

A view of the Economic Road Ahead - 2018

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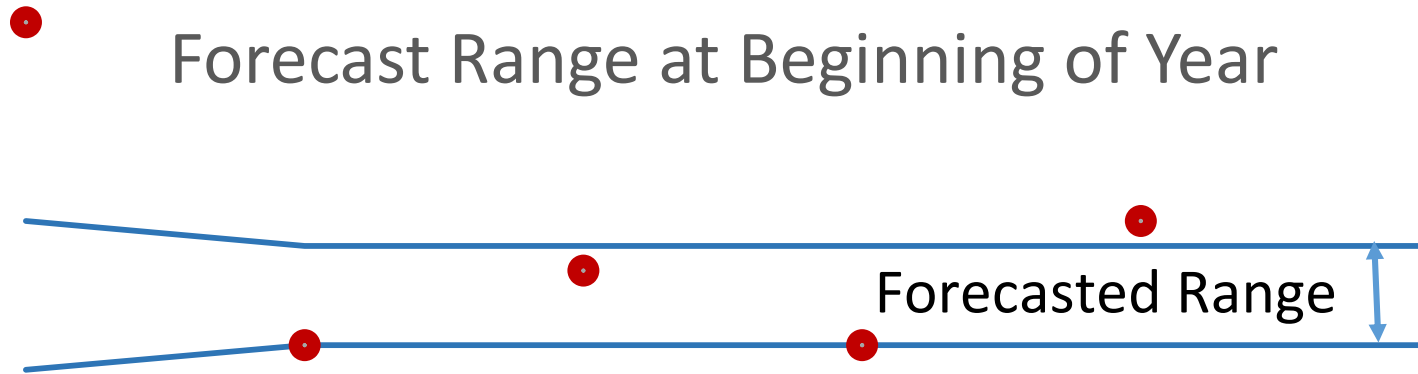


My Accuracy in Past Journeys

Annual Employment Growth West Michigan

VS

Forecast Range at Beginning of Year



2013

2014

2015
Actual...

2016

2017

2018

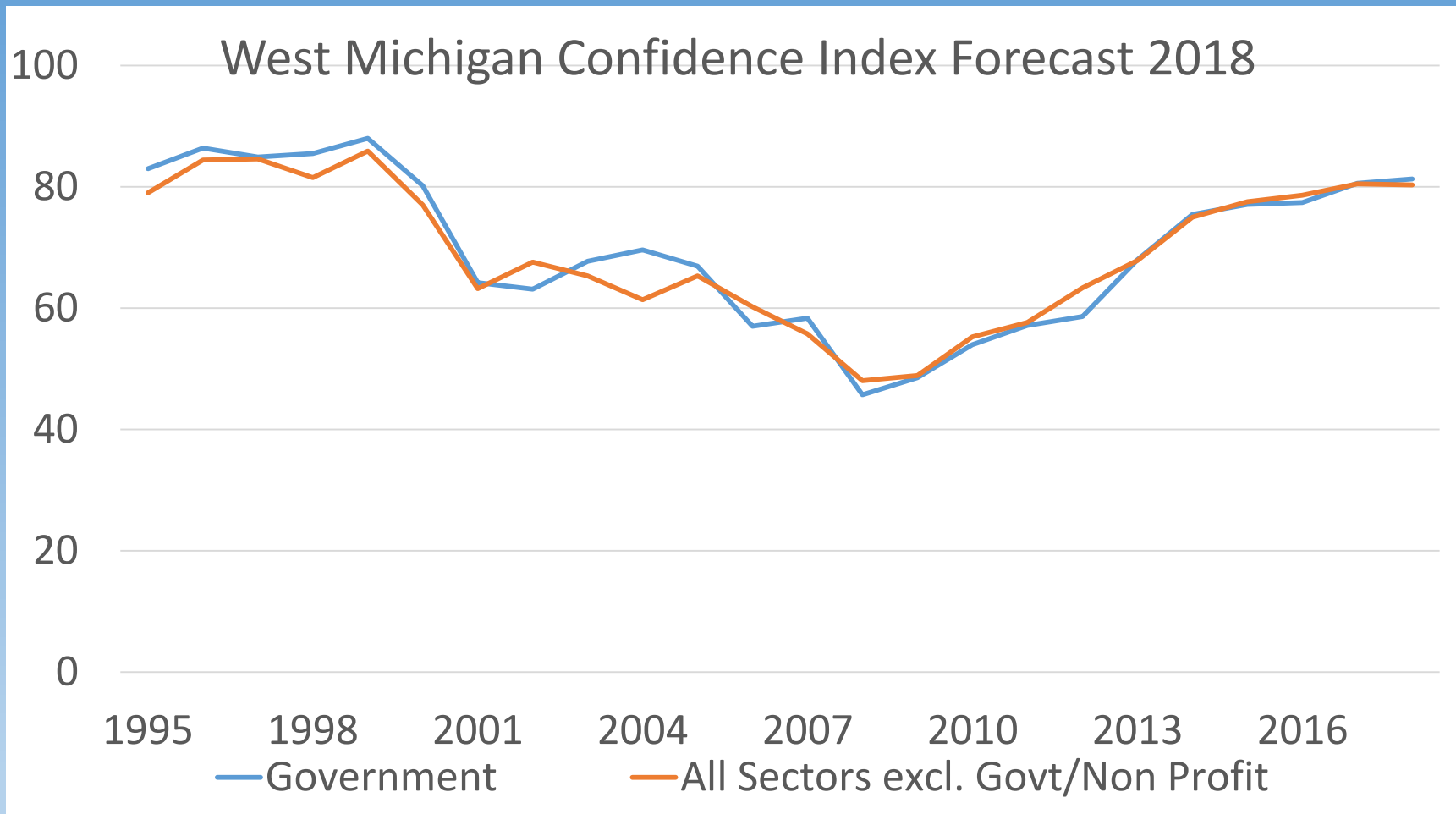
2017 YOY November

The smooth roads we'll enjoy in
2018 will become bumpy,
leading to new opportunities.



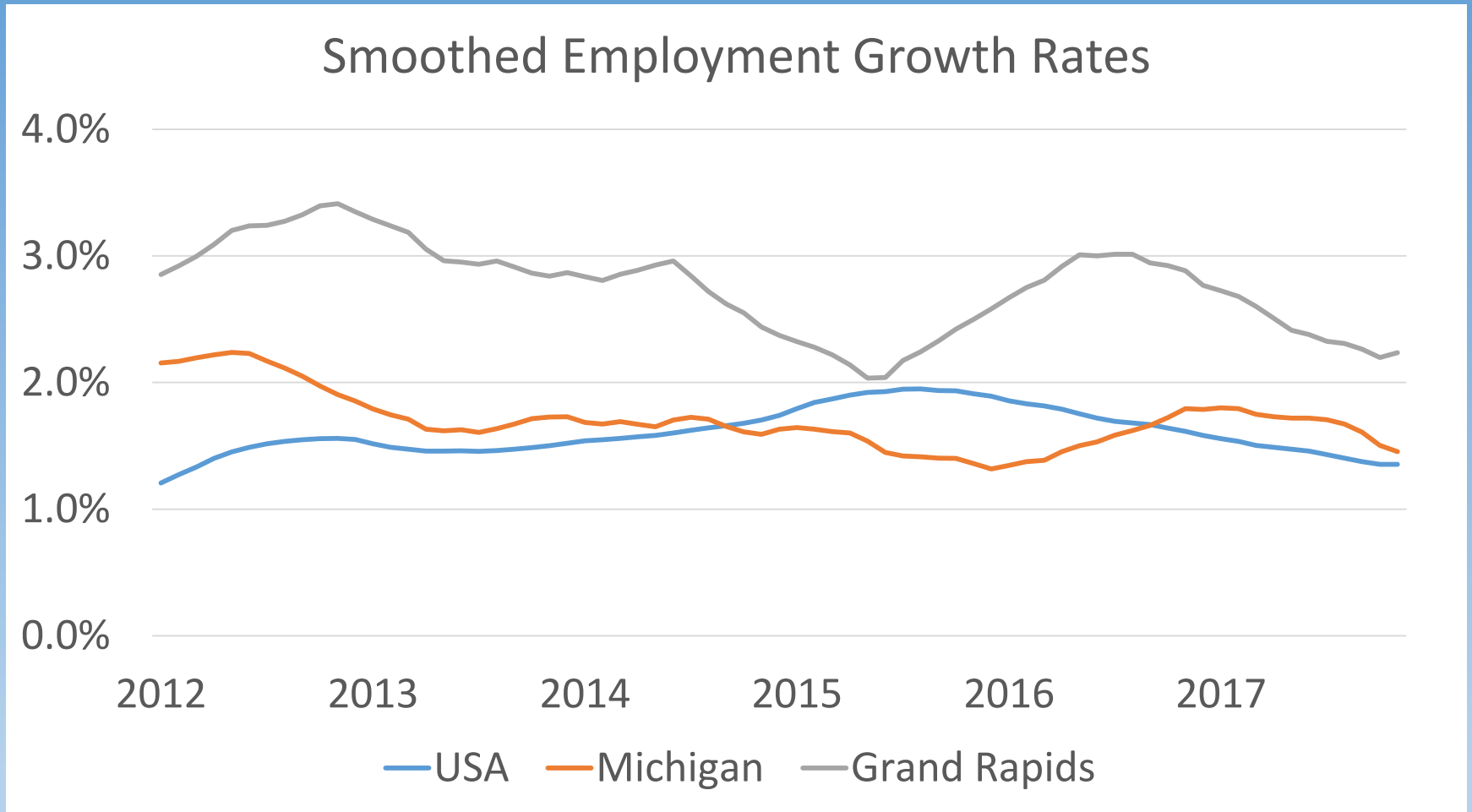
What are the indicators that show a smooth road in 2018?

CONFIDENCE



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Seidman

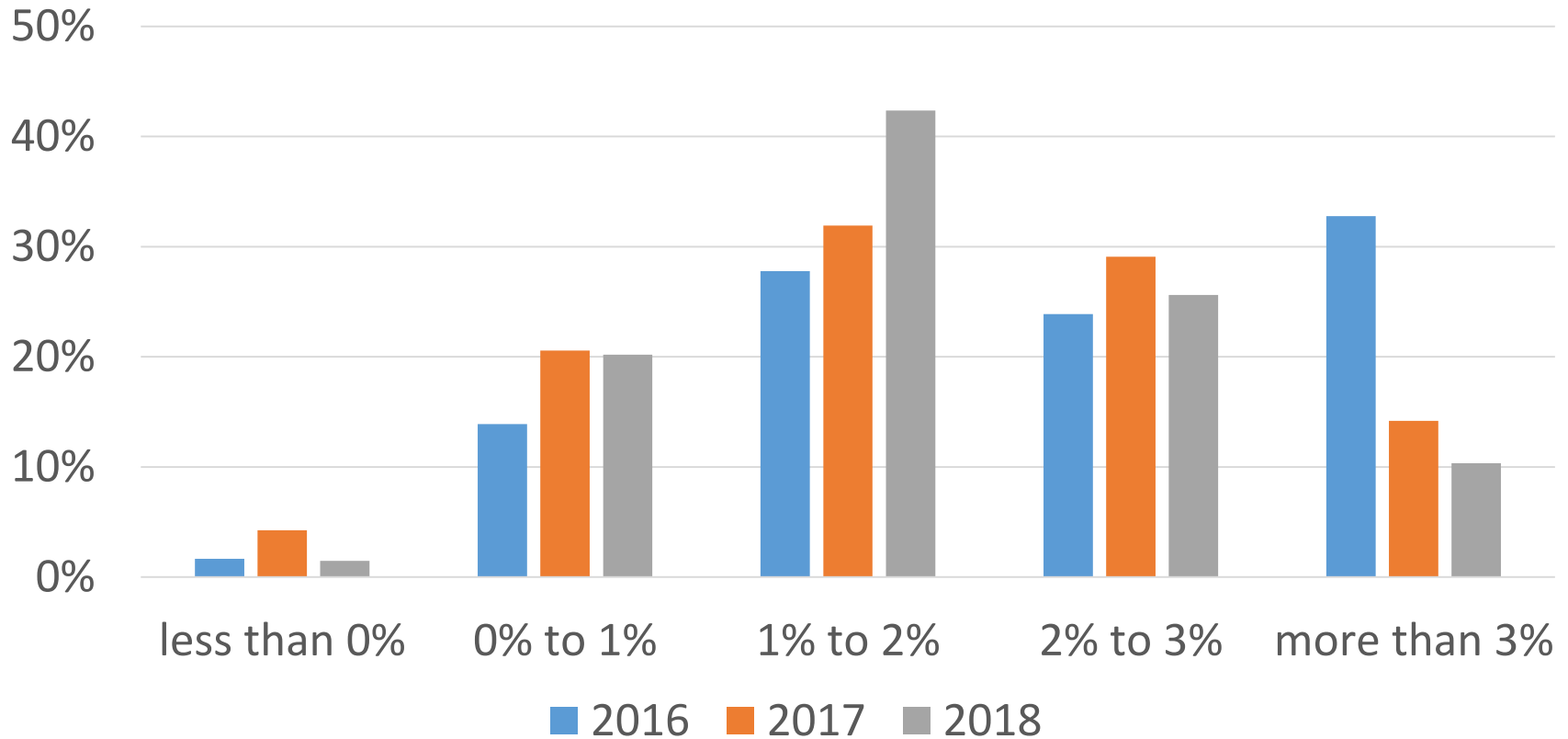
EMPLOYMENT GROWTH



Source:
BLS and Isely

EMPLOYMENT CHANGE

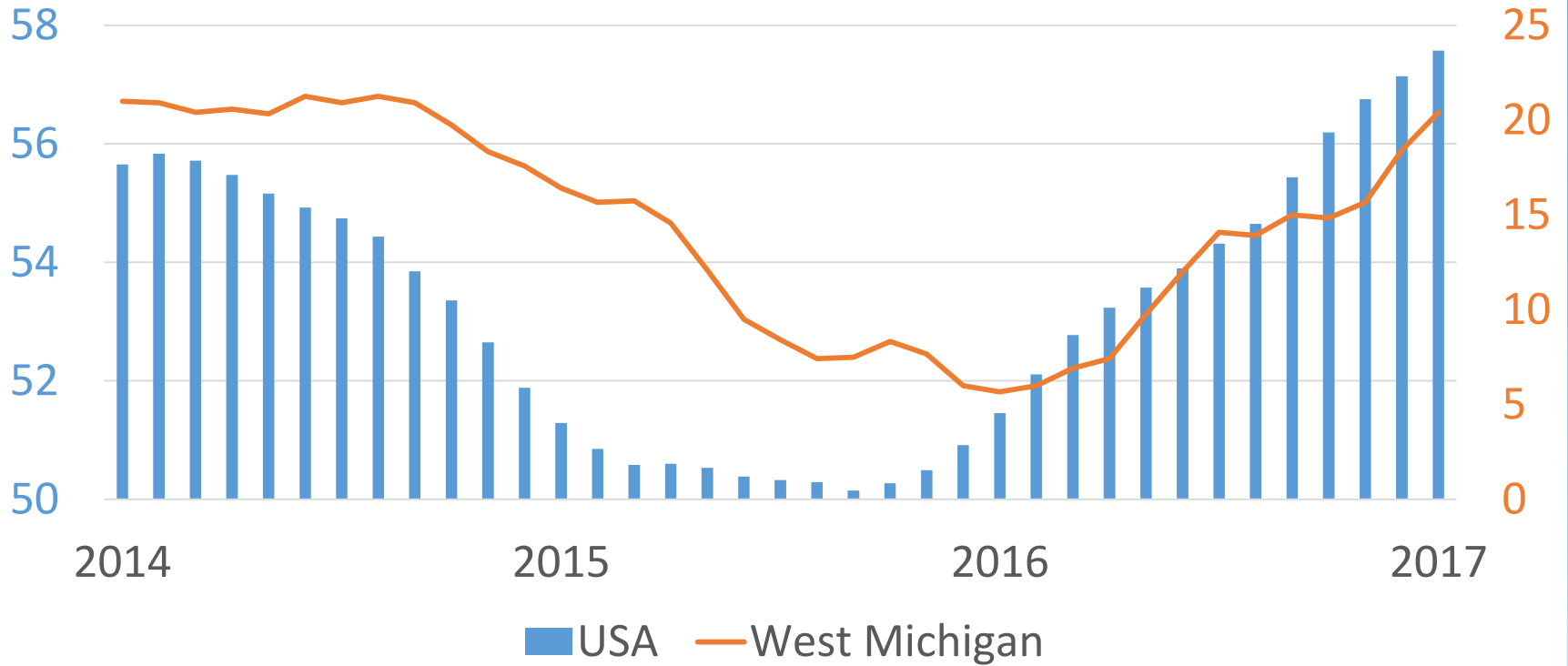
Respondents' Anticipated Change in Employment



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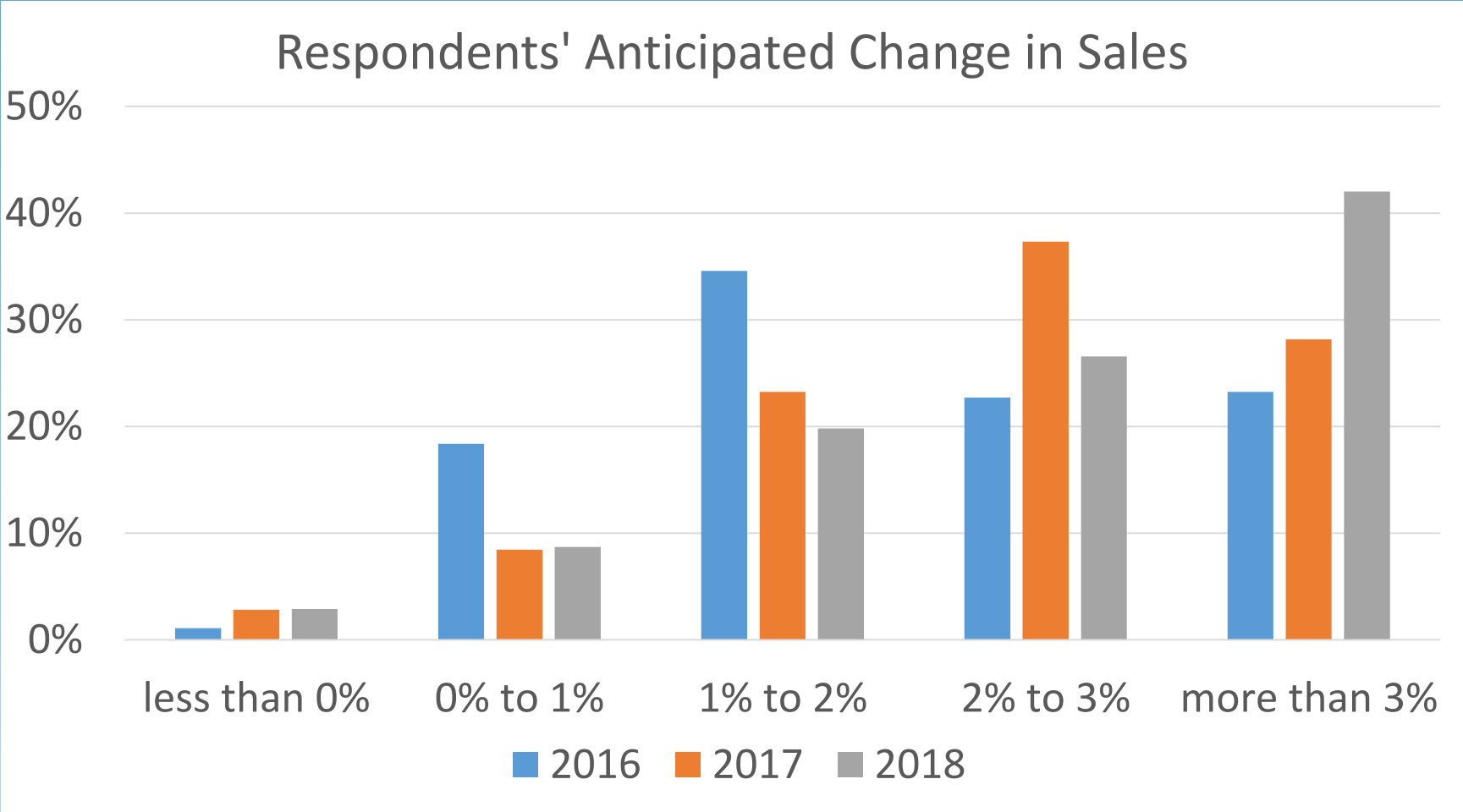
SALES GROWTH

PMI INDEX
New Orders



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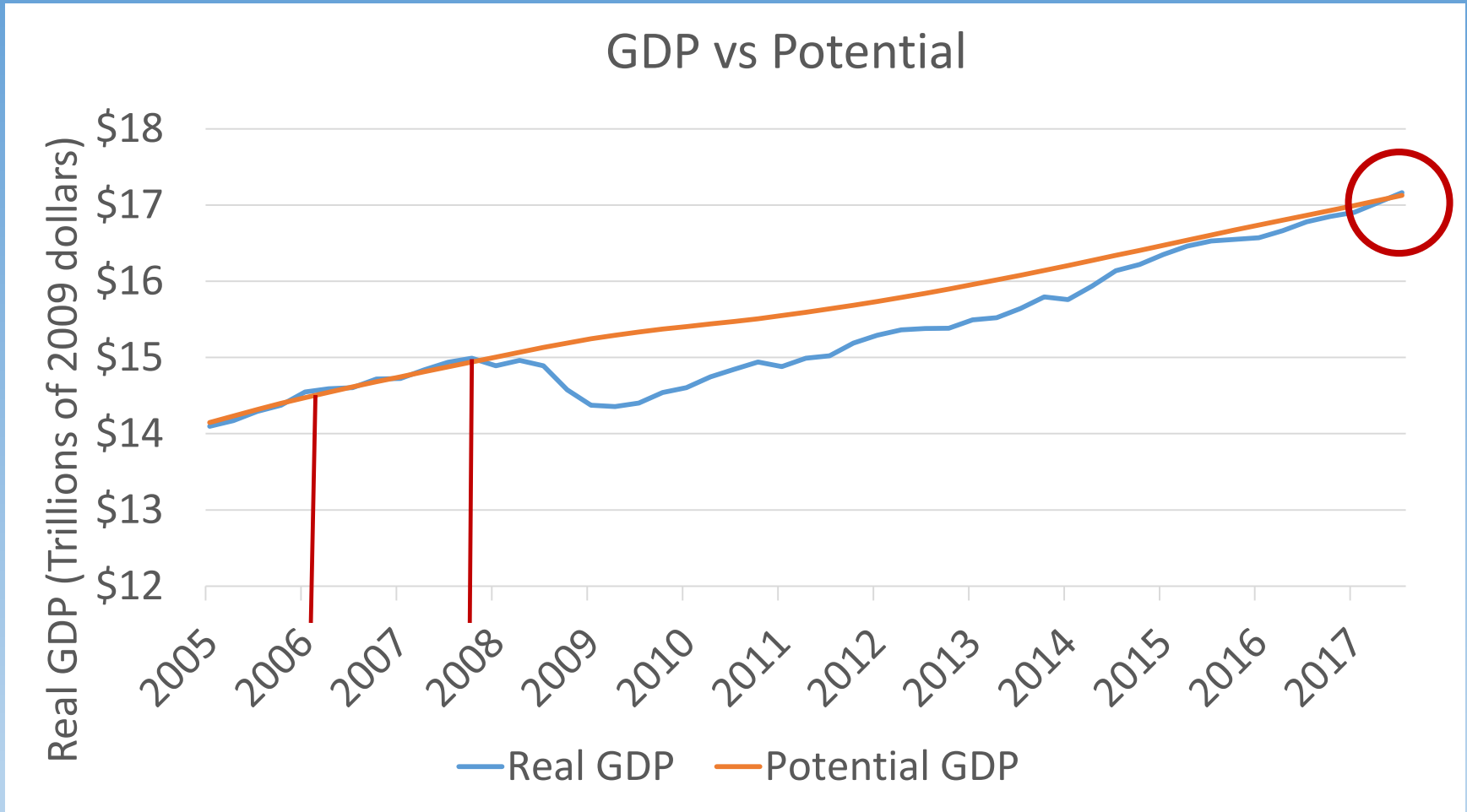
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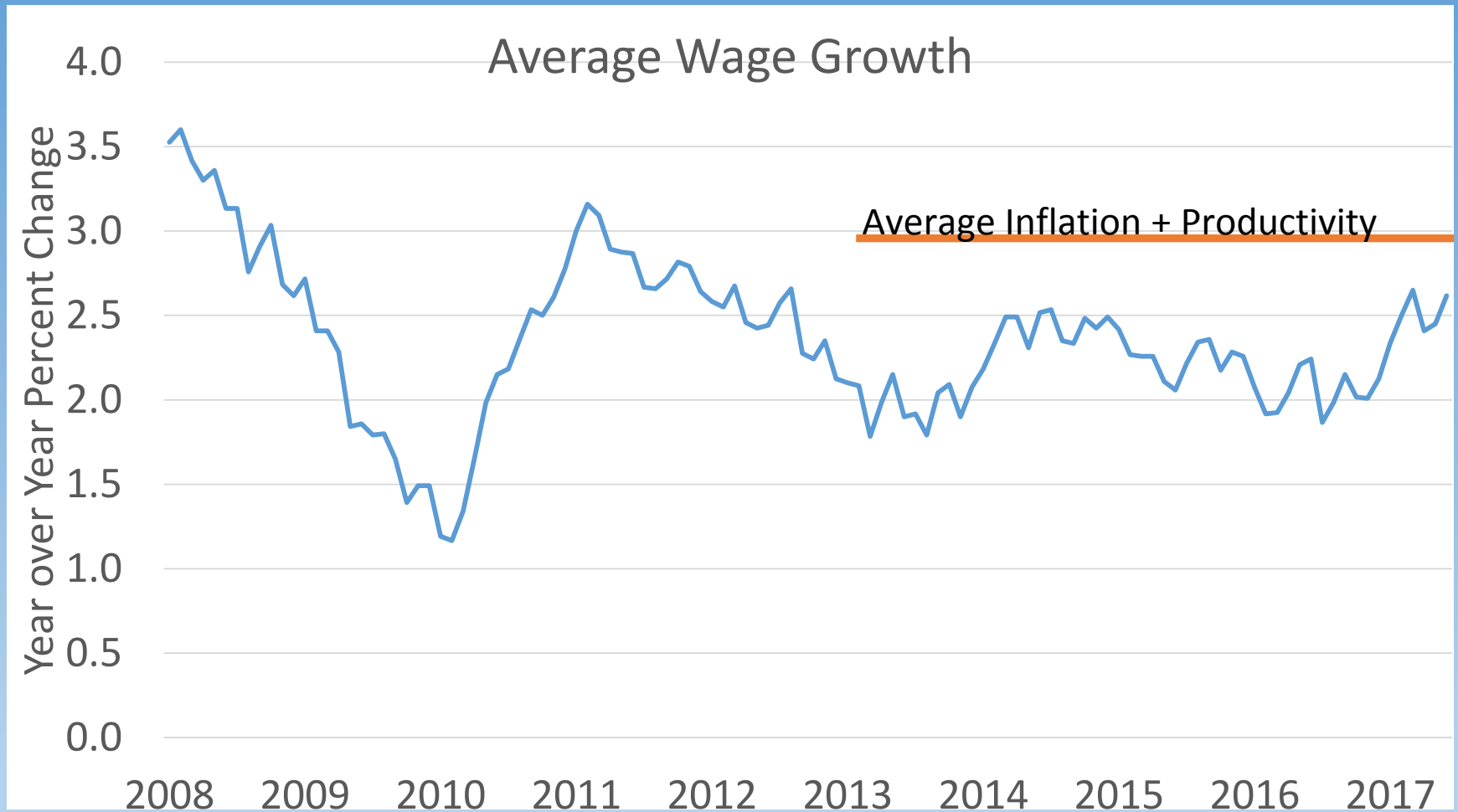
What are the signs that the
smooth road is ending?

FULL POTENTIAL



Source:
BEA, CBO, and Isely

WAGE GROWTH



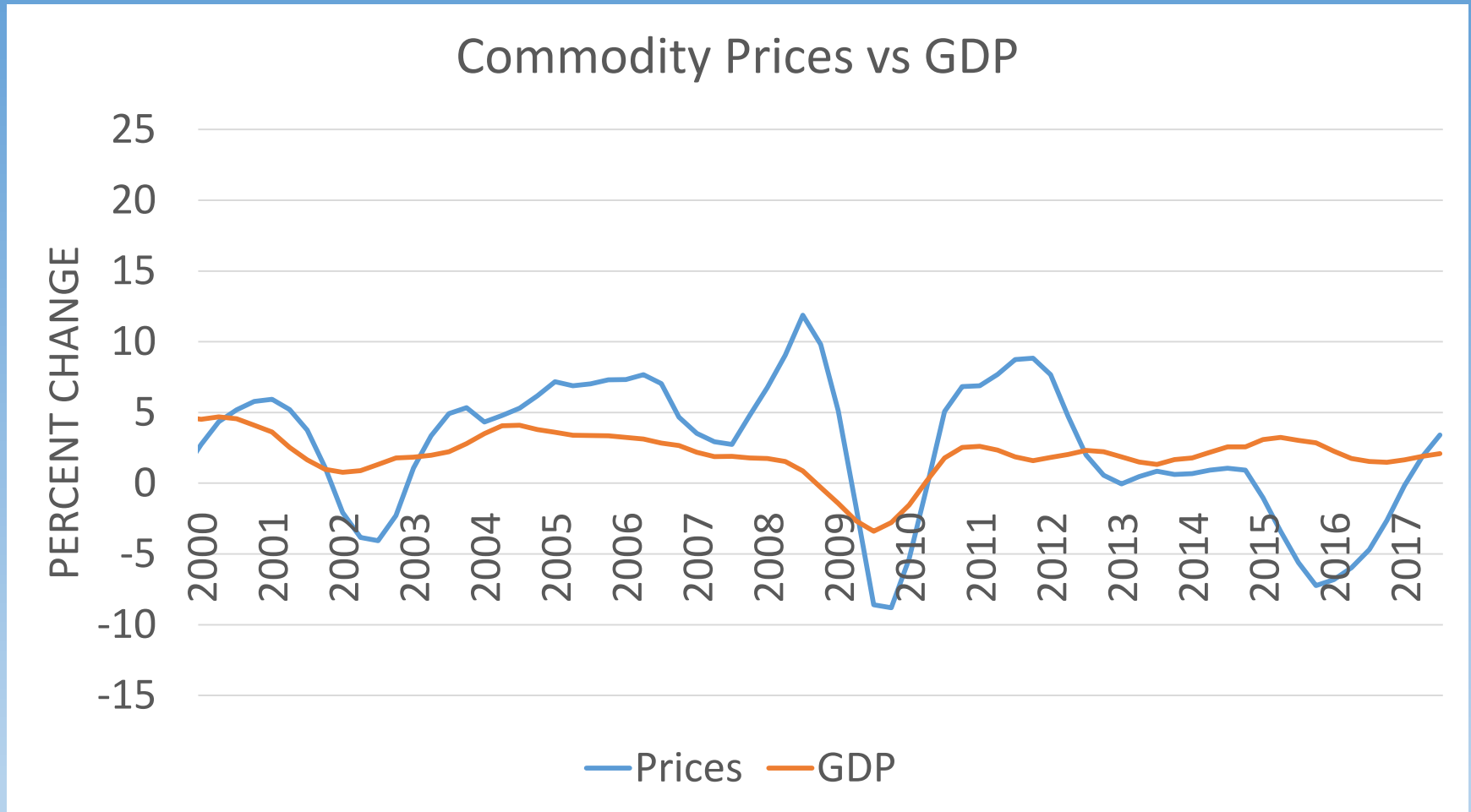
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AVAILABLE LABOR



Source:
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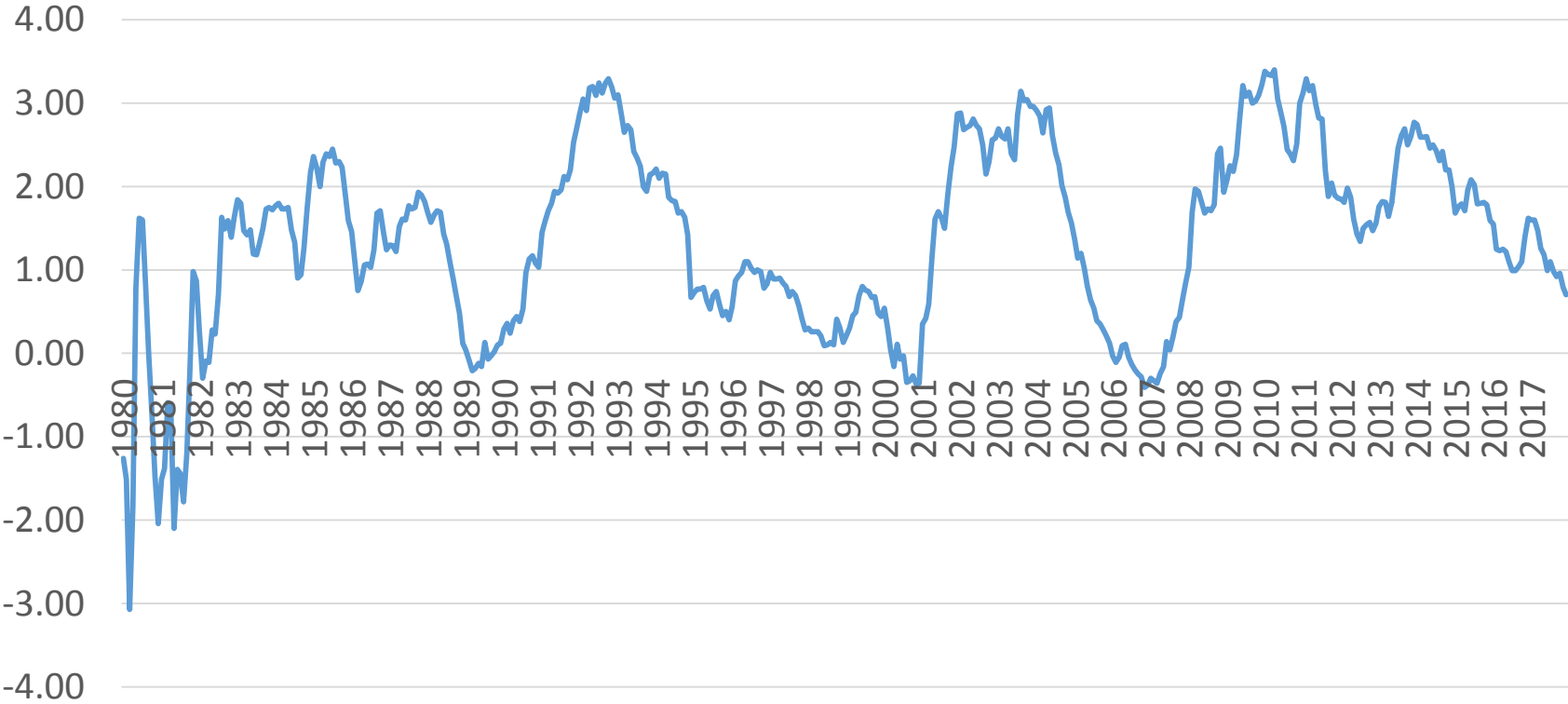
RISING COMMODITY PRICES



Source:
BEA, BLS, and Isely

FLATTENING YIELD CURVE

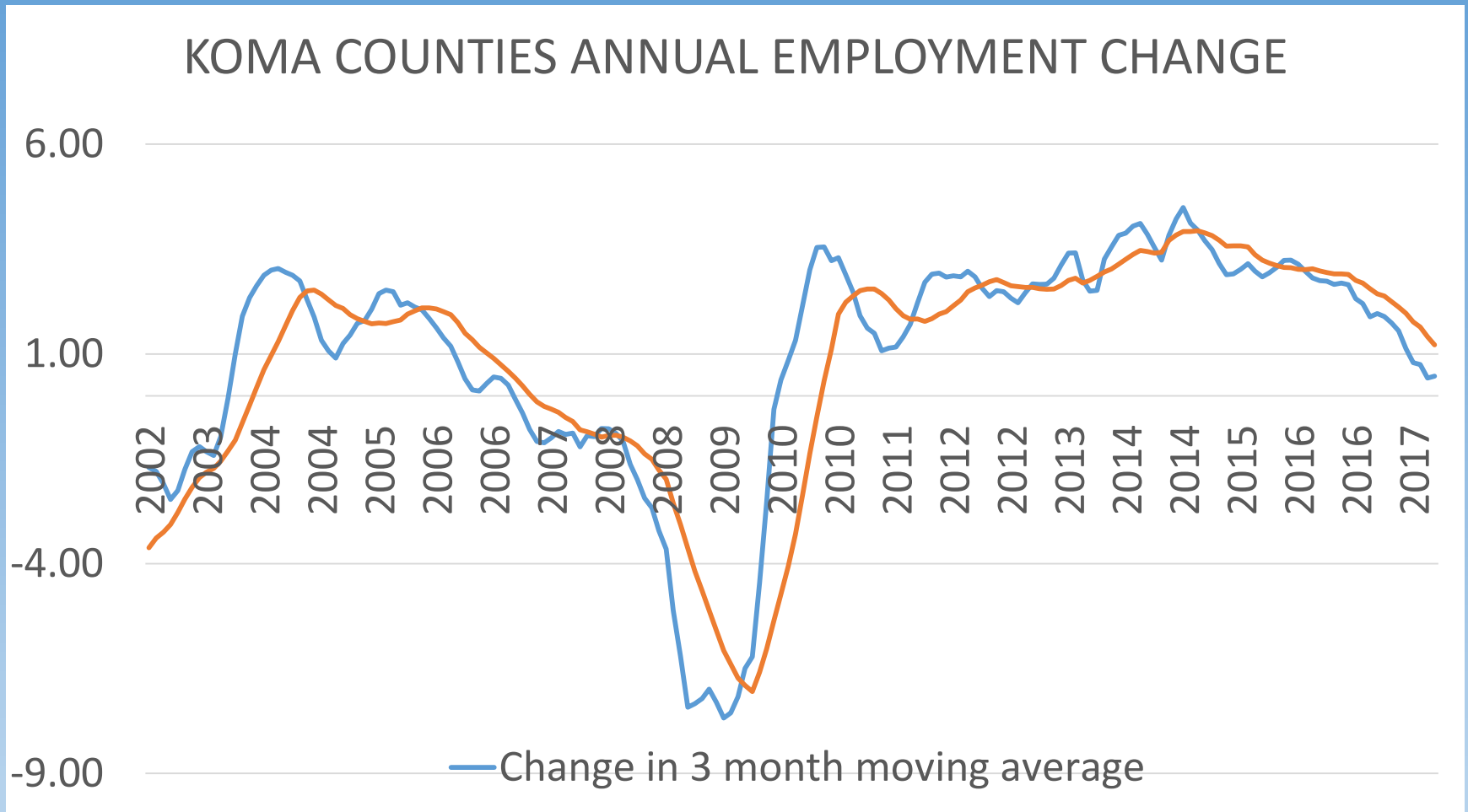
TEN Year vs ONE Year Treasury Rates (Yield Curve)



Source:
Federal Reserve

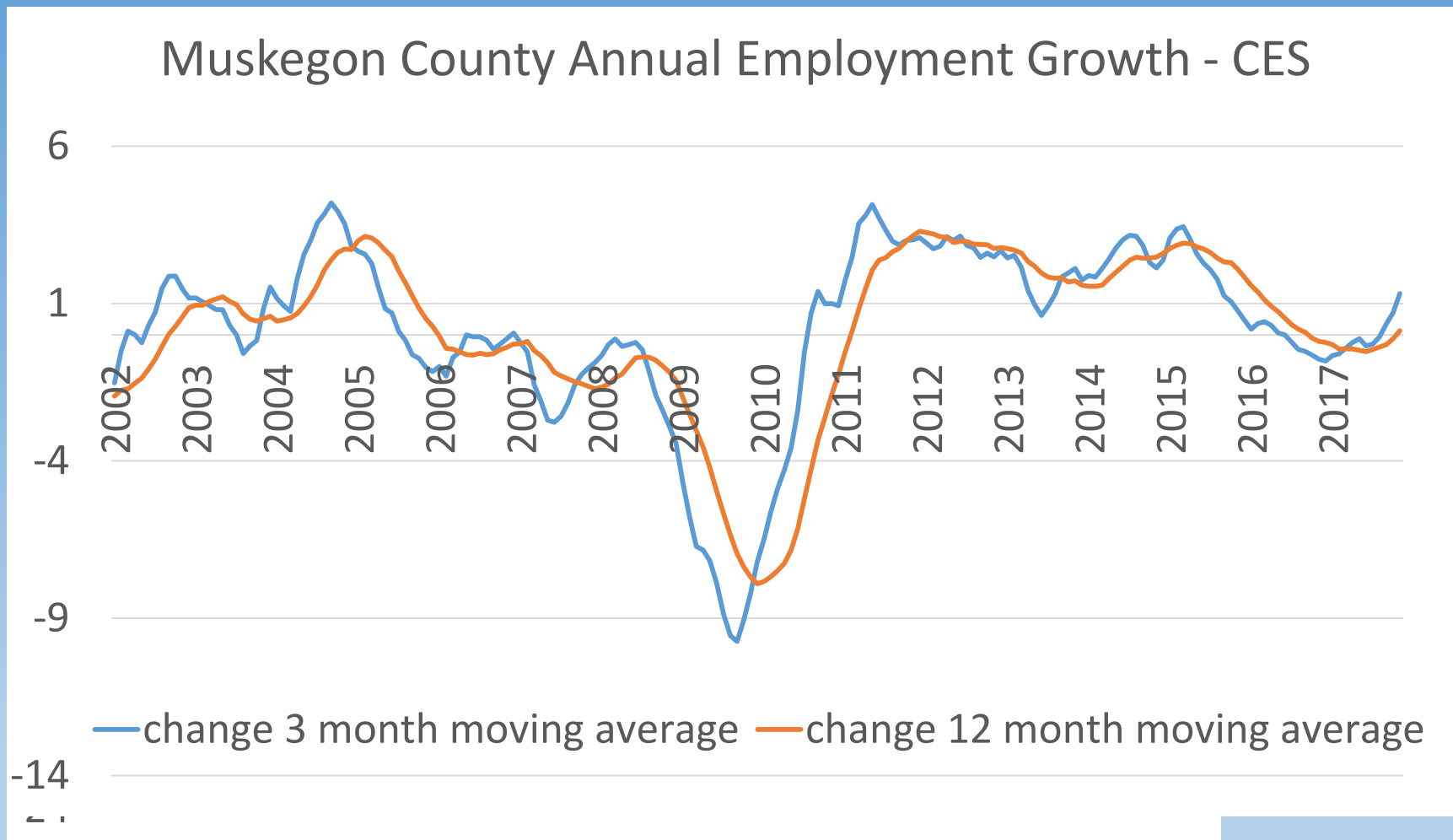
How is the Muskegon Journey Unique?

EMPLOYMENT - KOMA



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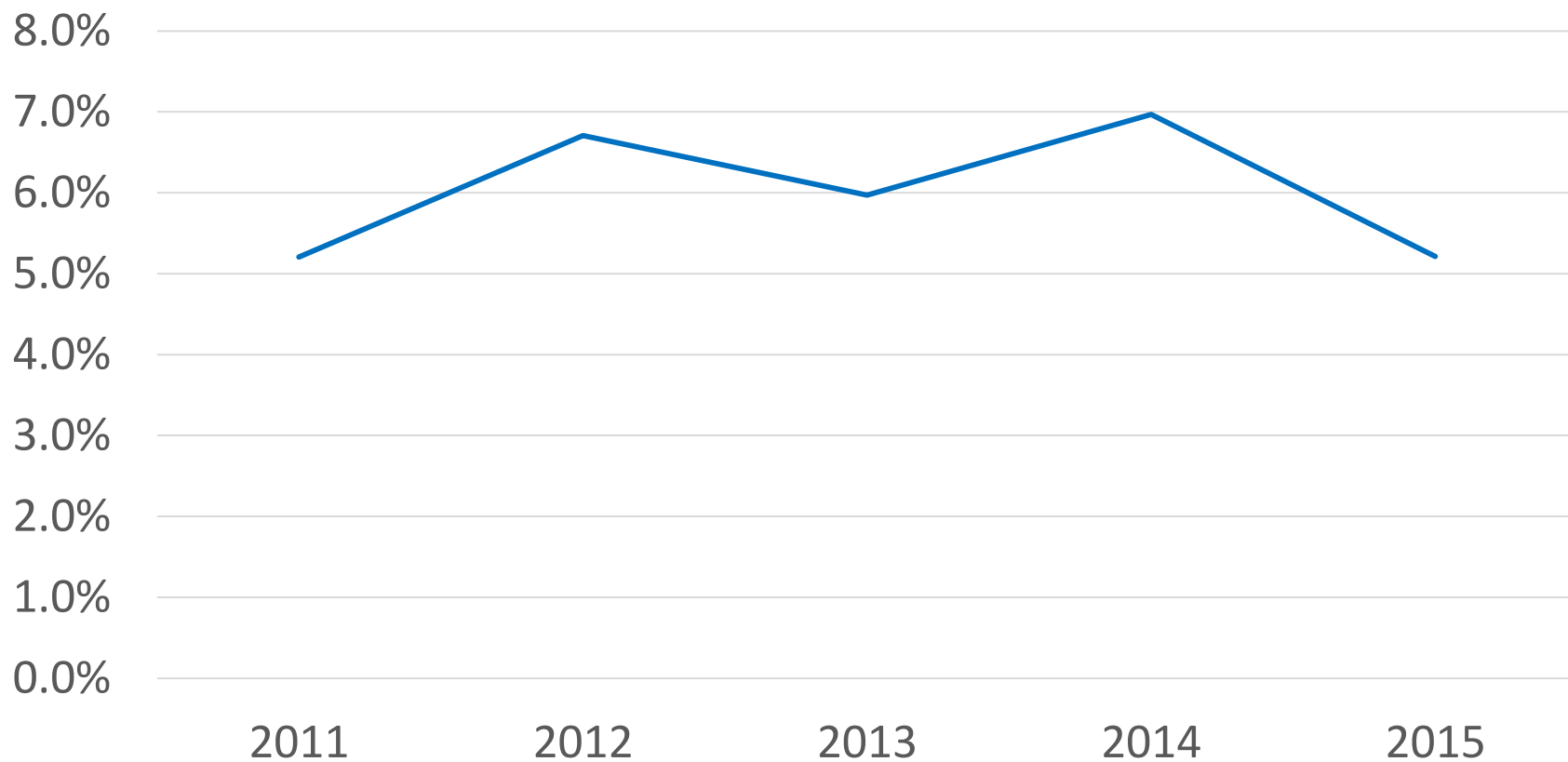
EMPLOYMENT - MUSKEGON



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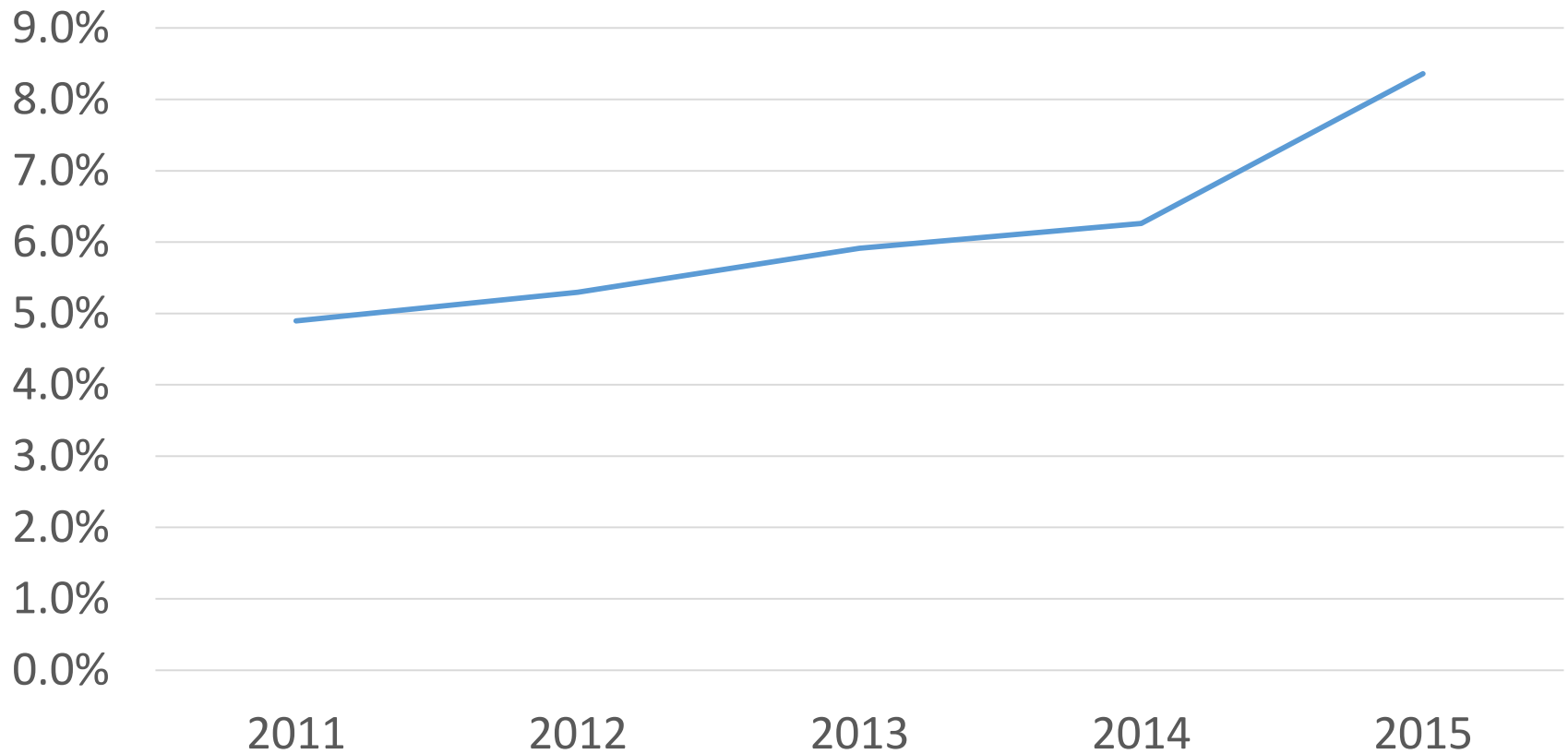
New Firms - Kent

Percent of Employees in firms under 3 years old



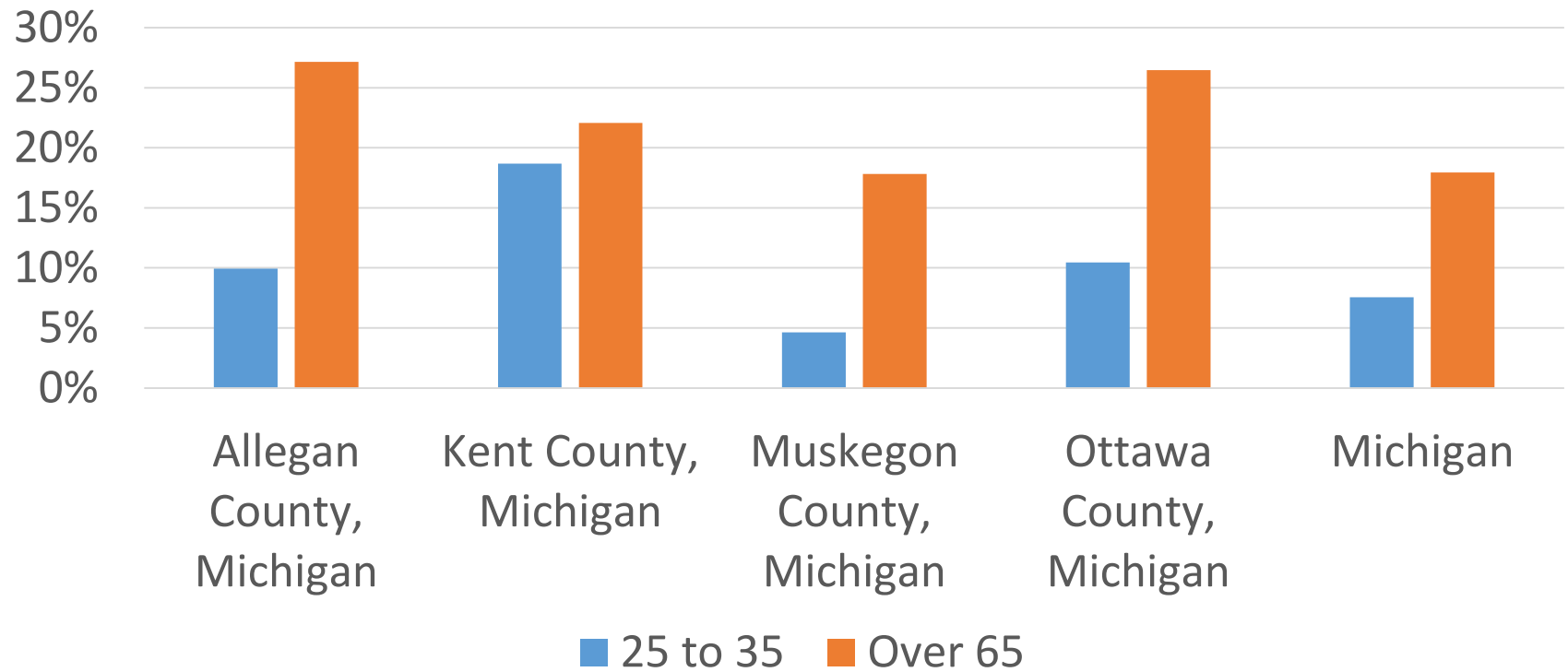
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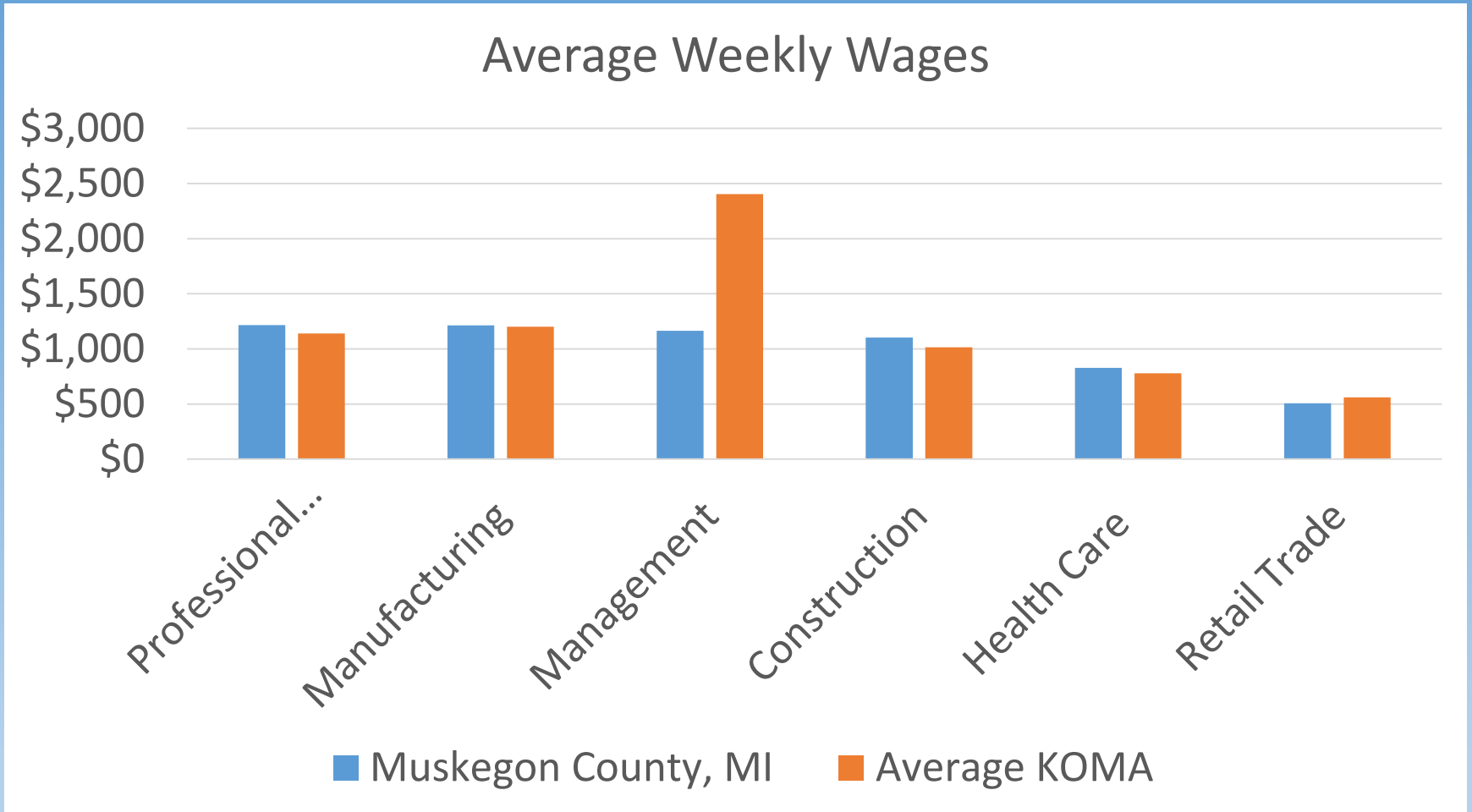


Young Workers

Change in Population
by Age 2010 to 2016

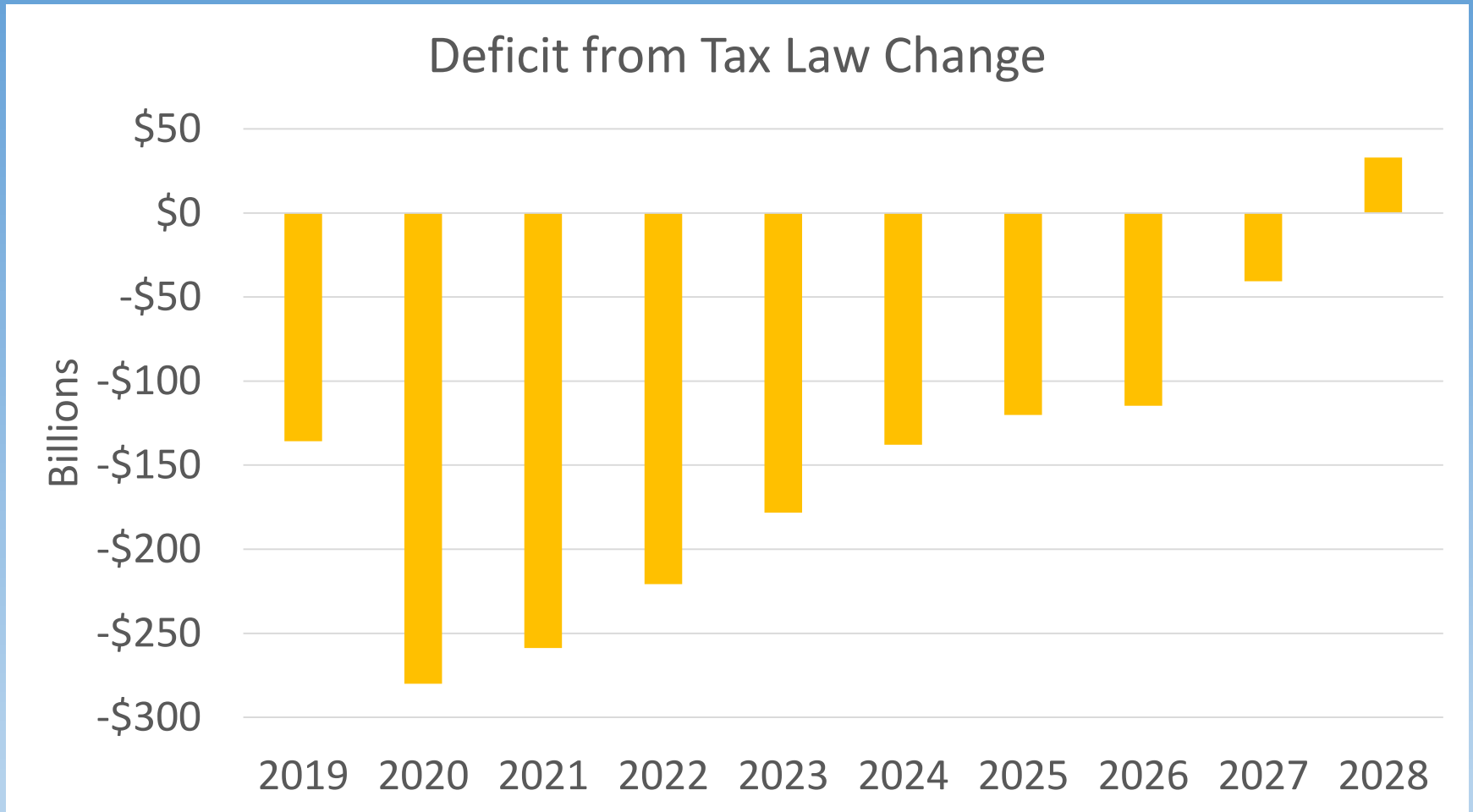


Wages



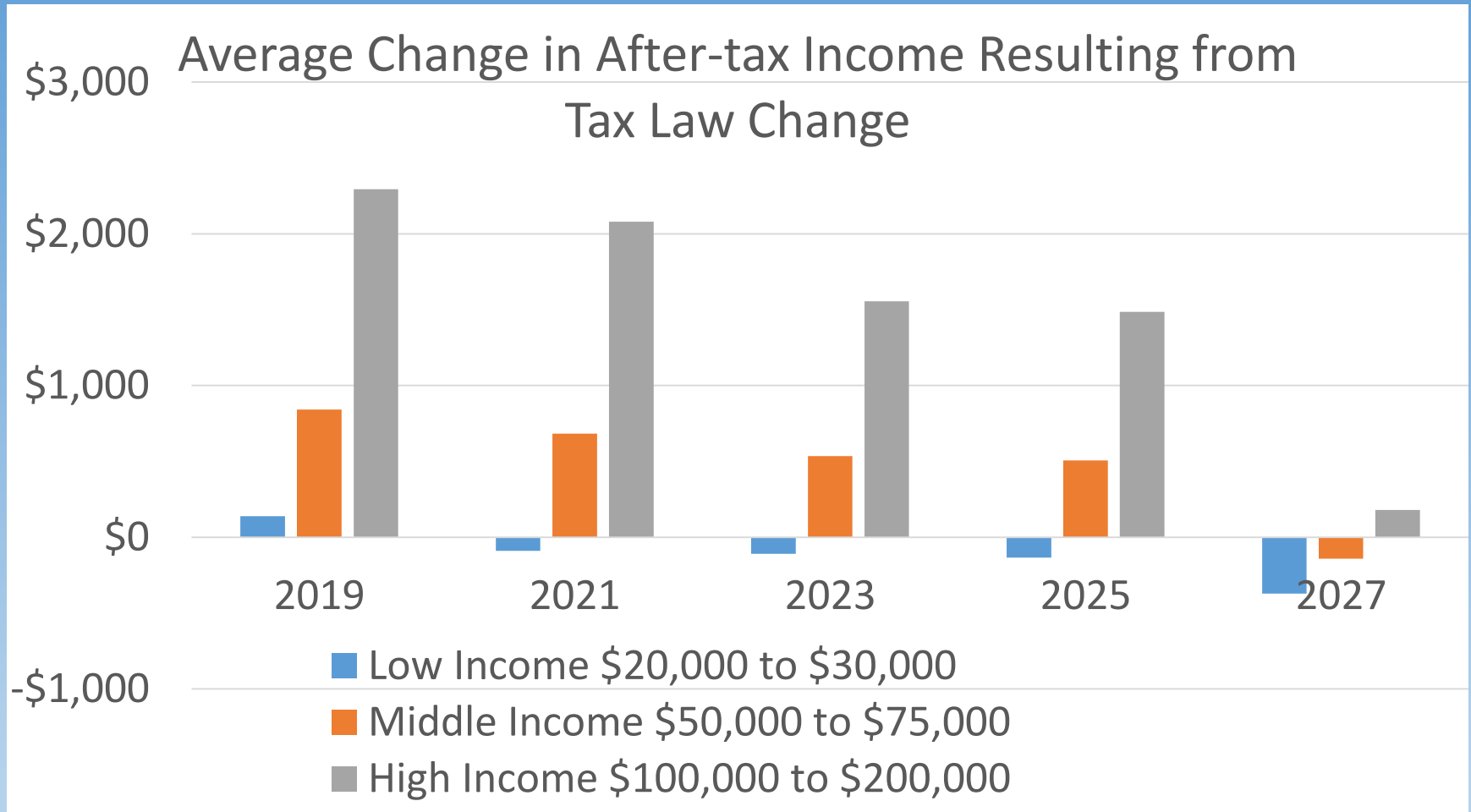
What are the important mile markers to watch?

THE NEW TAX LAW - STIMULUS



Source:
Joint Commission
on Taxation

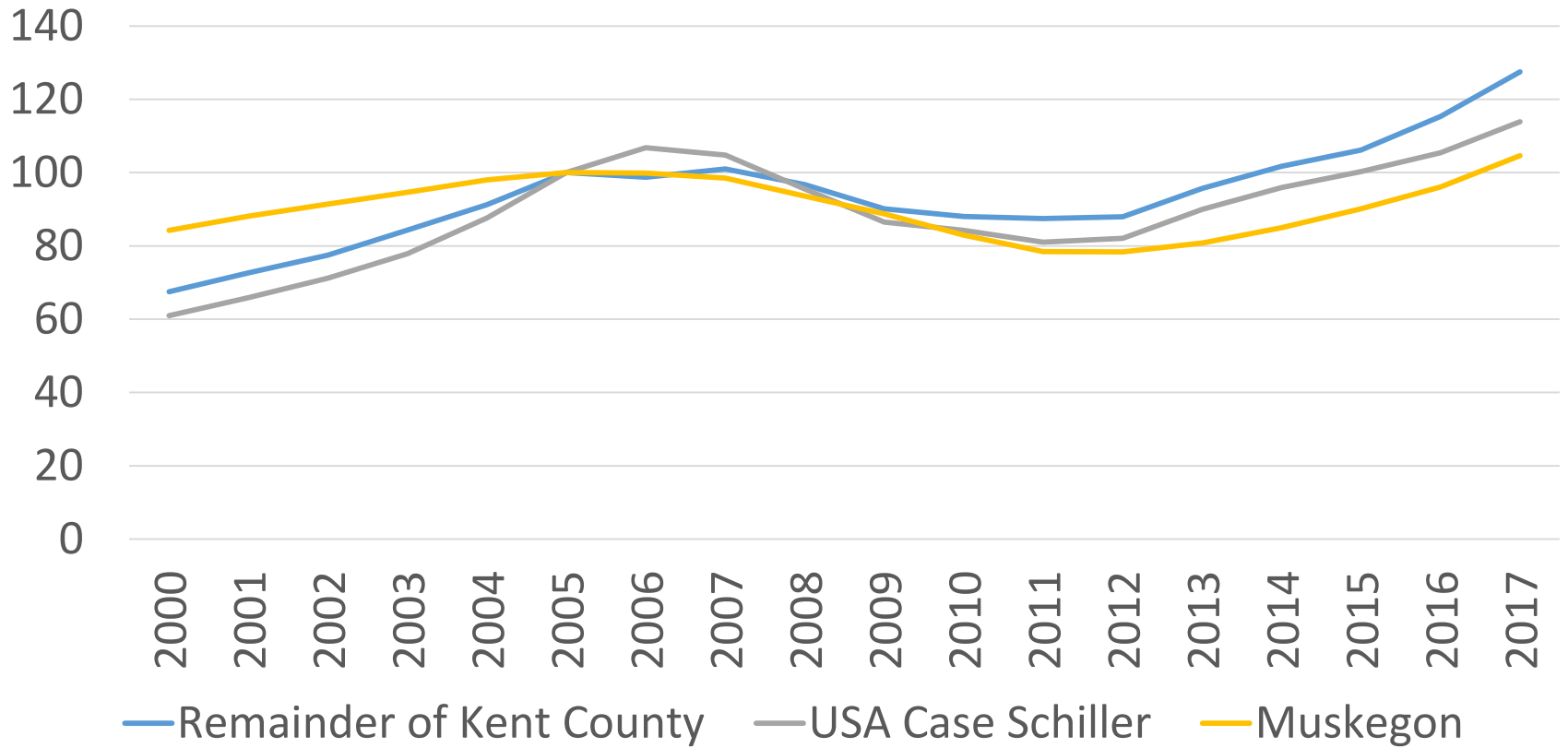
THE NEW TAX LAW - DISTRIBUTION



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Isely

HOUSING PRICES

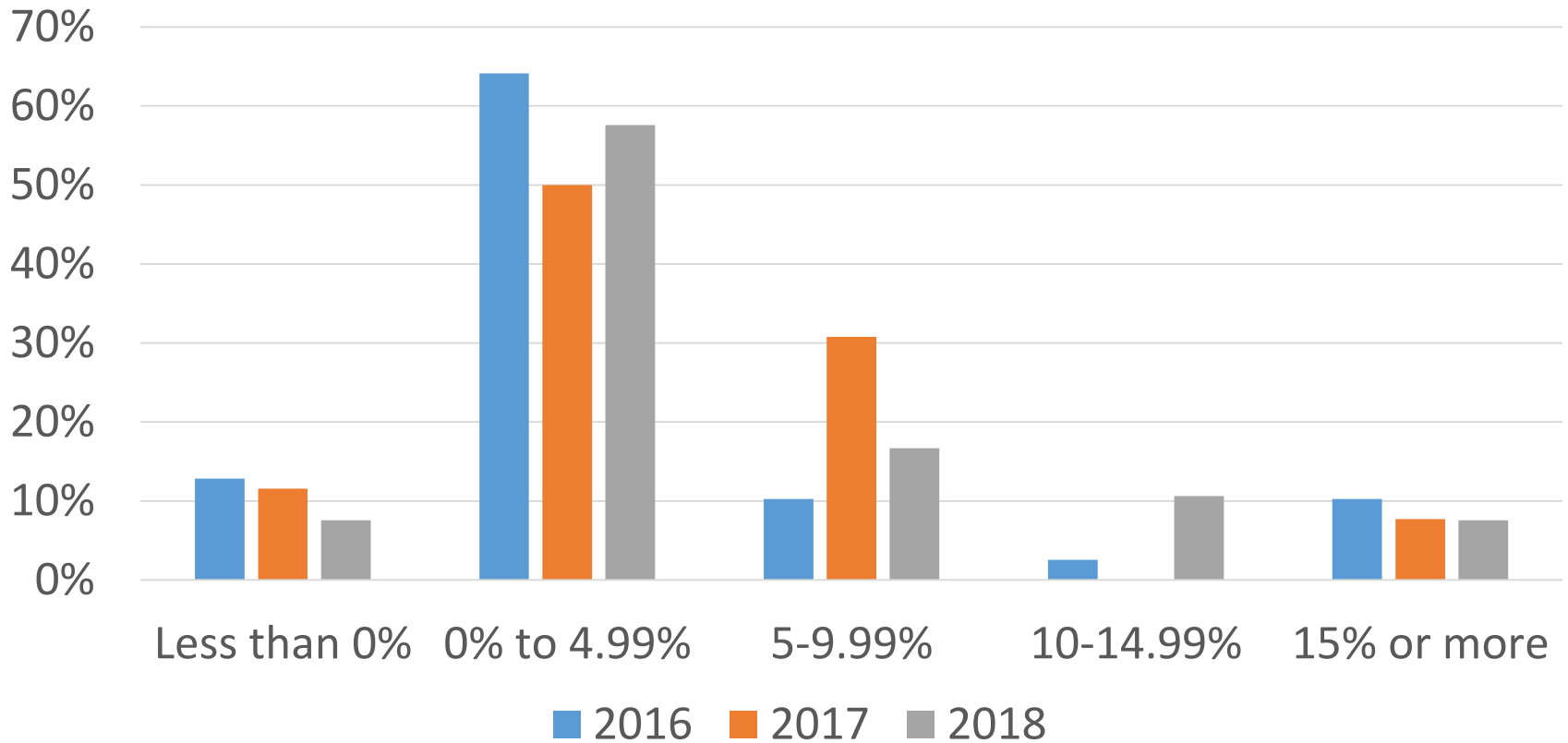
Housing Price Index



Source:
Seidman and Case
Schiller

EXPORTS

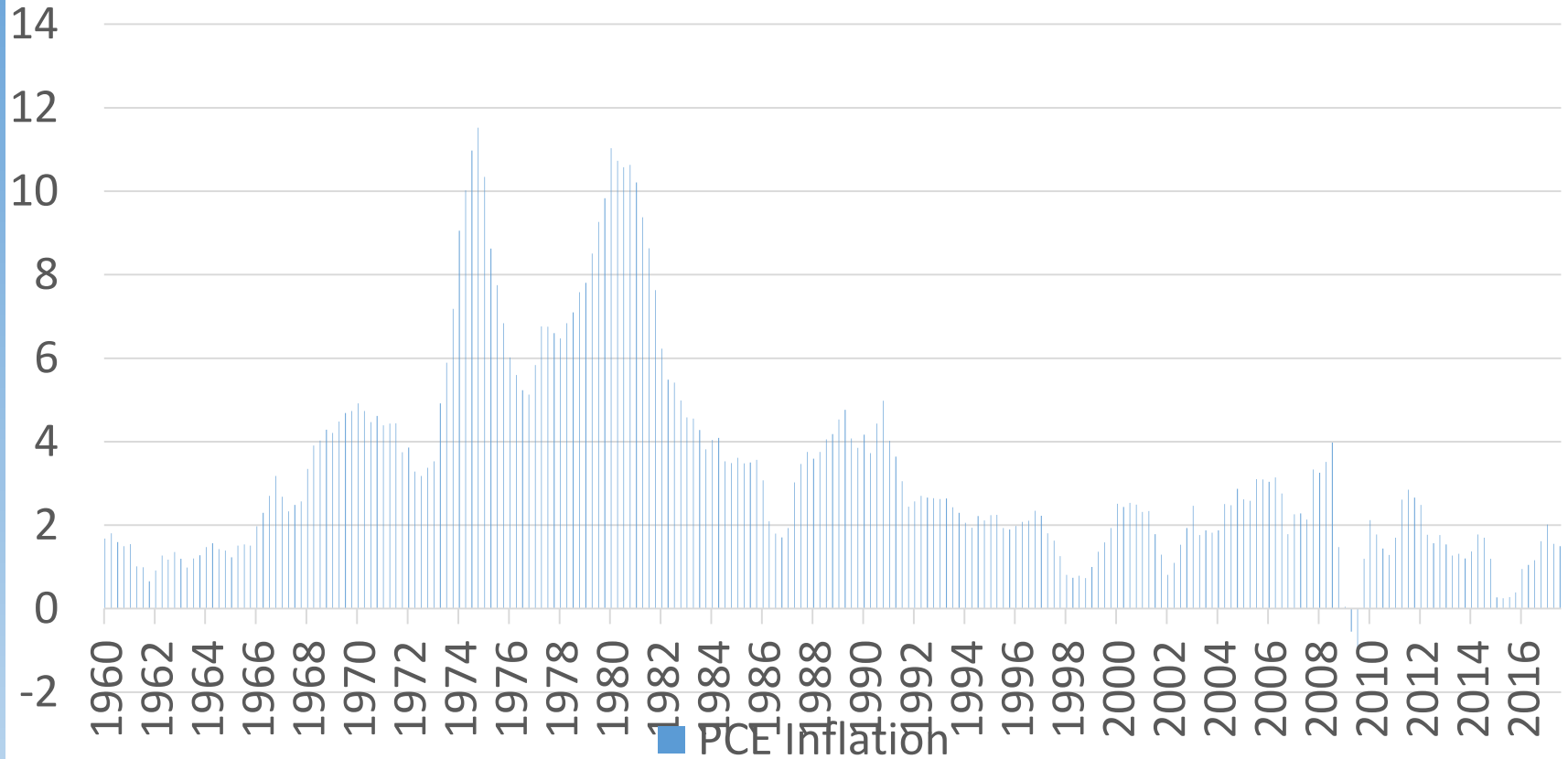
Respondents' Anticipated Change in Exports



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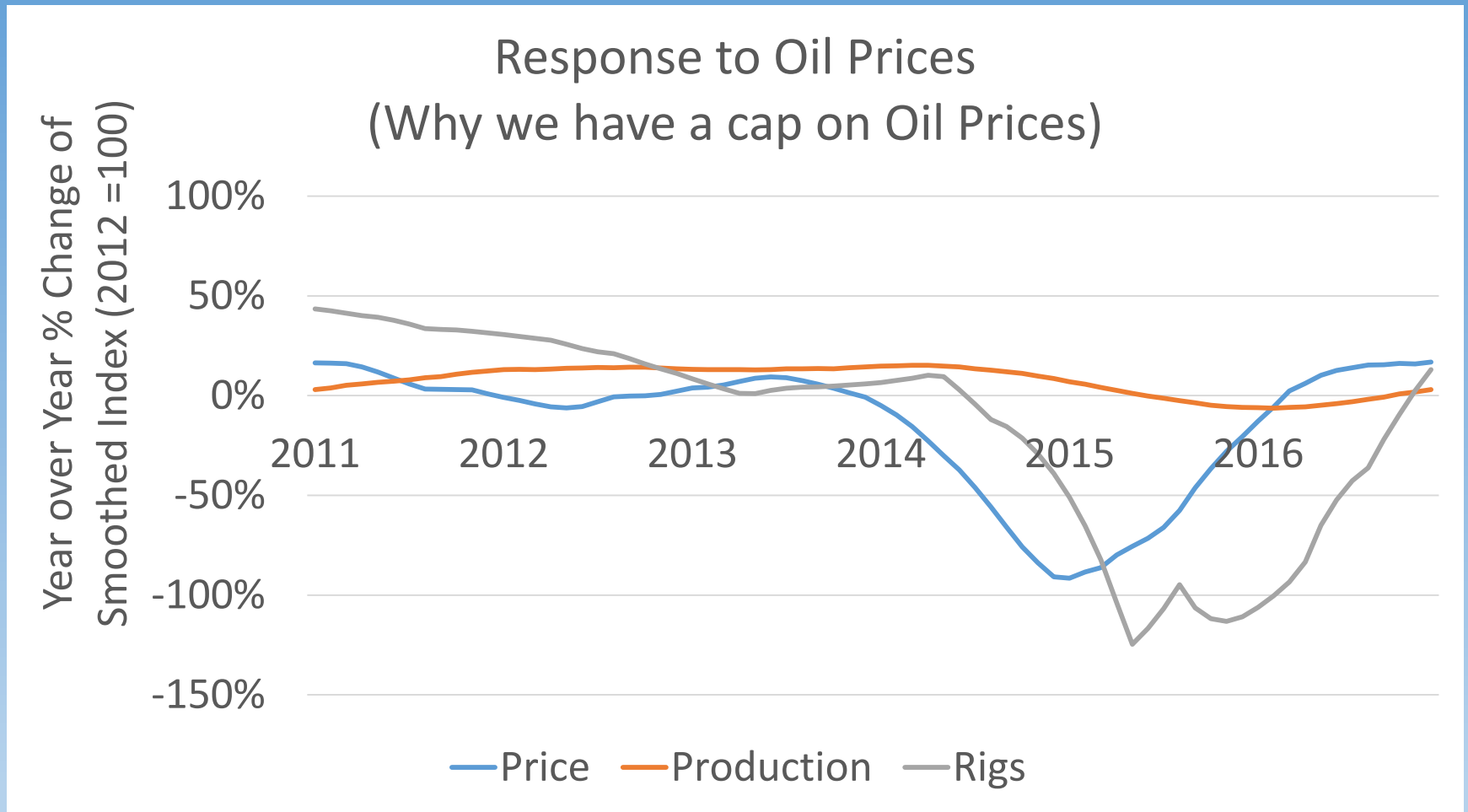
INFLATION

PCE Inflation



Source:
BEA and EIA

RESPONSES TO COMMODITY PRICES



Source:
Hughes Baker and
EIA



Preparing for the Rough Road Ahead

Prepare for:

- Tougher borrowing conditions
- Accelerating compensation
- Smaller, less qualified worker pools

Plan for

- Taking advantage of a short, shallow recession

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