

It's Still Not As Bad As You Think

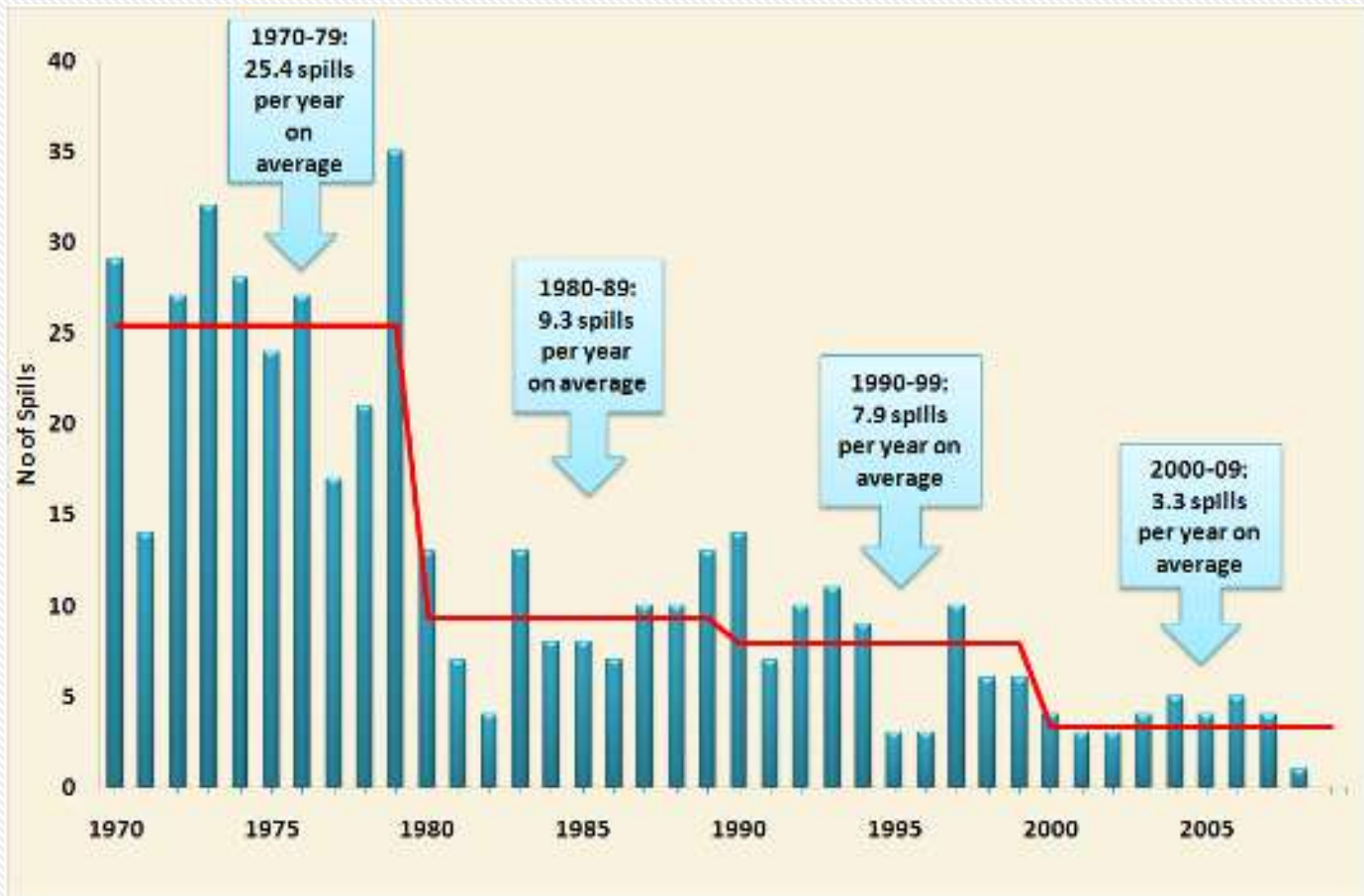
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New Plan to Block Gulf Oil Leak

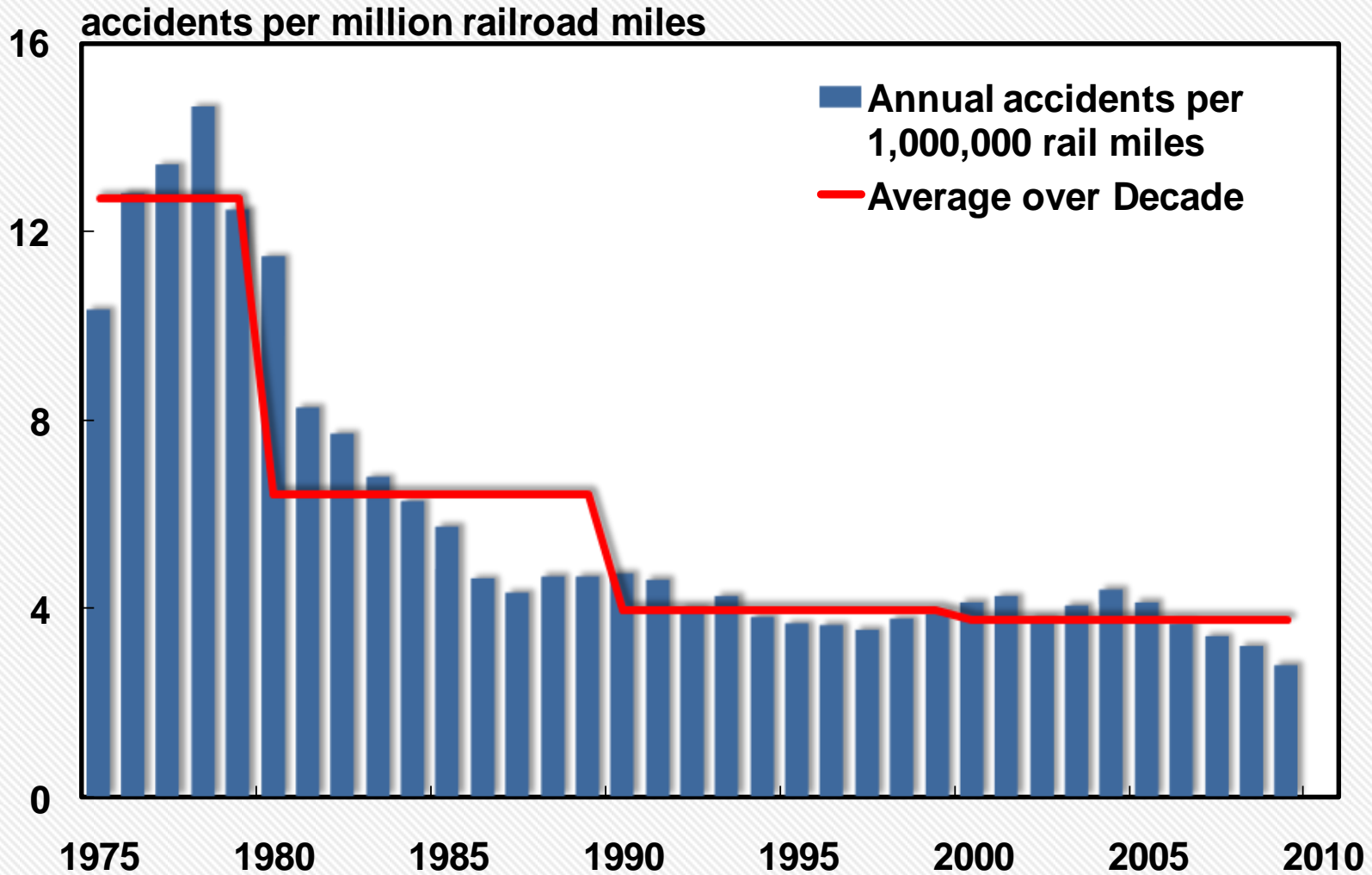


Number of Spills Over 700 Tonnes



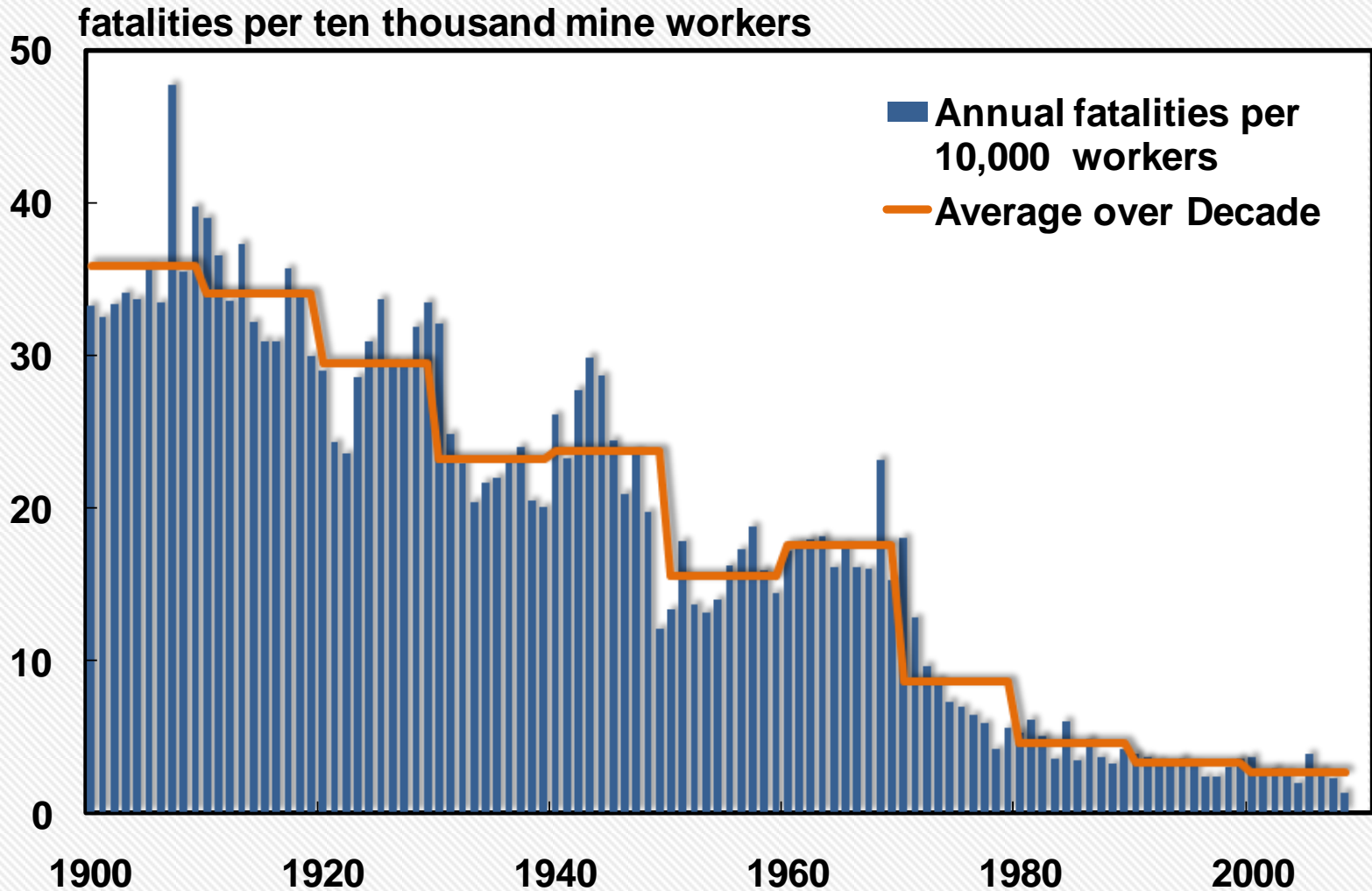
Source: The International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation Limited

Train Accidents



Source: Federal Railroad Administration

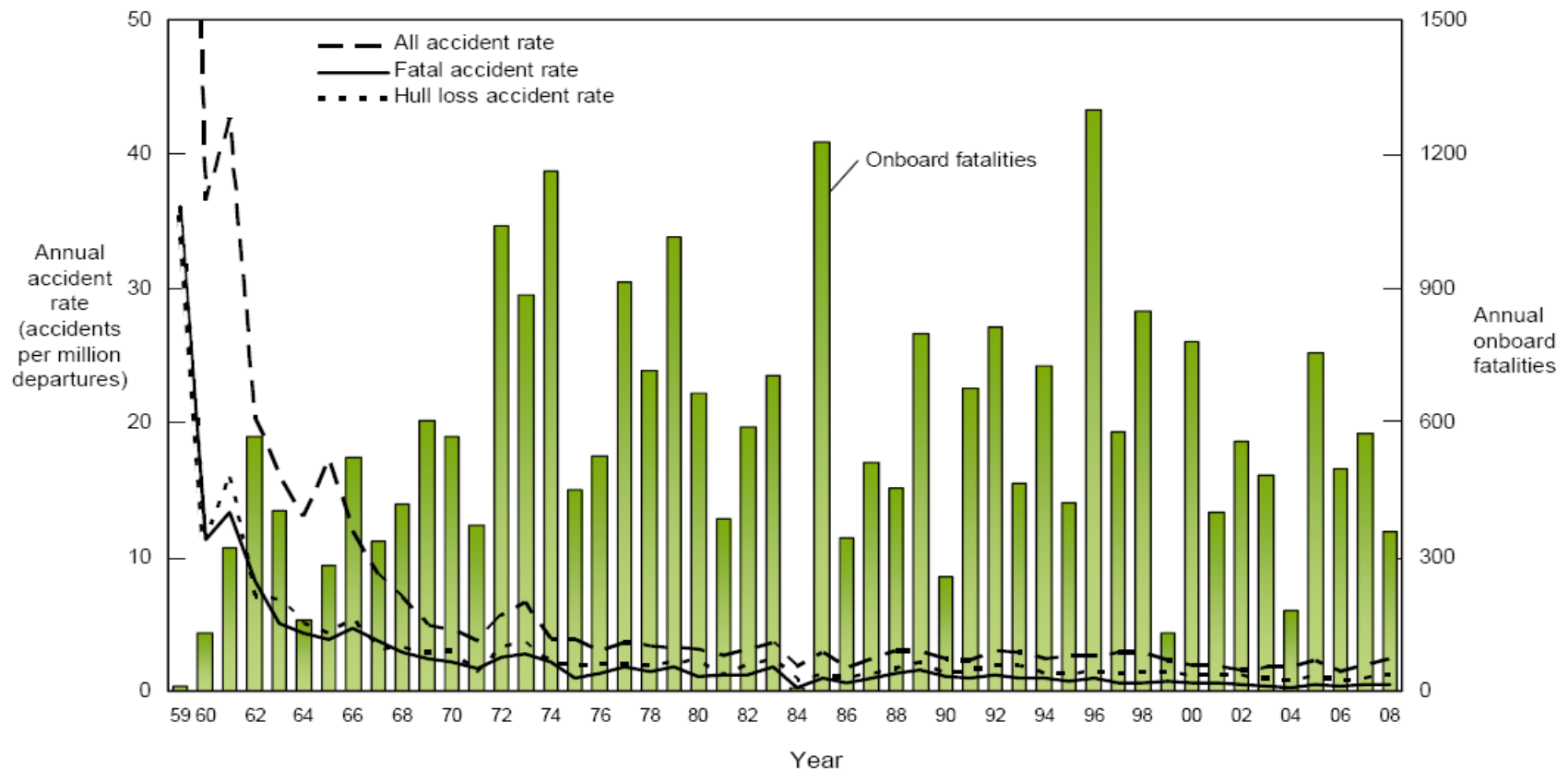
Coal Mining Fatalities



Source: Mine Safety and Health Administration

Airplane Accident Rate

Accident Rates and Onboard Fatalities by Year Worldwide Commercial Jet Fleet – 1959 Through 2008

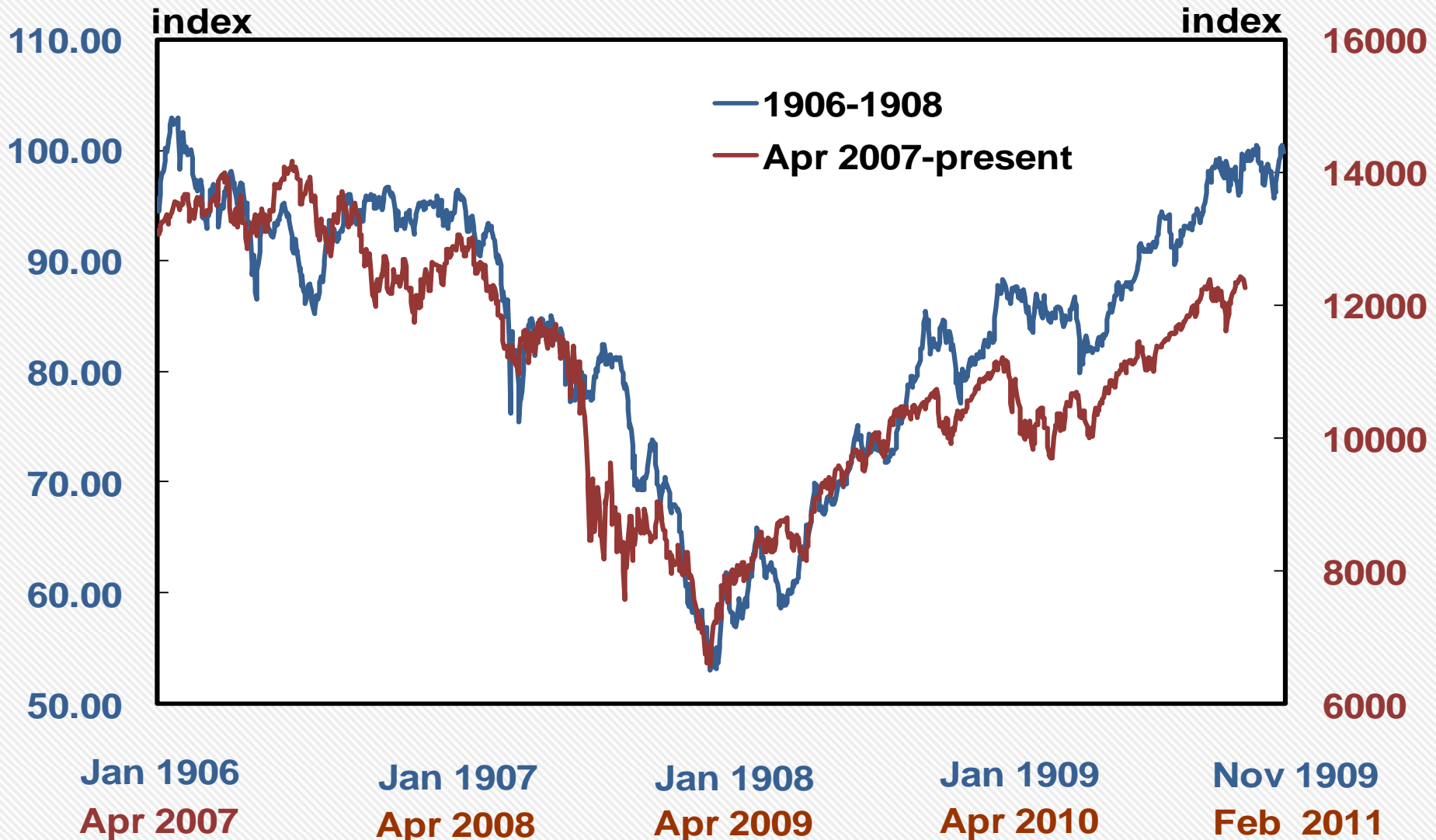


Source: Boeing



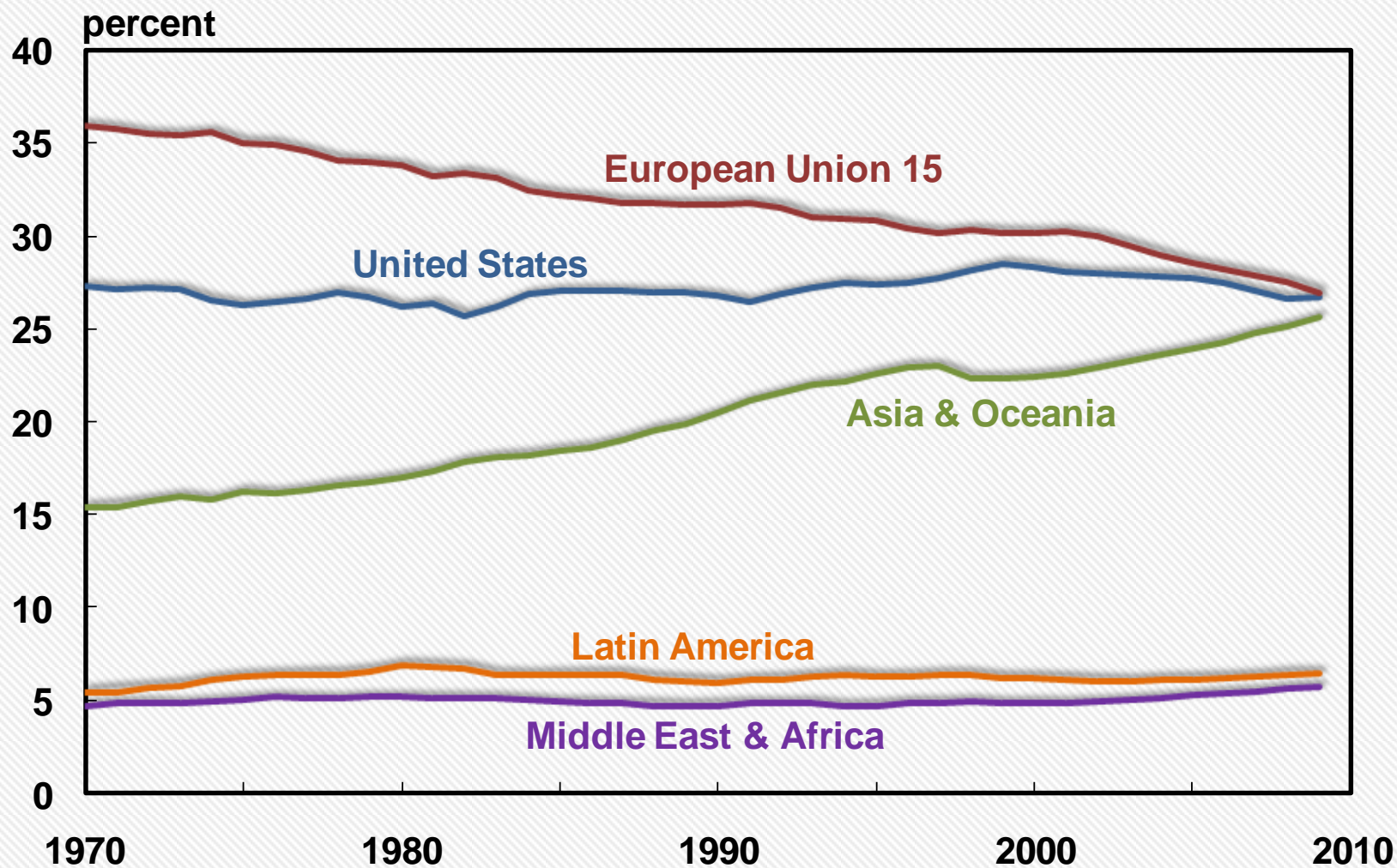


Dow 1907 vs. Current



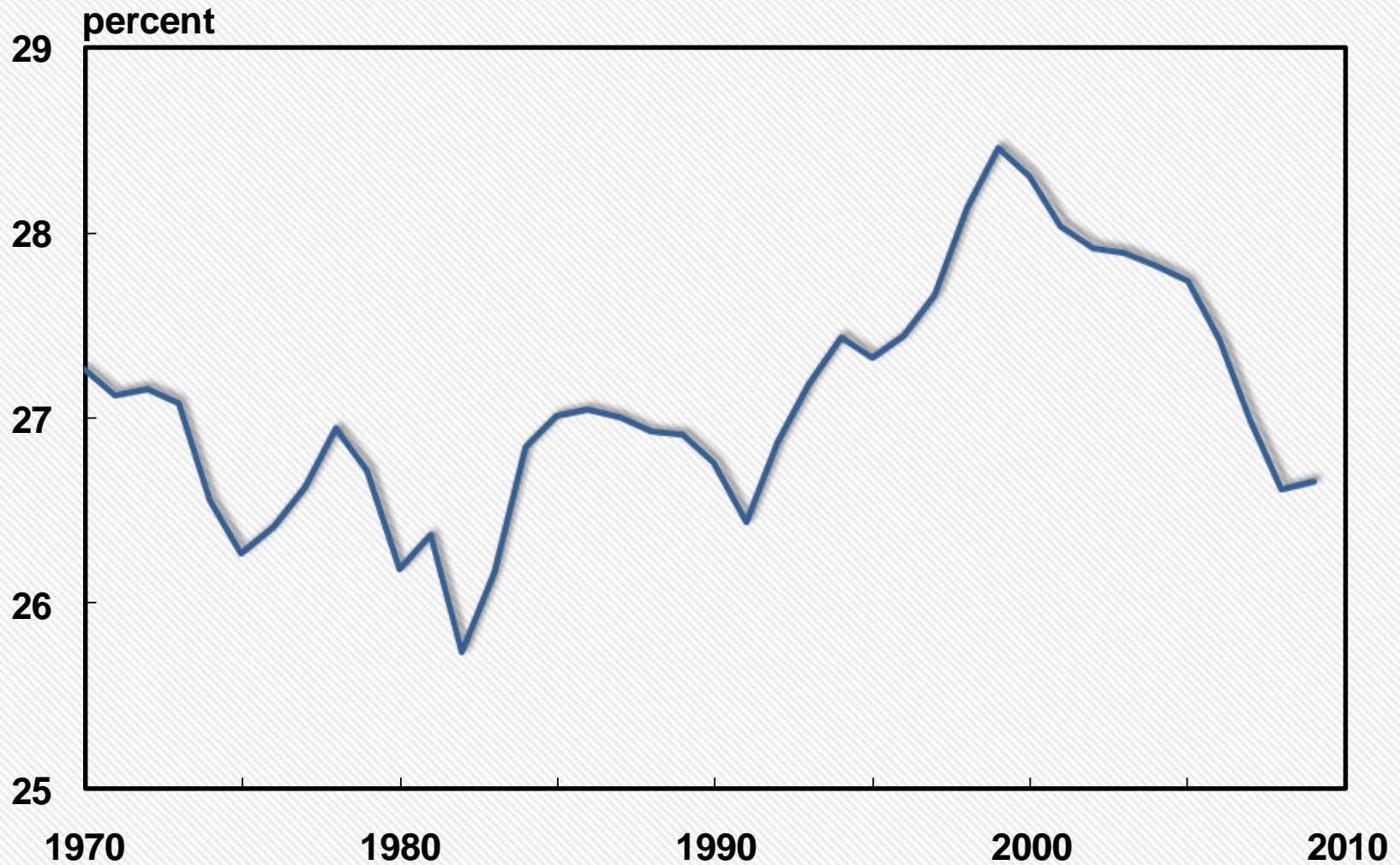
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Share of World GDP



Source: USDA

US Share of World GDP

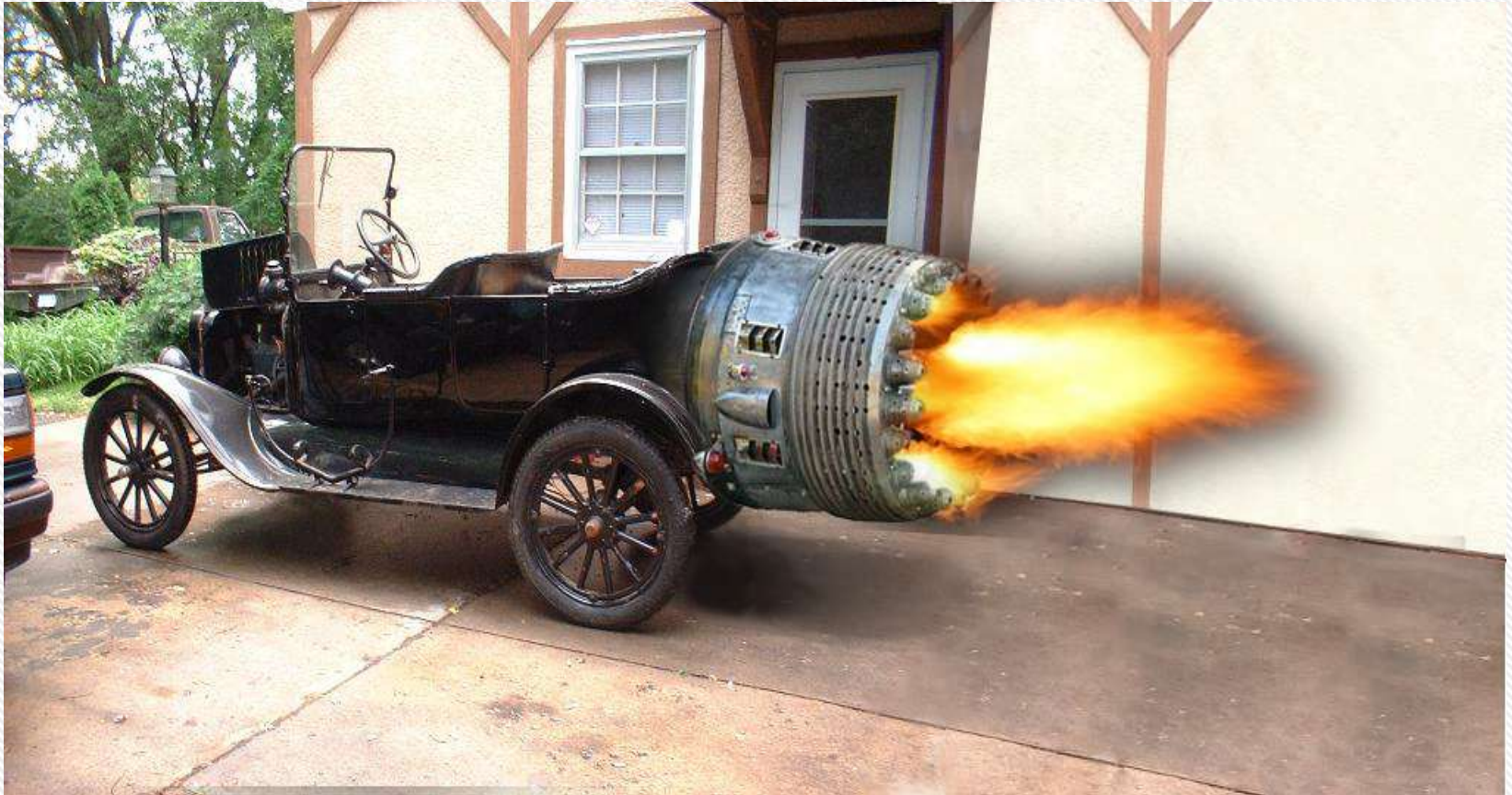


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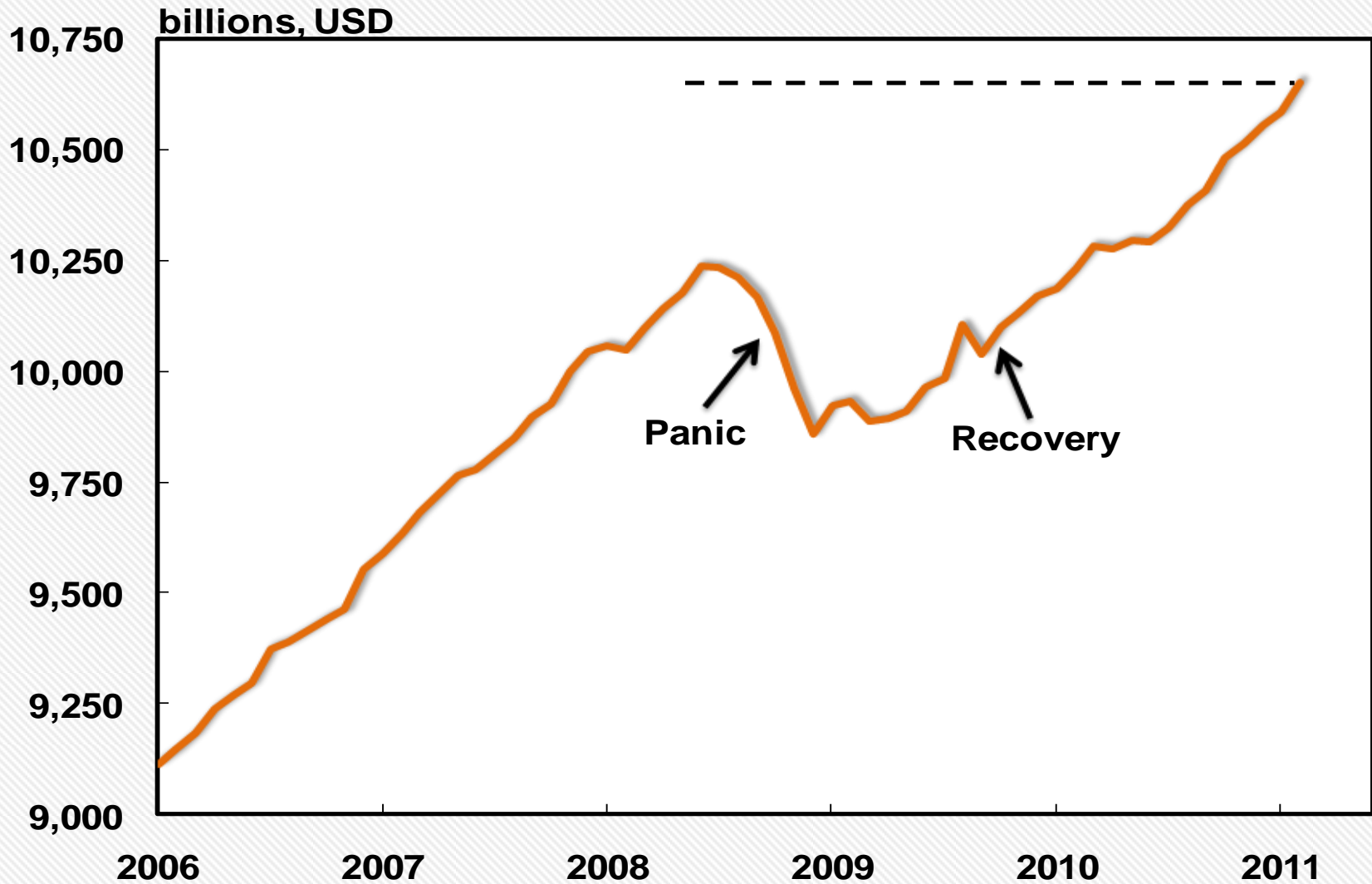
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China



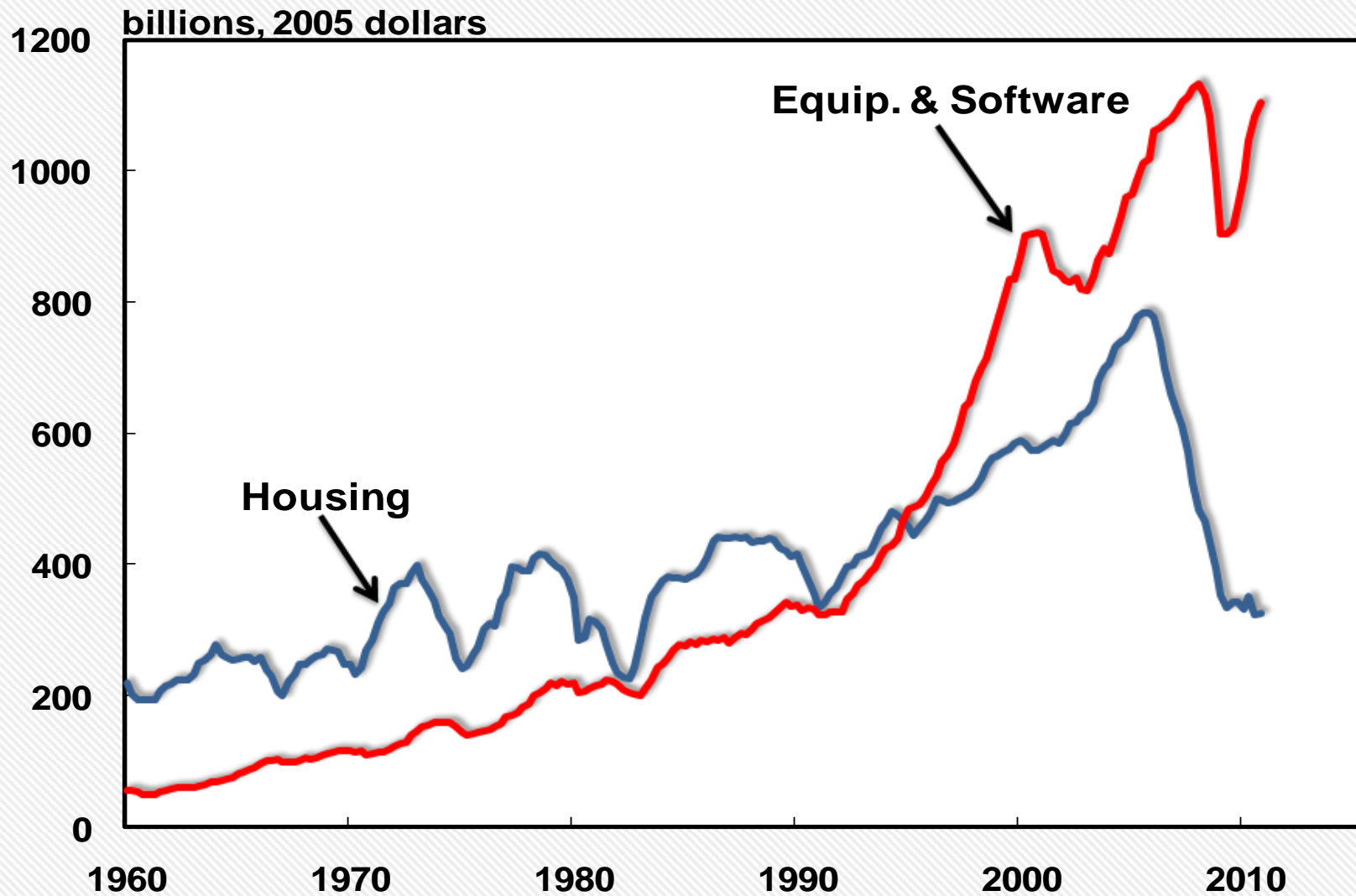
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Personal Consumption



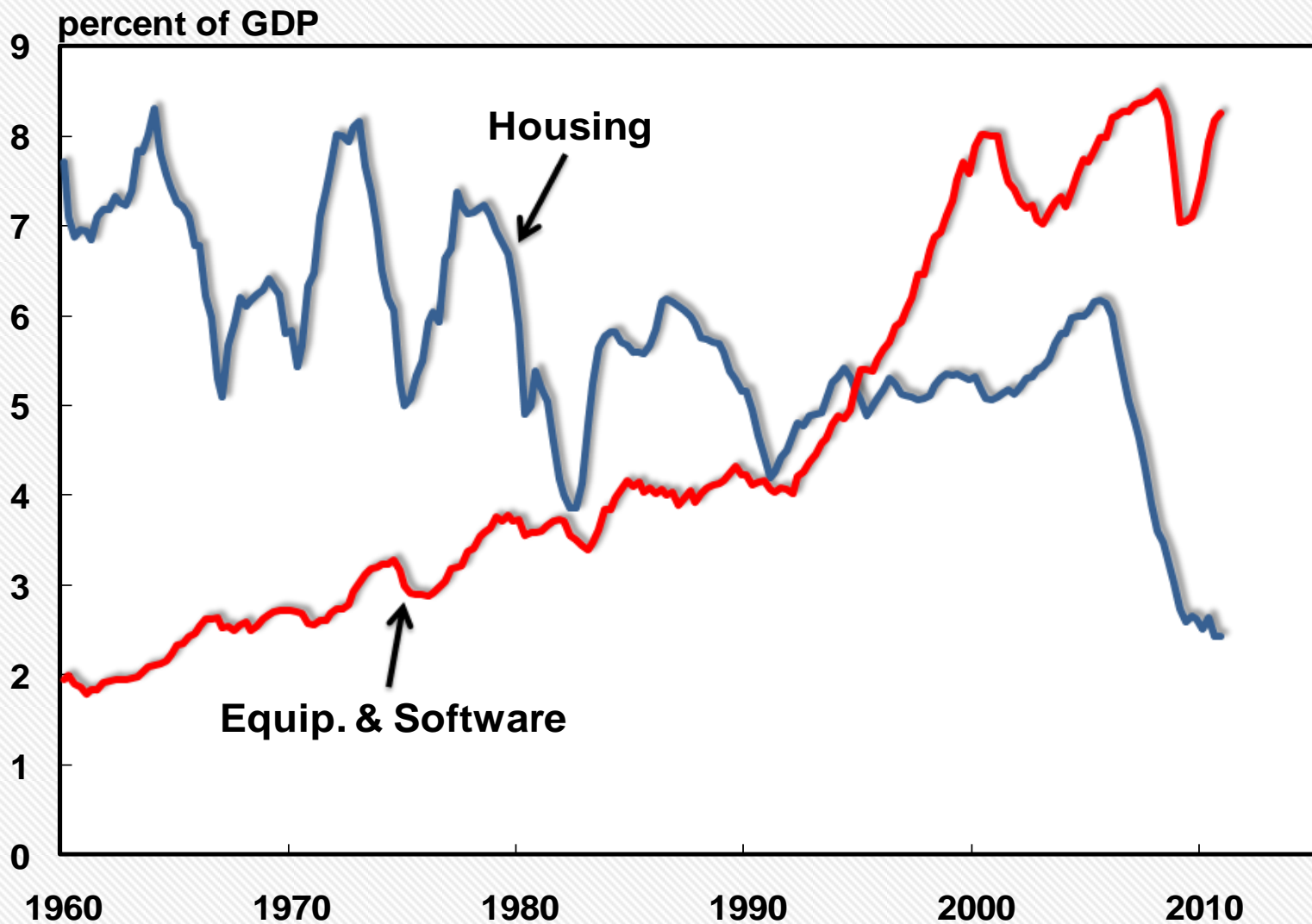
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Investment: Housing vs. Equipment and Software



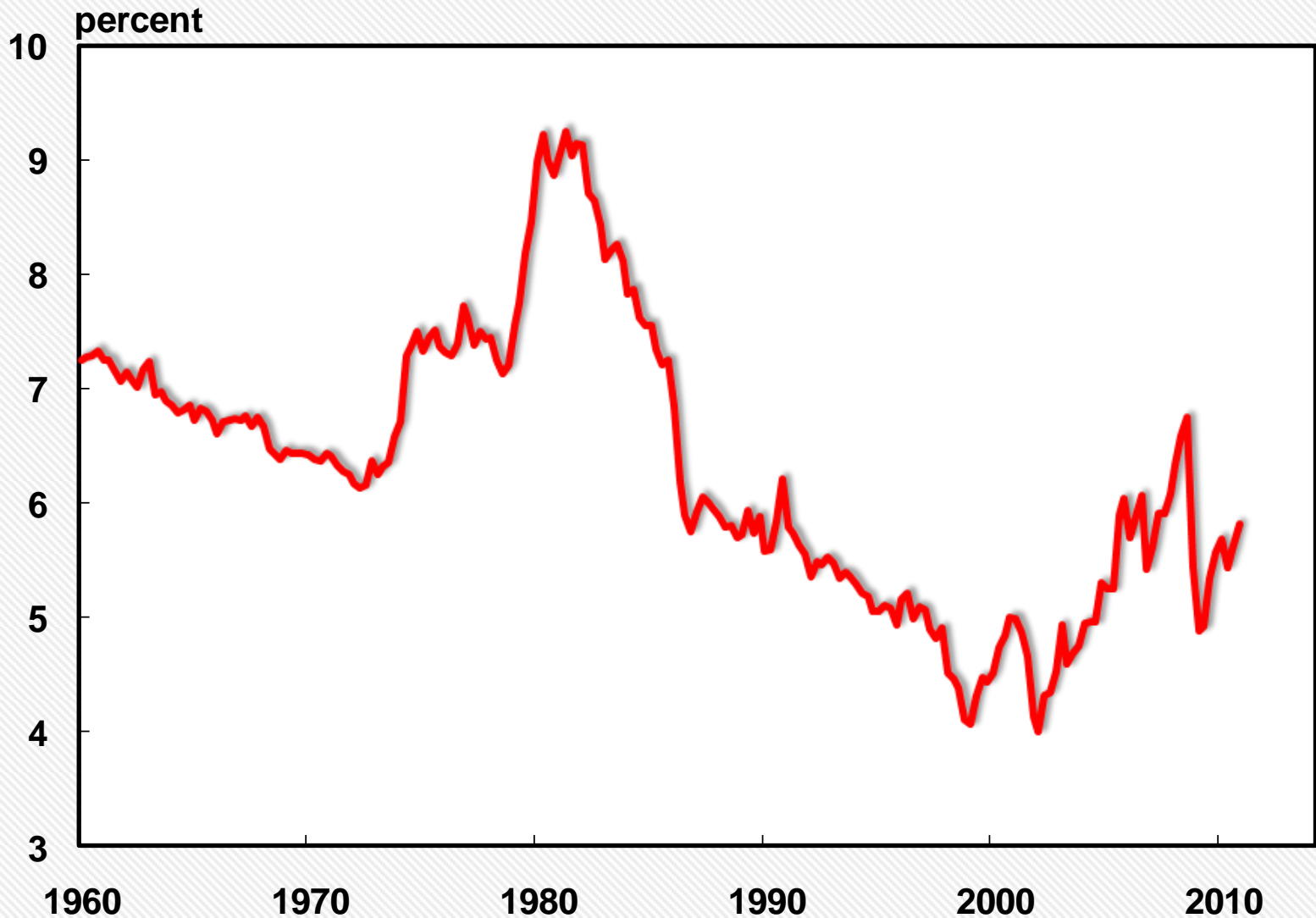
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Housing vs. Investment (Share of GDP)



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Energy Share of Consumption

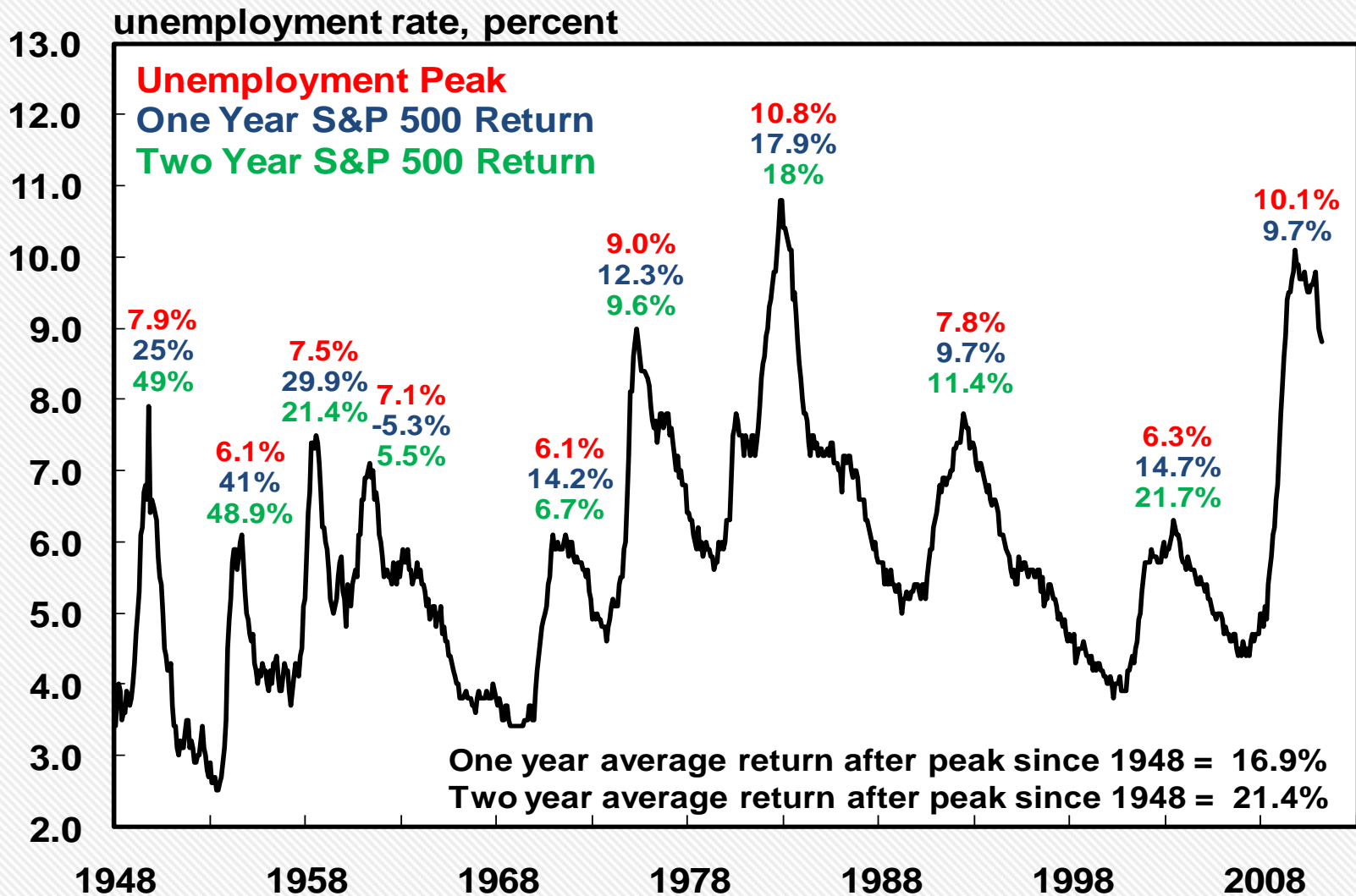


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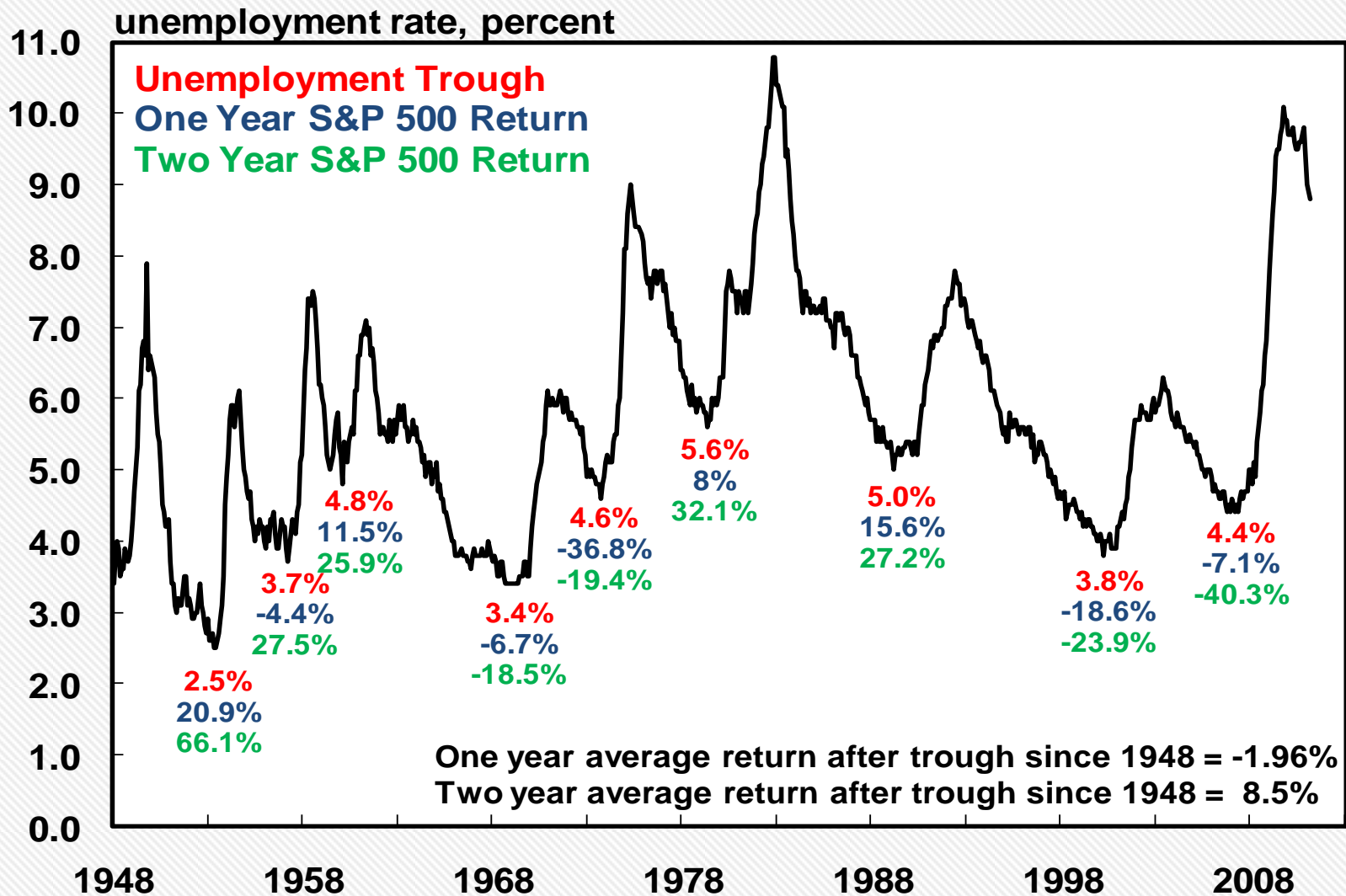
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Peak Unemployment vs. Stocks



Source: Haver, BLS, First Trust Advisors

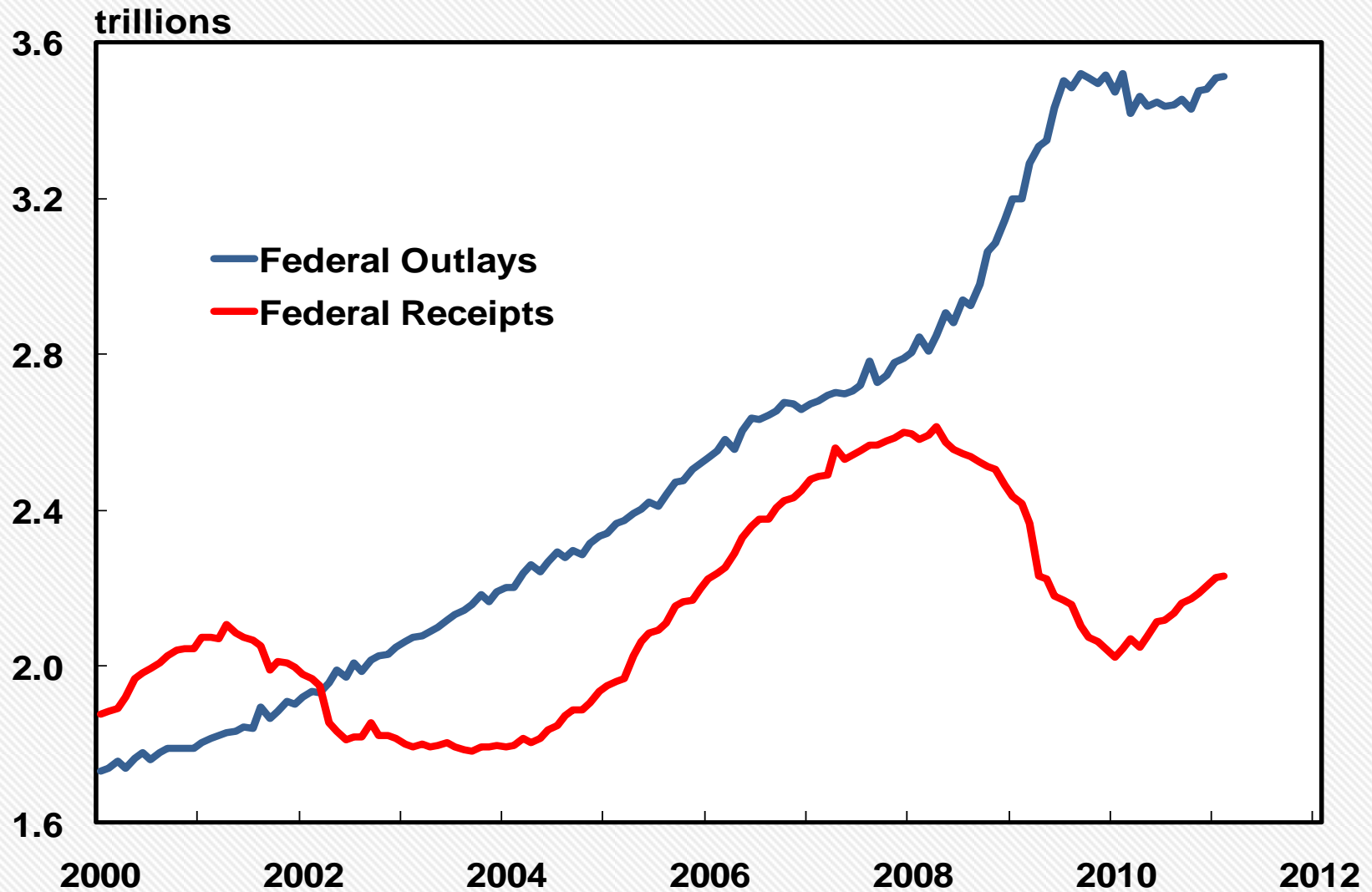
Trough Unemployment vs. Stocks



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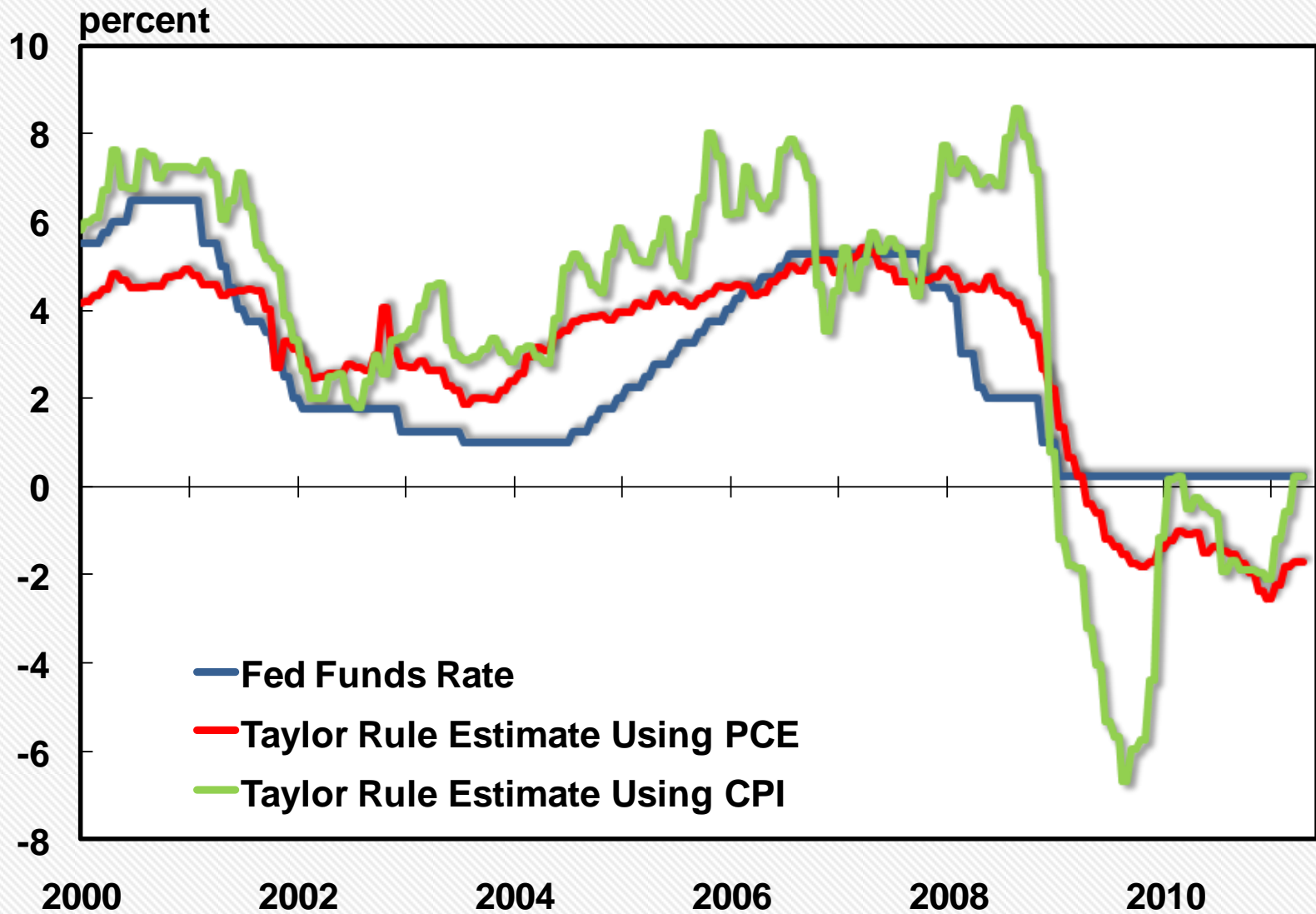
Federal Receipts vs. Outlays

12-Month Moving Total



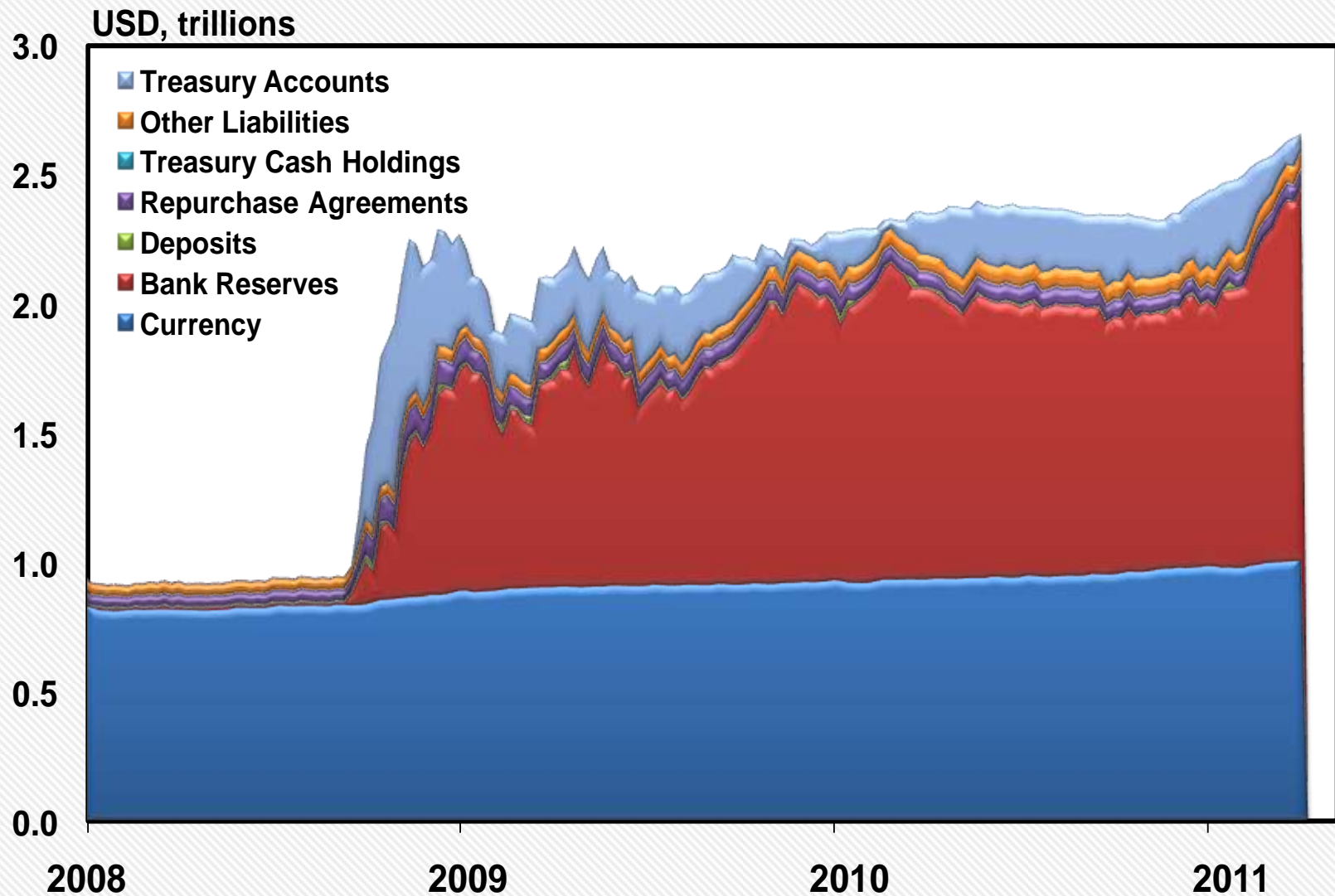
Source: Treasury Department

Taylor Rule



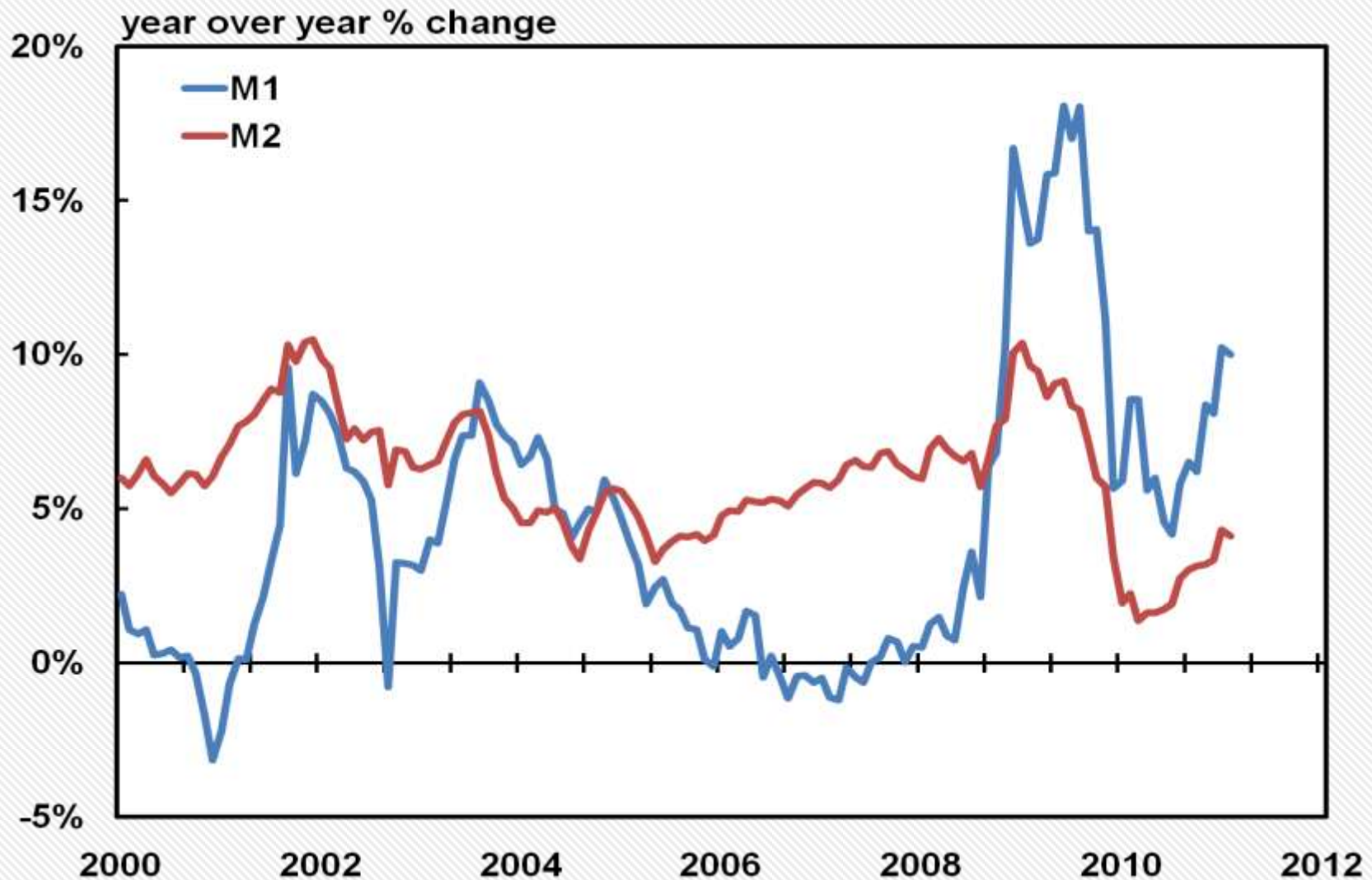
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Federal Reserve Liabilities



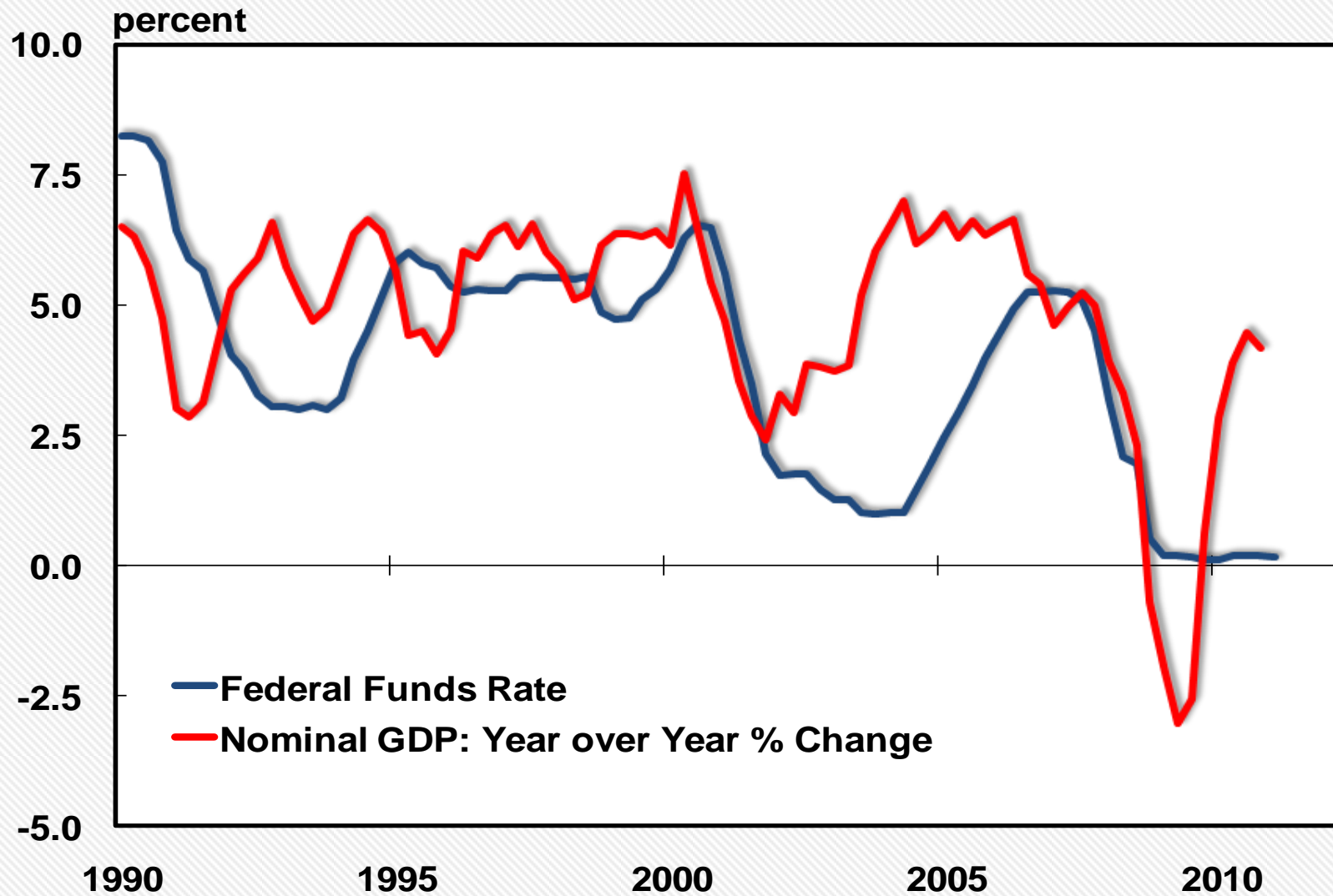
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Money Supply Growth



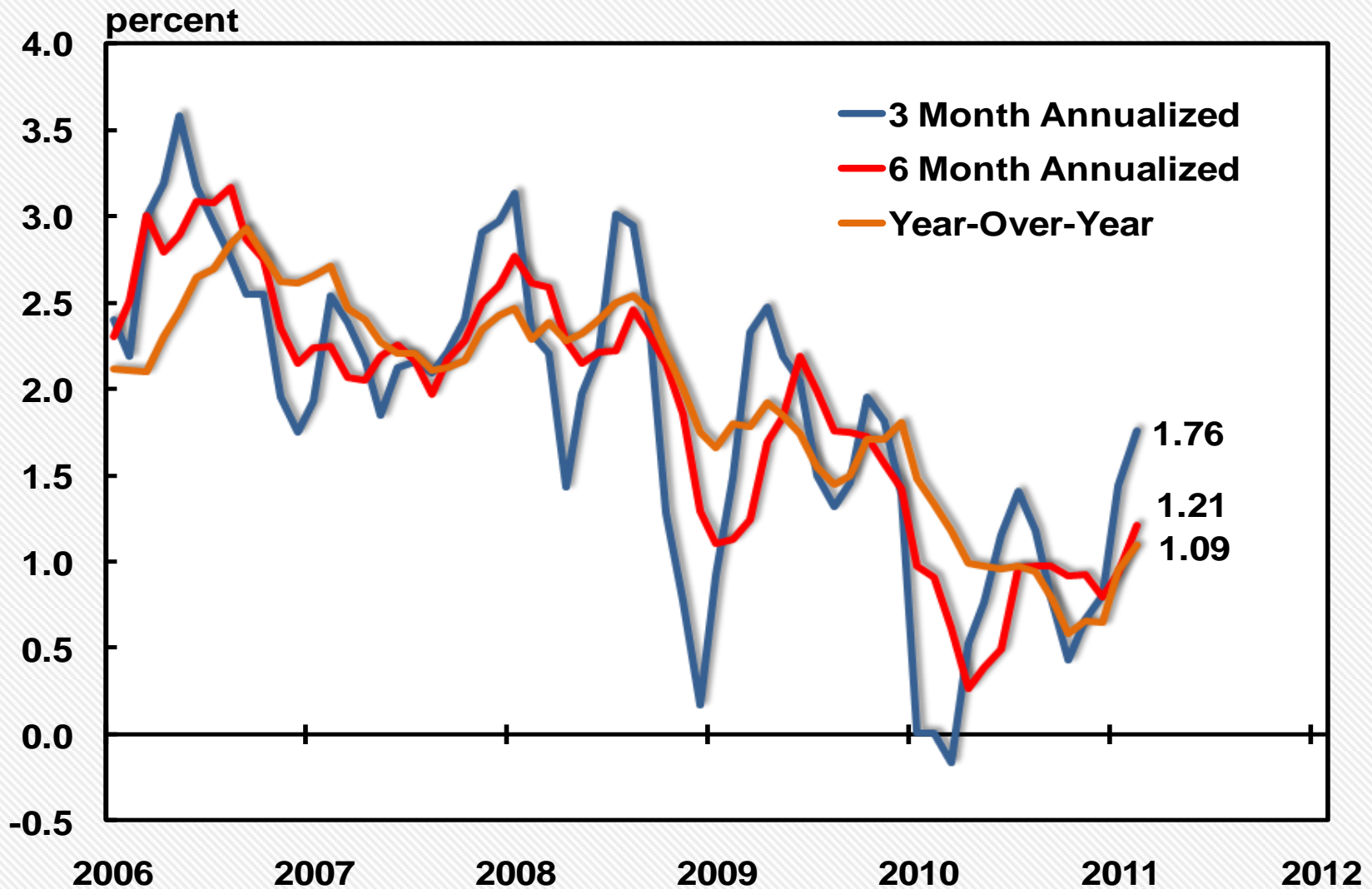
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Fed Funds Rate vs. YoY Nominal GDP Change



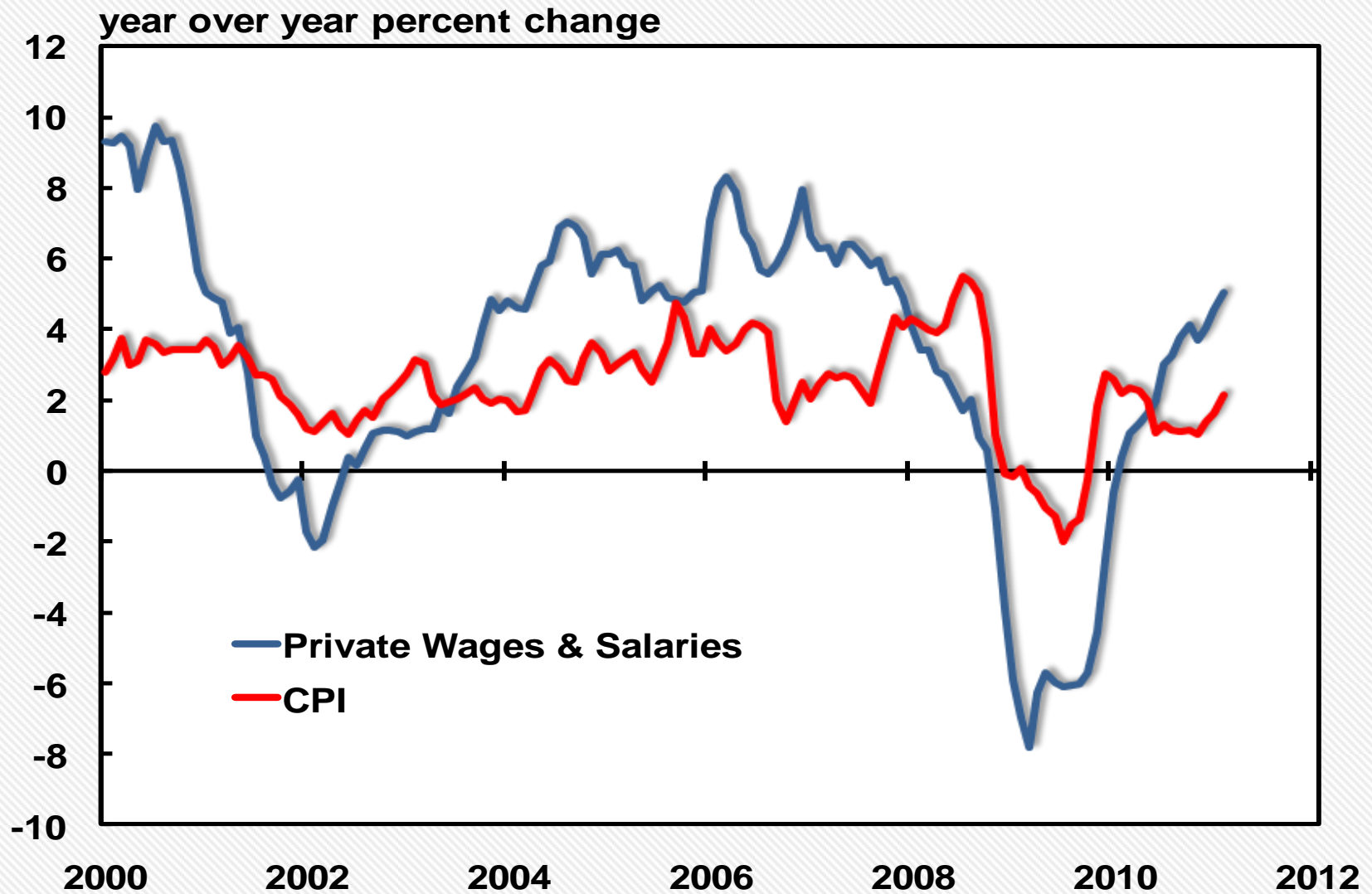
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“Core” CPI



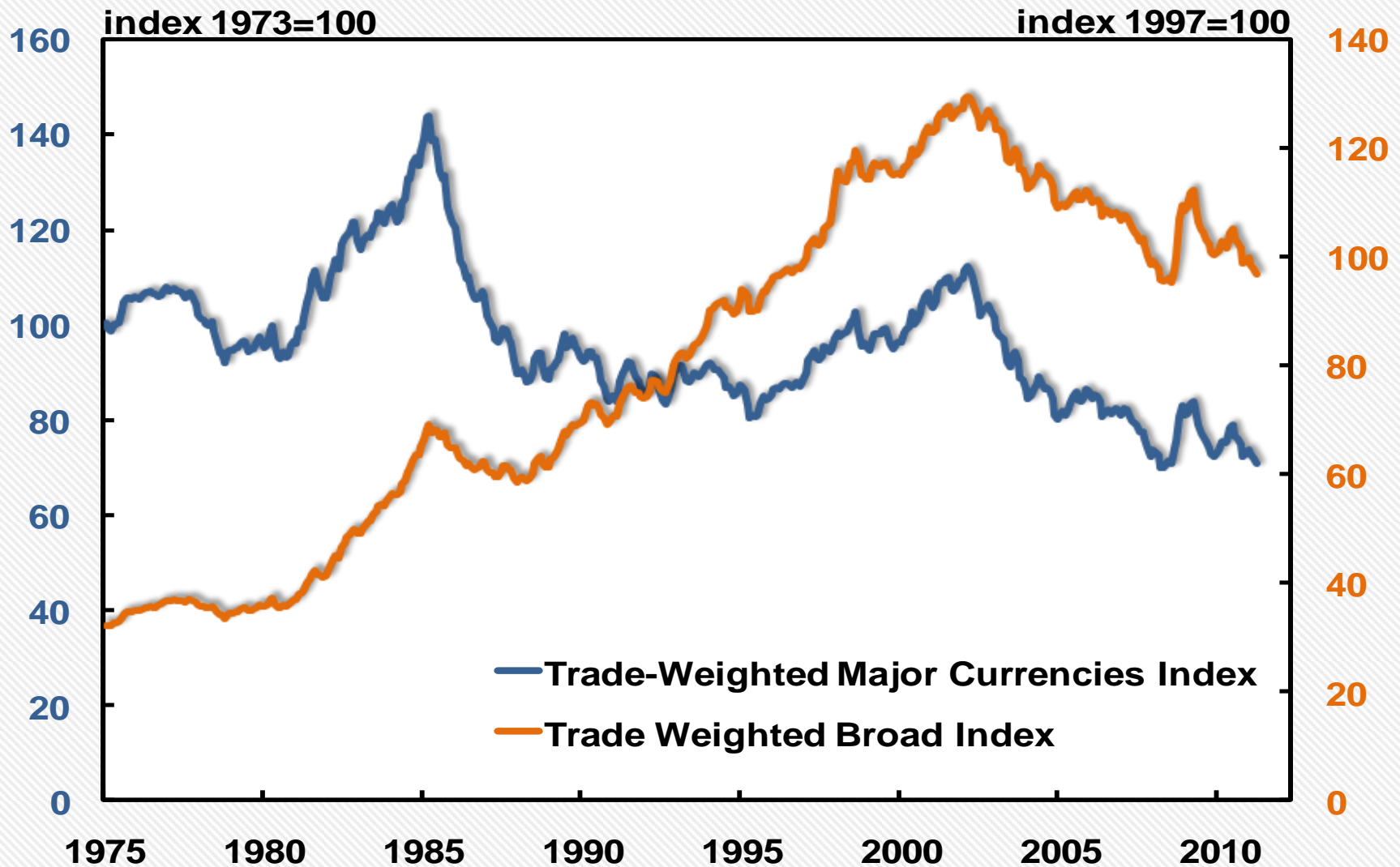
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CPI vs. Private Wage Growth



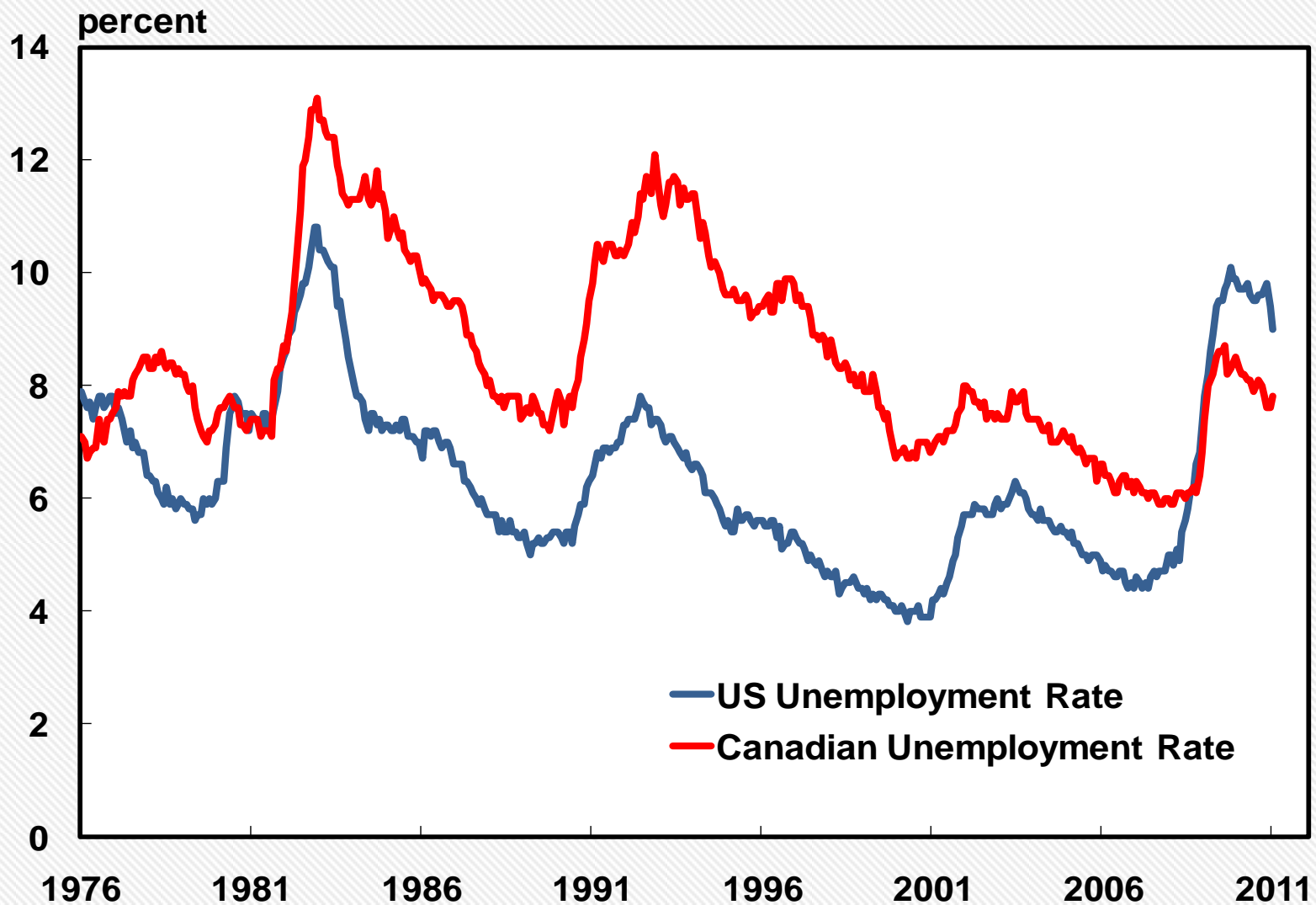
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Trade Weighted Value of the Dollar



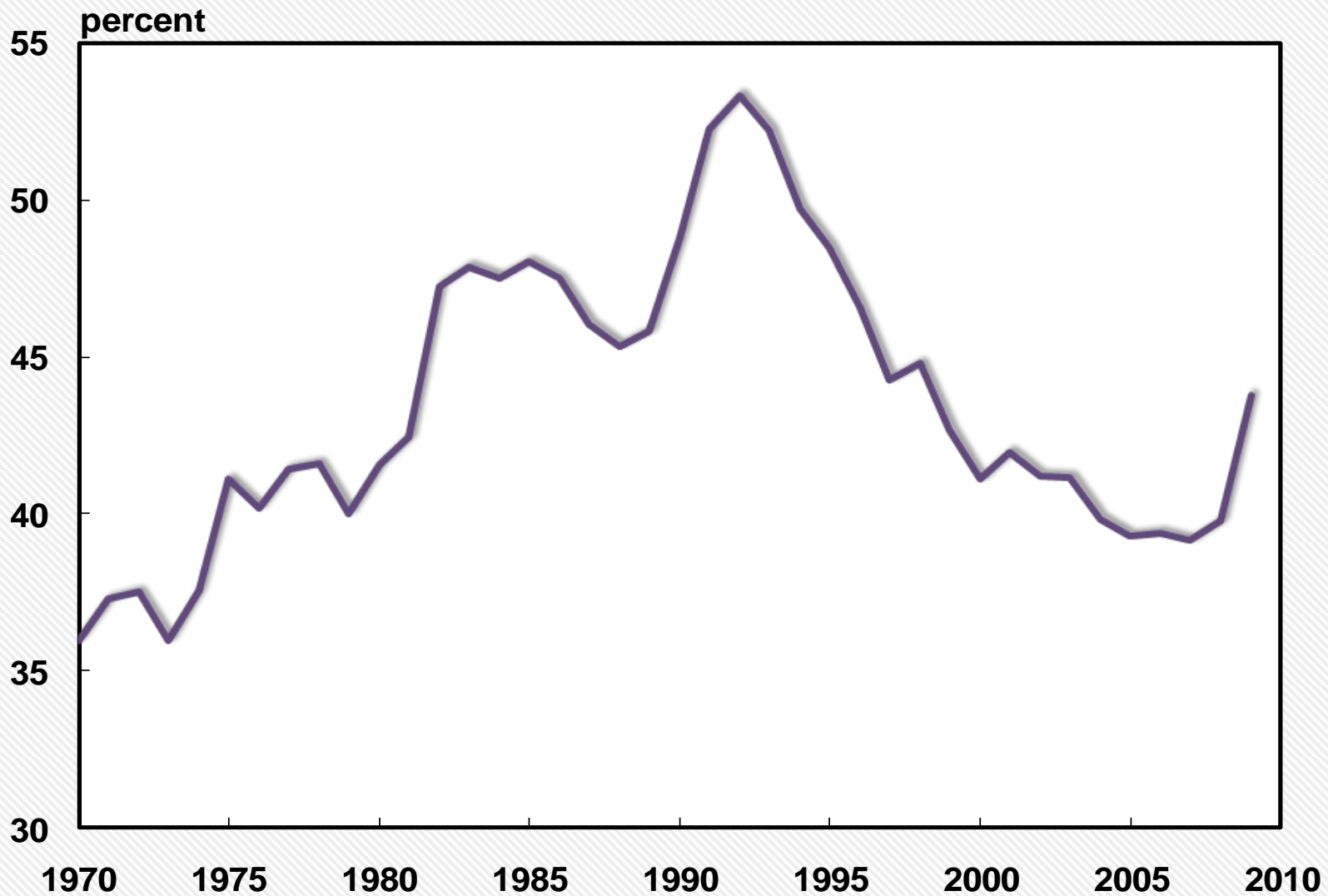
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Unemployment Rate: US vs. Canada



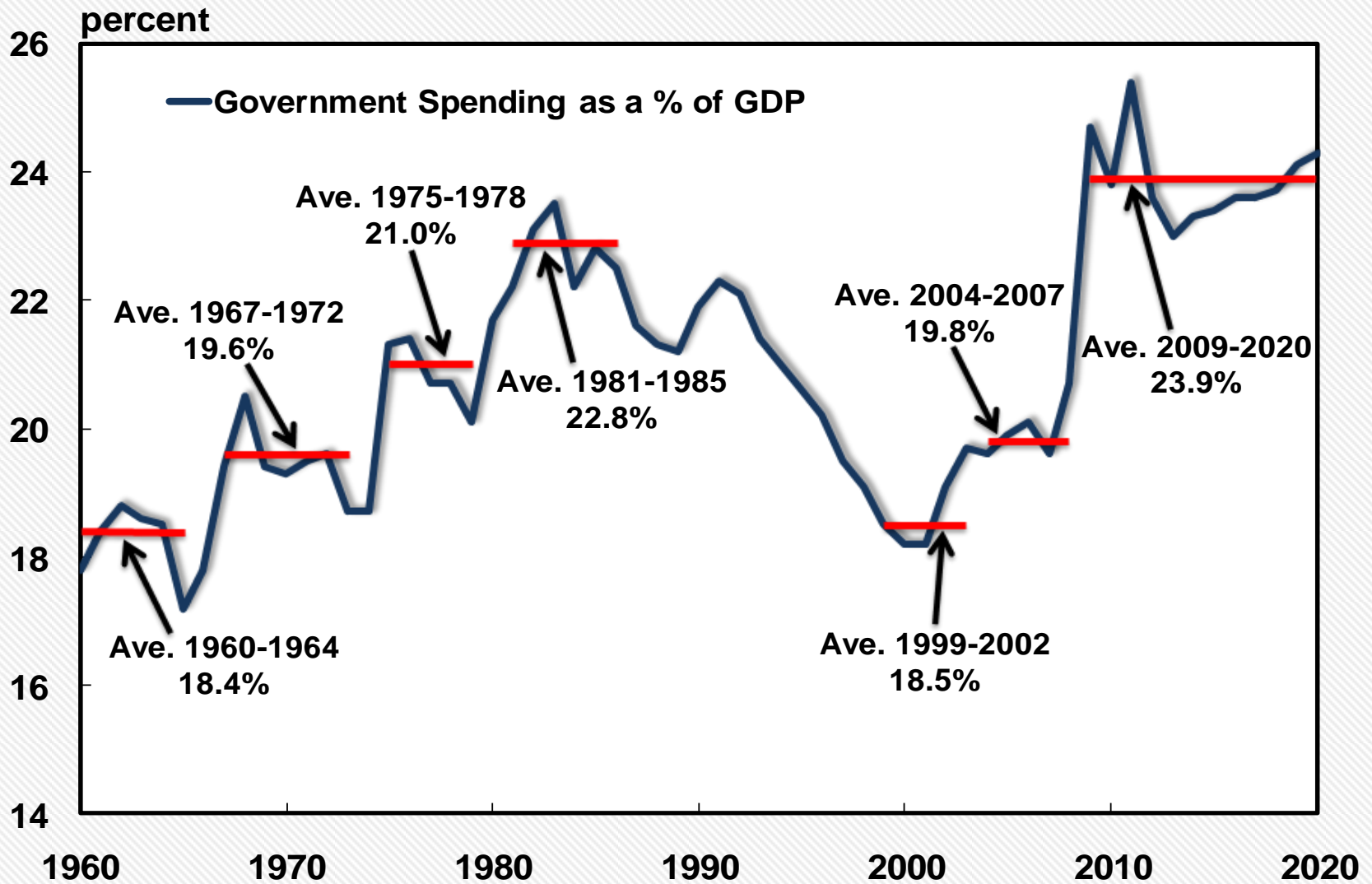
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Canadian Gov't Spending as % of GDP



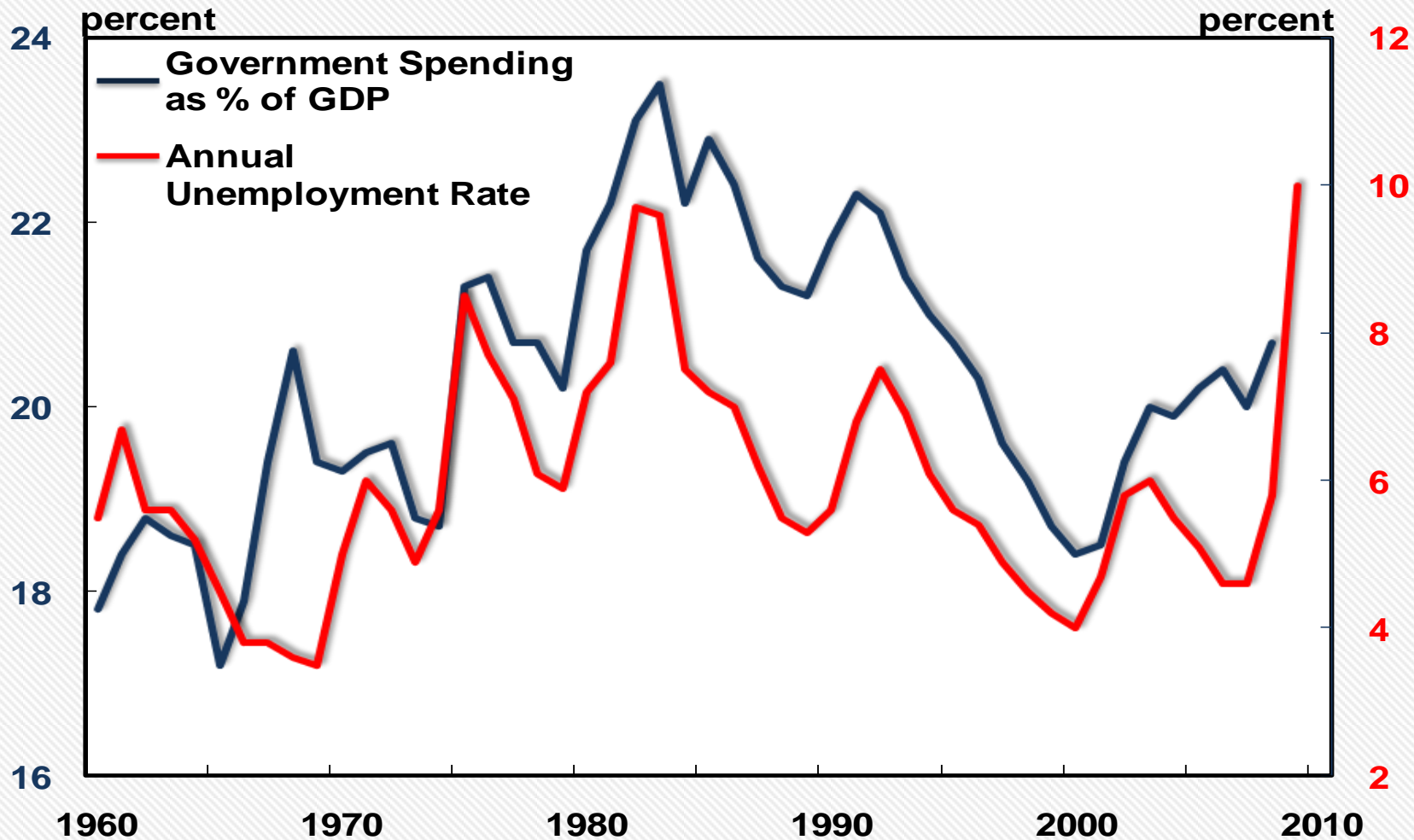
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Government Spending as a % of GDP



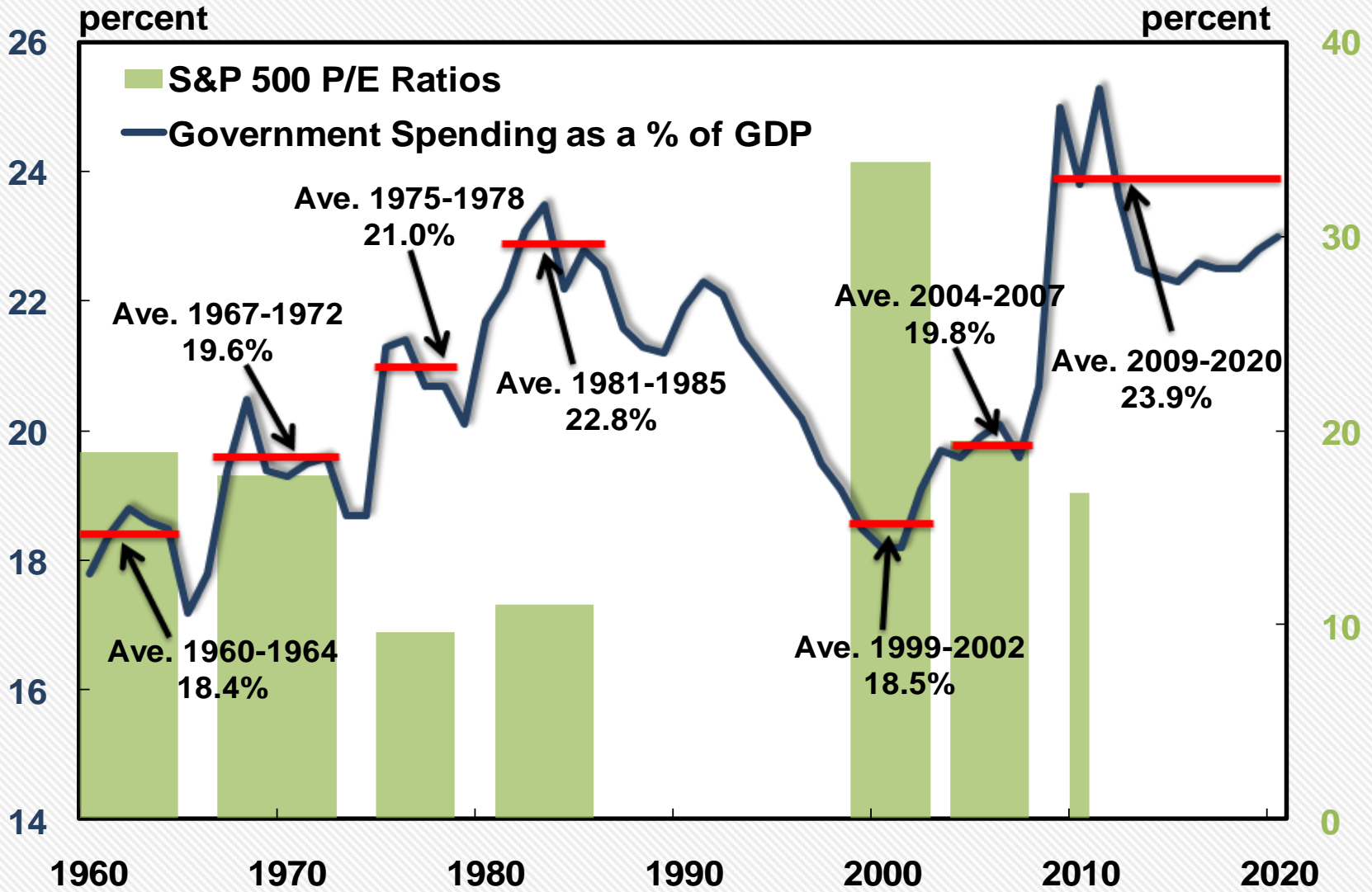
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Government Spending vs. Unemployment



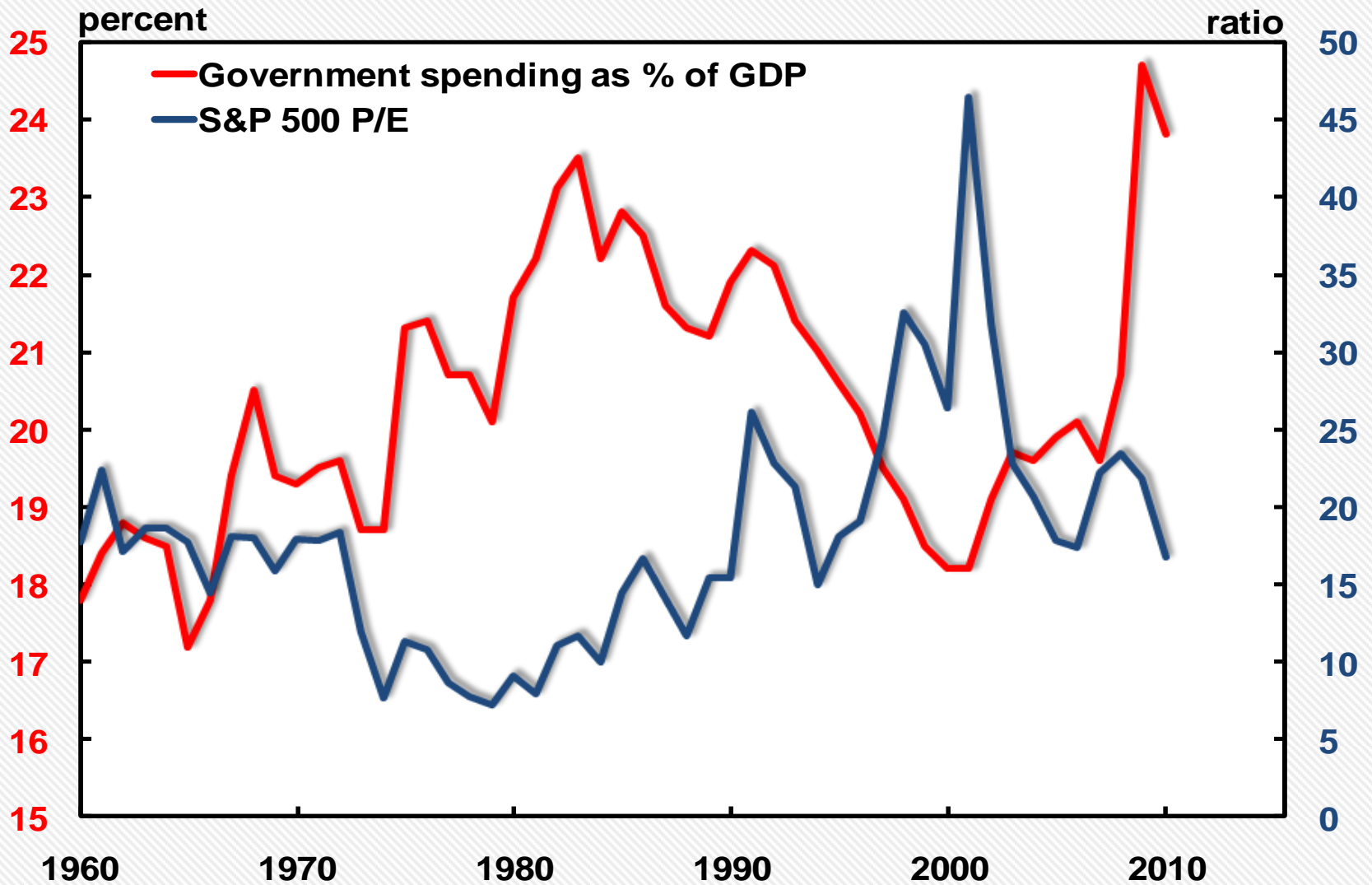
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Government Spending vs. S&P 500 P/E



Source: Standard and Poor's, CBO, FT Advisors

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