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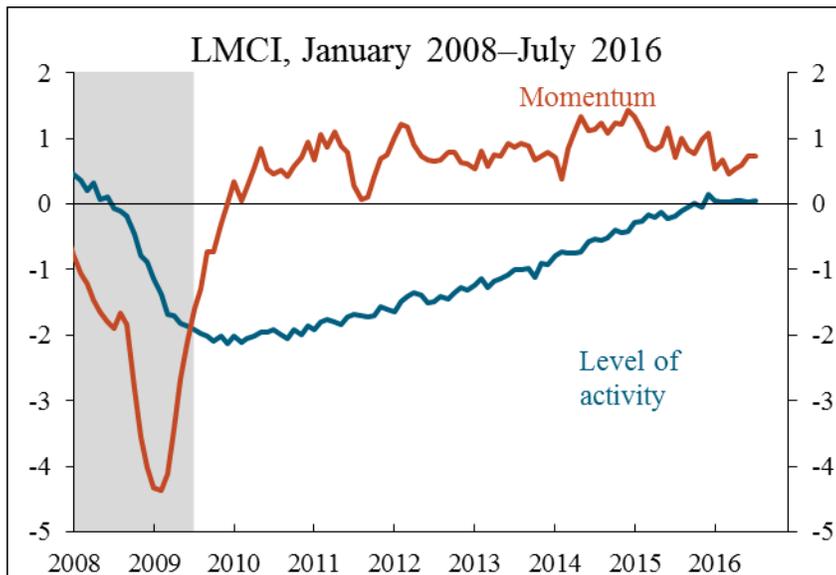
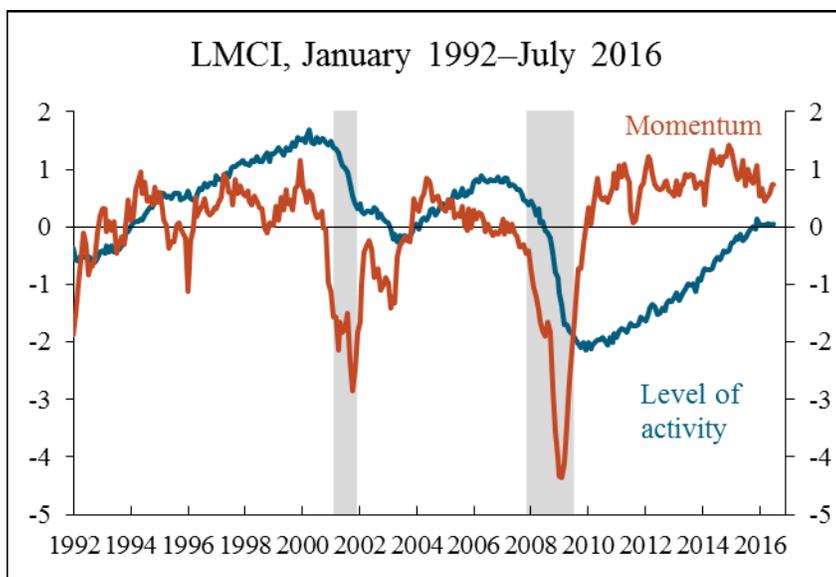
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The Kansas City Fed Labor Market Conditions Indicators (LMCI) suggest the level of activity was little changed and momentum remained high in July. The level of activity indicator increased from 0.027 in June to 0.041 in July, while the momentum indicator increased from 0.73 to 0.74.

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 July 2016. The activity indicator decreased 0.008 over the last six months. The largest contribution came from a decline in the percent of firms with positions not able to fill right now (NFIB). Thirteen variables made a positive contribution, two variables made no contribution, and nine variables made a negative contribution. The momentum indicator was 0.74 in July, where the largest contributor to momentum was initial claims. Sixteen variables made a positive contribution, and eight variables made a negative contribution.



Largest Contributions to the LMCI

Contributions to the decline in the <i>level of activity</i> indicator over the last six months	Positive contributions to the <i>momentum</i> indicator in July 2016
Percent of firms with positions not able to fill right now (NFIB)	Initial claims
Manufacturing employment index (ISM)	Labor force participation rate
Job losers	Announced job cuts (Challenger-Gray-Christmas)
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Job flows from U to E	Employment-population ratio
<i>Note: Contributions are ordered from largest to smallest.</i>	

