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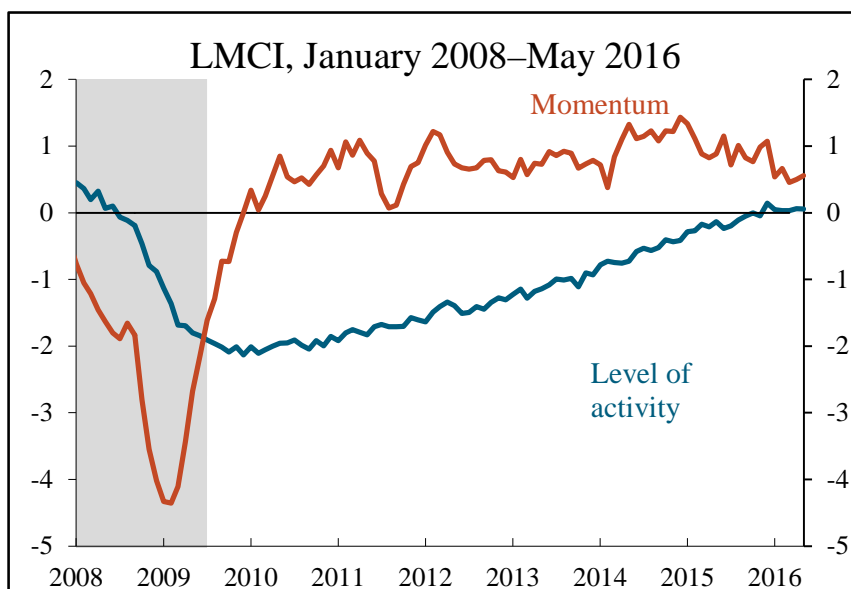
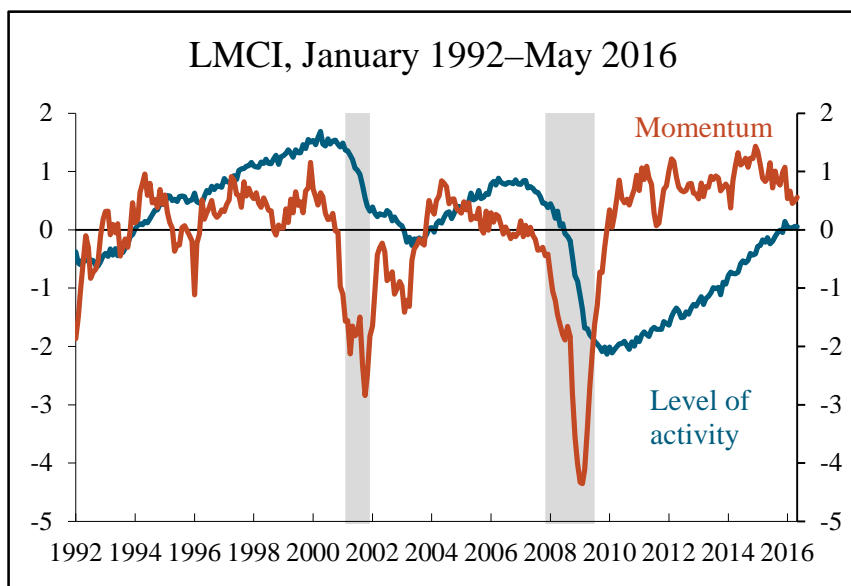
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The Kansas City Fed Labor Market Conditions Indicators (LMCI) suggest the level of activity was little changed in May, while momentum increased. The level of activity indicator decreased from 0.060 in April to 0.056 in May. The momentum indicator increased from 0.50 in April to 0.56 in May.

The table on the following page shows the five labor market variables that made the largest contributions to the improvement in the activity indicator over the last six months and the five variables that made the largest contributions to the momentum indicator in May 2016. The activity indicator increased 0.10 over the last six months. The largest contribution came from a pickup in the number of job leavers. Seventeen variables made a positive contribution, and seven variables made a negative contribution. The momentum indicator was 0.56 in May, 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 change in the <i>level of activity</i> indicator over the last six months	Contributions to the <i>momentum</i> indicator in May 2016
Job leavers	Initial claims
Quits rate	Labor force participation rate
Average hourly earnings	Expected job availability (U of Michigan)
Unemployment rate (U3)	Announced job cuts (Challenger-Gray-Christmas)
Job availability index (Conference Board)	Employment-population ratio

Note: Contributions are ordered from largest to smallest.

