New Mexico Economic Conditions
NM now back on U.S. economic cycle
NM recovery began 2-4 quarters after U.S.

Total Nonfarm Employment
Seasonally adjusted

Index: May-06=100

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
NM job gains have far outpaced U.S. over time
First meaningful recession in NM in post-war period

Total Nonfarm Employment
Seasonally adjusted

Index: Jan-50=100

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Retail sales confirm the recent bottom in hiring

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, NM Dept. of Revenue
Unemployment rate collapsed in past 3 months
reported as drop in number of persons unemployed (bad data?)

Unemployment Rate
Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Similar pattern in jobless rate for metros
Santa Fe remains the lowest among the metros

Unemployment Rate by NM Metropolitan Area
Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
...but sluggishness in jobless claims is troubling
does not confirm the recent drop in the jobless rate

**Initial Unemployment Claims**
Seasonally Adjusted, monthly avg. of weekly claims

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor
NM residential building permits down 80%... matching the U.S. decline

Source: Census Bureau
...metro home permits following state trend

Residential Building Permits by NM Metropolitan Area
Seasonally Adjusted, Single- and Multi-Family

Source: Census Bureau
...residential construction values off 80% too

Value of Residential Construction Contracts
Seasonally Adjusted

Source: F.W. Dodge
Nonresidential construction is well off peaks from 2006-07 building surge

Value of Nonresidential Construction Contracts
Seasonally Adjusted

Index: May-06=100

Source: F.W. Dodge
NM housing price cycle has tracked U.S. closely

...both up and down

Source: FHFA
Little variation in housing prices across NM

Source: FHFA
Home prices more stable in non-metro areas of NM

FHFA Housing Price Index by Nonmetropolitan Area
Seasonally Adjusted

Source: FHFA
Energy continues to provide a boost
despite weak natural gas prices

Crude Oil and Natural Gas Prices
West Texas Intermediate Crude, Henry Hub Natural Gas Spot Price

Source: Bloomberg Energy Services
Drilling expansion resumes
targeted at crude oil

Count of Active Drilling Rigs

Source: Baker-Hughes
Goods sectors remain a key to the recovery

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Construction remains a significant drag
oil and gas a significant boost

Goods-Producing Nonfarm Employment
Seasonally Adjusted

Index: May-06=100

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Government is acting as a constraint on growth
largely state and local, not federal

Government Employment by Type of Govt.
Seasonally Adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Key cyclical sectors have turned but recent weakness in hospitality

Service Sector Nonfarm Employment
Seasonally Adjusted

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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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