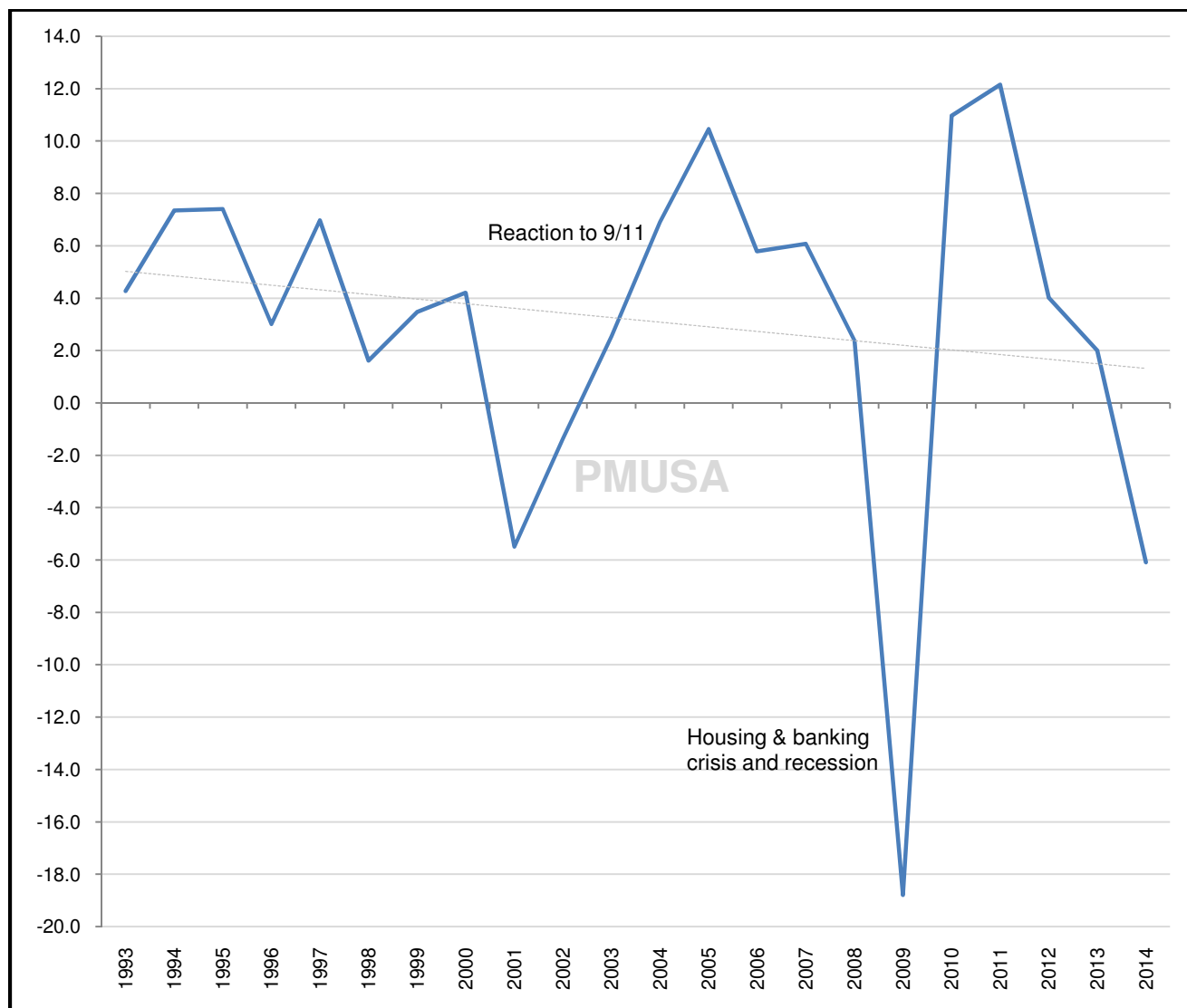


AVERAGE MONTHLY DURABLE GOODS ORDERS PER YEAR 1993-2015 (PERCENT CHANGE)



(Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

2016 (percent change)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
4.2	-2.8	.8	3.4	-2.2	-4	4.4	0.0	-.1	1	-4.6	-.4

Durable Goods (DG) are manufactured products that typically last more than five years. DG measures manufacturer's shipments, inventories, and orders. The trend in DG over the past 21 years is obviously lower. Highlights of the chart include the steady downward move from 1993-2001 as a result of Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China signed into law by President Clinton in 1999. The spike from 2001 to 2006 was related to the government response to 9/11 and the housing boom. The impressive rebound from the recession in 2009 proved unsustainable with ongoing jobs challenges nationwide, and while the housing sector has improved it is still relatively weak. We can expect more of the same in 2015, though risks to the downside dominate given what is happening in China and the Euro zone. *DG is released on a monthly basis with three components; the headline number, DG excluding transportation, and DG excluding defense (2015 avg .5%).*