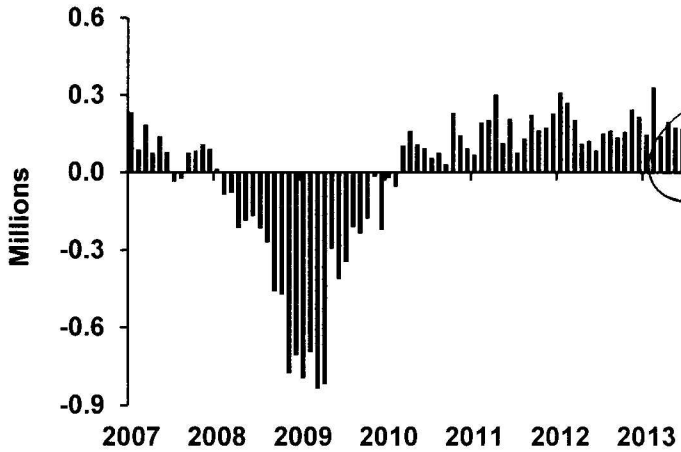
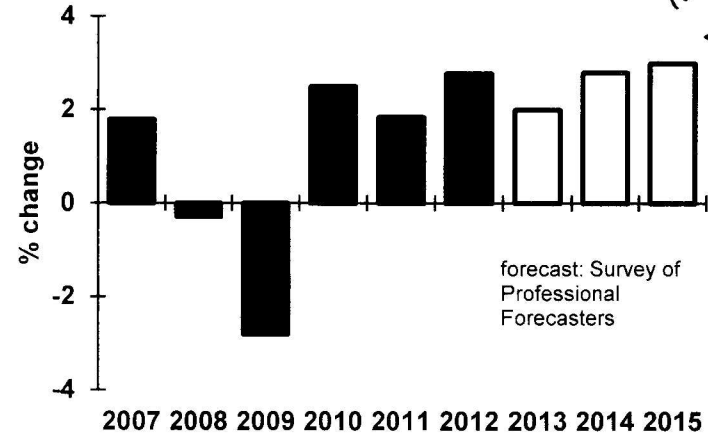


**Net New Jobs**  
excluding Census



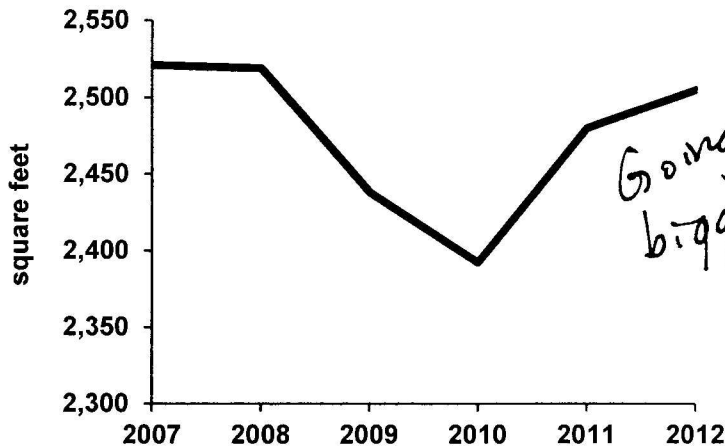
*Continued slow growth.*

**U.S. Real GDP Growth**



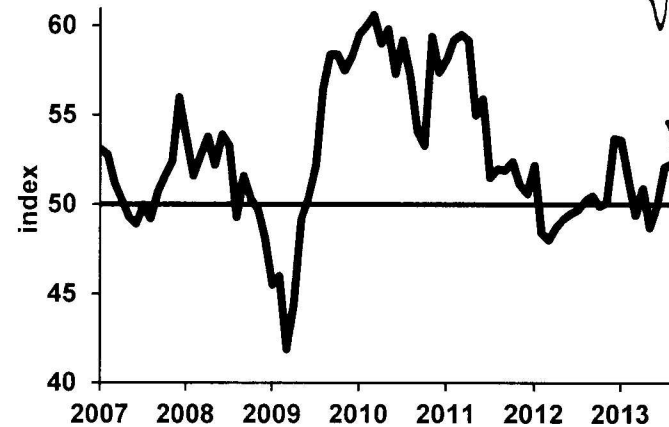
*This consensus forecast is good input for your business plan. See my Forbes.com article for more.*

**Average Size New Homes**



*Going back to bigger homes.*

**ISM Slow Deliveries**

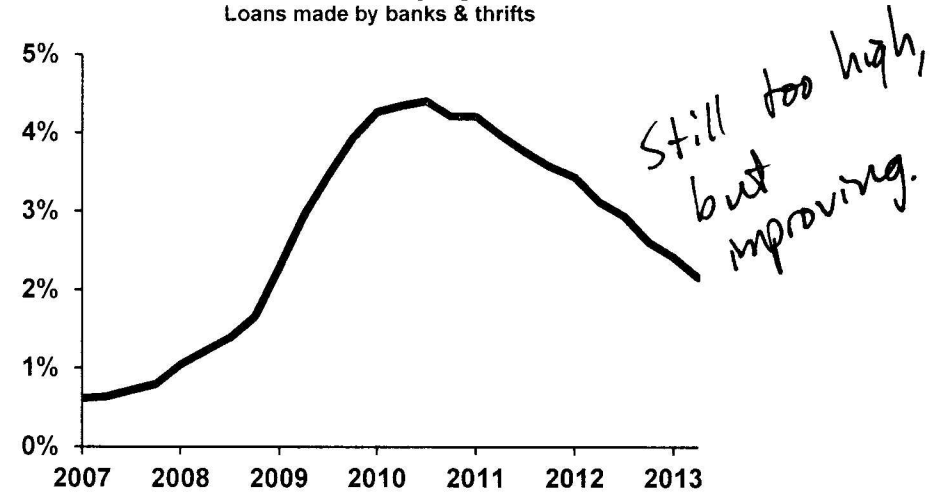


*Vendors a bit slower to deliver the goods; have you planned on stronger growth?*

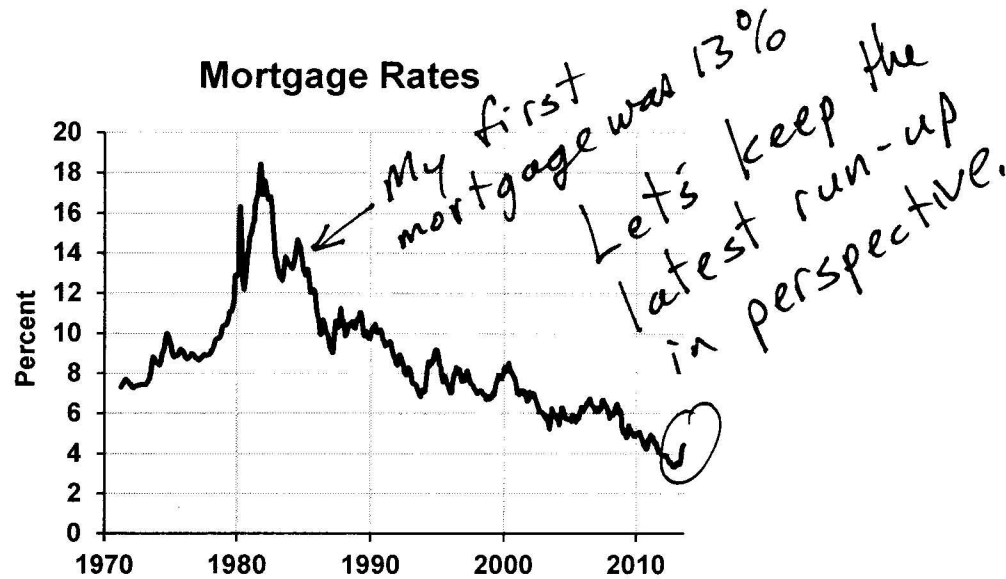
Wage Inflation



Commercial Mortgage Defaults



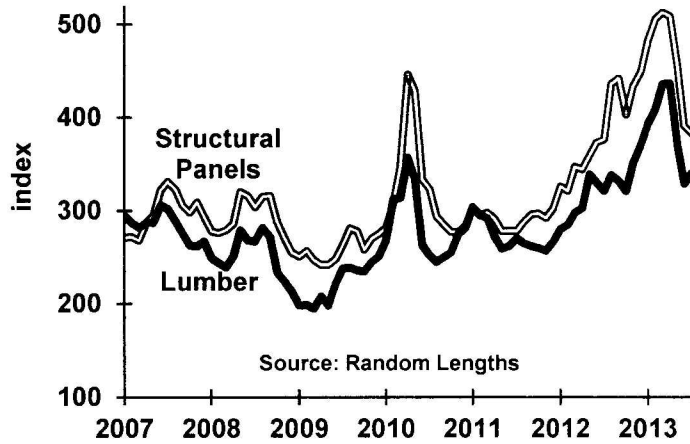
Mortgage Rates



Stock Market

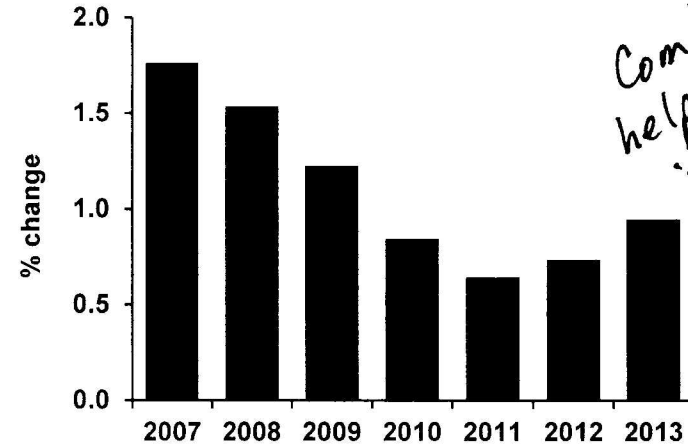


Lumber and Panel Prices



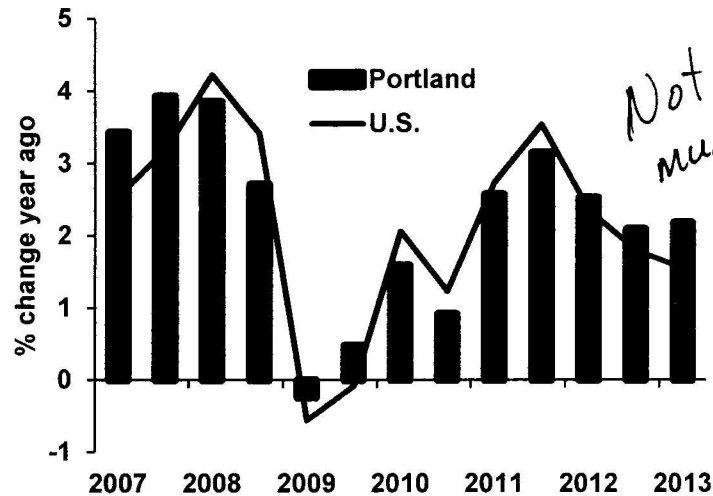
*Small slow-down in home starts hit prices very hard.*

Washington Population Growth



*Coming back, helping to justify strong home construction.*

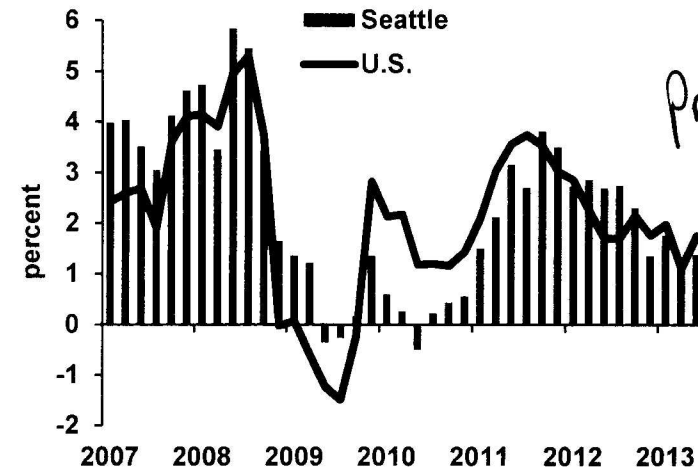
Portland Inflation



*Not too much inflation.*

Note: Portland data on 6-month frequency; Seattle on 2-month, causing U.S. pattern to appear to be different.

Seattle Area Inflation



*Pretty mild.*

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