

# U.S. Auto Industry Chartbook

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## Key messages

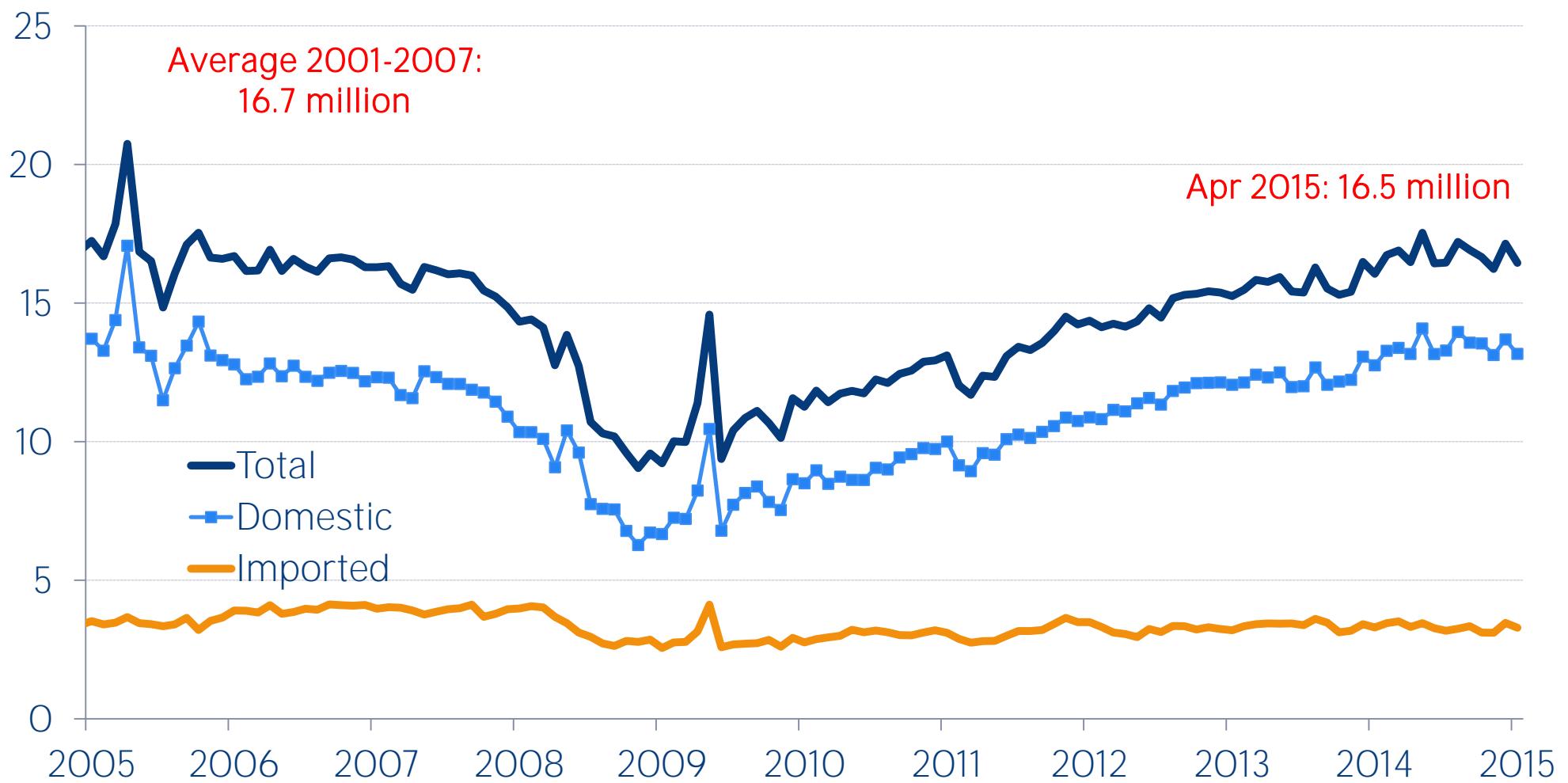
- Domestic trucks, SUVs, and minivans experienced the greatest rise in sales as a result of low gas prices and low interest rates.
- After winter weather subsided, auto sales surged in the later part of the first quarter, and then stabilized in April.
- The large majority of brands experienced a year over year pick-up in sales compared to 1Q14.
- Given low oil prices, solid employment creation, and rebounding GDP growth in the upcoming quarters, we expect robust demand for trucks and SUVs.
- However, as we expect the Fed's first interest rate hike will take place in September, growth in auto sales could be tempered.

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Sales

# Sales

U.S. Total light weight vehicle sales (SAAR\*, million units)

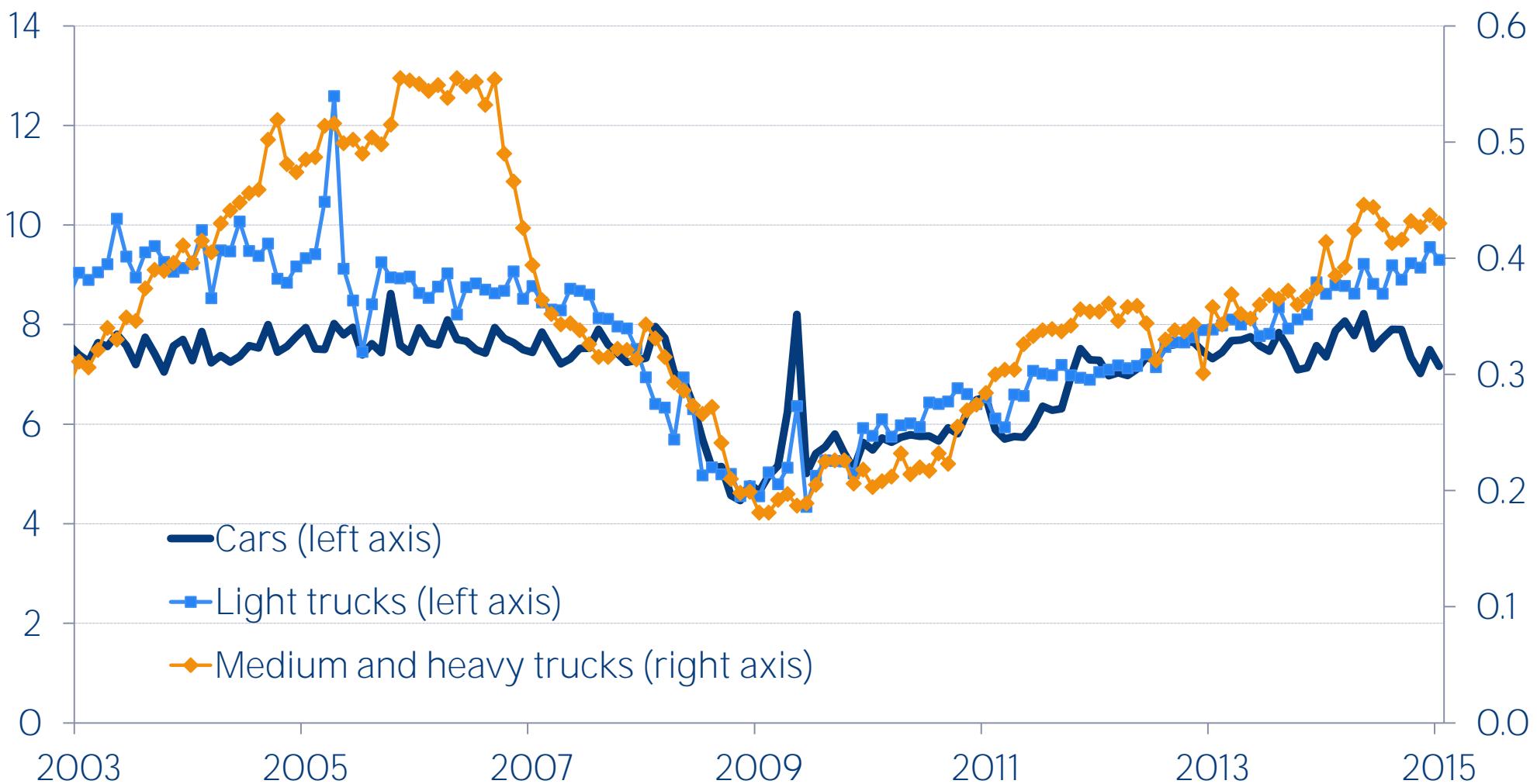


\*SAAR = seasonally adjusted annual rate

Source: BBVA Research & Haver Analytics

# Sales

U.S. Total vehicle sales (SAAR, million units)

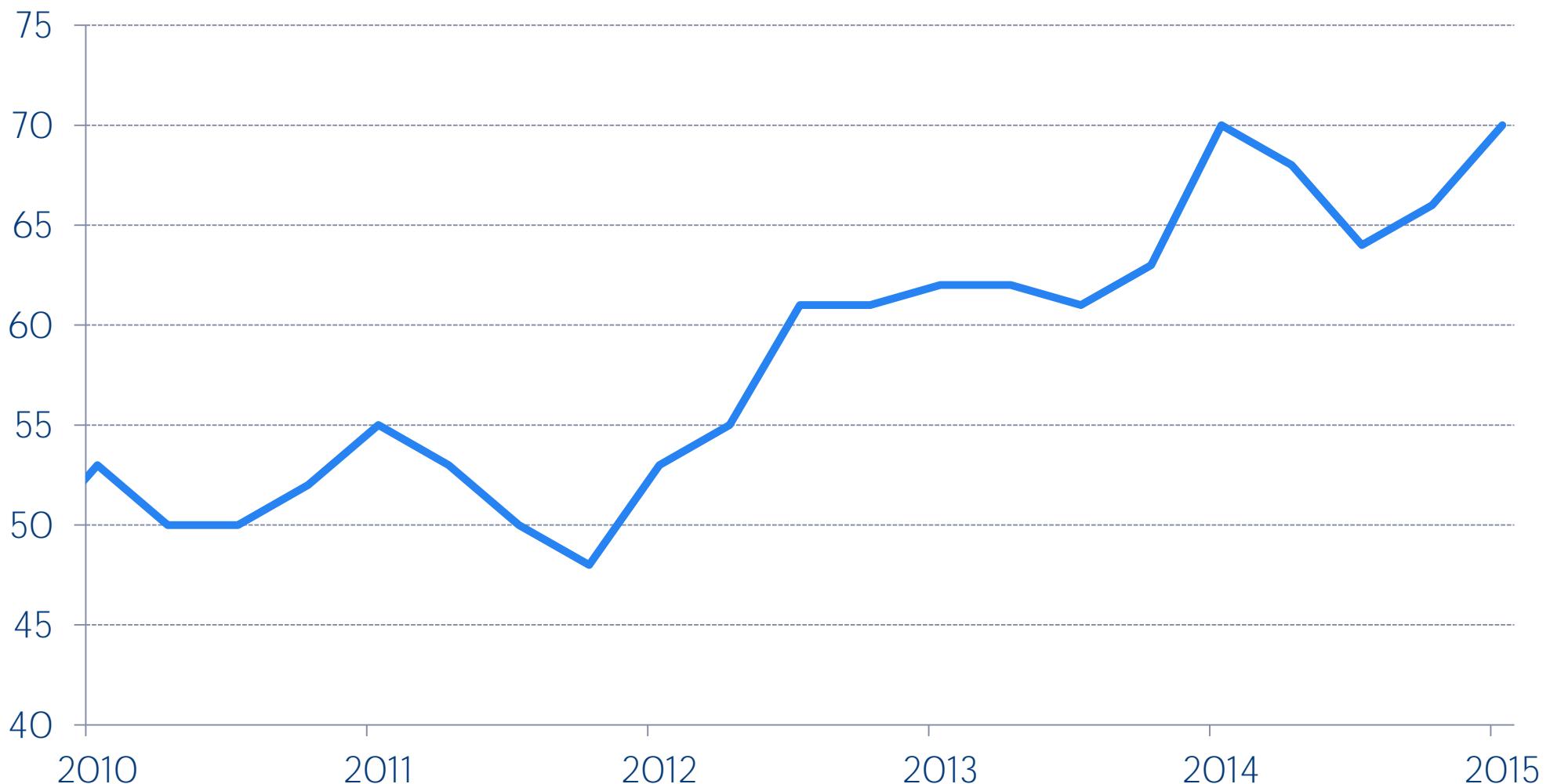


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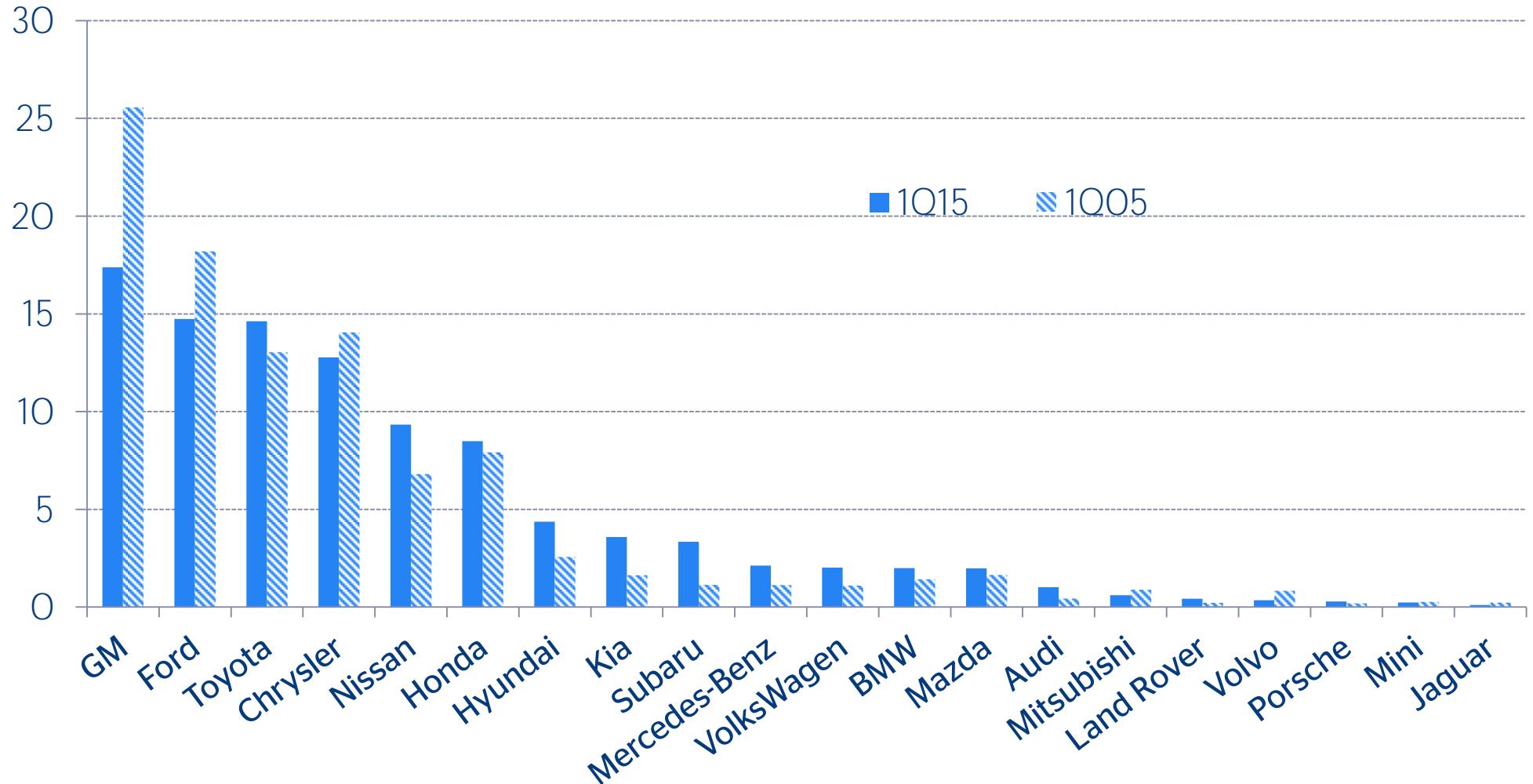
# Sales

U.S. Vehicle days to turn (industry average)



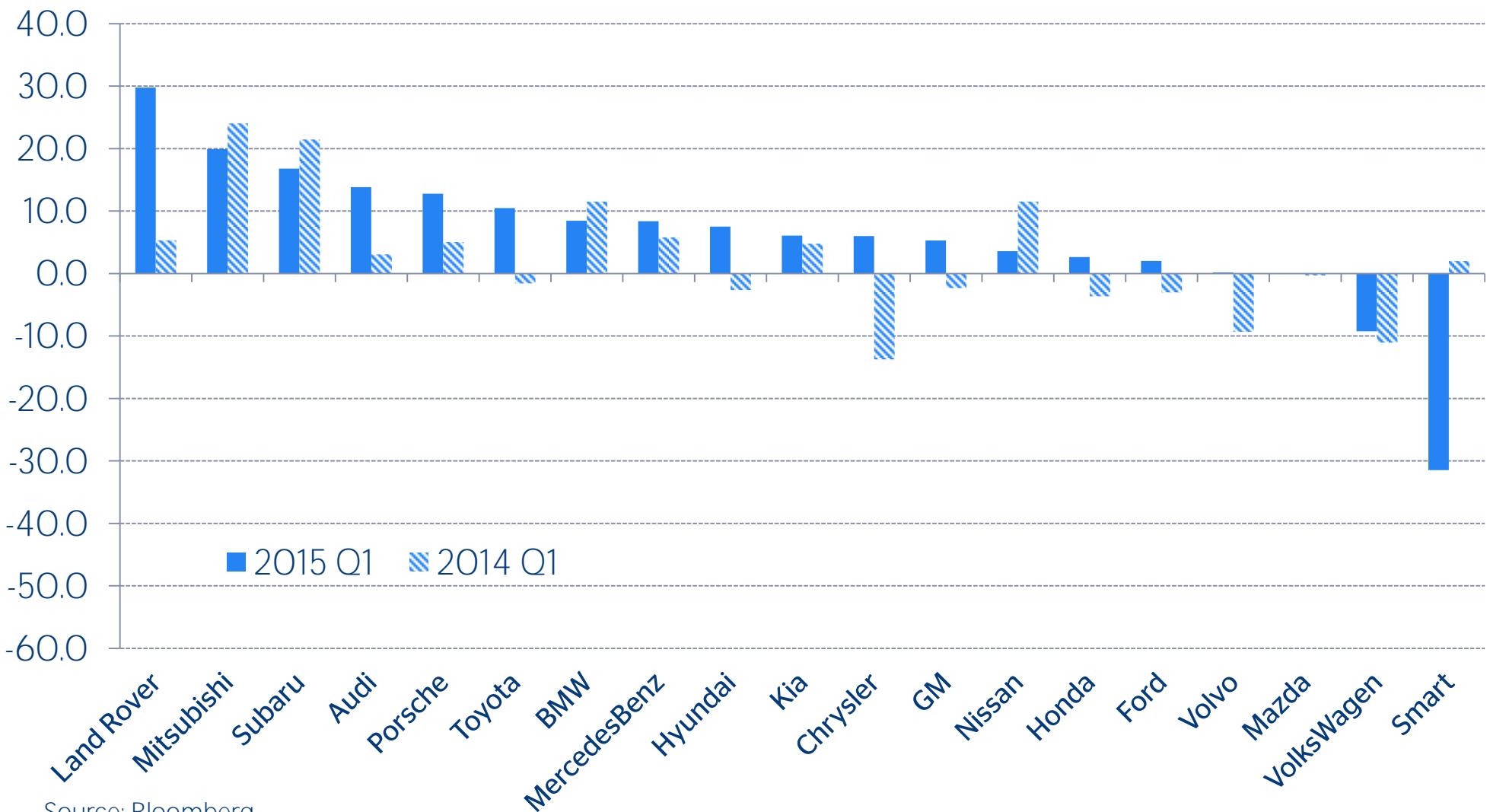
# Sales

U.S. Market share by brand (%)



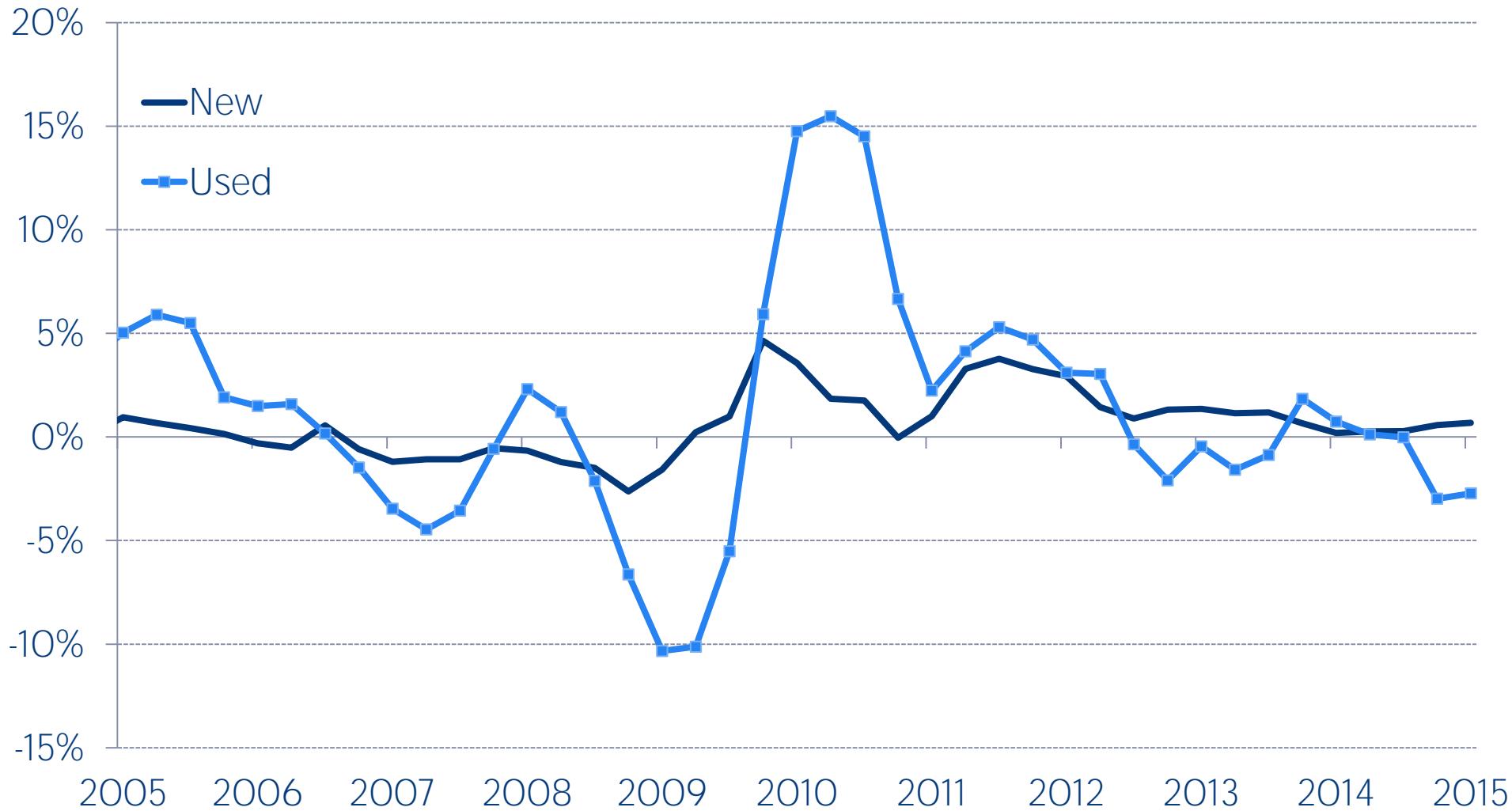
# Sales

U.S. Quarterly unit sales (yoY % change)



# Prices

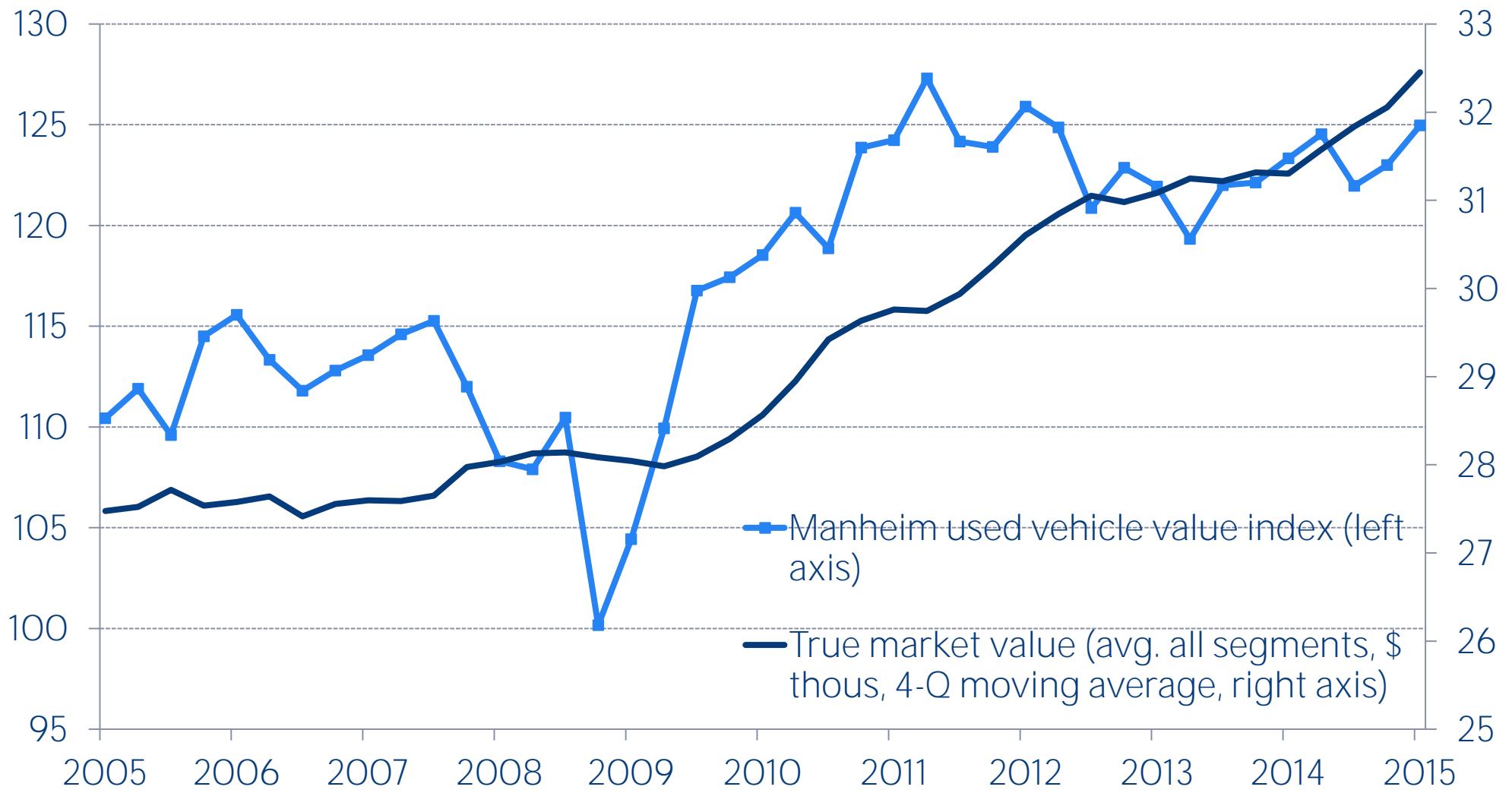
U.S. Consumer price index: cars and trucks (yoY % change)



Source: Haver Analytics

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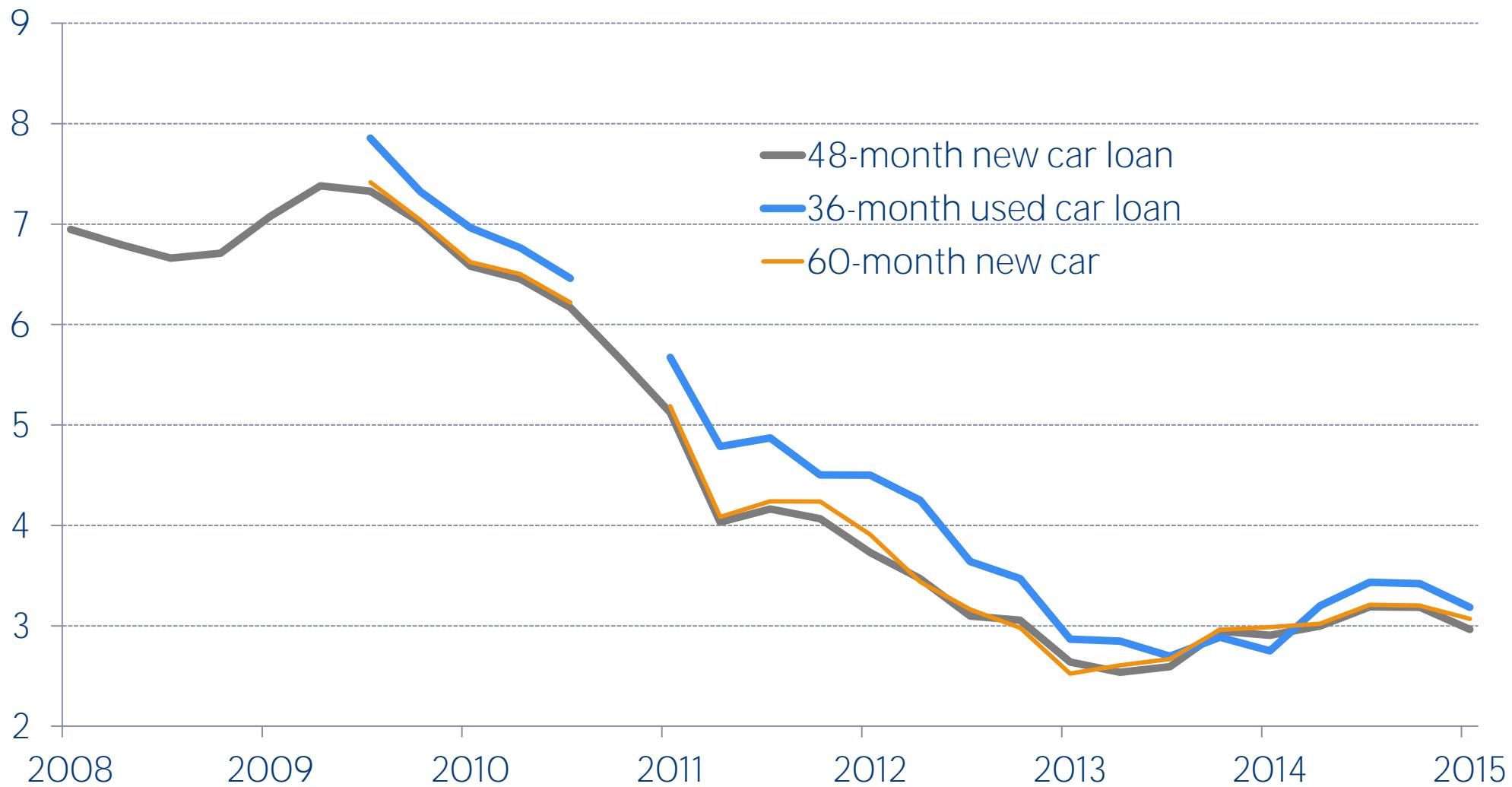
## U.S. Auto prices



Source: Haver Analytics & Bloomberg

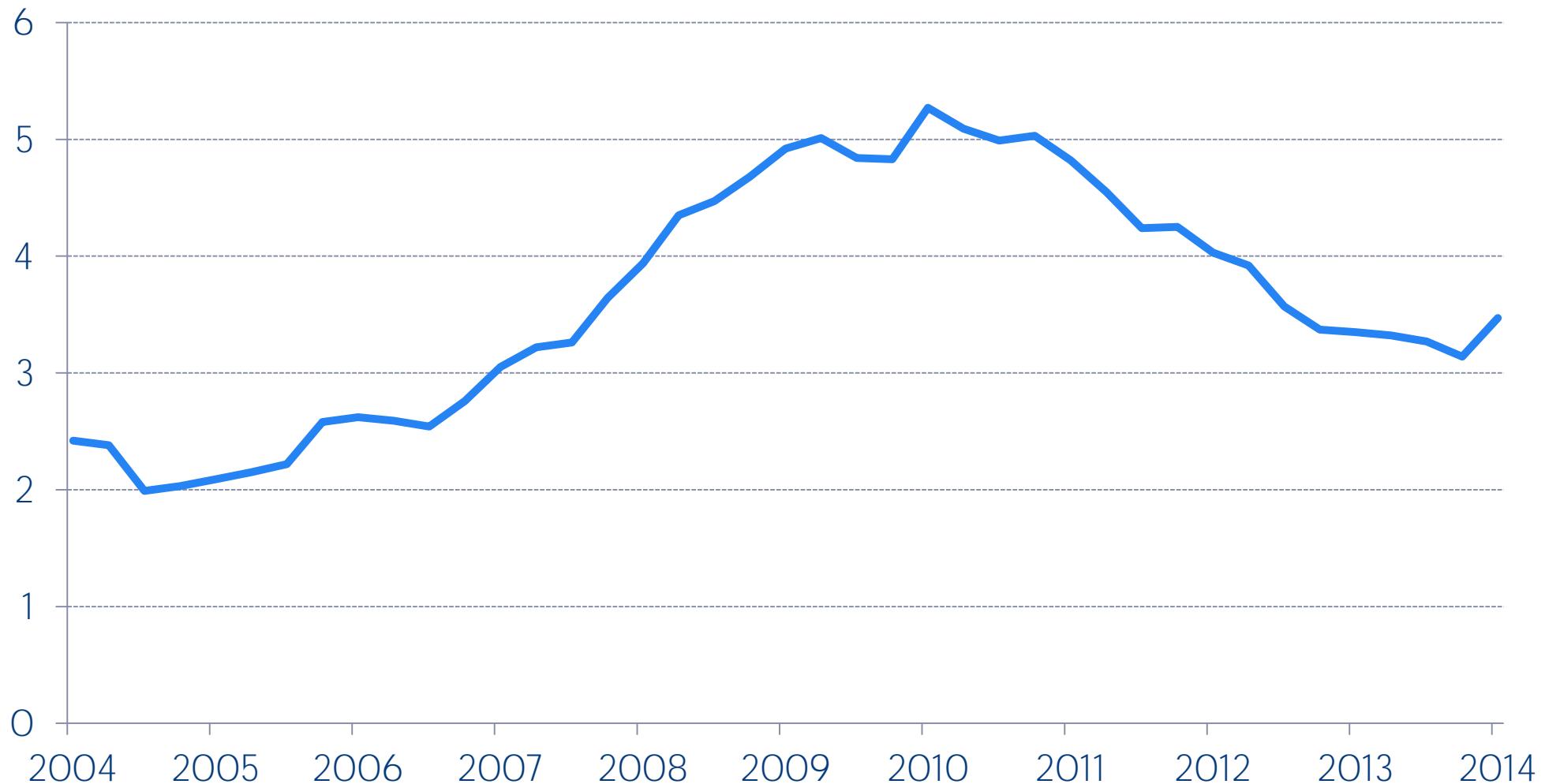
# Financing conditions

U.S. Car loan rates (%)



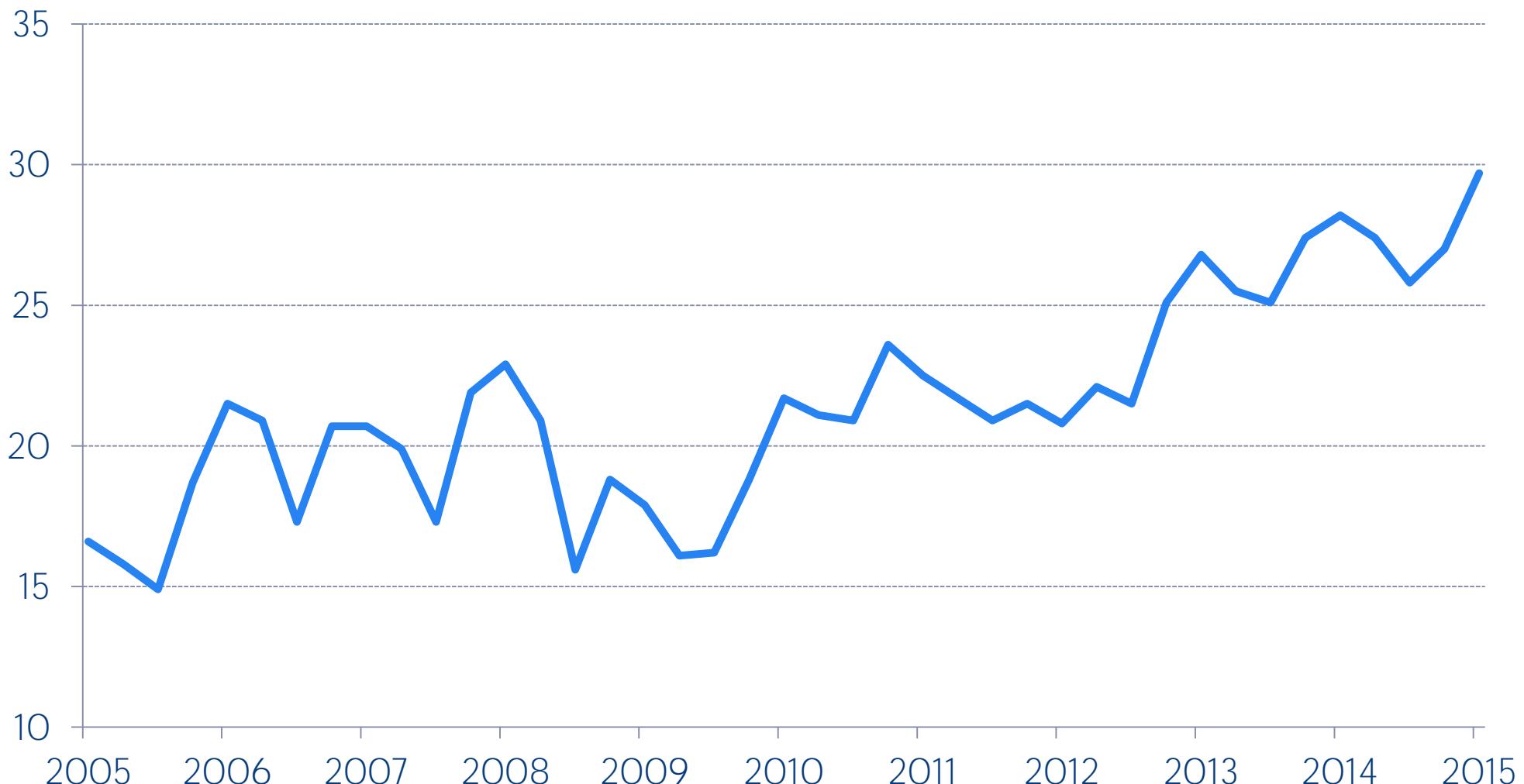
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U.S. Auto loan 90+ days delinquent (% of balance)



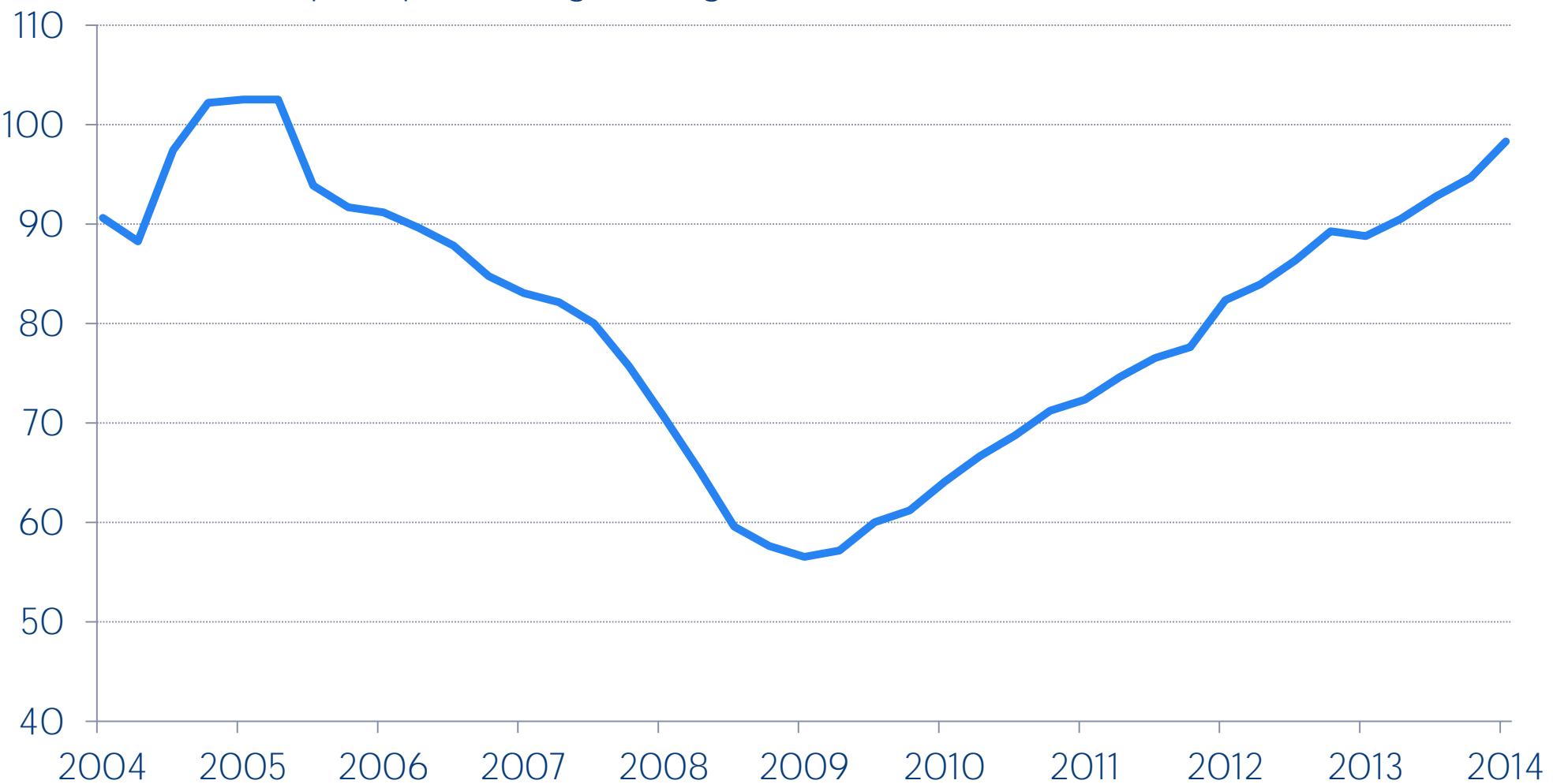
# Financing conditions

U.S. Leasing penetration rate, %



# Financing conditions

U.S. Newly originated installment auto loans  
(\$ billion, eop, 4-qtr moving average)



# Gasoline

U.S. Spot price (\$/gallon)

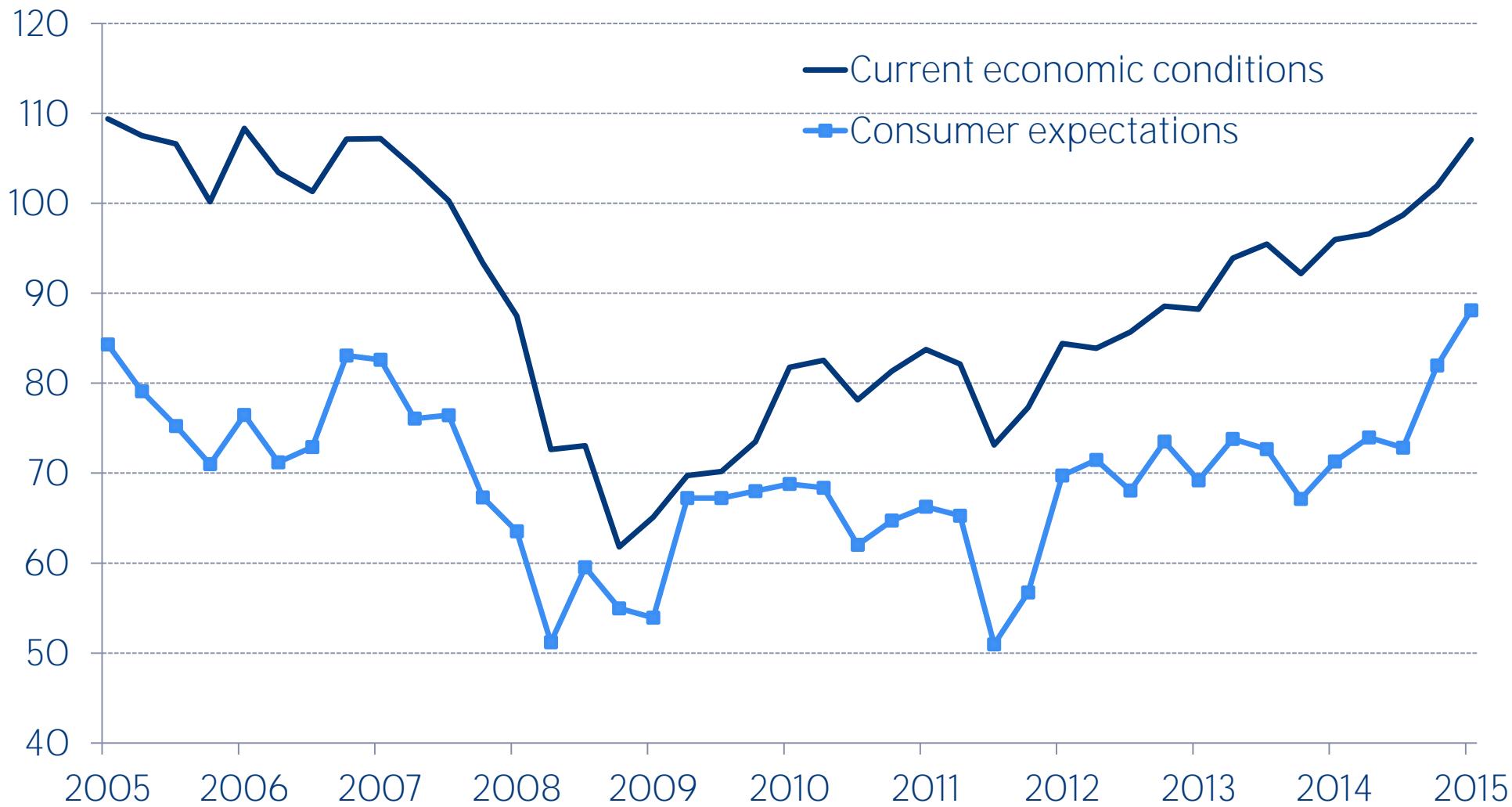


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Consumers

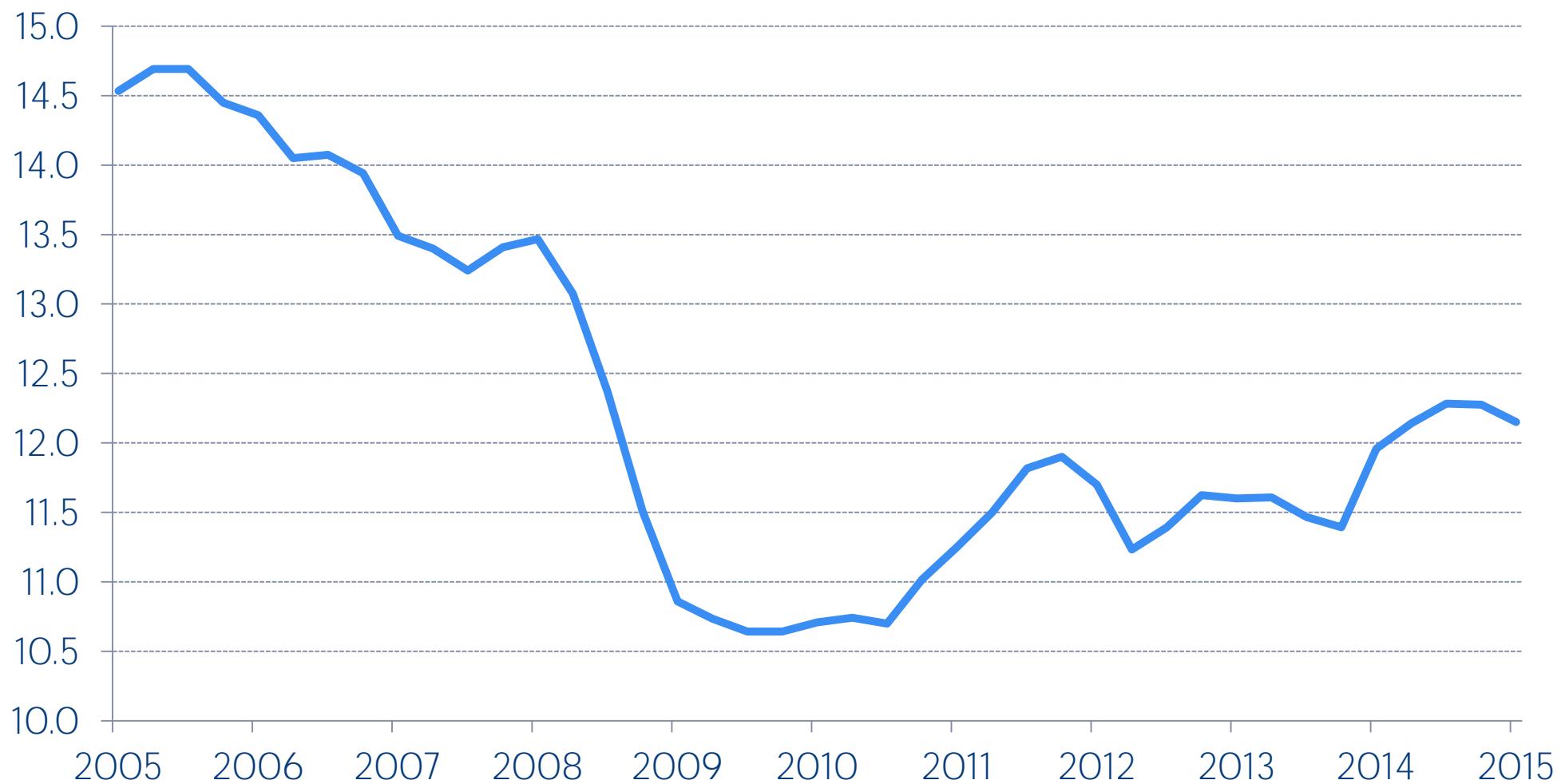
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## U.S. Consumer sentiment index



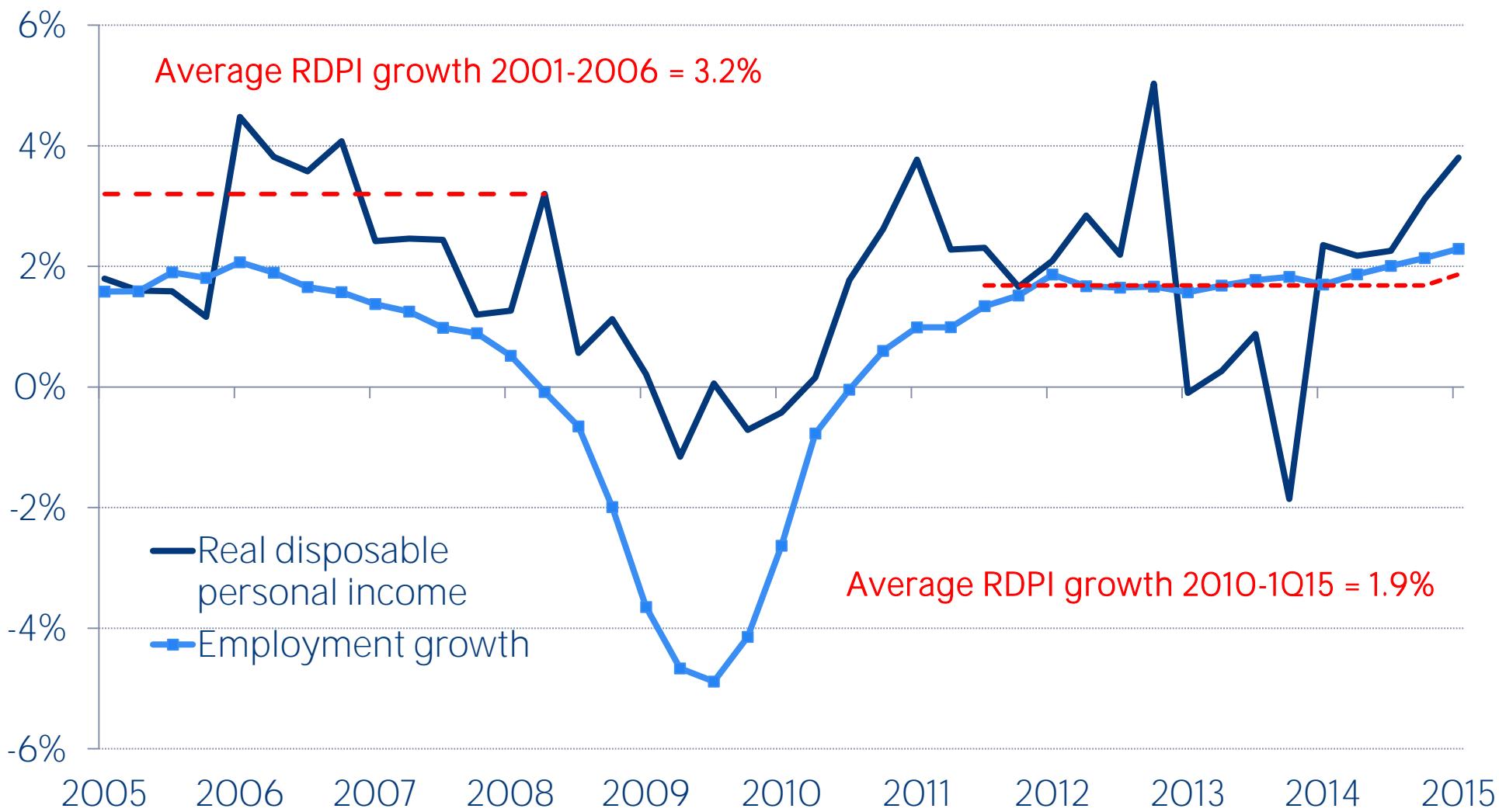
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U.S. Plans to buy a car within 6 months, % of respondents



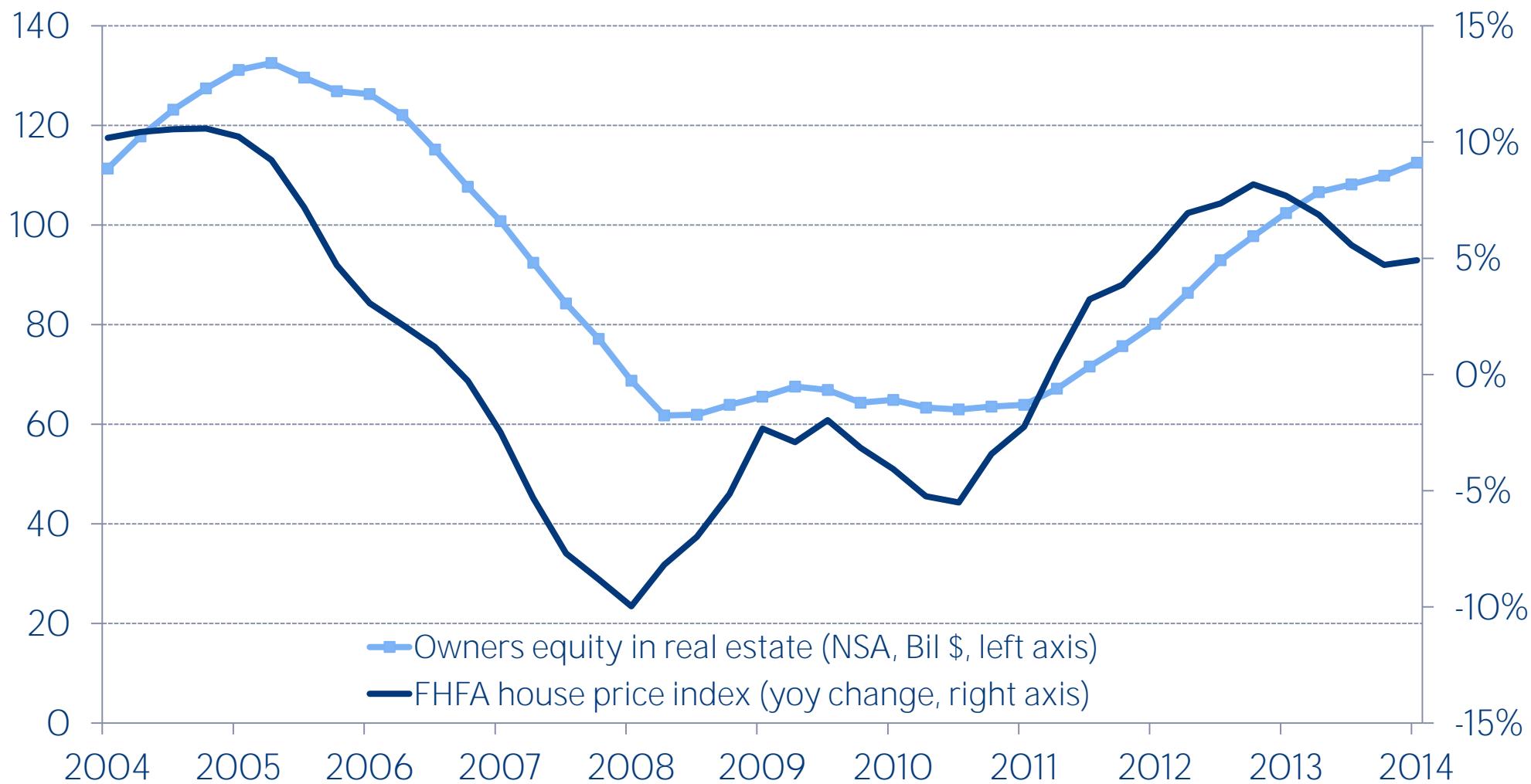
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U.S. Employment and real disposable personal income growth (yoY % change)



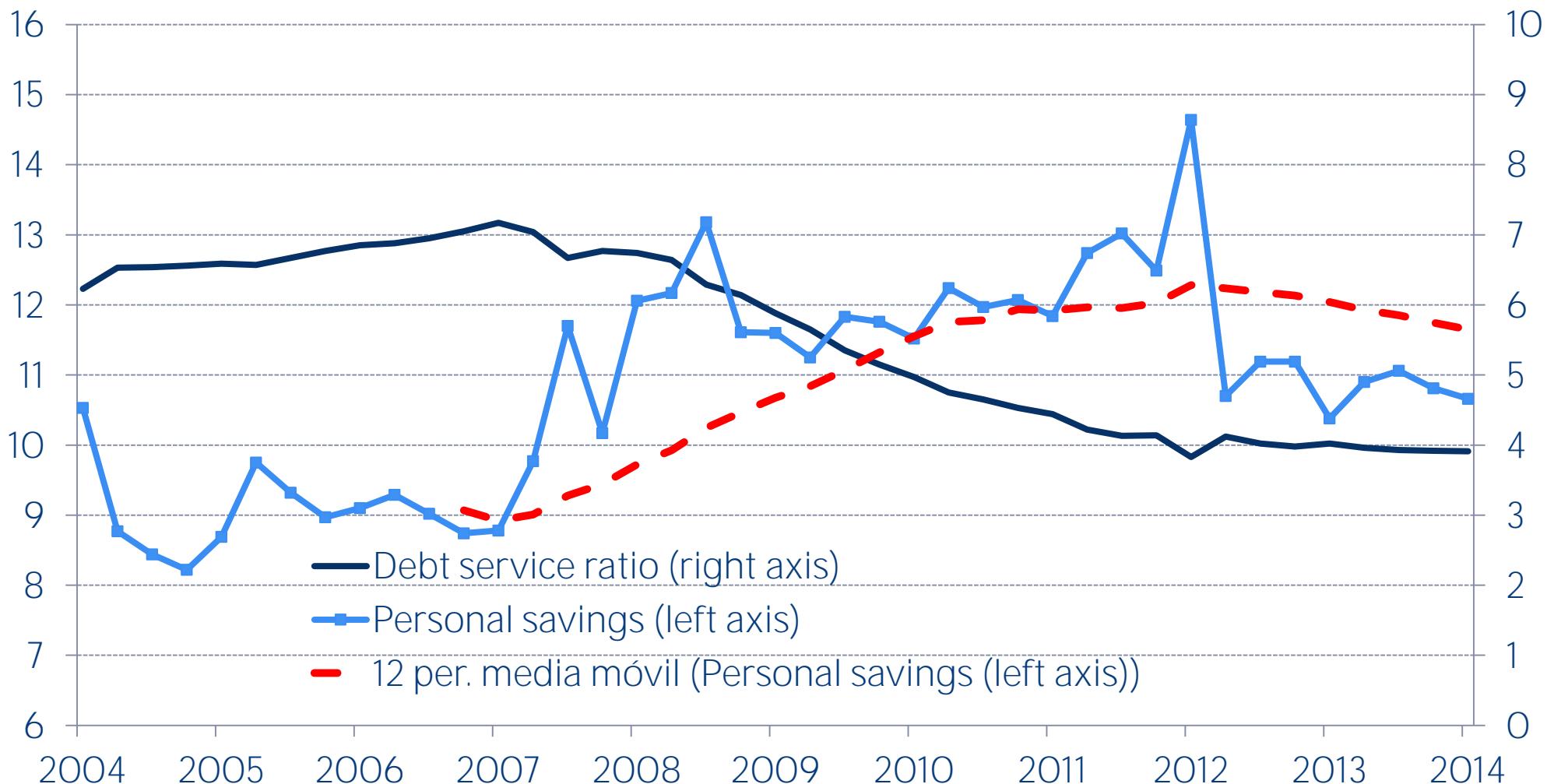
# Household equity

U.S. Household equity and home prices



# Savings and deleverage

U.S. Debt-to-income ratio and savings rate

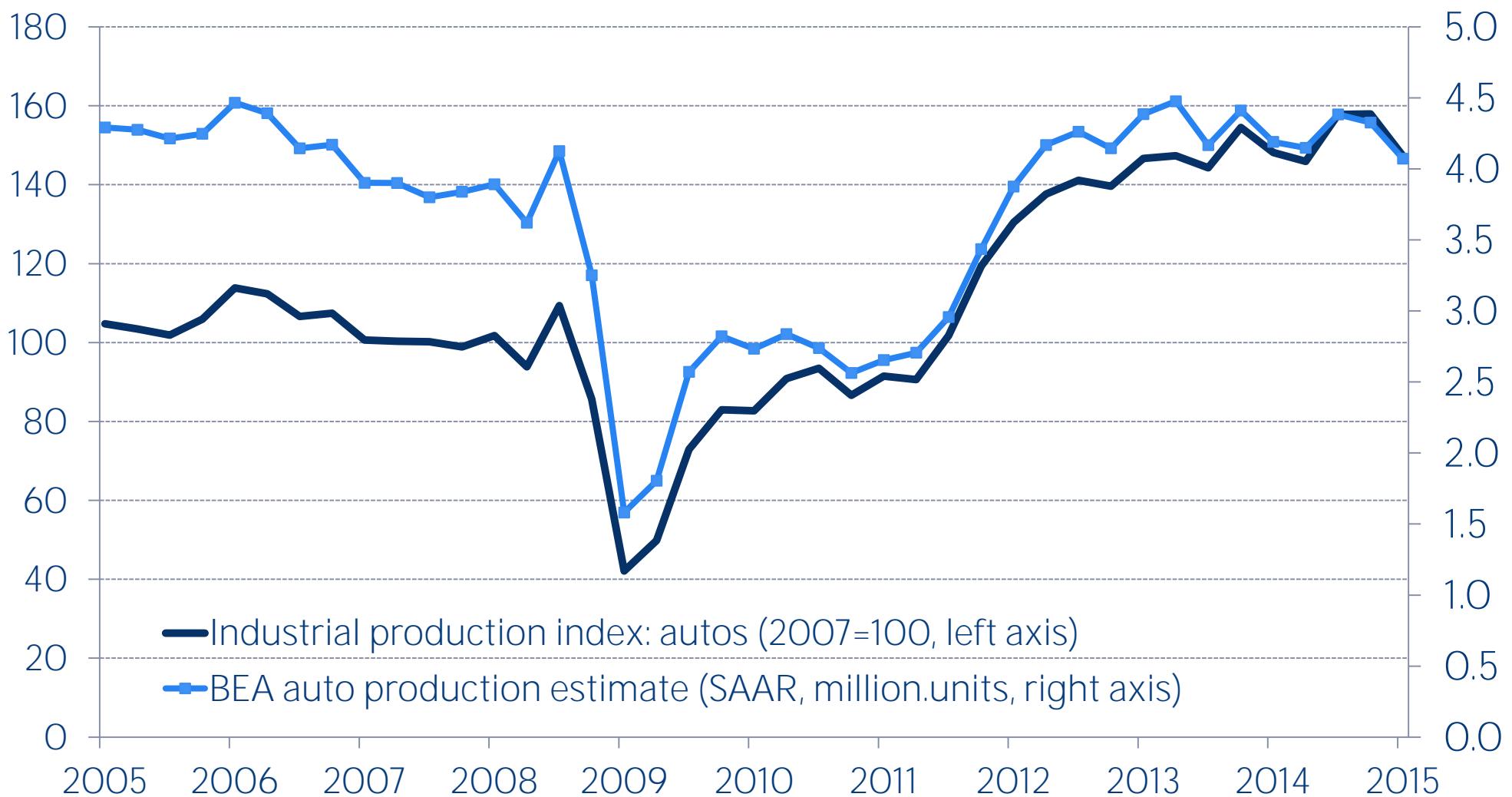


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# Production

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## U.S. Auto production



SAAR = seasonally adjusted annual rate, BEA = U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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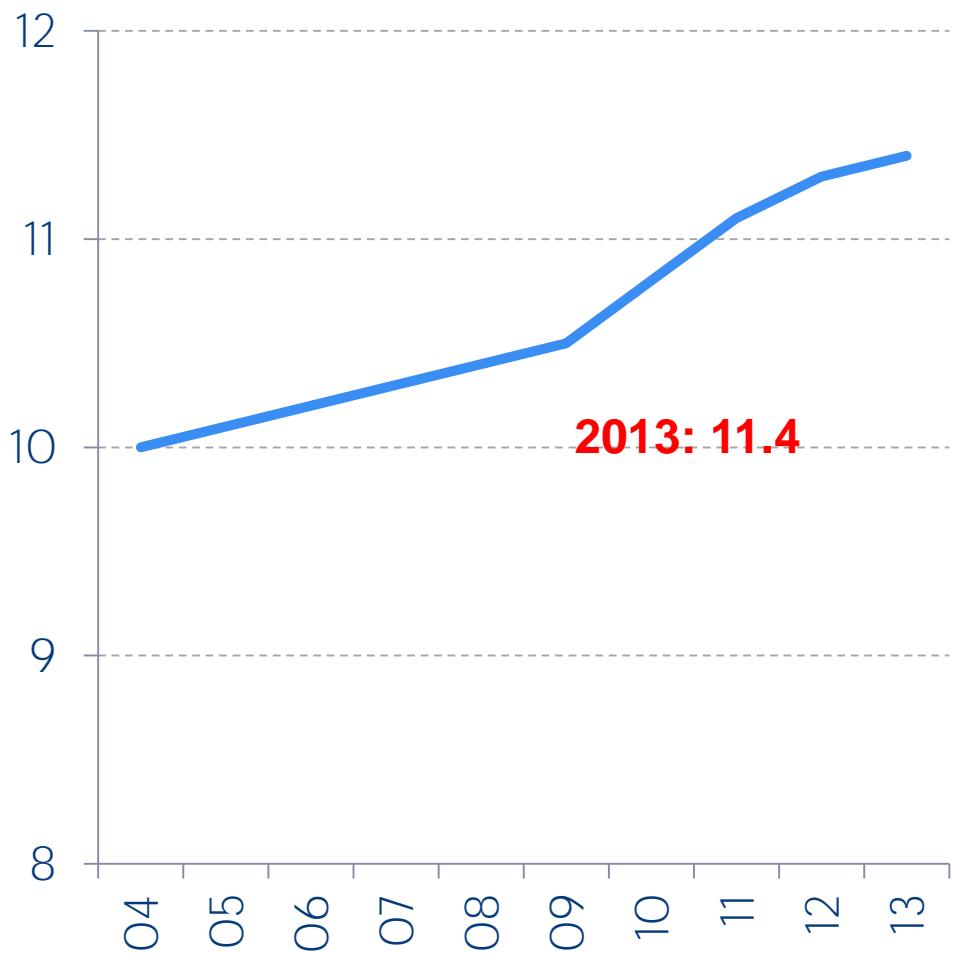
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# Structural

# Fundamentals

U.S. Mean age of passenger cars in operation

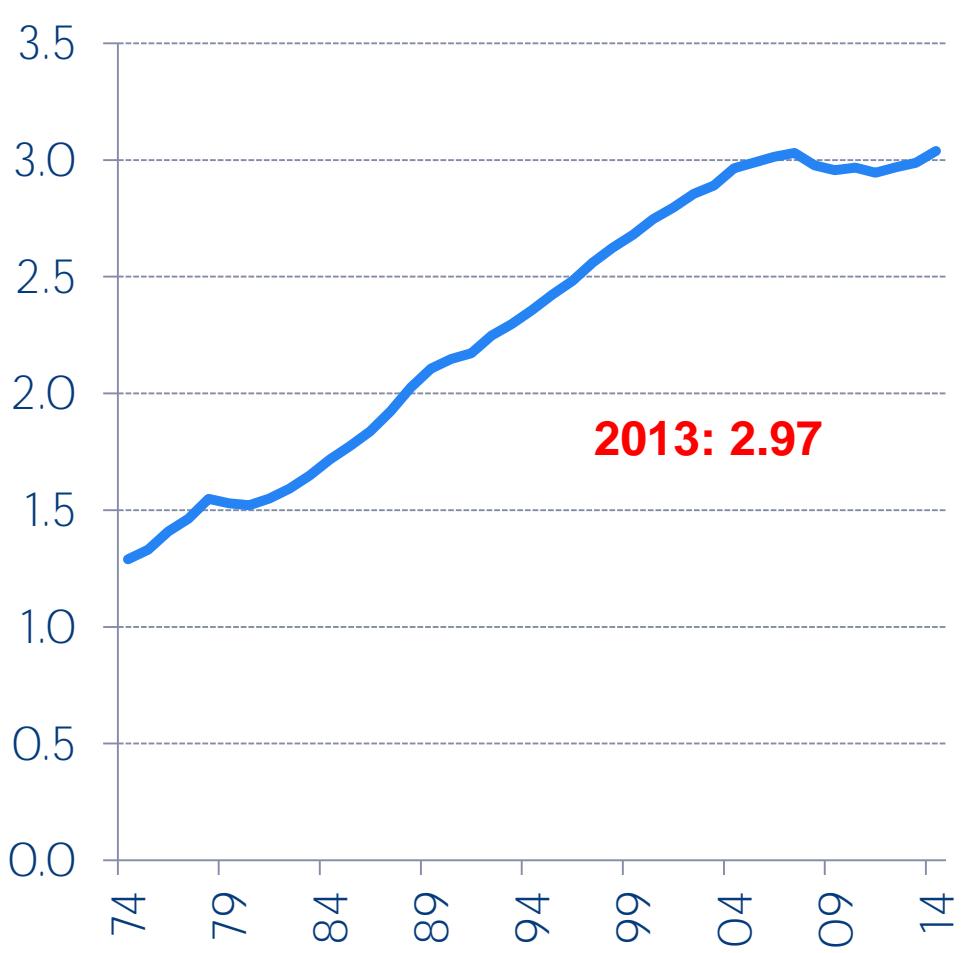
Years



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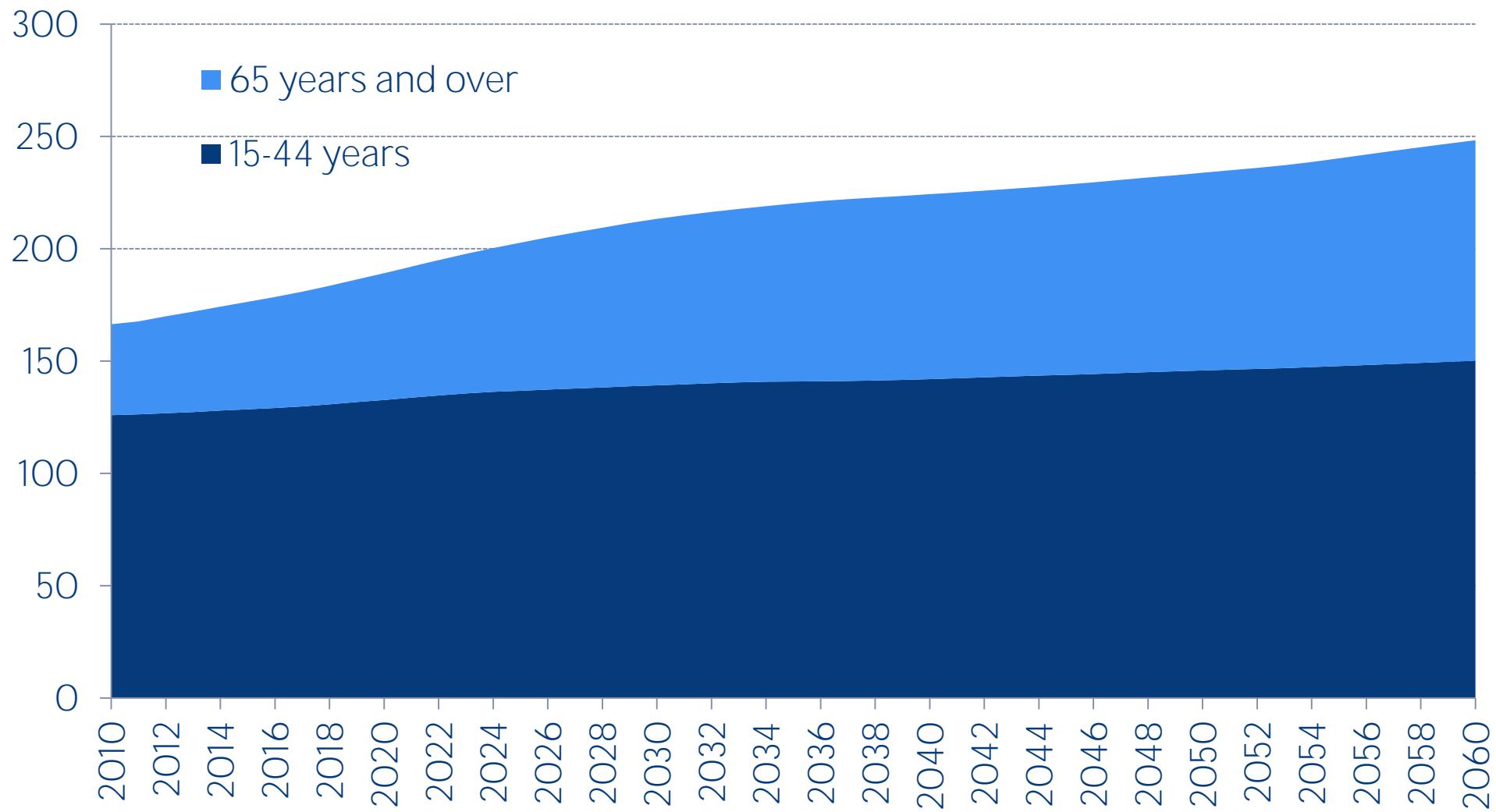
U.S. Vehicle miles of travel

Trillions



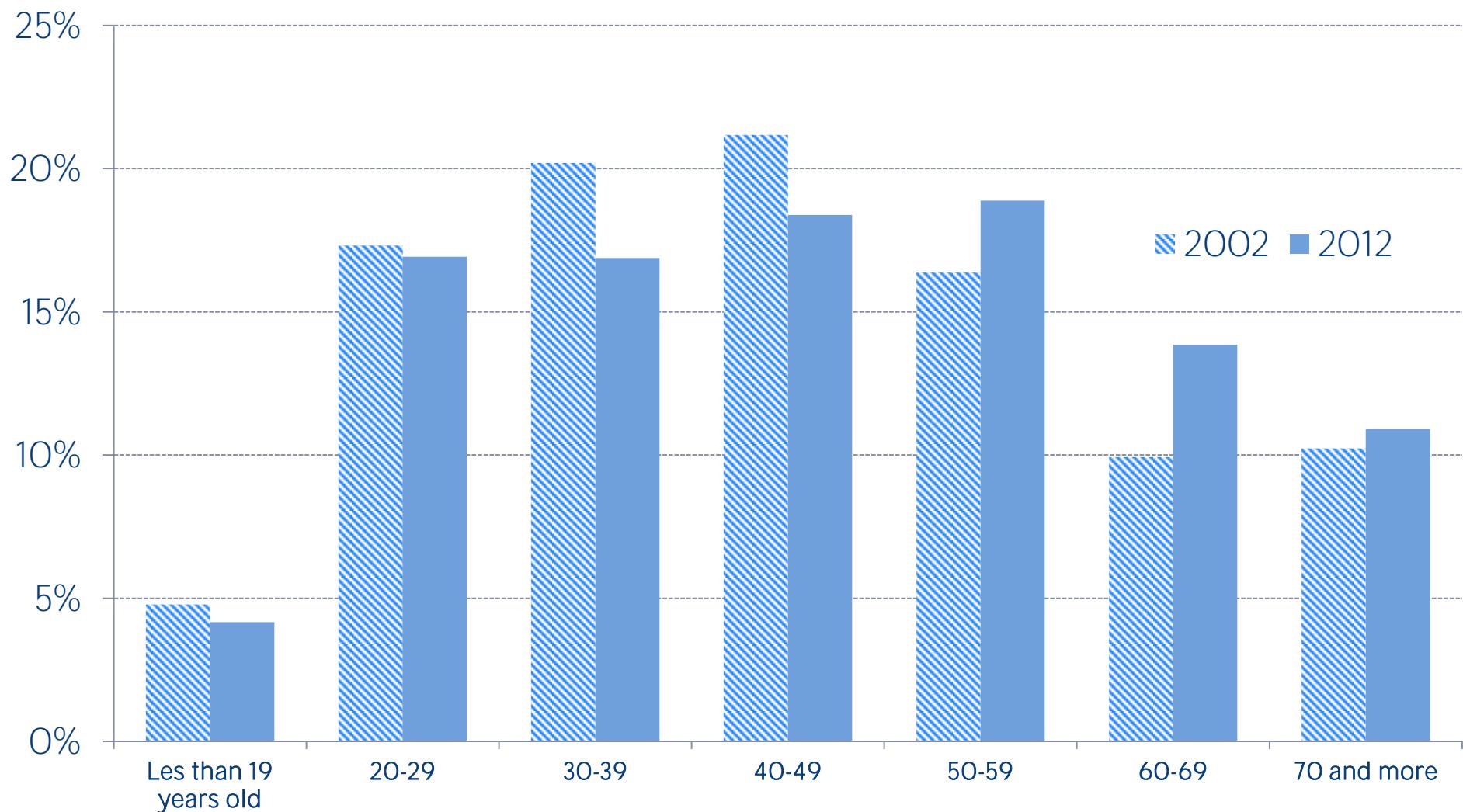
# Demographics

U.S. Population projections by age (millions)



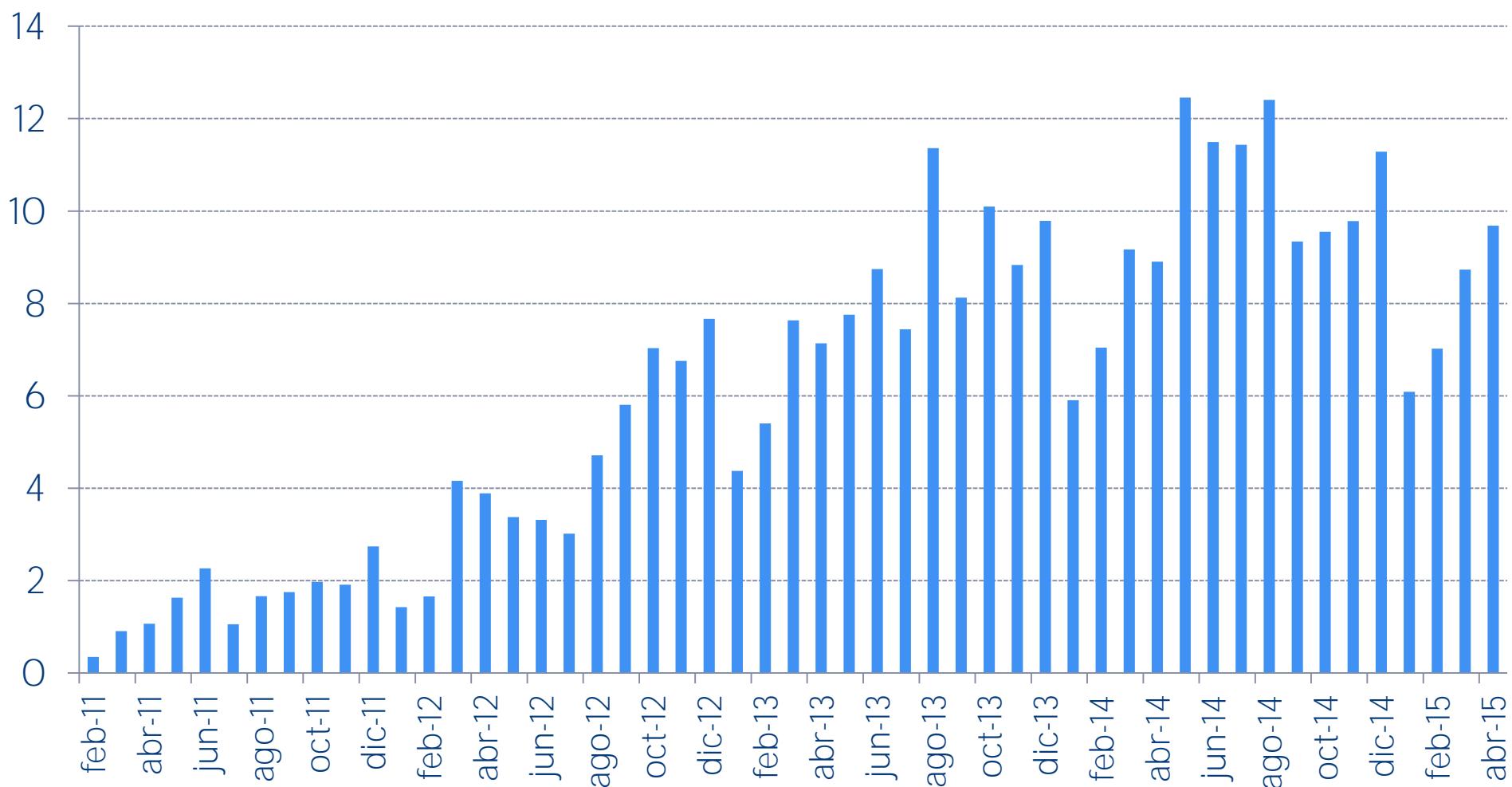
# Demographics

## U.S. Licensed drivers by age



# Alternative vehicles

U.S. New plug-in vehicle sales (thousands)





# Forecasts

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Average	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Auto sales</b> (millions units)	14.5	15.6	16.5	<b>16.9</b>	<b>17.5</b>
<b>GDP growth</b> (% change)	2.3	2.2	2.4	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Unemployment</b> <b>rate</b> (% avg.)	8.1	7.4	6.2	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Fed funds</b> (%, eop)	0.25	0.25	0.25	<b>0.50</b>	<b>1.50</b>
<b>3-year Treasuries</b> (%, monthly avg. eop.)	0.37	0.73	1.08	<b>1.79</b>	<b>2.43</b>

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