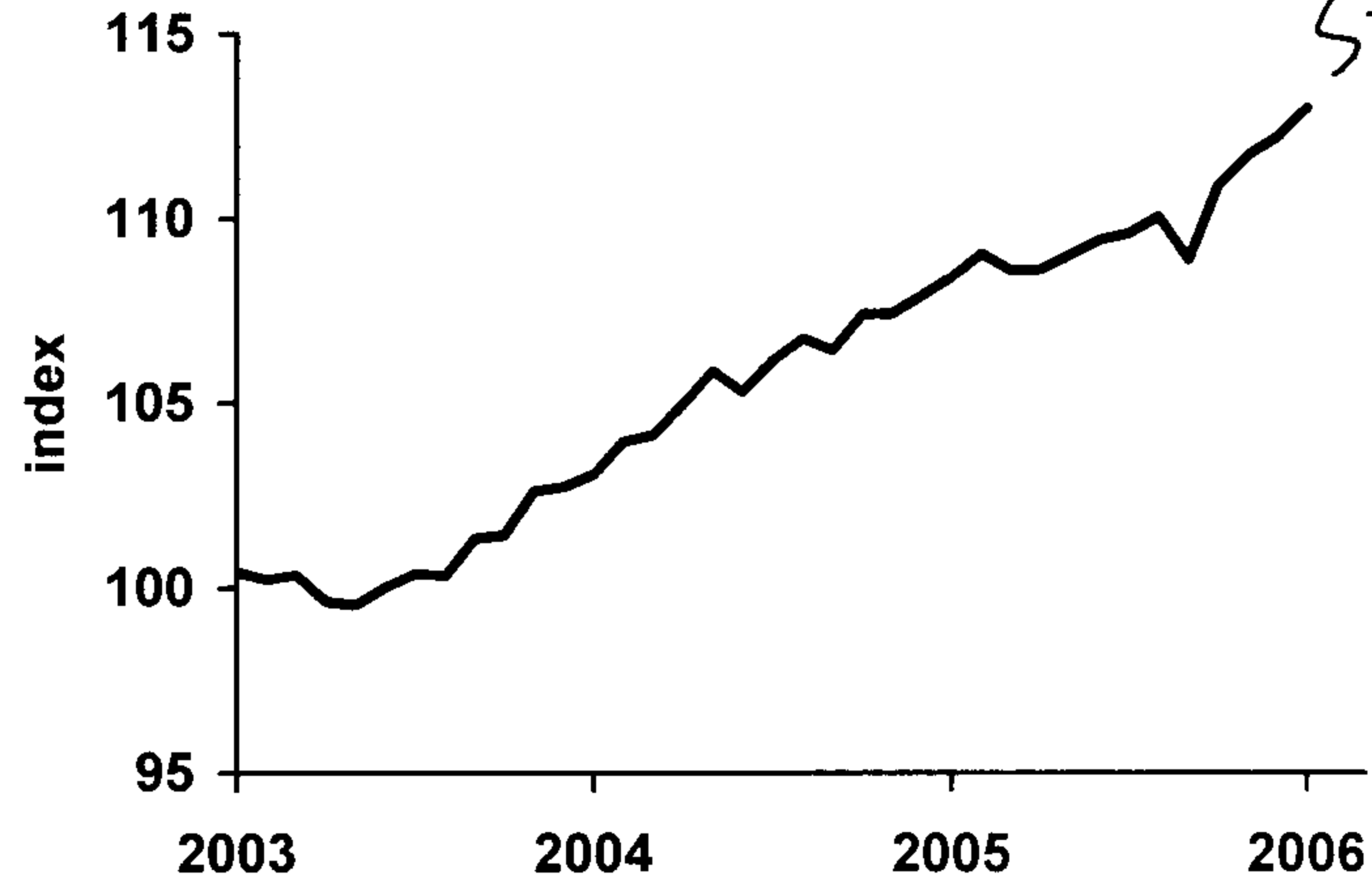


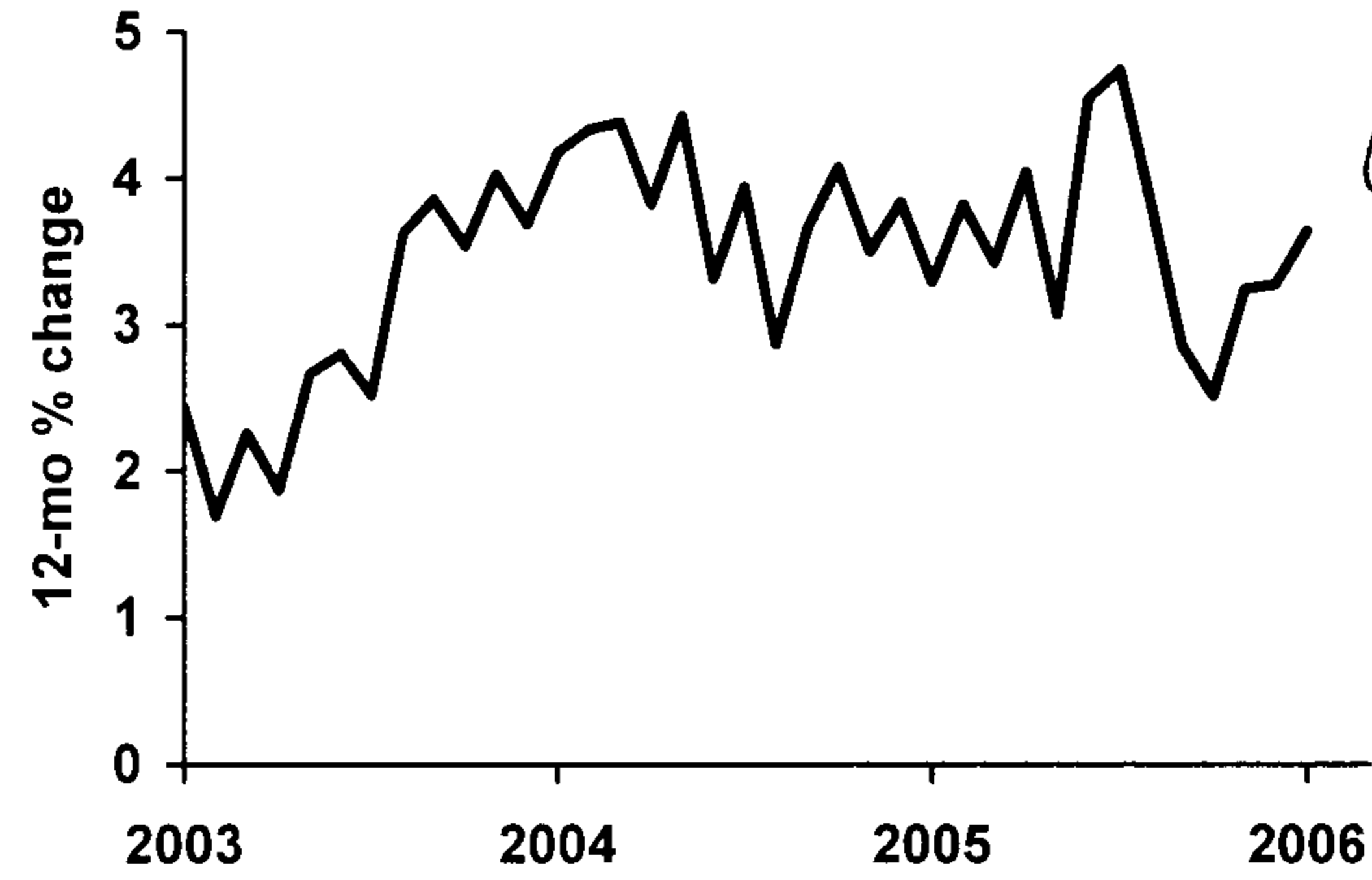
Manufacturing Production



Strong gains in output, though factory jobs not growing

Consumer Spending

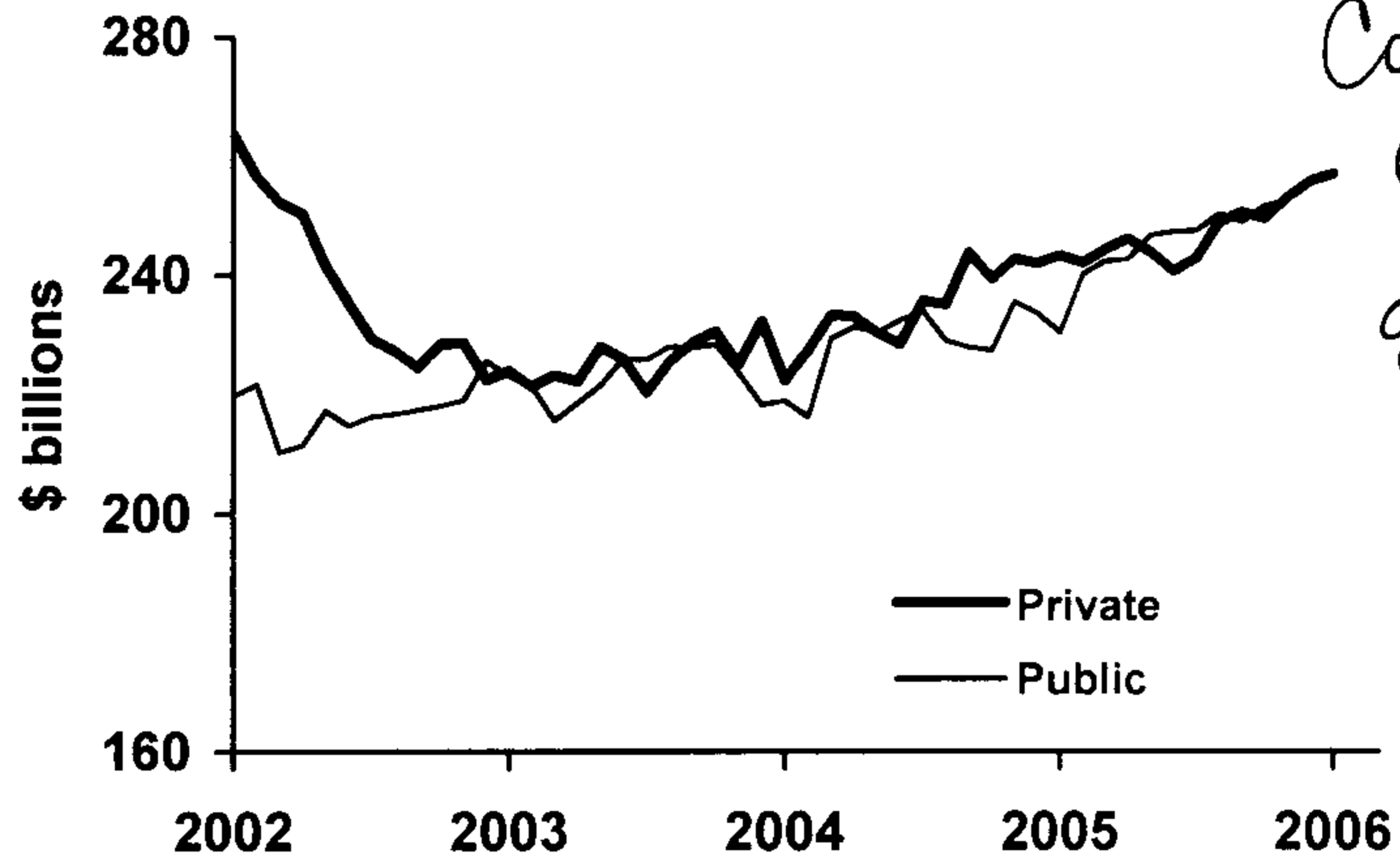
Inflation adjusted



Growth is solid

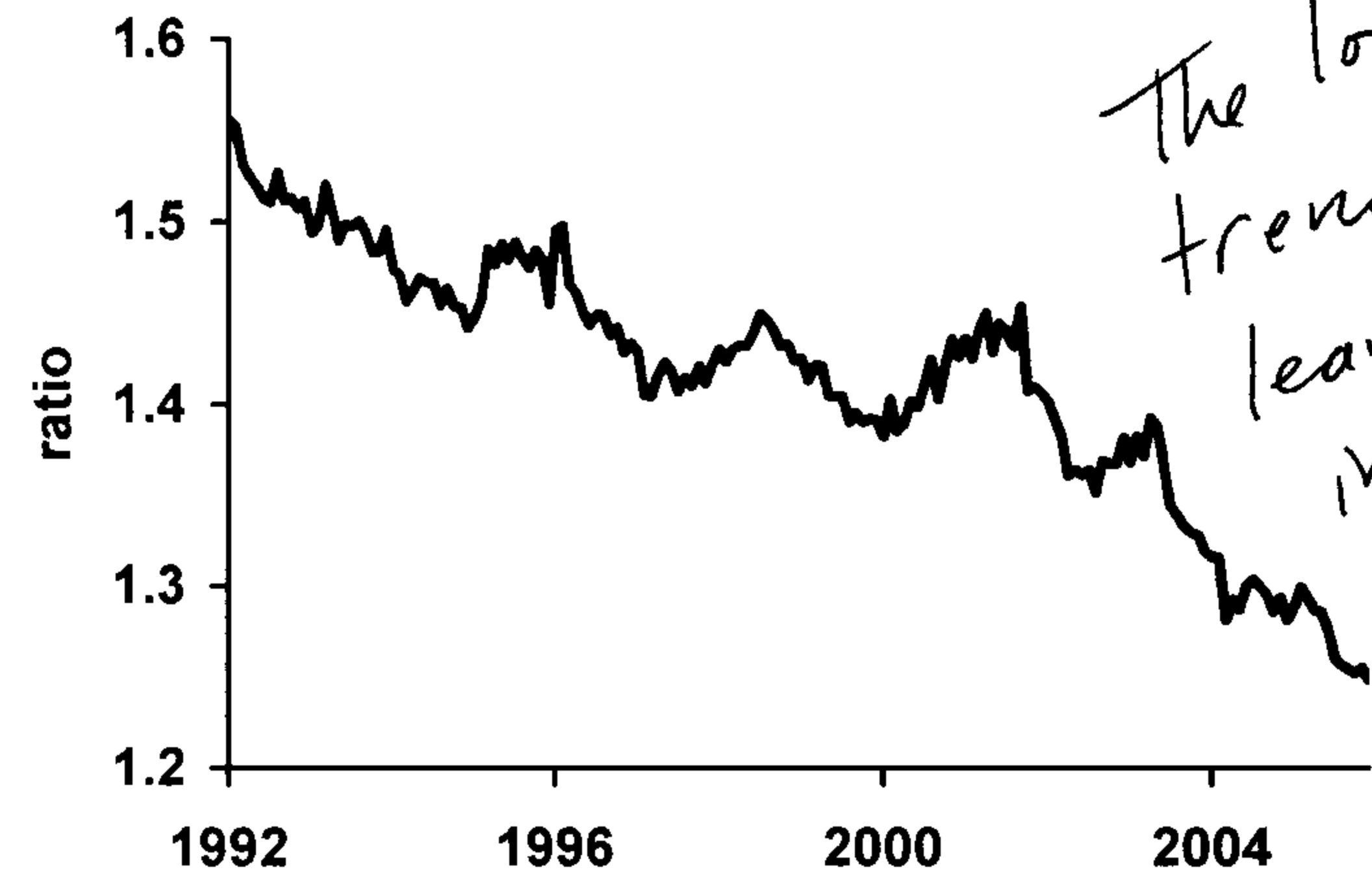
Construction Spending

Non-residential



Commercial construction gaining, with more growth to come

Inventory/Sales Ratio



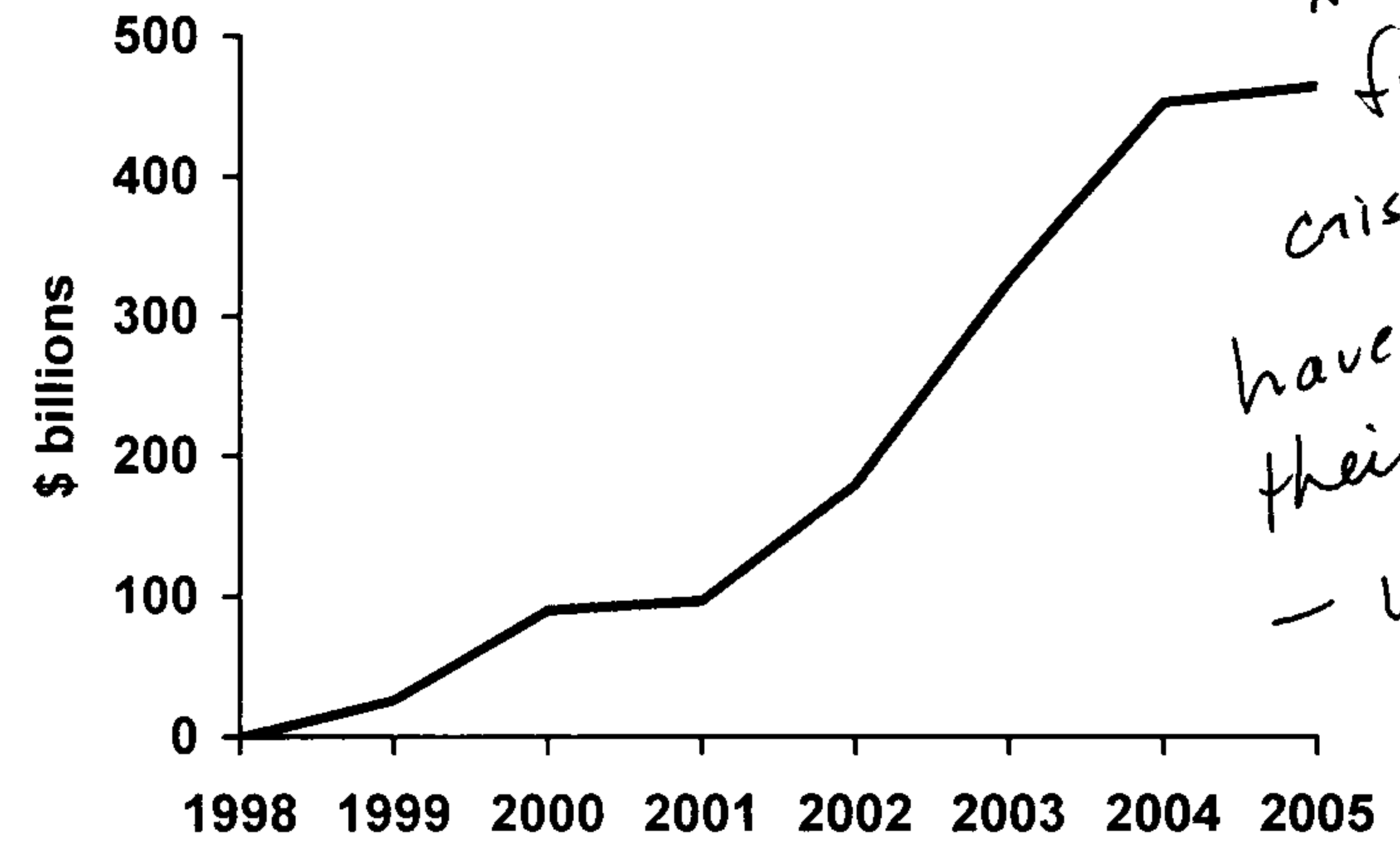
The long-term trend toward leaner inventories continues

State & Local Gov't Revenues
(National Total)



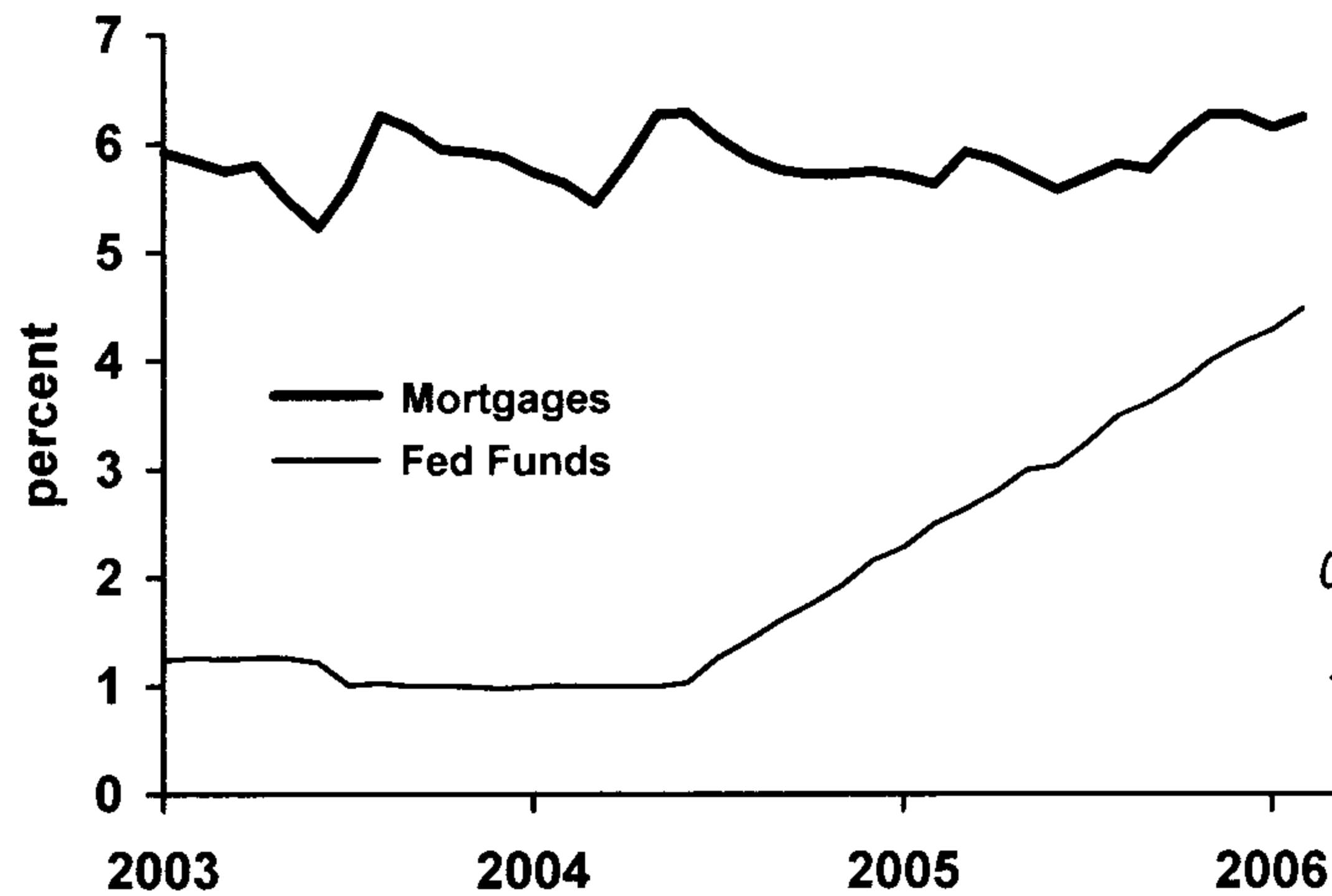
Rolling tax gains

Growth: Central Bank Reserves
Less Developed Countries



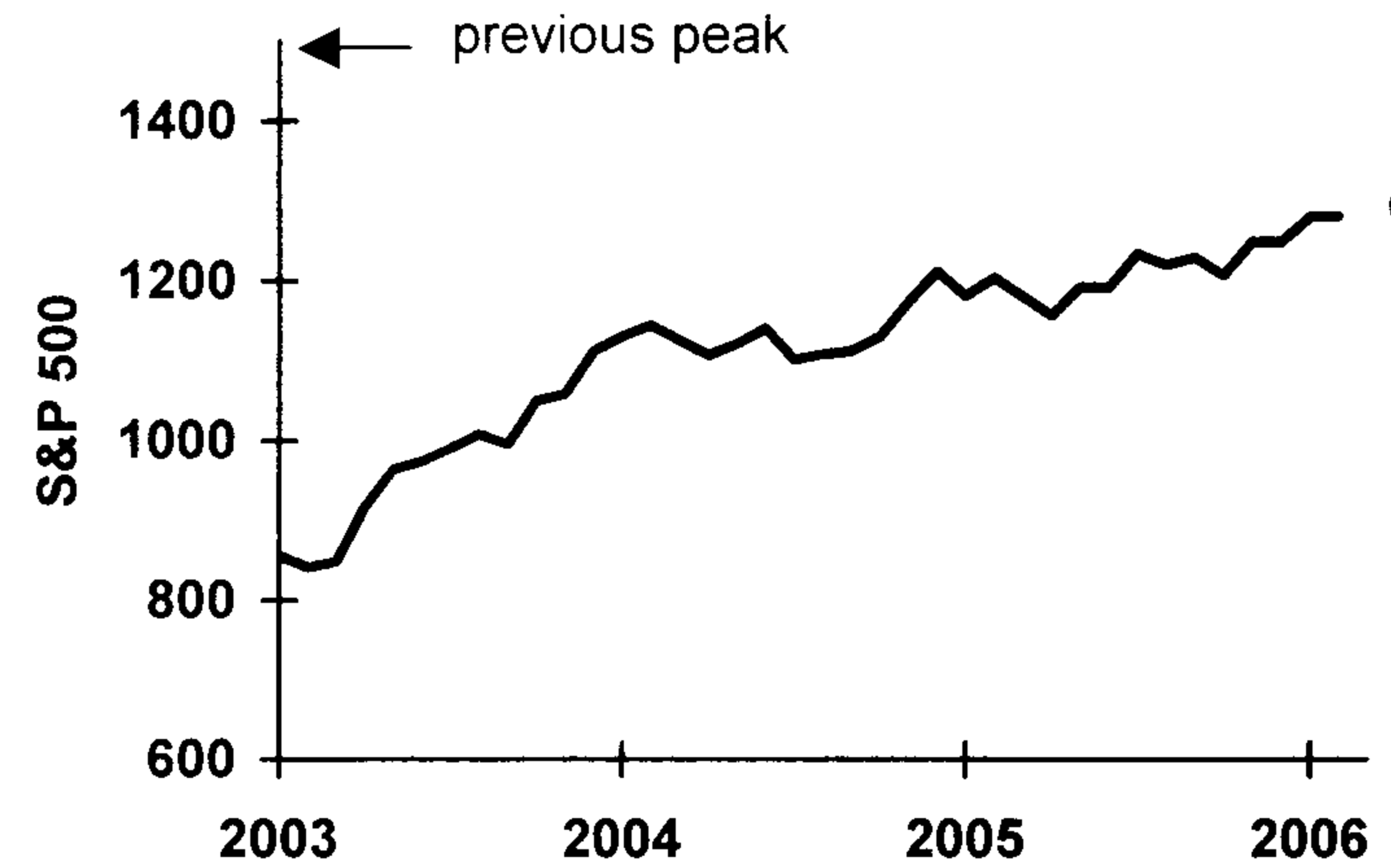
After Asian financial crisis, countries have built up their reserves - which helps lower U.S. interest rates

Interest Rates



But reserve growth won't continue too much longer, and our long-term rates will rise

Stock Market



Steady & dull