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Earnings Estimates and Valuation Drivers

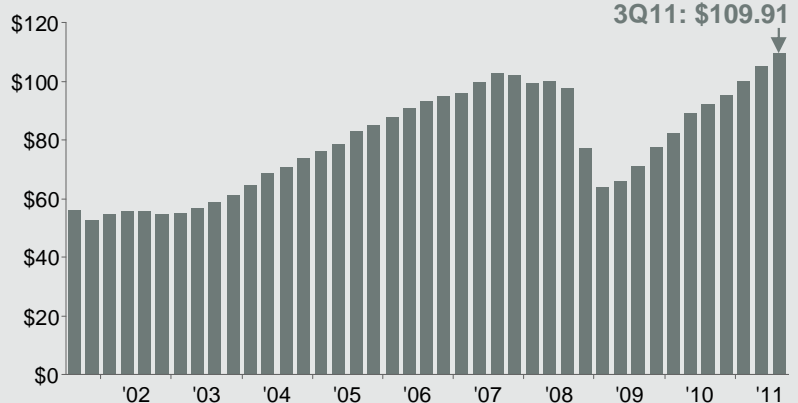
Equities

S&P 500 Index: Forward P/E Ratio



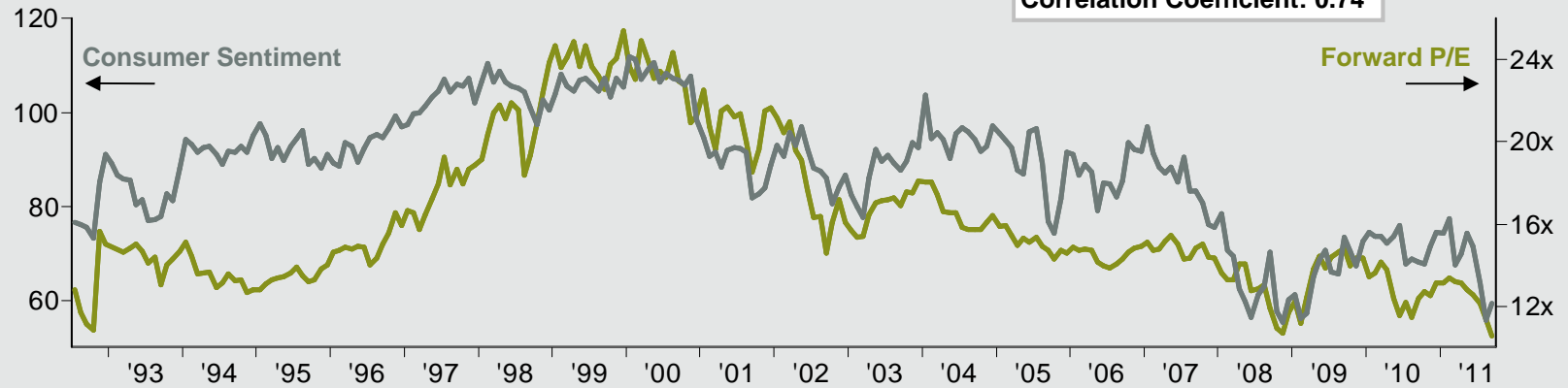
S&P 500 Operating Earnings Estimates

Consensus estimates of the next twelve months' rolling earnings



Multiple Expansion and Contraction

Forward P/E based on consensus EPS estimates

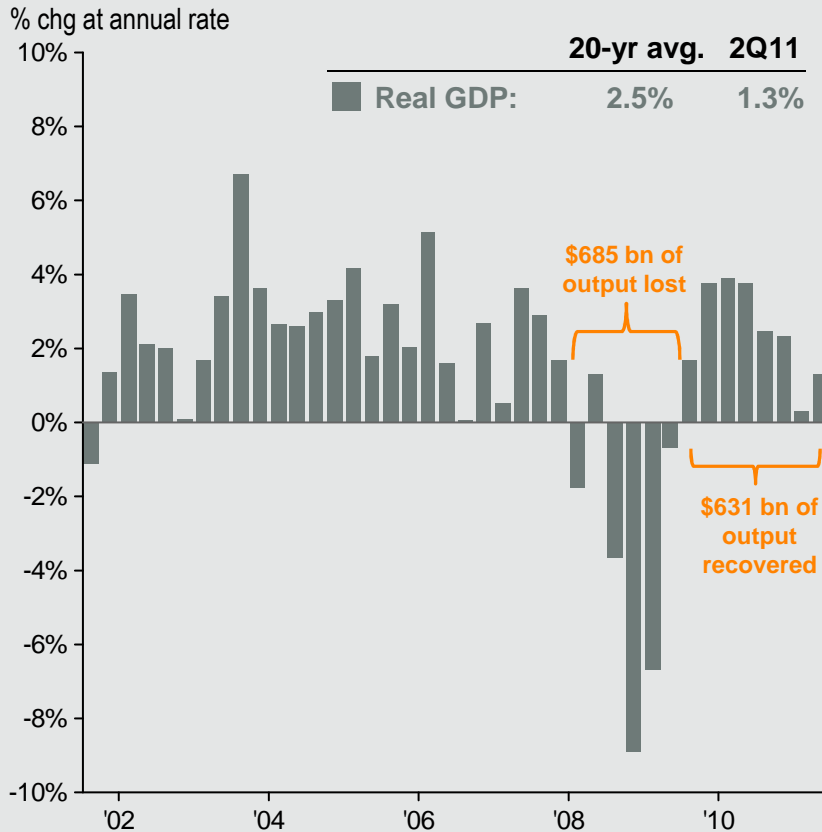


Source: (Top left) Standard & Poor's, Compustat, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Top right) Standard & Poor's, Compustat, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Earnings estimates are for calendar years and taken at quarter end dates throughout the year. Actual reported are annual operating earnings reported by Standard and Poor's. (Bottom) Standard & Poor's, FactSet, University of Michigan, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Forward Price to Earnings is price divided by consensus analyst estimates of earnings per share for the next twelve months.

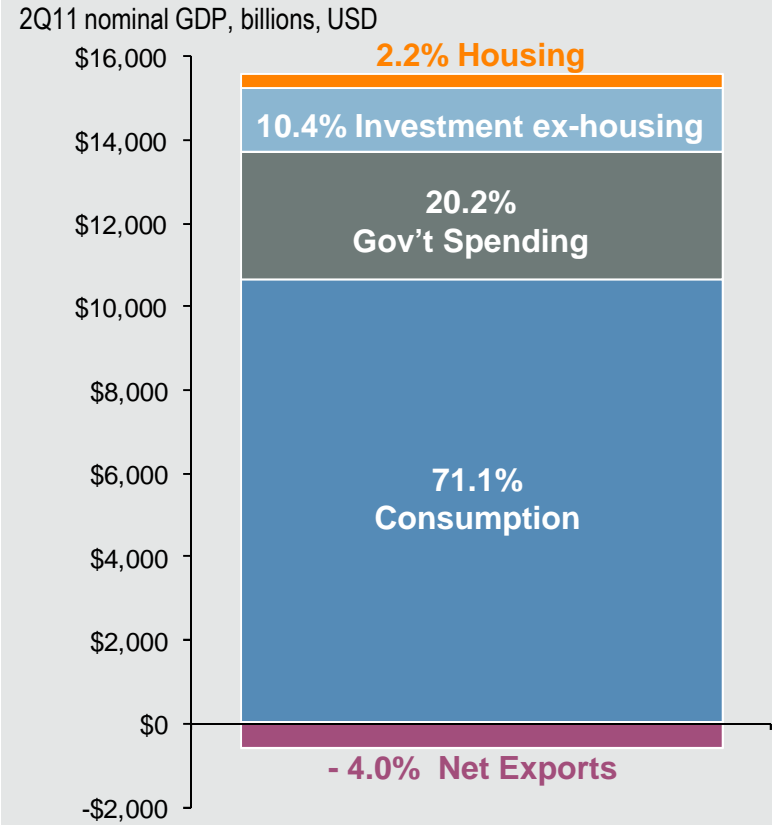
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Economic Growth and the Composition of GDP

Real GDP



Components of GDP

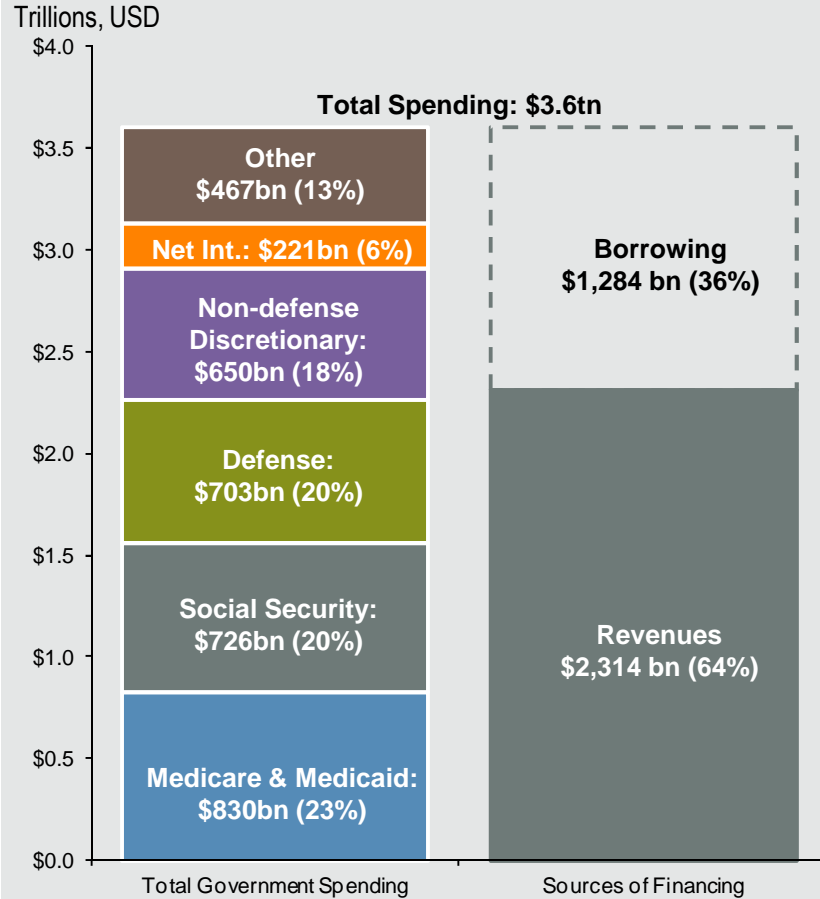


Source: BEA, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

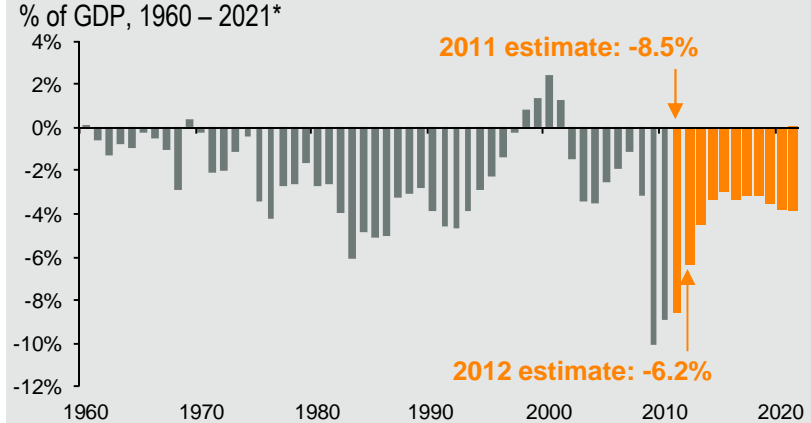
GDP values shown in legend are % change vs. prior quarter annualized and reflect revised 2Q11 GDP.

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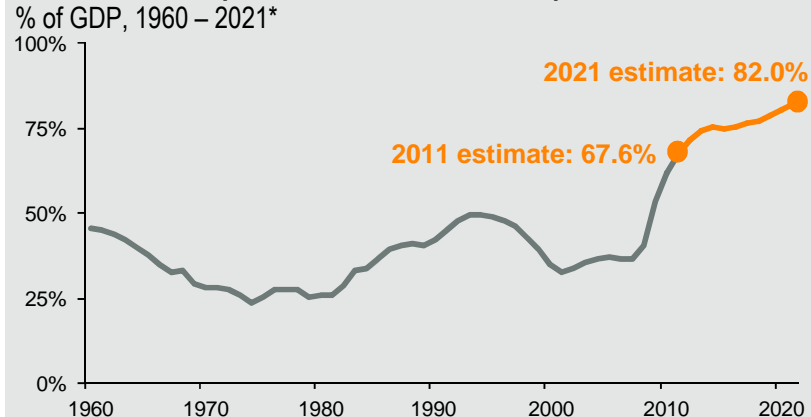
The 2011 Federal Budget



Federal Budget Surplus/Deficit



Federal Debt (Accumulated Deficits)



Source: U.S. Treasury, BEA, CBO, OMB, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

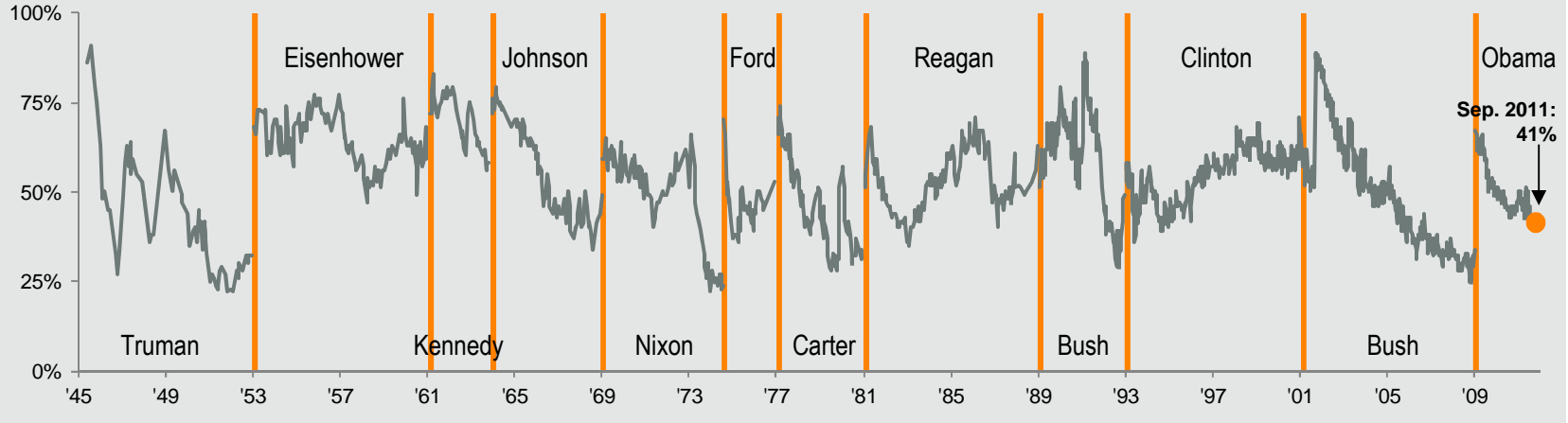
2011 numbers are based on CBO August Baseline Scenario. *Estimates for 2011 – 2021 are based on August alternative scenario budget projections from the CBO's "Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update" which was released on August 24, 2011. The alternative scenario assumes an extension of all Bush tax cuts, annual adjustments to AMT and Medicare payment schedules and spending on operations in Afghanistan and Iraq rising from 2011 levels in line with inflation throughout the forecast period.

Note: Years shown are fiscal years (Oct. 1 through Sep. 30). Top right chart displays federal surplus/deficit (revenues – outlays).

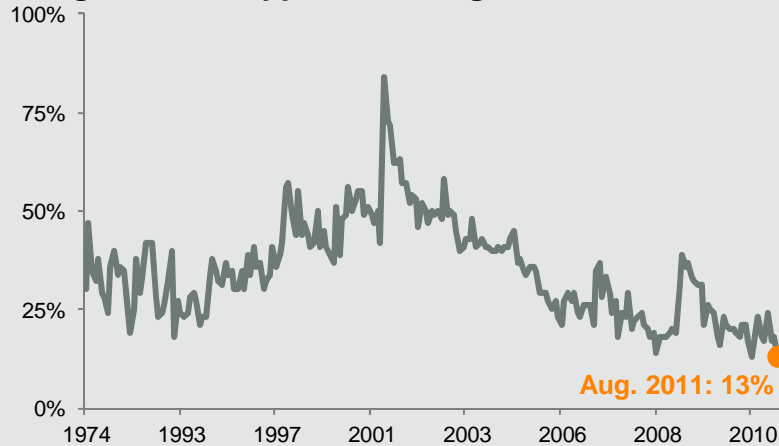
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Political Polarization

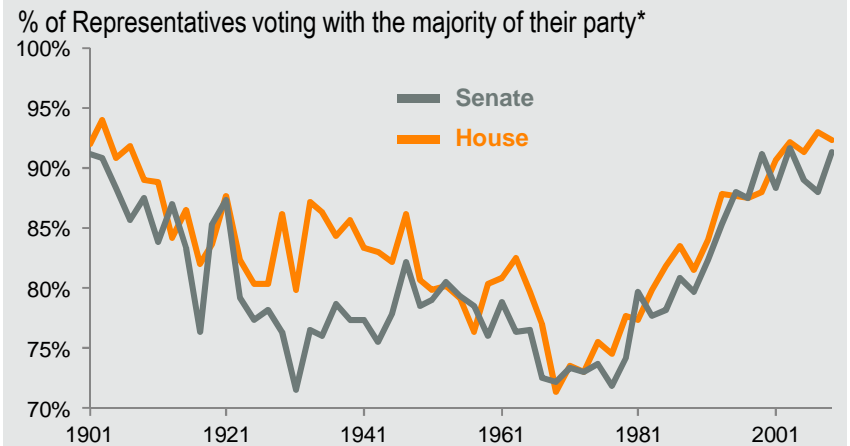
Presidential Approval Rating Over Term Cycles



Congressional Approval Ratings



Political Polarization

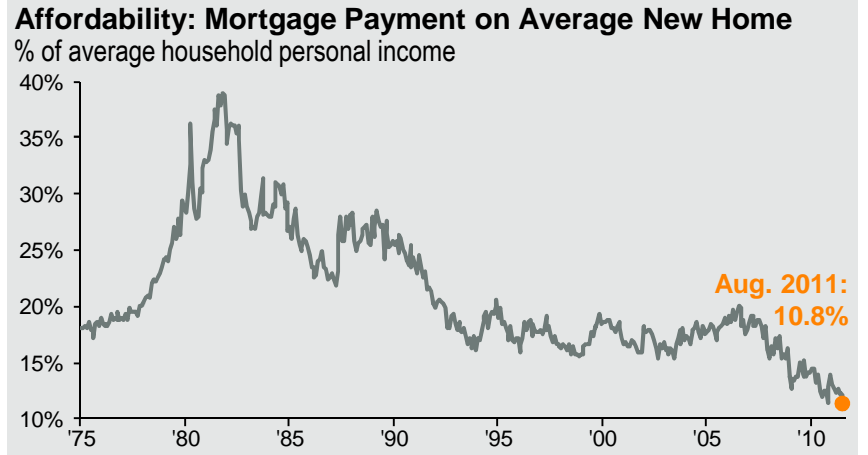
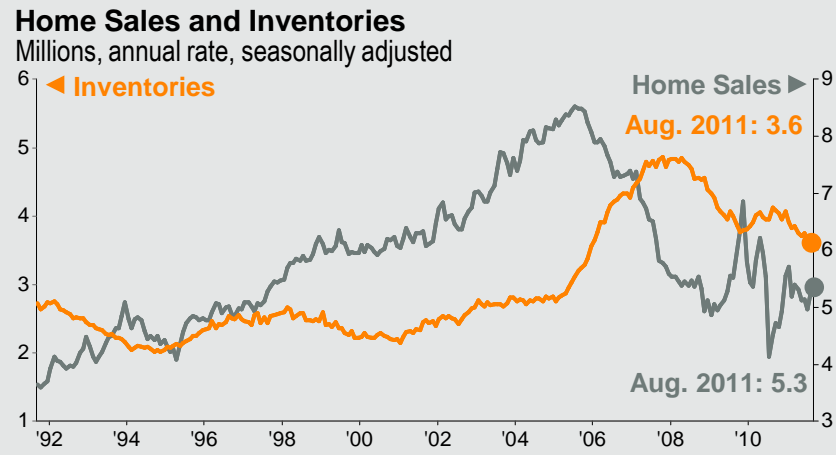
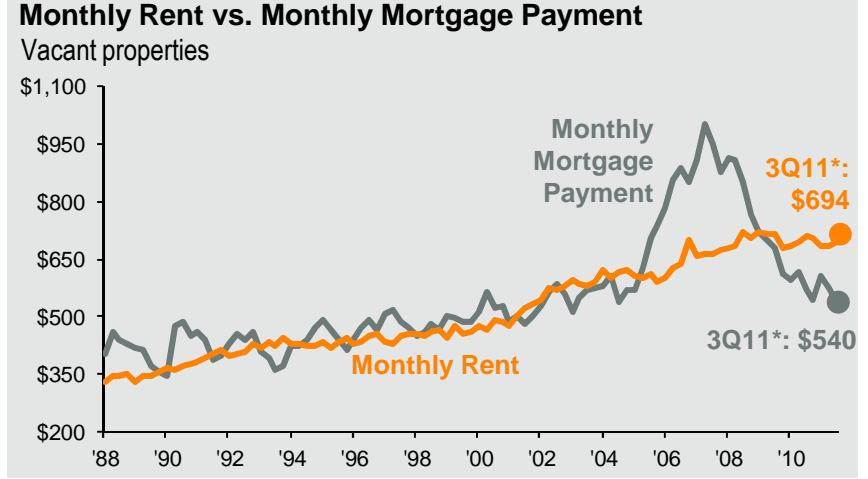
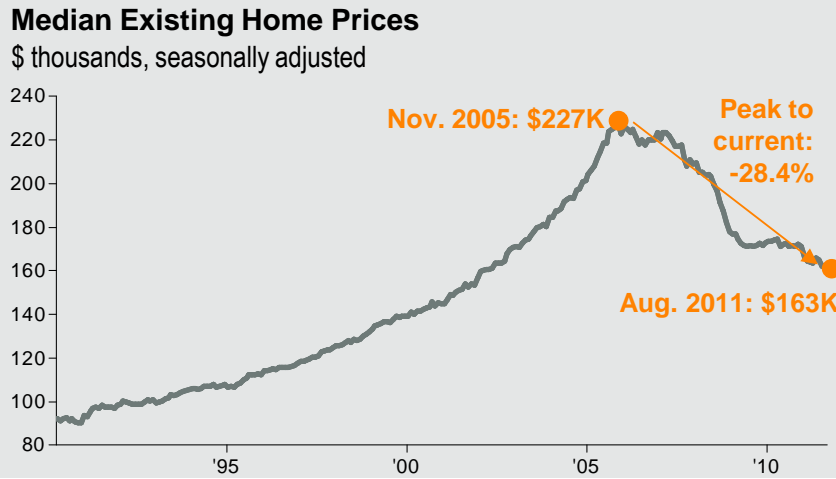


Source: (Top) Gallup Inc., J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Bottom left) Gallup Inc., J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Bottom right) Keith T. Poole, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

*In roll call votes where the majority in one party voted the opposite way to the majority in the other. Data compiled by Professors Keith T. Poole and Howard Rosenthal available at www.voteview.com.

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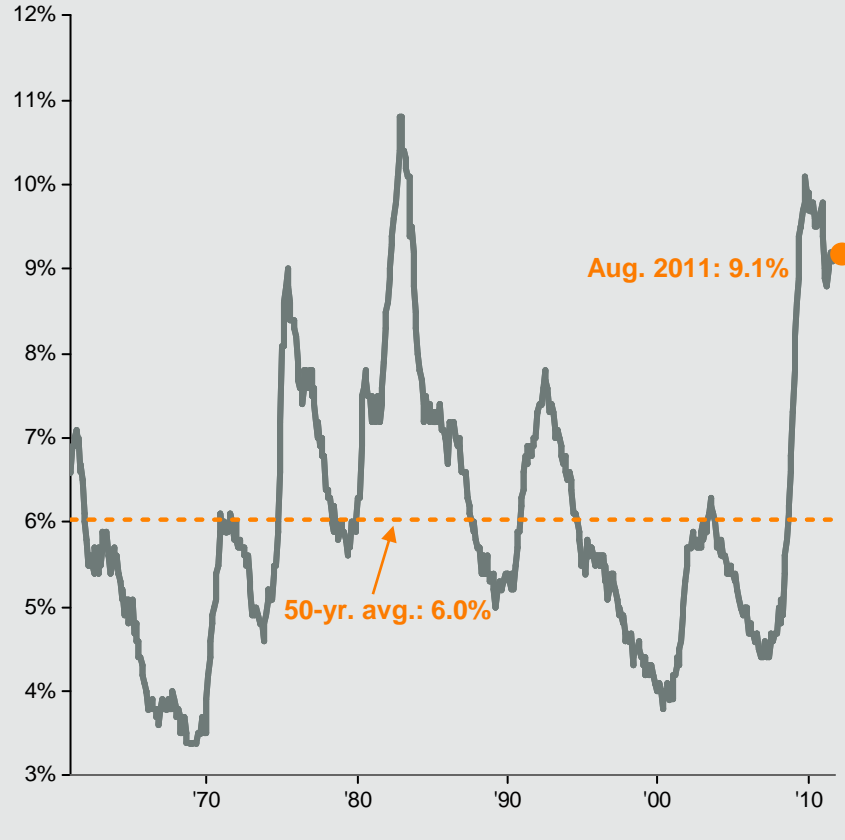
The Aftermath of the Housing Bubble



Sources: (Top left) National Association of Realtors, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Top right) Census Bureau, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Monthly mortgage payment assumes a 20% down payment at prevailing 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rates; analysis based on median asking rent and median mortgage payment based on asking price. *3Q11 estimates provided by J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Bottom left) Census Bureau, National Association of Realtors, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Home sales include both new and existing home sales. Existing home sales include single-family, townhouses, condominiums, and co-ops. Bottom right) Census Bureau, FRB, BEA, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Calculation assumes a 20% down payment, a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, excludes property tax and homeowners' insurance and is expressed as a % of pre-tax income. Data reflect most recently available as of 9/30/11.

Civilian Unemployment Rate

Seasonally adjusted

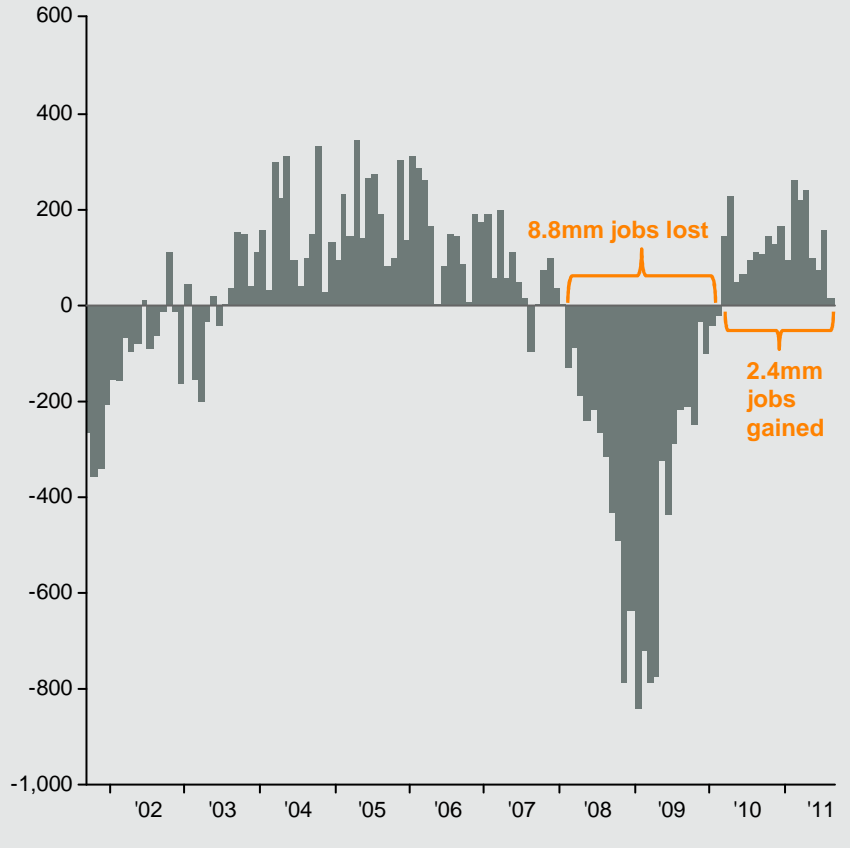


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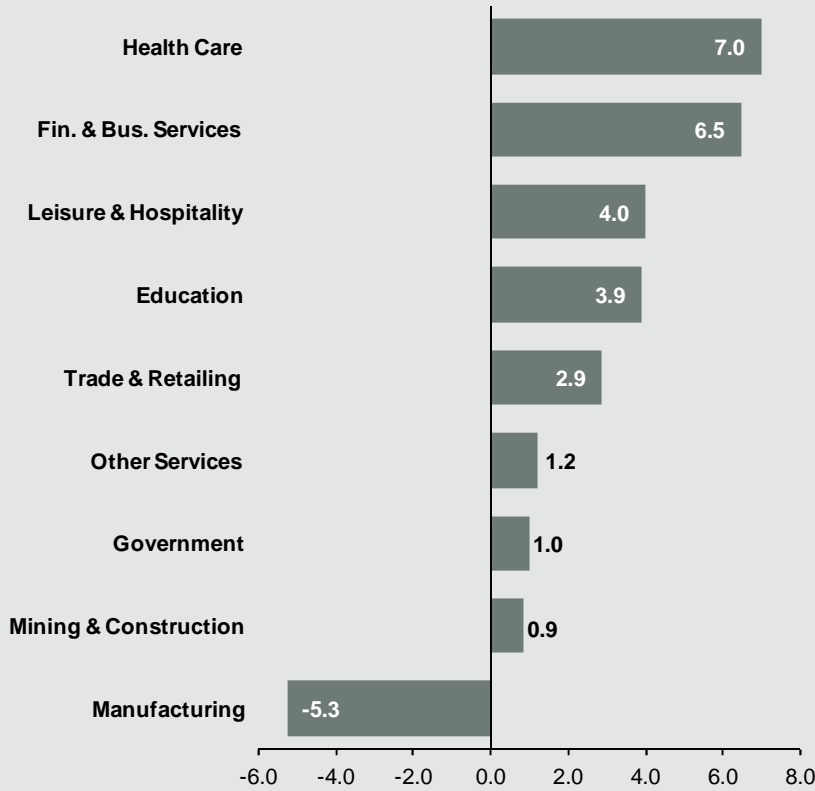
Employment – Total Private Payroll

Total job gain/loss (thousands)



Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

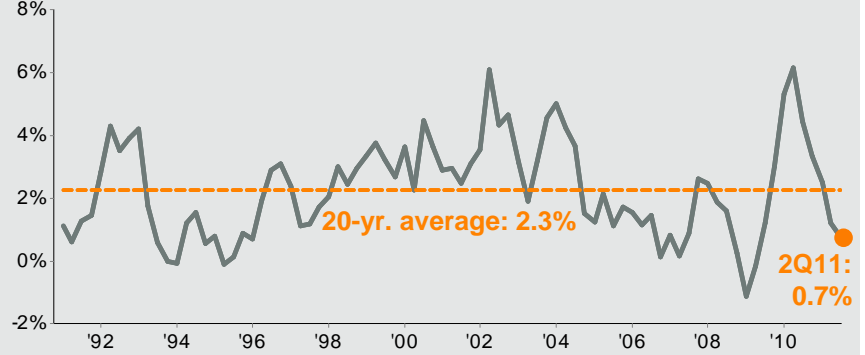
20 Years – Net Job Creation
Net change in millions of payroll jobs, sa



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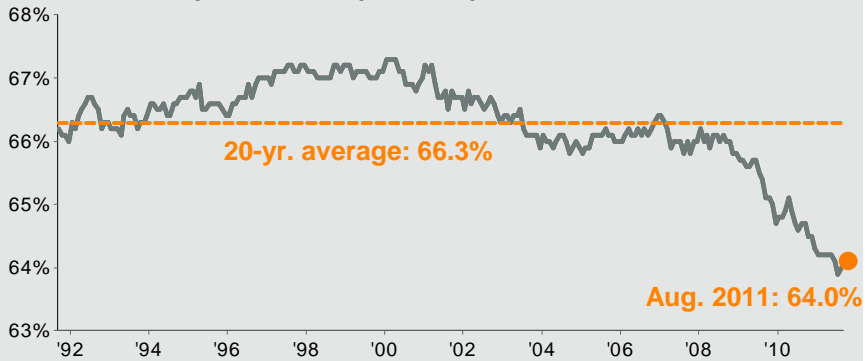
Labor Productivity: Output per Hour

Non-farm business productivity, % change year-over-year



Labor Force Participation Rate

% of population aged 16+ working or looking for work



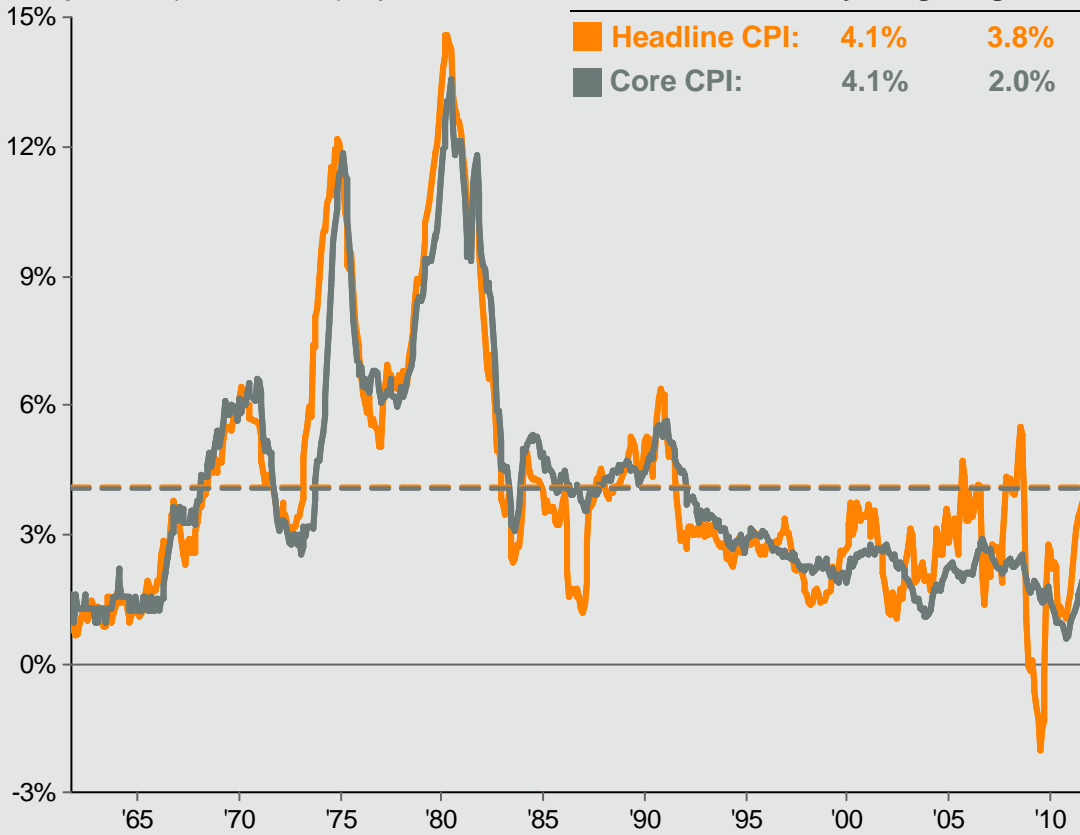
Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Consumer Price Index

Economy

CPI and Core CPI

% chg vs. prior year, seasonally adjusted



CPI Components	Weight in CPI	12-month Change
Food & Bev.	14.8%	4.4%
Housing	41.5%	1.6%
Apparel	3.6%	4.2%
Transportation	17.3%	11.6%
Medical Care	6.6%	3.2%
Recreation	6.3%	0.1%
Educ. & Comm.	6.4%	1.1%
Other	3.5%	0.9%
Headline CPI	100.0%	3.8%
Less:		
Energy	9.1%	18.5%
Food	13.7%	4.6%
Core CPI	77.2%	2.0%

Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

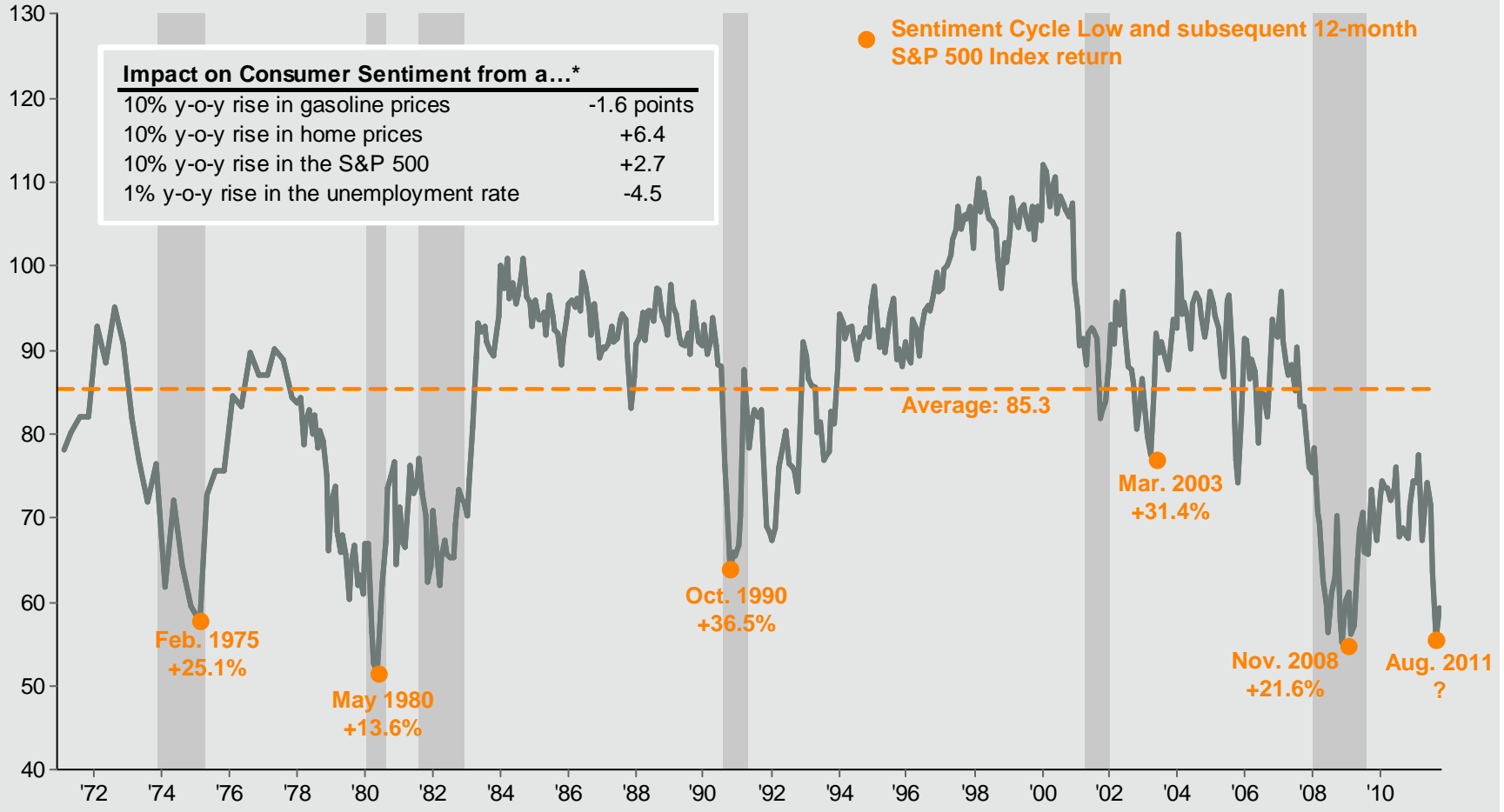
CPI values shown are % change vs. 1 year ago and reflect August 2011 CPI data. CPI component weights are as of December 2011 and 12-month change reflects data through August 2011. Core CPI is defined as CPI excluding food and energy prices.

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Consumer Confidence

Economy

Consumer Sentiment Index – University of Michigan



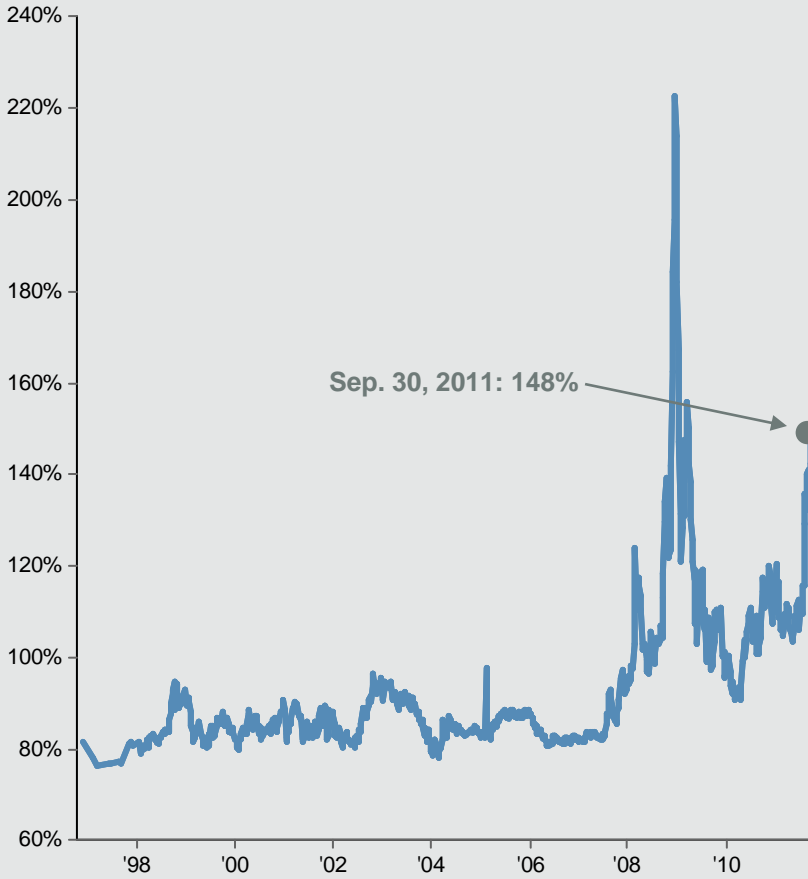
Source: University of Michigan, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

*Based on regression analysis of monthly data from Jan. 1998 to Feb. 2011.

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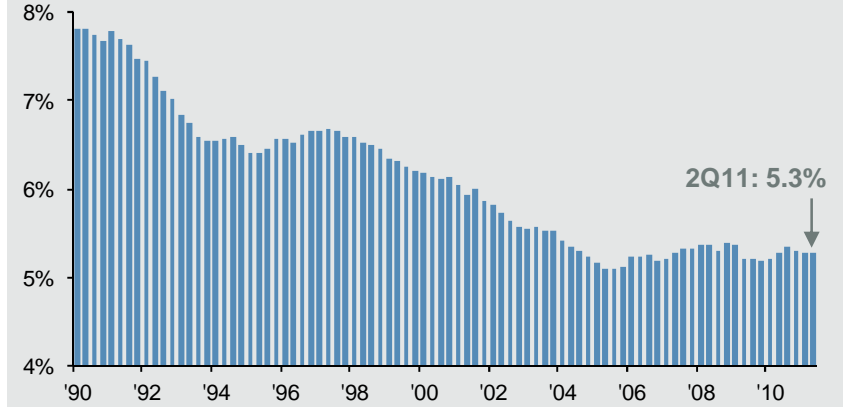
Muni/Treasury Ratio

Ratio of Barclays 10-year Municipal Bond yield to 10-year Treasury



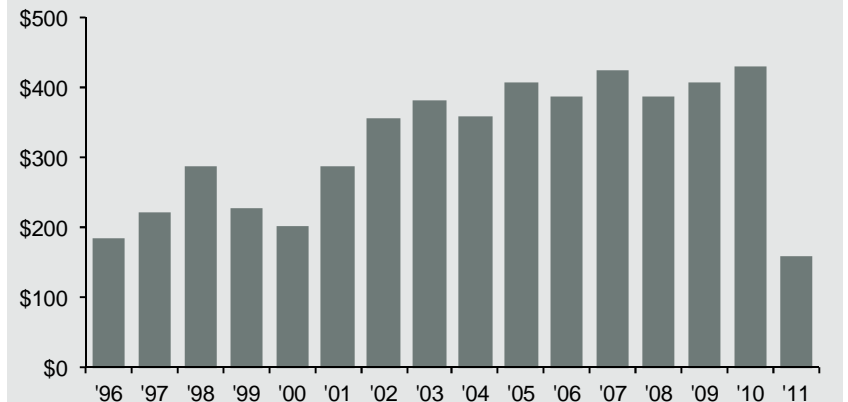
State & Local Government Debt Service

Percent of current expenditures



Municipal Bond Issuance*

Billions USD, revenue and GO issues



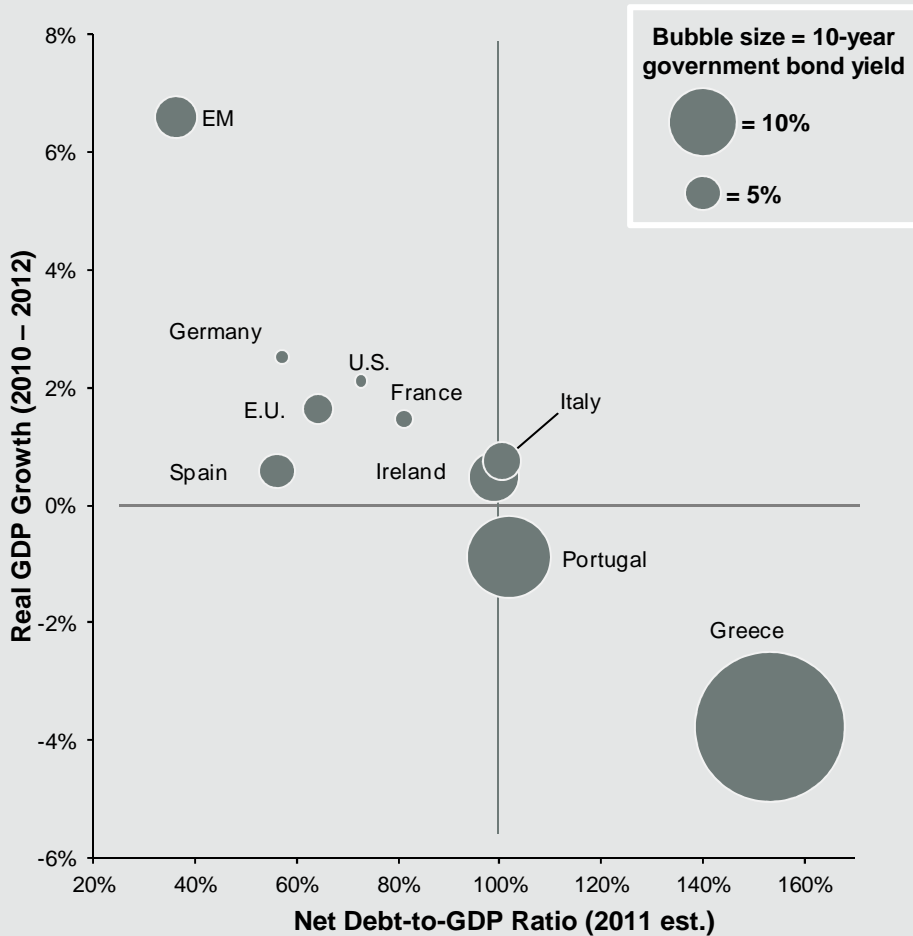
Source (Left chart): Barclays Capital, U.S. Treasury, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Top right) BEA, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Bottom Right) SIFMA, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

*Excludes maturities of 13 months or less and private placements. 2011 issuance data is as of August 2011.

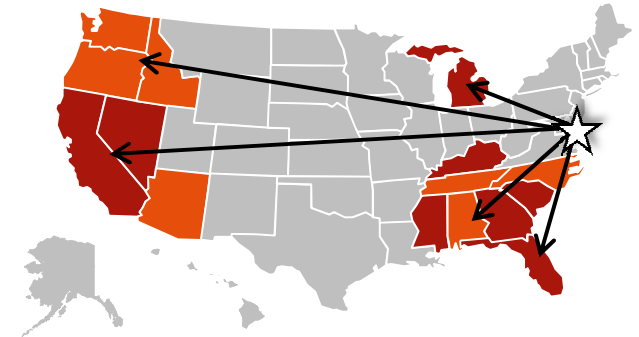
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European Crisis: Fiscal Challenges

GDP Growth, Debt to GDP and Borrowing Costs



Example of Fiscal Redistribution in U.S.



The E.U. Lacks a Similar Fiscal Mechanism

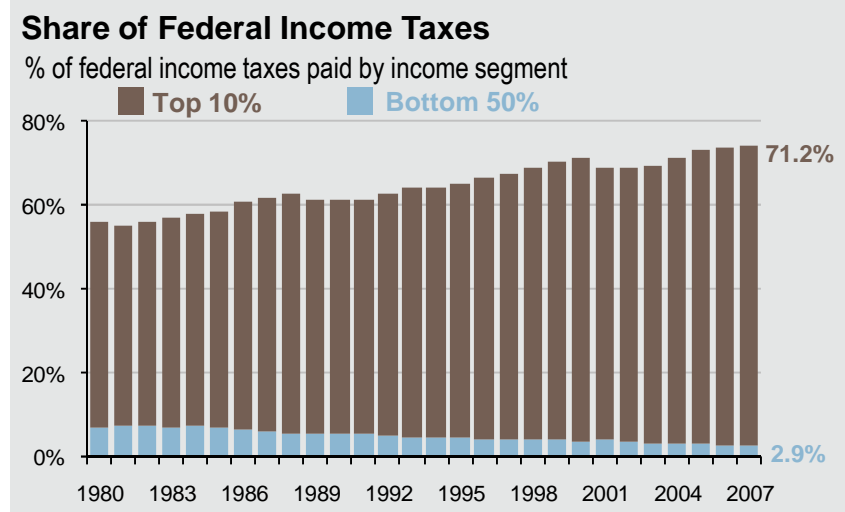
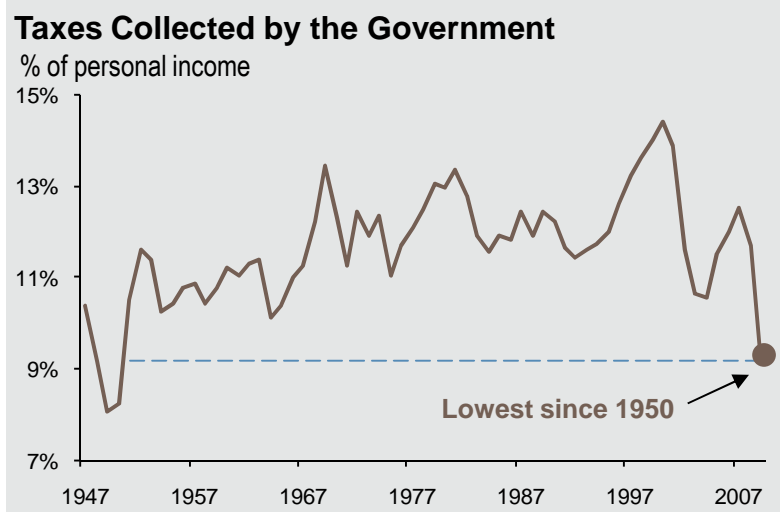
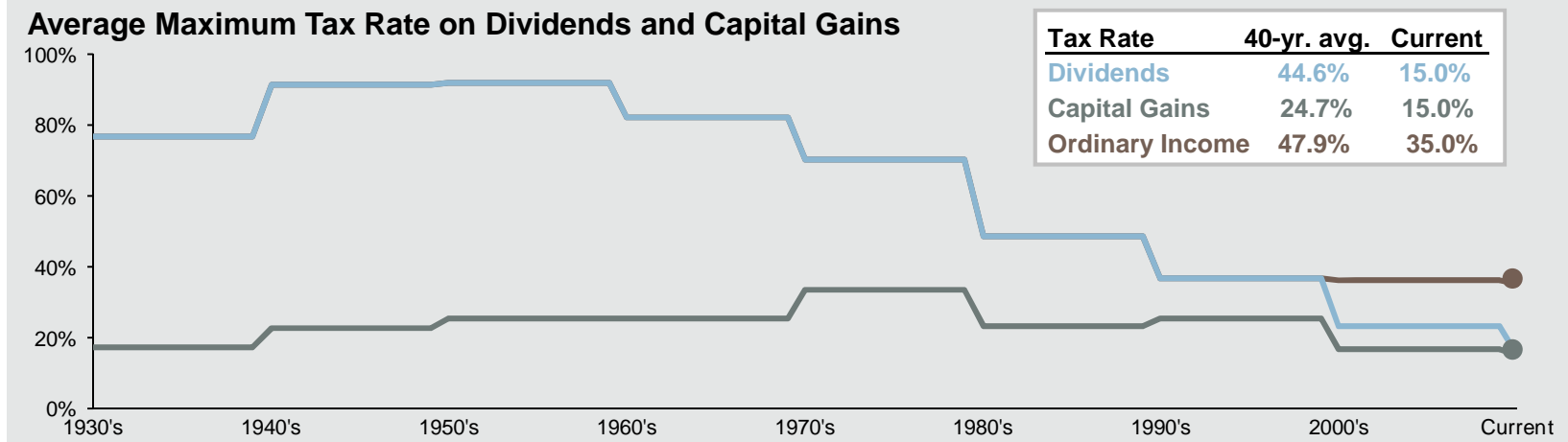


Source: IMF, BLS, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Maps are for illustrative purposes only and are intended to show the current sources of stress in each region. The U.S. state colors are based on level of unemployment rate. European country colors are based on levels of sovereign stress, including but not exclusively the measure shown in the above chart on the left.

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Marginal and Average Tax Rates



Source: (Top) The Tax Foundation, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Tax rates based on maximum U.S. individual income tax. (Bottom left) BEA, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Bottom right) The Tax Foundation, IRS, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Personal taxes include taxes on income, personal property and payments for personal licenses (see NIPA tables 3.4 and 3.4u). Data through 2007 is latest available from IRS. Includes all returns with positive AGI. 2007 dollar cut-off/minimum AGI for tax return to fall into top 10%: \$113,018; bottom 50%: \$32,870. The only tax analyzed here is the federal individual income tax, which is responsible for about 25% of the nation's taxes paid. Data are as of 9/30/11.

J.P. Morgan Asset Management - Index Definitions

All indexes are unmanaged and an individual cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not include fees or expenses.

The **S&P 500 Index** is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market. This world-renowned index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. Although the S&P 500 Index focuses on the large-cap segment of the market, with approximately 75% coverage of U.S. equities, it is also an ideal proxy for the total market. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

The **S&P 400 Mid Cap Index** is representative of 400 stocks in the mid-range sector of the domestic stock market, representing all major industries.

The **Russell 3000 Index**® measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization.

The **Russell 1000 Index**® measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000.

The **Russell 1000 Growth Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 1000 Value Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The **Russell Midcap Index**® measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index.

The **Russell Midcap Growth Index**® measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth index.

The **Russell Midcap Value Index**® measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value index.

The **Russell 2000 Index**® measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index.

The **Russell 2000 Growth Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 2000 Value Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The **MSCI® EAFE** (Europe, Australia, Far East) Net Index is recognized as the pre-eminent benchmark in the United States to measure international equity performance. It comprises 21 MSCI country indexes, representing the developed markets outside of North America.

The **MSCI Emerging Markets Index**™ is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. As of June 2007, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index consisted of the following 25 emerging market country indices: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

The **MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. As of June 2009 the **MSCI ACWI** consisted of 45 country indices comprising 23 developed and 22 emerging market country indices.

The **MSCI Small Cap Indices**™ target 40% of the eligible Small Cap universe within each industry group, within each country. MSCI defines the Small Cap universe as all listed securities that have a market capitalization in the range of USD200-1,500 million.

The **MSCI Value and Growth Indices**™ cover the full range of developed, emerging and All Country MSCI Equity indexes. As of the close of May 30, 2003, MSCI implemented an enhanced methodology for the MSCI Global Value and Growth Indices, adopting a two dimensional framework for style segmentation in which value and growth securities are categorized using different attributes - three for value and five for growth including forward-looking variables. The objective of the index design is to divide constituents of an underlying MSCI Standard Country Index into a value index and a growth index, each targeting 50% of the free float adjusted market capitalization of the underlying country index. Country Value/Growth indices are then aggregated into regional Value/Growth indices. Prior to May 30, 2003, the indices used Price/Book Value (P/BV) ratios to divide the standard MSCI country indices into value and growth indices. All securities were classified as either "value" securities (low P/BV securities) or "growth" securities (high P/BV securities), relative to each MSCI country index.

The following **MSCI Total Return Indices**™ are calculated with gross dividends:

This series approximates the maximum possible dividend reinvestment. The amount reinvested is the dividend distributed to individuals resident in the country of the company, but does not include tax credits.

The **MSCI Europe Index**™ is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance in Europe. As of June 2007, the MSCI Europe Index consisted of the following 16 developed market country indices: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The **MSCI Pacific Index**™ is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the Pacific region. As of June 2007, the MSCI Pacific Index consisted of the following 5 Developed Market countries: Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, and Singapore.

Credit Suisse/Tremont Hedge Fund Index is compiled by Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC. It is an asset-weighted hedge fund index and includes only funds, as opposed to separate accounts. The Index uses the Credit Suisse/Tremont database, which tracks over 4500 funds, and consists only of funds with a minimum of US\$50 million under management, a 12-month track record, and audited financial statements. It is calculated and rebalanced on a monthly basis, and shown net of all performance fees and expenses. It is the exclusive property of Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC.

The **NCREIF Property Index** is a quarterly time series composite total rate of return measure of investment performance of a very large pool of individual commercial real estate properties acquired in the private market for investment purposes only. All properties in the NPI have been acquired, at least in part, on behalf of tax-exempt institutional investors - the great majority being pension funds. As such, all properties are held in a fiduciary environment.

The **NAREIT EQUITY REIT Index** is designed to provide the most comprehensive assessment of overall industry performance, and includes all tax-qualified real estate investment trusts (REITs) that are listed on the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ National Market List.

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The **Dow Jones-UBS Commodity Index** is composed of futures contracts on physical commodities and represents nineteen separate commodities traded on U.S. exchanges, with the exception of aluminum, nickel, and zinc.

The **S&P GSCI Index** is a composite index of commodity sector returns representing an unleveraged, long-only investment in commodity futures that is broadly diversified across the spectrum of commodities. The returns are calculated on a fully collateralized basis with full reinvestment. Individual components qualify for inclusion in the index on the basis of liquidity and are weighted by their respective world production quantities.

The **Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Index** represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable, and dollar denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. These major sectors are subdivided into more specific indexes that are calculated and reported on a regular basis. This **U.S. Treasury Index** is a component of the U.S. Government index.

West Texas Intermediate (WTI) is the underlying commodity for the New York Mercantile Exchange's oil futures contracts.

The **Barclays Capital High Yield Index** covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Pay-in-kind (PIK) bonds, Eurobonds, and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (e.g., Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela, etc.) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included. Original issue zeroes, step-up coupon structures, and 144-As are also included.

The **Barclays Capital 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index** includes all publicly issued zero-coupon U.S. Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of less than 3 months and more than 1 month, are rated investment grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed rate and non convertible.

The **Barclays Capital General Obligation Bond Index** is a component of the **Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index**. To be included in the index, bonds must be general obligation bonds rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. If only two of the three agencies rate the security, the lower rating is used to determine index eligibility. If only one of the three agencies rates a security, the rating must be investment-grade. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of a transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate, have a dated-date after December 31, 1990, and must be at least one year from their maturity date. Remarketed issues, taxable municipal bonds, bonds with floating rates, and derivatives, are excluded from the benchmark.

The **Barclays Capital Revenue Bond Index** is a component of the **Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index**. To be included in the index, bonds must be revenue bonds rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. If only two of the three agencies rate the security, the lower rating is used to determine index eligibility. If only one of the three agencies rates a security, the rating must be investment-grade. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of a transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate, have a dated-date after December 31, 1990, and must be at least one year from their maturity date. Remarketed issues, taxable municipal bonds, bonds with floating rates, and derivatives, are excluded from the benchmark.

The **Barclays High Yield Municipal Index** includes bonds rated Ba1 or lower or non-rated bonds using the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch.

The **Barclays Capital Taxable Municipal Bond Index** is a rules-based, market-value weighted index engineered for the long-term taxable bond market. To be included in the index, bonds must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies if all three rate the bond: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. If only two of the three agencies rate the security, the lower rating is used to determine index eligibility. If only one of the three agencies rates a security, the rating must be investment-grade. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of a transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate and must be at least one year from their maturity date. Remarketed issues (unless covered to fixed rate), bonds with floating rates, and derivatives, are excluded from the benchmark.

Municipal Bond Index: To be included in the index, bonds must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. If only two of the three agencies rate the security, the lower rating is used to determine index eligibility. If only one of the three agencies rates a security, the rating must be investment-grade. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of a transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate, have a dated-date after December 31, 1990, and must be at least one year from their maturity date. Remarketed issues, taxable municipal bonds, bonds with floating rates, and derivatives are excluded from the benchmark.

The **Barclays Capital Emerging Markets Index** includes USD-denominated debt from emerging markets in the following regions: Americas, Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia. As with other fixed income benchmarks provided by Barclays Capital, the index is rules-based, which allows for an unbiased view of the marketplace and easy replicability.

The **Barclays Capital MBS Index** covers the mortgage-backed pass-through securities of Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac. Aggregate components must have a weighted average maturity of at least one year, must have \$250 million par amount outstanding, and must be fixed rate mortgages.

The **Barclays Capital Corporate Bond Index** is the Corporate component of the U.S. Credit index.

The **Barclays Capital TIPS Index** consists of Inflation-Protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.

The **J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Index** includes U.S. dollar denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans and local market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities.

The **J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index** is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar domestic high yield corporate debt market.

The **CS/Tremont Equity Market Neutral Index** takes both long and short positions in stocks with the aim of minimizing exposure to the systematic risk of the market (i.e., a beta of zero).

The **CS/Tremont Multi-Strategy Index** consists of funds that allocate capital based on perceived opportunities among several hedge fund strategies. Strategies adopted in a multi-strategy fund may include, but are not limited to, convertible bond arbitrage, equity long/short, statistical arbitrage and merger arbitrage.

*Market Neutral returns for November 2008 are estimates by J.P. Morgan Funds Market Strategy, and are based on a December 8, 2008 published estimate for November returns by CS/Tremont in which the Market Neutral returns were estimated to be +0.85% (with 69% of all CS/Tremont constituents having reported return data). Presumed to be excluded from the November return are three funds, which were later marked to \$0 by CS/Tremont in connection with the Bernard Madoff scandal. J.P. Morgan Funds believes this distortion is not an accurate representation of returns in the category. CS/Tremont later published a finalized November return of -40.56% for the month, reflecting this mark-down. CS/Tremont assumes no responsibility for these estimates.

Past performance is no guarantee of comparable future results.

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Small-capitalization investing typically carries more risk than investing in well-established "blue-chip" companies since smaller companies generally have a higher risk of failure. Historically, smaller companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.

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Real estate investments may be subject to a higher degree of market risk because of concentration in a specific industry, sector or geographical sector. Real estate investments may be subject to risks including, but not limited to, declines in the value of real estate, risks related to general and economic conditions, changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the trust and defaults by borrower.

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