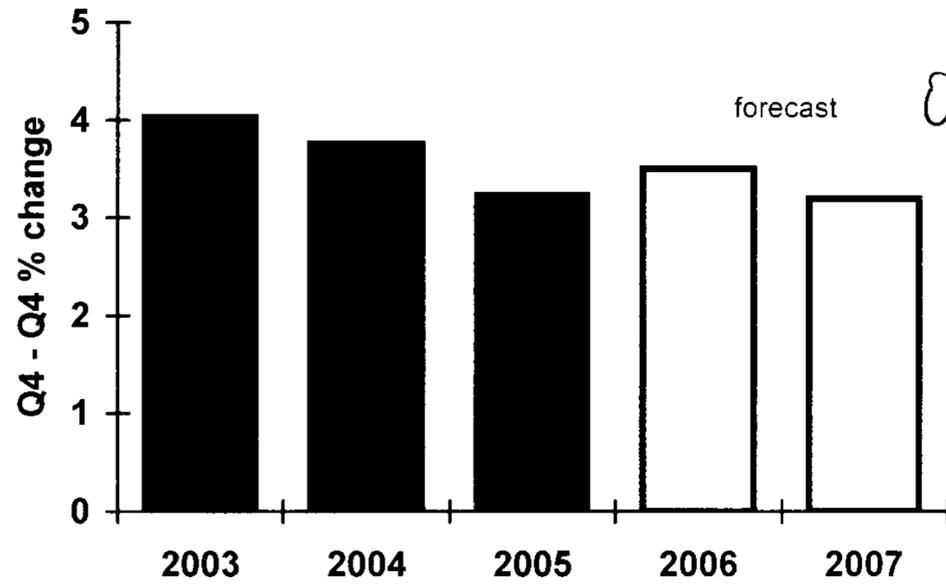
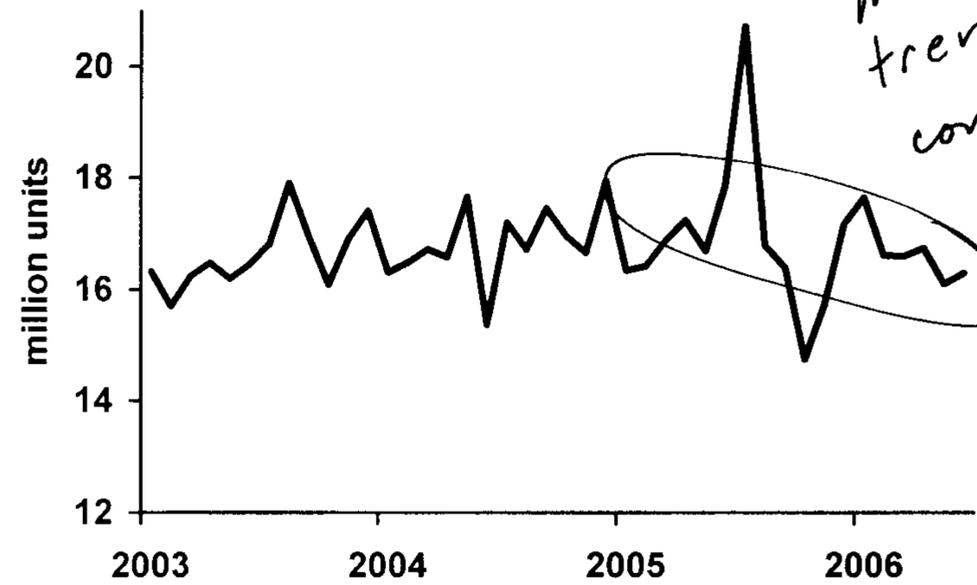


**Real GDP Growth**



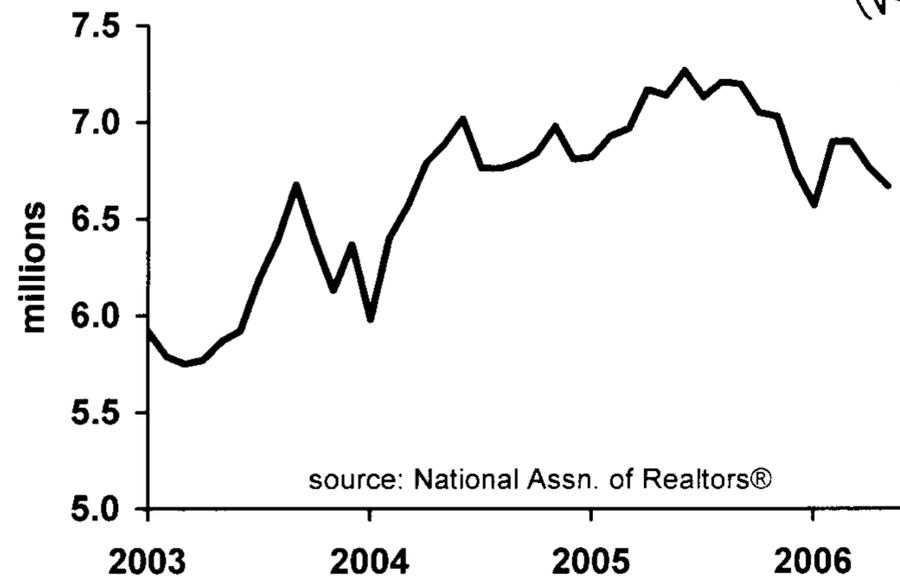
*Outlook continues to be strong.*

**Auto & Light Truck Sales**



*Mild down trend will continue, due to higher interest rates*

**Existing Home Sales**

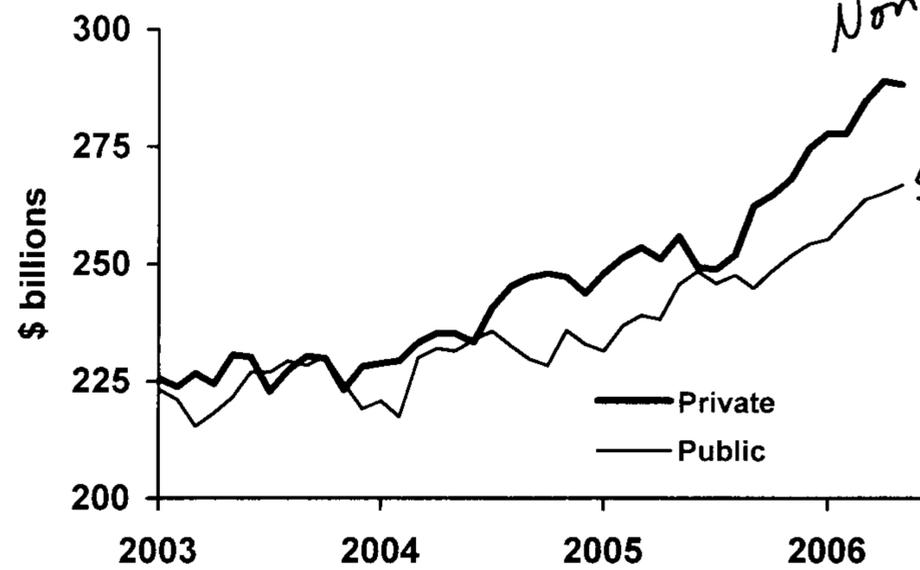


source: National Assn. of Realtors®

*The housing market is easing, not crashing, which is good news.*

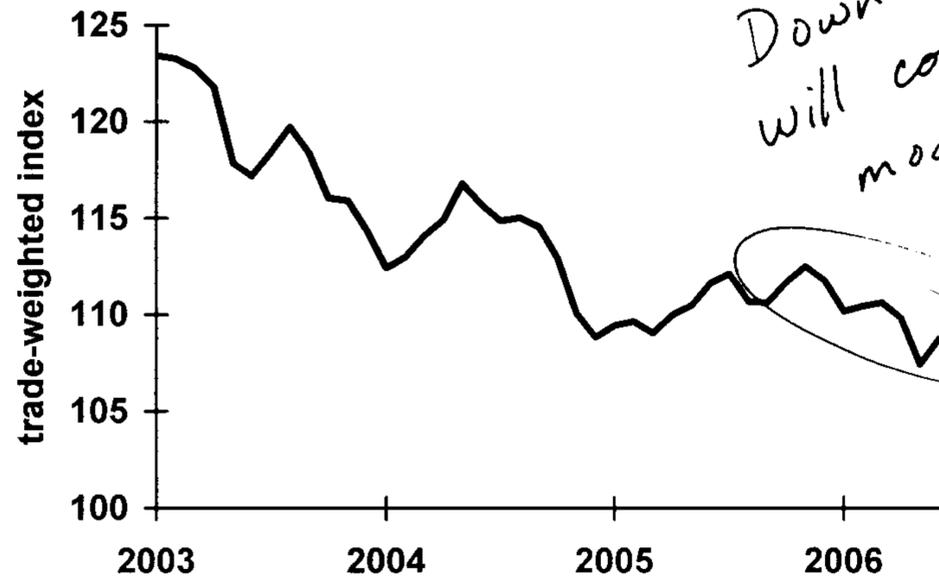
**Construction Spending**

Non-residential



*Non-residential construction surging, and likely to strengthen further.*

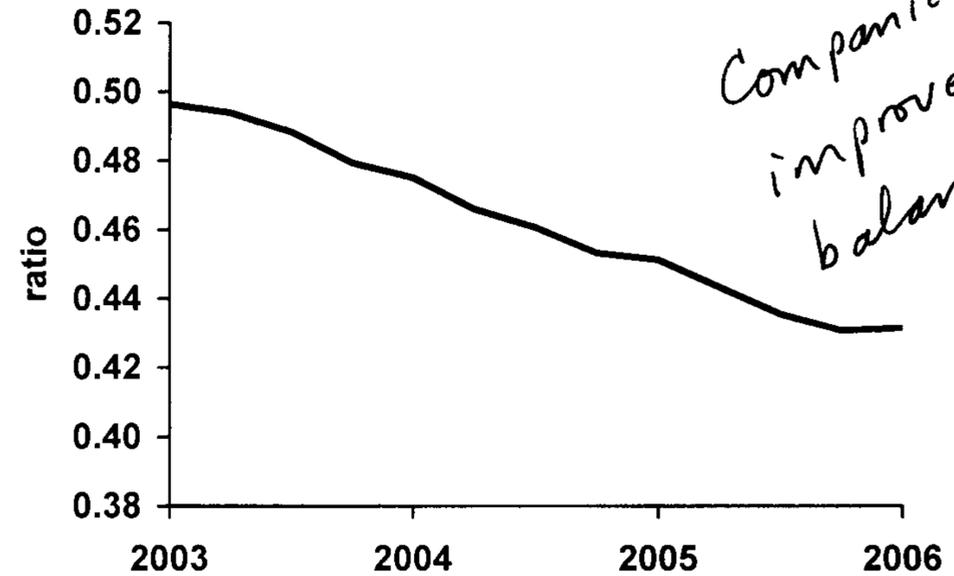
Value of U.S. Dollar



*Downward trend will continue at moderate pace for next 12 months*

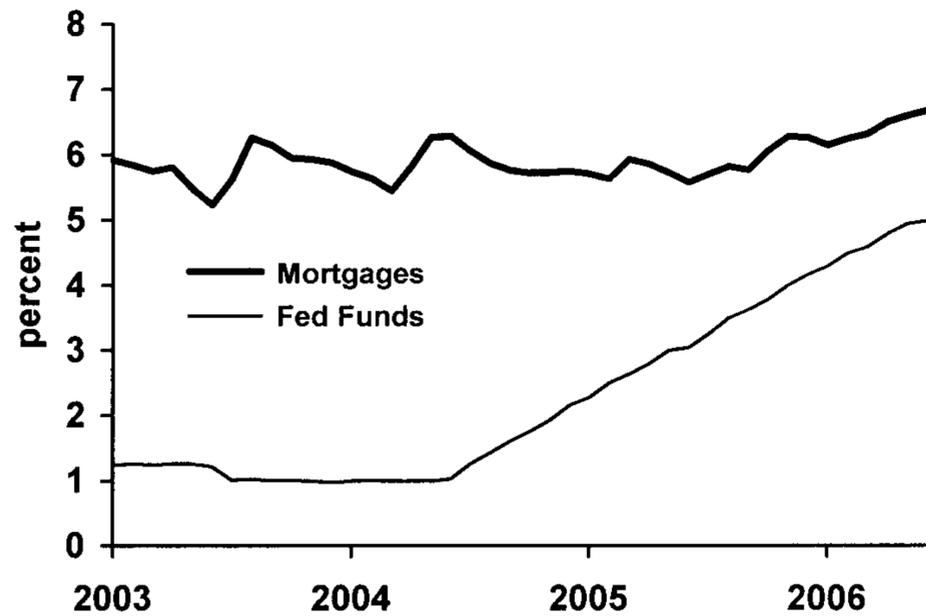
Debt / Equity Ratio

Nonfarm Nonfinancial Business



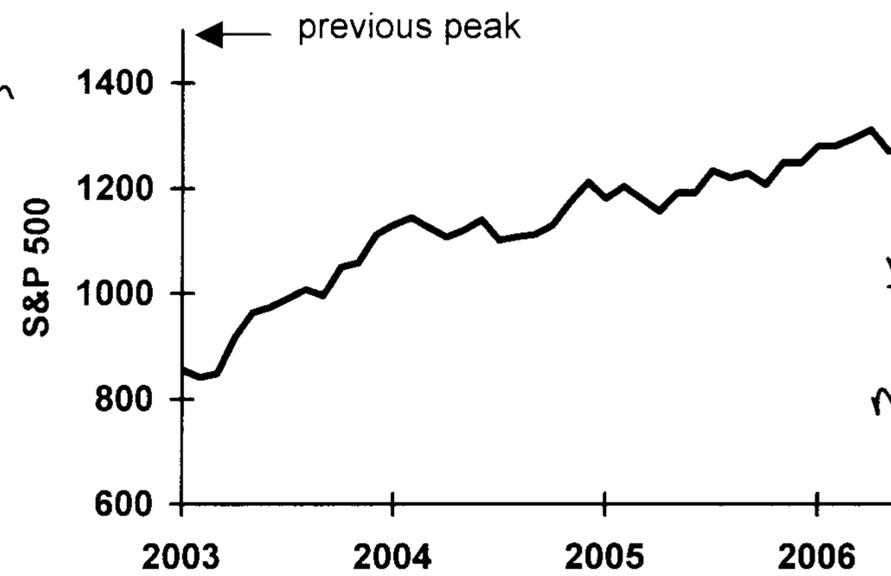
*Companies have improved their balance sheets*

Interest Rates



*Fed's short-term rate hikes are about over, but long-term rates will climb another percentage point.*

Stock Market



*More likely to pop up than down next year.*