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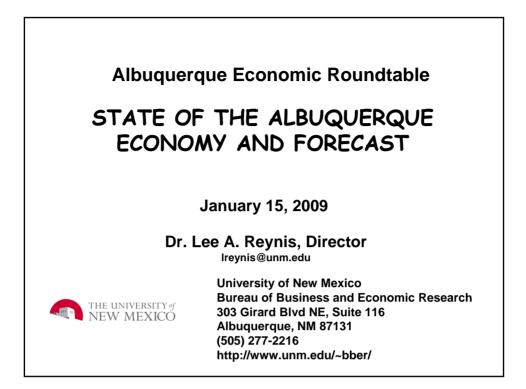
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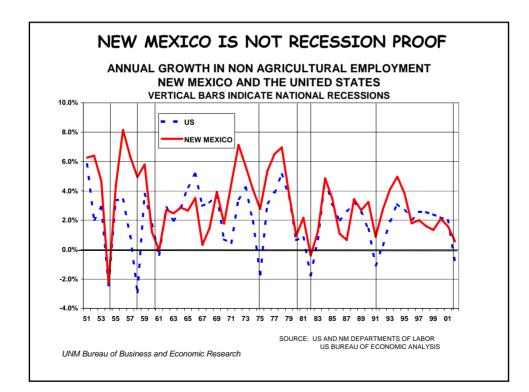
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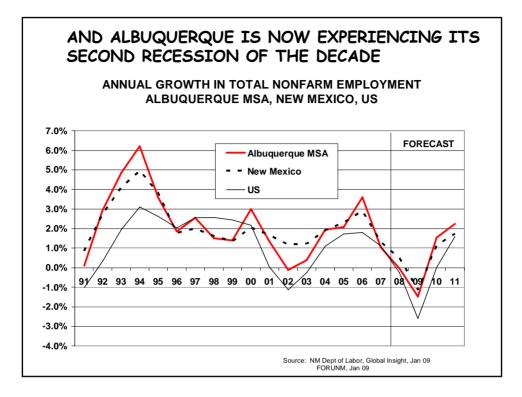
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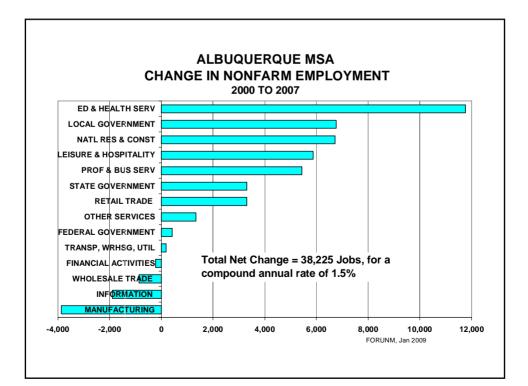
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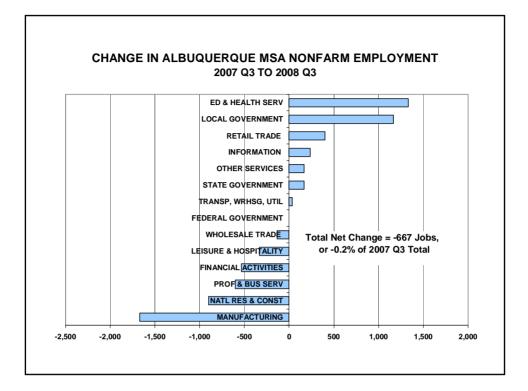
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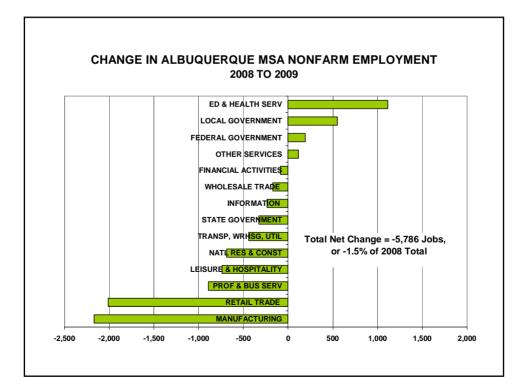


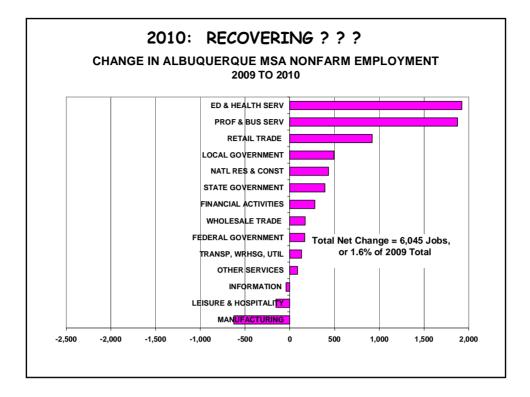


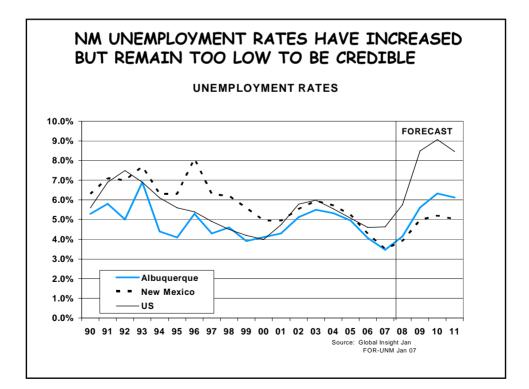










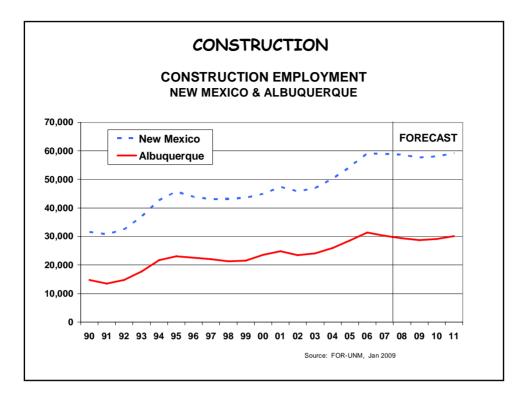


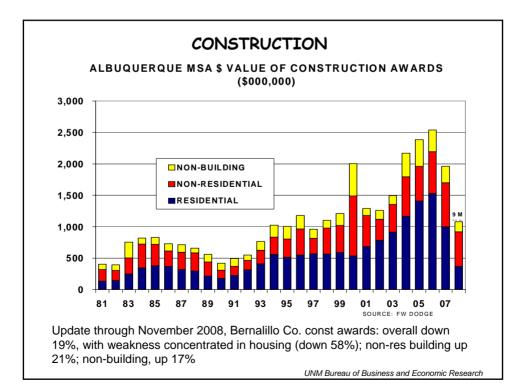
TAKING A LOOK AT KEY SECTORS

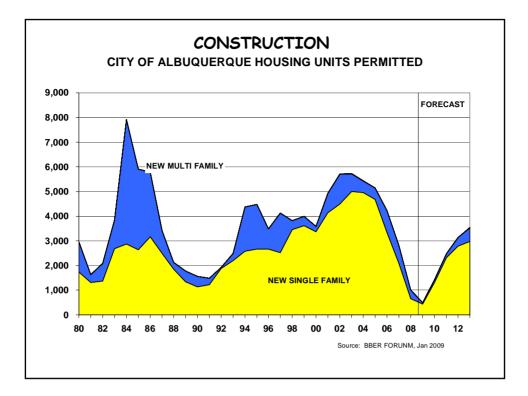
PERCENT COMPOSITION OF NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT, 2007 ALBUQUERQUE MSA, NEW MEXICO, US

	Albuquerque MSA		New Mexico	United States (1,000's)		
		%		%	(1,000 S)	%
Natural Resources & Mining	а		19,400	2.30	723	0.53
Construction	30,300	7.66	58,900	6.99	7,616	5.53
Manufacturing	23,700	5.99	37,100	4.40	13,883	10.09
Wholesale Trade	13,300	3.36	23,800	2.82	6,028	4.38
Retail Trade	44,700	11.30	95,700	11.35	15,487	11.25
Trans, Warehousing and Utilities	10,900	2.76	24,900	2.95	5,090	3.70
Information	9,200	2.33	15,800	1.87	3,029	2.20
Financial Activities	19,200	4.85	35,300	4.19	8,310	6.04
Professional and Business Services	64,200	16.23	108,600	12.88	17,966	13.05
Educational and Health Services	49,100	12.41	111,400	13.21	18,327	13.32
Leisure and Hospitality	39,500	9.98	87,900	10.42	13,470	9.79
Other Services	12,300	3.11	29,500	3.50	5,491	3.99
Federal Government	14,500	3.67	30,300	3.59	2,727	1.98
State Government	25,500	6.45	59,500	7.06	5,125	3.72
Local Government	39,400	9.96	105,100	12.46	14,349	10.43
Total Nonfarm Employment a Combined with construction.	395,600	100.00	843,200	100.00	137,618	100.00 -

Source: New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, US Bureau of Labor Statistics

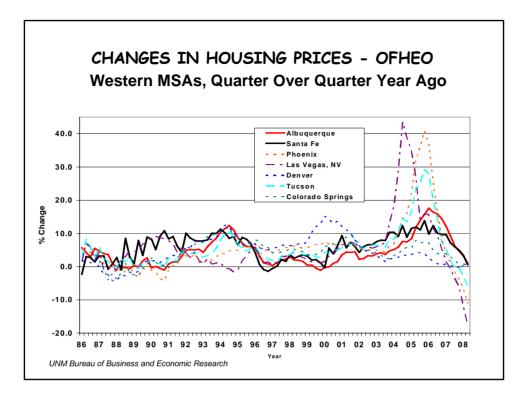


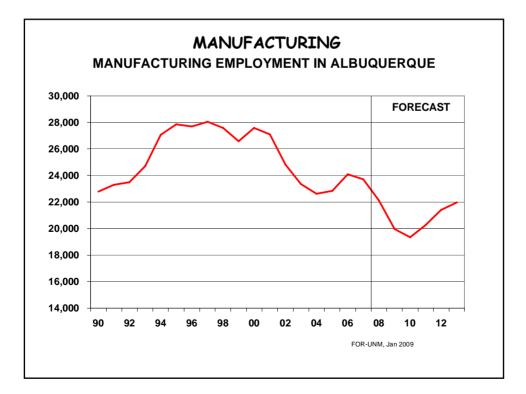


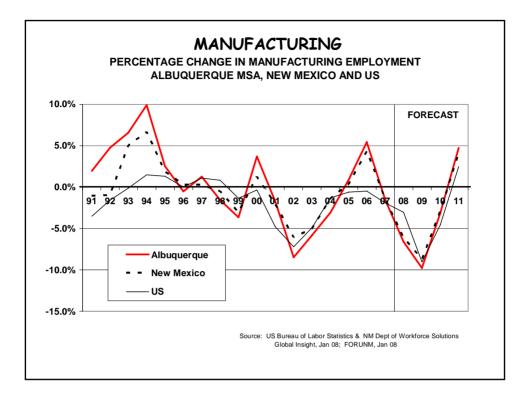


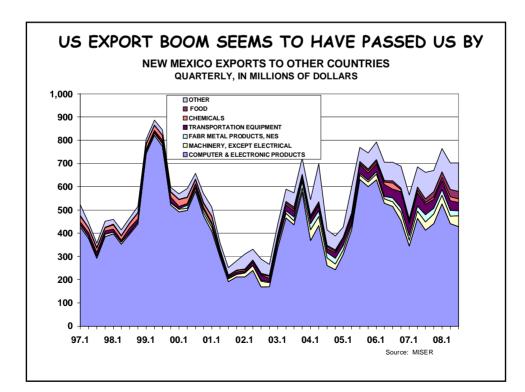
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	Sales in December				Sales Year-to-Date					
Class		2008		2007	% chg		2008		2007	% chg
R1		412		516	-20.2%					
R2		52		51	- 2.0%					
Total		474		567	-16.4%		7,644		10,671	-28.4%
	Average Price, Sept. 08					Median Price, Sept. 08				
Class		2008		2007	% chg		2008		2007	% chg
R1	\$	218.633	\$	240,602	- 9.1%	\$	179,900	\$	200,000	-10.1%
R2	\$	166,349	\$	171,535	- 3.1%	\$	164,000	\$	145,000	-13.1%

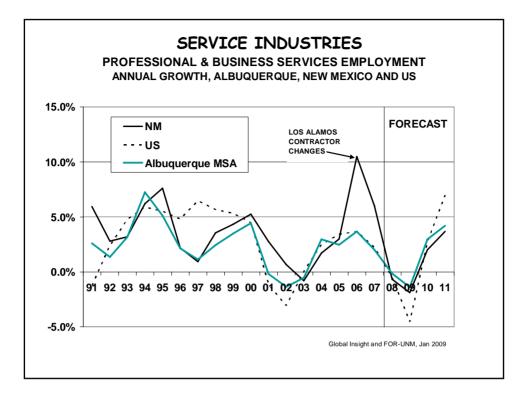
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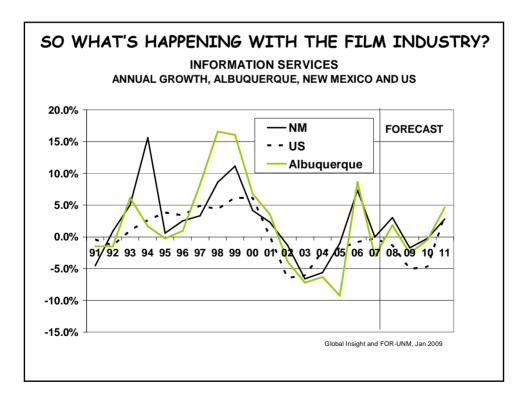


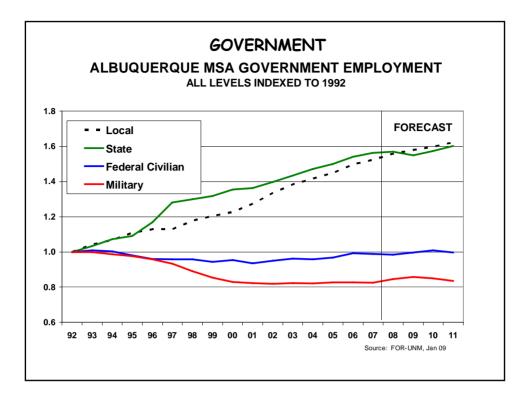


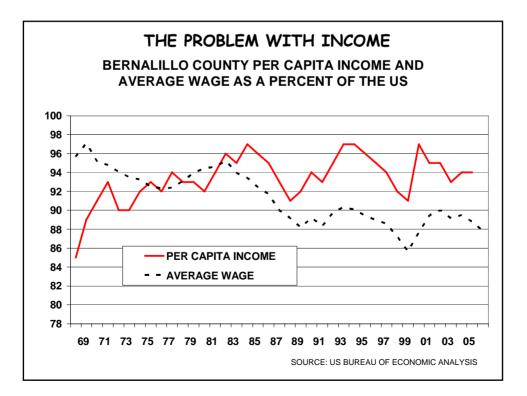


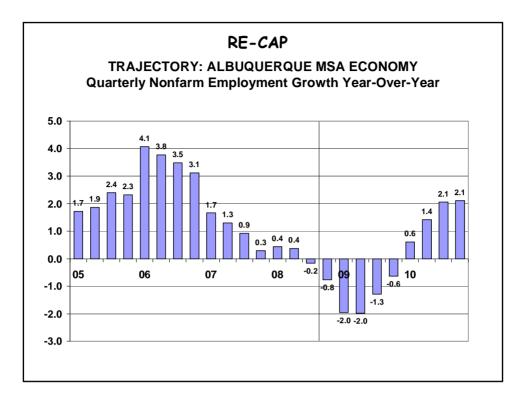












ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR ALBUQUERQUE

The Albuquerque economy has been on a continuous slide since the first quarter of 2006, with year-over-year growth now negative. The first half of 2009 should see employment shrink by two percent over the same period a year ago. Thereafter things begin to improve, although employment continues to be less than a year earlier until the first quarter of 2010. The length and depth of the current recession is unprecedented in recent history.

Albuquerque's downturn preceded that of many communities around the country. Albuquerque was hit by layoffs at Intel just as housing activity began to fall off and major non-residential construction projects to wind down. While housing has been hit very hard, with housing prices currently in decline, Albuquerque was late in getting into the frenzy now recognized as a housing bubble and has been spared the severity of adjustment pains experienced by other major western cities like Las Vegas, Phoenix and Tucson. Albuquerque has been affected by the financial turmoil and the seizing up of credit markets. Planned investments have been put only hold. Potential difficulties in raising capital, whether to meet cash-flow needs or for planned expansions, pose a serious downside risk to any forecast.

Health care services continues to lead in terms of job growth, with strong performance also by local government (tribal: casinos and associated). Major new employers include Fidelity Investments, Hewlett Packard (technical support), & Schott (solar equipment mfg).

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