

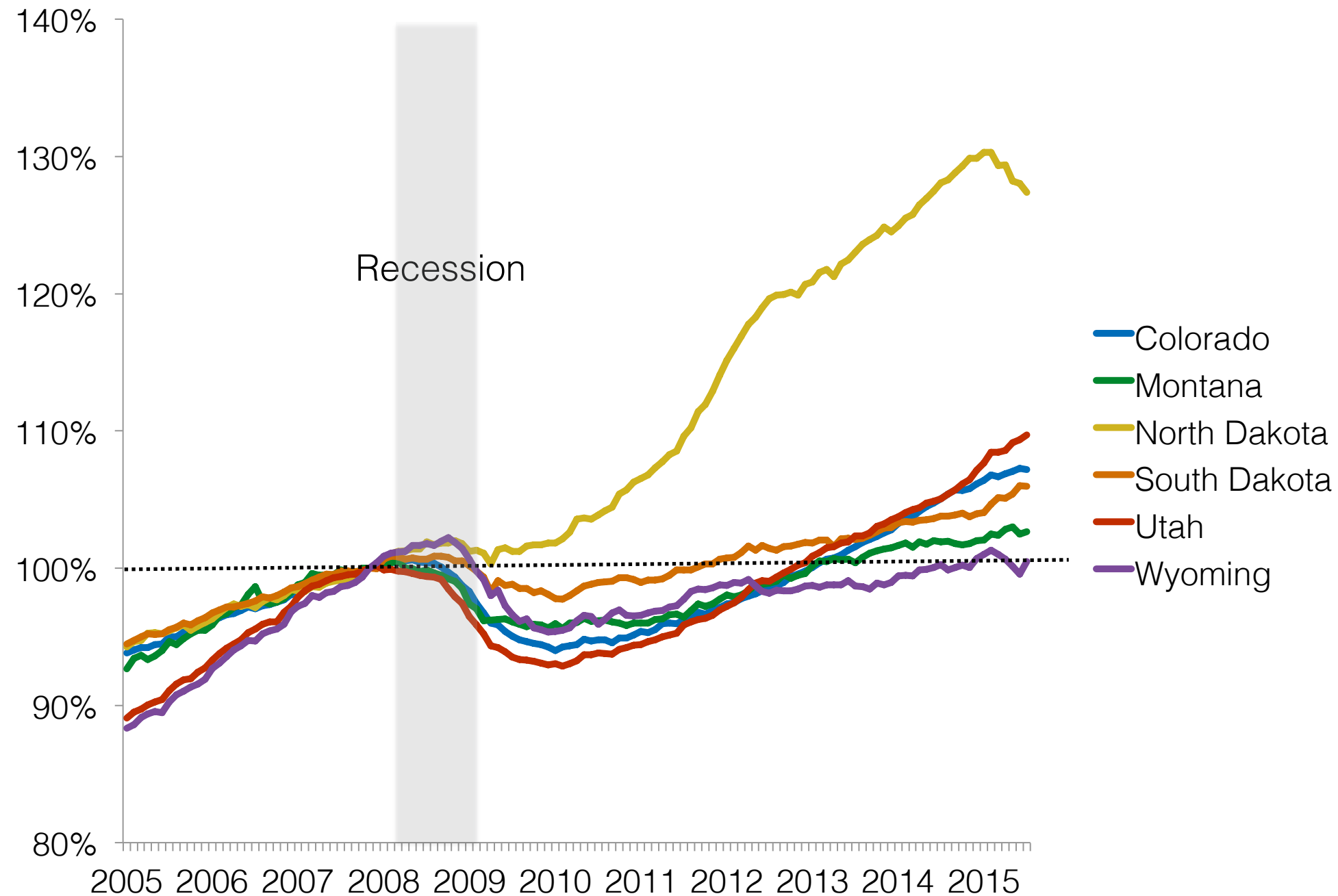
# Regional Outlook

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# Overview

- Recent Economic Trends
- Emerging Issues

# Job Growth Since Recession Eve

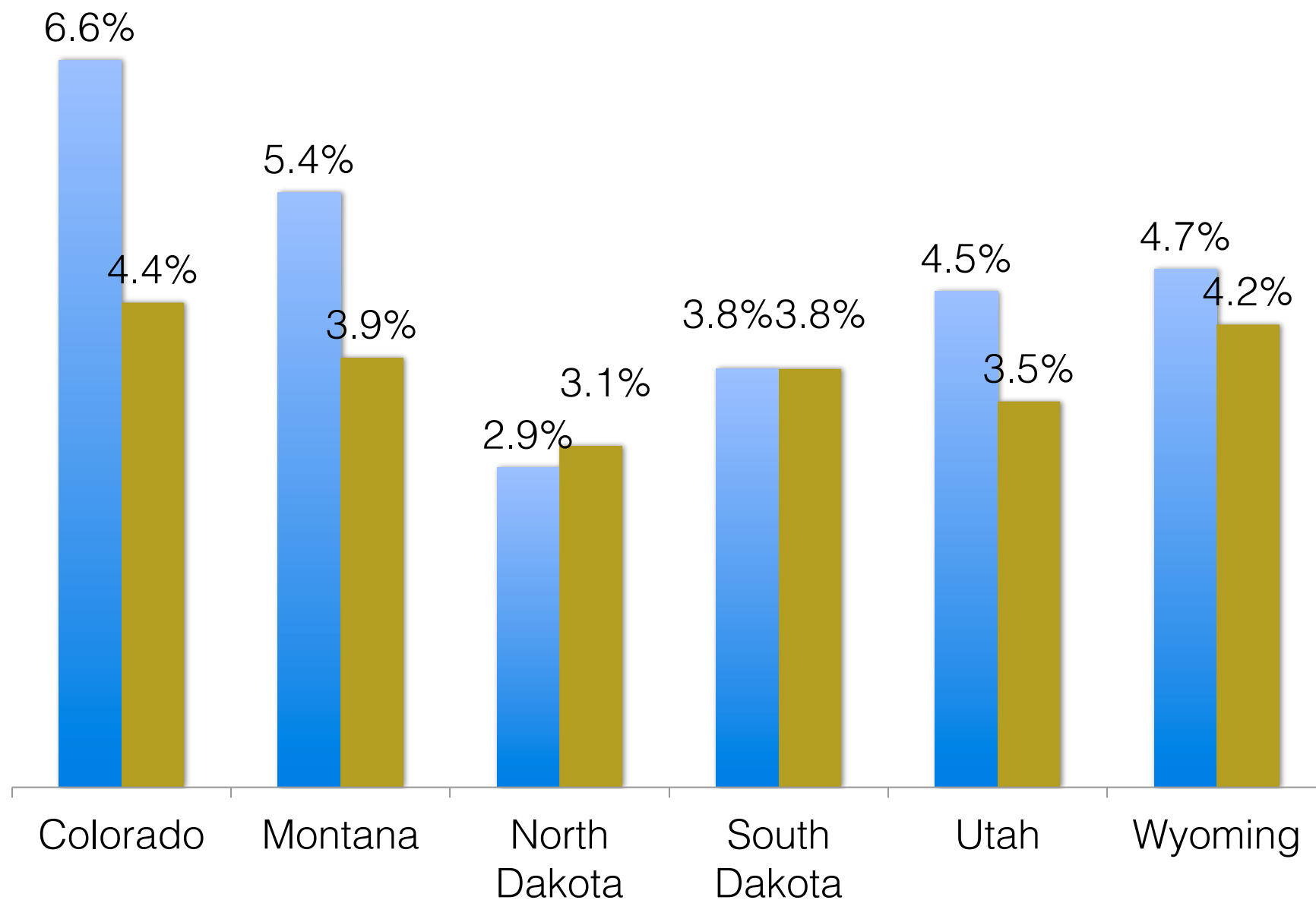


# Regional Drivers

- Oil and Gas: Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming
- Health Care and Professional and Business Services: Colorado and Utah
- Technology: Utah
- The varied outlook across these sectors has important implications for the next few years

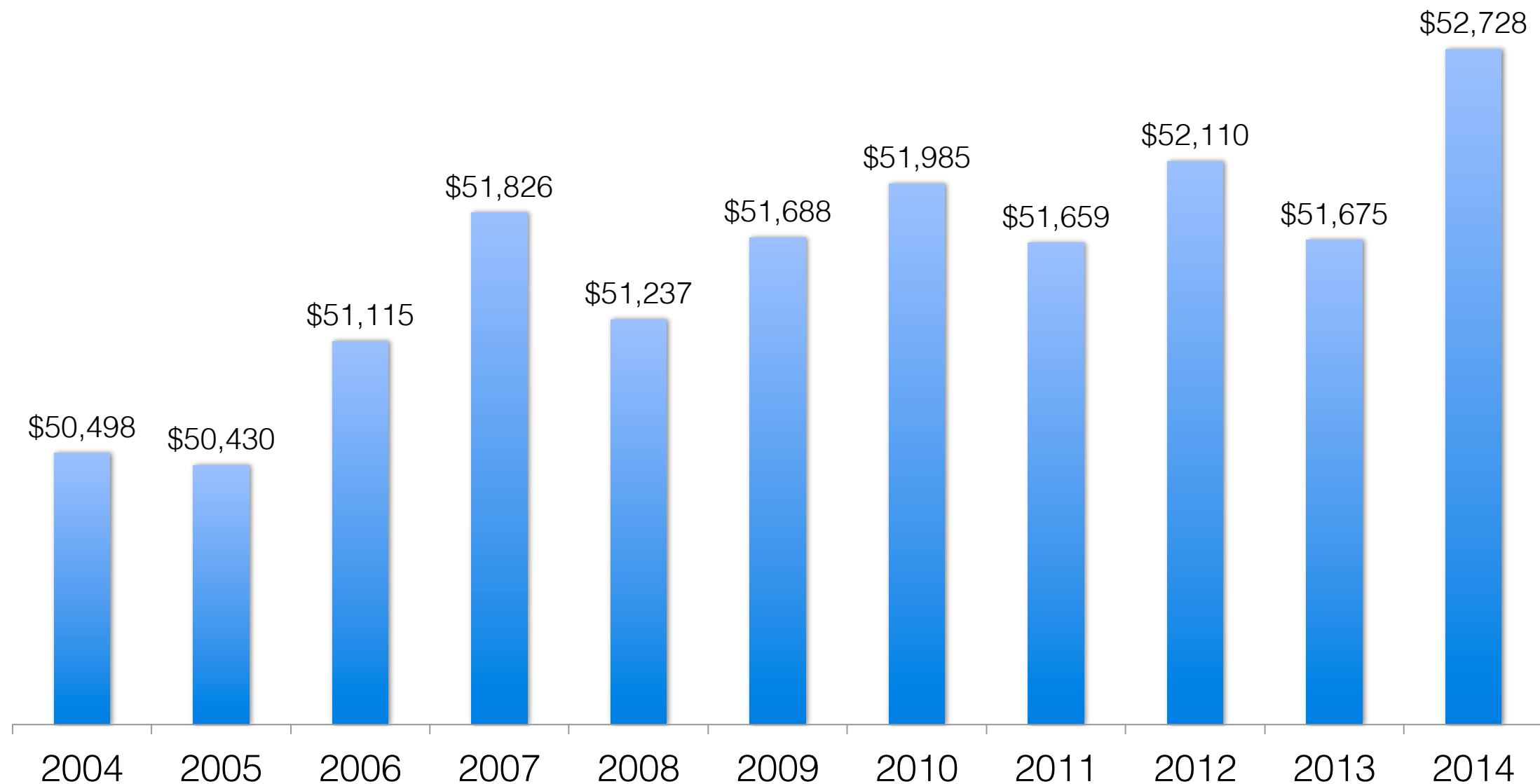
# Unemployment Rate Can't Get Much Lower

Unemployment rate: July 2013 and July 2015



# Wages Finally Starting to Inch Up

Inflation adjusted average annual earnings Colorado

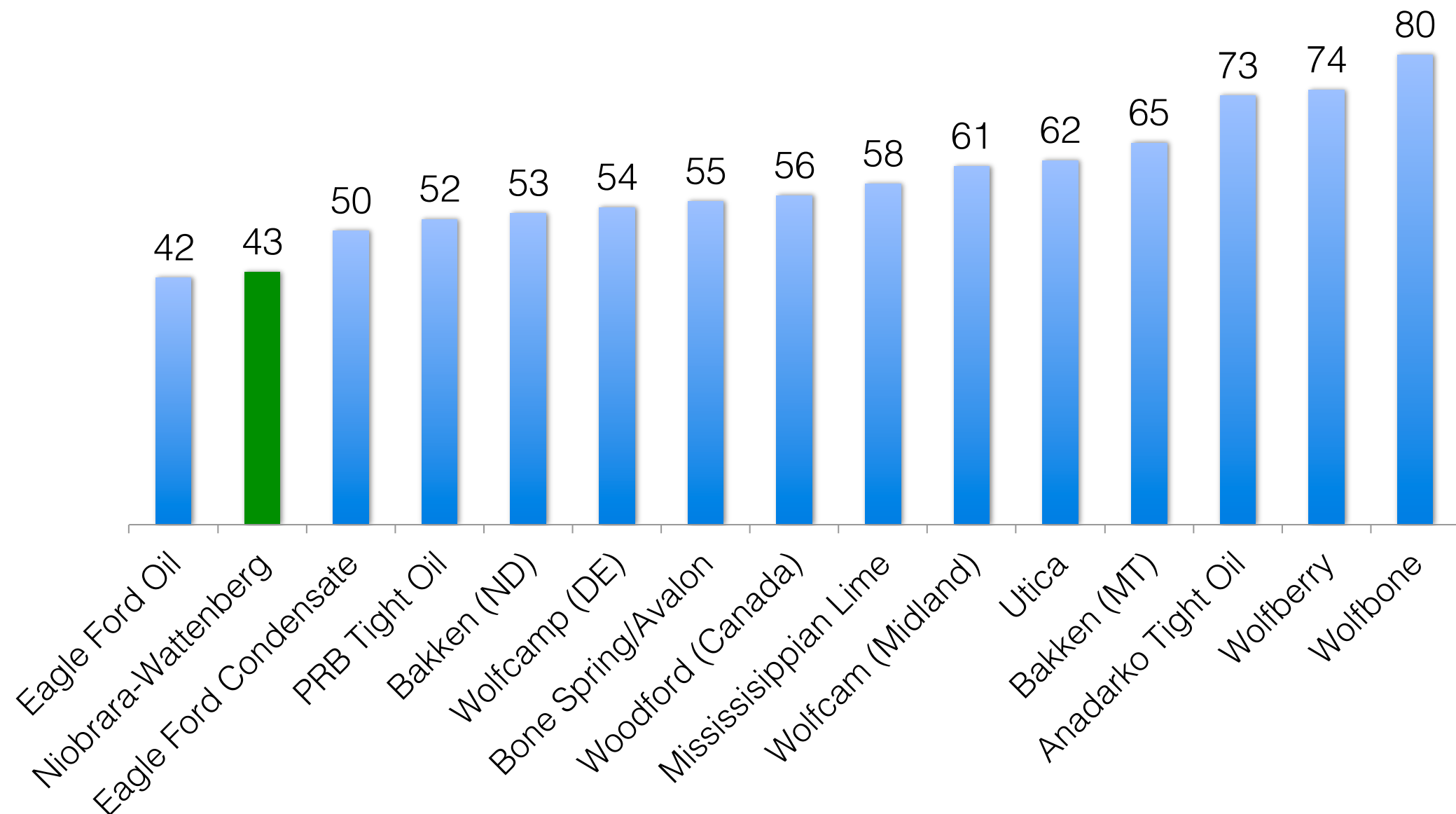


# Emerging Issues

- How will the region be affected by low oil prices?
- What is going on in the rest of the world?
- What will the Federal Reserve Bank do?

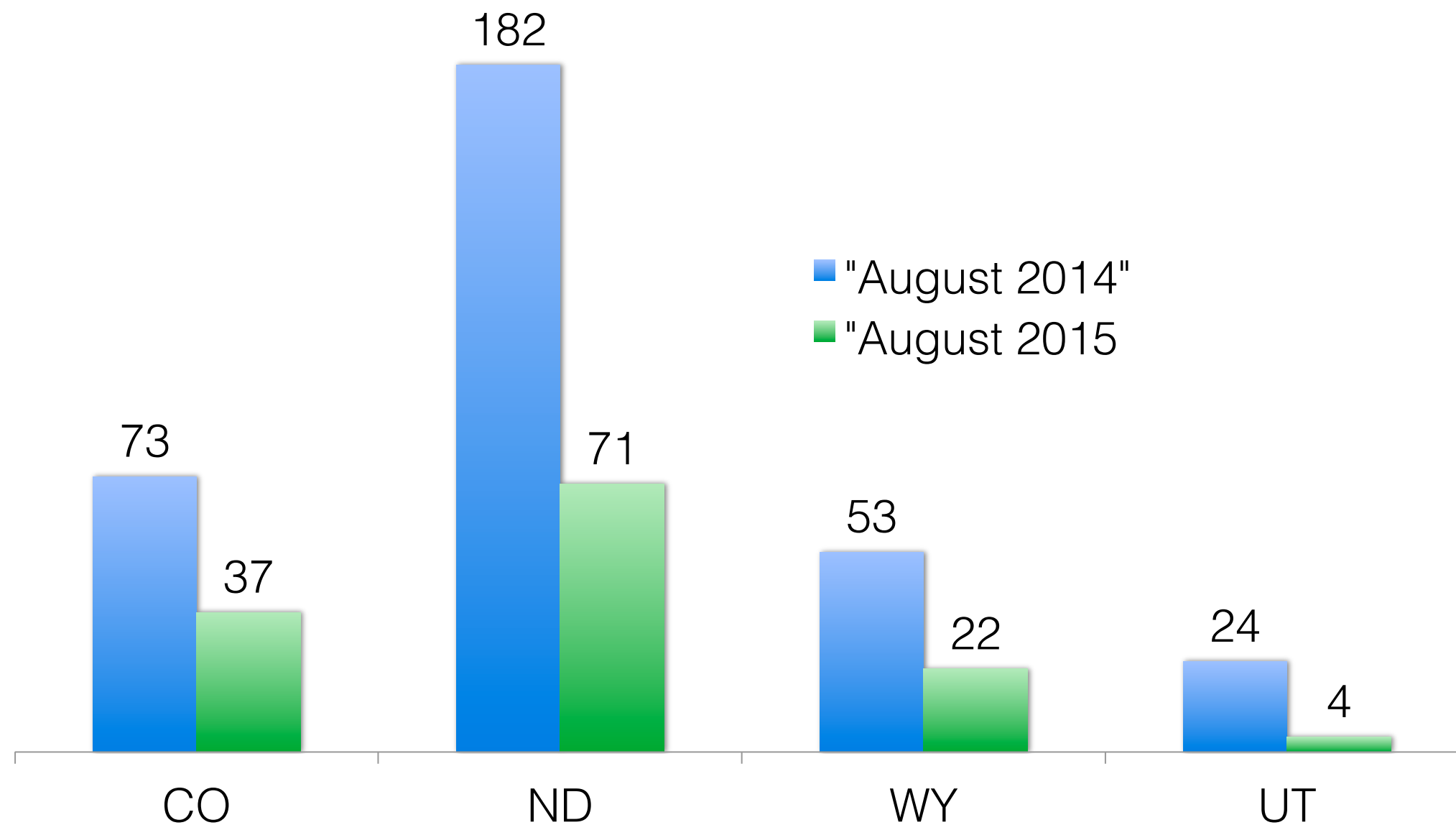
# How Do Lower Oil Prices Affect the Region?

Average WTI Breakeven Price Per Shale Play (\$/BBL)





# State Rig Counts Have Dropped by 63% Over Past Year



# What about the Rest of the World?

- China
- Europe

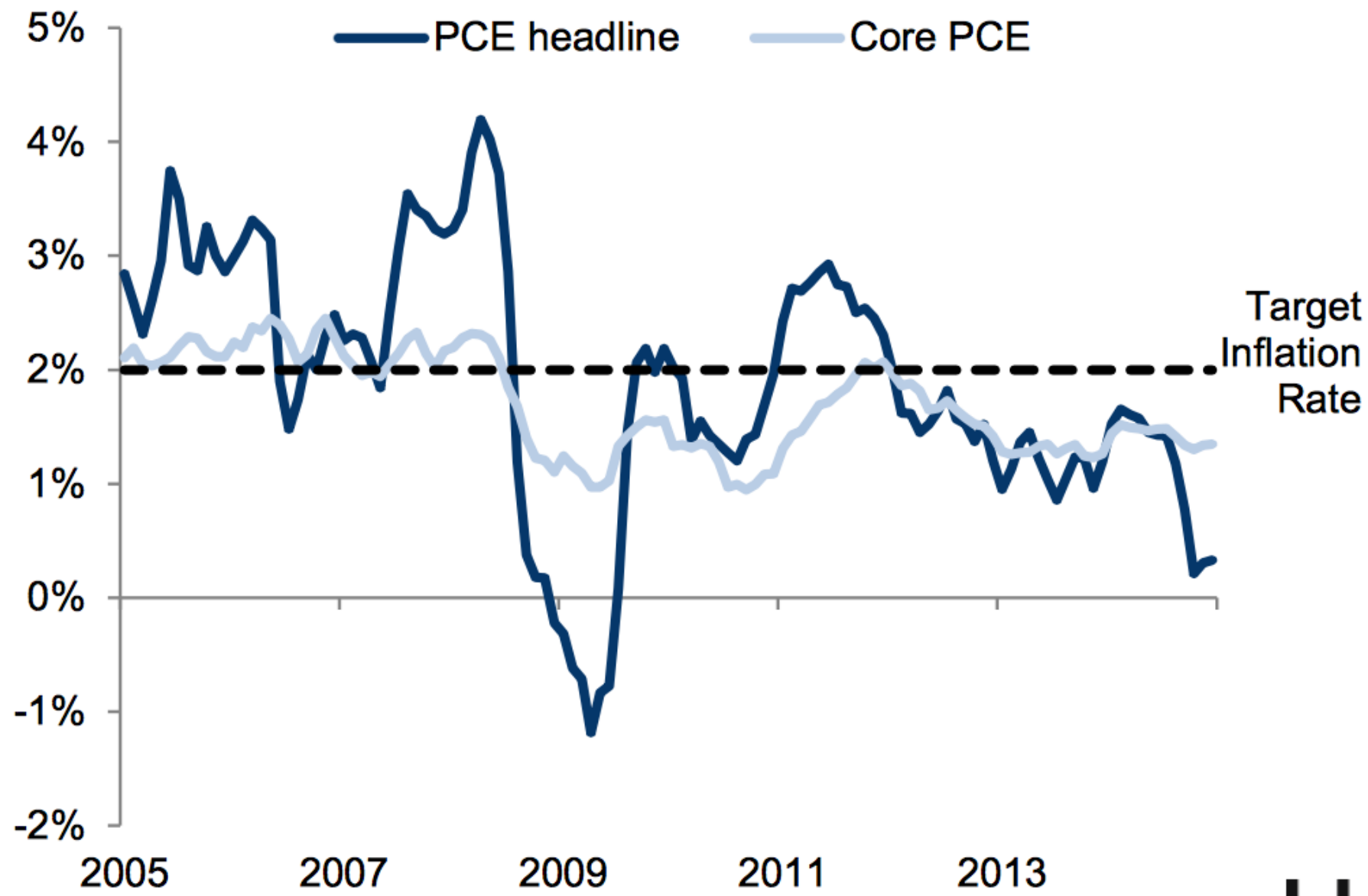
# What Will Janet Yellen Do?



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# Inflation Below Target

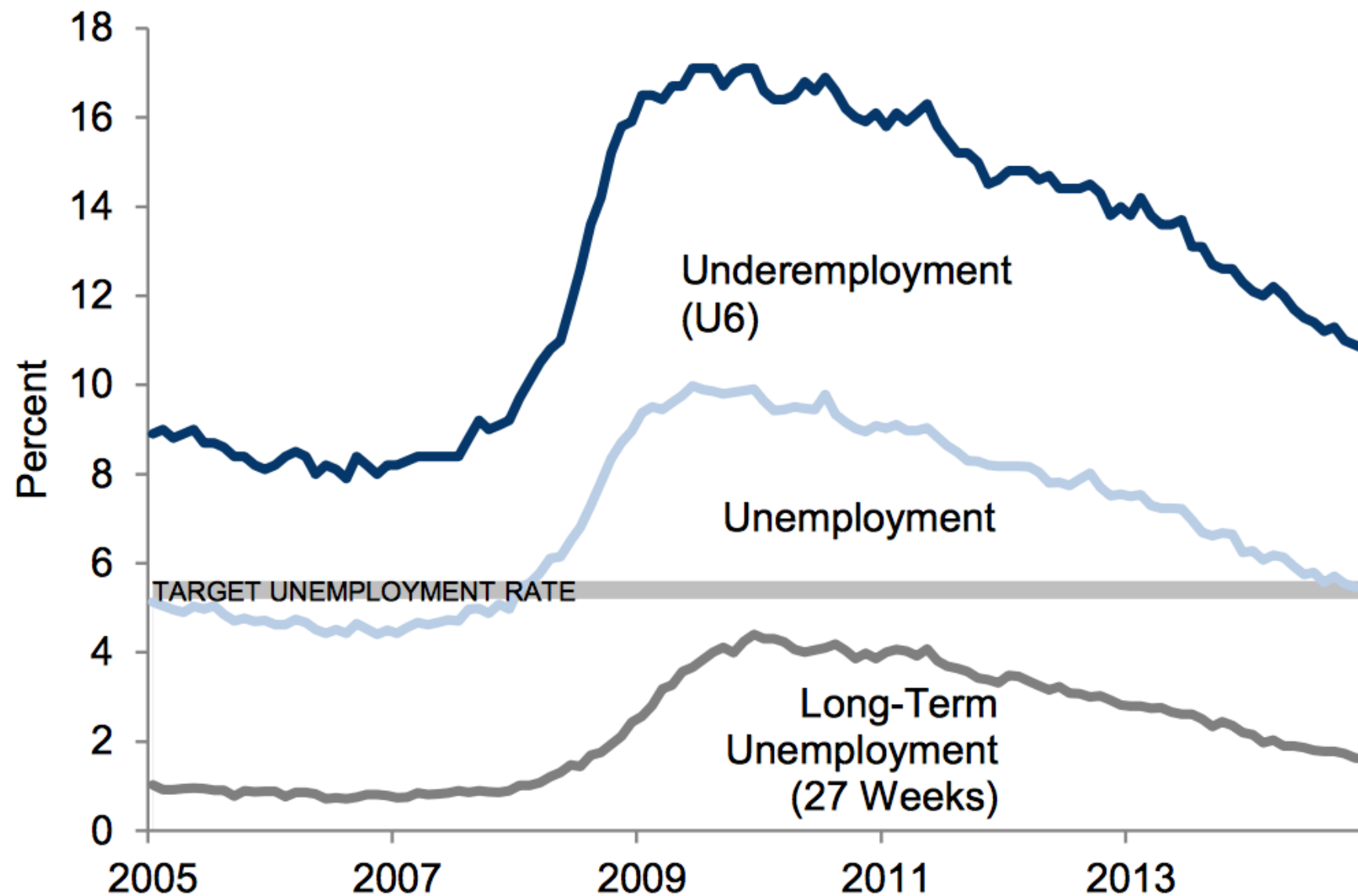
Inflation: PCE Inflation  
Year over Year Percent Change



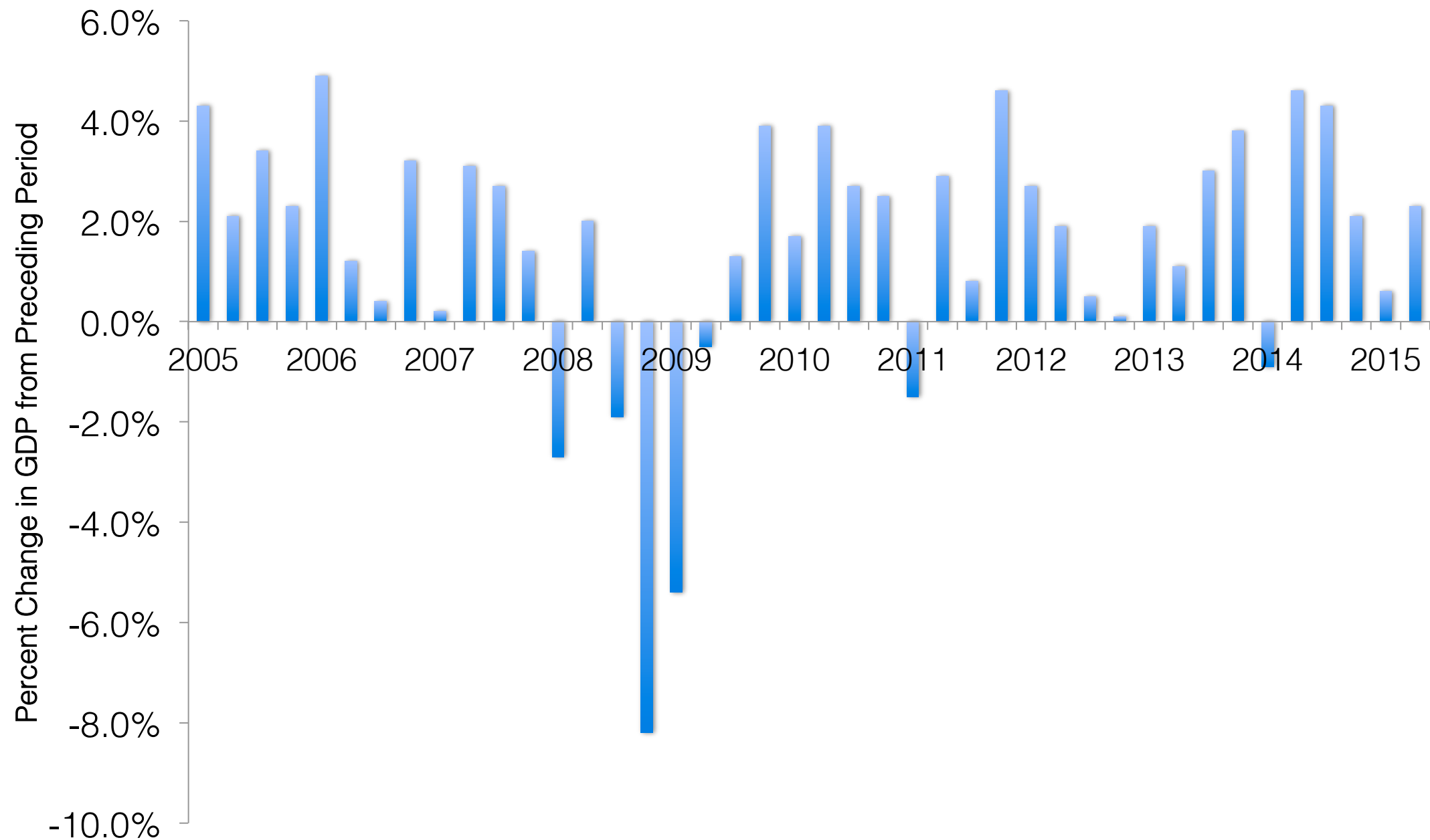
# Unemployment at Target

(but underemployment and long-term still high)

Jobs: Unemployment Rate

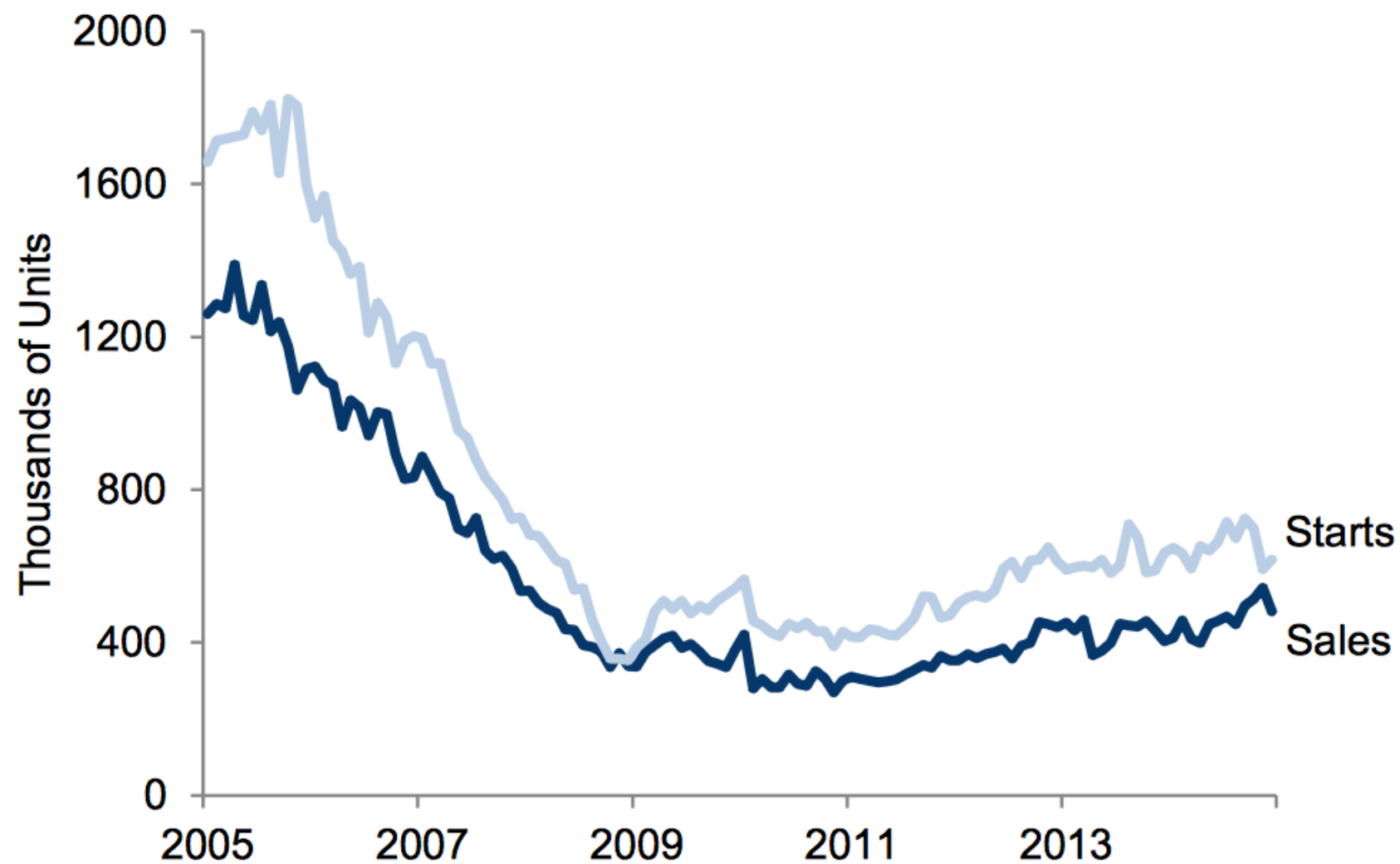


# What Does a Strong GDP Report Look Like?



# Housing Market Not as Heated Nationally

Growth: Housing Sales and Starts



# Where are Interest Rates Heading?

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