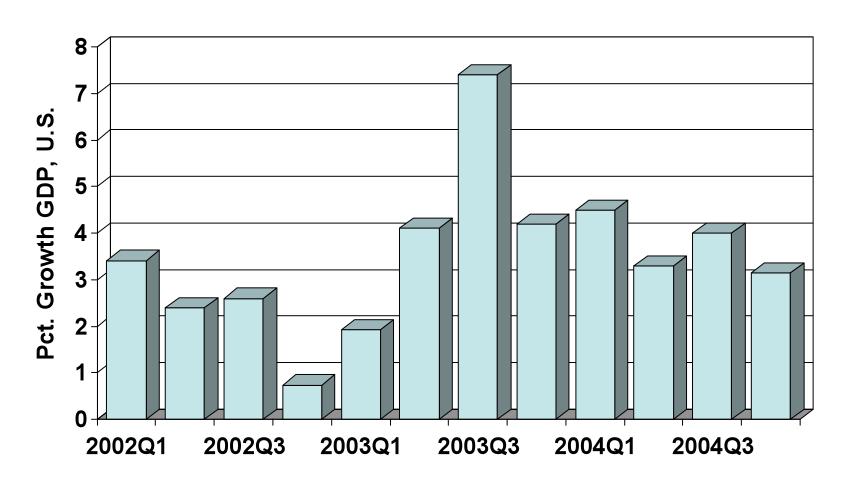
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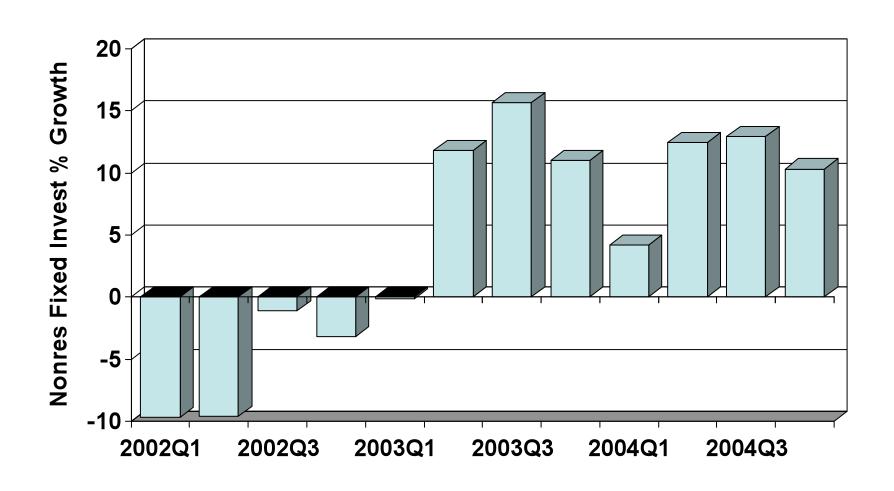
Data Highlights

- U.S. GDP grew at 3.1 percent in Q4
- Federal Reserve continues to nudge up interest rates
- Employment gains remain steady
- Productivity growth weakens
- Trade, budget deficits swell
- Indiana growth on target?

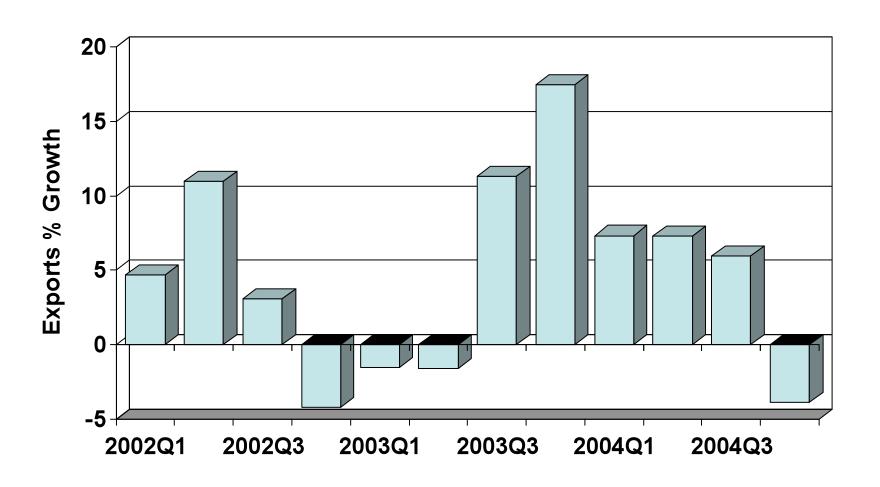
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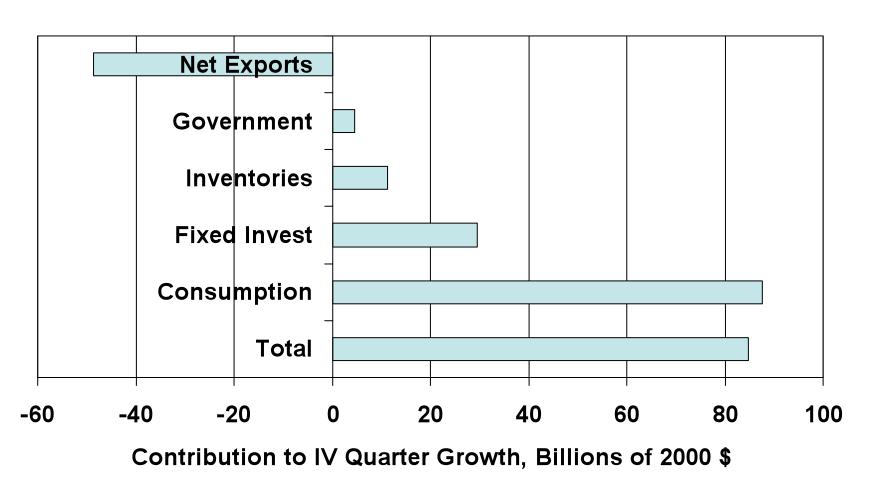
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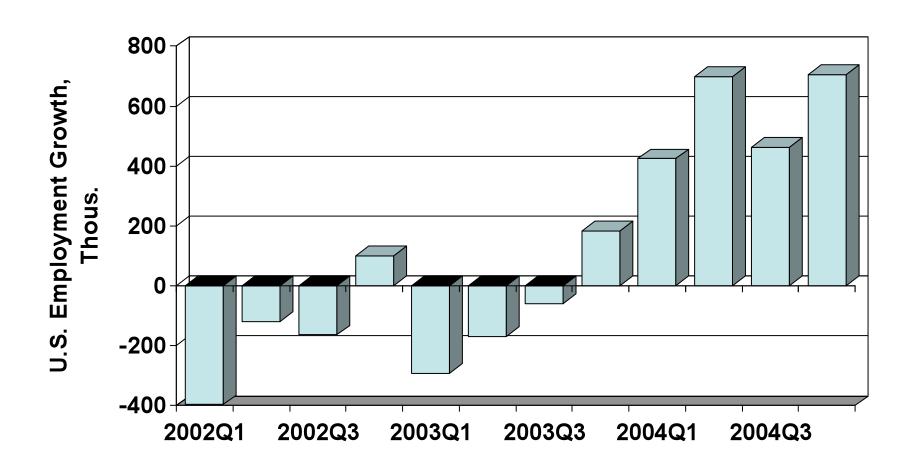
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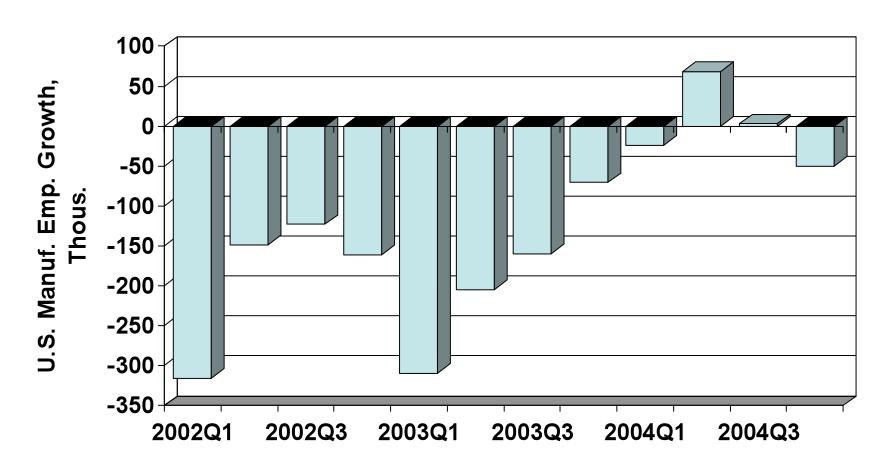
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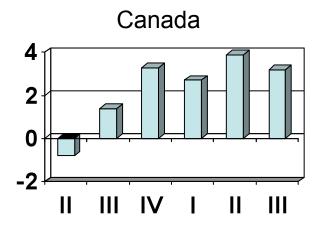
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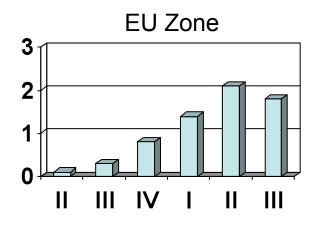


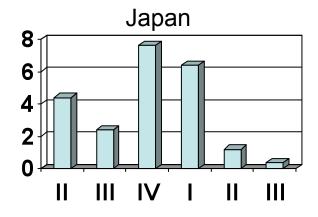
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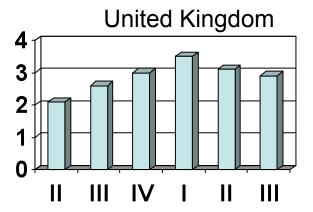


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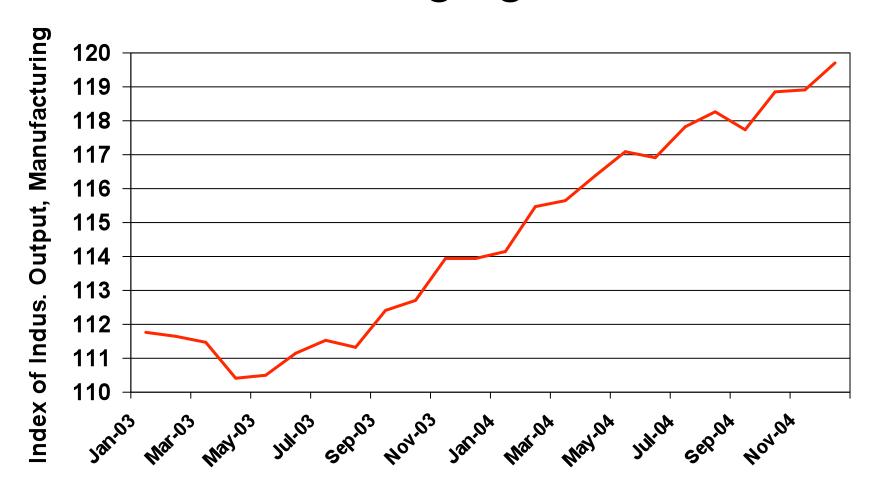




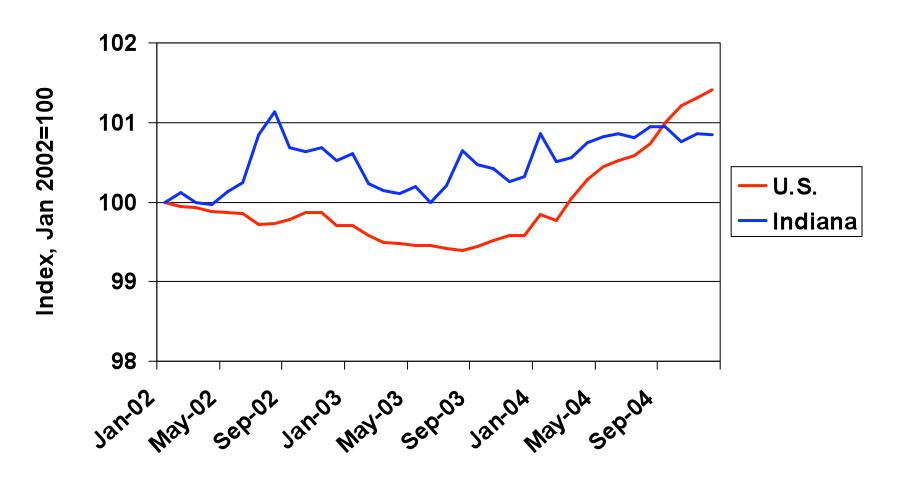


GDP Growth, 2003-04

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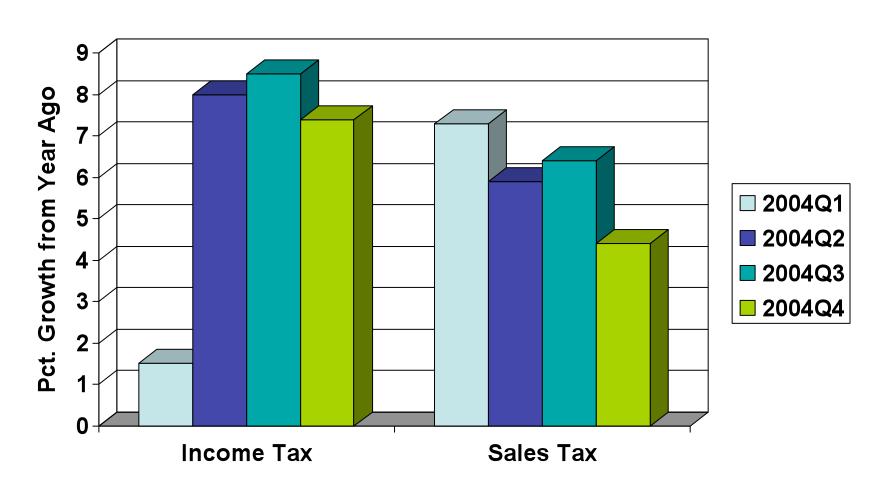


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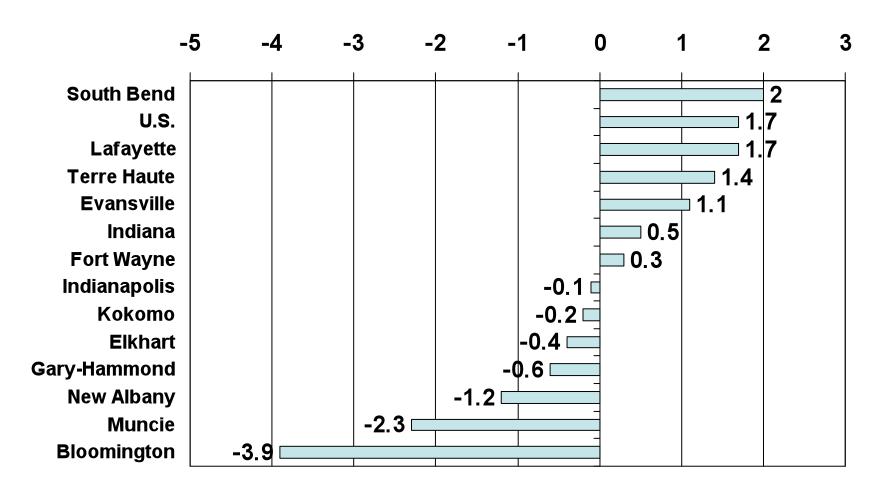


Total Employment, U.S. and Indiana

State Tax Receipts Are Up in Indiana



Many Indiana Cities Still in Red



Percent Employment Change, Dec 2003-04