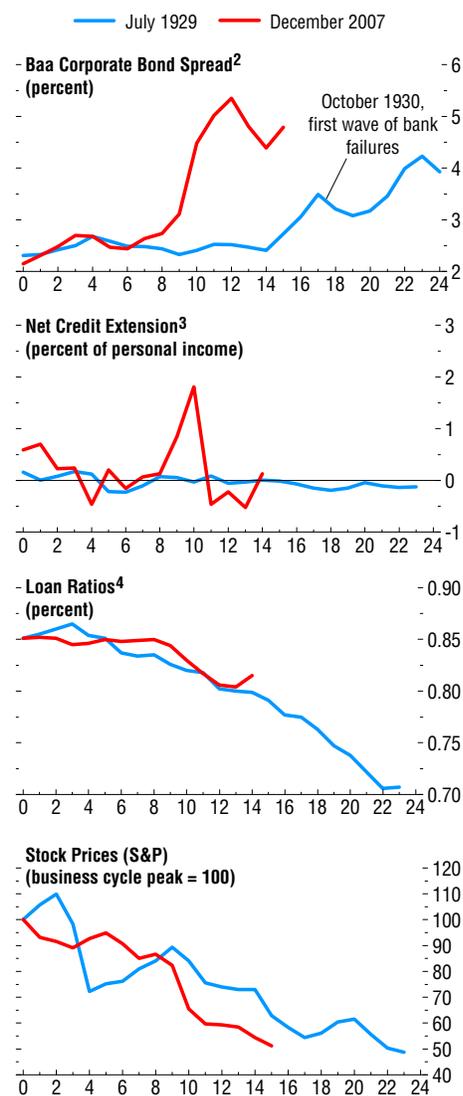


Financial Factors at Work in the United States, Now and Then¹

(Months from business cycle peak on x-axis)



Sources: Bernanke (1983); Federal Reserve Board; and Haver Analytics.

¹ Business cycle peaks as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

² Average yield on Baa-rated corporate bonds over yield on long-term treasuries.

³ Monthly changes in commercial bank loans.

⁴ Loan-to-deposit ratio in 1929–31, loan-to-asset ratio in 2007–09 (adjusted by a constant to match the June 2009 initial value).