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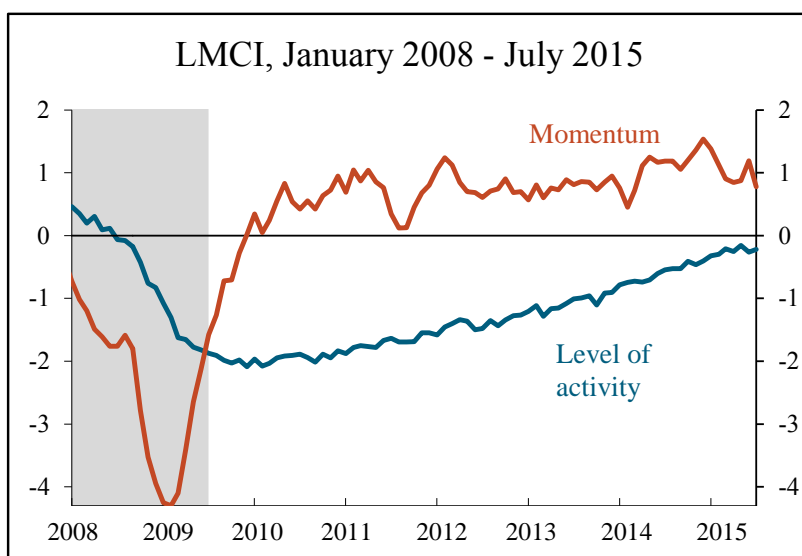
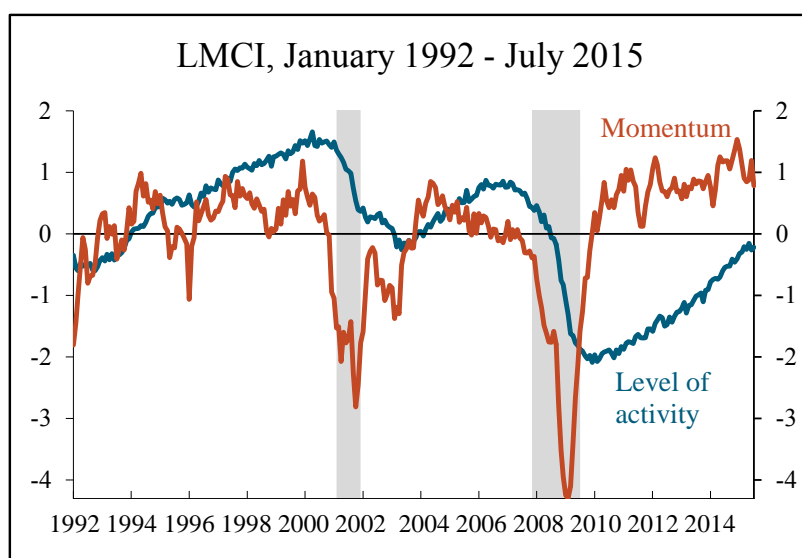
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The Kansas City Fed Labor Market Conditions Indicators (LMCI) level of activity improved while momentum declined but remained high. The level of activity indicator increased from -0.27 in June to -0.22 in July. The momentum indicator decreased from 1.19 in June to 0.78 in July.

The table on the following page shows the five labor market variables that made the largest contributions to the improvement in the activity indicator over the last six months, and the five variables that made the largest contributions to the momentum indicator in July 2015. The activity indicator increased 0.1 over the last six months. The largest contribution came from a decline in the unemployed for 27 or more weeks. Fourteen variables made a positive contribution, nine variables made a negative contribution, and one variable made no contribution. The momentum indicator was 0.78 in July, 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 change in the <i>level of activity</i> indicator over the last six months	Contributions to the <i>momentum</i> indicator in July 2015
Unemployed for 27 or more weeks	Initial claims
Job leavers	Labor force participation rate
Broad unemployment rate (U6)	Expected job availability (U of Michigan)
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Announced job cuts (Challenger-Gray-Christmas)	Manufacturing employment index (ISM)

Note: Contributions are ordered from largest to smallest.

