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## ISM Non-Manufacturing Solid in November

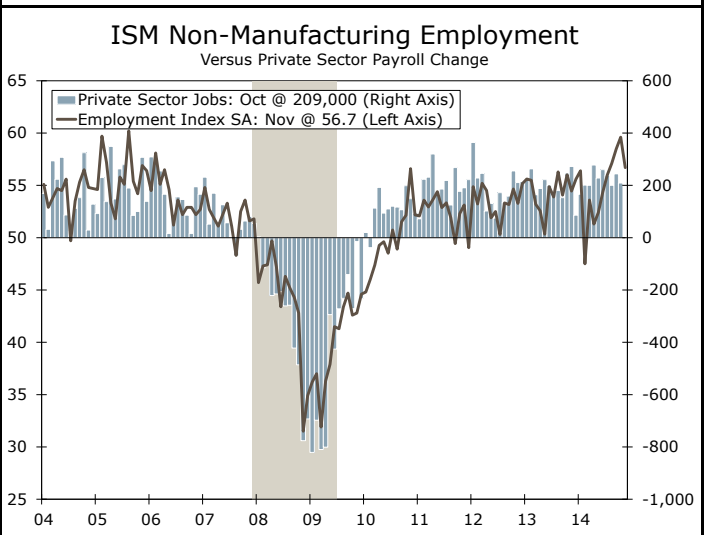
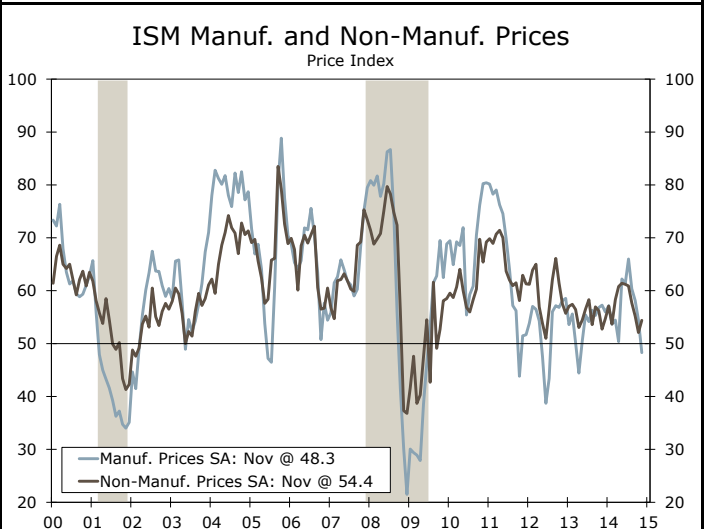
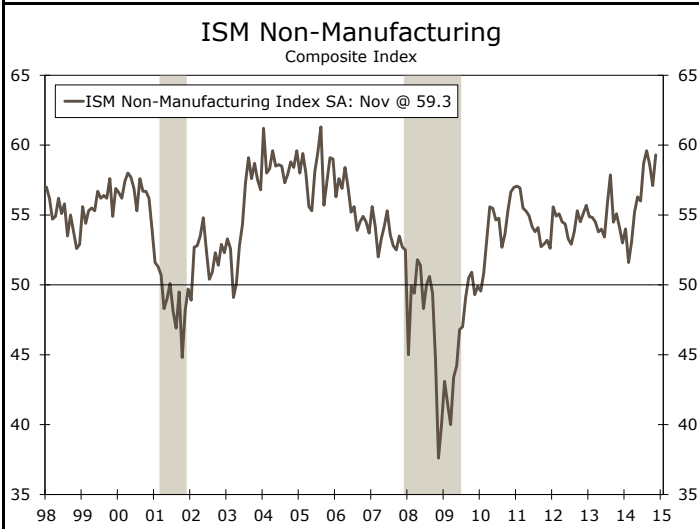
*The ISM non-manufacturing index showed that the U.S. economy continued to grow at a brisk clip in November. The index rose to 59.3, with notable strength in current activity and new orders.*

### Heading Into Winter, Economy Is Heating Up

- The ISM non-manufacturing index rose to 59.3 in November, just shy of the post-recession high set in August. Over the past six months, the index has strengthened notably and suggests that the economy is on fine footing heading into 2015.
- The composite index was boosted by increases in current business activity, new orders and supplier delivery times. Backlogs of orders and export orders also picked up.

### Prices Creep Higher, Hiring Still Strong

- In contrast to the manufacturing sector, non-manufacturing industries saw prices heat up a bit in November. The prices paid index rose to 54.4, although price pressures remain notably lower than during the middle part of the year.
- The employment index moderated to a still-strong 56.7 in November and supports our call for another solid print of 220,000 nonfarm payrolls on Friday.



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