

Debt and deleveraging: Uneven progress on the path to growth

McKinsey Global Institute

January 2013

CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY
Any use of this material without specific permission of McKinsey & Company is strictly prohibited

We are suffering just now from a bad attack of economic pessimism. It is common to hear people say that the era of enormous economic progress which characterised the last century is over; that the rapid improvement in the standard of living is now going to slow down...; that a decline in prosperity is more likely than an improvement in the decade which lies ahead of us

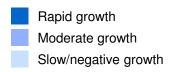


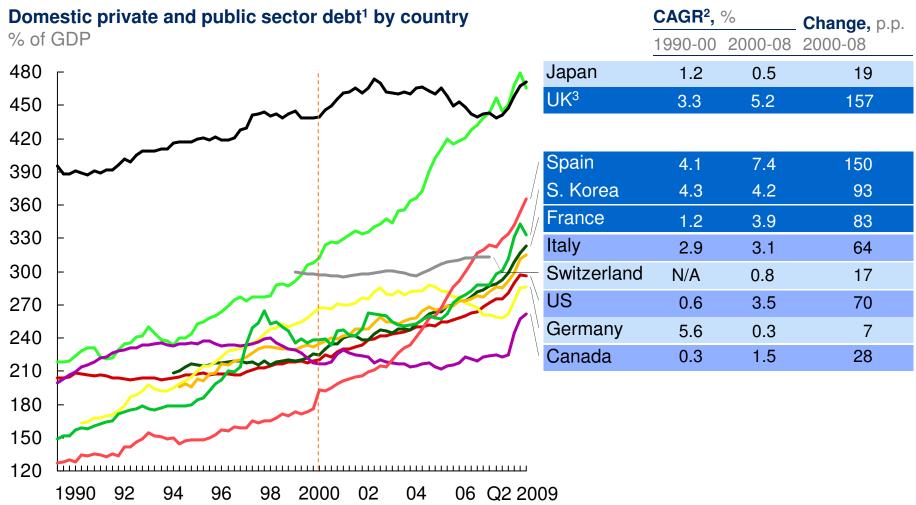
2010 report

- Where did the debt build-up pre crisis?
- 2 What are the lessons to be learned from prior deleveraging episodes?
- What are the implications for the current crisis?



Debt grew in most mature economies



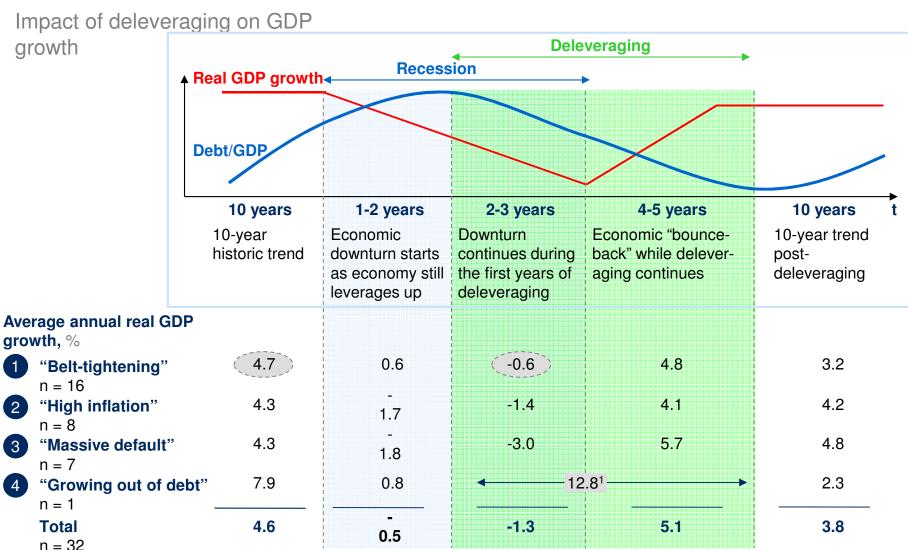


^{1 &}quot;Debt" is defined as all credit market borrowing including loans and fixed-income securities.

² Compound annual growth rate. Where data are unavailable, the longest possible period is used.

³ Even after removing foreign lending by UK banks, UK debt/GDP remains higher than every country except Japan.

Real GDP growth is significantly slower in the first 2-3 years of deleveraging



¹ Deleveraging driven by off-trend growth is not linked to a recession.





Uneven progress on the

path to growth

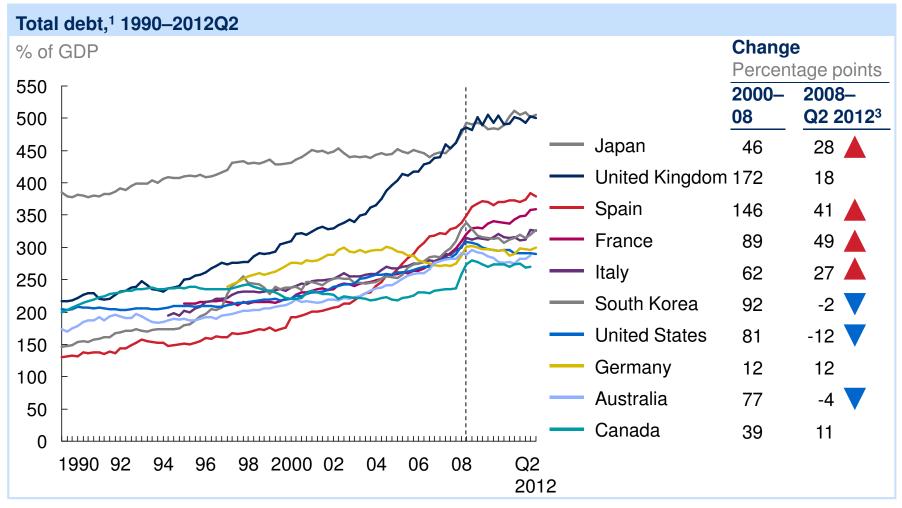
2012 update

- How much progress have mature economies made in reducing debt?
- 2 What are the conditions for full recovery and when will demand return?

Deleveraging has only just begun in the ten largest developed economies

Significant increase in leverage²

Deleveraging

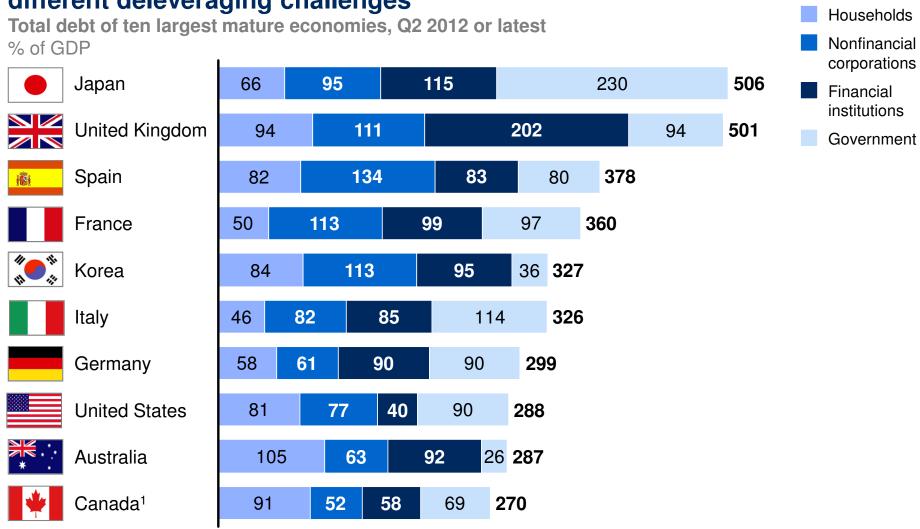


¹ Includes all loans and fixed-income securities of households, corporations, financial institutions, and government.

² Defined as an increase of 25 percentage points or more.

³ For the US, data is available up to 2012Q3

The composition of debt varies widely across countries, indicating different deleveraging challenges

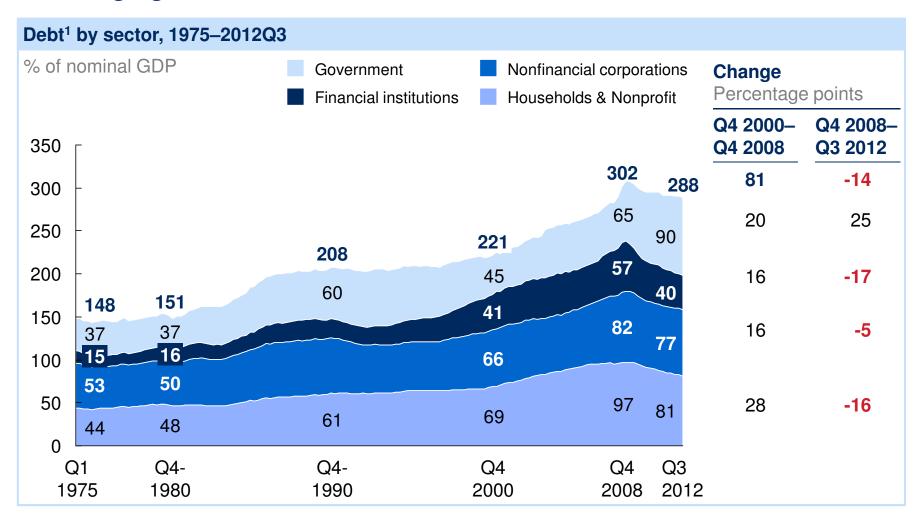


¹ According to Canada's national accounts, "household" sector includes nonfinancial, non-corporate business. NOTE: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

SOURCE: Haver Analytics; national central banks; McKinsey Global Institute

The United States has undergone rapid private-sector deleveraging since 2008



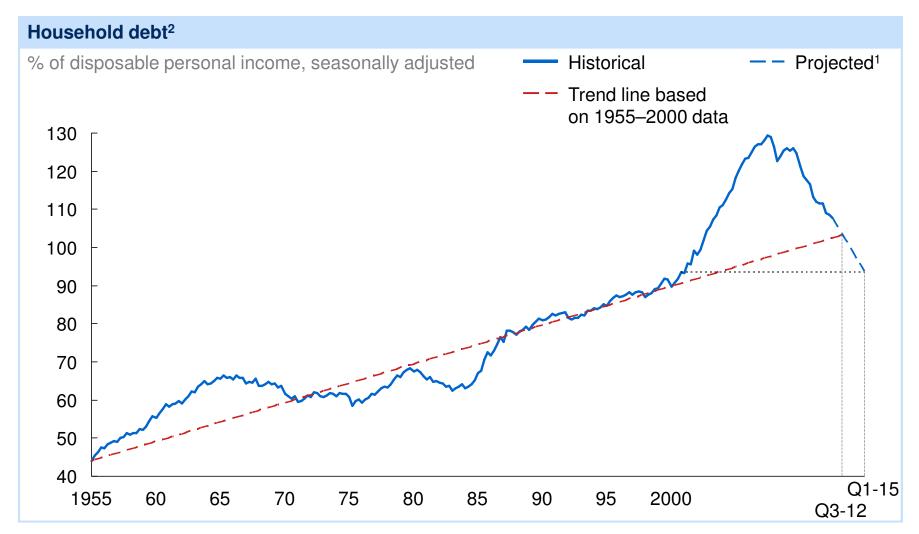


¹ Includes all loans and credit market borrowing (e.g., bonds, commercial paper); excludes asset-backed securities to avoid double counting of the underlying loan.

NOTE: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

The US household debt ratio could return to its long-term trend in 2013 and be reduced to 2000 level by 2015





¹ Based on household debt and disposable personal income trends from 2010 to 2012Q3

² Includes debt of nonprofit organizations

UK financial sector and government borrowing has continued to grow since 2008

Debt¹ by sector, 1987–2012Q2 % of GDP

Financial institutions

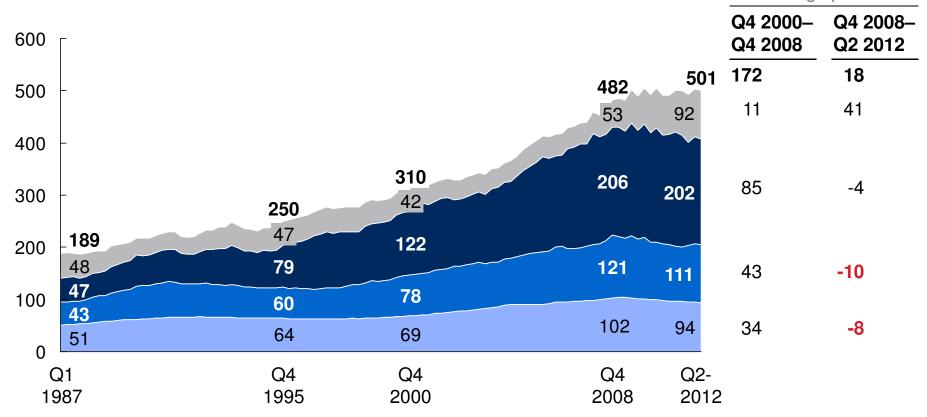
Government

Nonfinancial corporations

Households

Change

Percentage points



¹ Includes all loans and credit market borrowing (e.g., bonds, commercial paper); excludes asset-backed securities to avoid double-counting of the underlying loan.

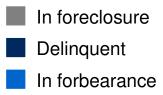
NOTE: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

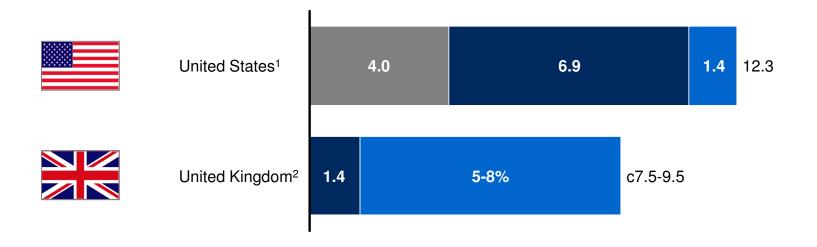
The share of UK mortgage holders in some difficulty is lower to that in the United States



Number of residential mortgages in difficulty

% of total residential mortgage loans





¹ US delinquency and foreclosure data are as of Q2 2012. Delinquency data represent mortgages more than 30 days delinquent. Forbearance is estimated for August 2011 based on loan modifications under the US Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP).

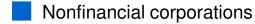
² UK delinquency data are as of Q3 2012 and represent mortgage loans more than 1.5 percent in arrears. Estimates for forbearance are from the Financial Services Authority, Statistics on Mortgage Lending December 2012

Spain's private debt grew rapidly after 2000; public debt has grown faster since 2008

Debt¹ by sector, 1990–2012Q2 % of GDP



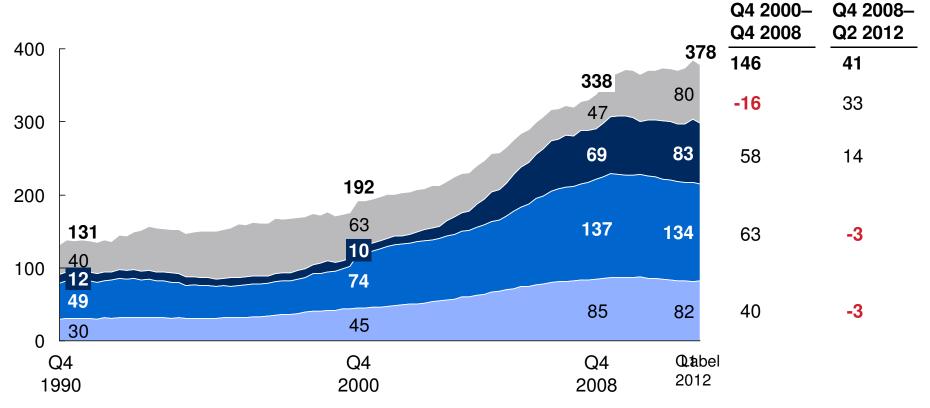
Financial institutions



Households

Change

Percentage points



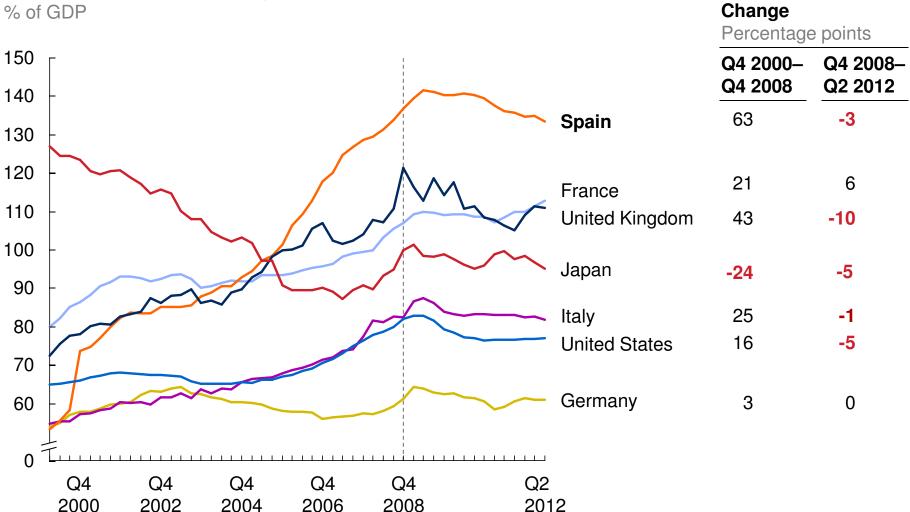
¹ Includes all loans and credit market borrowing (e.g., bonds, commercial paper); excludes asset-backed securities to avoid double counting of the underlying loan.

NOTE: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

The debt levels of Spanish corporations grew dramatically from 2000 to 2008



Total debt of nonfinancial corporations, Q1 2000-Q2 2012 % of GDP



Six conditions for recovery and moving to the second phase of deleveraging



Banking sector is stabilized and lending resumes



Government enacts credible long-term plans for fiscal deficit reduction



Structural reforms unleash private-sector growth



Exports are rising



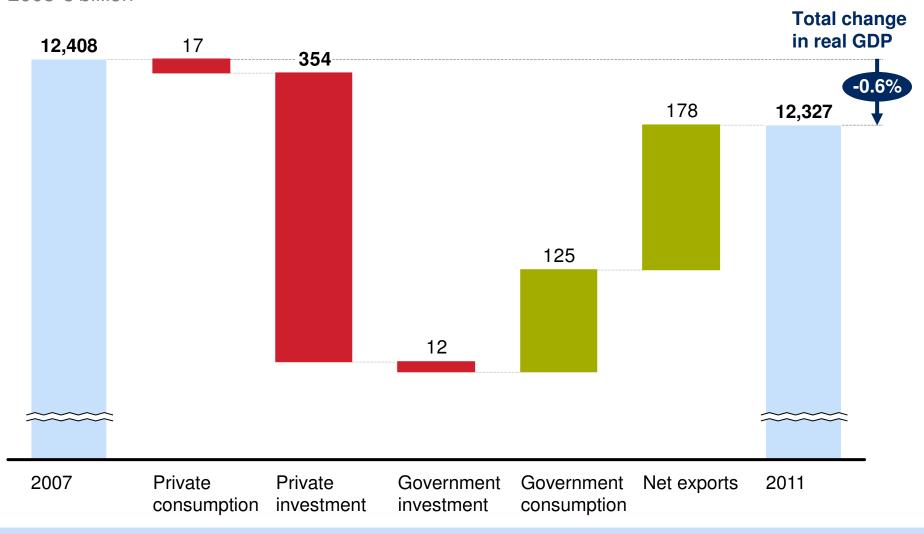
Private investment rebounds



House prices stabilize and new construction begins

Private investment has been the hardest-hit component of EU-27 GDP

Change in real GDP, EU-27 countries, 2007–11 2005 € billion



SOURCE: IHS Global Insight; Economist Intelligence Unit; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

We are suffering just now from a bad attack of economic pessimism. It is common to hear people say that the epoch of enormous economic progress which characterised the last century is over; that the rapid improvement in the standard of living is now going to slow down ...; that a decline in prosperity is more likely than an improvement in the decade which lies ahead of us

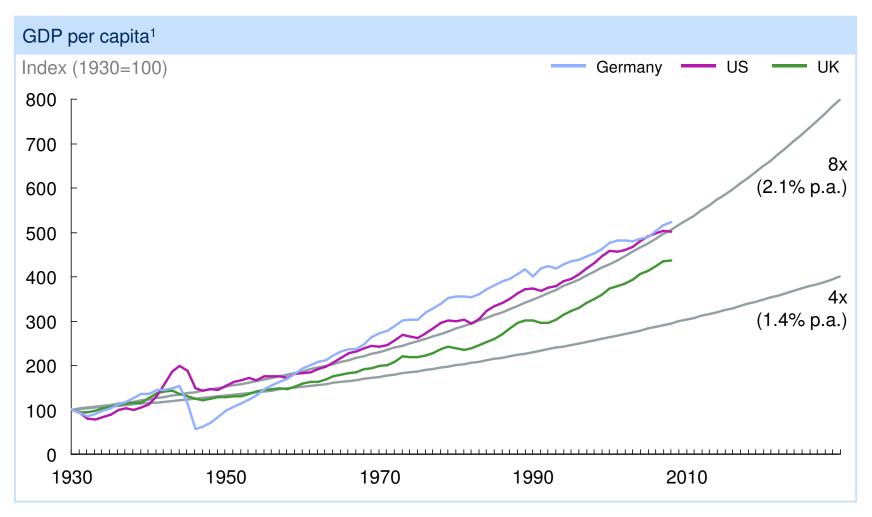
We are suffering just now from a bad attack of economic pessimism. It is common to hear people say that the epoch of enormous economic progress which characterised the 19th century is over; that the rapid improvement in the standard of life is now going to slow down ...; that a decline in prosperity is more likely than an improvement in the decade which lies ahead of us

"I believe that this is a wildly mistaken interpretation of what is happening to us"

> John Maynard Keynes Economic Possibilities for our Grandchildren, 1930

Keynes's bold prediction:- "I would predict that the standard of life in progressive countries one hundred years hence will be between four and eight times as high as it is to-day"

Keynes's bold prediction:- "I would predict that the standard of life in progressive countries one hundred years hence will be between four and eight times as high as it is to-day"



¹ GDP per capita in 1990 international Geary-Khamis dollars

The full reports can be downloaded at:

McKinsey Global Institute www.mckinsey.com/mgi