

An aerial photograph of a volcanic eruption. In the foreground, a dark, jagged lava flow moves across the landscape, with bright orange and red lava visible within its channels. In the background, a large volcano is erupting, sending a massive, billowing plume of white and grey smoke into the sky. The scene is dramatic and powerful, capturing the raw energy of the earth.

Shocks, stocks, and underperformance

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- Briefly revisit overtourism: revenues, not arrivals; management and governance
- Review/update past years' PATA/TTRA observations on lodging, seats, currencies
- Natural disasters and risk-adjusted returns
- Macroeconomic wrap-up



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Hawai'i Visitor Statistics Released for 2018

HONOLULU – Visitors to the Hawaiian Islands spent \$17.82 billion¹ in 2018, an increase of 6.8 percent compared to 2017, according to preliminary year-end statistics released today by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Spending by visitors generated \$2.08 billion in state tax revenue in 2018, an increase of \$133.1 million (+6.8%) from 2017.

Additionally, 217,000 jobs² statewide were supported by Hawai'i's tourism industry in 2018, up 6.8 percent from 2017.

In 2018, visitor spending increased from the U.S. West (+9.1% to \$6.64 billion), U.S. East (+8.1% to \$4.57 billion), Japan (+2.1% to \$2.31 billion), Canada (+5.6% to \$1.10 billion) and All Other International Markets (+4.5% to \$3.17 billion) compared to 2017.

On a statewide level, average daily visitor spending was up (+1.4% to \$201 per person) in 2018 versus 2017. Visitors from Canada (+4.0%), Japan (+3.0%), U.S. East (+1.5%), U.S. West (+1.2%) and All Other International Markets (+1.1%) spent more per day in 2018 versus 2017.

A total of 9,954,548 visitors came to Hawai'i in 2018, an increase of 5.9 percent from the 9,404,346 visitors in 2017. Total visitor days³ rose 5.3 percent in 2018. On average, there were 242,629 visitors in the Hawaiian Islands on any given day in 2018, up 5.3 percent from 2017.

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Source:
<https://www.hawaiiitourismauthority.org/media/2974/december-2018-visitor-statistics-press-release-final.pdf>

Helpful footnotes don't really improve economics communication: deflation immaterial absent comparison over time; jobs maxed out

¹ Total visitor spending of \$17.82 billion was in nominal dollar [*sic*] (not adjusted for inflation) and did not include supplemental business expenditures.

In 2018, 2018 dollars were just “dollars;” there was no year-to-year comparison to deflate.

“Visitor spending in 2018 was \$17.82 billion in 2018 dollars.” (clunky)

“...217,000 jobs² statewide were supported by Hawai‘i’s tourism industry [*sic*] in 2018, up 6.8 percent from 2017.”

² The number of jobs supported (direct, indirect and induced)

No doubt tourism supported its customary share of economy-wide jobs but, at full employment without net in-migration (Hawaii’s was *negative* in 2018), jobs could not have risen 6.8 percent: at full employment, *by definition*, everybody already has a job. (In *general* equilibrium, wages relative to rental rates on capital change, changing factor intensities through factor migration.)



Once and for all: calculating the *real* change in visitor expenditure

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2008													228.861	227.334	230.387
2009													230.048	228.070	232.026
2010													234.869	233.822	235.916
2011													243.622	241.902	245.342
2012													249.474	248.646	250.303
2013													253.924	253.202	254.646
2014													257.589	255.989	259.190
2015													260.165	257.848	262.482
2016													265.283	264.038	266.528
2017											274.346		272.014	270.738	273.290
2018	273.909		275.408		276.359		277.389		279.113		279.700		277.078	275.196	278.960



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1 DECEMBER 2018 ARRIVALS AT A GLANCE

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1	DECEMBER 2018 ARRIVALS AT A GLANCE														
2															
3	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (\$mil.)	2018P	2017	% change	2018P YTD	2017 YTD	% change								
4	TOTAL EXPENDITURES (\$mil.)	1,606.0	1,664.1	-3.5	17,824.8	16,684.2	6.8								
5	Total by air	1,599.8	1,659.5	-3.6	17,778.6	16,637.8	6.9								
6	U.S. West	629.2	613.5	2.6	6,636.8	6,080.7	9.1								
7	U.S. East	431.5	433.4	-0.4	4,565.9	4,225.0	8.1								
8	Japan	185.6	177.1	4.8	2,310.1	2,262.5	2.1								
9	Canada	135.2	136.6	-1.0	1,095.9	1,037.7	5.6								
10	All Others	218.3	298.9	-26.9	3,169.9	3,031.9	4.5								
11	Visitor arrivals by cruise ships	6.2	4.6	36.7	46.2	46.4	-0.5								
12															
13	TOTAL VISITOR DAYS	8,457,866	8,308,373	1.8	88,559,739	84,065,784	5.3								
14	Total by air	8,386,769	8,252,698	1.6	88,009,317	83,506,498	5.4								
15	U.S. West	3,619,261	3,417,319	5.9	37,606,328	34,854,624	7.9								
16	U.S. East	2,075,377	2,001,748	3.7	21,447,470	20,144,049	6.5								
17	Japan	782,093	757,247	3.3	9,365,937	9,447,795	-0.9								
18	Canada	871,673	899,968	-3.1	6,571,558	6,468,689	1.6								
19	All Others	1,038,364	1,176,415	-11.7	13,018,024	12,591,341	3.4								
20	Visitor arrivals by cruise ships	71,097	55,675	27.7	550,421	559,285	-1.6								
21															
22	VISITOR ARRIVALS	910,060	879,744	3.4	9,954,548	9,404,346	5.9								
23	Total by air	893,369	868,100	2.9	9,827,132	9,277,613	5.9								
24	U.S. West	389,994	360,991	8.0	4,212,058	3,843,780	9.6								
25	U.S. East	200,505	192,358	4.2	2,156,793	1,998,788	7.9								
26	Japan	131,009	125,091	4.7	1,571,298	1,587,781	-1.0								
27	Canada	68,382	69,908	-2.2	533,879	520,062	2.7								
28	All Others	103,479	119,752	-13.6	1,353,103	1,327,202	2.0								
29	Visitor arrivals by cruise ships	16,691	11,644	43.3	127,415	126,733	0.5								
30															
31	AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY	9.29	9.44	-1.6	8.90	8.94	-0.5								
32	Total by air	9.39	9.51	-1.2	8.96	9.00	-0.5								
33	U.S. West	9.28	9.47	-2.0	8.93	9.07	-1.5								
34	U.S. East	10.35	10.41	-0.5	9.94	10.08	-1.3								
35	Japan	5.97	6.05	-1.1	5.96	5.95	0.2								

It's just arithmetic, divide nominal expenditure by CPI, multiply by base period CPI: real Hawaii visitor expenditure grew 4.9% in 2018

$$\frac{17.825}{277.078} * 277.078 = 17.825 \quad (\text{2018 visitor expenditure in 2018\$})$$

$$\frac{16.684}{272.014} * 277.078 = 16.995 \quad (\text{2017 visitor expenditure in 2018\$})$$

$$\text{Real growth rate: } \left(\frac{17.825}{16.995} - 1 \right) * 100 = 4.88\% \quad (\text{"adjusted for inflation"})$$

$$\text{Hawaii inflation 1.9 percent (2018): } 4.9\% + 1.9\% = 6.8\% \quad (\text{nominal growth})$$



Whatchumean 6.8% increase in “jobs supported by tourism industry [*sic*]?”

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Nominal visitor expenditure rose 6.8 percent (4.9 percent, in real terms); did “tourism industry [*ugh*]-supported” jobs rise 6.8 percent? Look it up!

Annual percent changes, 2017 to 2018

Retail Trade	-0.42%	Construction of Buildings	0.91
Clothing & Accessories	-2.65	Special Trade Contractors	-1.93
General Merchandise	-0.70	Financial Activities (FIRE)	3.51
Air Transportation	2.08	Employment Services	8.25
Accommodation	1.20	Ambulatory Health Care Services	4.86
Food Services & Drinking Places	5.77	Hospitals	3.05
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Total private payroll employment	2.05	Total payroll employment	1.65
Total public payroll employment	0.08	(<i>One large labor dispute in Oct.-Nov.</i>)	



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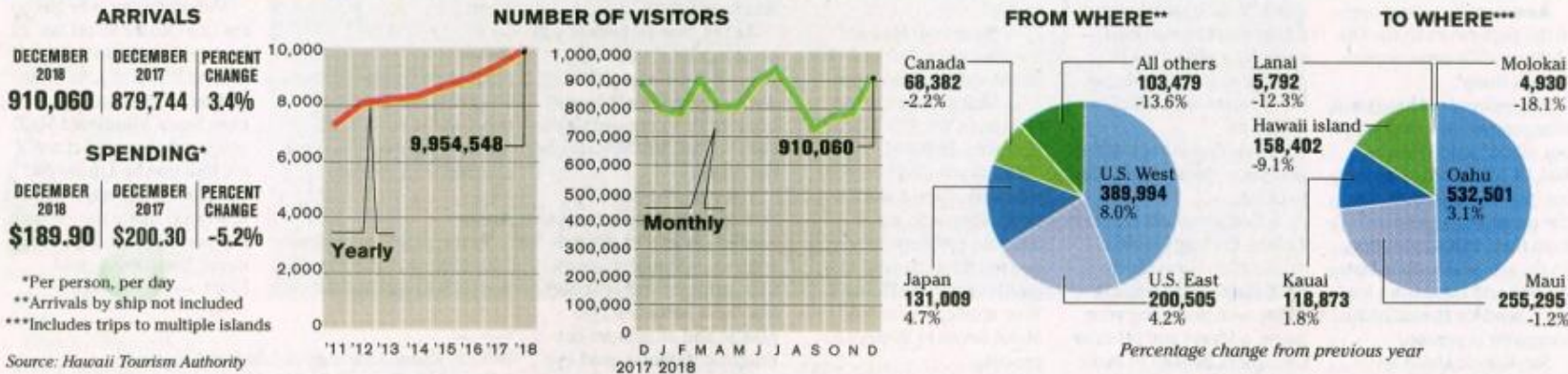
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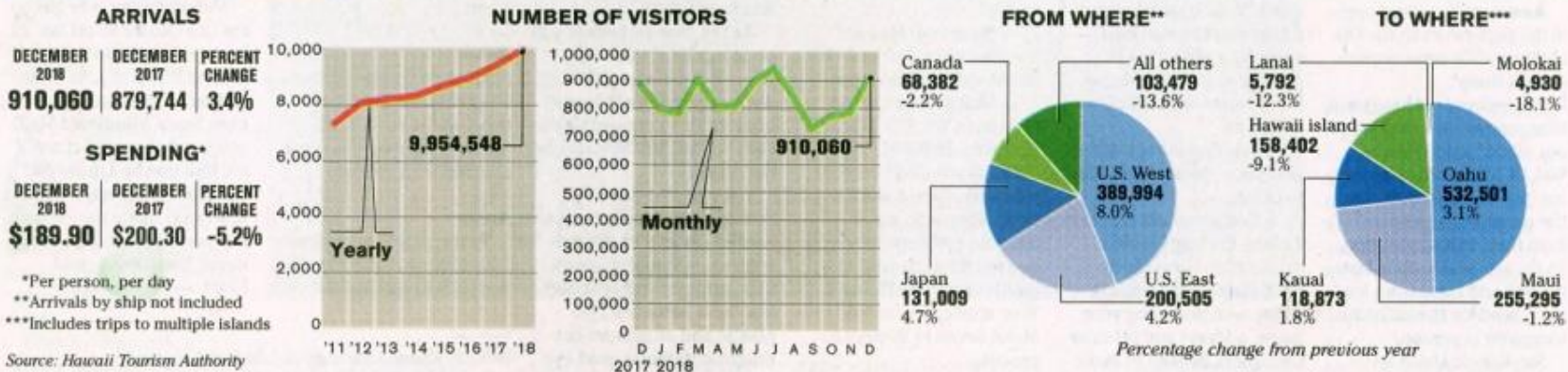
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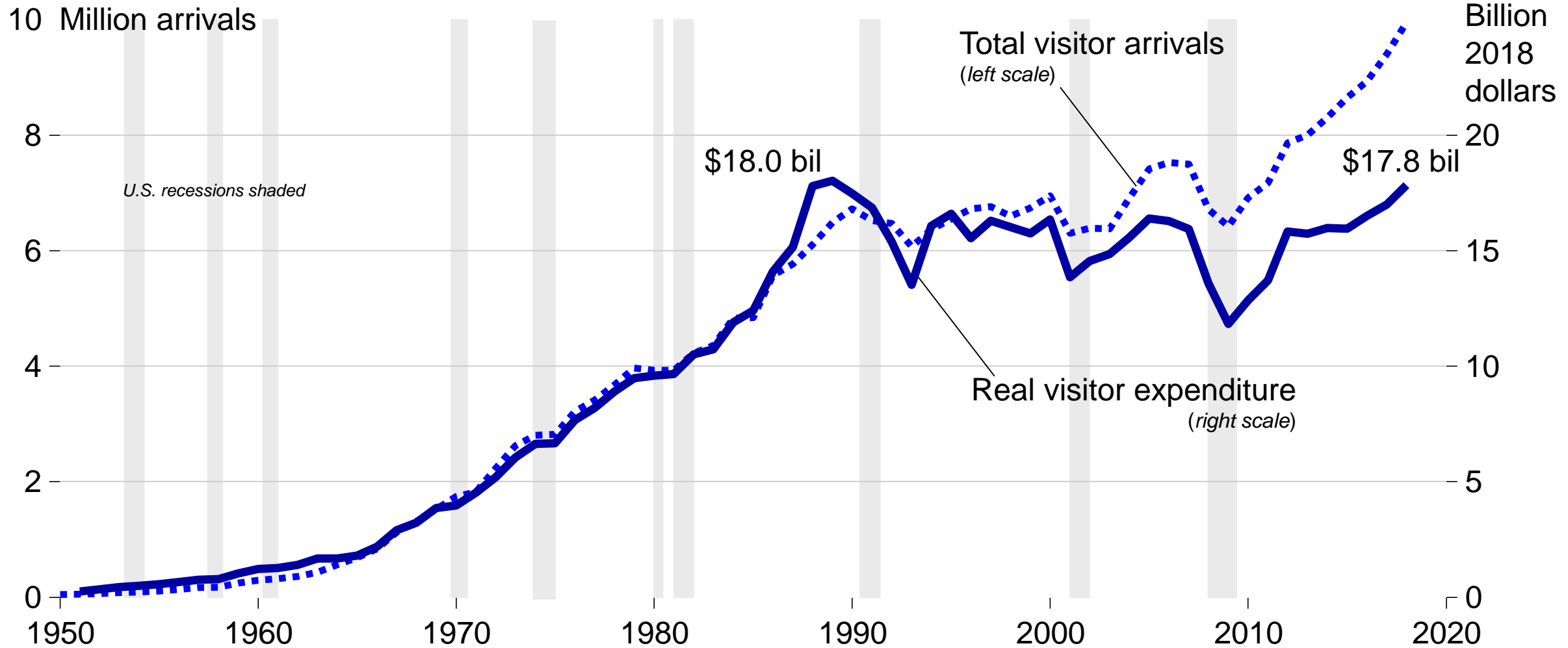
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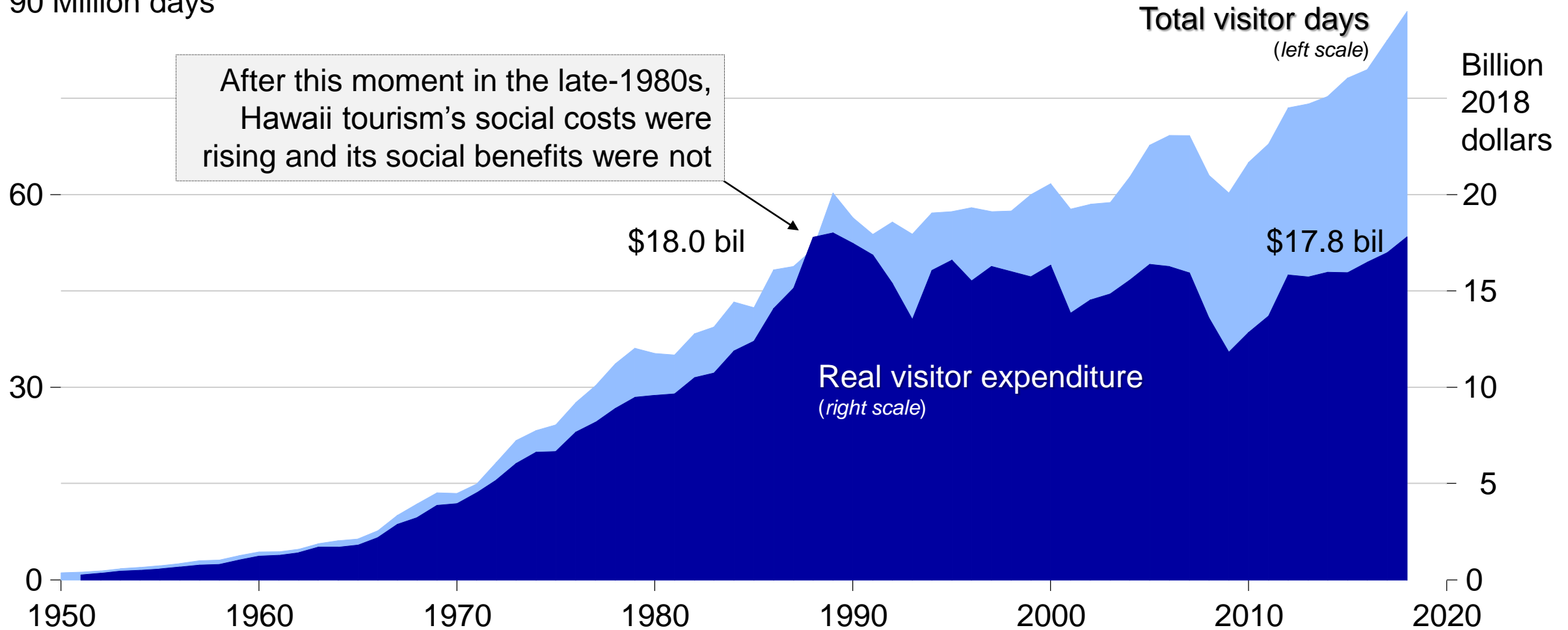
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First noticeable in the 1970s, but especially since 1989, visitor arrivals have grown but revenues have not: “more visitors, *not more dollars*”



If Hawaii were Amazon and visitor days were site visits, rising while revenues were not, for *thirty years*, this would be a huge problem

90 Million days



Hawaii Tourism Policy

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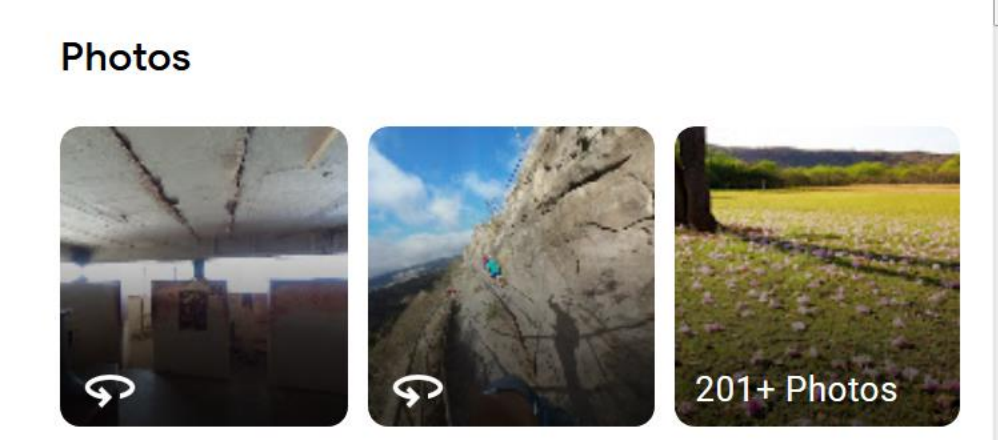
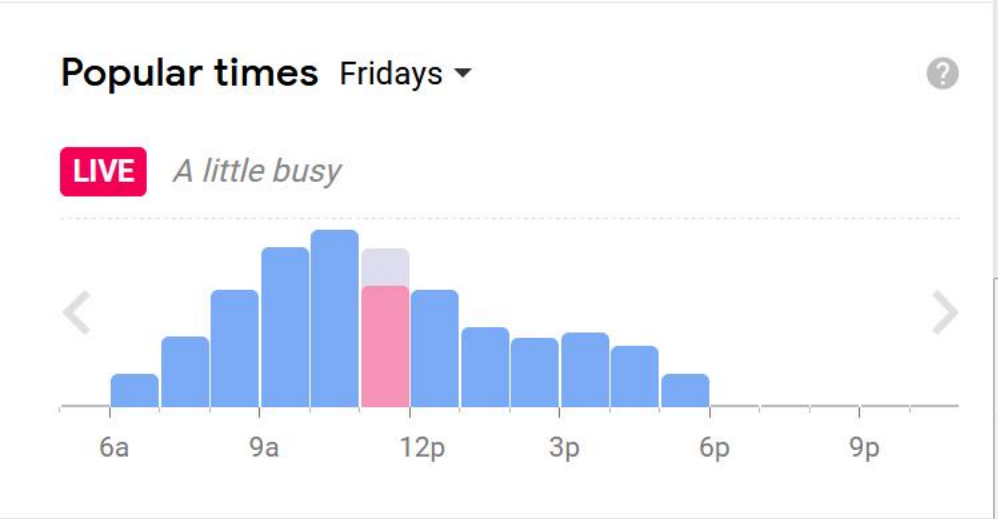


Forthcoming: “Rethinking Hawaii Tourism” UHERO blogpost with UH Professor Emeritus James Mak and Frank Haas; my personal take

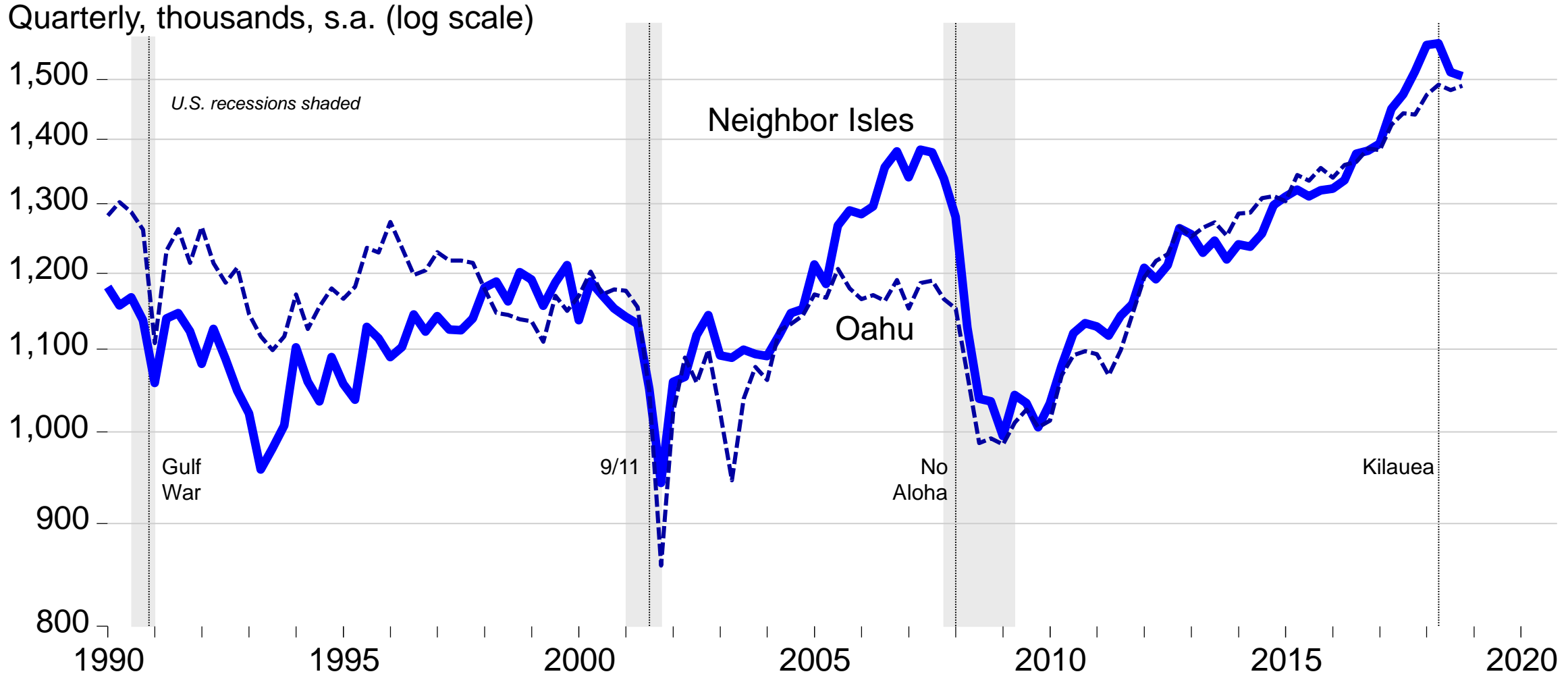
1. Why export tourism: maximize social welfare (net benefits)—policy *in the public interest* (e.g. “visitor satisfaction” is a *means* to an end, which is *resident* satisfaction)
2. Tourism governance—overarching assignment of policy responsibility with “cabinet” authority—missing assignment (e.g. 1919 Territory had a Department of Agriculture)
3. Tourism management—not merely an agency assignment but a coordination goal (*i.e.* DOT airports, DLNR natural capital, DOH contagion; DBEDT “acronym compression”)
4. Social benefits: risk-adjusted returns, real tourism export receipts (visitor expenditure)
5. Social costs: congestion, environmental degradation, cultural dilution
6. Economic principle: pricing to ration access still achieves difficult-to-measure objectives
7. Collective destination marketing: overcomes coordination failure across heterogeneous stakeholders
8. Leverage technology to virtually augment tourism exports; support tourism R&D in cash and in kind—public goods production; tax metadata (home-sharing, ride-sharing, etc.)

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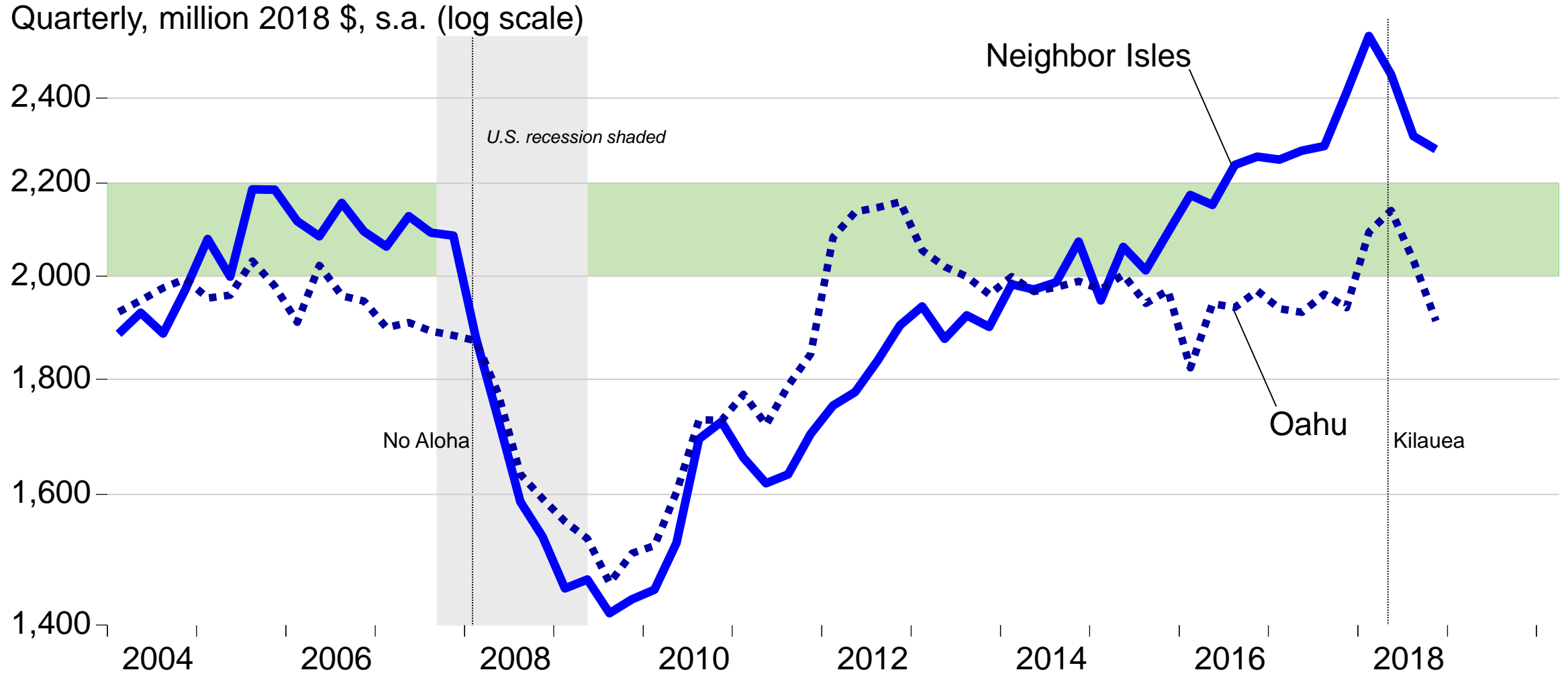
Diamond Head Crater Hike, Kapaeha



Hawaii visitor arrivals grew after 2008, best measure of exports is not widgets, pineapple cans, tons of sugar, or arrivals, but real revenues

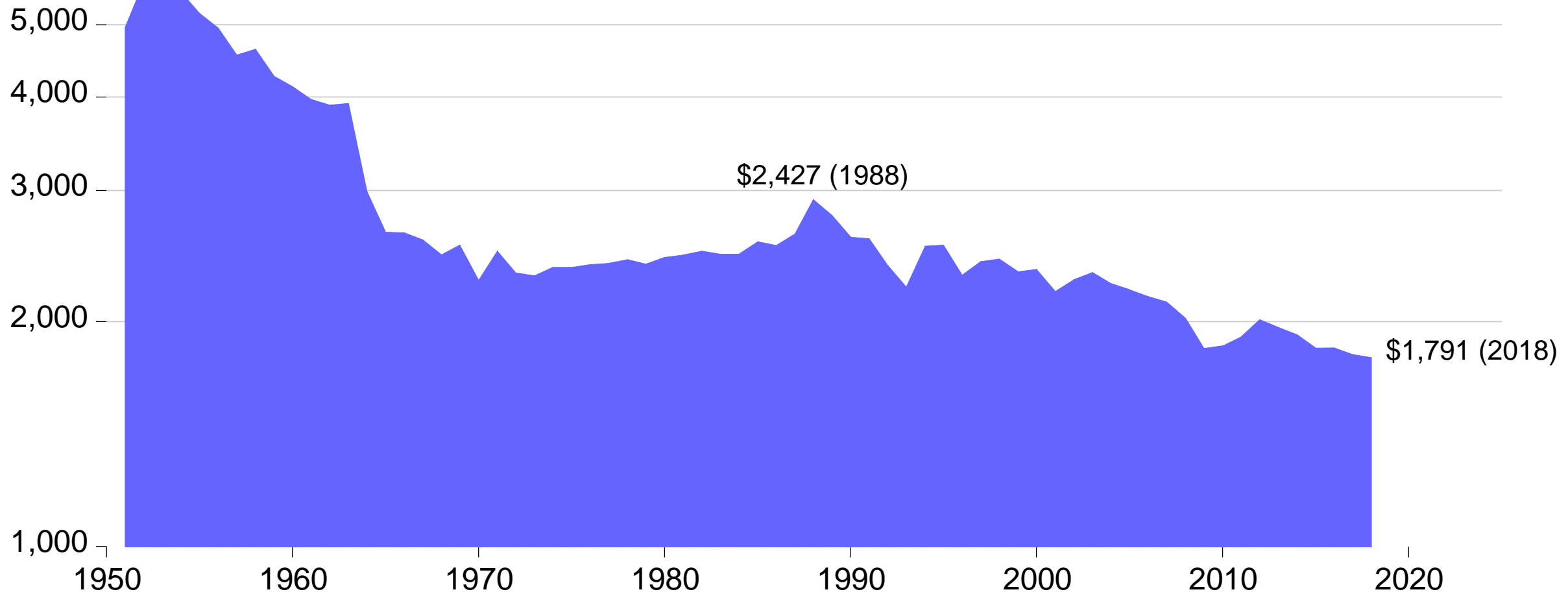


Real visitor expenditures—tourism export receipts grew on the Neighbor Islands in the 2010s but did not on Oahu after 2012



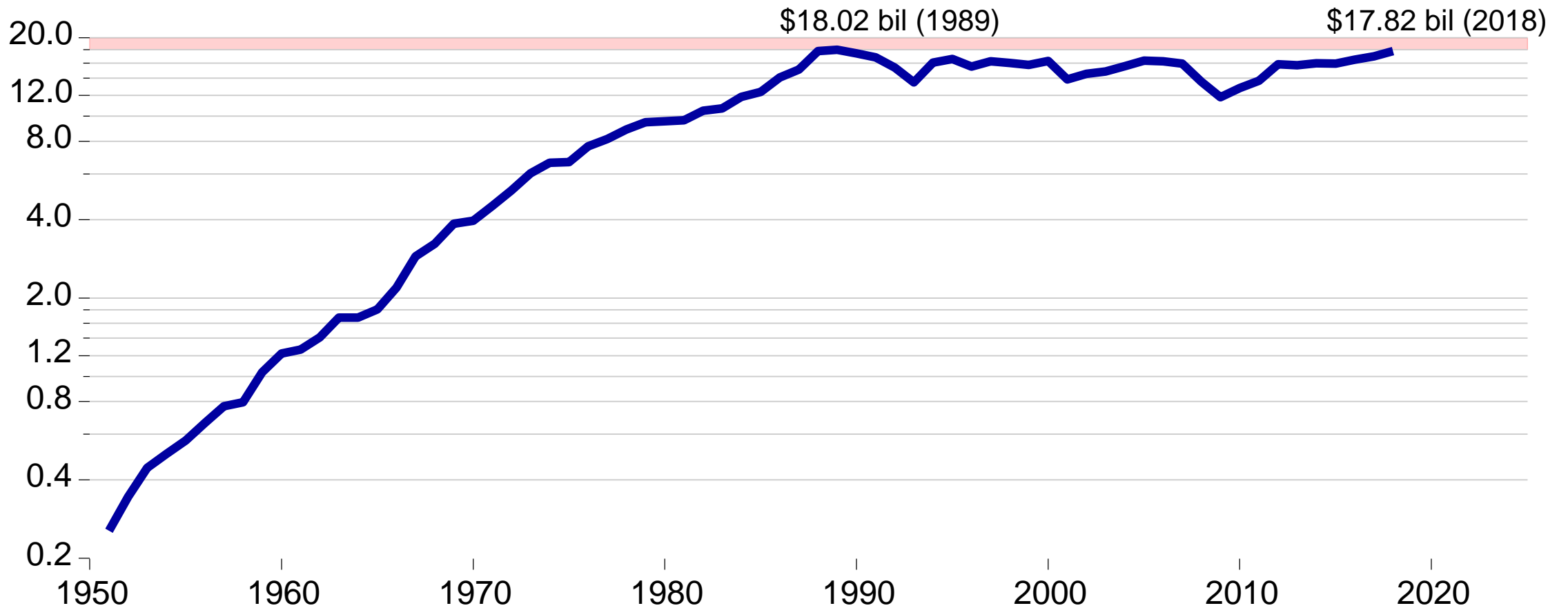
Three eras for real receipts/visitor: (1) pre-1970s “democratization;” (2) 1970s-80s “internationalization;” (3) three decades of “erosion”

Constant 2018 dollars/visitor



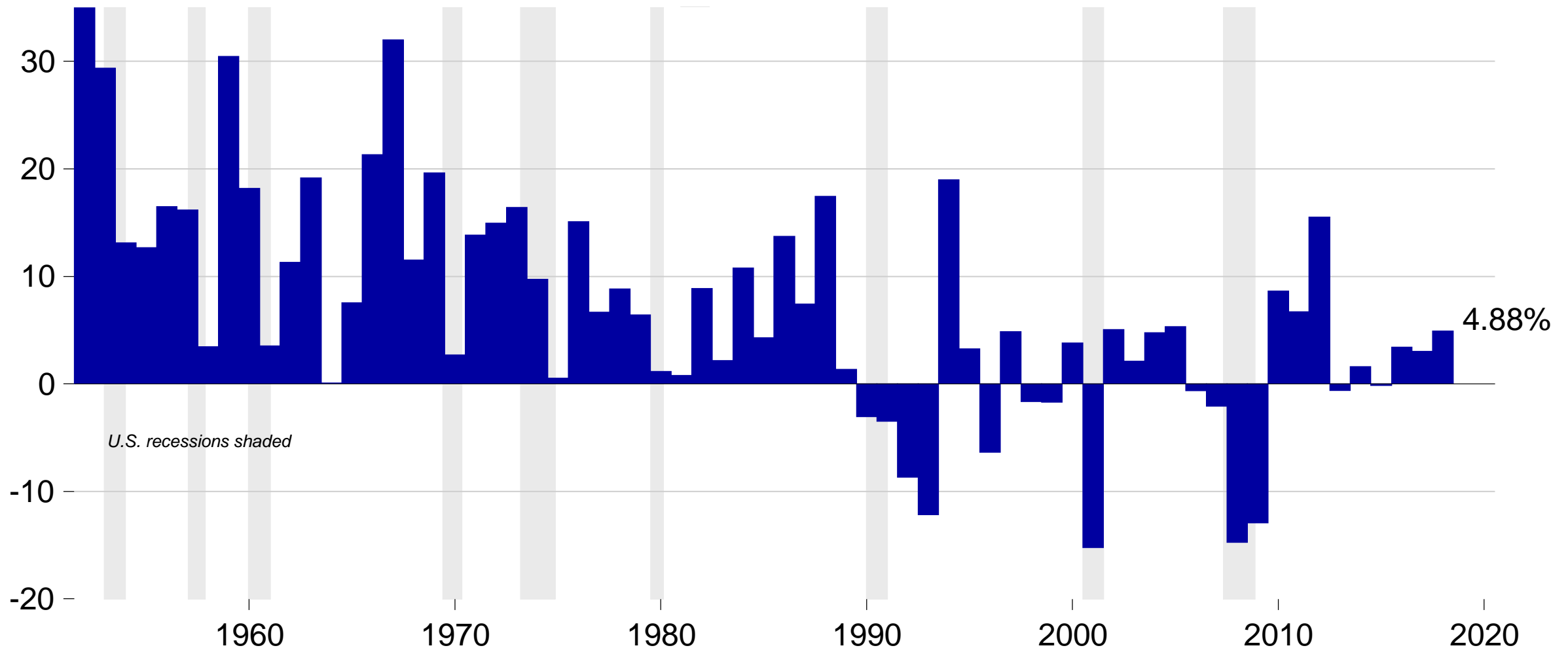
Thirty years of real tourism export revenue growth, followed by thirty years of zero net increase: which incrementally benefited Hawaii?

Total visitor expenditure in billion 2017\$, log scale



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Annual growth of real (inflation-adjusted) Hawaii tourism receipts: deceleration as the destination matured; random walk since 1980s?

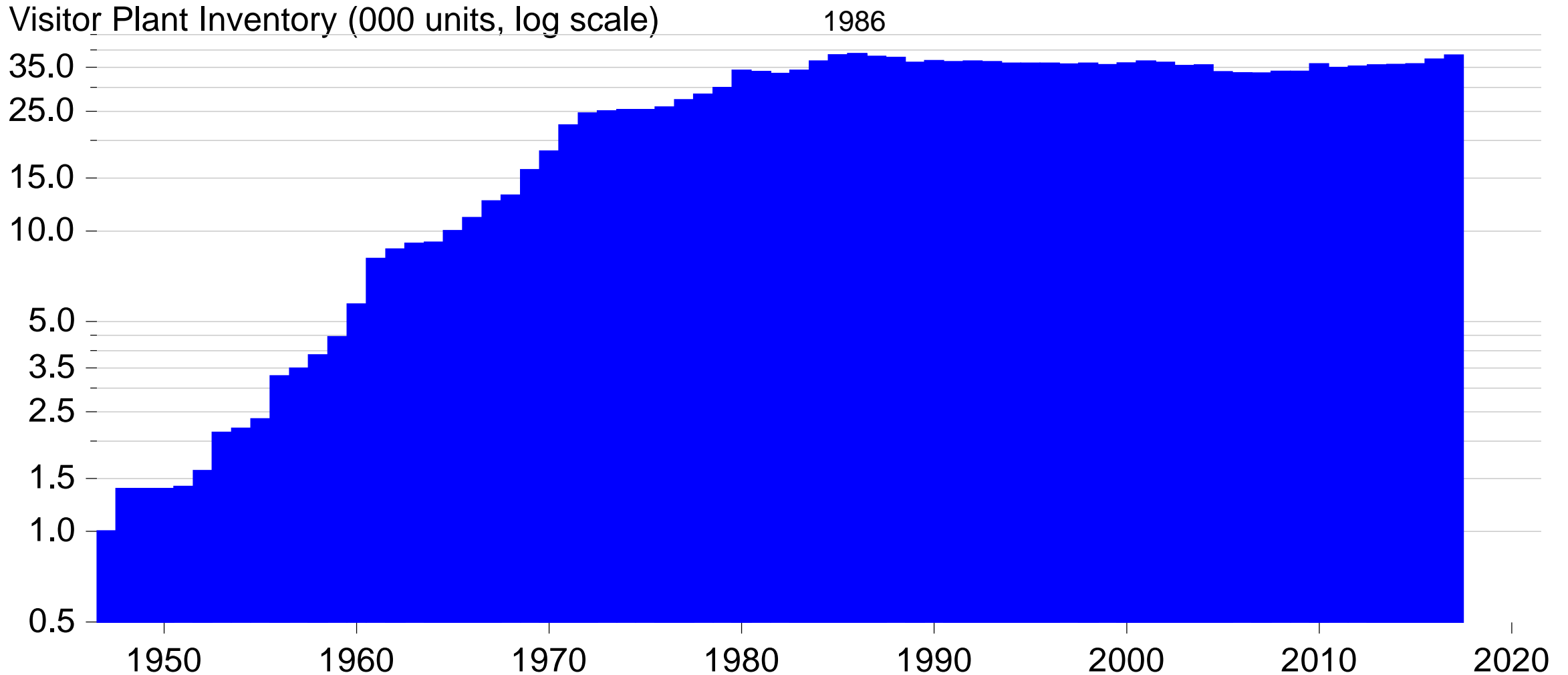




Revisiting lodging capacity constraints, lift, and exchange rates

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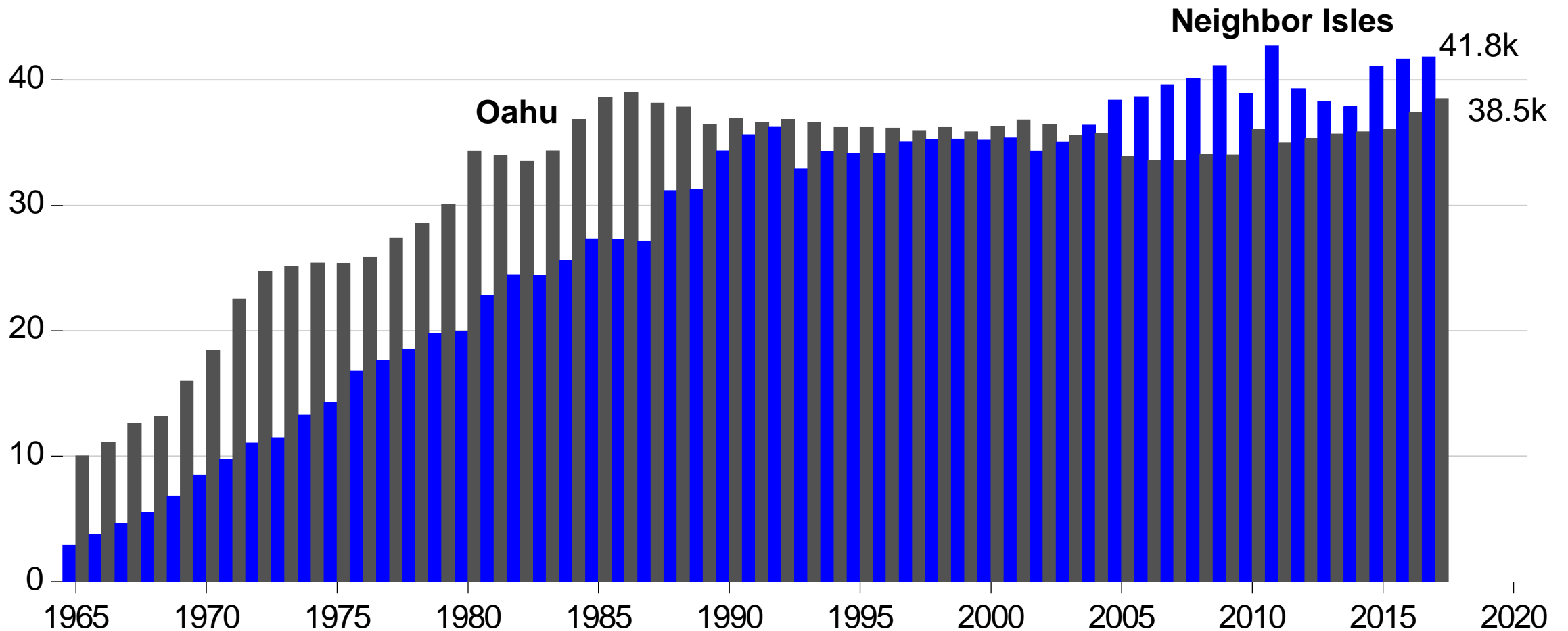
Four decades of Oahu lodging growth, four decades of stagnation: “more dollars, not more visitors” hubris? Or tourism policy SNAFU?



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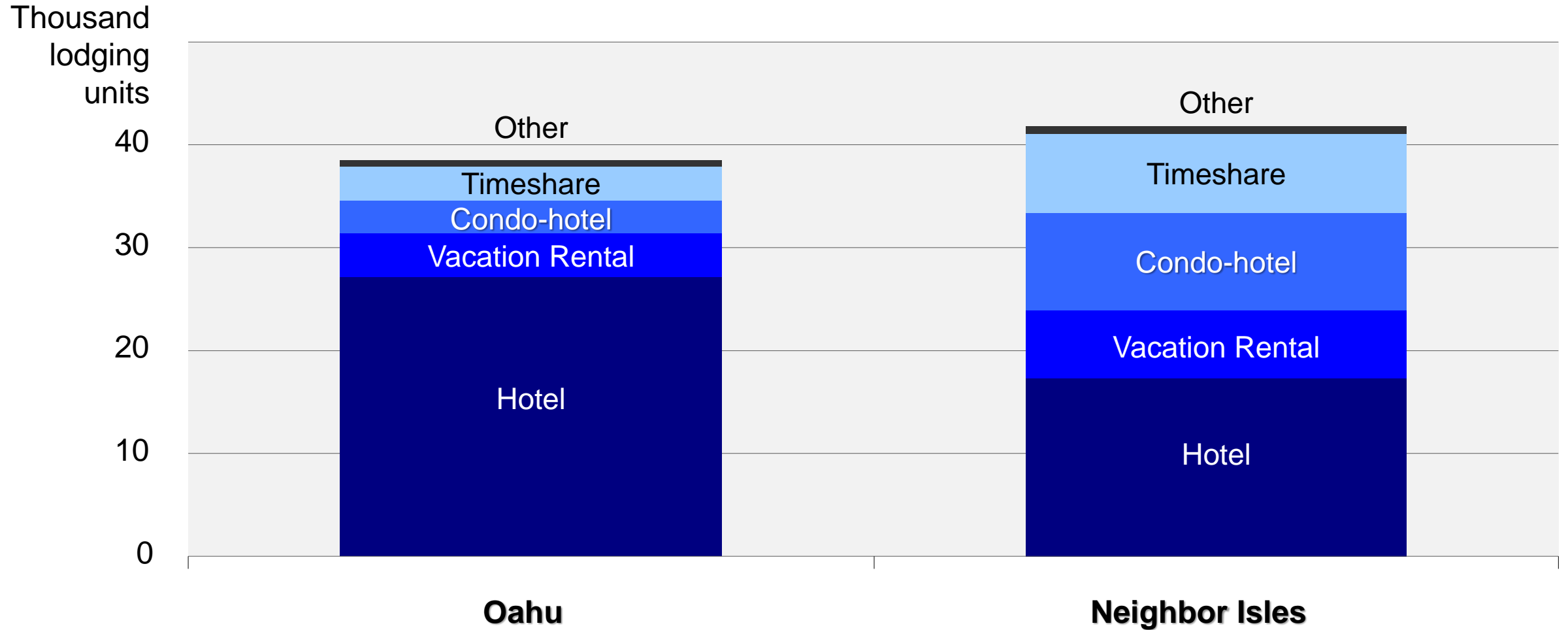
Until 1980s, lodging capacity growth unconstrained; since 1980s, deny timeshare, deny Undocumented Vacation Rentals, infinity

Thousand units

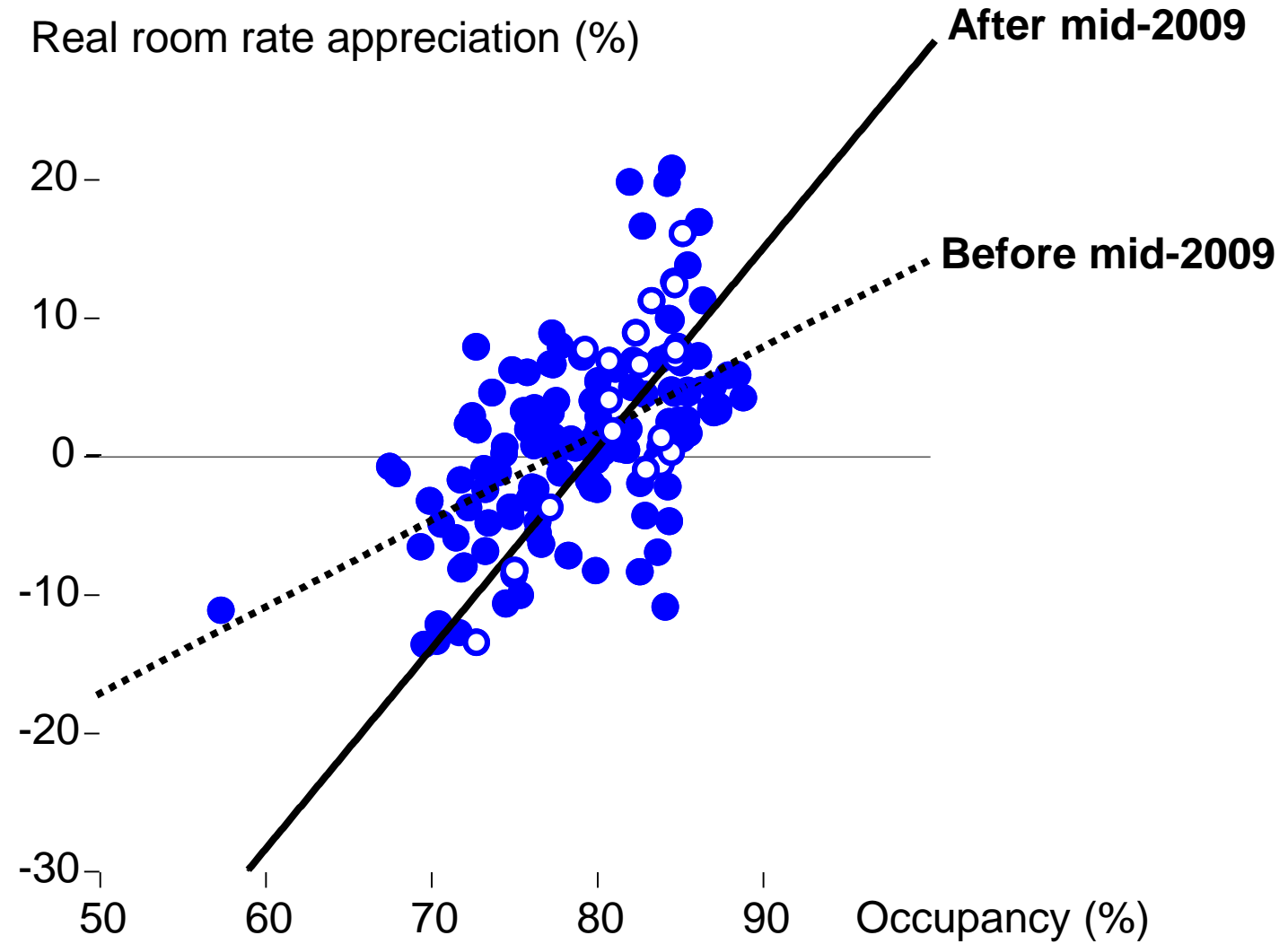


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Distinct markets: Oahu with urban agglomeration; Neighbor Isles with lodging heterogeneity but spatial dispersion of urbanized resort nodalities

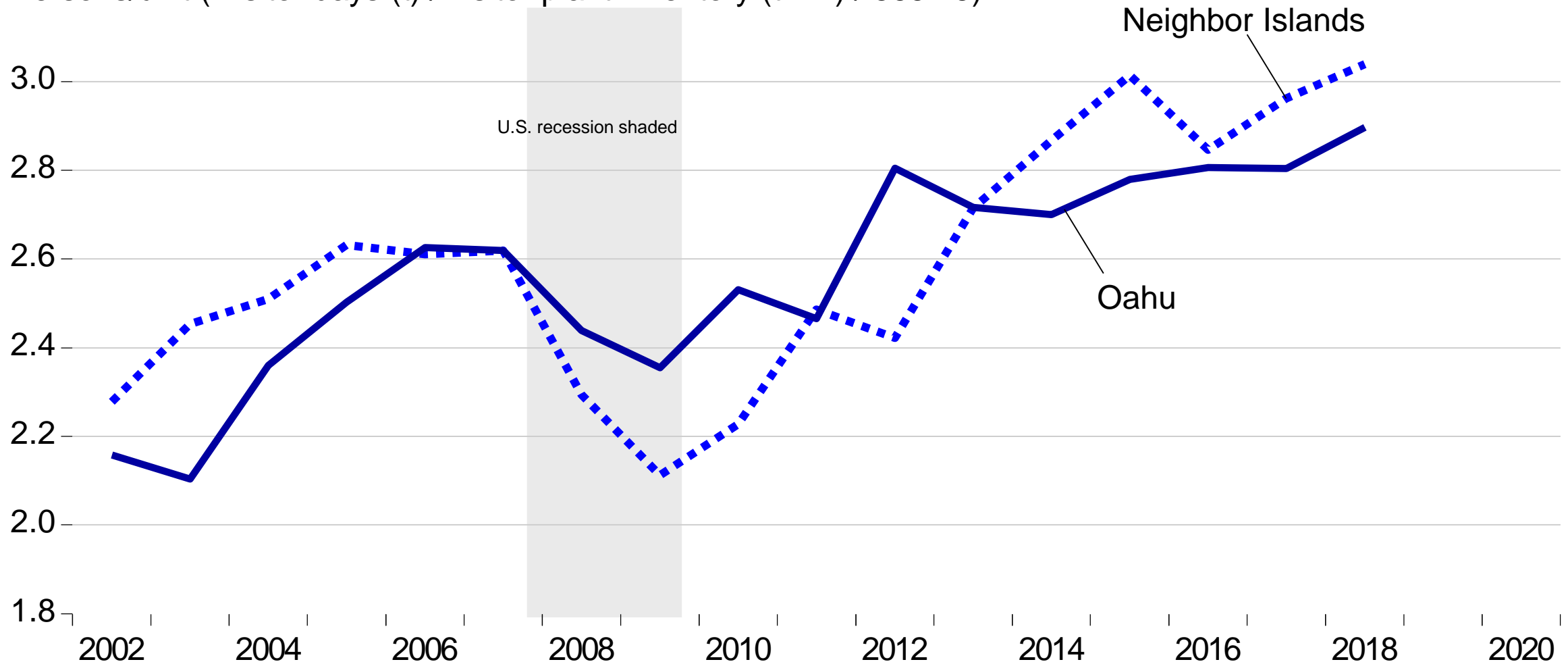


Oahu quarterly real hotel room rates in 20-teens experienced much faster appreciation with rising hotel occupancy than in the past

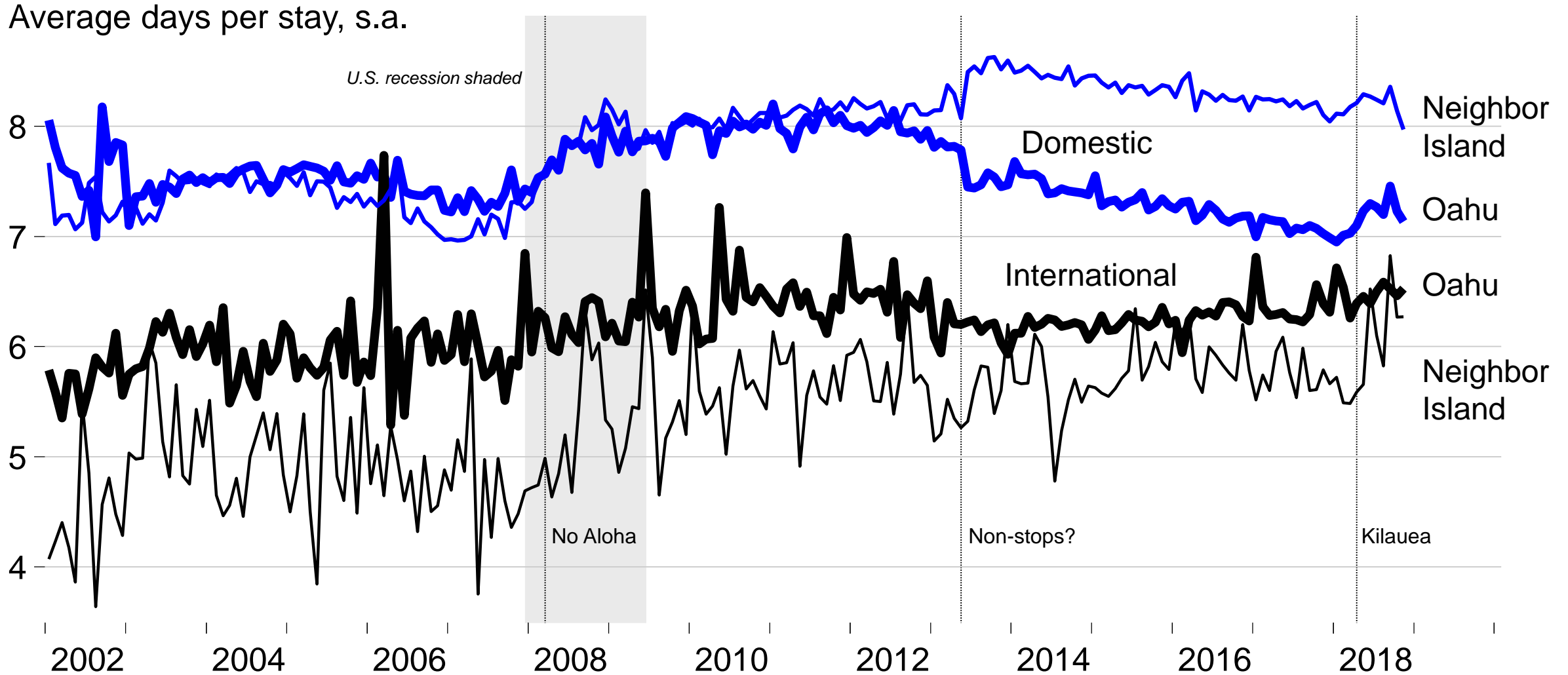


Neighbor Isles enjoying higher-intensity utilization of lodging capacity— “room to grow”—but spatial dispersion spreads congestion externalities

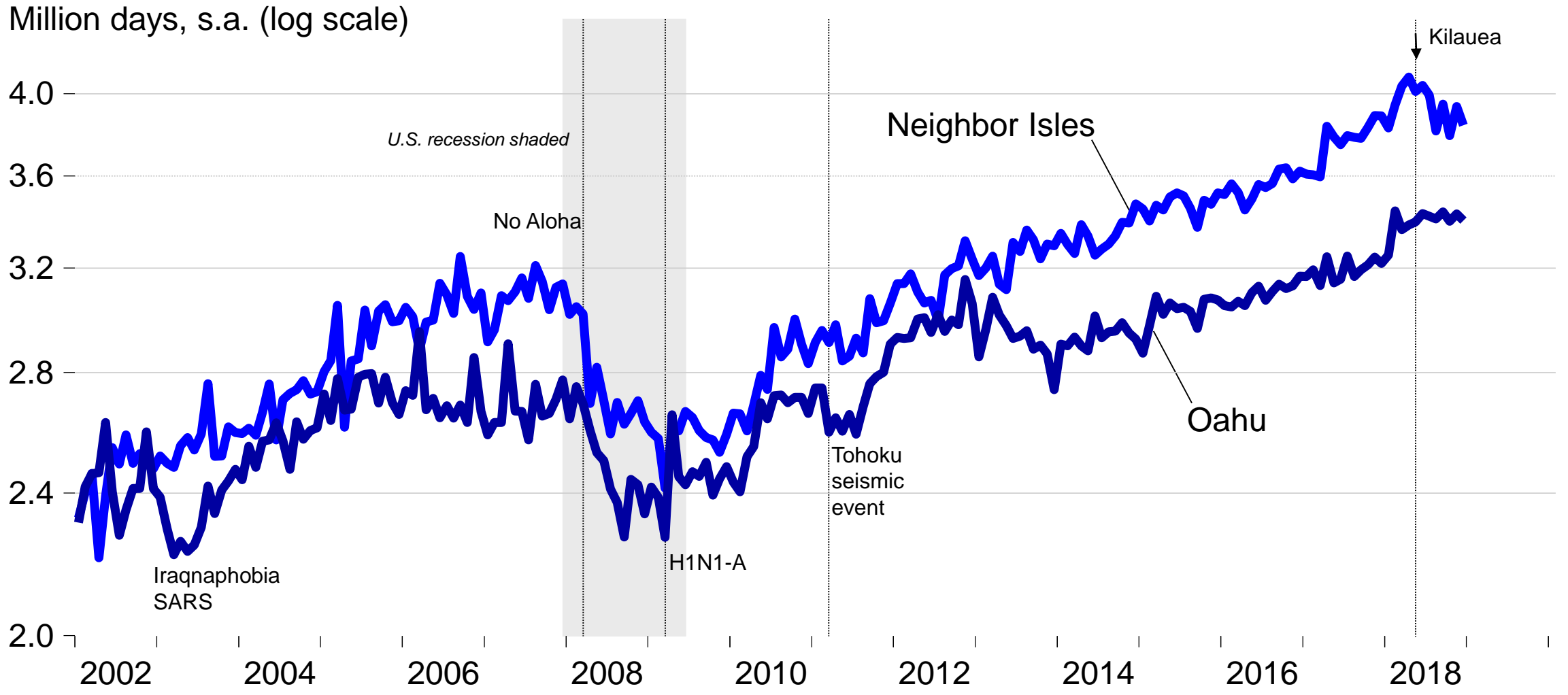
Persons/unit (visitor days (t) / visitor plant inventory ($t - 1$) / 365.25)



Average stay length shifts: no Aloha (2008)(+); non-stops to Neighbor Isles (2013) (+); Kilauea volcano (2018)(+); real REVPAR (2010s)(-)

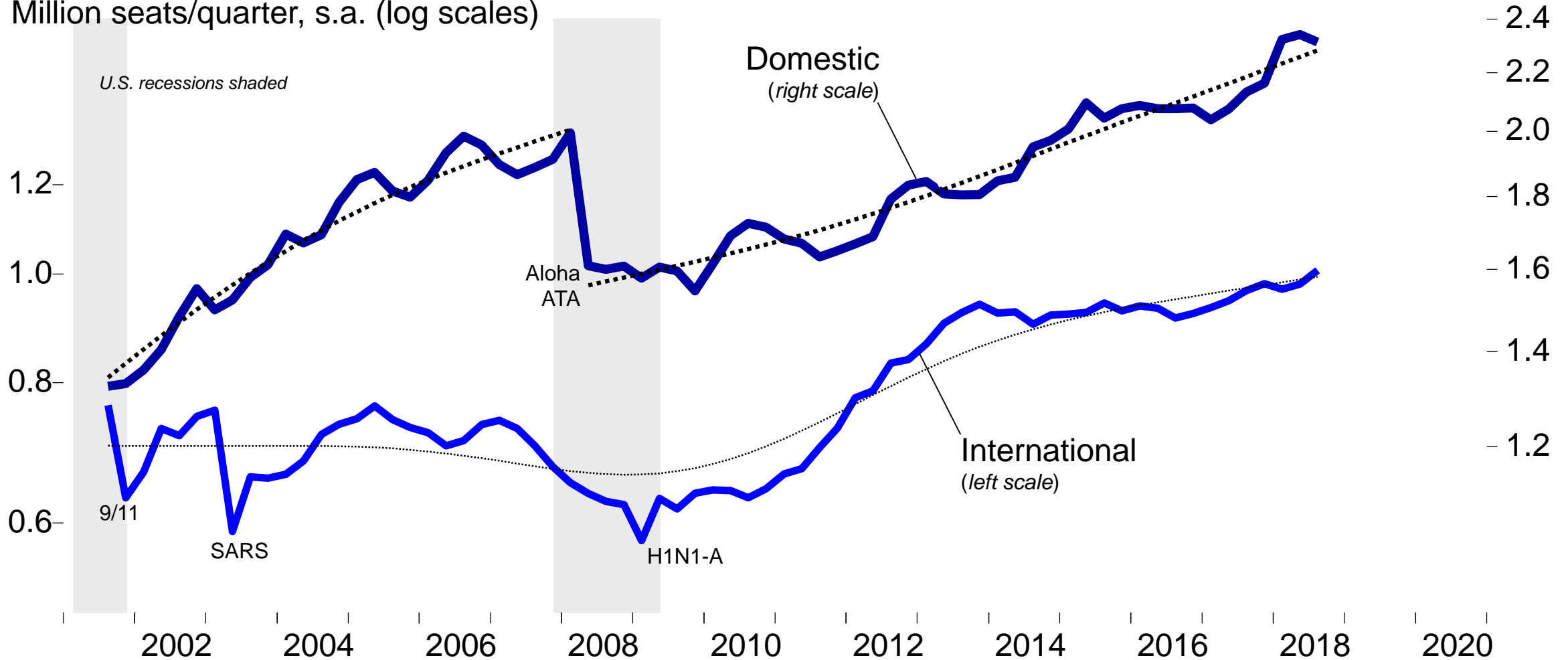


Monthly visitor days split apart after 2012, rapid Oahu room rate rise shortened stay length, strong dollar compounded lodging cost



The other stock constraint—less binding (moveable equipment)— scheduled air seats growing enough to sustain visitor arrivals growth

Million seats/quarter, s.a. (log scales)

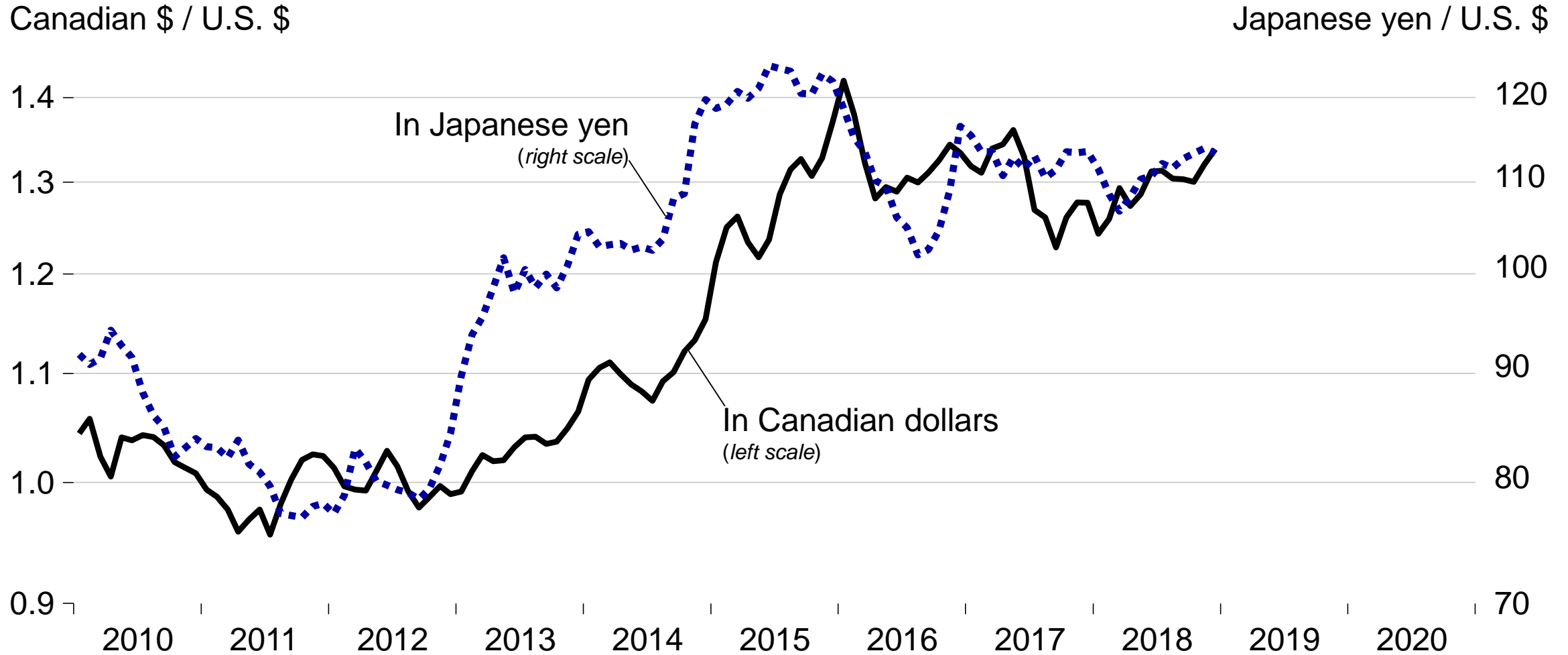




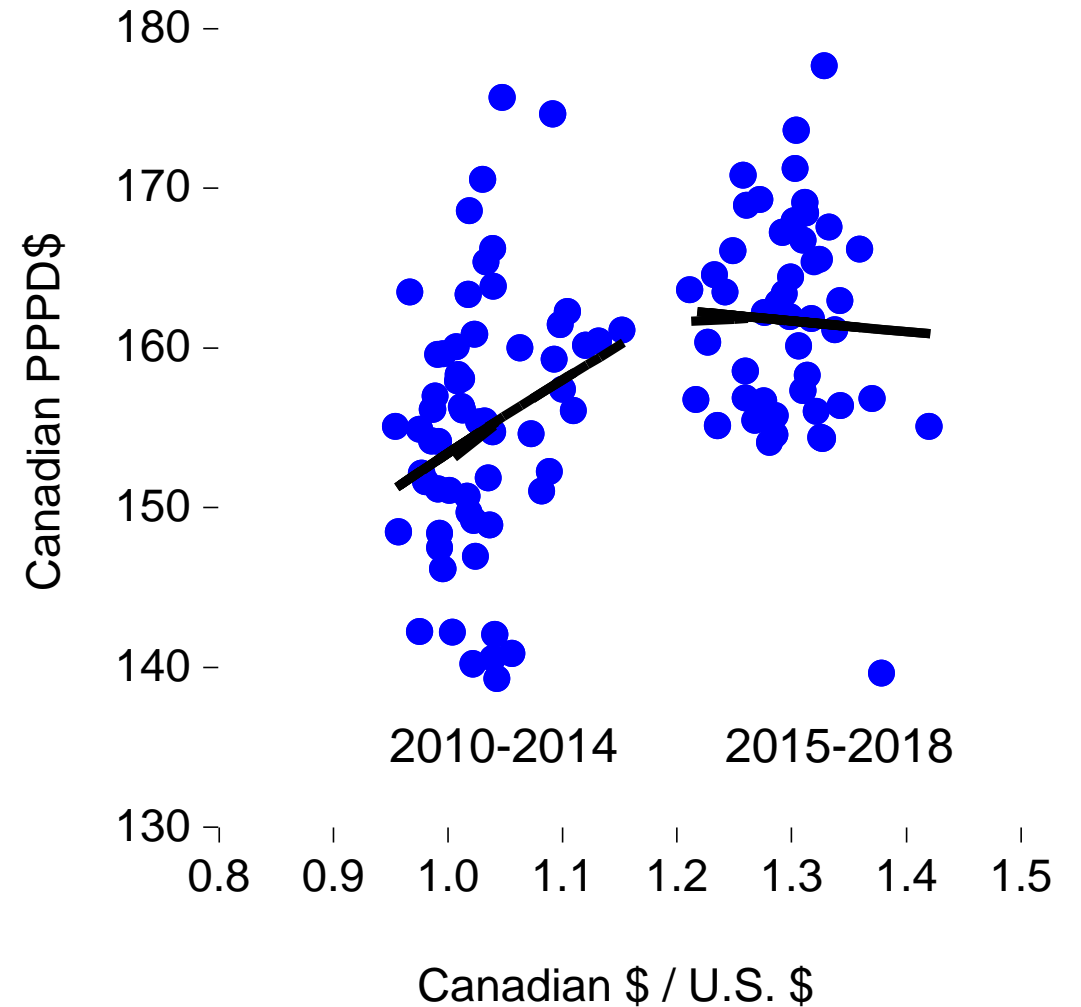
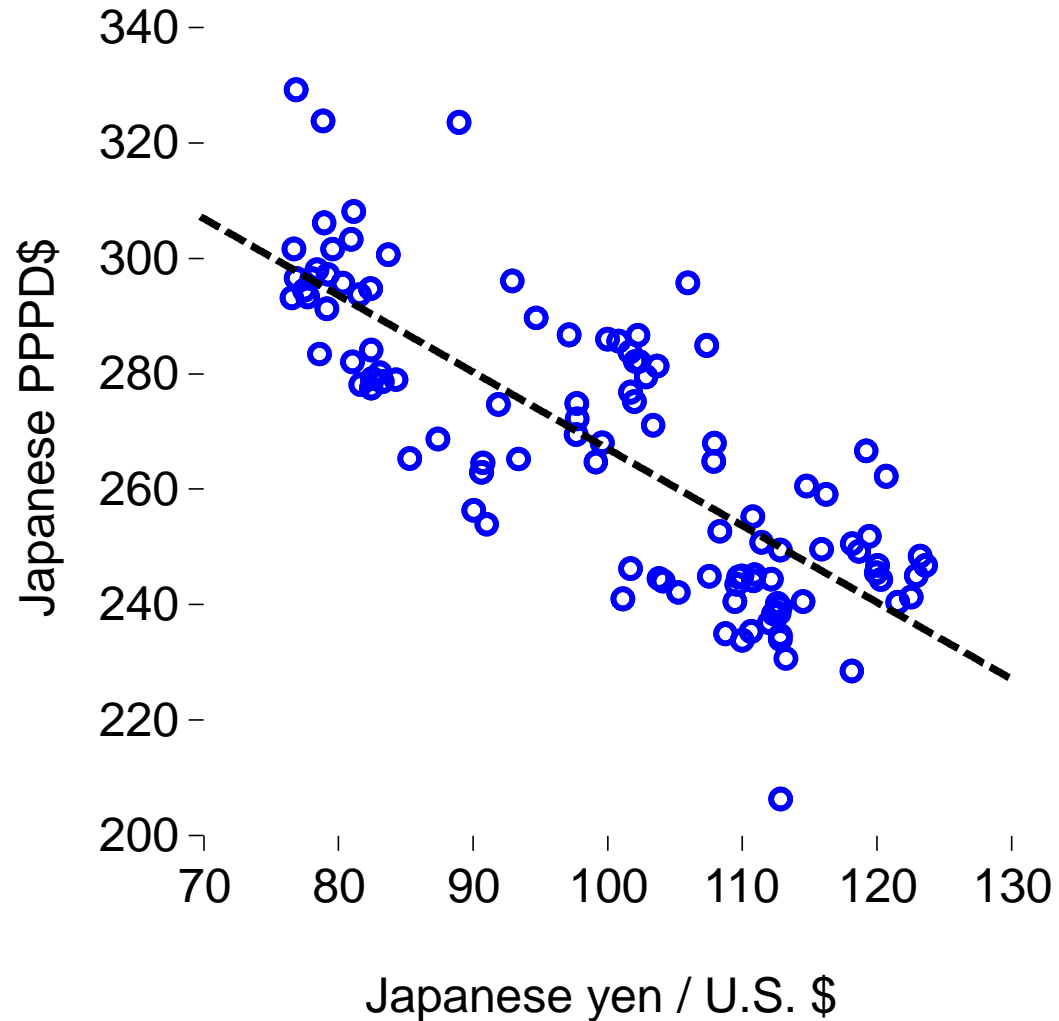
How currencies influenced the 2010s Hawaii tourism recovery

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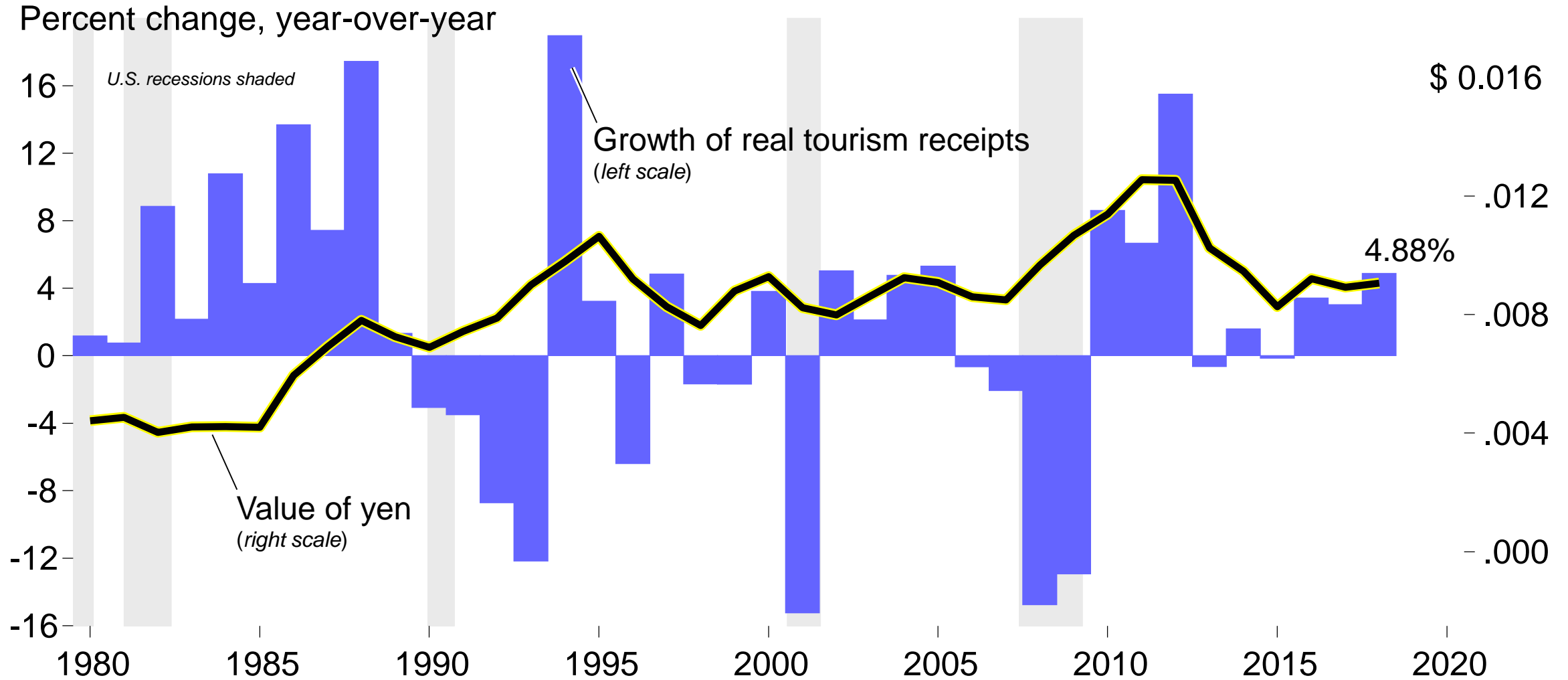
Rising value of the U.S. dollar in Japanese yen and Canadian dollars: QE (Japan, Sep. 2012) and global petroleum price drop (2014-2016)



Two distinctive patterns of PPPD\$ response to exchange rates: Japan linear, Canadian no strong relation (high vs. low oil prices)



Annual growth of real (inflation-adjusted) Hawaii tourism receipts: yen appreciation boosts real export growth, depreciation drops it





Last year (2018): exogenous risk factors, asymmetric information

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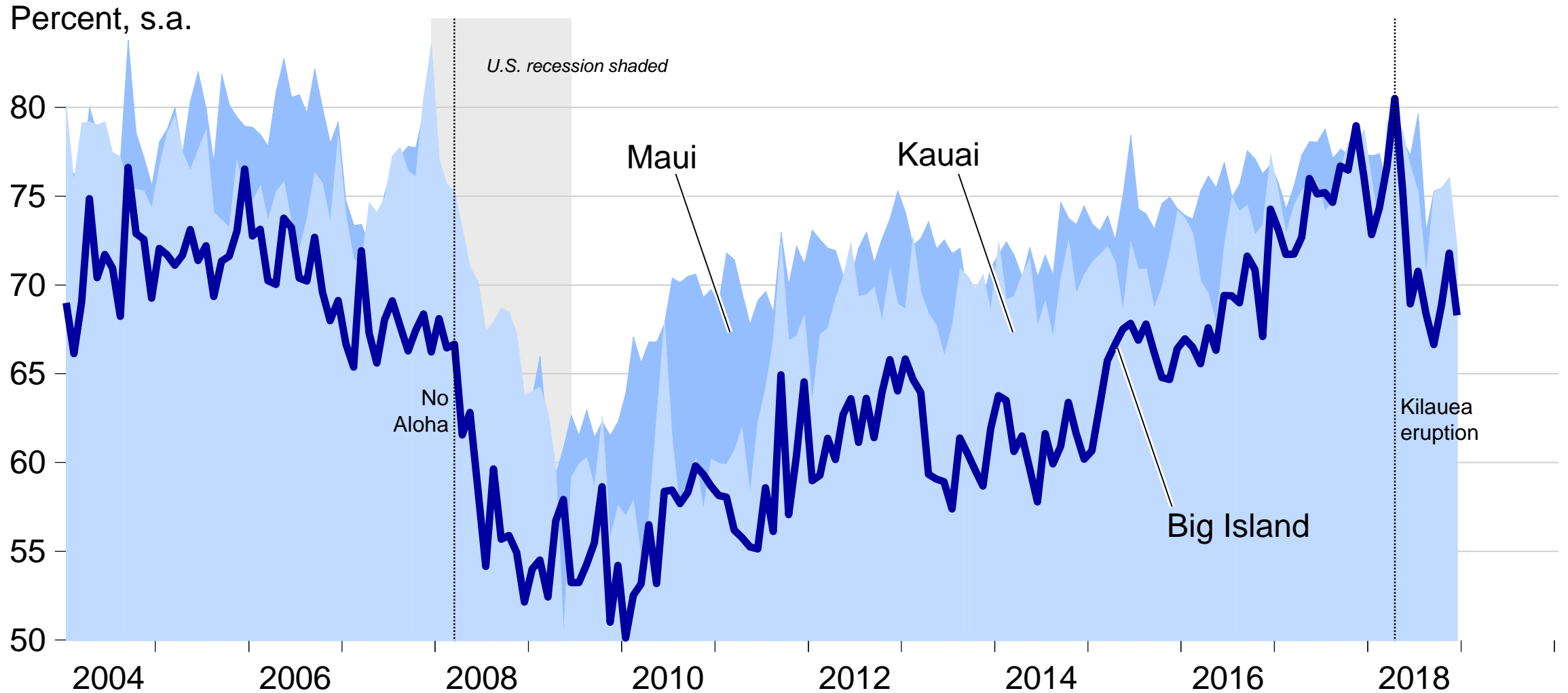
WHAT PEOPLE IMAGINE THE HAWAII LAVA FLOWS LOOK LIKE



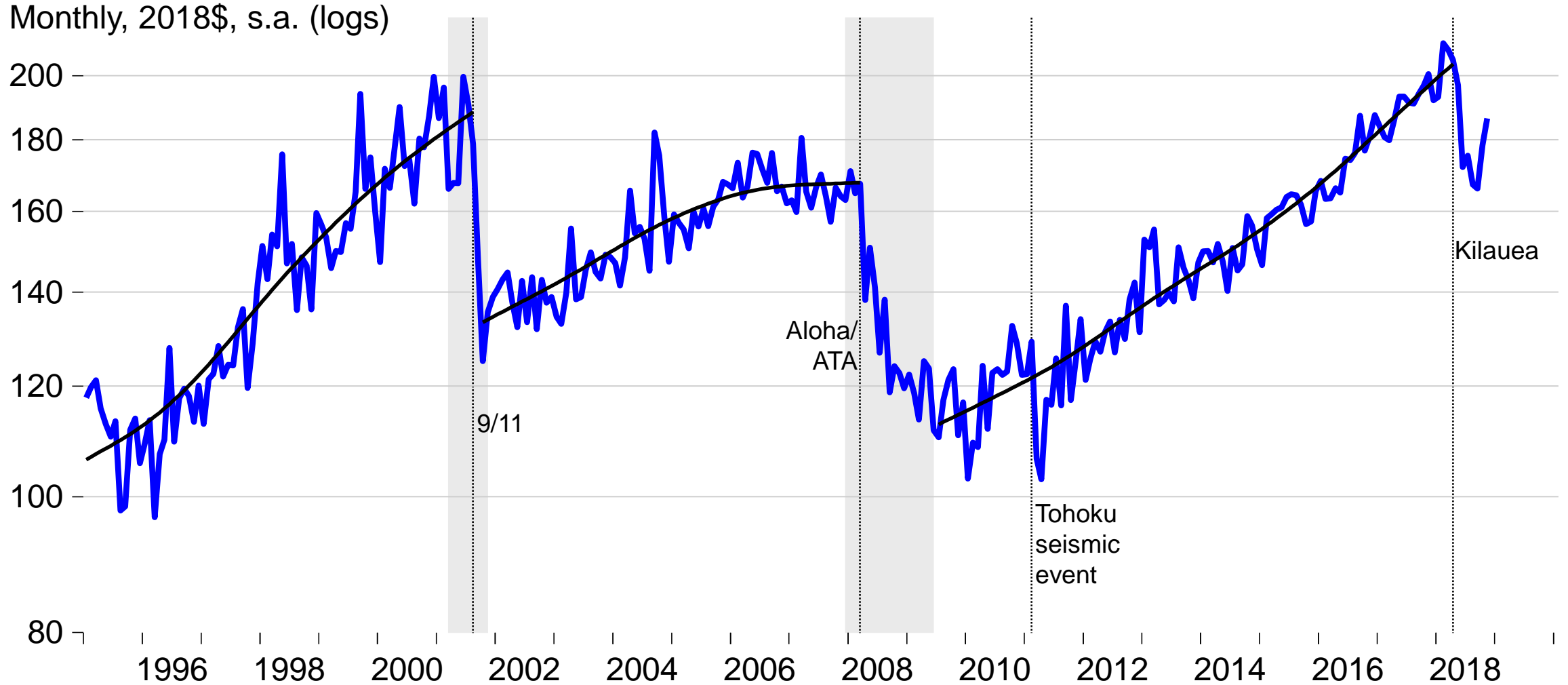
WHAT THE HAWAII LAVA FLOWS LOOK LIKE



Monthly Neighbor Island hotel occupancy rates (s.a.) were converging on 80 percent in early-2018 only to be blown up by Kilauea eruption

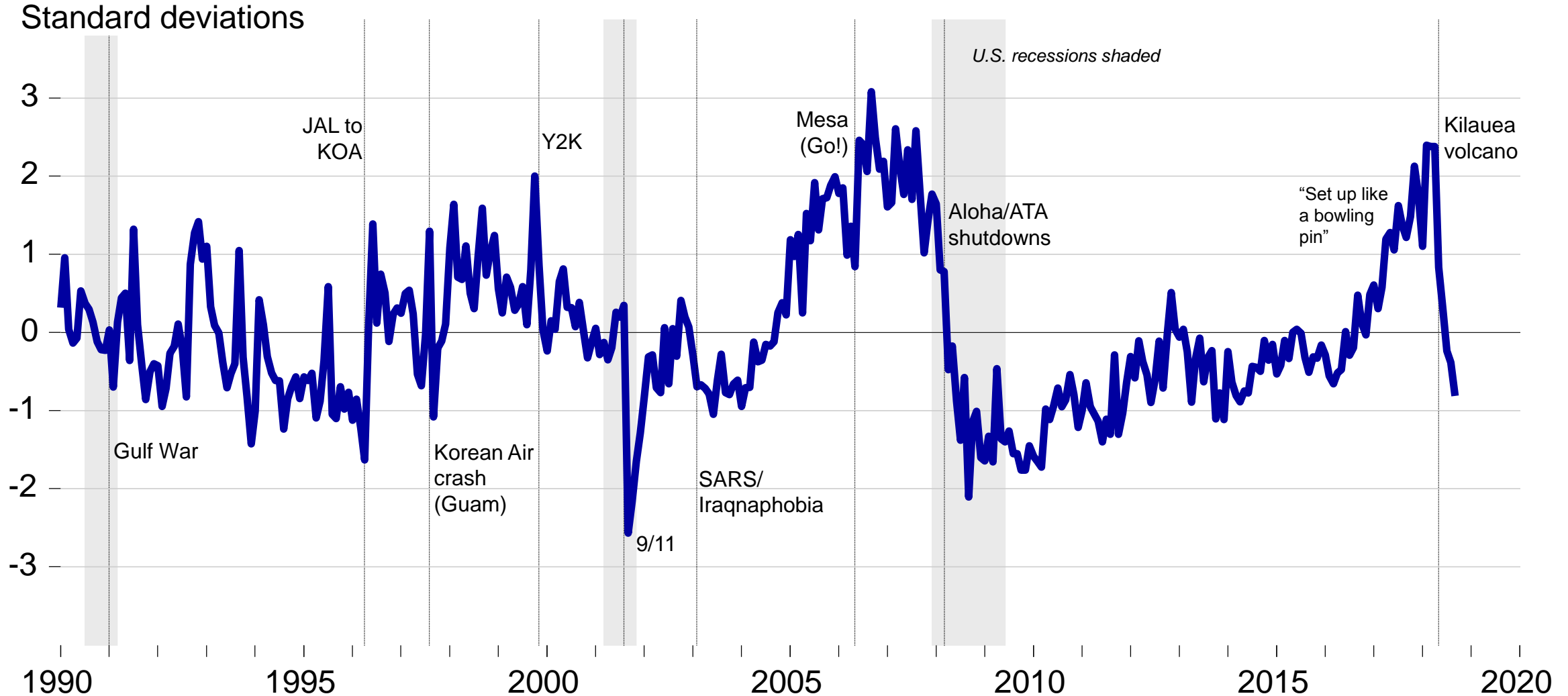


Monthly Big Island real REVPAR: interval trend components isolate Sudden Stop impacts of exogenous, Black Swan shocks, Kilauea TBD



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De-trended, seasonally-adjusted Big Island visitor arrivals got hit by the Lower Puna/East Rift Eruption like 9/11 and No Aloha (Airlines)



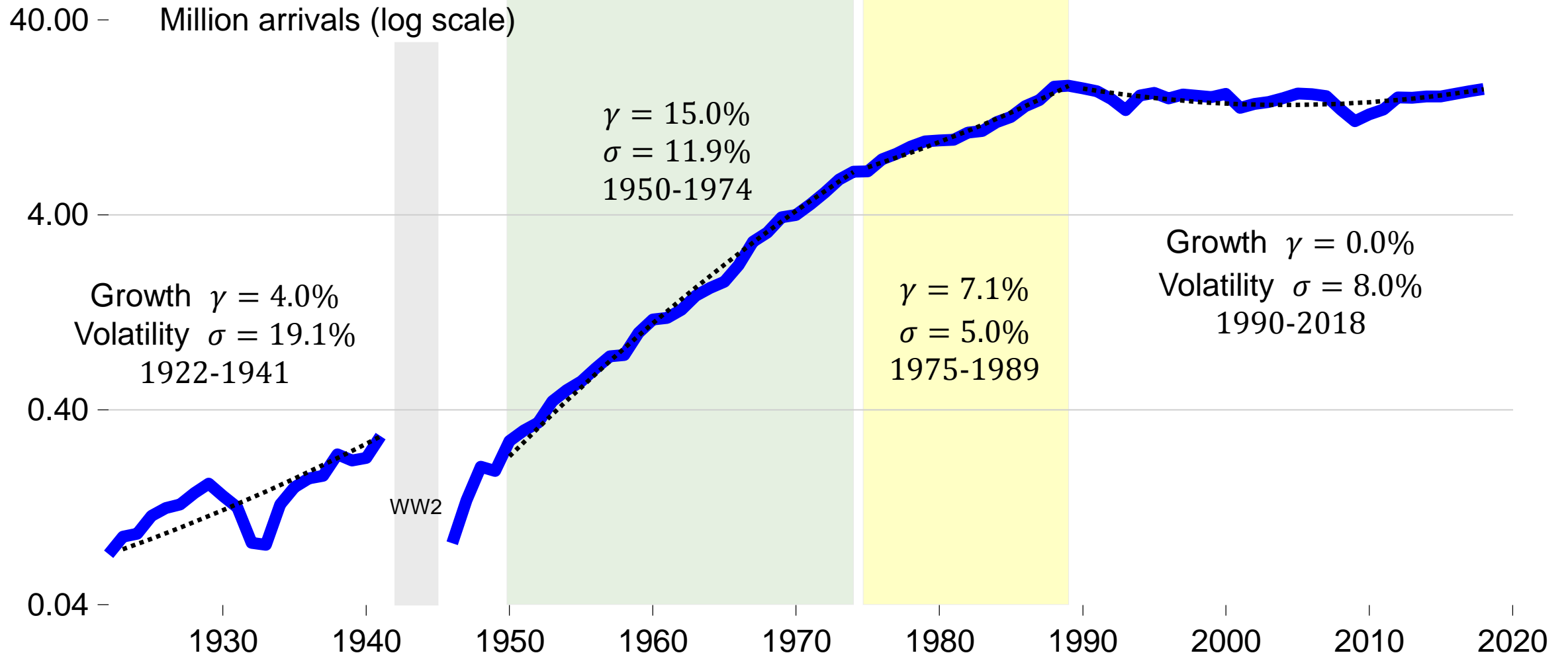
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Accounting for risk in tourism Hawaii performance measurement

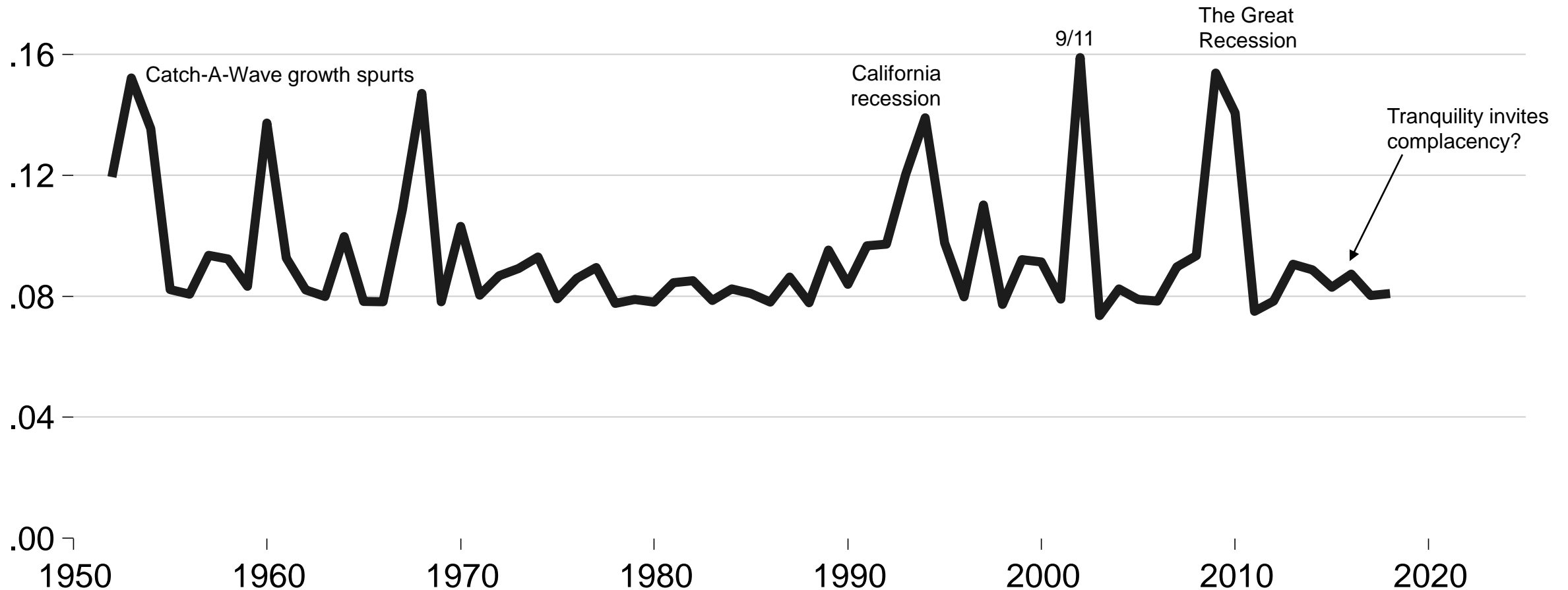
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Annualized, interval standard deviations of Hawaii visitor arrivals' log changes, 1922-2018: overall, approximately 13% (like the S&P 500);



Conditional volatility of Hawaii constant-dollar total tourism receipts: bumpy rides make same speeds less comfortable than smooth rides

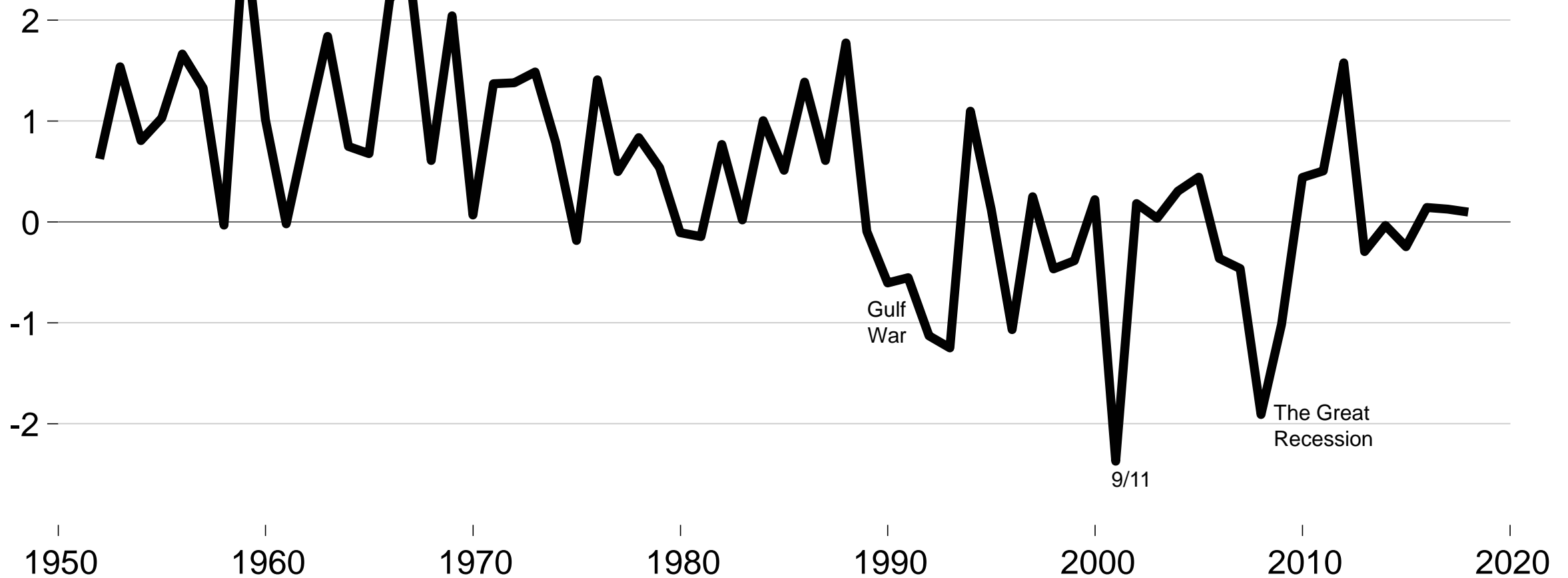
Conditional volatility (e.g. 0.08 is “8 percent”)



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Suppose the real rate of return on capital was 2 percent, what was the real *risk-adjusted* return on Hawaii tourism? A tourism Sharpe Ratio

Ratio of excess returns to conditional volatility (e.g. Berkshire Hathaway's Sharpe Ratio is 0.76)



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Note: Tourism Sharpe Ratio is calculated as the annual change in the natural logarithm of constant-dollar Hawaii tourism receipts, minus 0.0198026272961797 (excess returns @2%), all divided by the contemporaneous generalized autoregressive conditional heteroskedasticity (GARCH) standard deviation of real visitor expenditure: real yield in excess of a risk-free real return on capital, divided by conditional volatility.

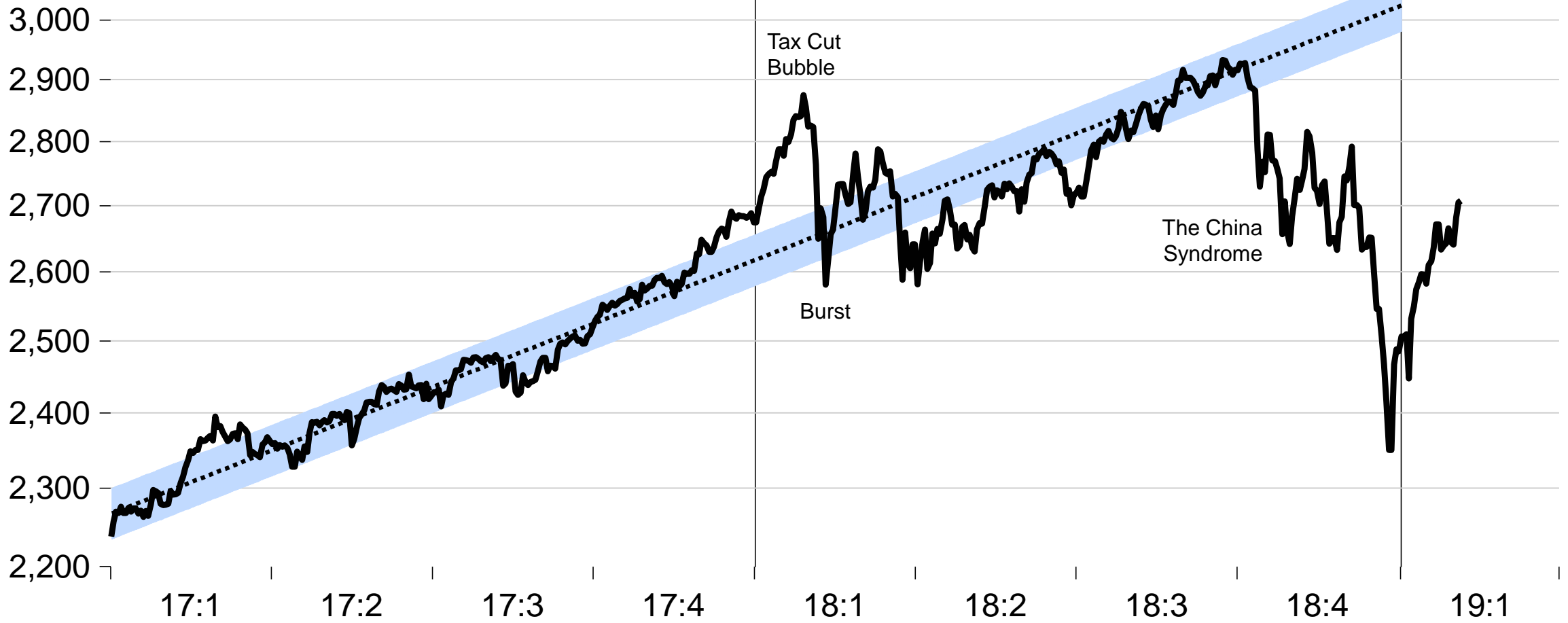


Macroeconomic round-up: late stages of expansion risk-laden

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Daily S&P 500 Index closing values through January 2019: aside from minor bubbles were tracking recent trend until blown down, 2018Q4

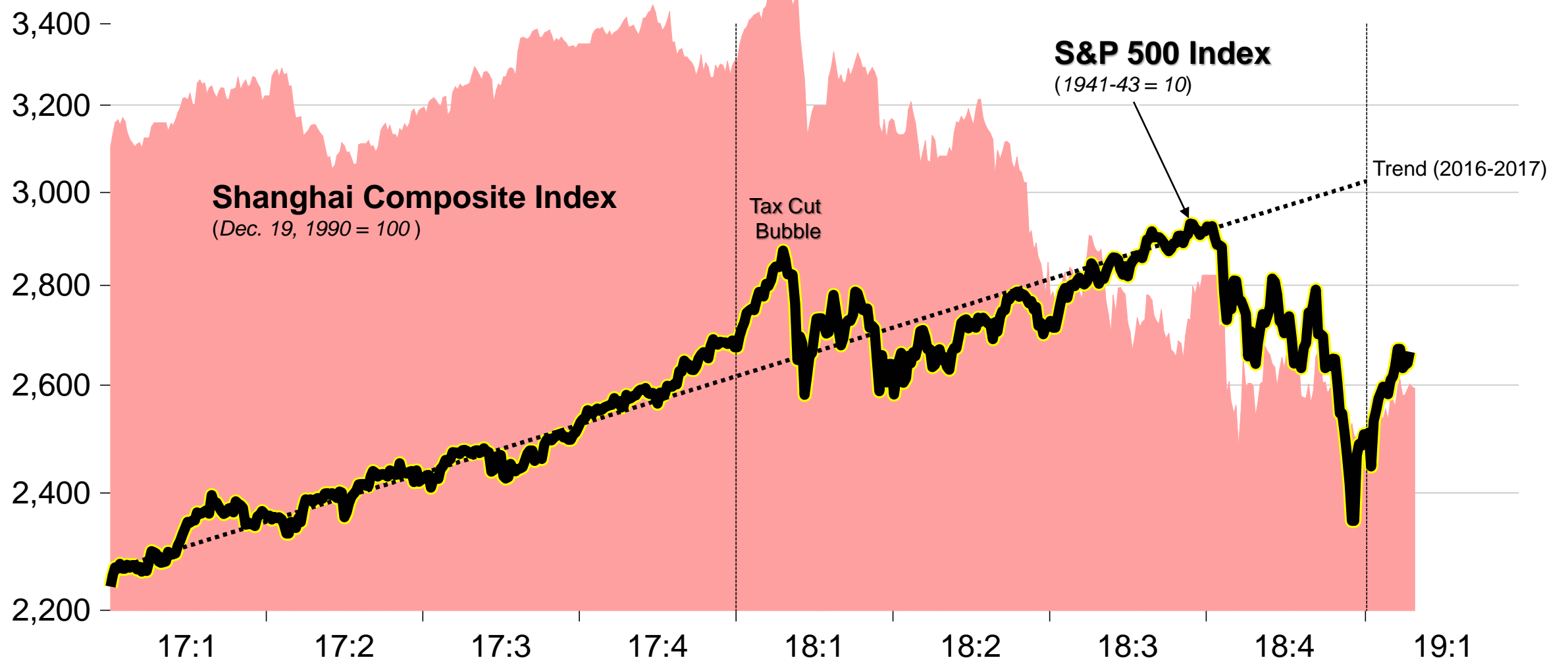
Daily index, 1941-43 = 10 (log scale)



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Sources: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, S&P 500 [SP500], retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (<https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/SP500>), data through February 1, 2019; trend regression on stationary transform (log changes) of daily closing values and two standard-error bandwidth by TZ Economics, April 1, 2016 – November 27, 2017 projected forward through 2018.

Shanghai Composite Index unraveled early in 2018 under pressure of Trump Trade War, sucking the S&P 500 into the vortex at year-end



Statistically we cannot reject hypothesis of causality running *from* Shanghai Composite *to* S&P 500 (U.S. markets no longer “causal”)

Pairwise Granger Causality Tests (on stationary transformations of daily data (log changes))

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Sample: 1/02/2012 12/21/2018

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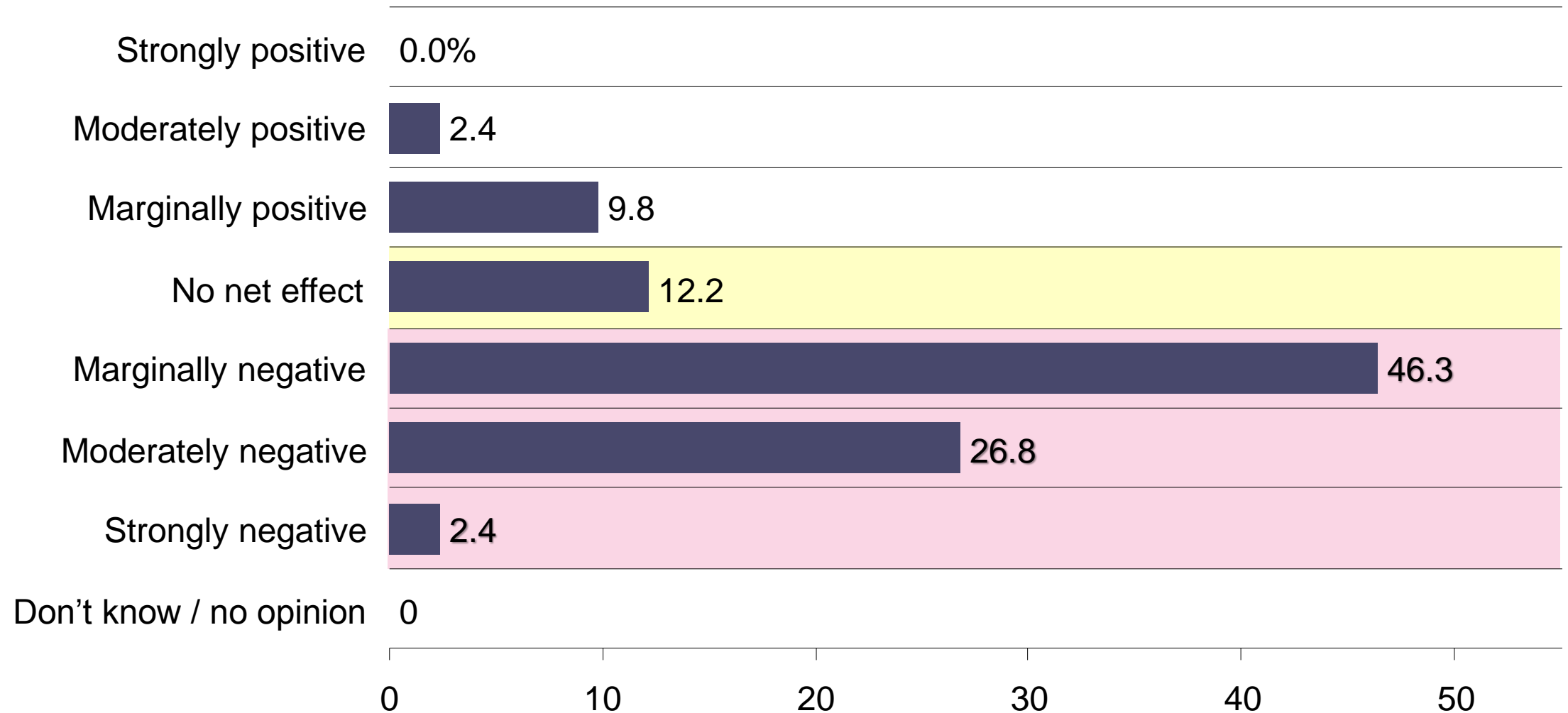
Null Hypothesis:	Obs	F-Statistic	Probability*
$d(\ln(\text{SHCOMP}))$ does not Granger Cause $d(\ln(\text{SPX}))$	1,811	0.39539	0.67350
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SHCOMP = Shanghai Composite Index

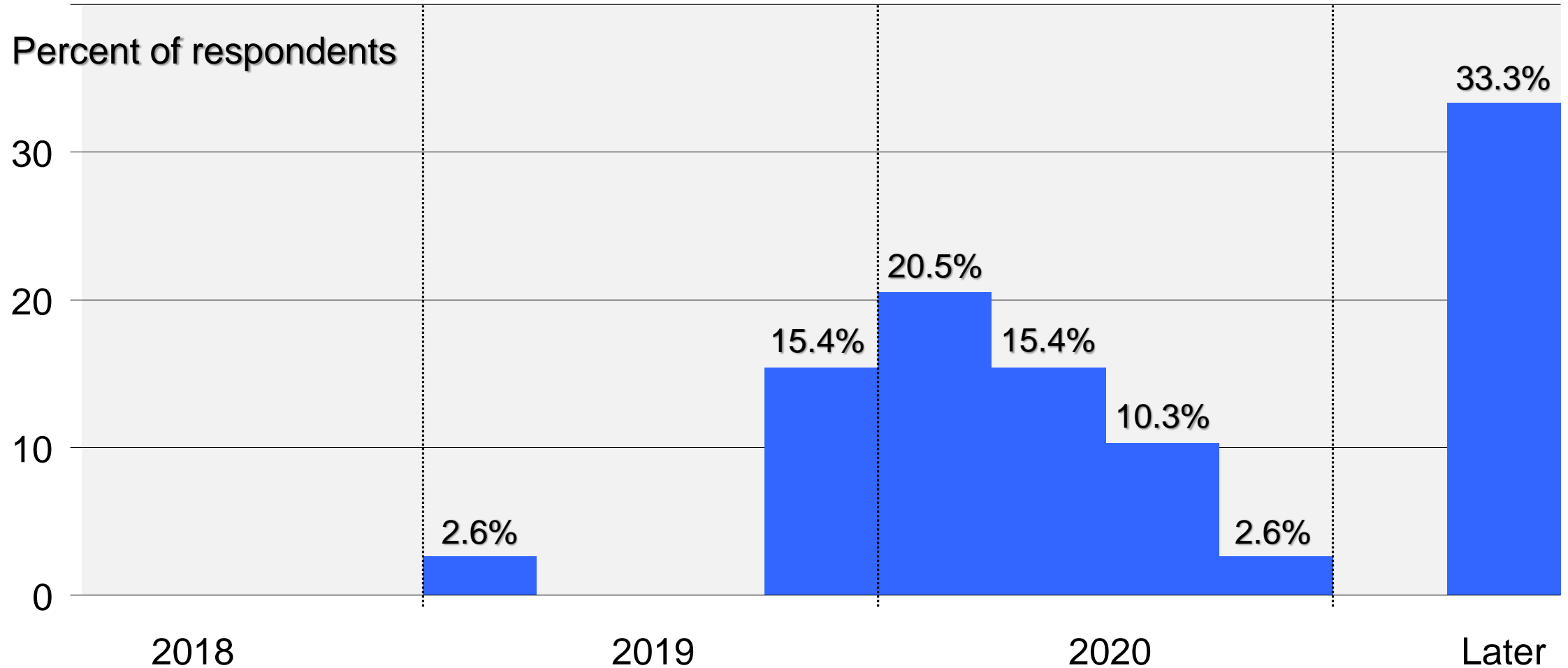
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*Probability that the hypothesis is *wrong*

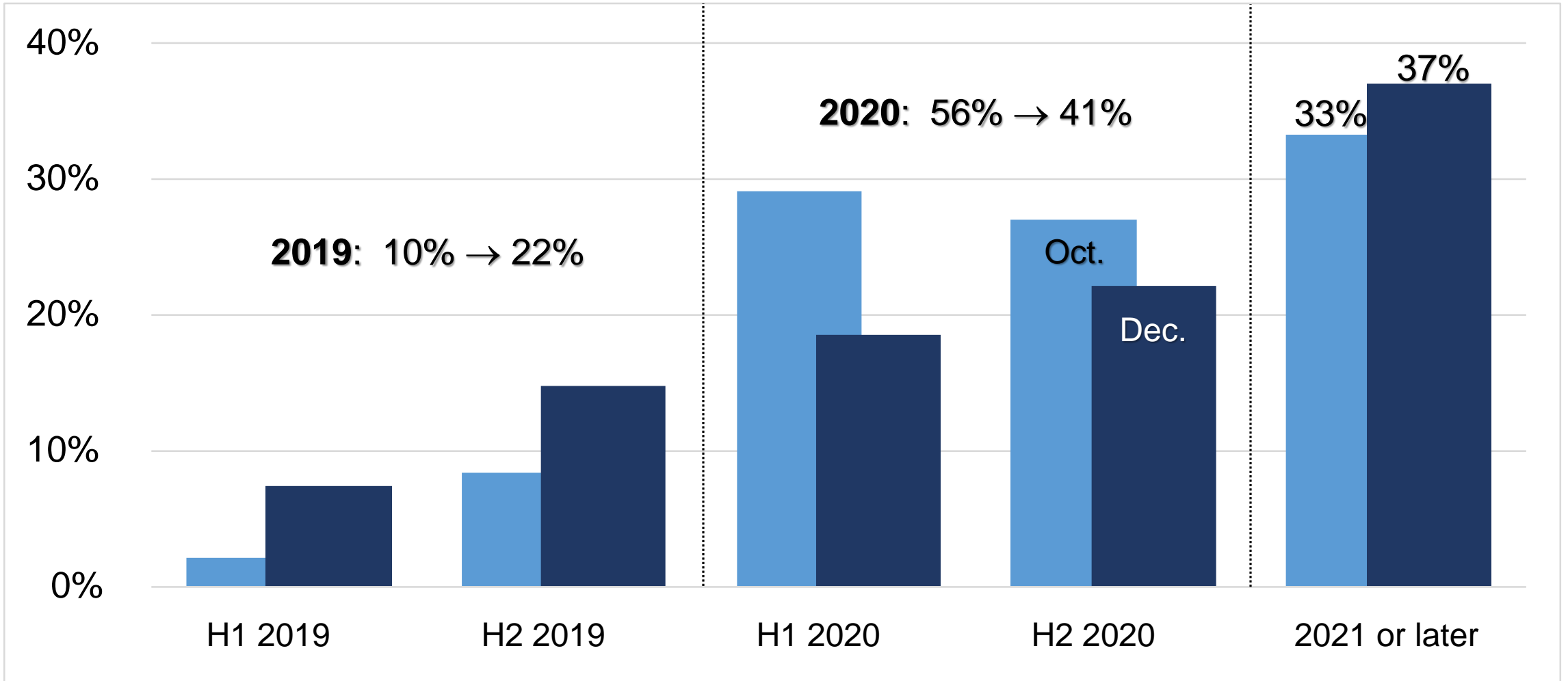
June 2018 NABE Survey: "...net effect of trade policy on U.S. real GDP growth?" 75% negative, 12% positive (Aug 2018: 91% negative)



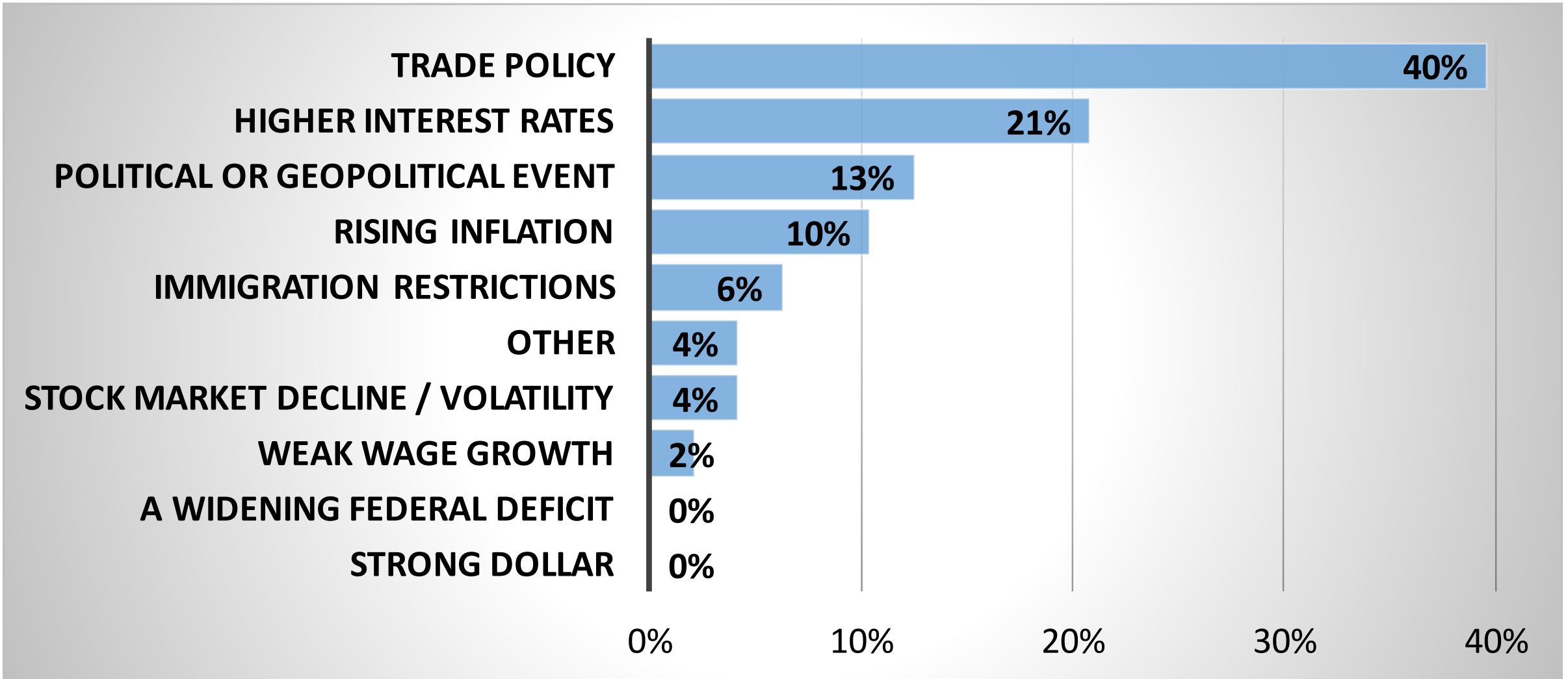
June 2018 NABE Survey: “...When do you expect the next recession?” one-third say not before 2021; two-thirds say most likely by early-2020



October and December 2018 NABE Surveys: “When do you expect the next recession?” Respondents think it more probable sooner *and* later



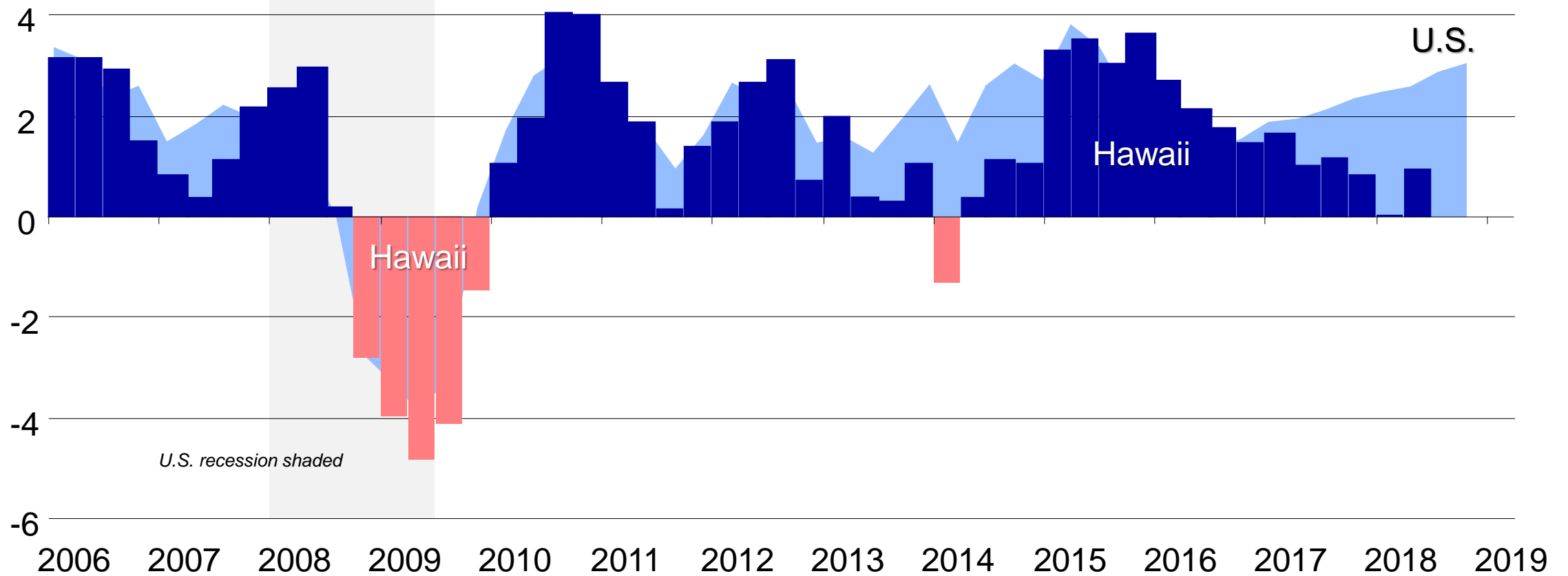
Family Feud? Survey Says: Business economists think biggest risks facing the U.S. economy are trade policy, interest rates, political risk



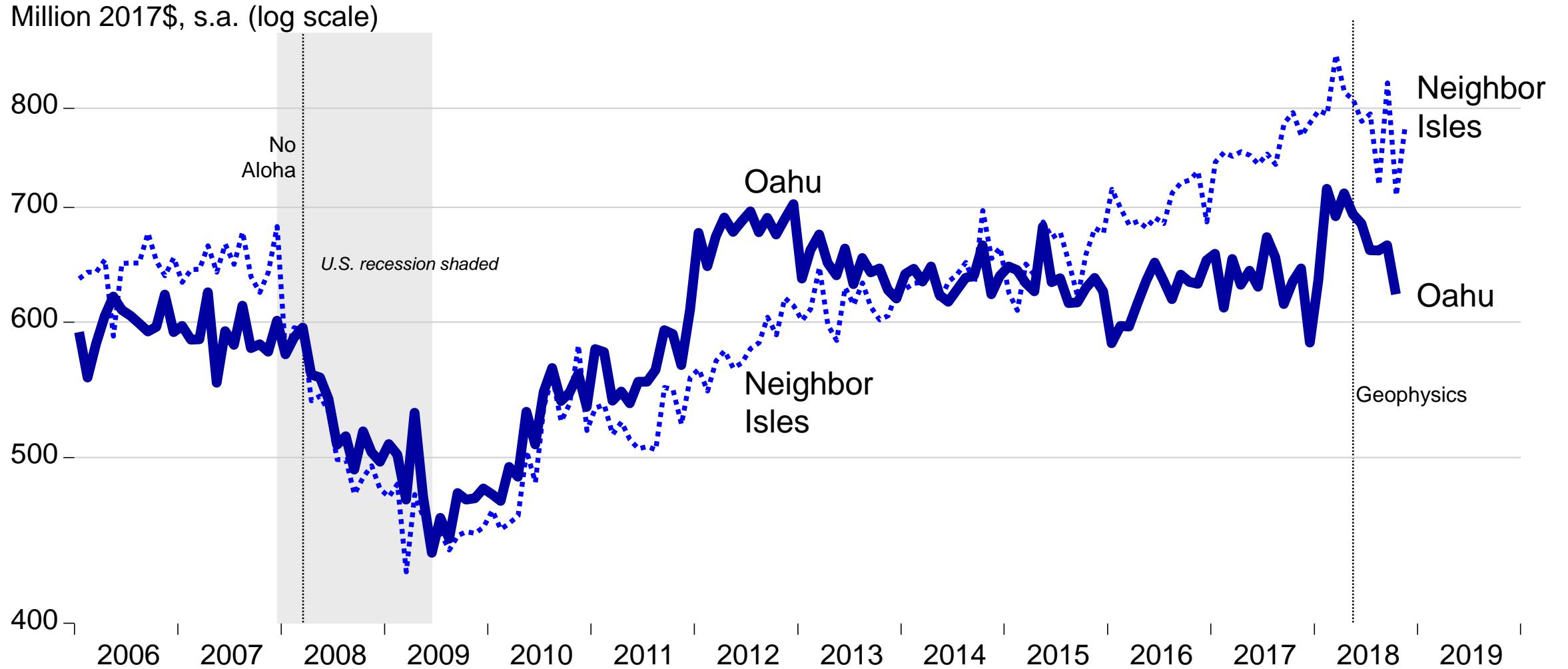
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Hawaii quarterly real GDP growth: for the second time this decade, deceleration to near-standstill while U.S. continues to grow

Percent change, year-over-year (not annualized)

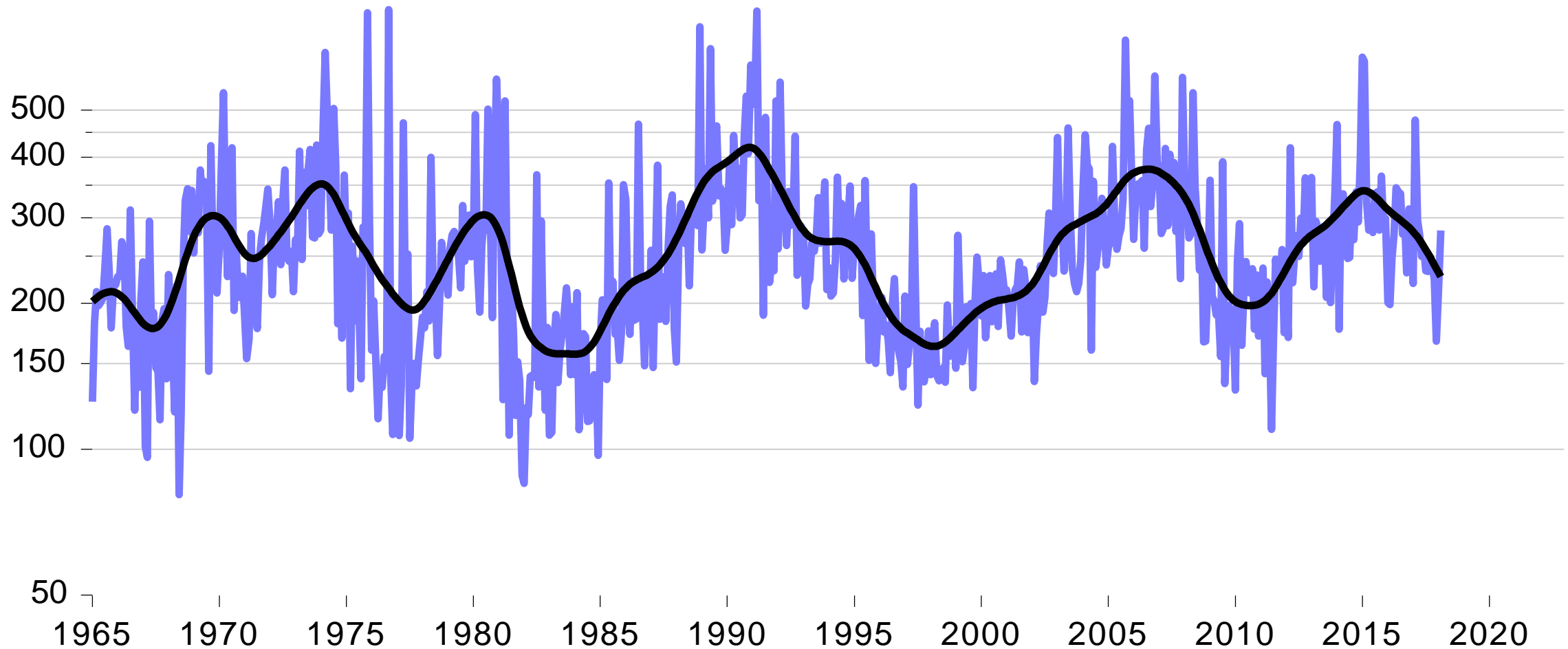


Constant-dollar real visitor expenditure has only grown on Neighbor Isles in the 2010s, Oahu real tourism receipts constant since 2012



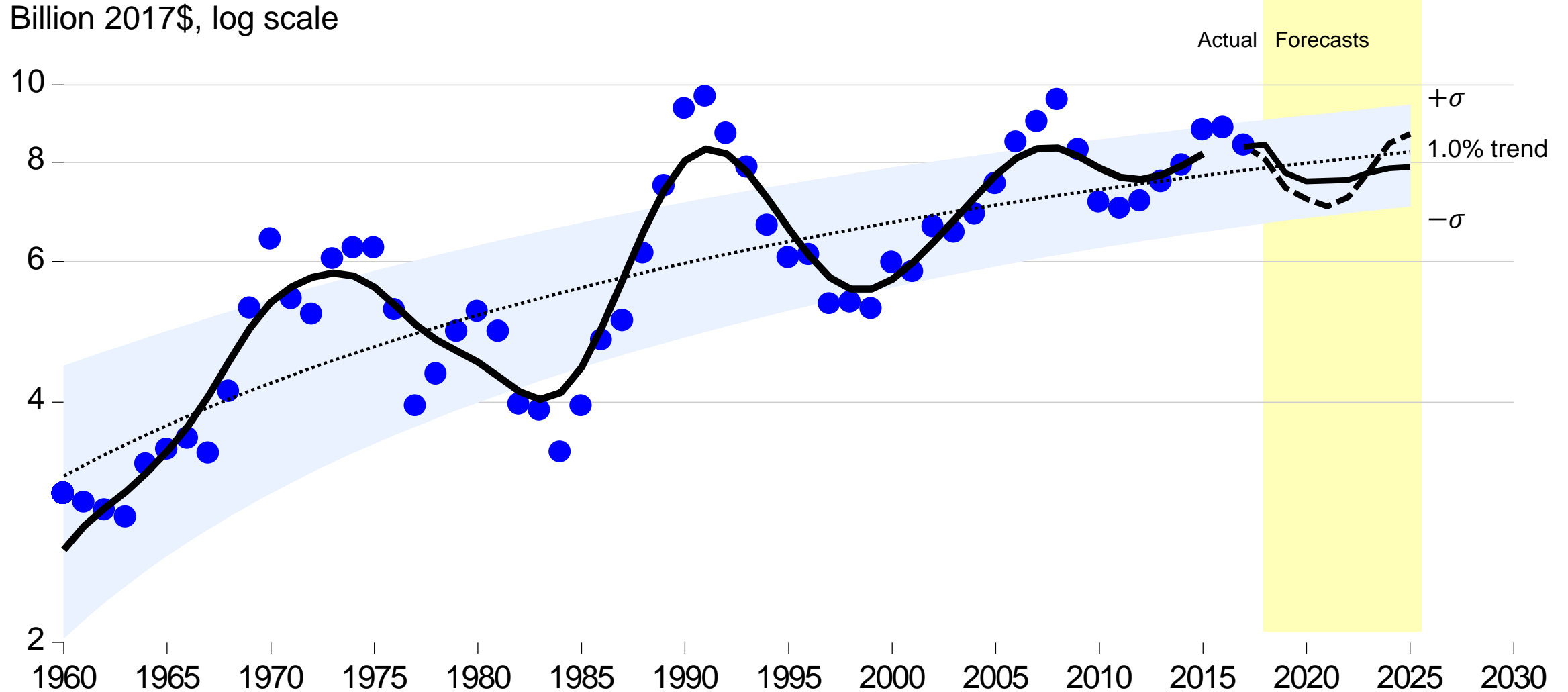
Monthly Hawaii real private building permit value cycling downward for several years since 2015 within narrowing historical bandwidth

Monthly, million 2017\$, s.a. (log scale)



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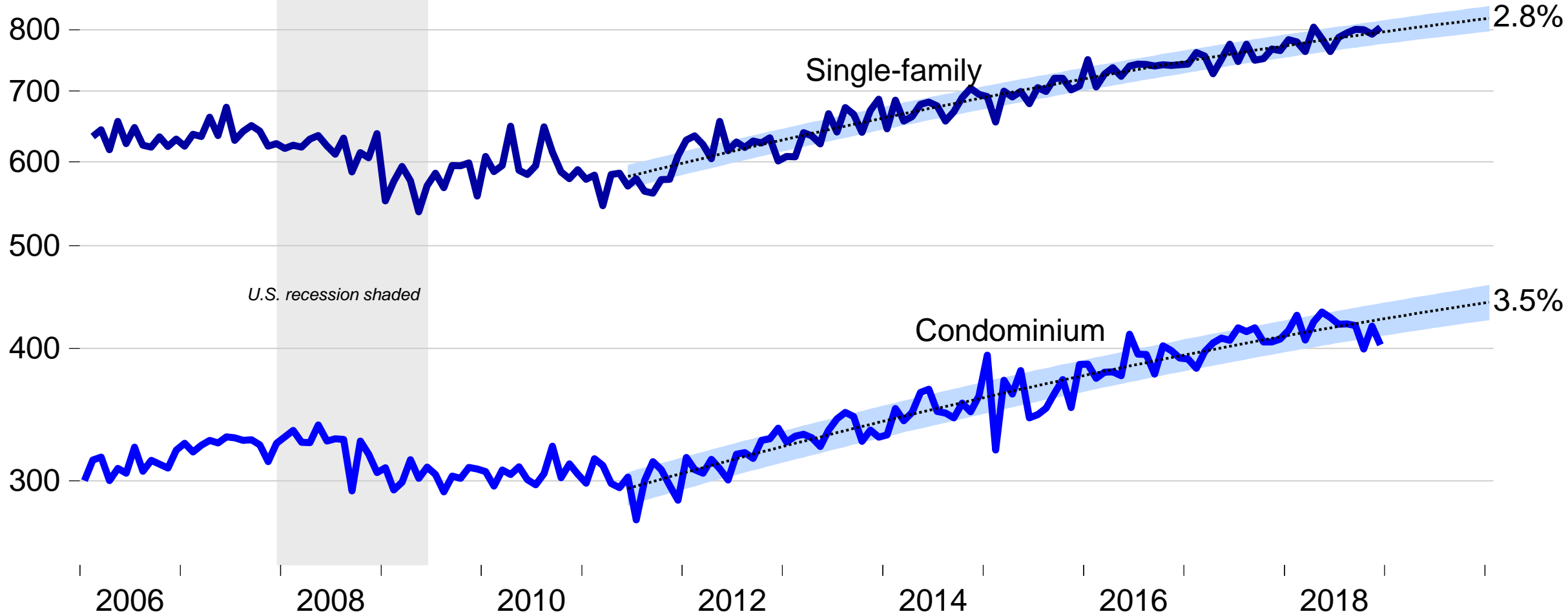
Real Hawaii contracting receipts forecast to slip to below trend, \$8-9 billion to \$7.0-7.5 billion, in shallow extension of narrowing cycle



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Monthly Oahu median existing home resale prices not bubblicious, but trend since mid-2011 shows signs of deceleration (“curvature”)

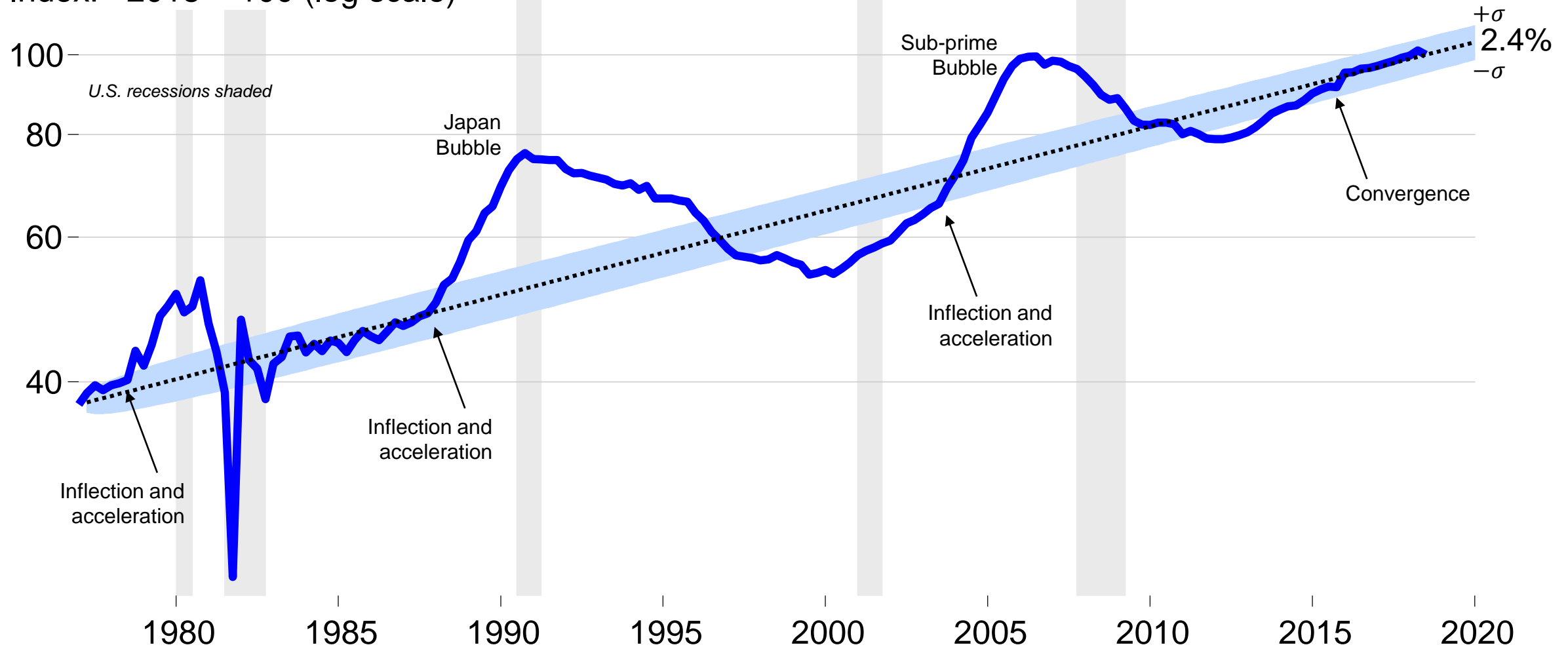
Thousand dollars, s.a. (log scale)



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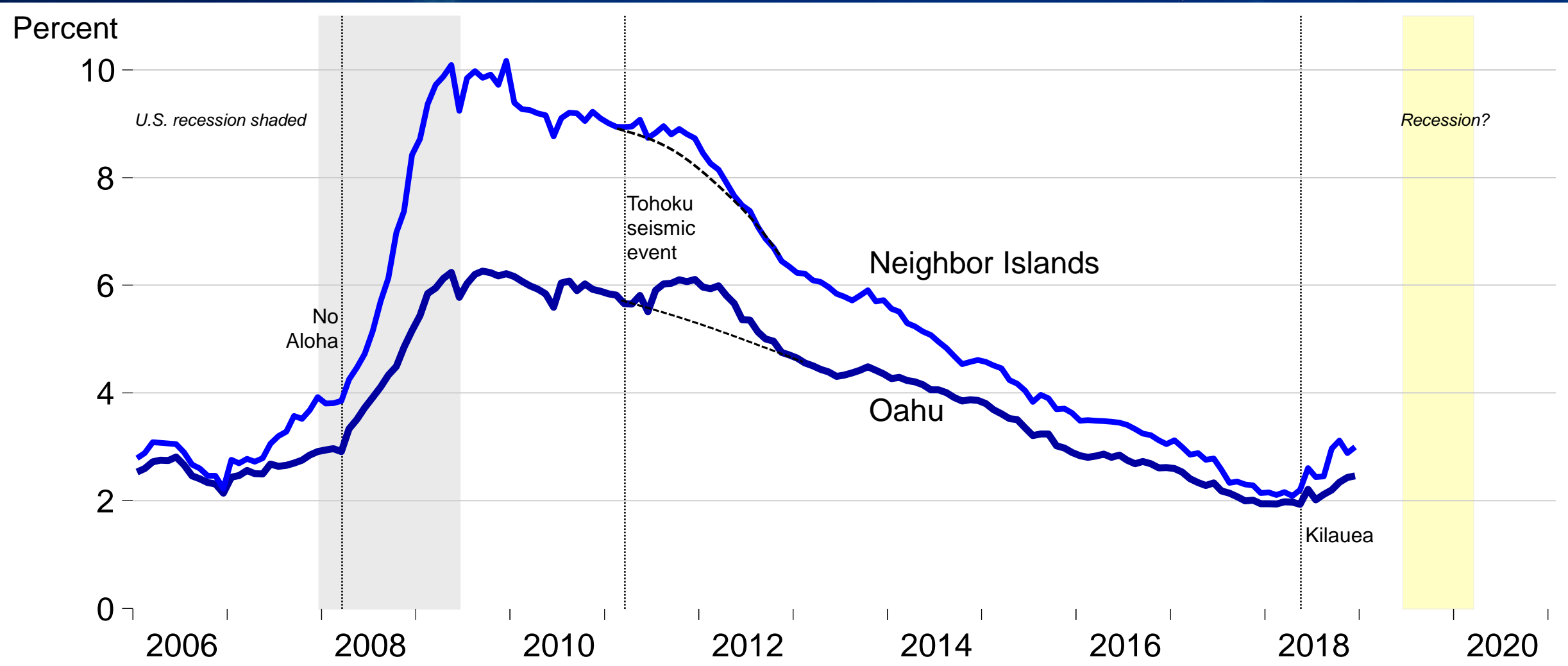
Real—inflation-adjusted—Oahu quarterly house valuations (sales and mortgage collateral values) convergent to LR *real* appreciation rate

Index: 2018 = 100 (log scale)

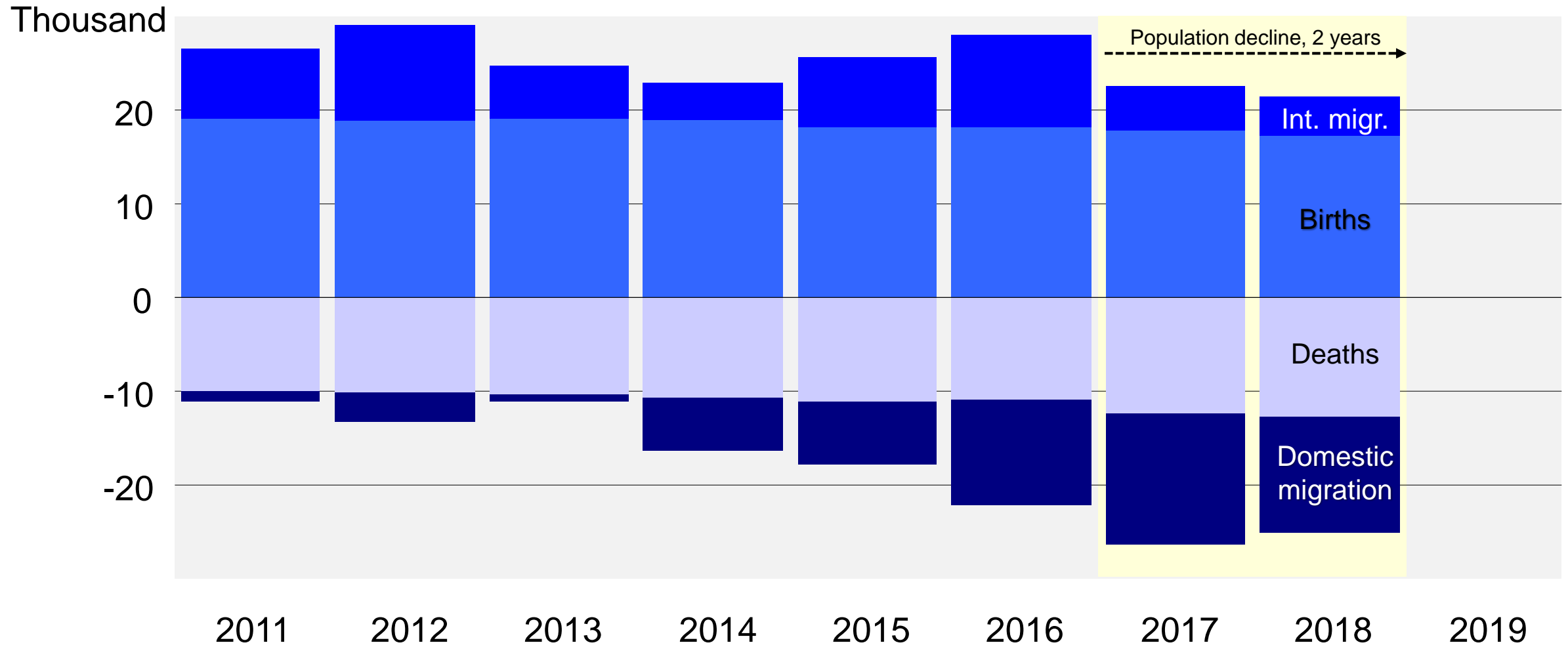


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Hawaii unemployment rates began rising in second quarter 2018 with a string of natural disasters, but kept rising after they were over



Statewide components of population change: natural increase (births less deaths), net international migration, and net domestic migration



Climate change?



Pau

