

Country Briefing: Japan

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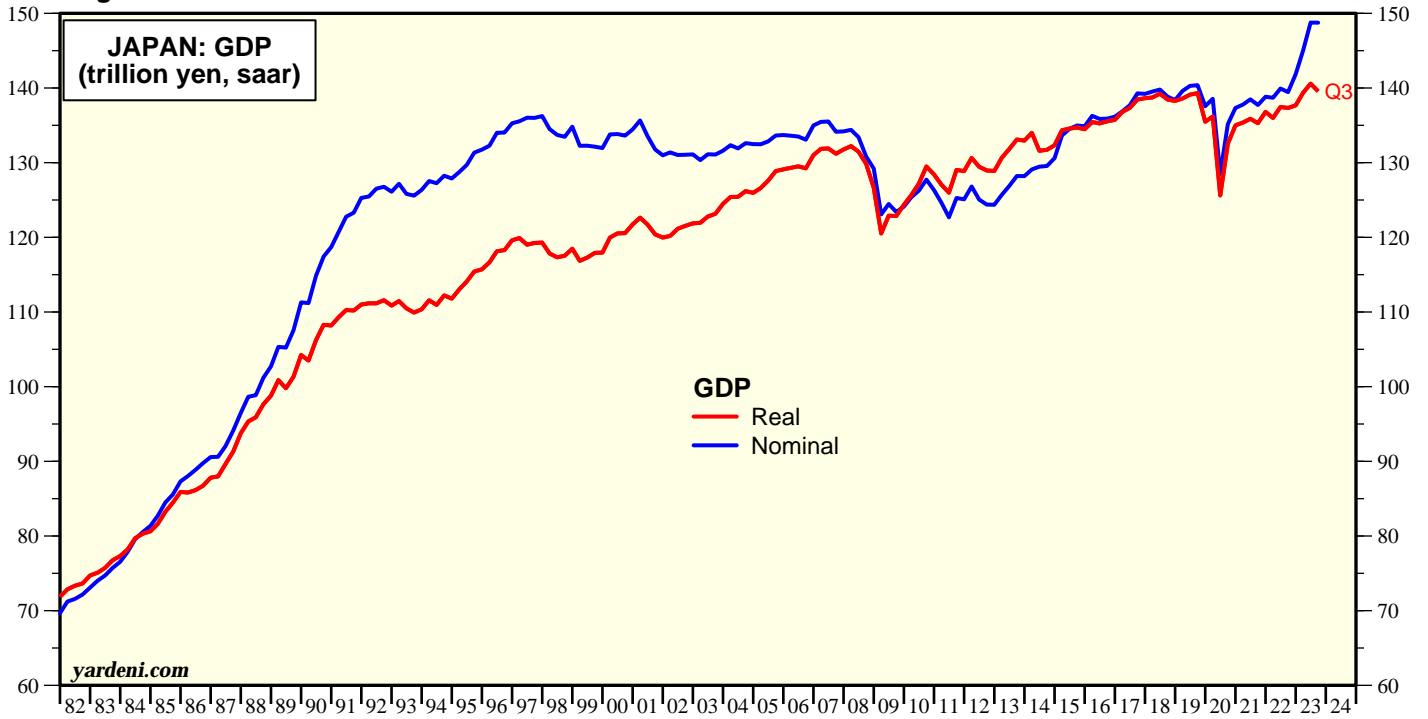
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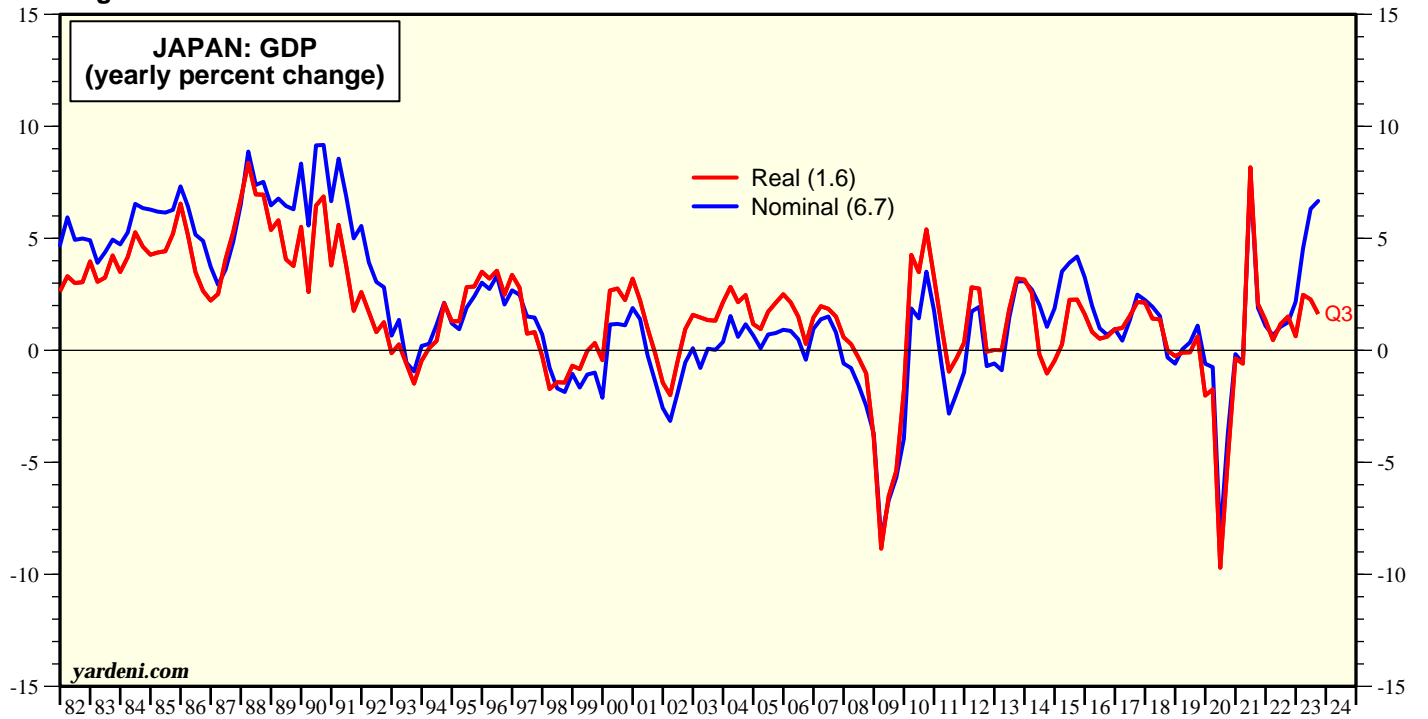
Real vs. Nominal GDP

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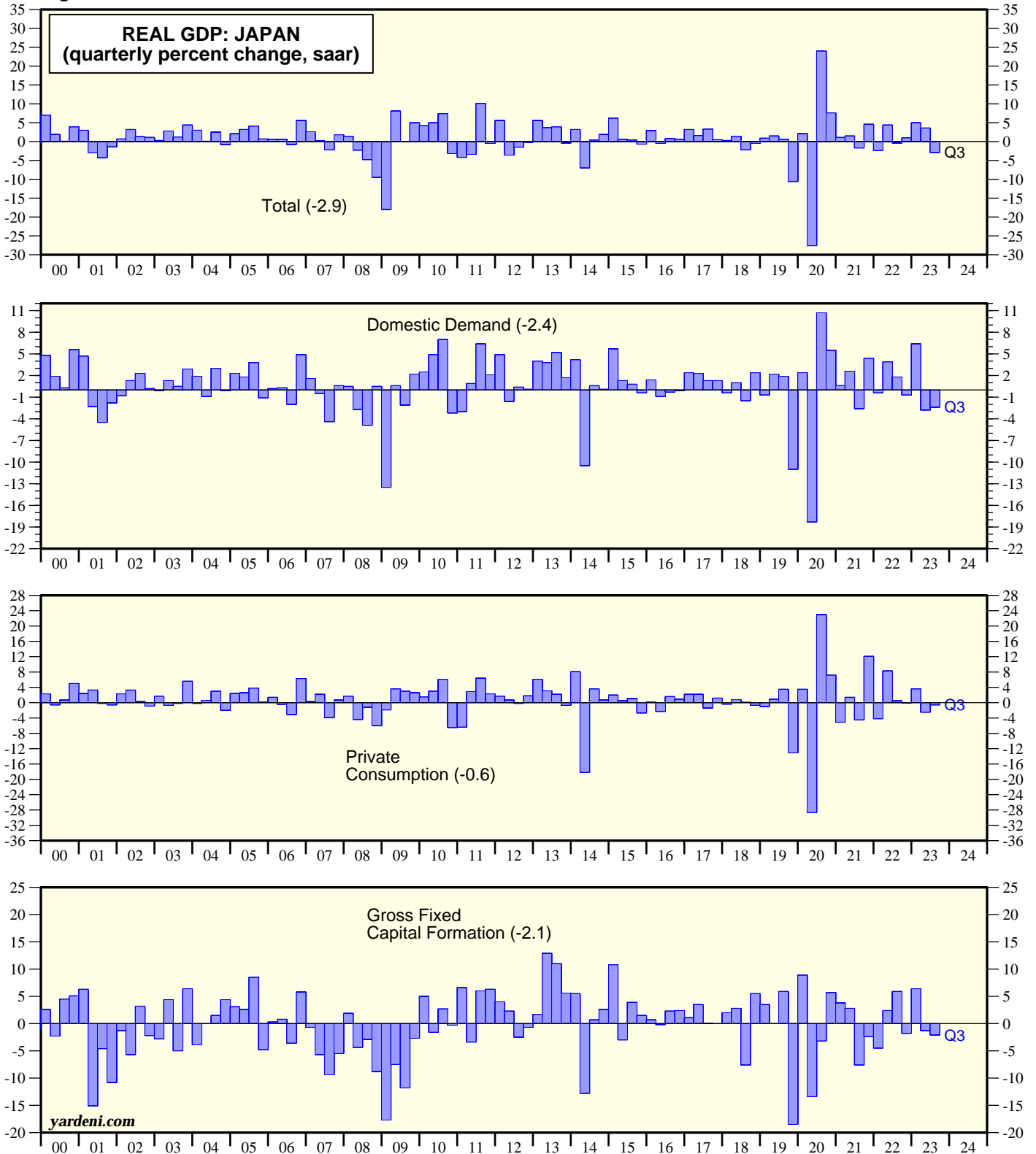
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Real GDP

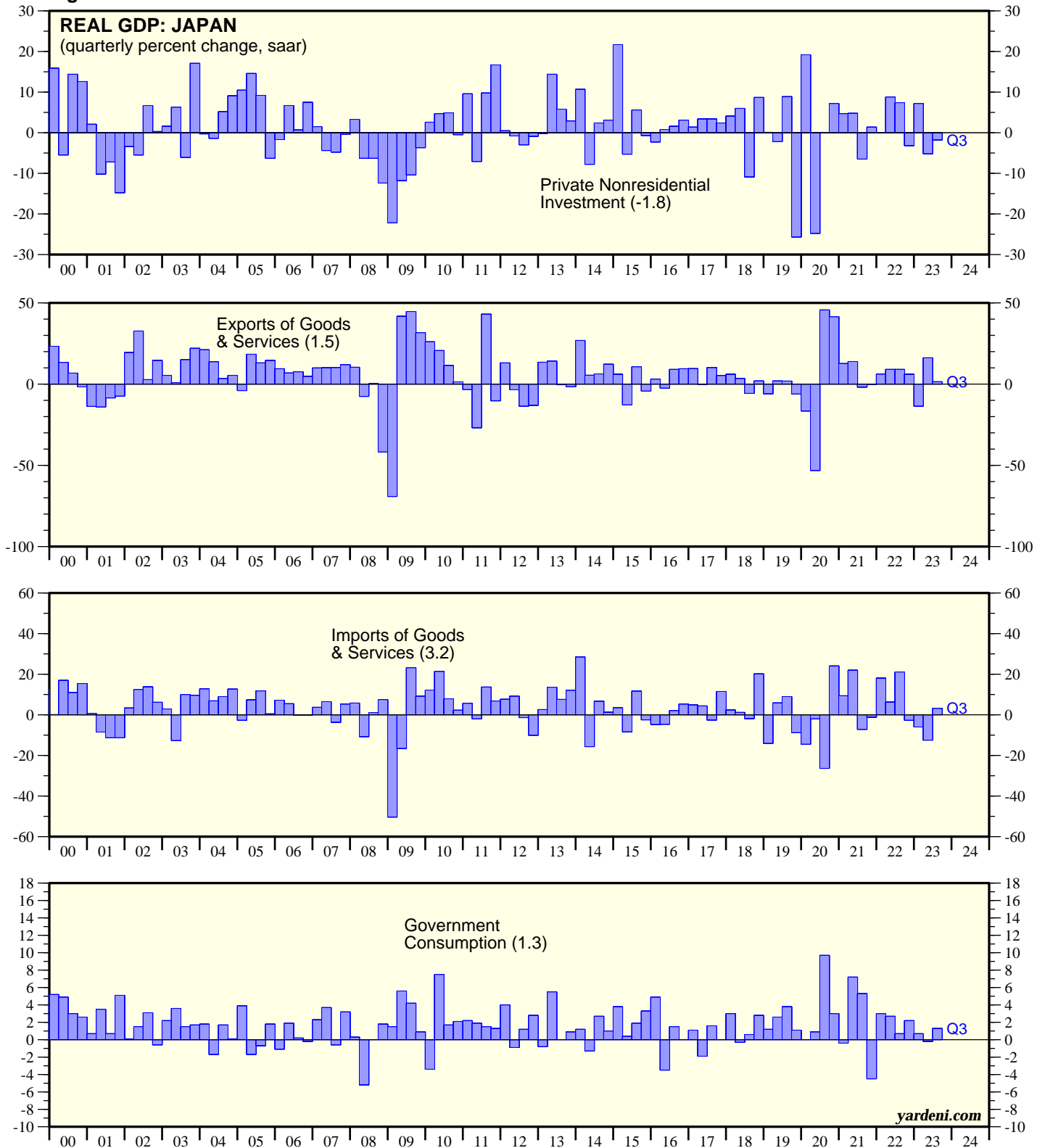
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Source: Cabinet Office and Haver Analytics.

Real GDP

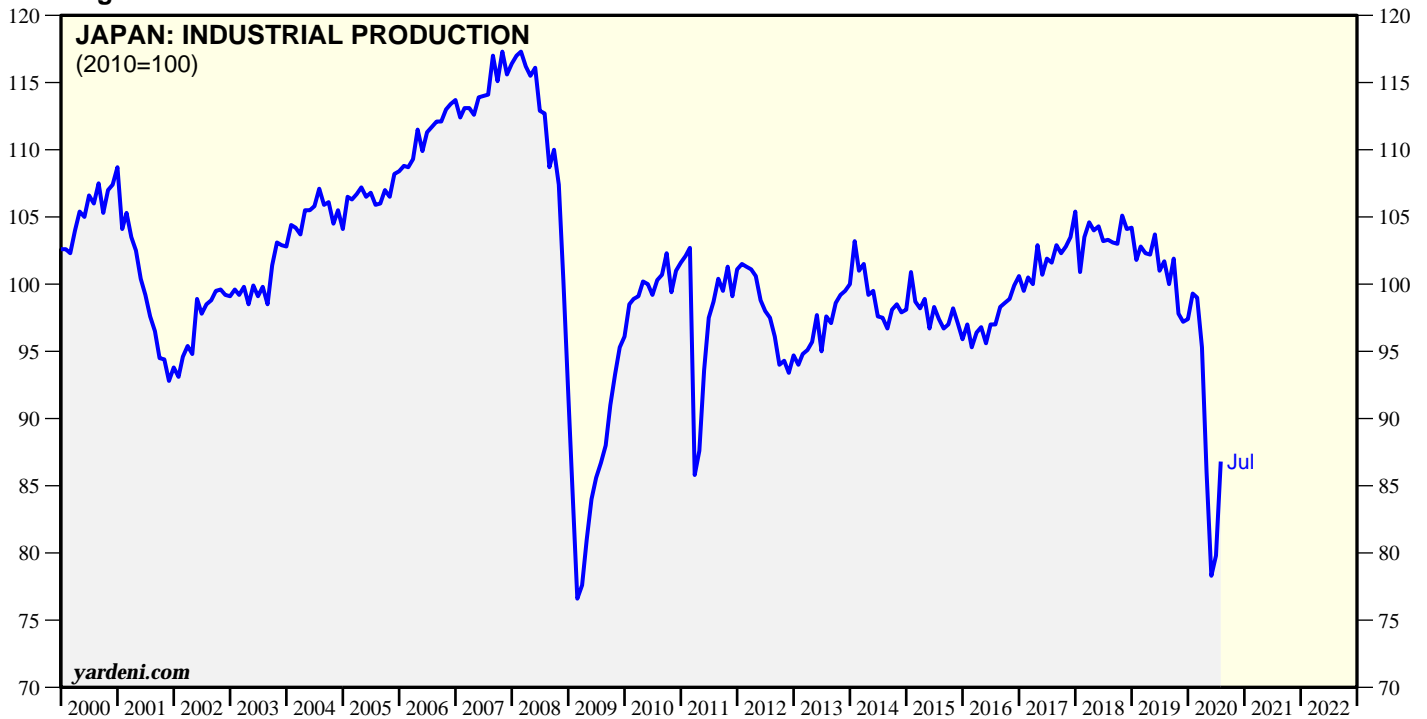
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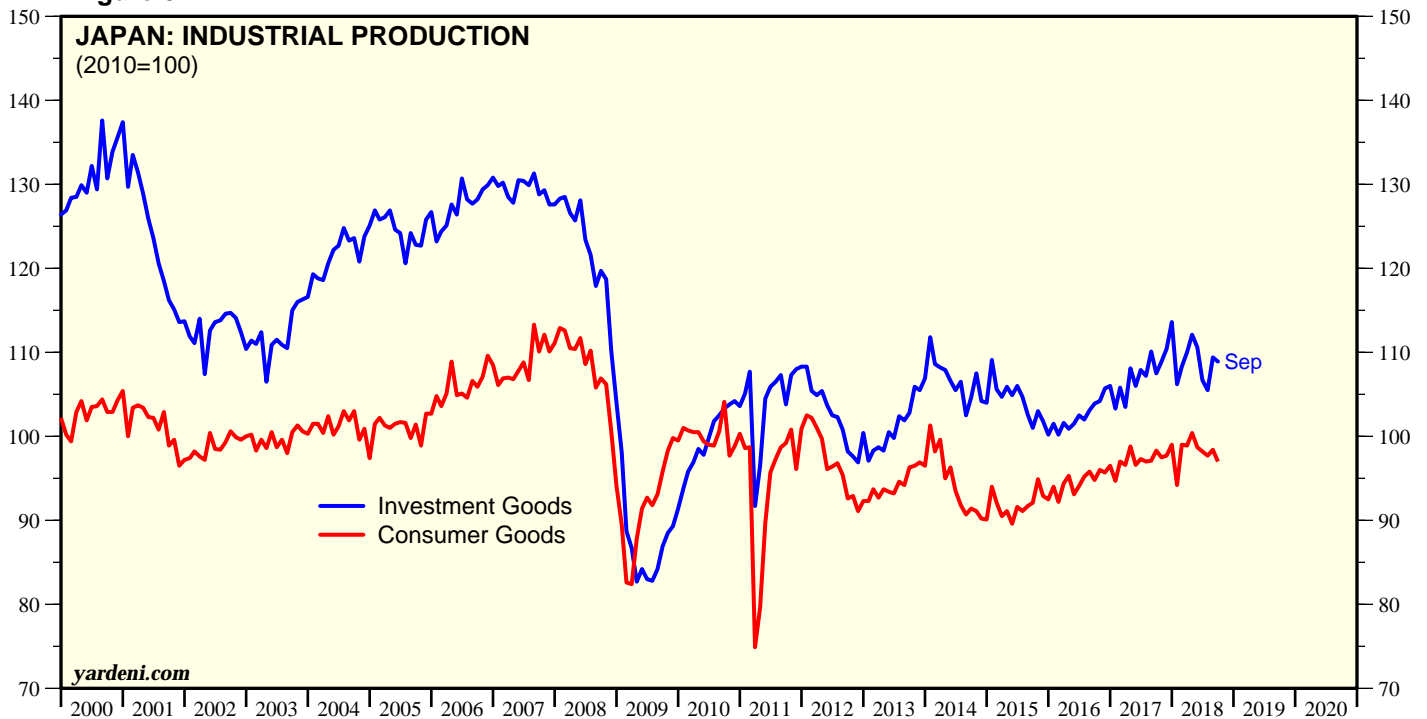
Industrial Production

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Source: Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry.

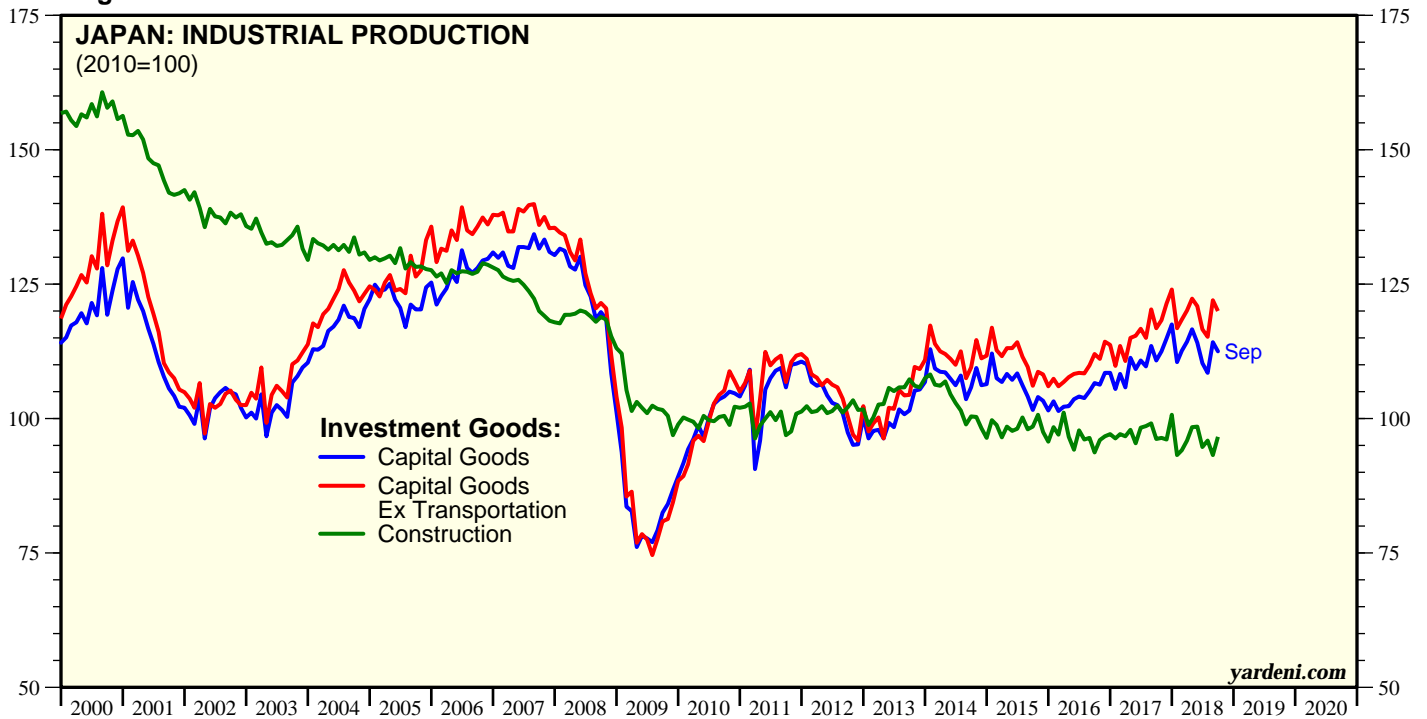
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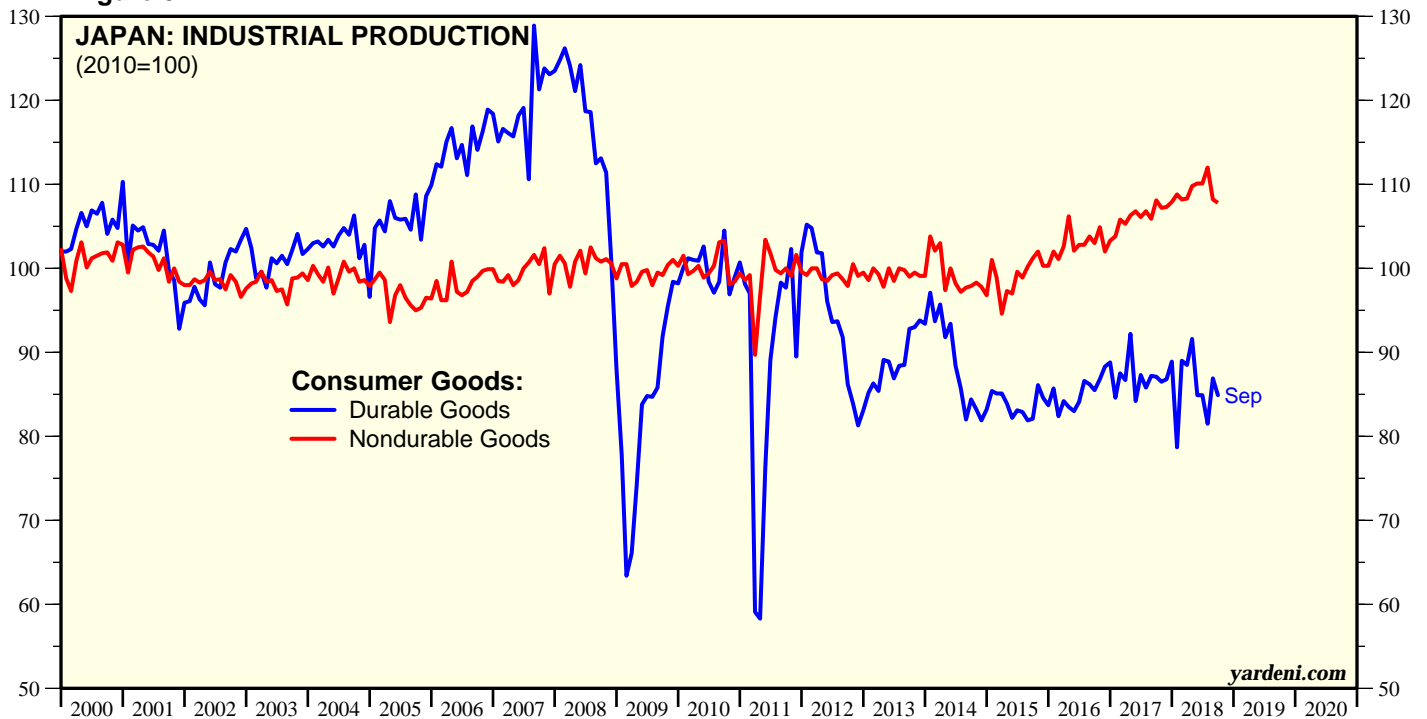
Industrial Production

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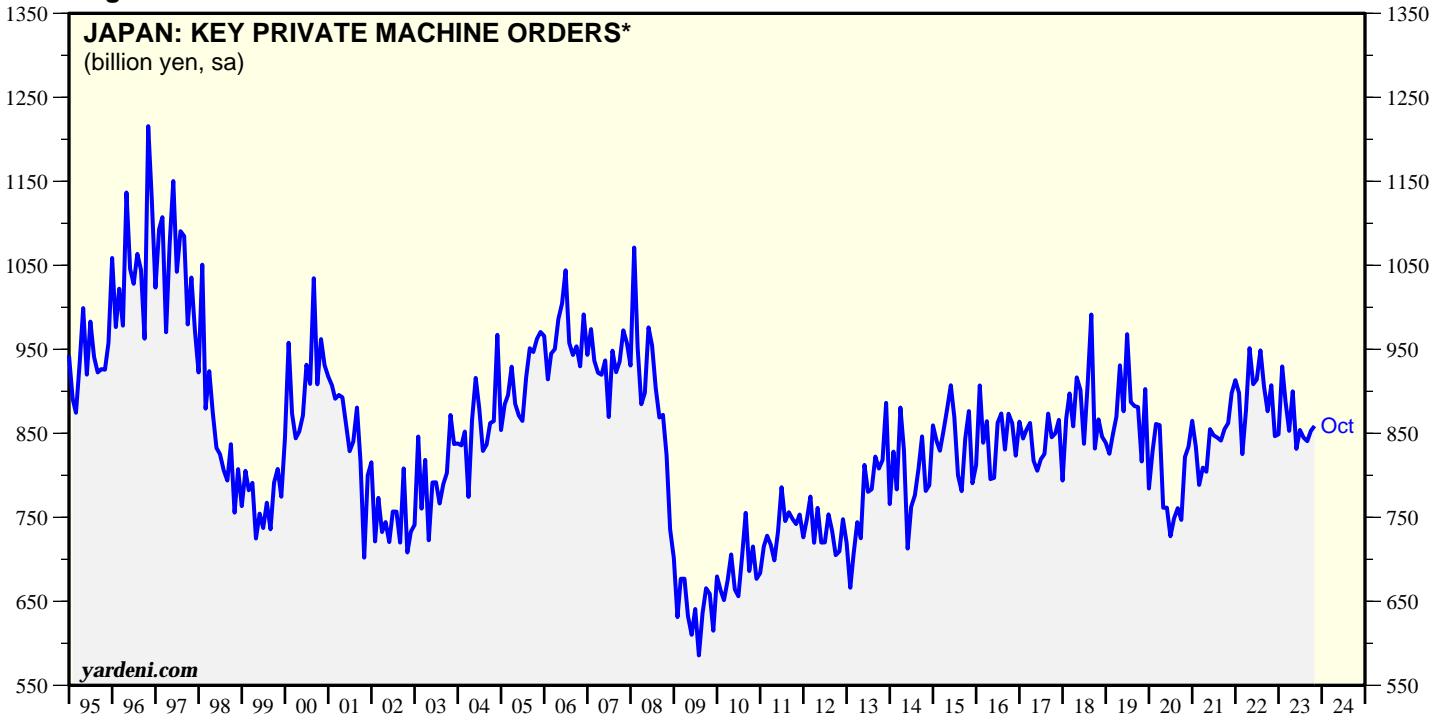
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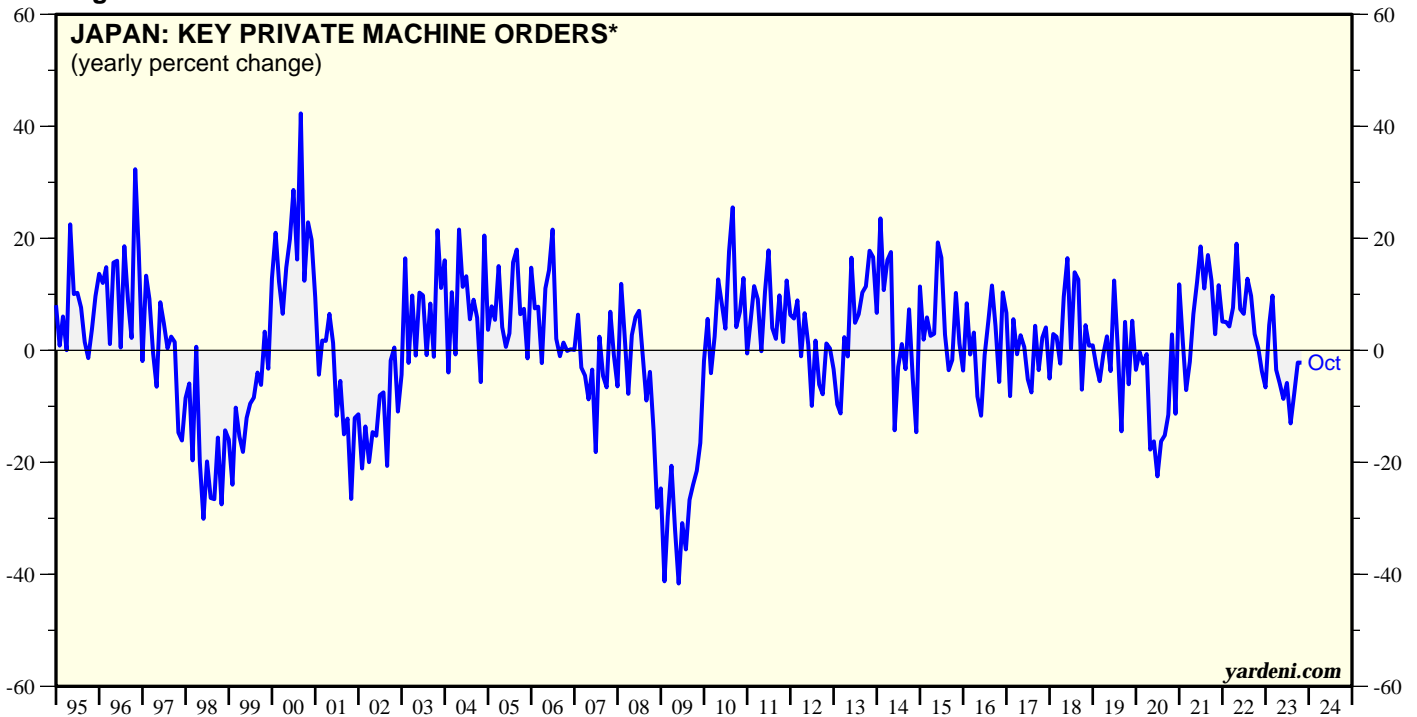
Key Machinery Orders

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* Excludes volatile ships and electric power (headline series).
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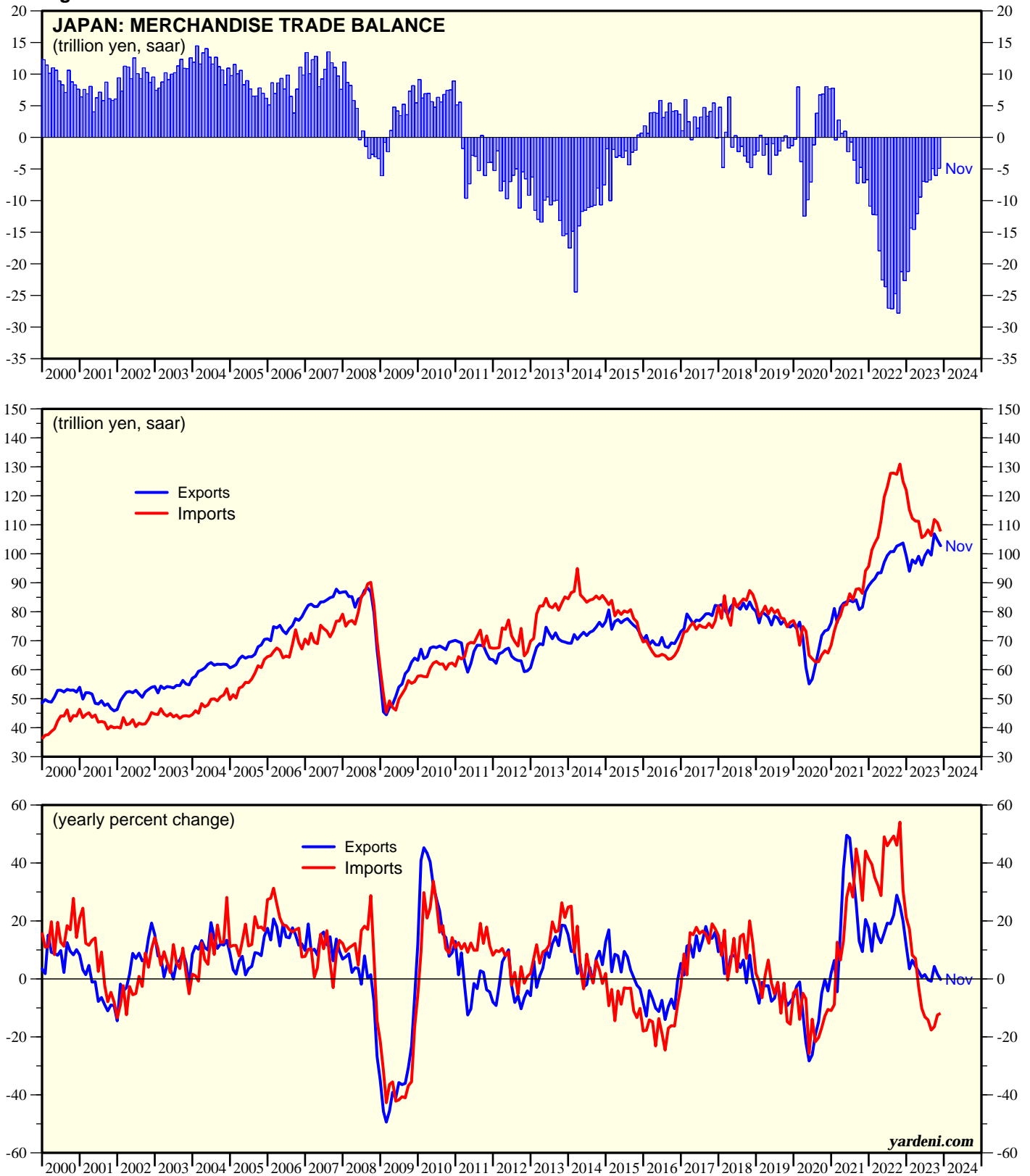
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Merchandise Trade

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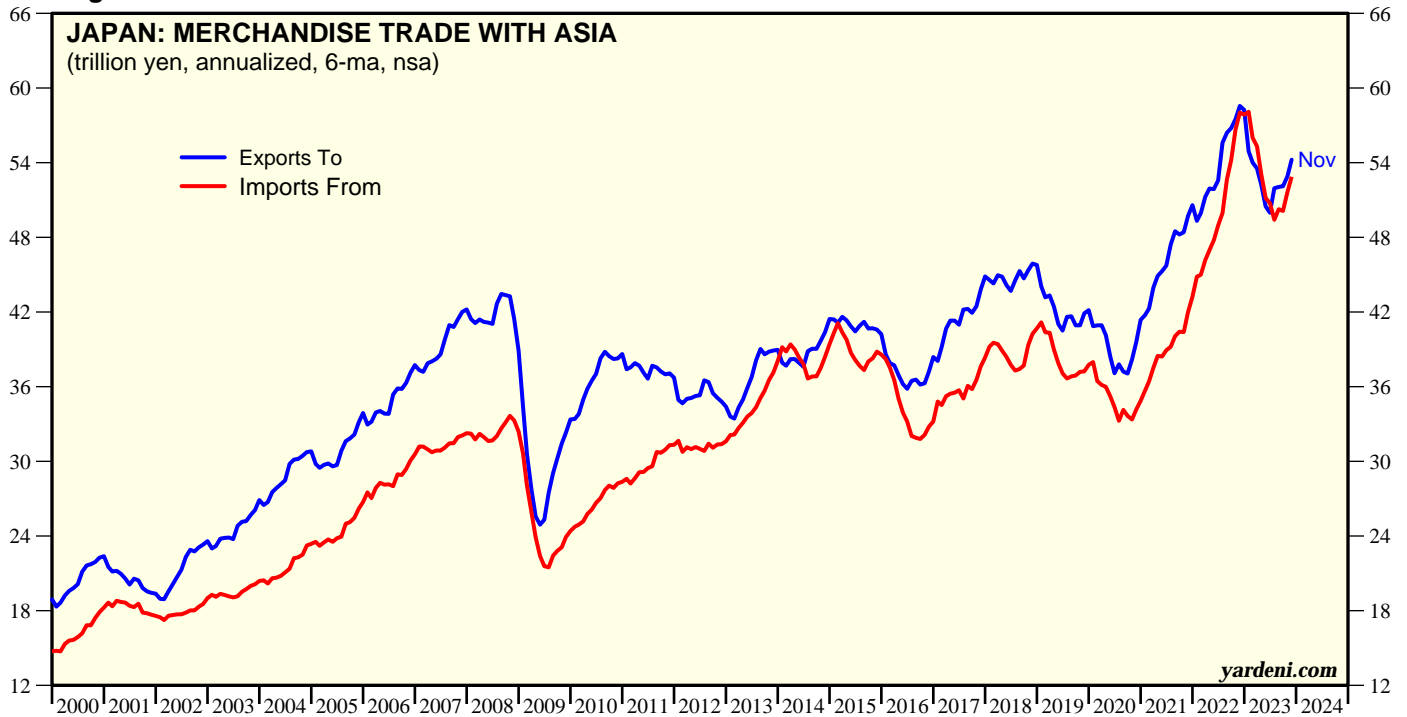
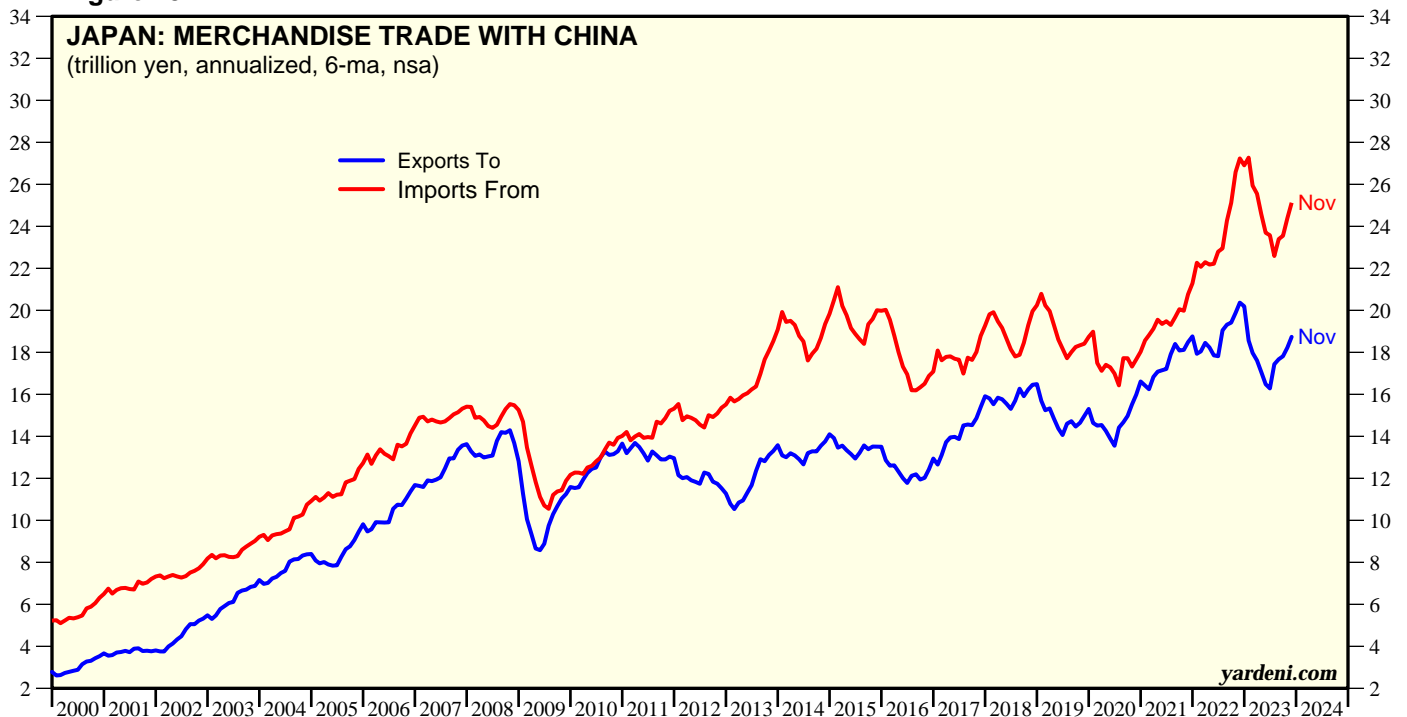


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Merchandise Trade

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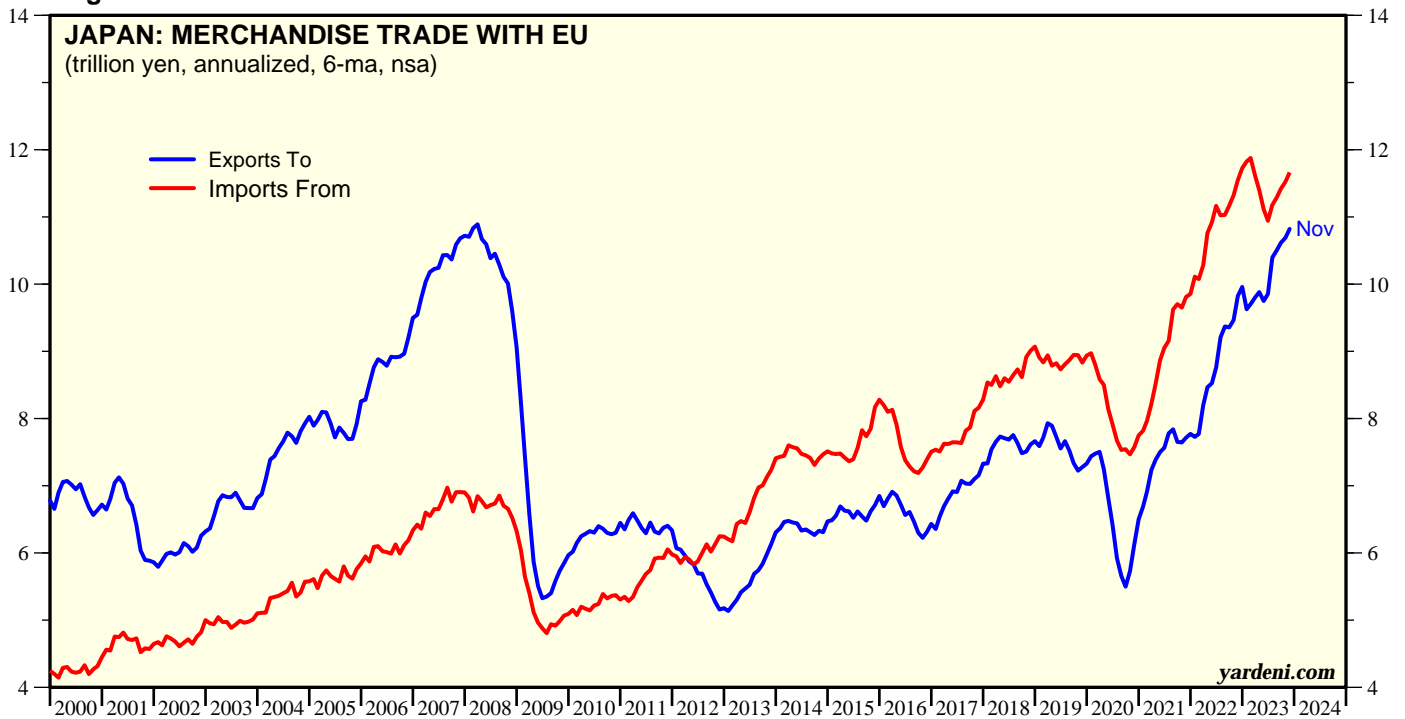
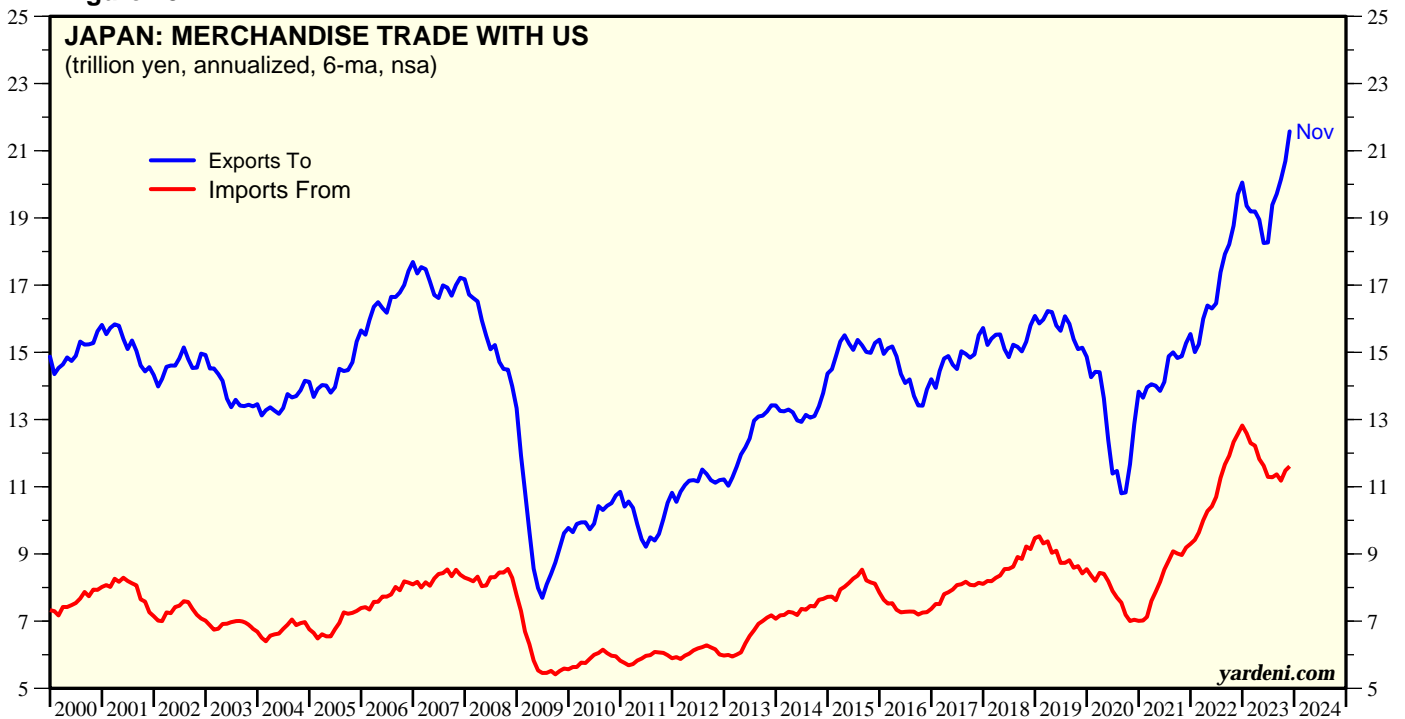


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Share of Japanese Exports

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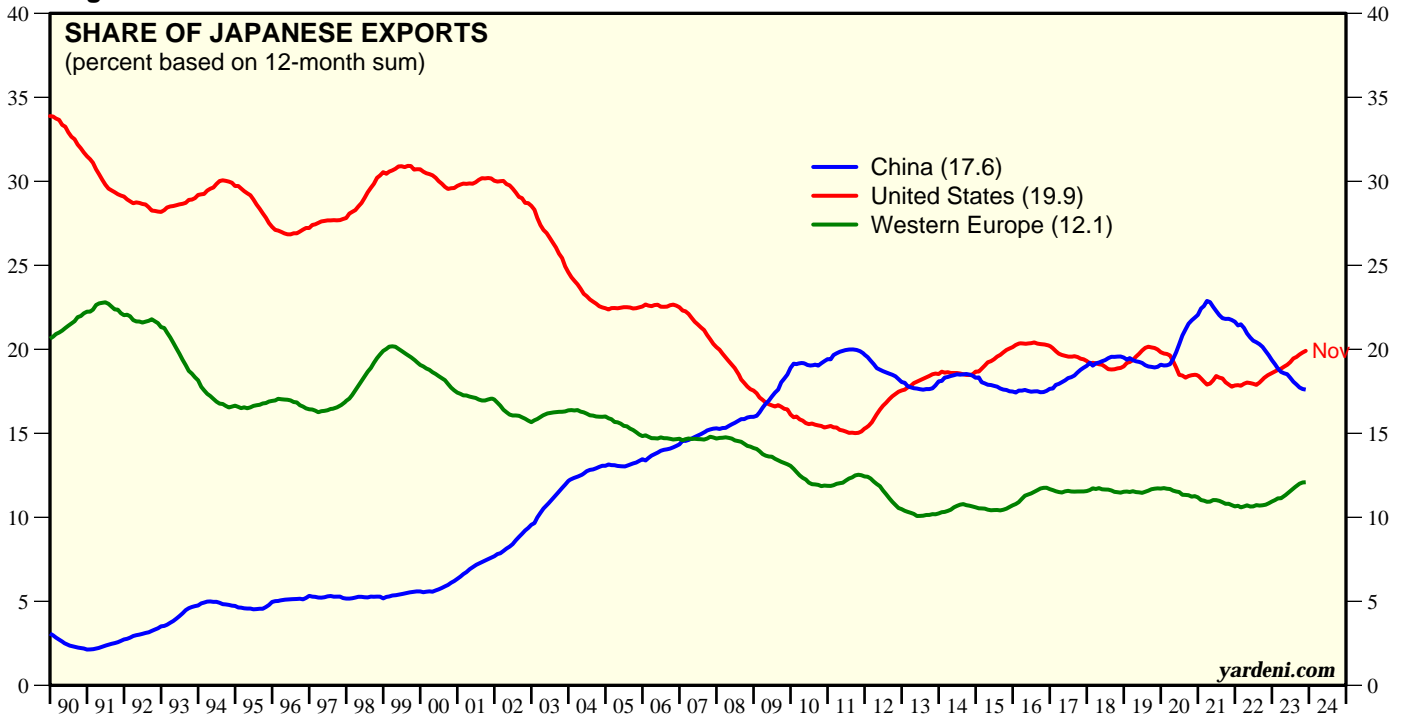
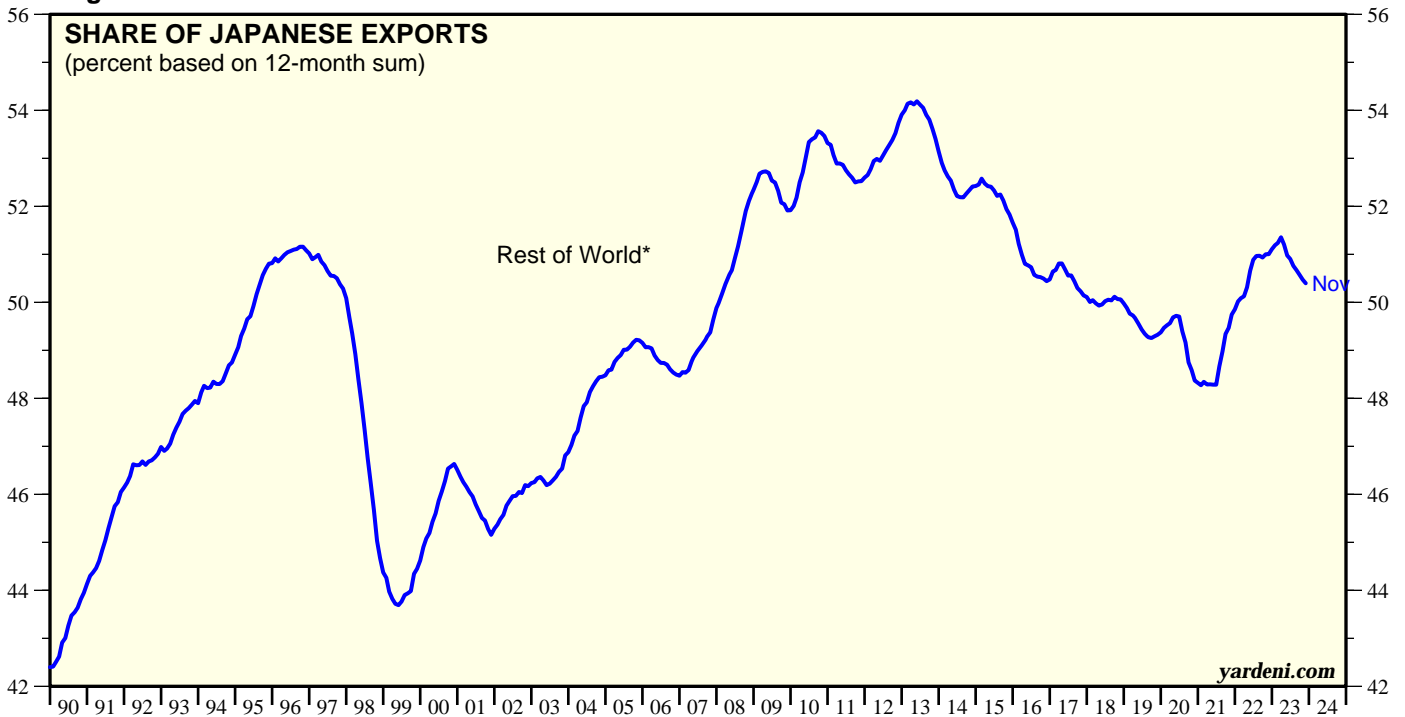


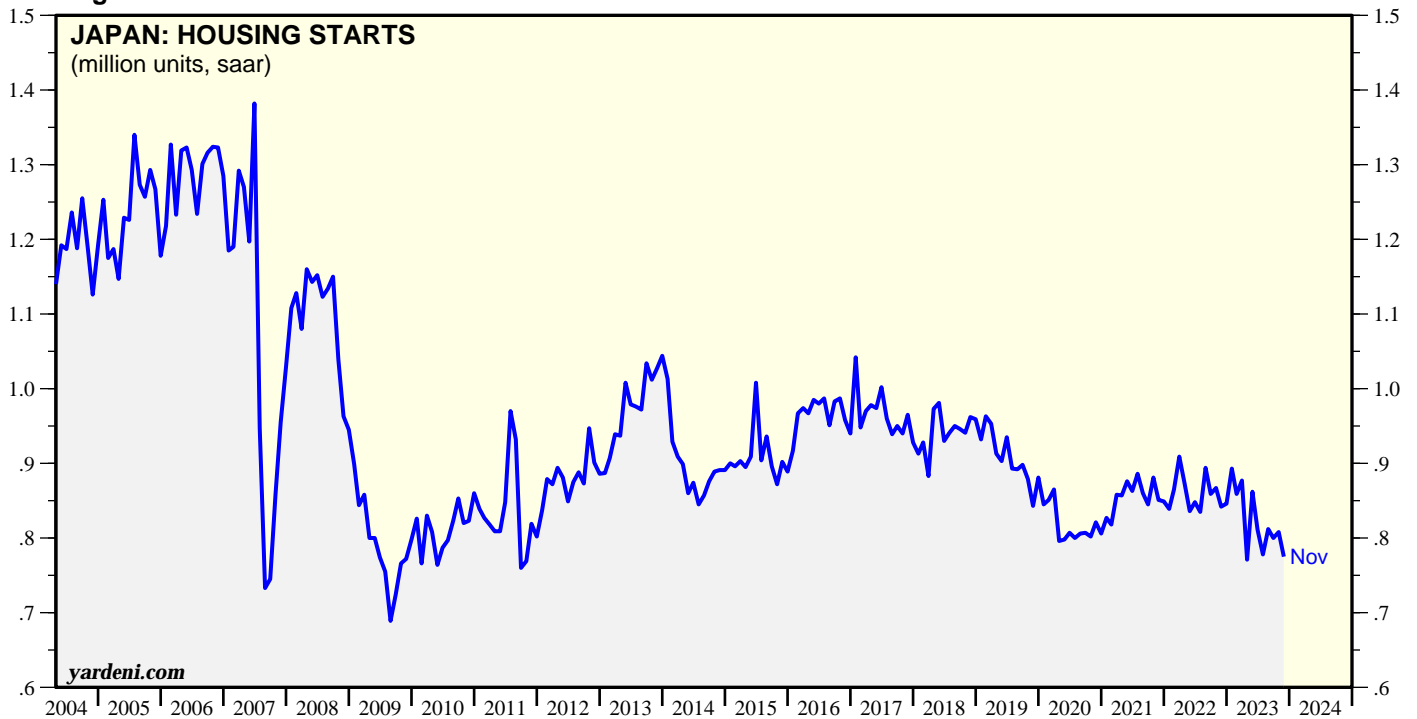
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* Total less China, US, and Western Europe.
 Source: Ministry of Finance and Japan Tariff Association.

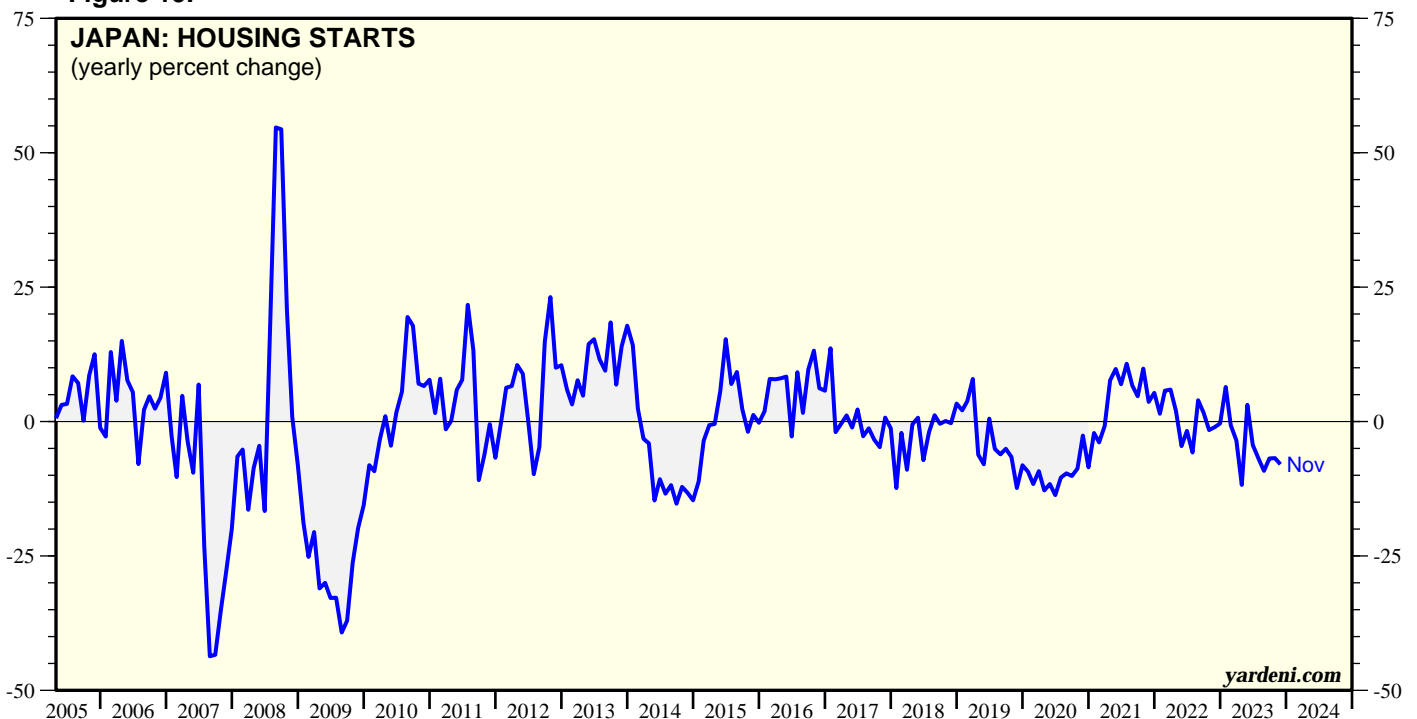
Housing Starts

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Source: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport.

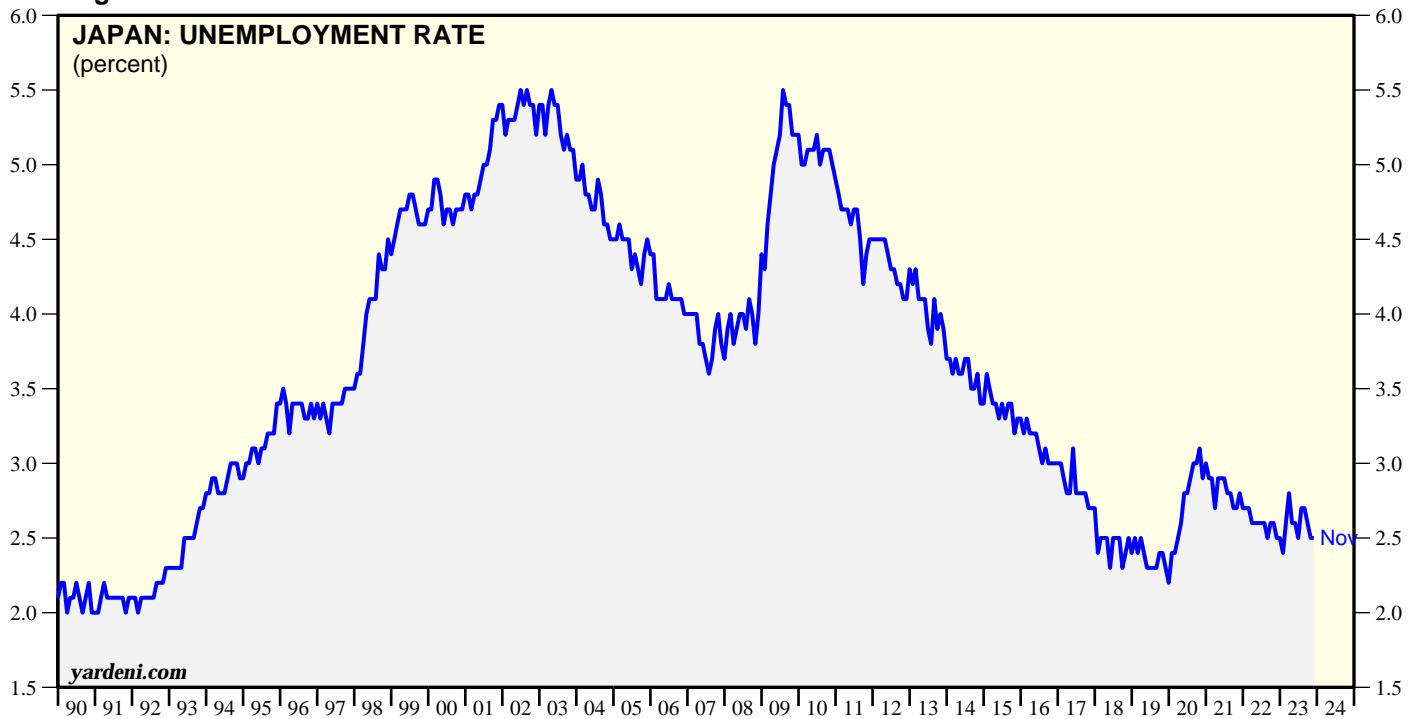
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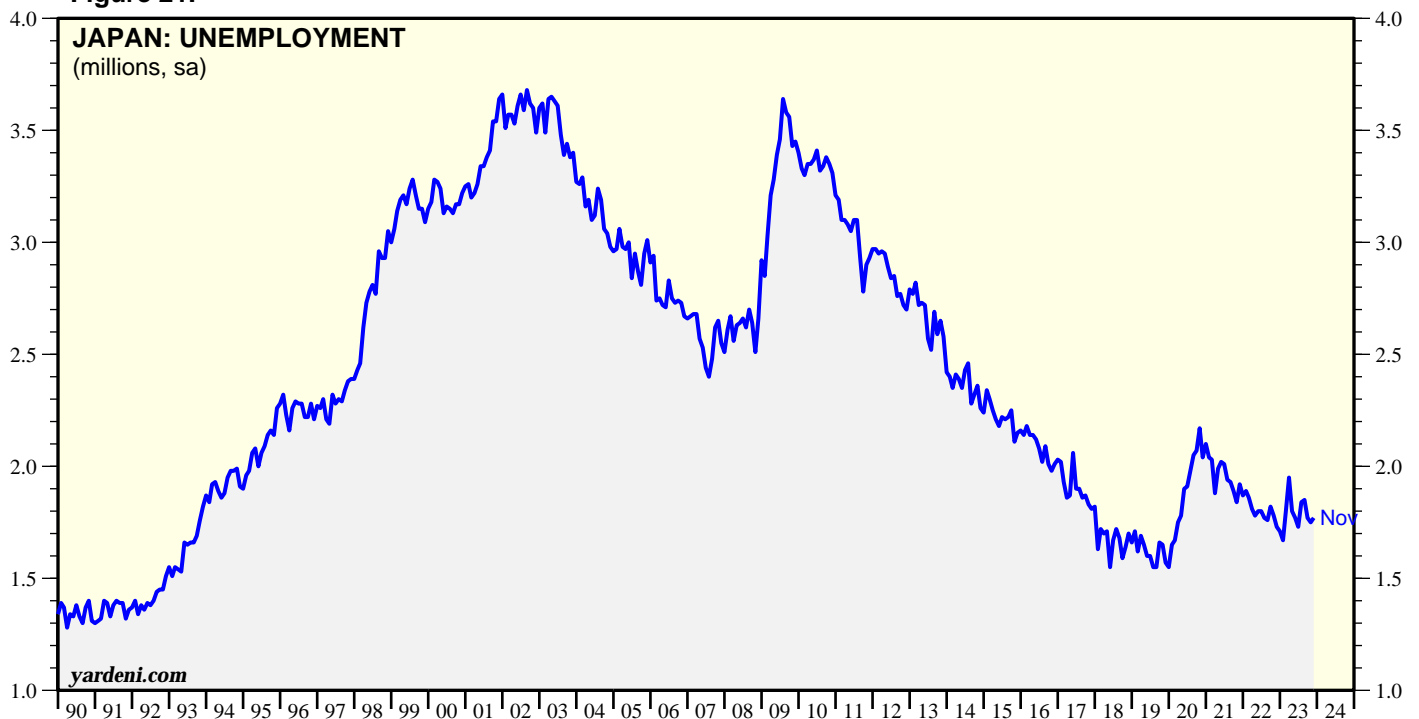
Unemployment

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Source: Haver Analytics.

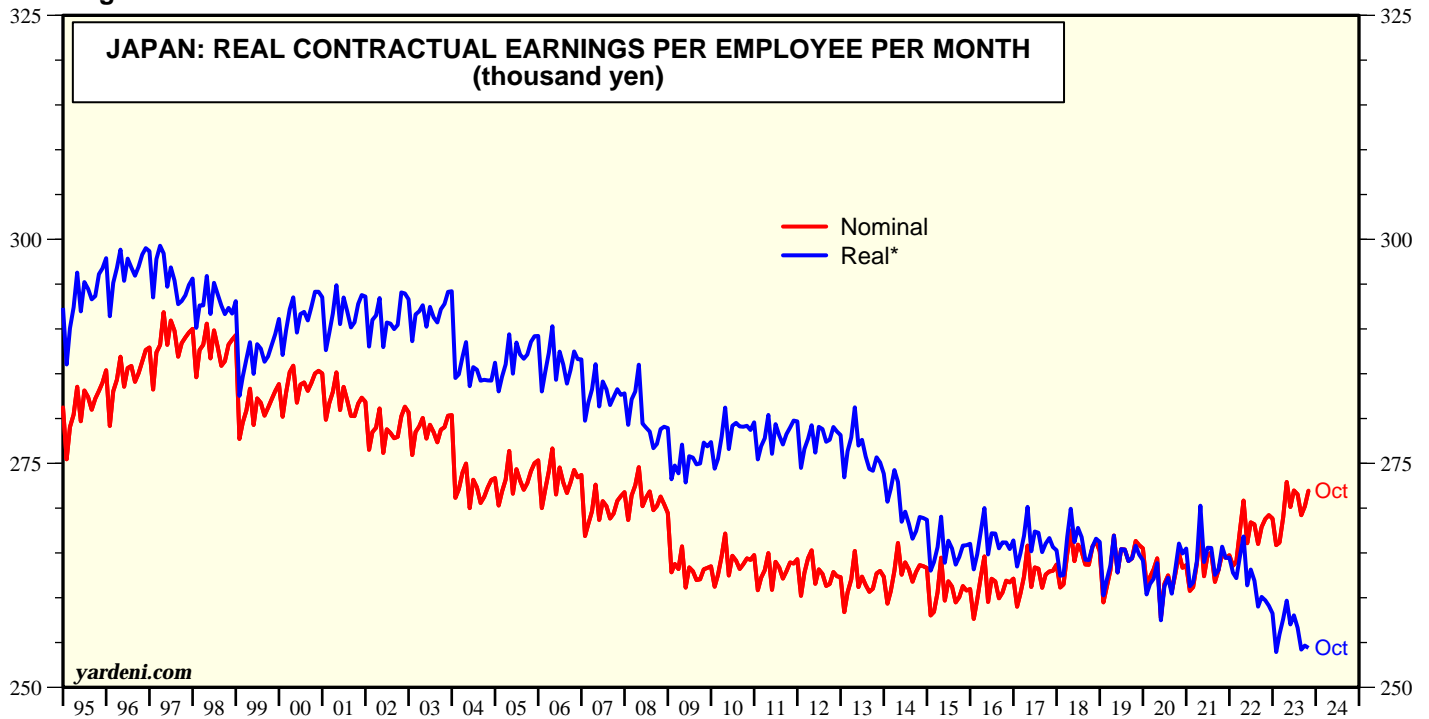
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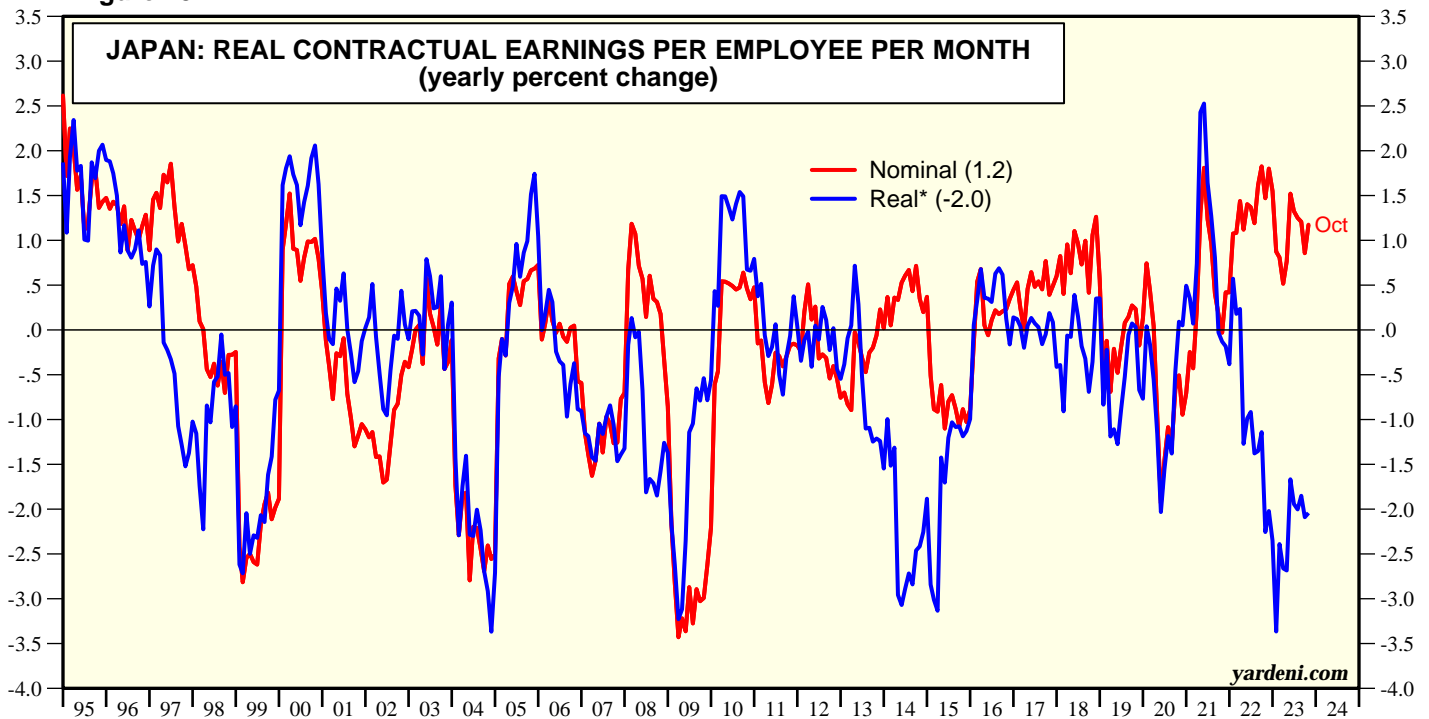
Wages

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* Deflated by CPI.
Source: Ministry of Health, Labour & Welfare.

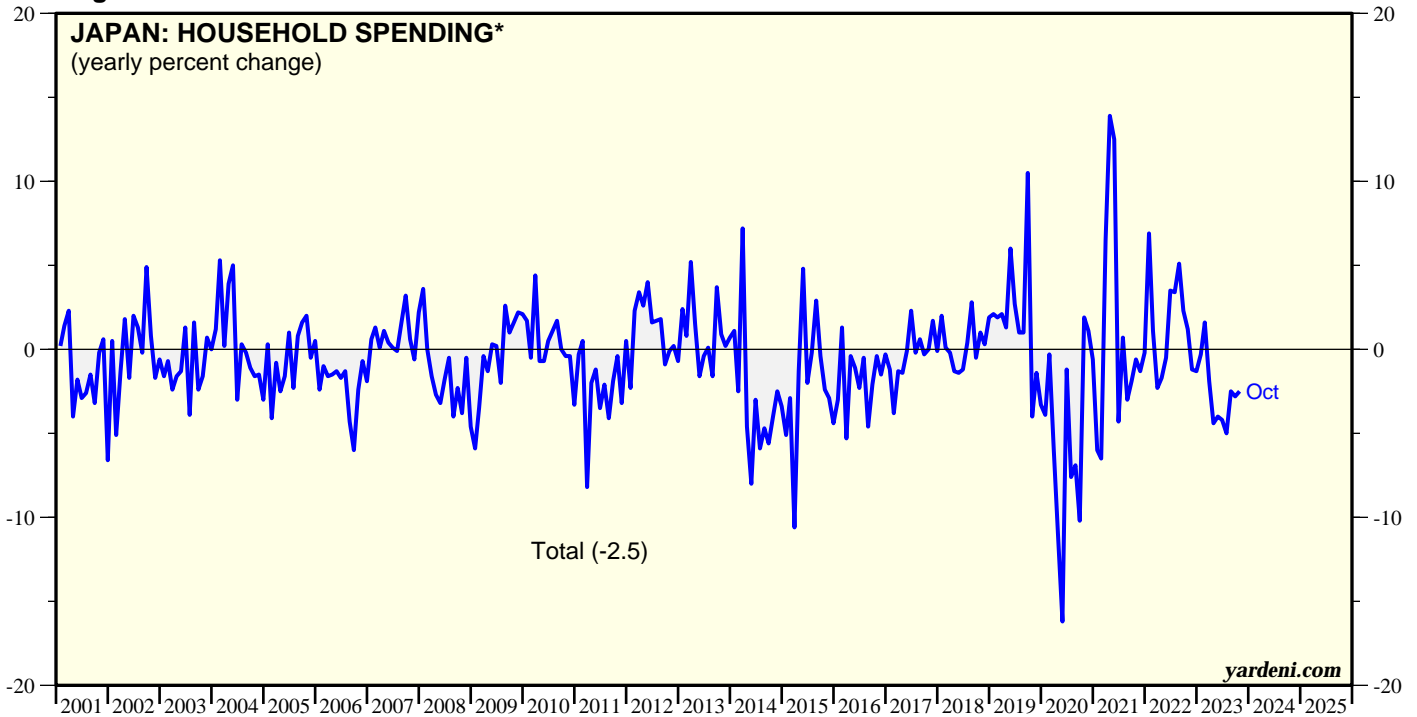
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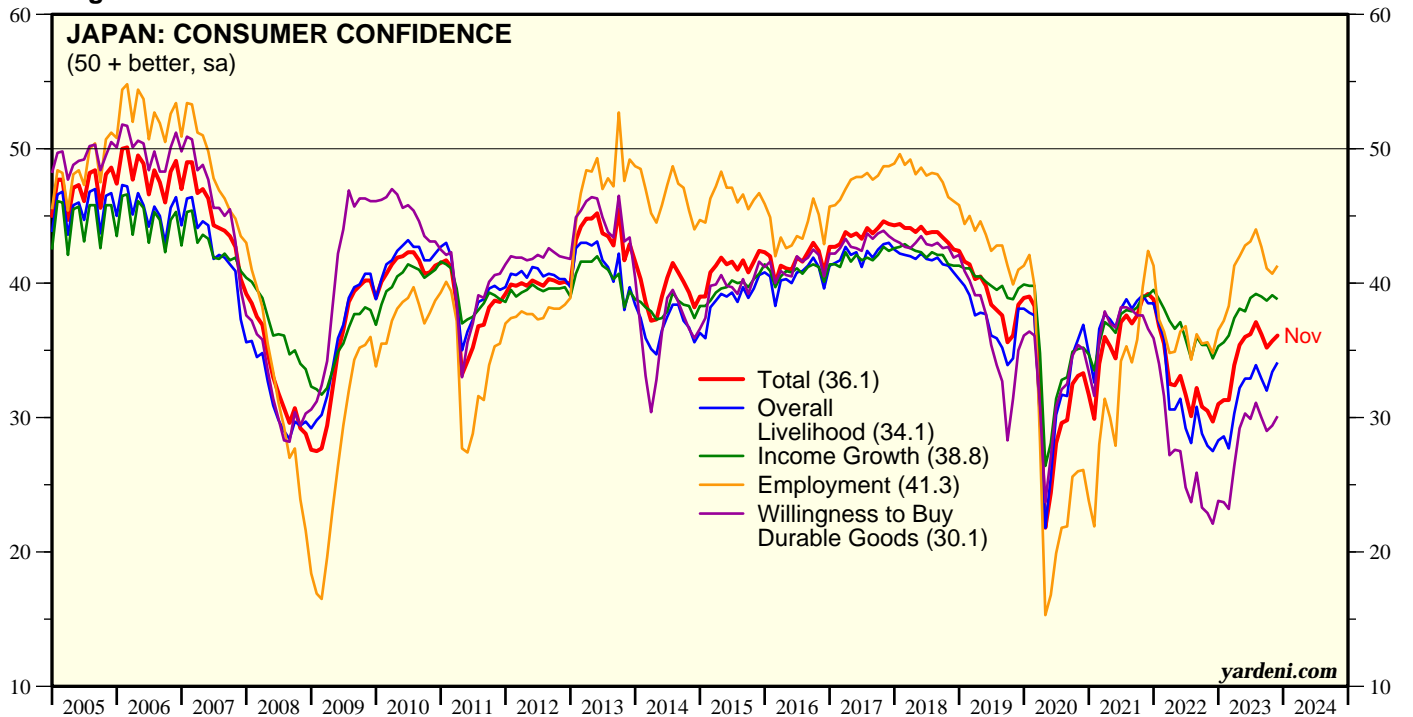
Household Spending & Consumer Confidence

Figure 24.



* Family Income & Expenditure Survey: Average living expenditure per household (including agricultural, forestry, and fisheries households).
Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

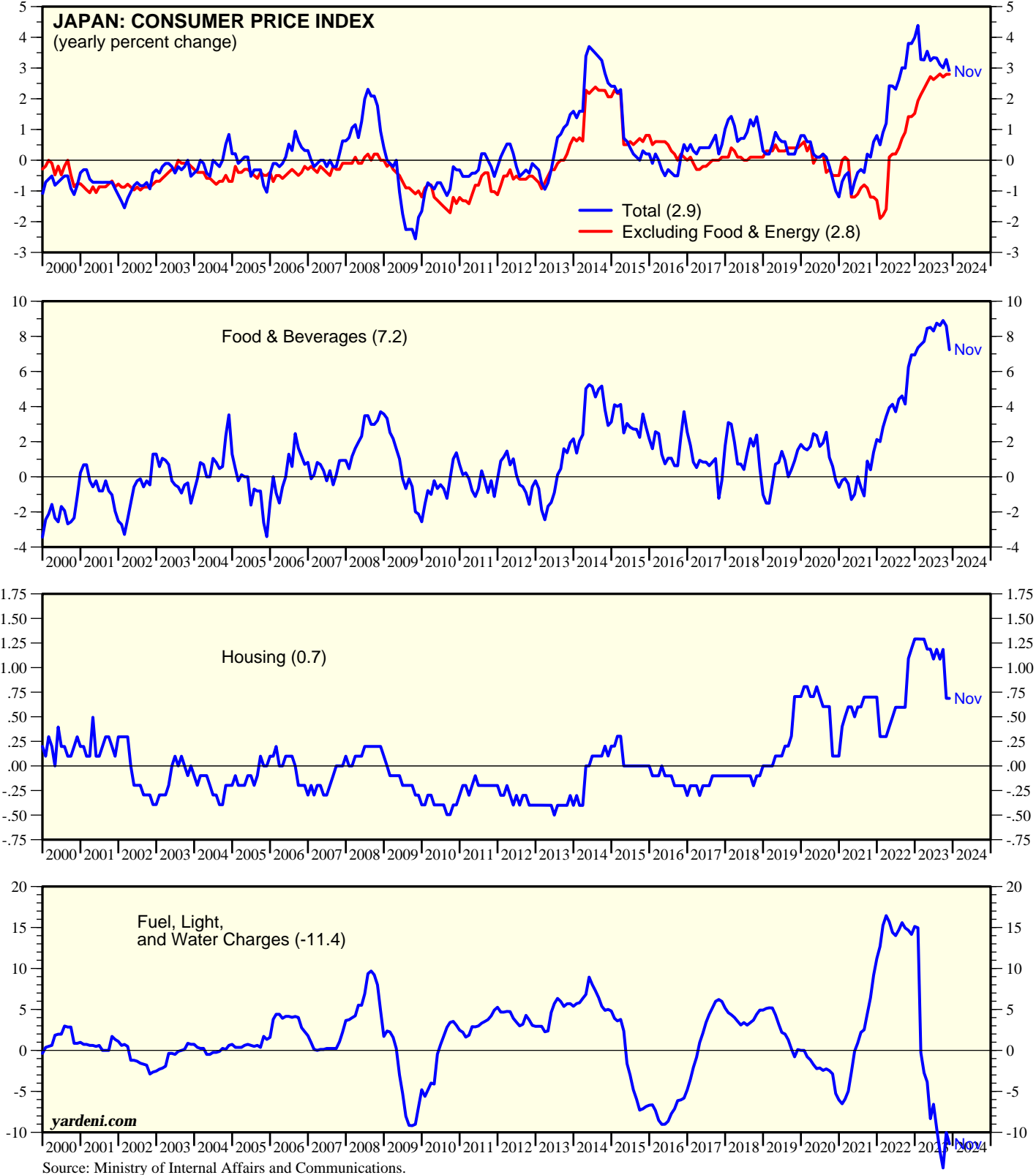
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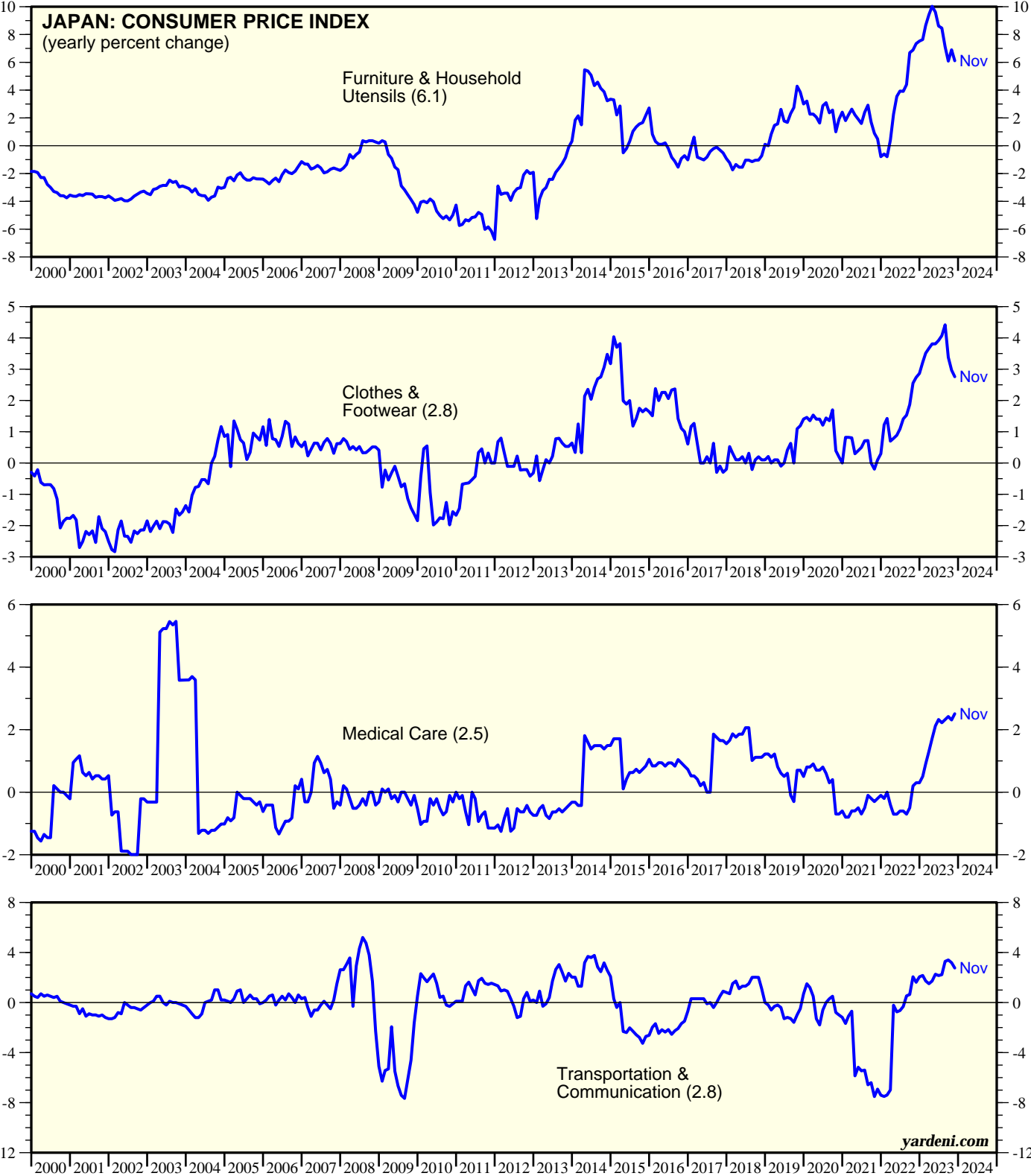
Consumer Prices

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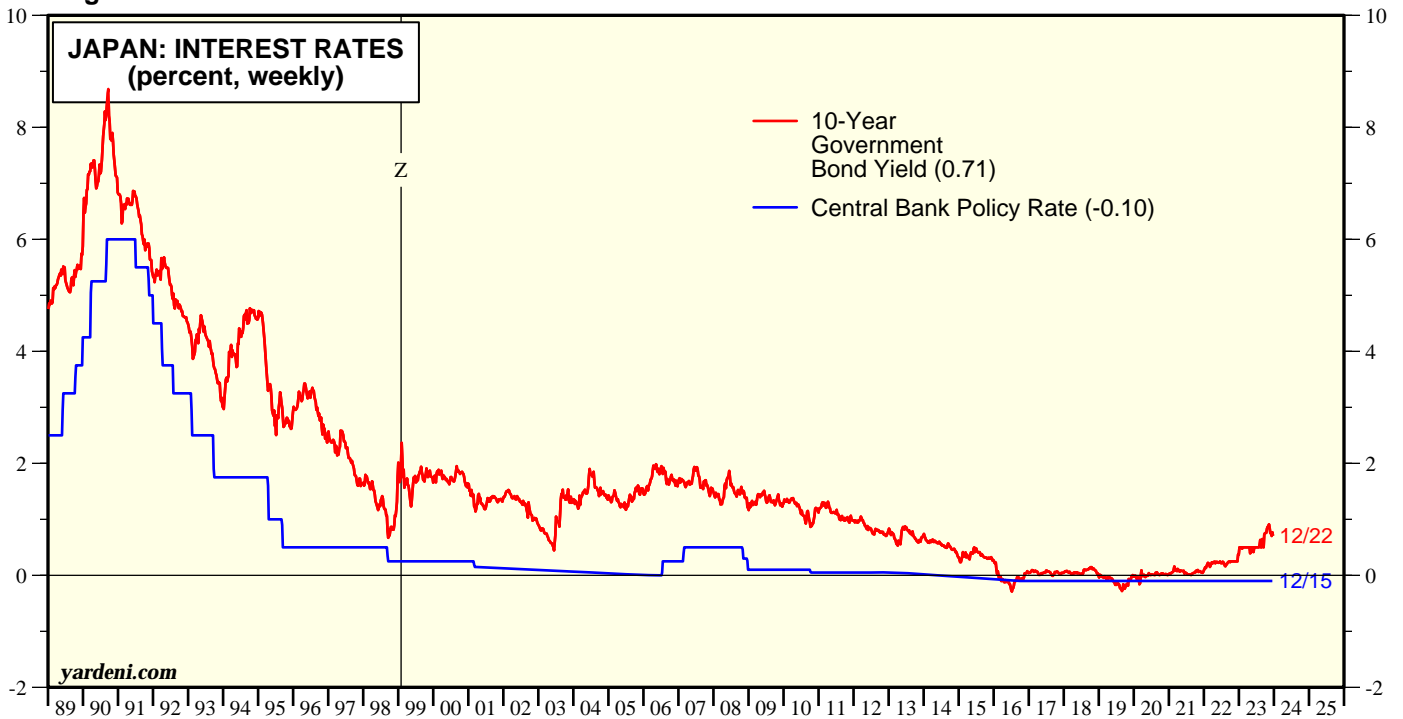
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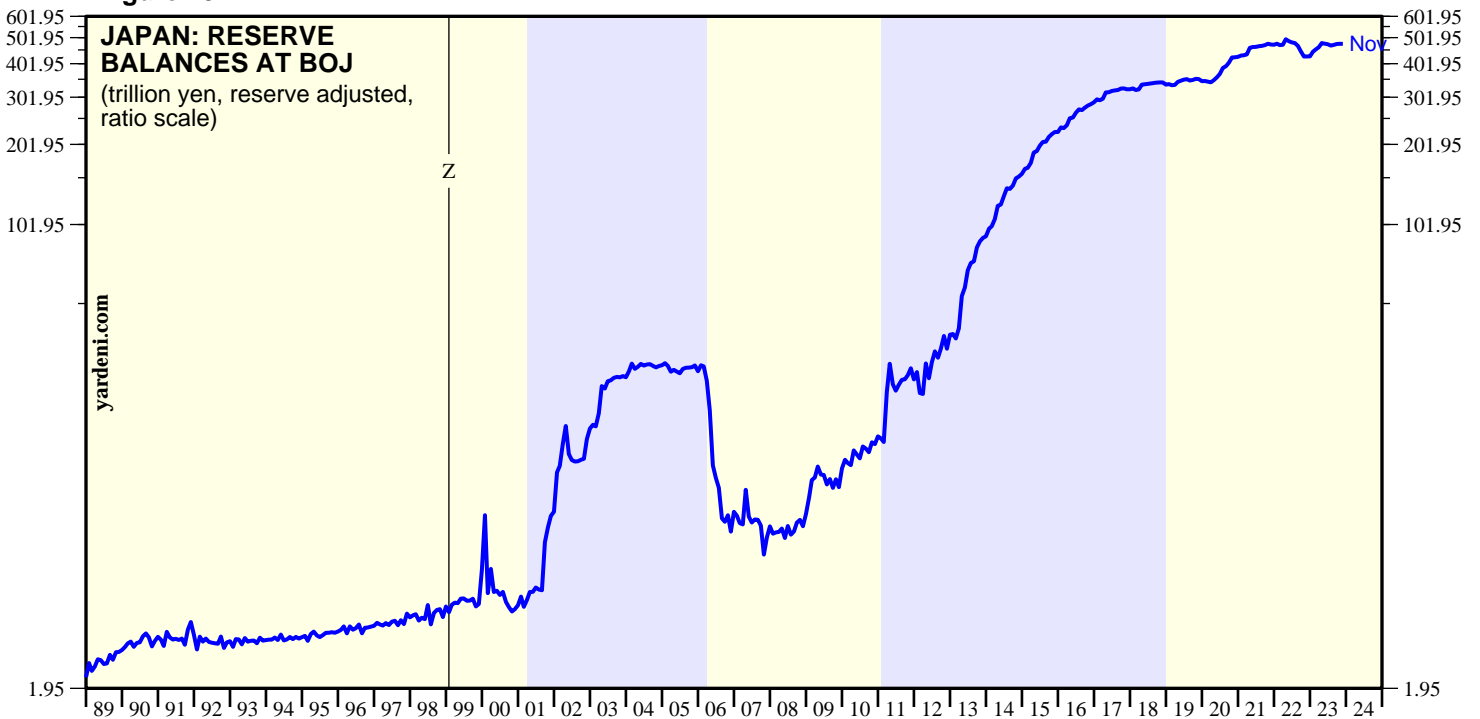
Monetary Policy

Figure 28.



Z = Zero Interest Rate Policy.
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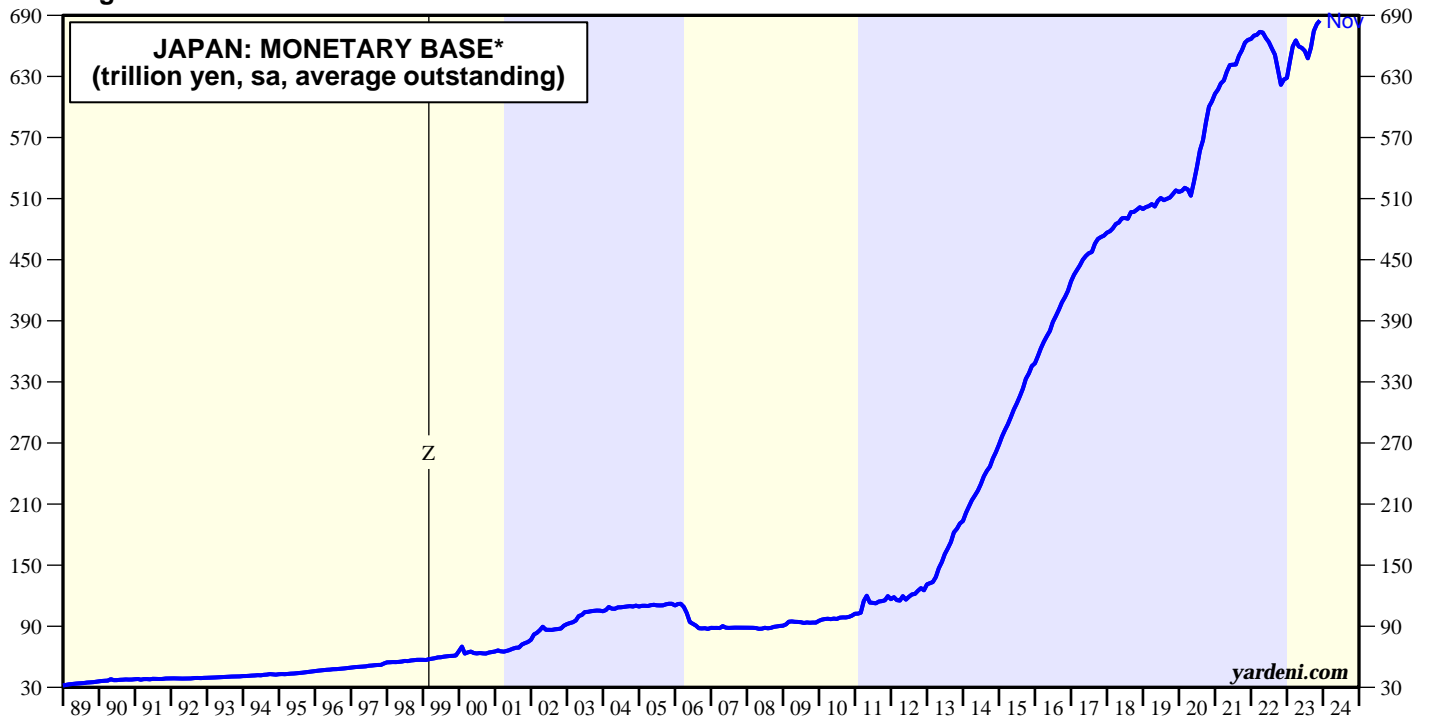
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Z = Zero Interest Rate Policy.
Note: Blue shade is Quantitative Easing Policy.
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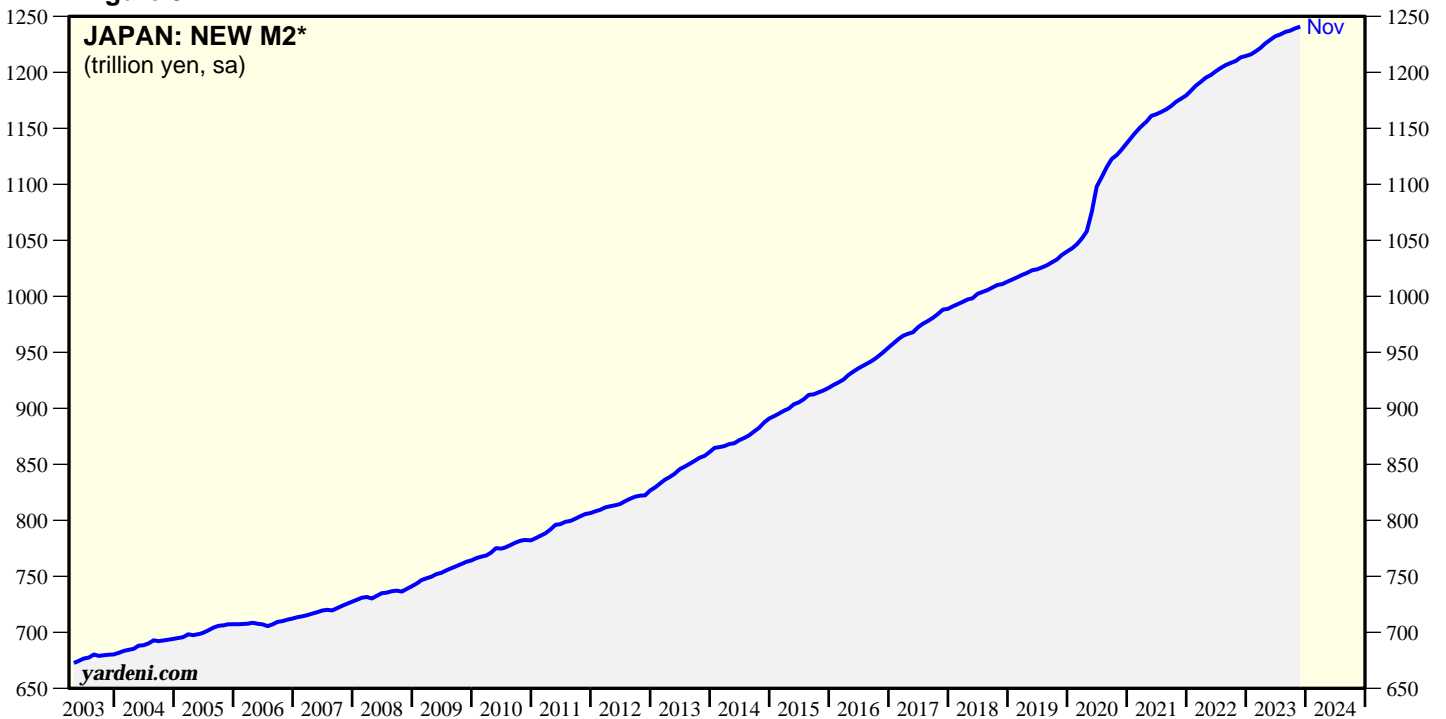
Money

Figure 30.



* Adjusted for change in reserve requirements.
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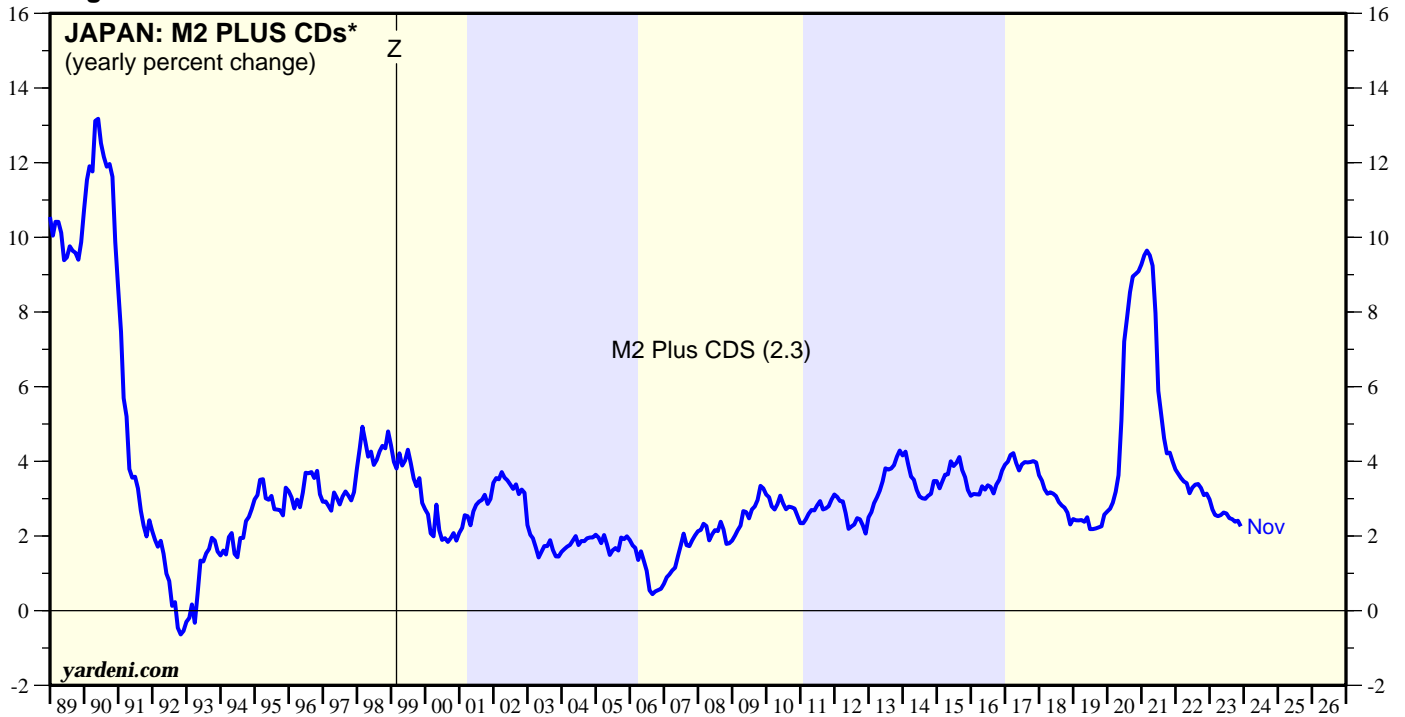
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* New M2 excludes: cash and deposits held by securities companies and Tanshi companies, nonresident deposits, and cash held by the Japan Post Bank.
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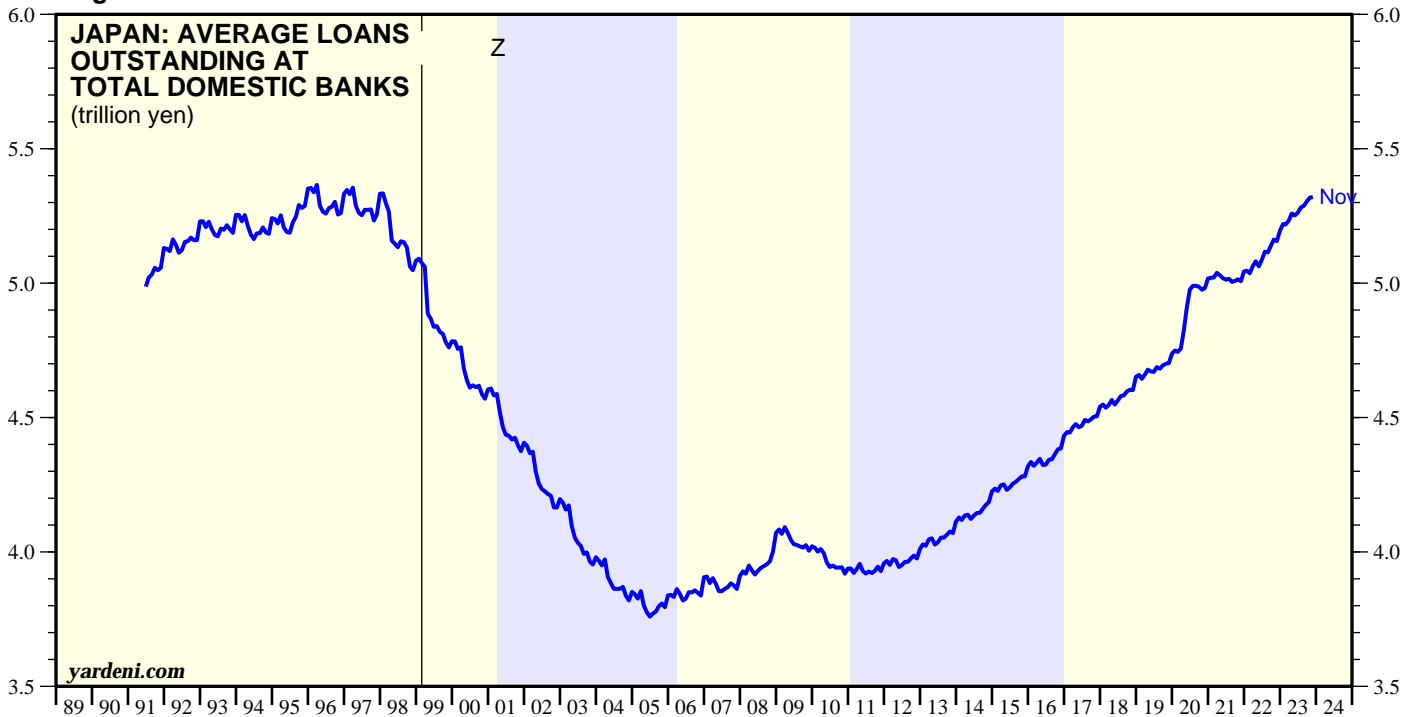
Money

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Z = Zero Interest Rate Policy.
 * In yen.
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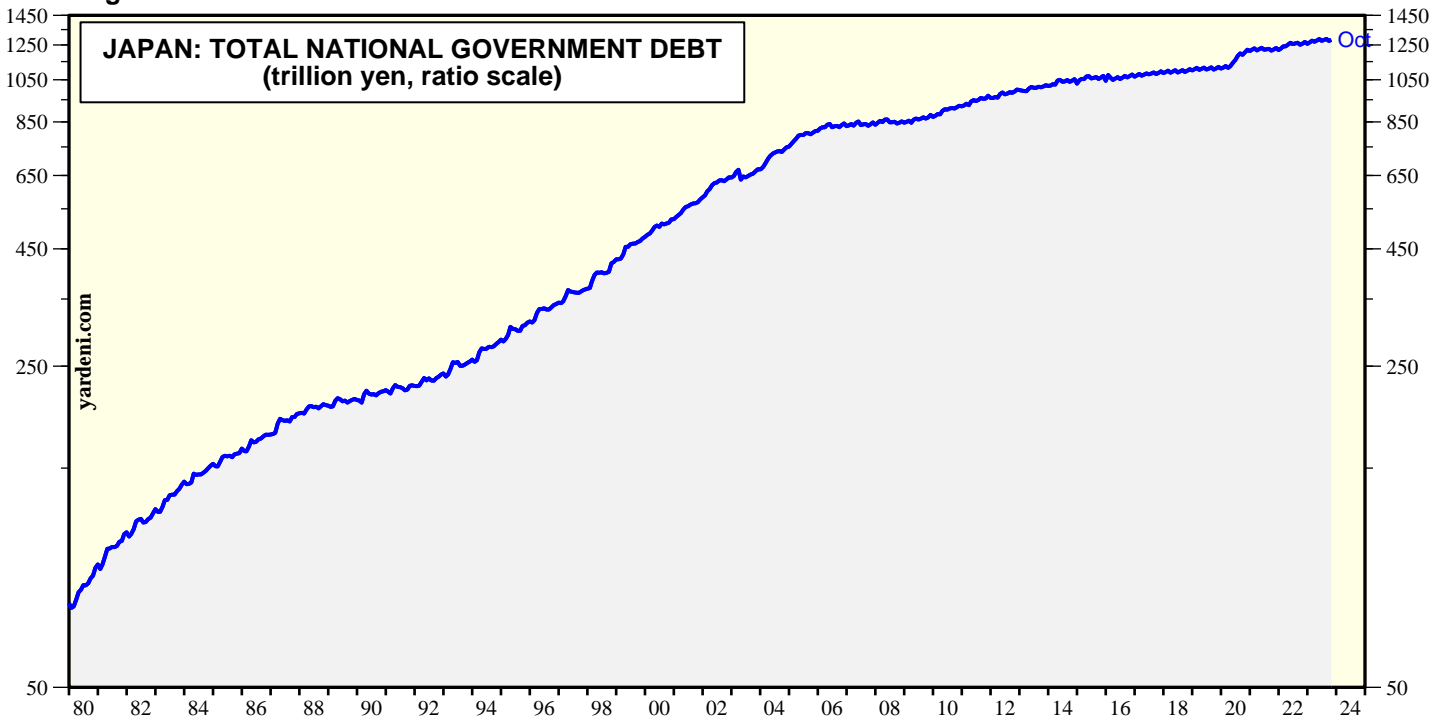
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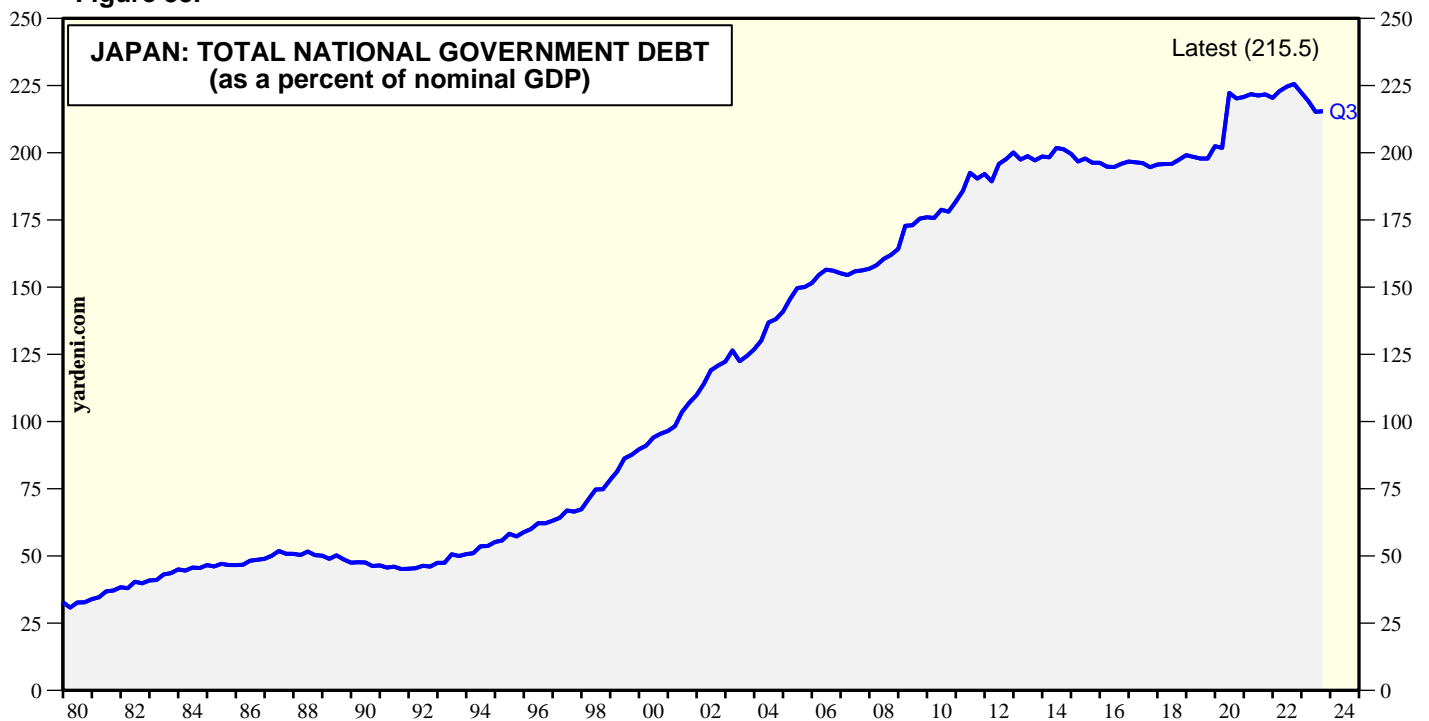
Government Deficit & Debt

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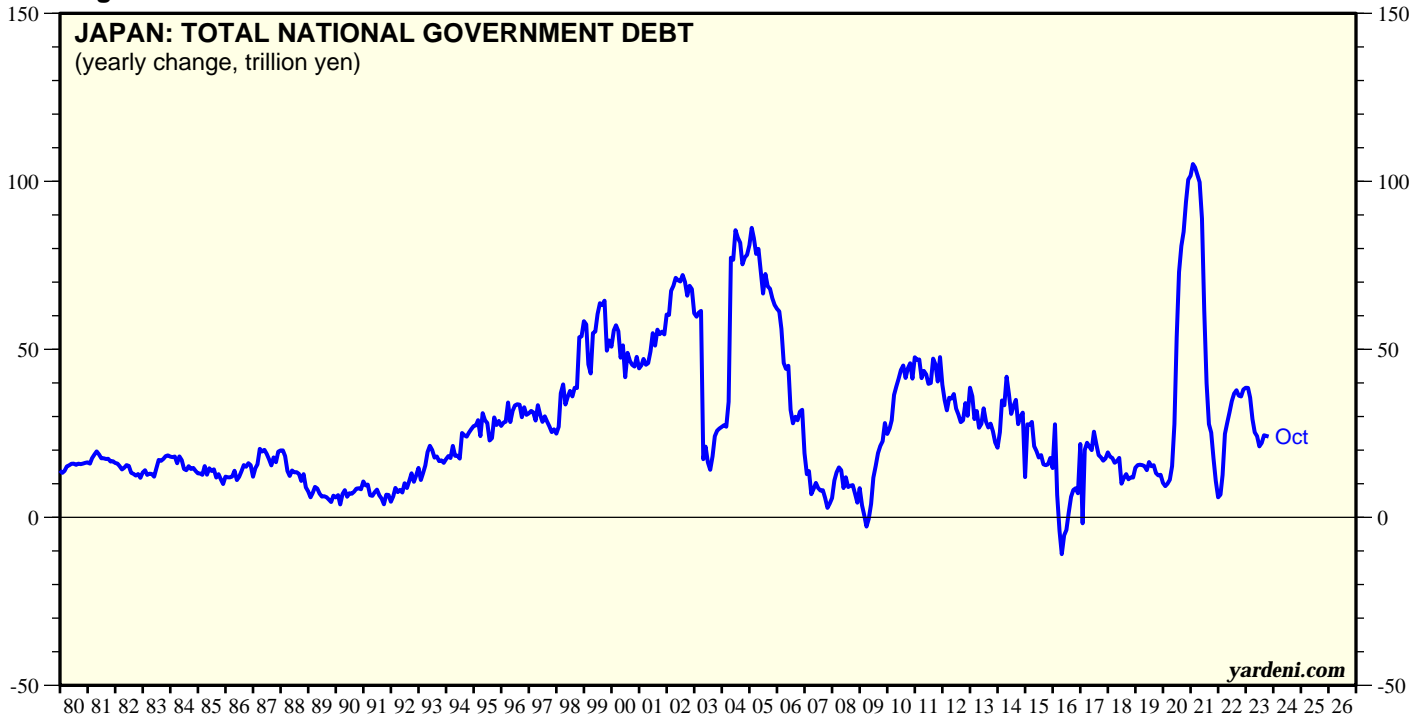
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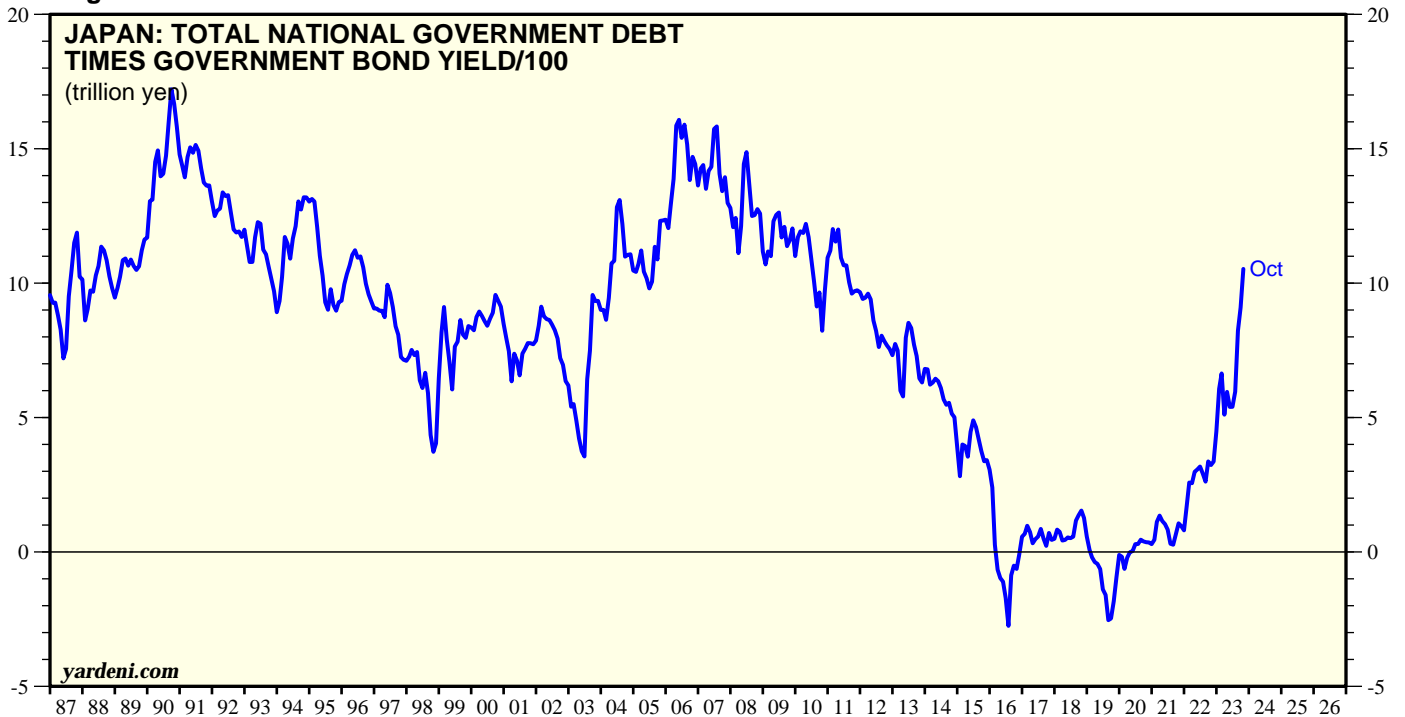
National Debt

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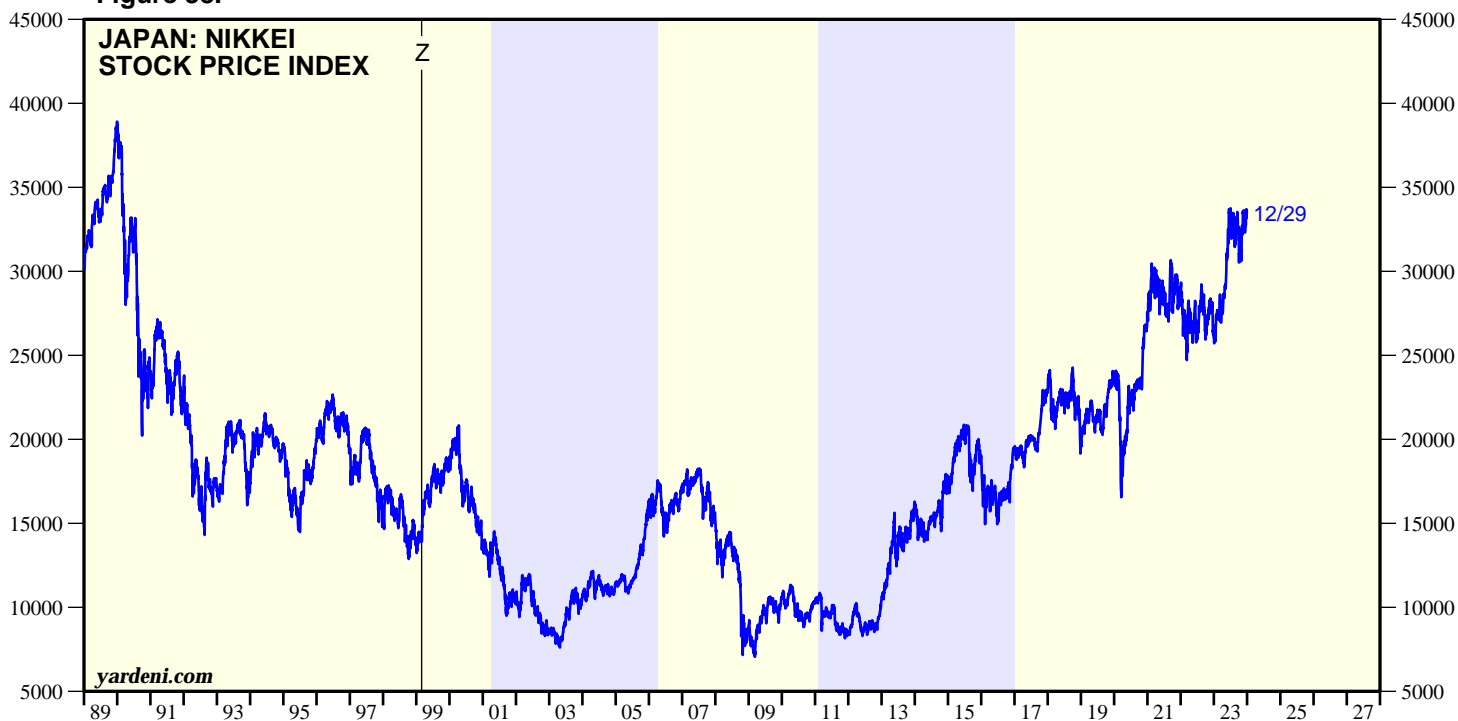
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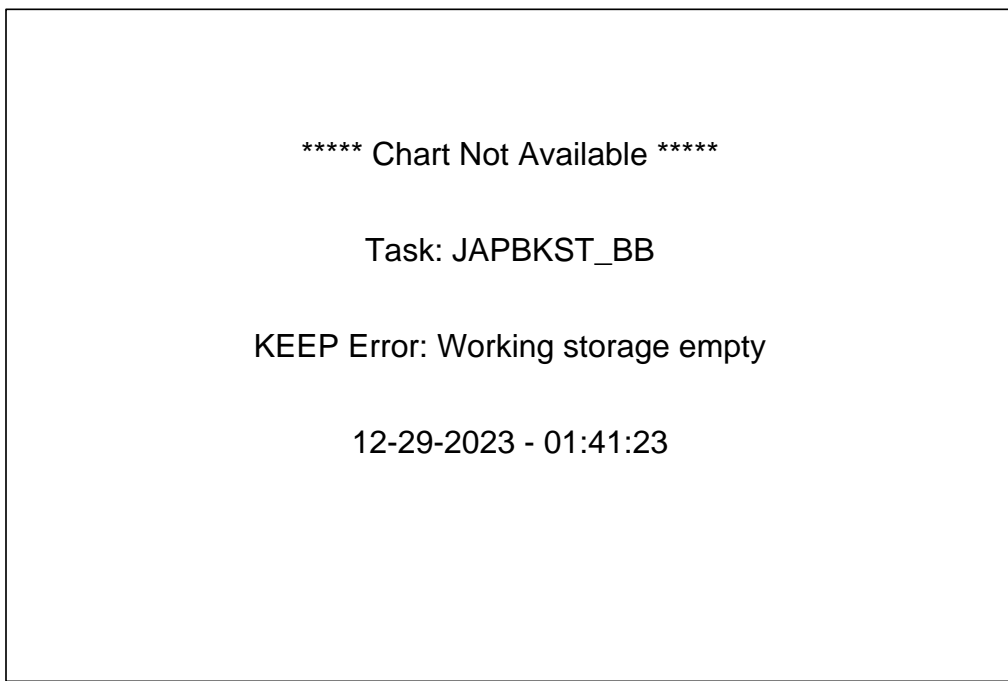
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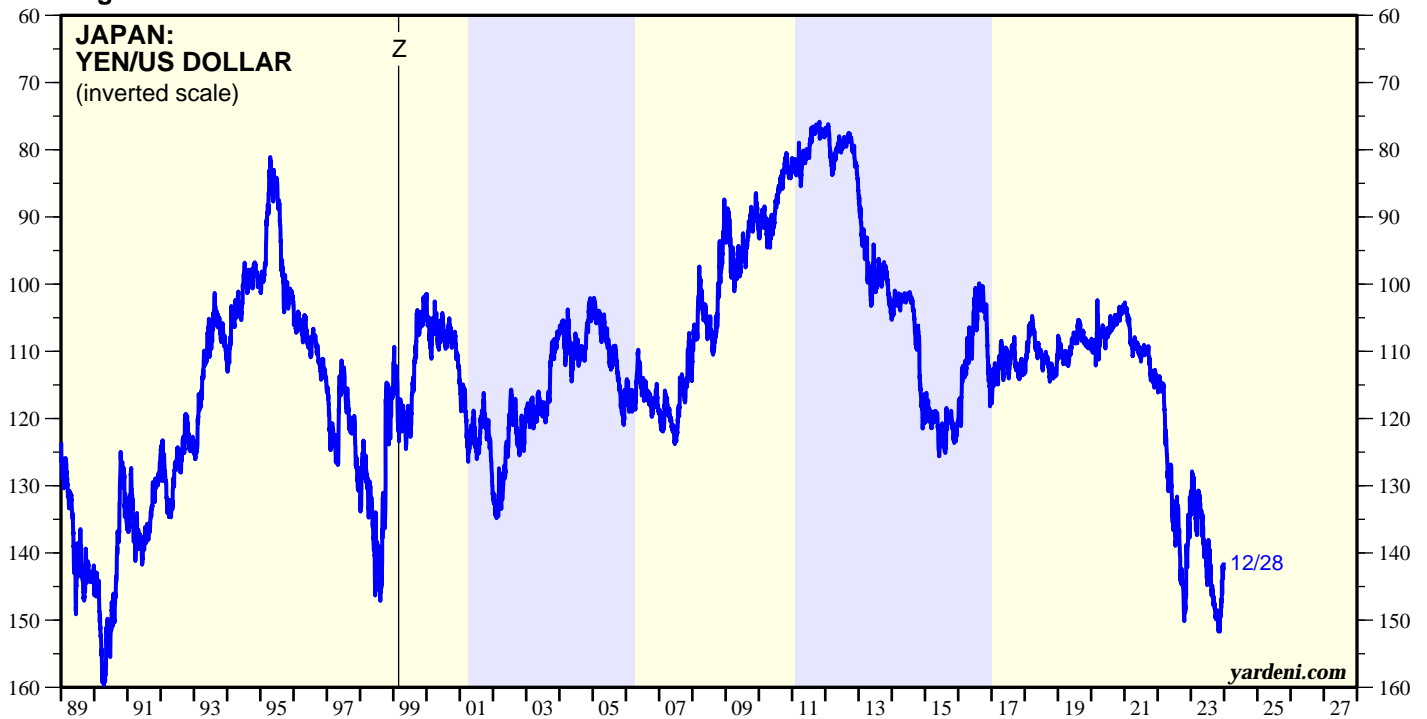
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Source: Reuters America, Inc.

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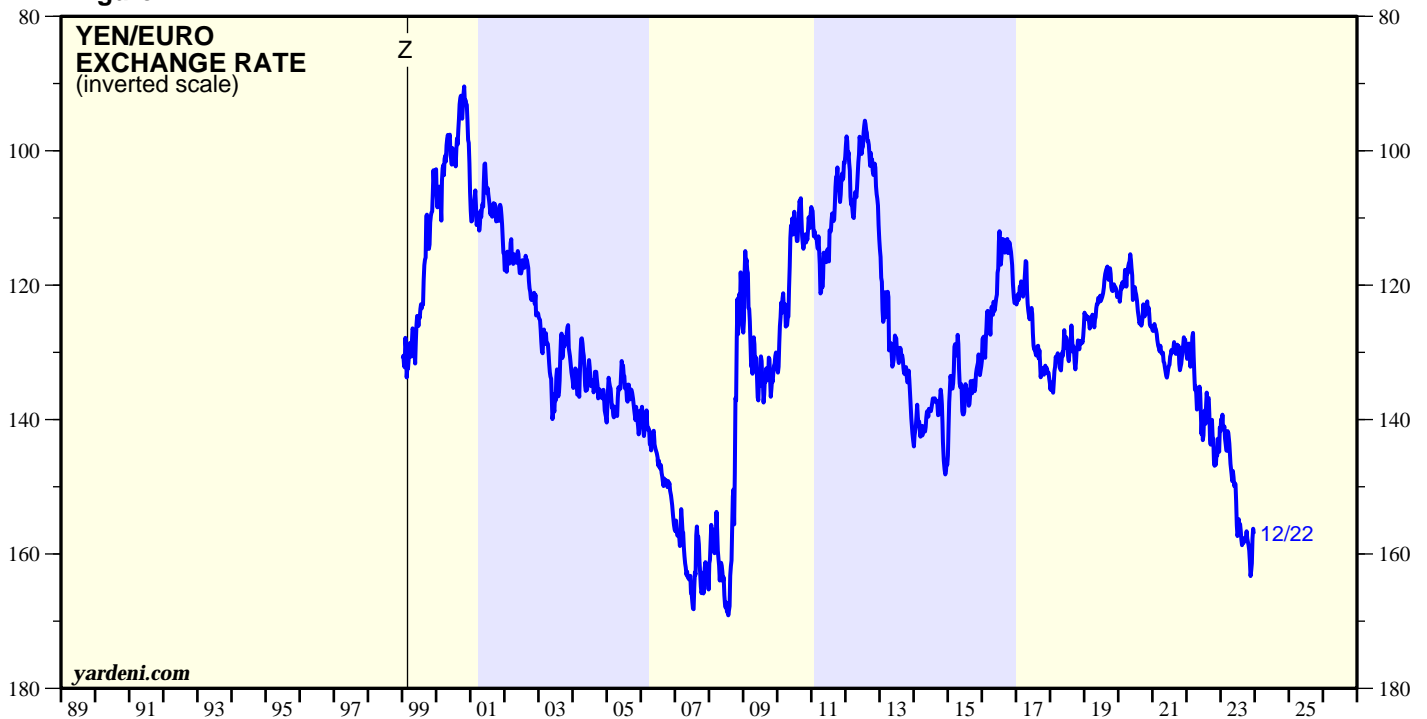
Forex

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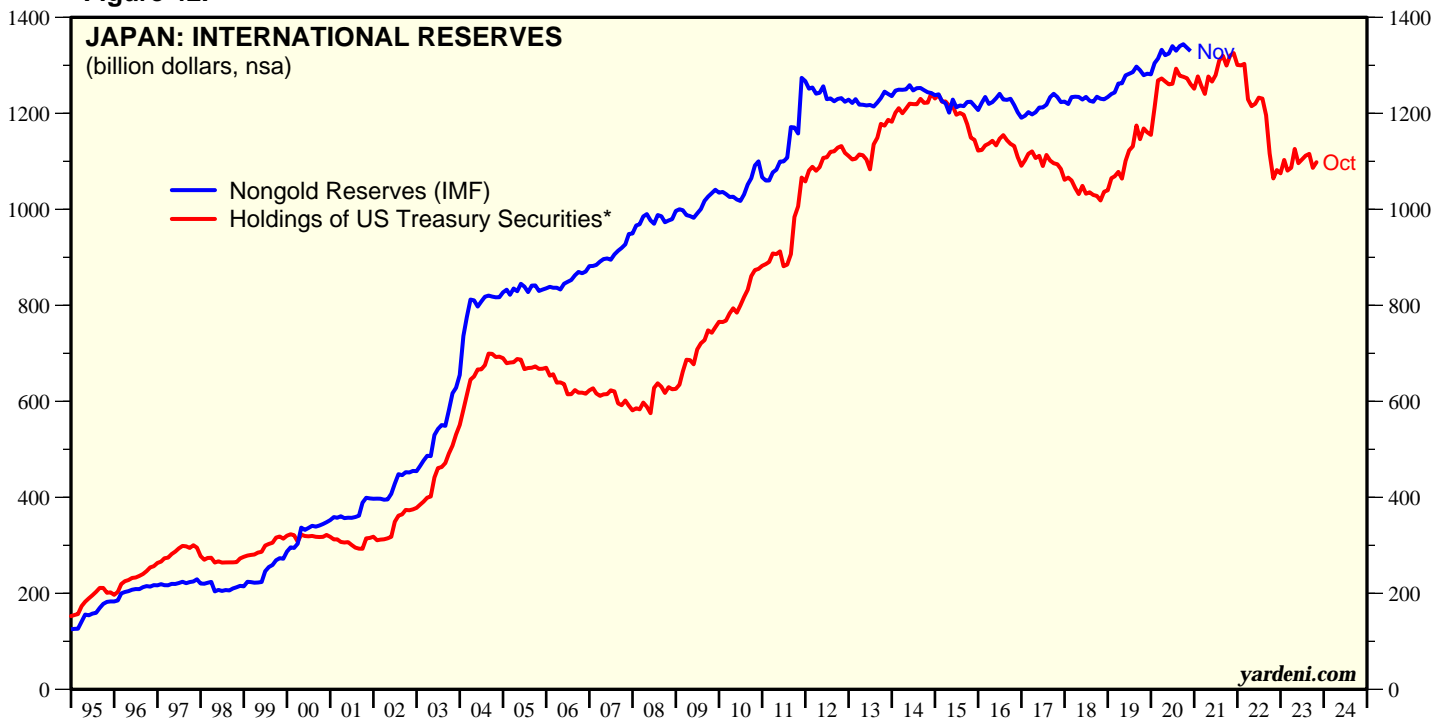
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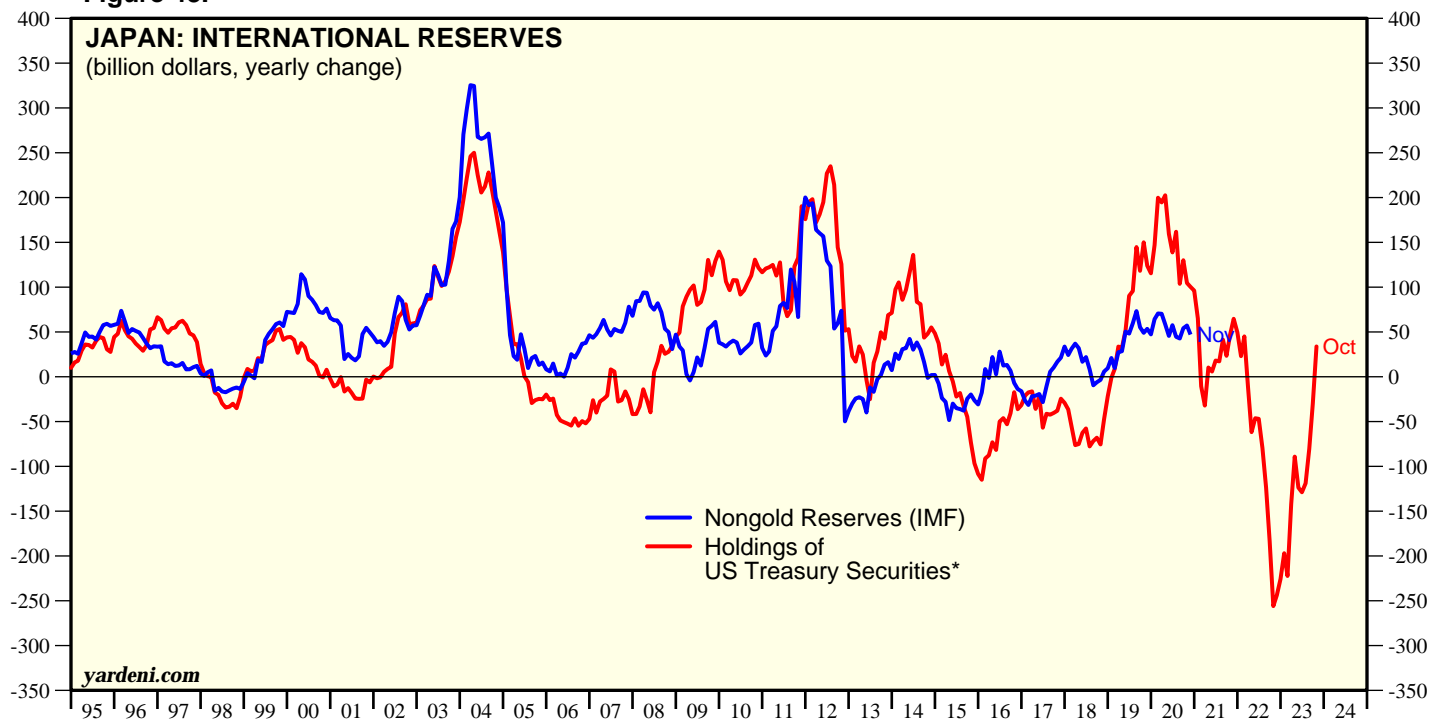
International Reserves

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* Includes held by private and official accounts.
 Source: US Department of the Treasury, Office of International Affairs and International Monetary Fund.

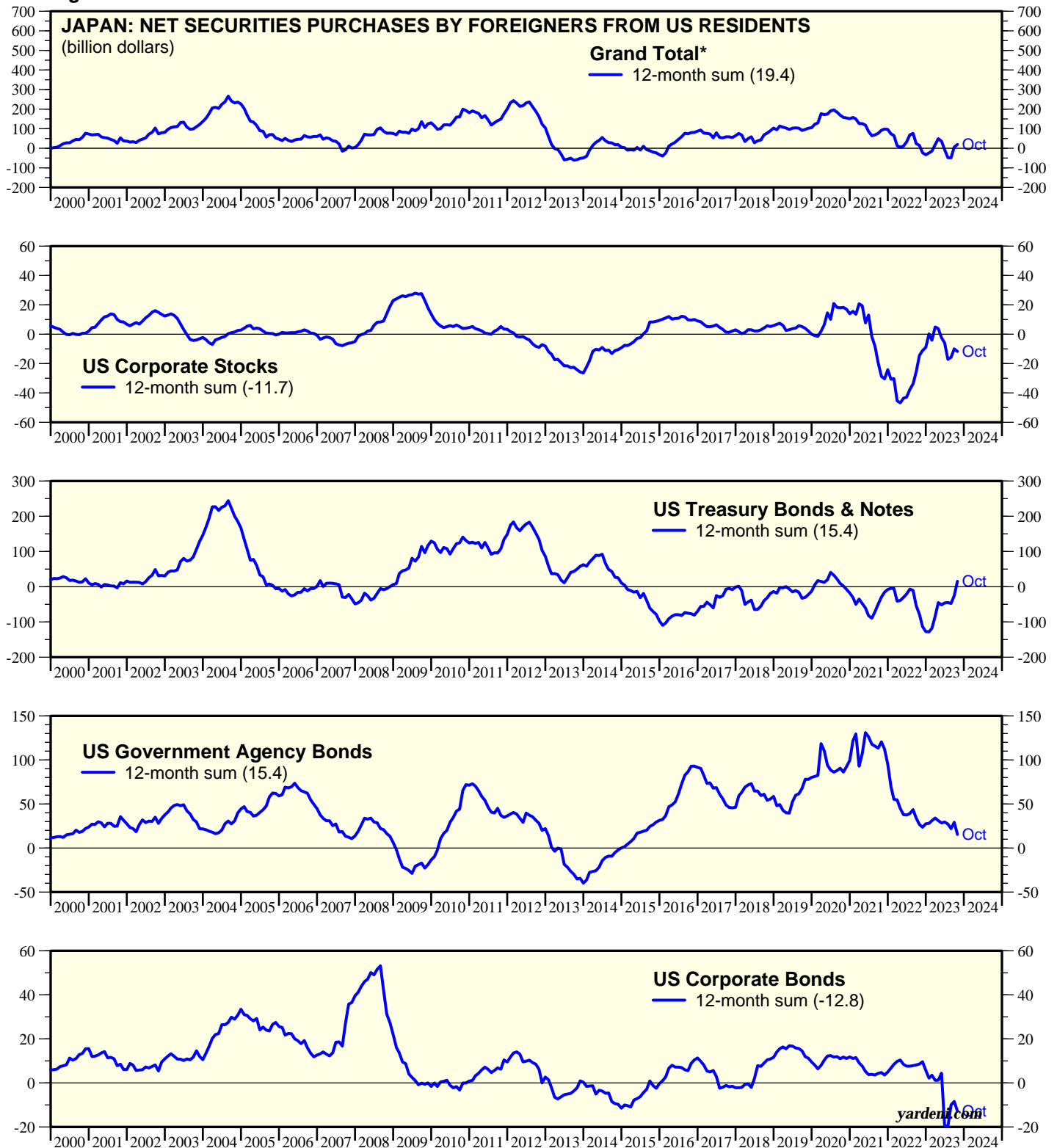
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US Capital Inflows: Japan

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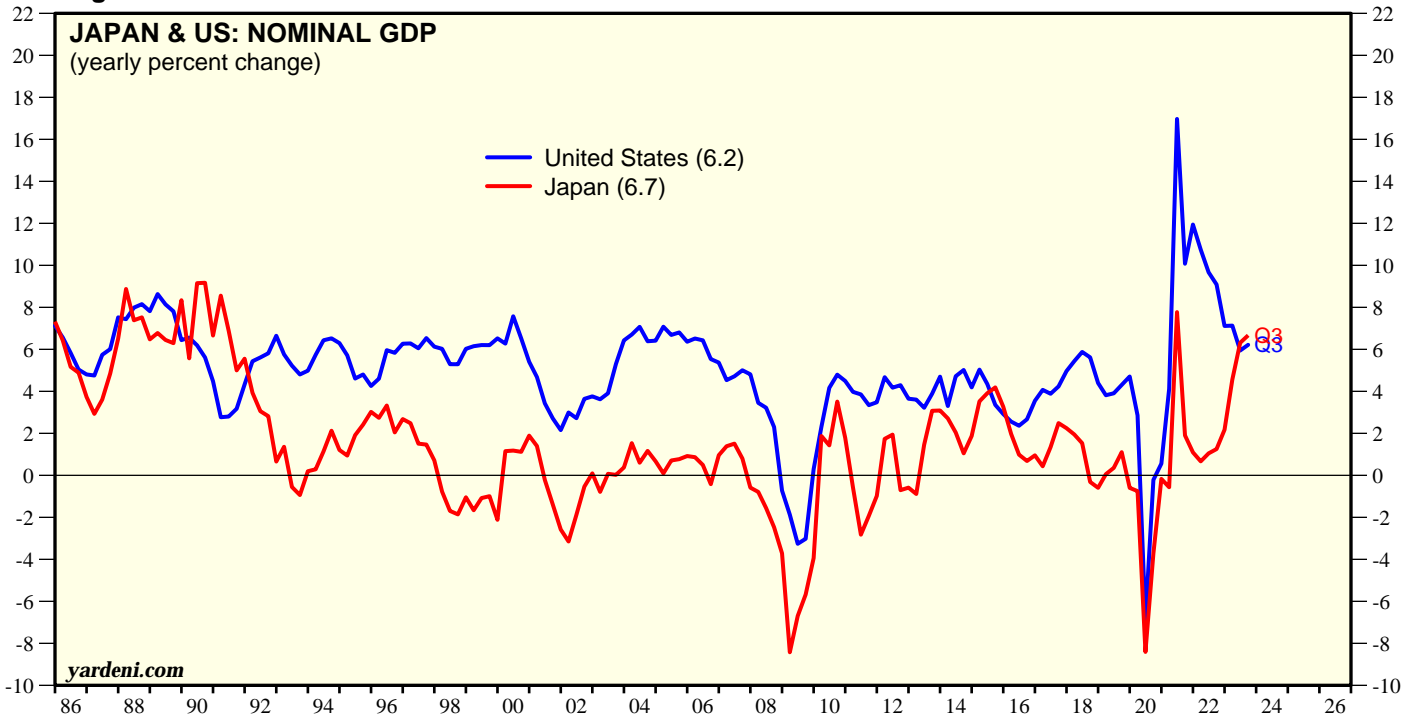


* Includes Treasury bonds and notes, government agency bonds, US corporate bonds, US corporate stocks, foreign bonds, and foreign stocks.

Source: US Treasury International Capital System.

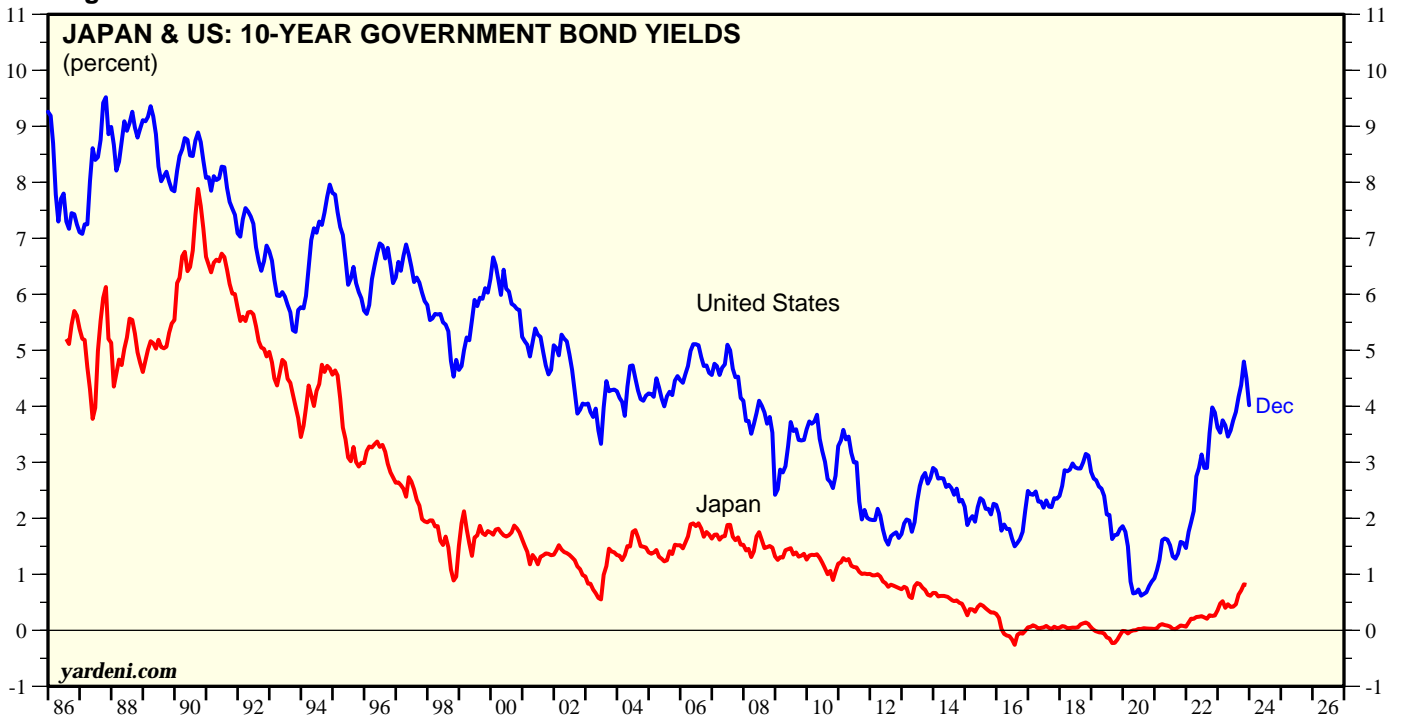
Japan vs. US GDP & Yield

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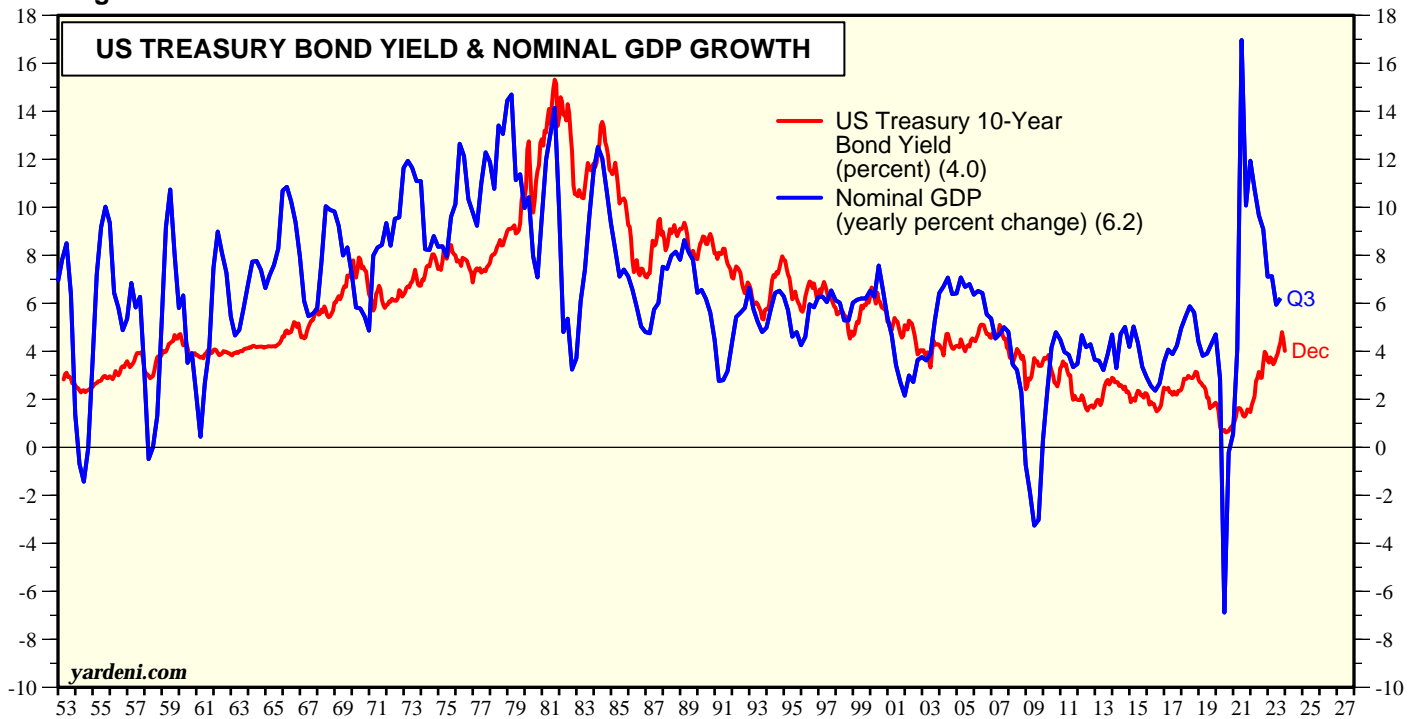
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Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors and Financial Times.

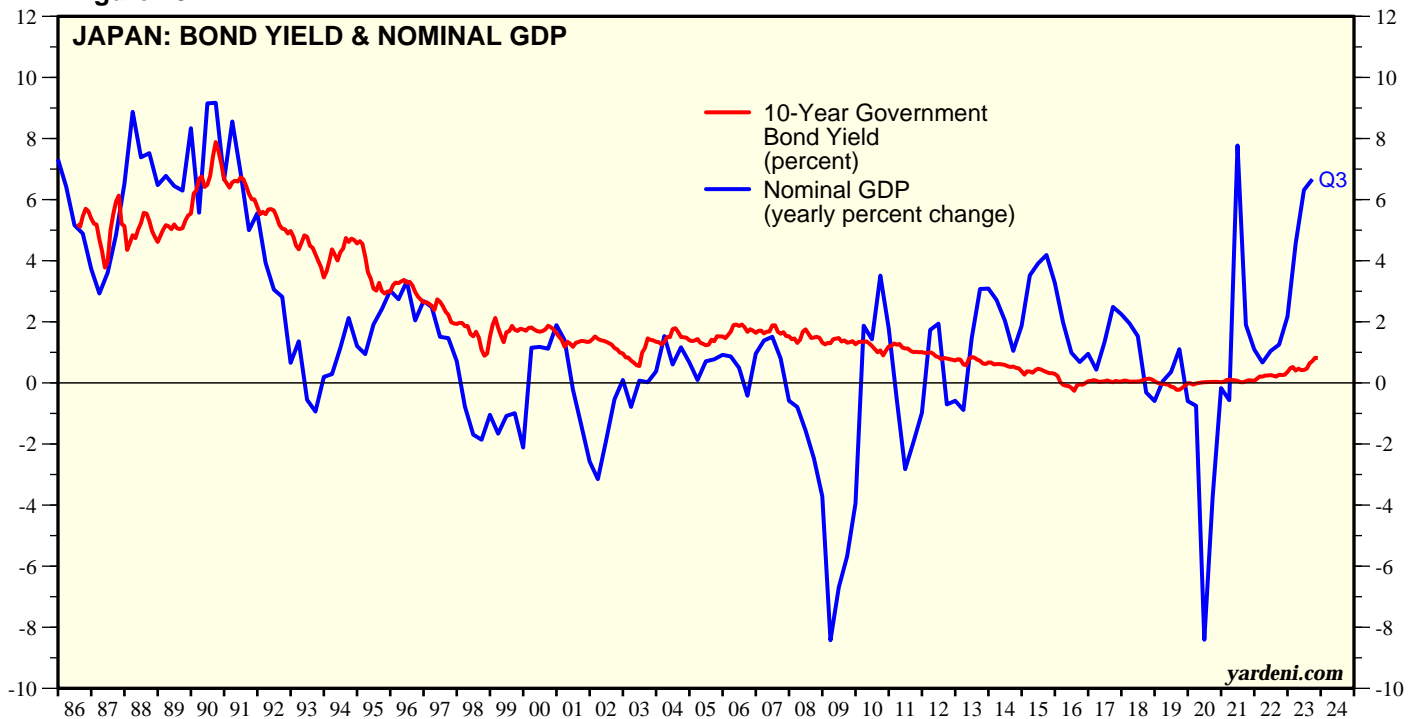
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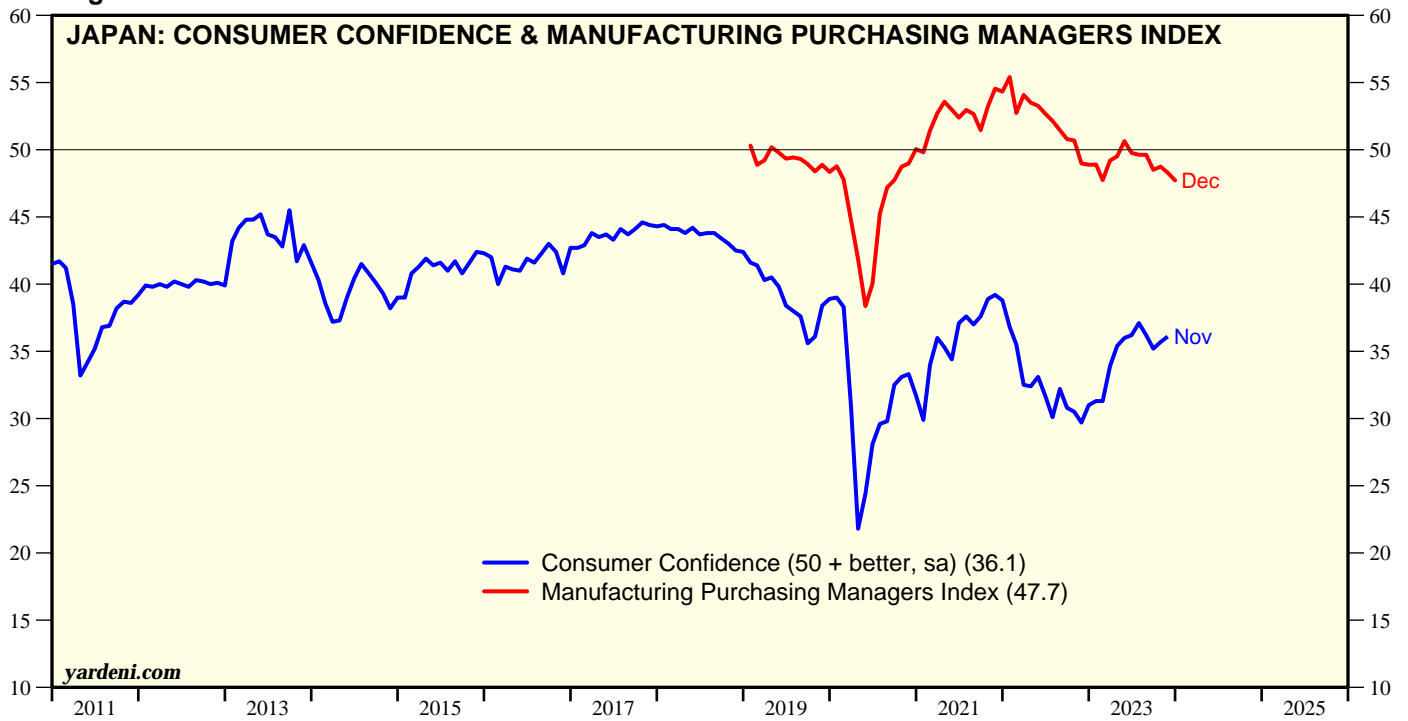
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Consumer Confidence

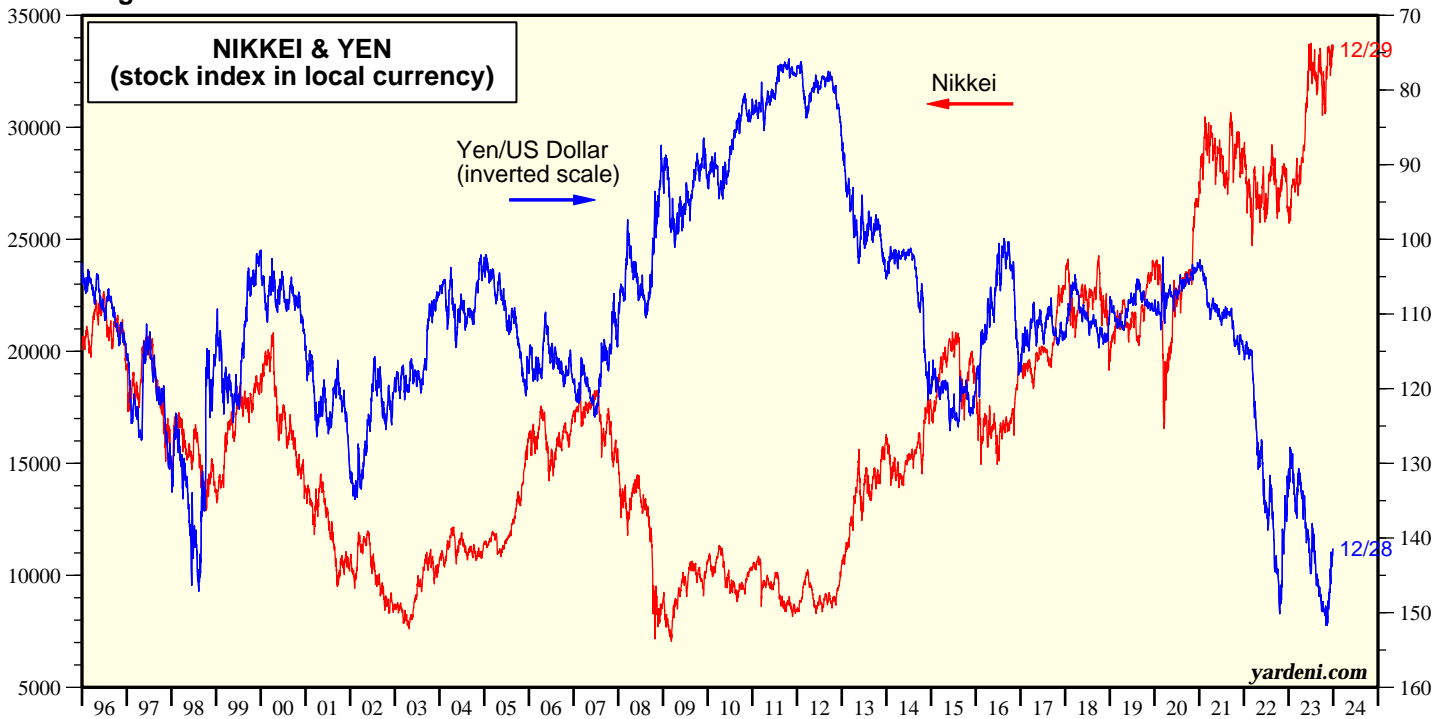
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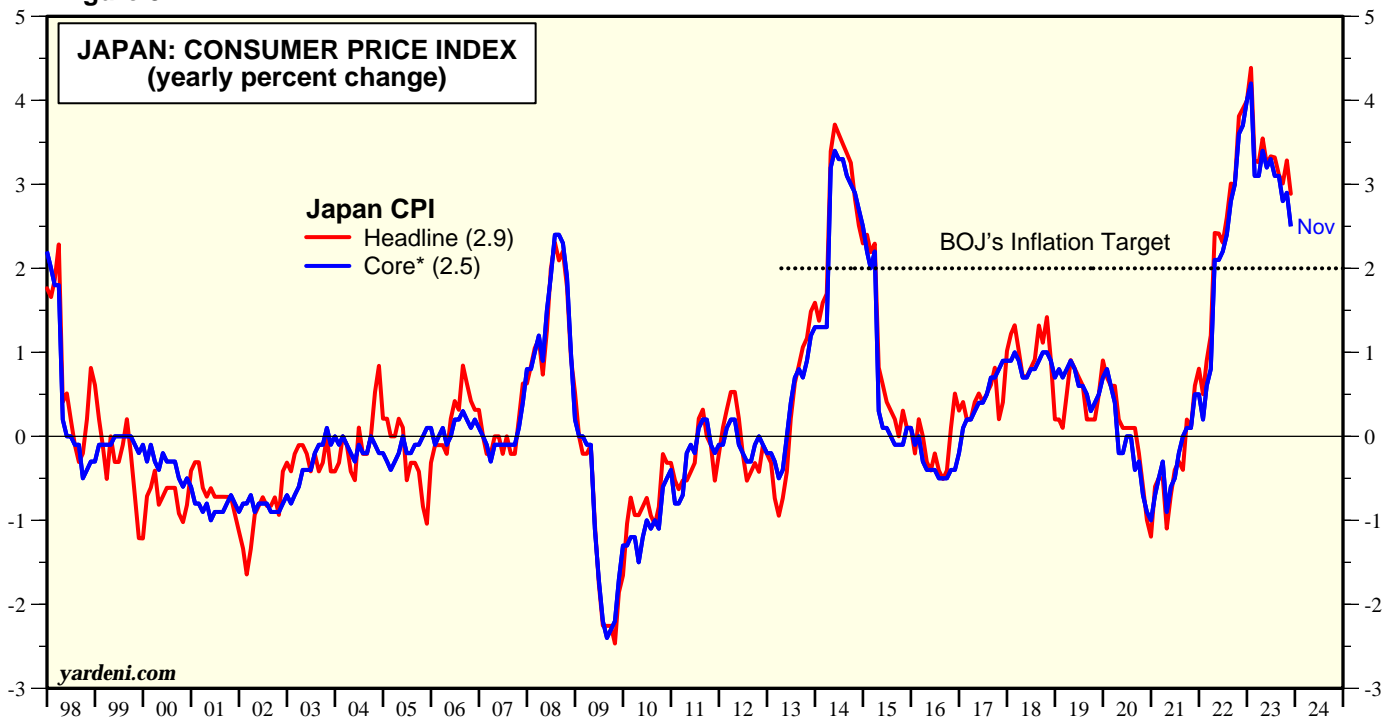
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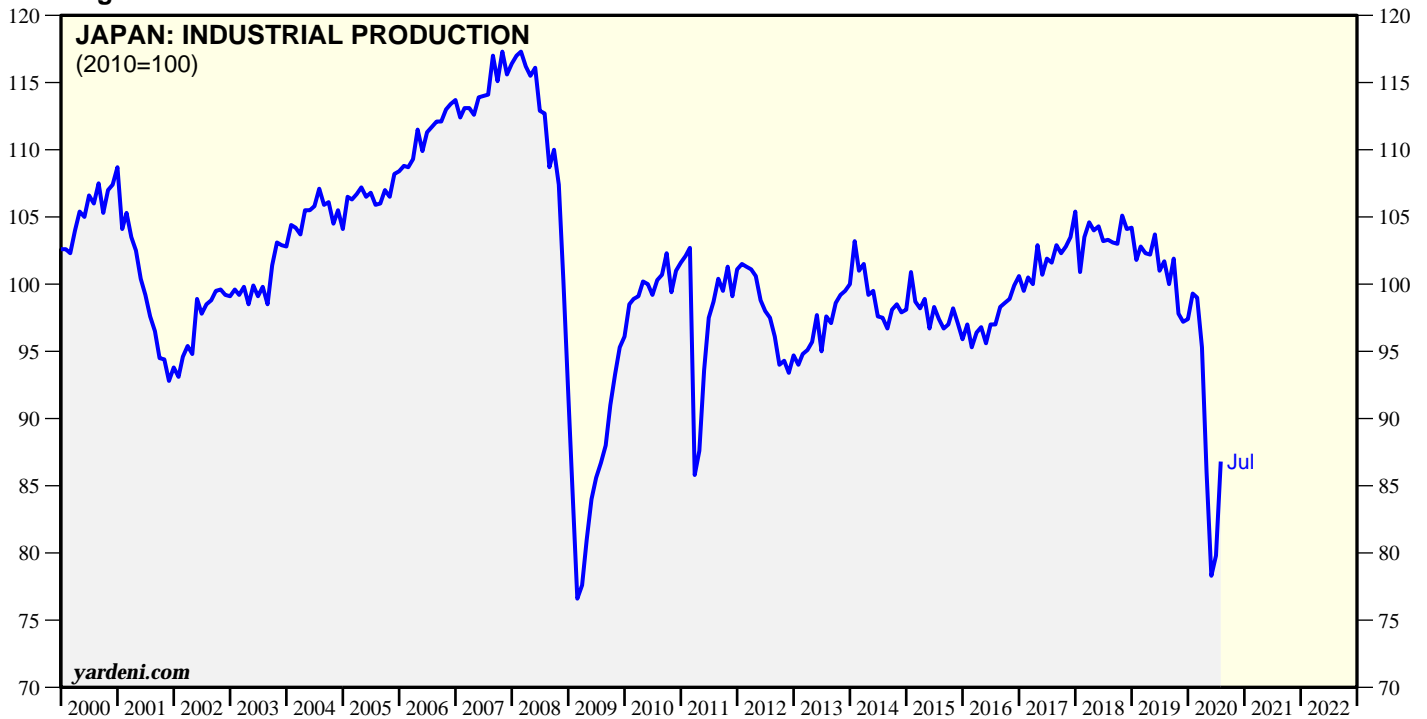
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* Excluding fresh food.
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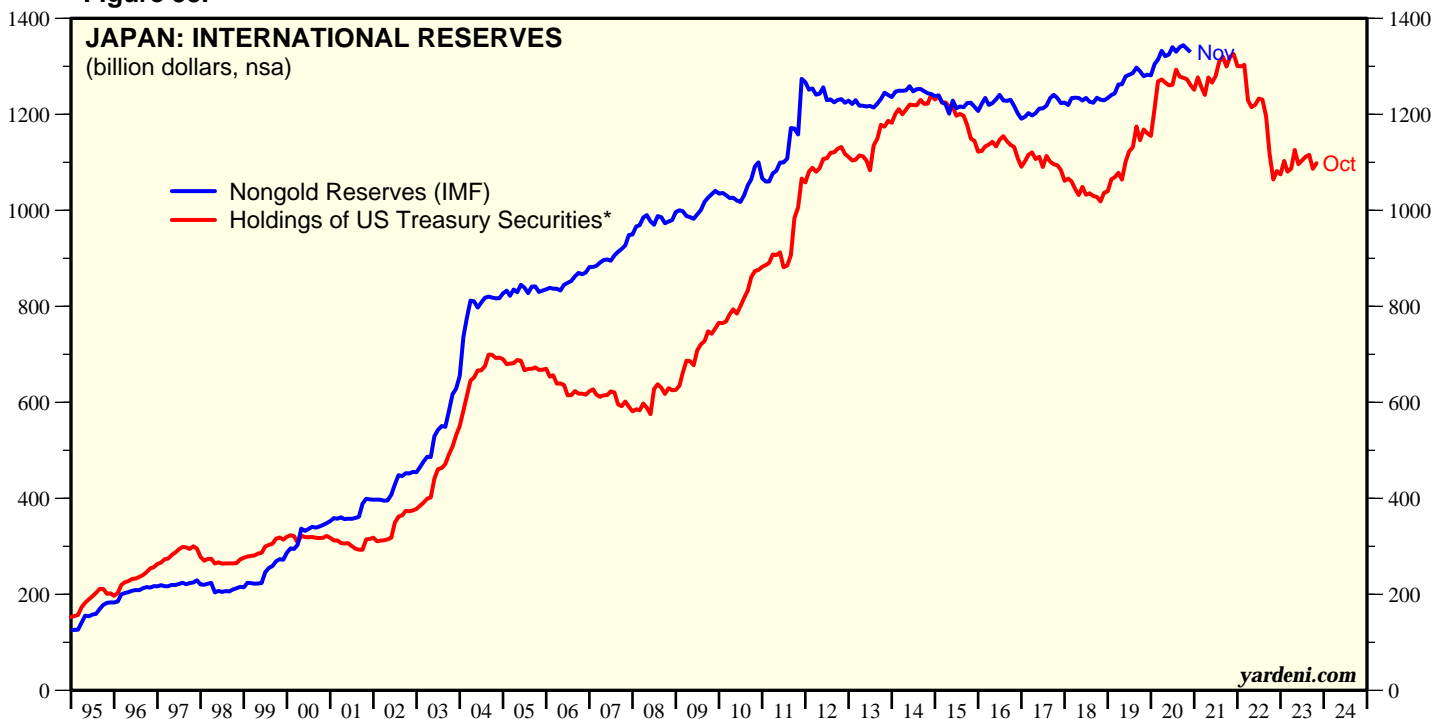
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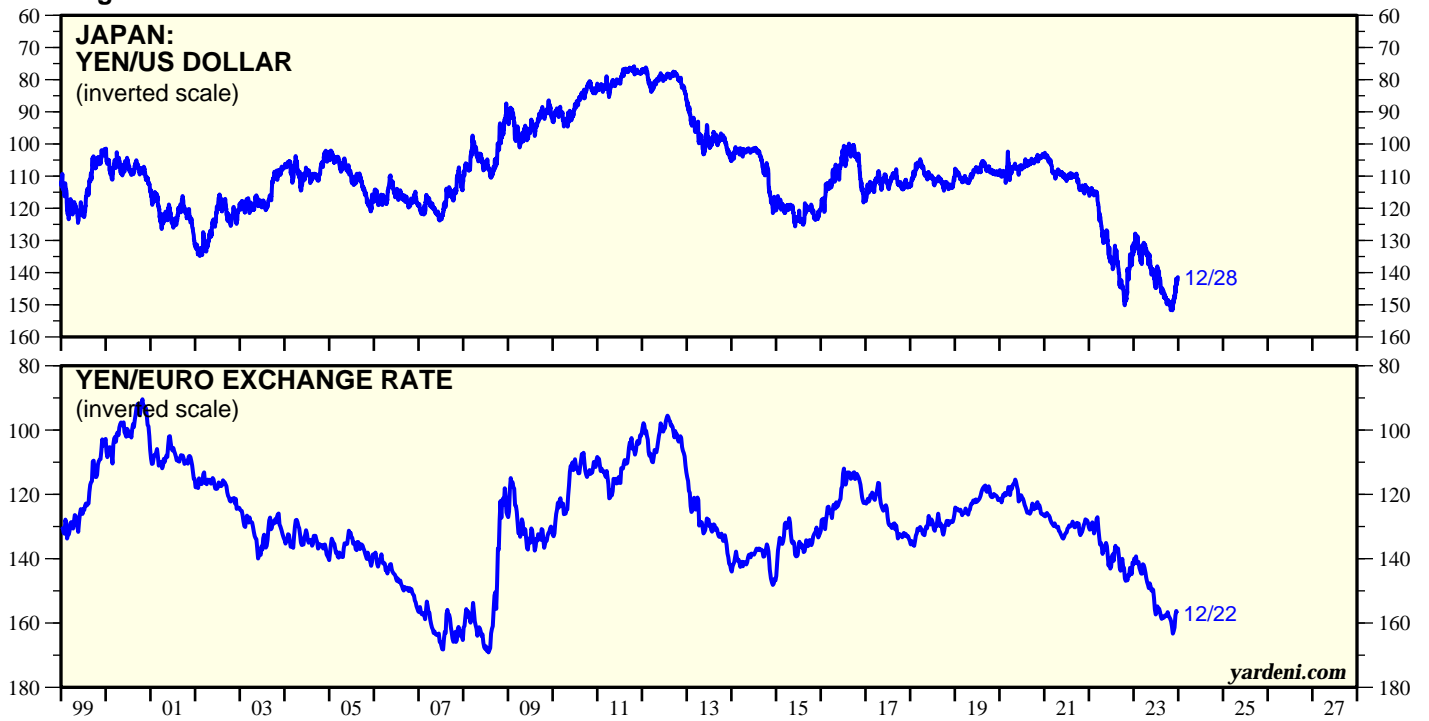


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Japan

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