Figure 1.
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX
(1985=100, sa)
Source: The Conference Board.

Figure 2.
CONSUMER SENTIMENT INDEX
(Q1-1966=100)
Source: University of Michigan Survey Research Center
CONSUMER SURVEYS

- Consumer Confidence Index (1985=100, sa)
- Consumer Sentiment Index (Q1-1966=100, nsa)

CURRENT CONDITIONS

- Consumer Confidence Index (1985=100, sa)
- Consumer Sentiment Index (Q1-1966=100, nsa)

EXPECTATIONS

- Consumer Confidence Index (1985=100, sa)
- Consumer Sentiment Index (Q1-1966=100, nsa)

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.
CONSUMER OPTIMISM INDEX

CURRENT CONDITIONS

EXPECTATIONS

* Average of Consumer Sentiment Index (nsa) and Consumer Confidence Index (sa).
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.
Figure 5.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX
(1985=100, sa)

Source: The Conference Board.

Figure 6.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX
(1985=100, sa)

- Current Conditions Component (170.9)
- Expectations Component (112.2)

Source: The Conference Board.
Figure 7.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX
(1985=100, sa)

Total Index (135.7)
Current Conditions (170.9)
Expectations (112.2)

Source: The Conference Board.

Figure 8.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEXES BY AGE GROUPS
(1985=100, sa)

Age Group
Under 35 (137.1)
35-54 (142.2)
55+ (129.2)

Source: The Conference Board.
**CONSUMER OPTIMISM INDEX**

* Average of Consumer Sentiment Index and Consumer Confidence Index.

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.

**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE SURVEY: JOBS AVAILABILITY**

* Every other month from 1967 through mid-1977, then monthly since July 1977. Seasonally adjusted.

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
Source: The Conference Board.
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE SURVEY: CURRENT CONDITIONS & JOBS AVAILABILITY

Jobs Plentiful Minus
Jobs Hard To Get*
(percent saying so) (33.4)

Current Conditions Index (170.9)

* Every other month from 1967 through mid-1977, then monthly since July 1977. Seasonally adjusted.
Source: The Conference Board.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE SURVEY: UNEMPLOYMENT RATE & JOBS AVAILABILITY

Jobs Hard To Get*
(percent saying so)

Unemployment Rate
(percent)

* Every other month from 1967 through mid-1977, then monthly since July 1977. Seasonally adjusted.
Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
Figure 13.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE & CONFIDENCE (sa)**

- Jobs Hard To Get (percent saying so)
- U-6 Unemployment Rate* (percent)

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.

* Total unemployed plus all marginally attached workers plus total employed part time for economic reasons as percent of civilian labor force plus all attached workers.


Figure 14.

**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE & UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS (sa)**

- Initial Unemployment Claims (thousands, 4-week ma)
- Jobs Hard To Get (percent saying so)

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.

* Every other month from 1967 through mid-1977, then monthly since July 1977. Seasonally adjusted.

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.

Figure 16.

EMPLOYMENT & CONSUMER SENTIMENT

Consumer Sentiment Index (Q1-1966=100, nsa)  Payroll Employment (yearly percent change)

EMPLOYMENT & CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

Consumer Confidence Index (1985=100, sa)  Payroll Employment (yearly percent change)

EMPLOYMENT & CONSUMER OPTIMISM

Consumer Optimism Index*  Payroll Employment (yearly percent change)

* Average of Consumer Sentiment Index (nsa) and Consumer Confidence Index (sa).
Source: The Conference Board, University of Michigan Survey Research Center, and US Department of Labor.
Figure 17.
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE: EMPLOYMENT EXPECTATIONS (sa)
Percent Expecting More Jobs
6 Months From Now
Percent Expecting Fewer Jobs
6 Months From Now
Source: The Conference Board.

Figure 18.
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE: EMPLOYMENT EXPECTATIONS (sa)
Percent Expecting More Jobs
Minus Percent Expecting Fewer Jobs
Consumer Confidence Expectations Index
Source: The Conference Board.
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE: BUSINESS CONDITIONS (sa)

Business Conditions 6 Months Ahead
- Better
- Worsen
- Same

Source: Conference Board.
Figure 20.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX
(1985=100, sa)

New England*

Middle Atlantic*

South Atlantic*

* New England (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont); Middle Atlantic (New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania); South Atlantic (Delaware, Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida).

Source: The Conference Board.
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX
(1985=100, sa)

East North Central*

East North Central*

East South Central*

West North Central*

* East North Central (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin); East South Central (Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi); West North Central (Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas).

Source: The Conference Board.
* West South Central (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas); Mountain (Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada); Pacific (Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, Hawaii).

Source: The Conference Board.
CONSUMER OPTIMISM INDEX*  

* Average of Consumer Sentiment Index (nsa) and Consumer Confidence Index (sa).
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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NFIB: JOB OPENINGS & JOBS PLENTIFUL

NFIB: Firms with One or More Job Openings (12-month average, percent) (37.4)
Jobs Plentiful (percent saying so) (46.2)

Figure 25. **Jobs Plentiful & Wage Inflation**


Consumer Optimism Index:
Present Situation (140.8)
Wages & Salaries
(yearly percent change (5.5)

Consumer Sentiment Index:
Current Conditions
(1966=100) (110.7)
Wages & Salaries
(yearly percent change (5.5)

Consumer Confidence Index:
Current Conditions
(1985=100) (170.9)
Wages & Salaries
(yearly percent change (5.5)

Figure 28.

**CONSUMER OPTIMISM INDEX vs. WAGES & SALARIES**

Consumer Optimism Index:
- Expectations (101.4)
- Wages & Salaries (yearly percent change (5.5))

**CONSUMER SENTIMENT INDEX vs. WAGES & SALARIES**

Consumer Sentiment Index:
- Expectations (1966=100) (90.5)
- Wages & Salaries (yearly percent change (5.5))

**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX vs. WAGES & SALARIES**

Consumer Confidence Index:
- Expectations (1985=100) (112.2)
- Wages & Salaries (yearly percent change (5.5))

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX & PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT

Present Situation Component (1985=100, sa) (170.9)

Payroll Employment (yearly percent change) (1.5)


CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX & HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYMENT

Present Situation Component (1985=100, sa) (170.9)

Household Employment (yearly percent change) (0.8)

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