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# Consumer Price Inflation\*

Year-ended



\* Adjusted for the tax changes of 1999–2000

Sources: ABS; RBA



# Capital Stock Growth\*

Annual



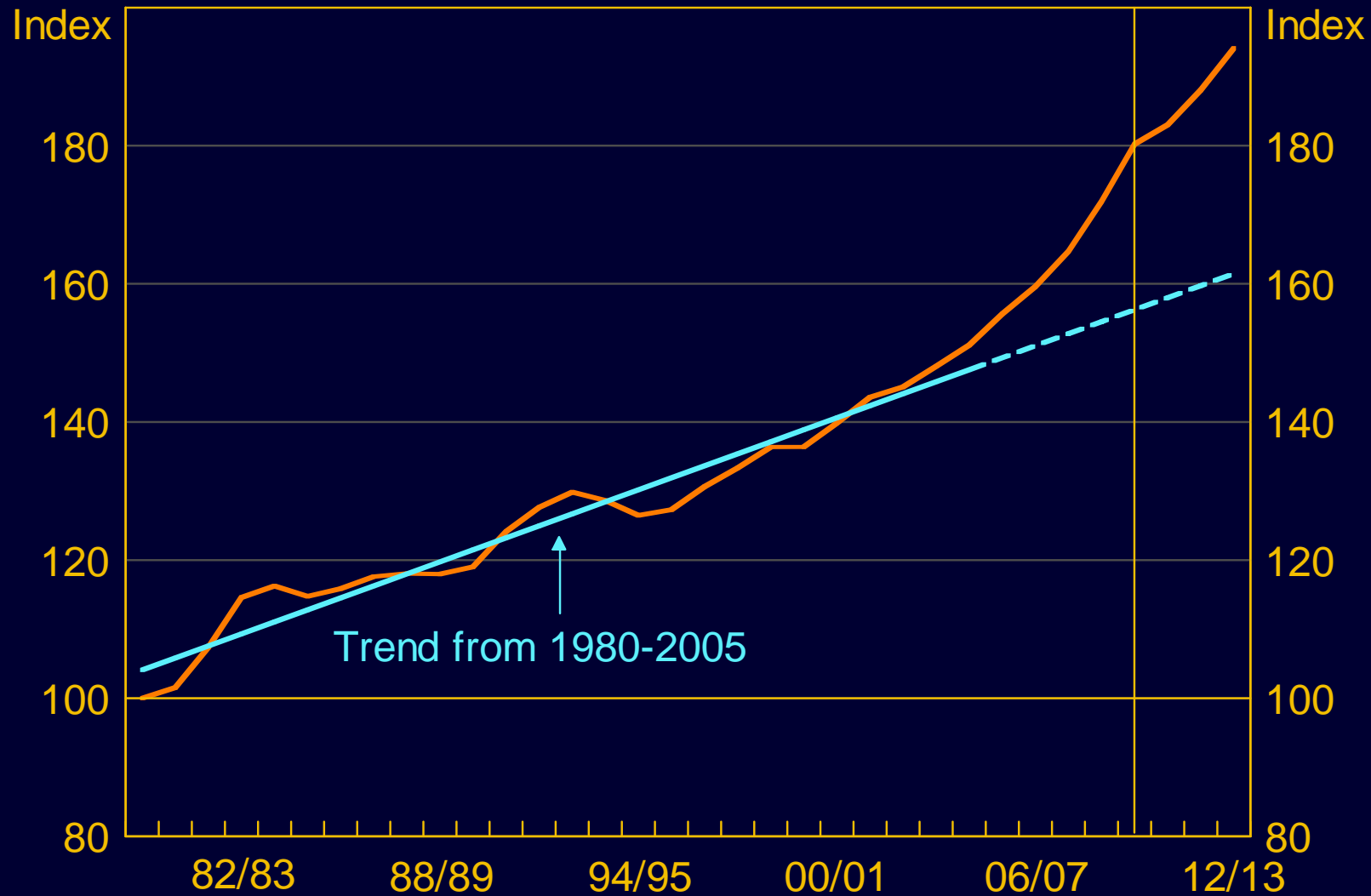
\* Excluding livestock & orchards, dwellings and ownership transfer costs.

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# Capital-to-labour Ratio\*

1979/80 = 100



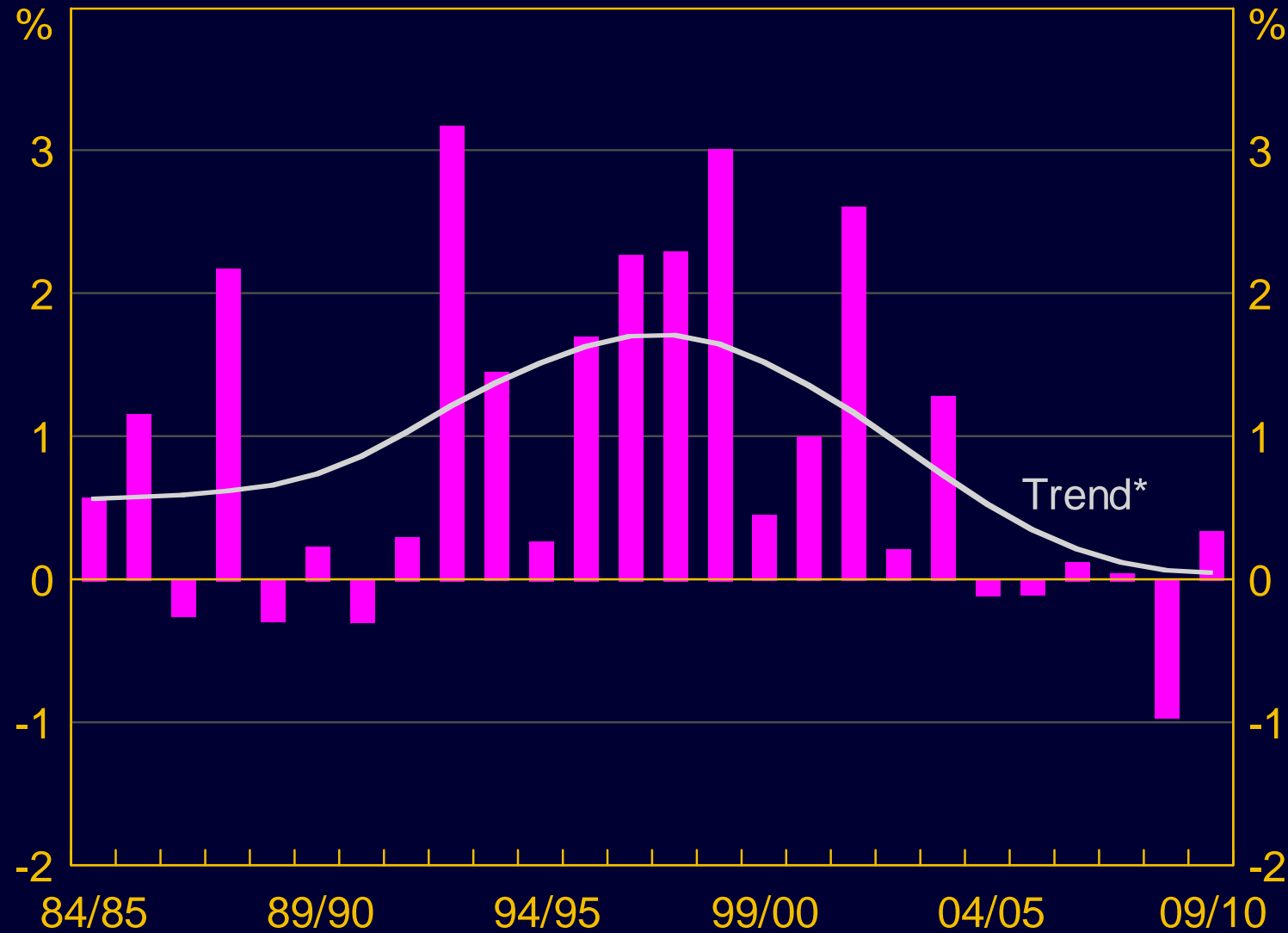
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# Multifactor Productivity Growth

All industries

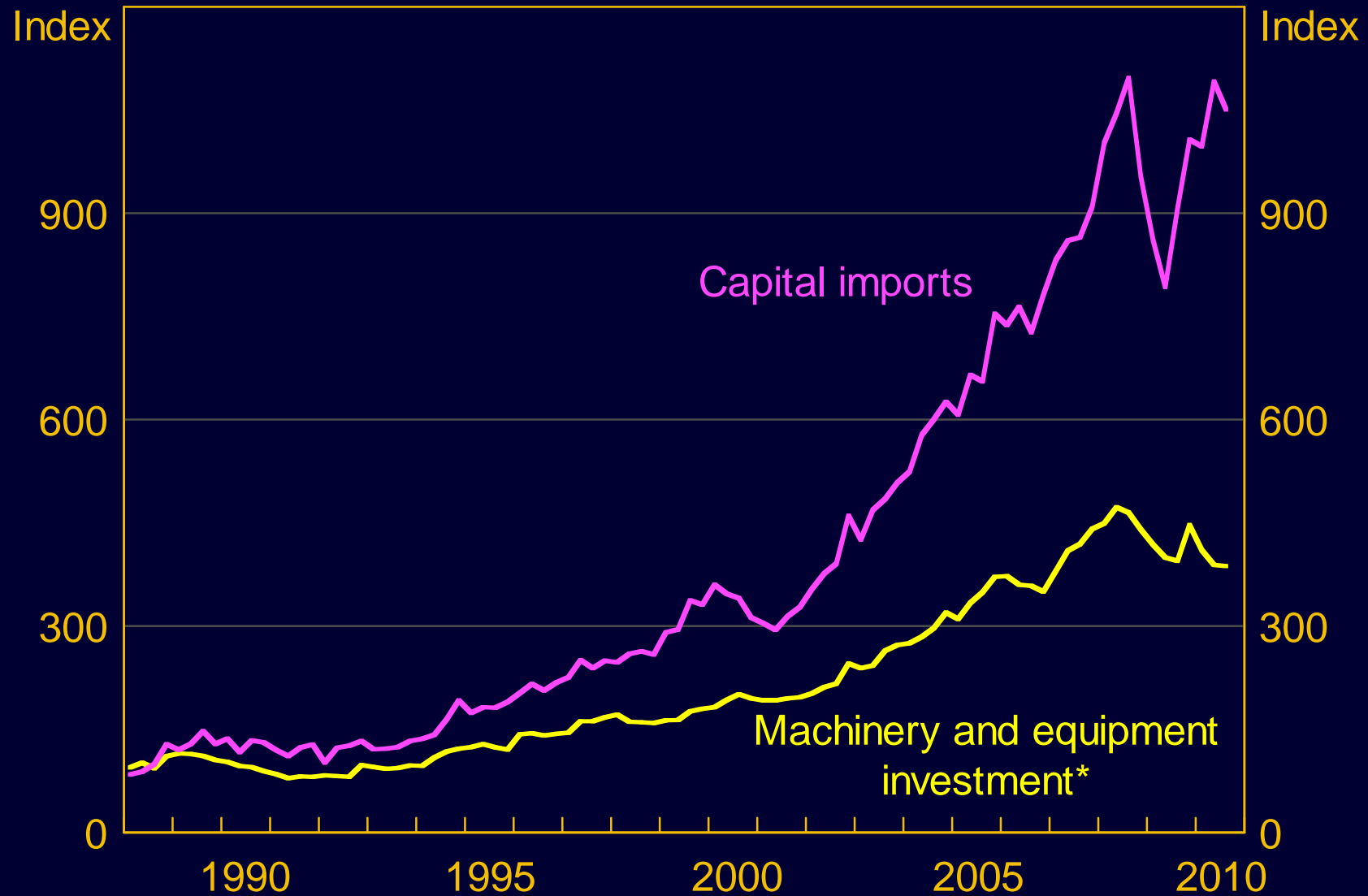


\* Estimated using a Hodrick-Prescott filter,  $\lambda = 50$   
Sources: ABS; RBA



# Capital Imports and Business Investment

Average of 1988 = 100



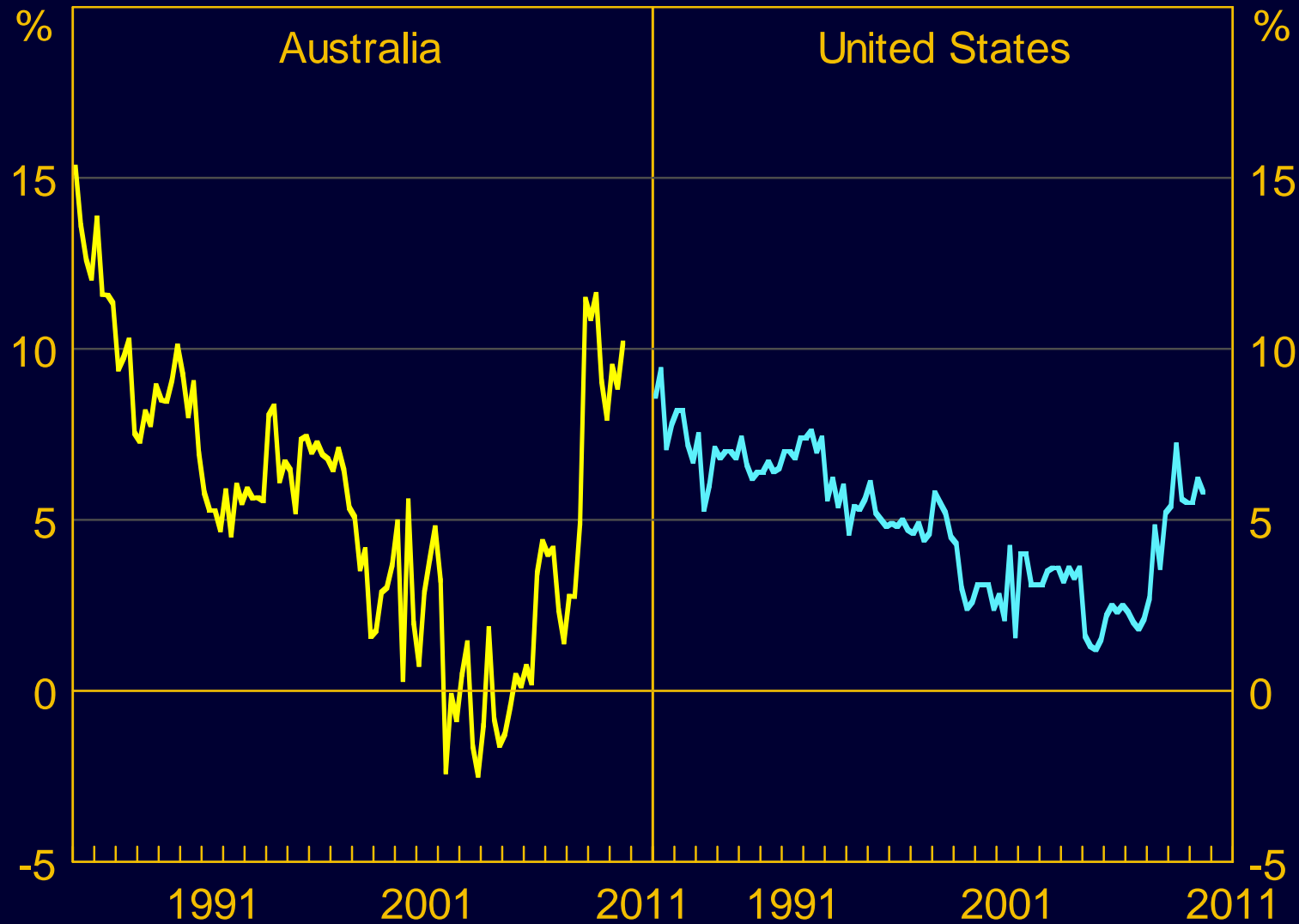
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# Household Saving\*

Per cent of household disposable income



\* Net of depreciation

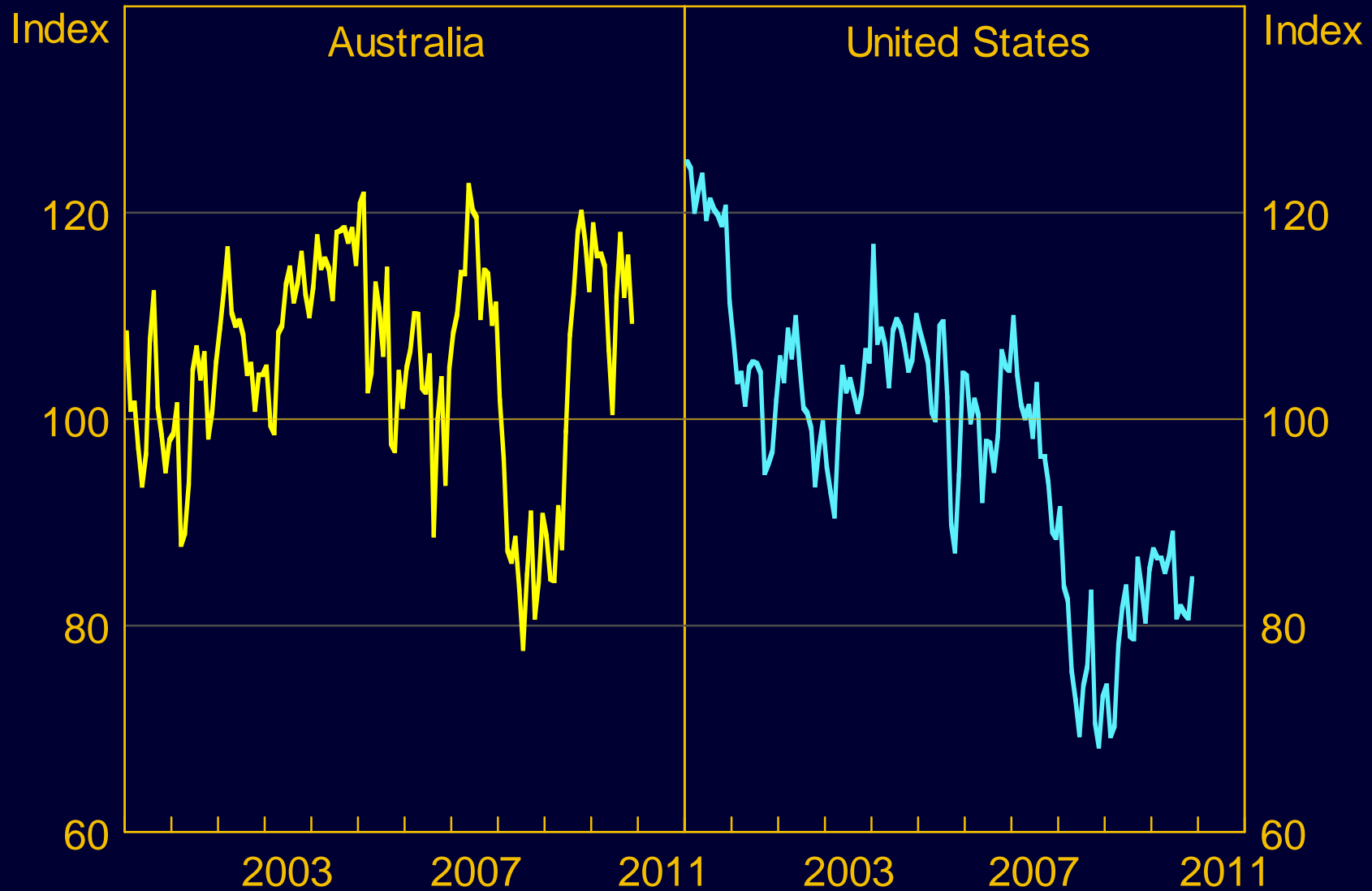
Sources: ABS; RBA; Thomson Reuters





# Consumer Sentiment

Average since 1980 = 100



Sources: Melbourne Institute and Westpac; Thomson Reuters



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