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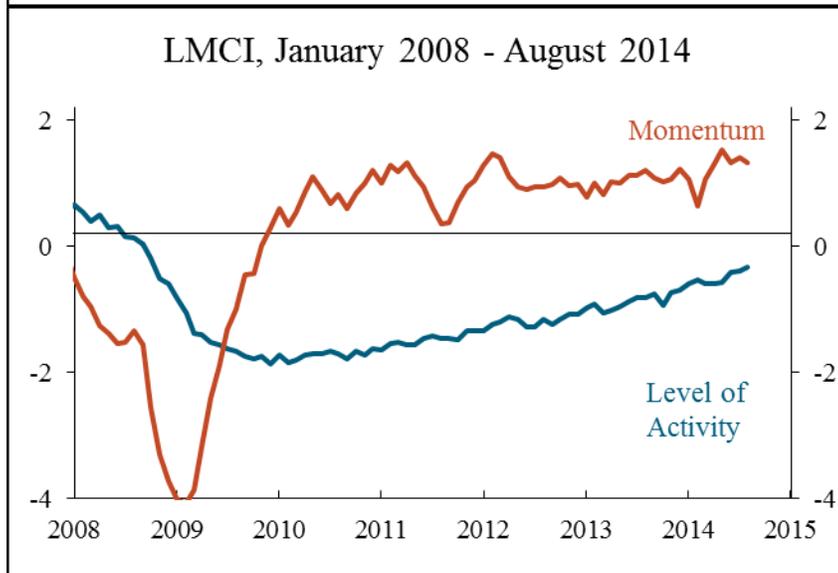
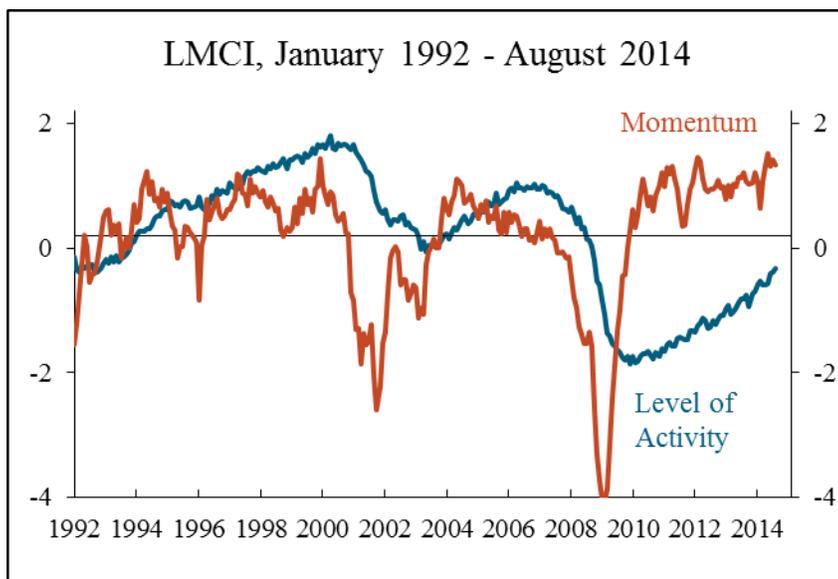
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## The LMCI suggest labor market conditions continue to improve.

The Kansas City Fed Labor Market Conditions Indicators (LMCI) suggest labor market conditions continue to improve. The level of the activity indicator increased from -0.60 in July to -0.52 in August. The momentum indicator, at 1.13, remains near historically high levels.

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 contribution to the momentum indicator in August 2014. The activity indicator increased 0.21, with the largest improvement coming from the NFIB survey question regarding the percent of businesses planning to increase employment. Seventeen variables made a positive contribution and seven variables made a negative contribution. The momentum indicator was 1.13 in August, where the largest contributor to momentum was the ISM manufacturing employment index. Twenty variables made a positive contribution and four variables made a negative contribution.



## Largest Contributions to the LMCI

<b>Contributions to the <i>change in the level of activity</i> indicator over the last 6 months</b>	<b>Contributions to the <i>momentum</i> indicator in August 2014</b>
NFIB, percent planning to increase employment (net)	ISM manufacturing employment index
Unemployed for more than 27 weeks	Claims (as a share of labor force)
Job leavers	LFPR
Expected unemployment rate in 4 quarters (Blue Chip Economic Indicators)	Expected job availability (Thomson-Reuters/University of Michigan)
Unemployment rate	Challenger, Gray & Christmas, announced job cuts (as a share of labor force)

*Note: Contributions are ordered from highest contribution to lowest*

