

# Stock Market Briefing: NIPA vs. S&P 500 Profits Margins

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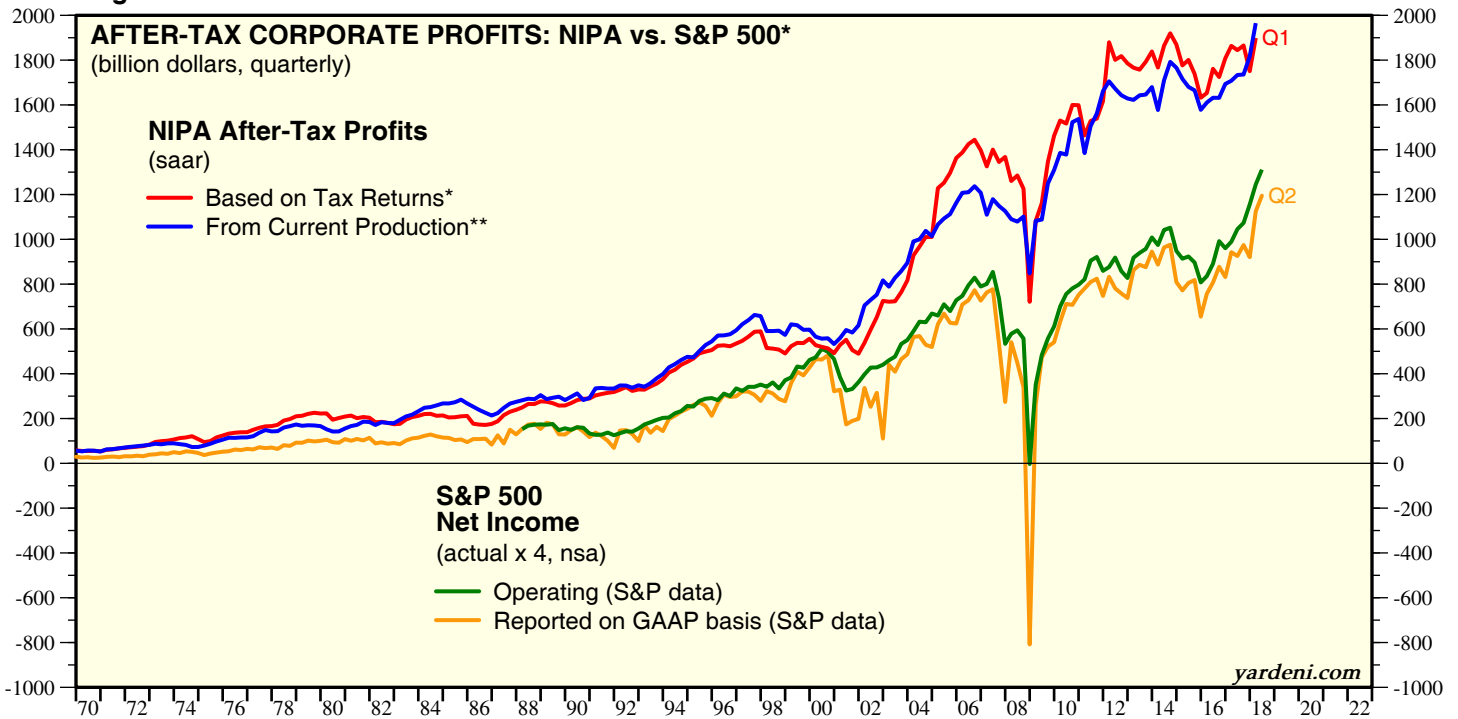
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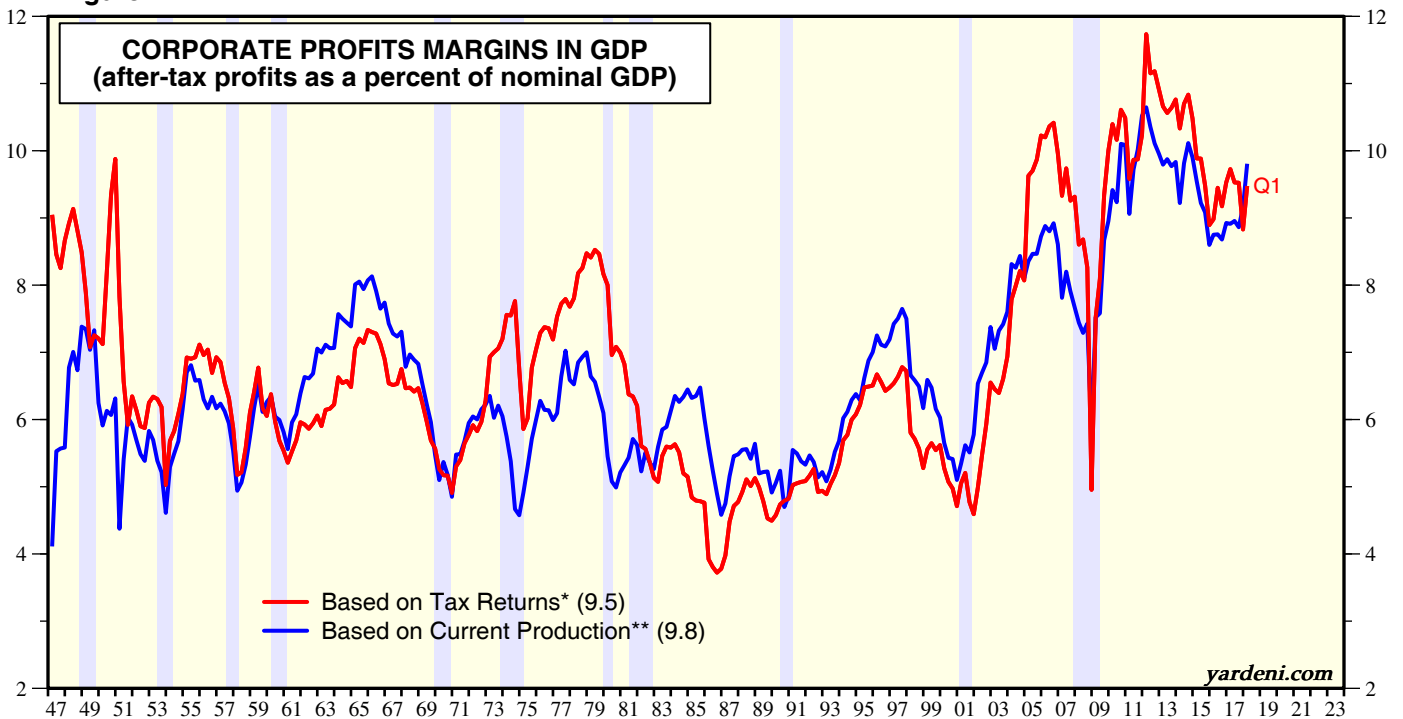


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Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Standard & Poor's.

Figure 2.



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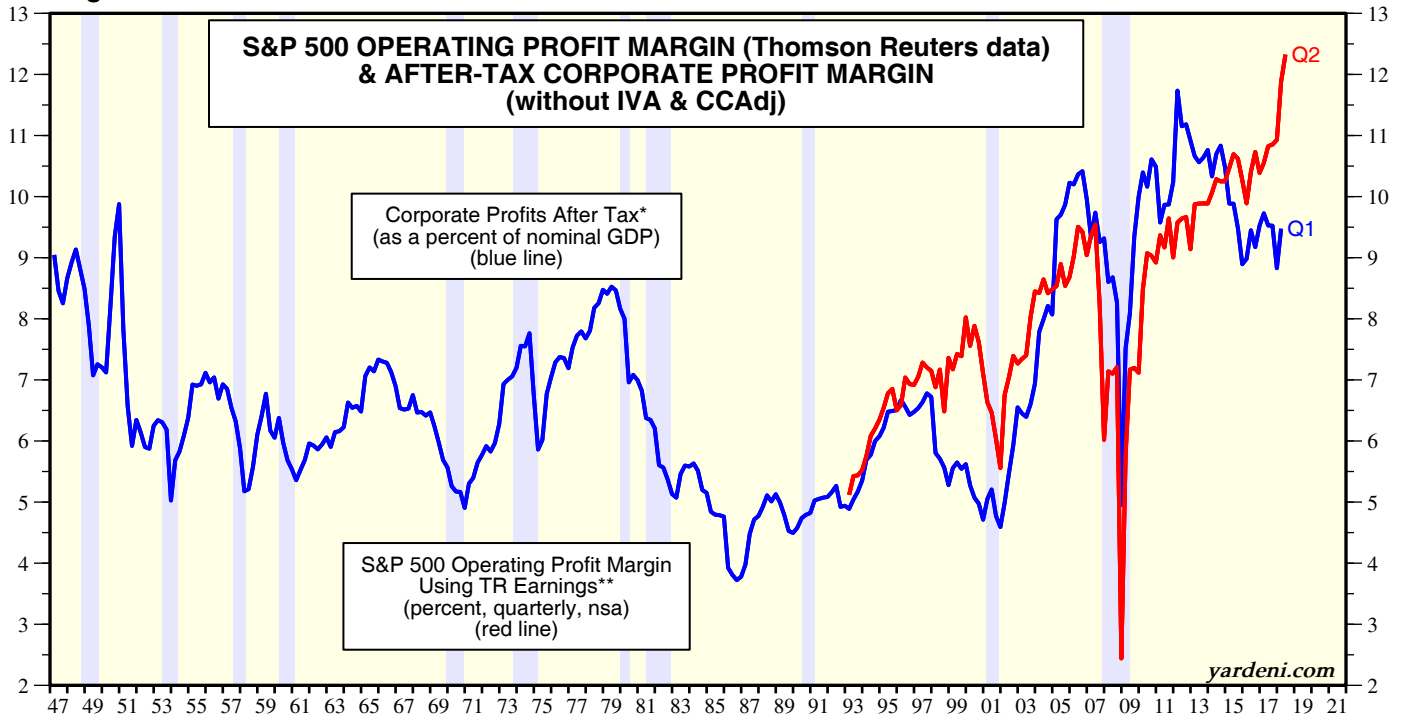
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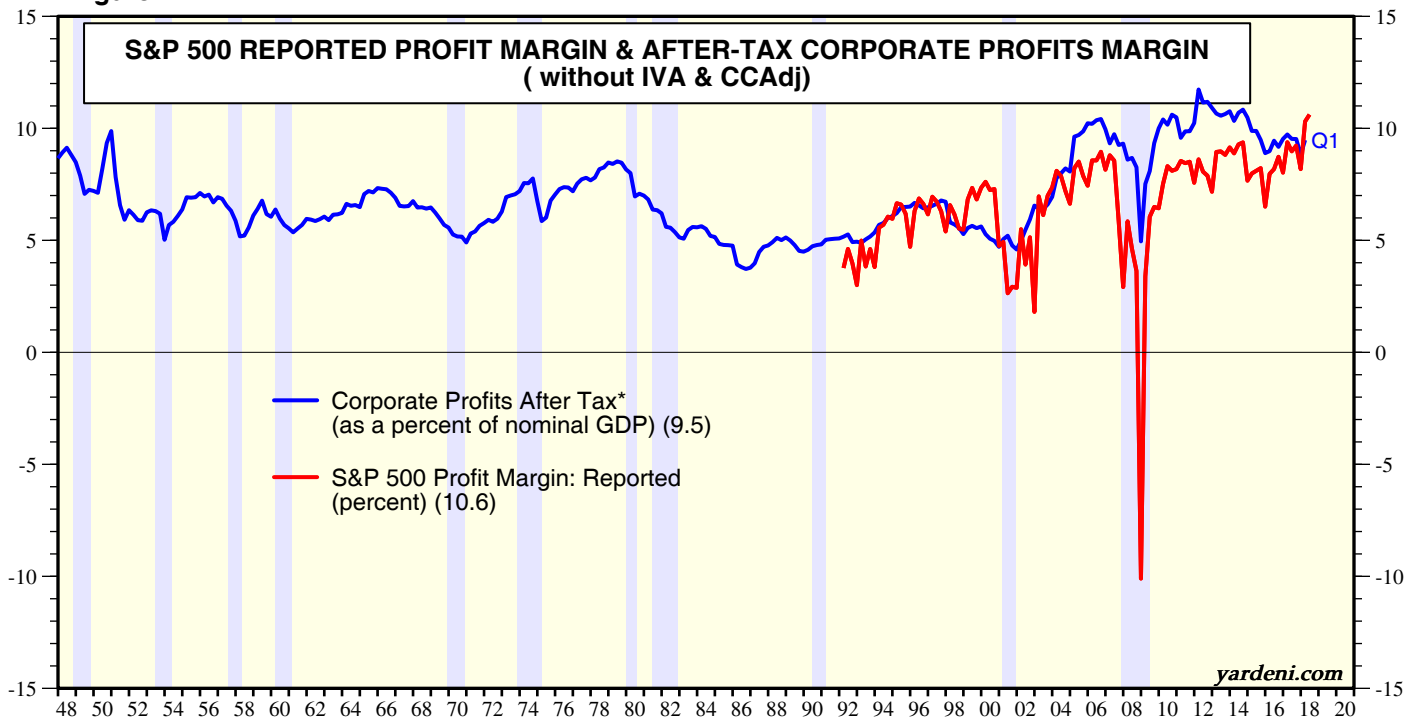
\* After-tax profits as reported to IRS excluding Inventory Valuation Adjustment (IVA) and Capital Consumption Adjustment (CCAdj), which restate the historical cost basis used in profits tax accounting for inventory withdrawals and depreciation to the current cost measures used in GDP.

\*\* Operating Profit Margin derived using revenues from S&P and earnings from Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

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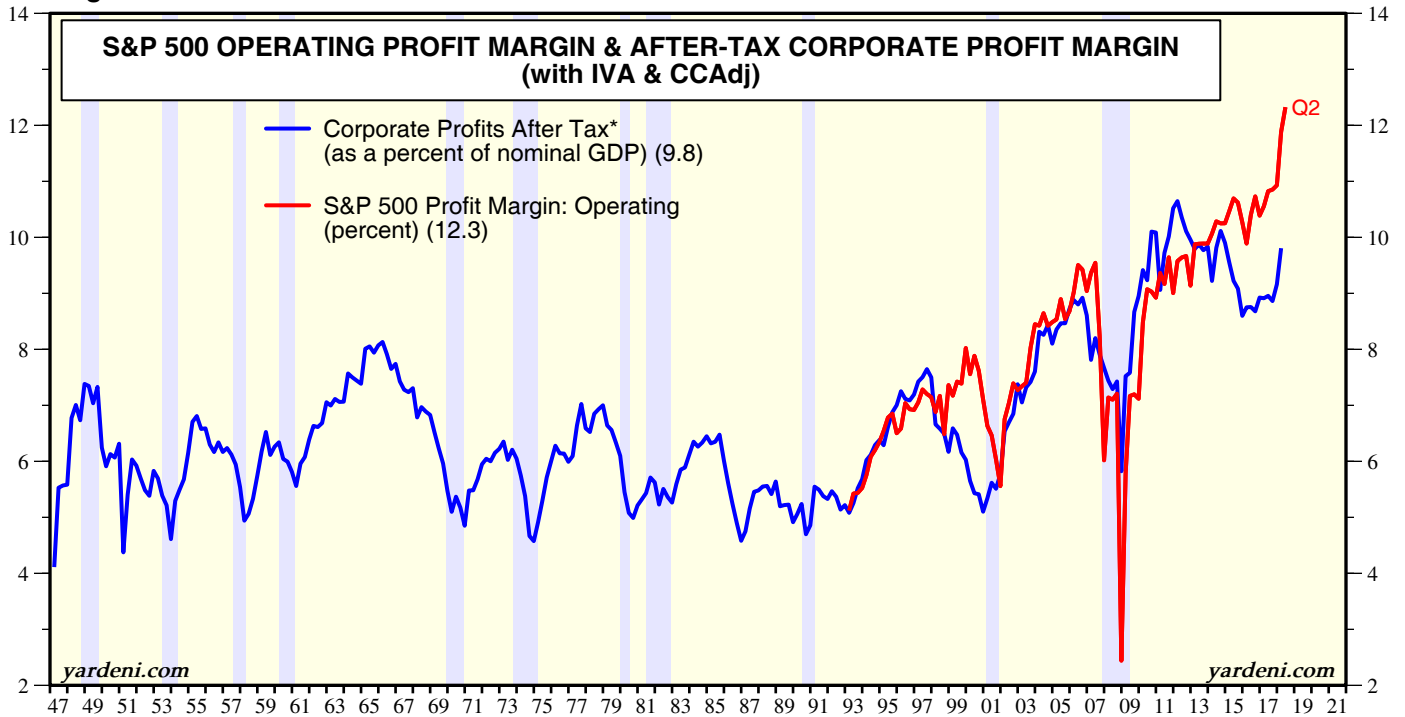
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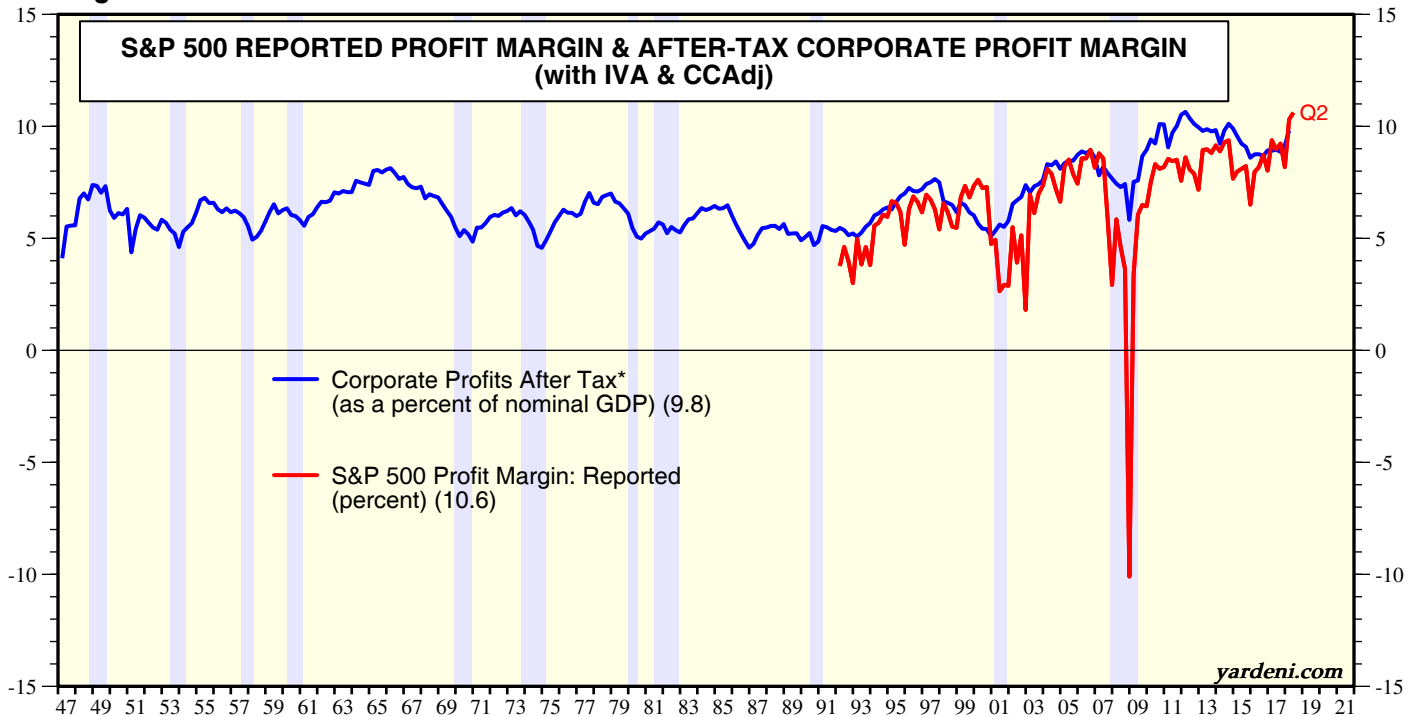
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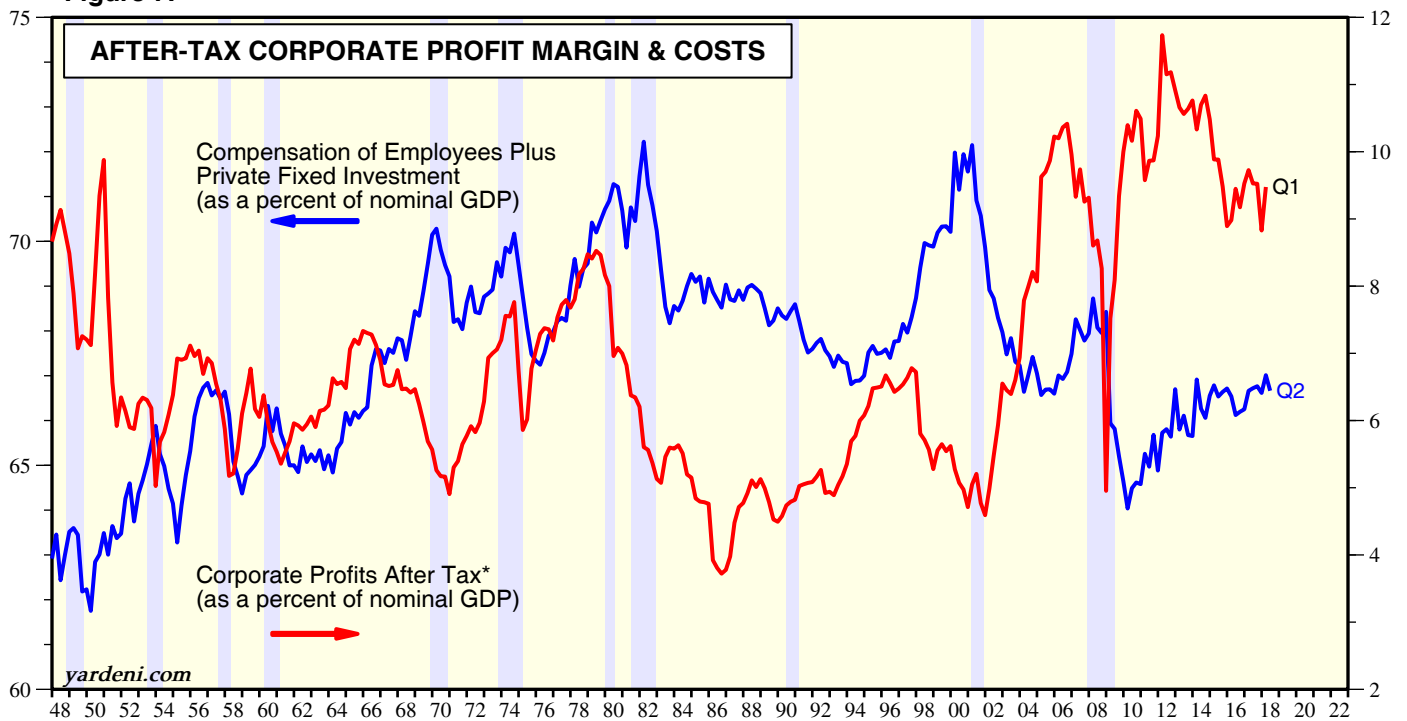
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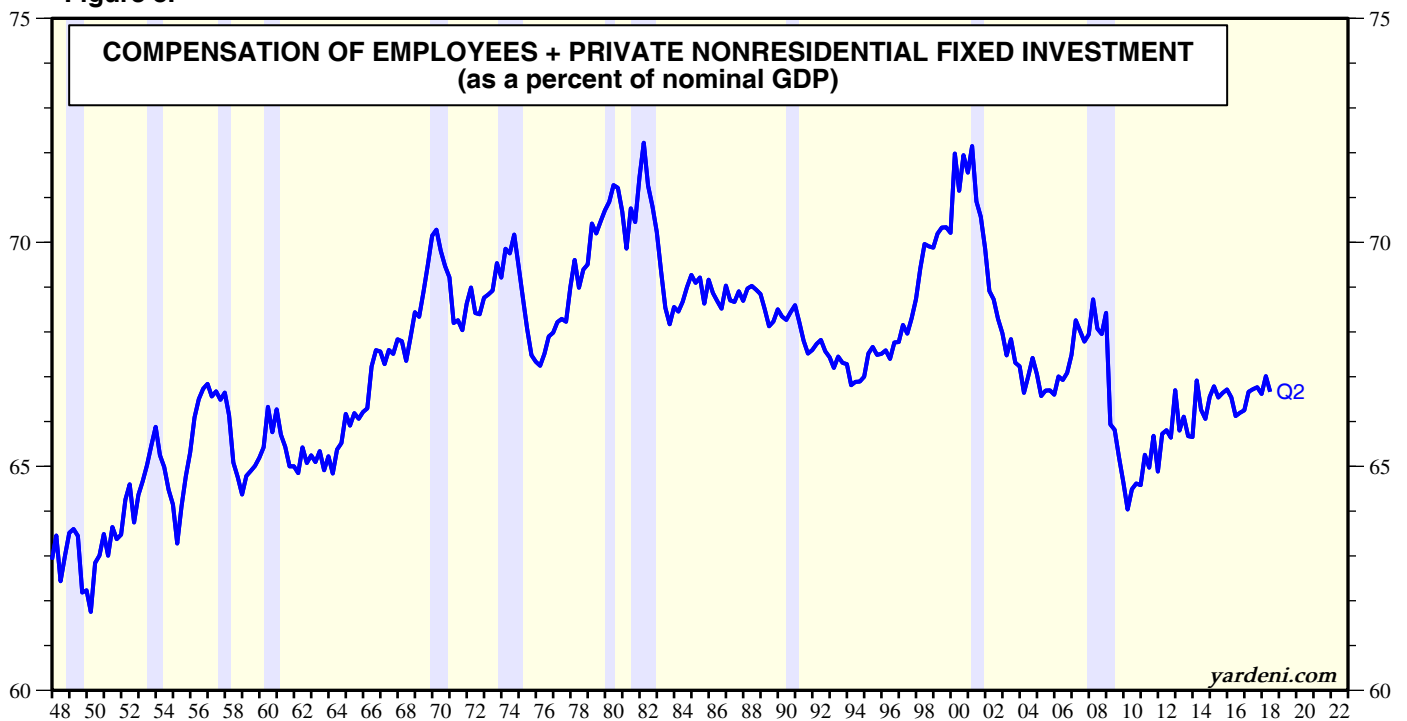
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\* After-tax profits as reported to IRS (without IVA and CCAdj).  
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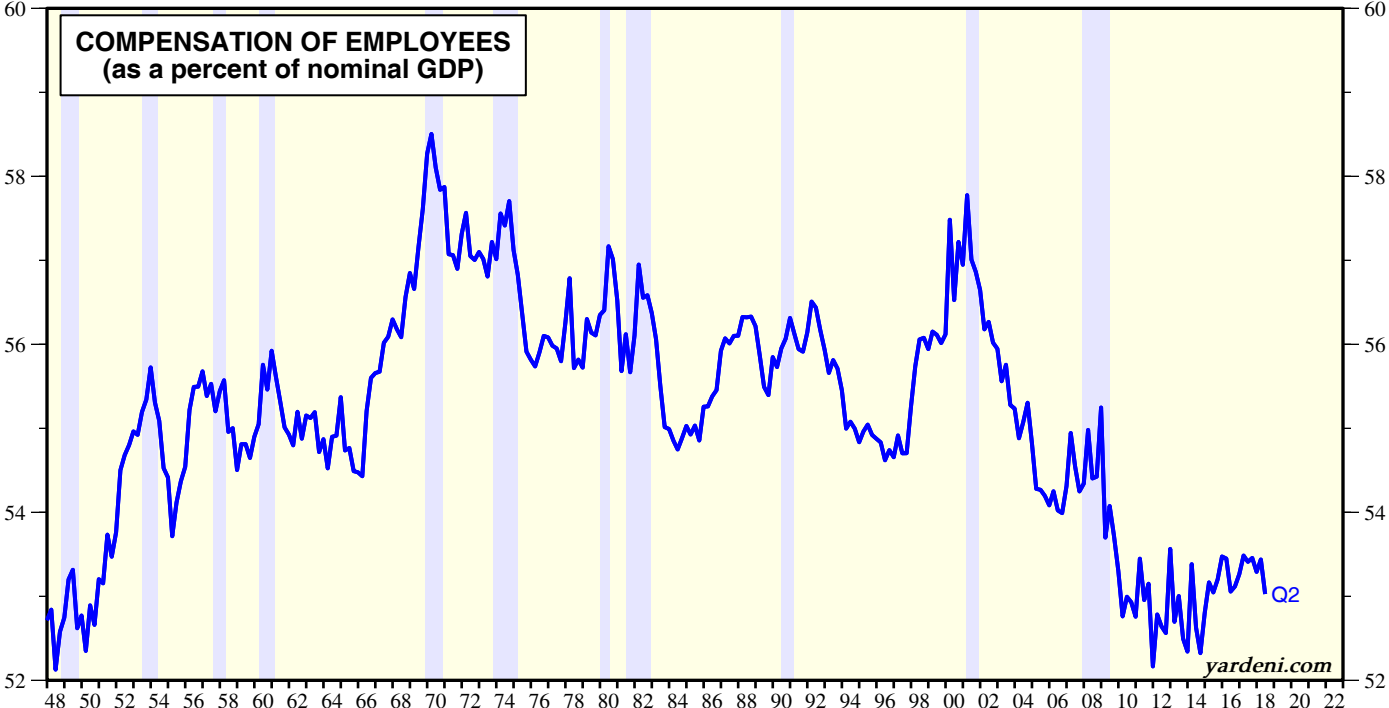
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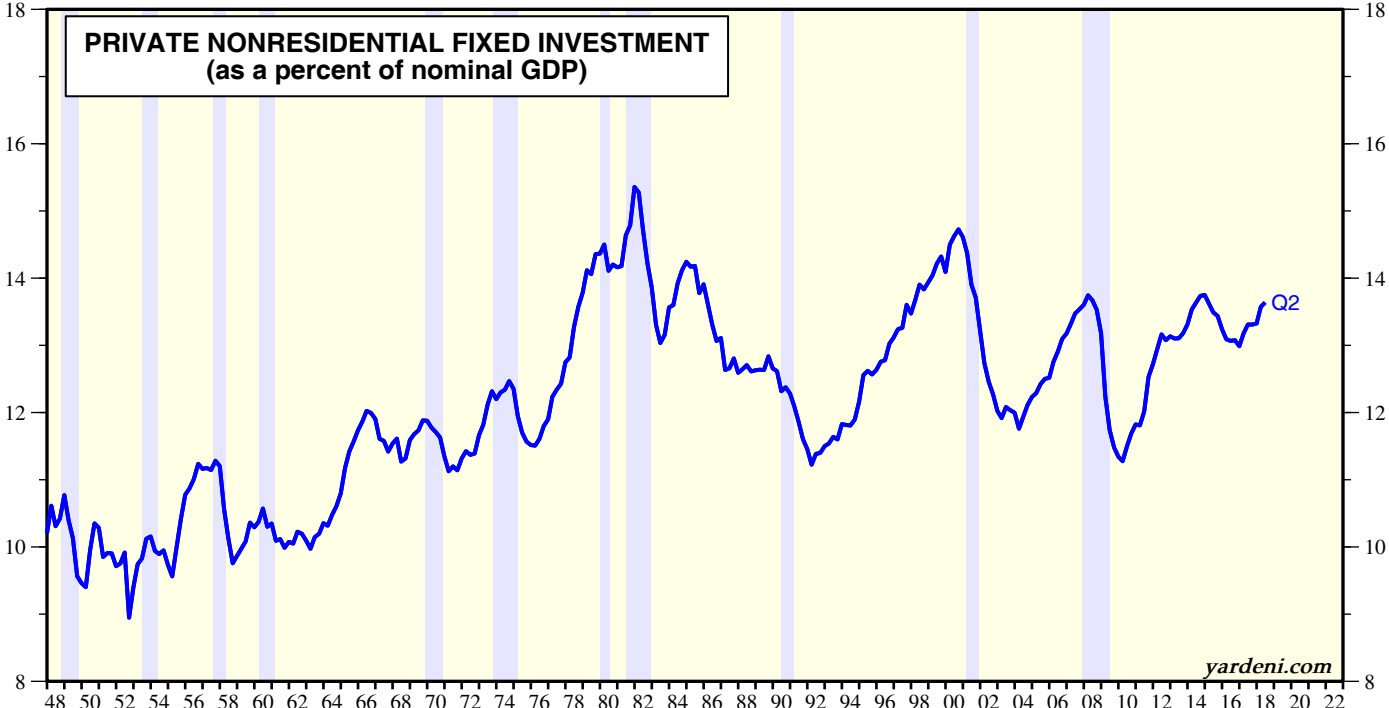
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Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

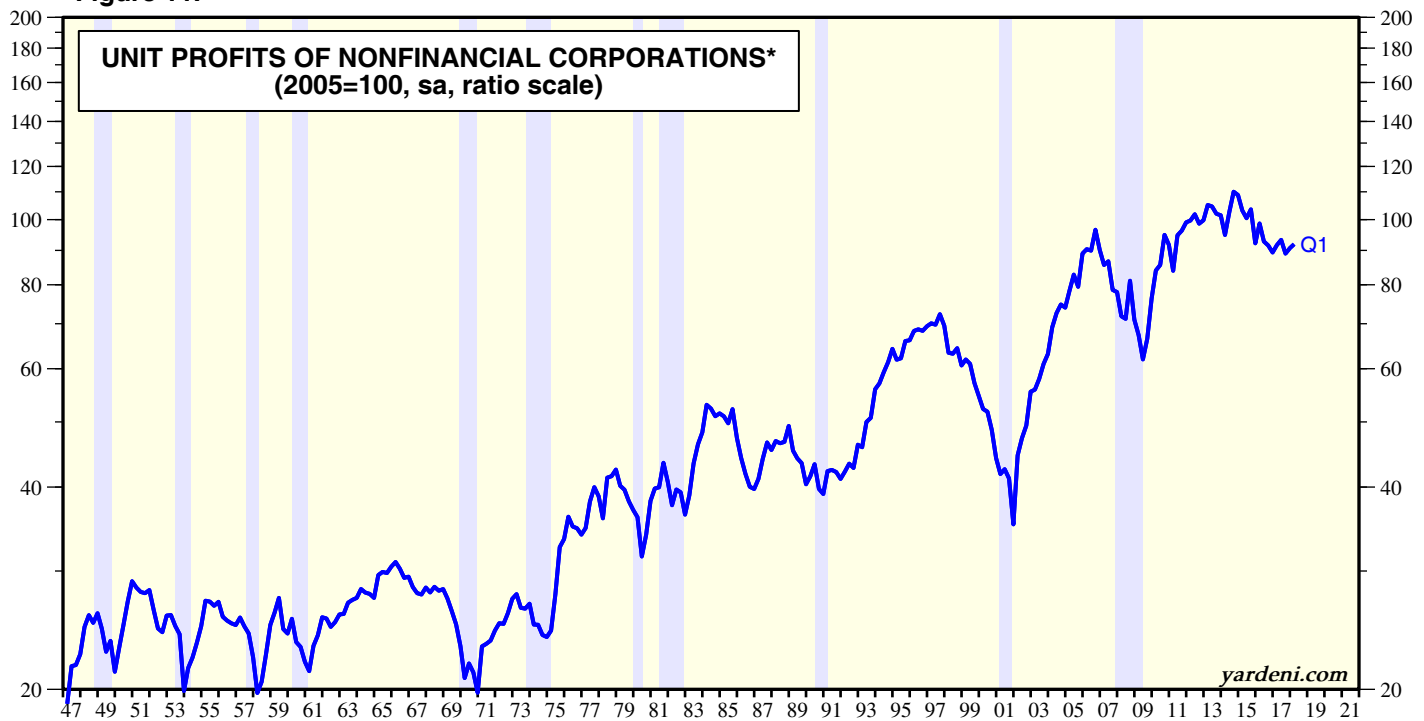
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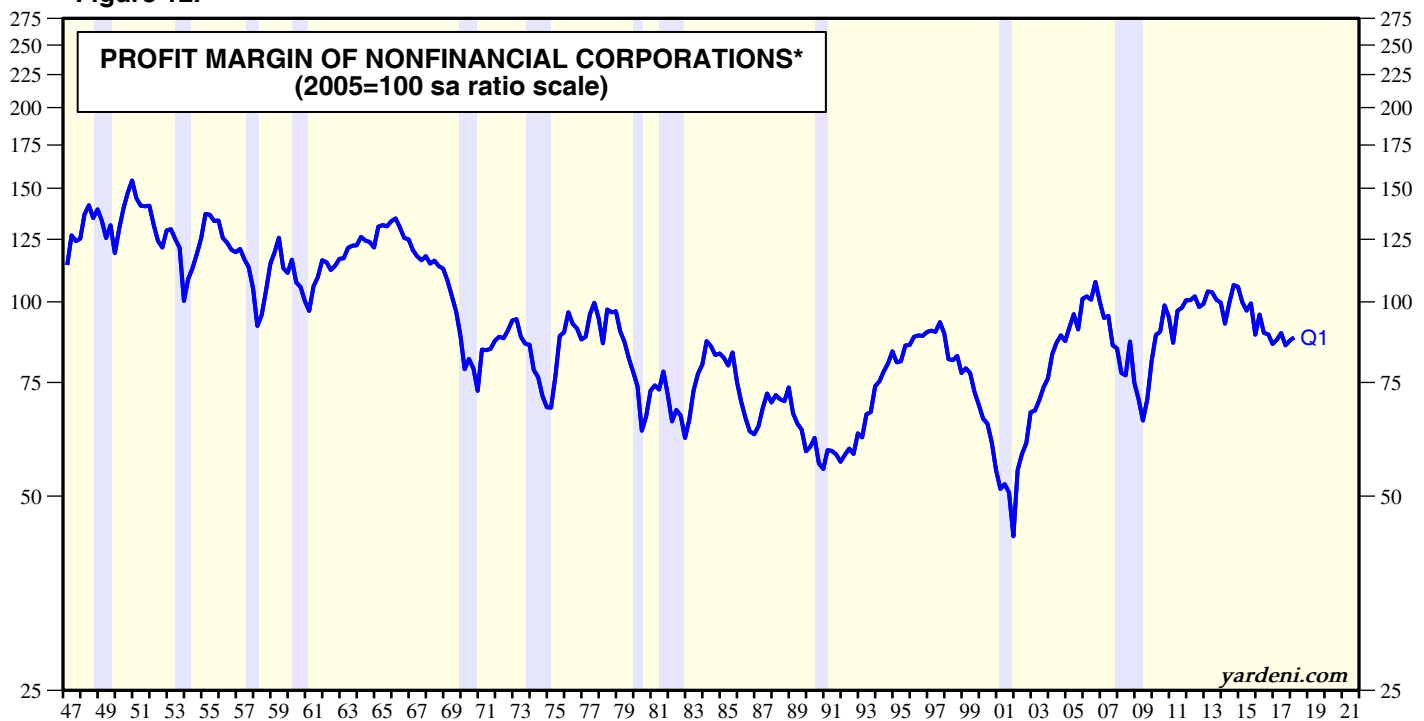
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Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.  
\* Profits divided by real output.  
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Figure 12.



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\* Profits divided by nominal output (real output x implicit price deflator).  
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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