



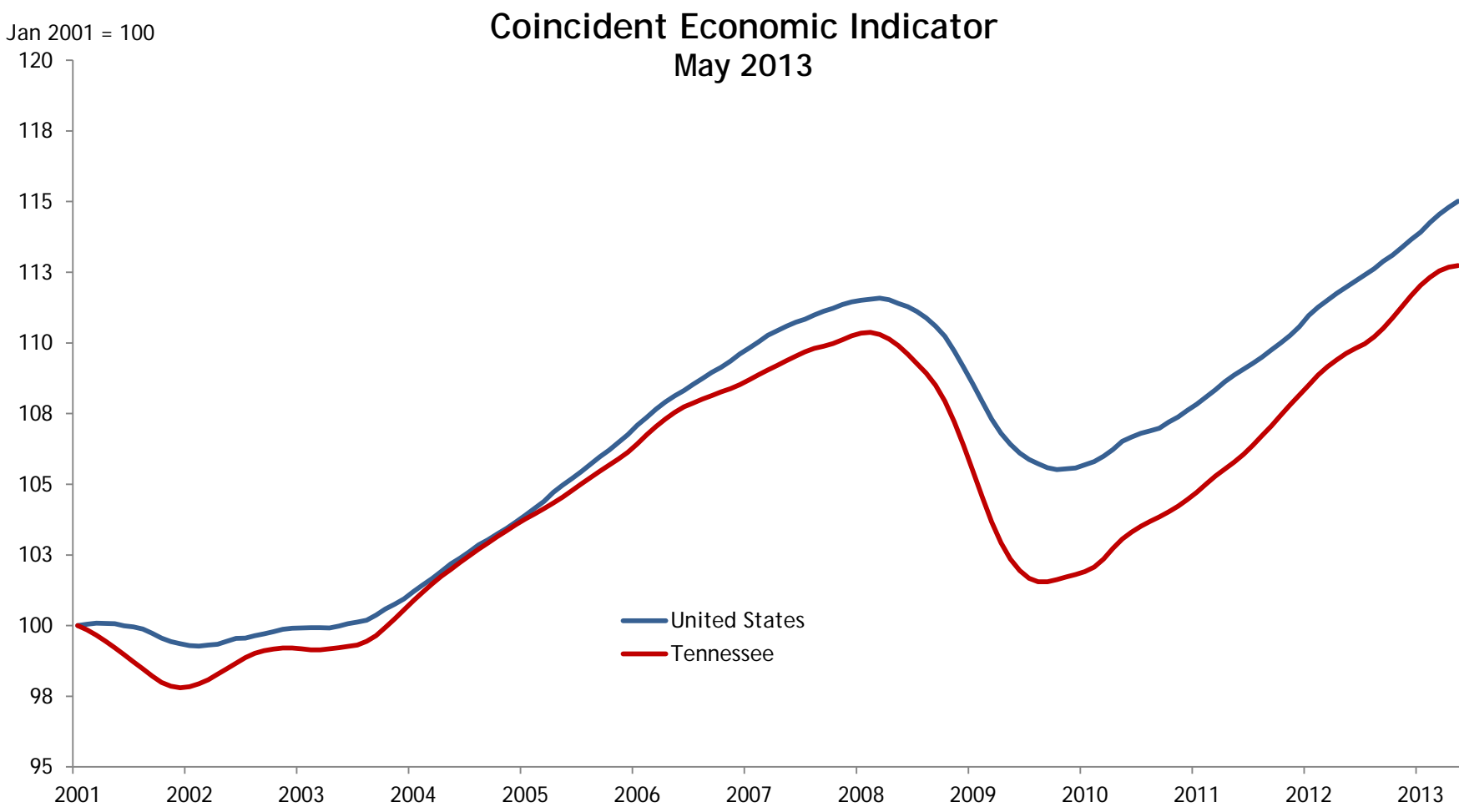
Data Digest: Tennessee

July 2013



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

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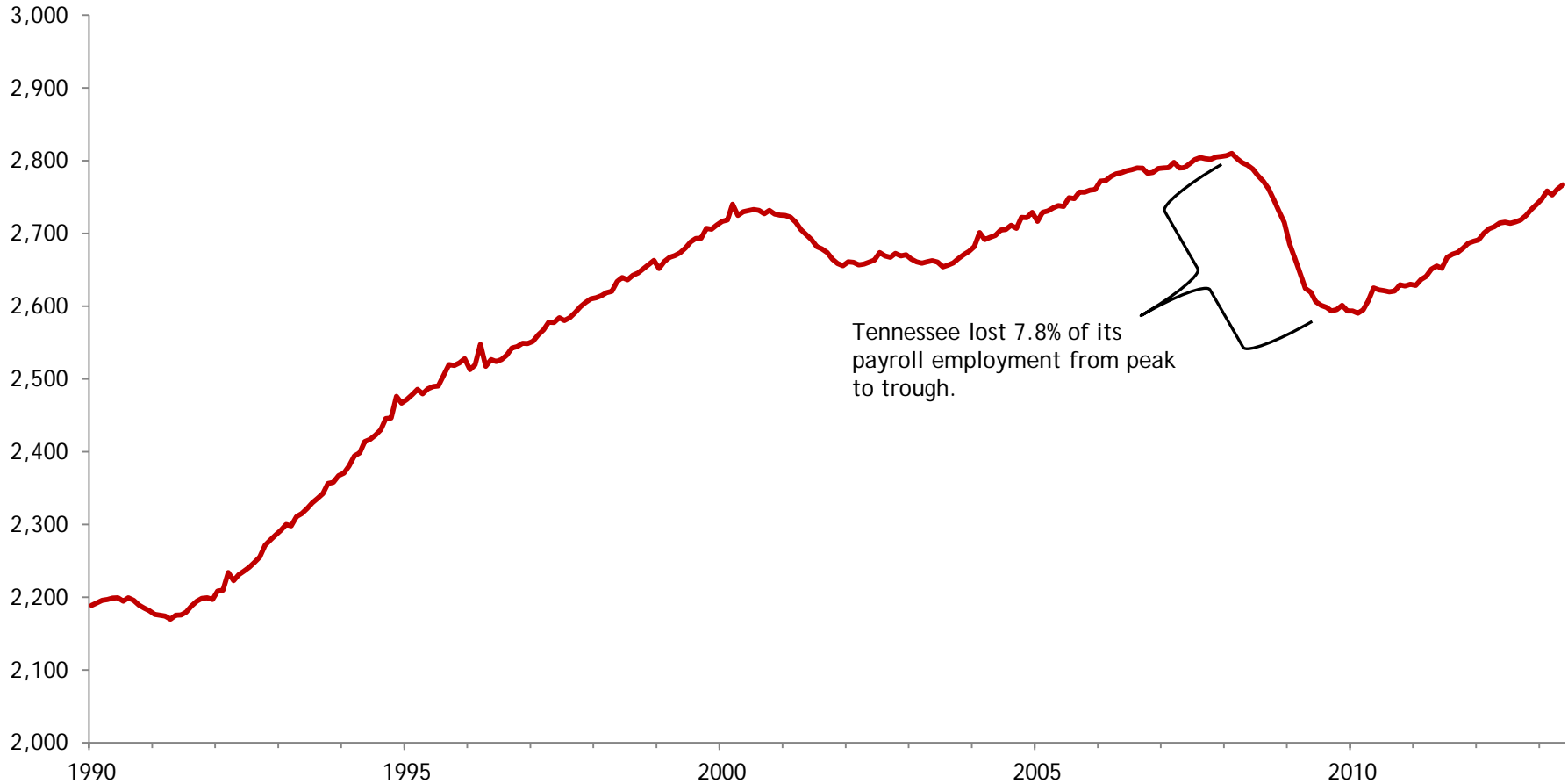


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

For about three years, total employment in Tennessee had been on an upward trend. With only slight upticks in April and May, payroll growth has been relatively flat for the last three months.

Tennessee Payroll Employment May 2013

Thousands,
seasonally adjusted

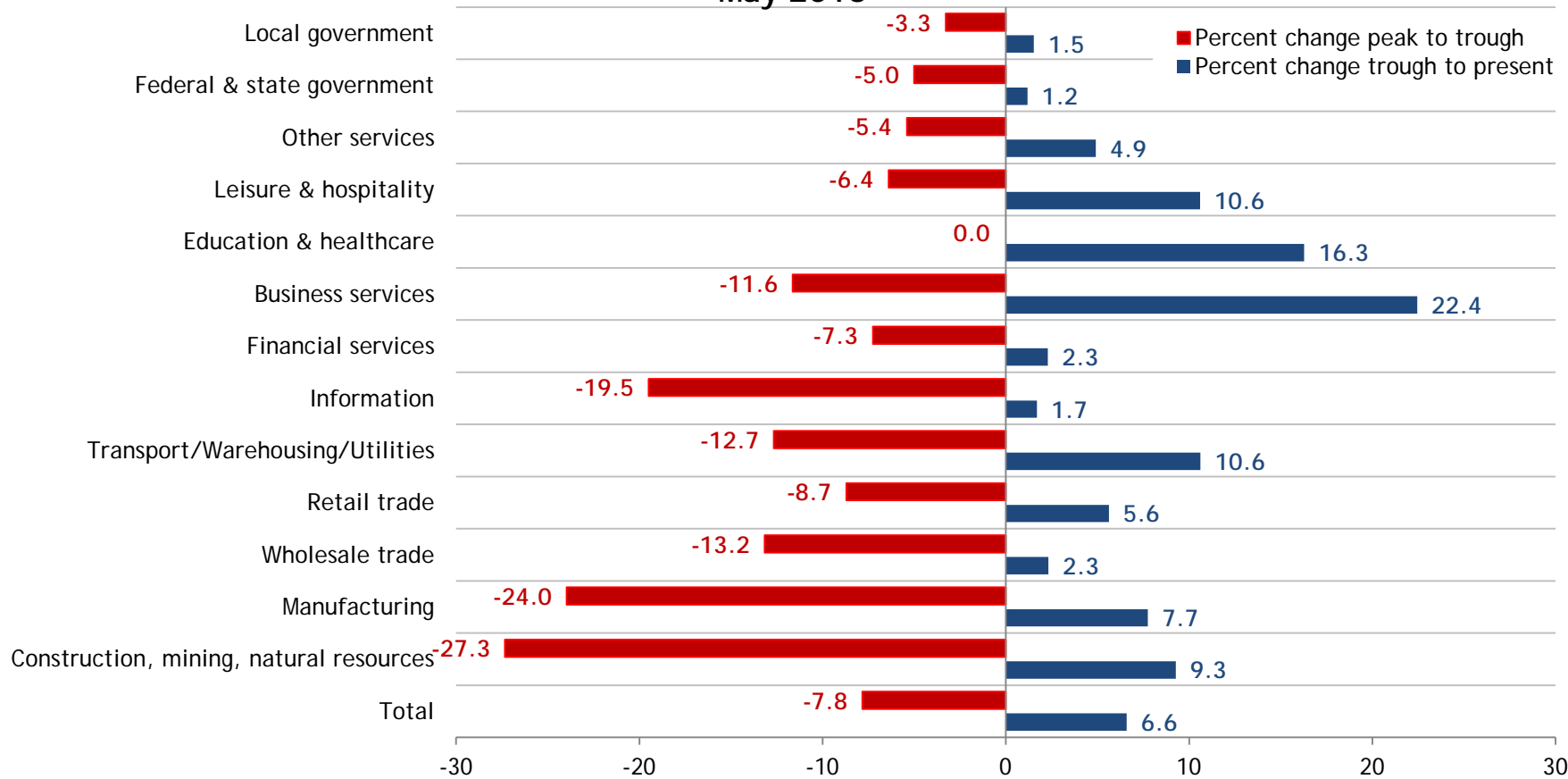


Tennessee lost 7.8% of its payroll employment from peak to trough.

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

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

Employment Loss and Gain by Industry: Tennessee May 2013



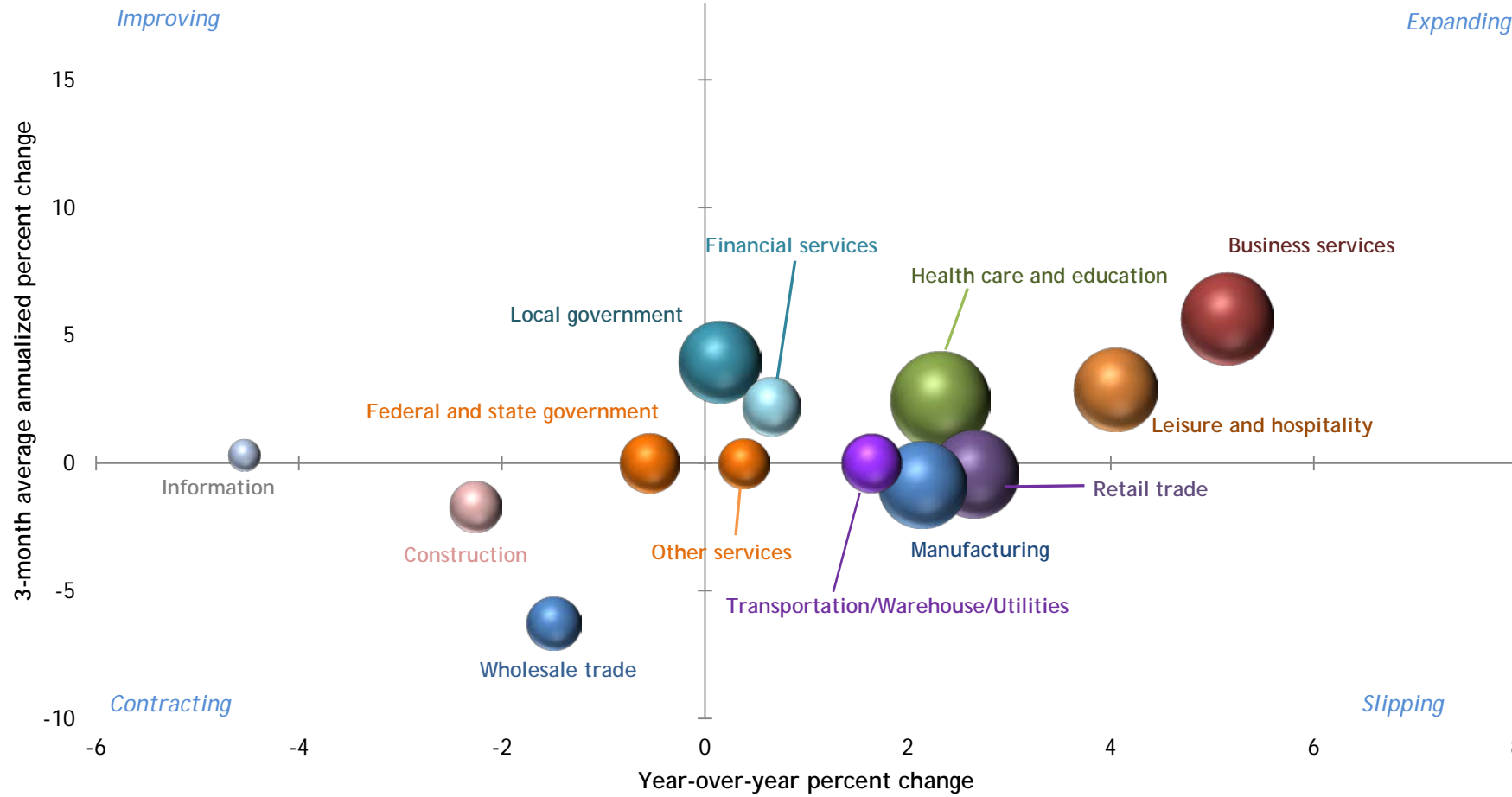
Note: A reading of 0.0 in the “trough to present” measure indicates that employment continues to decline in these industries. Likewise, a reading of 0.0 in the “peak to trough” measure indicates that employment continues to increase in these industries; in this instance “trough to present” is the percent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

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

Employment growth momentum lost some steam during May. Only five major industries were firmly in the expanding category.

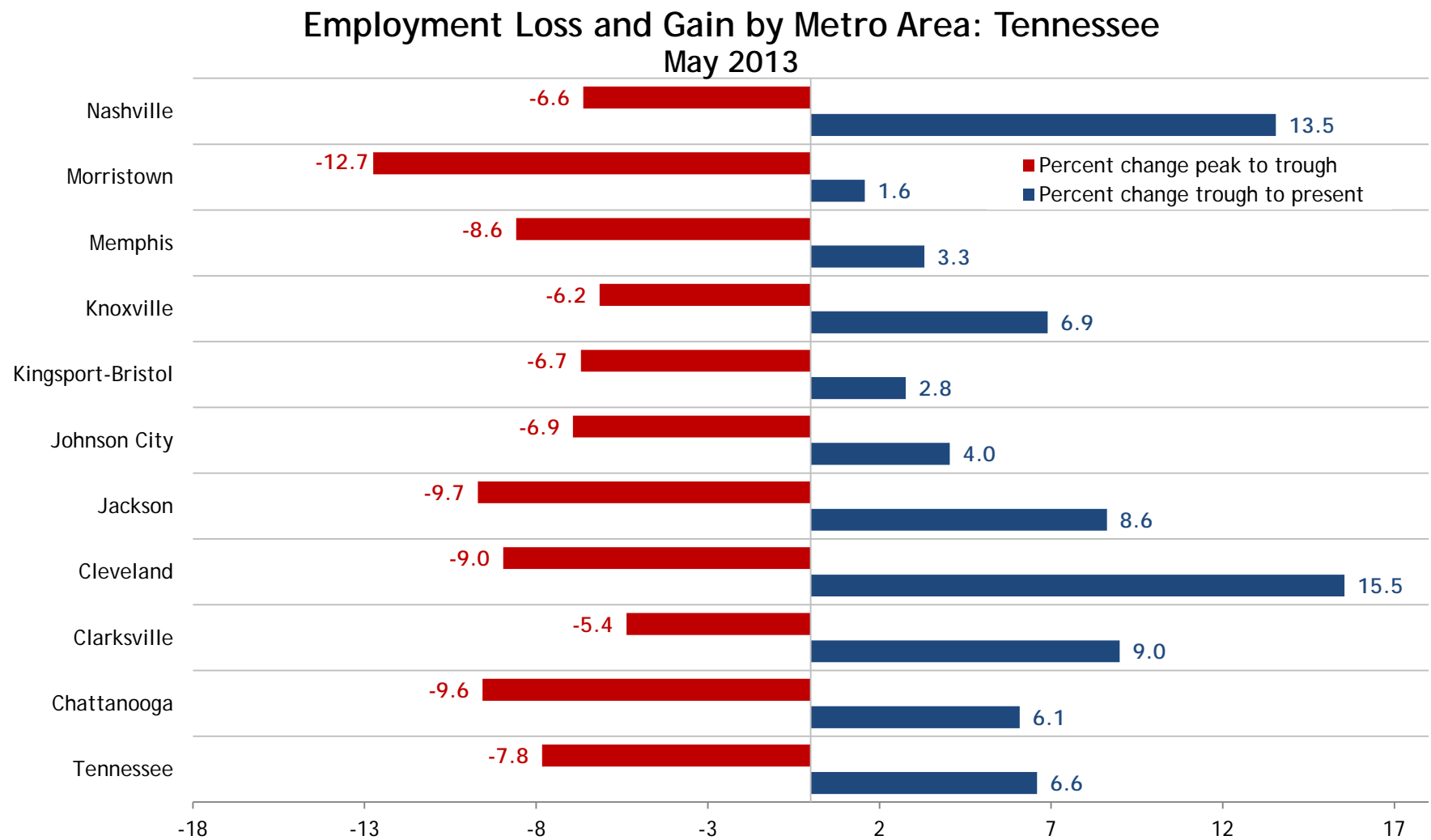
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Employment Momentum by Industry: Tennessee May 2013



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. All major cities have regained some jobs. Nashville, Knoxville, Cleveland, and Clarksville have regained all jobs lost.

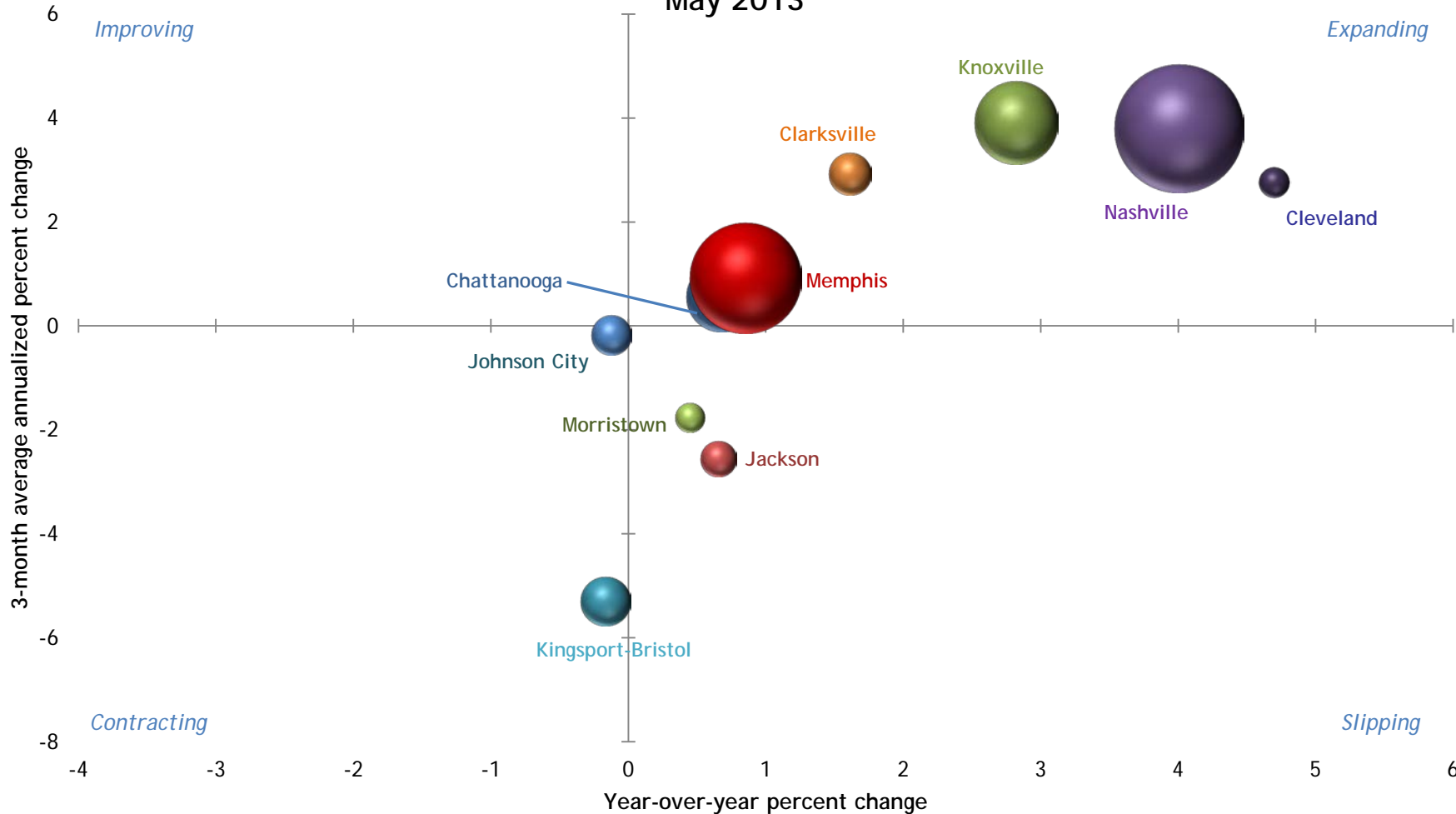


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

Employment growth momentum in most major metropolitan areas expanded in May.

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Employment Momentum by Metro Area: Tennessee May 2013

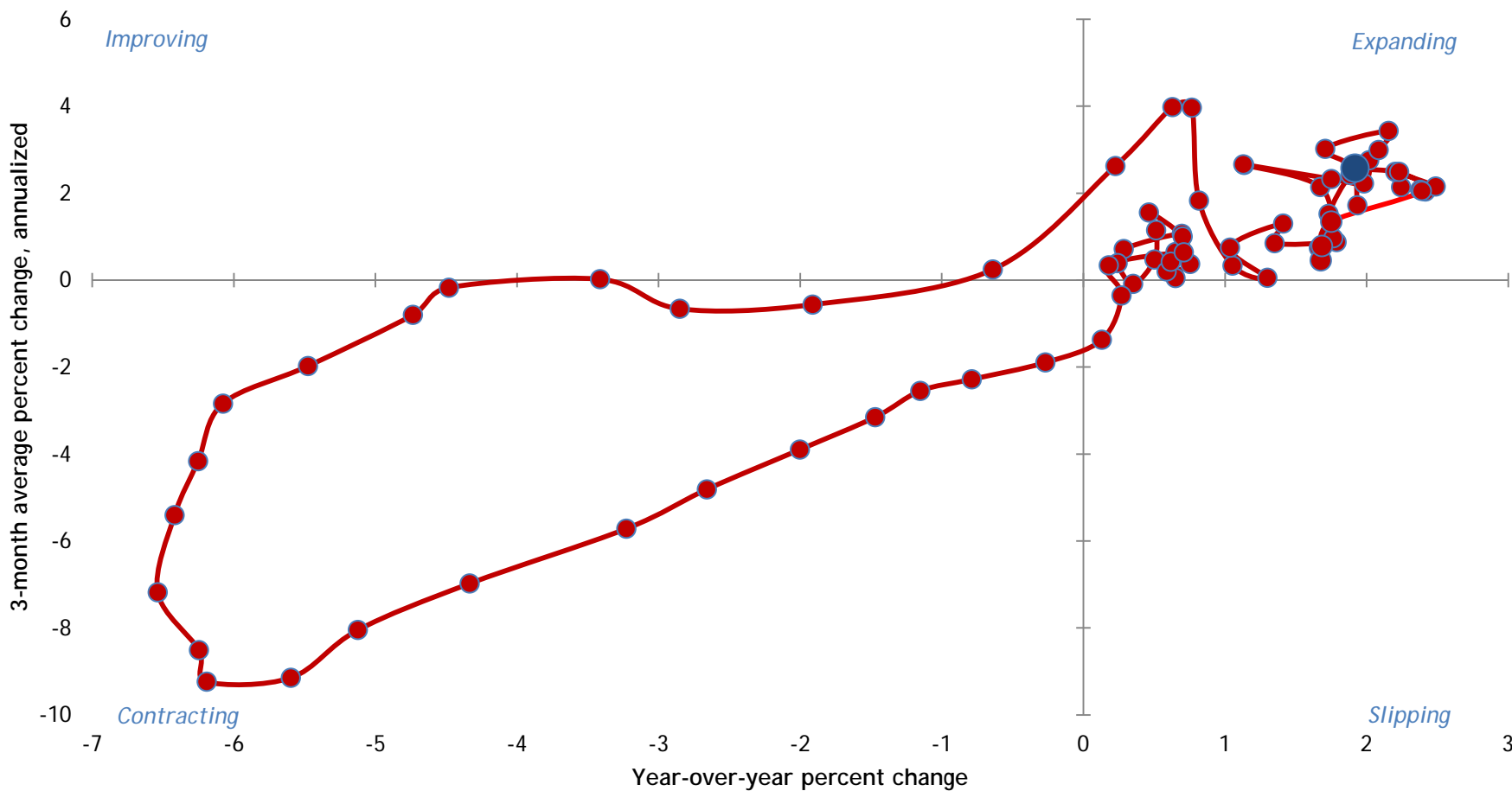


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Tennessee employment momentum continues to expand at a modest pace.

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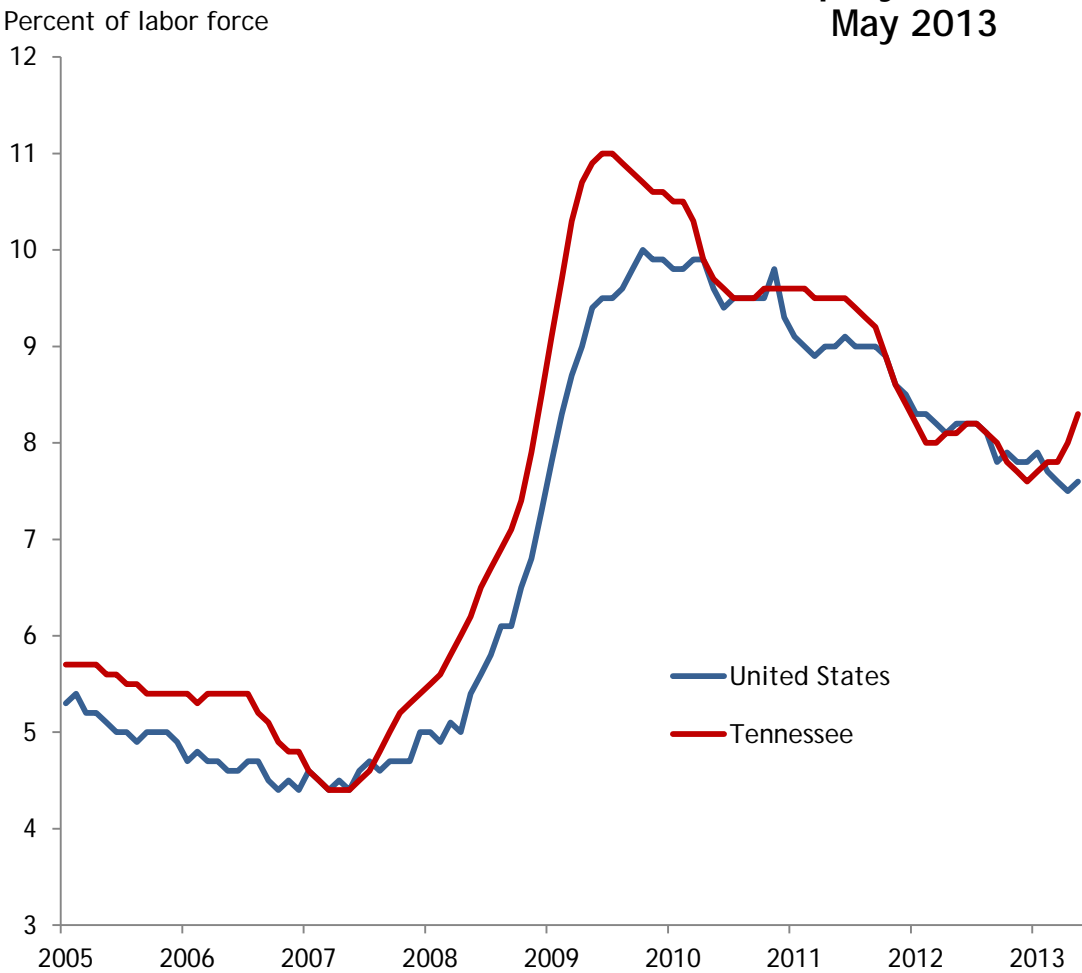
Employment Momentum Track: Tennessee
January 2007-May 2013



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

The unemployment rate for Tennessee has been inching up in 2013. The state's unemployment rate remained above the national rate for the fourth consecutive month in May.

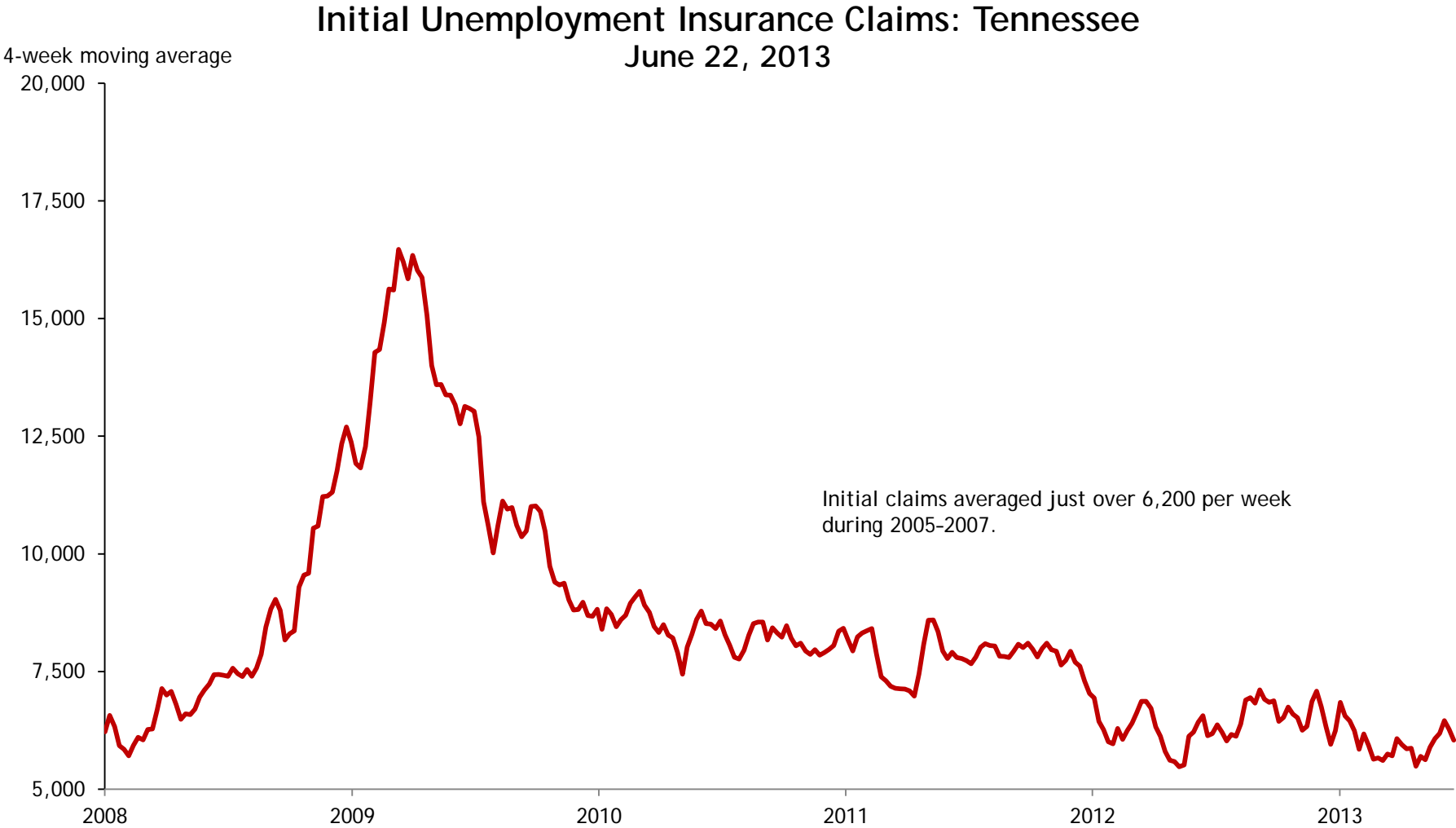
Unemployment Rates May 2013



Unemployment Rates			
	Current	Year Ago	Jan 2007
United States	7.6	8.2	4.6
Tennessee	8.3	8.1	4.6
Chattanooga	7.9	7.3	4.4
Clarksville	8.8	8.3	5.7
Cleveland	7.9	7.7	4.9
Jackson	8.7	8.1	5.6
Johnson City	7.8	7.2	4.8
Kingsport-Bristol	7.5	7.2	4.8
Knoxville	7.0	6.5	4.1
Memphis	9.5	8.9	5.8
Morristown	9.8	9.4	6.1
Nashville	6.7	6.6	4.2

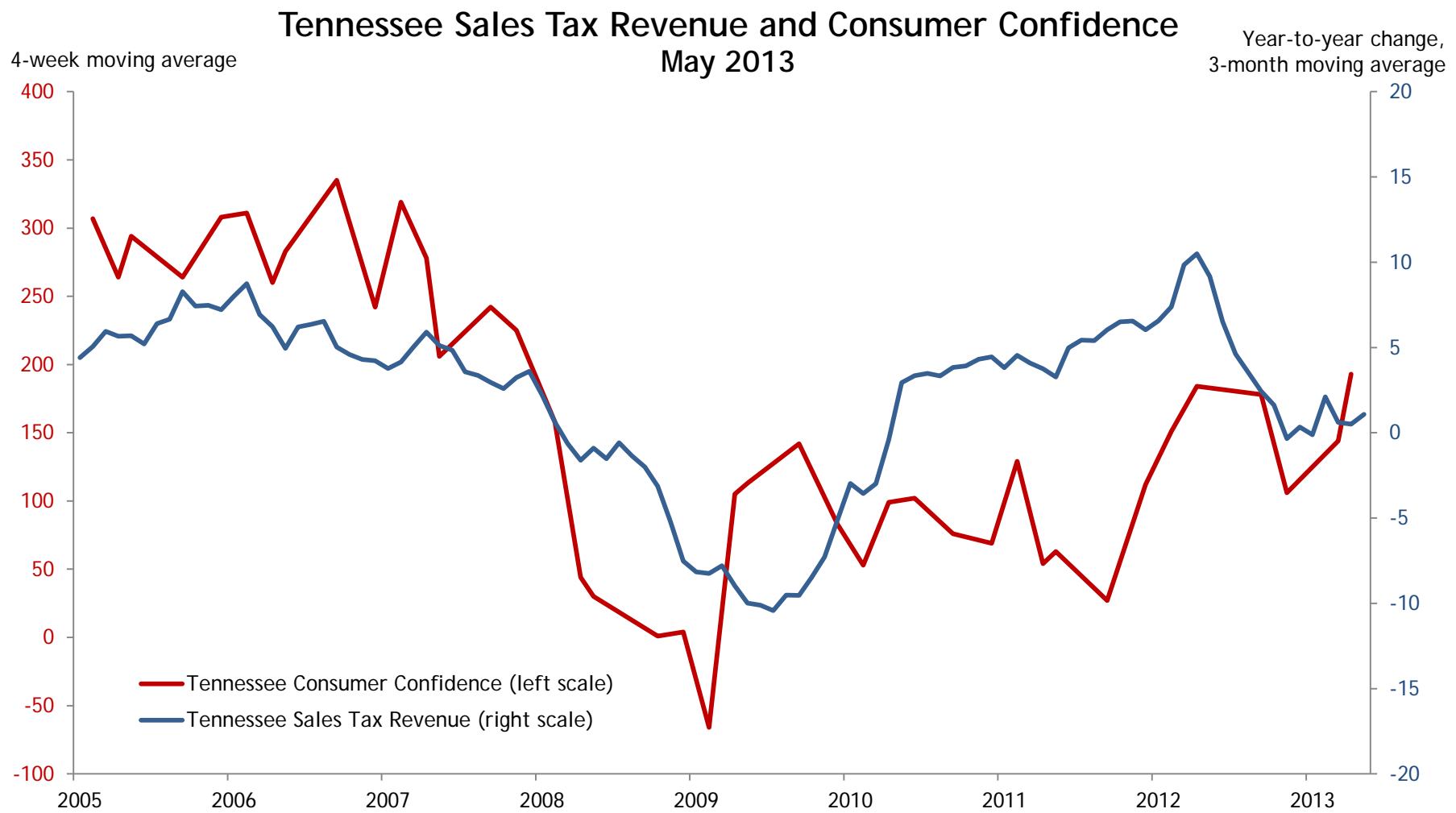
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics

Initial unemployment insurance claims are now close to prerecession levels.



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

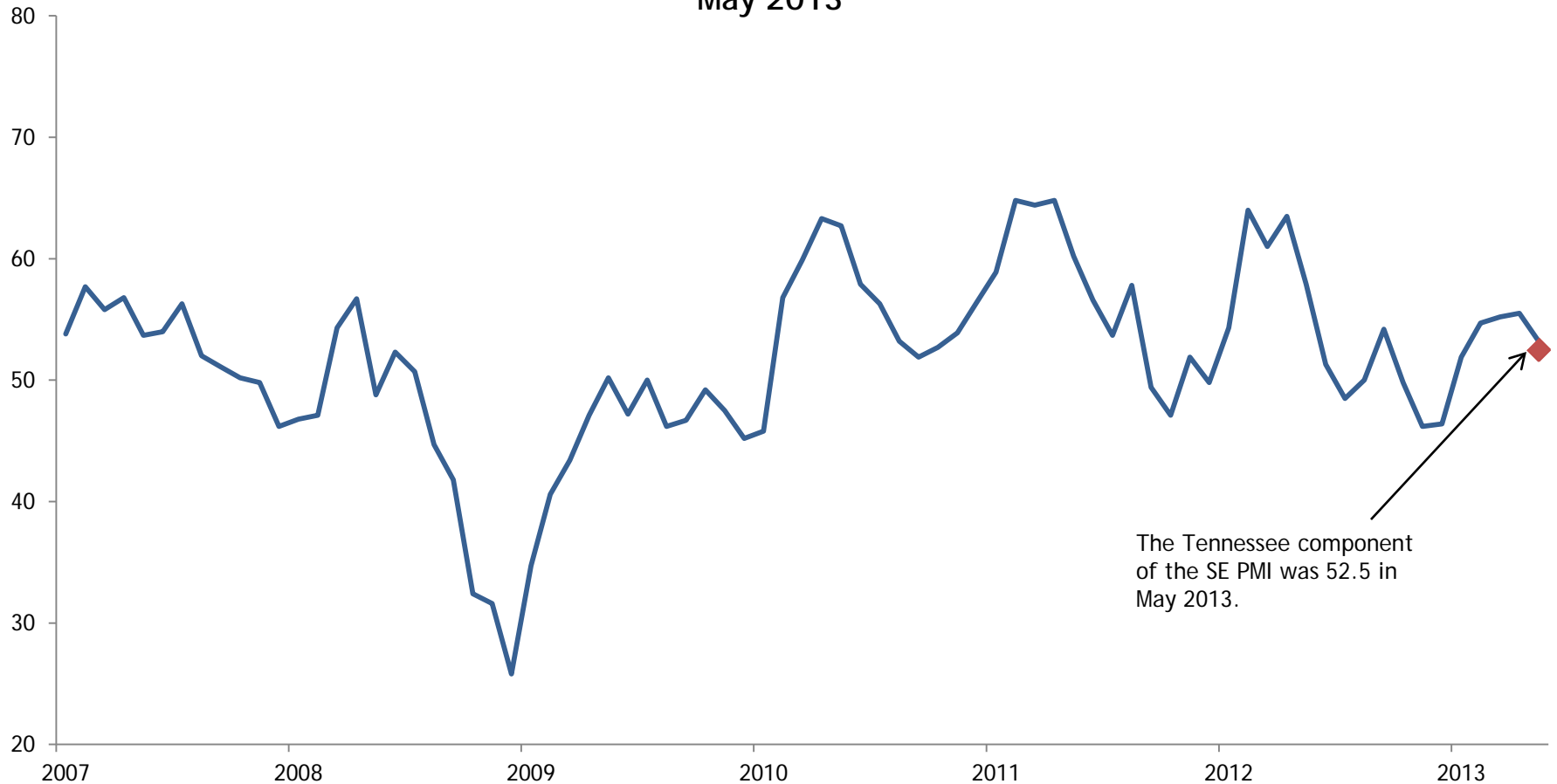
Growth of sales tax revenue in Tennessee has been virtually flat over the past few months. Consumer confidence continued to improve in April.



Note: Consumer Confidence data are through April 2013.
Source: Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee Department of Revenue

Regional manufacturing activity slowed but remained in expansionary territory in May, according to the Southeast Purchasing Managers Index produced by Kennesaw State University. In Tennessee, manufacturing activity continues to be strong.

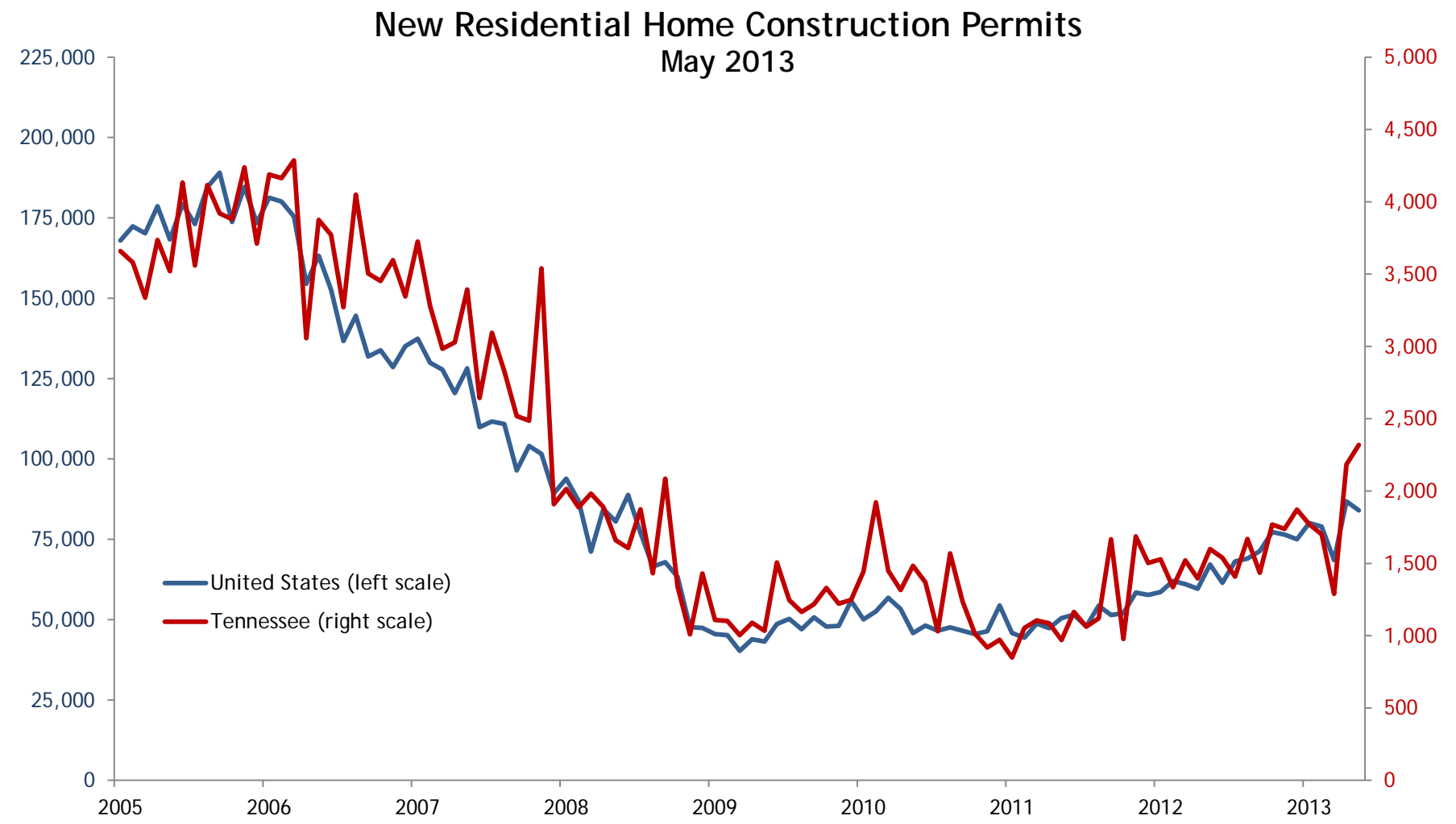
Southeast Purchasing Managers Index May 2013



Note: 50+ = Expansion

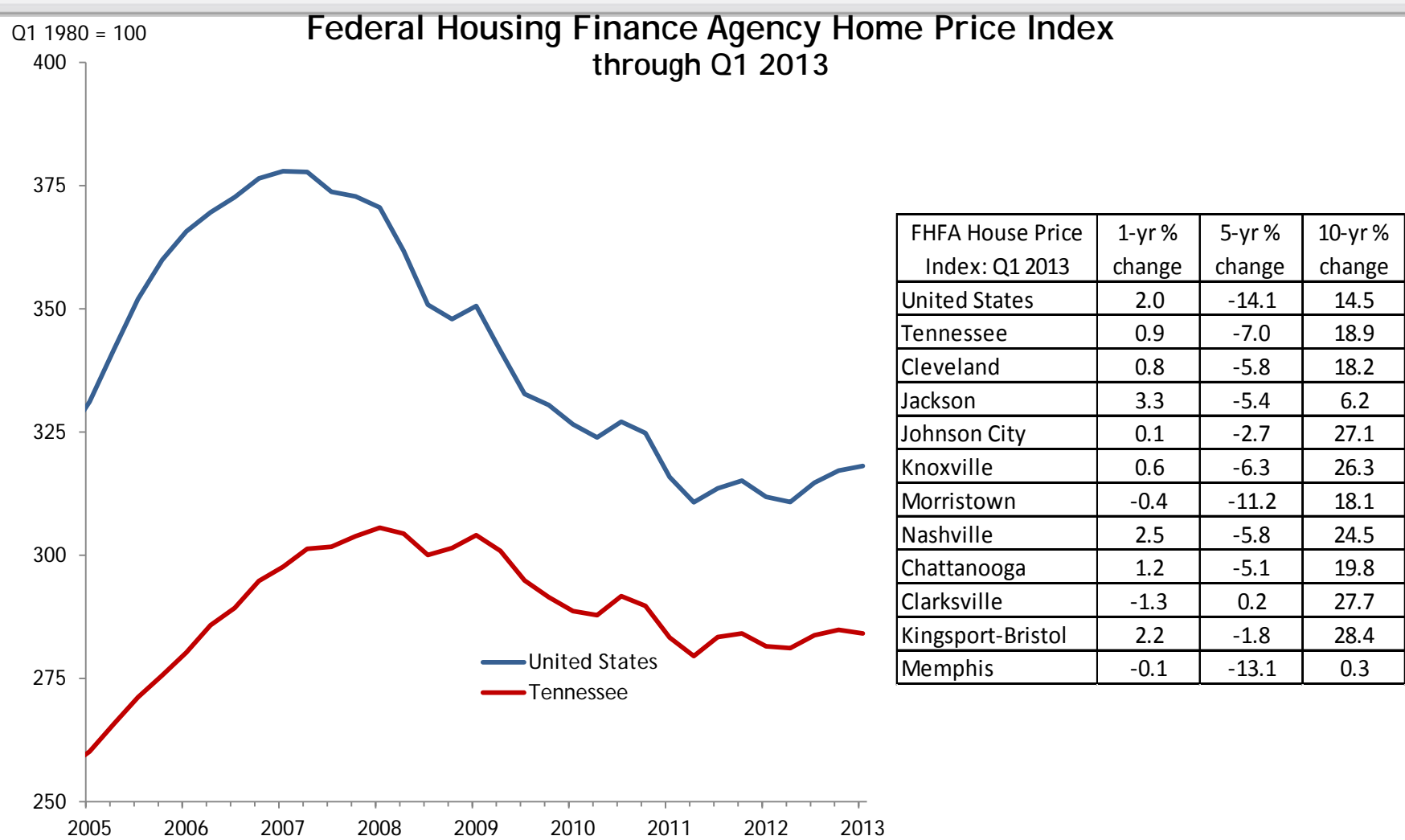
Source: Kennesaw State University, Coles College of Business Econometric Center

New home construction permits for the United States and Tennessee remain at historically low levels. However, permits saw a sharp increase in April and May and are now approaching levels not seen since 2007.



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

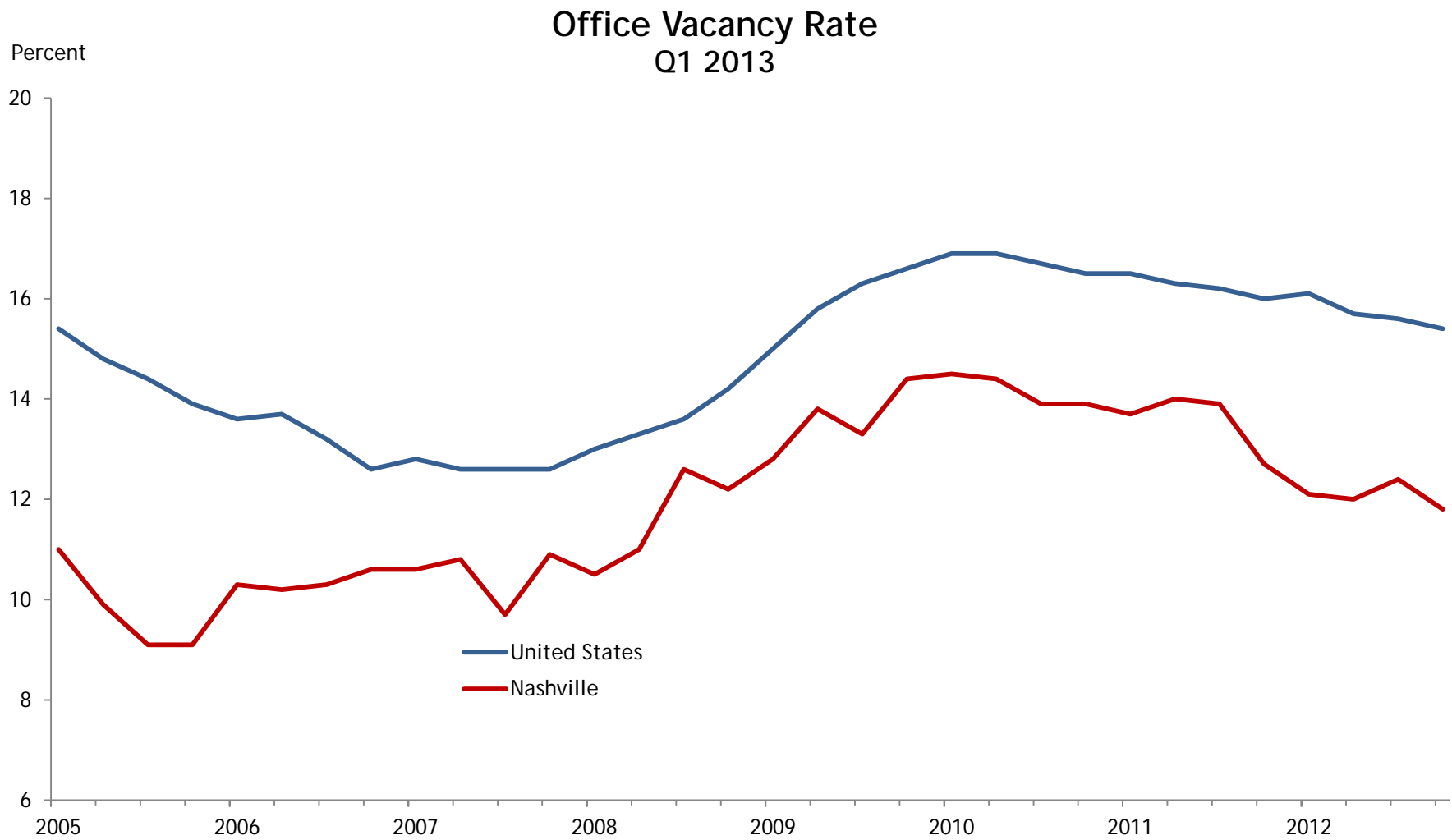
Over the past year, home prices in Tennessee rose at a slower pace than nationally.



Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency, Haver Analytics

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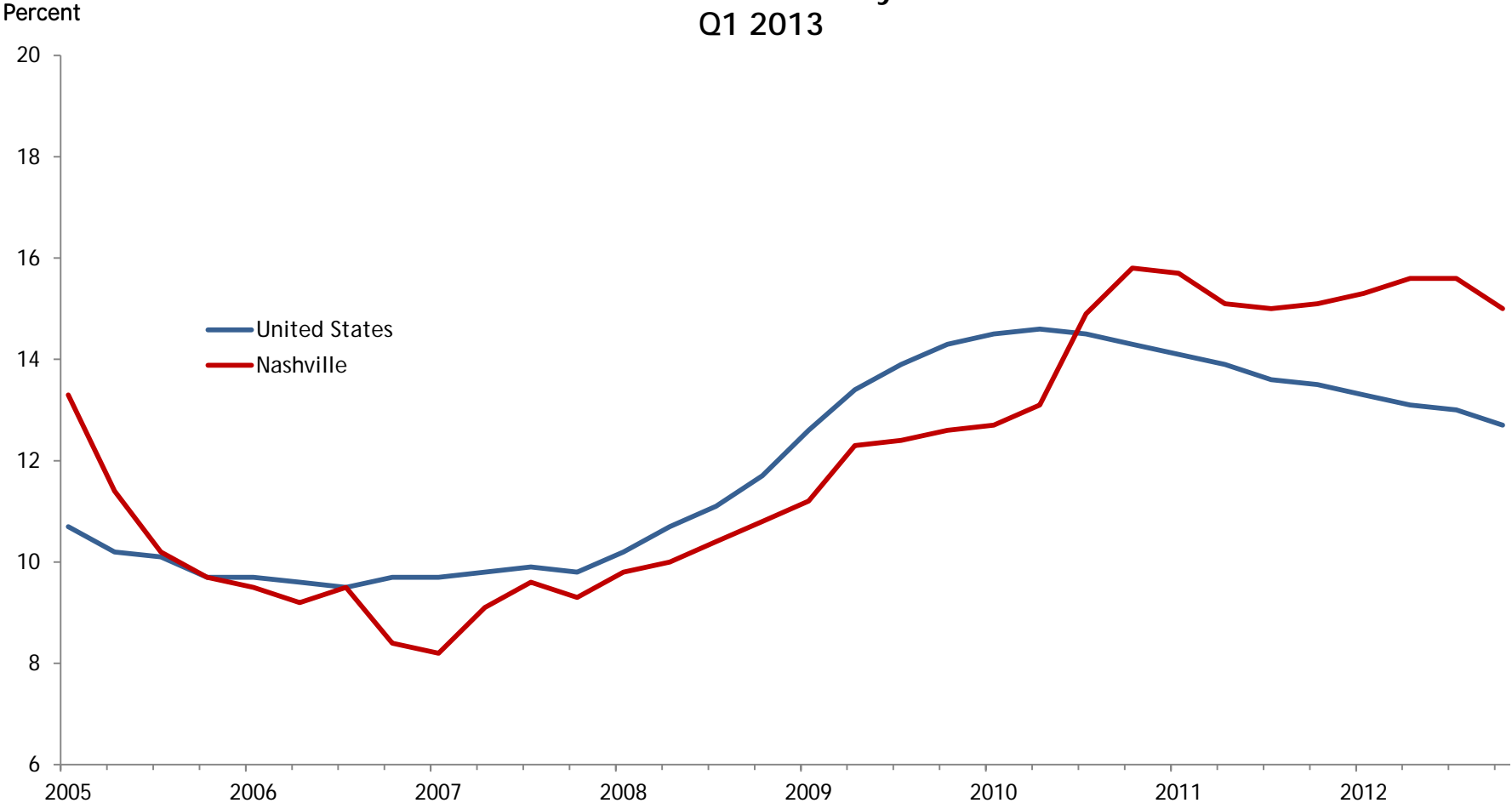
The office vacancy rate is lower in Nashville than in the United States as a whole and has been declining at a faster pace.



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
Q1 2013



Source: CB Richard Ellis, Haver Analytics

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