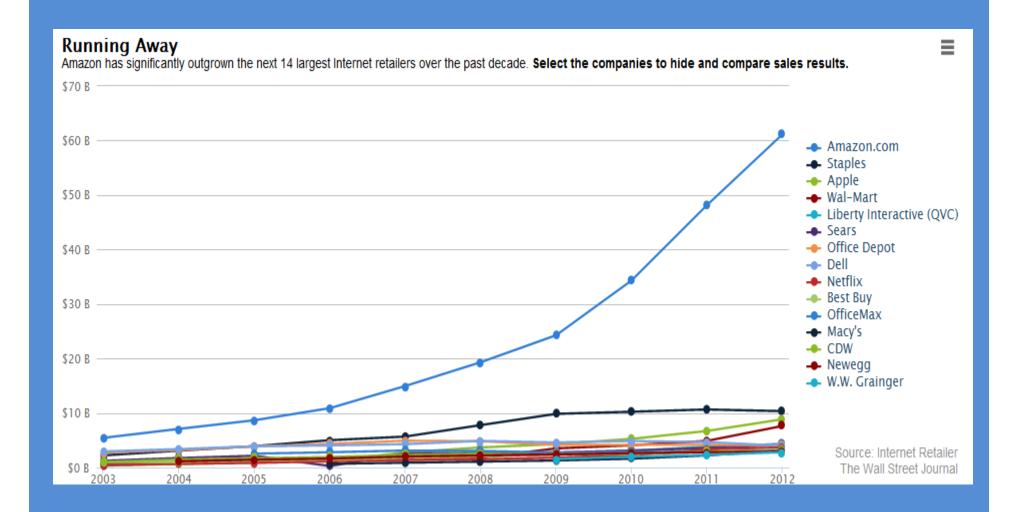


Spending has shifted to durable goods, which signals consumer confidence



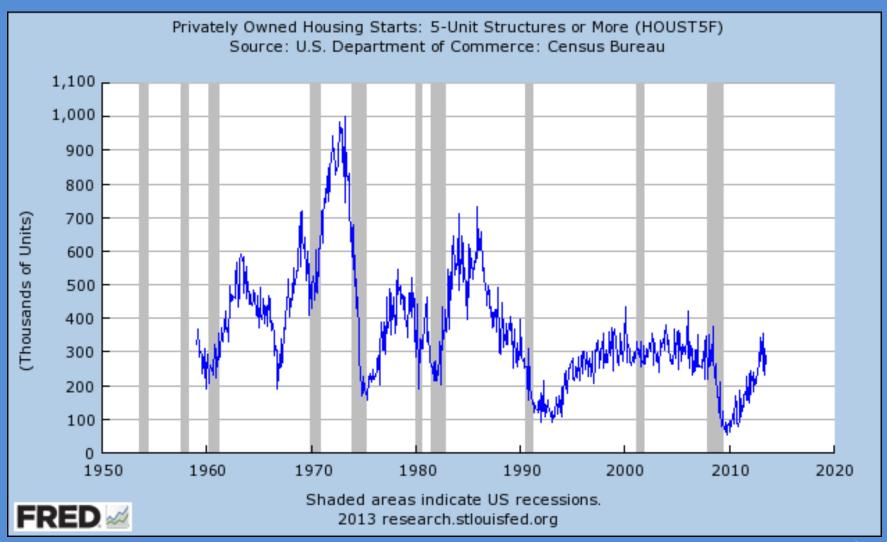
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Multi-channel retailing the new normal (internet sales for Walmart \$7.7B/\$473B and for Best Buy \$3.3B/\$48B

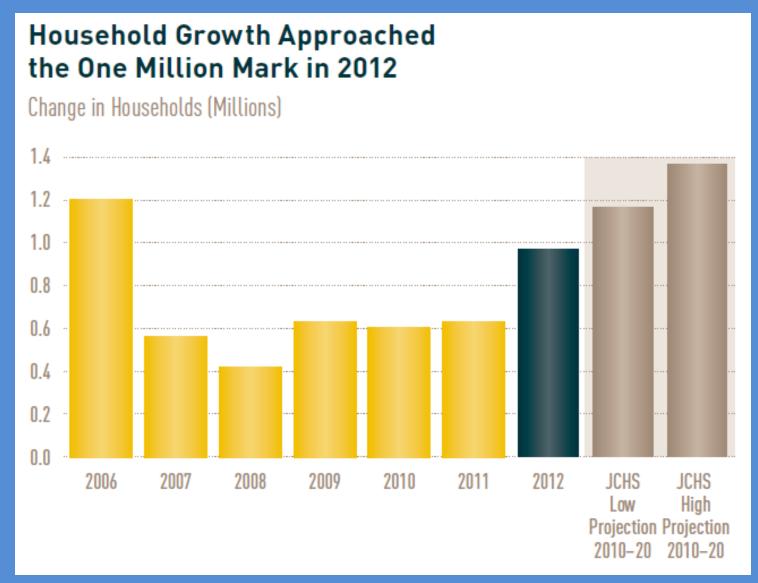


Apartments

Multifamily starts averaged 360,000 since 1956, in July 2013 there were 290,000 starts

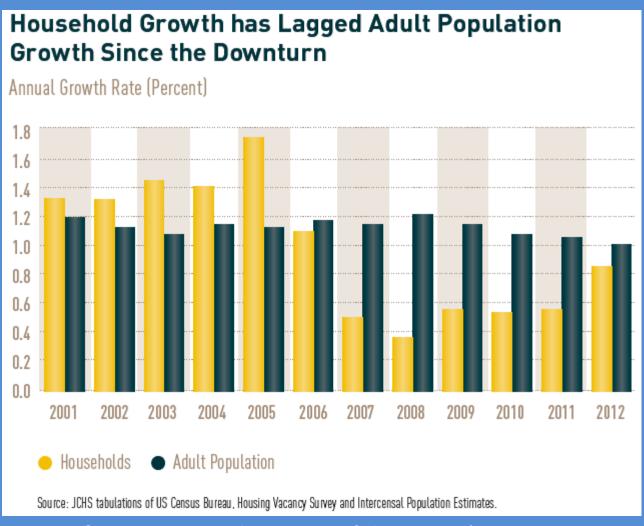


Pent-up household growth not yet tapped



Source: Joint Center for Housing Studies, State of the Nation's Housing: 2013.

Another look at pent up household demand

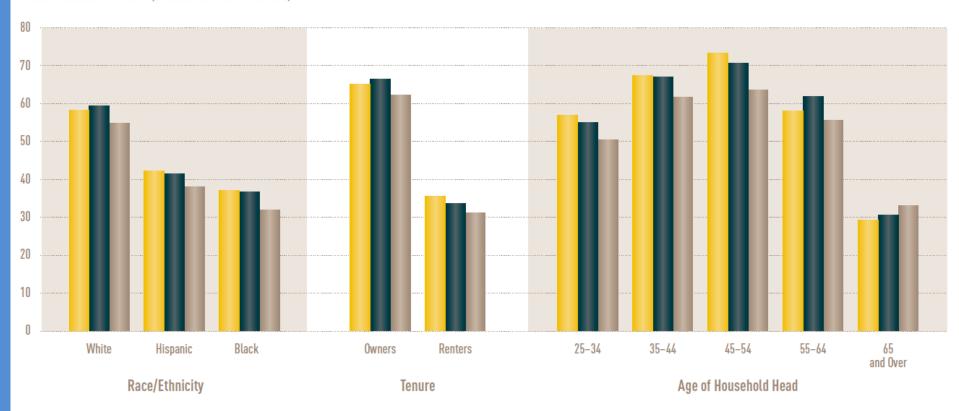


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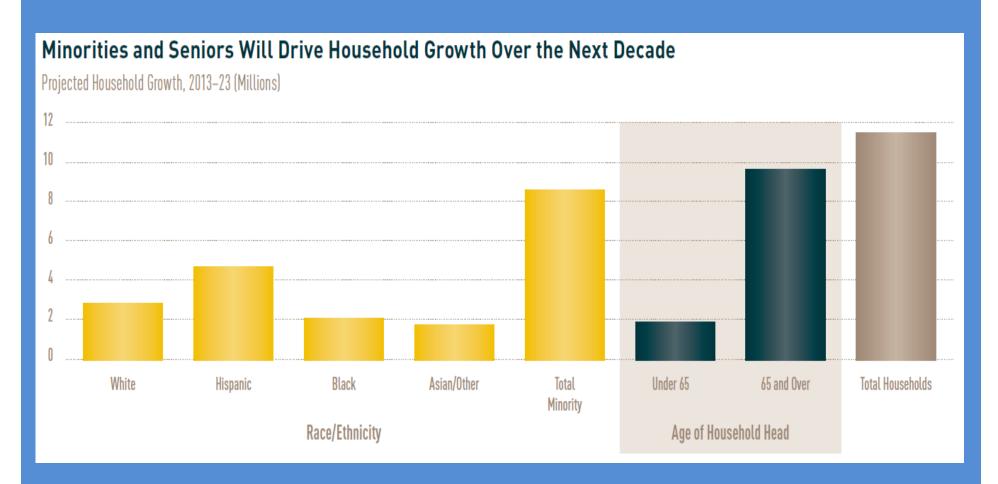
Lower real income growth generate greater renter demand

Most Types of Households Have Seen Their Real Incomes Decline over the Past Decade

Median Household Income (Thousands of 2011 dollars)

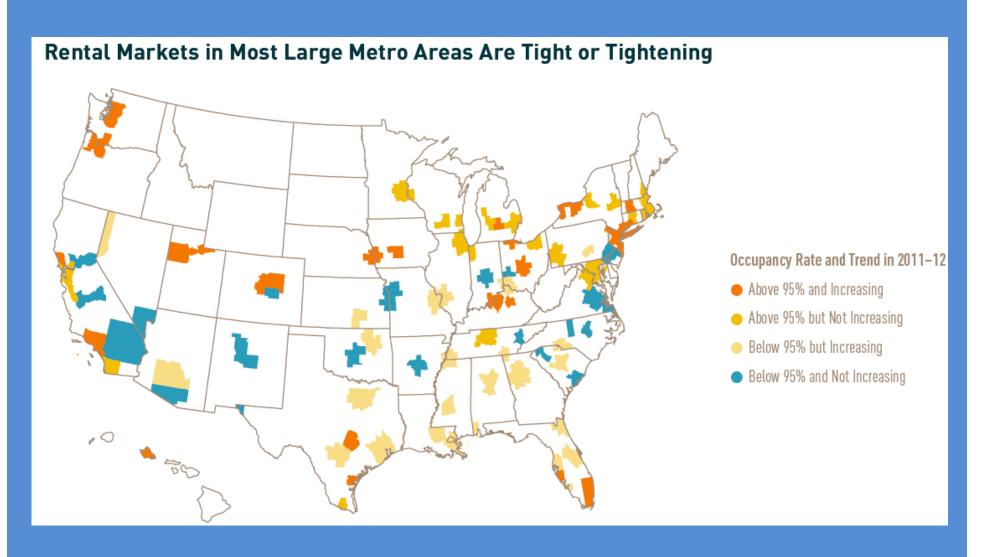


Minorities and seniors will drive most all household growth in the coming decade



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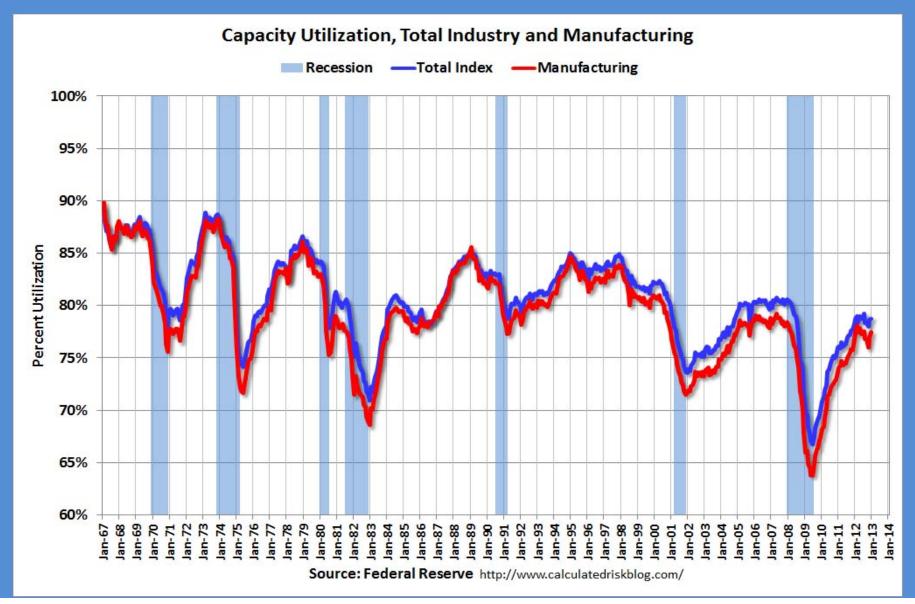
Midwest has among the best multifamily occupancy rates



Source: State of the Nation's Housing Market, 2013, Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

Office and Industrial

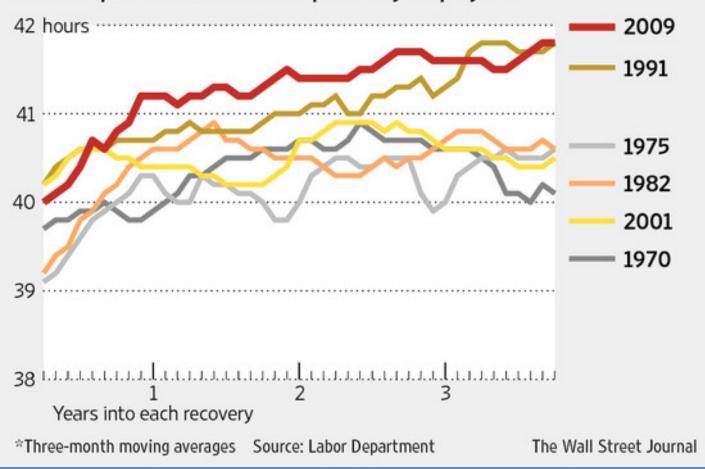
Capacity utilization remains solid, which is comforting to industrial space owners



Manufac turing hours worked a solid signal for industrial markets

Longer Shifts

The number of hours worked by manufacturing employees has risen sharply in the current recovery. Average weekly hours of production and nonsupervisory employees*

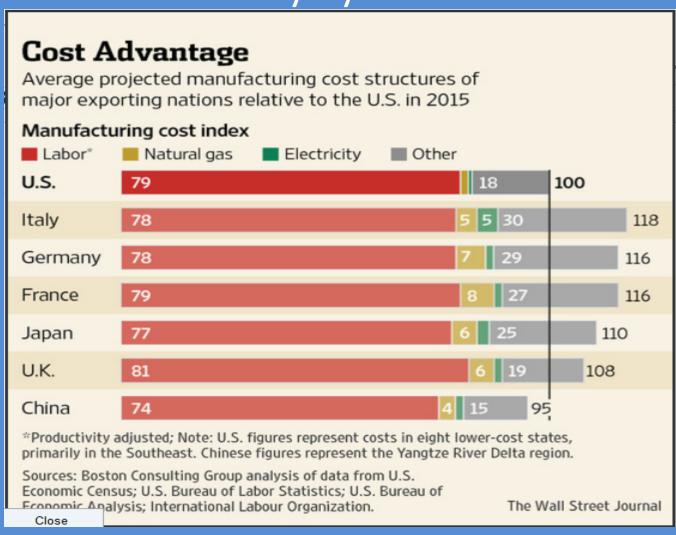


The U.S. labor continues to be highly competitive

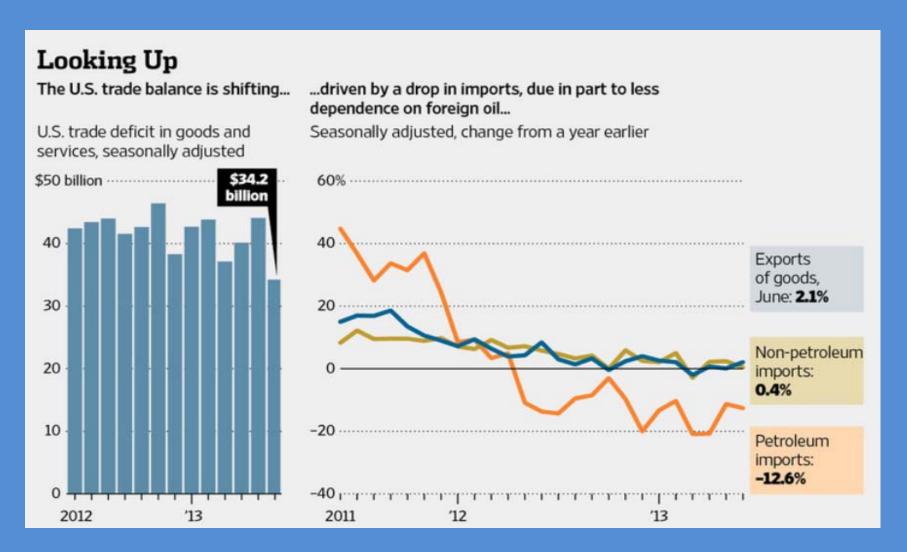


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Boston Consulting Group projects that U.S. Manufacturing increase by \$70-115 billion annually by the 2020

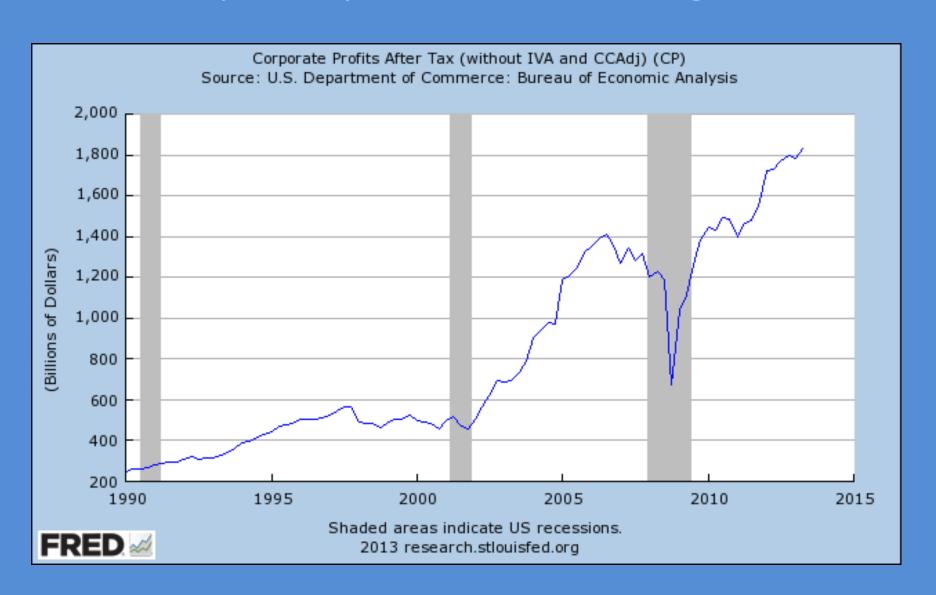


Oil boom shrinks trade deficit 22%

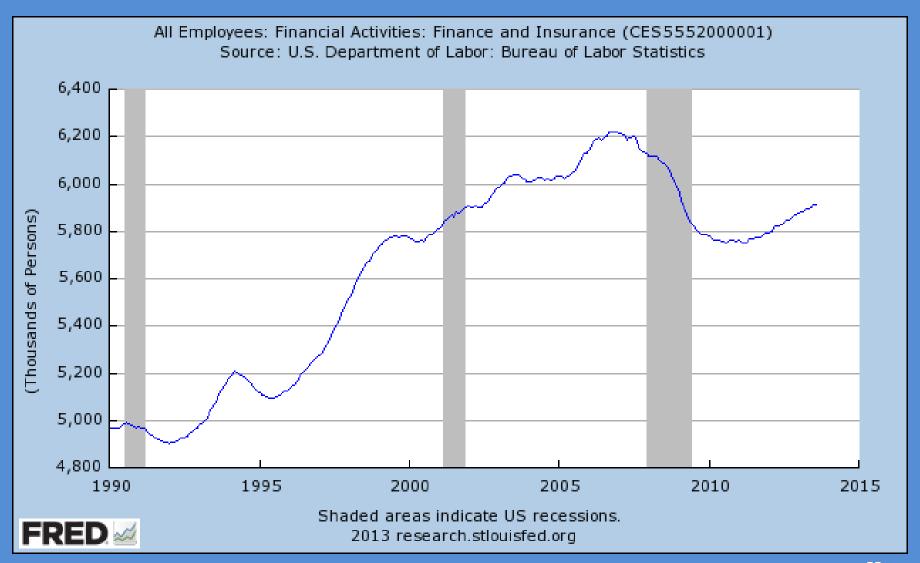


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Corporate profits remain strong



However, demand drivers remain weak



Office fundamentals remain challenged

• During the second quarter of 2013 office occupancy increased by 7.2 million square feet (0.2%). . . . that was the biggest increase since the economy began slowing in 2007.

 Overall U.S. vacancy rate stayed flat at 17% in the second quarter of 2013, down from a post-recession peak of 17.6% reached in mid-2010.

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What's your strategy?

So what's your strategy given:

- Equity capital market preferences
- Debt capital market preferences
- Growth fundamentals
- Demographic shifts
- Property type fundamentals

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