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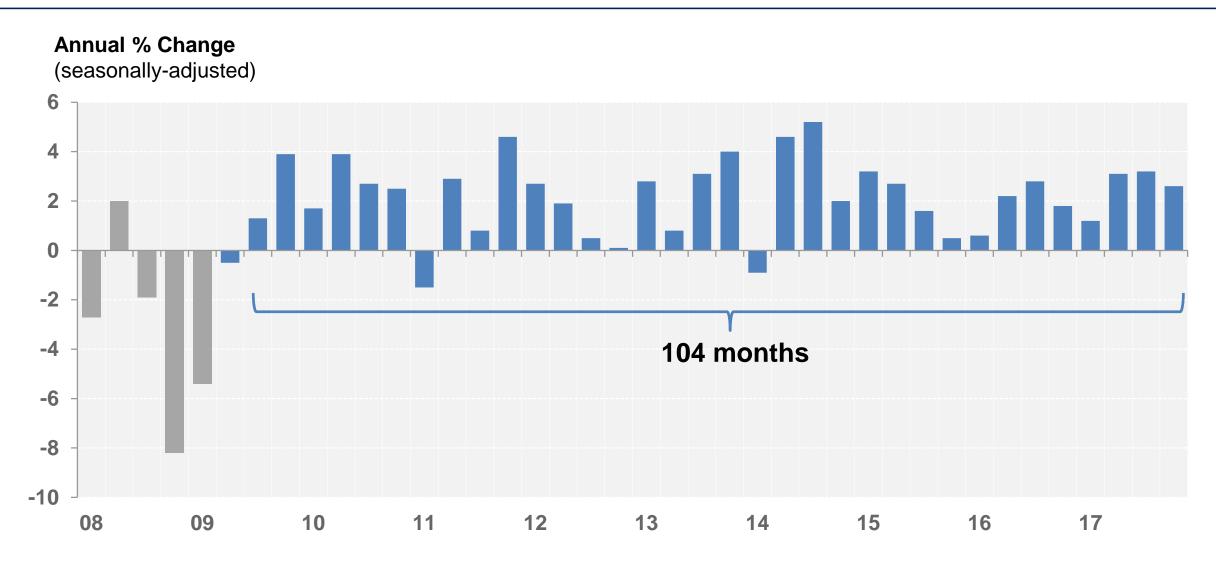


# Today's Outline

- National economic overview
- How is the labor market doing?
- Commercial real estate
- Let's talk about tax reform!



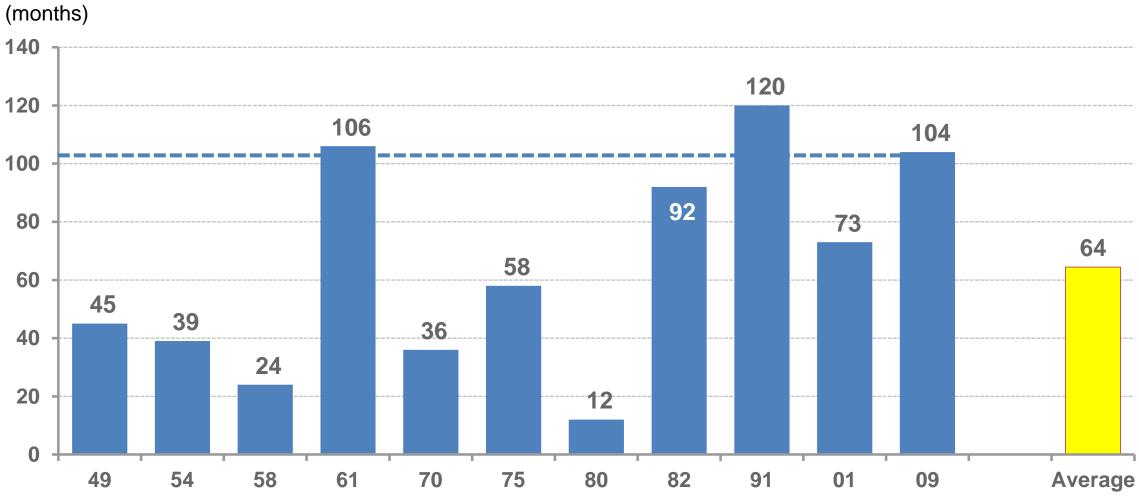
# How long can this expansion last?





## It's getting pretty long in the tooth

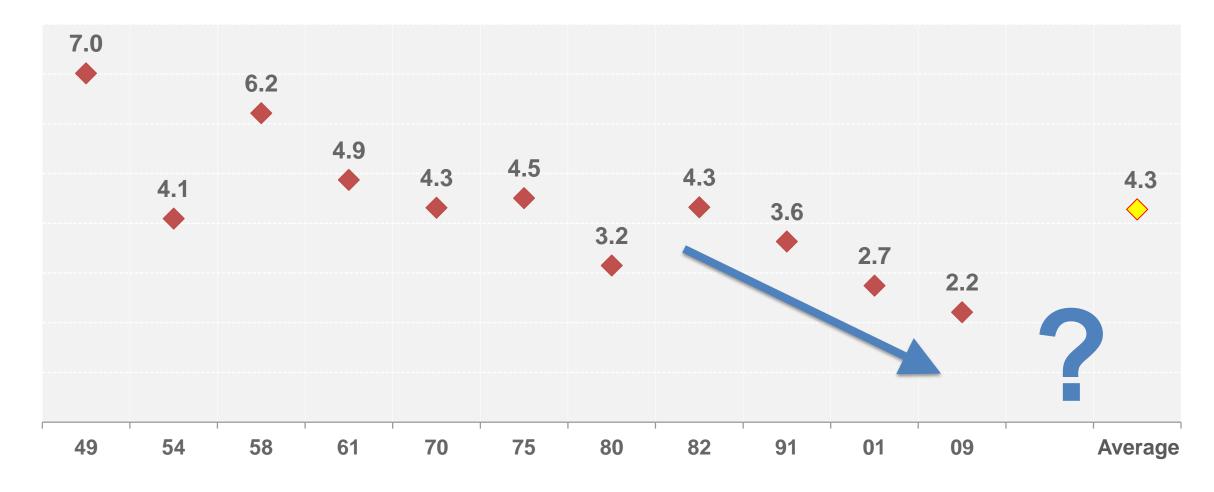






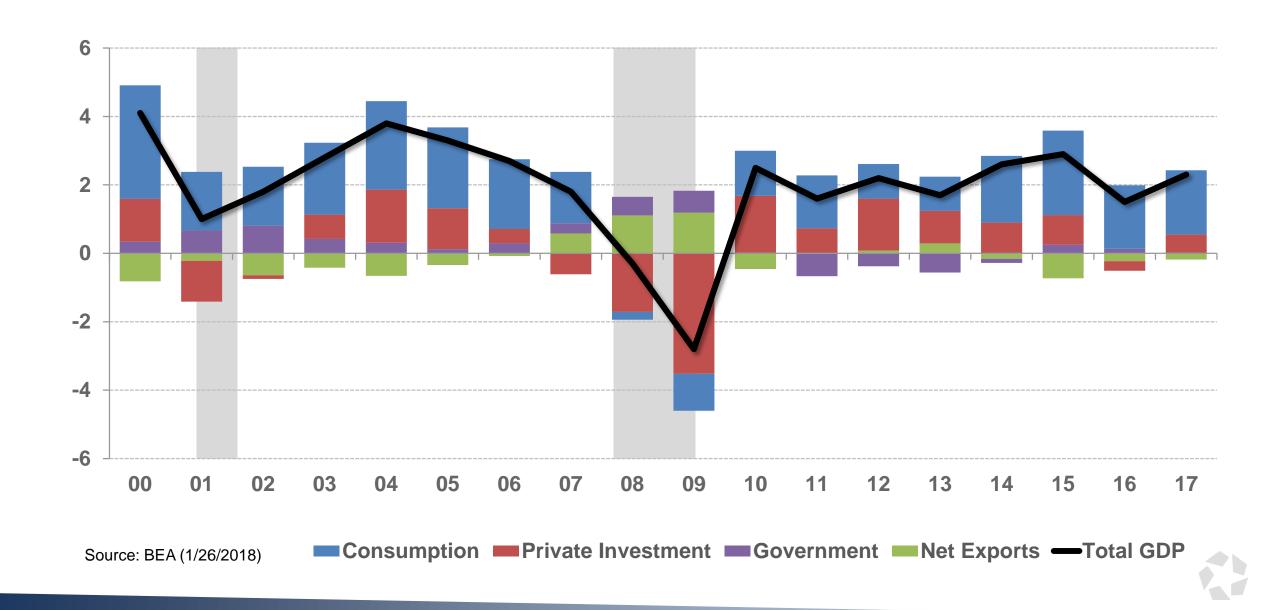
## Why the big slowdown during recent expansions?

#### **Average annual GDP growth rates**



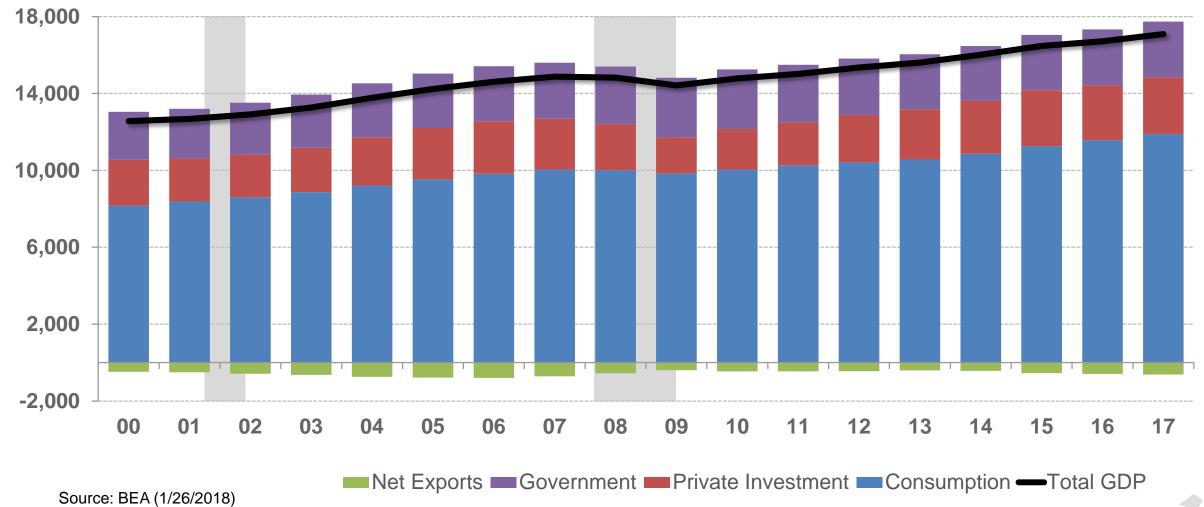


## Contribution to GDP growth by sector



## ECON 101: GDP = C + I + G + NX

#### Billions of chained (2009) dollars

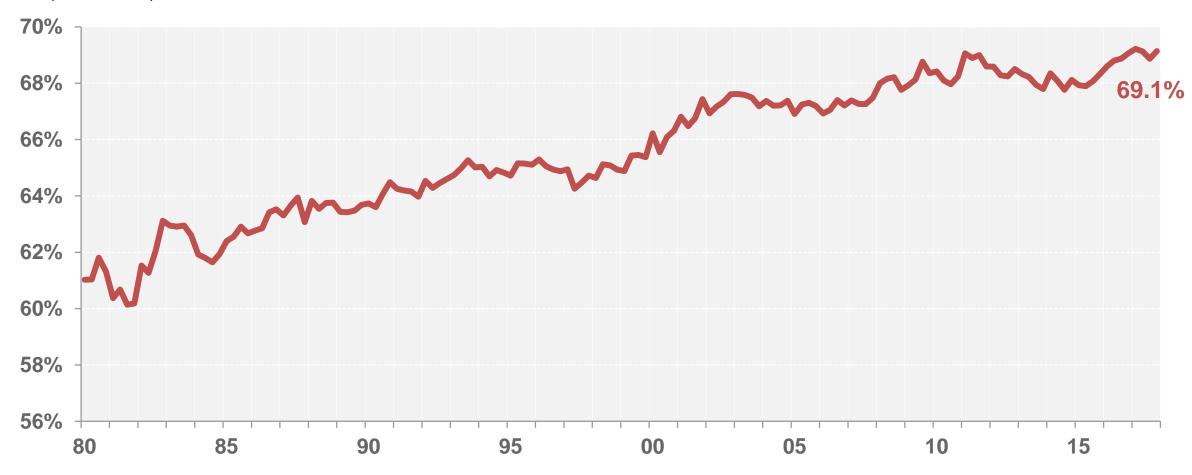




## Consumers are driving growth

#### **Personal Consumption Expenditures**

(% of GDP)

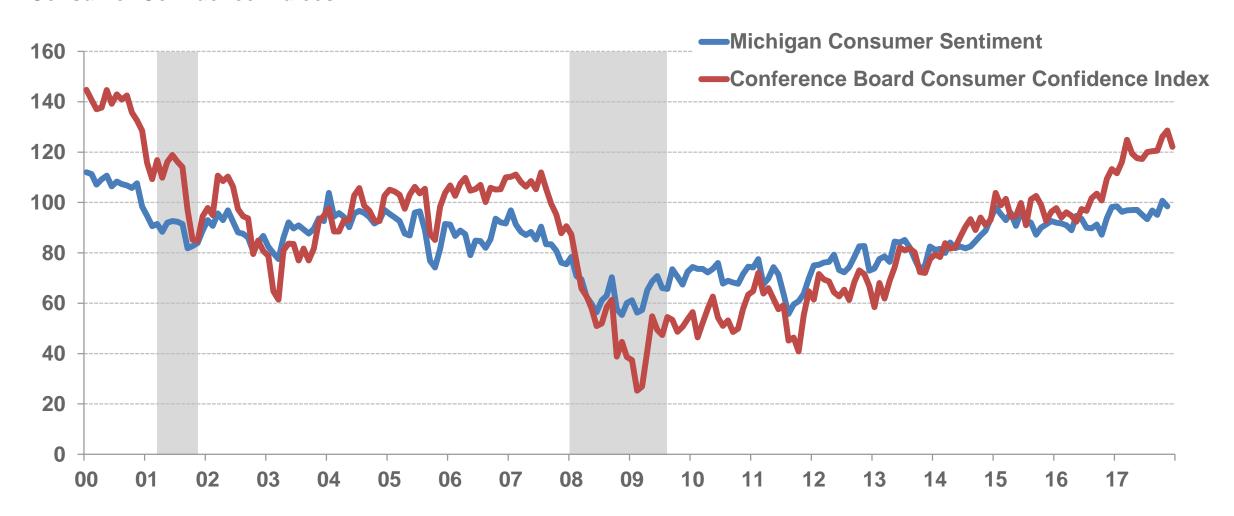


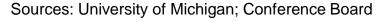




## It seems like consumers are pretty happy!

#### **Consumer Confidence Indices**



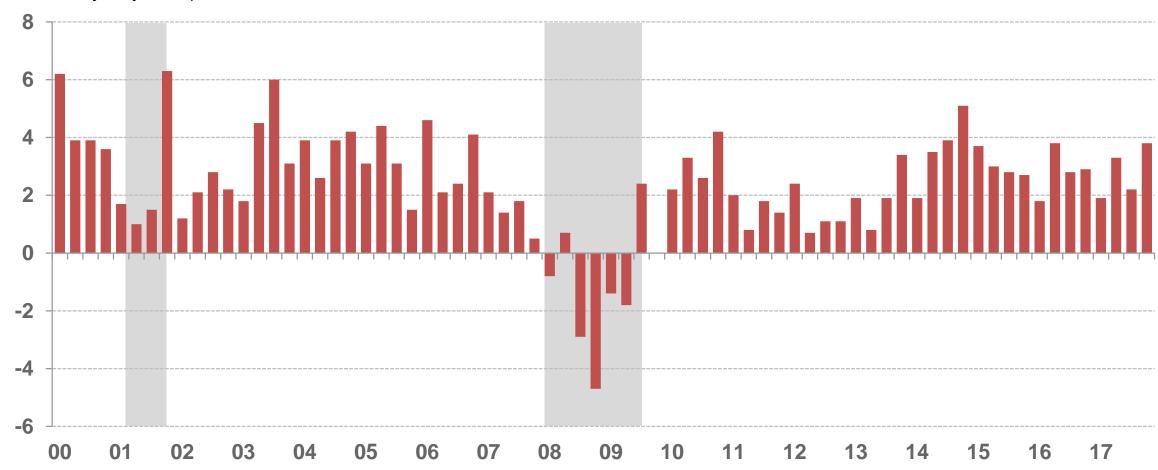




# Consumer spending growth has been pretty solid ...

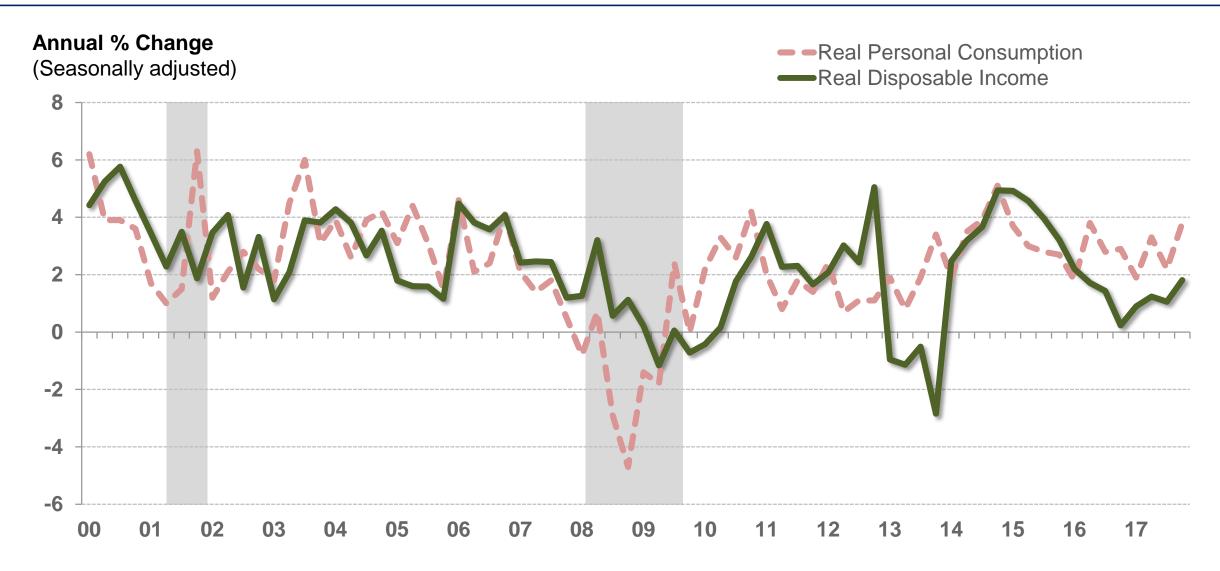
#### **Annual % Change**

(Seasonally-adjusted)





# ... so do consumers have juice to keep going?



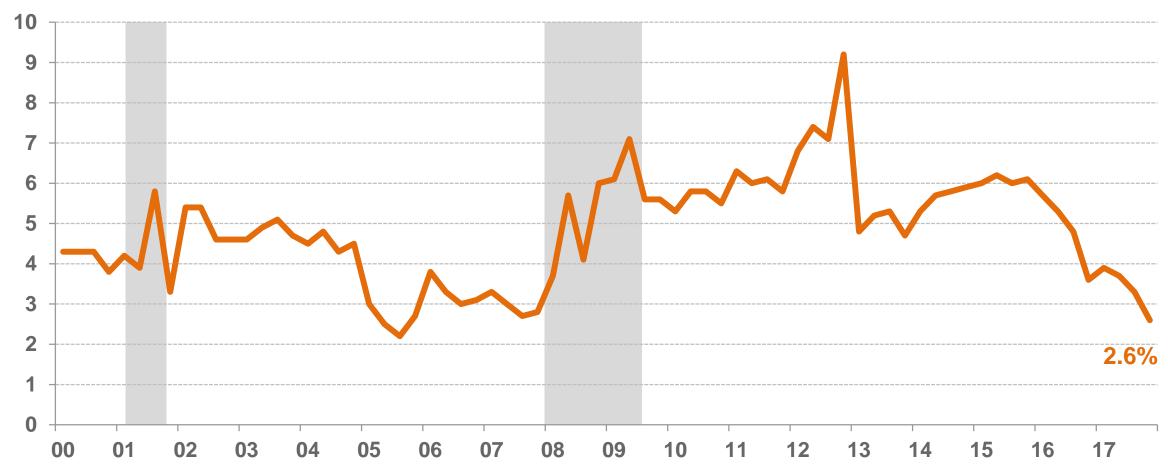




## ...but are they digging into their savings?

#### **Personal Savings Rate**

(Annual rate; seasonally-adjusted)

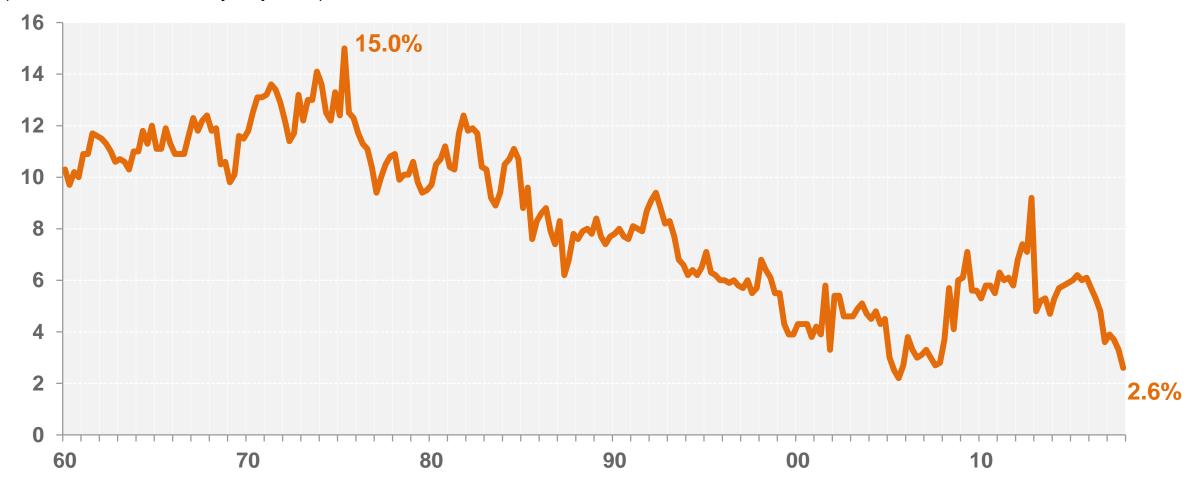




## A longer term perspective on savings

#### **Personal Savings Rate**

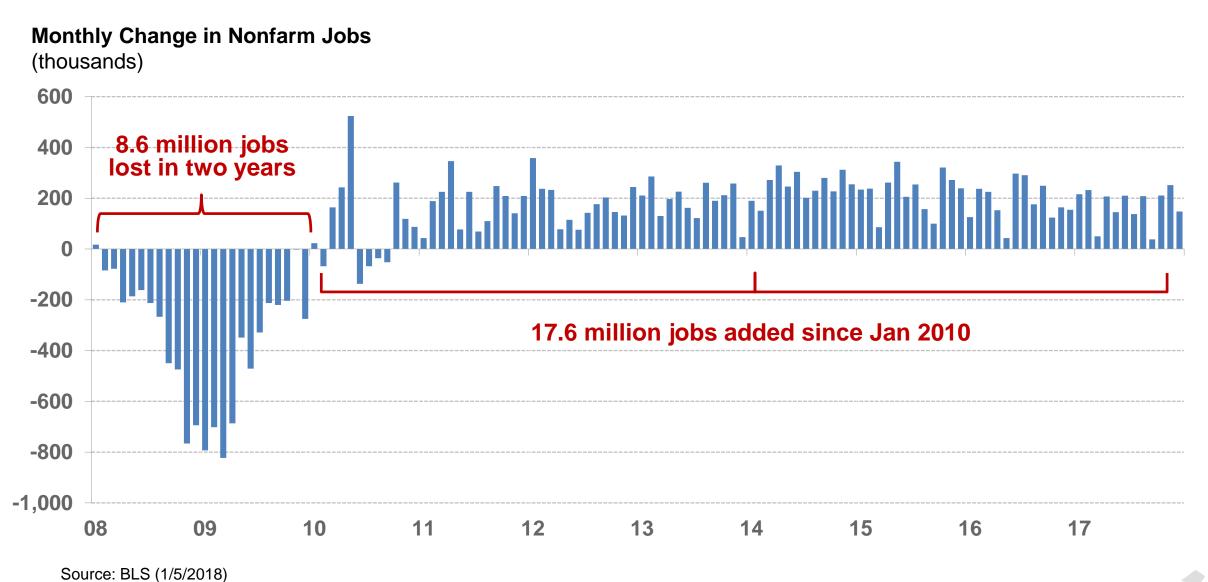
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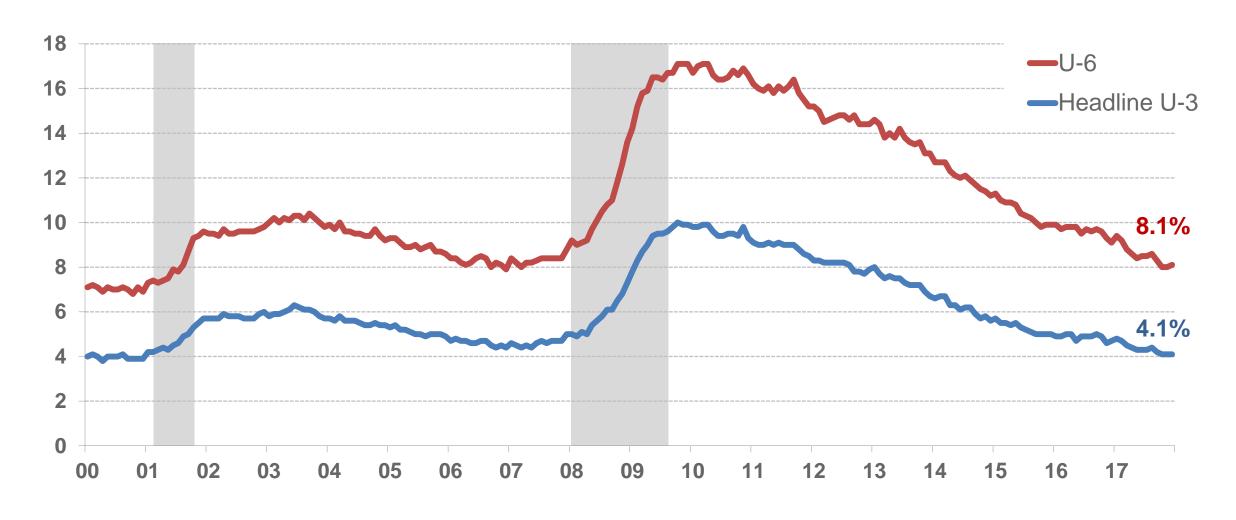


### Jobs continue to be added





## Unemployment rates keep sliding





## Declining labor force participation ....

#### **Percent of Population in the Labor Force**





## .... but prime working-aged population is coming back

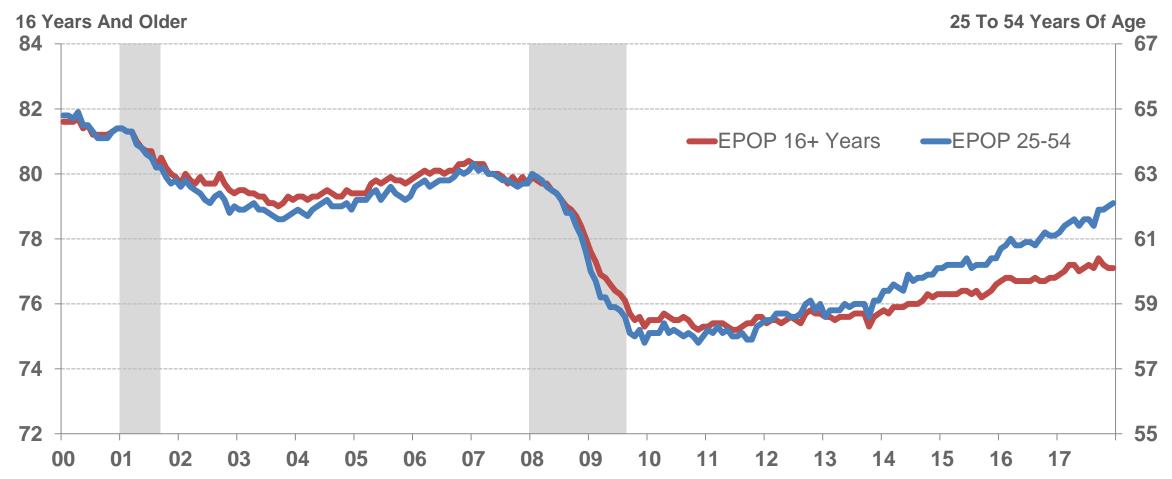
#### Percent of Population Aged 25-54 in the Labor Force





## There's LOTS of room for improvement!

#### **Percent of Population That Is Employed**



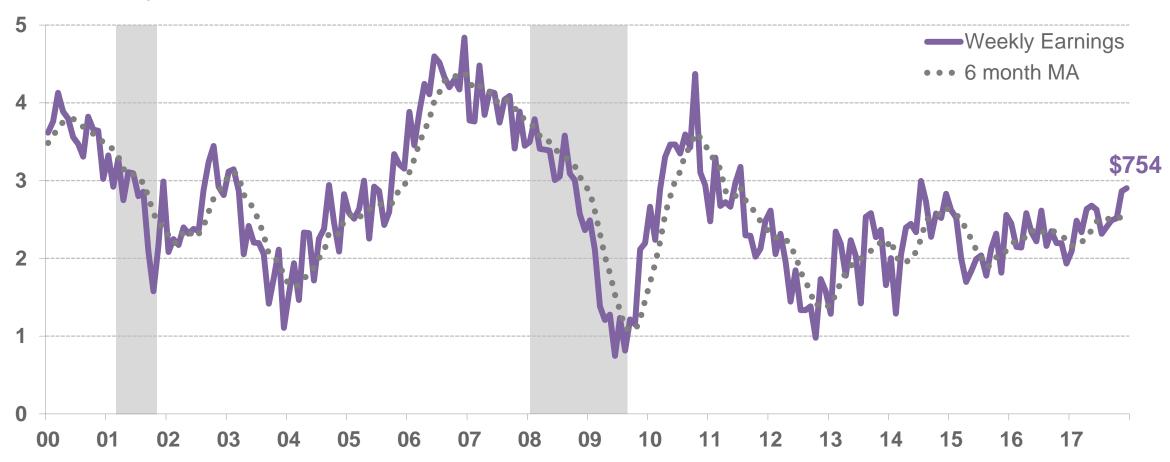
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



## Is wage growth finally accelerating?

#### **Average Weekly Earnings**

(Annual % change)

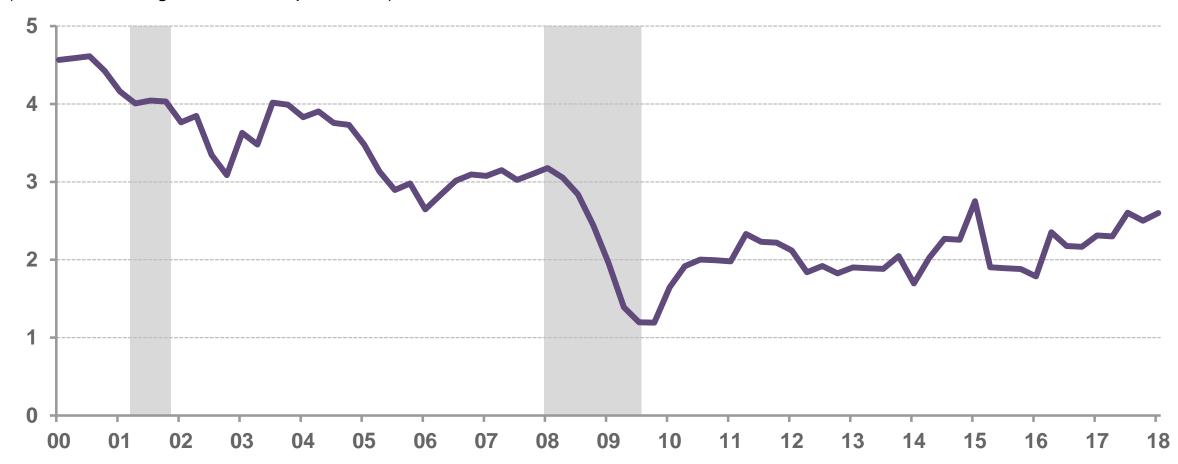




# And the employer's side is now on the rise

#### **Employment Cost Index**

(Annual % change in total compensation)



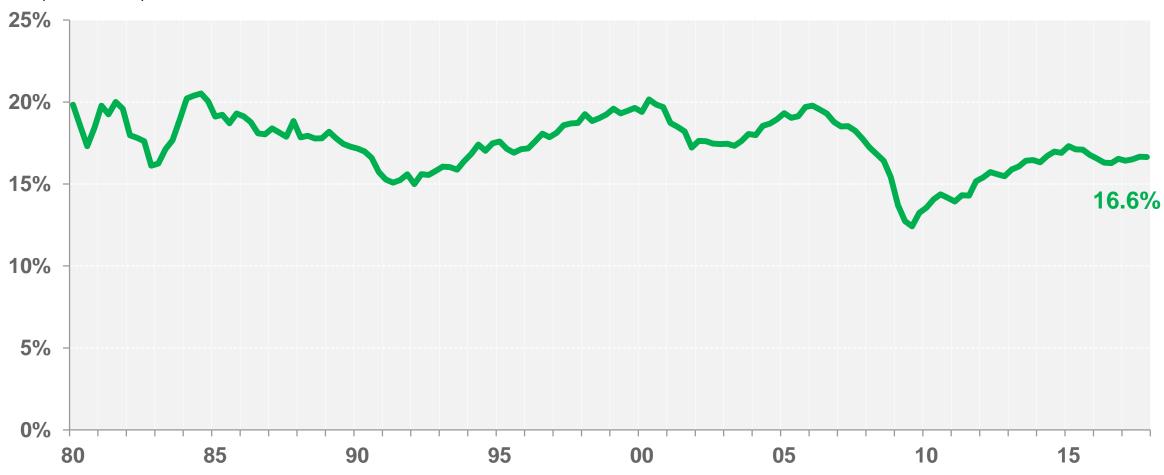




## Private investment could drive growth ...

#### **Gross Private Investment**

(% of GDP)

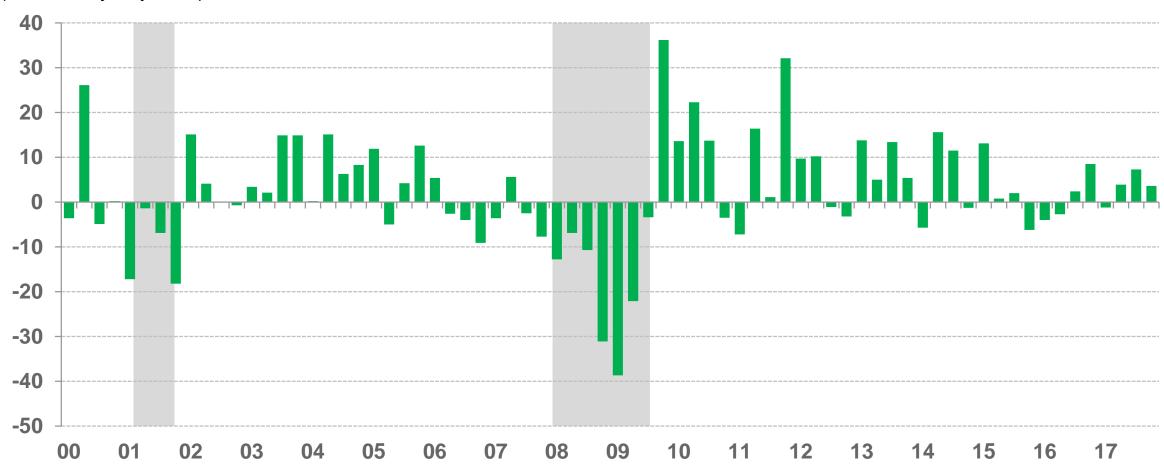




## .... but it is quite volatile

#### **Annual % Change**

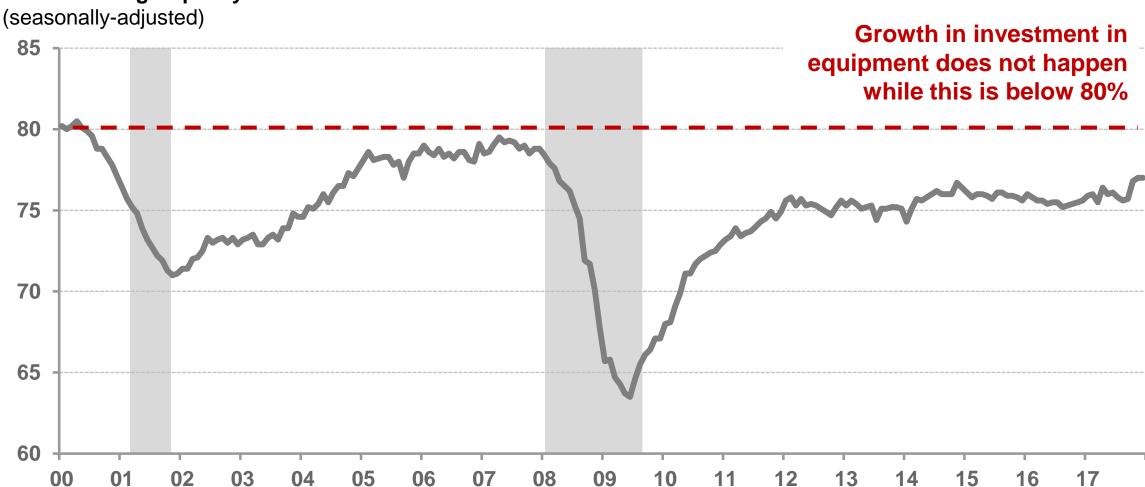
(Seasonally-adjusted)





## Firms still have idle capacity

#### **Manufacturing Capacity Utilization Rate**







Prices

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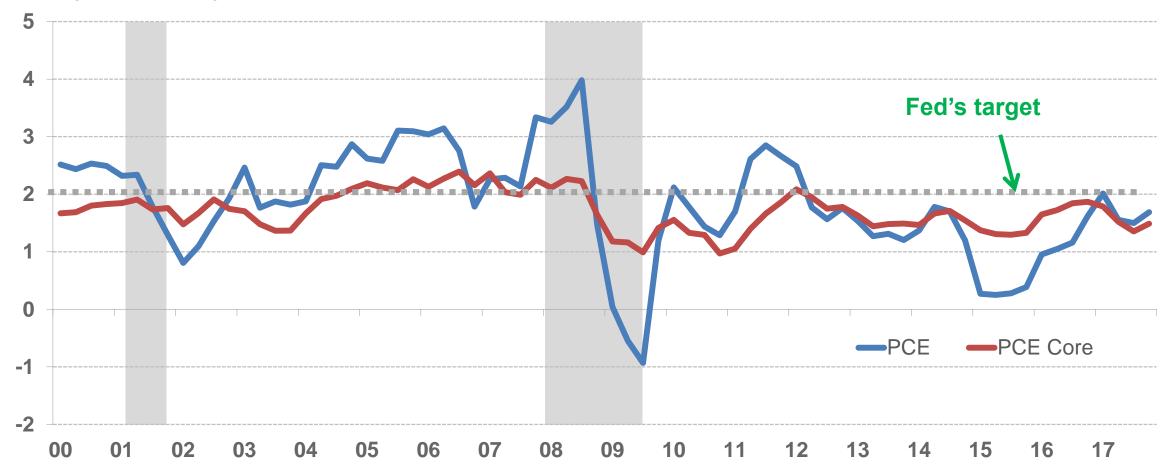
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## Inflation remains tame

#### **Personal Consumption Expenditure Price Index**

(% change from year ago)

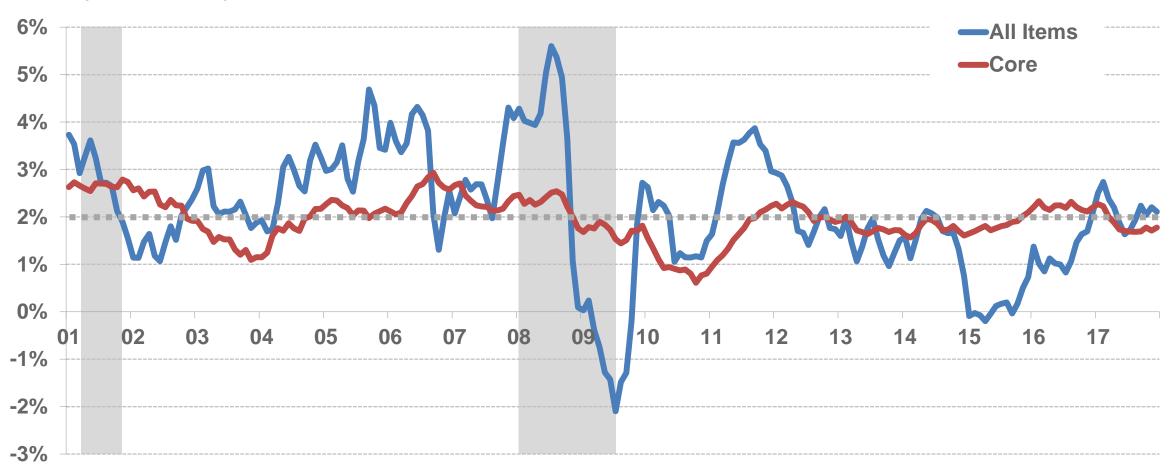




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#### **Consumer Price Index**

(% change from year ago)





## Interest rates are on the move





## How's the nation doing?

- Humming along nicely
  - But we may need to accept living in a slow growth-low inflation environment
- The consumer will continue to be the main driver
  - So a healthy labor market is important
  - But wage growth has been mediocre
  - ... hopefully it is increasing now
- How will the tax reform bill impact us?

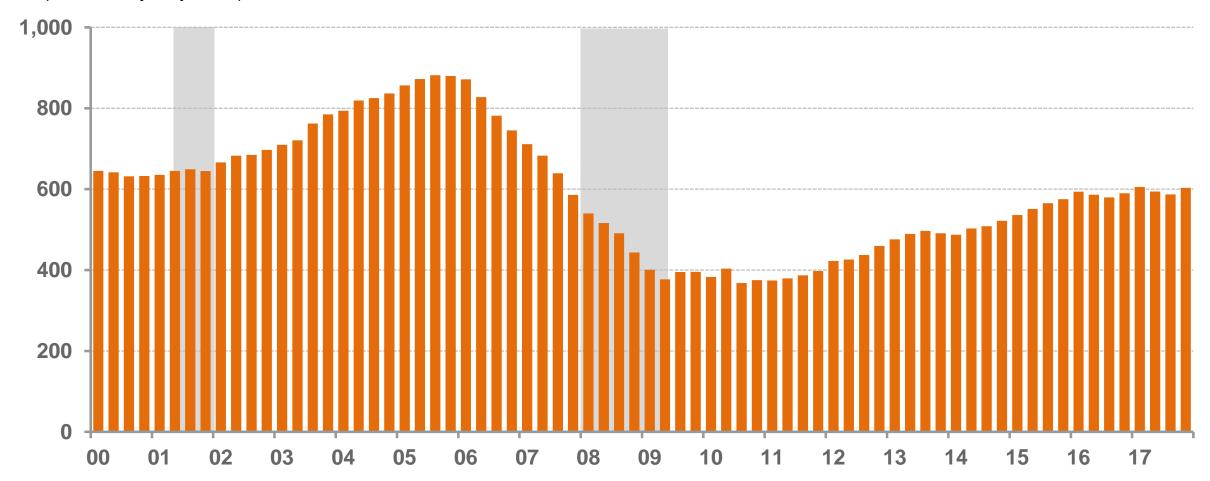




## Investment in residential construction is on the rise

#### Billions of chained (2009) dollars

(seasonally-adjusted)





## Are we building enough housing?

#### **New Privately-Owned Housing Completions**

(Units per hundred 25-64 population; seasonally-adjusted)



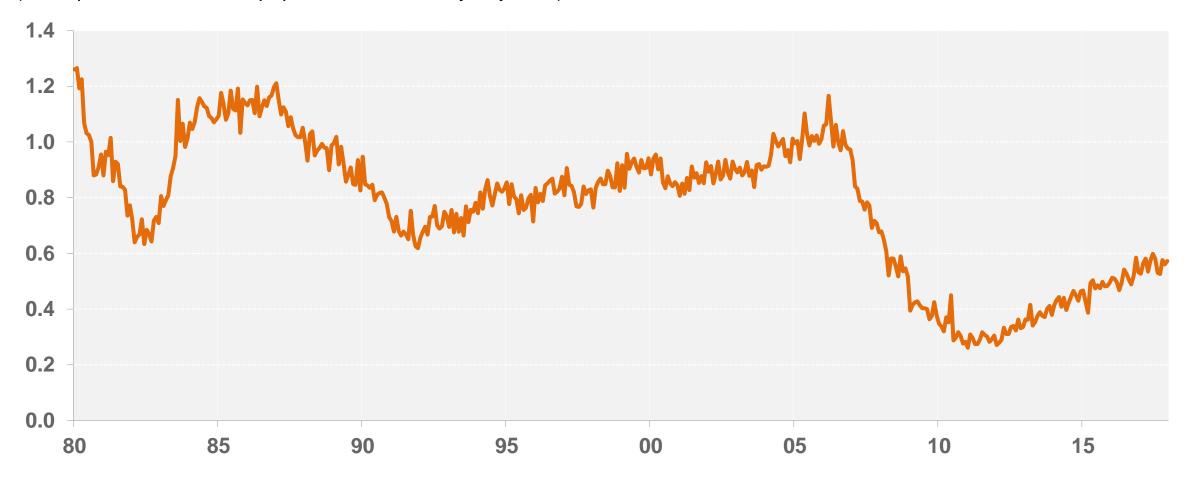
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



## A longer term perspective on completions

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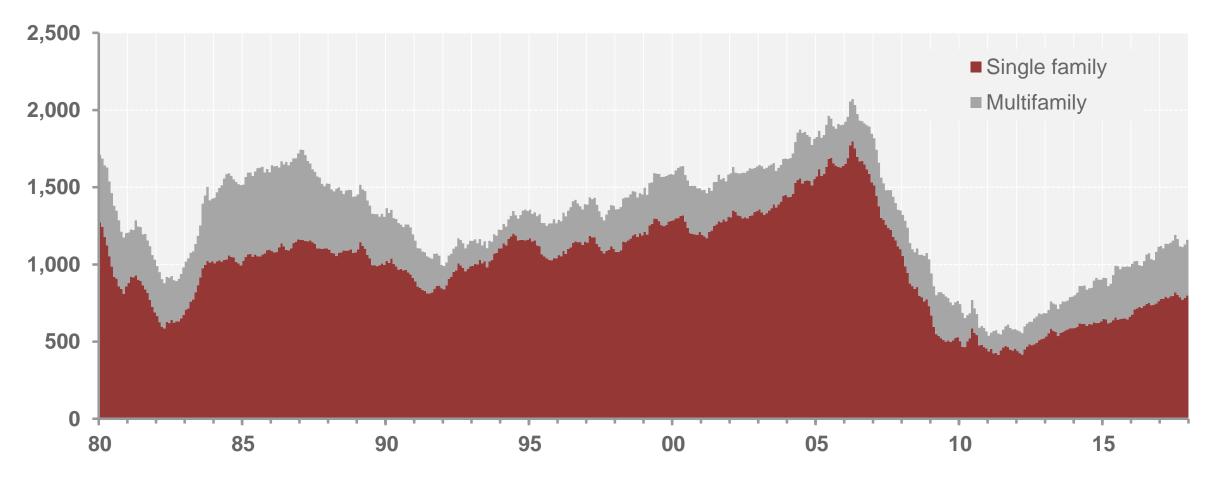




## Multifamily versus single completions over time

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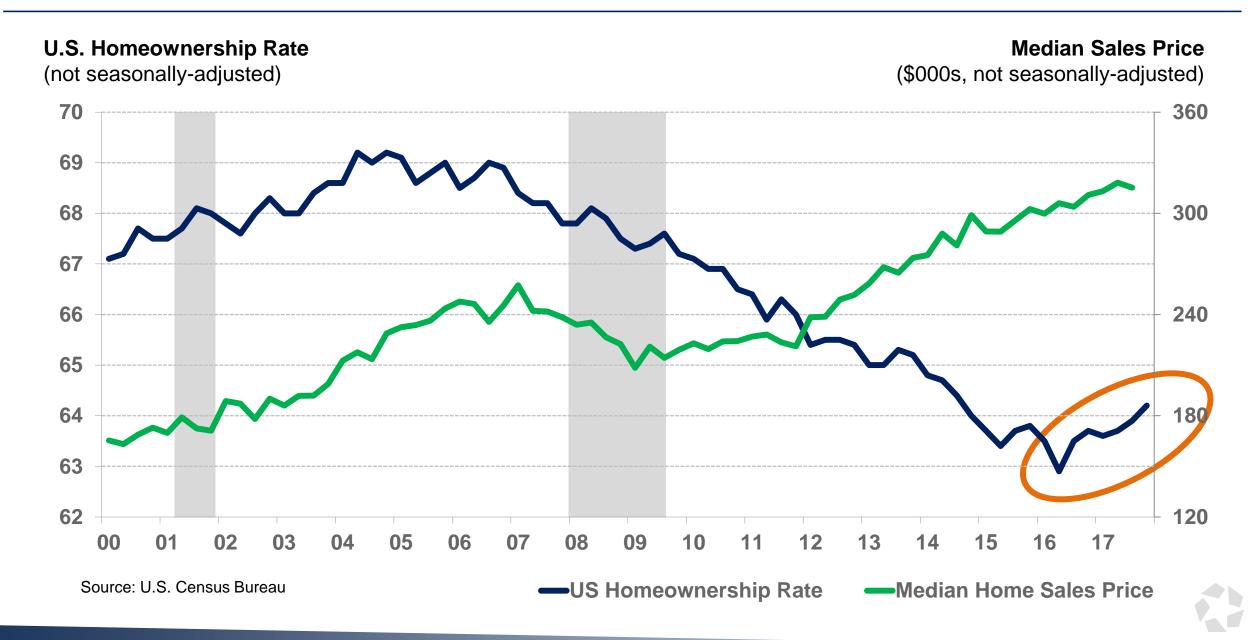
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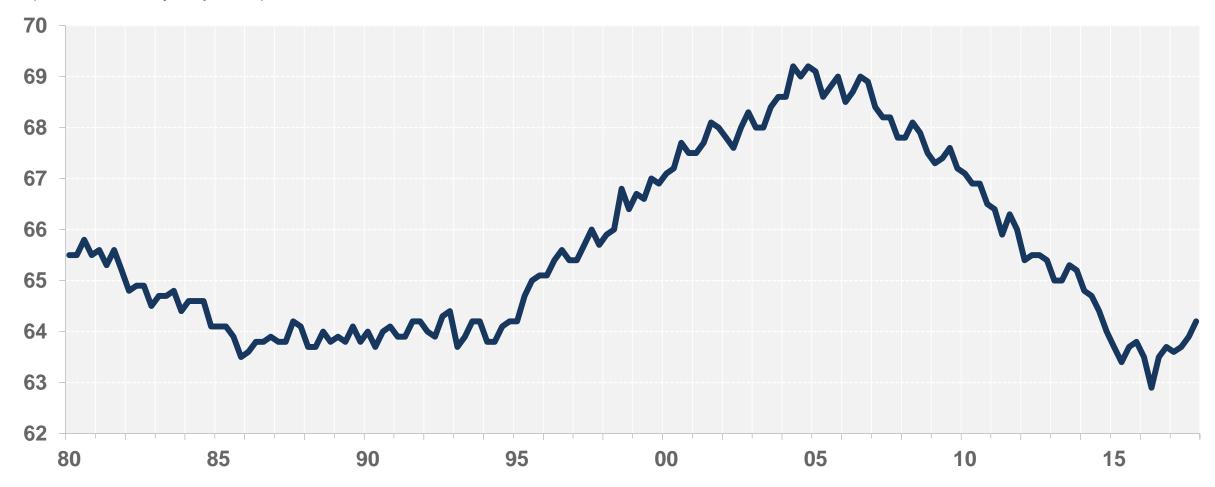
#### The decline in homeownership may be over



#### A longer term perspective on homeownership

#### **U.S. Homeownership Rate**

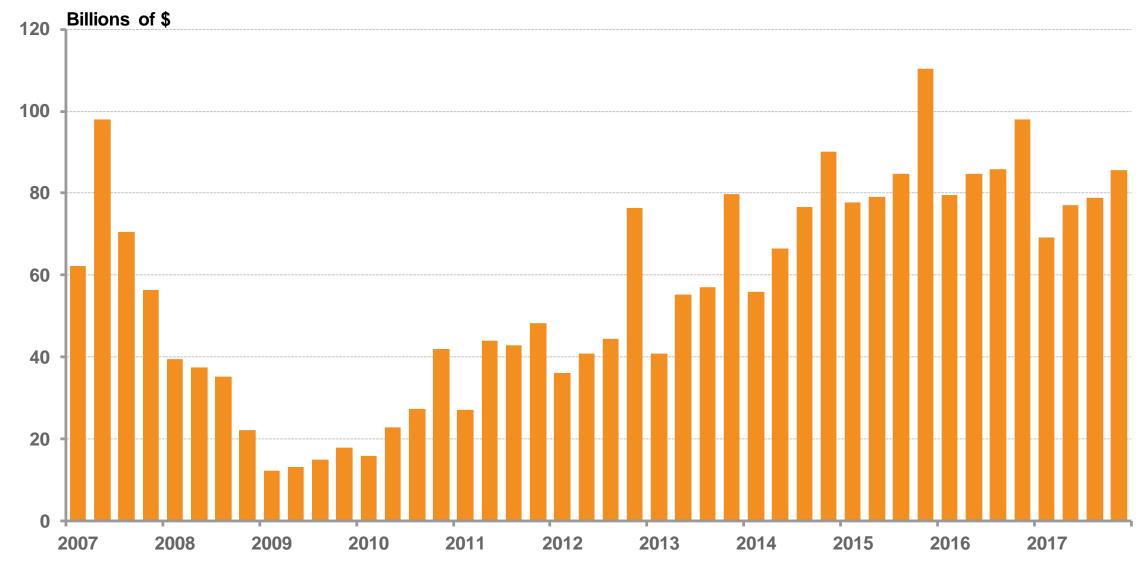
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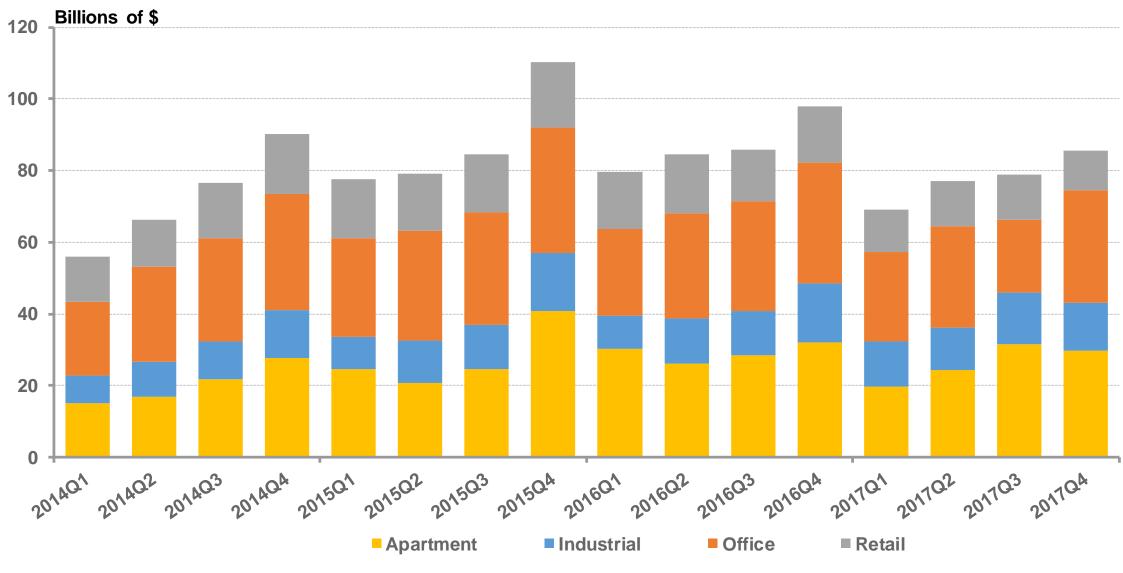




#### Total Sales Volume

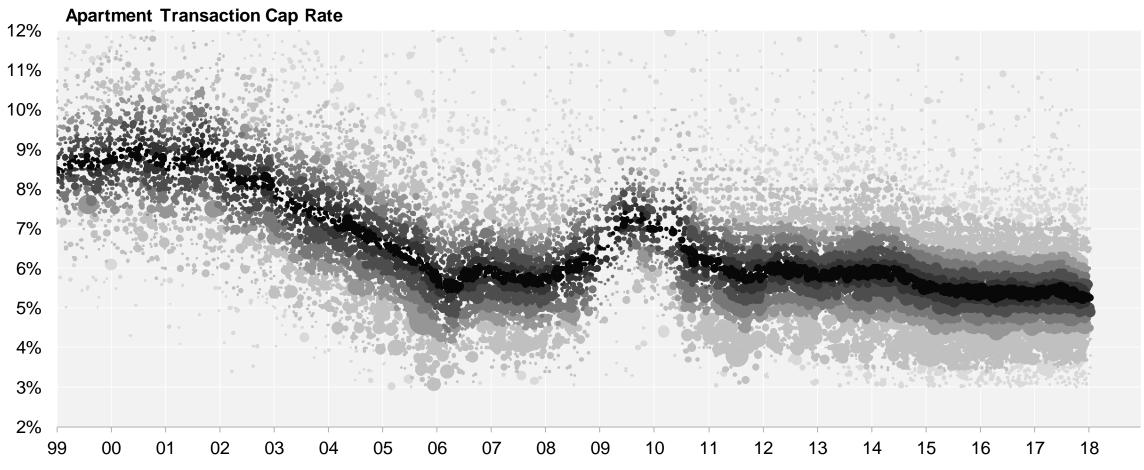


#### Sales Volume by Property Type





# National Cap Rates



Source: CoStar Portfolio Strategy. Cap rates are shaded by distance from trailing average to identify trend. Includes 2+ star-rated apartment assets selling for at least \$5 million.

As of January 2018

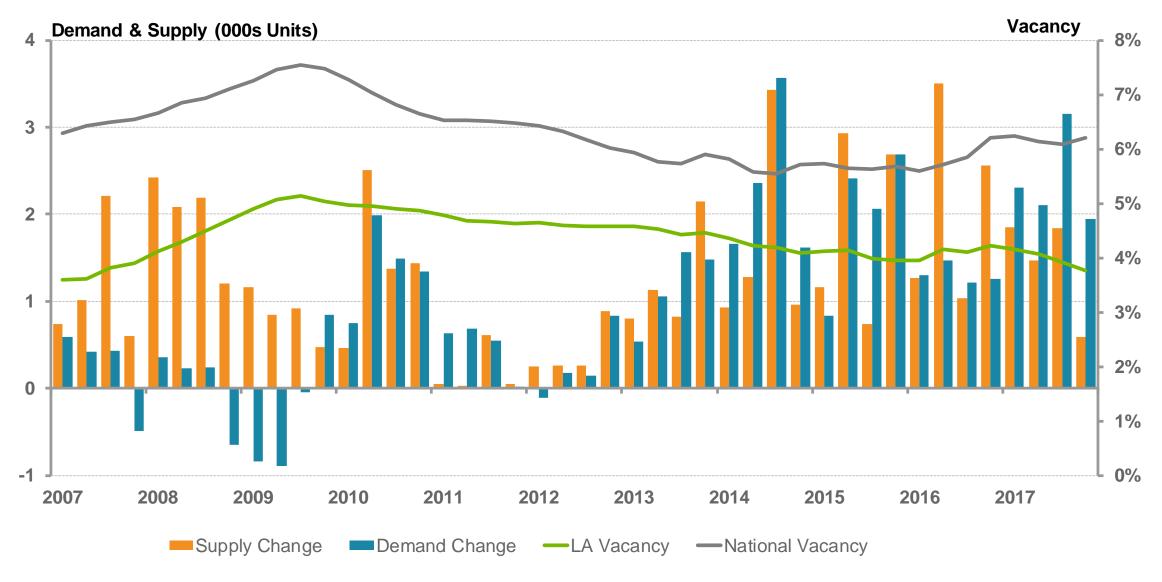
Transaction Cap Rate





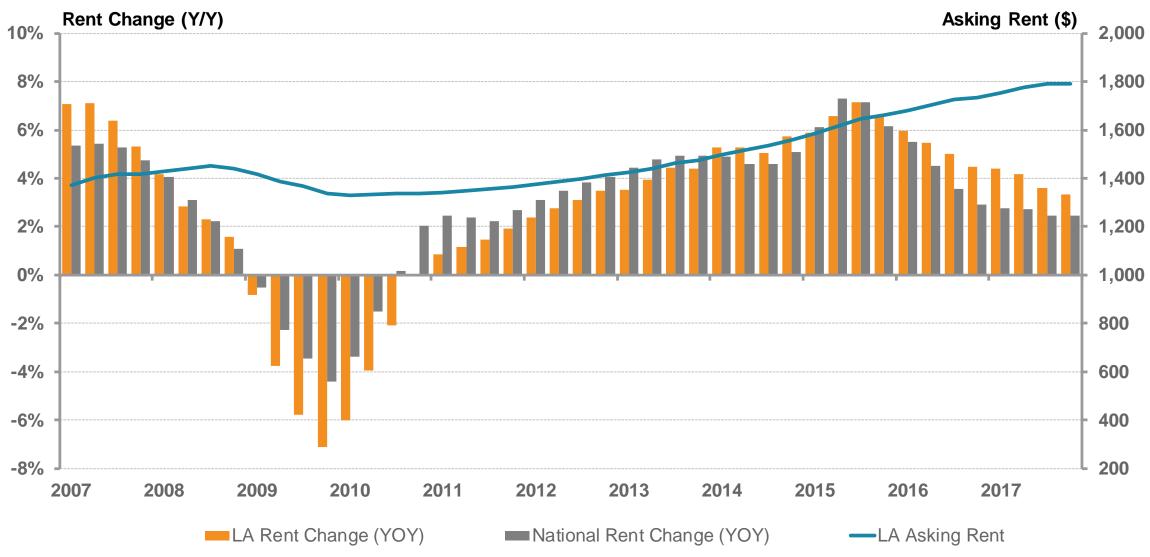


# LA County Apartment Supply and Demand



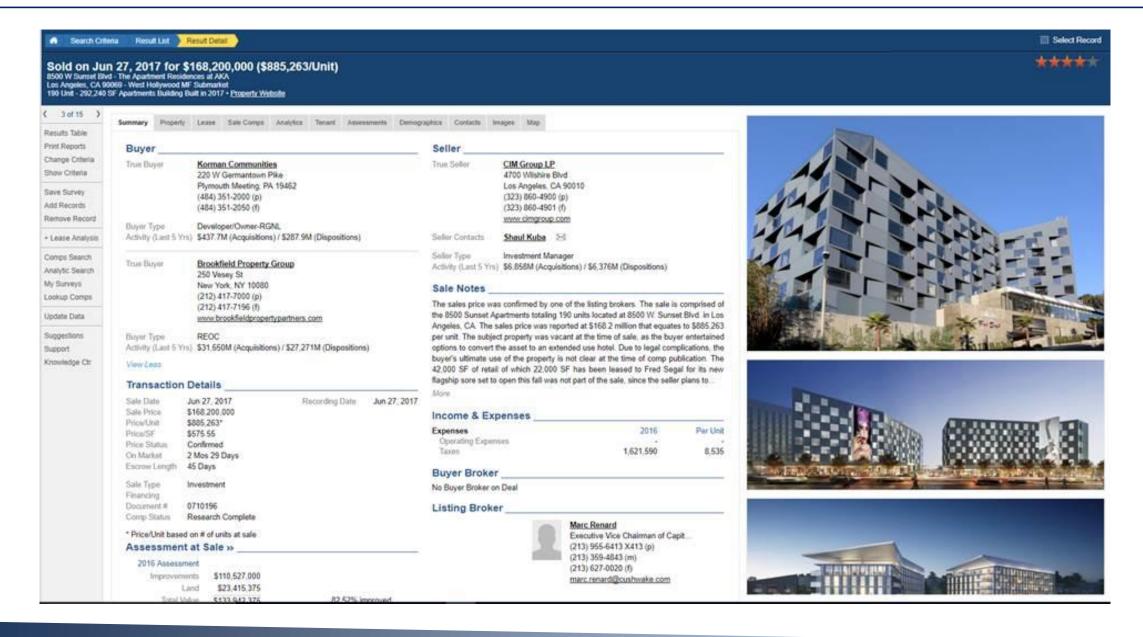


#### LA County Apartment Rents



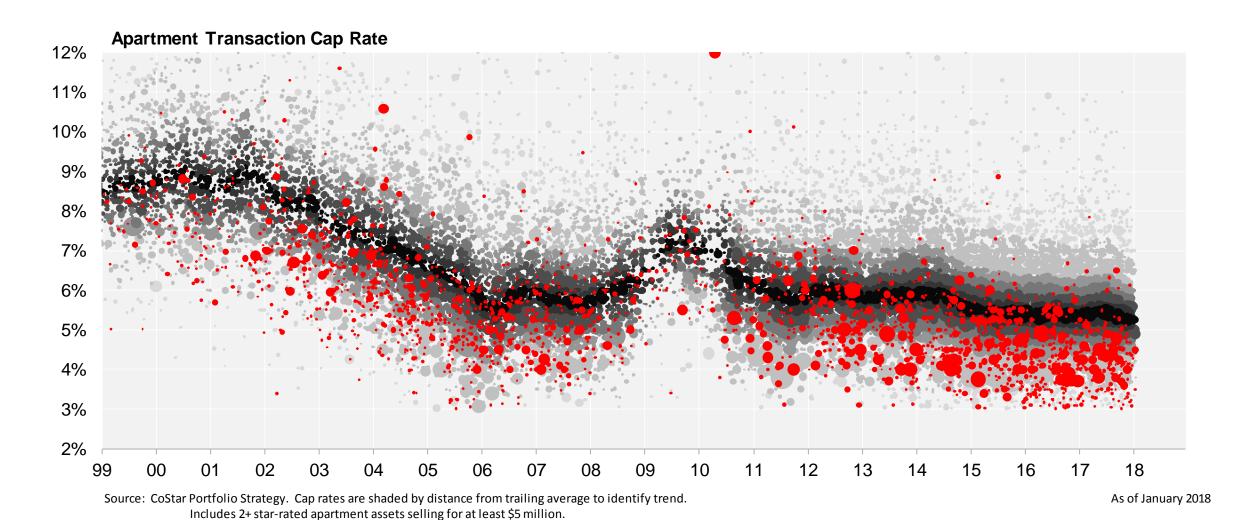


#### LA County Recent Transaction





#### Cap Rates in Los Angeles



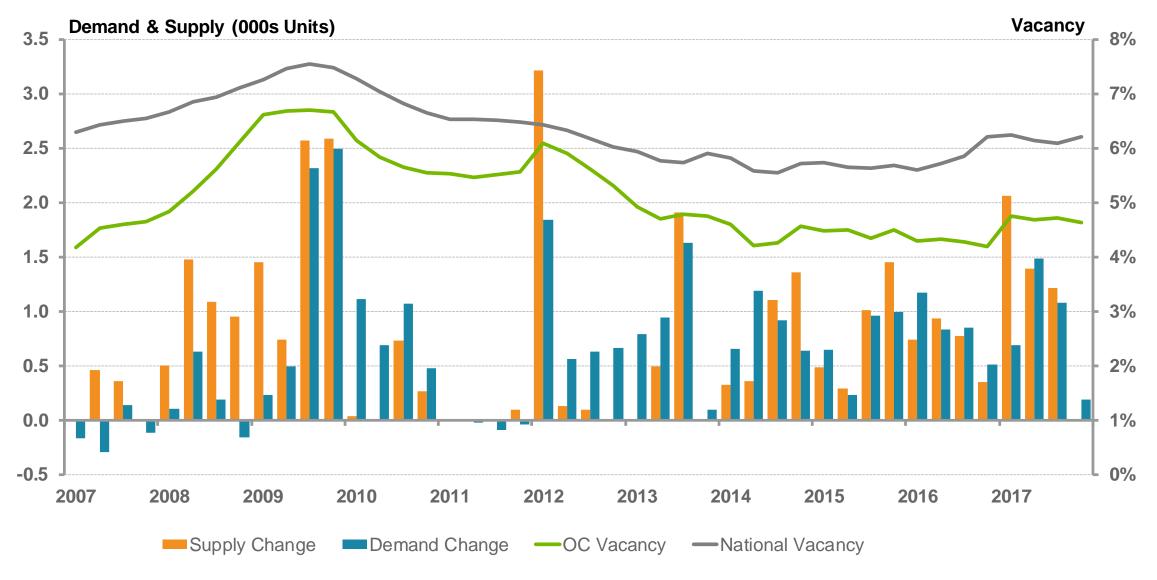
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Los Angeles



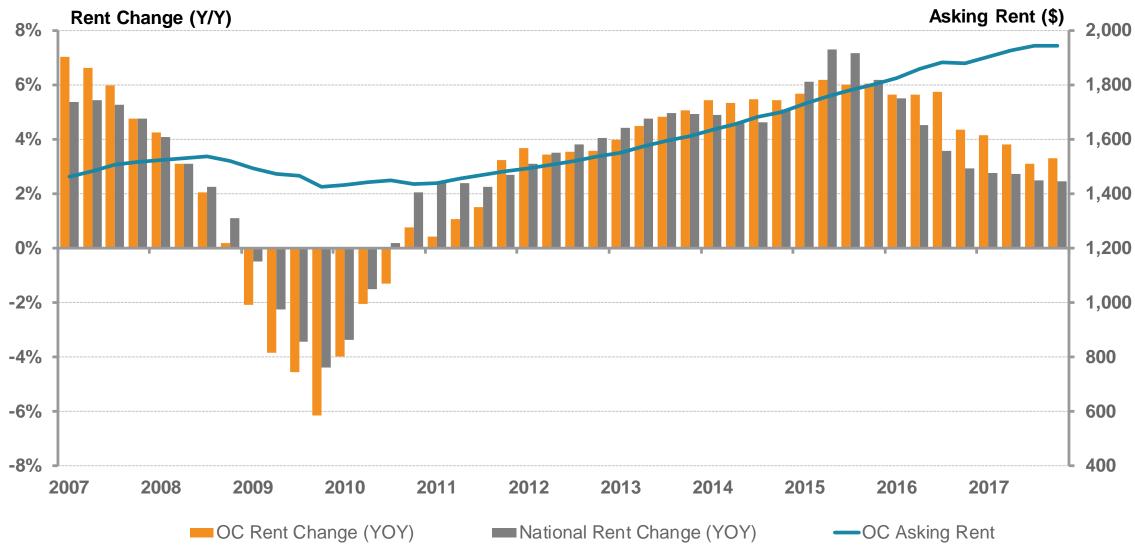


#### Orange County Apartment Supply and Demand



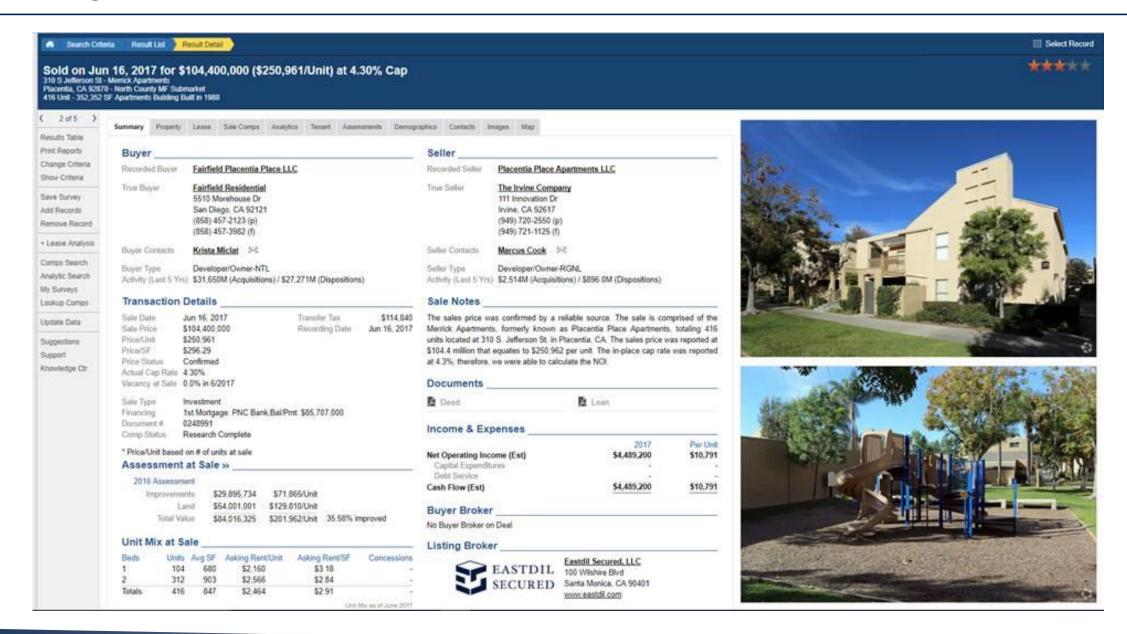


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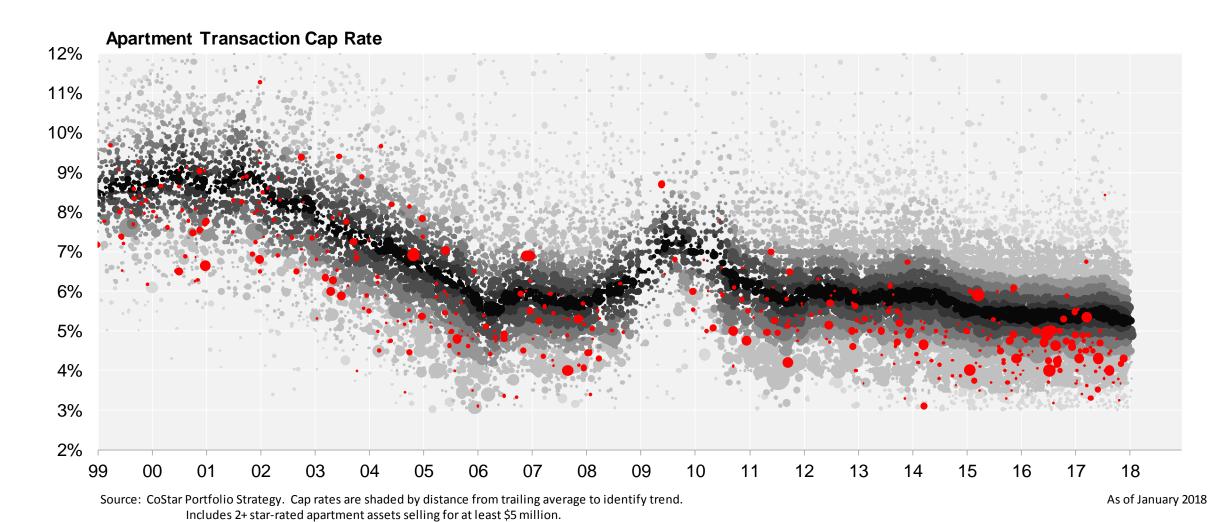


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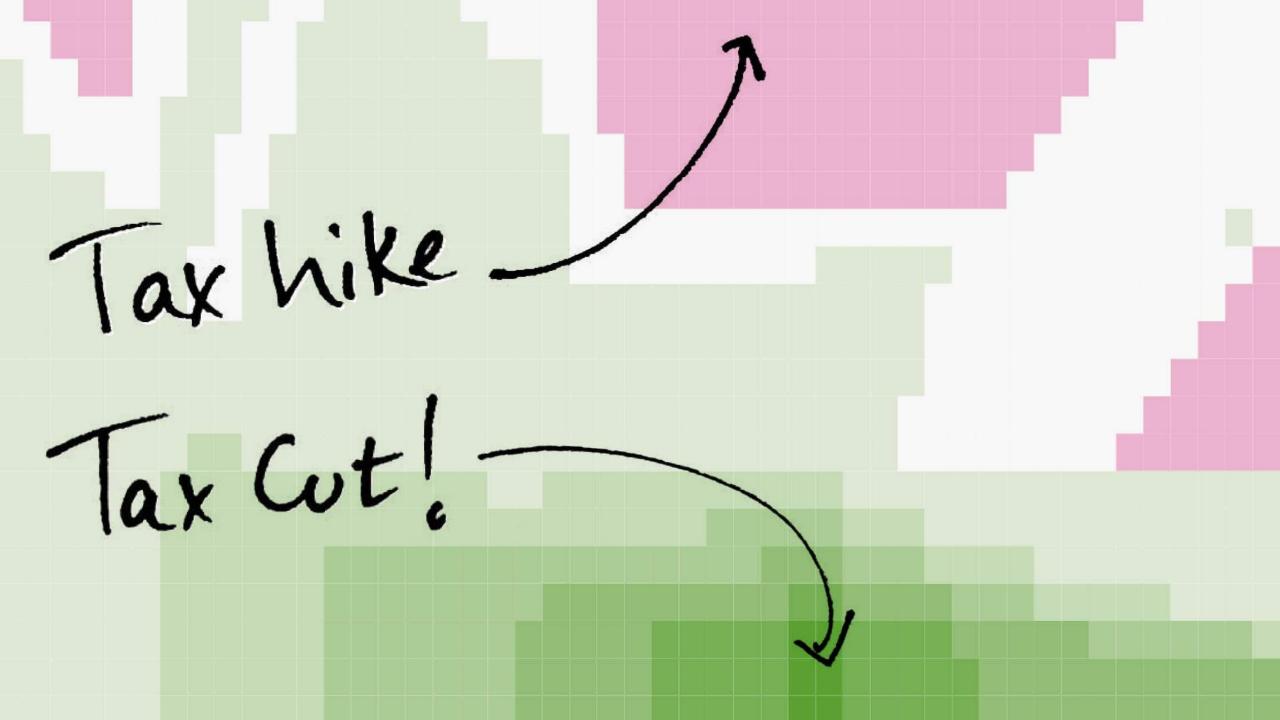
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Transaction Cap Rate

Orange County





#### What was the purpose of the "Tax Cut and Jobs Act"?

#### Fiscal stimulus

- To juice economic growth
  - Because its been too slow!
  - So encourage investment, grow our companies
  - So repatriate all your foreign earnings
- To add jobs
  - Wait what?
  - To get more money into people's pockets
    - Through more jobs, higher wages, and through tax cuts
- To make US more competitive on the global stage
  - Bring businesses back home, but also increase exports



- Short term impacts will be driven by the investment response to corporate income tax cuts
  - Jobs, capital investment, wage increases
  - ... or share buybacks, dividends, M&A activity
- Long term impacts will be driven by trickle- down and response to interest rate increases
  - Inflation, and
  - Deficit-spending will lead to
  - Rising interest rates



#### Tax Cut and Jobs Act – Impact on Businesses

- Cut corporate taxes
- Allows for immediate depreciation of some asset purchases
  - Will increase business investment
  - Also will lowers the cost of automation
- Lower tax rates on repatriation
  - Taking a tax hit this year, but
  - ....what will they do with the cash??
- AMT eliminated
- Ultimately, will boost profits and earnings



## Tax Cut and Jobs Act – Impact on Individuals

- Doubles the standard deduction
  - Fewer will itemize
  - Some will see higher take-home pay
- Caps state and local taxes
  - Lowers the cost of automation
- Allows a deduction for qualified business income
  - Benefit to pass-through entities
  - What will they do with the cash??
- Raises the threshold for AMT
- What will the next effect on the housing market be?





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