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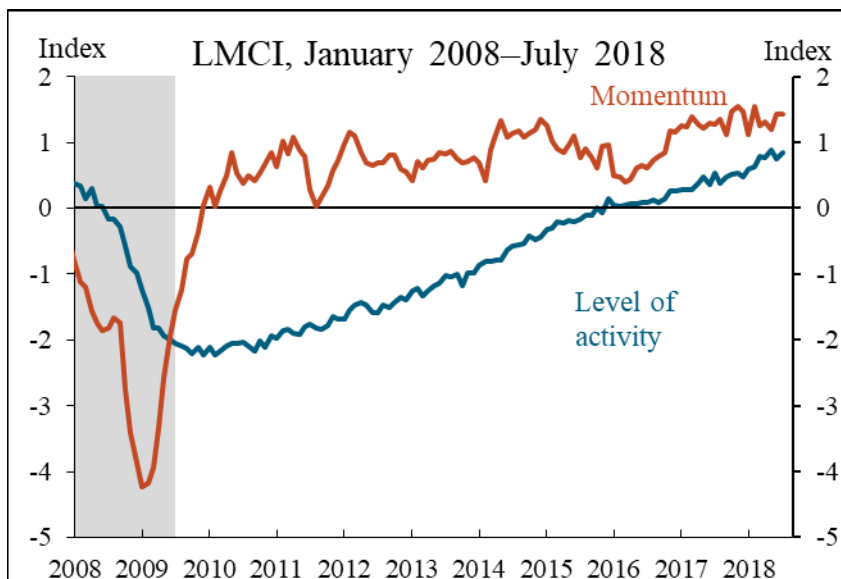
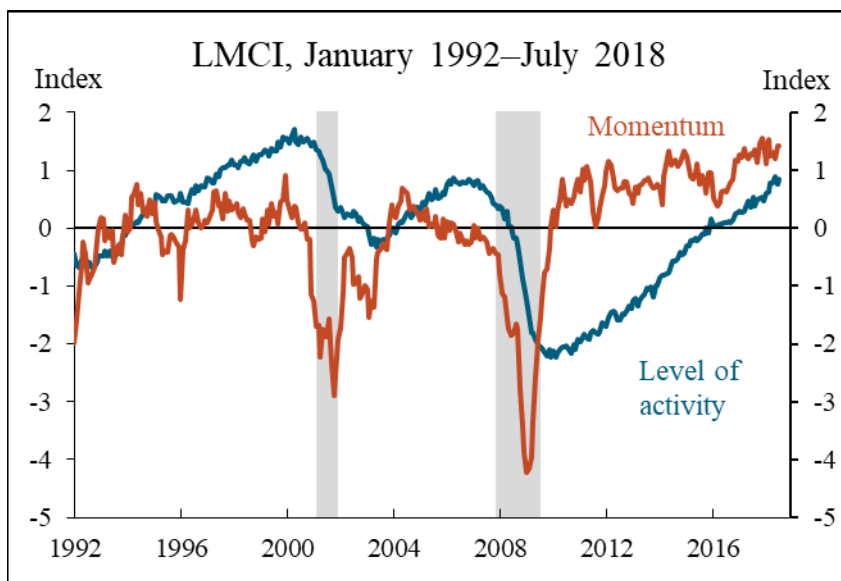
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## The KC Fed LMCI suggest the level of activity increased modestly and momentum remained high in July.

The Kansas City Fed Labor Market Conditions Indicators (LMCI) suggest the level of activity increased modestly and momentum remained high in July. The level of activity indicator increased in July from 0.75 to 0.84, while the momentum indicator was little changed at 1.43.

The table on the following page shows the five labor market variables that made the largest contributions to the increase 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 2018. The activity indicator increased 0.25 over the last six months. The largest contribution came from an increase in job leavers. Seventeen variables made a positive contribution, and seven variables made a negative contribution. The momentum indicator was 1.43 in July, where the largest contributor to momentum was initial claims. Seventeen variables made a positive contribution, and seven variables made a negative contribution.



## Largest Contributions to the LMCI

| <b>Contributions to the increase in the <i>level of activity</i> indicator over the last six months</b> | <b>Positive contributions to the <i>momentum</i> indicator in July 2018</b> |
|---|---|
| Job leavers   | Initial claims  |
| Quits rate  | Expected job availability (U of Michigan)                                   |
| Percent of firms planning to increase employment (NFIB)   | Manufacturing employment index (ISM)  |
| Percent of firms with positions not able to fill right now (NFIB)                                       | Labor force participation rate  |
| Job availability index (Conference Board)   | Expected job availability (Conference Board)                                |

*Note: Contributions are ordered from largest to smallest.*

