The Real Estate Outlook in Maine 2008 and Beyond

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Nationally, the Housing Problems Continue to Build

of excess housing units, ths

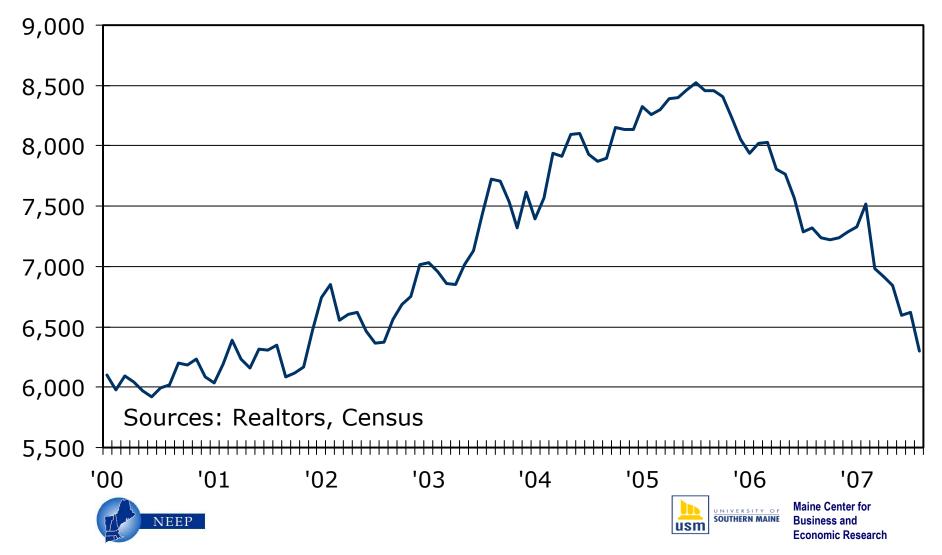




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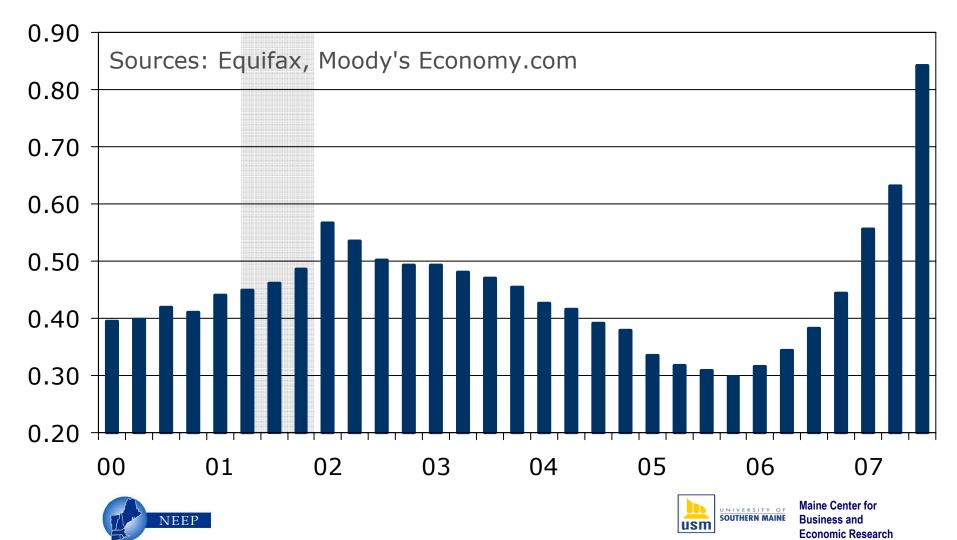
Housing Demand Slides...

Home Sales, ths., SAAR



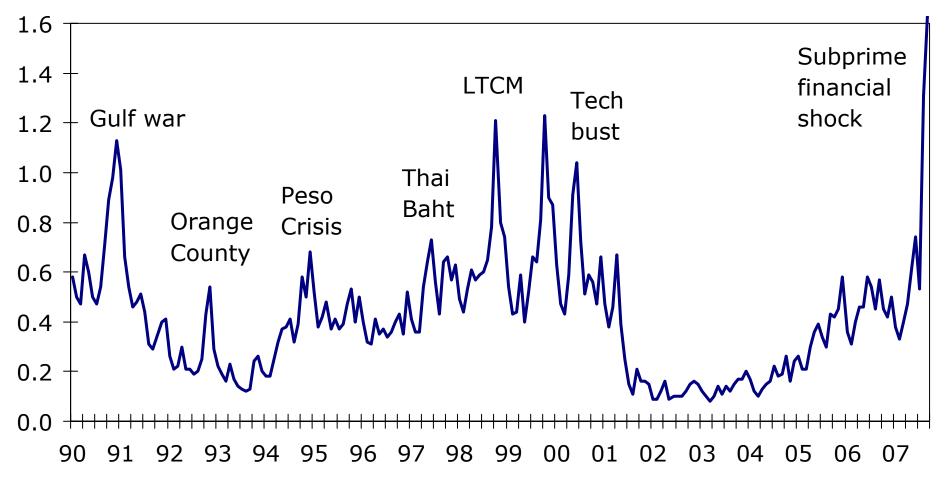
...And Mortgage Loan Defaults Soar...

Default rate, % of residential mortgage debt, \$



The Subprime Financial Shock Is A Major Event...

TED spread, difference between 3 mo. Euro \$ and T-Bill

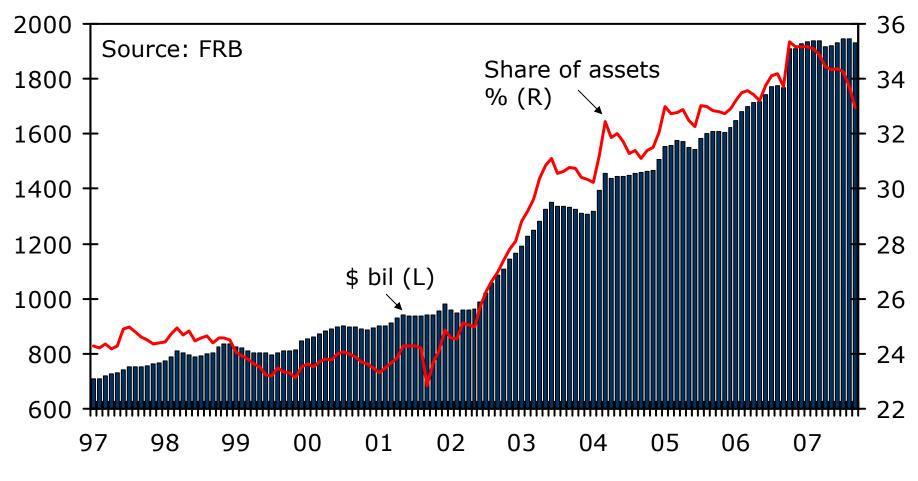






...Particularly In the Banking System

Residential RE Assets of Large Commercial Banks

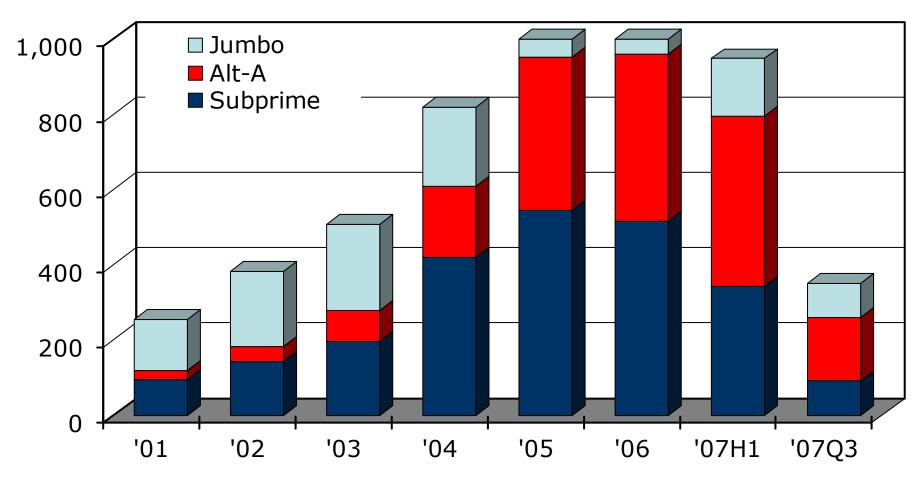






...And the Mortgage Securities Market.

Bond Issuance, \$bil, annualized



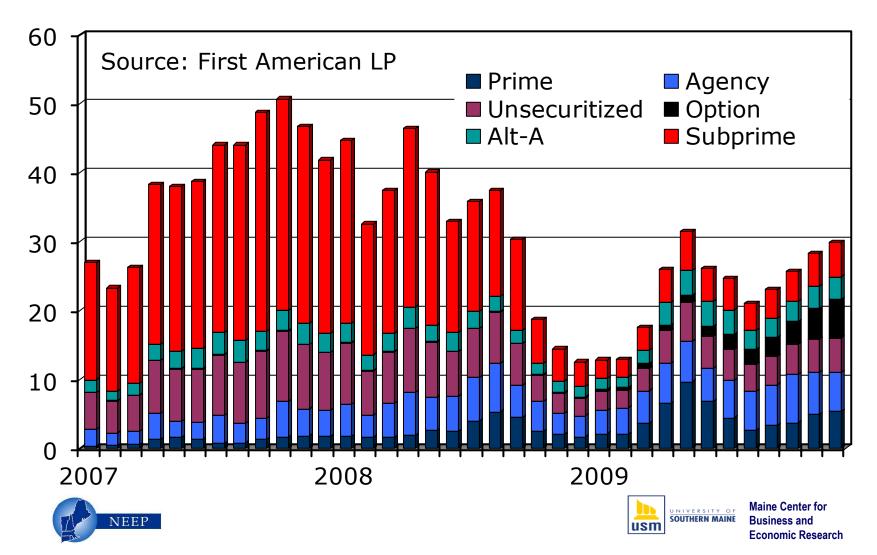




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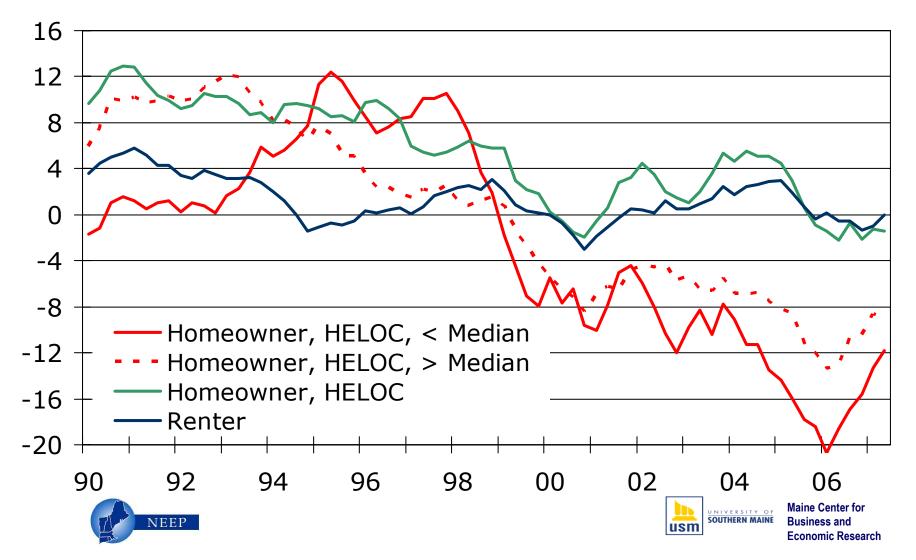
...And More Are Coming...

Mortgage debt outstanding facing first payment reset, \$ bil



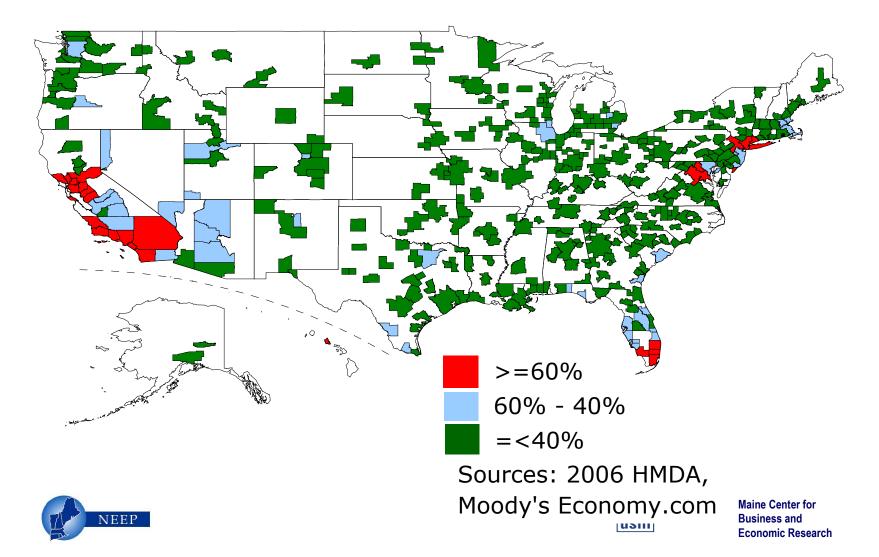
...Weighing on Lower-Mid Income Homeowners

Personal saving rate, Source: Moody's Economy.com



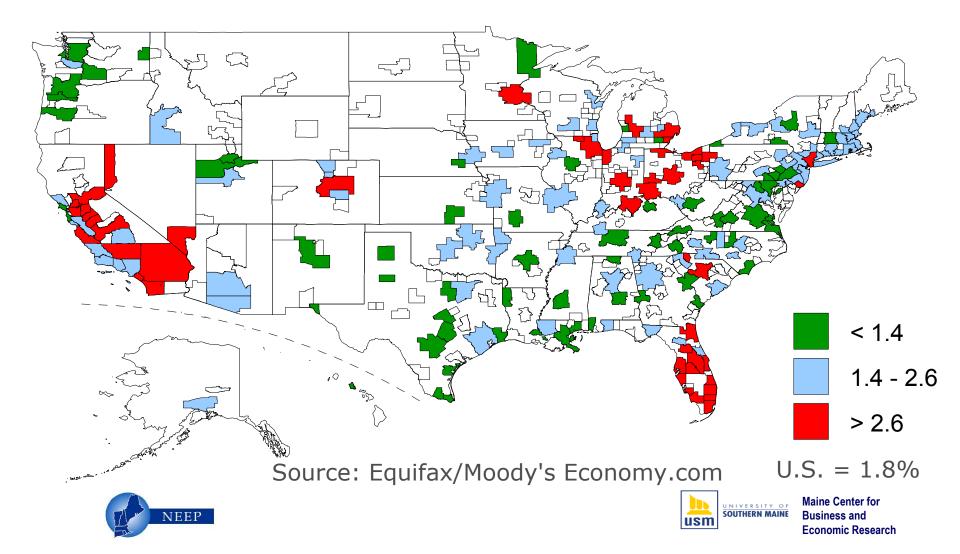
Housing Markets at Risk

Non-conforming share of 2006 originations, U.S. = 50%

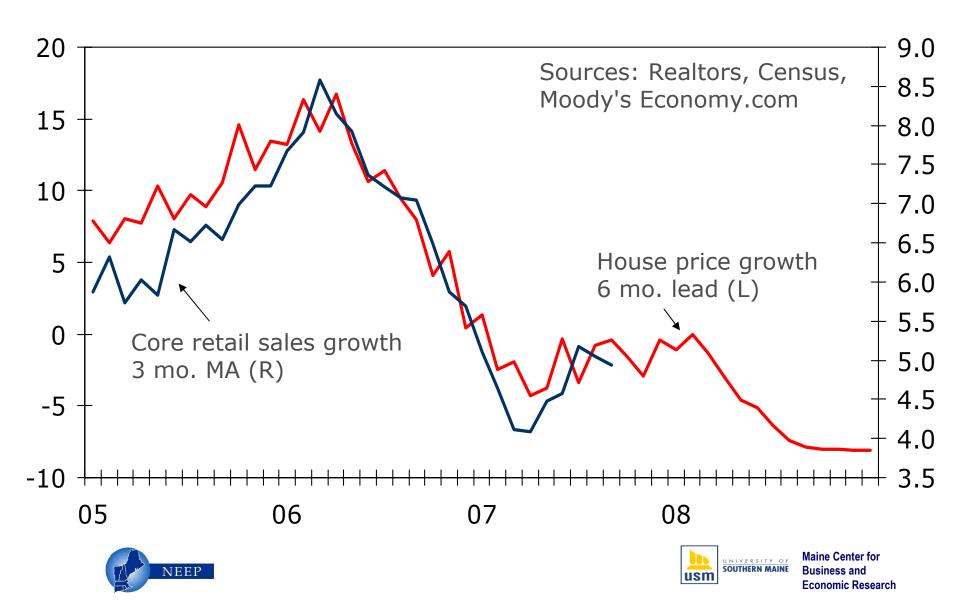


Housing Markets Already in Trouble

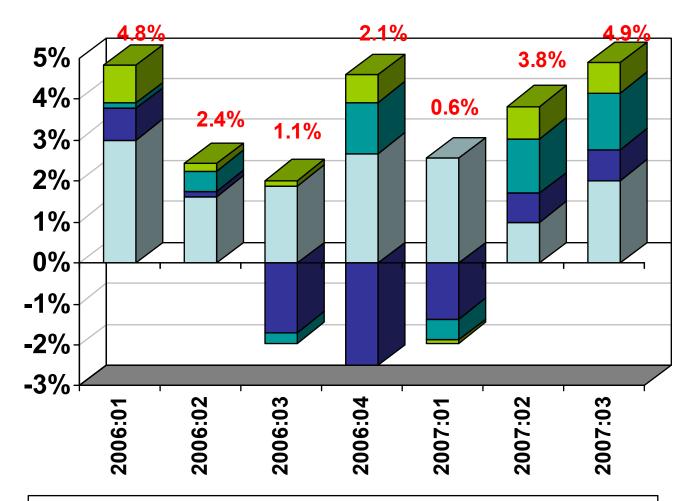
% of homeowners defaulting on their first mortgage, '07q3



Negative Housing Wealth Effects Kick-In and drags the whole economy down



Contribution to GDP Growth

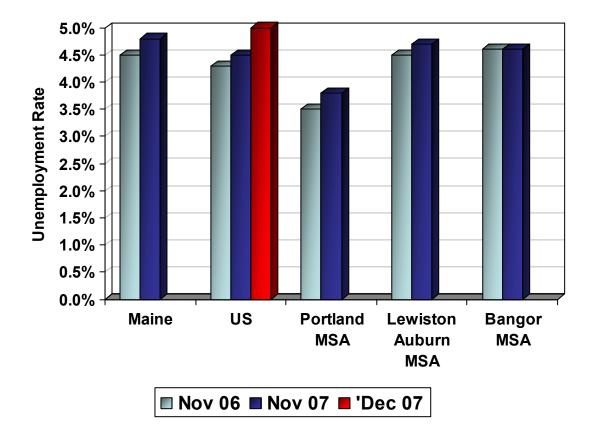


□ Consumption ■ Investment ■ Net Exports ■ Government





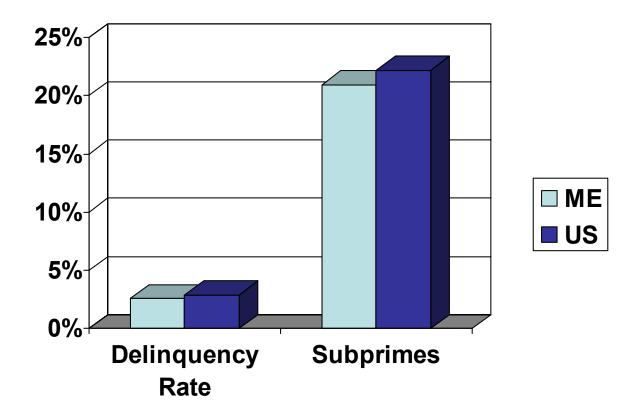
Labor market weakness is beginning to show







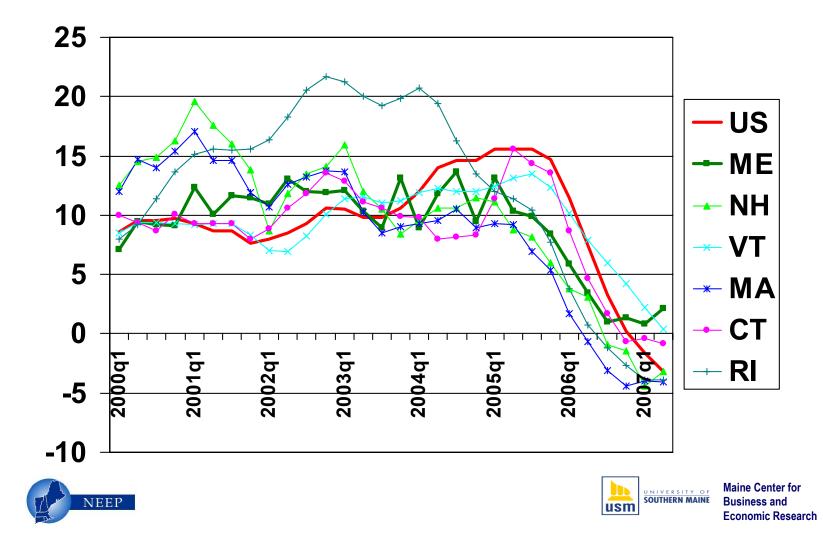
Maine is not much different than the U.S. on the Subprime Issue



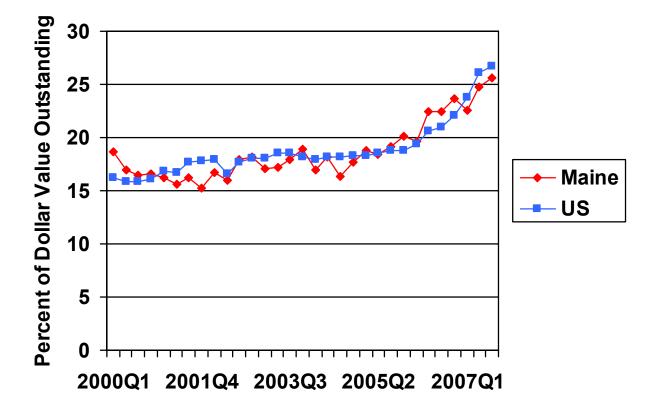




Maine Housing Prices have fallen, but stabilized



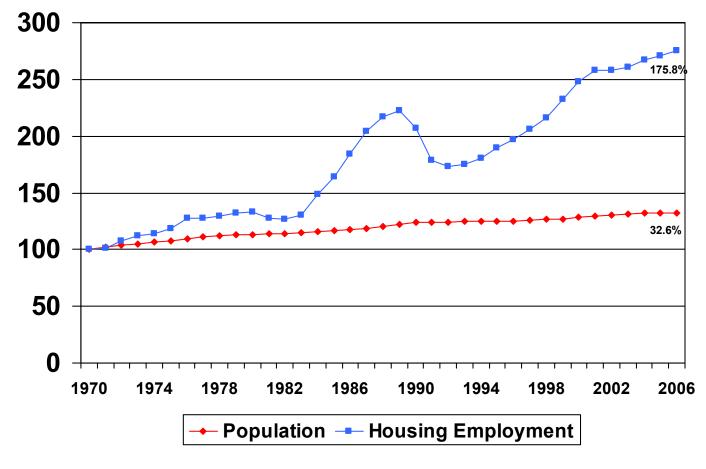
Subprime Mortgage Delinquencies







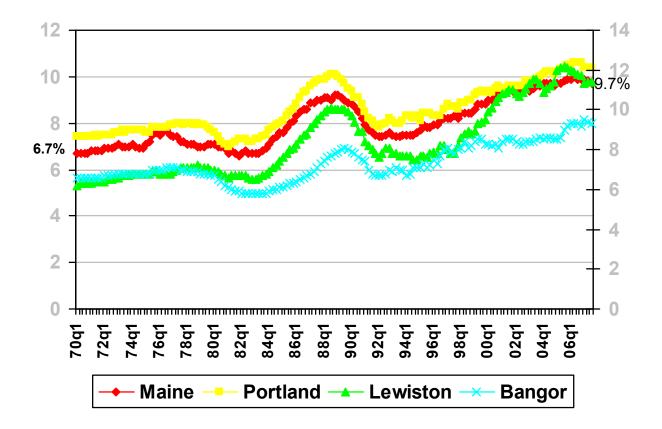
Housing Employment in Maine







Maine Housing Related Employment As % of Total Employment

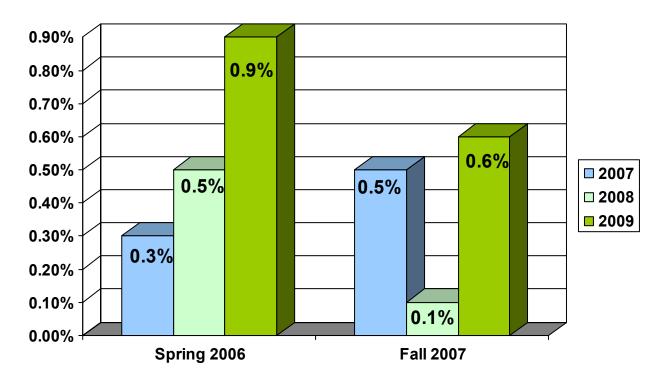






A downshifted forecast for Maine

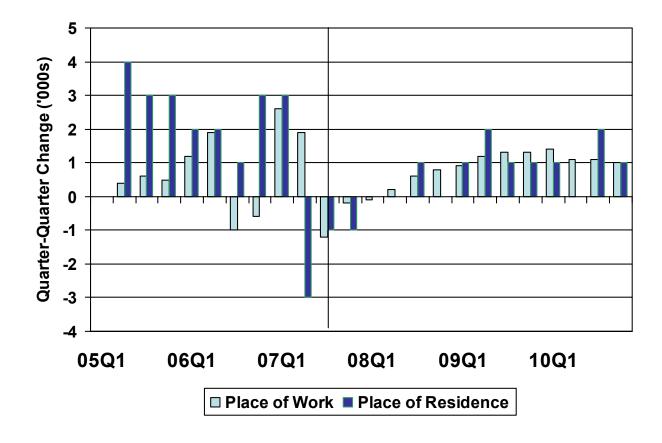
Maine Employment Growth Rate Forecast







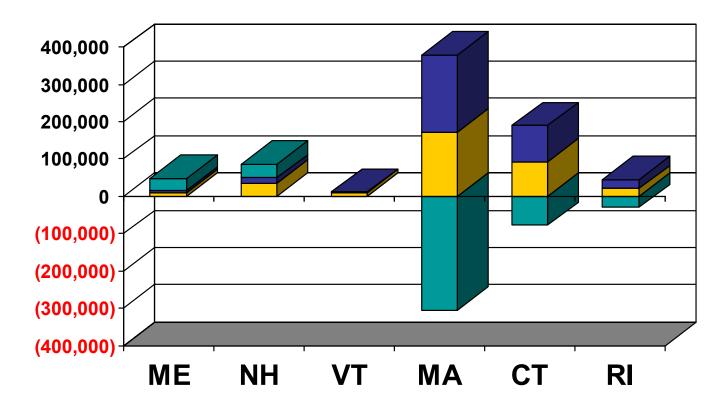
Maine Employment







New England Population Change

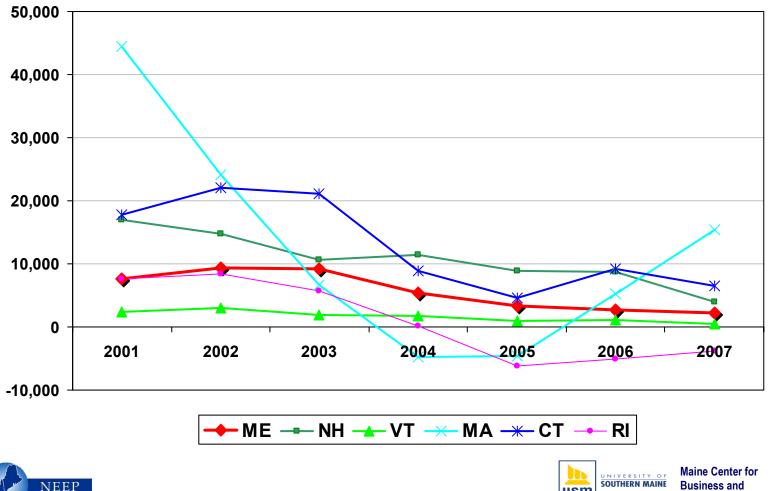


Natural Population Change
Net International Migration
Net Domestic Migration





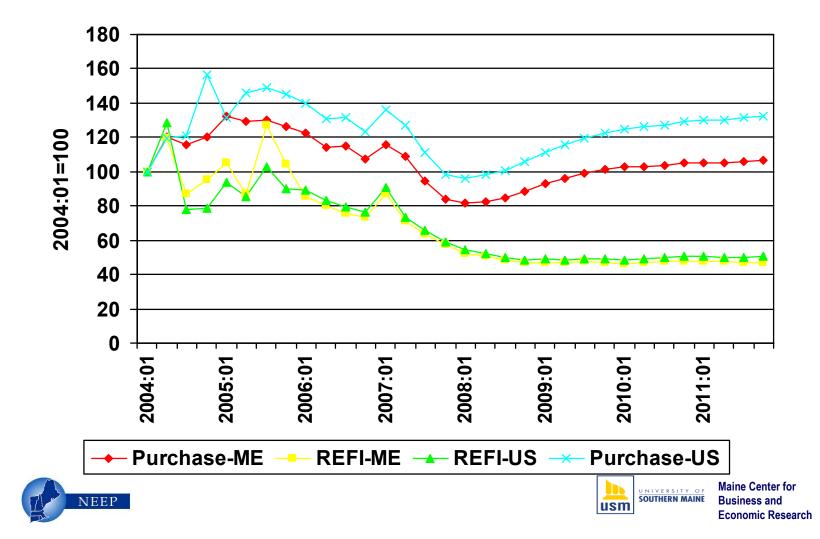
Annual Population Change in New England: 2001-2007



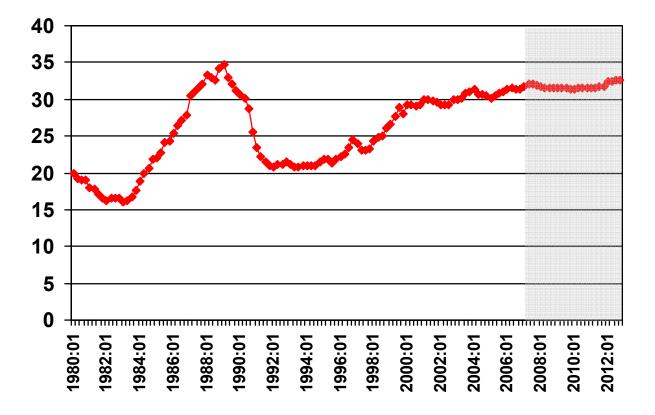
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Mortgage Lending for Home Purchases will begin to grow in late 2008, but not recover to 2004 levels until 2010



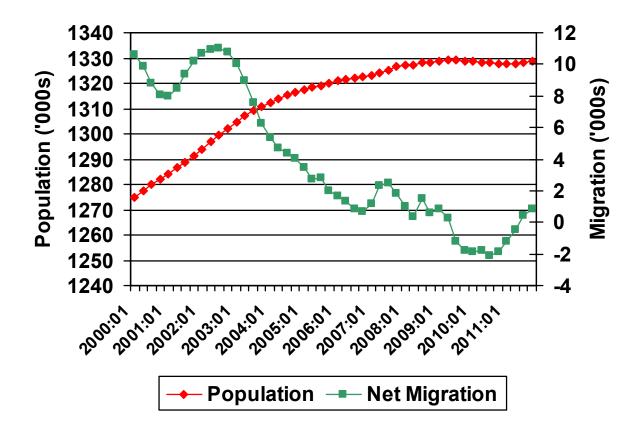
Construction Employment in Maine







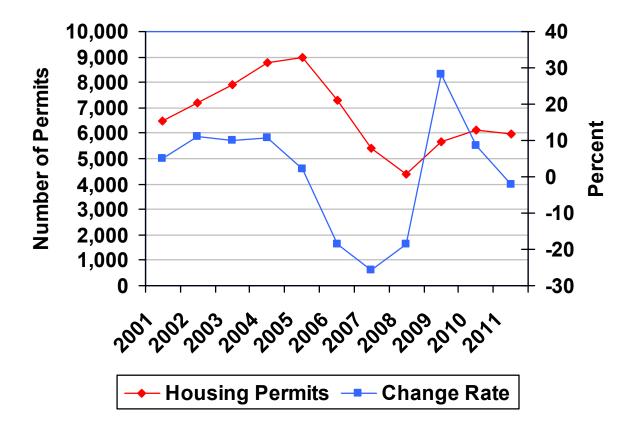
Maine Population Growth will continue, but NASB closing will slow it in a couple of years







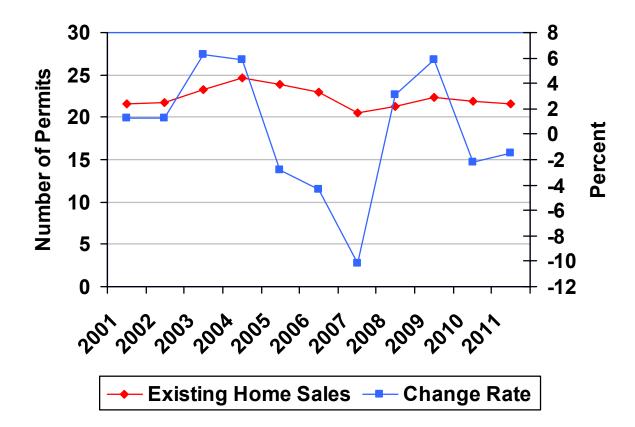
The Fall in New Housing Construction will bottom out in 2008







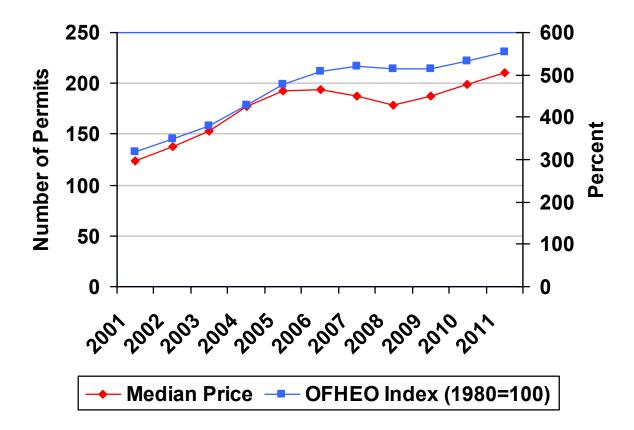
Existing Home Sales Hit Bottom in 2007, but NASB will keep recovery from being strong







Prices may drop a little but modest price growth should being in 2010







Summary

- Maine housing has the same exposure to the subprime mess as the rest of the country
- Housing will continue to decline on all measured through 2008
- Recovery will begin in 2009 but be limited by the effects of NASB Closing
- The effects on Maine will be much less than in the U.S. as a whole or in other regions





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