

Washington and U.S. Economic Outlook

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Summary

- Our economic forecast expects continued growth in the U.S. and Washington economies but at a slightly slower pace than in November and with lower inflation
- Oil prices are lower than in November; moderate growth is expected over the forecast period
- The forecast assumes the Federal Reserve will increase interest rates twice this year
- Risks to the baseline include slowing global and U.S. economic growth, impact of a stronger dollar on exports, and weaker manufacturing activity



Economic news continues to suggest risks to forecast

Upside:

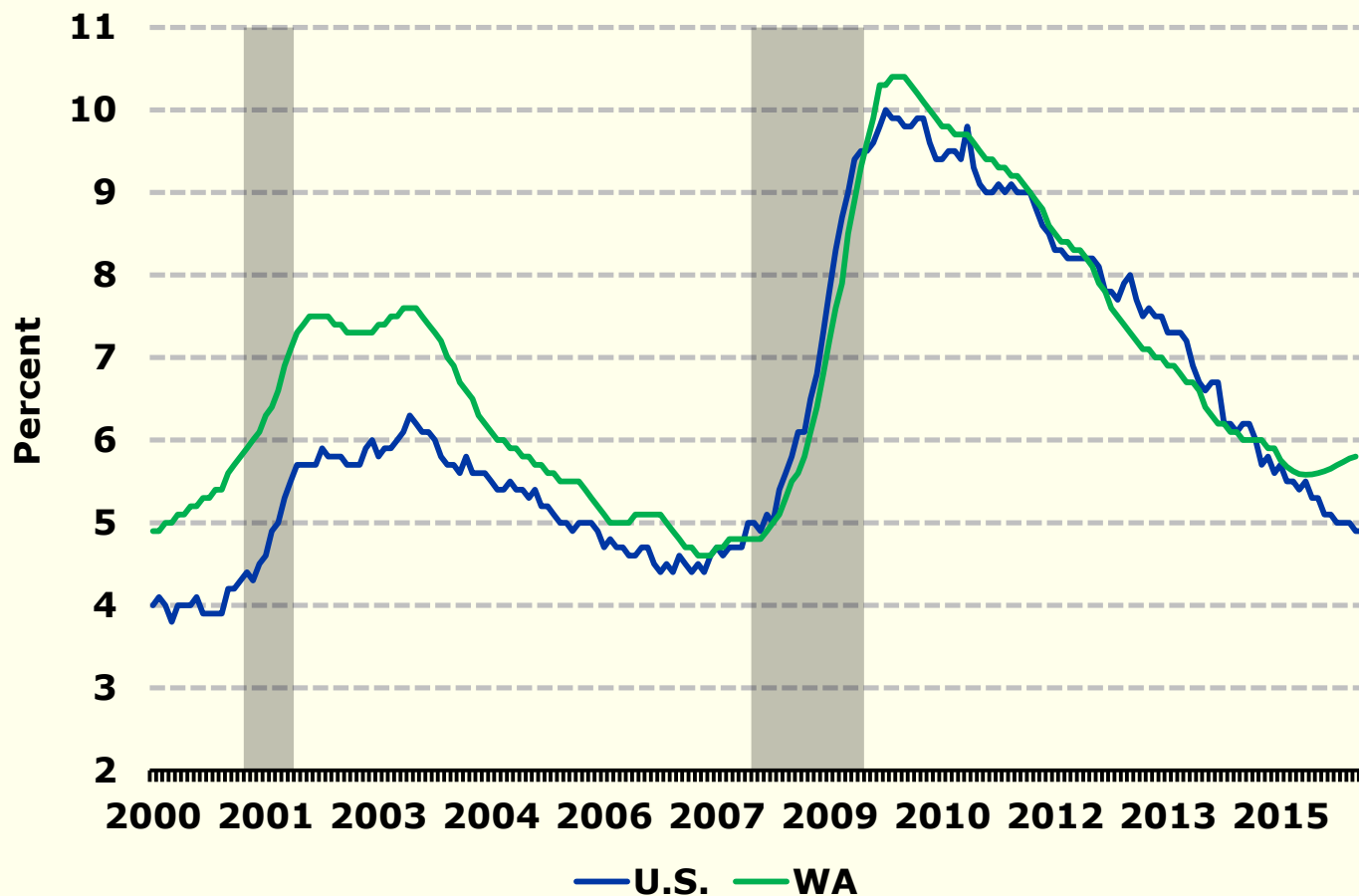
- Declining unemployment rates
- Rising wage growth
- Stronger housing starts and home sales (new and existing)

Downside:

- Slower U.S. GDP growth
- Slowing global economy
- Negative impact of stronger dollar on exports
- Stock market volatility



U.S., WA unemployment rates trending down



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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; U.S. data through Feb. 2016; WA data through Jan. 2016

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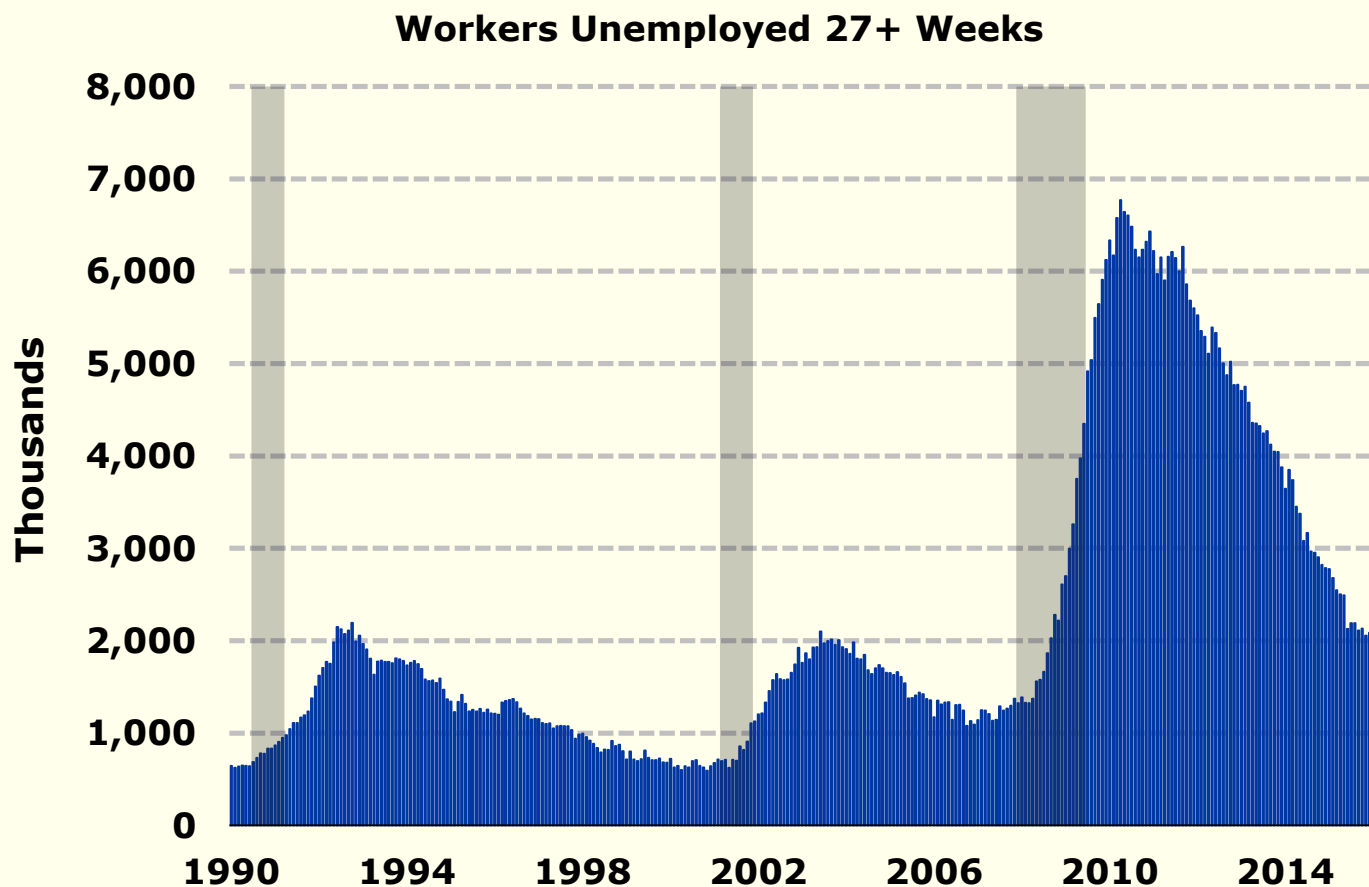


Number of long-term unemployed workers remains above pre-recession levels

Long-term unemployed as share of all unemployed:

Apr. 2010:
45%

Feb. 2016:
28%

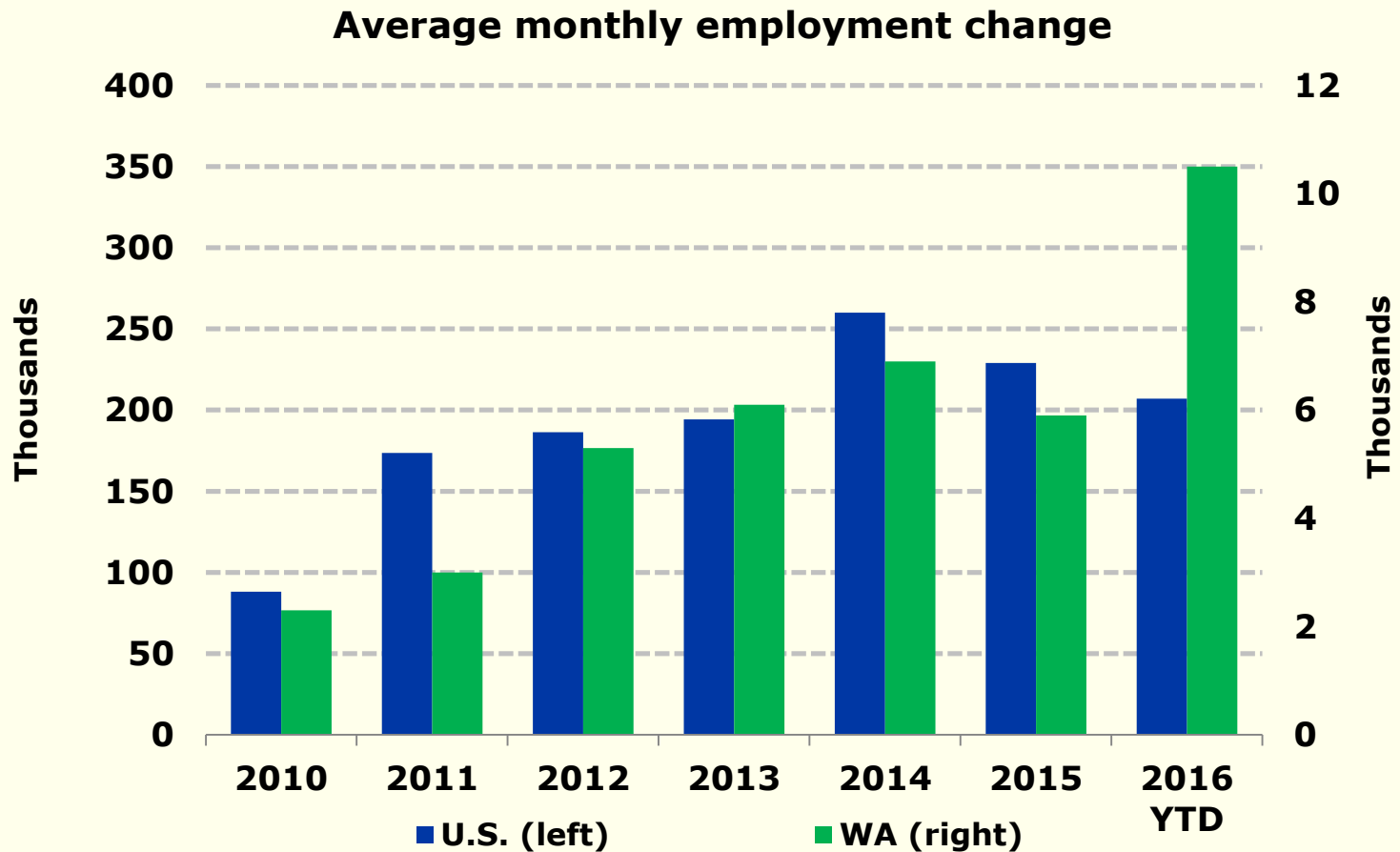


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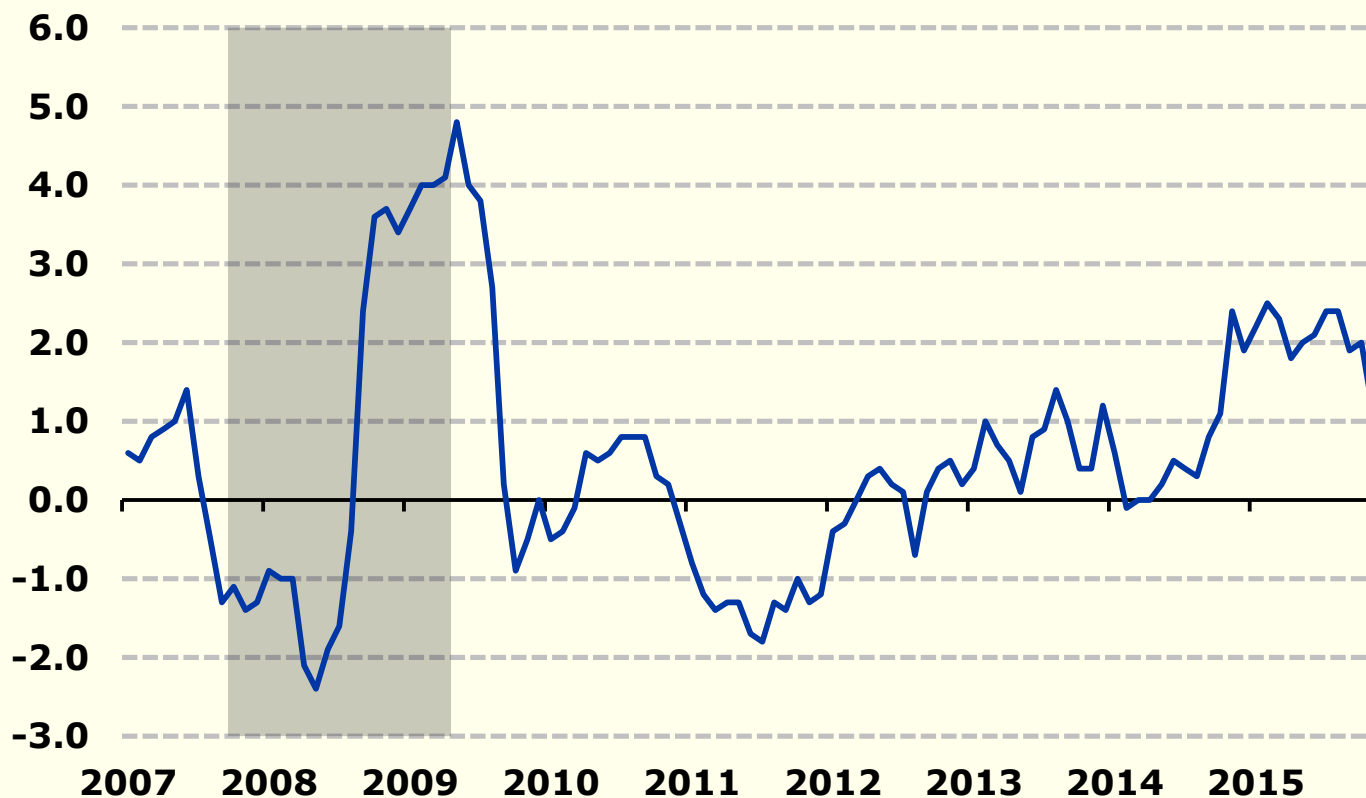
Job creation slightly weaker in 2015 than 2014; WA strong in January 2016





Average U.S. wage growth has turned positive but slowed in January

Year-over-year Growth in U.S. Real Hourly Wages

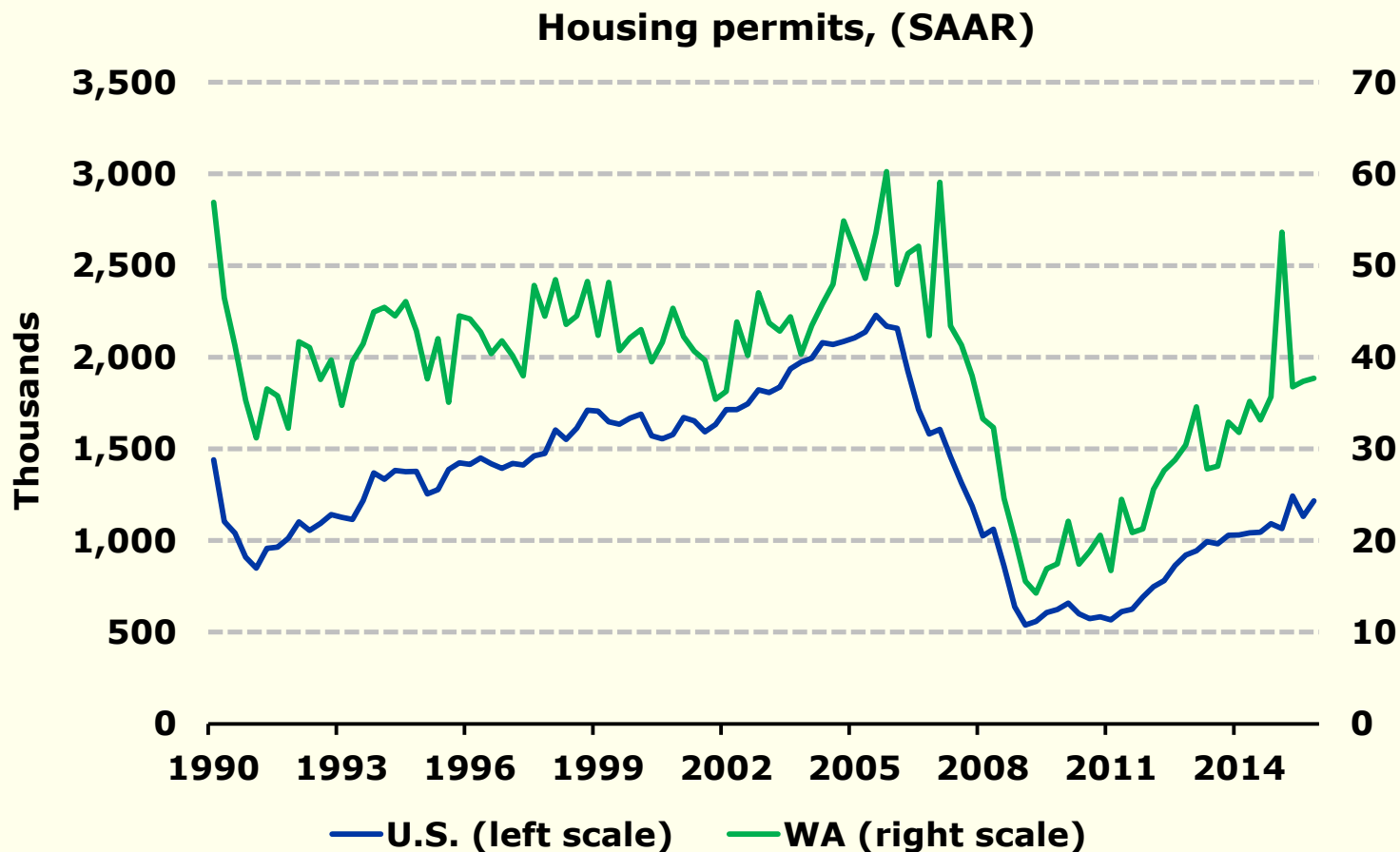


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, data through Jan. 2016

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Both U.S. and WA housing permits trending up since 2011



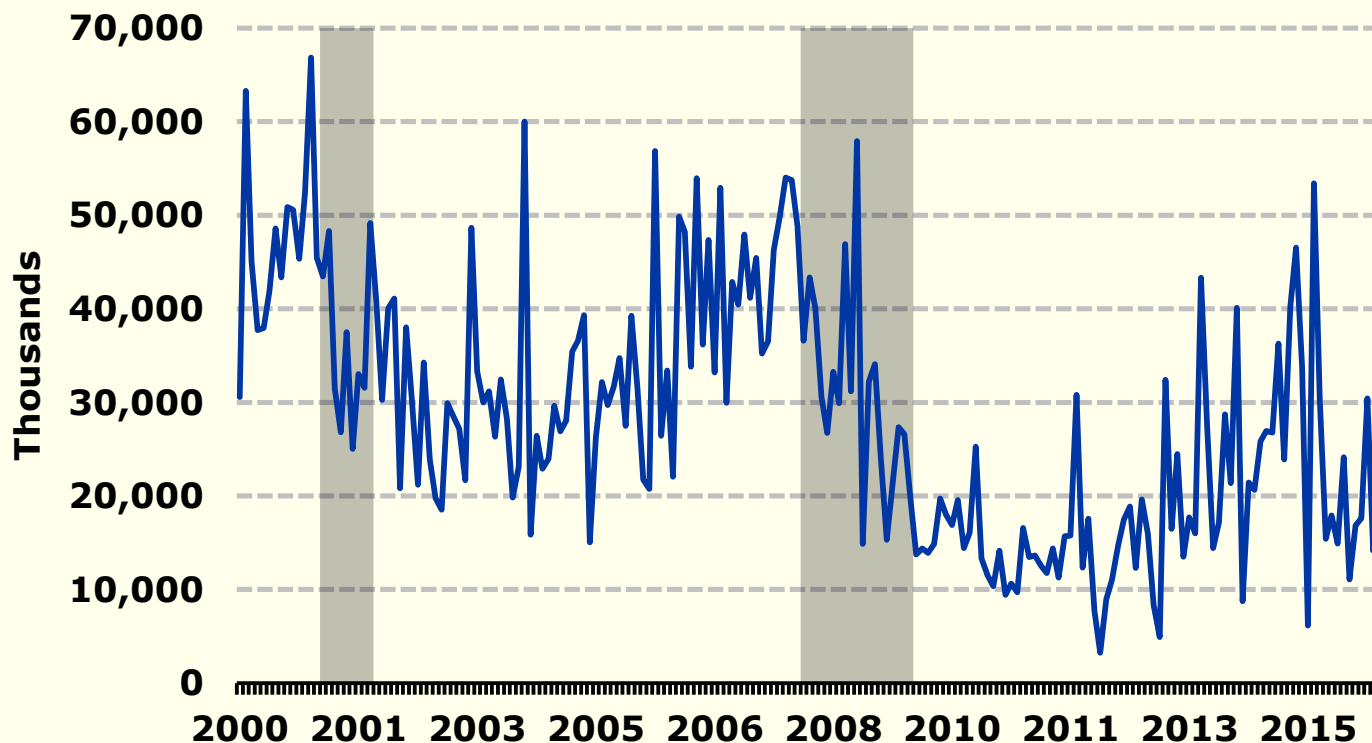
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, data through 2015 Q4

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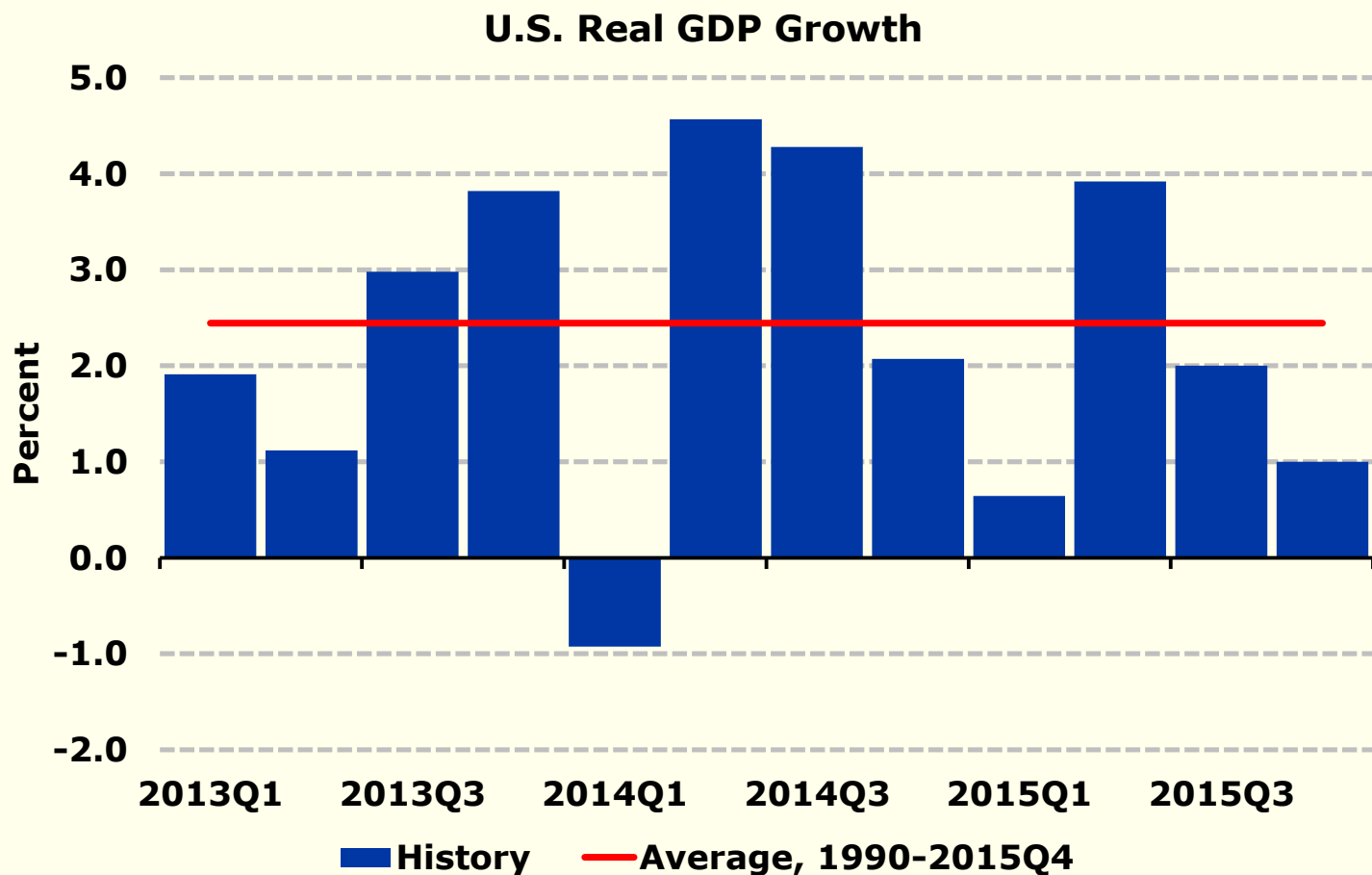
Nonresidential construction activity appears to be slowing

Square feet under contract, WA nonresidential projects
(SAAR)





U.S. economic growth weakened in the third and fourth quarters

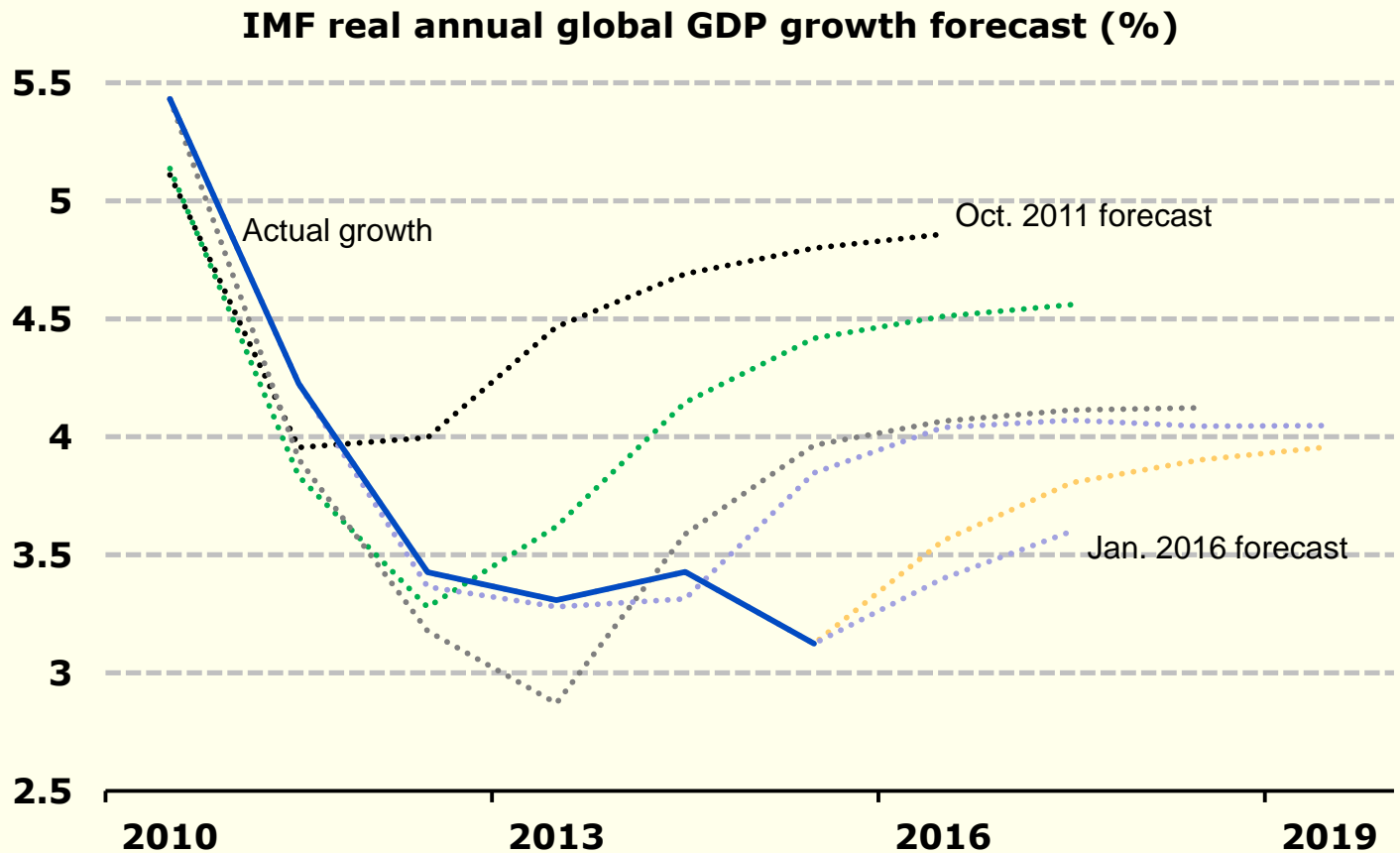


Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, BEA, data through 2015Q4

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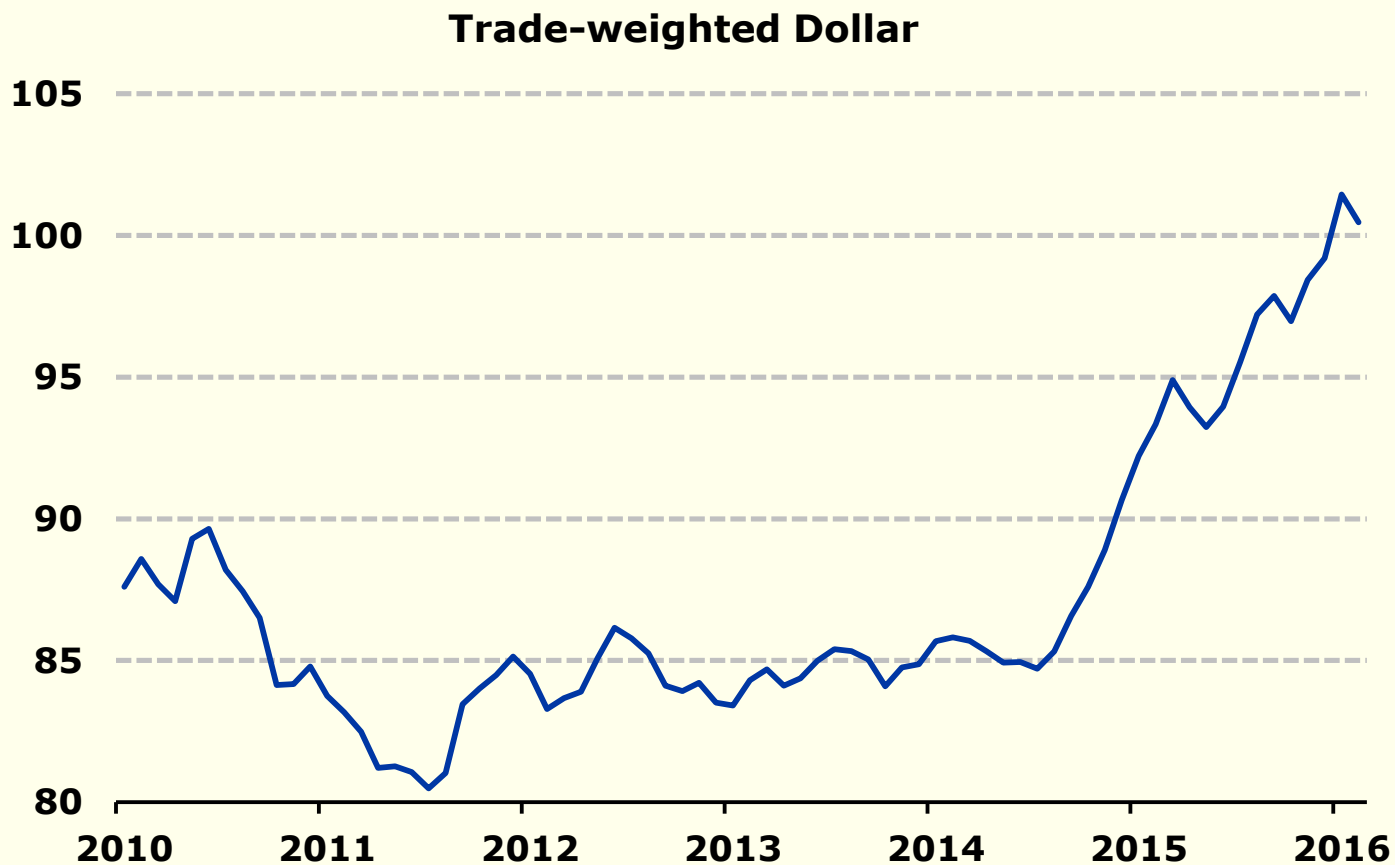


Global GDP forecasts have been consistently revised down





The dollar has increased in value relative to currencies of U.S. trading partners



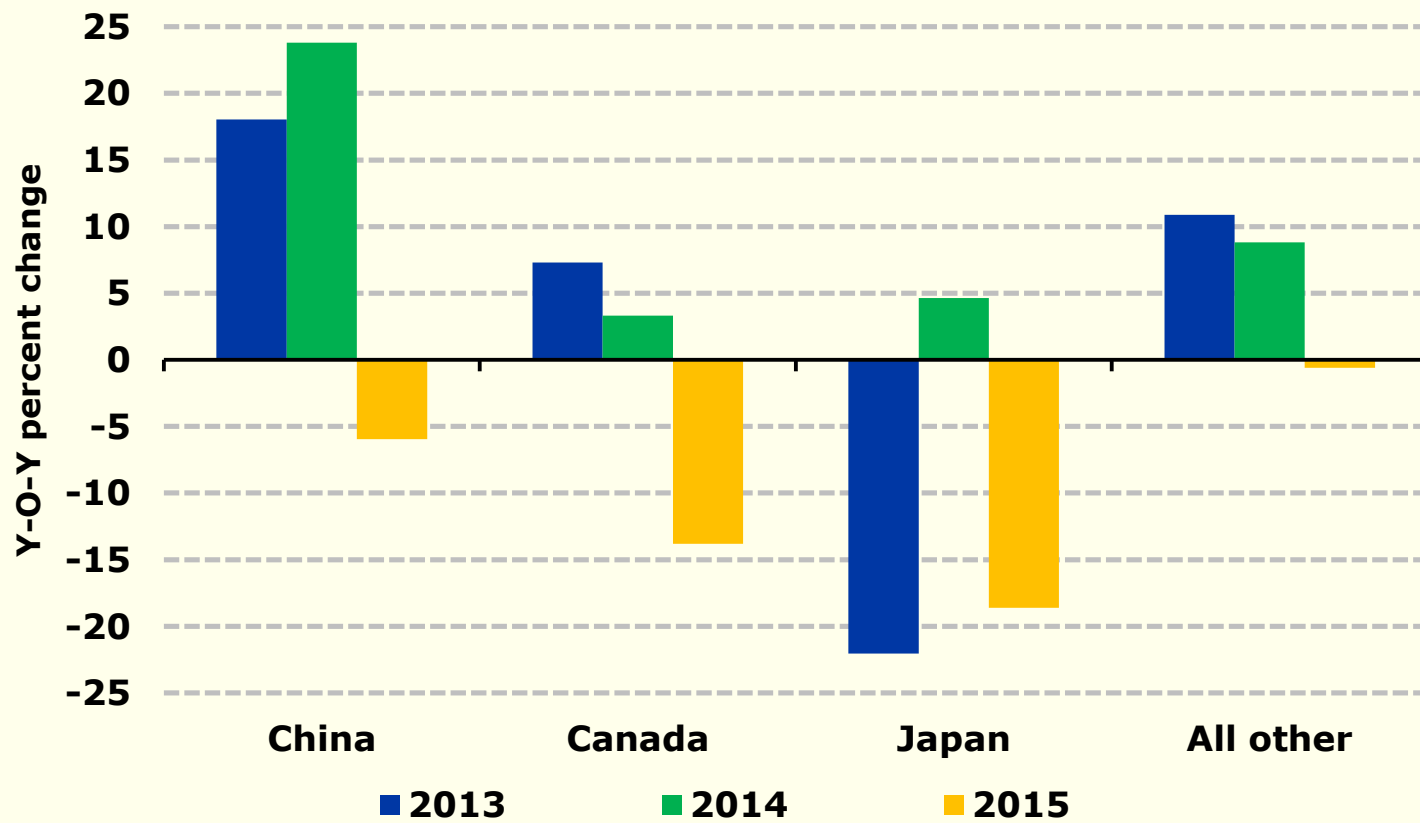
Source: Federal Reserve; data through February 2016

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WA exports in 2015 declined for the first time since 2009

Year-over-year growth in export value

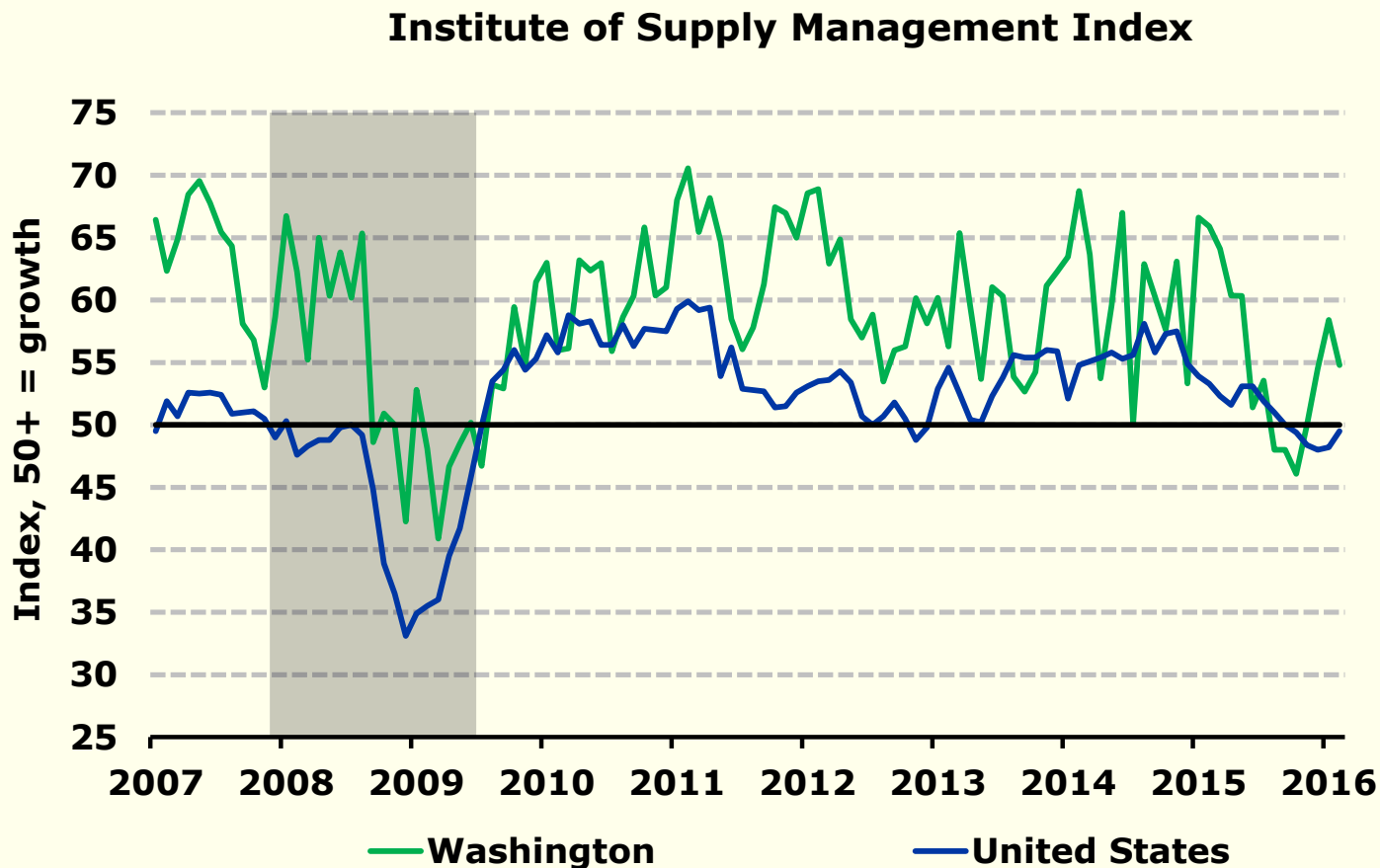


Source: WISERTrade; data through December 2015

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Manufacturing: slowing nationally, improving in Washington



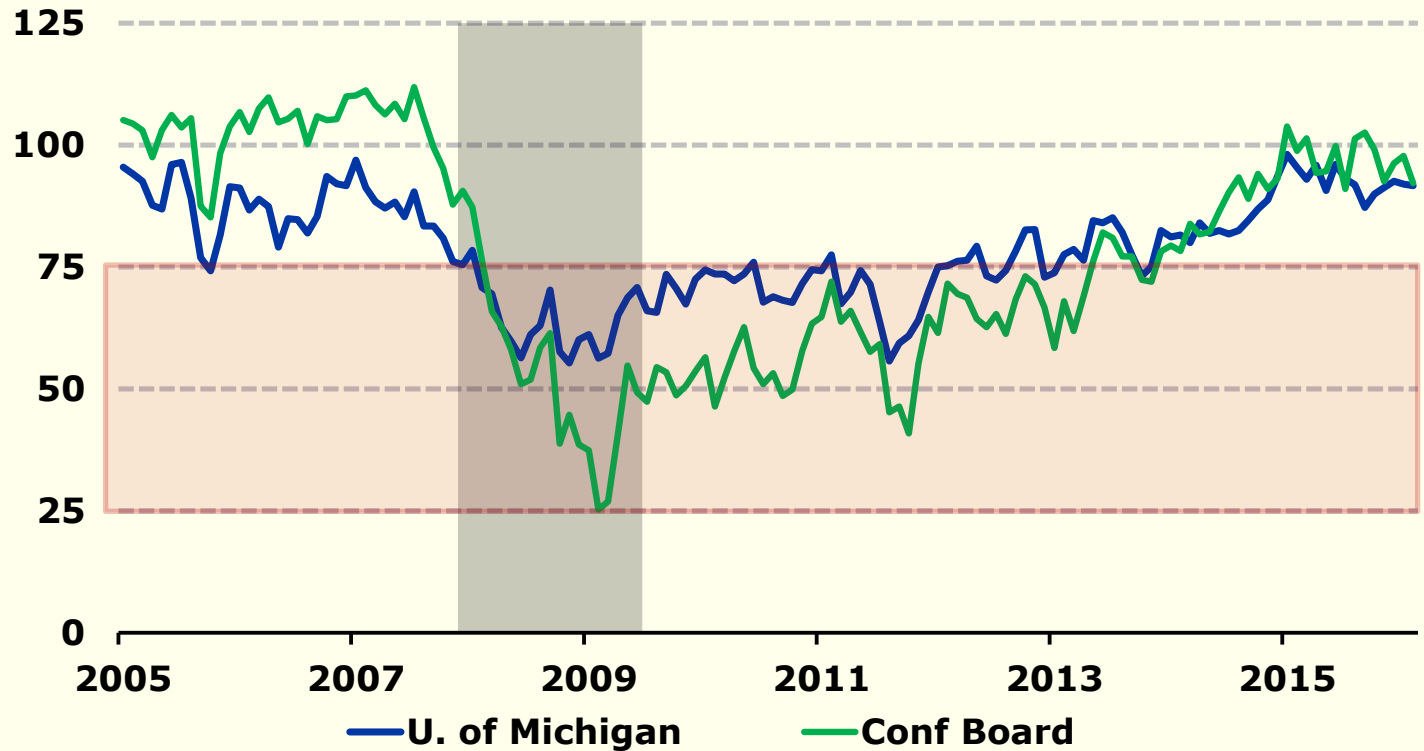


Conference Board, U. of Michigan indexes both down in February

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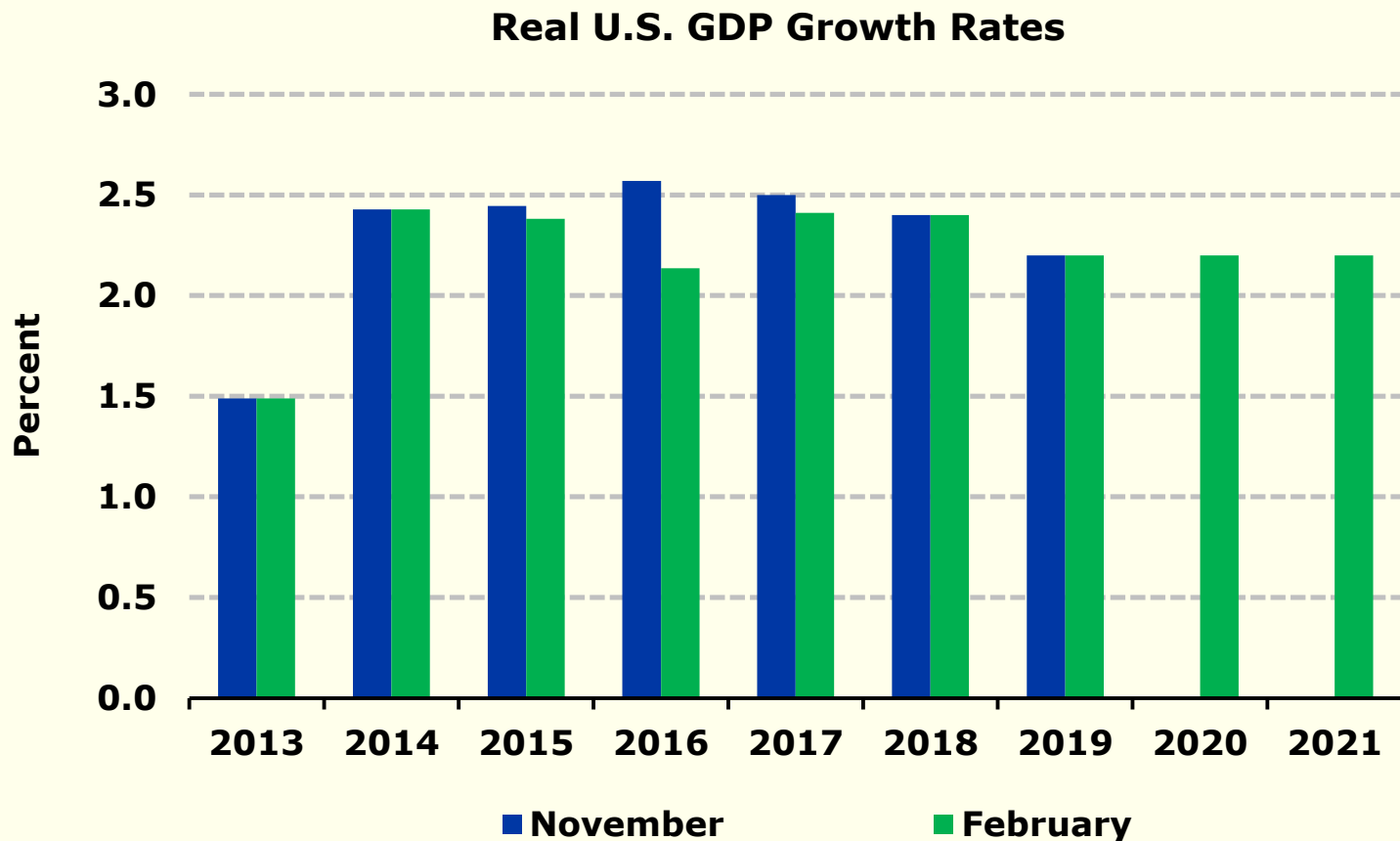
Mich: 1966Q1 = 100, SA

Conf Board: 1985 = 100, SA





Forecasted real GDP growth is lower in 2015, 2016 & 2017 compared to the November forecast

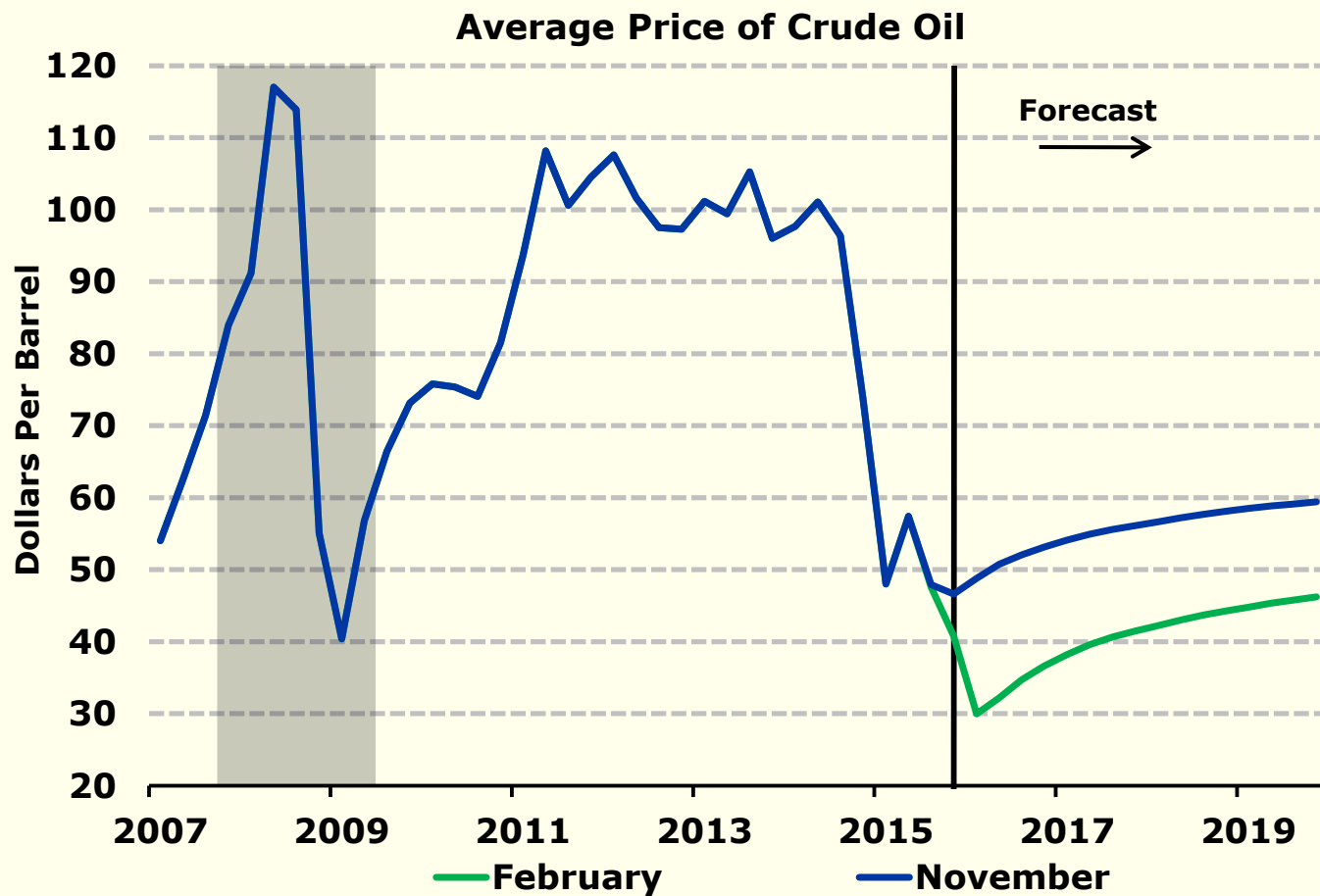


Source: ERFC February 2016 forecast; historical data through 2015

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Oil prices have fallen since the November forecast

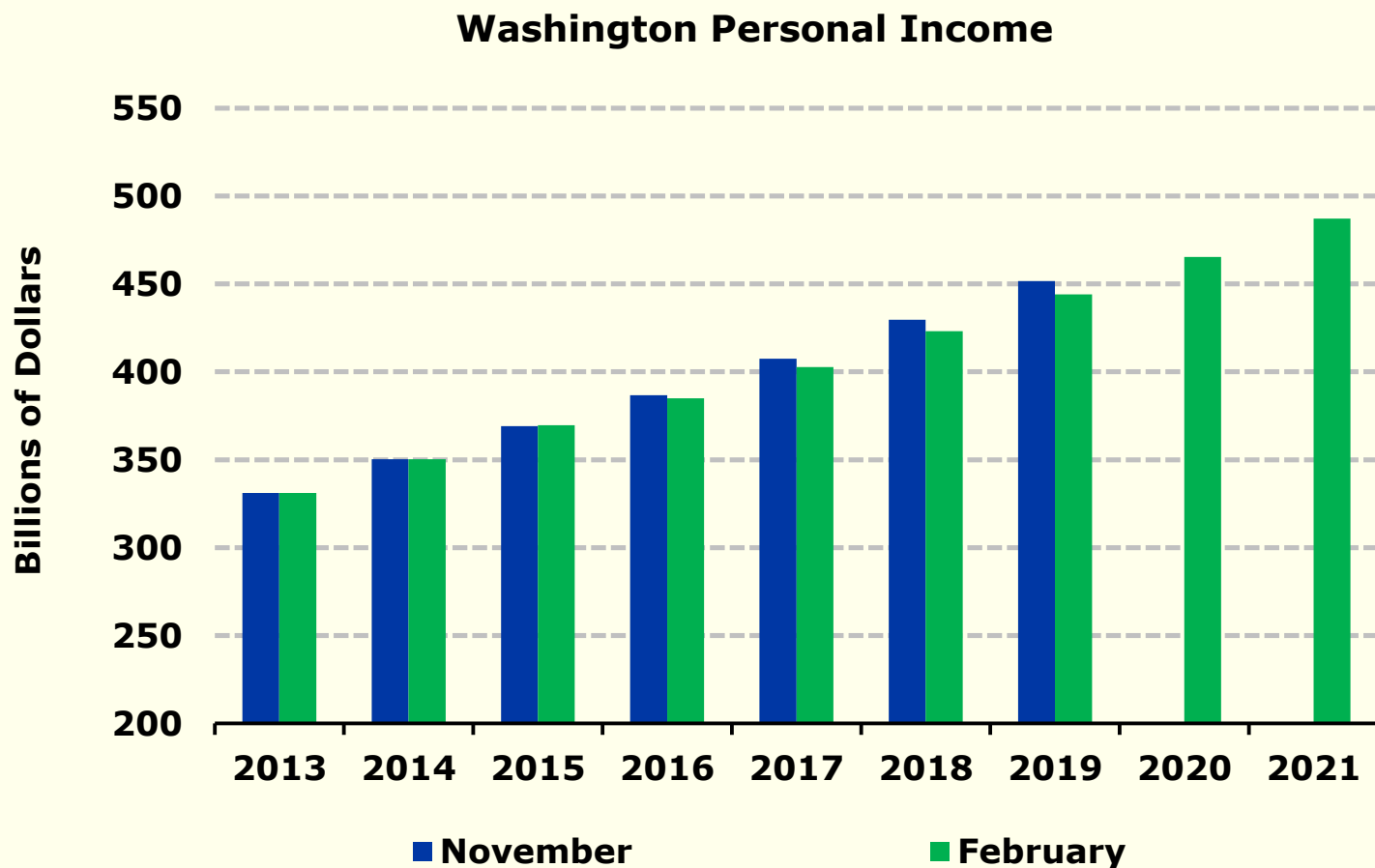


Source: DOE, ERFC February 2016 forecast; historical data through 2015Q4

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Washington personal income is lower in 2016 – 2019 compared to the November forecast

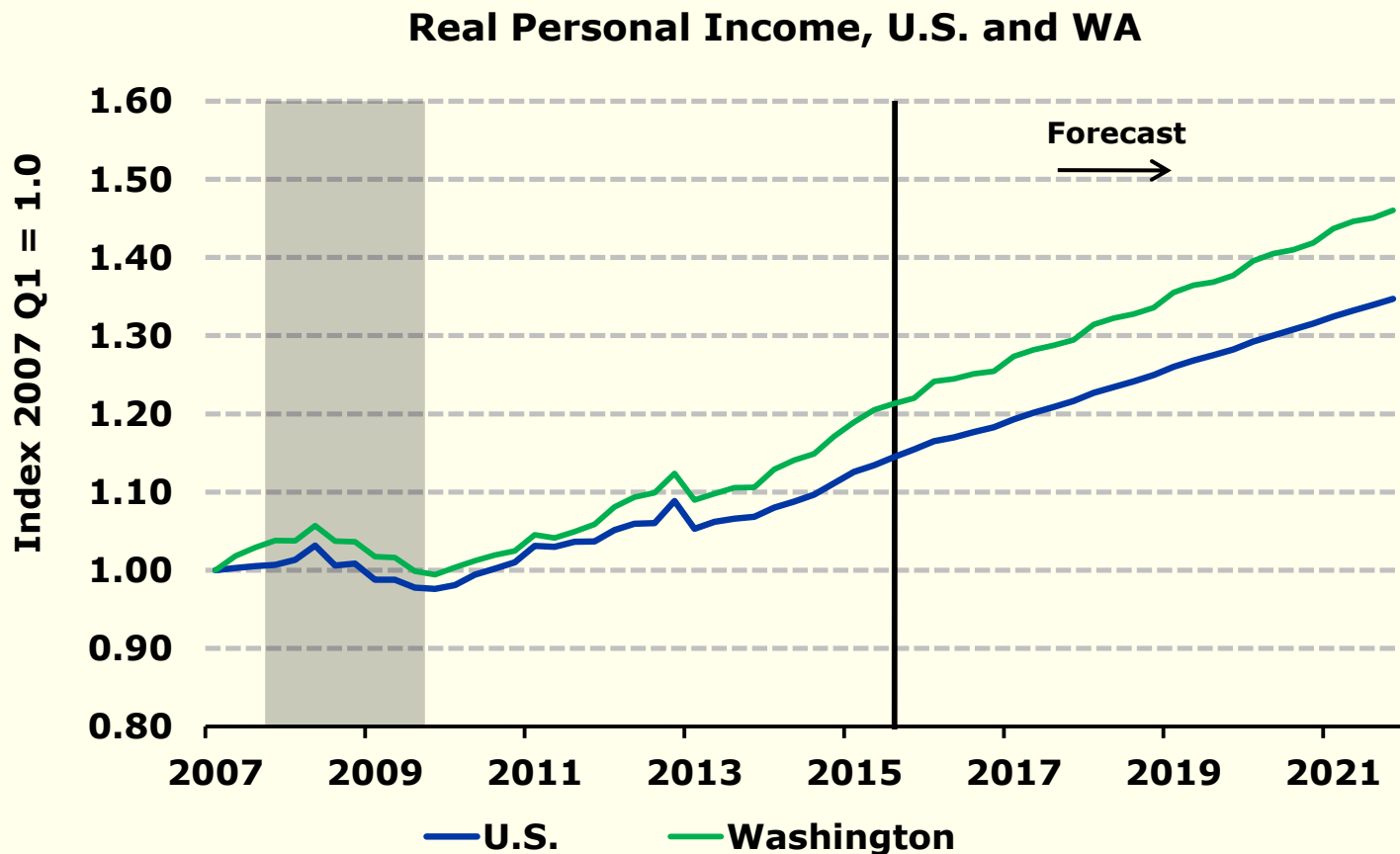


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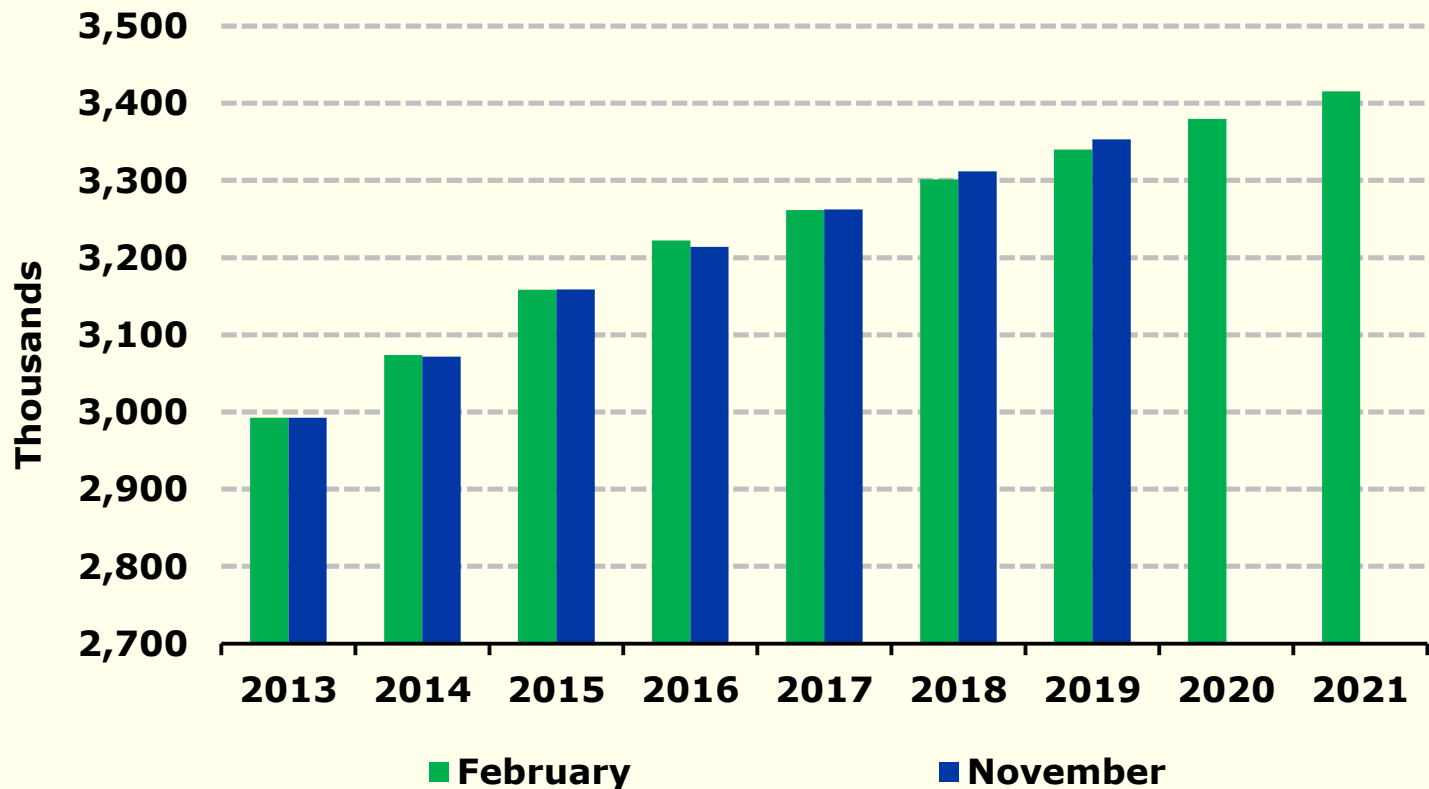
State personal income will continue to grow slightly faster than the U.S.





Washington employment forecast revised down slightly in 2017 - 2019

Washington Nonfarm Payroll Employment



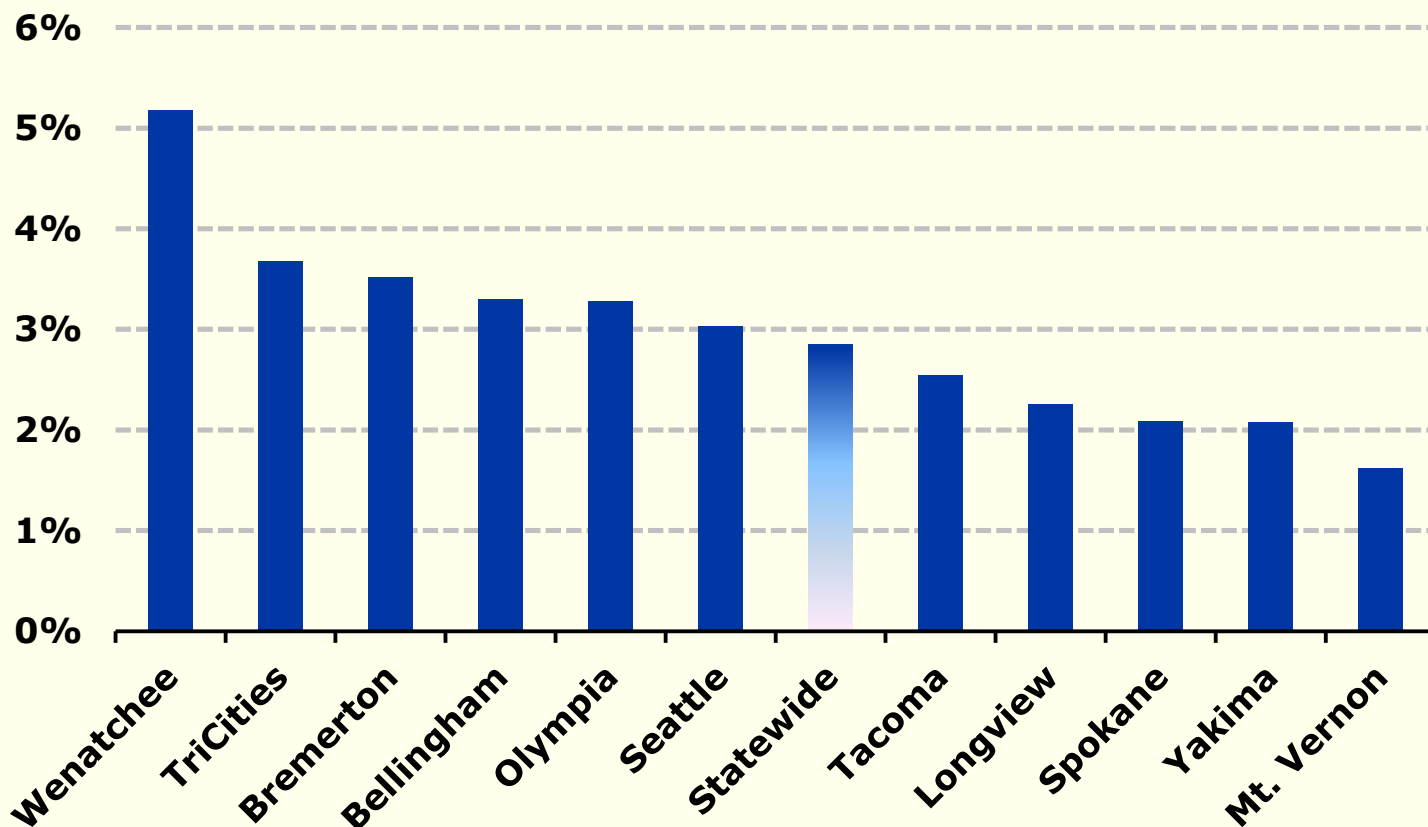
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Employment growth varied widely across state metro areas

2015 employment growth by metro area

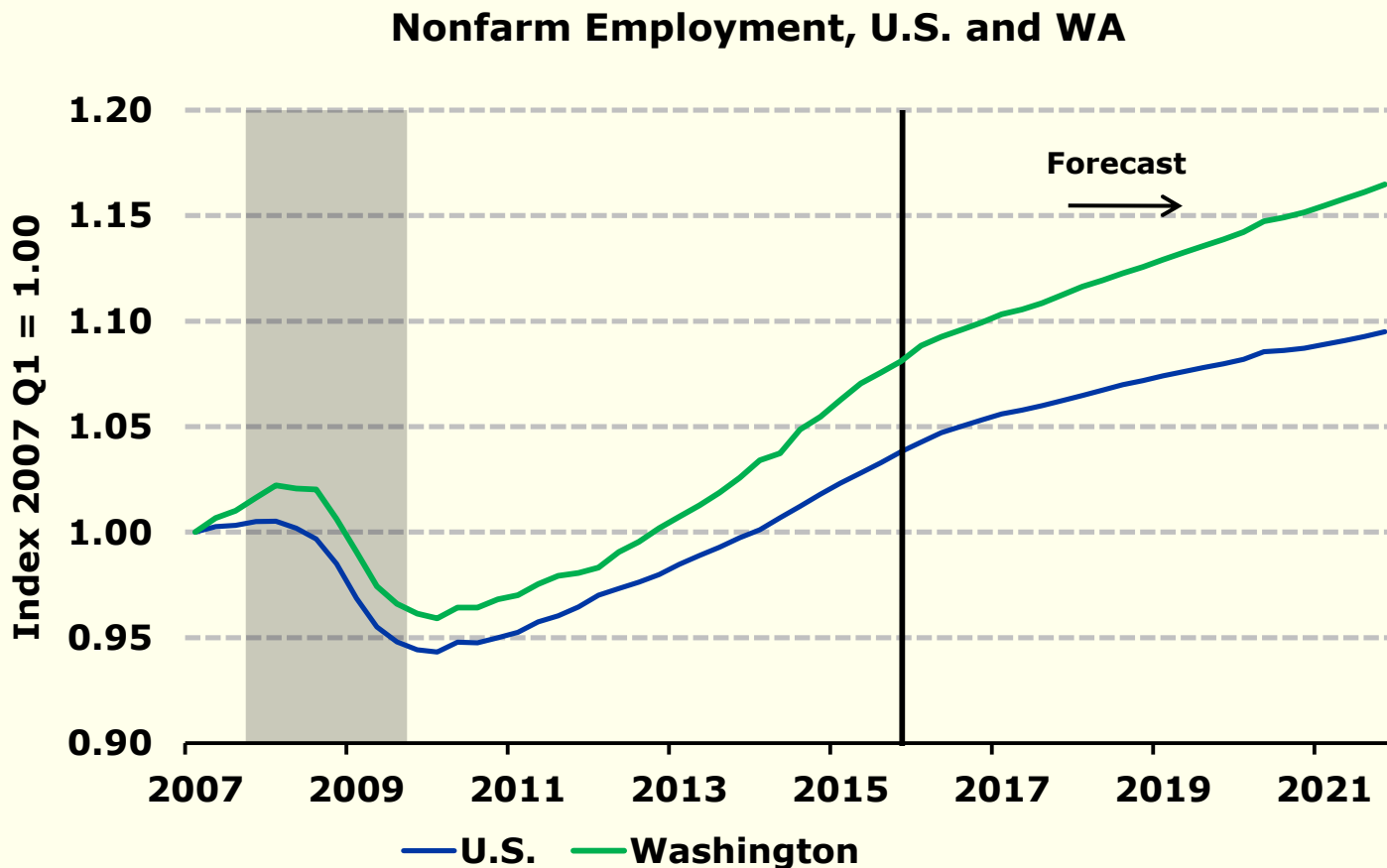


Source: WA State Employment Security Department

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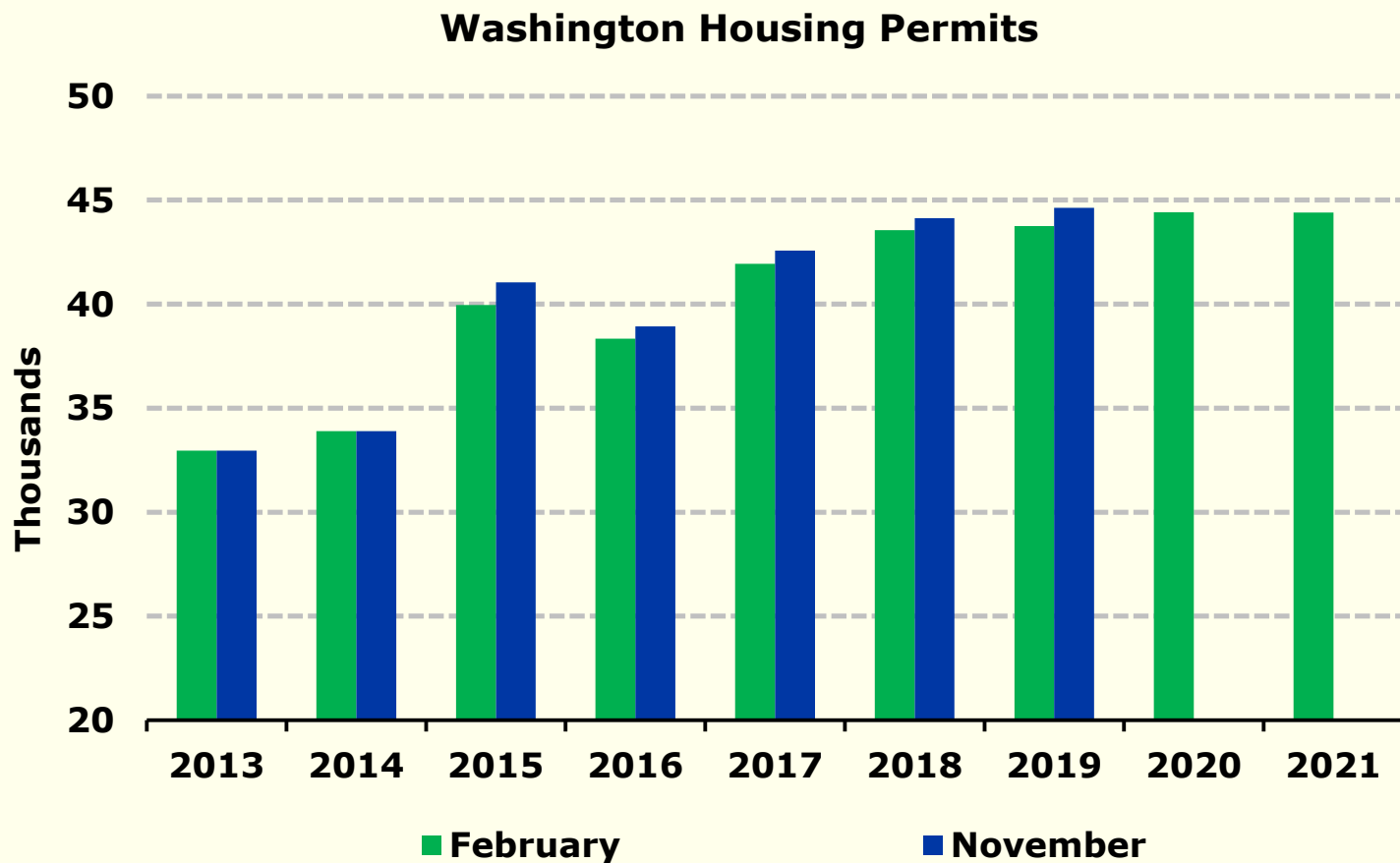


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Washington housing permits forecast is slightly lower than in November

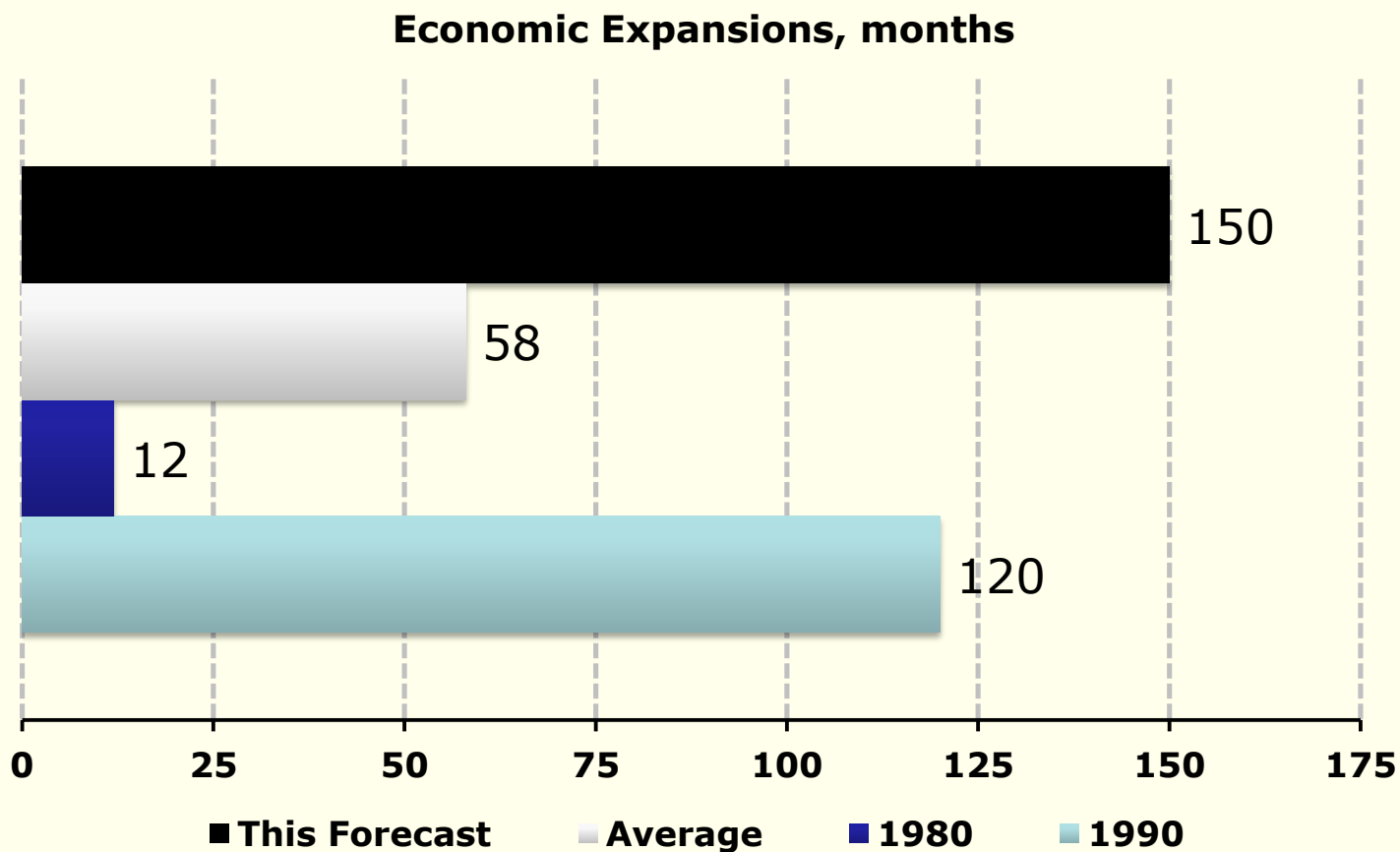


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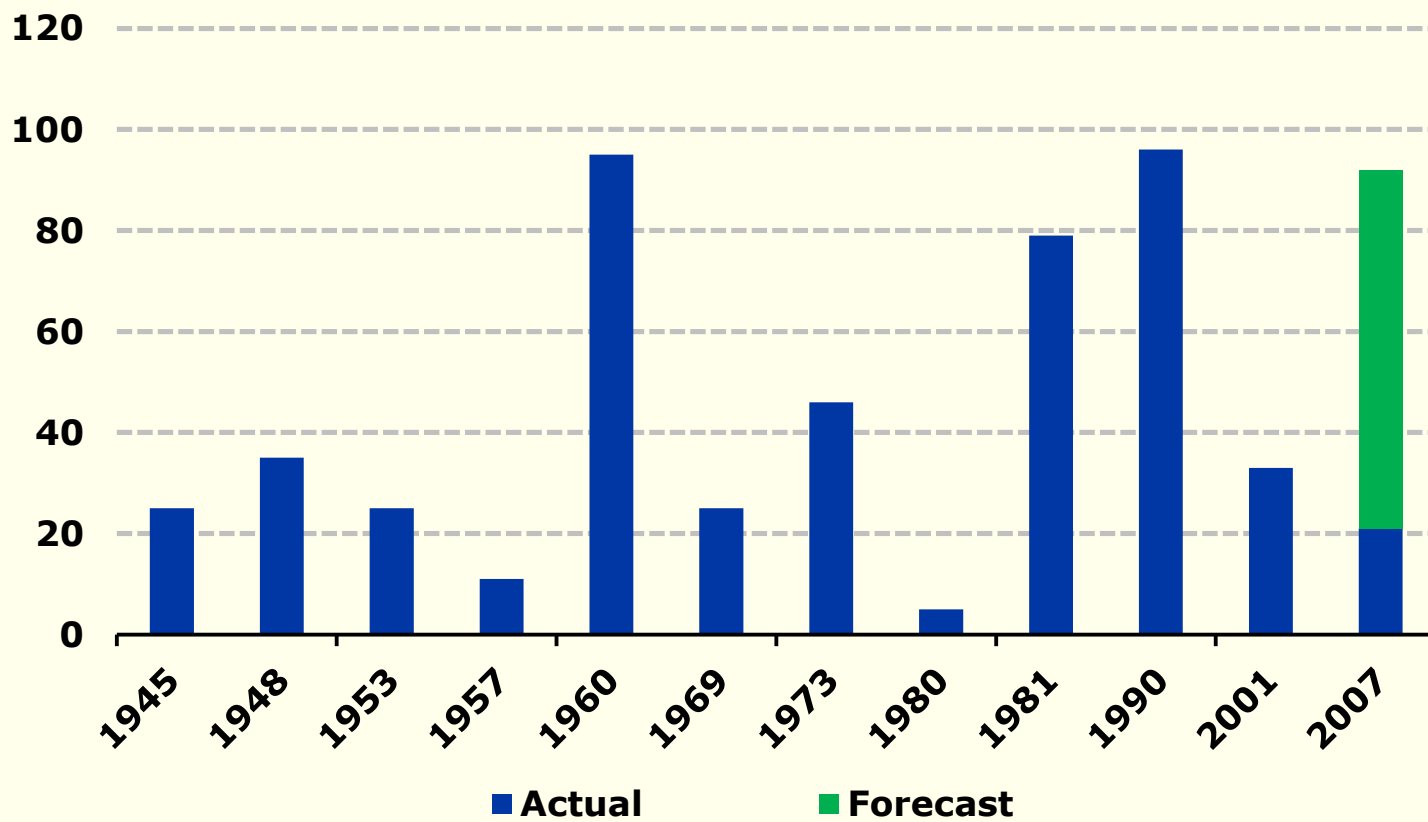
U.S. Economic Expansions since 1945





Initial slow recovery points to extended expansion

Months of Recovery After Reaching Previous Peak in Employment

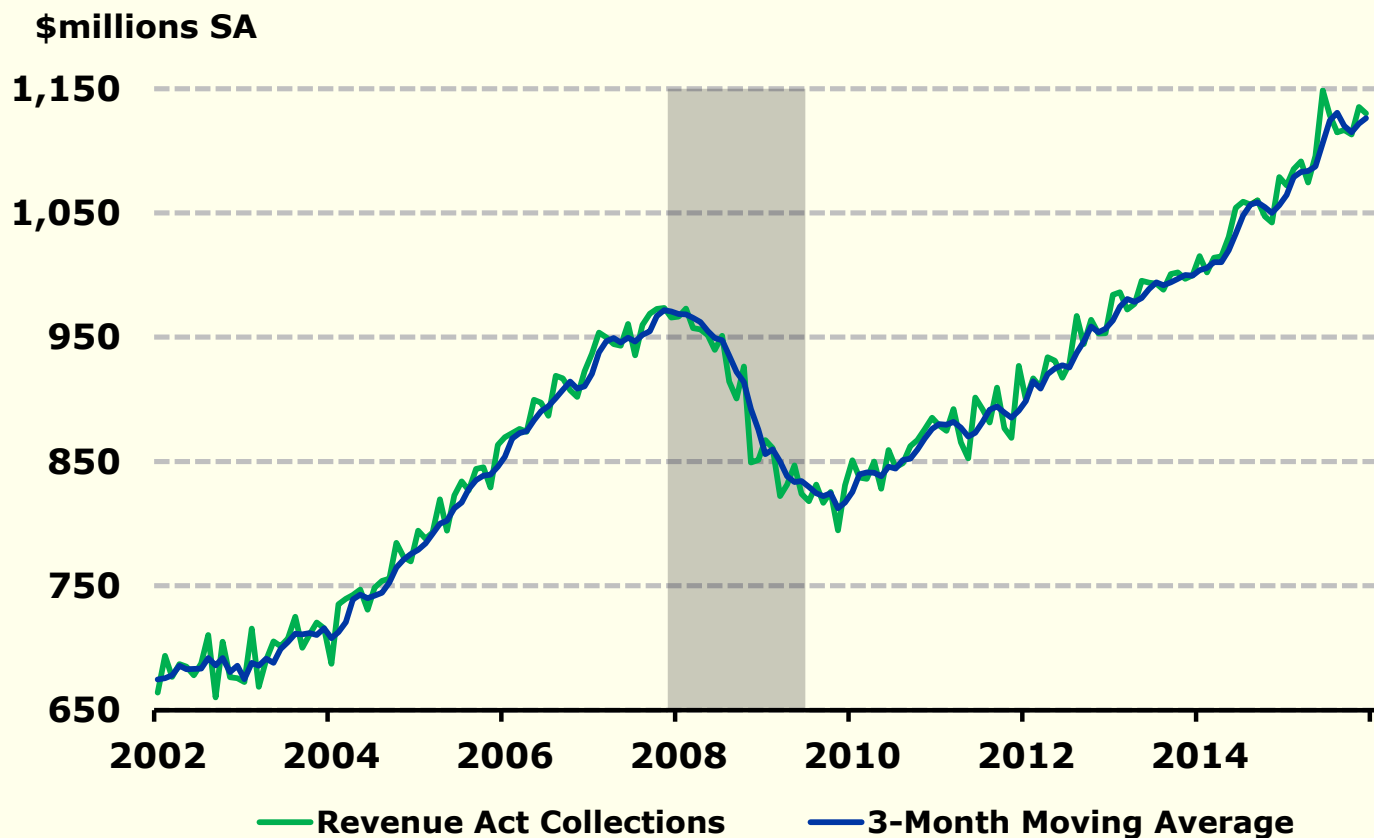


Sources: NBER, ERFC February 2016 forecast

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Revenue Act collections close to previous trend after spike in August collections



* Adjusted for large one-time transactions, amnesty payments and reporting frequency change, current definition of Revenue Act

Source: DOR and ERFC; monthly data through estimated December 2015 activity

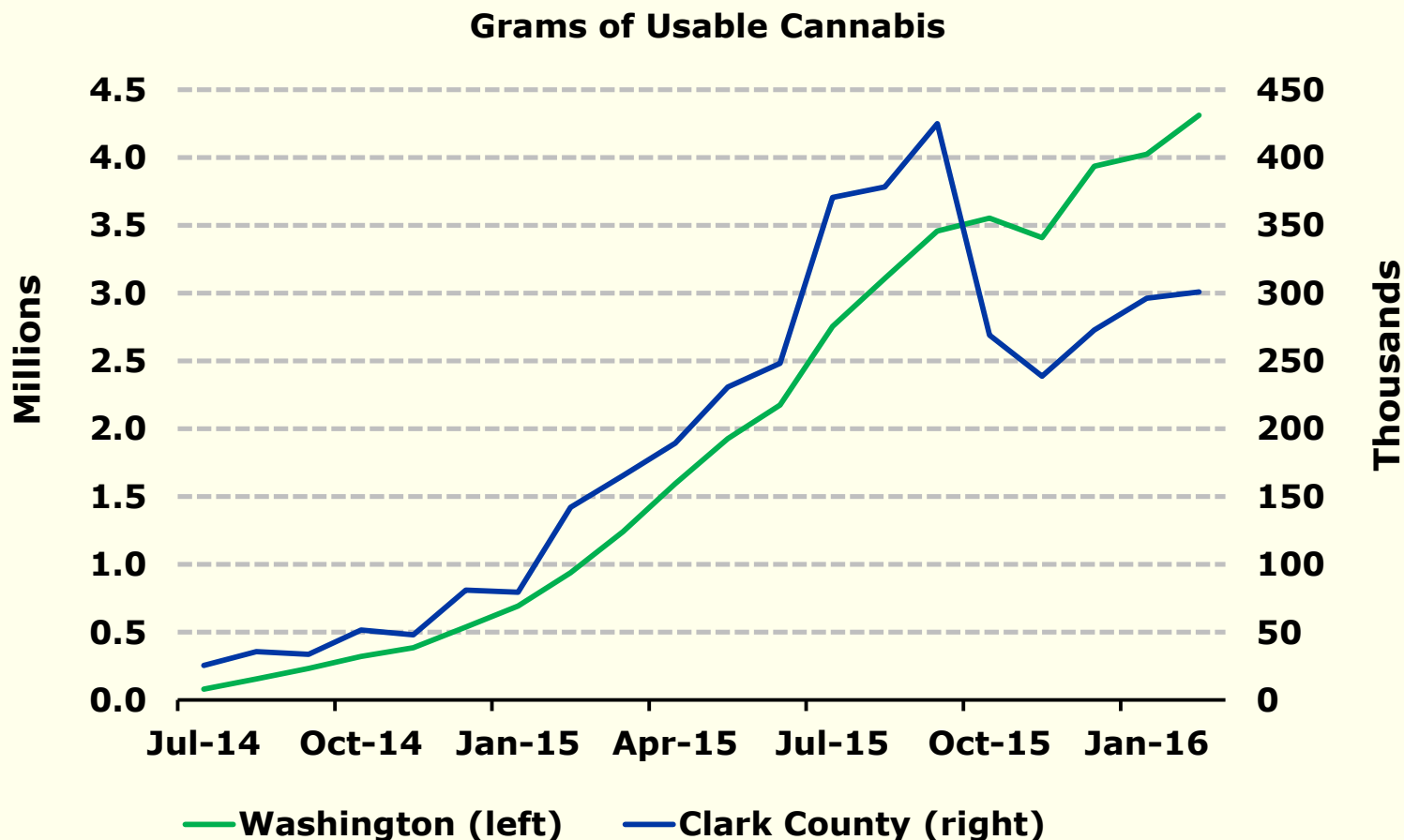
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Oregon legalization may have affected Clark County but statewide sales continued to grow

Prior to legal retail sales in Oregon, Clark County accounted for 12% of total sales by quantity.

In February, Clark County accounted for 7% of total sales by quantity.



Source: WA LCB; data through February 2016

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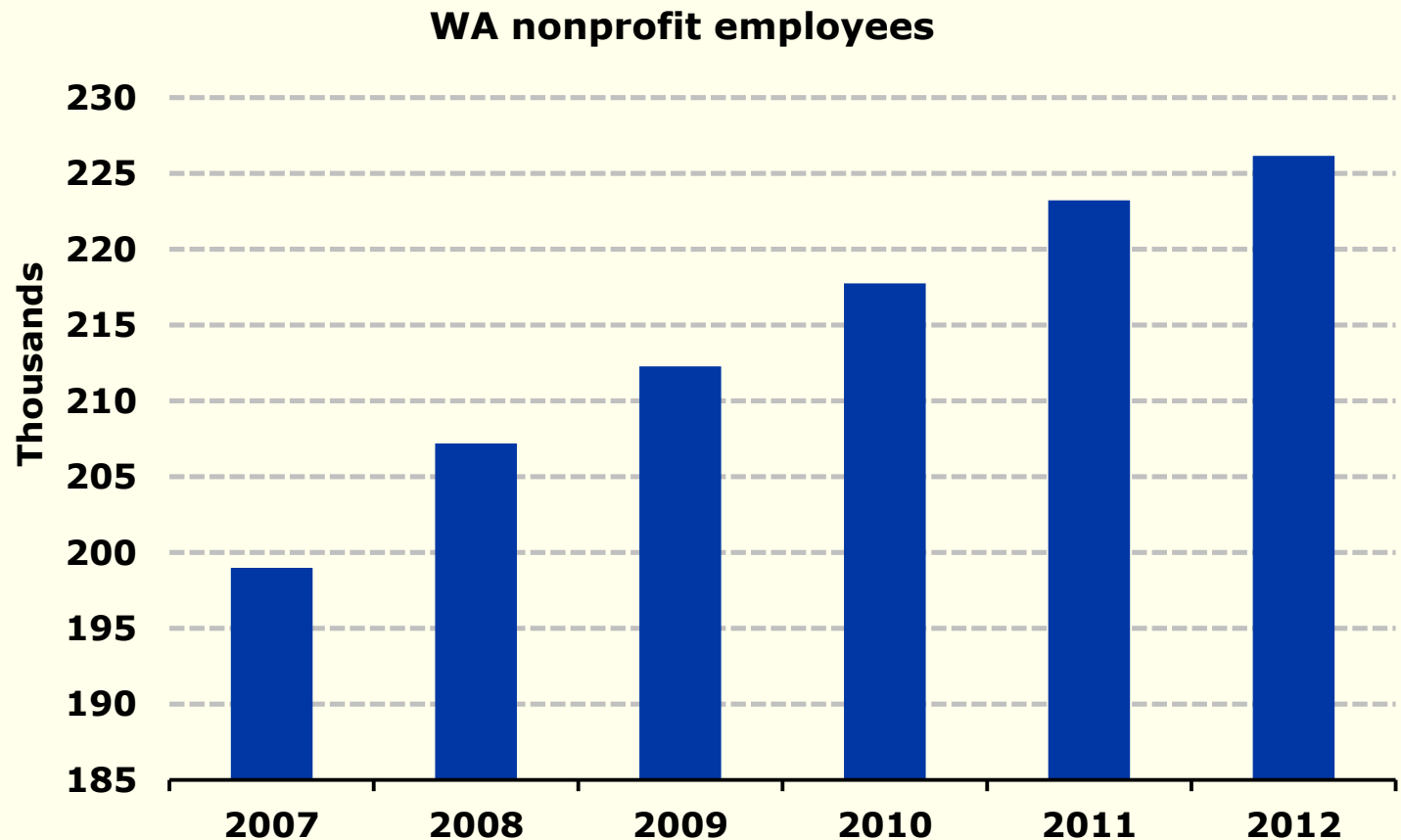


Conclusion

- The economic forecast expects slower growth in U.S. GDP, WA personal income and WA employment than in November
- We continue to expect the WA economy to outperform the U.S. by a small margin
- GF-S revenues are expected to grow 10.3% between the 2013-15 and 2015-17 biennia and 8.0% between the 2015-17 and 2017-19 biennia
- The level of uncertainty in the baseline remains elevated, with downside risks outweighing upside risks



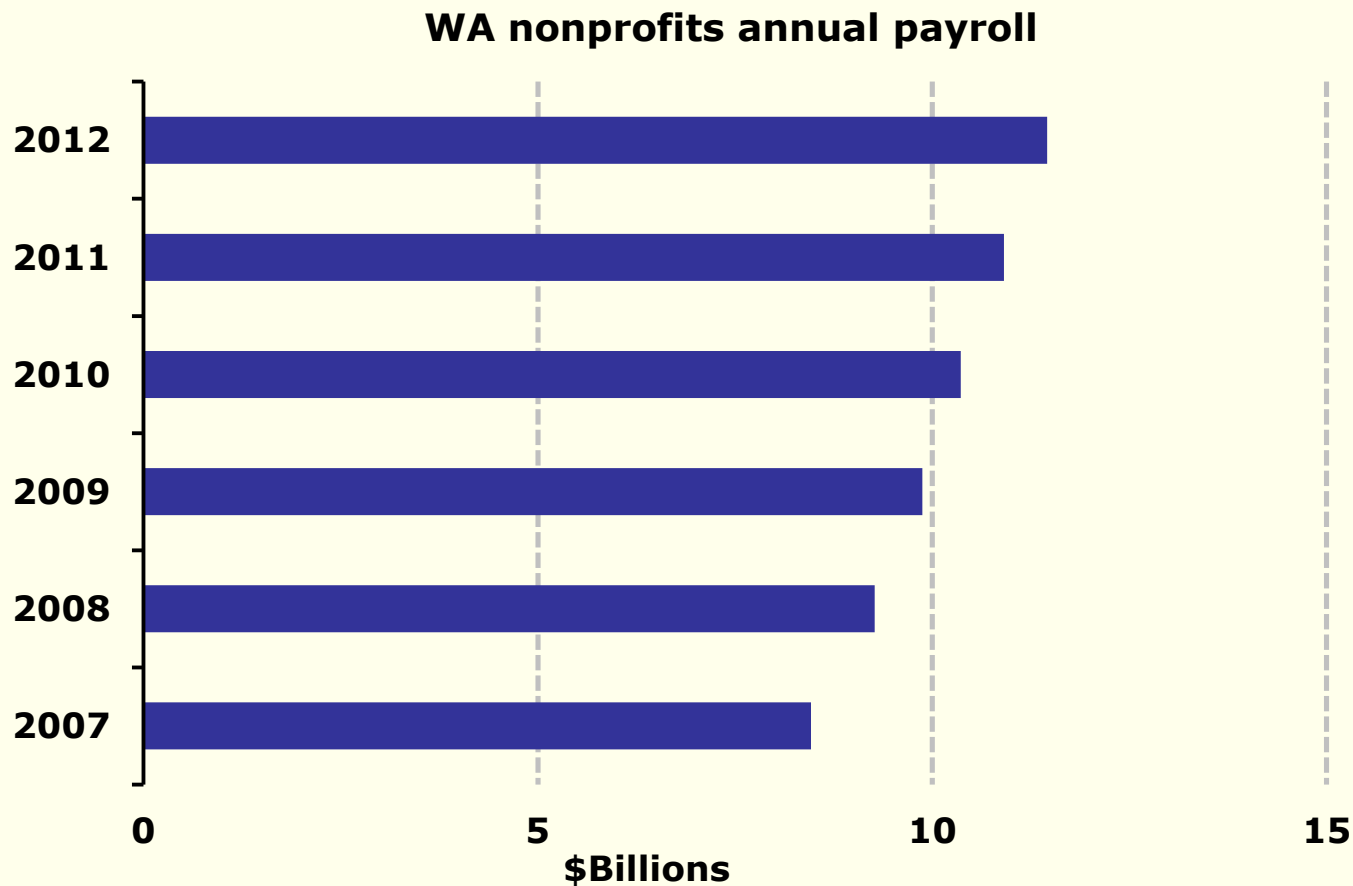
Nonprofit employment increased from 6.7% of WA nonfarm jobs in 2007 to 7.7% in 2012





Nonprofit payrolls increased from 7.3% of WA private nonfarm wages in 2007 to 8.8% in 2012

In 2012, the average WA nonprofit employee received \$50,661 in wages

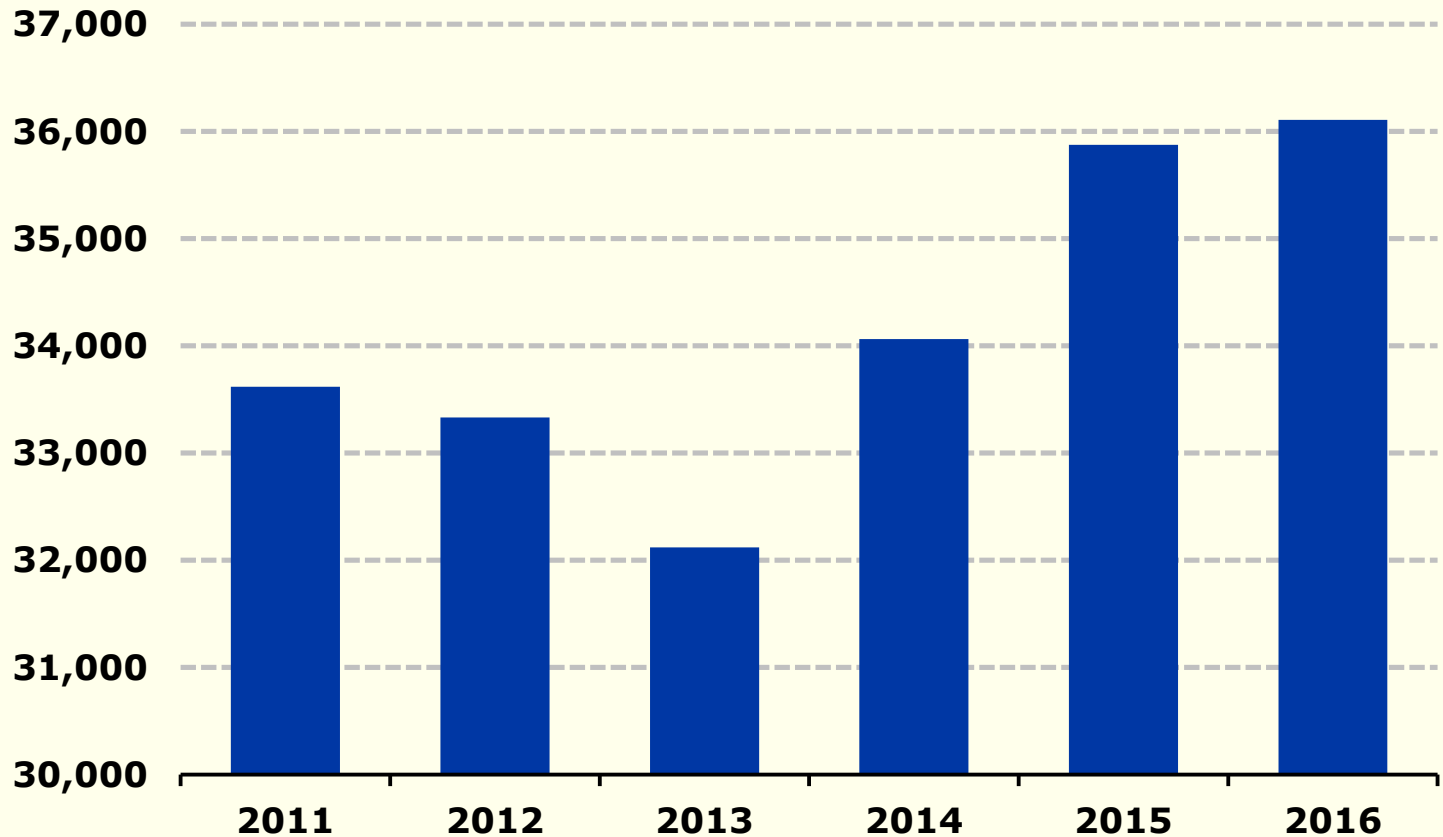


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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WA has over 36,000 nonprofit organizations registered with the Internal Revenue Service



Source: IRS; Urban Institute National Center for Charitable Statistics; data through Feb. 2016

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