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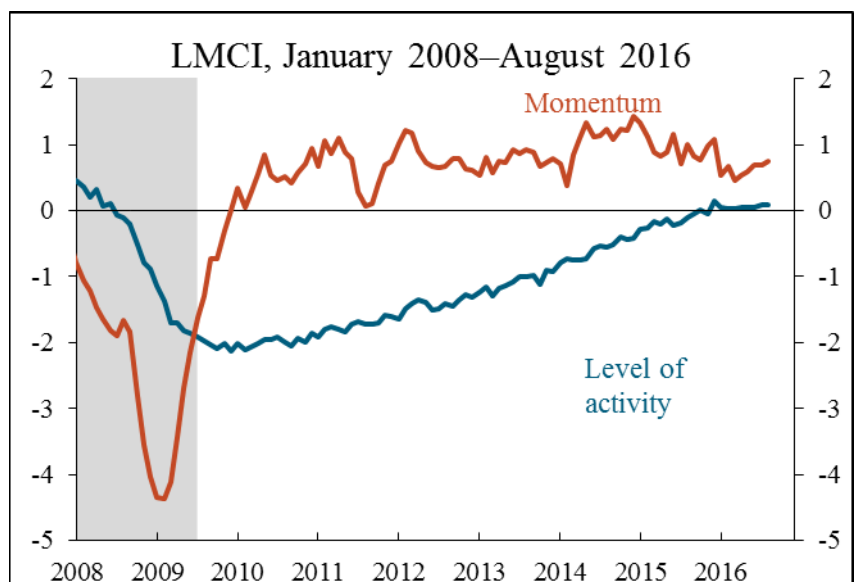
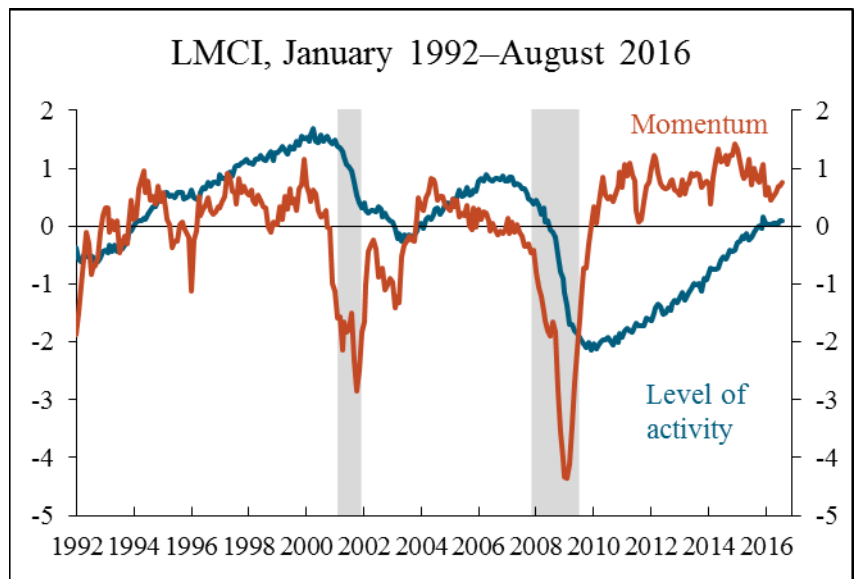
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The Kansas City Fed Labor Market Conditions Indicators (LMCI) suggest the level of activity was little changed and momentum remained high in August. The level of activity indicator was little changed at 0.09 in August, while the momentum indicator increased from 0.70 to 0.75.

The table on the following page shows the five labor market variables that made the largest contributions to the change in the activity indicator over the last six months and the five variables that made the largest positive contributions to the momentum indicator in August 2016. The activity indicator increased 0.054 over the last six months. The largest contribution came from an increase in job leavers as a percent of total employed. Nine variables made a positive contribution, four variables made no contribution, and eleven variables made a negative contribution. The momentum indicator was 0.75 in August, where the largest contributor to momentum was initial claims. Fifteen variables made a positive contribution, and nine variables made a negative contribution.



Largest Contributions to the LMCI

Contributions to the increase in the <i>level of activity</i> indicator over the last six months	Positive contributions to the <i>momentum</i> indicator in July 2016
Job leavers	Initial claims
Average hourly earnings	Labor force participation rate
Percent of firms with positions not able to fill right now (NFIB)	Announced job cuts (Challenger-Gray-Christmas)
Job flows from U to E	Expected job availability (U of Michigan)
Unemployed 27 or more weeks	Percent of firms with positions not able to fill right now (NFIB)

Note: Contributions are ordered from largest to smallest.

