

# **2017 State Of The Economy**

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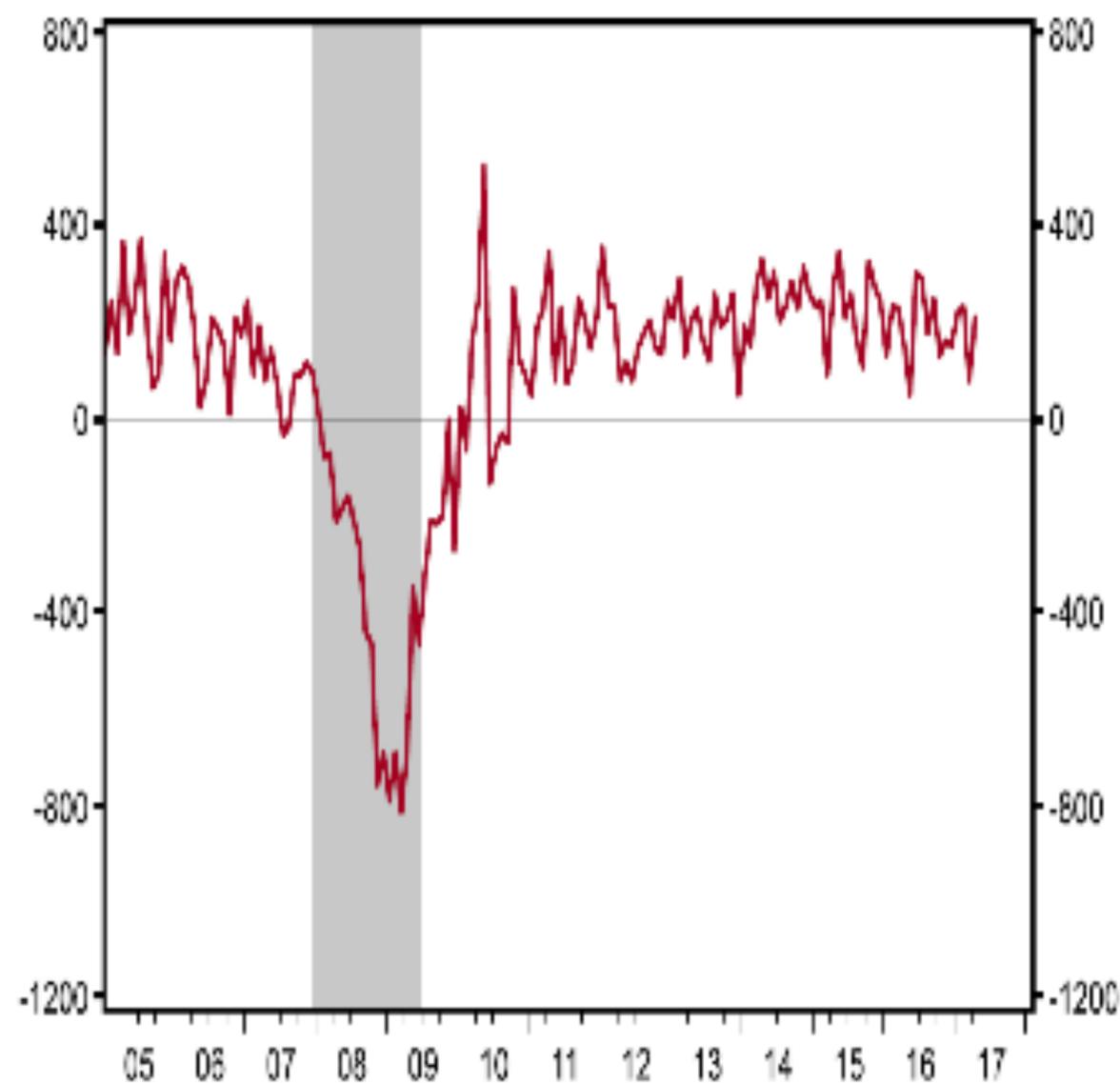
**Civilian Unemployment Rate: 16 yr. +**  
SA, %



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics

- Unemployment rate down to just 4.1%. Decelerating job growth from here would be typical in 2H of a business cycle.

**All Employees: Total Nonfarm  
Change – Period to Period SA, Thous.**

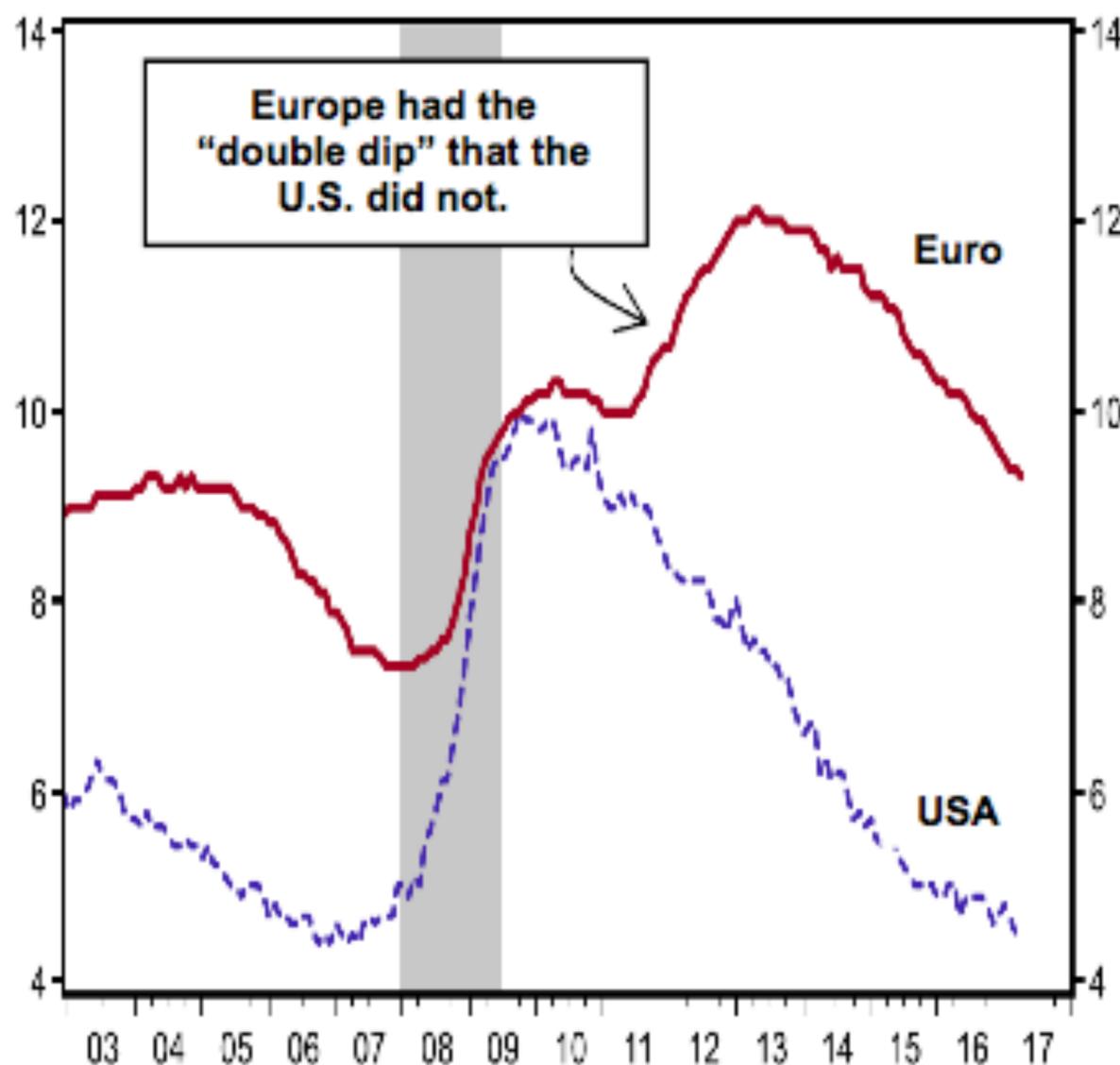


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- Job creation has been positive, steady, but modest.

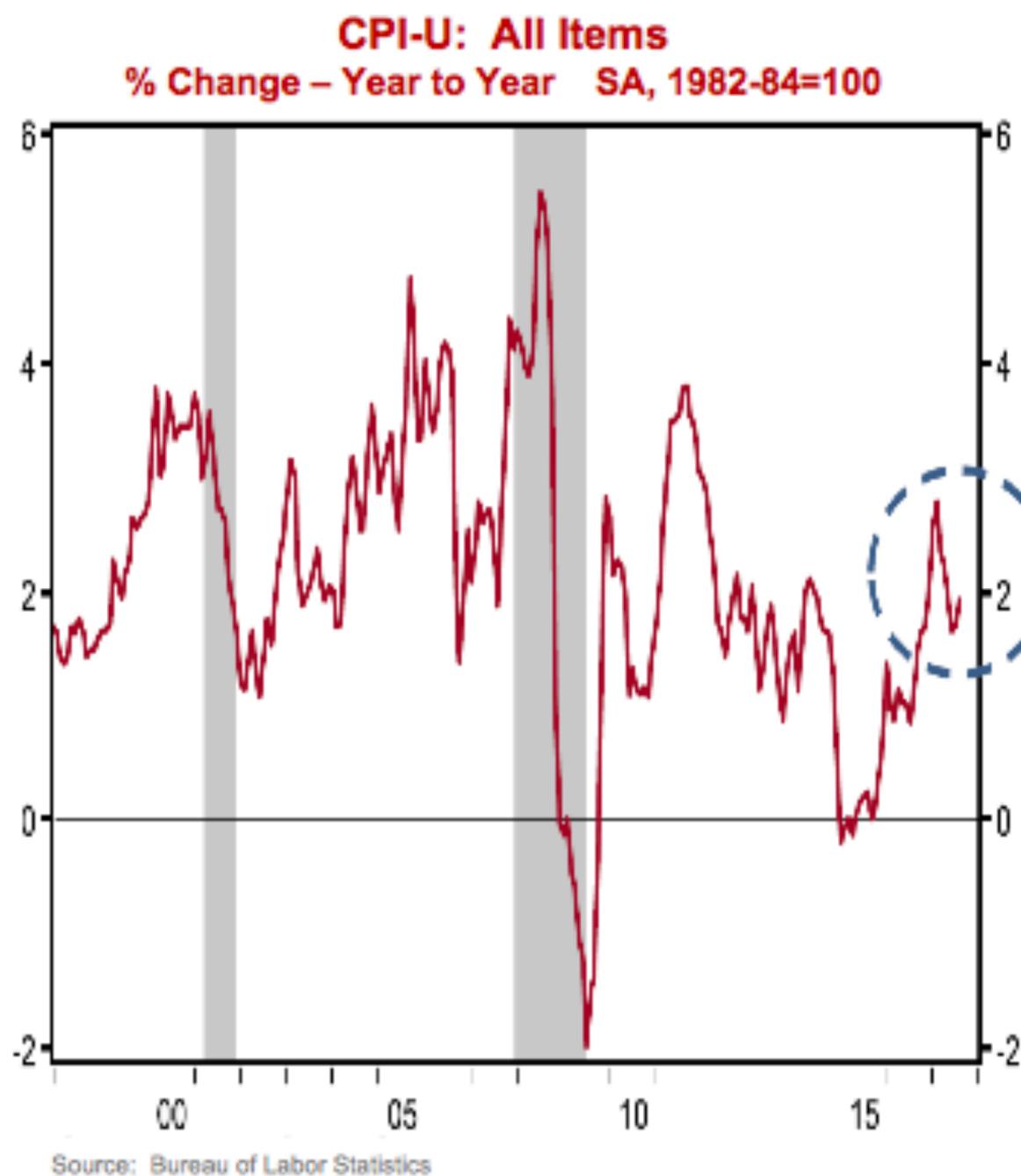
# U.S. & European Unemployment

**EA 19: Unemployment Rate**  
SA, %  
**U.S.: Civilian Unemployment Rate**  
SA, %



Source: EUROSTAT, BLS

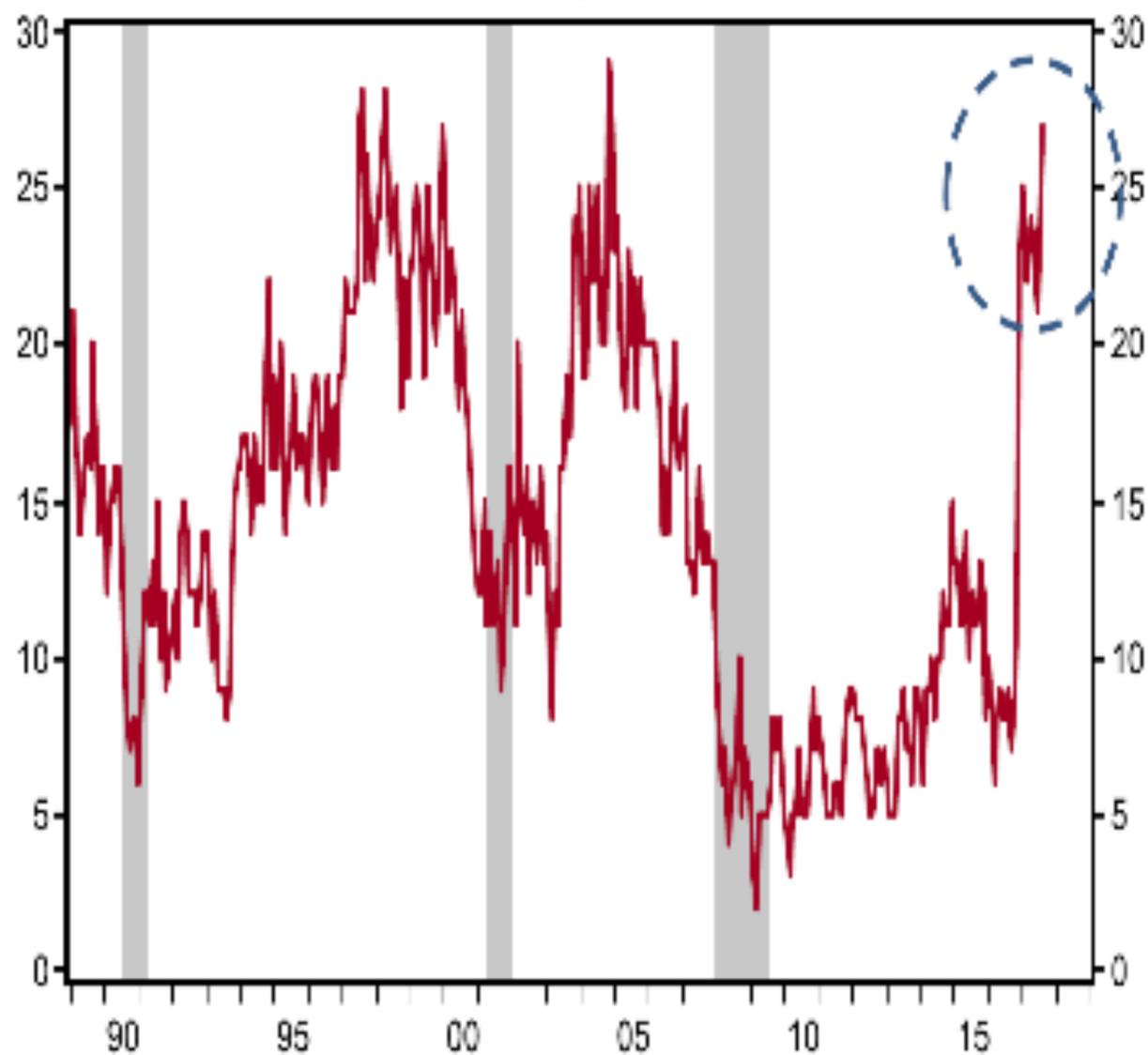
- Now global synchronized growth.



- Today inflation is not too hot, not too cold, contributing to a “Goldilocks” growth environment (aka growth with little inflation).

# It's Now A Better Time To Expand?

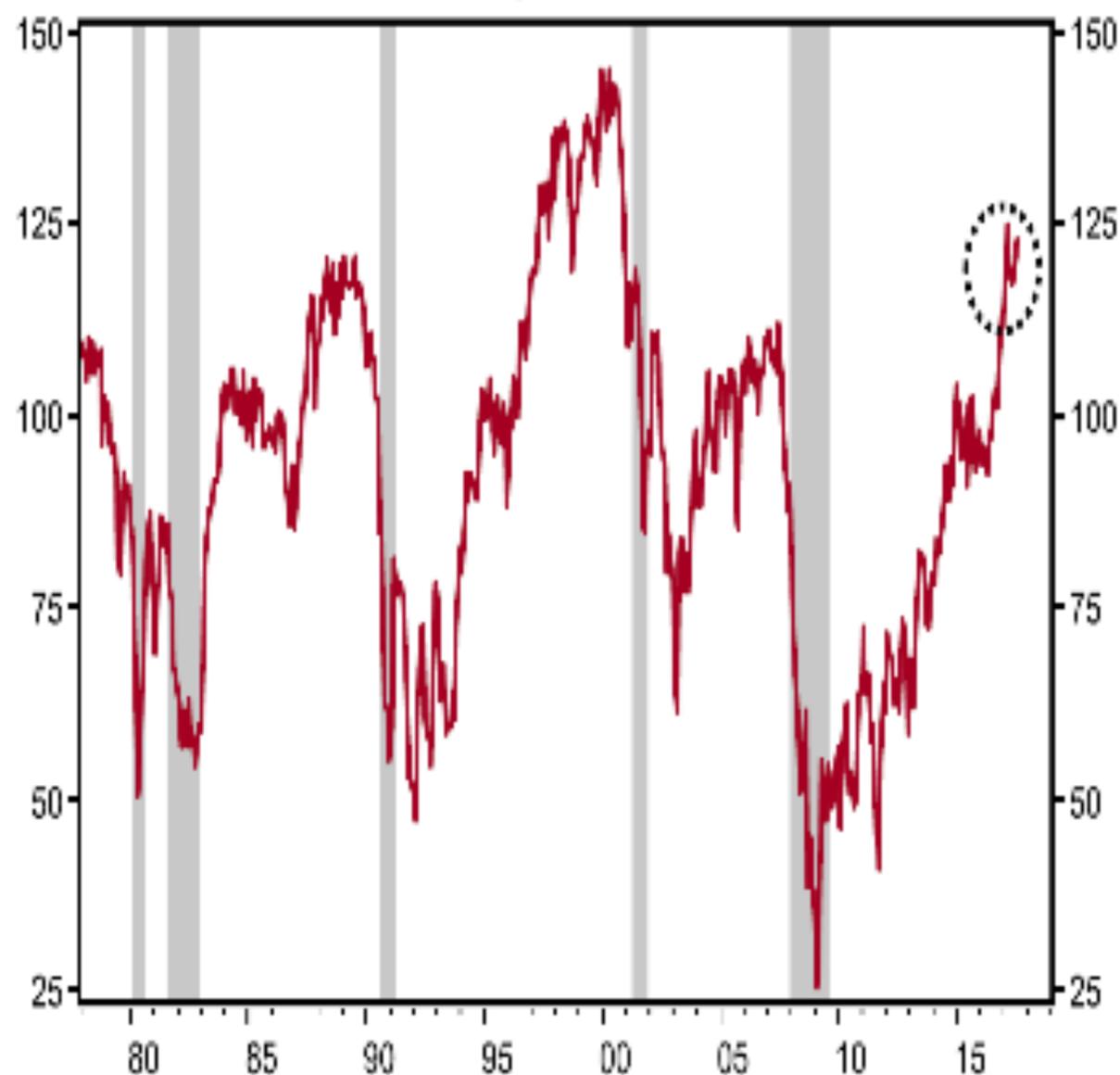
**NFIB: Percent Reporting Now is a Good Time to Expand**  
SA. %



Source: National Federation of Independence Business

- Small businesses say it's a good time to expand.

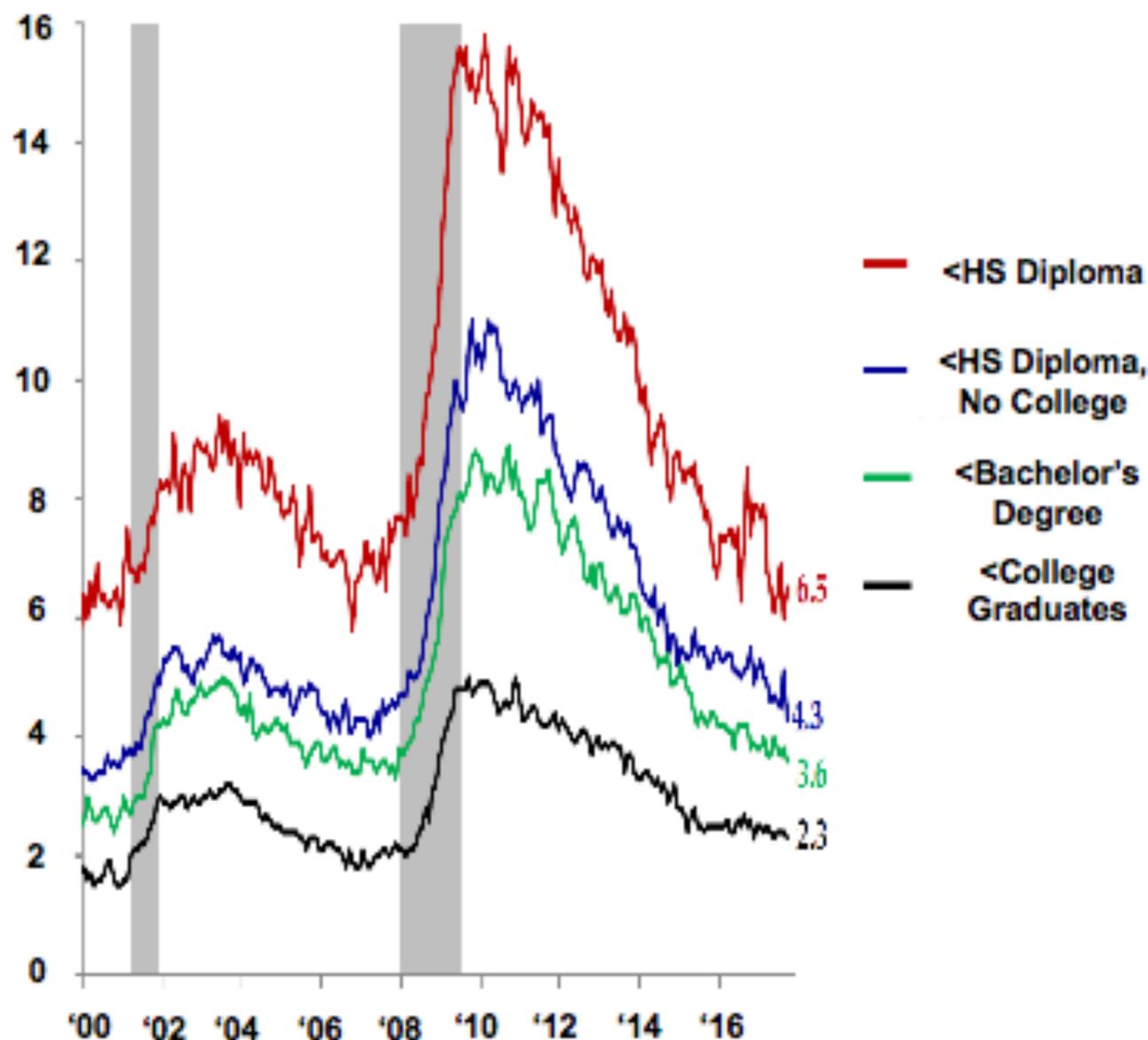
Conference Board: Consumer Confidence  
SA, 1985=100



Source: The Conference Board

- U.S. Consumer Confidence is hanging in there despite international and domestic unrest.

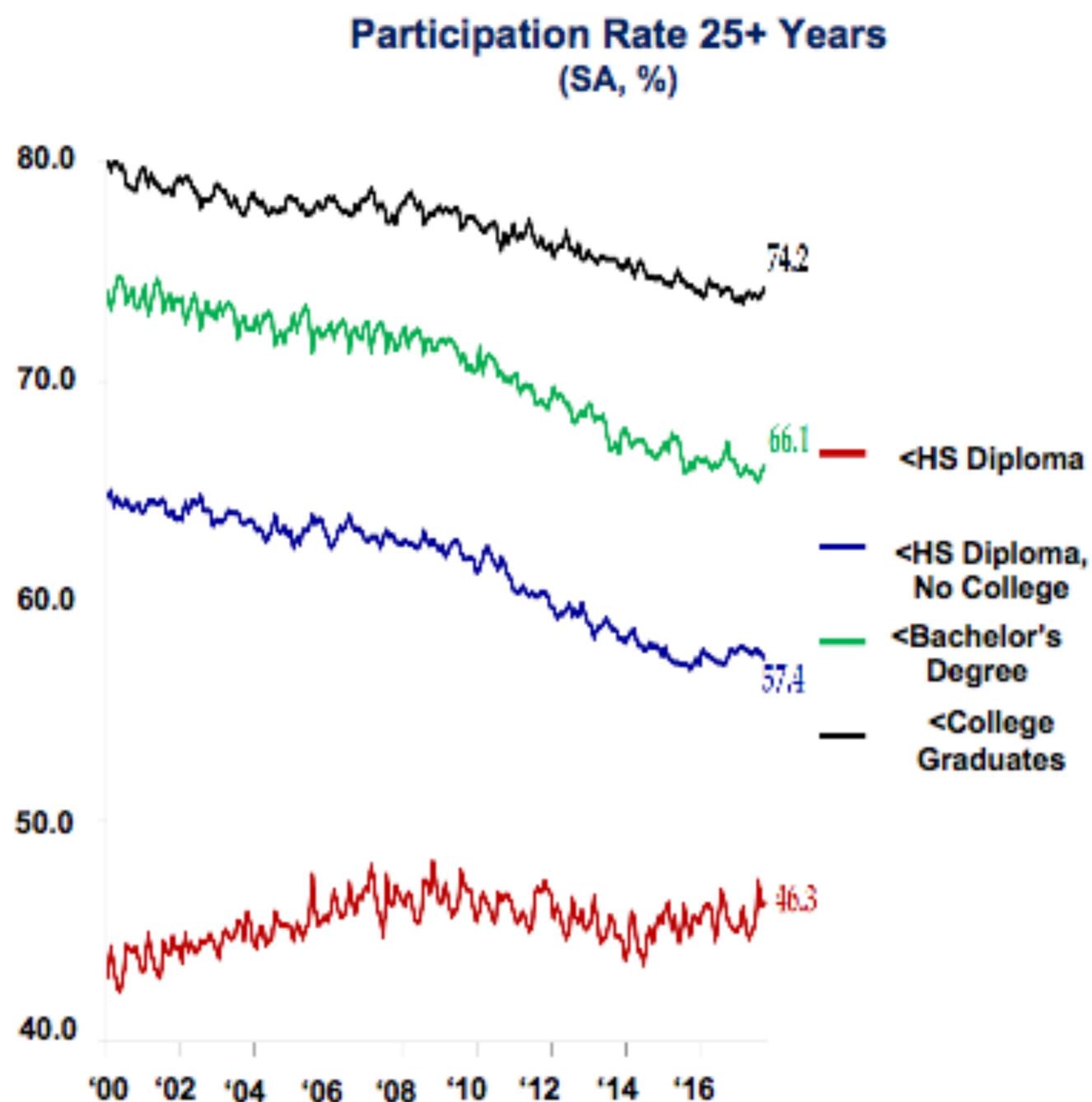
**Unemployment Rate 25+ Years  
(SA, %)**



- Unemployment rate for those with less than high school diploma is 6.5%.

Source: Strategas Research Partners





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- Participation rate for those with less than a high school diploma is only 46.3%.

## Demographic Trends Shaping The U.S.

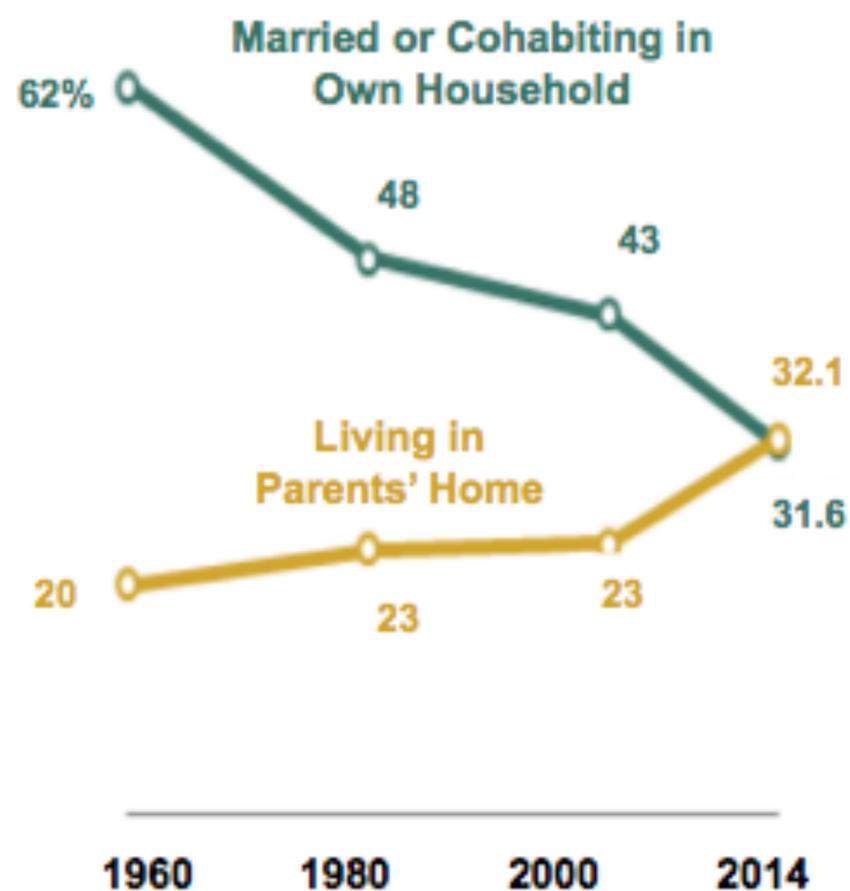


Source: Yahoo

# Demographic Trends Shaping The U.S.

## About A Third Of Young Adults In the U.S. Are Living With A Parent

Percent of 18- to 34-Year-olds by Living  
Arrangement



Source: PEW Research Center

- Millennials are the United States' largest living generation.
  - There are 79.8 million Millennials (18-35).
  - There are 74.1 million Baby Boomers (52-70).
- Millennials have been slow to adopt many of the traditional markers of adulthood. For the first time in 130 years, young adults are more likely to be living in their parents' home.

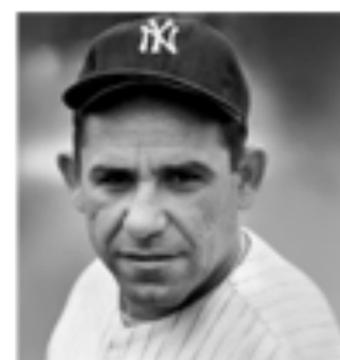


## Key Themes for 2018

- Synchronized global growth positive and accelerating.
- U.S. growth in 2018...2%-2 ½%, (2 ½%-3%) with tax plan.
- U.S. wages are modestly accelerating.
- Interest rates will move higher.
- S&P earnings new high. Outlook still positive.
- Equity market fully priced...but can grind higher.
- No recession in sight.
- The beat goes on.

**“It’s tough to make predictions...especially about the future.”**

**Yogi Berra**



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