Outlook for U.S. Manufacturing and the Automotive Industry

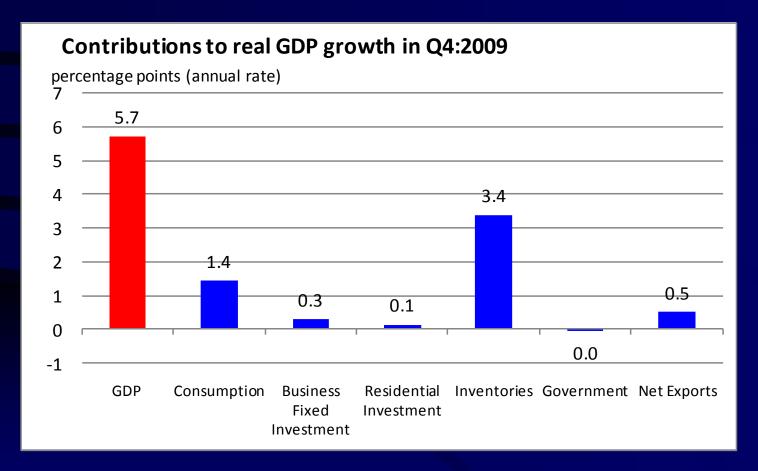
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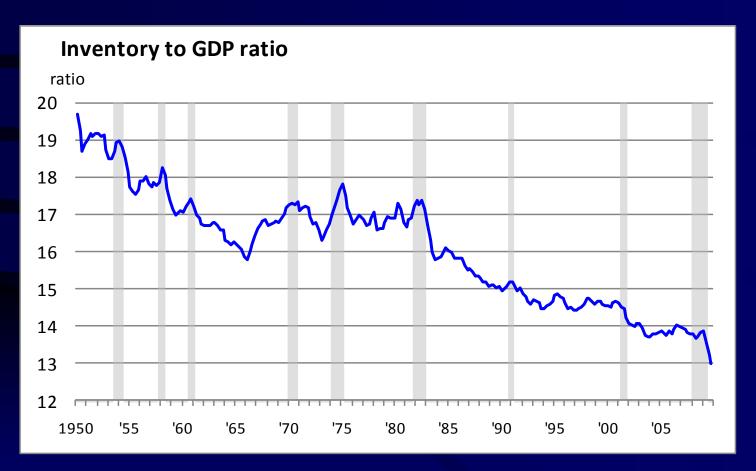


Fourth quarter GDP expanded at a fast pace with contributions largely coming from inventories, consumption and net exports



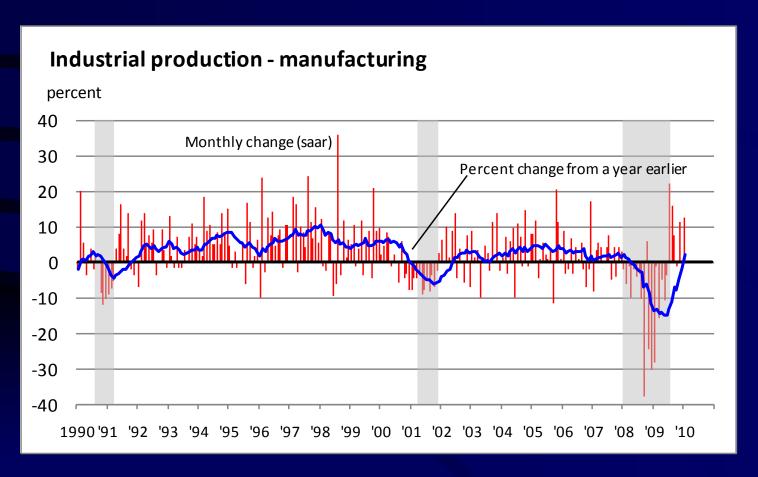


The inventory to GDP ratio has fallen to record low readings



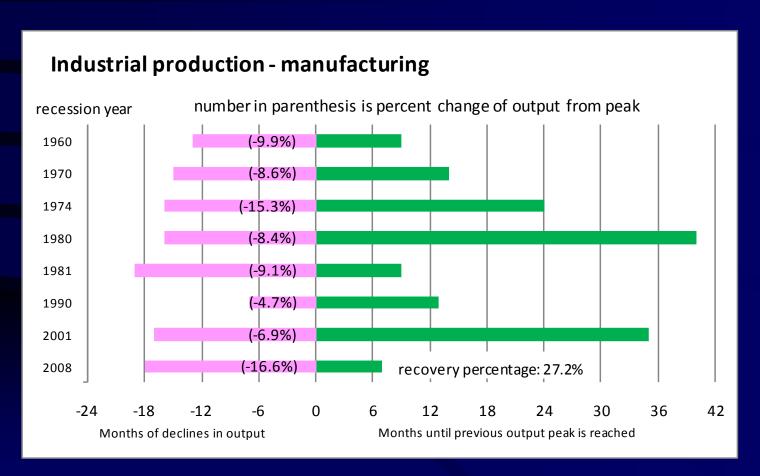


Industrial output fell quite sharply during the recession, but has risen strongly over the past seven months



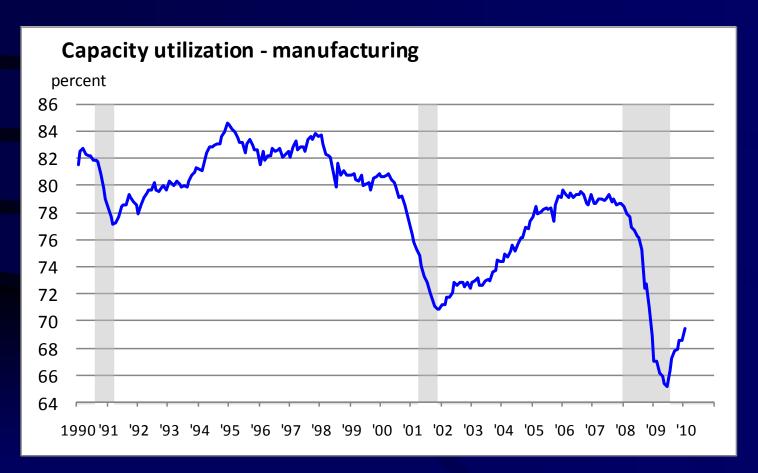


The downturn in manufacturing was the deepest and close to the longest decline over the past 50 years



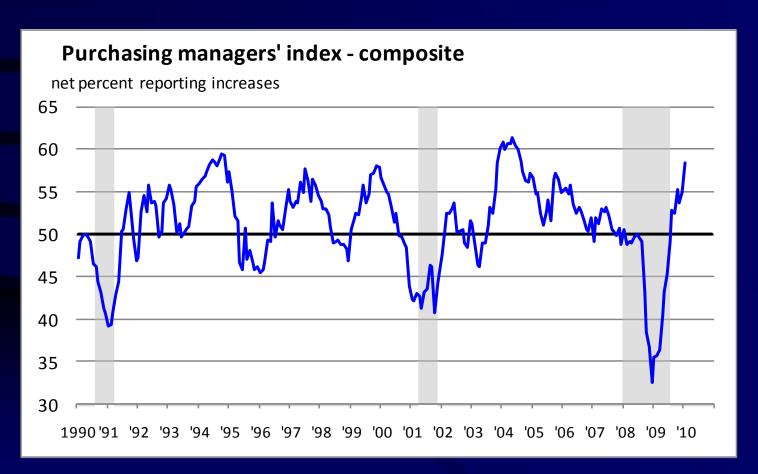


Manufacturing capacity utilization fell to the lowest level in more than 70 years



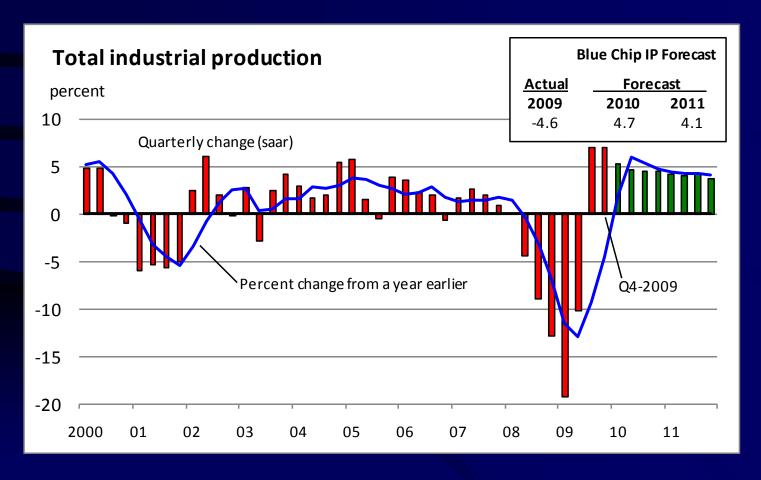


Supply managers' composite index has moved above 50



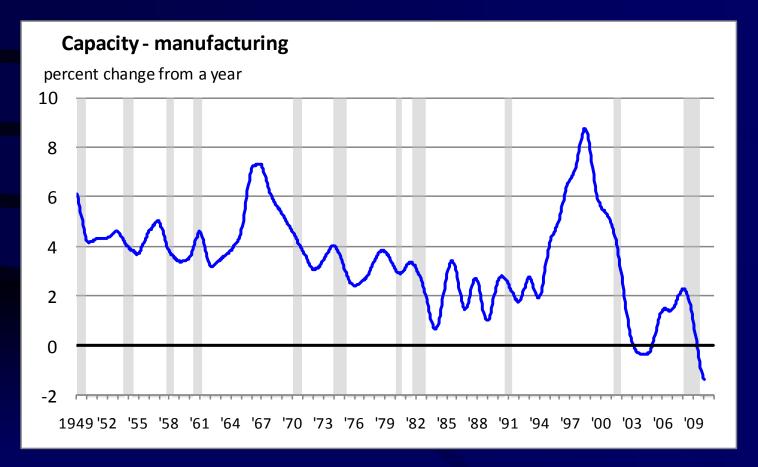


Industrial production is forecast to rise at a solid pace through the end of 2011



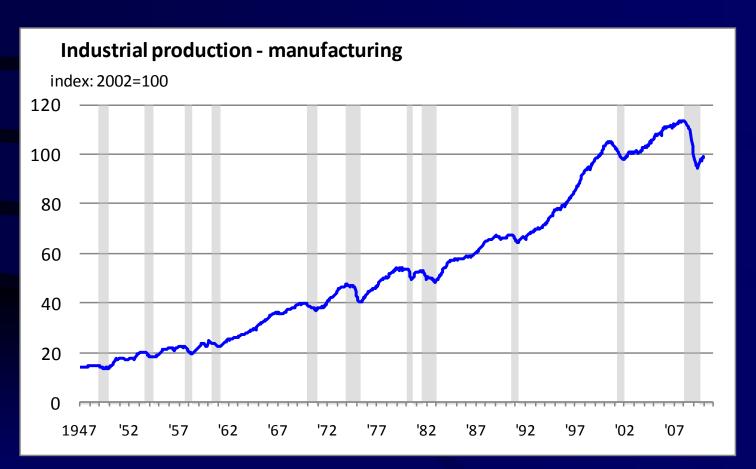


Manufacturing capacity has been falling at the fastest pace over the past 60 years



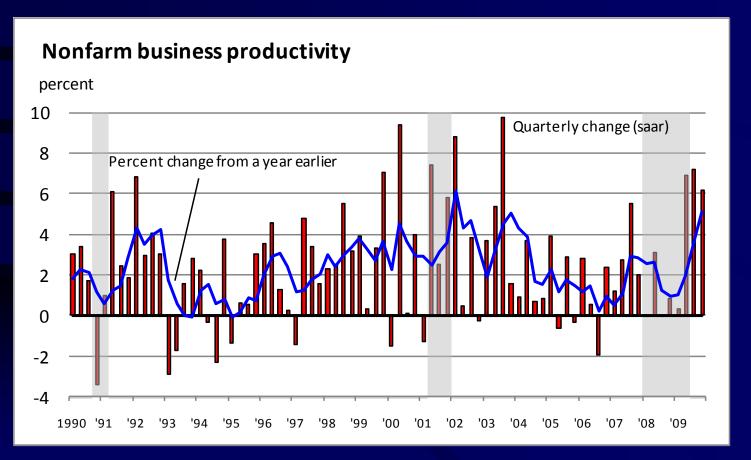


Before the start of the recession, output in the U.S. was at a record high, more than 700% higher than just after World War II



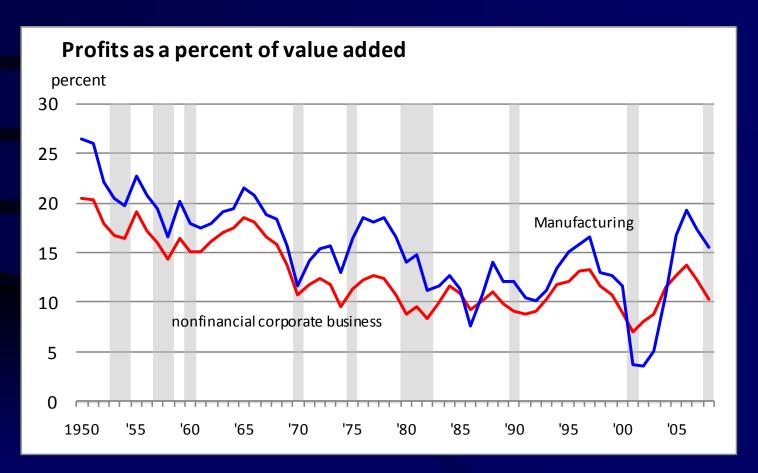


Productivity growth is very strong



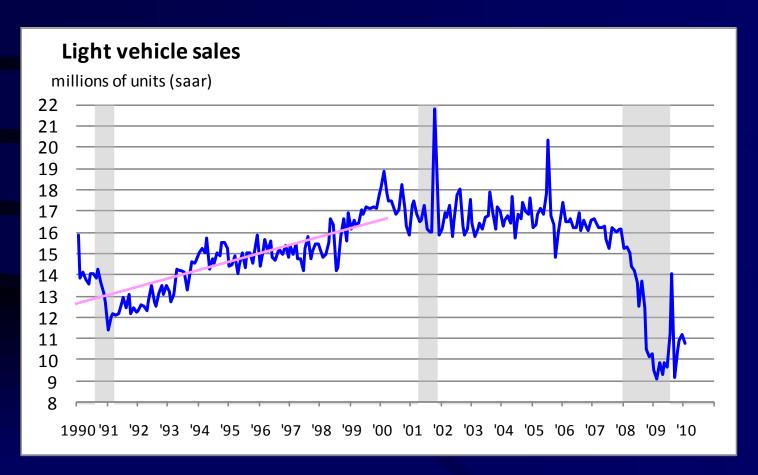


While more cyclical, profits in manufacturing have out-performed returns in nonfinancial corporate businesses



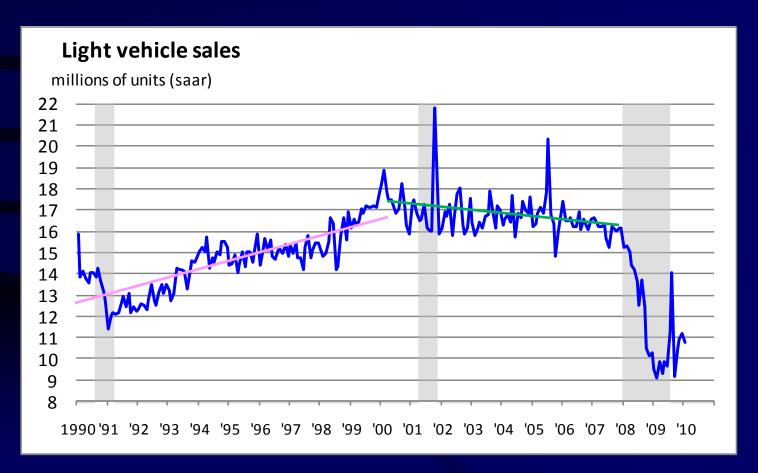


Light vehicle sales rose during the 1990s



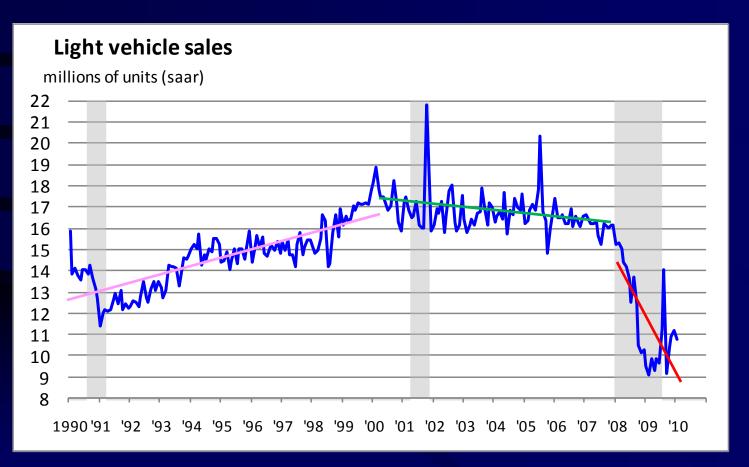


The best selling years for light vehicles were 1999-2007, but with no growth



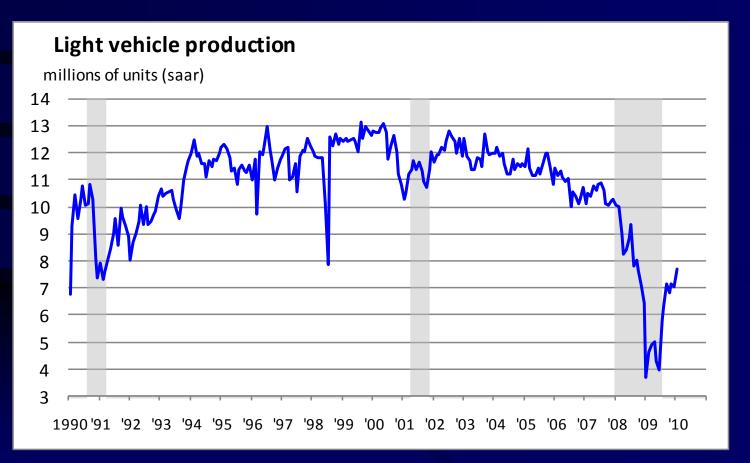


Beginning in 2008, light vehicle sales collapsed, with 2009 sales off 21%



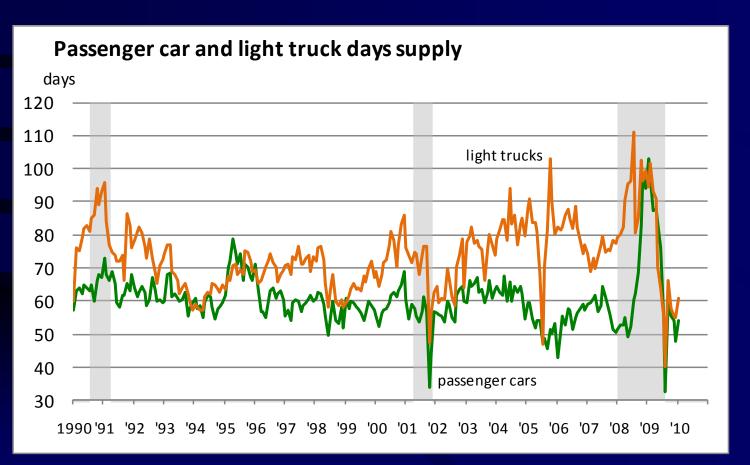


Yet, light vehicle production was cut back by 34%



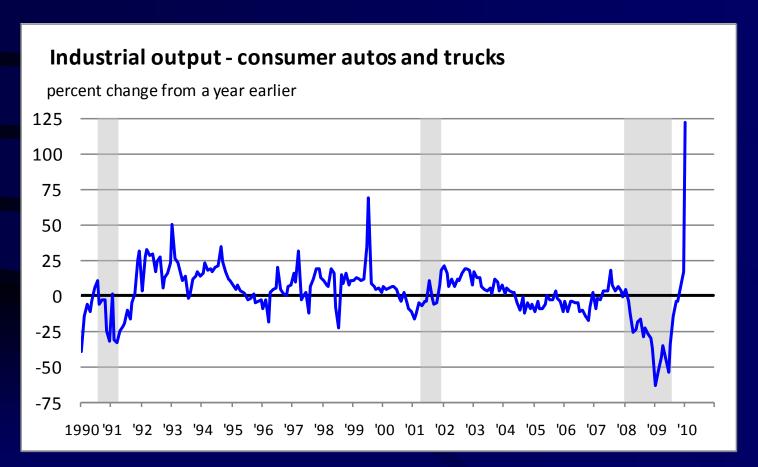


Inventories for car and light trucks are below desired levels



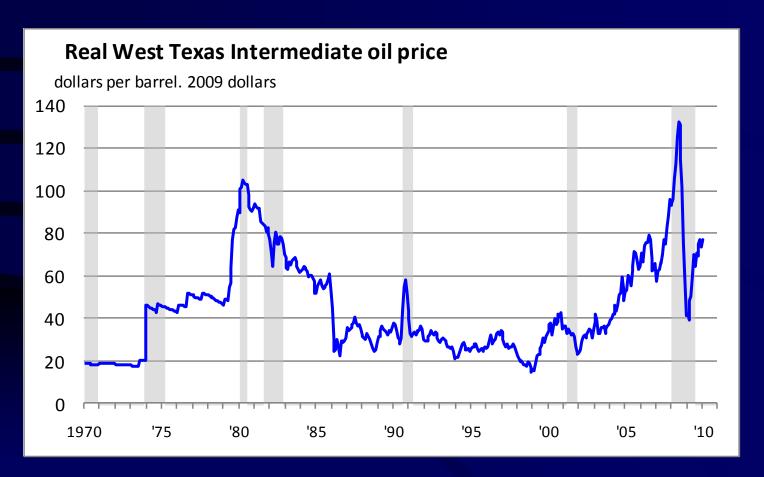


Industrial production for light vehicles surged in January



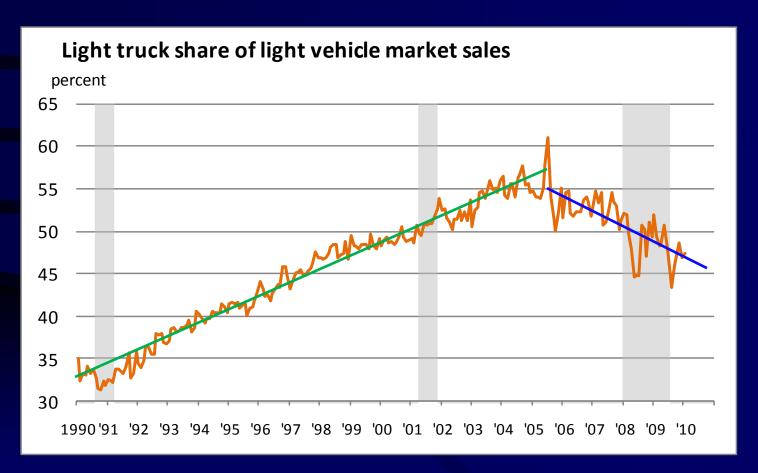


Real oil prices have been rising through most of last decade, only falling back during the Great Recession



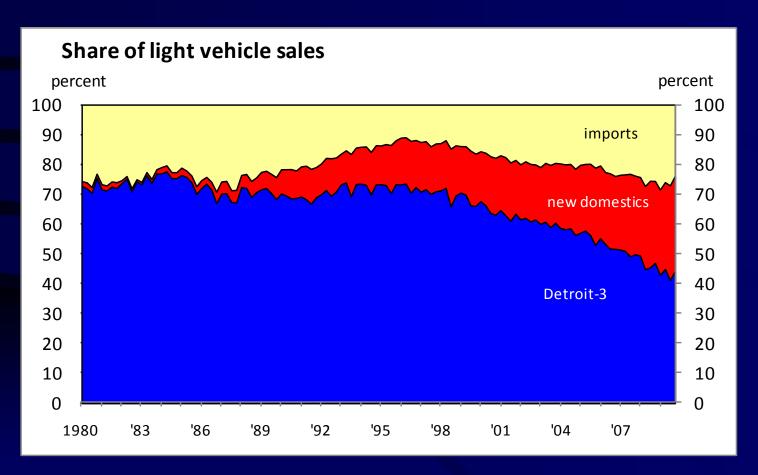


Light truck market share has been falling since August 2004





Increases in new domestic production share has offset losses in Detroit-3 market share





Prior to Spyker's deal to buy Saab from General Motors – there were rumors that IKEA might buy Saab





The economic indicators are signaling cautious economic growth for light vehicle sales

		From the start of the current Recession	Latest Data ²
eal GDP	tillough 2007.Q+	Current Houseston	Lutoti Butu
Average Q/ Q% @ AR	3.0	-0.8	5.7
eal Consumption			
Average Q/Q% @ AR	3.3	-0.3	2.0
ndex of Consumer Sentiment			
Average Index	91.2	65.4	74.4
mployment Growth			
Average change in jobs (thous.)	134.9	-337.0	-20.0
nemployment rate			
Average %	5.4	7.6	9.7
corporate Profits			
Average Q/Q% @ AR	9.8	-3.8	17.8
SM-Manufacturing Index			
Average Index	51.7	46.4	58.4
lew and Existing Home Sales			
Average, Thousands	5,222	4,884	5,132
eal Oil Prices - West Texas Intermed			
Average \$/ bbl (2009 prices)	37.55	80.21	77.05
CE Inflation			
Average Y/Y% Change	2.4	1.8	2.1
ed Funds Rate			
Average %	4.38	1.01	0.11

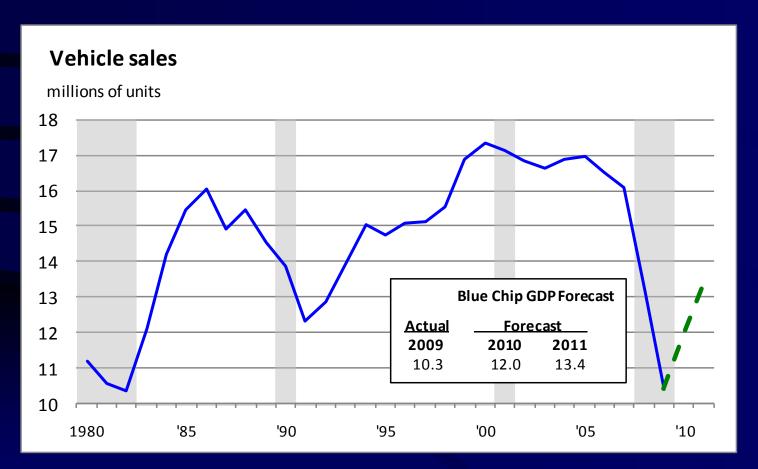
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Beginning in January 2008 for monthly data or 2008:Q1 for quarterly data

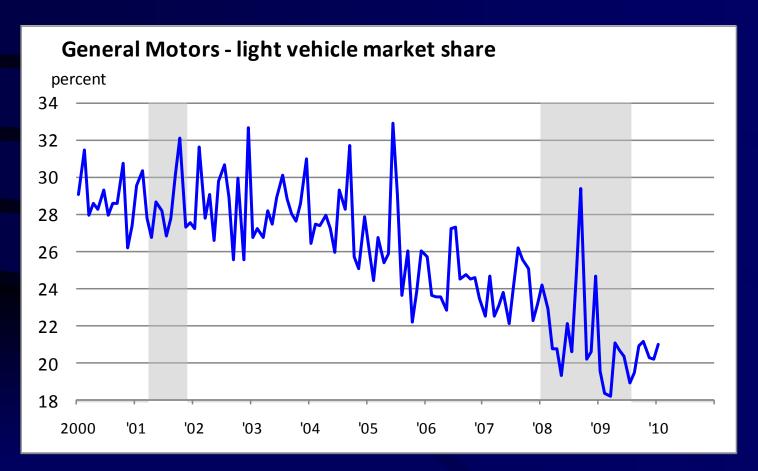
Latest month or quarter

Vehicle sales are expected to improve at a moderate pace



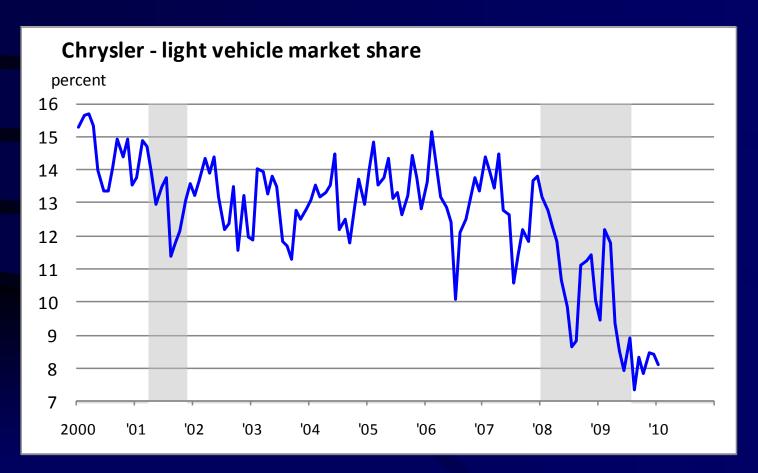


General Motors market share was hurt by their bankruptcy and has slowly been improving



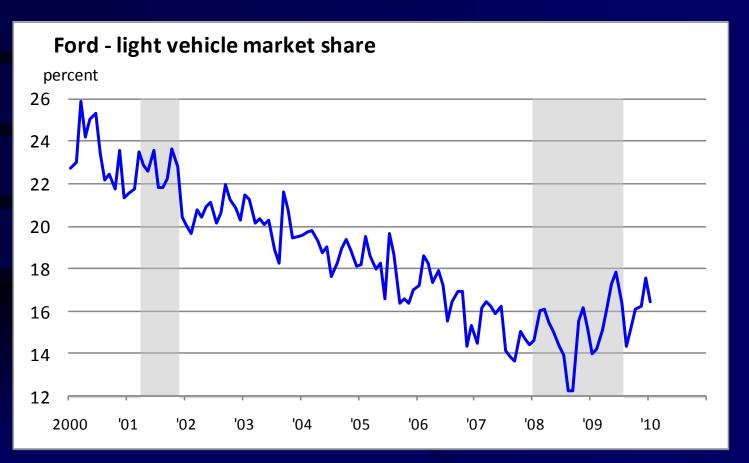


Chrysler's market share was also hurt by their bankruptcy but recovery has been more elusive



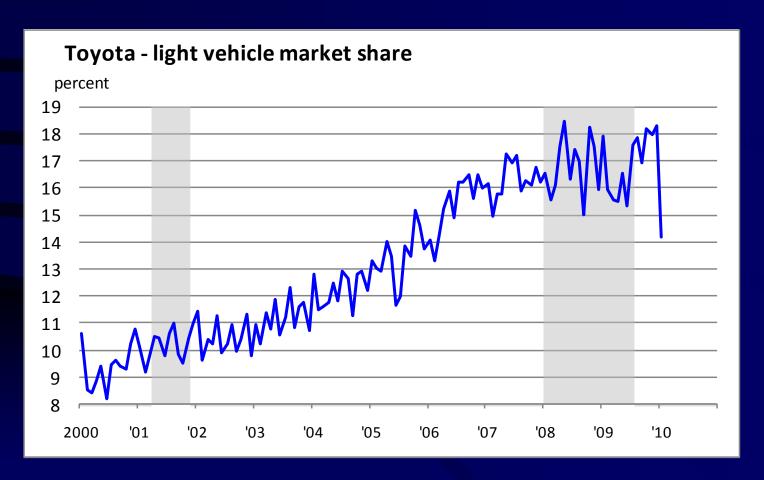


Ford's market share has been rising over the past year and a half



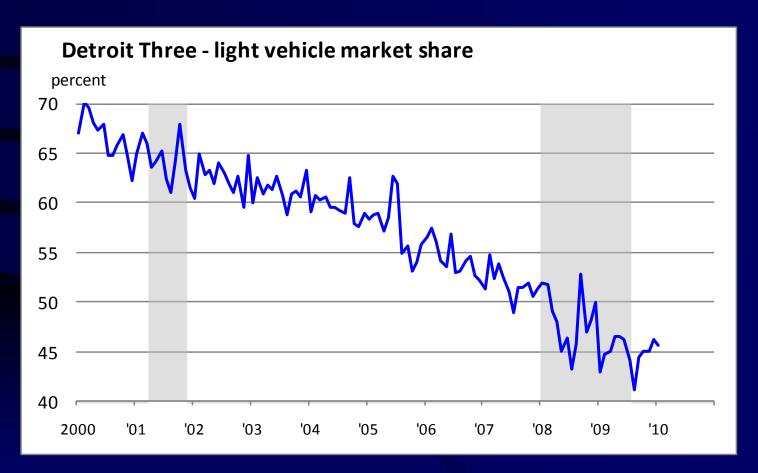


Toyota's market share was rising during GMs and Chrysler's trouble but they ran into quality problems that have seriously impacted their market share in January



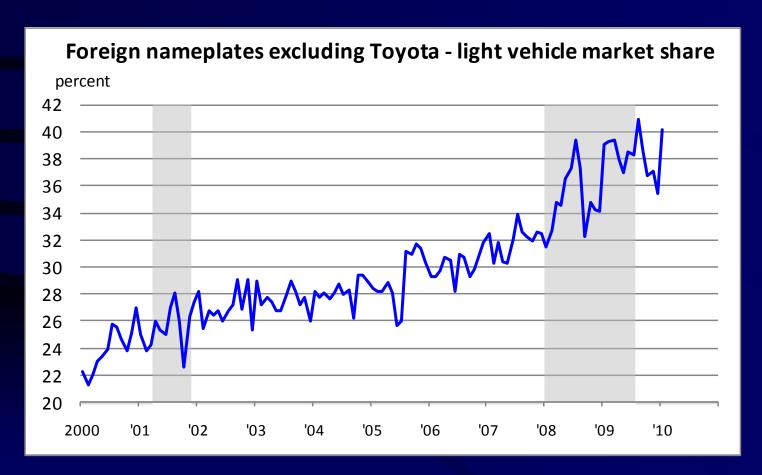


So far, the Detroit Three have not benefitted from Toyota's troubles





Toyota's loss appears to be other foreign nameplate producer's gain





Summary

- •Growth in manufacturing output will be solid in 2010 and 2011 due to improving demand and rebuilding of depleted inventories
- Light vehicle sales are expected to improve moderately over the next two years
- Ford, the only domestic car company to not go through bankruptcy has been gaining market share
- It appears that Toyota's customers are more likely to replace a Toyota with another foreign nameplate vehicle



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