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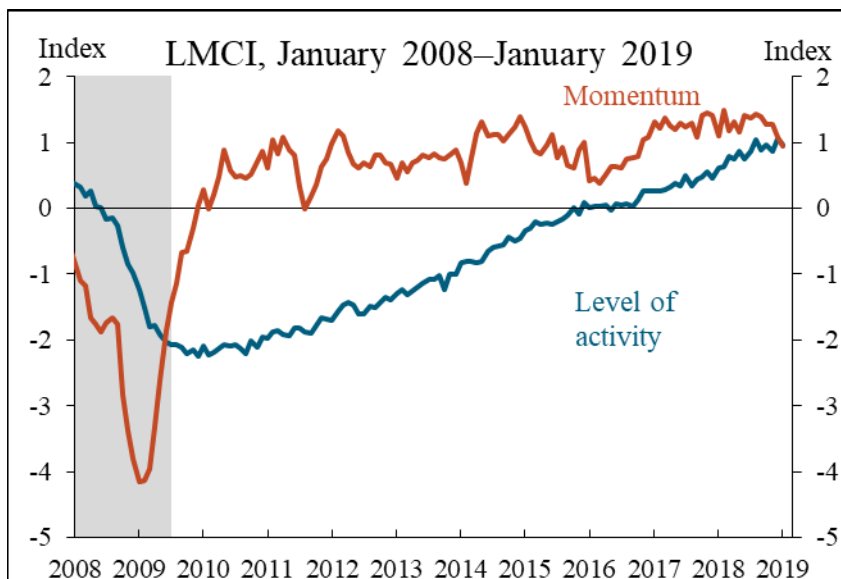
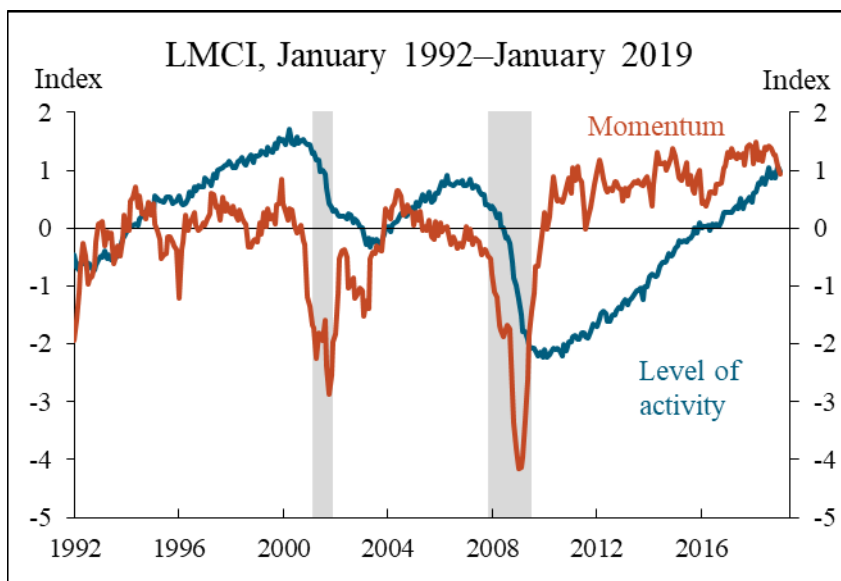
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The Kansas City Fed Labor Market Conditions Indicators (LMCI) suggest the level of activity declined modestly and momentum remained high in January. The level of activity indicator decreased in January from 1.06 to 0.97, while the momentum indicator decelerated moderately from 1.07 to 0.94.

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 January 2019. The activity indicator increased 0.11 over the last six months. The largest contributor to the level of activity was the quits rate. Fourteen variables made a positive contribution, and 10 variables made a negative contribution. The momentum indicator was 0.94 in January, where the largest contributor to momentum was initial claims. Sixteen variables made a positive contribution, and eight 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 January 2019
Quits rate	Initial claims
Average hourly earnings	Quits rate
Unemployed 27 or more weeks	Labor force participation rate
Job flows from U to E	Manufacturing employment index (ISM)
Expected job availability (U of Michigan)	Percent of firms with positions not able to fill right now (NFIB)

Note: Contributions are ordered from largest to smallest.

