



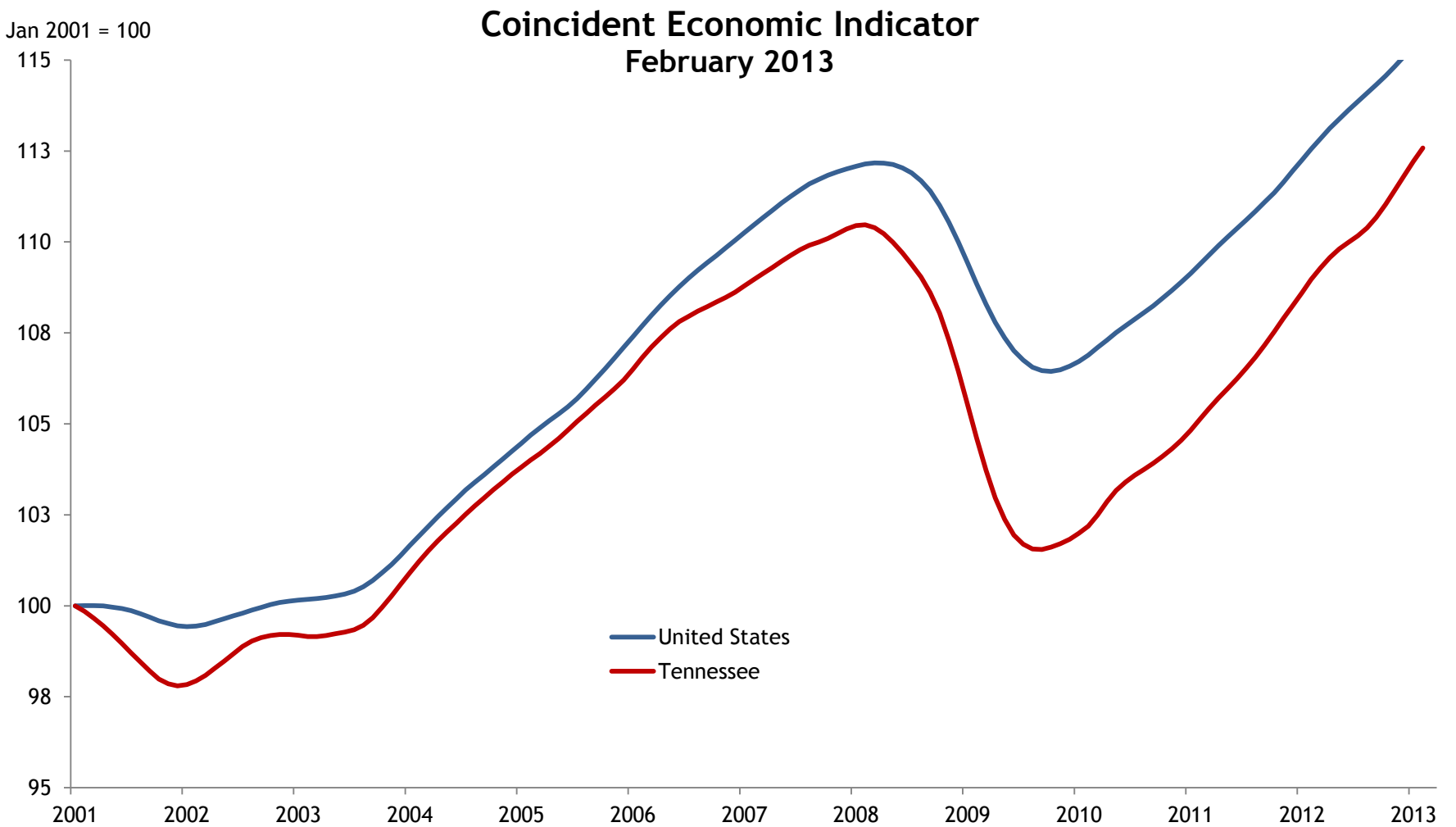
Data Digest: Tennessee

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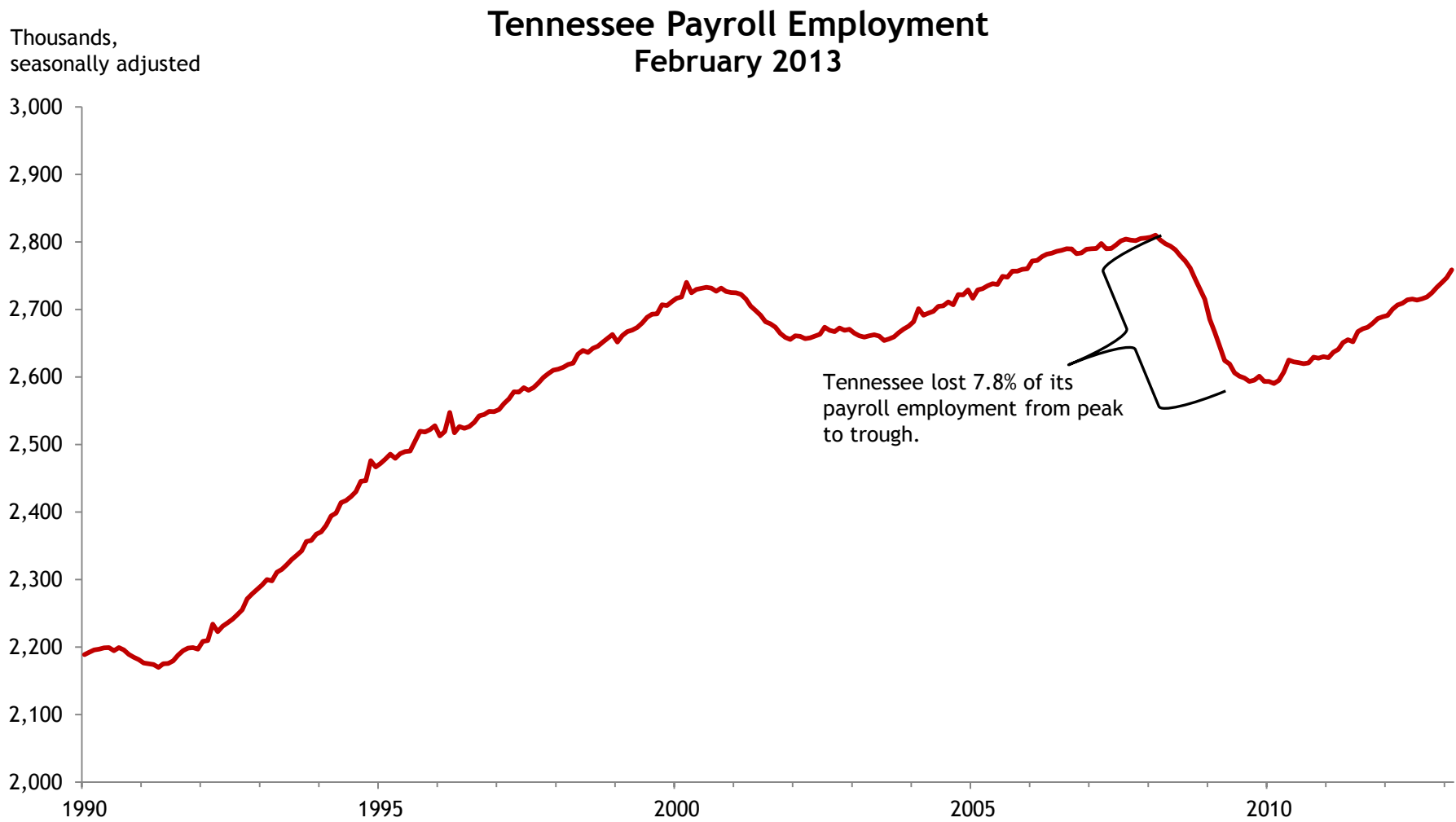
Tennessee's economic performance largely mirrors that of the United States.

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Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

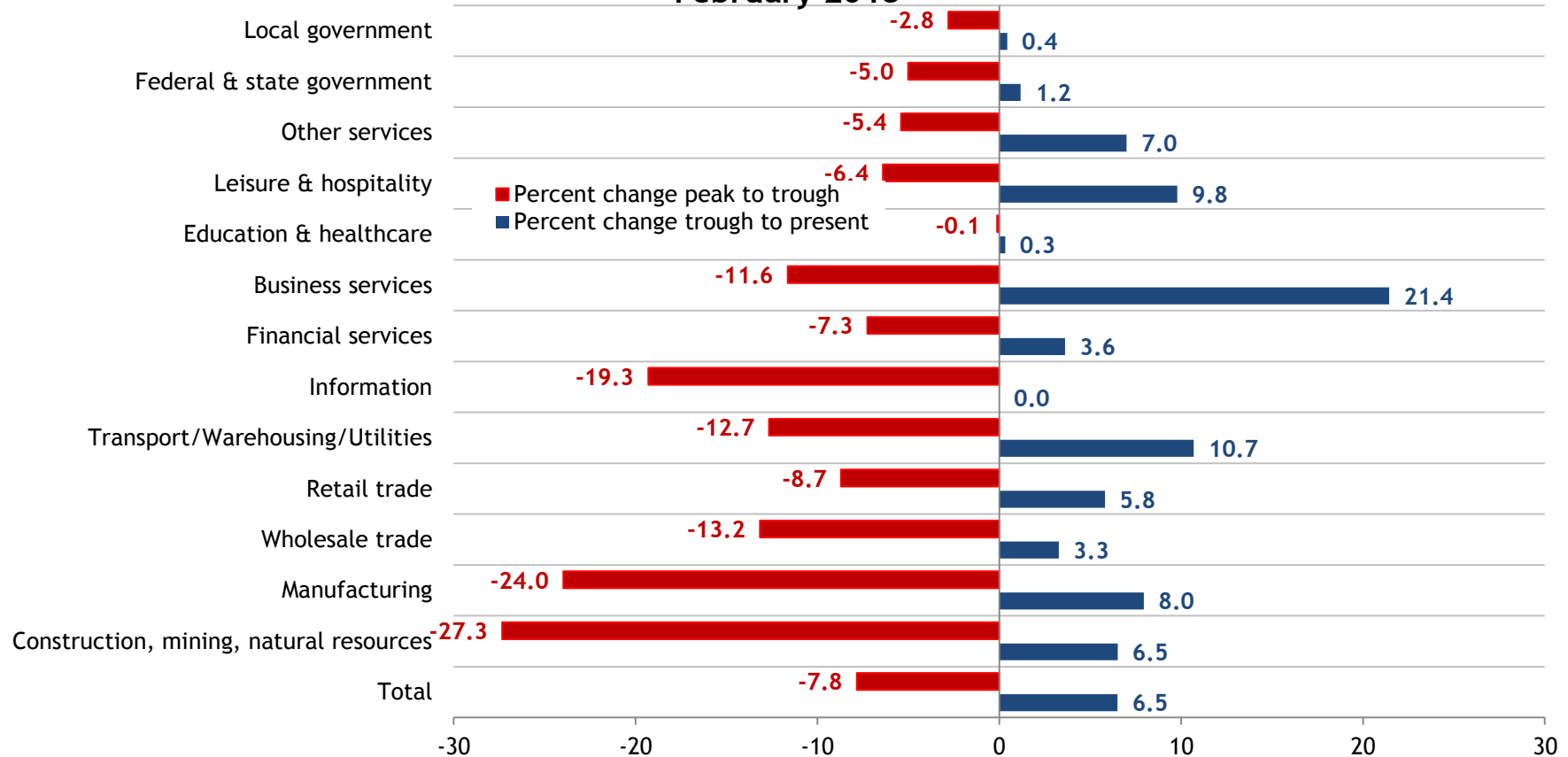
For about three years, total employment in Tennessee has been on an upward trend. Payroll growth has accelerated over the past few months.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics

All industries lost some jobs during their downturn; manufacturing and construction, mining, and natural resources saw significant declines. Led by business services, most major industries have added jobs during the recovery.

Employment Loss and Gain by Industry: Tennessee February 2013



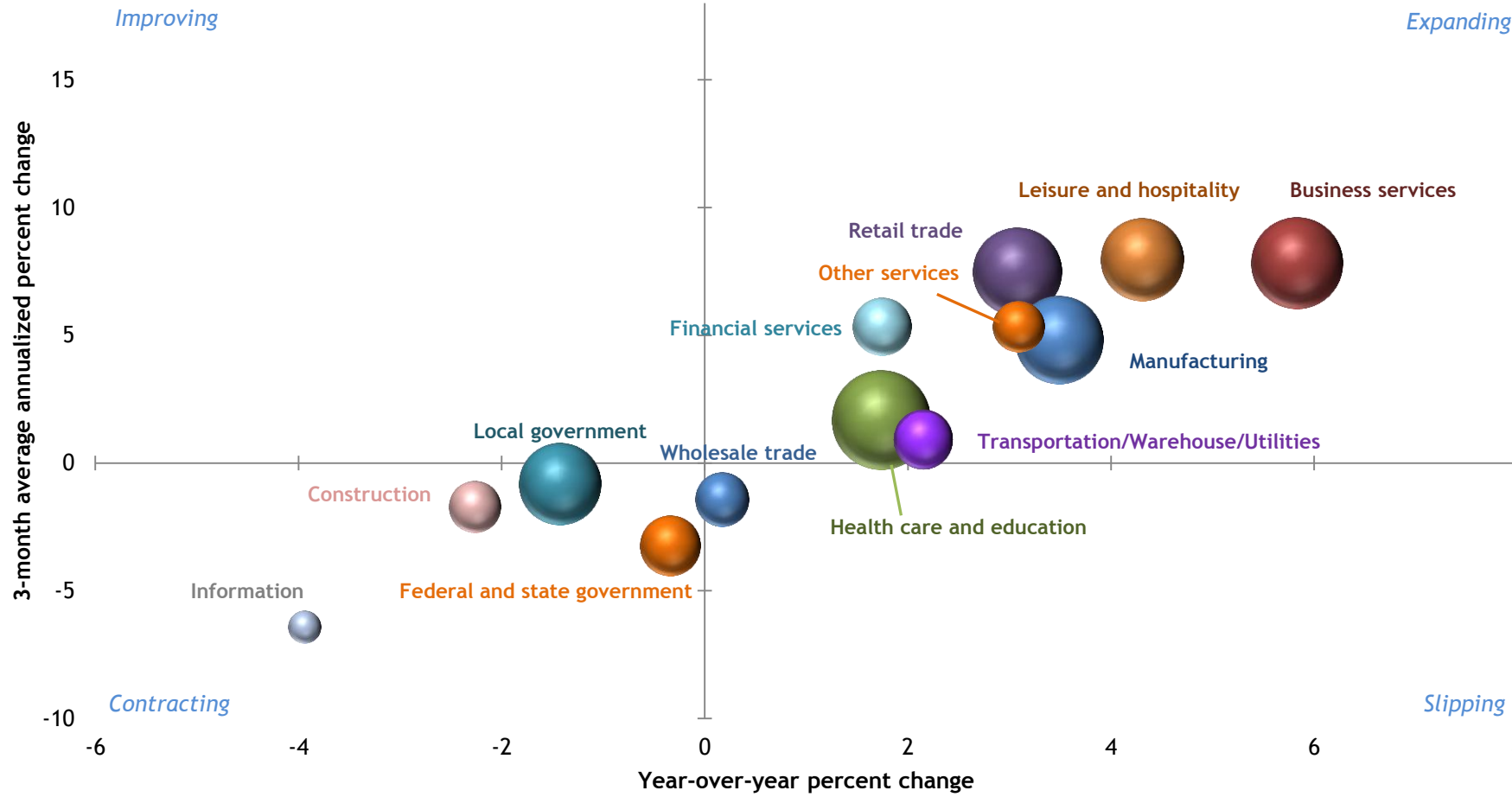
Note: A reading of 0.0 in the “trough to present” measure indicates that employment continues to decline in these industries. Likewise, a reading of 0.0 in the “peak to trough” measure indicates that employment continues to increase in these industries; in this instance “trough to present” is the percent change from January 2007 to present.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Employment growth in Tennessee has gained some momentum recently. Most industries were in the “expanding” category in February.

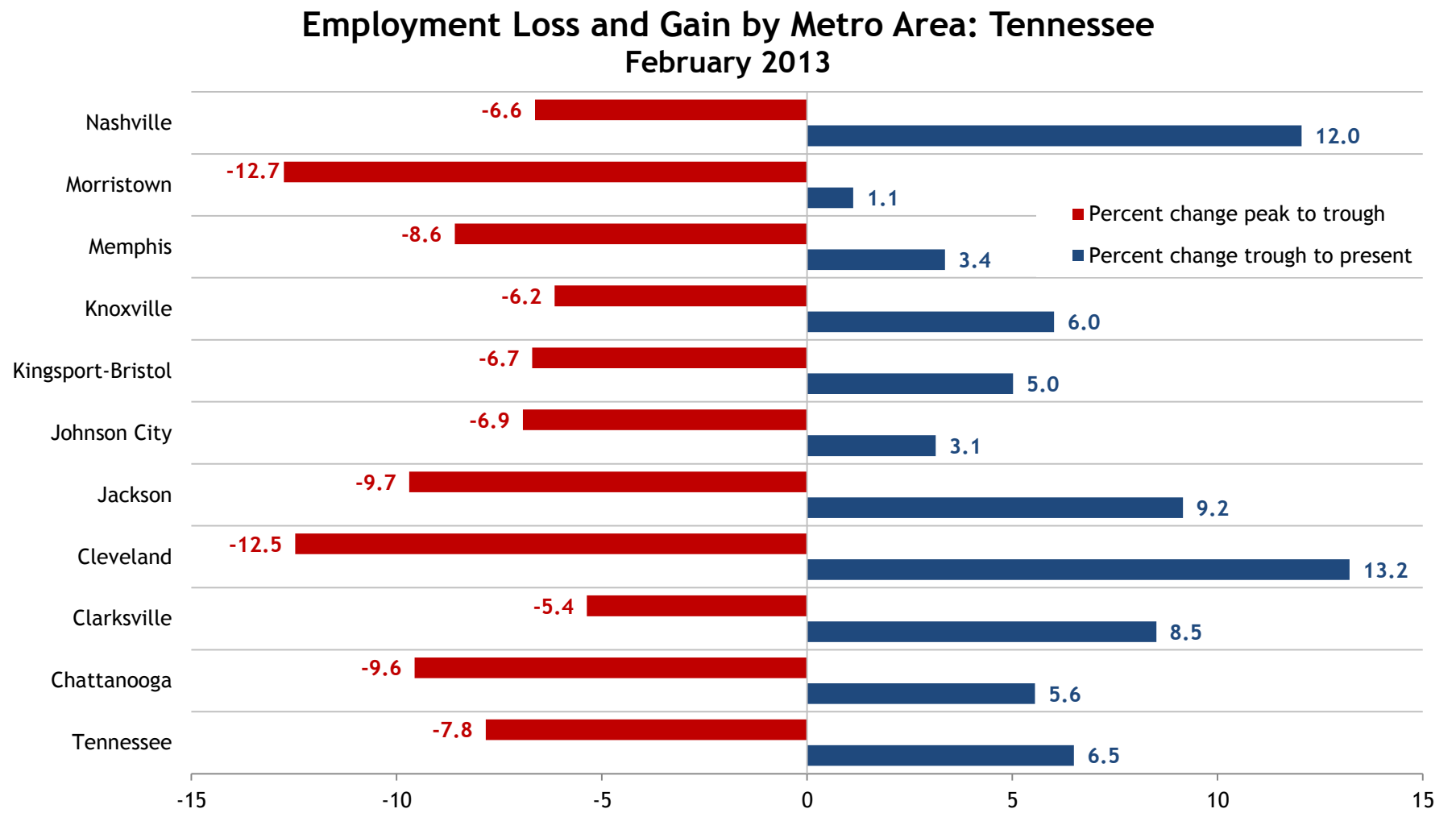
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Employment Momentum by Industry: Tennessee February 2013



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Employment losses in Tennessee metro areas were significant during the downturn. Most cities have regained some jobs. Nashville, Cleveland, and Clarksville have regained all jobs lost.

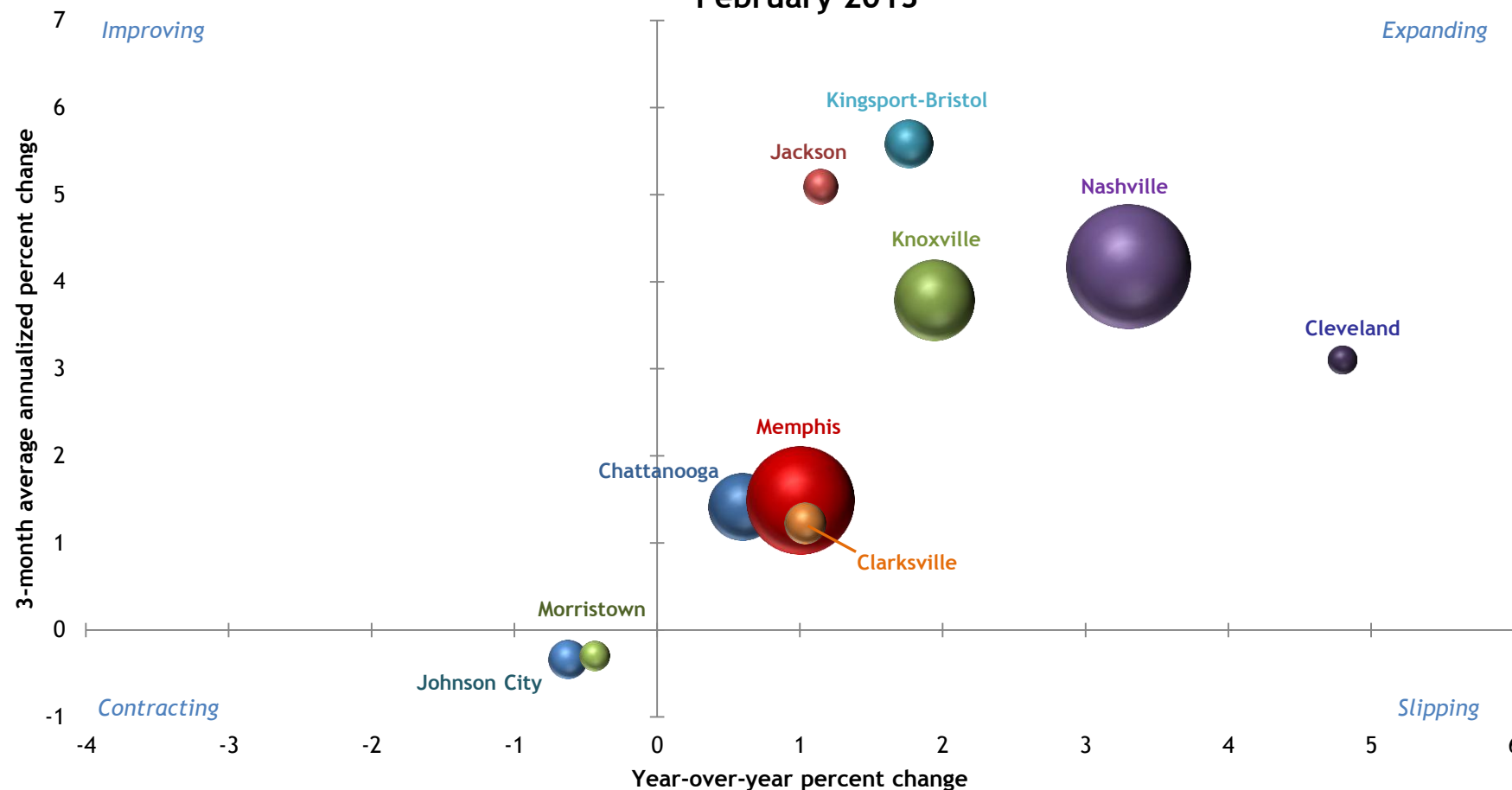


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Employment growth momentum in most major metropolitan areas expanded in February. Only Morristown and Johnson City lost momentum.

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Employment Momentum by Metro Area: Tennessee February 2013



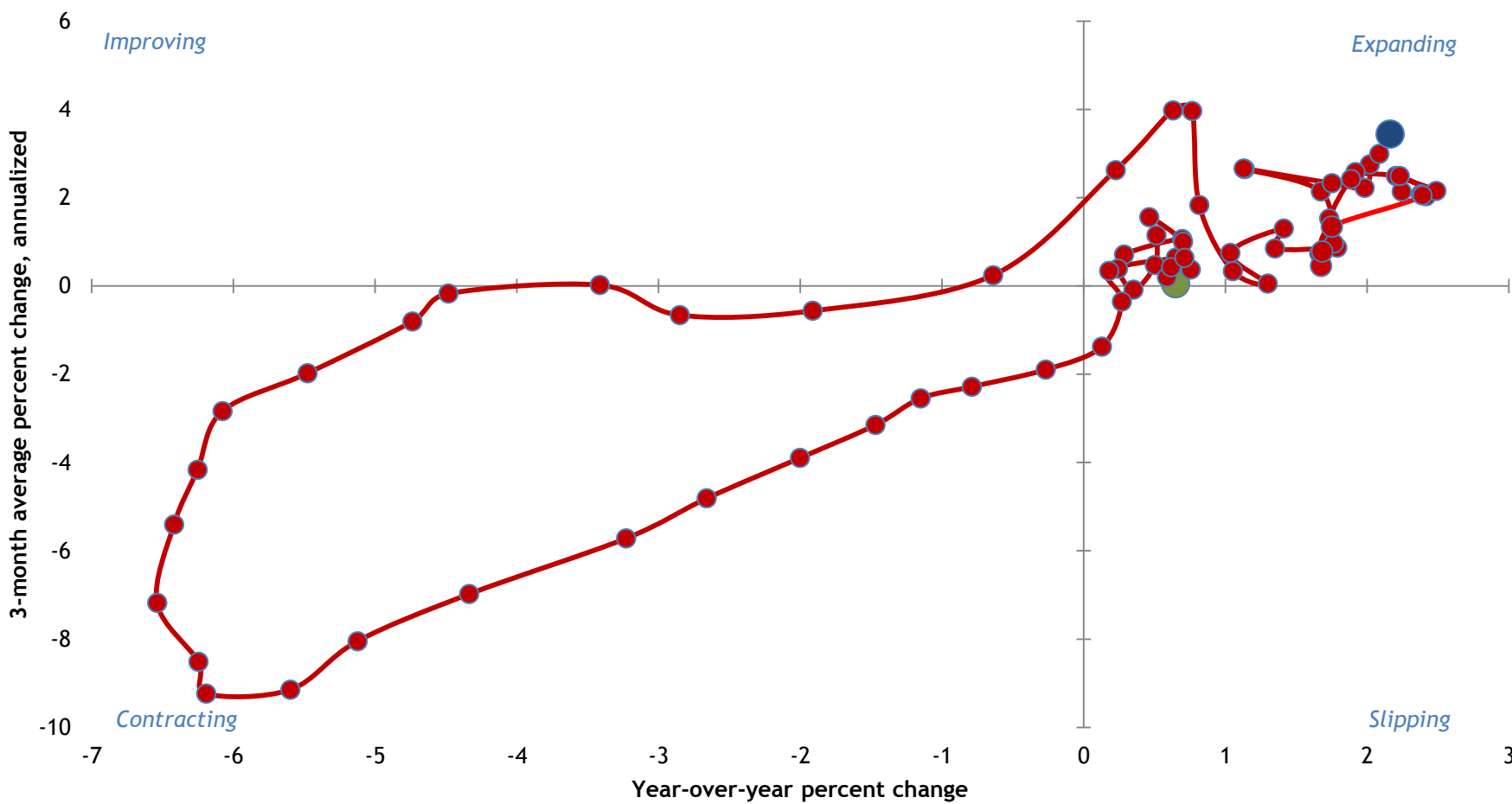
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Tennessee employment has been picking up momentum. The expansion was particularly strong in February.

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Employment Momentum Track: Tennessee

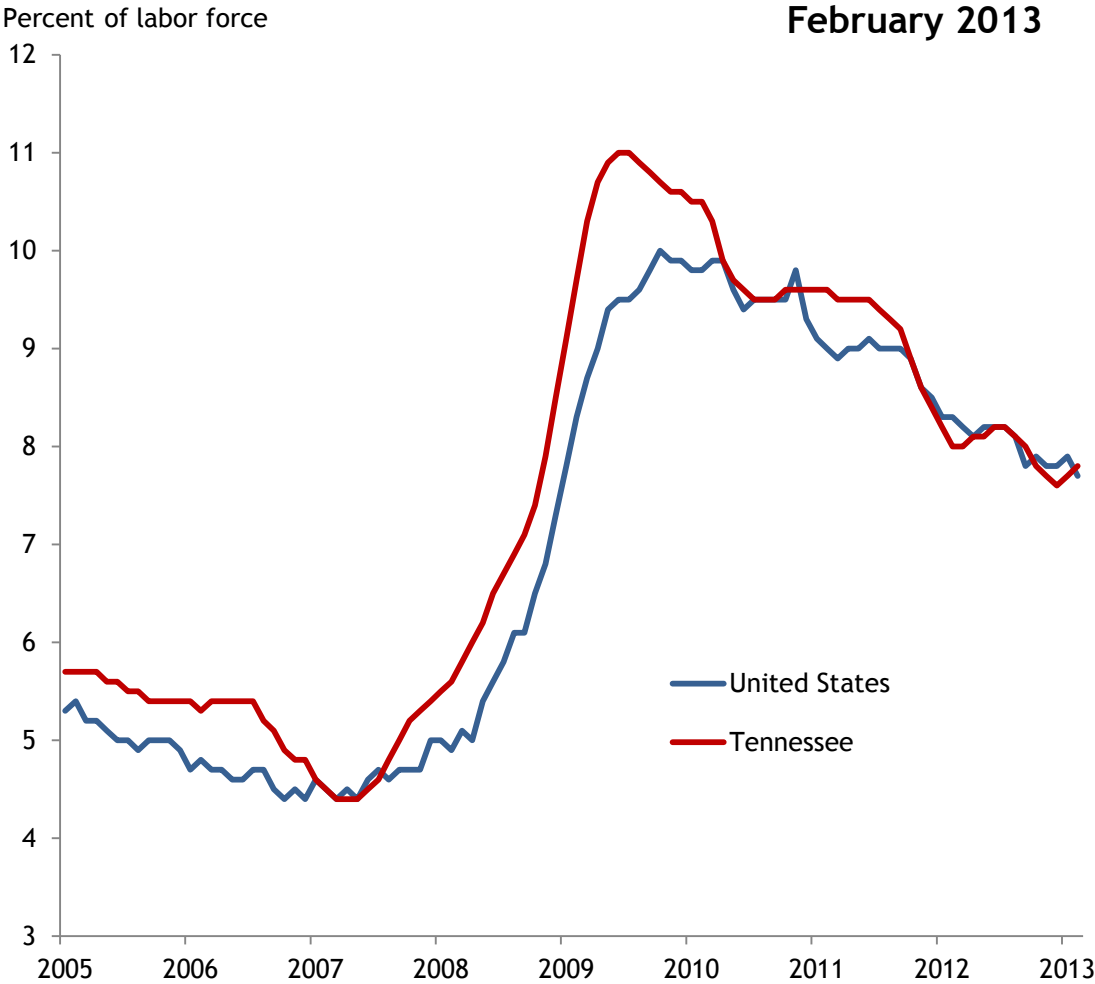
January 2007-February 2013



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

The unemployment rate for Tennessee inched up in January and February. The state's unemployment rate was slightly above the national rate in February.

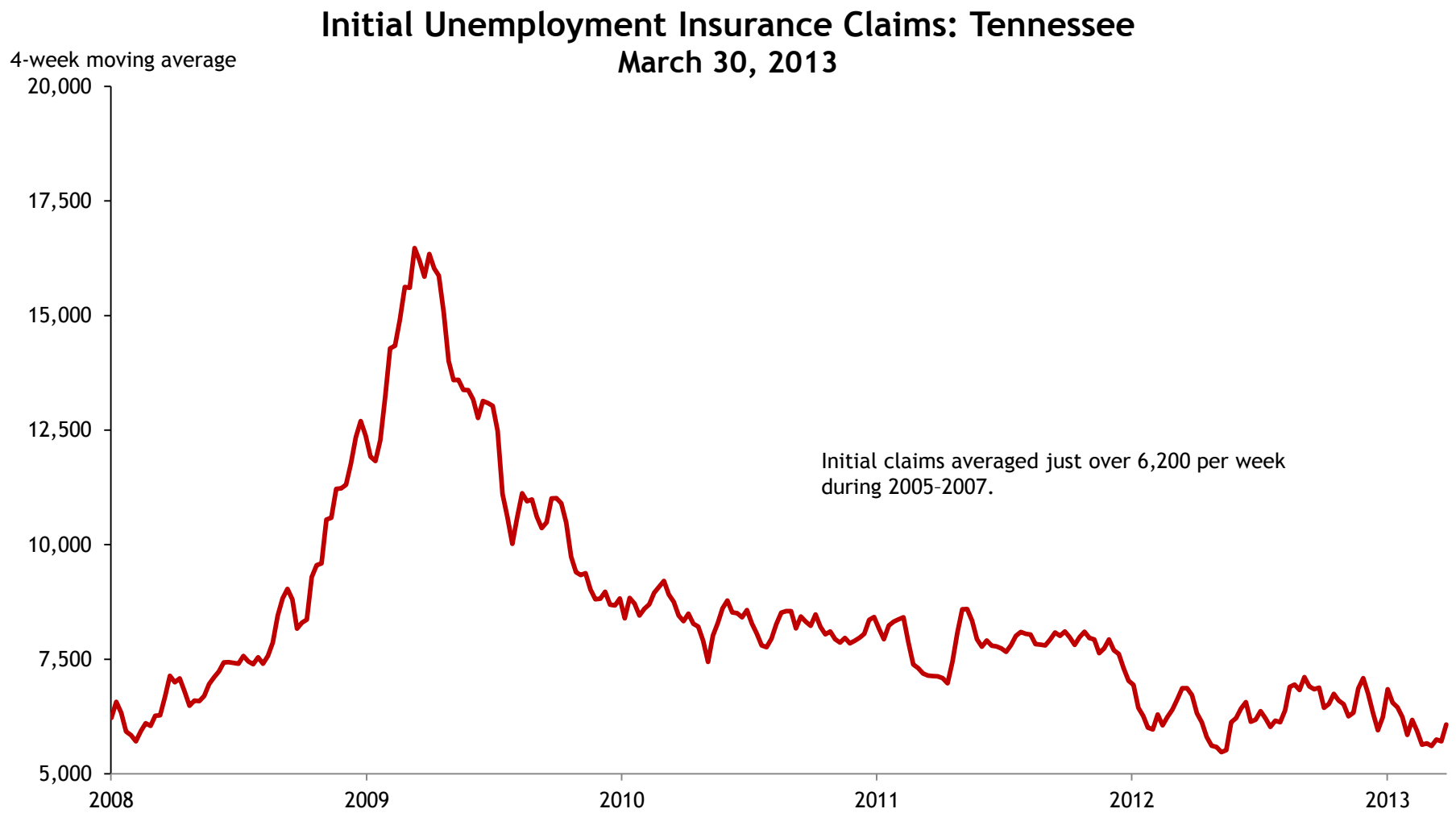
Unemployment Rates February 2013



Unemployment Rates			
	Current	Year Ago	Jan 2007
United States	7.7	8.3	4.6
Tennessee	7.8	8.0	4.6
Chattanooga	7.5	7.6	4.4
Clarksville	8.6	9.2	5.7
Cleveland	7.8	8.8	4.9
Jackson	8.3	8.7	5.6
Johnson City	7.5	7.6	4.8
Kingsport-Bristol	7.4	7.9	4.8
Knoxville	6.7	6.6	4.1
Memphis	9.3	9.2	5.8
Morristown	10.1	10.5	6.1
Nashville	6.4	7.1	4.2

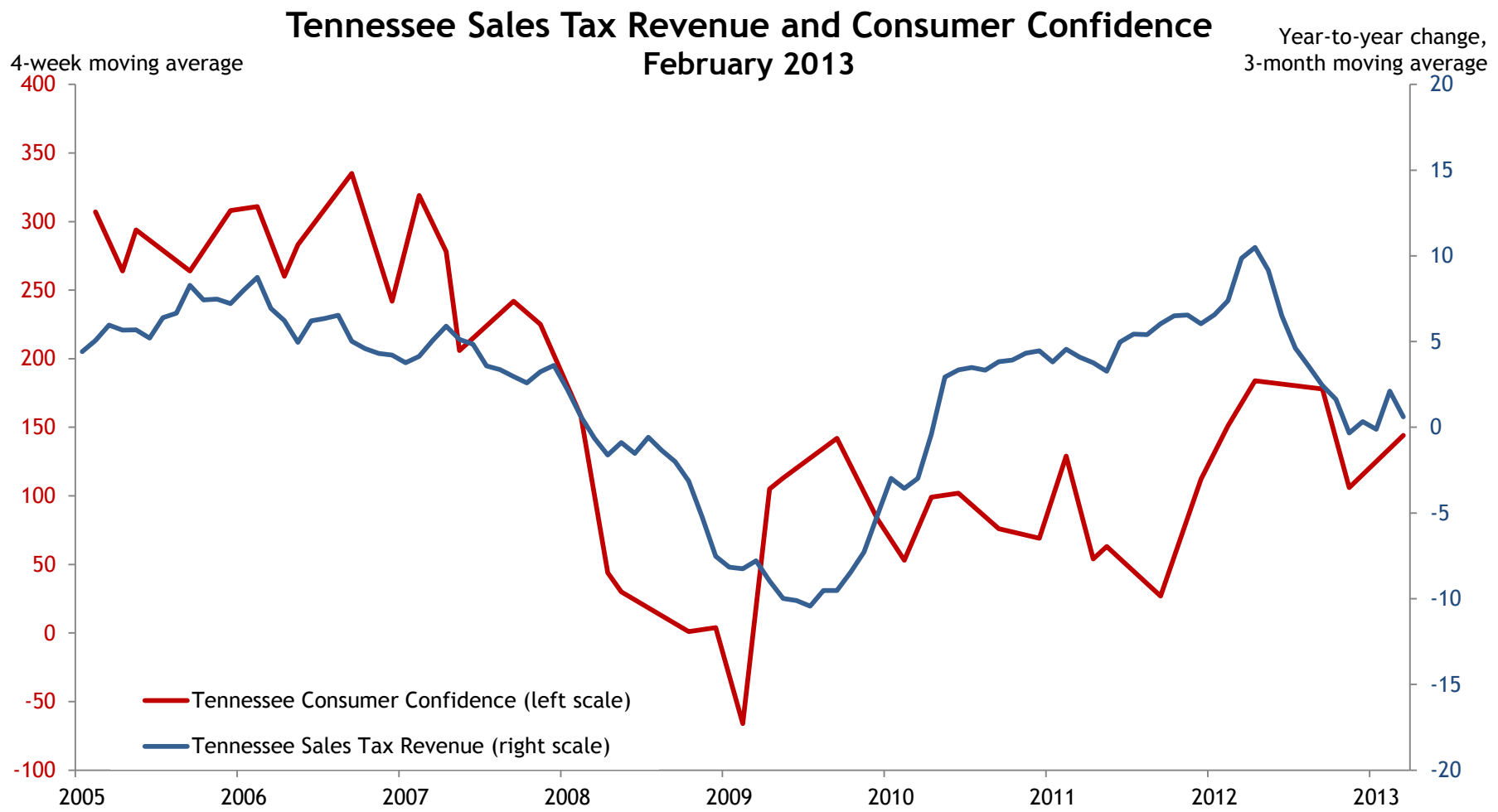
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics

Initial unemployment insurance claims are now close to prerecession levels.



Source: U.S. Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration, Haver Analytics

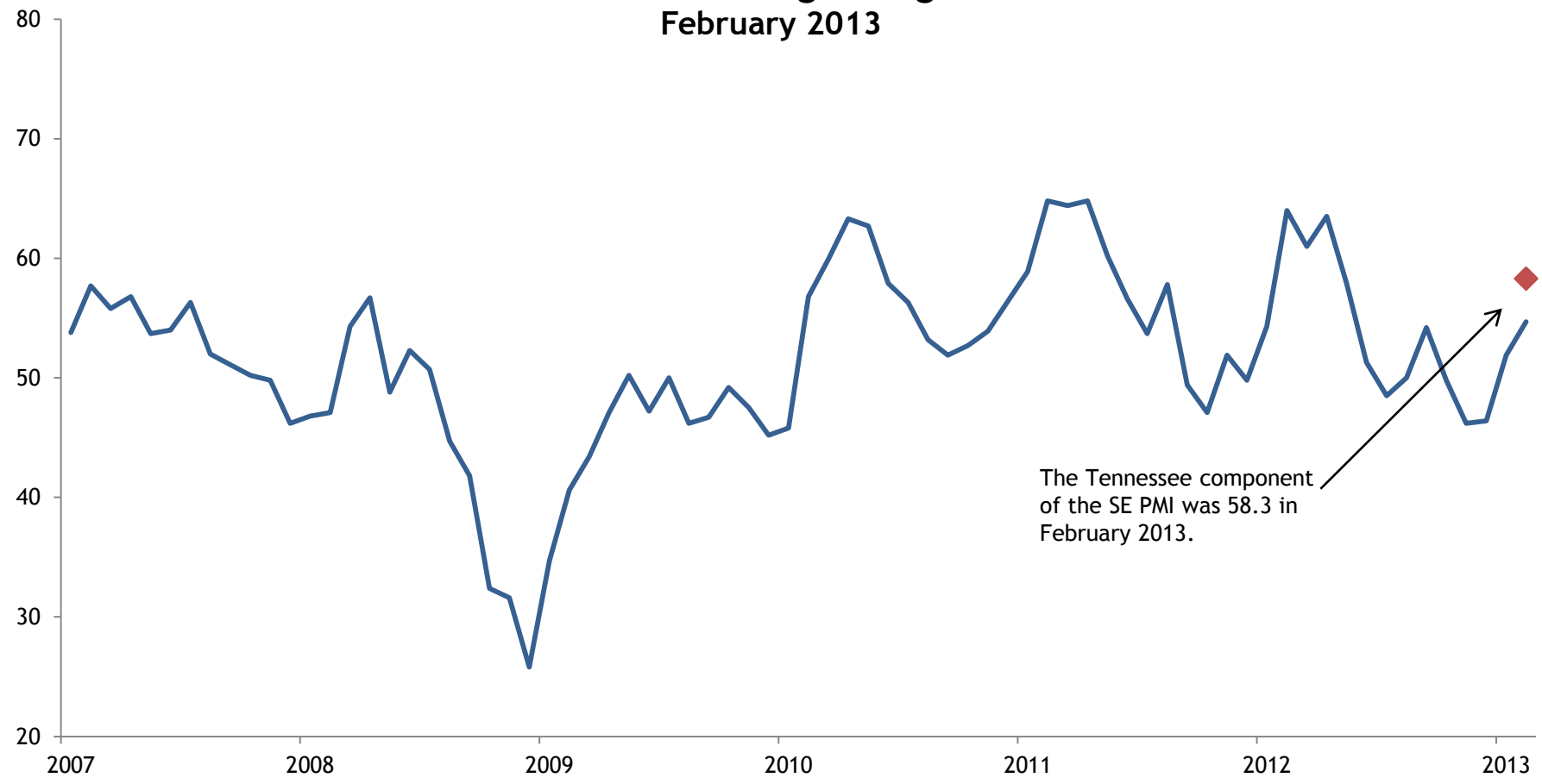
Growth of sales tax revenue in Tennessee has been virtually flat over the past few months. Consumer confidence was higher in February compared to last November.



Source: Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee Department of Revenue

Regional manufacturing activity expanded in January and February, according to the Southeast Purchasing Managers Index produced by Kennesaw State University. In Tennessee, manufacturing activity rose at a solid pace in February.

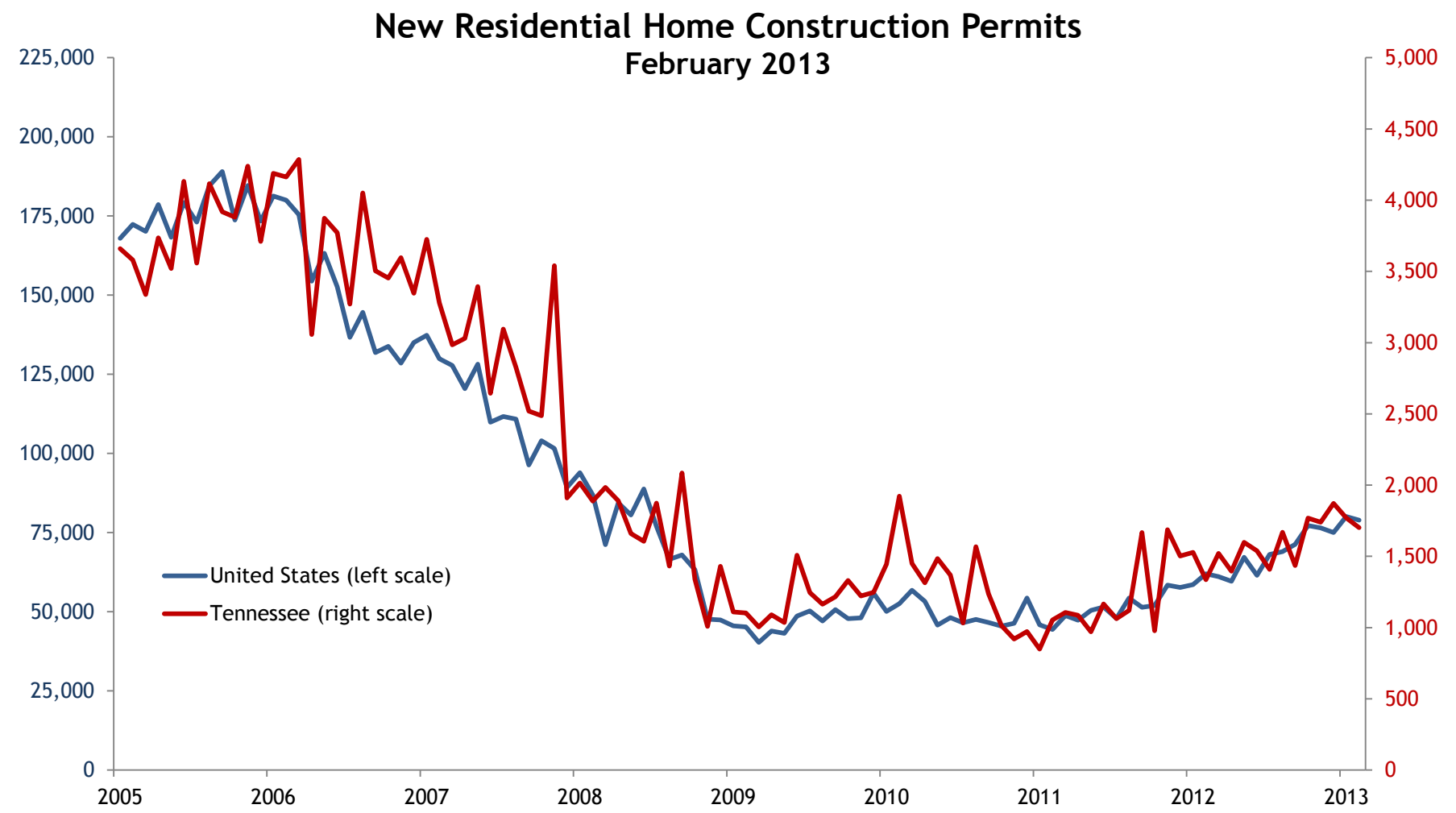
Southeast Purchasing Managers Index
February 2013



The Tennessee component of the SE PMI was 58.3 in February 2013.

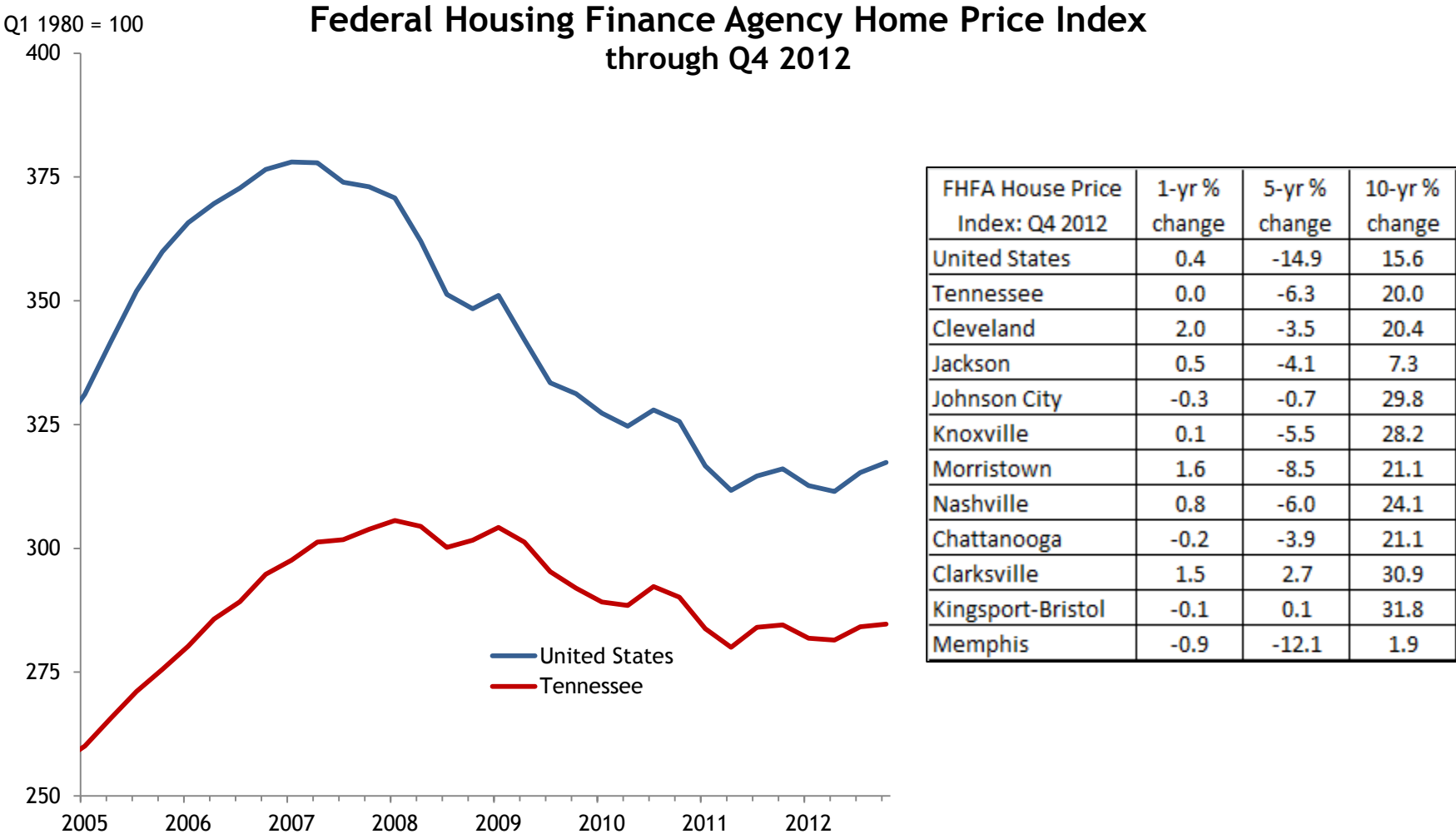
Note: 50+ = Expansion
Source: Kennesaw State University, Coles College of Business Econometric Center

New home construction permits for the United States and Tennessee remain at historically low levels, although they've been trending up for more than a year.



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Haver Analytics

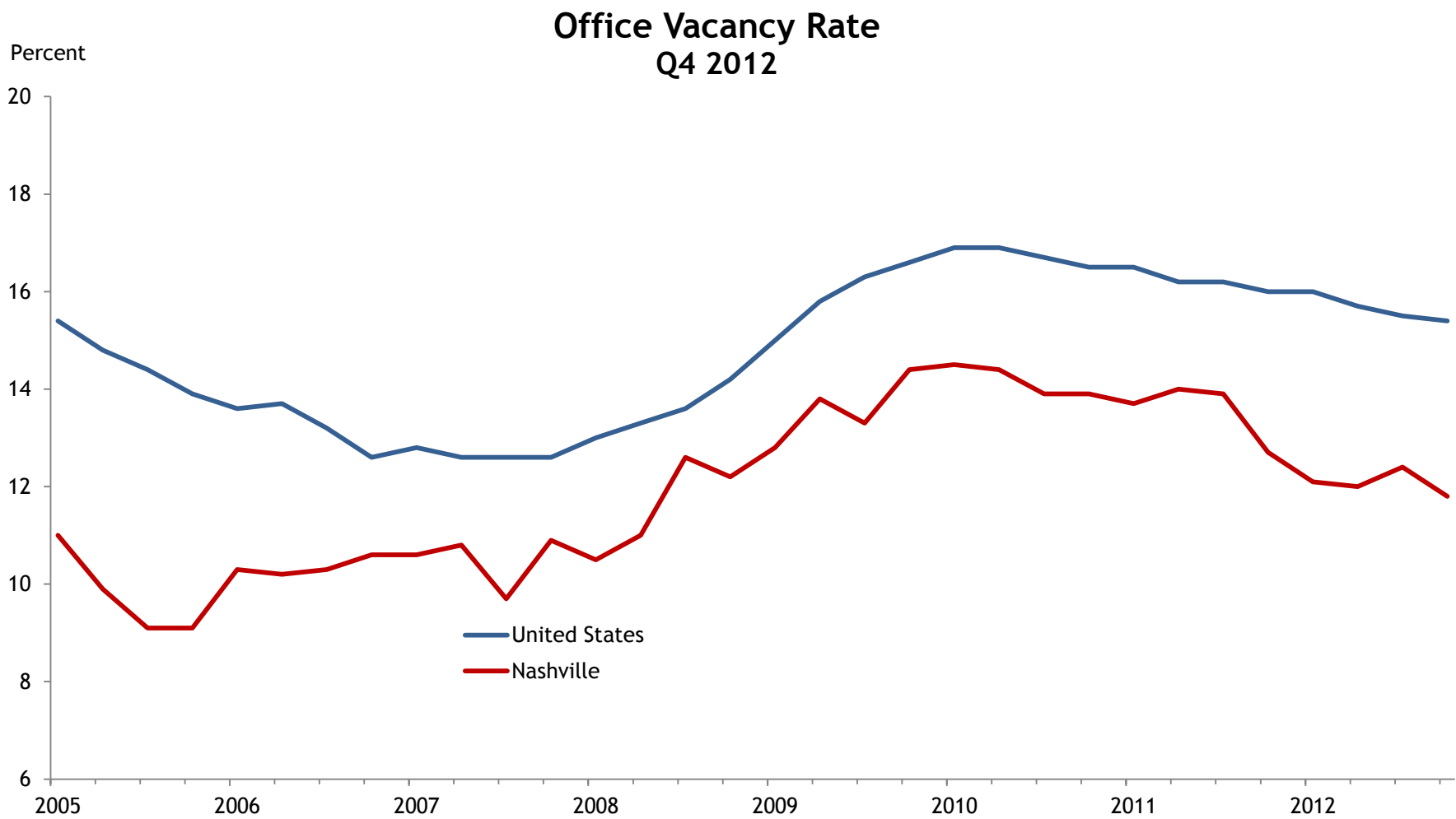
Home prices in Tennessee had declined at a slower pace than in the United States as a whole. In 2012, home prices, as measured by the FHFA Home Price Index, rose slightly in the United States and were unchanged in Tennessee.



Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency, Haver Analytics

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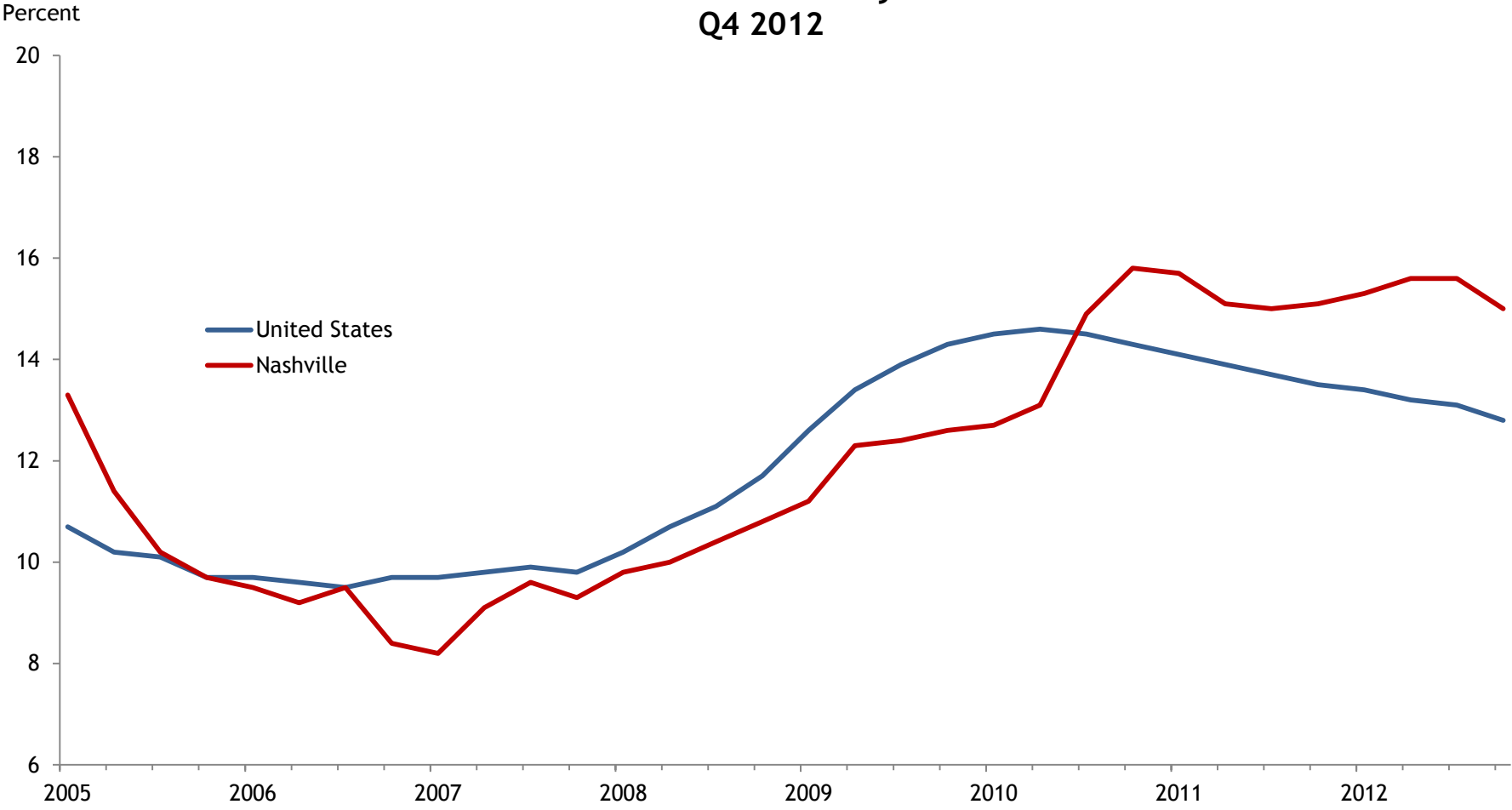
The office vacancy rate is lower in Nashville than in the United States as a whole and has been declining at a faster pace.



Source: CB Richard Ellis, Haver Analytics

Industrial availability rates remain elevated throughout the United States. Nashville's rate has remained essentially unchanged above the national level for two years.

Industrial Availability Rate
Q4 2012



Source: CB Richard Ellis, Haver Analytics

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