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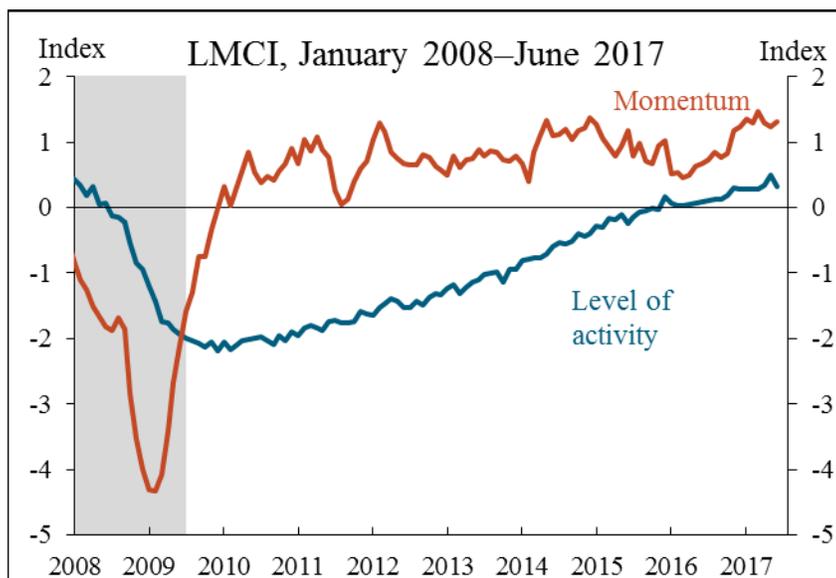
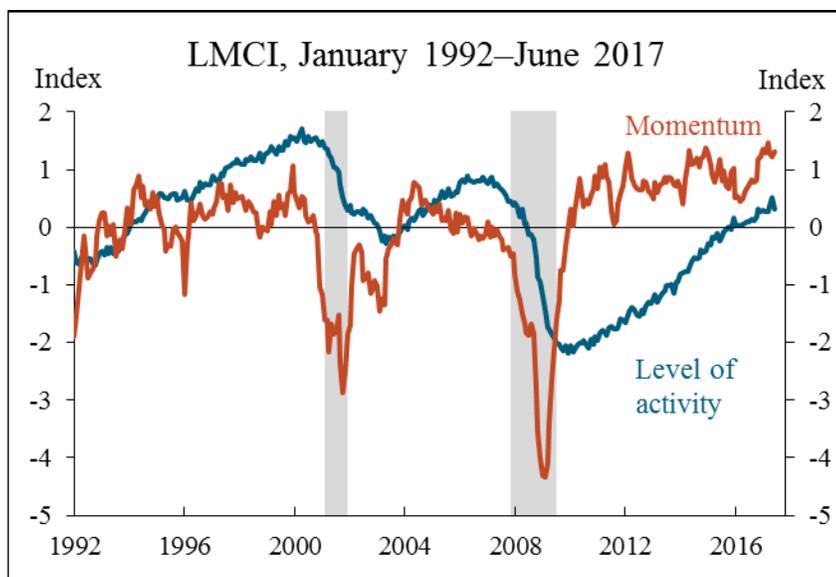
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The Kansas City Fed Labor Market Conditions Indicators (LMCI) suggest the level of activity decreased and momentum remained high in June. The level of activity indicator decreased in June from 0.50 to 0.33, while the momentum indicator was little changed at 1.30.

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 June 2017. The activity indicator increased 0.05 over the last six months. The largest contribution came from an increase in the job availability index (Conference Board). Thirteen variables made a positive contribution, and eleven variables made a negative contribution. The momentum indicator was 1.3 in June, where the largest contributor to momentum was initial claims. Eighteen variables made a positive contribution, and six 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 June 2017
Job availability index (Conference Board)	Initial claims
Broad unemployment rate (U6)	Manufacturing employment index (ISM)
Employment to population ratio	Expected job availability (U of Michigan)
Unemployment forecast (Blue Chip)	Labor force participation rate
Unemployment rate (U3)	Announced job cuts (Challenger-Gray-Christmas)

Note: Contributions are ordered from largest to smallest.

