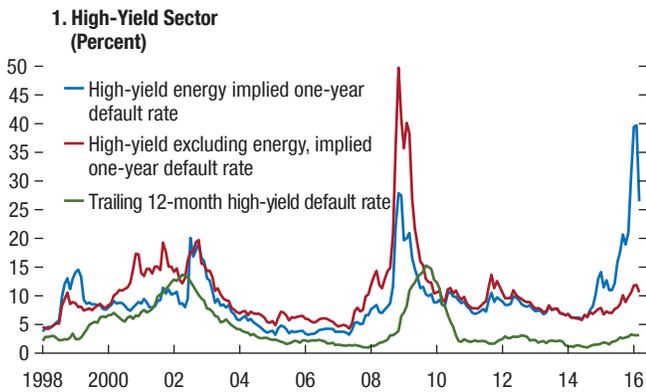


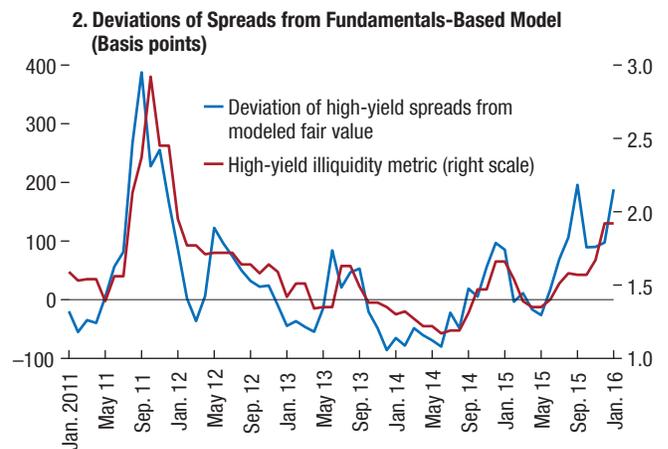
Figure 1.6. U.S. High-Yield Markets and Lending Conditions

The number of energy firms trading at distressed levels has risen sharply.



Source: Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Spreads deviated from fundamentals as liquidity conditions have deteriorated.



Sources: Barclays; and IMF staff calculations.

Note: High-yield illiquidity metric = Barclays Liquidity Cost Score (Dastidar and Phelps 2009).