# The State of the SD Economy

Presentation to the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors October 30, 2018 Ralph J. Brown, Professor Emeritus of Economics University of South Dakota

### **Outline of Presentation**

**Overview of US economy** 

US economy forecast - Macroeconomic Advisors by IHS Markit

**SD** economy

**Summary & Conclusions** 

### **US Forecast**

Macroeconomic Advisors, By IHS MARKIT Forecast – October 10, 2018

**Real GDP** 

Consumption,

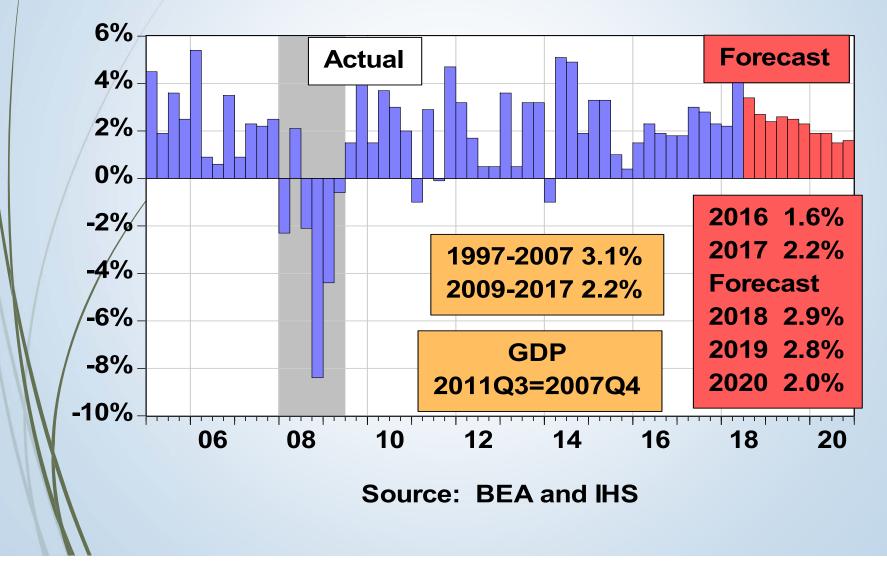
**Housing Starts** 

Federal Budget

**Interest Rates and Inflation** 

### **Good Growth 2018-2019**

**GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT** 



# GDP

Good growth in 2018 and 2019 at 2.9% and 2.8%, respectively. In 2020, growth slows to 2.0% and about 1.5% thereafter. Chance of recession 25%.

Currently, supportive financial conditions and stimulative fiscal policy assure above-trend growth... for awhile. Next year, the waning effects of fiscal stimulus and higher interest rates will inevitably slow the economy first to 2% trend then below trend.

Consumer spending will continue to contribute to growth with 2.6% in 2018 and 2.8% in 2019.

Tariffs undermine domestic demand but potentially shift production towards the US. They expect the former to exceed the later. This is because the US does not produce many of the goods subject to tariffs.

### **Components of GDP are:**

GDP = Consumption (69%) Investment (17%) Government (18%) Net Export (-4%)

# Consumption

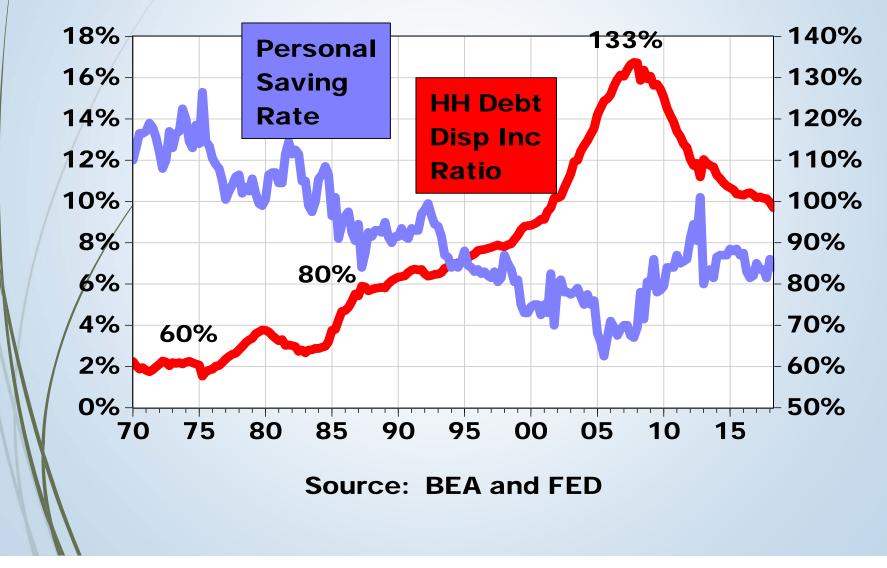
As previously mentioned, consumer fundamentals looks strong.

Projected growth is at 2.6% in 2018, 2.8% in 2019, and 2.5% in 2020.

The newly-in-force tariffs are expected to shave one-tenth of a percentage point off growth in 2019, due to higher prices. Looking ahead, they expect average growth of 2.0% over the 2020-2022 period.

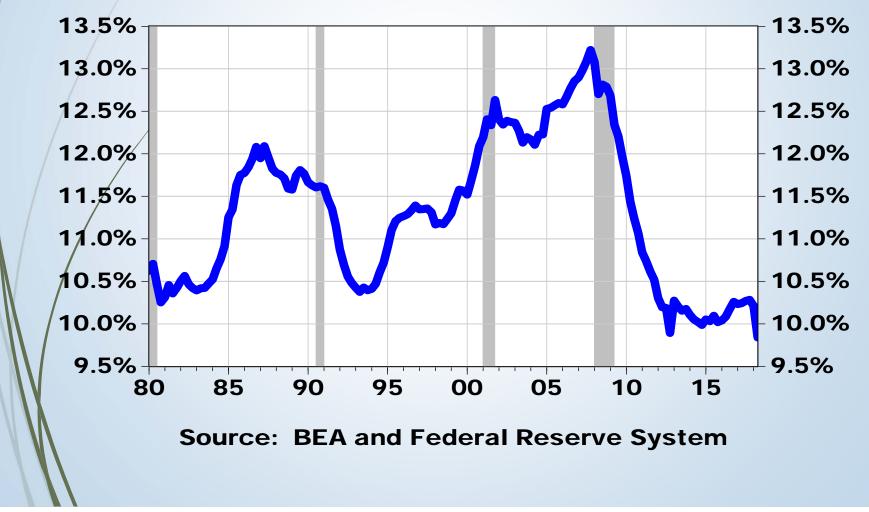
# **Deleveraging Plateaus**

#### **HOUSEHOLD DEBT AND SAVING RATE**



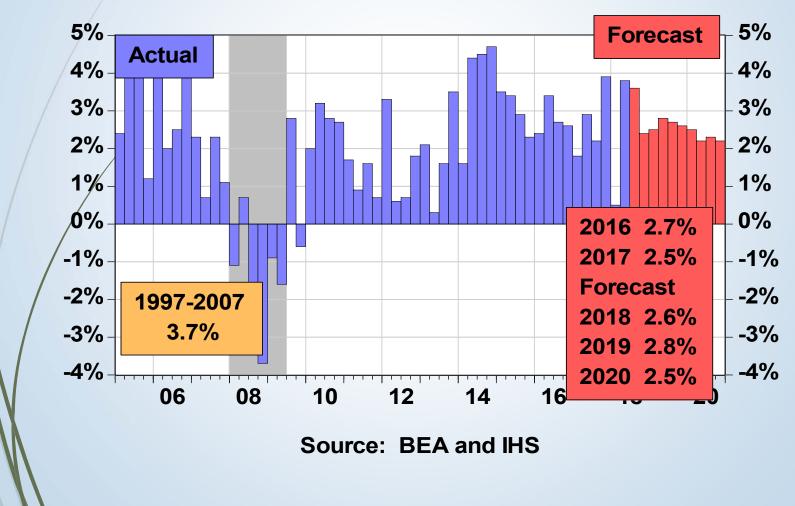
#### **Record Low Debt Service**

#### HH DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS AS % OF DISPOSABLE PERSONAL INCOME



### **Steady Growth Ahead**

#### **REAL CONSUMPTION**



# **Investment Sector**

Fixed business investment showing solid growth peaking in 2018. 2018 7.0% 2019 4.8% 2020 3.5%

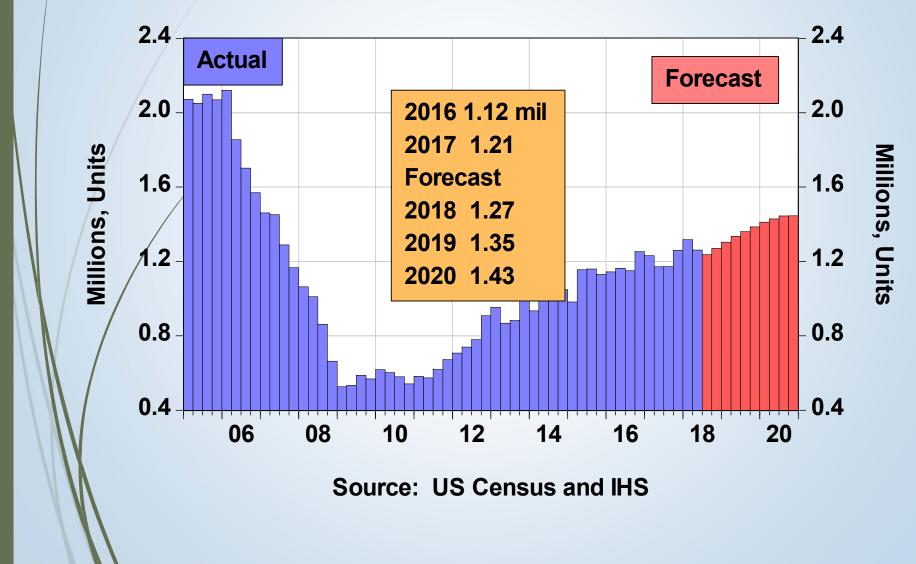
Growth supported by TCJA, energy-related drilling and expanded expensing. Some concern over uncertainty over tariff and trade issues.

Low inventory/sales ratio will drive inventory investment for the near term.

Current housing slump is temporary. Higher interest rates and a housing shortage at particular price points will slow growth but be offset by economic growth and higher household formation.

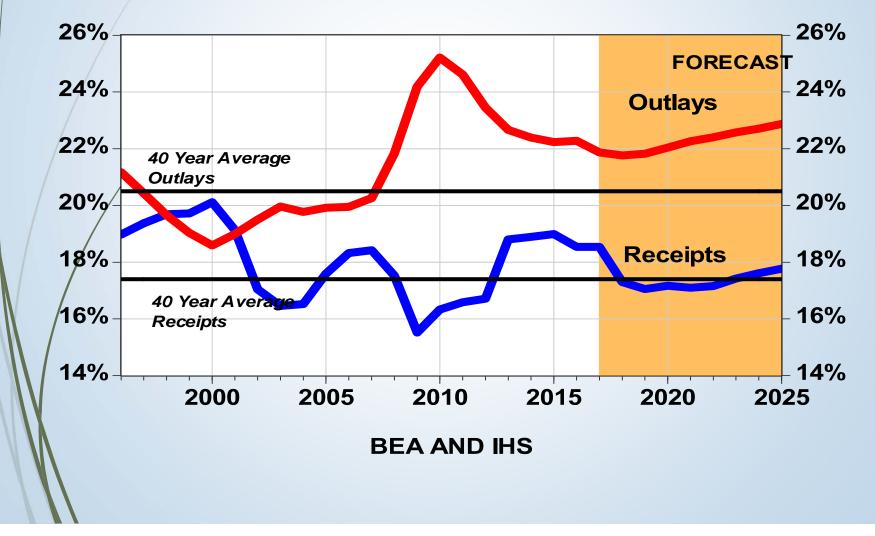
# **Recovery Continues**

#### **HOUSING STARTS**



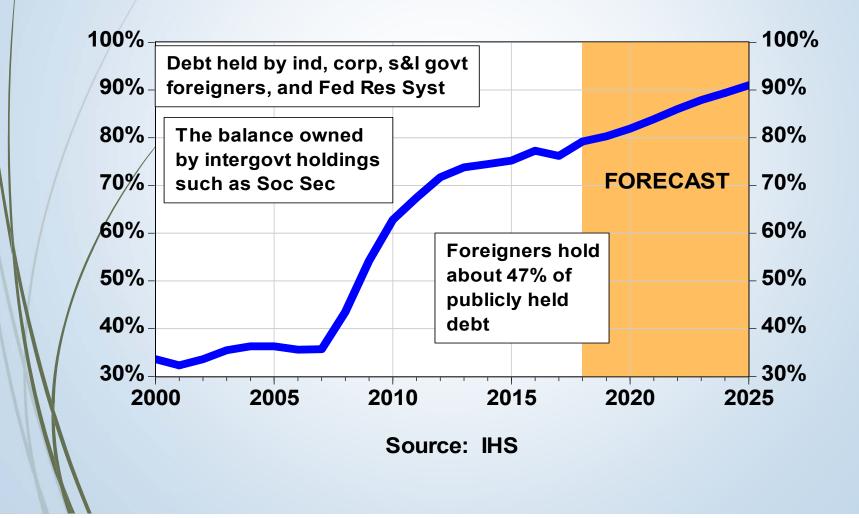
#### **Government Sector**

#### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS % OF GDP**



### **Debt Held by Public**

#### FEDERAL DEBT HELD BY PUBLIC AS % OF GDP



### **The Fiscal Picture**

Federal budget deficits will rise from 3.6% of GDP in 2015 to 4.8% of GDP in 2018 and 5.0% by 2022 and remain above 5% of GDP throughout the 2028 forecast period.

In other words, IHS does not see that the TCJA will significantly spur growth after 2019 or recoup the cost of tax cuts.

Annual deficits will exceed \$1 trillion by 2020. IHS projects the debt/GDP ratio rising to 79% in 2018 and 91% by 2025.

# **Foreign Sector**

The \$ is expected to strengthen over the next four quarters driven by the need to finance expected deficits and higher interest rates causing capital inflows. Also faster relative US growth supports imports at the expense of exports.

According to IHS, new tariffs will have little impact on forecast, small change in PCE. The assumptions in their simulations are:

**1. One-third of impact of tariffs is offset by resourcing them to other countries**,

2. Another one-third is offset by Chinese suppliers absorbing the cost of tariffs,

3. US importers will compress margins,

4. FED will stay course of gradual tightening keeping inflation in check.

### **Employment & Unemployment**

Solid gains in employment will be driven by robust growth in production.

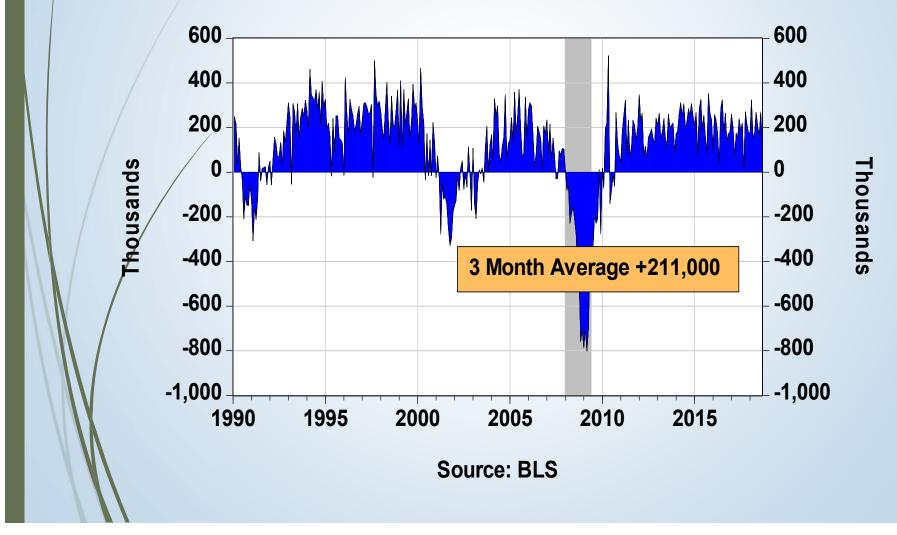
This strong growth will boost both wage growth and inflation pressures.

The unemployment rate averaged 4.4% in 2017. IHS projects 3.9% in 2018, 3.5% in 2019, and 3.6% in 2020.

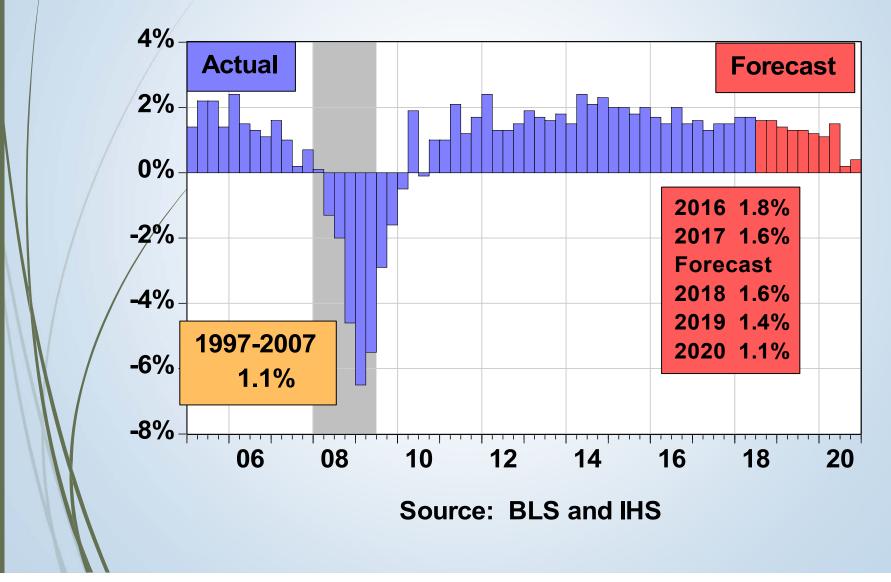
One positive, is the expected upward drift in the labor force participation rate through mid-2020 reflecting a gradual unwinding of the "discouraged-worker" effects.

### **Employment Growth**

**CHANGE IN NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** 

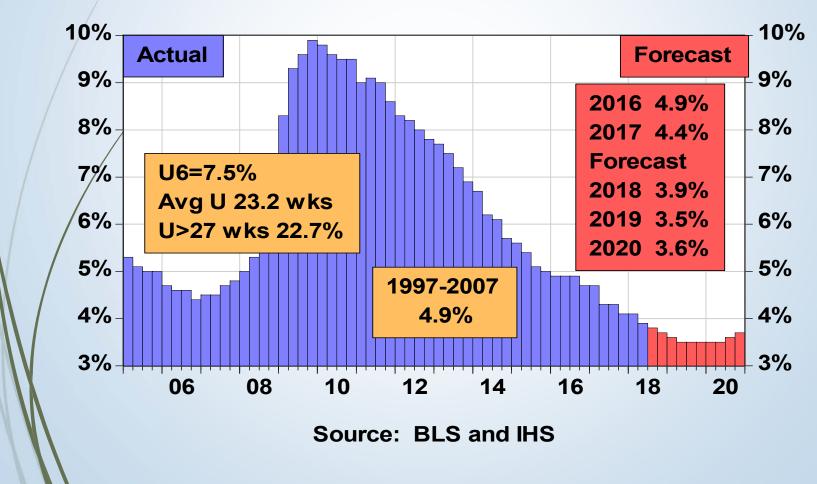


### Future Job Growth Steady NONFARM EMPLOYMENT



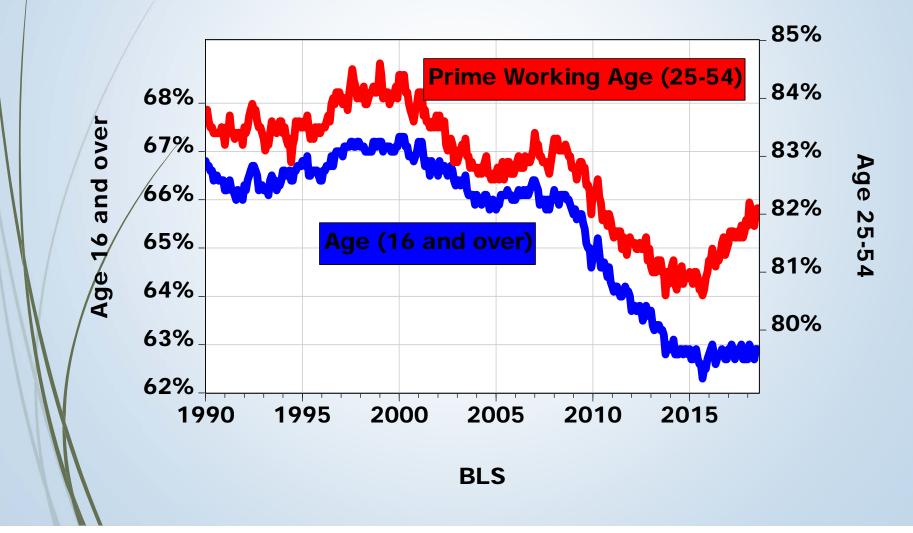
## Low U3 Unemployment Rate Still Falling

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**



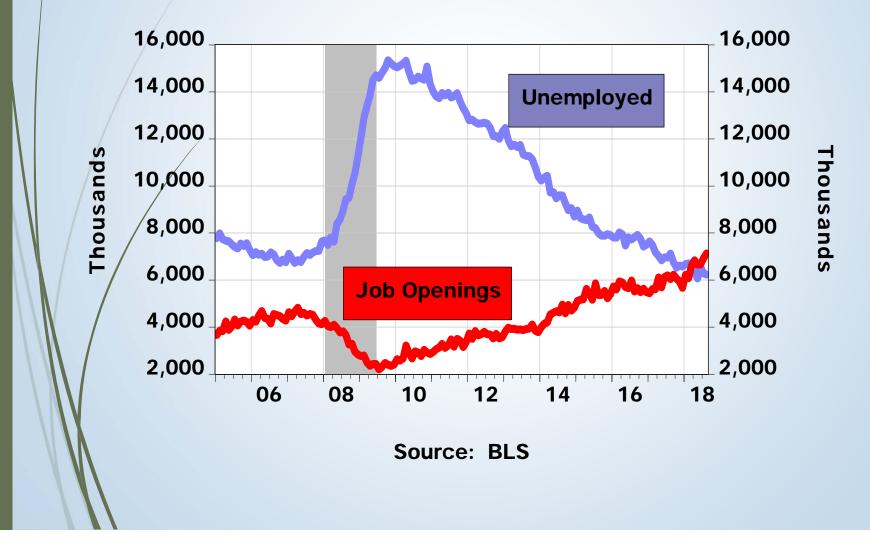
#### **Increase Prime Working Age**

#### LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION



#### Job Openings > Unemployed

#### LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS



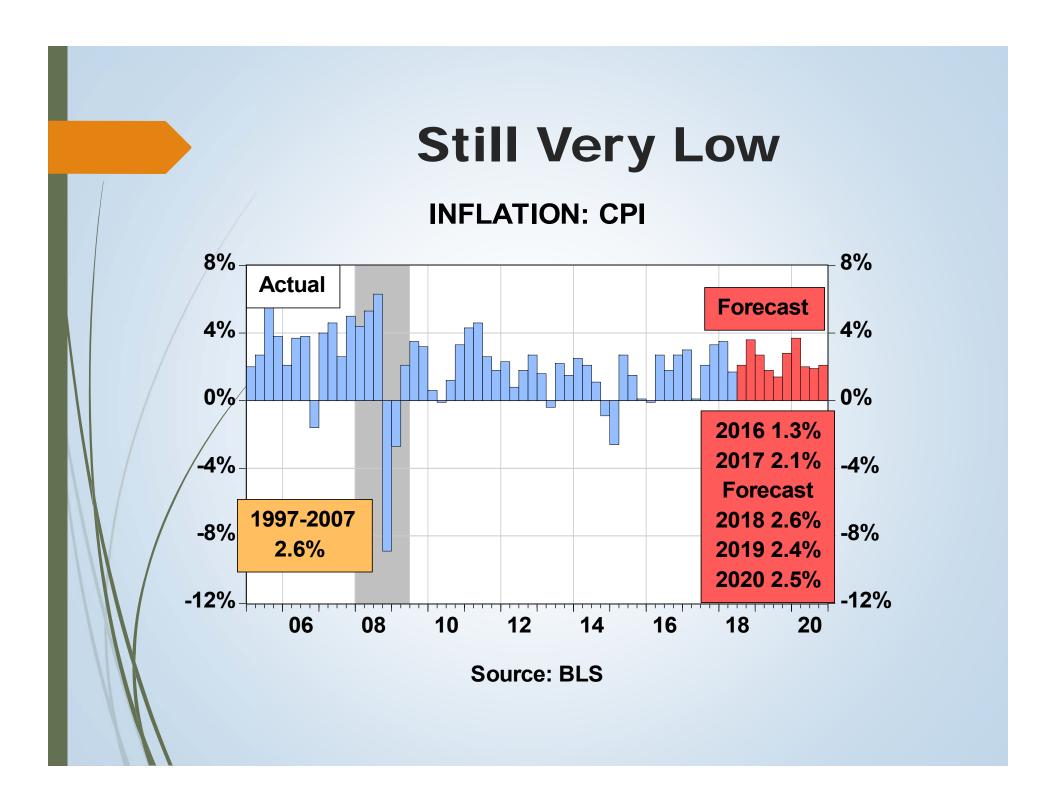
# **Inflation & Interest Rates**

The FED will increase the Federal Funds rate four times in 2018. Post-2018, they will increase the Federal Funds rate to 3.5% by 2020.

Further Fed rate hikes, shrinkage in the Fed balance sheet, higher inflation premia, and higher rates abroad will push Treasury rates higher over the next few years, The 10-year Treasury note should rise to 3.57% by 2020.

They see the CPI rising to 2.6% in 2018, 2.4% in 2019, and 2.5% in 2020.

The PCE excluding food and energy increased 1.6% in 2017 and will rise to 2.1% in 2018 and 2.2% in 2019 and 2020.



# IHS MARKIT FORECAST OCTOBER 2018

Variable	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
GDP	1.6%	2.2%	2.9%	2.8%	2.0%		
Recession Probability 25%							
NA Emp	1.8%	1.6%	1.6%	1.4%	1.1%		
Oil(Brent)	\$44	\$55	\$74	\$81	<b>\$82</b>		
Housing	1.18	1.21	1.27	1.35	1.43		
CPI	1.3%	2.1%	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%		
Un Rate	<b>4.9</b> %	4.4%	3.9%	3.5%	3.6%		

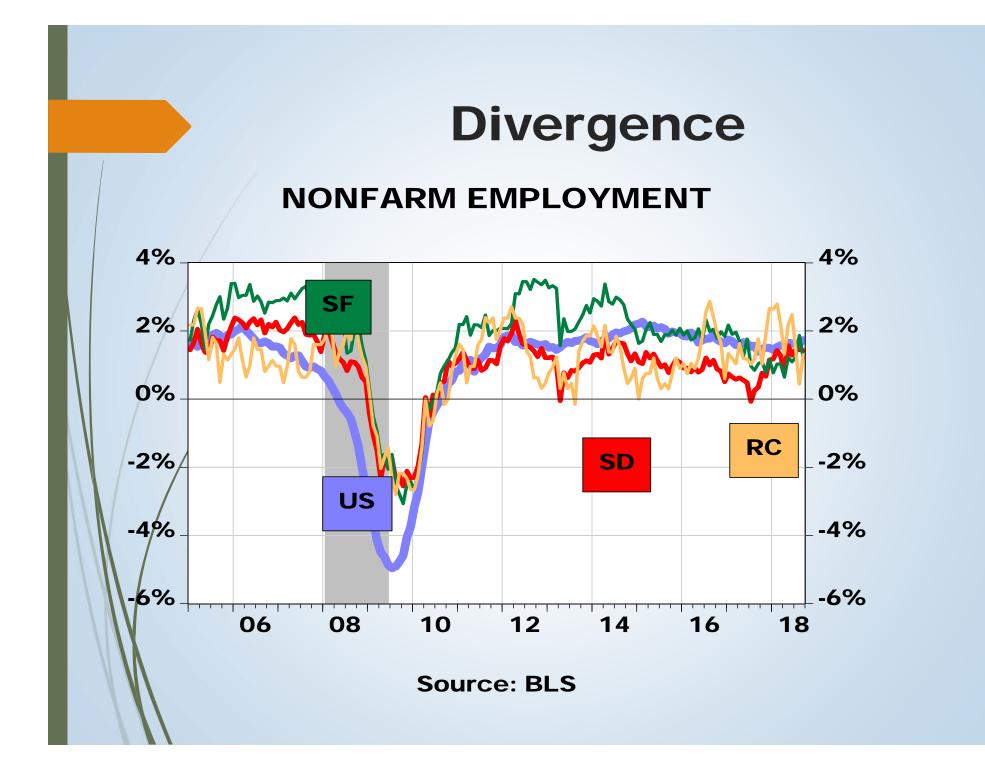
### Wells Fargo Forecast October 2018

	2018	2019	2020
GDP	2.9%	2.8%	2.2%
NA EMP	201 thou	165 thou	120 thou
СРІ	2.5%	2.8%	2.6%
10-YR T Note	3.00%	3.59%	3.96%

### Key Variables Tracking SD Economy

Nonfarm employment Housing starts Real nonfarm personal income Taxable sales Leading indicator

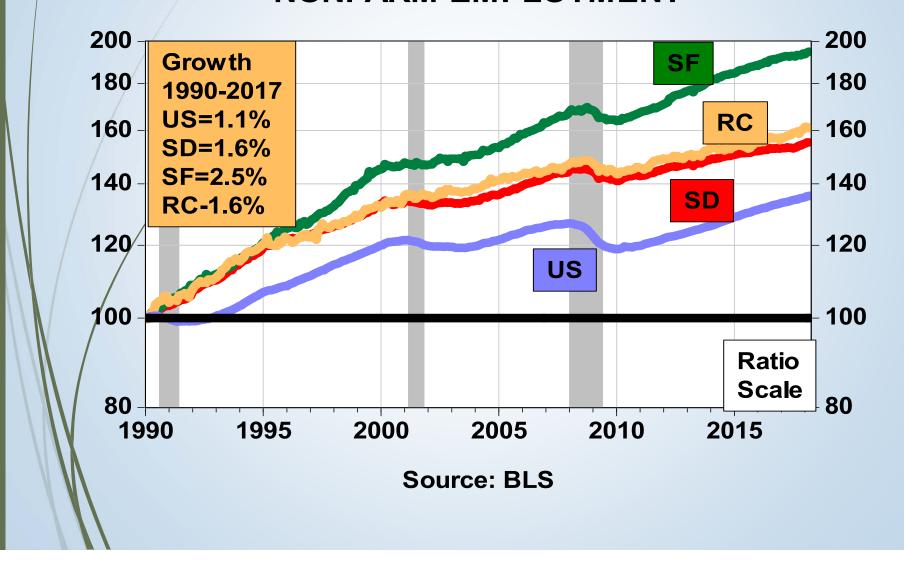
#### **Steady** NONFARM EMPLOYMENT 460 Job Loss P to T 2012 M02 US -8.7 mil -6.3% 440 SD -12.7 thous -3.1% 150,000 SD 420 145,000 Thousands Thousands 2014 M04 140,000 400 **SD Recession** 135,000 -Begins => US 380 130,000 -Ratio Scale 125,000 11 12 13 14 15 16 06 05 07 08 09 10 17 18 Source: BLS



### ECONOMY AT A GLANCE (Employment Y/Y) SEP

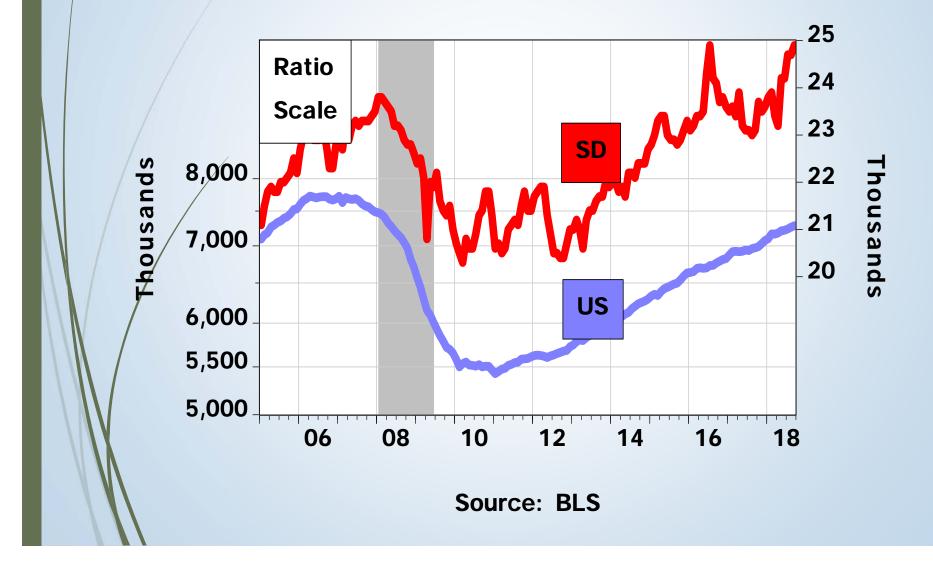
INDUSTRY	SD	SF	RC
Total NonFarm	1.4%	1.7%	1.9%
Min,log,const	7.8%	3.3%	3.8%
Manufacturing	2.5%	4.3%	0.0%
Trade,tran,util	-0.6%	-1.6%	0.7%
Information	0.0%	-3.8%	0.0%
Finance	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Prof, business	6.7%	8.8%	1.9%
Educ,health	0.3%	0.6%	2.5%
Leisure,hosp	0.2%	1.3%	3.6%
Other services	3.6%	3.4%	2.9%
Government	0.6%	2.6%	0.9%

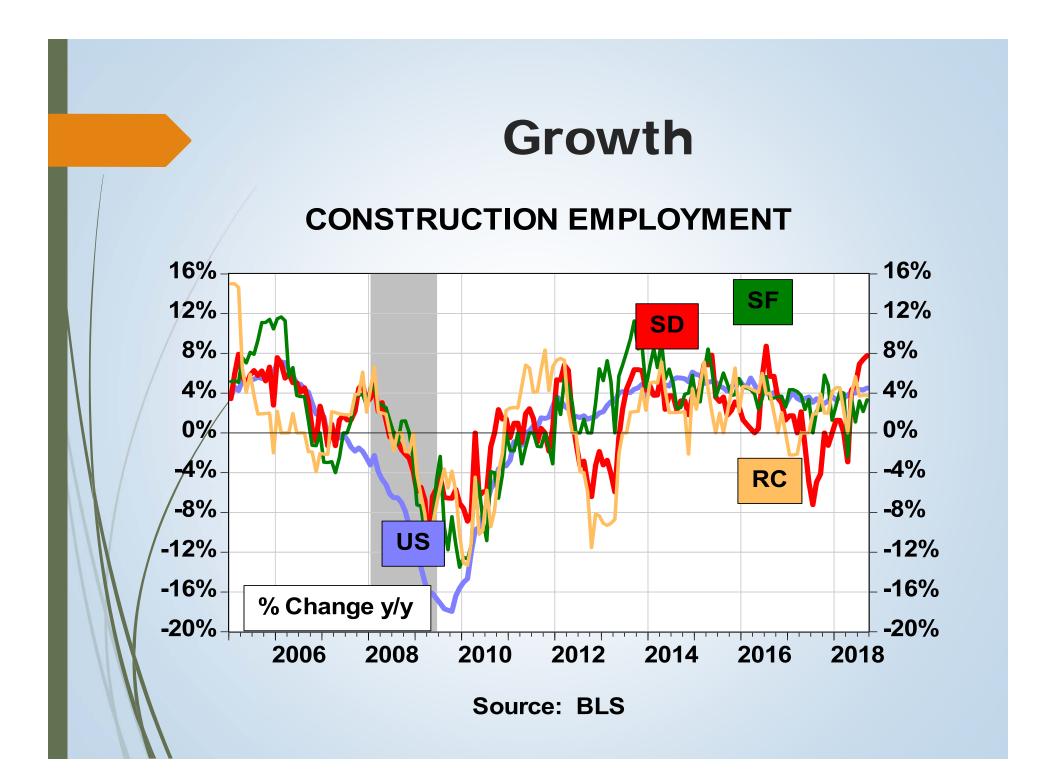
### SF Outpaces the Rest NONFARM EMPLOYMENT



# **Still High**

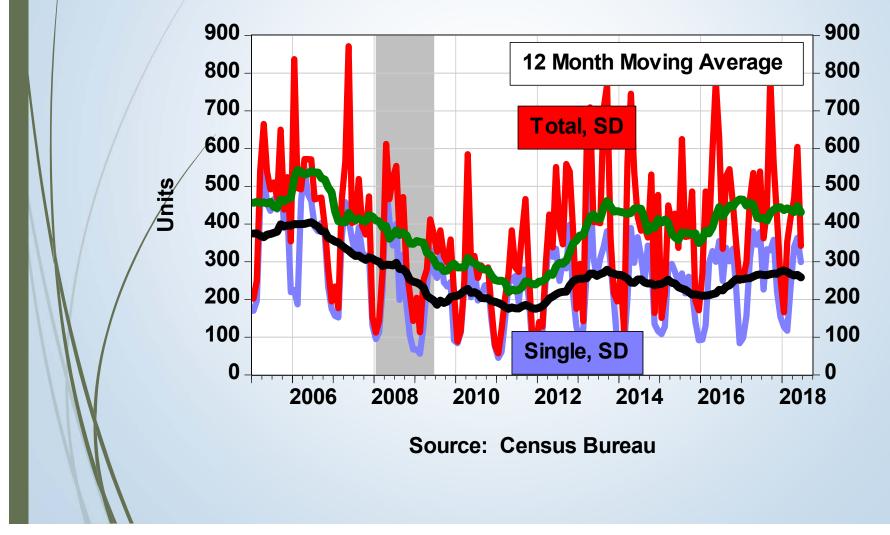
#### **CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT**





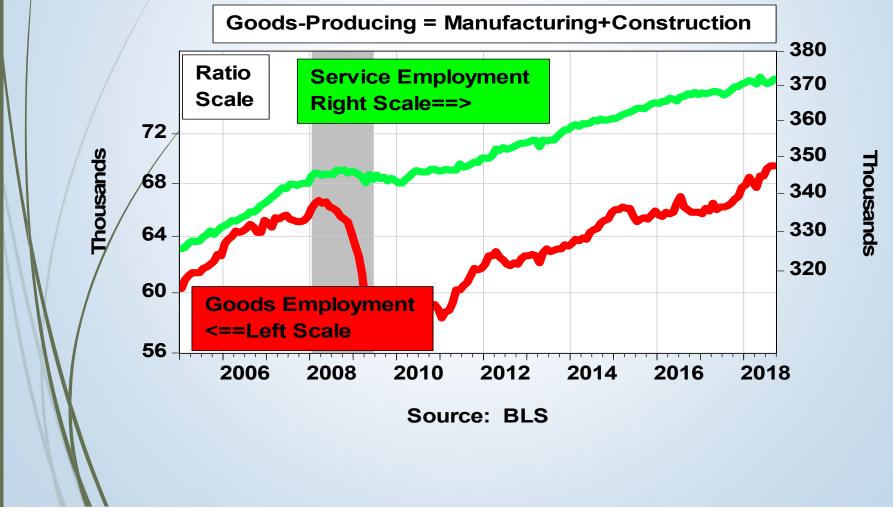
### Steady

#### **SD Building Permits, Total & Single**



### Which is More Cyclical?

#### SOUTH DAKOTA SERVICE AND GOODS PRODUCING EMPLOYMENT



# **SD Peaked Later and Decline Less Severe**

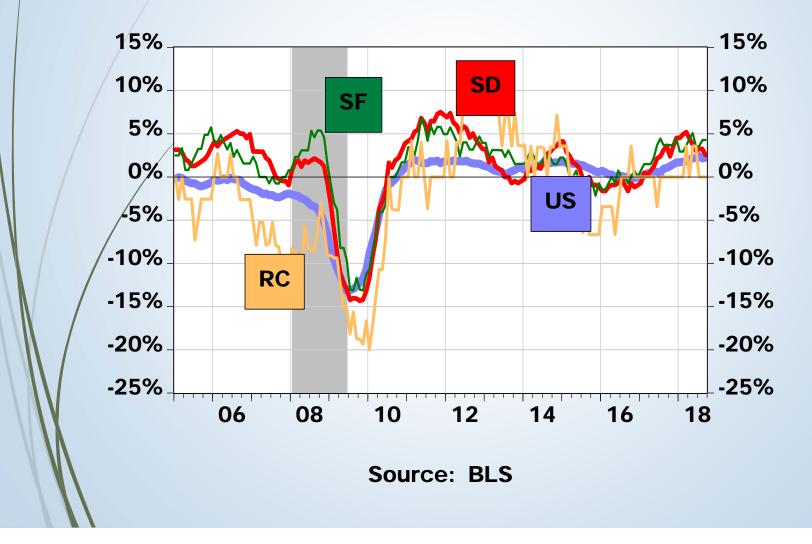
**House Price Index** 





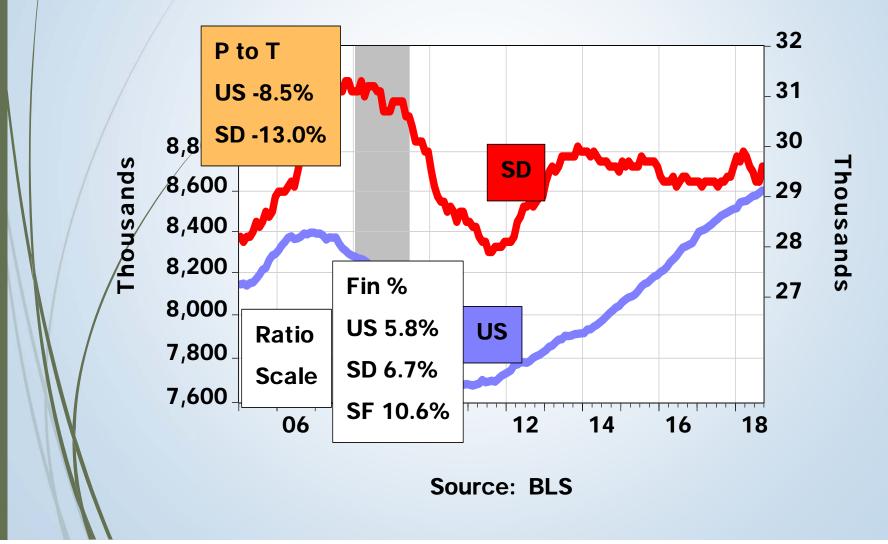
## **Divergent Growth**

#### MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT



# **SD Very Flat**

#### FINANCIAL ACTIVITY EMPLOYMENT



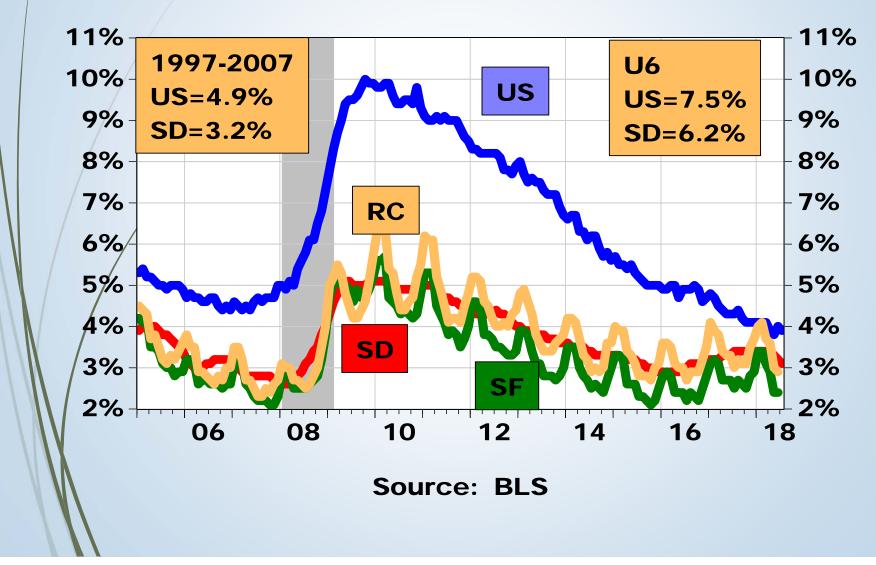
### Note SD and SF Different Than US

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY EMPLOYMENT



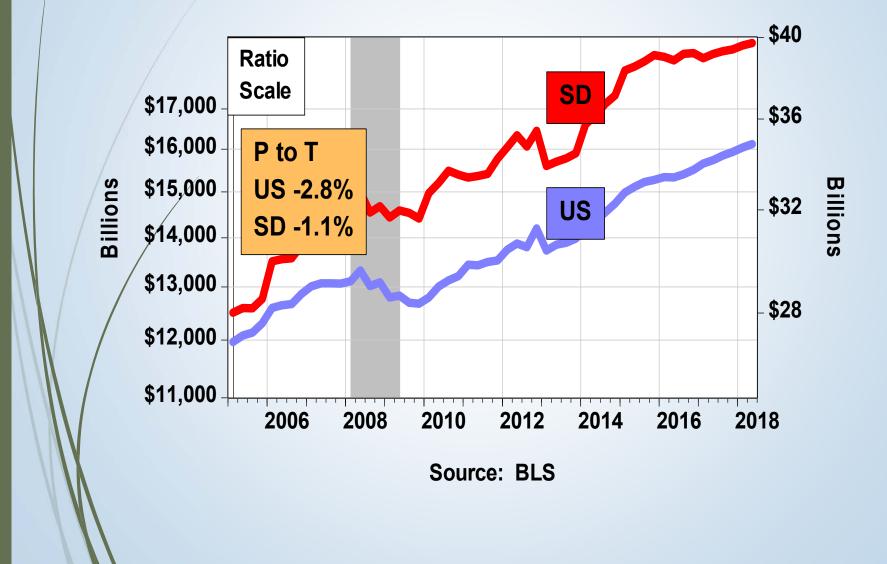
#### US 3.7% SD 3.0% SF 2.3% RC 2.8%

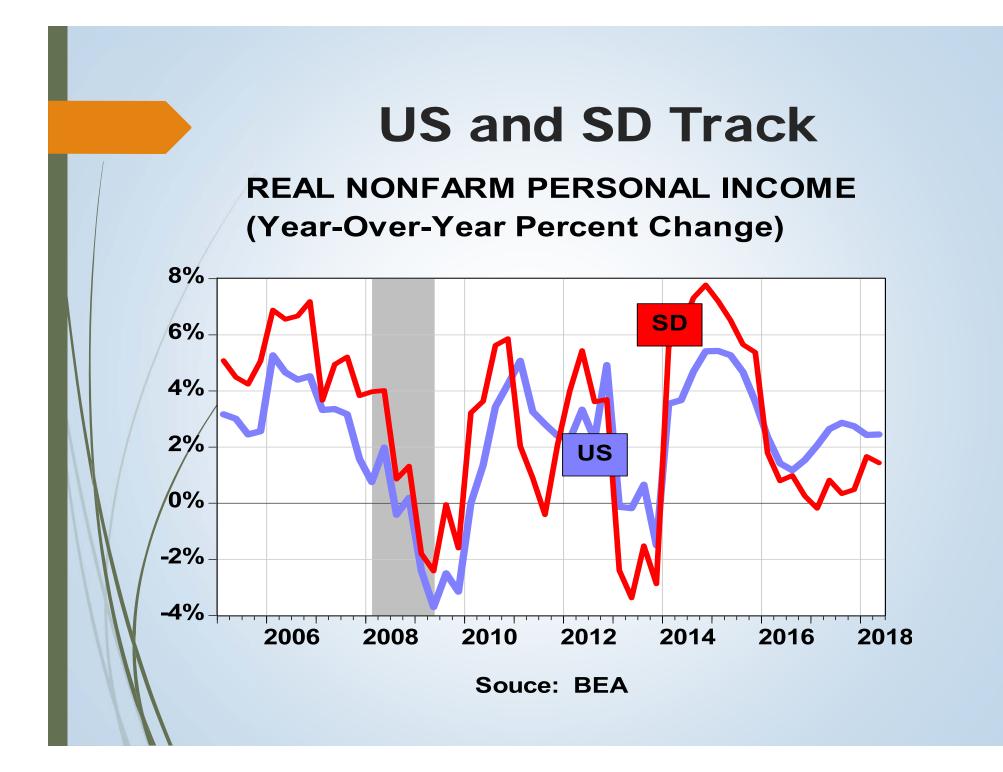
#### **UNEMPLOYMENT RATES**



### **Real Growth**

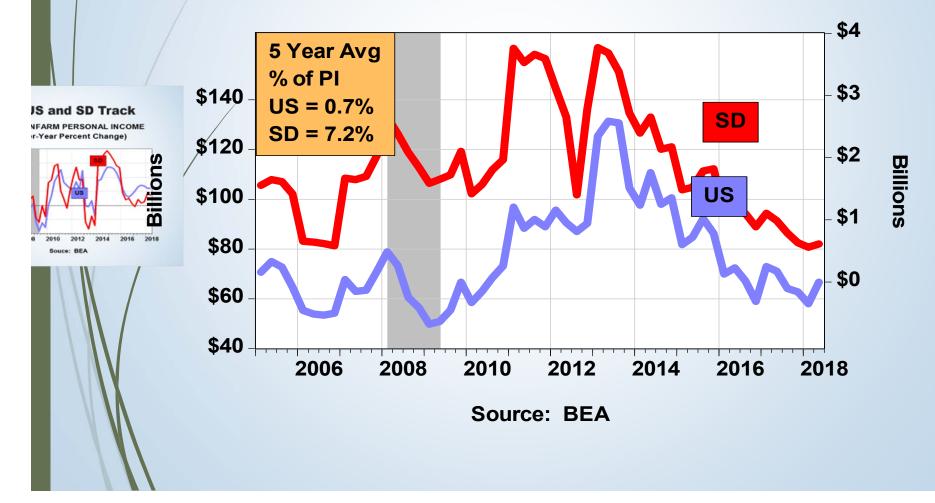
#### NONFARM PERSONAL INCOME (2009 \$S)





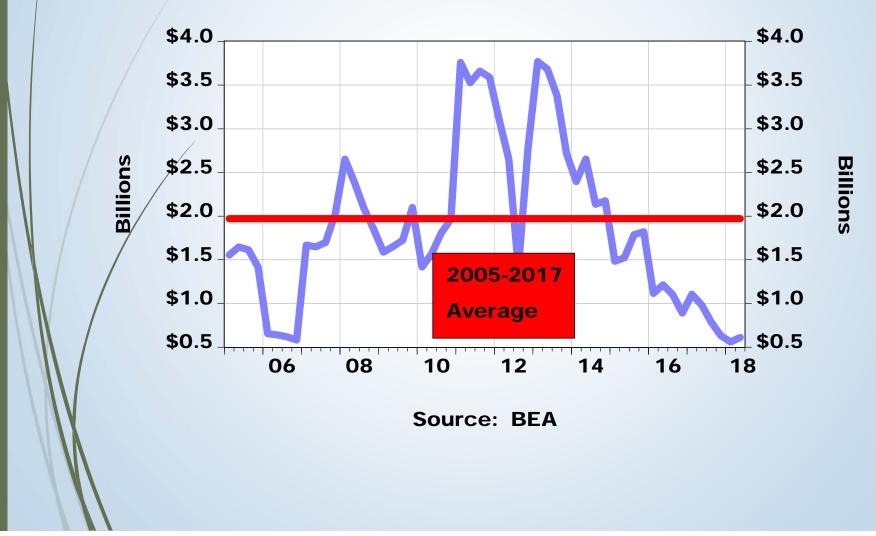
### Farm Down Sharply – Low Prices

FARM INCOME



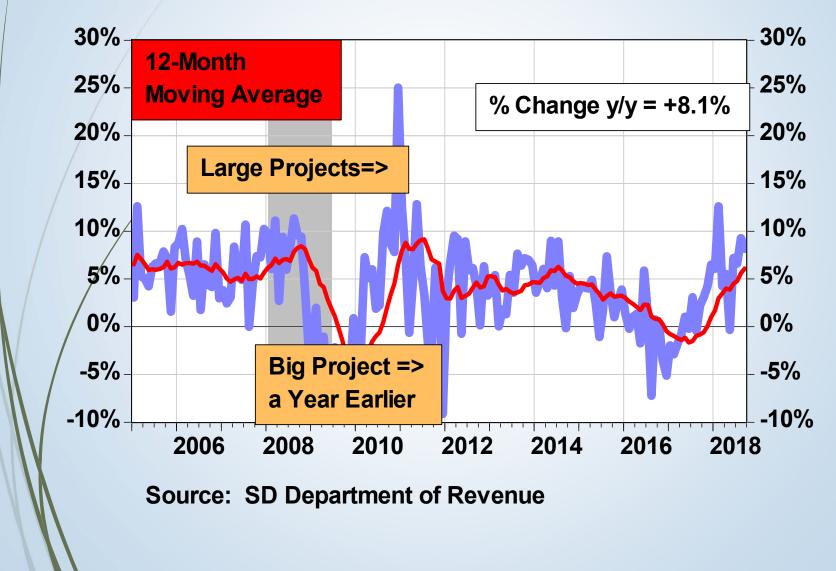
### **Way Below Average**

#### SOUTH DAKOTA FARM INCOME



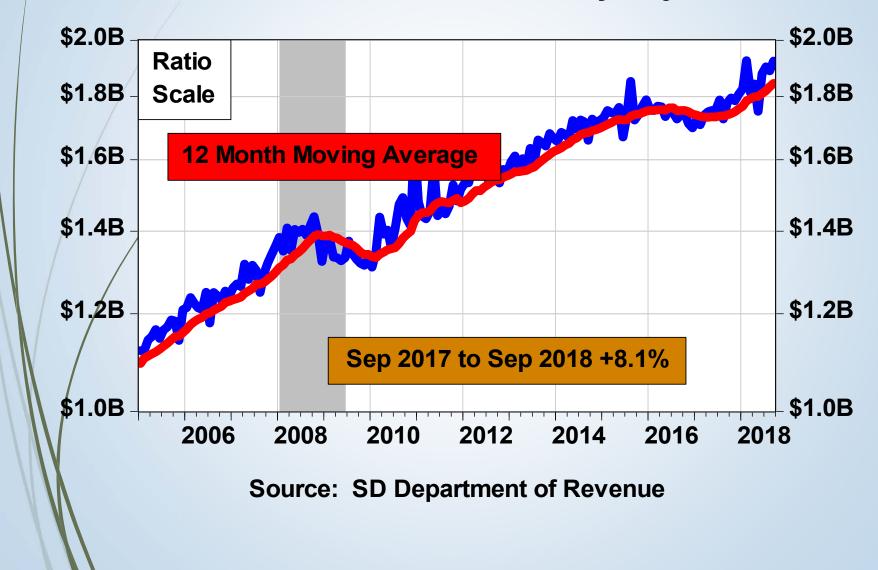
### **Recent Uptick**

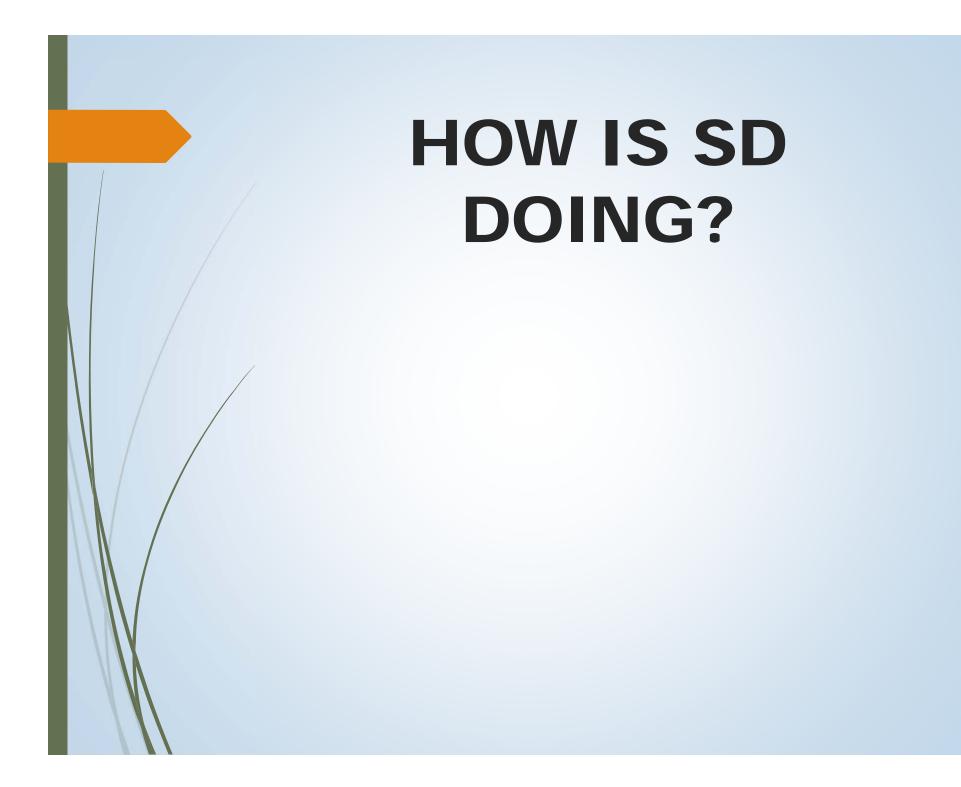
#### SD TAXABLE SALES



### **Recent Pickup**

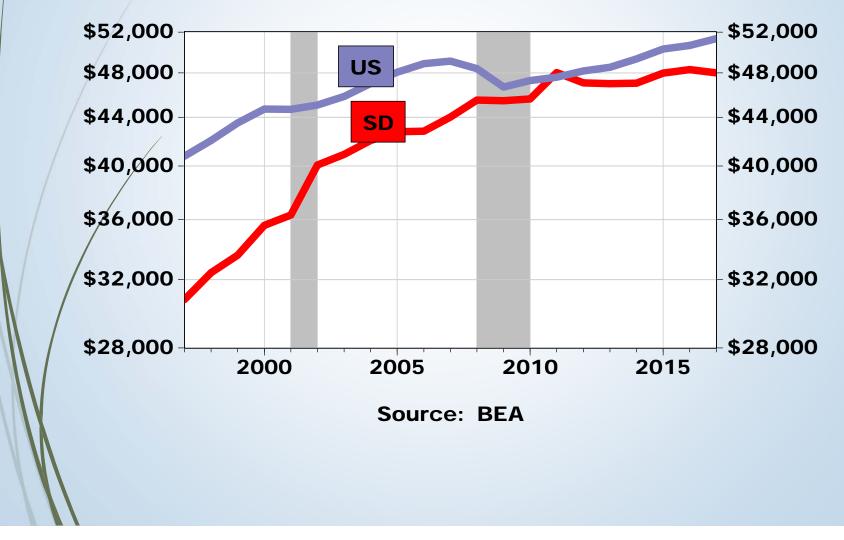
#### **SD** Taxable Sales - Seasonally Adjusted





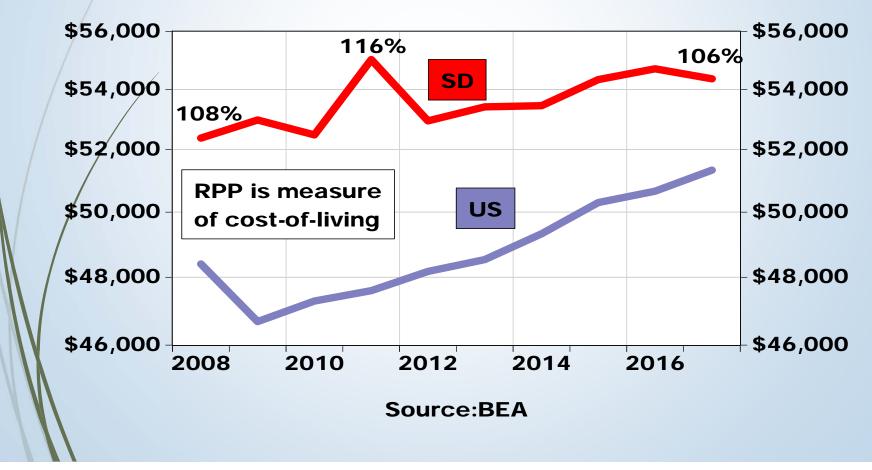
# SD is Gaining on US

#### **REAL GDP PER CAPITA**



### Cost-of-Living Adjusted Real GDP

#### **REAL GDP ADJUSTED FOR RPP**



# Mid-American States Leading Indicators - GOSS

2018 Index > 50 Growth - September Overall 50.4 New Orders 54.6 Sales 50.1 Delivery lead time 48.7 Inventories 49.0 Employment 49.7

#### **Goss Comments**

Over the past 12 months, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, South Dakota employers increased the hourly work week by 0.4 percent, equal to the regional median, and average hourly pay by 4.1 percent, which was well above the regional median," said Goss.

### Conclusions

SD economy growing at slower pace

SF economy growing at faster rate US economy growing nicely 25% chance of recession

