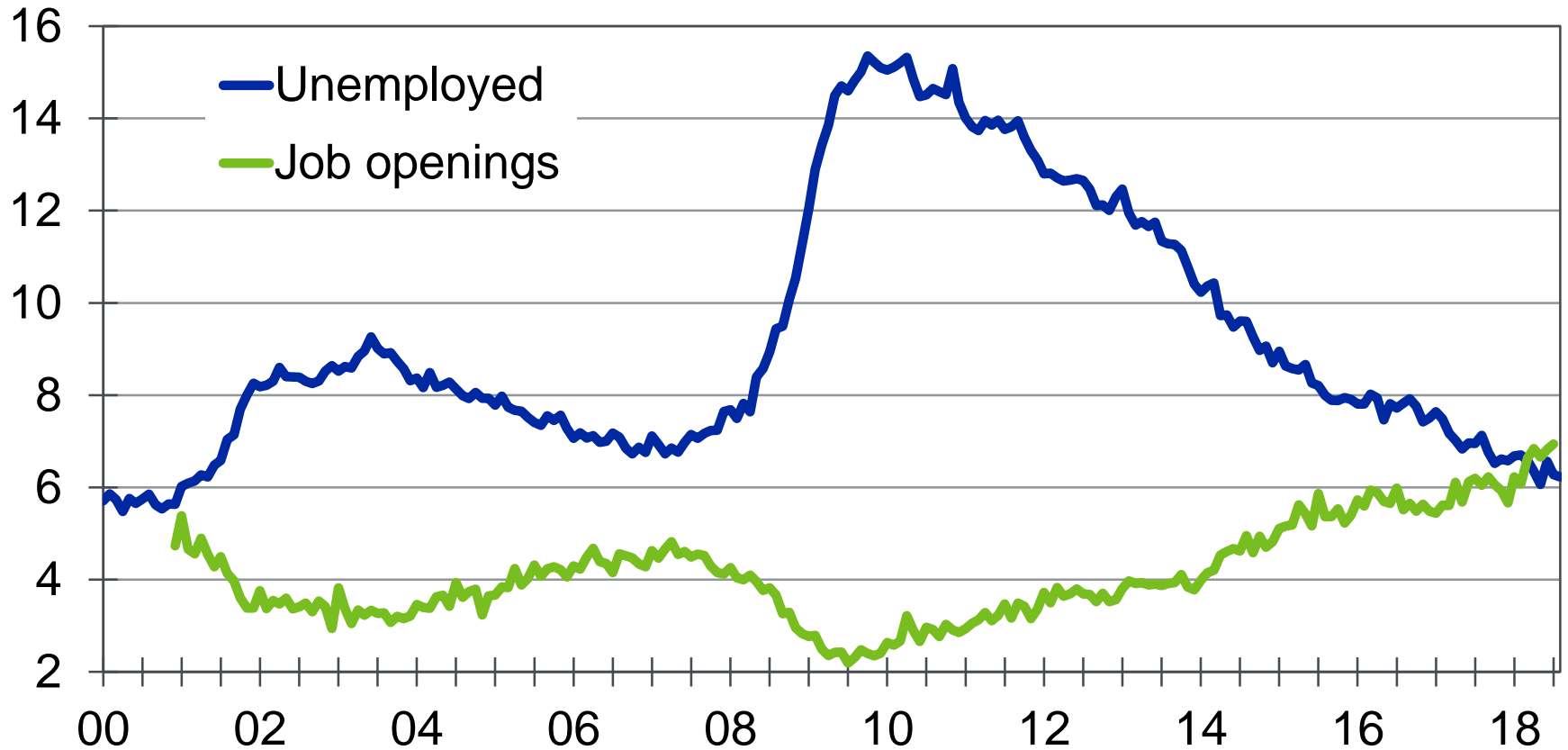


U.S.: Near-Term Strength

Job Market: More Than Full Employment

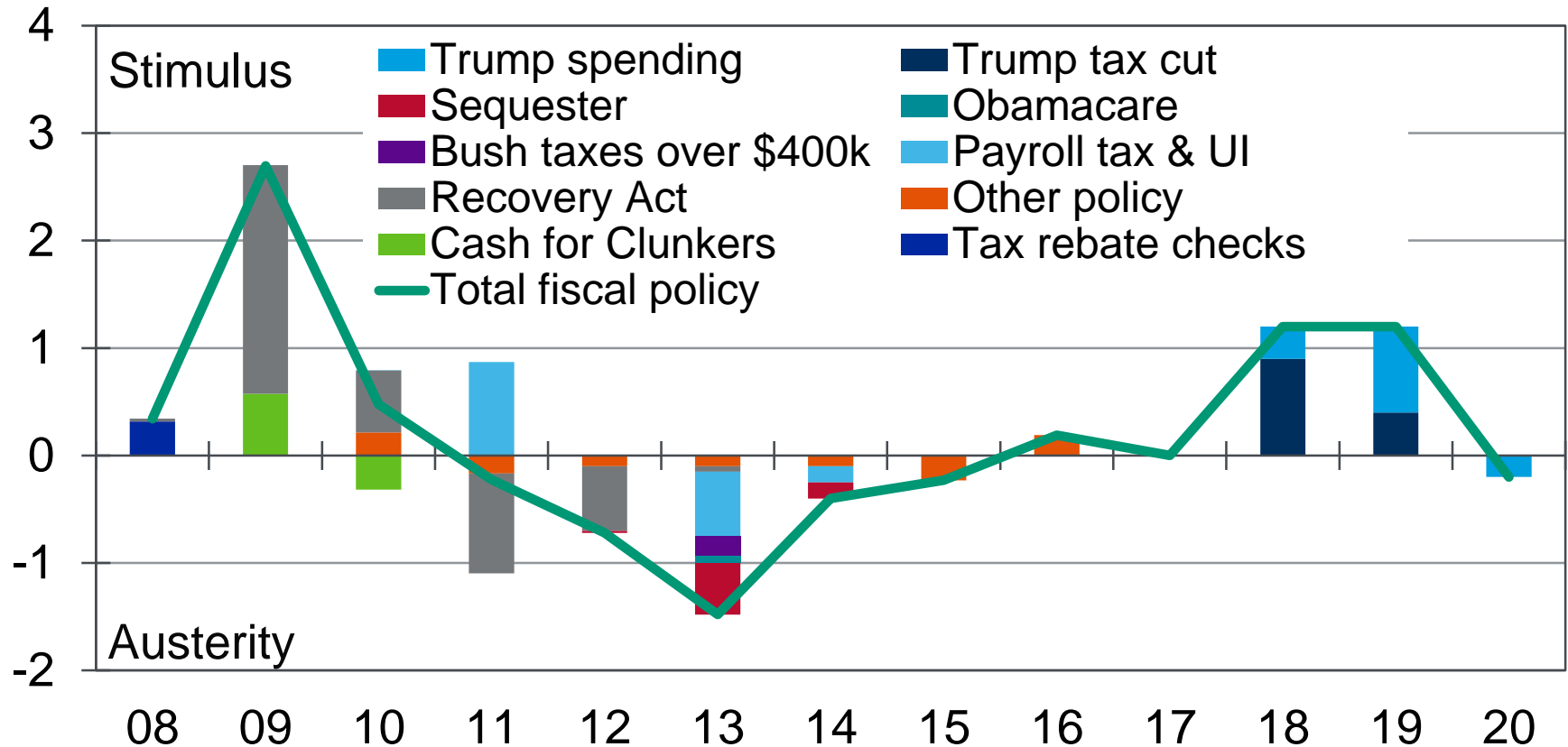
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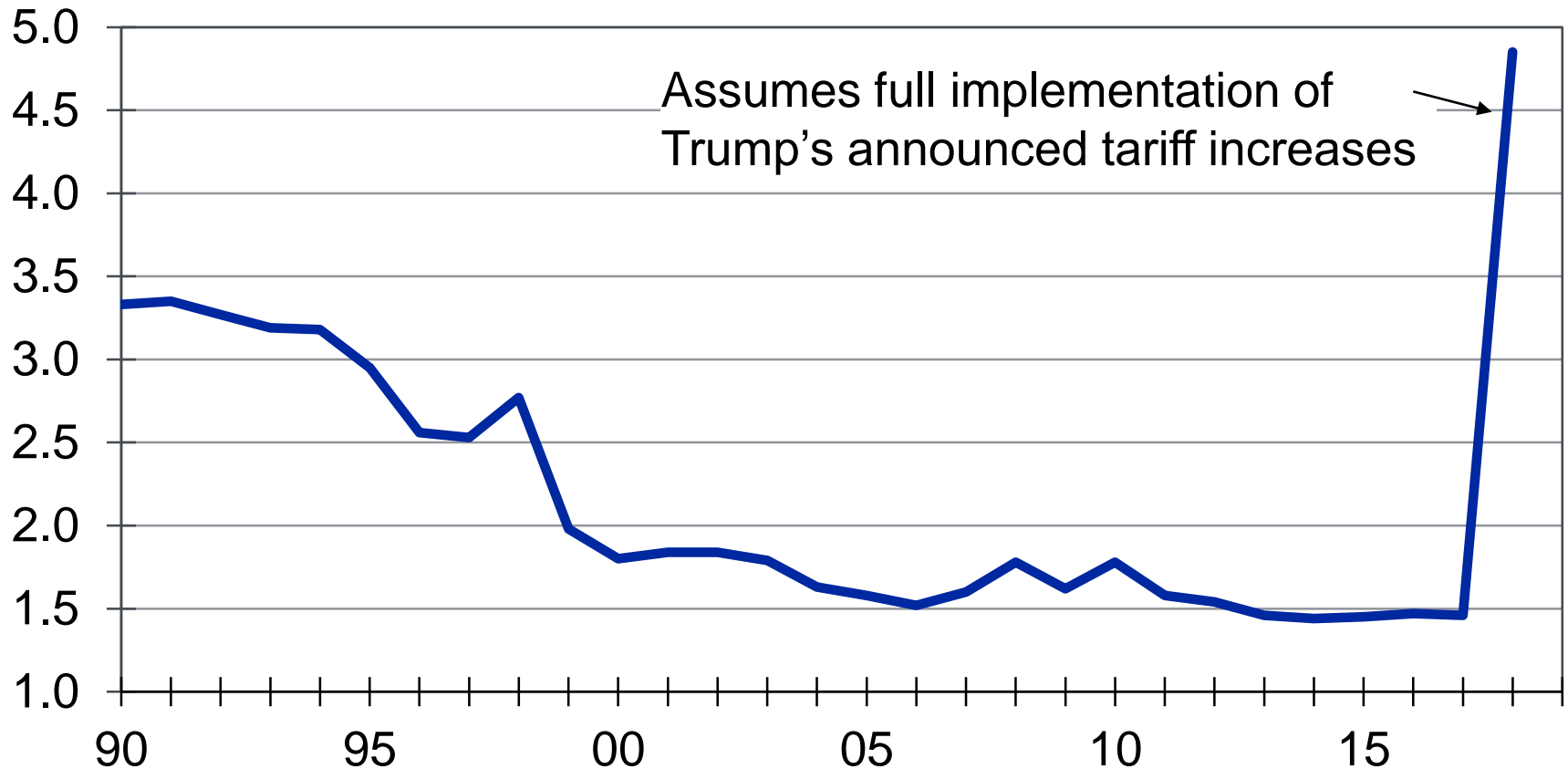
Federal discretionary fiscal policy as a % of GDP



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Trump Trade War a Threat

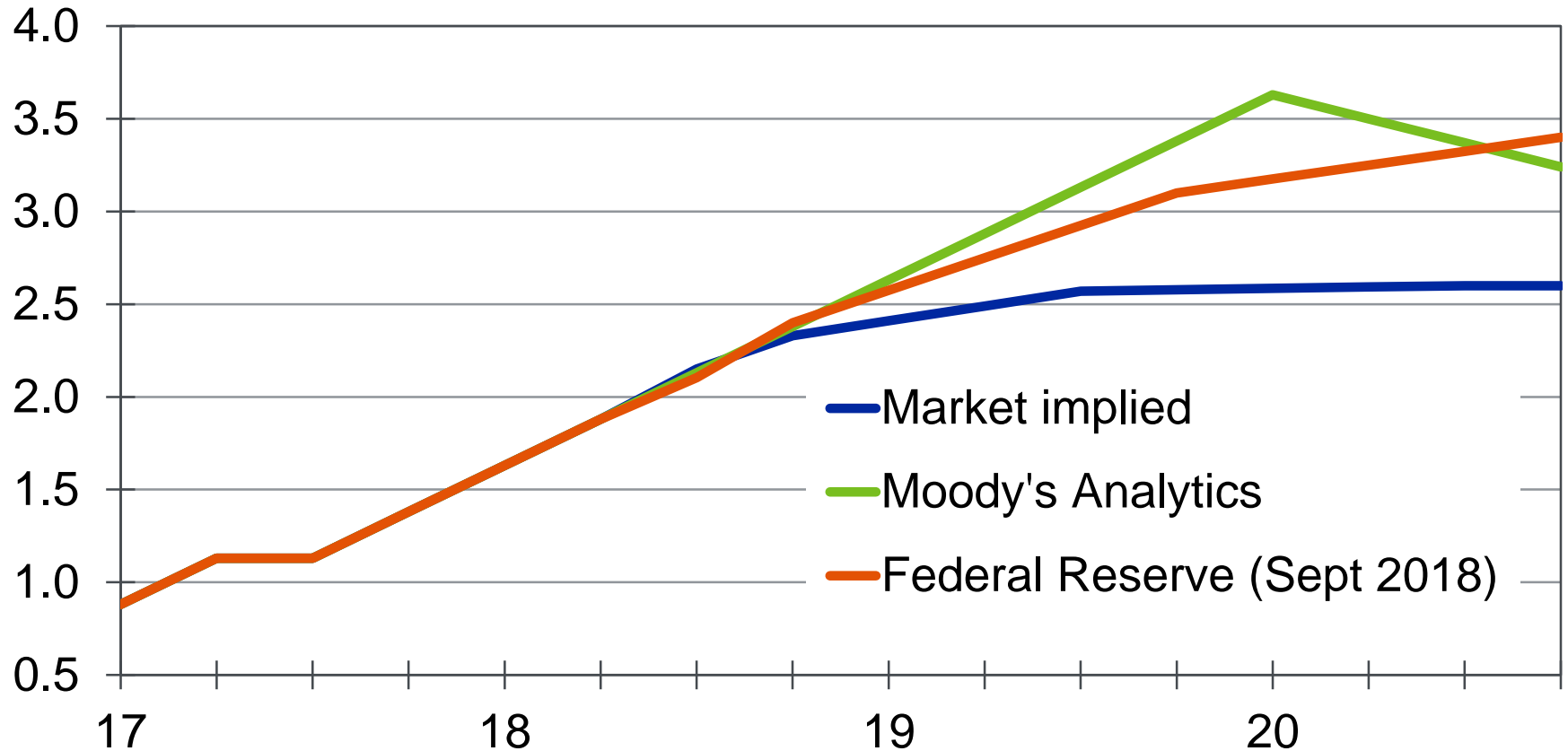
U.S. avg effective tariff rate, %



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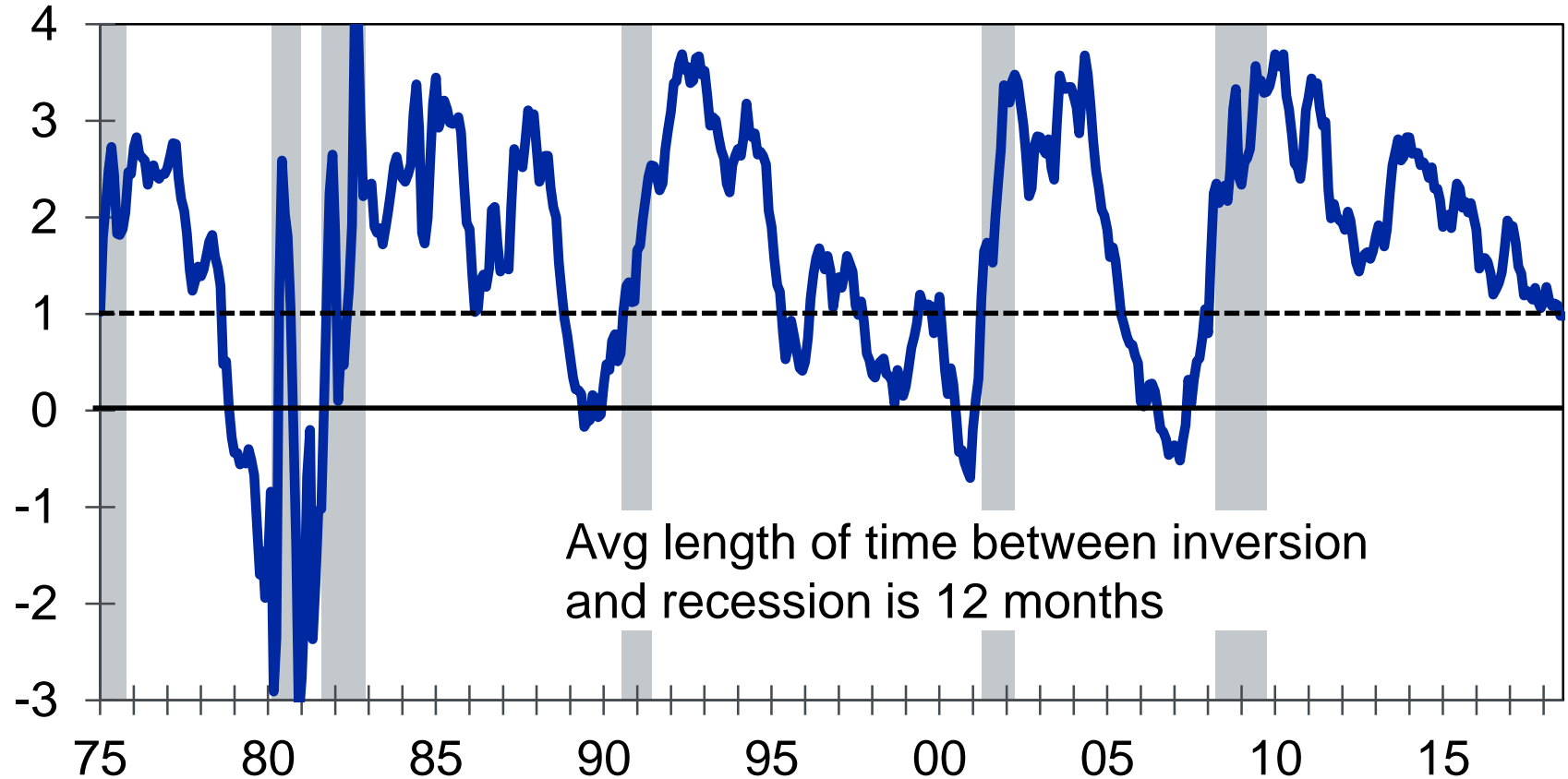
Federal funds rate, %



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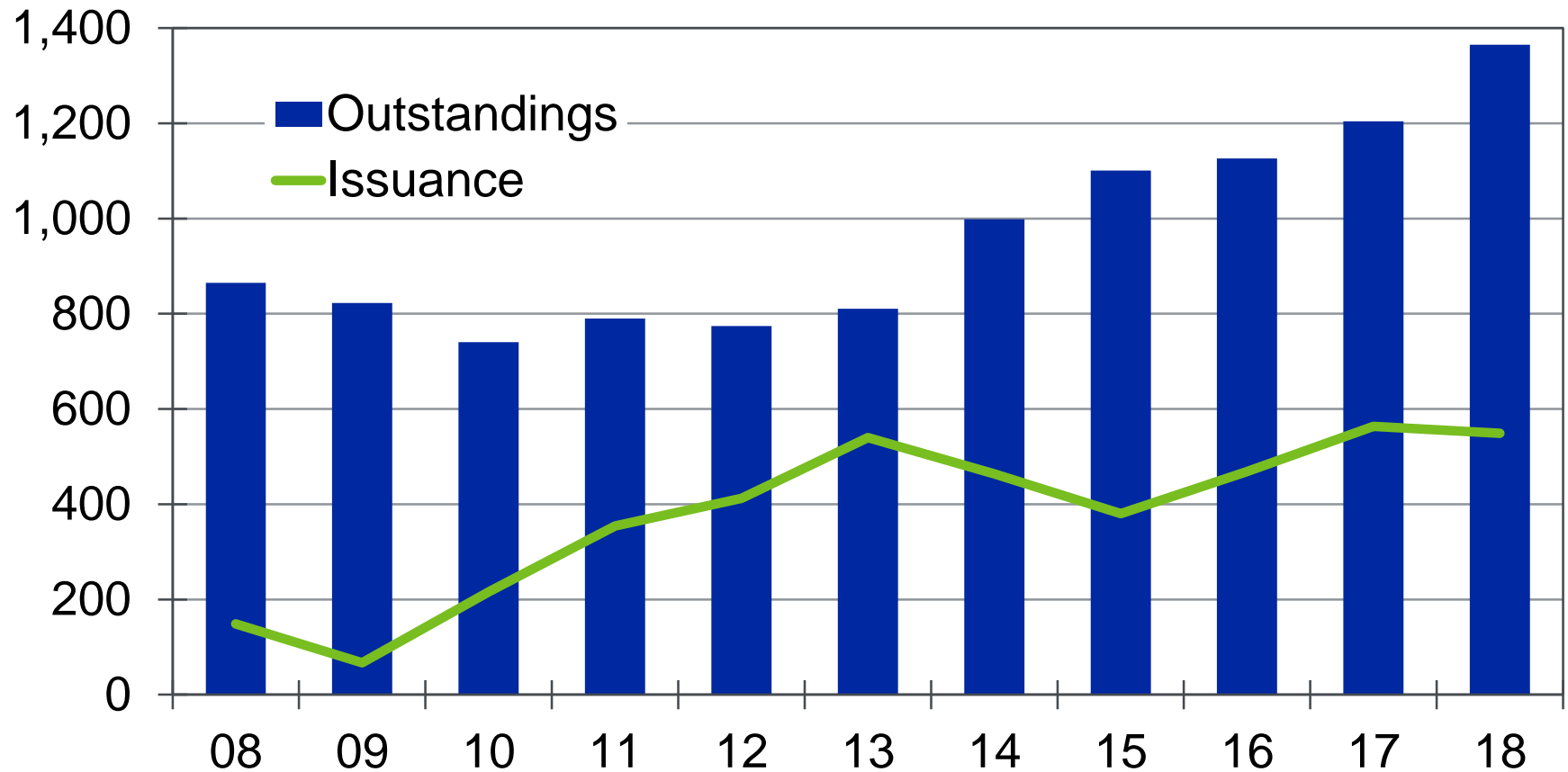
Diff between 10-yr and 3-mo EBY, %



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Riskier Bank Lending Is Up

Leveraged loans, \$ bil

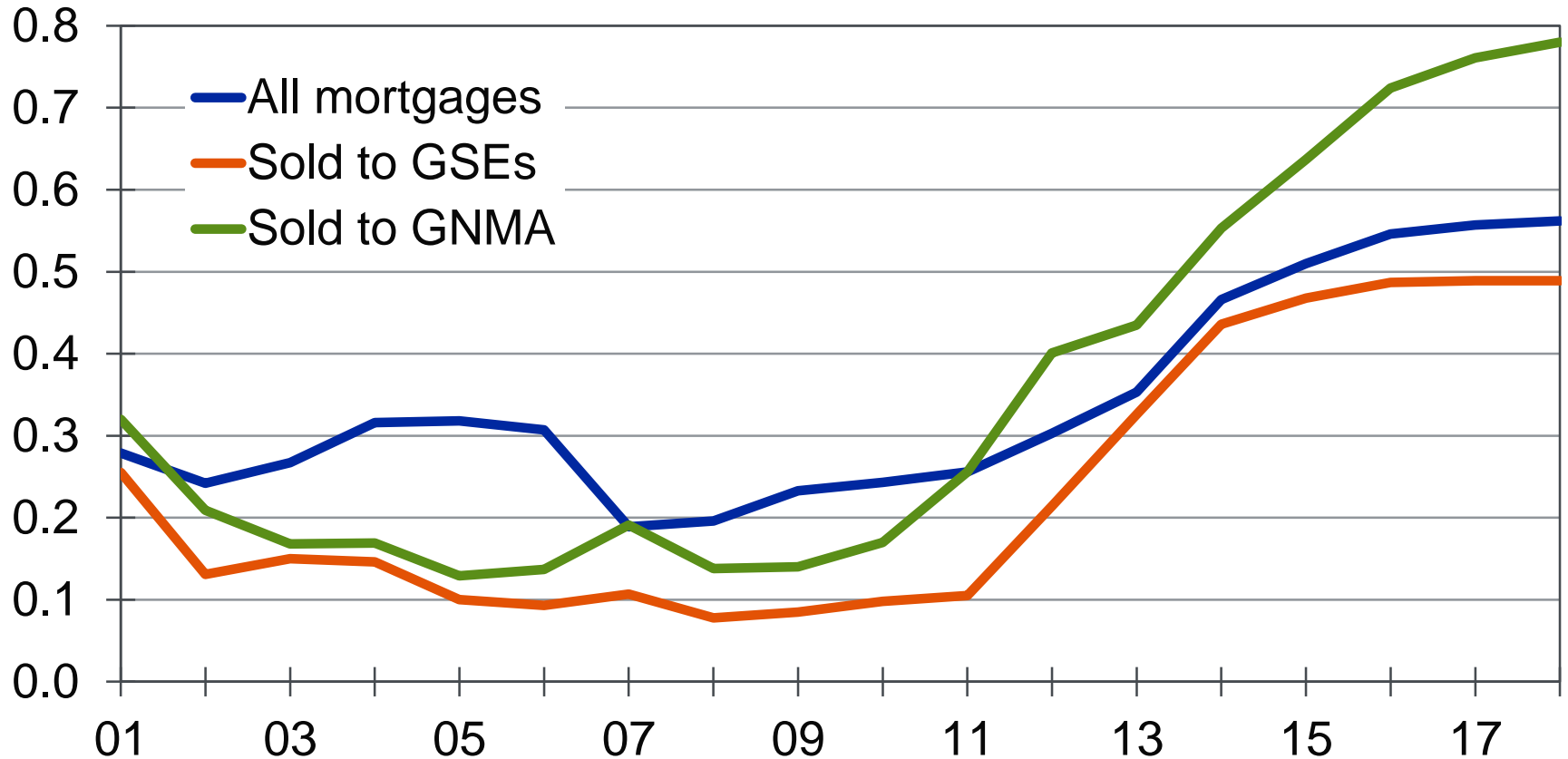


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Note: 2018 issuance is YTD annualized

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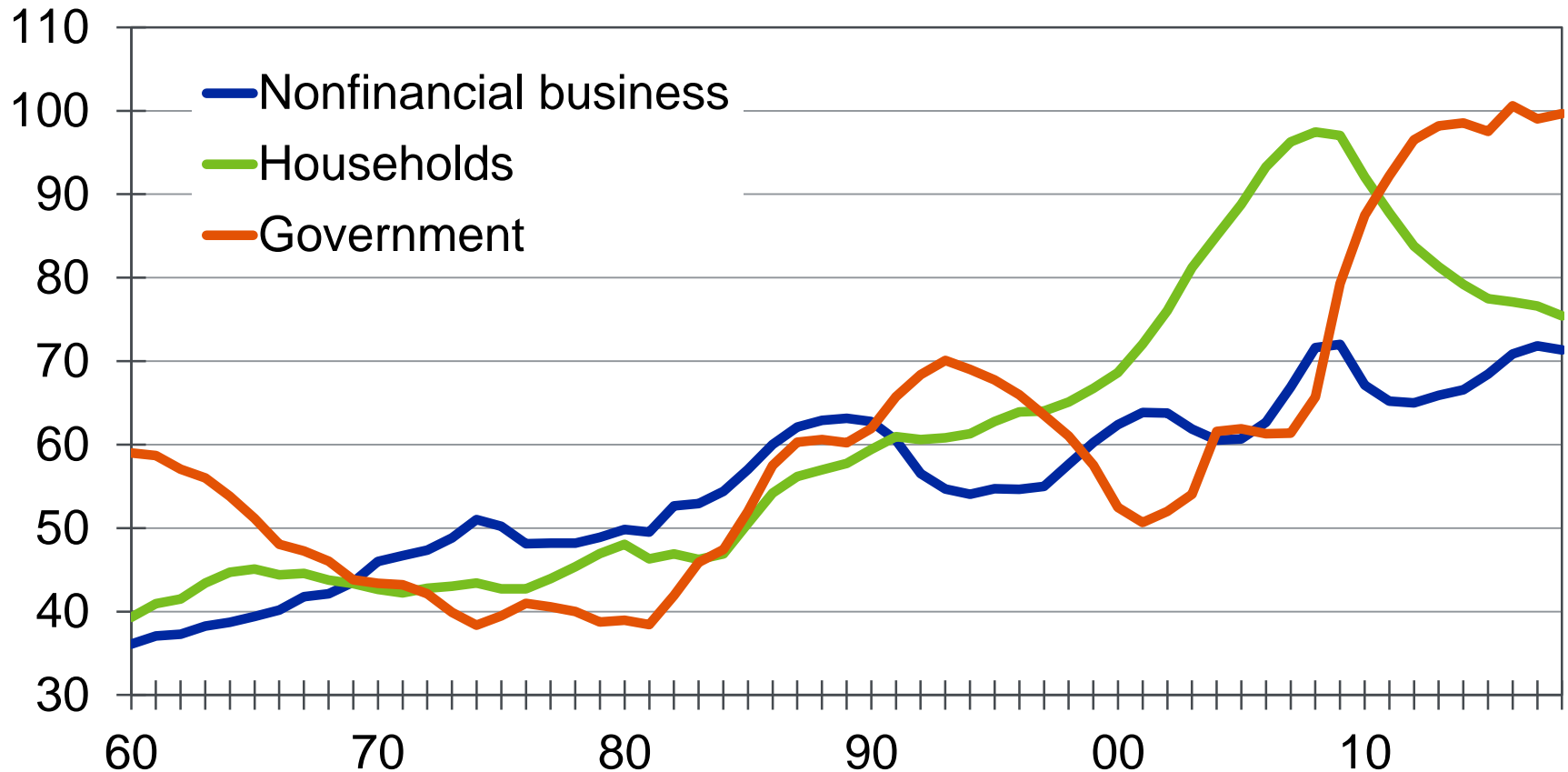
% of mortgage originations initiated by nonbanks




Sources: Federal Reserve, Brookings

Federal Debt a Longer-Term Issue

Debt-to-GDP ratio



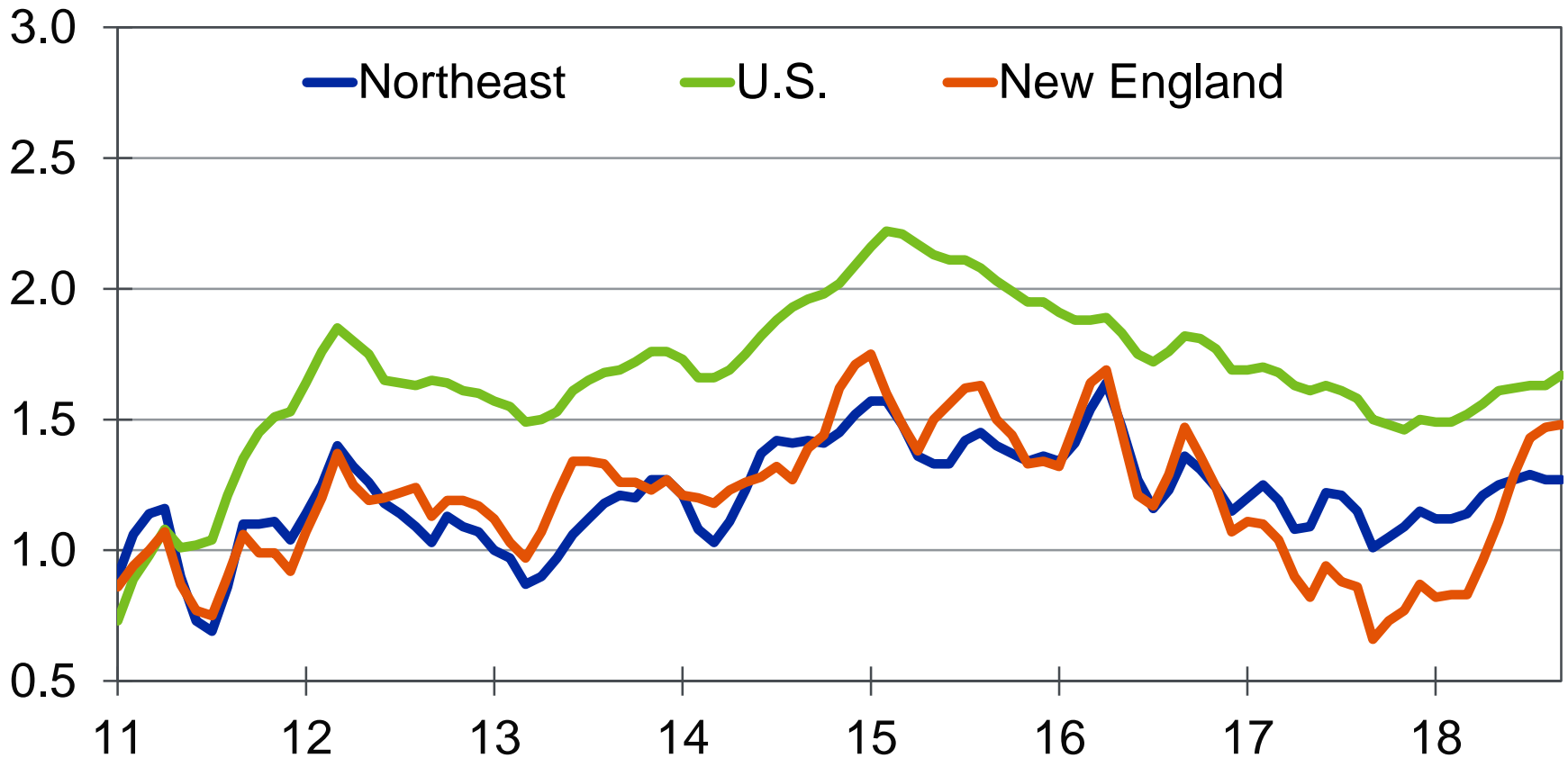
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New England

New England Leads the Northeast

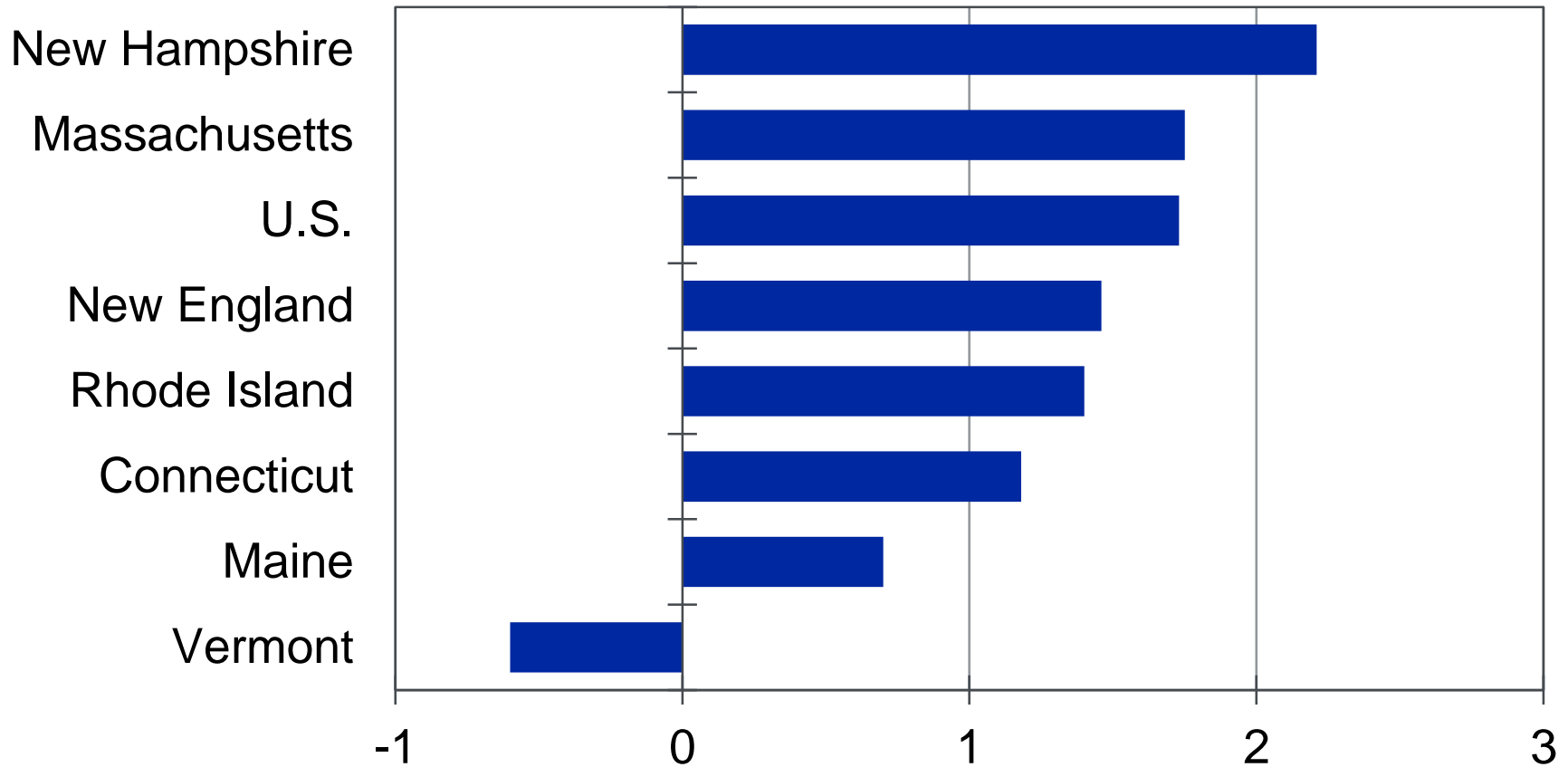
Employment, 3-mo MA, % change yr ago



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NH and MA Lead the Way

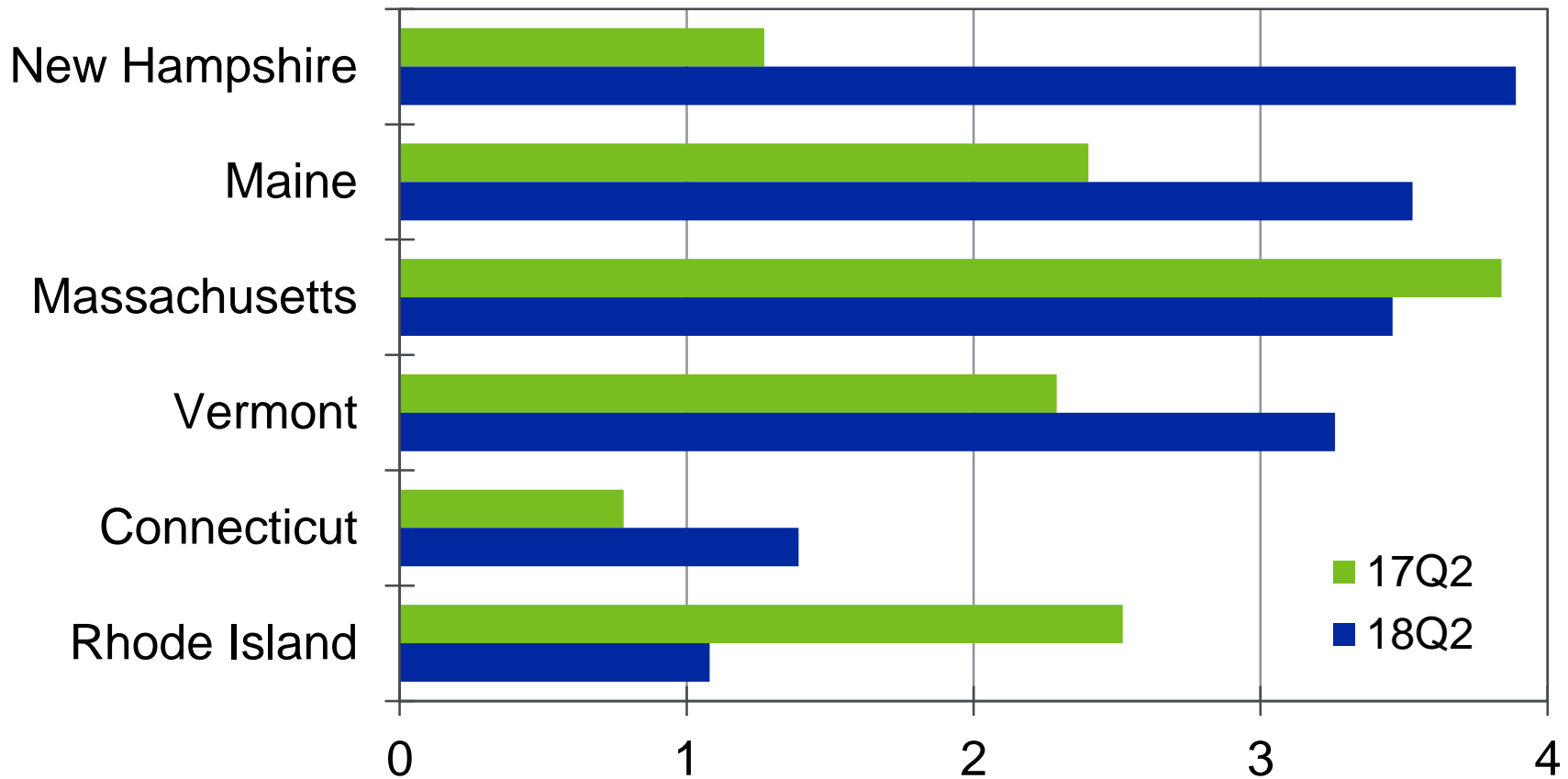
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Wage Growth Suggests Tightening...

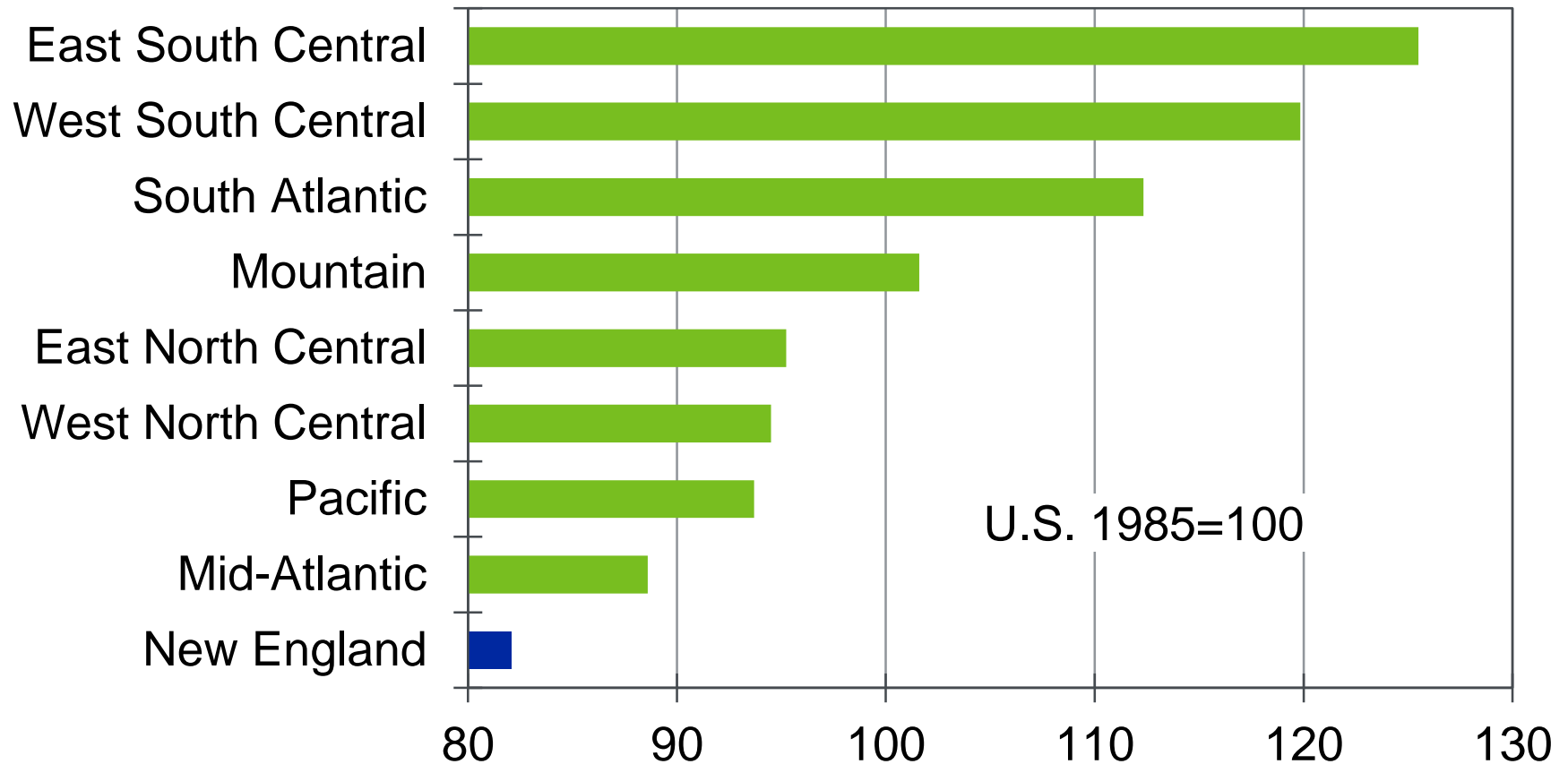
Wage and salary income per worker, % change yr ago



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...But Optimism Not High

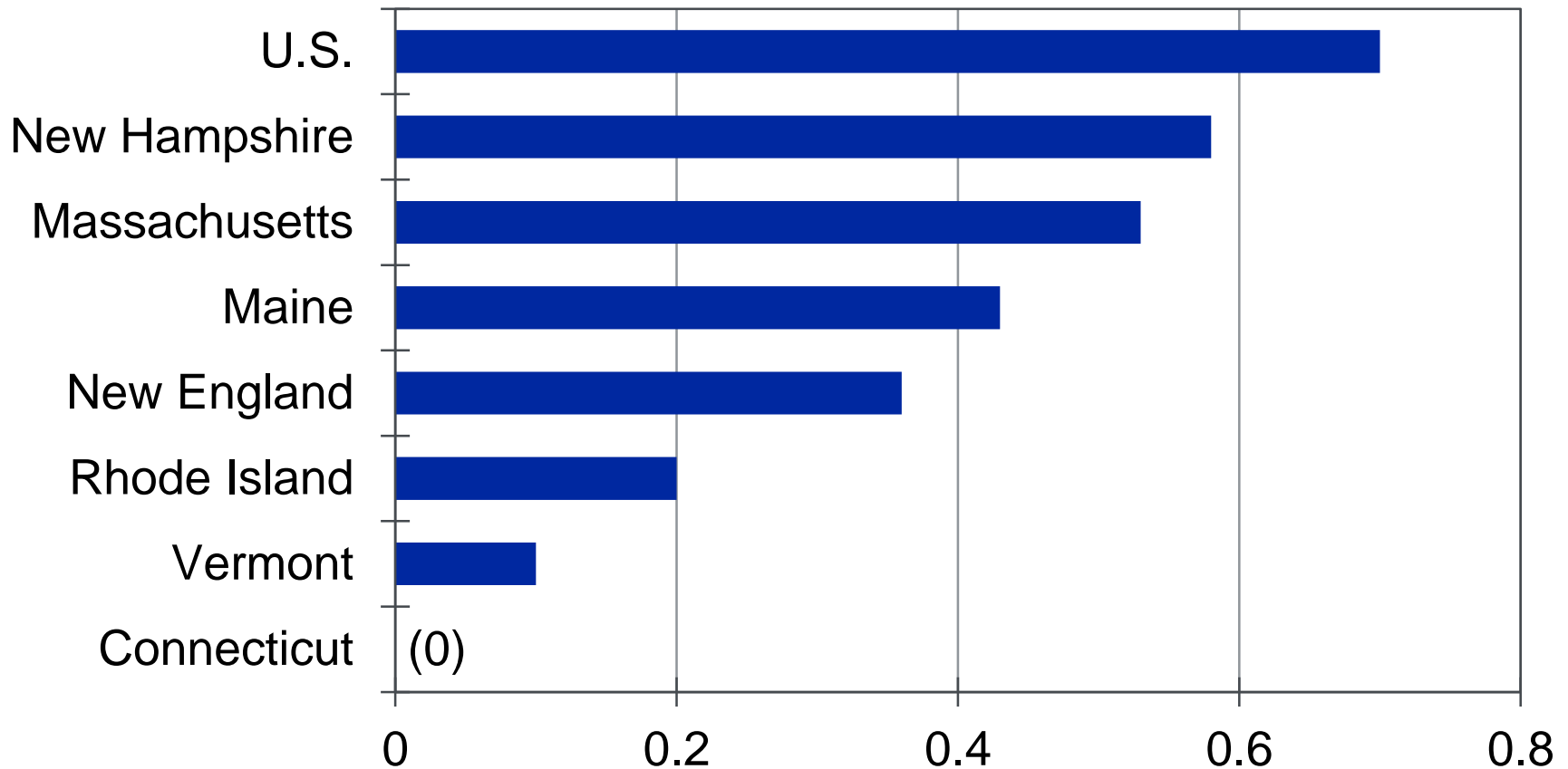
Consumer Confidence Index: expectations, 3-mo MA, Sept 18



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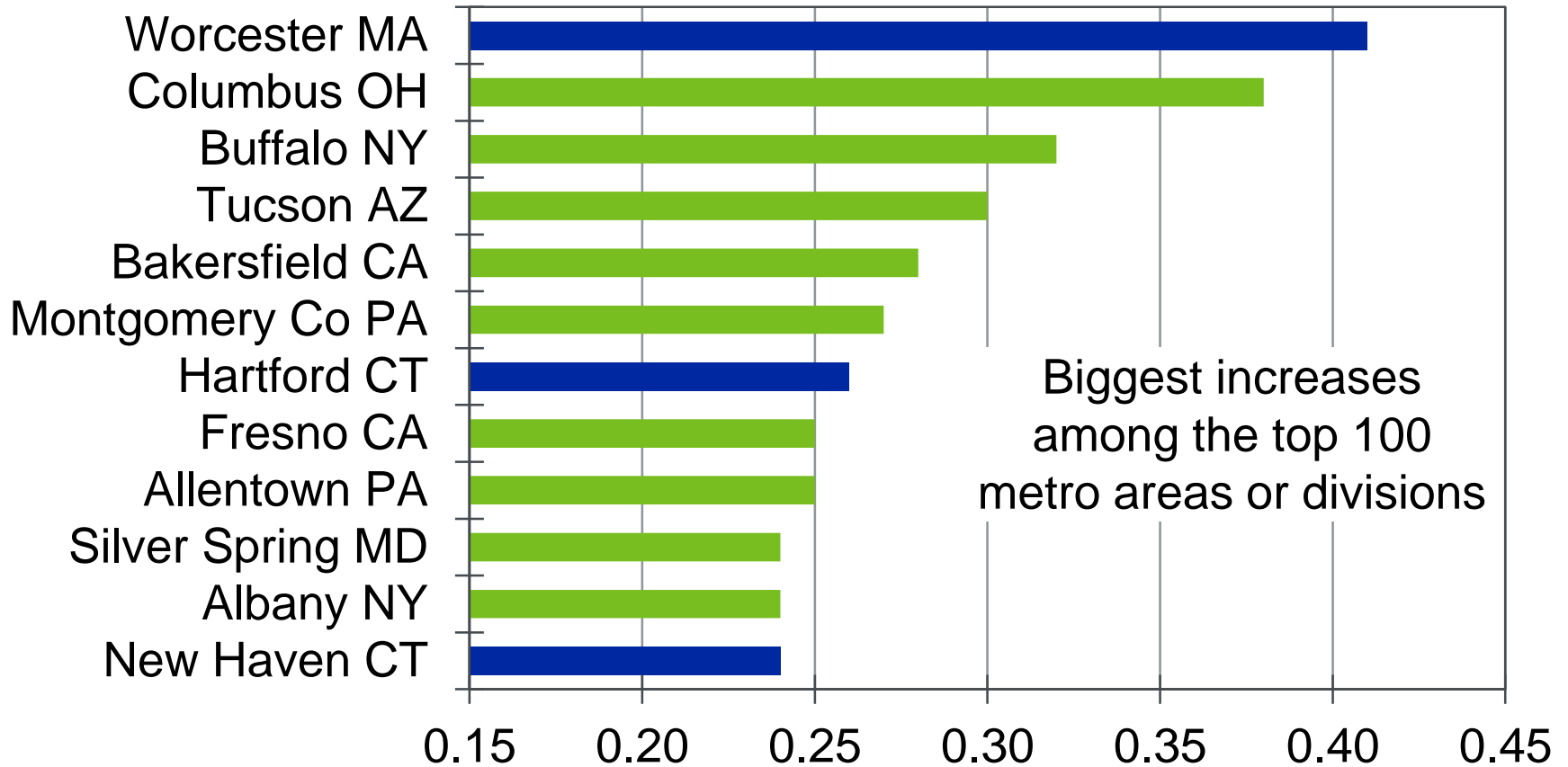
Population growth, % change yr ago, 2017



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...But a Few Bright Spots

Population, % change yr ago, diff., 2016-2017 vs. 2015-2016



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