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“SLOW GROWTH CONTINUES IN 2014”

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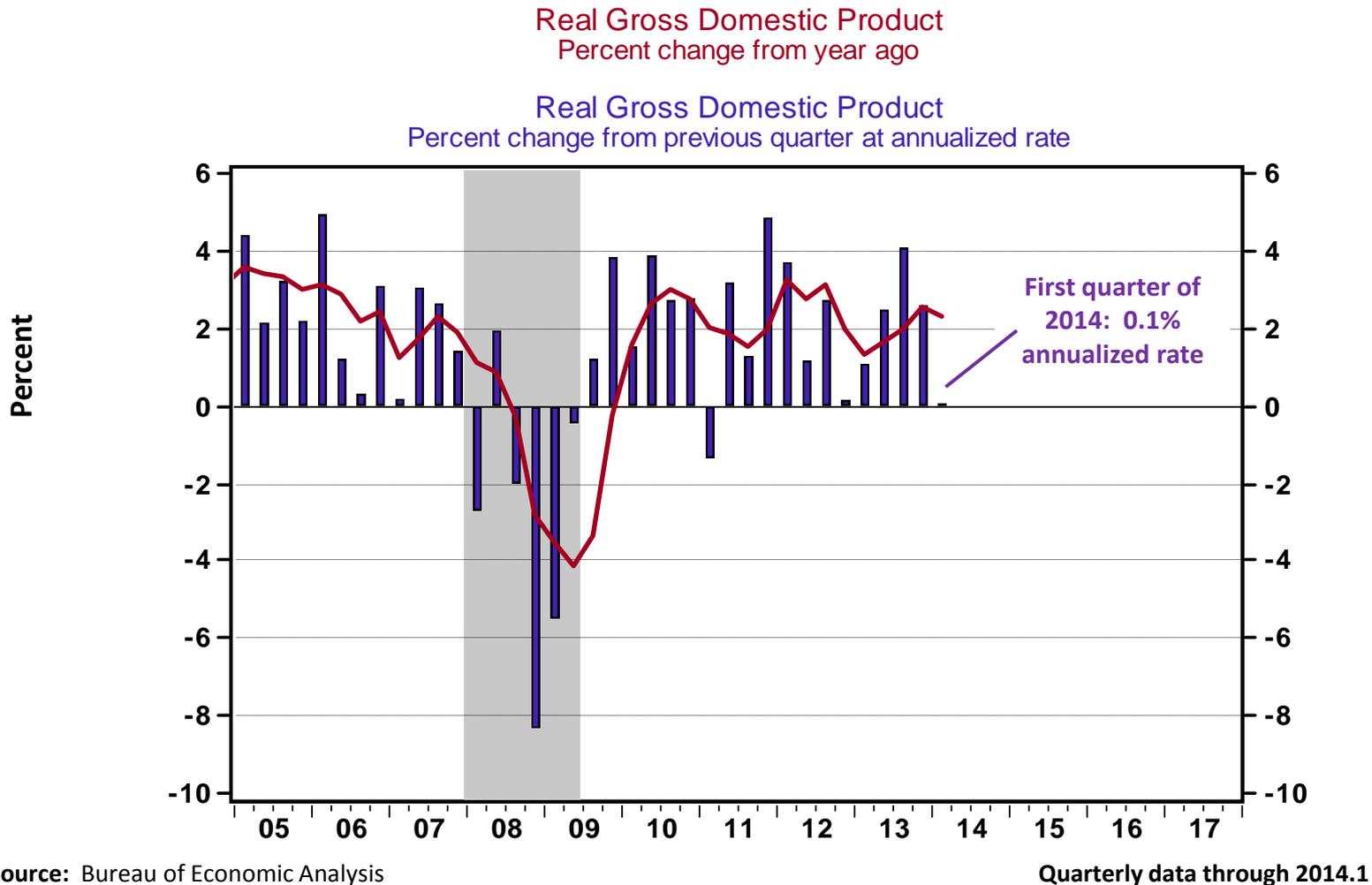
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Slow growth continues in 2014

- The economy stalled in the first quarter of 2014, registering 0.1% annualized growth.
- Weather probably accounted for some of the weakness, but not all.
- Lower government purchases are the biggest reason for the slow recovery since 2009.

GDP stalled in first quarter of 2014



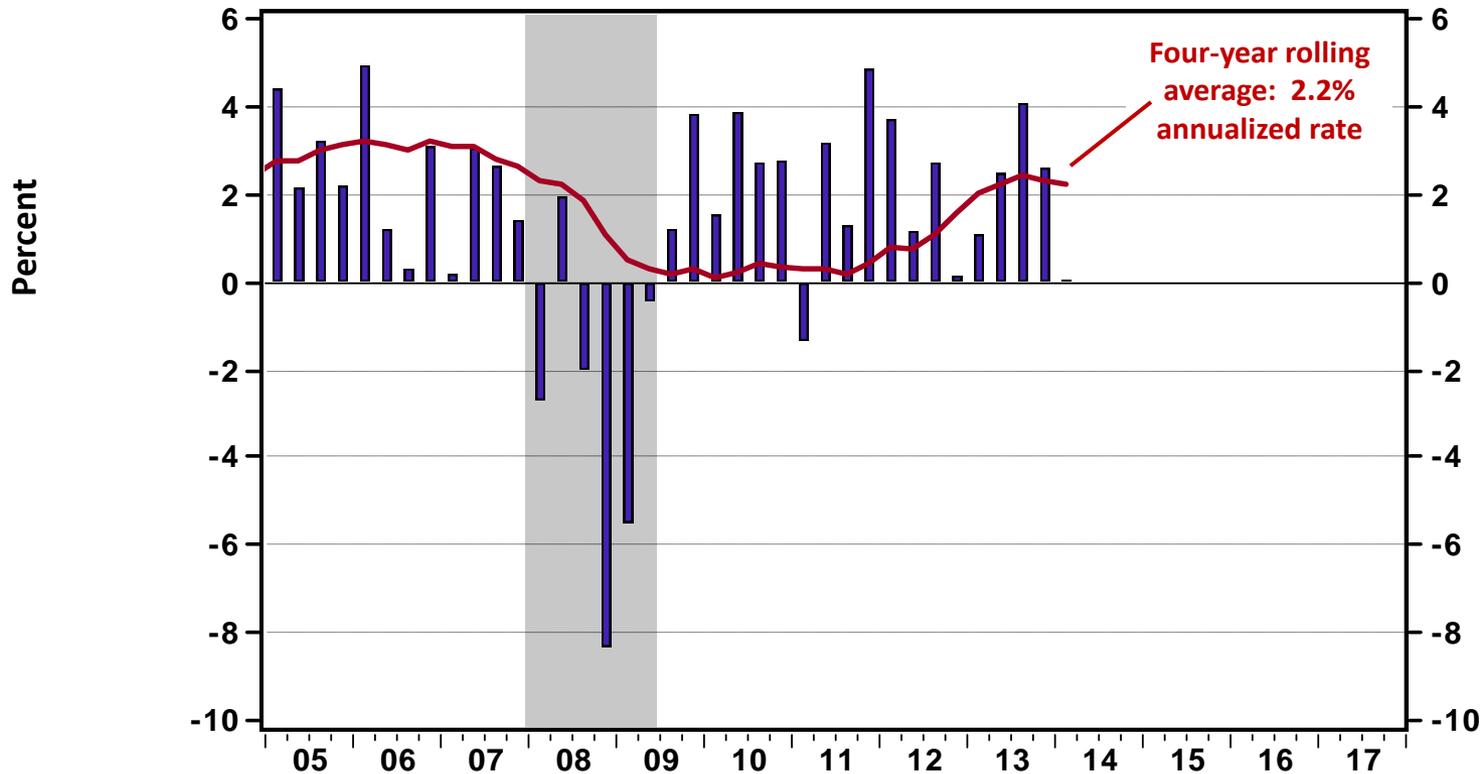
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Quarterly data through 2014.1

Recovery continues at about 2¼%

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Annualized percent change from four years ago

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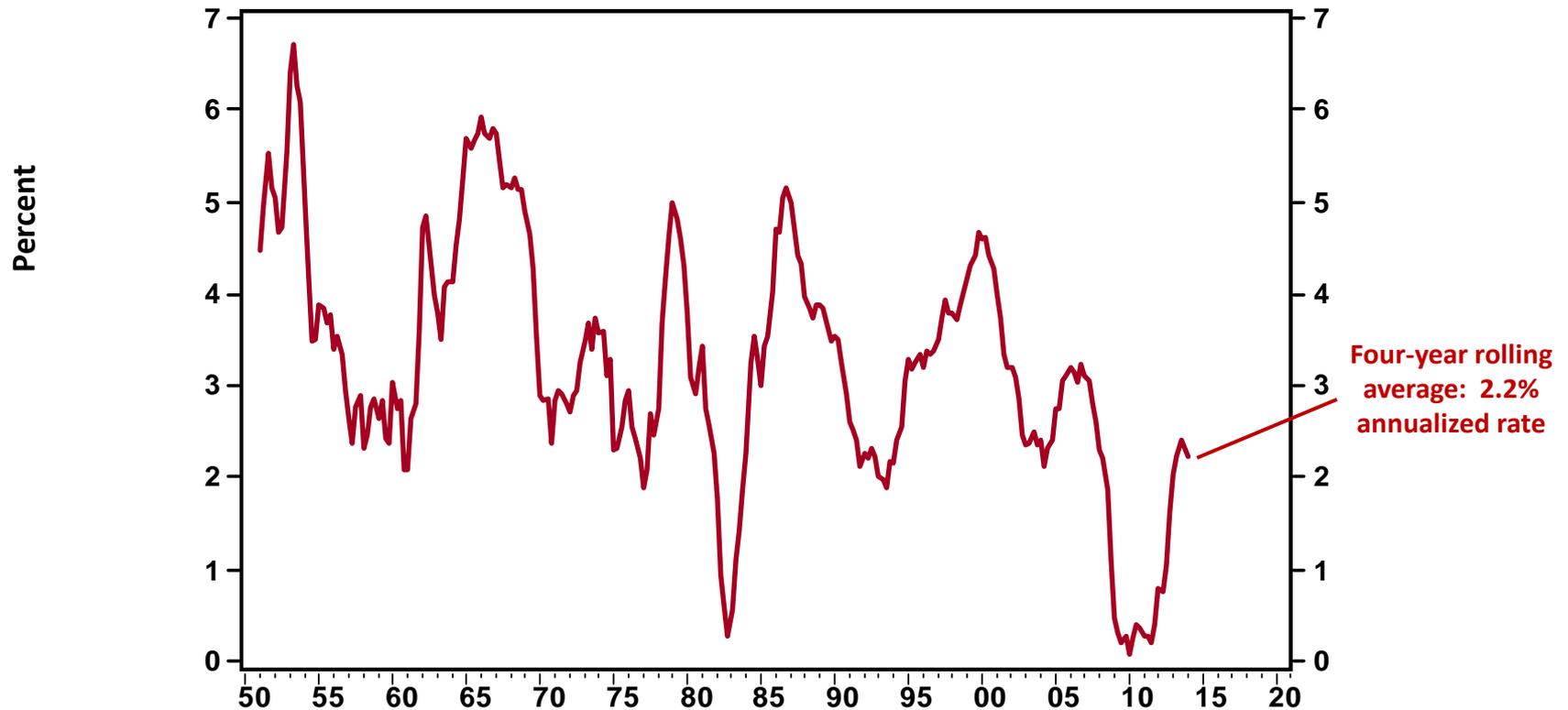


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No previous recovery was under 3%

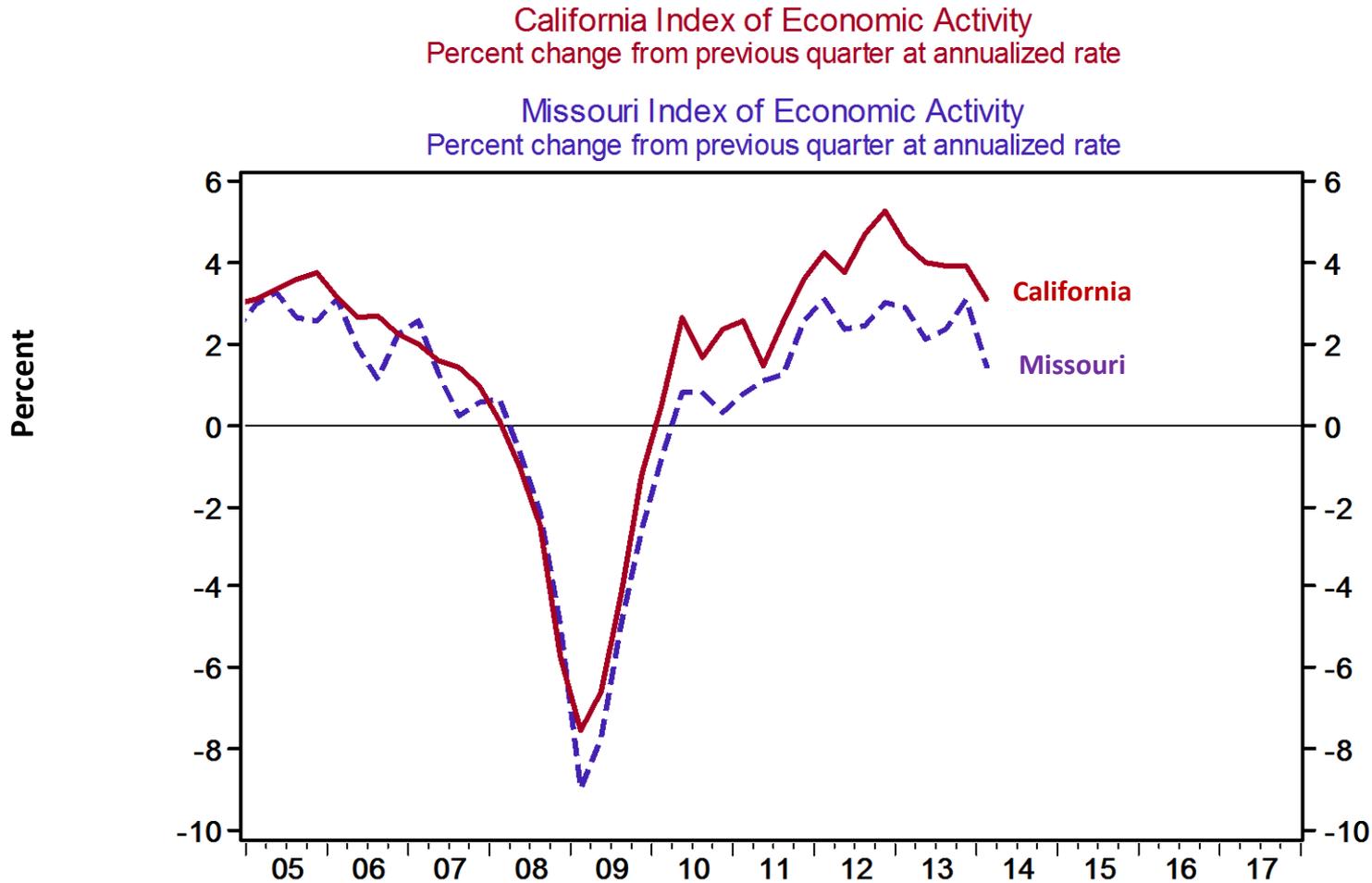
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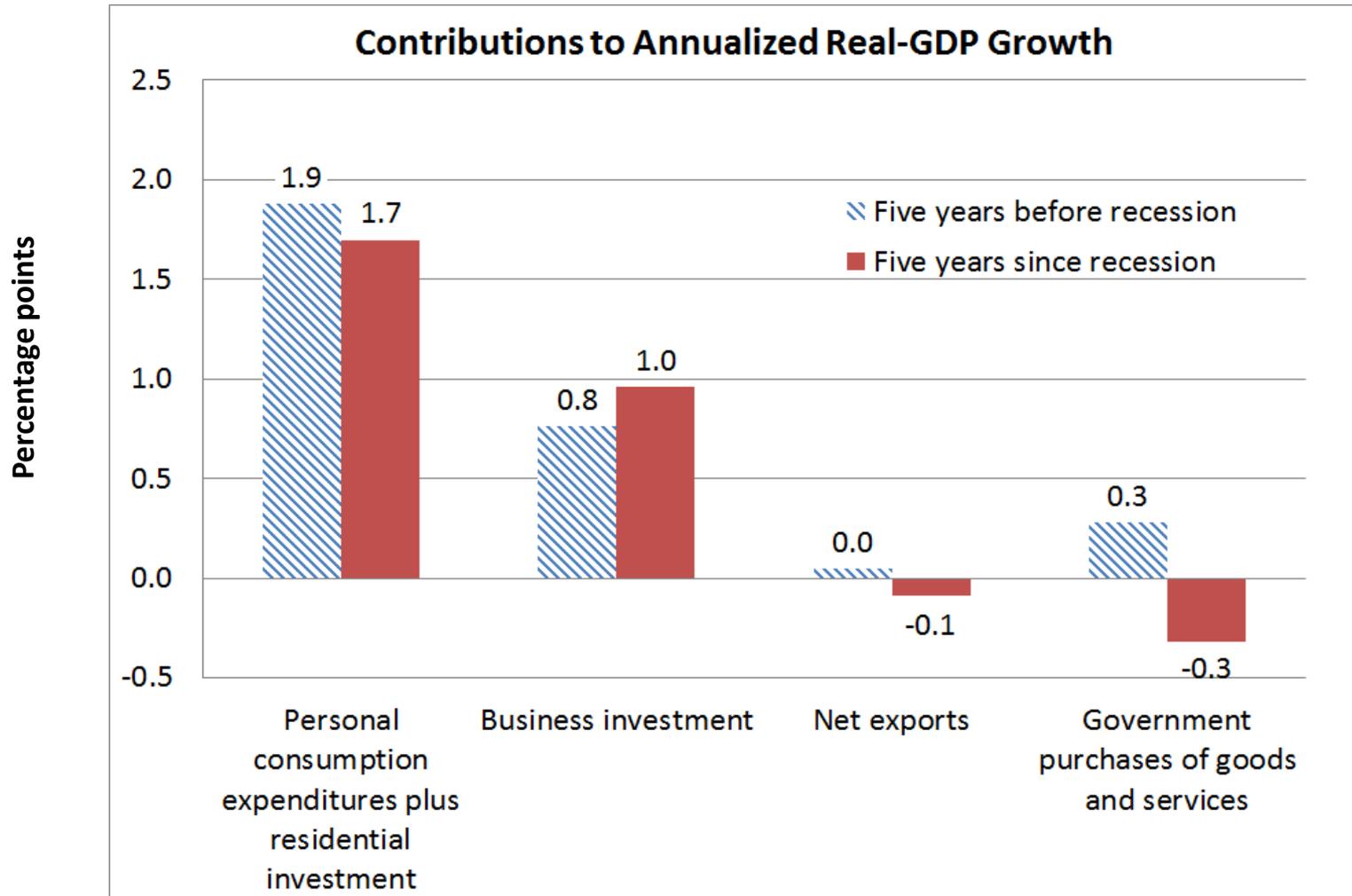
Weather wasn't the only factor in Q1



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

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Biggest weakness: Government spending



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

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In sum: Economy continues its slow recovery

- The economic recovery is proceeding at about a 2¼-percent pace.
- Better weather will speed up the recovery a bit.
- Lower government purchases—especially by state and local governments—are the biggest reason for the slow recovery since 2009.