

THE ELUSIVE CAP RATE

Finding & Supporting Cap Rates in Uncertain Times



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How to use economic trends, leasing trends, and transaction market trends to support or criticize an appraisal

Dialogue on persuasive market-supported methodologies to help bullet-proof appraisals you use

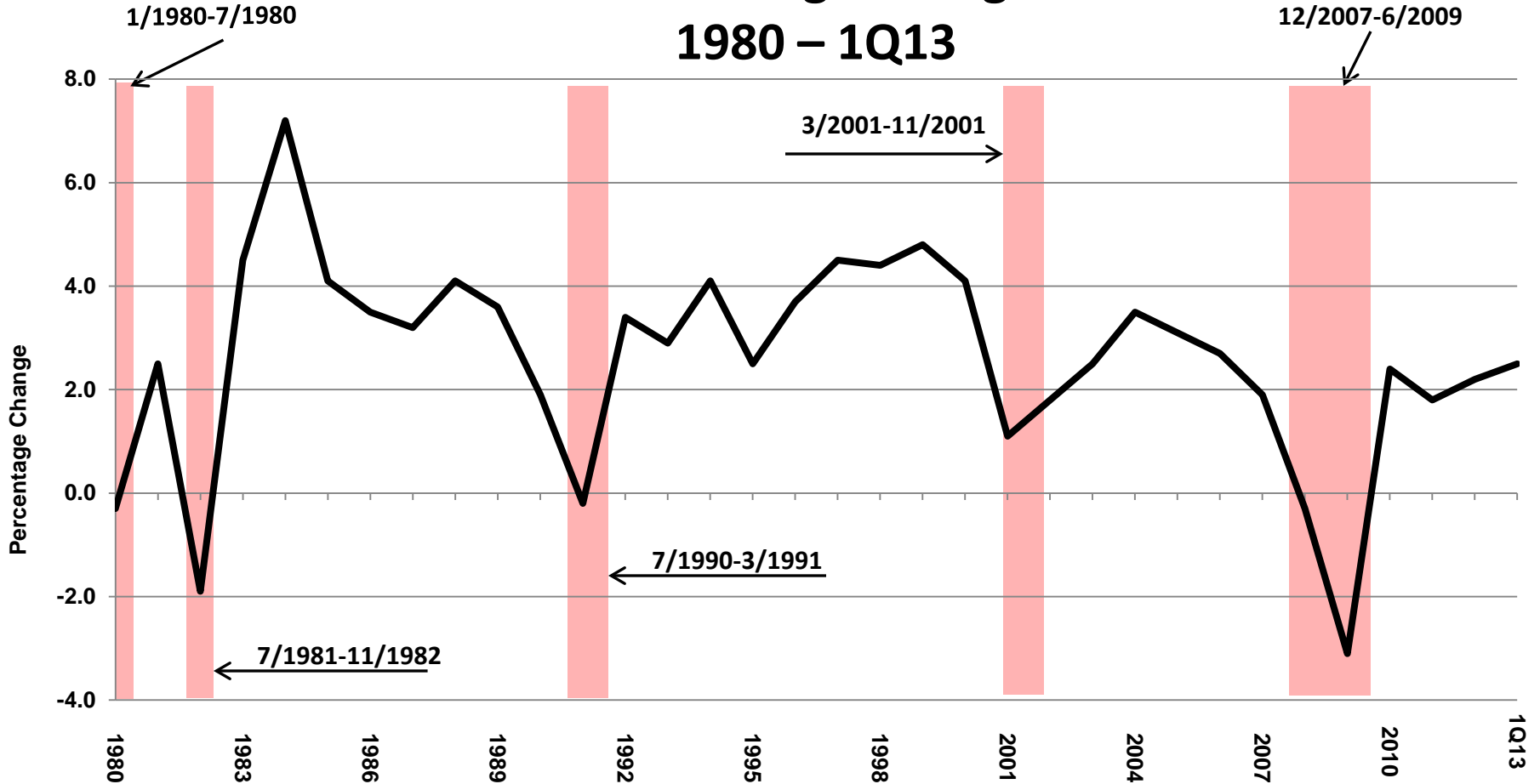


The Economic Environment

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GDP growth positive but underwhelming

Annual Percentage Change in GDP 1980 – 1Q13



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Shaded areas reflect U.S. recession dates.

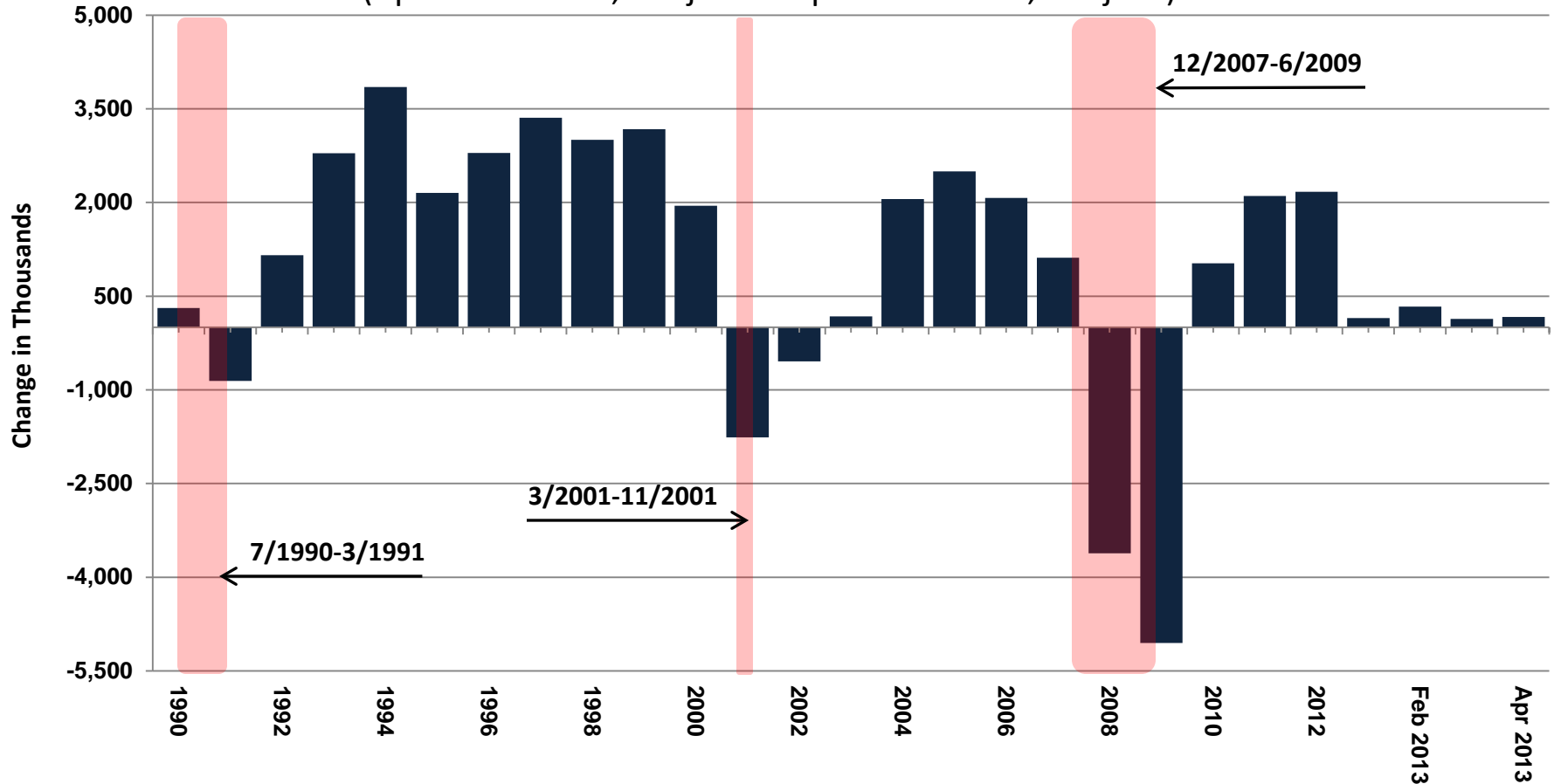
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Strong job growth in 2013 through April

Average Annual Change in Nonfarm Employment

1990 — April 2013

(April 2013 +165,000 jobs v. April 2012 +112,000 jobs)

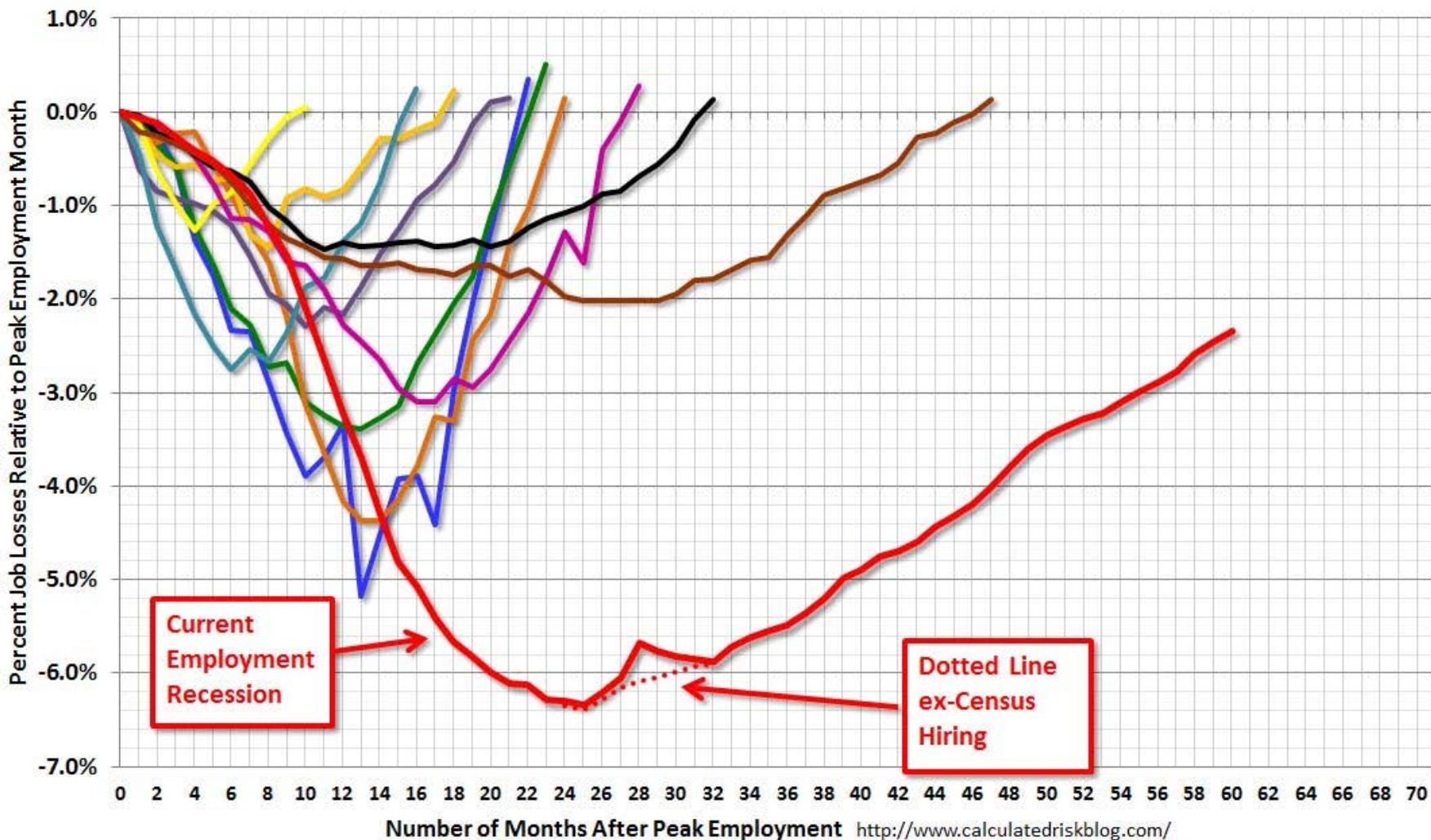


Annual figures are based on December to December figures, while monthly figures are based on the difference in the previous month. Shaded areas reflect U.S. recession dates. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

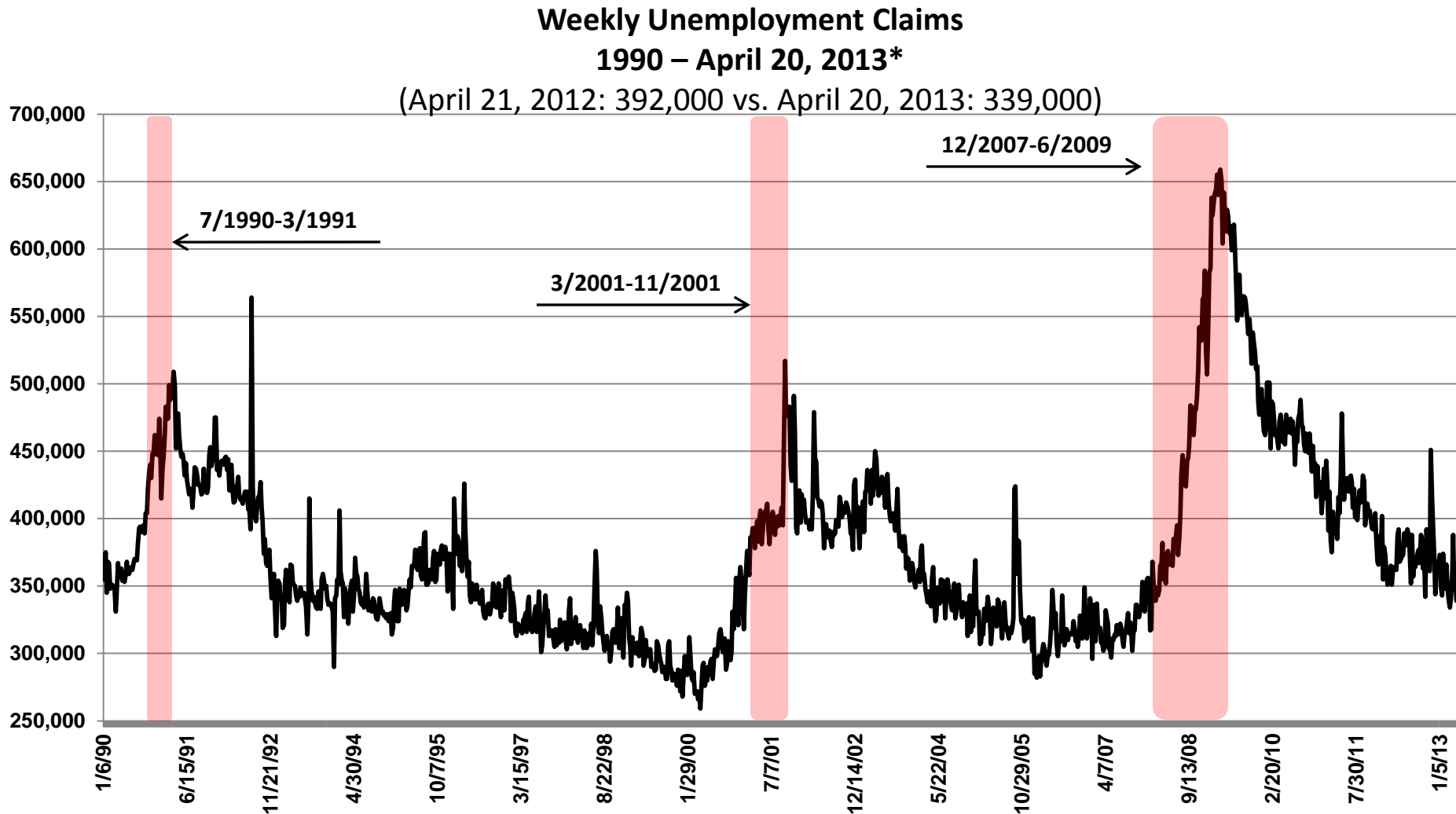
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Percent Job Losses in Post WWII Recessions

1948 1953 1957 1960 1969 1974 1980 1981 1990 2001 2007



Initial unemployment claims trending downward



Note: Figure for 4/20/2013 seasonally adjusted, advanced data.

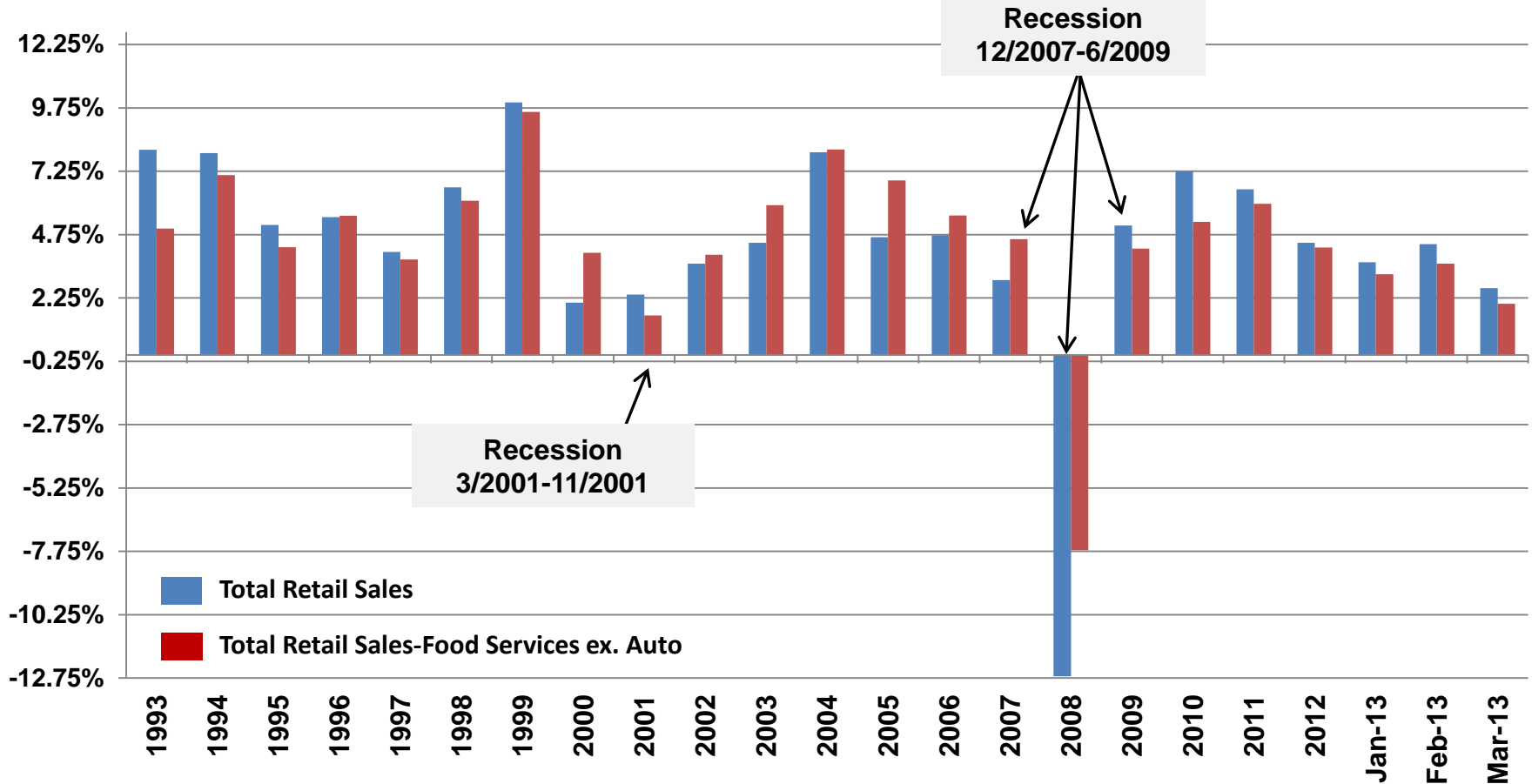
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Source: U.S. Department of Labor

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Retail sales growth moderates

Retail Sales Percentage Change Over Prior Year
1993 – March 2013



Note: Annual percentage change refers to change in December over prior December; monthly percentage change refers to change over same month in prior year

Source: Census Bureau

Real Estate Market Trends



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Distress update

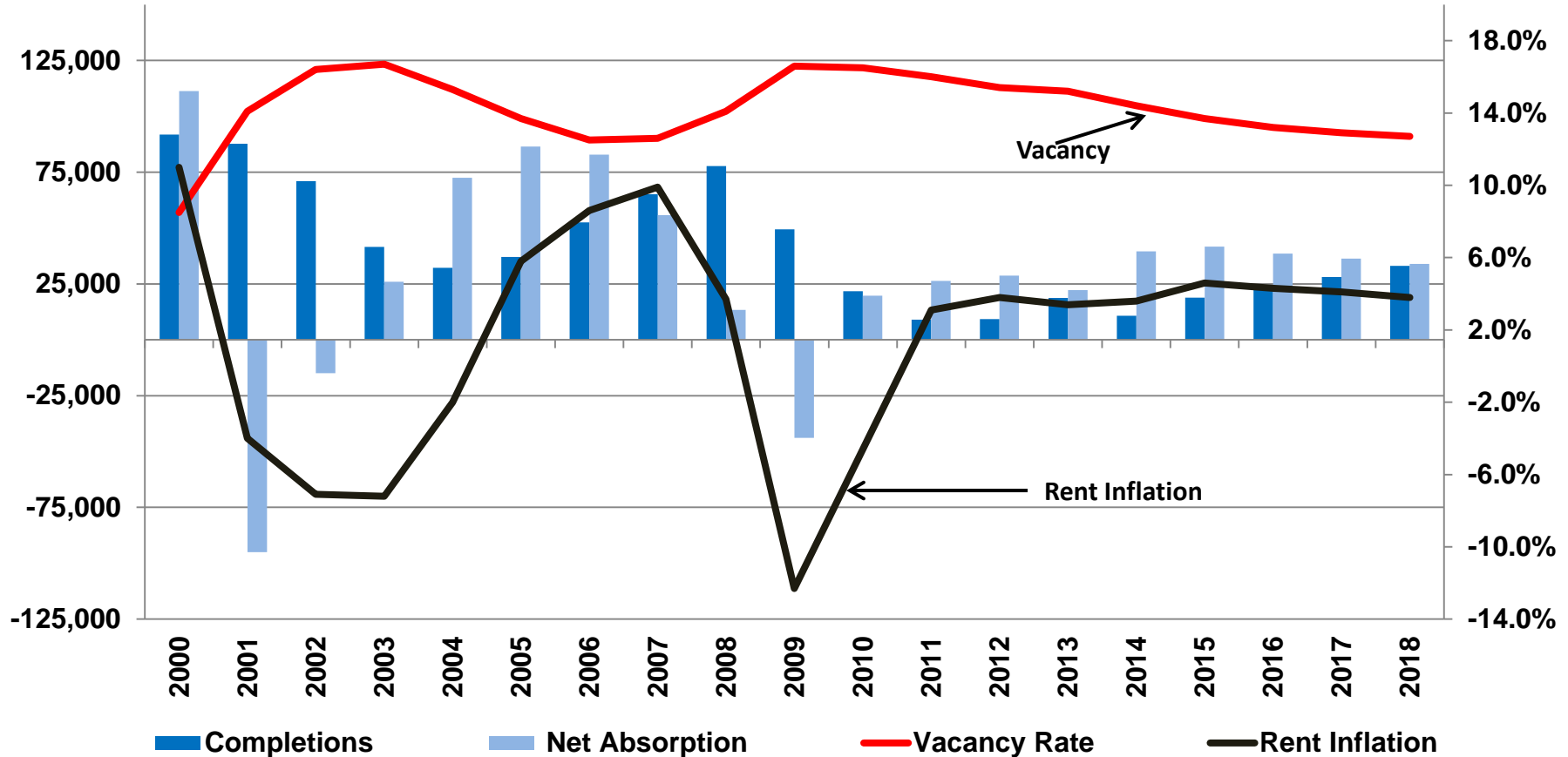
By Property Type

	Outstanding Distress (\$M)	% Chg vs Q1'12	Worked Out (%)	RR* (%)
Office	\$40,440	-9%	61%	66%
Apartment	\$28,549	-18%	67%	71%
Retail	\$26,580	-12%	62%	62%
Industrial	\$12,462	-14%	56%	69%
Hotel	\$19,497	-23%	65%	66%
Land	\$24,881	-7%	42%	55%
Other	\$5,133	-3%	41%	70%
All	\$157,542	-13%	60%	66%

* recovery rate before costs and fees

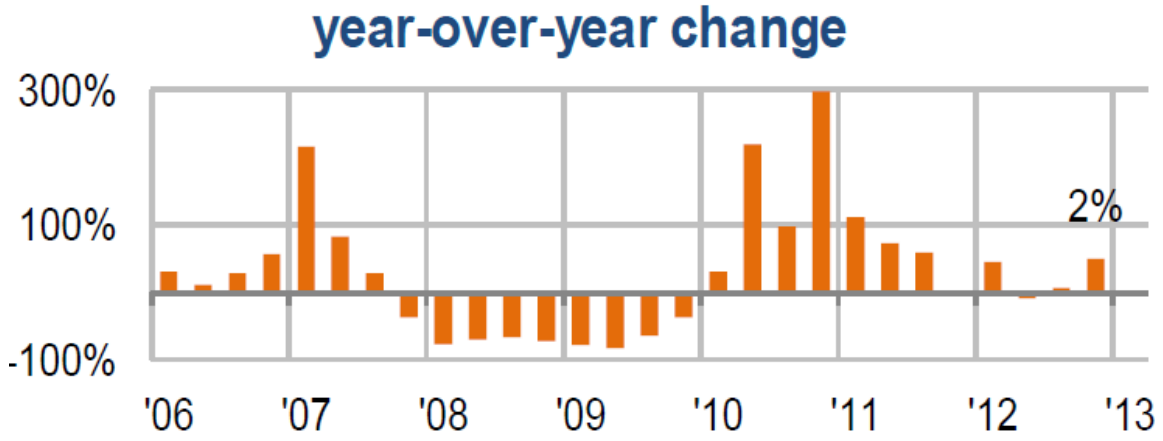
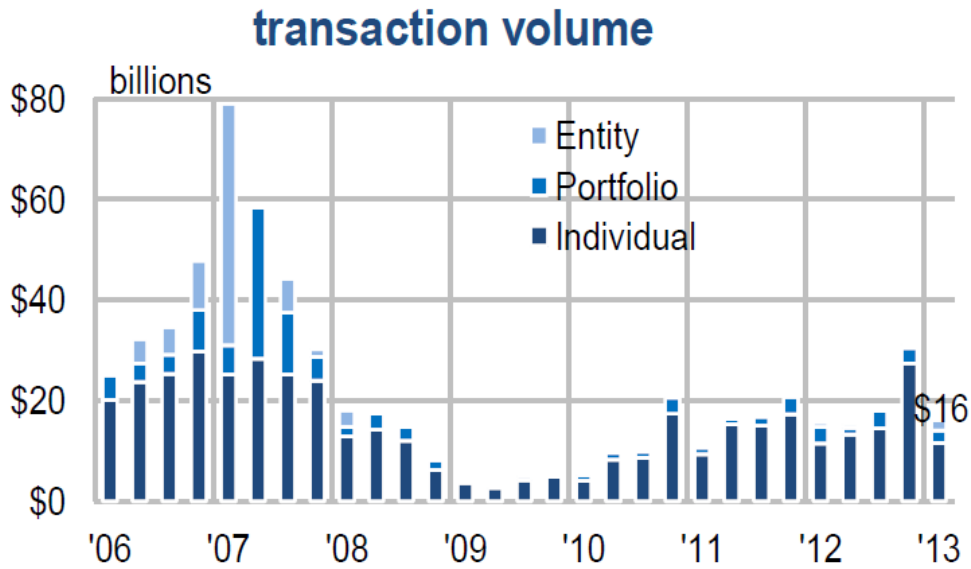
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Office leasing markets continue to improve



Source: CBRE Econometric Advisors

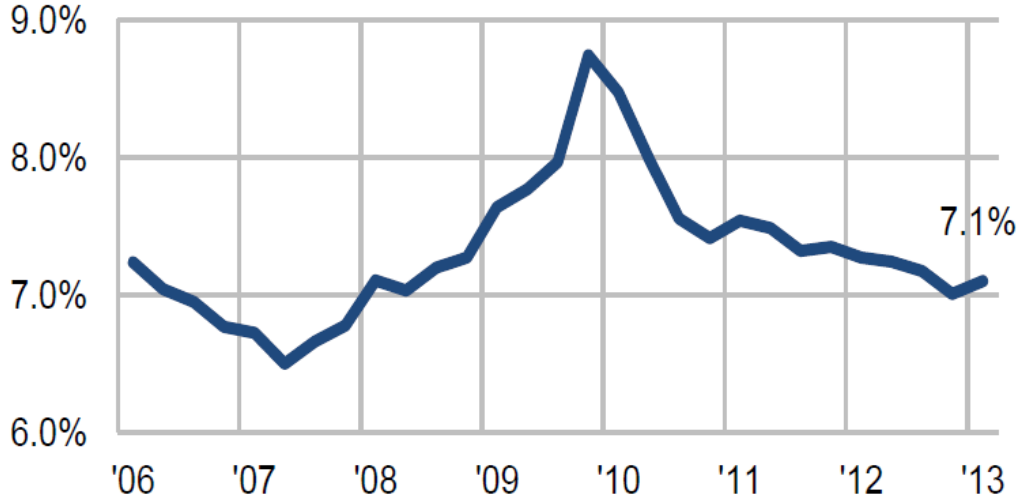
Office transaction volume up slightly from prior year



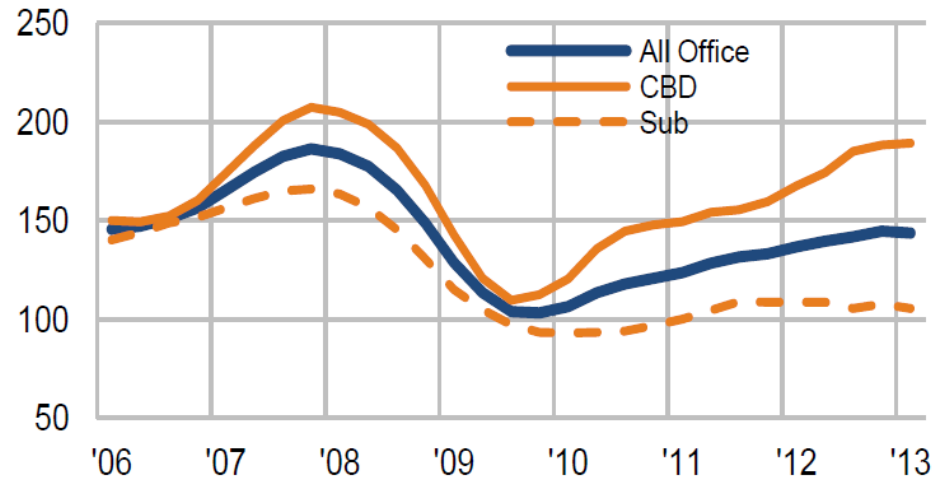
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Office pricing continues to stabilize

cap rate

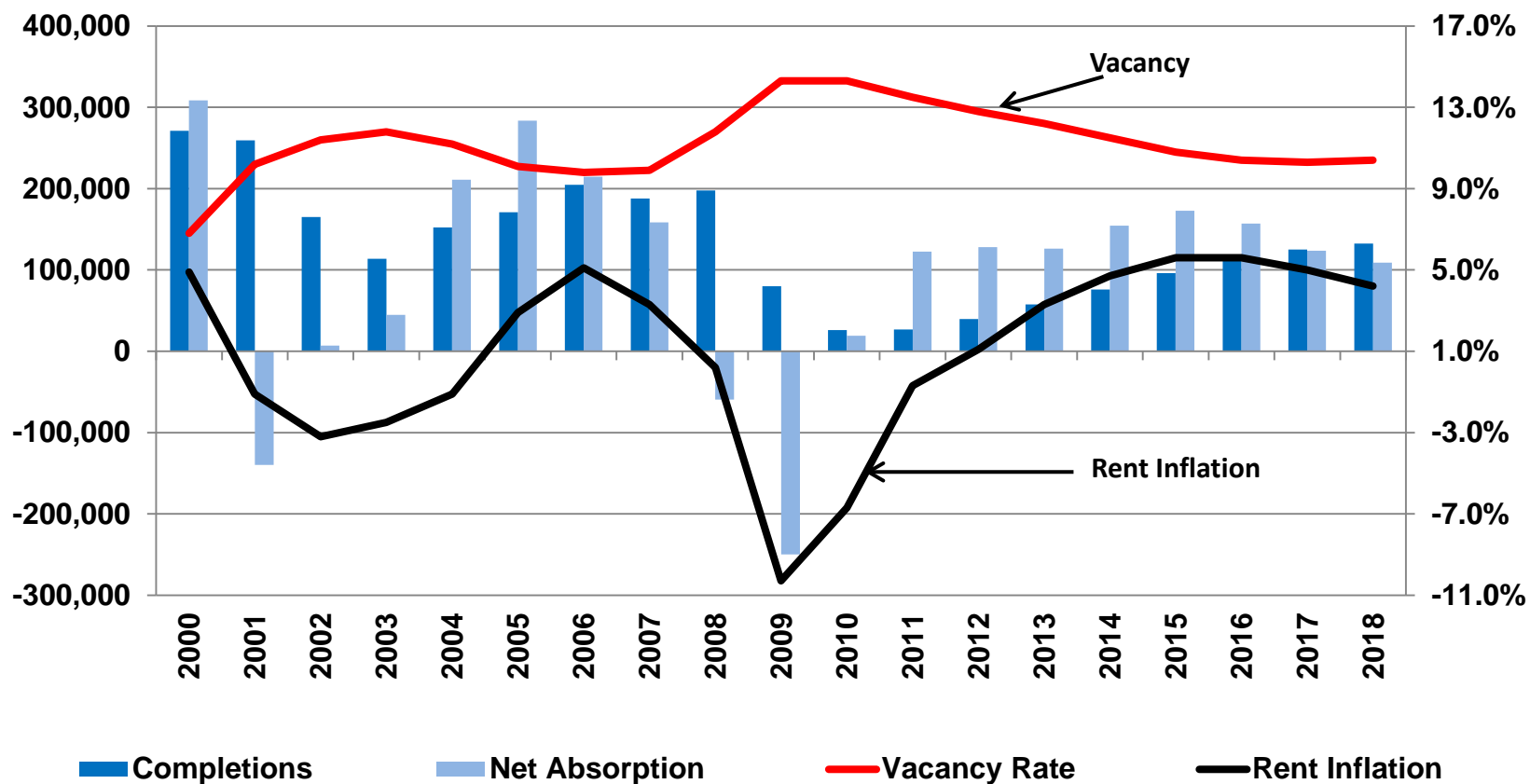


Moody's/RCA CPPI



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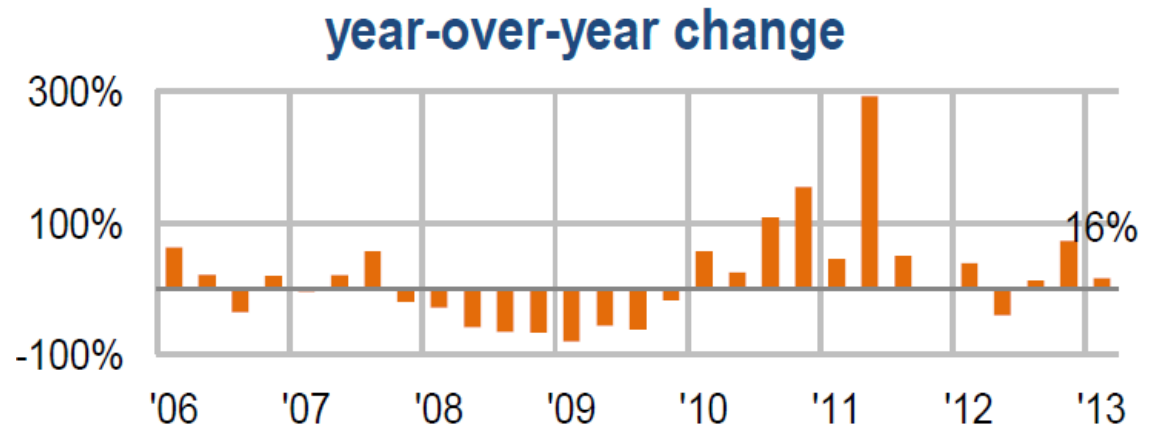
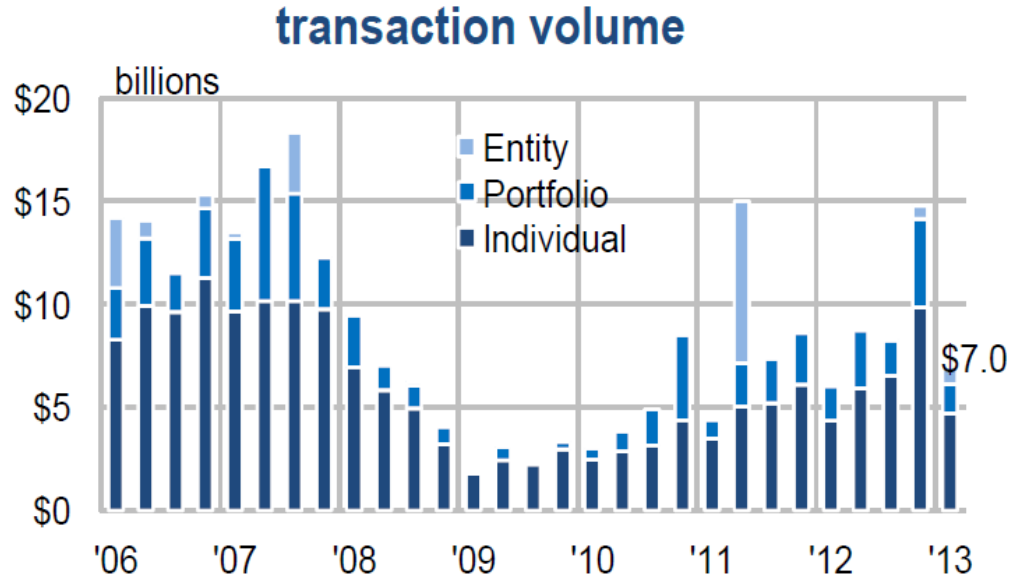
Industrial leasing markets continue to improve



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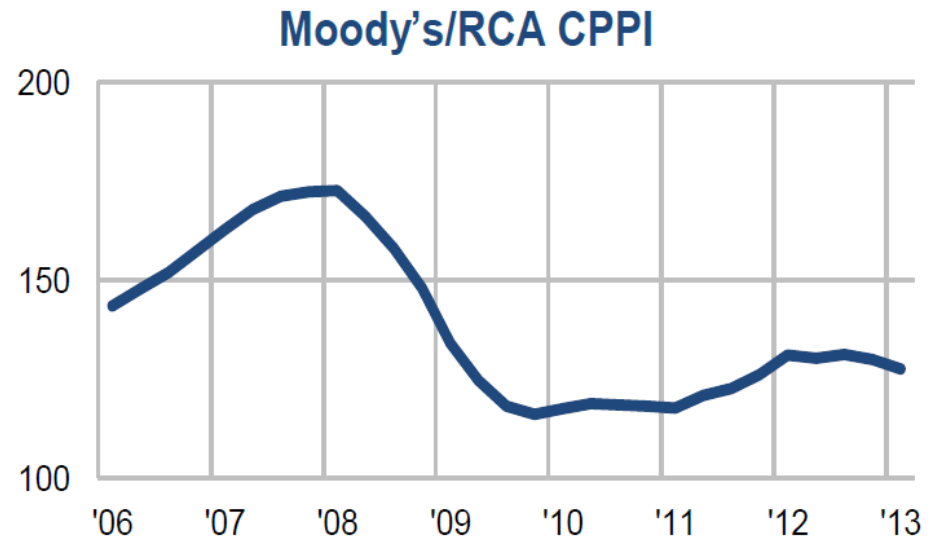
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Industrial transaction volume jumps over prior year



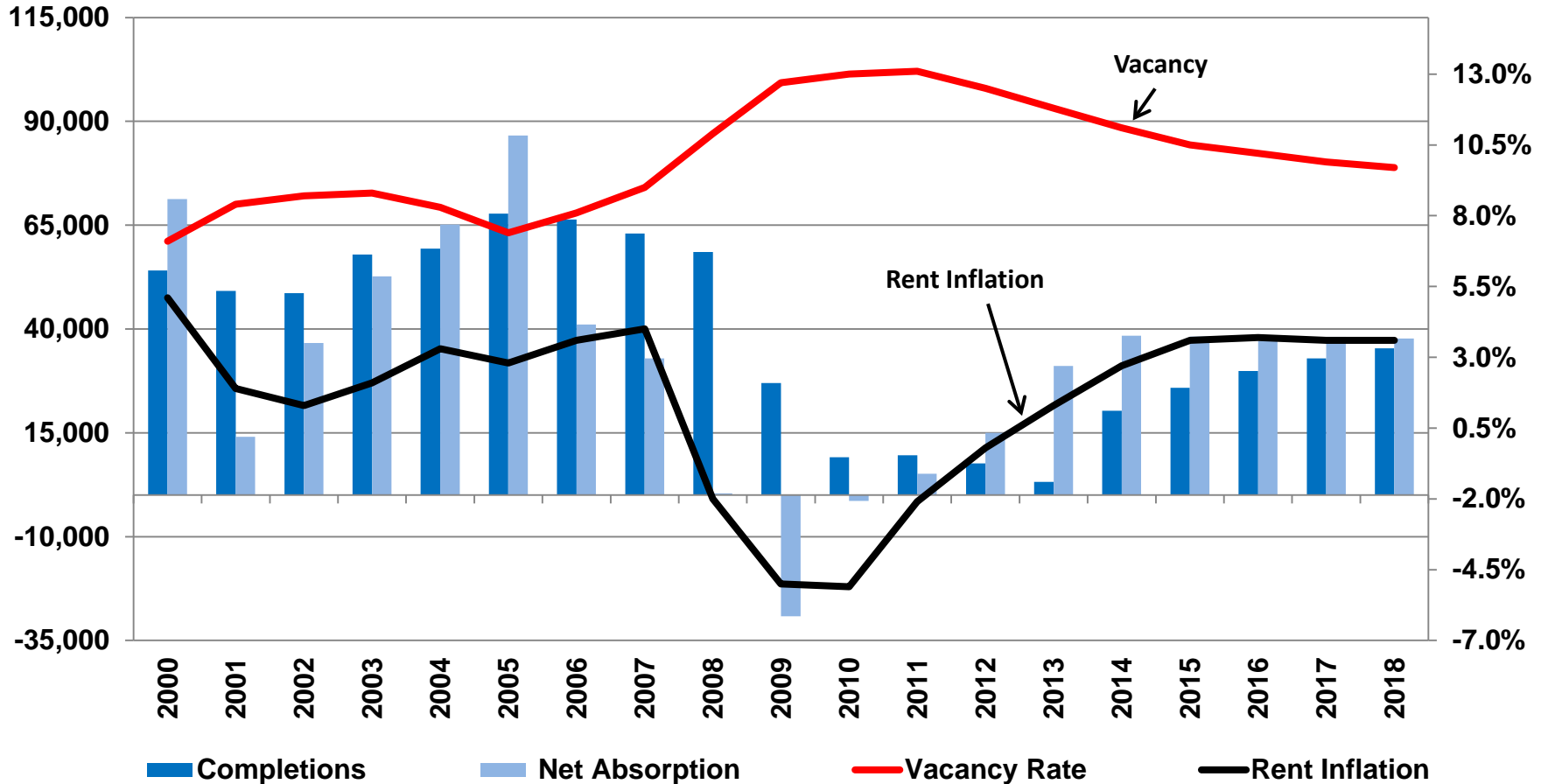
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Industrial pricing continues to stabilize



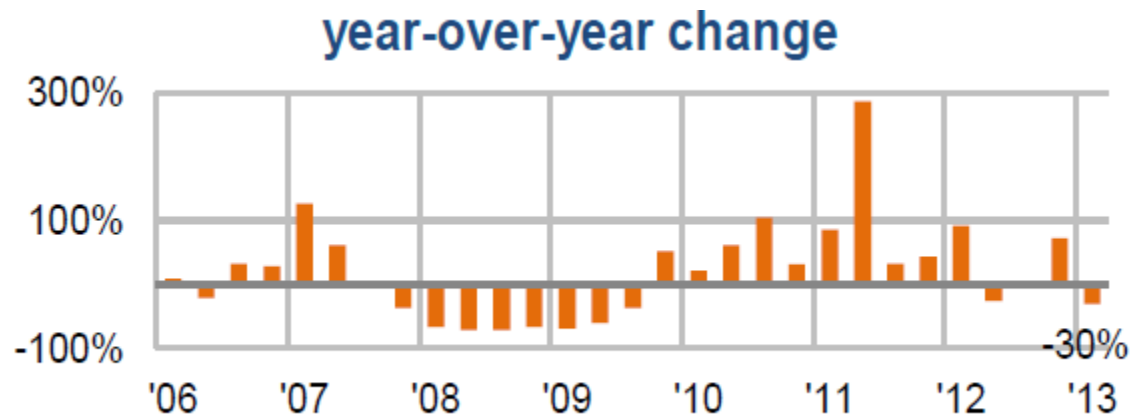
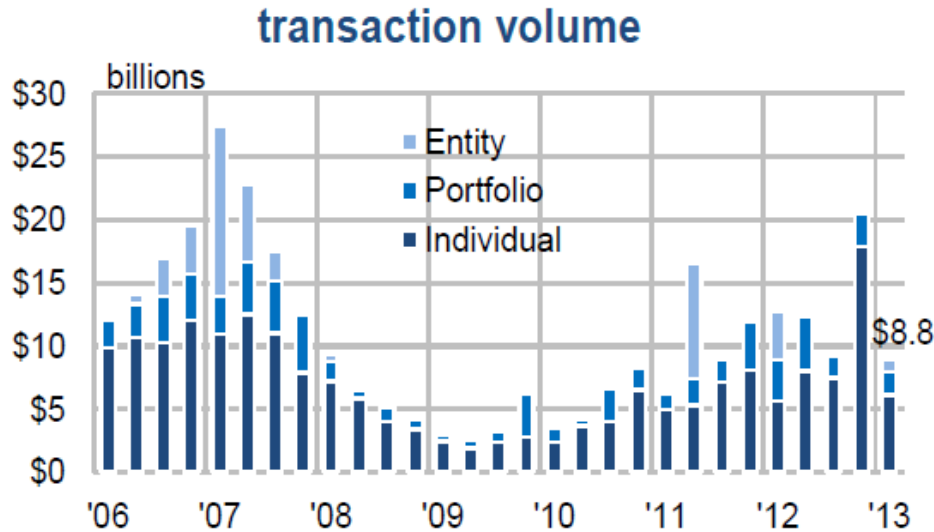
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Retail leasing markets continue to improve



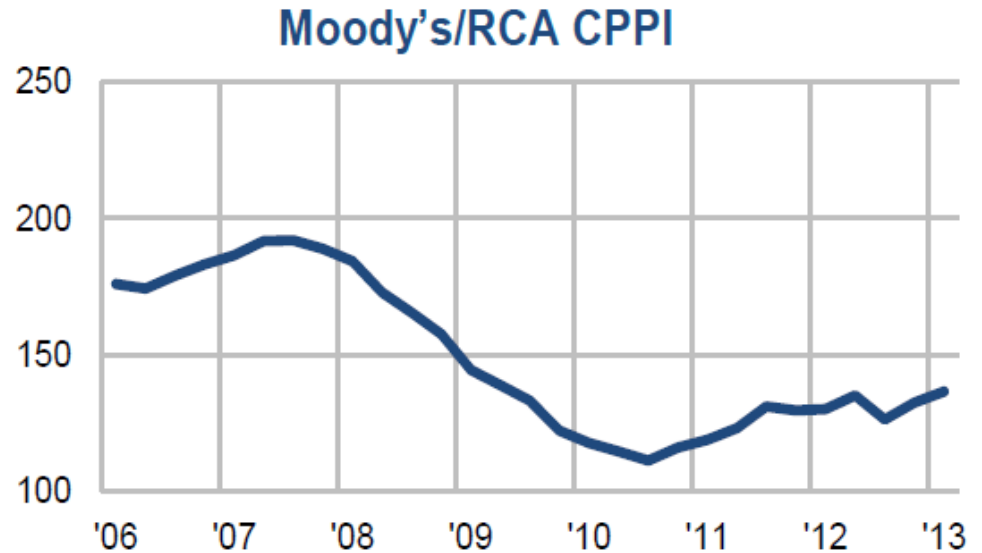
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Retail transaction volume drops significantly



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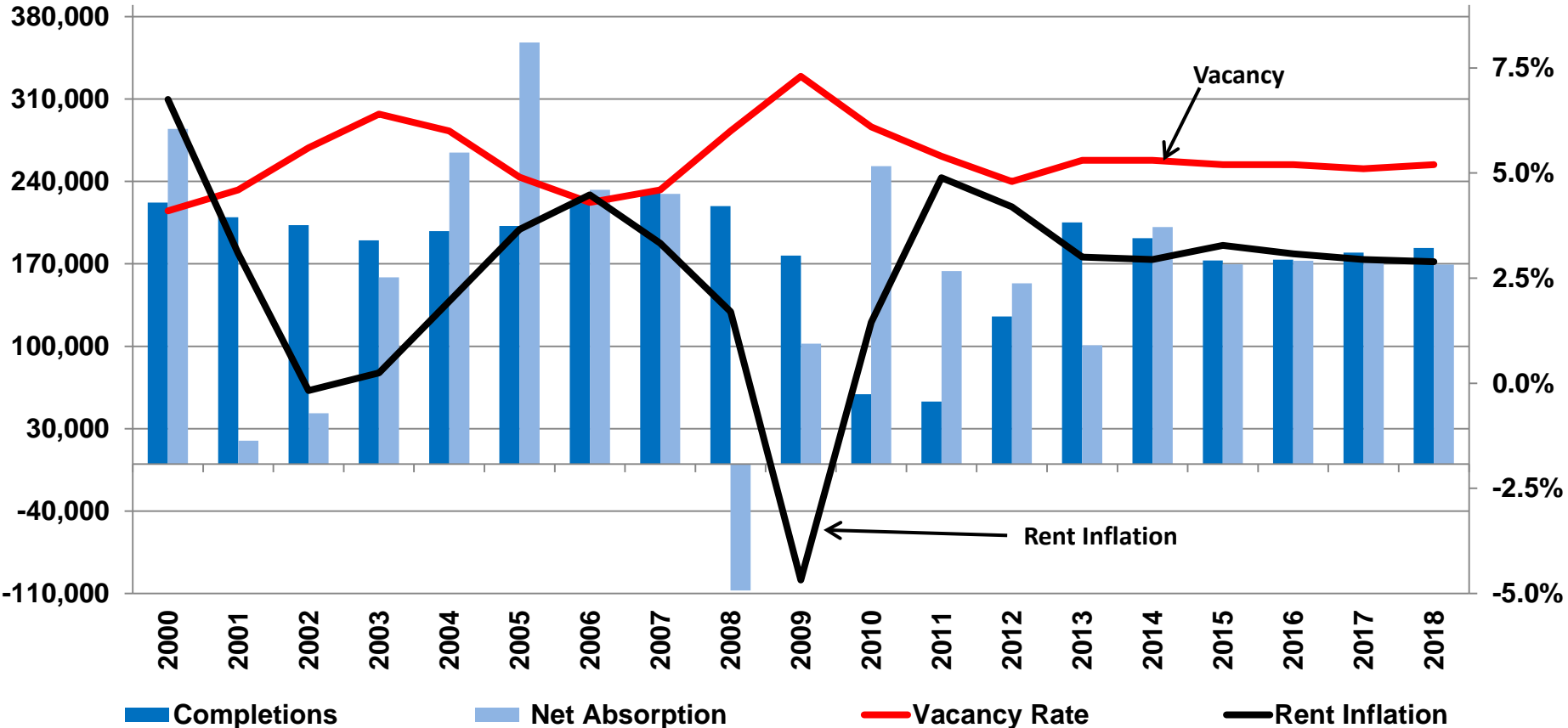
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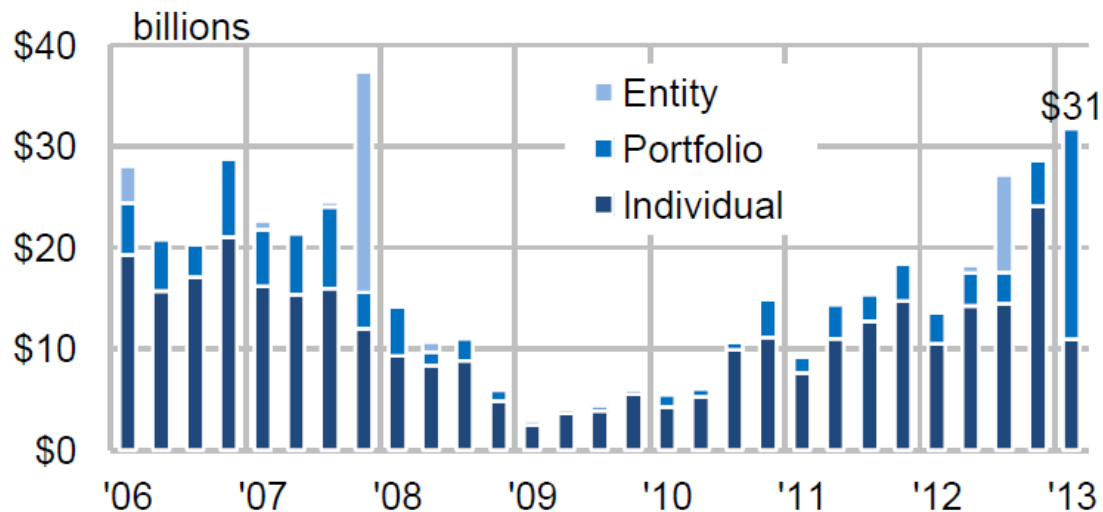
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Apartment leasing markets continue to stabilize

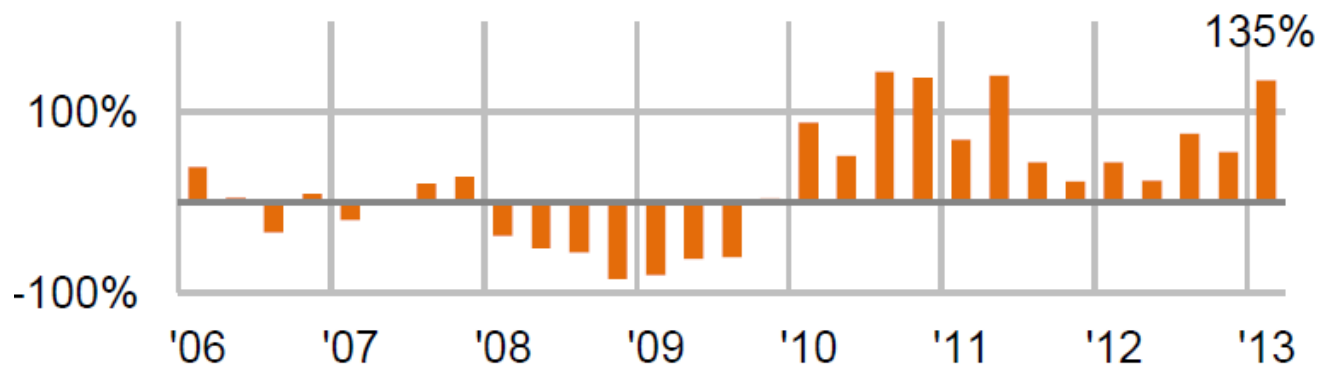


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Apartment transaction volume – record high in 1Q13



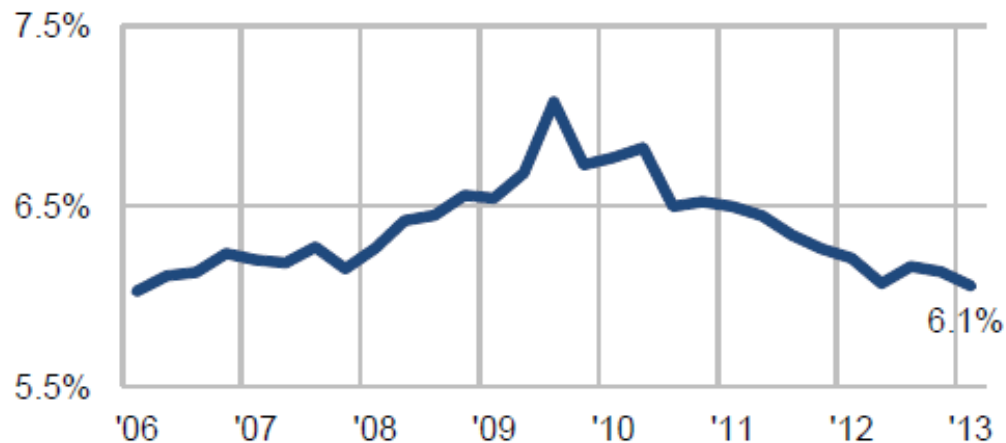
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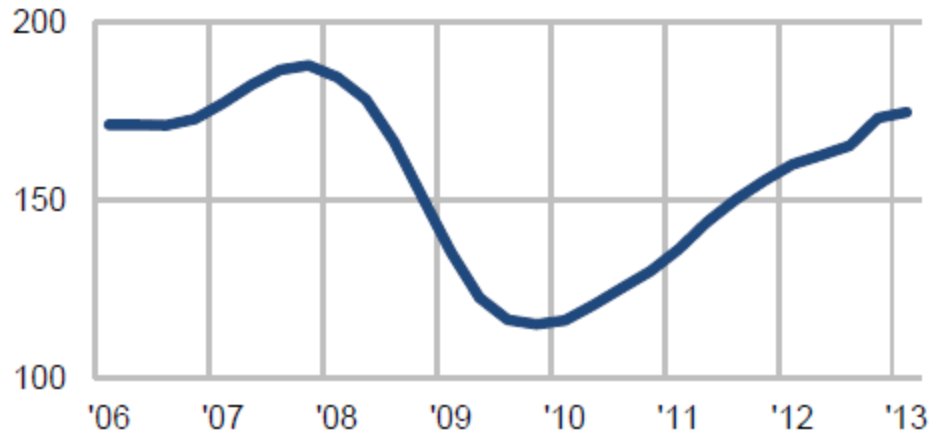
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Apartment prices still increasing

cap rate

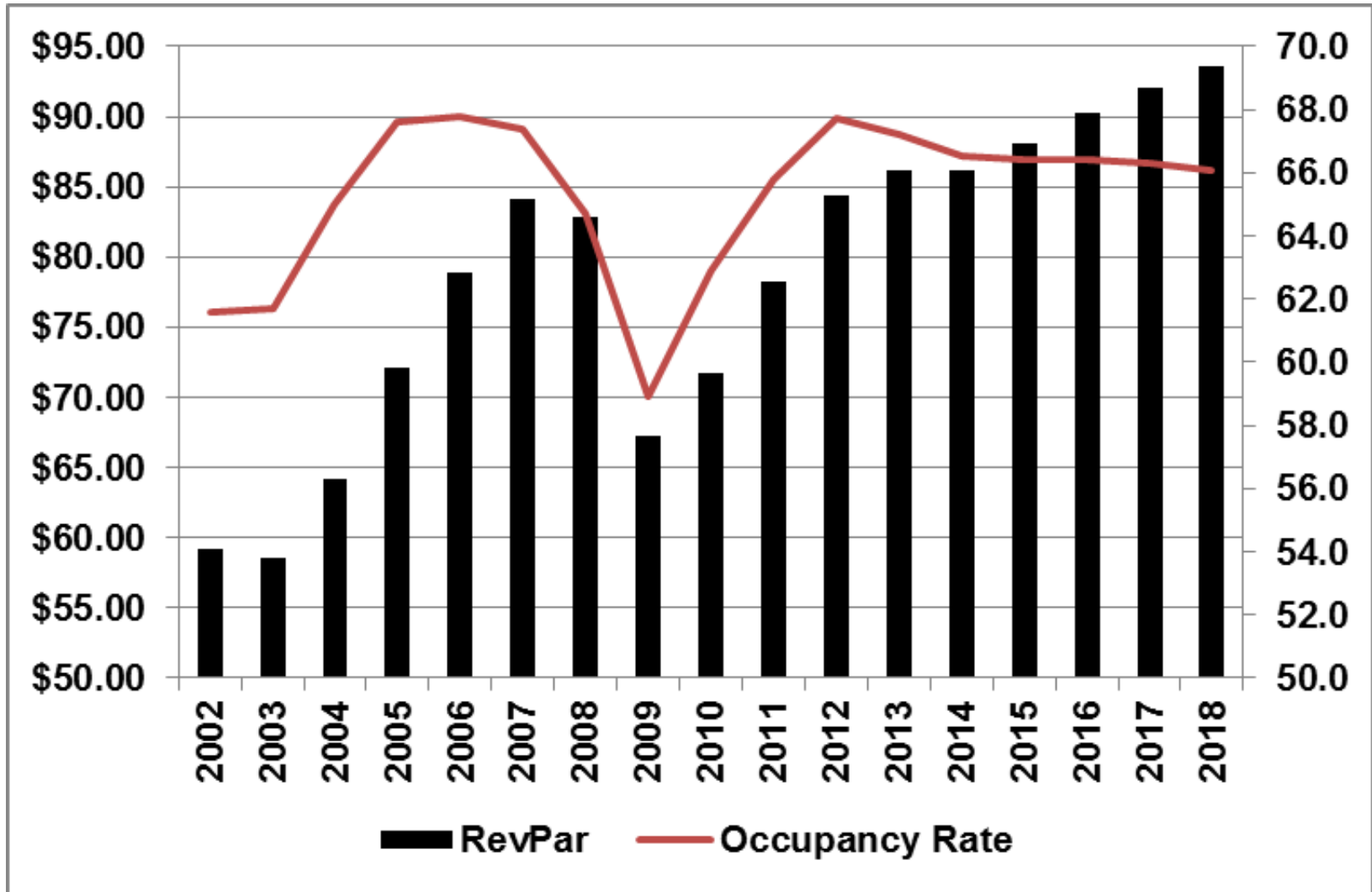


Moody's/RCA CPPI



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Hotel RevPar & occupancy continue to improve

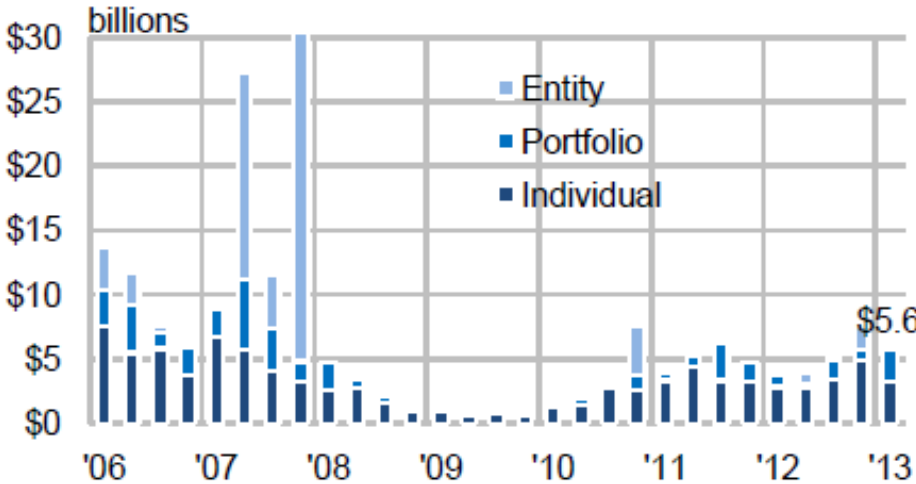


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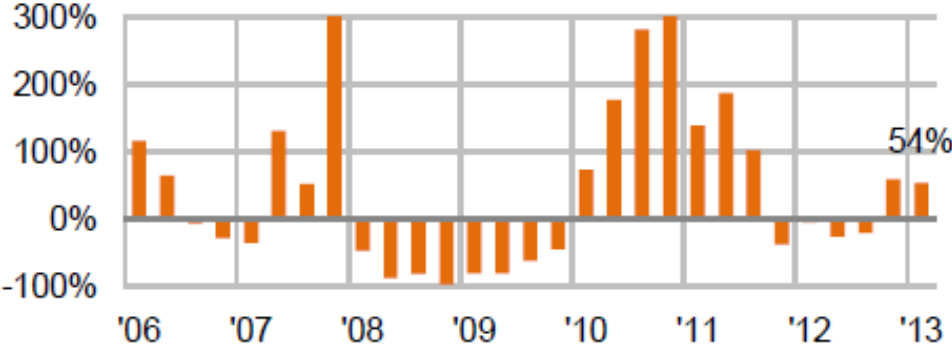
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Hotel volume trends— huge increase over prior year

transaction volume

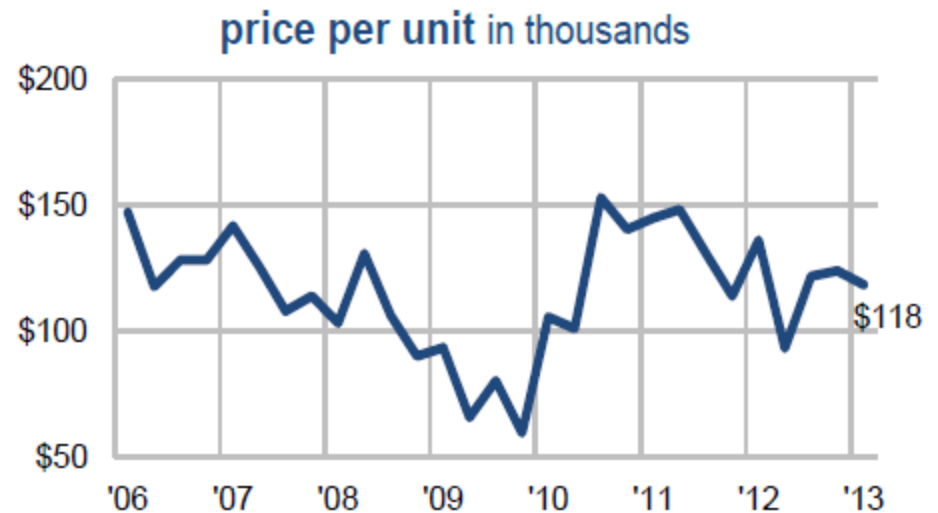


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Hotel cap rates and prices stabilizing



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Defensible Cap Rate Sources and Techniques



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NOI calculation – before/after

Replacement reserves

Leasing commissions

TIs



**Must be
reflected in
NOI or cap rate**

Contract rent/NOI at, above, or below market rent

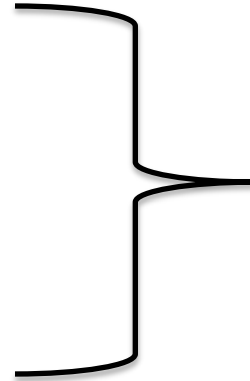
If at market, is it a proxy for a fee simple sale?

NOI year to capitalize

Last year

Date of sale annualized

Forecast year one



**What is
the market
doing?**

Best sources of defensible cap rates

Comparable sales – preferred technique

Personal investor survey – up close and personal

Published surveys – good foundation but may be over used and relied upon

Mortgage and equity – Band of Investment (if sale of subject would be leveraged)

Least useful sources of defensible cap rates

Debt coverage ratio – used mostly by lenders to better insure loan safety

Built-up rate – safe rate, illiquidity, management, real estate risk

ACLI – partially appraisal based

When comparable sales are scarce

UPDATE CAP RATES ON OLDER SALES

Sale No.	Date of Sale	Deal Cap Rate	Subject Valuation Date	Updated Cap Rate
1	1/10/10	8.8	1/1/12	7.9
2	4/25/10	7.8	1/1/12	7.2
3	10/25/10	7.5	1/1/12	7.0

Must understand why rate changed

Or use sales from competing/national markets

Shopping centers

Corporate headquarters

Large distribution warehouse

Large CBD office and apartments

Personal investor surveys

Targeted to specific markets, property type, and date

Opportunity to survey

- Local economic, demographic, and leasing trends that drive cap rates**
- NOI calculation**
- Contract-to-market rent relationship**
- Handling of TIs and major capital needs**

Published surveys

Recognized source for investors, lenders, and courts

Timely – published quarterly

Provides support for DCF forecasts

Can support pricing methodology

Band of Investment technique

<u>Investment Component</u>	<u>Component Contribution</u>	<u>Weighted Average Rates</u>
Mortgage	$M \times R_m$	
Equity	$E \times R_e$	+
Overall Capitalization Rate		_____

M = Mortgage as a percent of total property investment
R_m = Ratio of annual debt service to the loan balance (mortgage constant)
E = Equity as a percent of total property investment
R_e = Ratio of equity cash flow to the equity investment (equity dividend rate)

Equity dividend rate R_e support can come from –

1. Comparable sales (problematic)
2. ACLI data (appraisal based)
3. Investor interviews (probably the best choice)

- Reflects a leveraged sale
- Would the subject property sell on a leveraged basis?
- Equity dividend rate difficult to support
- Does it reflect a fee simple or leased fee estate?
- Requires adequate research and market support

Equity dividend rate extraction examples

Equity Dividend Cap Rates from Comparable Sales

<u>Sale Number</u>	<u>% Mortgage</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Overall Cap Rate %</u>	<u>Equity Dividend Rate %</u>
1	40.87	5.49	9.27	11.88
2	39.81	4.67	5.50	6.05
3	68.96	7.95	7.95	9.89
4	58.20	6.15	6.15	7.42
5	60.57	5.85	5.85	7.08

Can range be explained?

Equity Dividend Rates Inferred from ACLI Data (Retail Properties)

<u>Date</u>	<u>DCR Ratio</u>	<u>Interest Rate %</u>	<u>Mortgage Constant %</u>	<u>L-T-V Ratio</u>	<u>Indicated OAR %</u>	<u>Inferred Equity Dividend Rate %</u>
1Q05	1.62	5.42	7.40	66.90	8.02	9.27
1Q06	1.58	5.78	7.47	63.60	7.51	7.58
1Q07	1.53	5.77	6.63	66.71	6.77	7.05
1Q08	1.89	5.62	6.63	57.96	7.26	8.13
1Q09	1.58	7.62	8.72	58.50	8.06	7.13

Can range be explained?

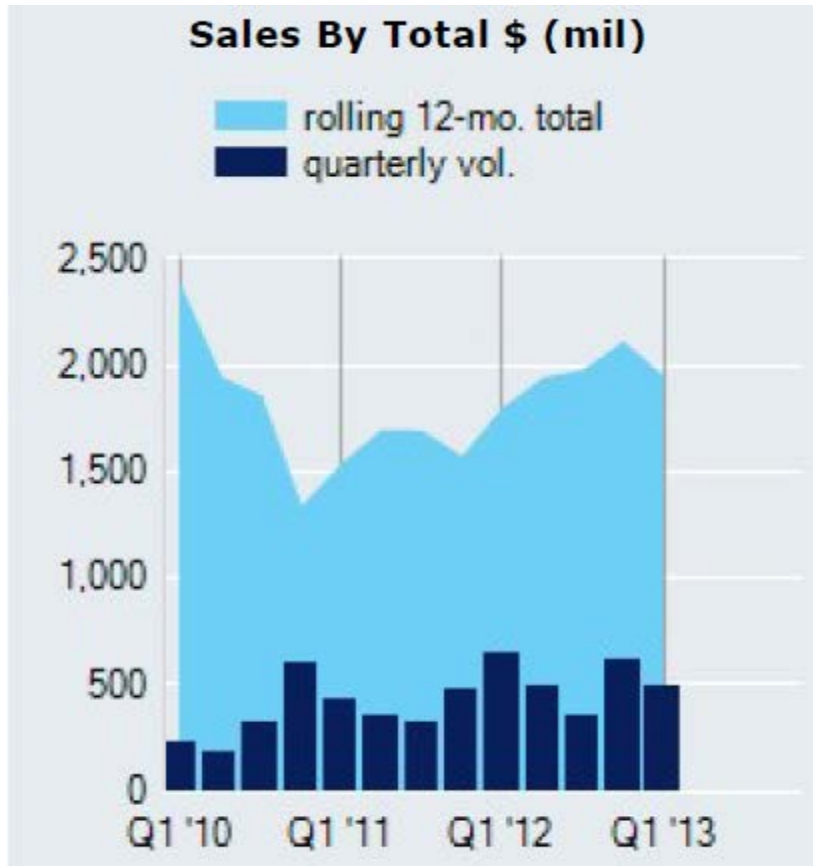
DCR = debt coverage ratio; L-T-V = loan to value ratio

Recommendations

Consider all relevant sources and techniques

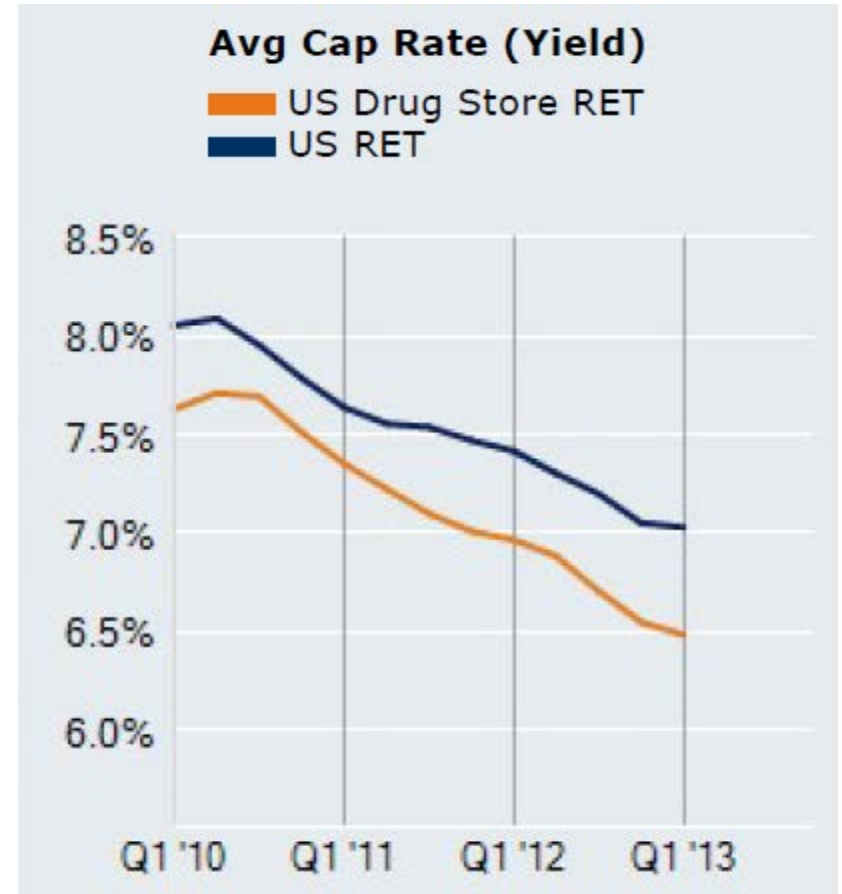
Rely on those with identifiable and persuasive market support

Drug store retail – historical pricing trends



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Drug store retail – historical market performance

		US Drug Store RET		US RET	
		Actual	Chg vs Prior	Actual	Chg vs Prior
Volume (mil)	Prior 12 mos (thru Q1 '13)	\$1,945.5	8%	\$45,248.5	-2%
	Q1 '13	\$490.3	-20%	\$7,831.2	-58%
No. of props	Prior 12 mos (thru Q1 '13)	317	4%	3,302	23%
	Q1 '13	122	61%	799	-21%
Total sf	Prior 12 mos (thru Q1 '13)	4,516,666	4%	256,431,135	-27%
	Q1 '13	1,635,345	48%	49,917,890	-41%
Avg Price/sf	Prior 12 mos (thru Q1 '13)	\$530	26%	\$201	10%
	Q1 '13	\$481	-19%	\$171	-33%
Avg Cap Rate (Yield)	Prior 12 mos (thru Q1 '13)	6.5%	-48 bps	7.0%	-39 bps
	Q1 '13	6.5%	15 bps	7.1%	26 bps

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Addenda

Sources of published cap rate information

Real Capital Analytics, Inc. (www.rcanalytics.com)

REIS (www.reis.com)

PricewaterhouseCoopers' Investor Survey (formerly the Korpacz Real Estate Investor Survey)
(www.pwc.com/us/realestatesurvey)

Real Estate Research Corporation (www.nerc.com)

ACLI (www.acli.com)

RealtyRates.com (www.realtyrates.com)

CoStar (www.costar.com)

Other useful research sources

GDP – Bureau of Economic Analysis (www.bea.gov)

Employment Information – Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov) and U.S. Department of Labor (www.dol.gov)

Retail Sales – U.S. Census (www.census.gov)

Housing Information – National Association of Realtors (www.realtor.org)

Capital Markets Information – Real Capital Analytics, Inc. (www.rcanalytics.com)

In addition to collecting transactional information, RCA interprets the data, including capitalization rates, market trends, pricing, and sales volume. The firm publishes a series of Capital Trends reports and offers an online service that provides real-time, global transactional market information. For more information, contact 1-212-387-7103.

Leasing and Capital Market Information – CBRE/Torto Wheaton Research (www.tortowheatonresearch.com)

Outlook product provides detailed data and quarterly forecasts on real estate fundamentals and capital markets across five property types; custom reports are available. For more information, contact Ken O'Brien, Director, Client Services – kobrien@tortowheatonresearch.com or 1-671-912-5200

"Tracking the Credit Crisis: A Timeline" – Mu\$eum of American Finance (moaf.org), 48 Wall Street, New York, NY, traces the development of the economy since the beginning of the financial crisis.

Outside the Box is a free weekly economic e-letter by best-selling author and renowned financial expert, John Mauldin. You can learn more and get your free subscription by visiting www.mauldineconomics.com (highly recommended by Pete Korpacz)

**The following is an excerpt from
“Tracking the Credit Crisis: A Timeline”
an exhibit at the Mu\$eum of American Finance**

THE BUBBLE BURSTS: The Origins of the Credit Crisis

Between 2003 and 2007, \$7 trillion worth of home mortgages were sold in the United States – or more than the worth of the entire U.S. Treasury bond market. Home prices increased to record levels by an average 124% from 1977 to 2006, and the housing market became a veritable casino that operated on the assumption that prices would appreciate indefinitely. When the bubble finally burst and demand for the overpriced homes finally began declining, the approximately \$1.3 trillion in inappropriately-issued subprime loans triggered a rash of foreclosures – making subprime mortgage loans the match that lit the financial crisis fuse.

Many subprime borrowers, who often had no income, assets, or jobs (but could pay high upfront fees that increased bonuses), were unable to service or refinance their mortgages when the bubble burst. Huge portfolios of defaulted mortgages lost 50% to 80% of their value, leading to catastrophic losses at financial institutions. This led to a credit crisis, as banks initially stopped lending because of insufficient capital availability due to housing loan/bond losses, which in turn led to a crisis in the stock market when worried investors liquidated their equity portfolios.

Consumers also experienced considerable losses. Many watched their 401k plans and other stock holdings drop to unimaginable levels, and this helped create a consumption crisis as consumer purchases fell off dramatically. Serious unemployment became a function of this negative cycle.

2007

January

February

March

April

May

June

5 - Mortgage Lenders Network USA, the 15th largest subprime lender in the United States, files for bankruptcy

13 - ResMae Mortgage Corporation files for bankruptcy

3 - New Century Financial, the largest subprime lender in the United States, files for bankruptcy and defaults on \$8.4 billion in loan repayments

4 - CNN Money reveals that subprime loans have five times the delinquency rate of prime loans a total of approximately \$1.3 trillion has been loaned to subprime borrowers, in a \$6 trillion housing market.

2007

July

17 - Two Bear Stearns hedge funds specializing in subprime debt disclose to investors that each fund has lost at least 90% of its value. The funds only invested in securities that rating agencies graded as AAA, high-quality investments

31 - The two troubled Bear Stearns hedge funds file for bankruptcy. Shortly thereafter, the SEC launches an investigation into Bear Stearn's risk management process.

August

September

21 - Bear Stearns announces a 61% drop in earnings from the same quarter in 2006. Goldman Sachs reports a 79% rise in 3rd quarter profits, beating analyst expectations

October

1 - Swiss Bank UBS announces a \$3.7 billion writedown followed by the resignation of the head of its investment banking division. UBS was heavily involved with CDOs and credit default swaps, derivative products that lost value with the subprime crisis hit.

11 - RealtyTrac, which tracks foreclosures in the housing market, reports that foreclosures have doubled compared to the same time last year.

16 - Because of the subprime writedowns totaling over \$3 billion, Citigroup's profits drop 57% compared to the same quarter the prior year.

25 - Merrill Lynch announces a \$2.24 billion loss in the 3rd quarter, largely due to subprime mortgage-related losses.

26 - Countrywide Bank reports its first quarterly loss in 25 years of \$1.2 billion on about \$1 billion in writedowns.

31 - Merrill Lynch CEO Stan O'Neal resigns after an announcement that the company would write down around \$7.9 billion in subprime debt – the largest writedown in the credit crisis so far. O'Neal gets a \$160 million payout upon leaving.

November

13 - Bank of America says it will have to write off \$3 billion of subprime losses.

21 - Freddie Mac announces a \$2 billion loss due to mortgage defaults and credit losses. Shares in Freddie Mac drop 29% and Fannie Mae shares drop 25% immediately following the announcement.

December

3 - Moody's announces it will lower its AAA ratings on mortgage-related securities. These high ratings allowed for successful securitization of pools of lower-quality bonds that were packaged and exported all over the world. Because of the high ratings, hundreds of billions of dollars in bonds were not subject to appropriate due diligence by the buyers

20 - Bear Stearns reports the first quarterly loss in its 84-year history: \$854 million.

2008

January

17 - Lehman Brothers announces plans to eliminate 1,300 jobs in its domestic mortgage division, on top of 2,500 that have already been cut in the wake of the subprime crisis.

February

22 - The Federal Reserve cuts the discount interest rate by 0.75% – the largest cut in two decades.

26 - Bank of America and Countrywide are in merger talks, which would create the largest mortgage lending ground in the United States.

March

10 - Rumors spread on Wall Street that Bear Stearns is experiencing severe liquidity problems. Investor anxieties become a self-fulfilling prophecy as Bear's stock price plunges over the next few days.

16 - JP Morgan Chase announces that it will acquire Bear Stearns at \$2 a share in an arrangement brokered by the Federal Reserve. The Fed finances the transaction and guarantees Bear's outstanding obligations up to \$30 billion.

April

17 - Merrill Lynch reveals 1st quarter losses of \$1.96 billion largely due to subprime lending, compared to a profit of \$2.1 billion the year before.

May

June

16 - Lehman Brothers reports a \$2.8 billion 2nd quarter loss, the first loss in the company's 14-year history under public ownership.

25 - Bank of America takes over Countrywide Bank.

TOXIC ASSETS: Pooling and Exporting Subprime Debt

Financial institutions securitized many of their subprime mortgages, selling the loans for a fee while moving the mortgages off their books, thereby reducing their risk exposure and increasing their lending capability. Individual mortgages were packaged together into pools called "mortgage-backed securities" in a variety of ways, and then these securities were exported all over the world.

Aside from lax regulatory oversight, the problem was exacerbated when investors relied solely on ratings from big American rating agencies rather than undertaking their own (often costly) due diligence. For several years these subprime mortgage bonds were given the highest rating: triple-A. But in the summer of 2007, the agencies astonished the world when they abruptly began to downgrade bonds they had previously blessed as the inevitable defaults occurred on subprime loans. It was in this way that American institutions exported toxic assets (subprime-backed bonds) globally, which affected investors at all levels, from pension funds and governments to international banks and corporations. Defaulting mortgages created losses and widespread economic slowdowns, which then deepened and spread to most major debt categories like falling dominoes.

2008

July

17 - Merrill Lynch announces writedowns of \$9.4 billion primarily on its' mortgage-related assets and its hedges with troubled bond issuers, for a total of \$19 billion in the last 4 quarters. By late summer, writedowns neared \$40 billion.

August

September

7 - The U.S. government effectively takes control of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, placing the companies under the conservatorship of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

October

3 - A revised bailout plan is signed into law as the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act by President Bush, establishing the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). The bill gives the Treasury \$700 billion to purchase subprime loans from banks to improve their capital-to-debt ratios. The aim is to recapitalize the banks so that they are able to make loans again.

November

14 - Freddie Mac asks the U.S. government for access to a \$13.8 billion lifeline after reporting a quarterly loss of \$25.3 billion.

December

4Q2008 - The U.S. economy has contracted at the fastest pace in a quarter century, at an annualized rate of 6.2%.

22 - IndyMac Bank close down due to large mortgage-related losses. With \$32 billion in assets, this is the 2nd largest bank failure in U.S. history. The FDIC estimates that the takeover could approximate \$8 billion.

13 - The Federal Reserve and U.S. Treasury refuse to rescue Lehman Brothers, citing a lack of "political will" for a bailout and the "moral hazard" of protecting failing companies from the consequences of their actions. As a result of this decision, the markets to into a tailspin.

10 - The DJIA caps it worst week ever with the highest one-day volatility on record in its 112-year history. Over the previous 8 trading days, the DJIA has dropped 22%, or 2,400 points, amid worries of a worsening credit crisis and global recession.

15 - Lehman Brothers announces that it will file for bankruptcy – the largest in American history.

16 - The Federal Reserve announces it will lend insurer AIG \$85 billion in emergency funds. The government will take an 80% stake in the company's preferred stock, which will pay a 10% interest rate. In effect, this is a collateralized loan, a demand not made of the banks receiving government assistance. An AIG collapse would be catastrophic because its extensive derivative obligations, including credit default swaps, would have caused a global market collapse.

26 - U.S. regulators seize the assets of Washington Mutual, the 6th largest U.S. bank. Washington Mutual had \$310 billion in assets, making this the largest bank failure in U.S. history.

LEHMAN: A Turning Point in the Markets and in Investor and Consumer Confidence

Although Lehman was about to fail in September 2008 essentially as a function of huge losses related to enormous bets on subprime mortgage-backed securities, no financial institution anywhere could be induced to take over the 150-year old, 26,000-employee investment bank. The Bush administration nevertheless refused to offer the same financial guarantees that helped save Bear Stearns, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac. The Treasury felt it important to uphold a free market belief that the freedom to fail was an important ingredient for a healthy capitalist system, and that a moral hazard risk would exist if companies were included to believe government intervention would save them if they made serious and even reckless mistakes.

The reaction of Lehman's bankruptcy, the biggest in U.S. history, led the credit markets to collapse as the stock market plunged, with the DJIA dropping 508 points. AIG began rescue talks with the Fed and Merrill agreed to be bought by Bank of America. Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley came under attack as rumors circulated that they were having liquidity problems, being unable to borrow under normal bank lines, while fearful hedge funds withdrew huge deposits.

By the first week in October, Wall Street had suffered its worst week in 100 years with the DOW falling 18%, and the short selling spread to overseas markets. The French finance minister called the Treasury's unwillingness to support Lehman "a horrendous error," a feeling widely shared in the U.S. markets.

2009

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
<p>26 - Companies in the United States and Europe announce 76,000 job cuts, resulting in one of the worst days on record for workers.</p>		<p>2 - AIG declares a 4th quarter loss of \$60 billion – the largest quarterly loss in U.S. history. Total support to date from the U.S. government is \$130 billion.</p>	<p>6 - The Congressional Budget Office raises the projected taxpayer costs of the U.S. government's financial rescue program from its original projection of \$189 billion to \$356 billion.</p>	<p>4 - A U.S. Federal Reserve survey reports that mortgage demand rose in the first quarter for the first time since early 2007, despite tightened standards for home loans by banks.</p>	<p>1 - General Motors becomes the largest manufacturing company in U.S. history to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.</p>
		<p>17 - A report is released showing credit card defaults in February rose to the highest level in 20 years. Citigroup and American Express report default rates of approximately 9%.</p>	<p>24 - G7 finance ministers meet in Washington, DC and comment that the world's economy is starting to show signs of stabilization, but reiterate the need to maintain stimulus efforts.</p>	<p>7 - Stress test results for the 19 largest banks are released. The results are better than expected. Nine of the banks tested, including JP Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, and Capital One, are found to be adequately capitalized. The most troubled institutions include GMAC, Wells Fargo, Bank of America, and Citigroup, who lack the capital to withstand worst-case-scenario simulations. These banks must prepare capital-raising plans by June 8, to be implemented by November 9. Some analysts remain wary.</p>	<p>3 - Eurozone GDP experiences a 2.5% decline overall, partly due to a 4% contraction in the German economy. The downturn is part of the worst recession in continental Europe since World War II. However, the news is part of a set of mixed data which indicate the global economic slowdown may be coming to an end.</p>
		<p>26 - Updated commerce department data show that the U.S. economy contracted at its fastest rate since 1982 in the fourth quarter. GDP shrank by 6.3%, slightly less than the 6.6% projected.</p>	<p>30 - U.S. automaker Chrysler Group LLC files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.</p>	<p>20 - Bank of America takes a step towards meeting its capital requirements, reporting that \$13.47 billion was raised through a sale of shares.</p>	<p>9 - Ten of the nation's biggest financial companies get a green light to return \$68 billion in federal bailout money - freeing the banks from constraints on executive pay and leaving the government with a small gain on the rescue cash. These banks include American Express, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan Chase, and Goldman Sachs.</p>

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<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
<p>2 - June unemployment released at 9.5%, considerably higher than the 8% peak the administration had hoped for when it created the recovery plan in January. The rate of job losses has slowed however, a possible early indicator of recovery.</p>	<p>6 - President Obama states that the worst of the economic crisis might be over, following a report that the unemployment rate in the U.S. fell for the first time in 15 months in July.</p>	<p>21 - The Government Accountability Office releases a report stating that AIG has finally stabilized, following a \$182 billion bailout package.</p>	<p>14 - Buoyed by improved earnings reports, the DJIA closes above 10,000 for the first time in a year, capping a seven-month surge in stock prices.</p>	<p>17 - AIG posts its second consecutive quarterly profit as operations continue to stabilize following the government bailout.</p>	<p>9 - Bank of America announces that it has fully repaid the \$45 billion in TARP aid that it took at the height of the financial crisis.</p>
<p>15 - Goldman Sachs announces profits of \$3.44 billion in the second quarter of 2009 - the highest quarterly profit in its 140-year history. Goldman had paid back its TARP money in June.</p>	<p>7 - AIG posts its first quarterly profit since 2007. Shares jump by 20%.</p>		<p>15 - Goldman Sachs posts a third quarter profit of over \$3 billion. The gains are attributed largely to the company's trading activities in the fixed income, currency, and commodities markets.</p>		<p>18 - The FDIC closes seven banks, bringing the total number of bank failures in 2009 to 140.</p>
<p>23 - The DJIA climbs back up above 9,000 as reports emerge that the housing market has bottomed out.</p>	<p>12 - The Federal Reserve holds interest rates at 0.25%, stating that although the worst of the crisis seems to have passed, "economic activity is likely to remain weak for some time."</p>		<p>22 - Morgan Stanley posts a third quarter profit of \$757 million, putting the firm back in the black after three consecutive quarters of losses.</p> <p>29 - U.S. GDP shows reported expansion of 3.5% in the third quarter, evidence that the stimulus money is having an effect. The figure is later revised down to 2.8%, but still shows the first signs of expansion in the economy after four straight quarters of contraction.</p>		

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