

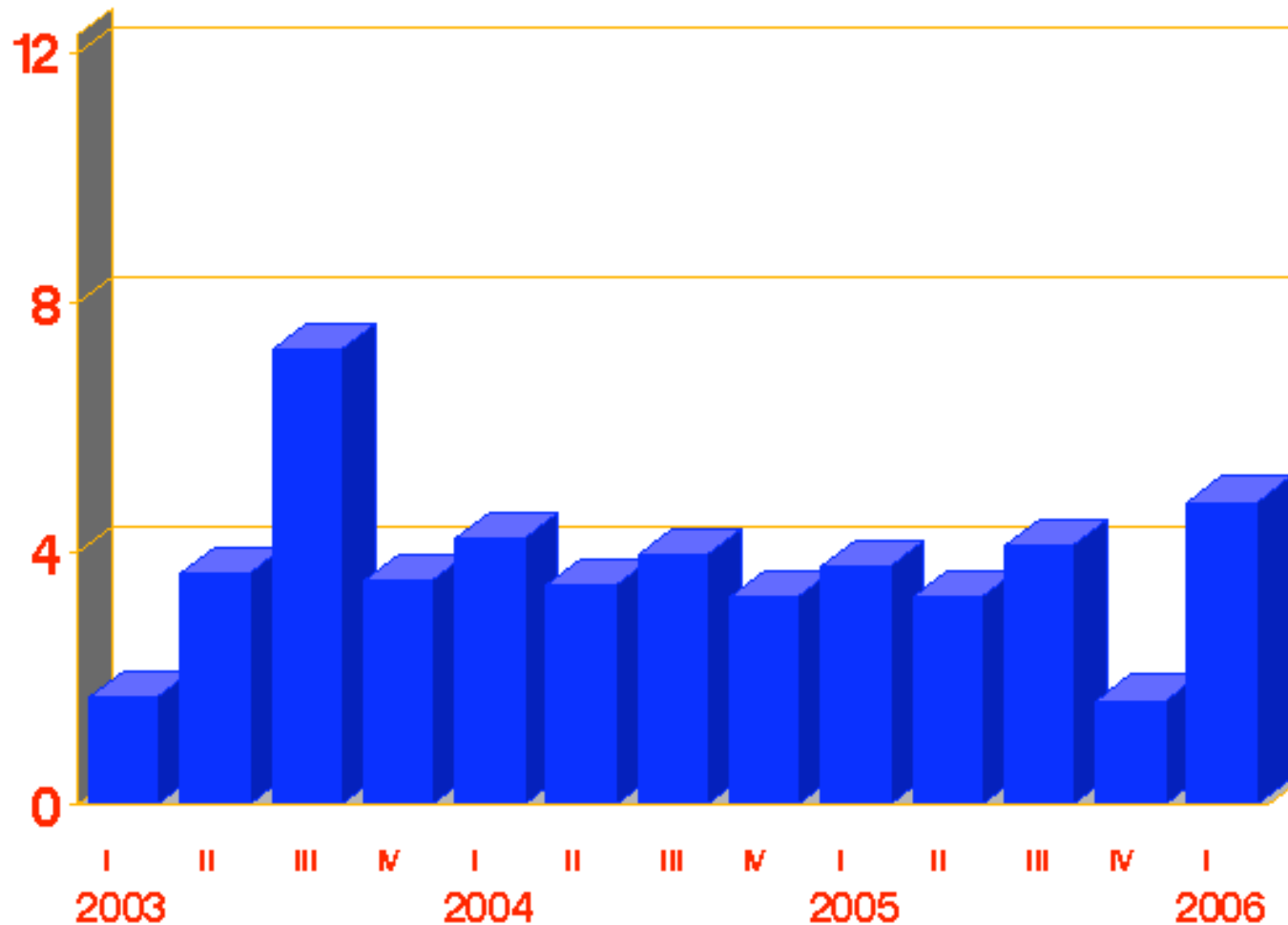
U.S. and Indiana Economic Update

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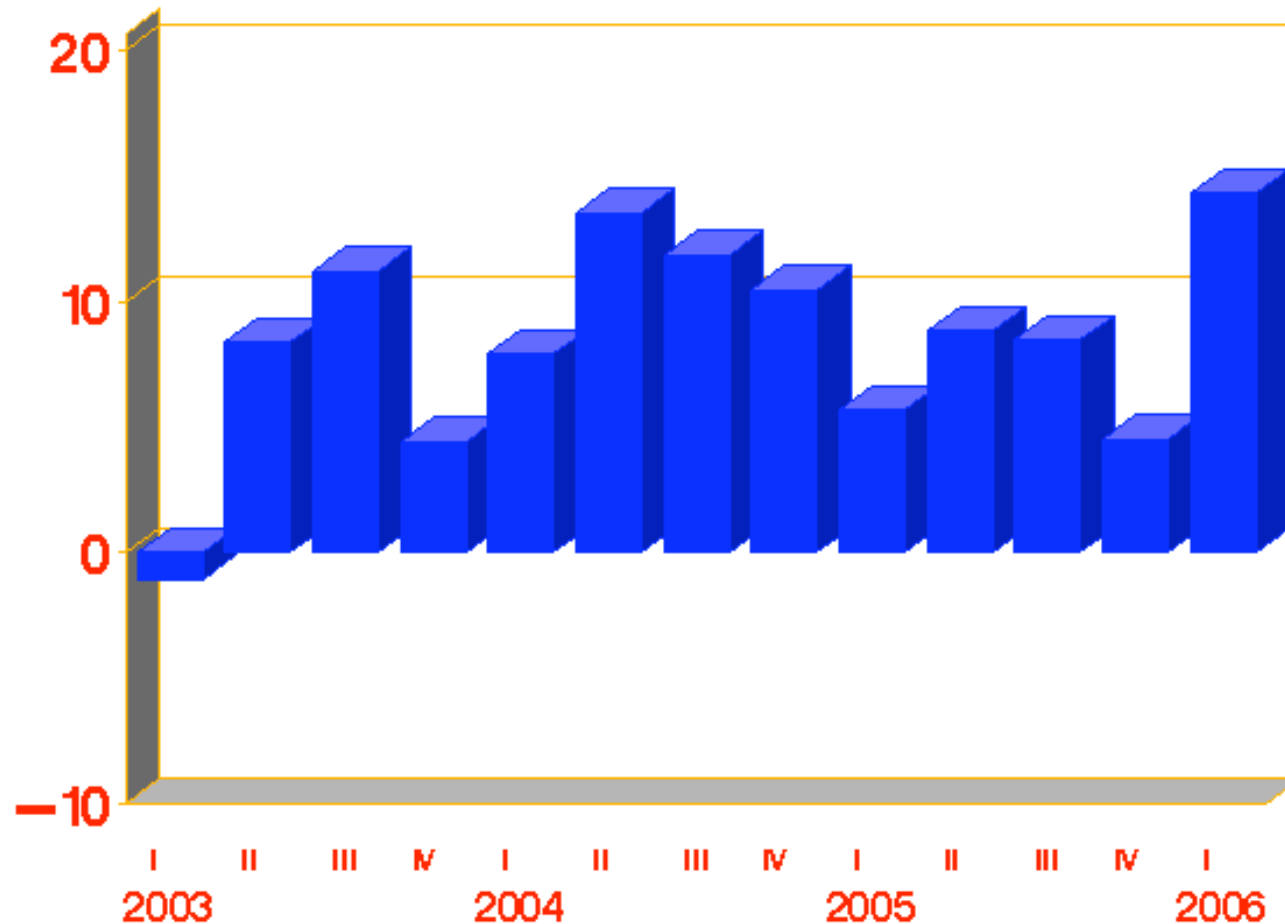
U.S. Economic Highlights

- Economic growth rebounds on strong consumer, business spending
- Manufacturing continues strong growth
- Is Dollar weakness just starting?
- Gas prices get headlines, but inflation still tame
- Who can predict the Fed?

GDP Bounces Back Sharply

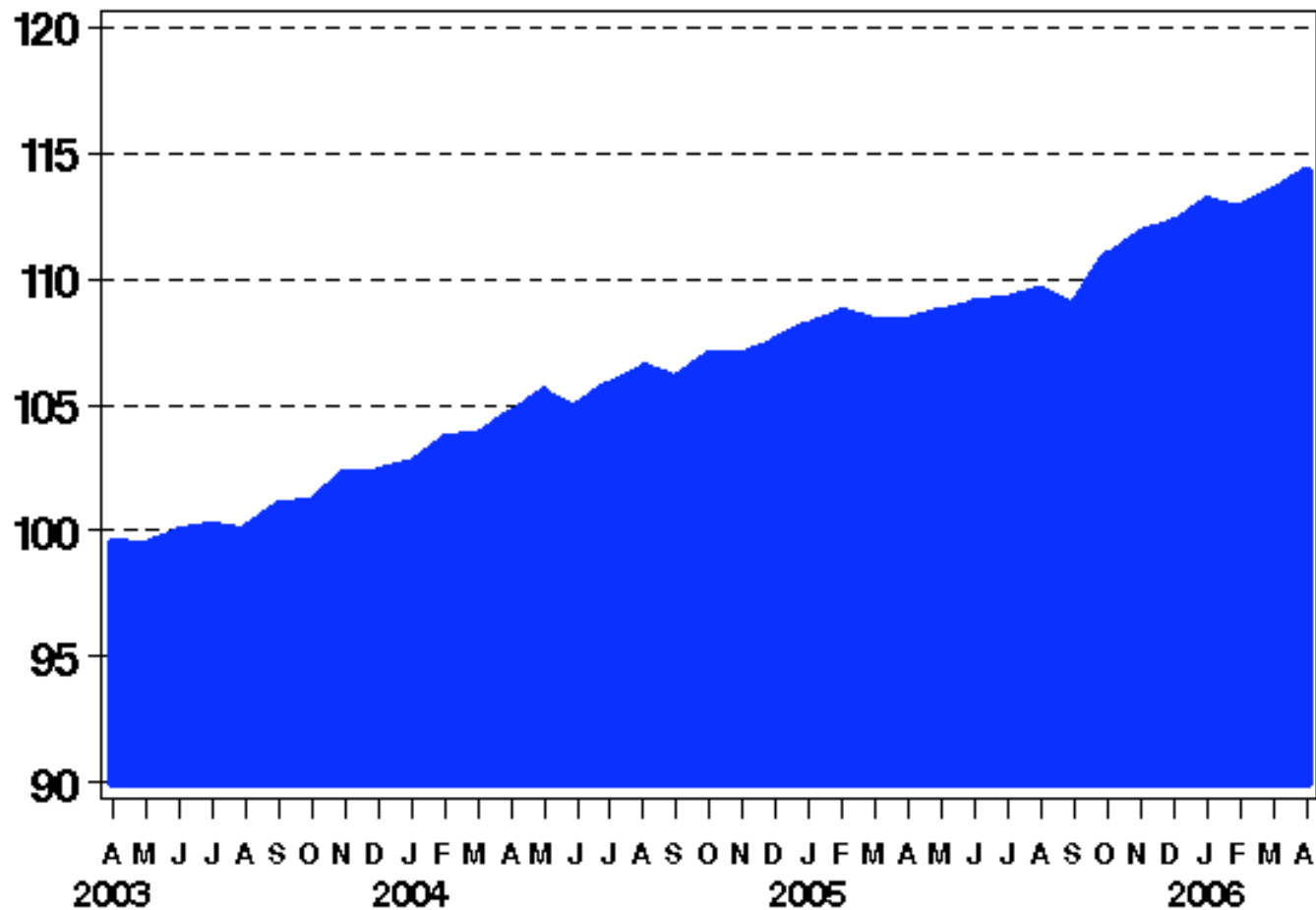


Business Spending Roars to Life



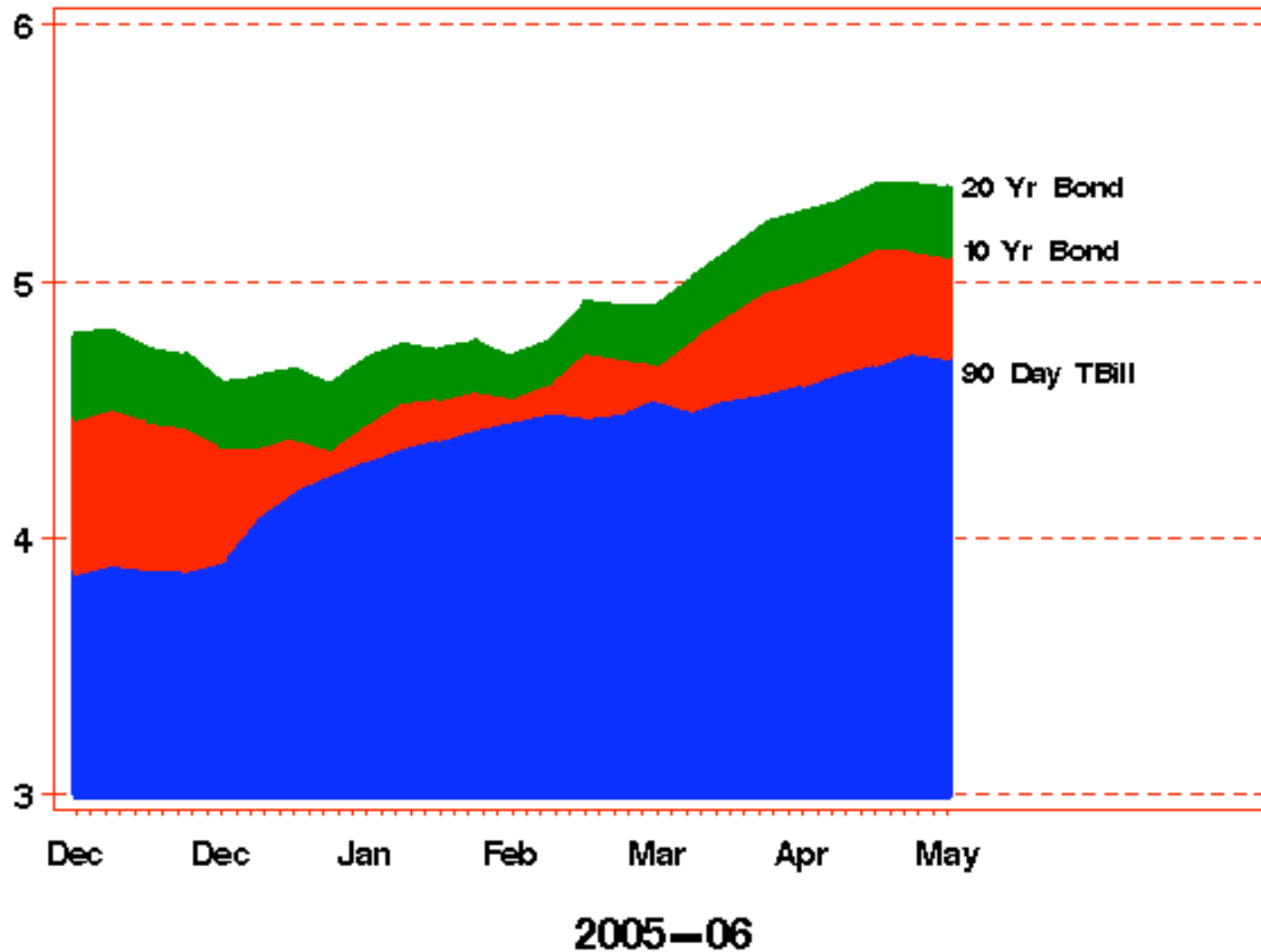
U.S. Non-Residential Fixed Investment, Pct. Change Ann. Rate

Manufacturing Output Still Surging

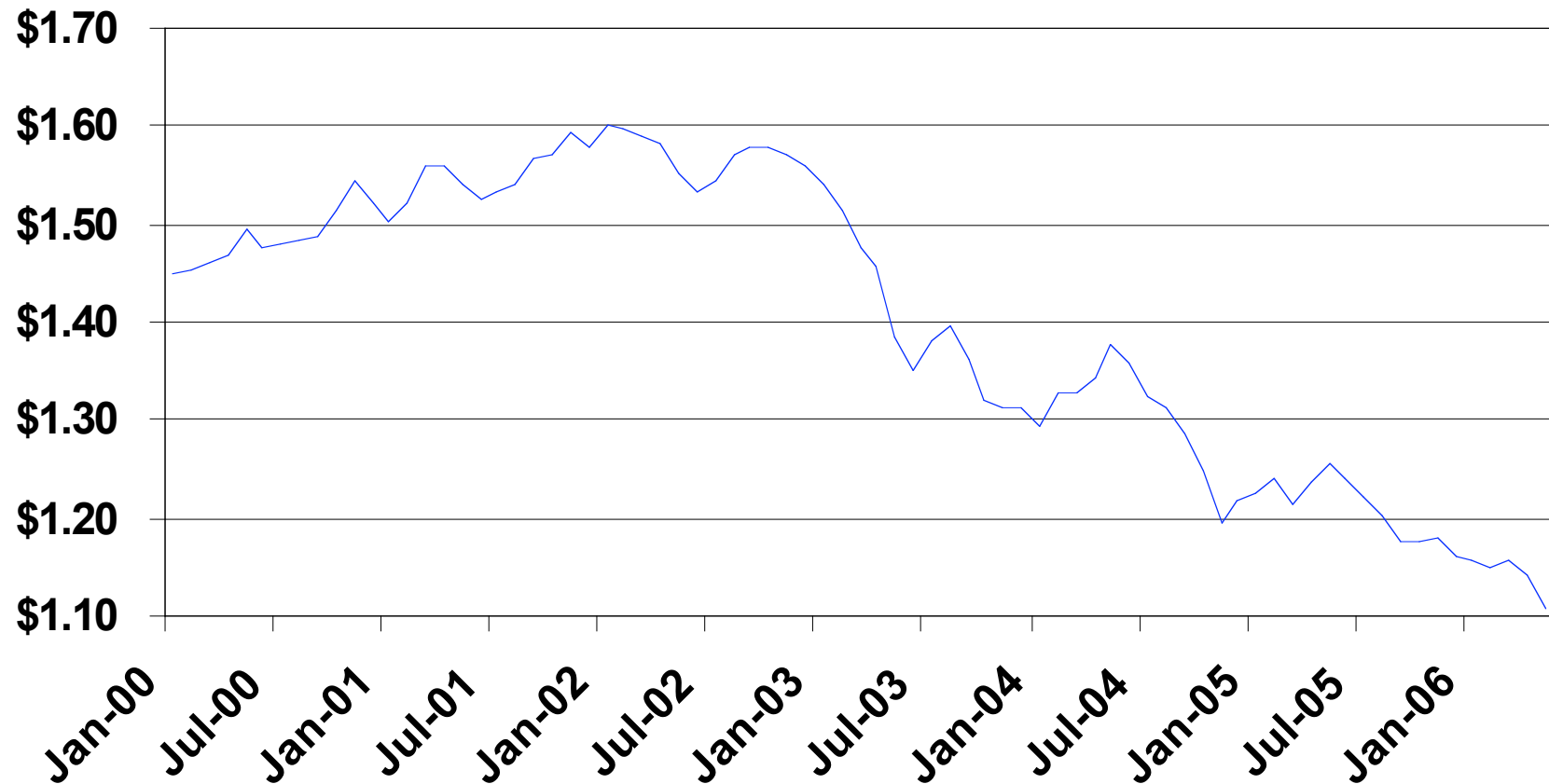


U.S. Industrial Production Index, Manufacturing, 1997=100

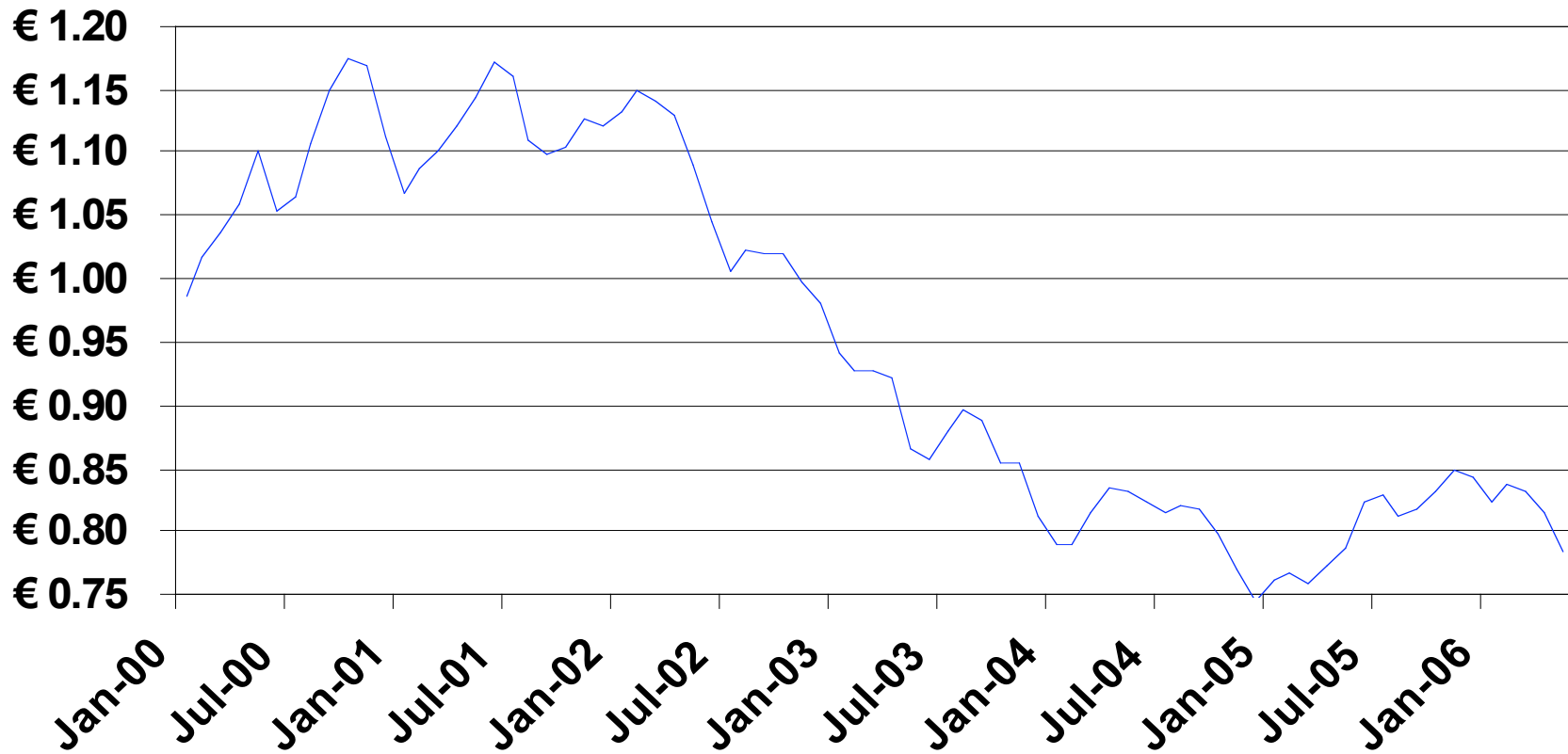
Interest Rates Move Up



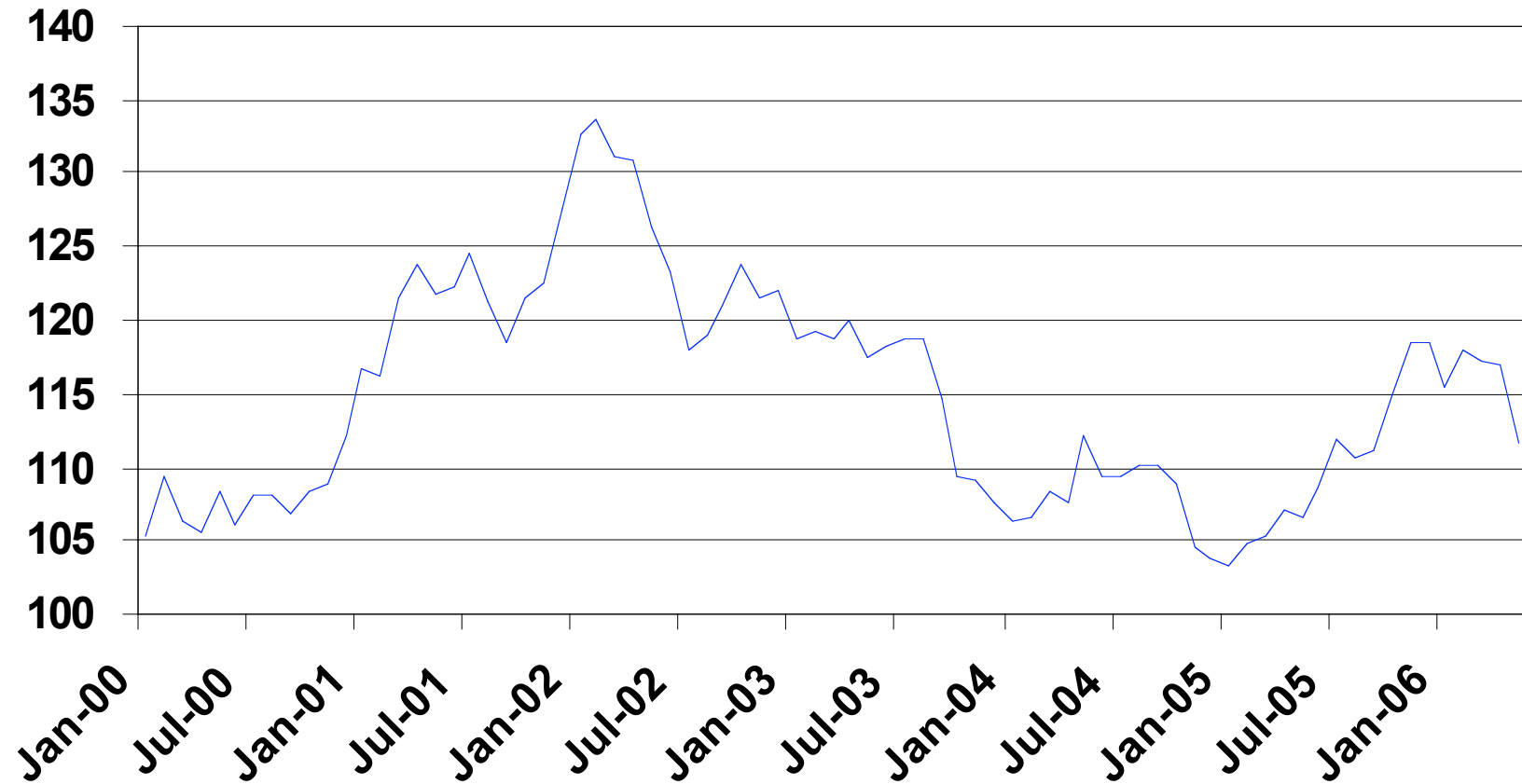
Exchange Rate, Canadian Dollar



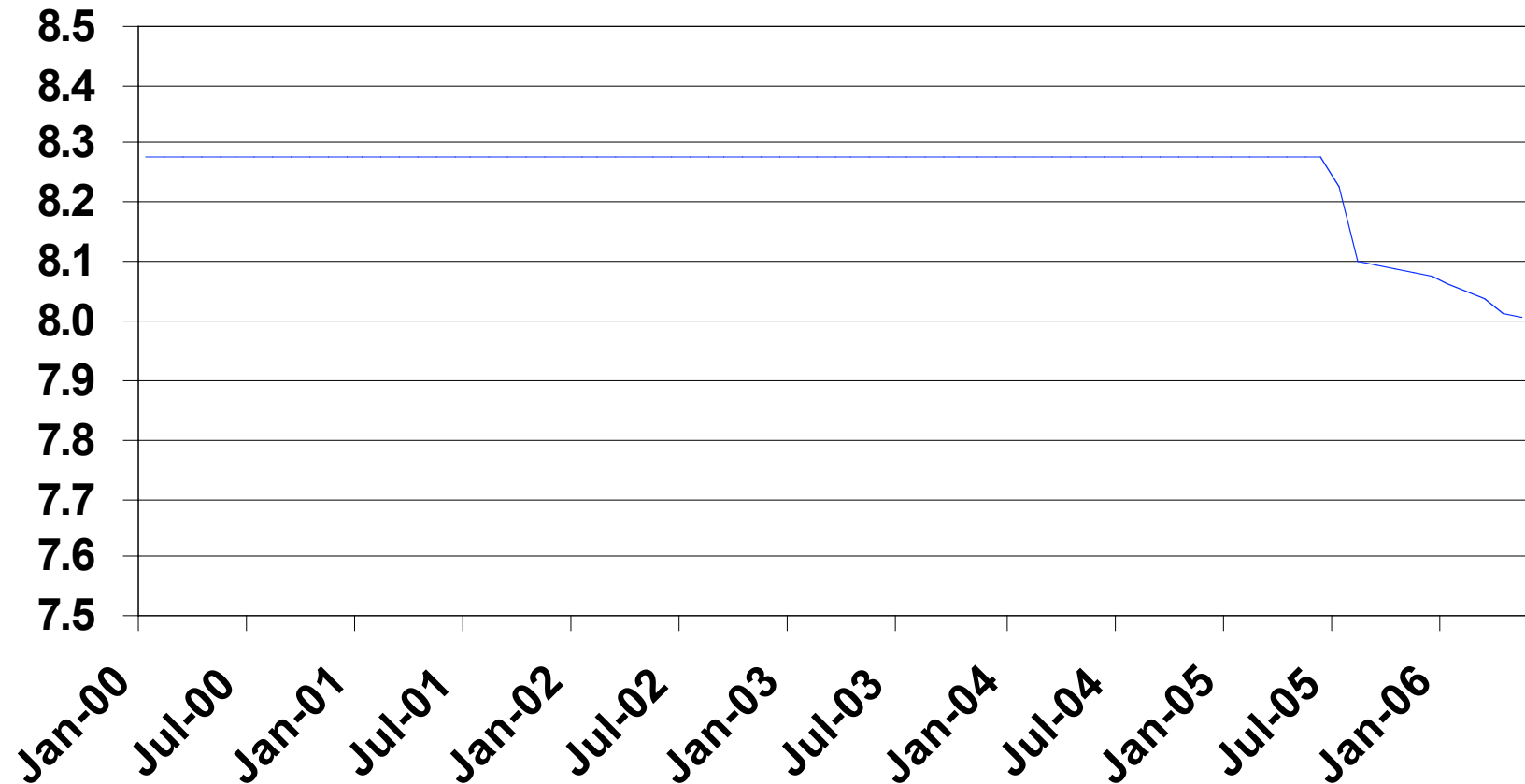
Exchange Rate, Euro



Exchange Rate, Yen



Exchange Rate, Yuan



Preliminary Data Portray Weaker State Economy

Employment Growth (percent) Apr 06 / Apr 05

