

# US Economic Indicators: Animal Spirits

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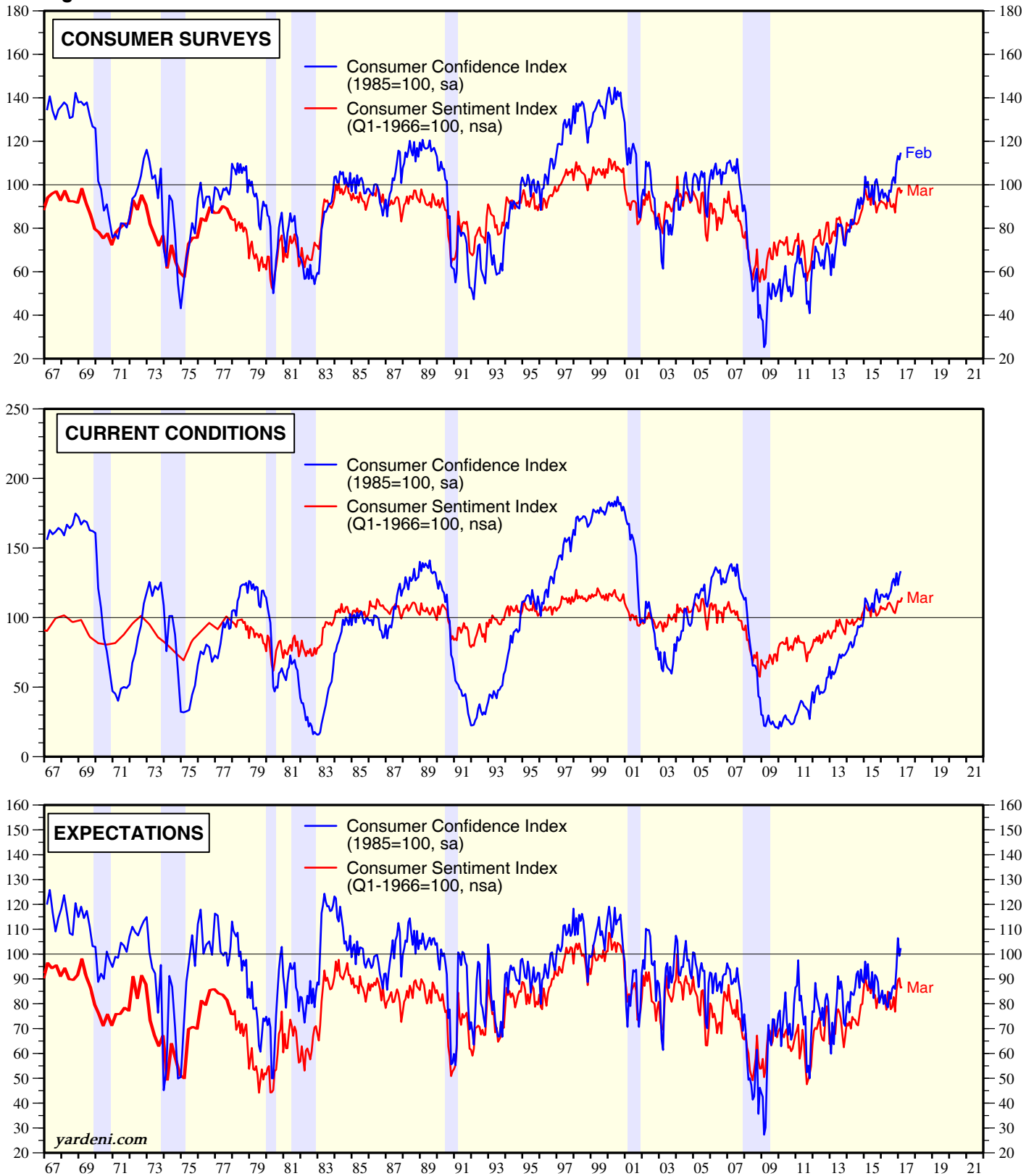
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# Consumer Confidence

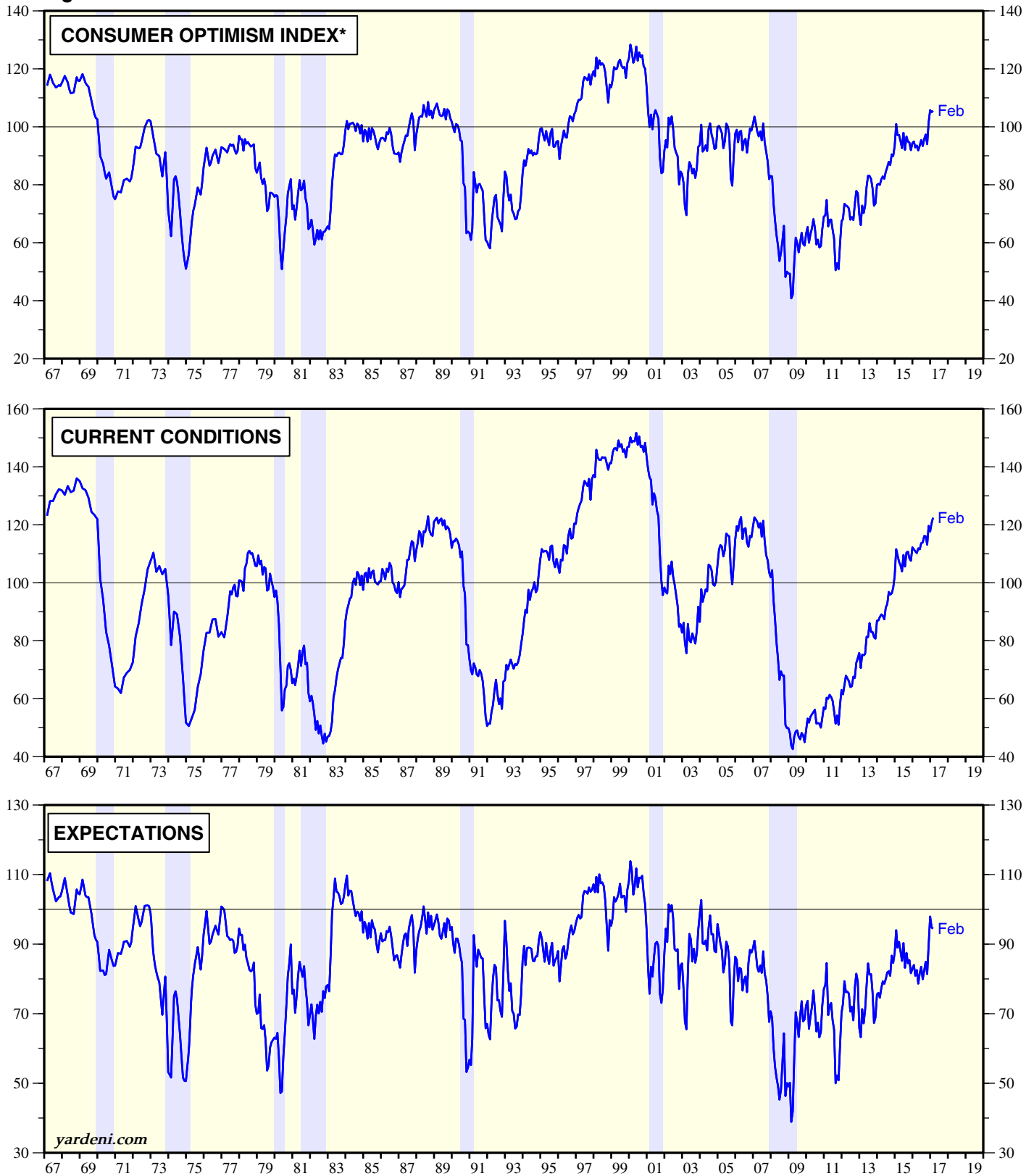
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Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.  
 Source: The Conference Board and the University of Michigan Survey Research Center.

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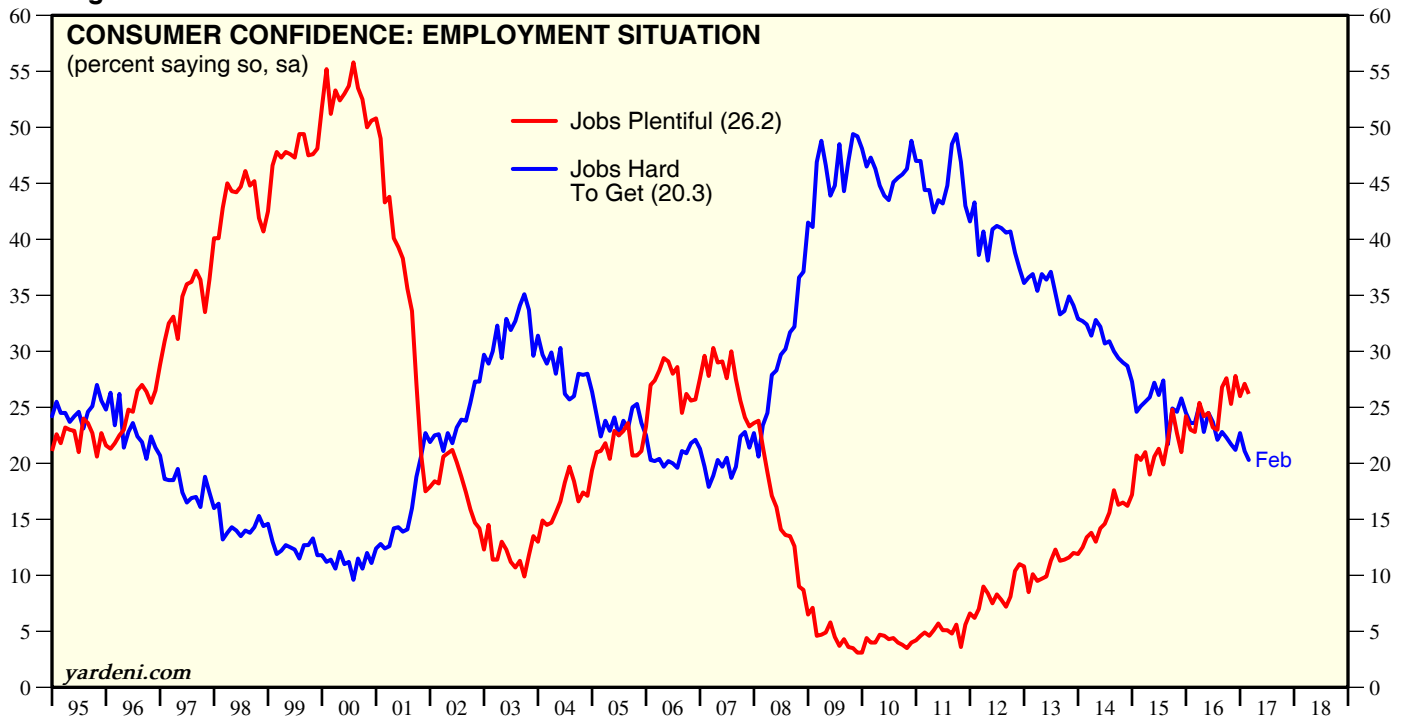
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\* Average of Consumer Sentiment Index (nsa) and Consumer Confidence Index (sa).  
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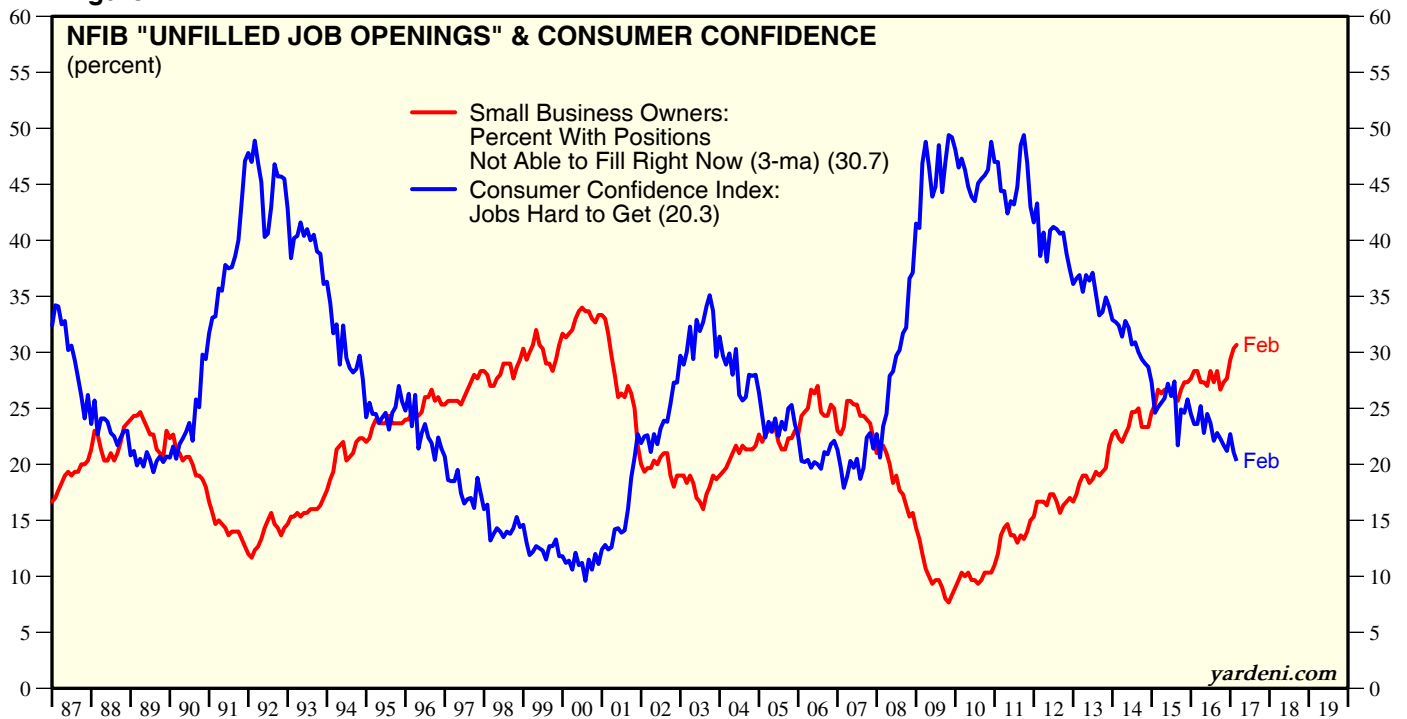
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Source: The Conference Board.

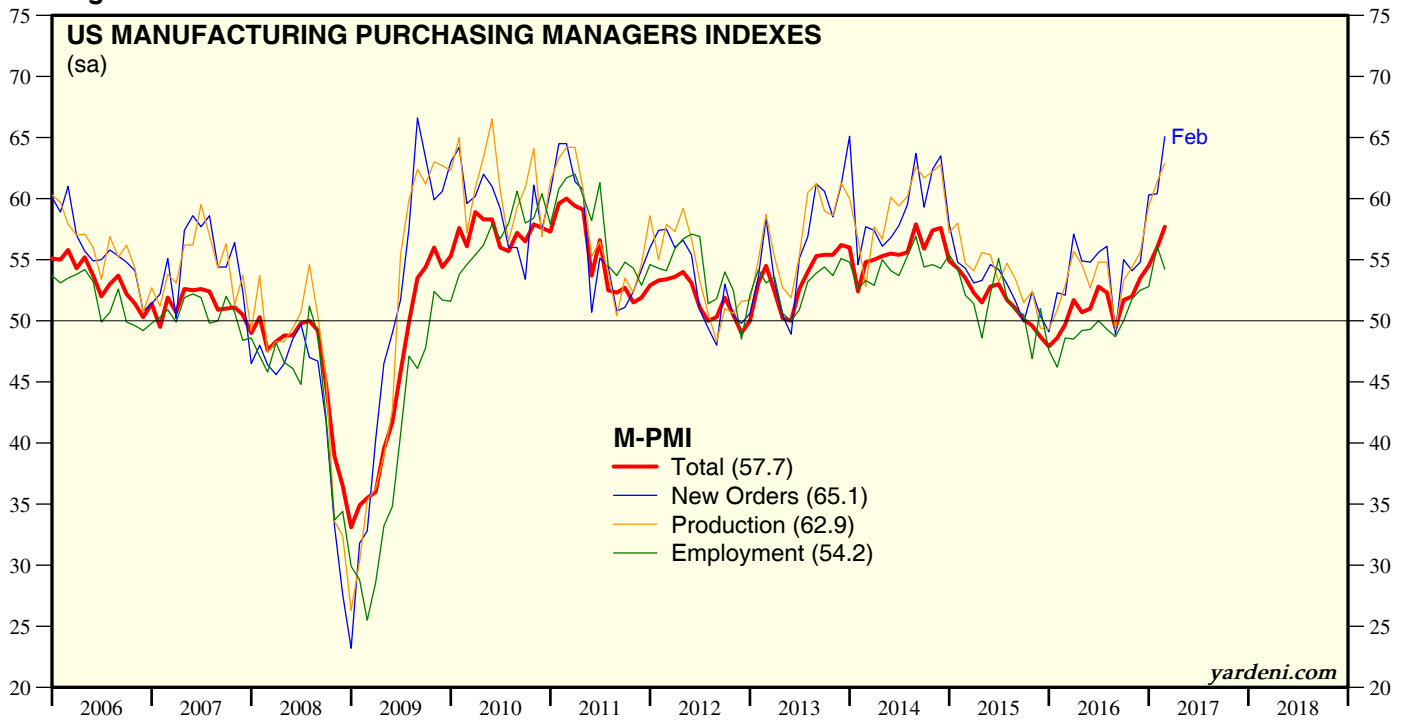
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Source: National Federation of Independent Business and The Conference Board.

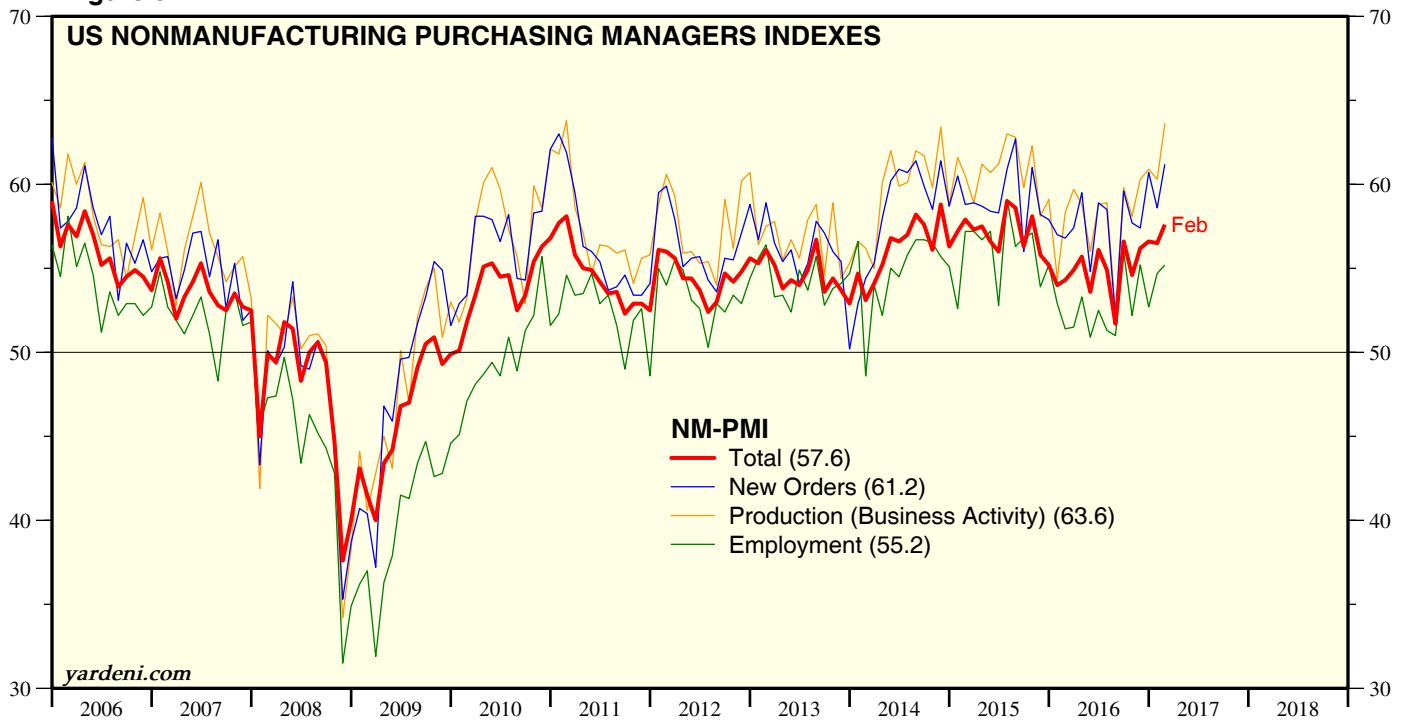
# Purchasing Managers

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Source: Institute for Supply Management.

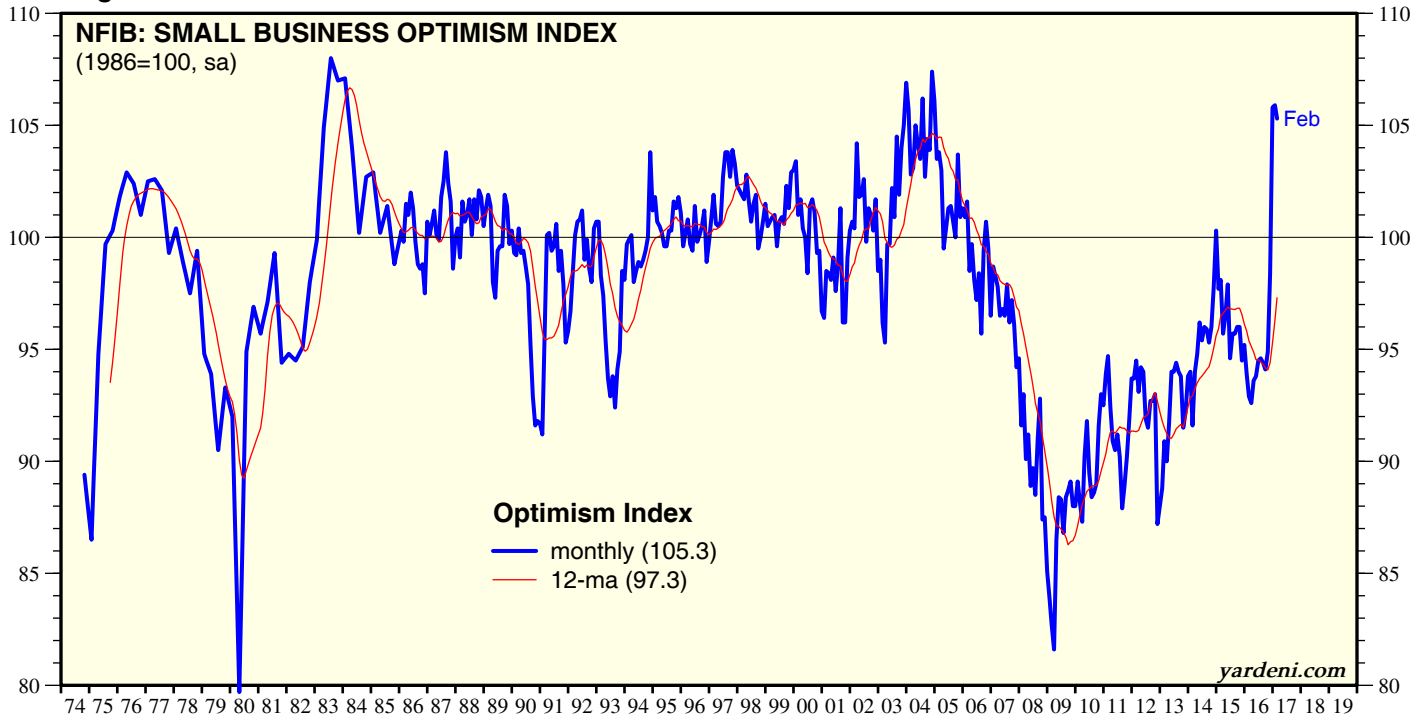
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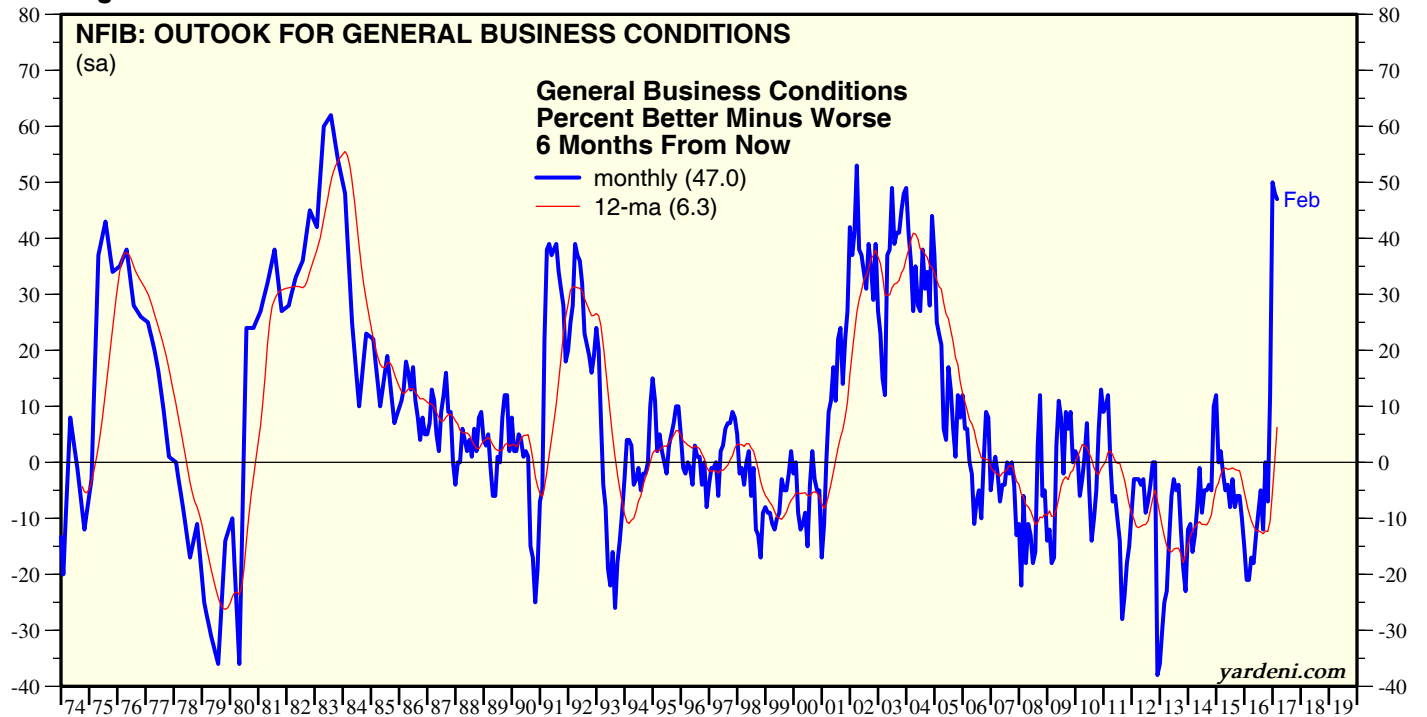
# Small Business

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Source: National Federation of Independent Business.

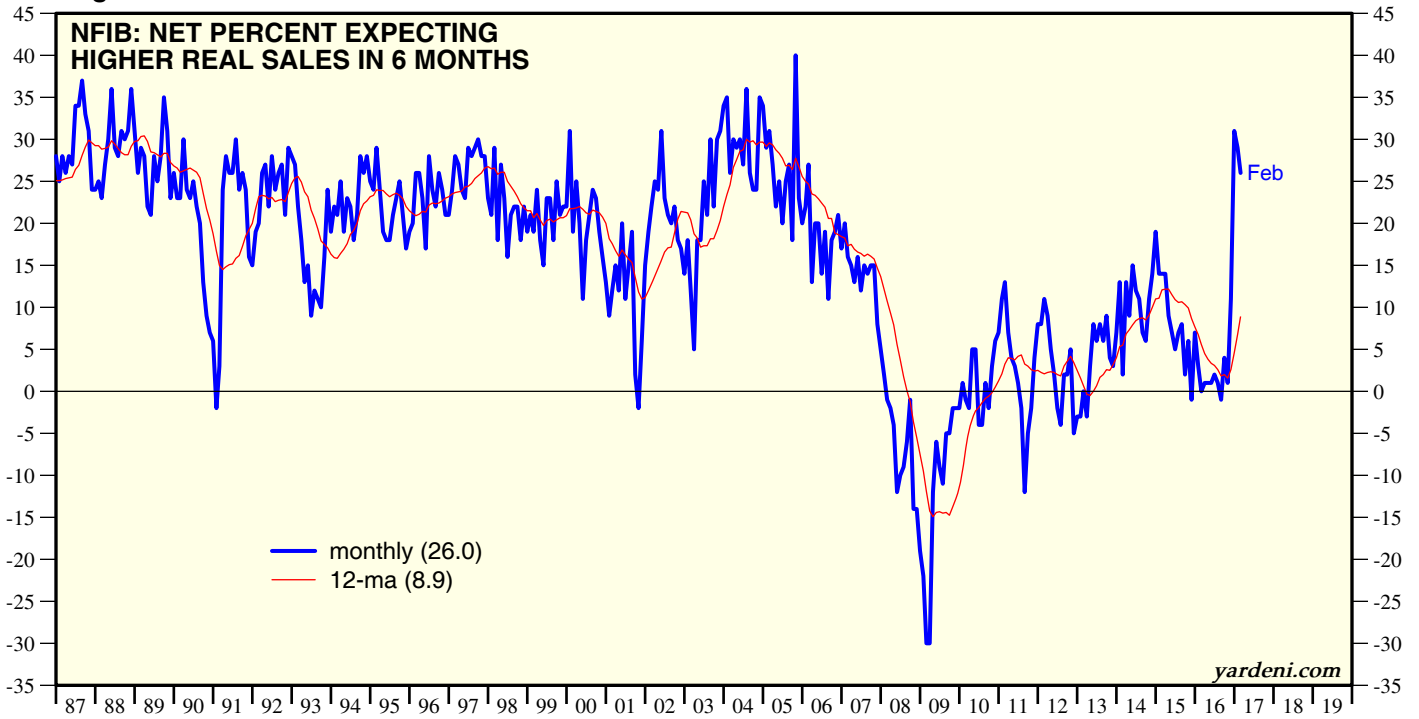
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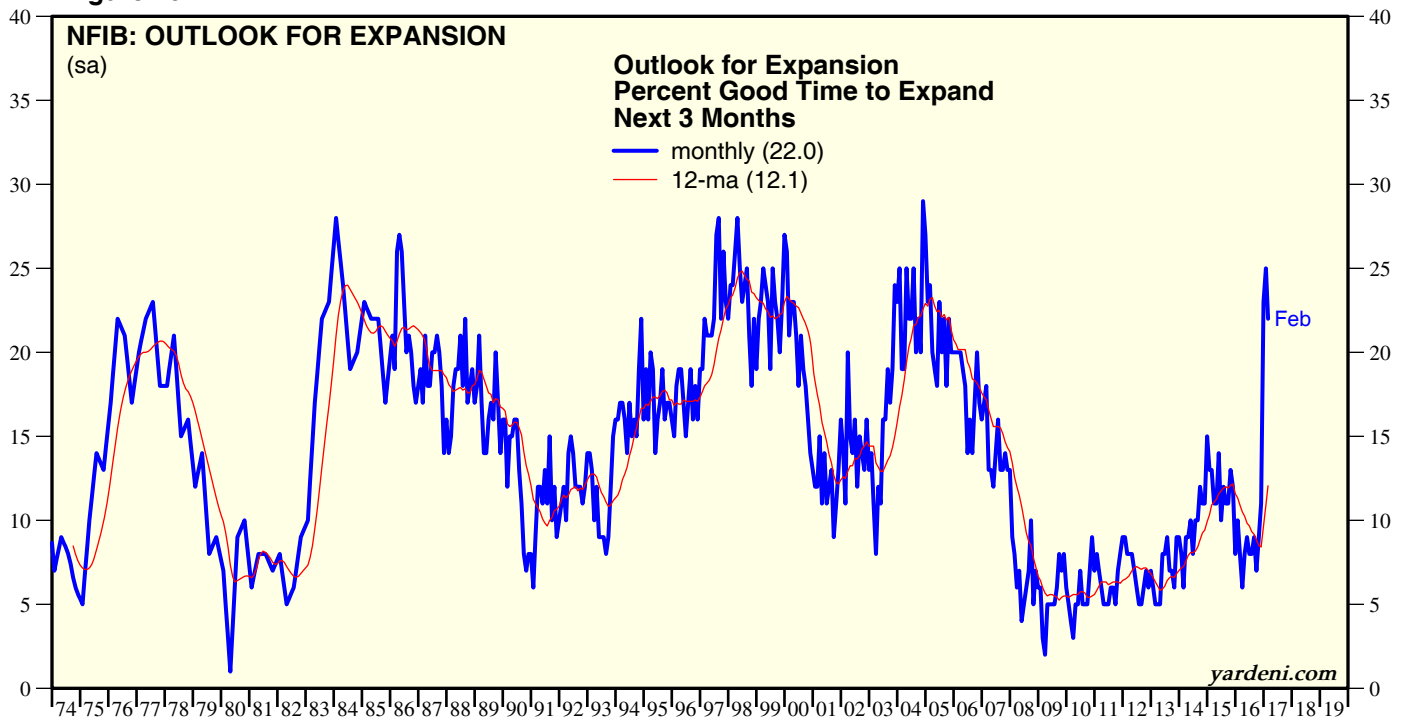
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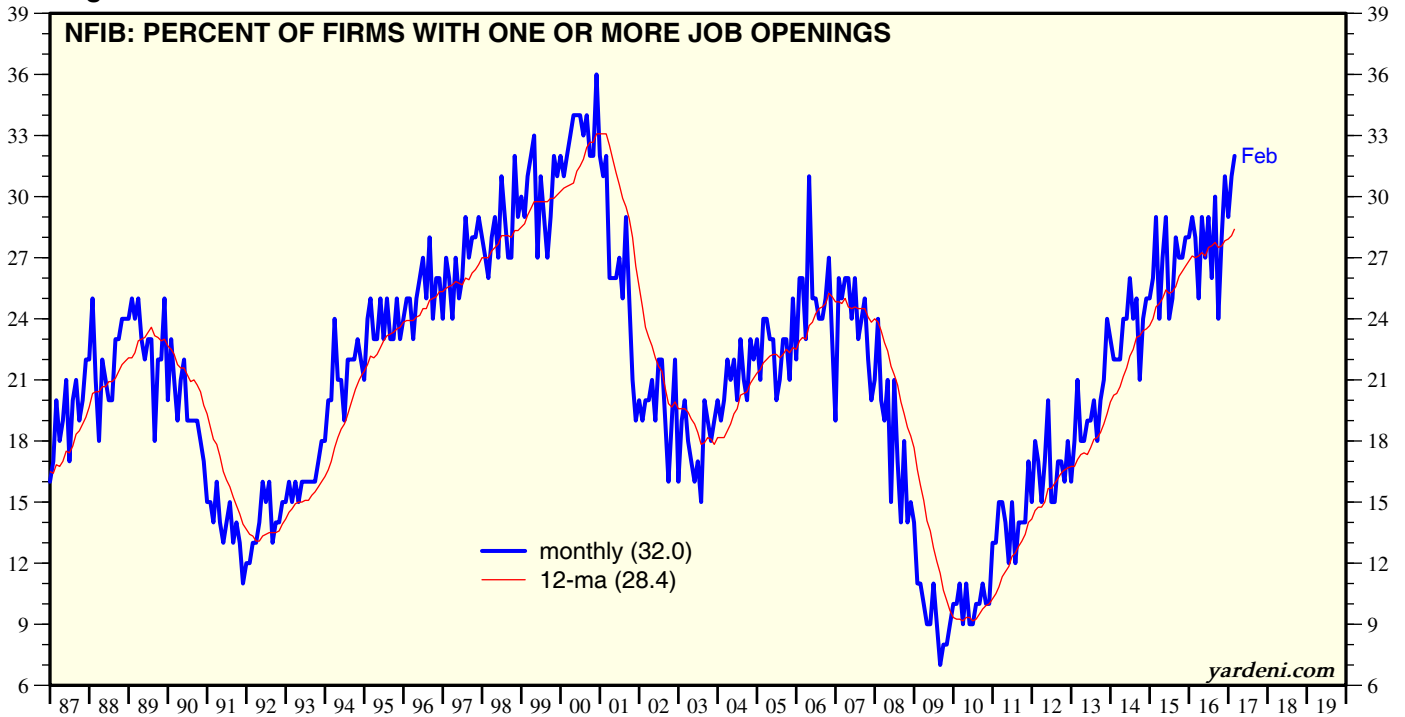


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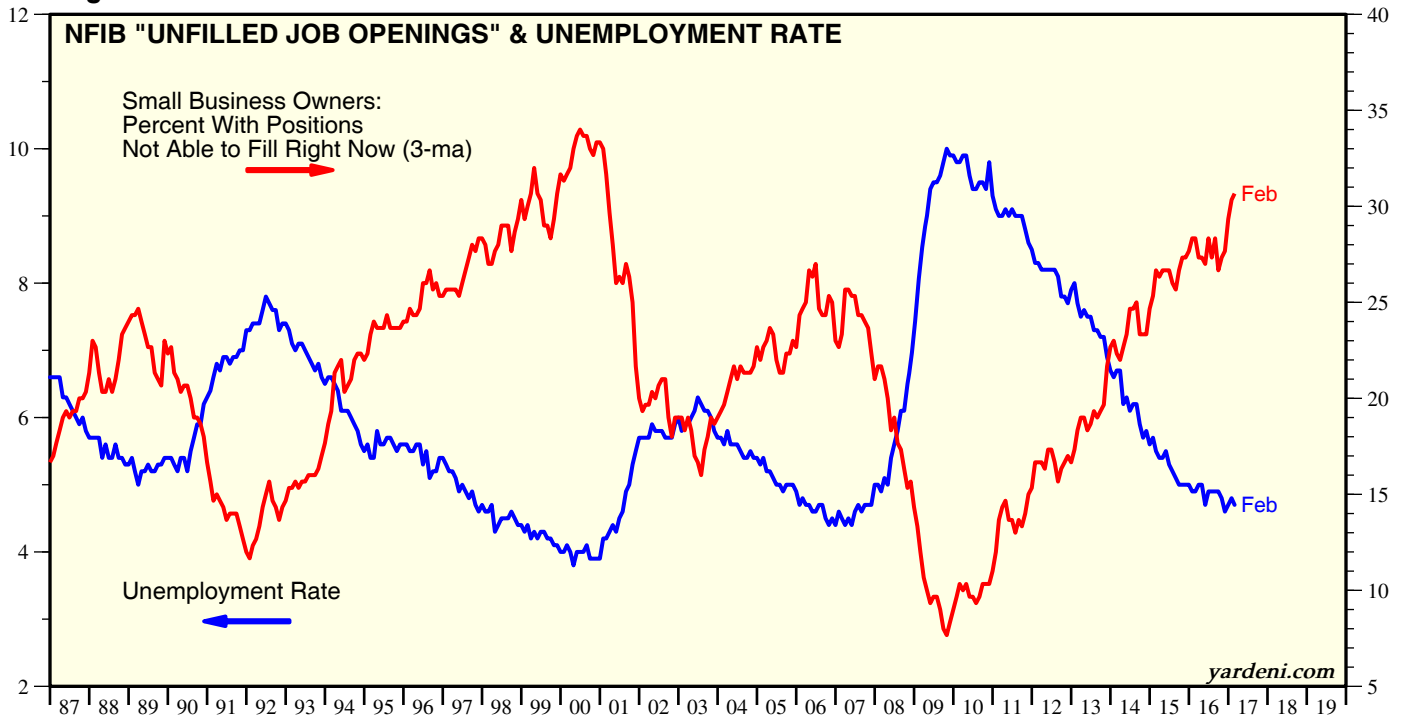
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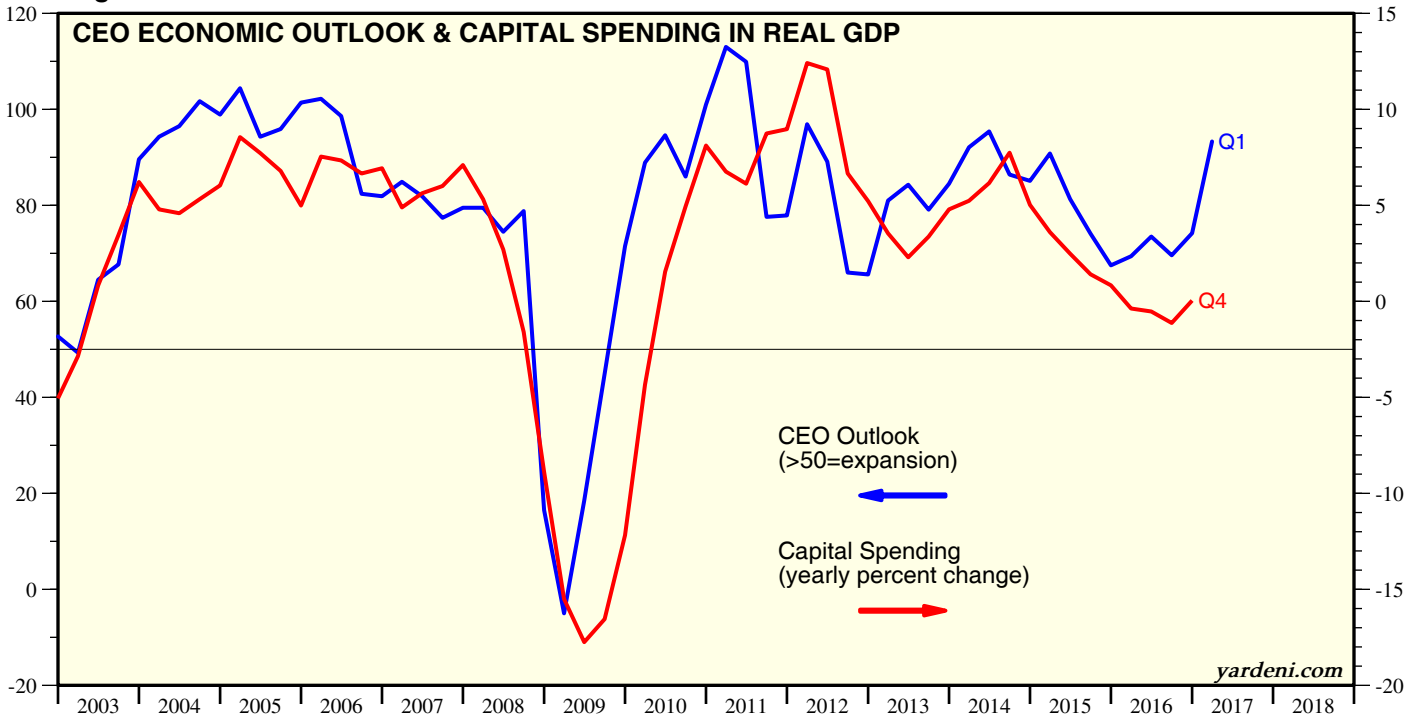
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Source: National Federation of Independent Business and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

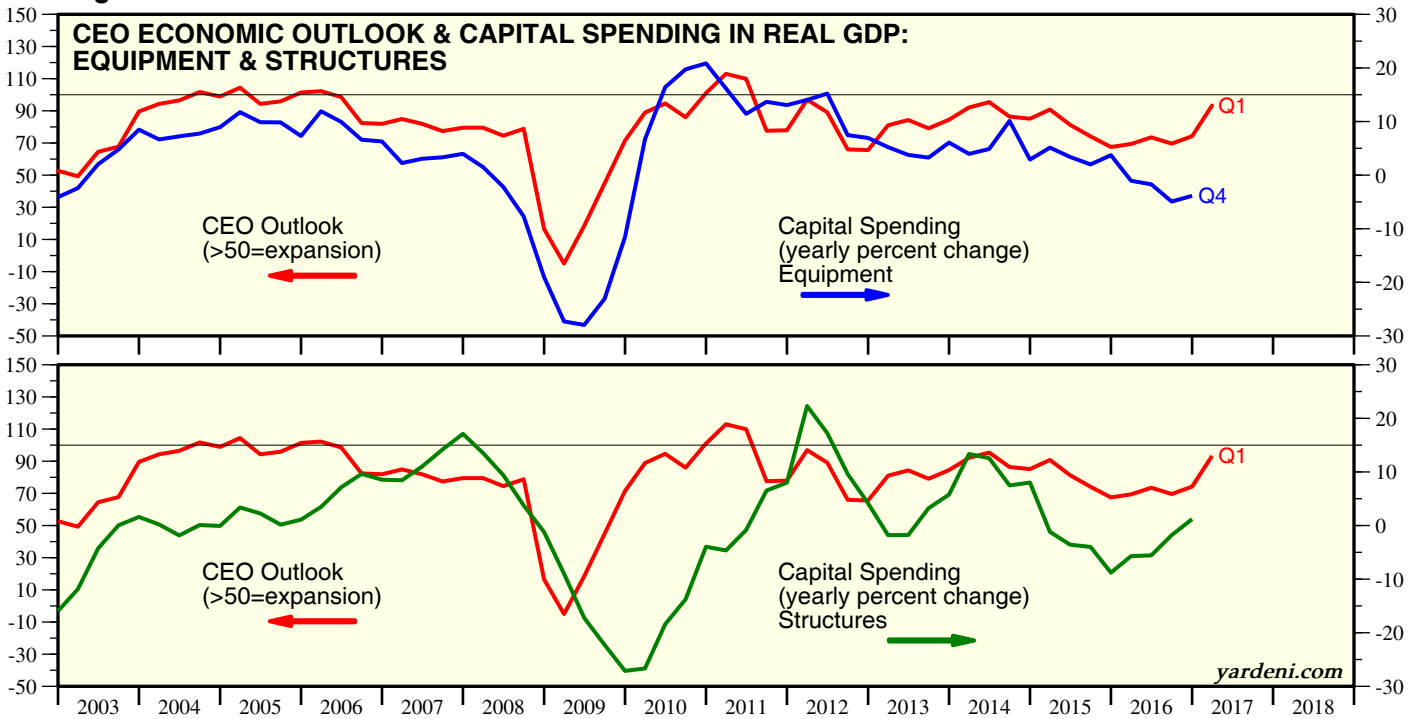
# CEOs

Figure 13.



Source: Business Roundtable, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Haver Analytics.

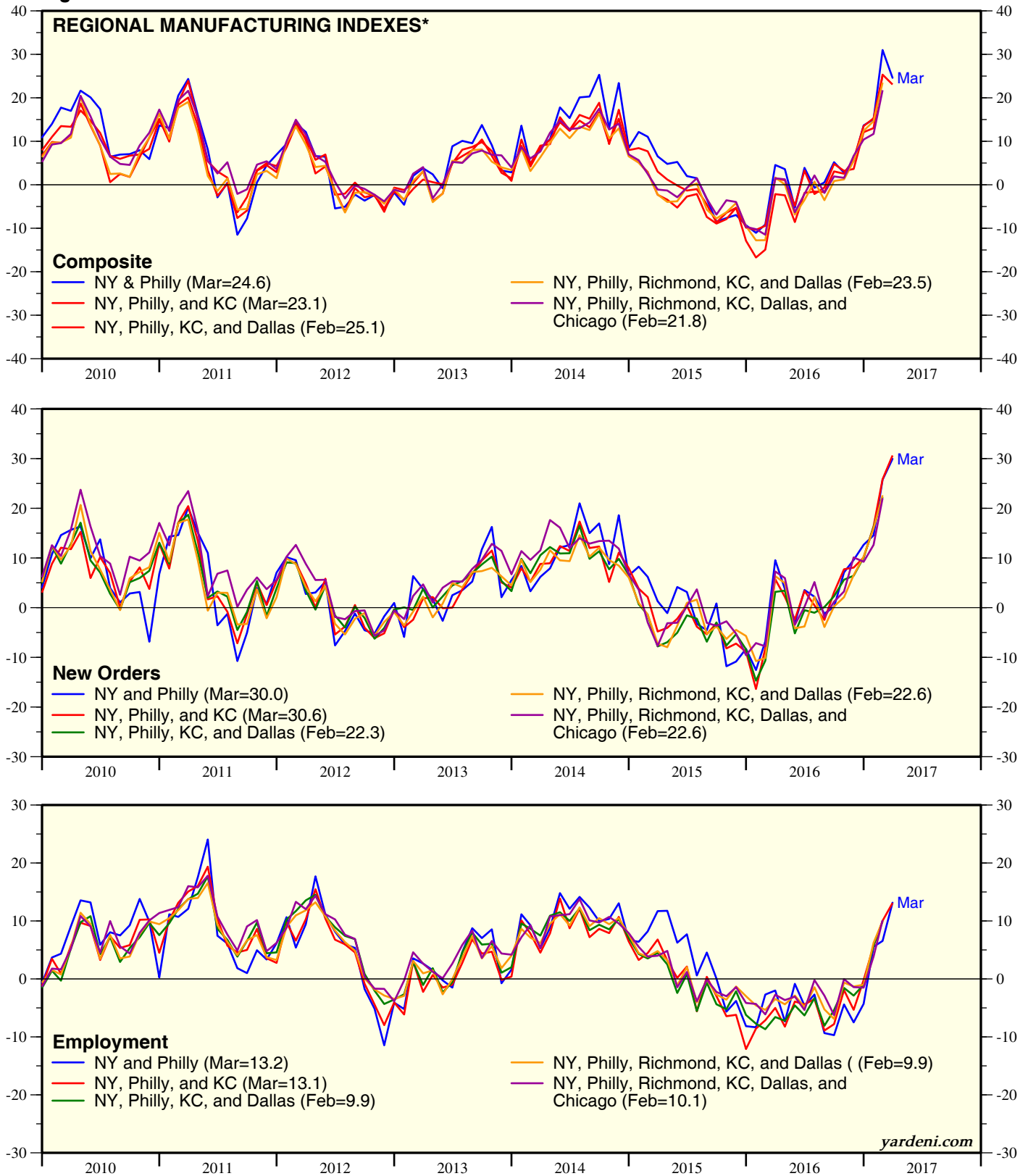
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# Regional Business

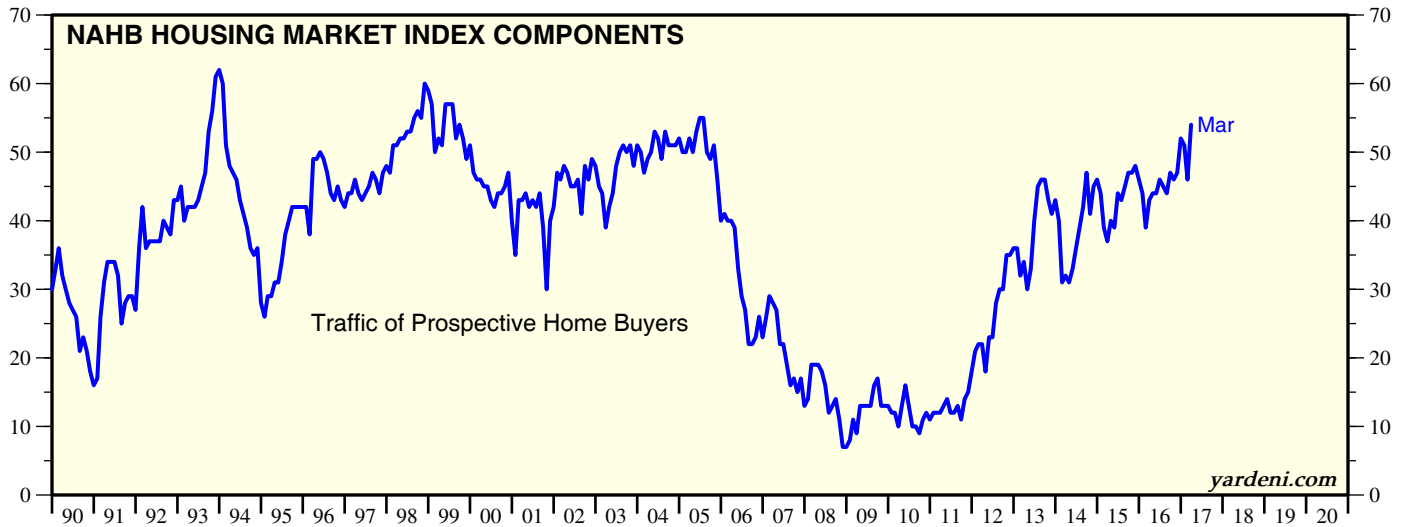
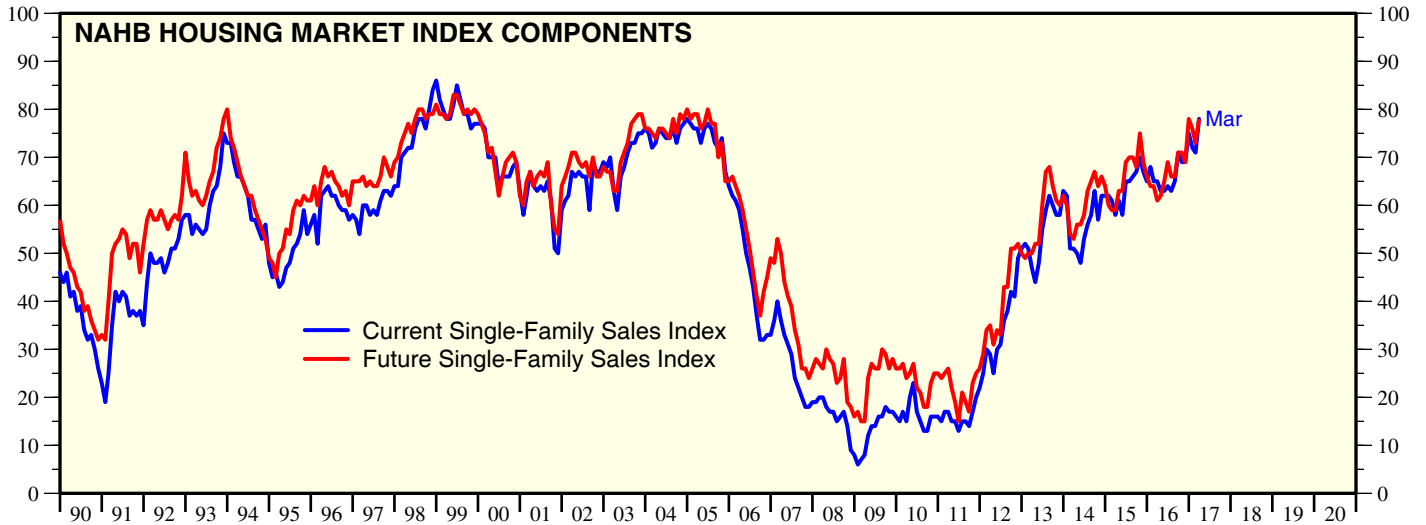
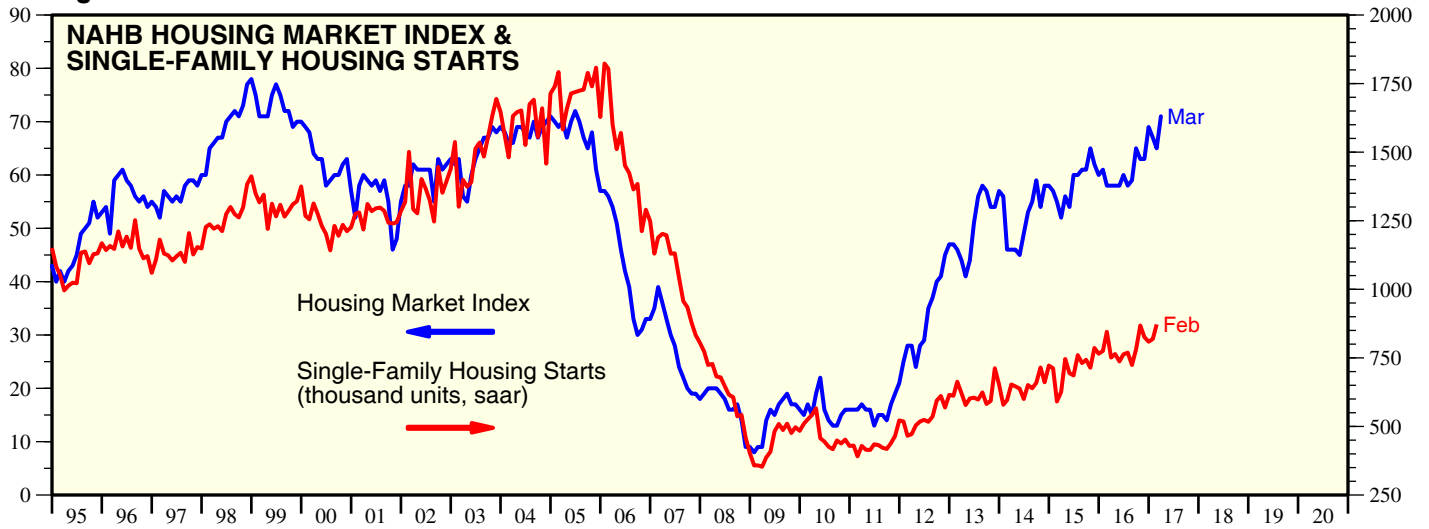
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\* Production index used in composite index for Dallas region (viewed by Dallas Fed as key measure of manufacturing conditions). Chicago contains both manufacturing and non-manufacturing firms with global operations.  
 Source: Federal Reserve Banks of Kansas City, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, Dallas, and Deutsche Borse Group.

# Home Builders

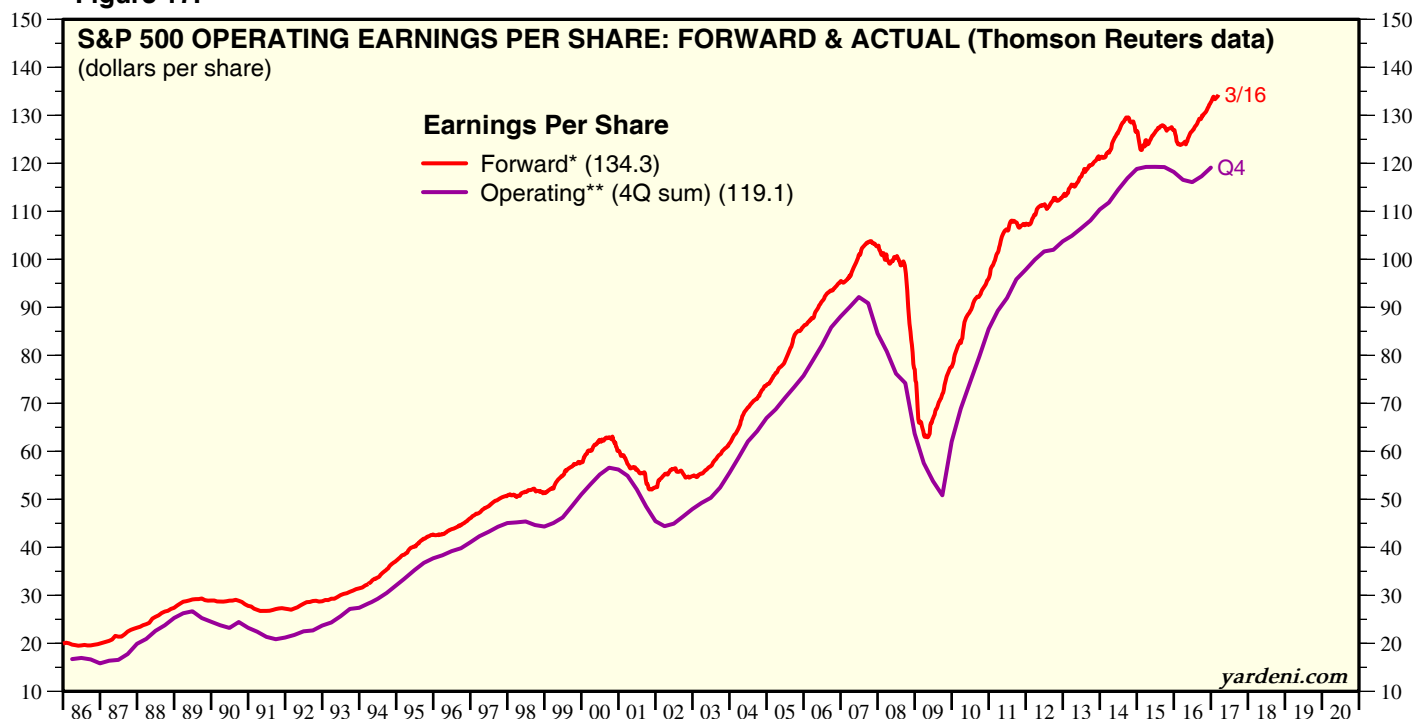
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Source: National Association of Home Builders and Commerce Department.

# S&P 500 Forward Earnings

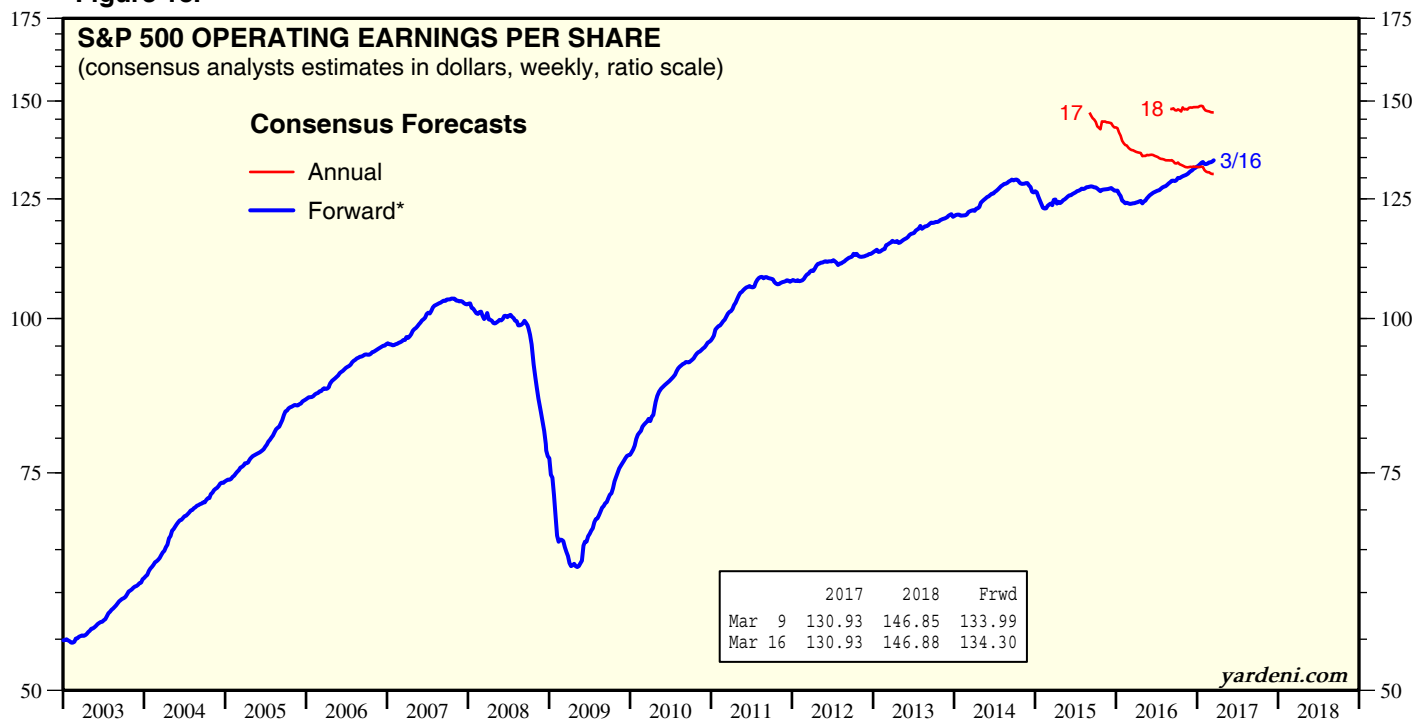
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\* Time-weighted average of consensus operating earnings estimates for current and next year. Monthly through March 1994, then weekly.

\*\* Actual 4Q sum from S&P until Q4-1993, then from Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.  
Source: Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

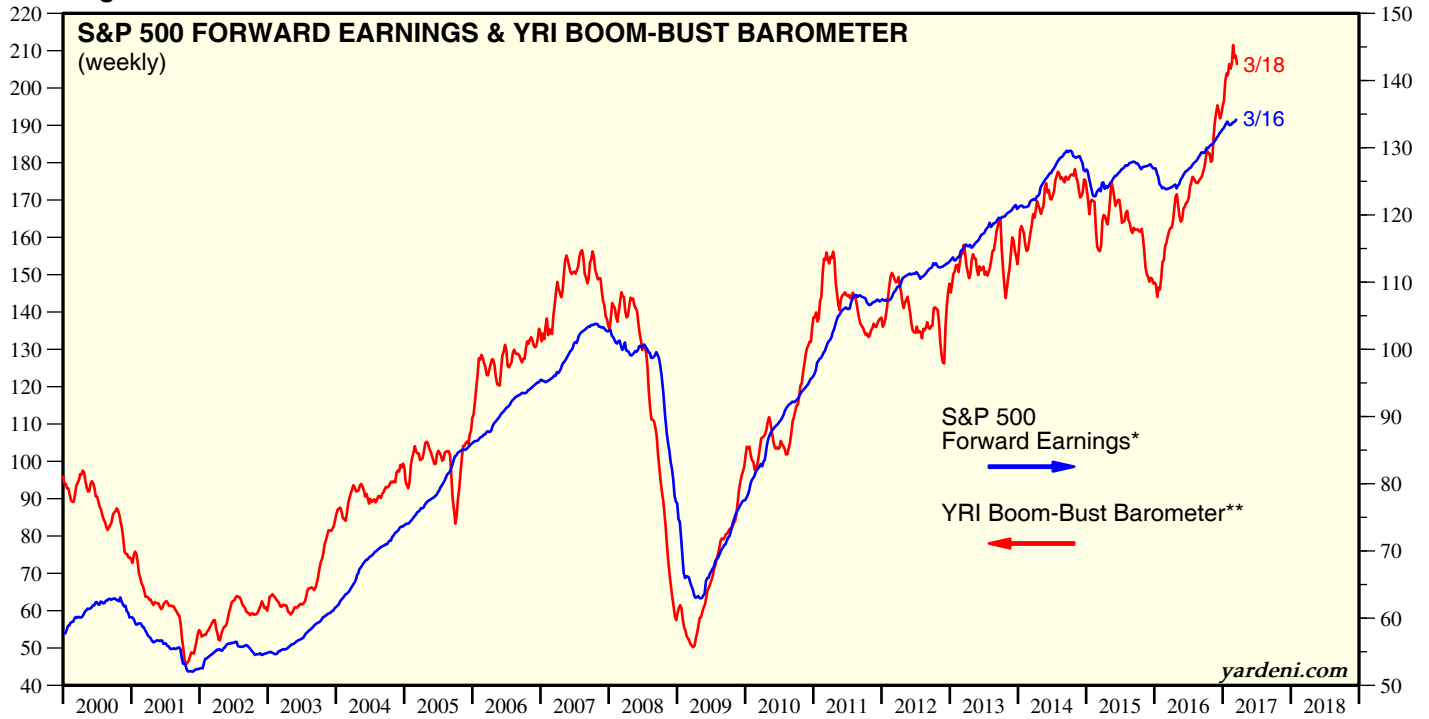
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# Boom-Bust Barometer & S&P 500

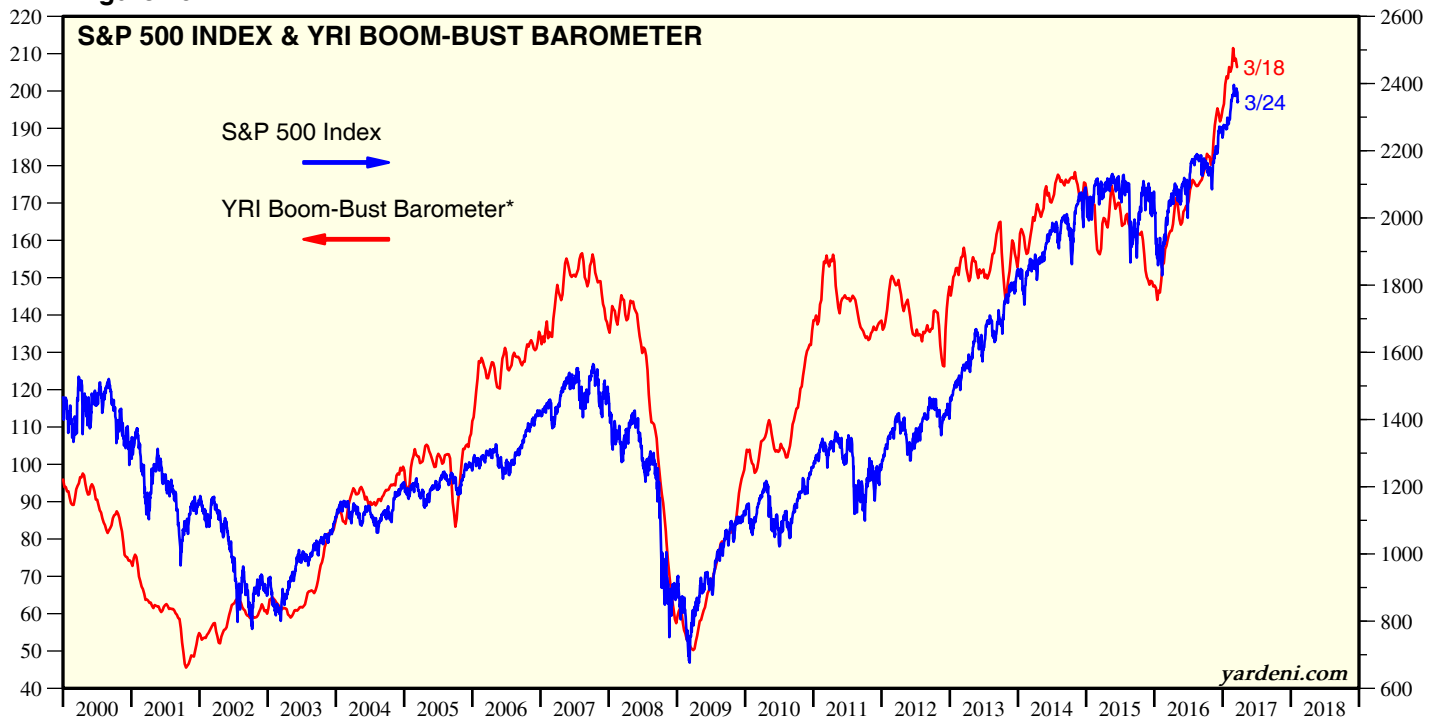
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\* Time-weighted average of consensus estimates for the current and next year.

\*\* CRB raw industrials spot price index (weekly average) divided by weekly initial unemployment claims, showing four-week moving average.  
Source: Bloomberg, Commodity Research Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

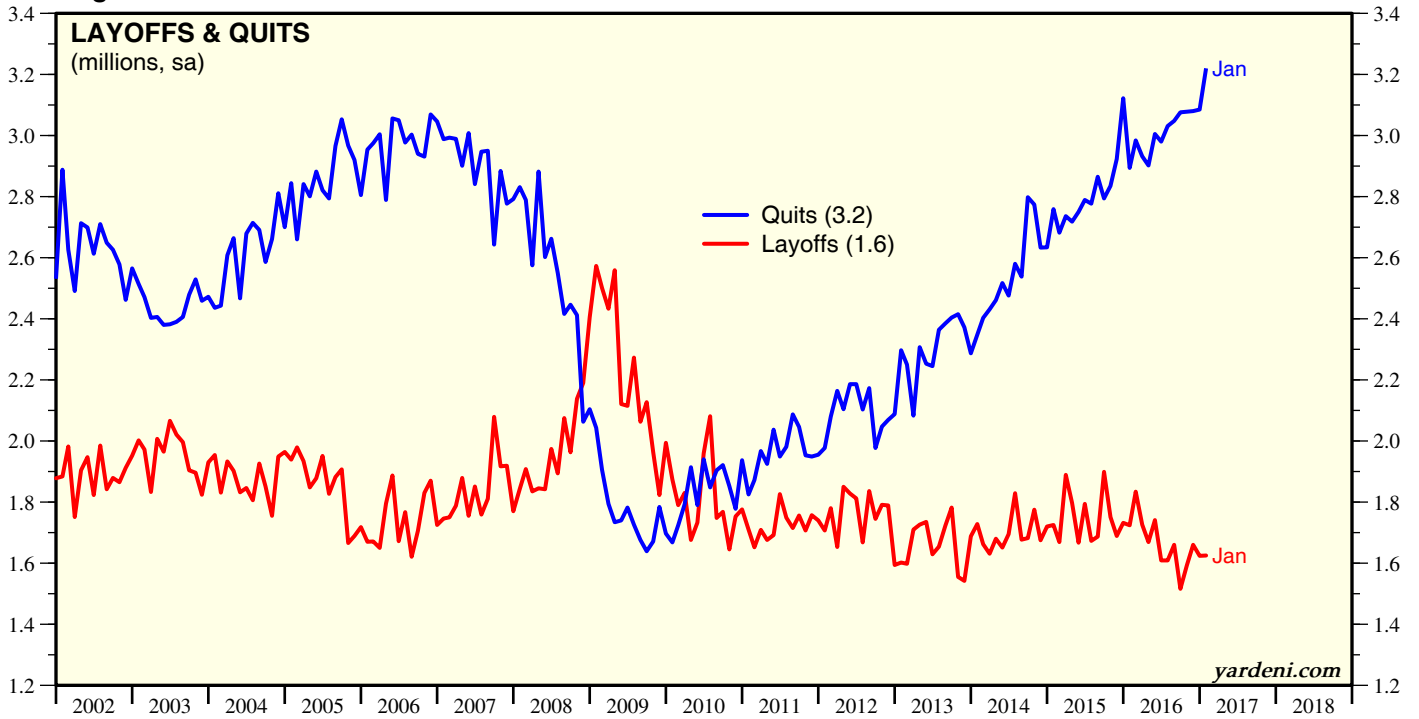
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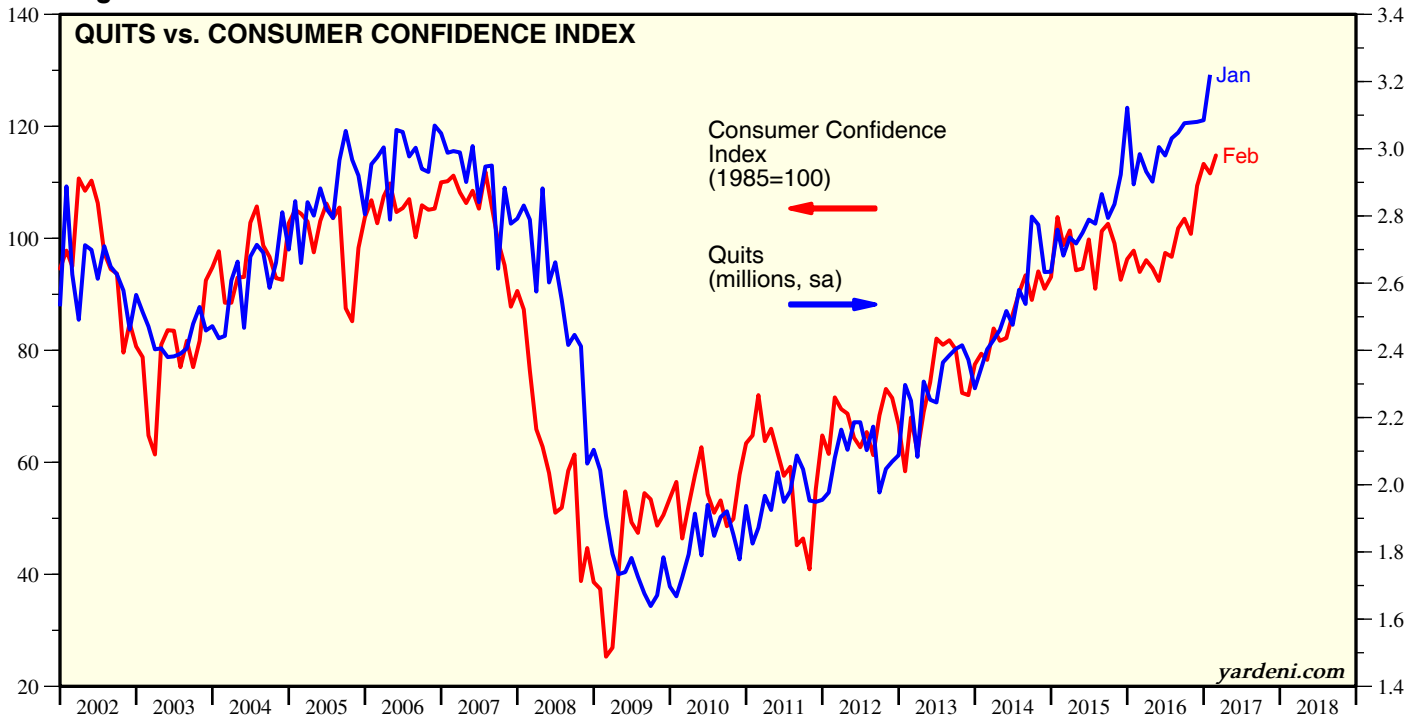
# Employment

Figure 21.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Figure 22.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics and The Conference Board.

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