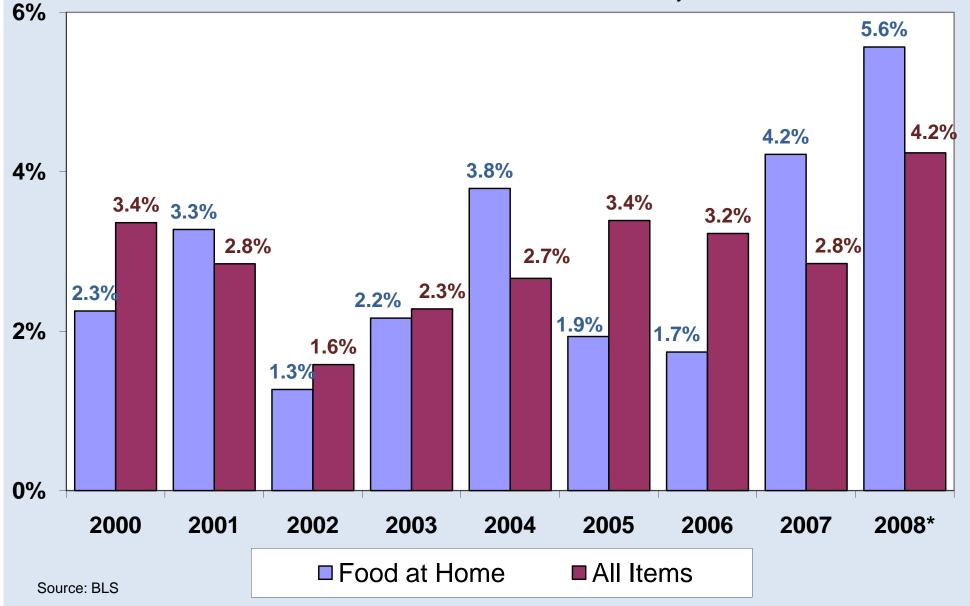
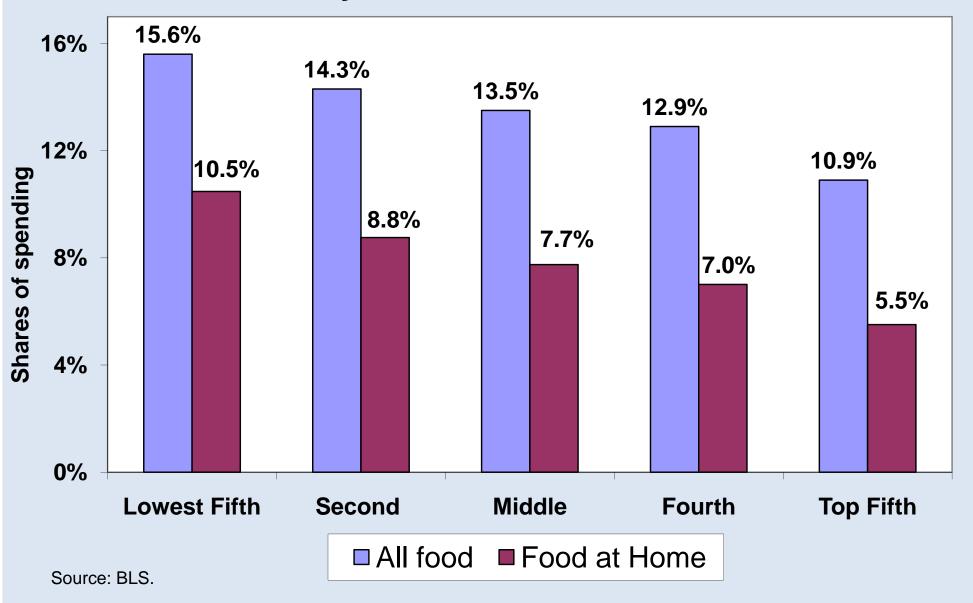
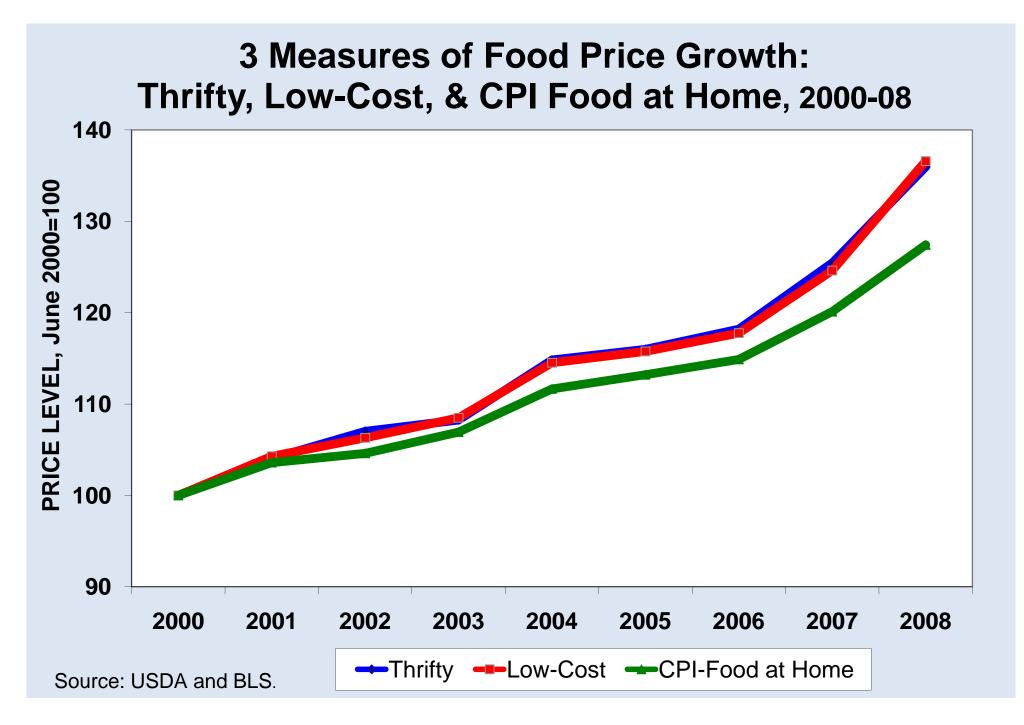
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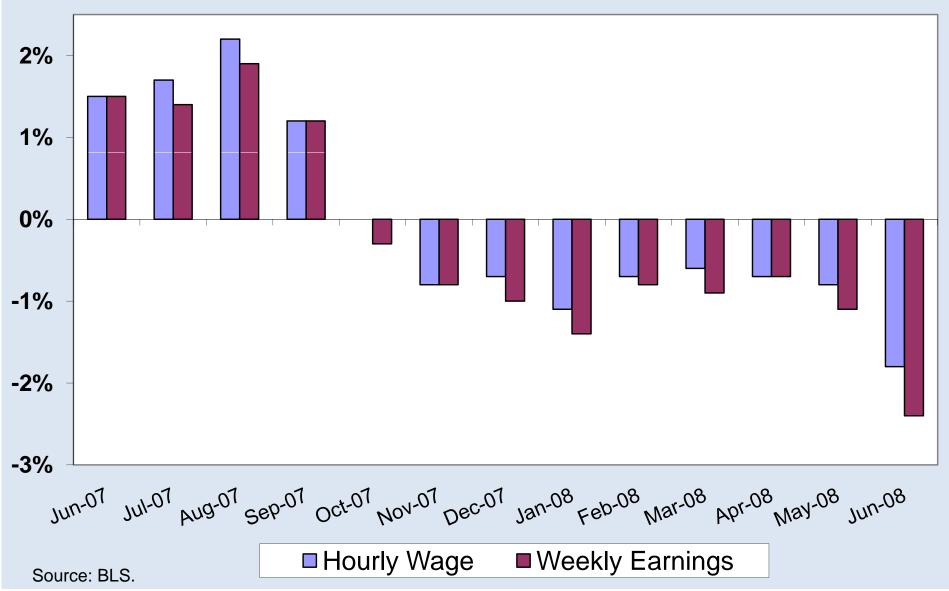


Spending Shares of Food (All and at Home) by Fifth of Income, 2006





Real Trends in Hourly and Weekly Earnings, Annual change by month, June 2007 to June 2008



How Much Commodity Does an Hour's Wage Buy? 2003 vs. 2008

 Gas
 Milk
 Apples
 Flour
 Rice
 Bread

 2003
 4.9 gal
 2.9 gal
 7.8 lbs
 23.7 lbs
 17.7 lbs
 7.7 lbs

 2008
 2.4 gal
 2.4 gal
 7.1 lbs
 17.0 lbs
 13.1 lbs
 6.5 lbs

Note: Data are from BLS and for the 2nd quarter of each year. Gas is unleaded gasoline.