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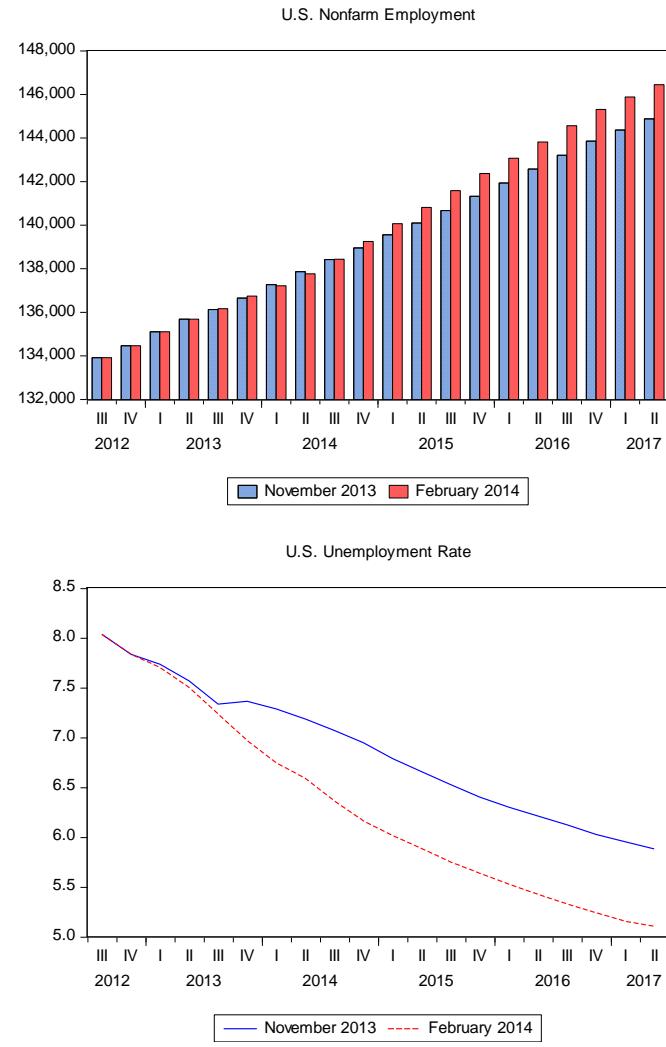
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The National Economic Estimating Conference met on February 12, 2014, and adopted the IHS Global Insight baseline forecast. Since the last conference, there have been no major revisions to the economic data. New fourth quarter data suggest that economic conditions had improved better than initially anticipated; however, more recent data releases show mixed results and introduce the possibility of a temporary weakening largely related to the weather. Ignoring this noise, the overall economic outlook for the U.S. economy continues to improve, with many of the underlying variables strengthening since the November 2013 conference. In addition, the economic drag caused by the federal shutdown and uncertainty regarding the outcome of the budget and debt ceiling debates has subsided.

According to the advance estimate, real gross domestic product (GDP) grew at an annualized rate of 3.2 percent during the fourth quarter. Strong consumer expenditures on services, inventory buildup and exports buoyed declining government expenditures. In total, GDP is expected to grow 2.6 percent in Fiscal Year 2013-14, 2.8 percent in Fiscal Year 2014-15 and 3.4 percent in Fiscal Year 2015-16.

After matching last year's 1.6 percent growth this fiscal year, job growth should average around 2 percent per annum over the next several years. Similarly, the unemployment rate continues to show improvement. During the fourth quarter, the unemployment rate declined to 7.0 percent and bested the November estimate of 7.4 percent, by 40 basis points. Although some of the decrease in the unemployment was the result of job creation, a lot of the decrease stemmed from fewer workers participating in the labor force. From a long-term perspective, the unemployment rate will continue its downward trend over the next several years, eventually reaching a new steady state of around 5 percent.

Housing starts were quite robust during the fourth quarter, growing at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of just over 1.0 million units. Recent weather conditions have introduced some uncertainty into the near-term forecast. The estimate for the first quarter of 2014 shows starts decreasing 1.1 percent. However, this softening is only temporary as the new forecast mimics annual growth patterns similar to the November forecast.



For the time being, there does not appear to be any significant changes to U.S. monetary policy. The trajectory of the Federal Funds Rate shows a gradual increase in rate hikes over the next several years, finally reaching three percent in Fiscal Year 2016-17. In concert with this short-term policy, IHS expects that the Federal Reserve will taper the pace of bond purchases over the next several months and eventually stop purchases altogether by the end of 2014 --- assuming the economy remains healthy.

Lastly, before tax corporate profits increased 13.4 percent on an annualized basis to \$2.4 trillion in the fourth quarter. The immediate outlook for corporate profits continues to be optimistic, as profits should grow by 10.5 percent in Fiscal Year 2013-14 and 6.0 percent in Fiscal Year 2014-15 before flattening out in subsequent years.

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	Quarterly Observations (annualized percent change, prior quarter)														End of Fiscal Year Observations (% ch. prior yr.)						
	2012Q3	2012Q4	2013Q1	2013Q2	2013Q3	2013Q4	2014Q1	2014Q2	2014Q3	2014Q4	2015Q1	2015Q2	2015Q3	2015Q4	2016Q1	2016Q2	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
10. Housing Starts (Millions Of Units), Nov 2013	0.781	0.896	0.957	0.869	0.893	0.928	1.007	1.078	1.157	1.241	1.324	1.410	1.501	1.527	1.551	1.567	0.876	0.977	1.283	1.536	1.586
Control, Feb 2014	0.781	0.896	0.957	0.869	0.882	1.002	0.999	1.091	1.176	1.268	1.344	1.441	1.525	1.568	1.588	1.605	0.876	0.993	1.307	1.572	1.629
Percent Change, Nov 2013	23.8	73.2	30.1	-32.2	11.7	16.9	38.5	31.4	32.6	32.2	29.5	28.8	28.5	6.9	6.4	4.4	27.6	11.5	31.4	19.8	3.2
Control, Feb 2014	23.8	73.2	30.1	-32.2	6.4	66.1	-1.1	42.3	35.2	35.3	25.9	32.2	25.5	11.7	5.3	4.2	27.6	13.4	31.6	20.2	3.6
11. New Light Vehicle Sales (Millions Of Units), Nov 2013	14.4	14.9	15.3	15.5	15.7	15.7	15.7	15.8	15.8	15.9	16.0	16.1	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.5	15.0	15.7	15.9	16.4	16.6
Control, Feb 2014	14.4	14.9	15.3	15.5	15.7	15.6	15.6	16.2	16.1	16.1	16.2	16.4	16.4	16.6	16.7	16.7	15.0	15.8	16.2	16.6	16.7
Percent Change, Nov 2013	5.5	14.2	9.1	5.9	4.9	0.4	-0.6	2.6	2.3	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.6	4.1	3.0	1.4	10.5	4.4	1.7	2.7	1.3
Control, Feb 2014	5.5	14.2	9.1	5.9	5.0	-1.8	1.3	14.6	-1.9	0.7	2.8	2.7	2.4	4.4	0.9	1.3	10.5	5.0	2.8	2.5	0.8

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	End of Fiscal Year Observations (% ch. prior yr.)											
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
10. Standard & Poor's Index, Nov 2013												
Control, Feb 2014	1,486.2	1,686.9	1,742.8	1,819.1	1,888.5	1,947.0	2,013.6	2,084.4	2,155.6	2,214.0	2,277.8	NA
Percent Change, Nov 2013	15.4	13.5	3.3	4.4	3.8	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.4	2.7	2.9	NA
Control, Feb 2014	15.4	19.2	5.4	4.3	3.8	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.4	2.7	2.9	2.9
11. Consumer Sentiment Index, Nov 2013												
Control, Feb 2014	78.2	78.3	84.5	87.7	87.2	87.9	88.4	88.7	87.1	87.2	87.5	NA
Percent Change, Nov 2013	13.2	0.2	7.9	3.8	-0.6	0.8	0.6	0.3	-1.8	0.1	0.3	NA
Control, Feb 2014	13.2	3.5	8.2	4.9	-1.4	-0.9	-0.3	0.1	-2.4	0.0	0.4	1.1
12. Index, Real Gdp-Major Trade Partners, Nov 2013												
Control, Feb 2014	106.3	108.1	110.1	112.5	114.9	117.3	119.7	122.1	124.5	126.9	129.3	NA
Percent Change, Nov 2013	0.6	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	NA
Control, Feb 2014	0.6	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
13. Trade-Weighted Exchange Rate, Nov 2013												
Control, Feb 2014	96.0	98.8	99.7	99.4	98.9	98.6	98.2	97.8	97.4	97.3	97.3	NA
Percent Change, Nov 2013	96.1	98.9	101.1	100.1	100.2	100.0	99.6	99.2	98.9	98.8	98.8	98.8
Control, Feb 2014	3.3	2.9	0.9	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	NA
	3.4	2.8	2.3	-1.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0

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10. Fixed Residential Investment, Nov 2013	463.3	521.1	605.7	685.2	700.2	688.9	693.7	701.0	698.1	690.0	689.3	NA
Control, Feb 2014	463.3	506.4	599.0	686.1	702.5	687.6	689.7	698.7	696.0	685.4	684.3	687.5
Percent Change, Nov 2013	14.3	12.5	16.2	13.1	2.2	-1.6	0.7	1.0	-0.4	-1.2	-0.1	NA
Control, Feb 2014	14.3	9.3	18.3	14.5	2.4	-2.1	0.3	1.3	-0.4	-1.5	-0.2	0.5
11. Inventory Investment, Nov 2013	45.8	47.2	51.5	51.1	40.8	45.6	43.8	41.9	37.6	40.5	47.9	NA
Control, Feb 2014	45.8	99.7	54.7	58.0	48.8	43.3	38.7	41.9	41.0	41.2	47.1	50.2
12. Government Spending, Nov 2013	2,934.9	2,890.1	2,899.8	2,896.9	2,904.3	2,920.6	2,939.9	2,961.3	2,976.8	2,991.9	3,008.0	NA
Control, Feb 2014	2,934.9	2,882.5	2,892.5	2,899.6	2,912.7	2,932.7	2,953.5	2,975.7	2,993.5	3,011.4	3,030.4	3,048.1
Percent Change, Nov 2013	-1.2	-1.5	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	NA
Control, Feb 2014	-1.2	-1.8	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
13. Net Exports, Nov 2013	-423.8	-431.4	-467.4	-465.9	-425.8	-369.7	-293.6	-208.6	-118.8	-30.2	59.2	NA
Control, Feb 2014	-423.8	-384.3	-428.0	-469.9	-461.6	-426.9	-356.7	-264.2	-170.0	-93.7	-30.1	40.2

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10. Housing Starts (Millions Of Units), Nov 2013	0.876	0.977	1.283	1.536	1.586	1.580	1.608	1.615	1.578	1.539	1.525	NA
Control, Feb 2014	0.876	0.993	1.307	1.572	1.629	1.606	1.627	1.636	1.594	1.549	1.534	1.531
Percent Change, Nov 2013	27.6	11.5	31.4	19.8	3.2	-0.4	1.8	0.4	-2.3	-2.4	-0.9	NA
Control, Feb 2014	27.6	13.4	31.6	20.2	3.6	-1.4	1.3	0.6	-2.6	-2.9	-0.9	-0.2
11. New Light Vehicle Sales (Millions Of Units), Nov 2013	15.0	15.7	15.9	16.4	16.6	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.2	16.2	NA
Control, Feb 2014	15.0	15.8	16.2	16.6	16.7	16.6	16.5	16.5	16.4	16.4	16.4	16.4
Percent Change, Nov 2013	10.5	4.4	7.7	2.7	1.3	-0.6	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	NA
Control, Feb 2014	10.5	5.0	2.8	2.5	0.8	-0.7	-0.8	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.2	0.1

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10. Fixed Residential Investment, Nov 2013	479.0	559.0	667.1	775.4	813.6	820.9	847.3	877.8	896.9	909.7	932.5	NA
Control, Feb 2014	479.0	553.7	676.1	792.8	833.8	837.7	862.4	897.1	917.6	927.4	949.7	978.4
Percent Change, Nov 2013	17.6	16.7	19.3	16.2	4.9	0.9	3.2	3.6	2.2	1.4	2.5	NA
Control, Feb 2014	17.6	15.6	22.1	17.3	5.2	0.5	3.0	4.0	2.3	1.1	2.4	3.0
11. Inventory Investment, Nov 2013	58.8	53.4	58.9	59.2	47.7	53.4	51.6	49.9	45.4	49.3	58.6	NA
Control, Feb 2014	58.8	118.7	62.2	66.6	56.3	50.3	45.0	49.2	48.8	49.5	56.9	61.2
12. Government Spending, Nov 2013	3,147.6	3,142.2	3,206.6	3,266.0	3,343.7	3,434.4	3,529.5	3,630.9	3,729.7	3,830.5	3,935.1	NA
Control, Feb 2014	3,147.6	3,133.8	3,200.3	3,268.7	3,351.1	3,445.5	3,543.0	3,645.5	3,747.0	3,851.3	3,959.2	4,068.9
Percent Change, Nov 2013	-0.4	-0.2	2.1	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	NA
Control, Feb 2014	-0.4	-0.4	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
13. Net Exports, Nov 2013	-518.1	-517.2	-538.9	-549.9	-528.4	-499.7	-447.2	-381.0	-305.3	-227.2	-147.5	NA
Control, Feb 2014	-518.1	-450.9	-448.5	-482.0	-484.3	-470.9	-425.3	-351.4	-271.3	-211.0	-165.3	-110.3