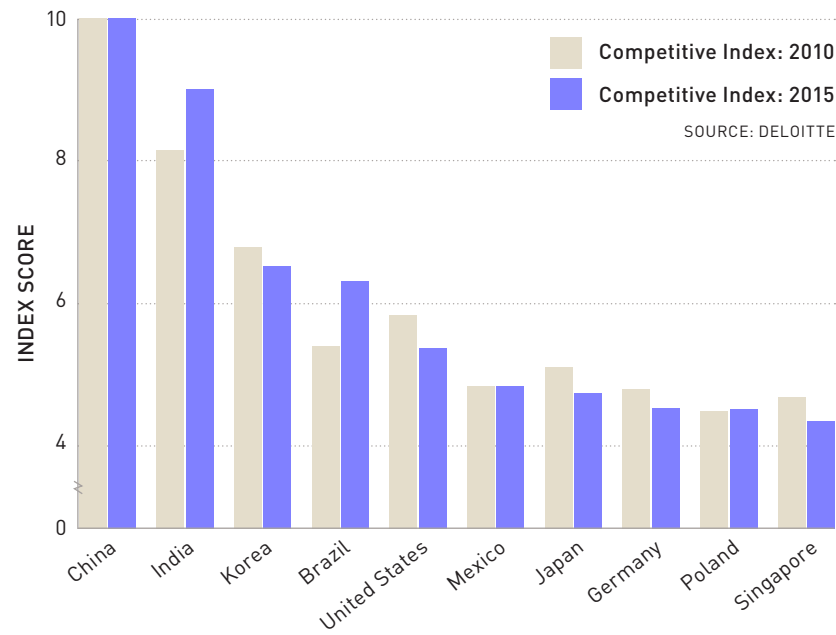


# datapoints

Forward's report on industry numbers and statistics

## MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS PREDICTIONS

U.S. manufacturing is expected to grow even weaker in the next five years, while manufacturing in developing countries—like Brazil and India—is expected to grow in strength.



## [NOT SO] AMERICAN INNOVATORS

In 2009, **51%** of U.S. patents were awarded to *non-U.S. companies*.

SOURCE: THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Here's how manufacturing executives' perceptions have changed over the last three years:

**DECEMBER, 2008:** **92%** of manufacturing executives think the economic conditions in their country are much worse than they were in June 2008.

**SEPTEMBER, 2010:** **13%** of manufacturing executives think the economic conditions in their country are much worse than they were in March 2010.

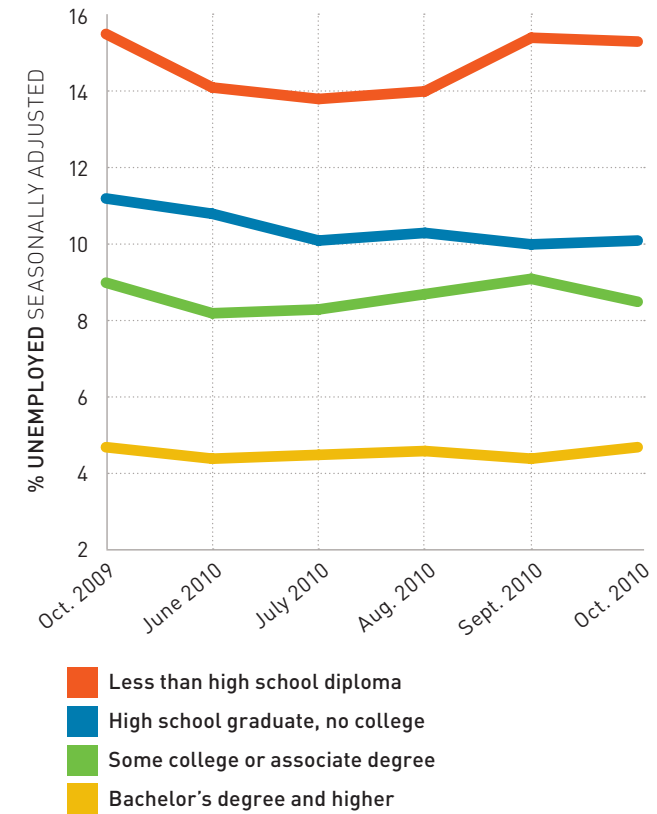
**58%** of manufacturing executives expected a decrease in their company's workforce between December 2008 and June 2009.

**ONLY 14%** expect a decrease in their company's workforce between September 2010 and March 2011.

SOURCE: MCKINSEY QUARTERLY

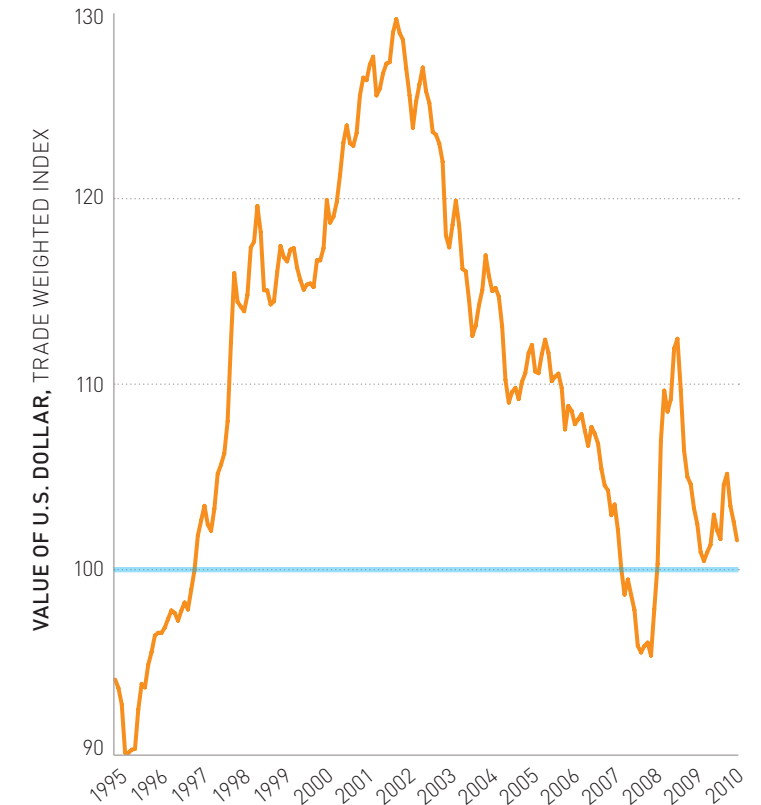
## THE REAL UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Employment numbers are better—and in some cases worse—depending on workers' level of education.



## VALUE OF THE U.S. DOLLAR

Many have argued the value of the dollar has decreased; historically, it has not.



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