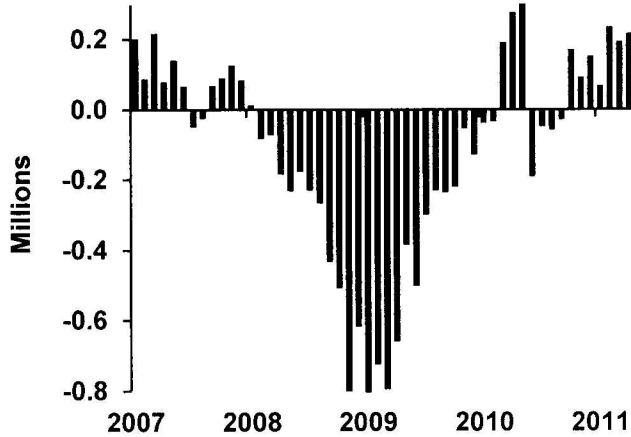


Net New Jobs



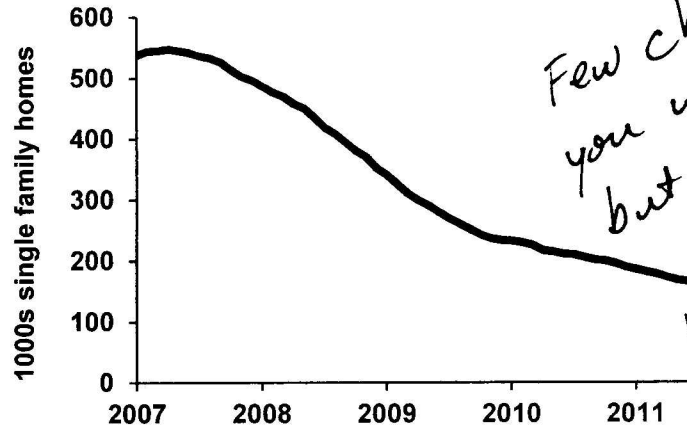
*Looking a little better, but still a long way to go.*

Retail Sales



*This growth rate is OK, not great.*

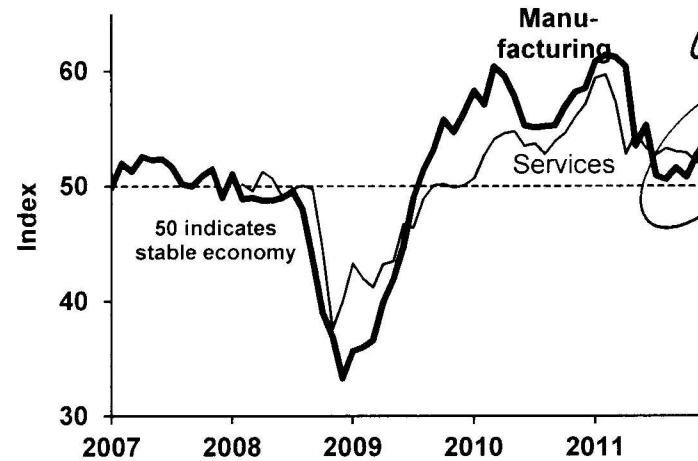
New Homes For Sale



*Few choices if you want new, but plenty of existing houses available.*

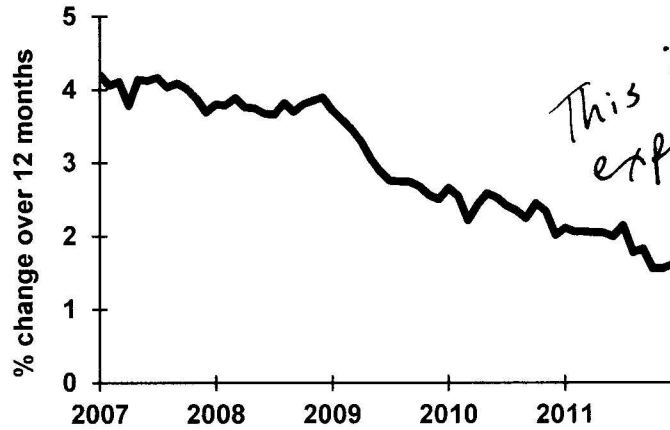
ISM Index

formerly Purchasing Managers Index



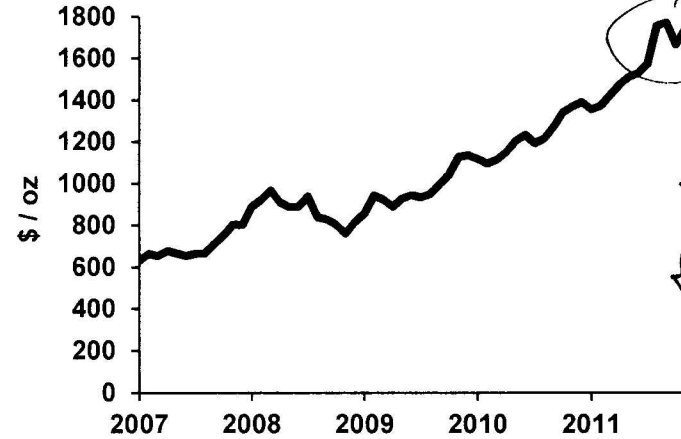
*a little uptick.*

Wage Inflation



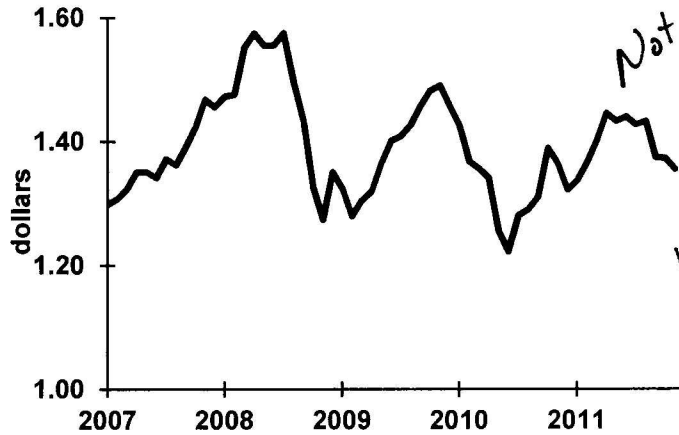
*This is biggest expense for most businesses.*

Gold Price



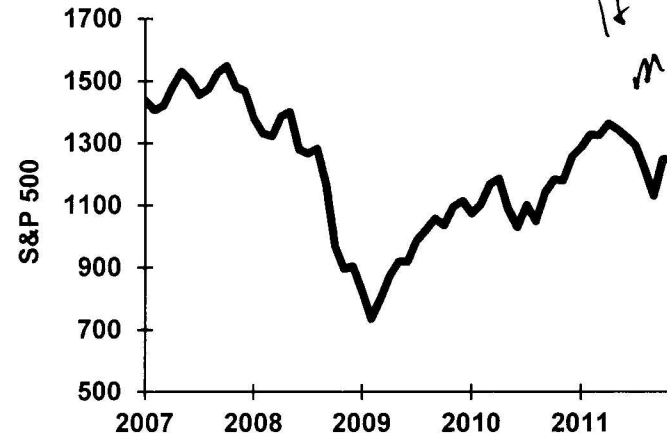
*the gold bugs lost heart the last few months.*

Value of the Euro



*Not nearly as weak as the news would seem to indicate.*

Stock Market



*If Europe muddles through, stocks have room to rise.*