

# Stock Market Indicators: S&P 500 Buybacks & Dividends

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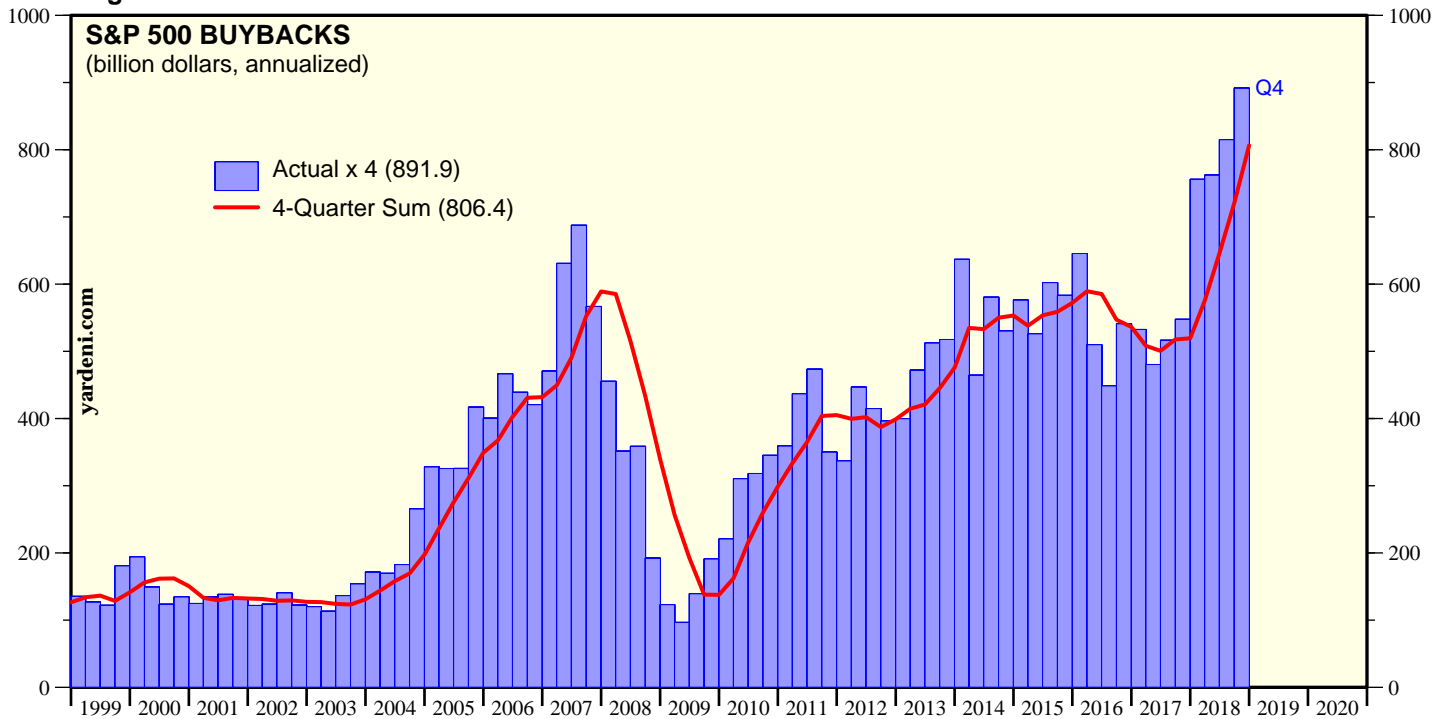
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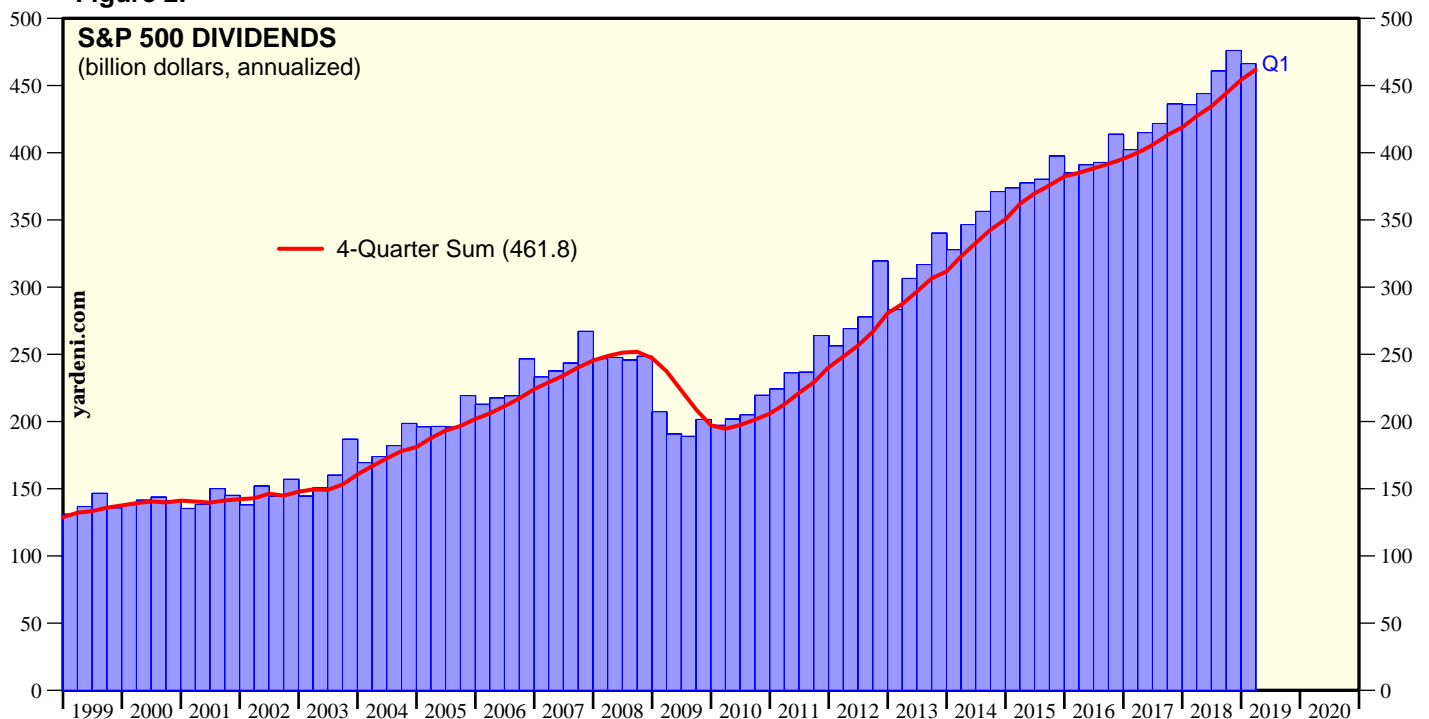
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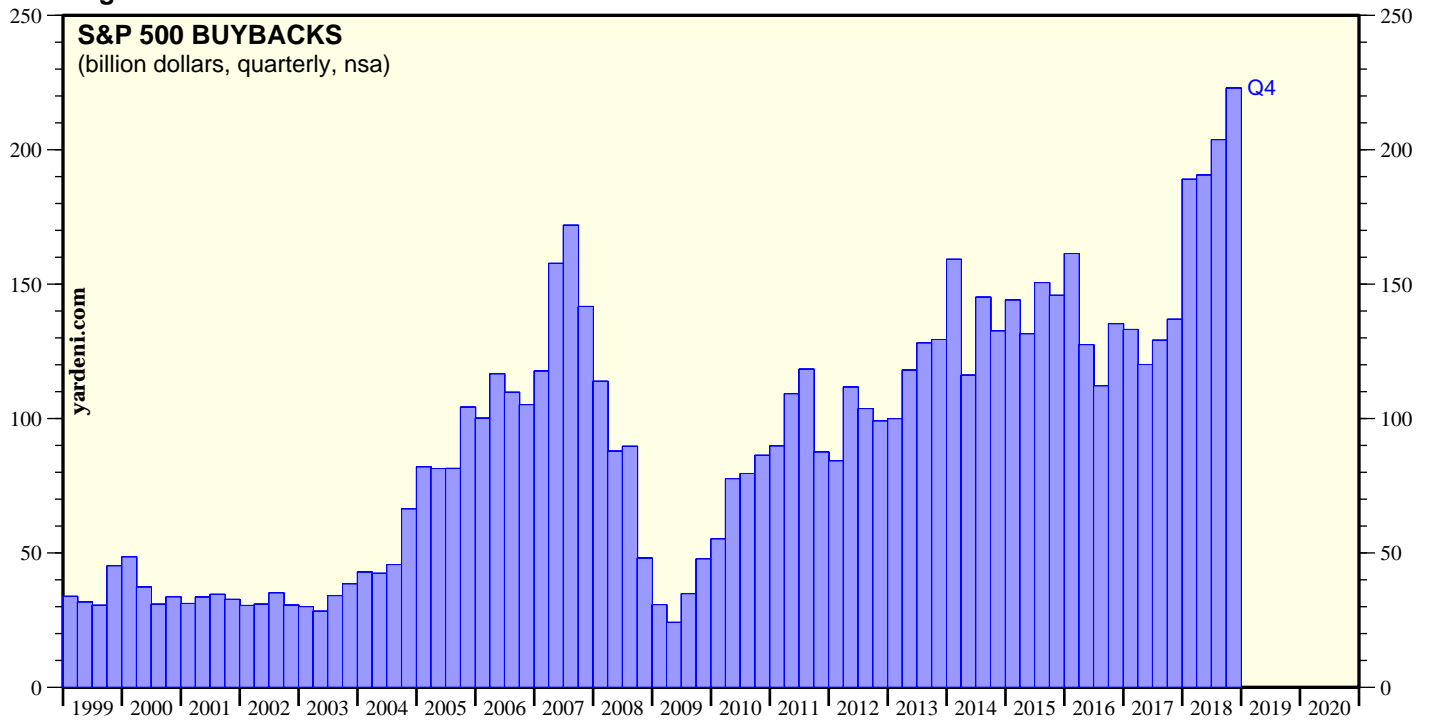
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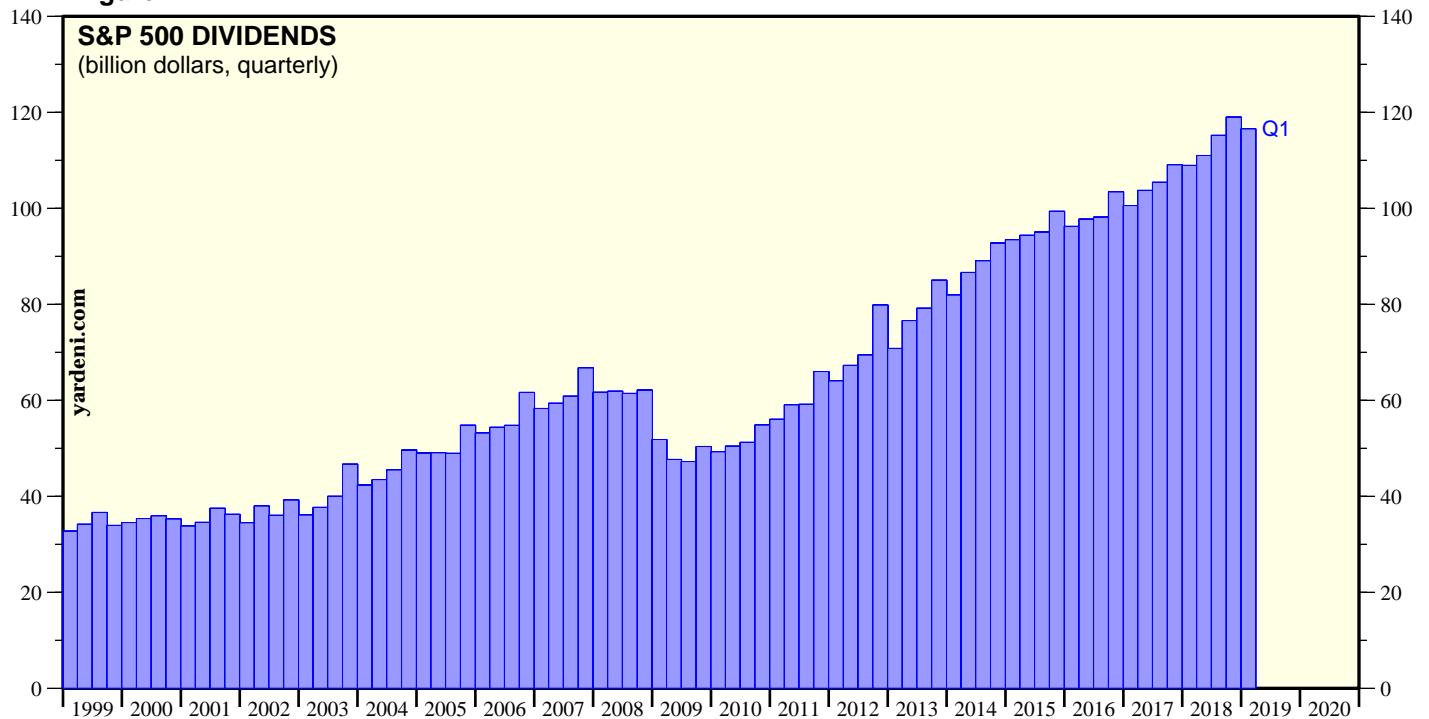
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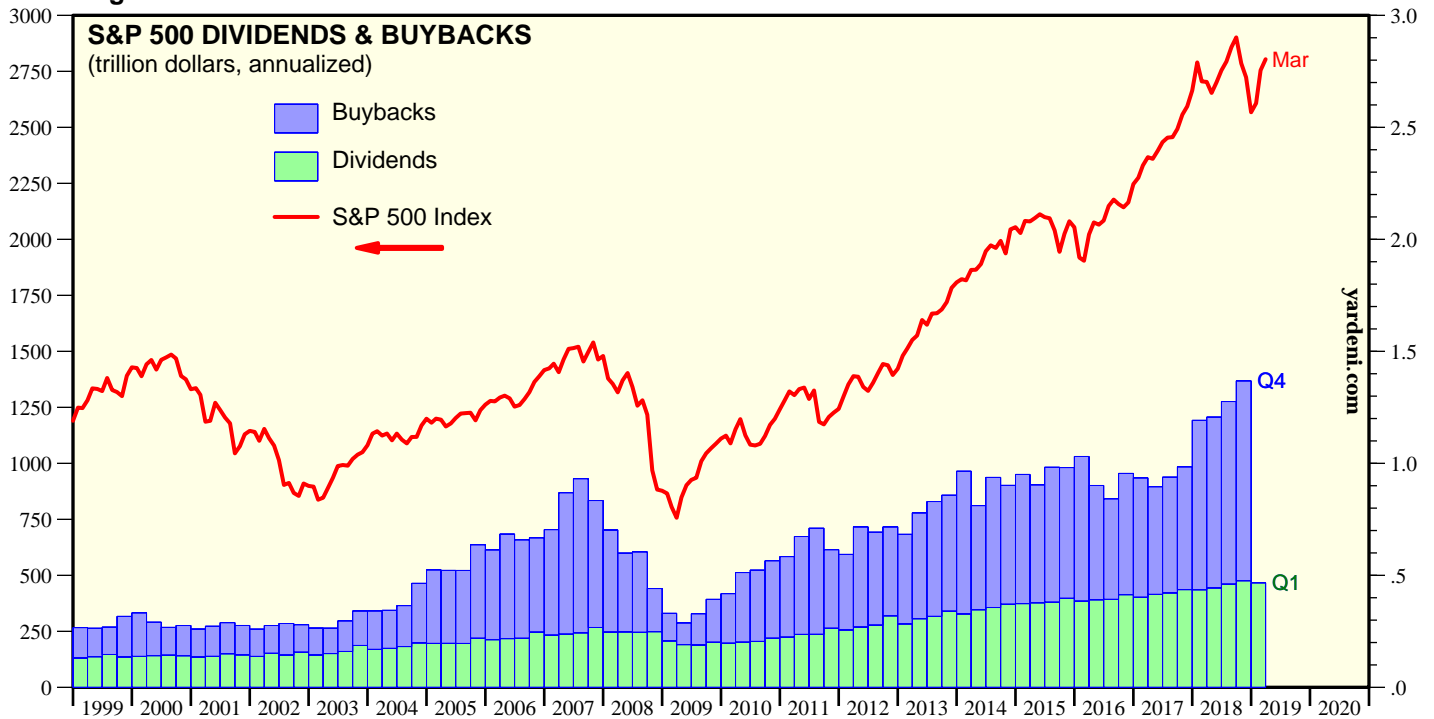
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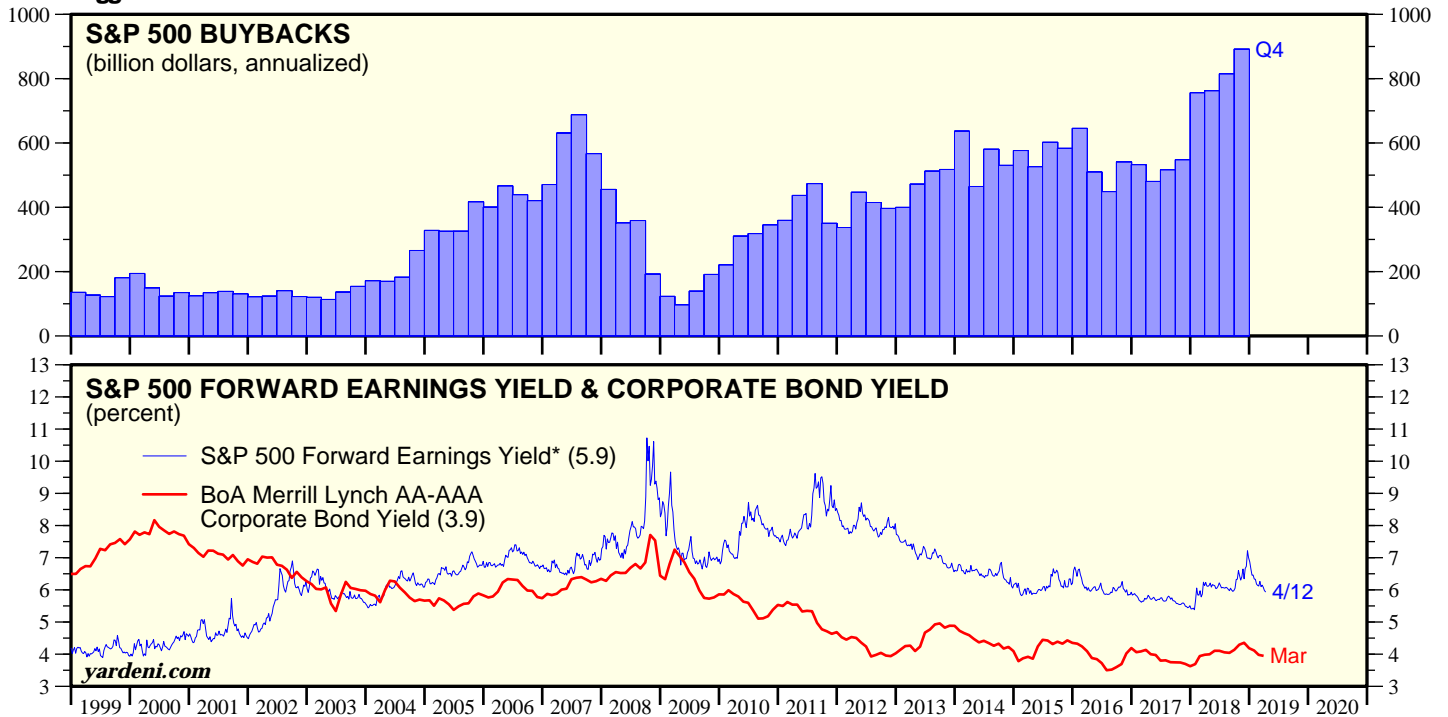
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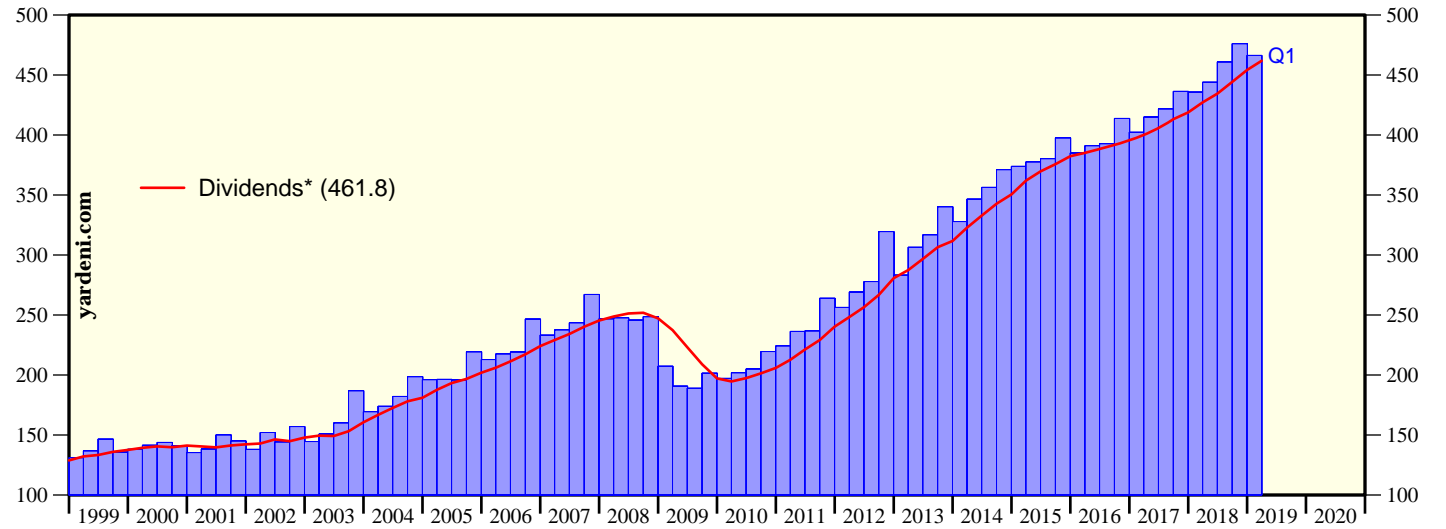
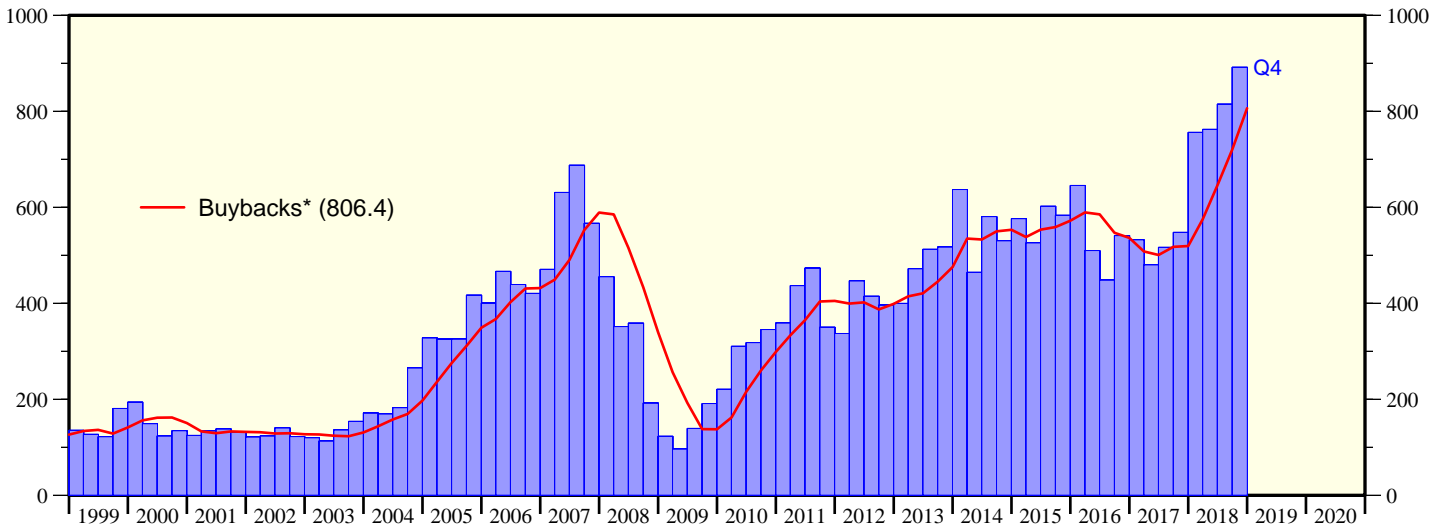
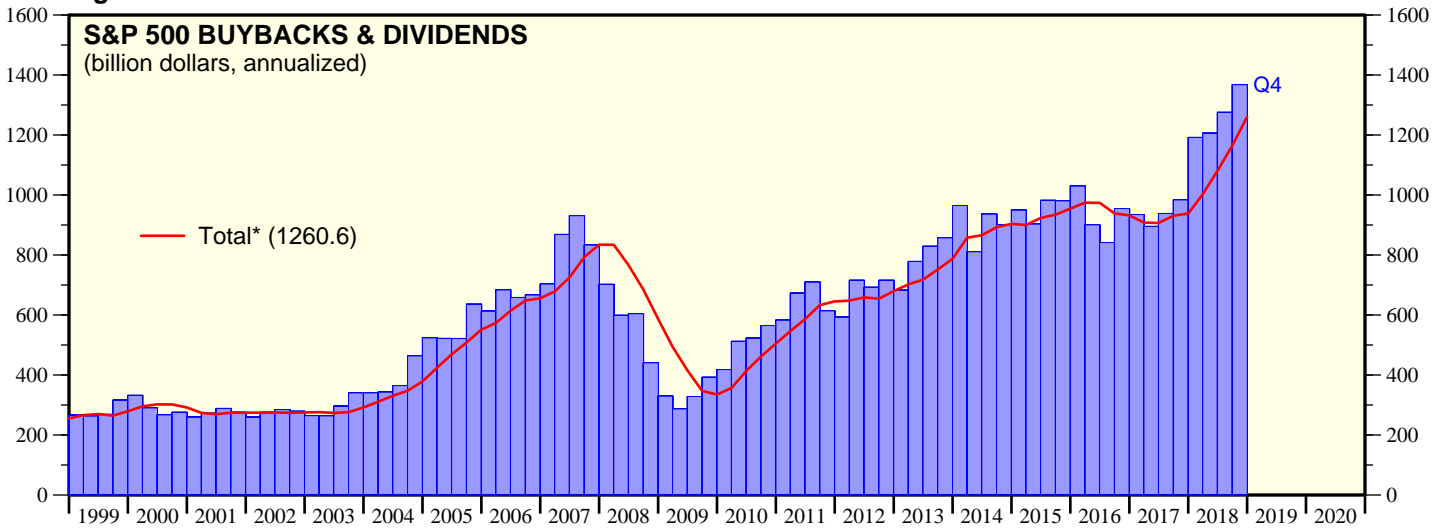
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\* Forward earnings (time-weighted average of consensus operating earnings estimates for current and next year) divided by S&P 500 stock price index.  
 Source: Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S, Standard & Poor's and Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

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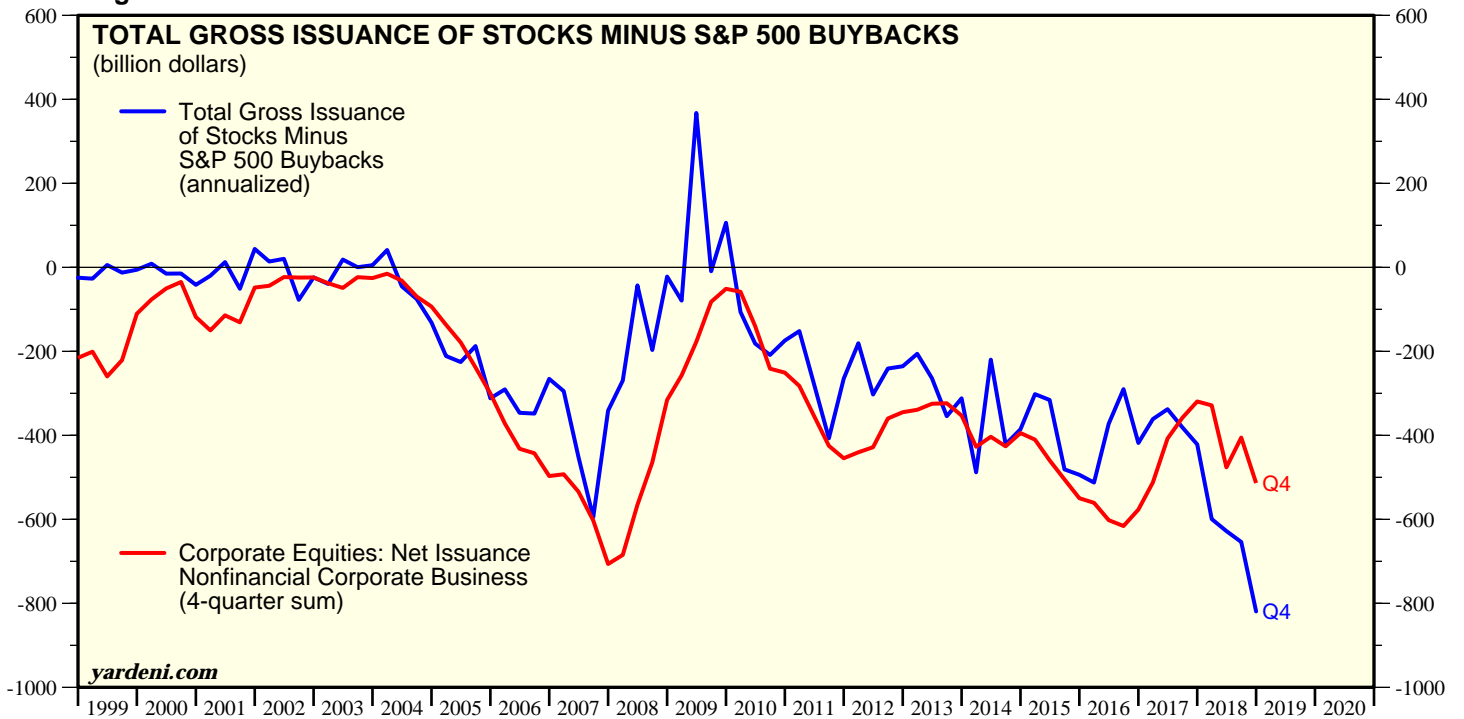
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\*4-quarter sum.  
Source: Standard & Poor's.

# Buybacks

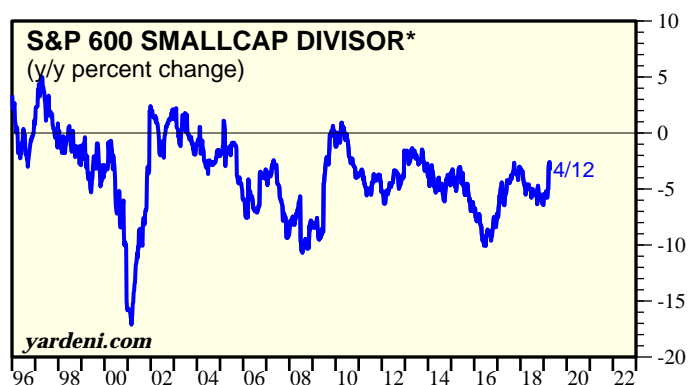
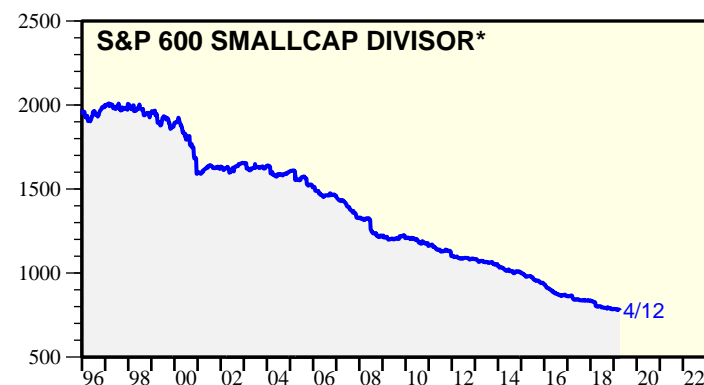
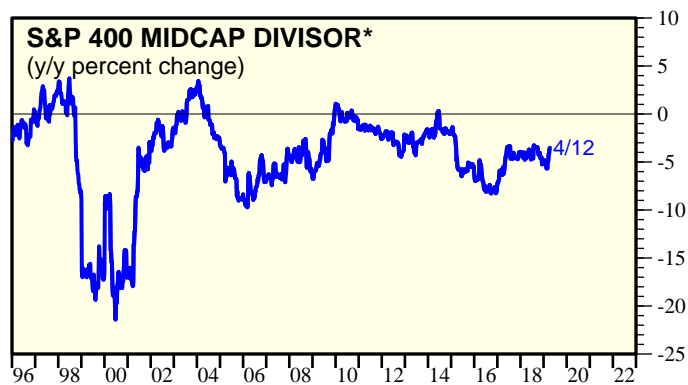
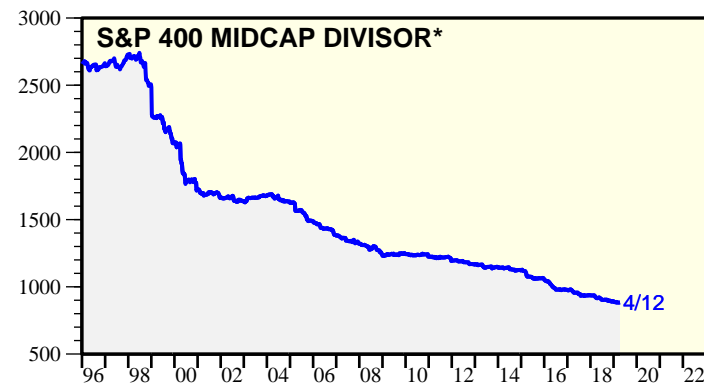
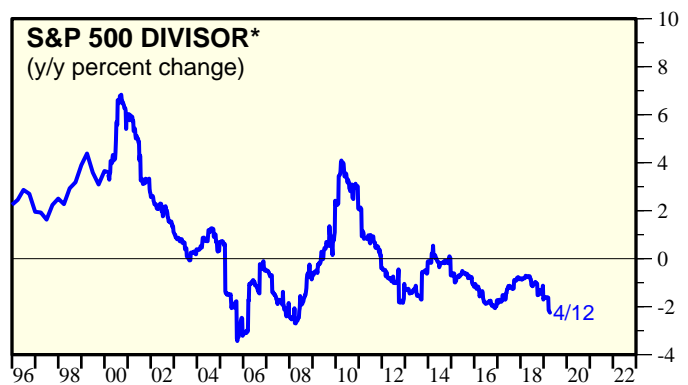
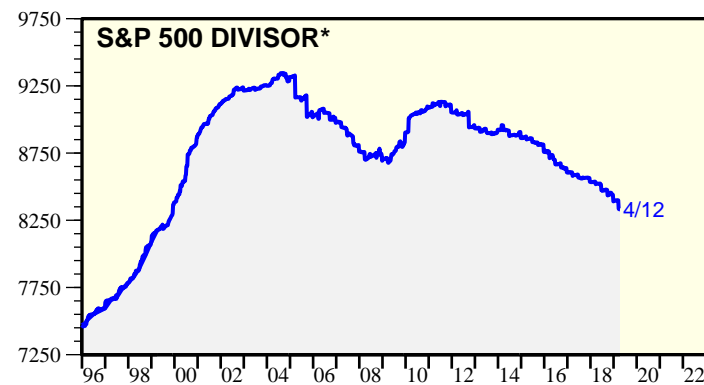
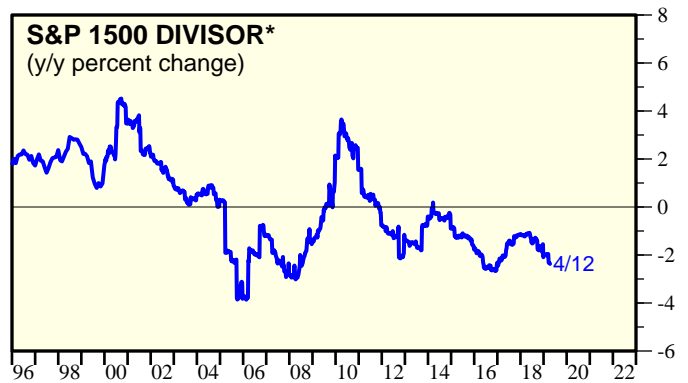
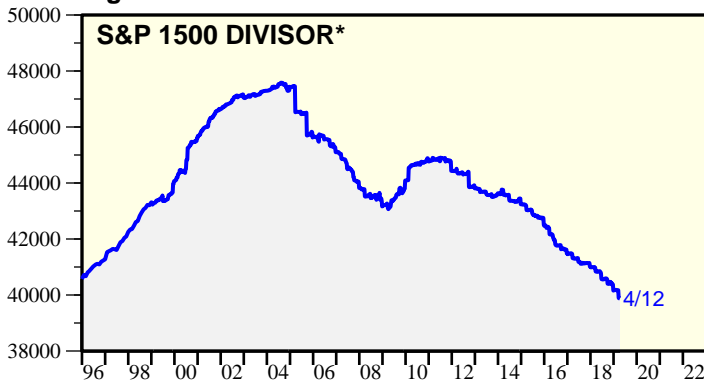
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Source: Federal Reserve Board and Standard & Poor's Corporation.

# S&P 1500/500/400/600 Divisors

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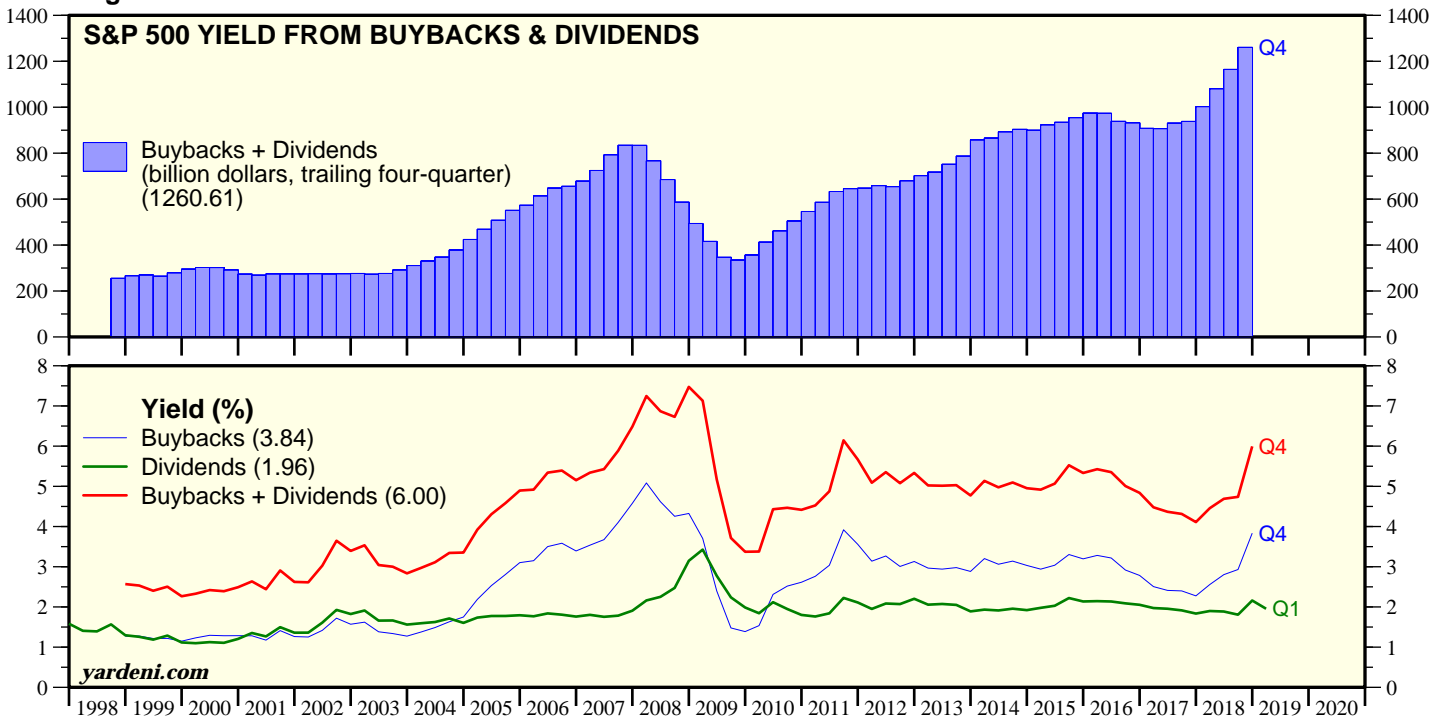


\* Divisor is used to ensure that changes in shares outstanding, capital actions, and the addition or deletion of stocks to the index do not change the level of the index. Source: Standard & Poor's Corporation.



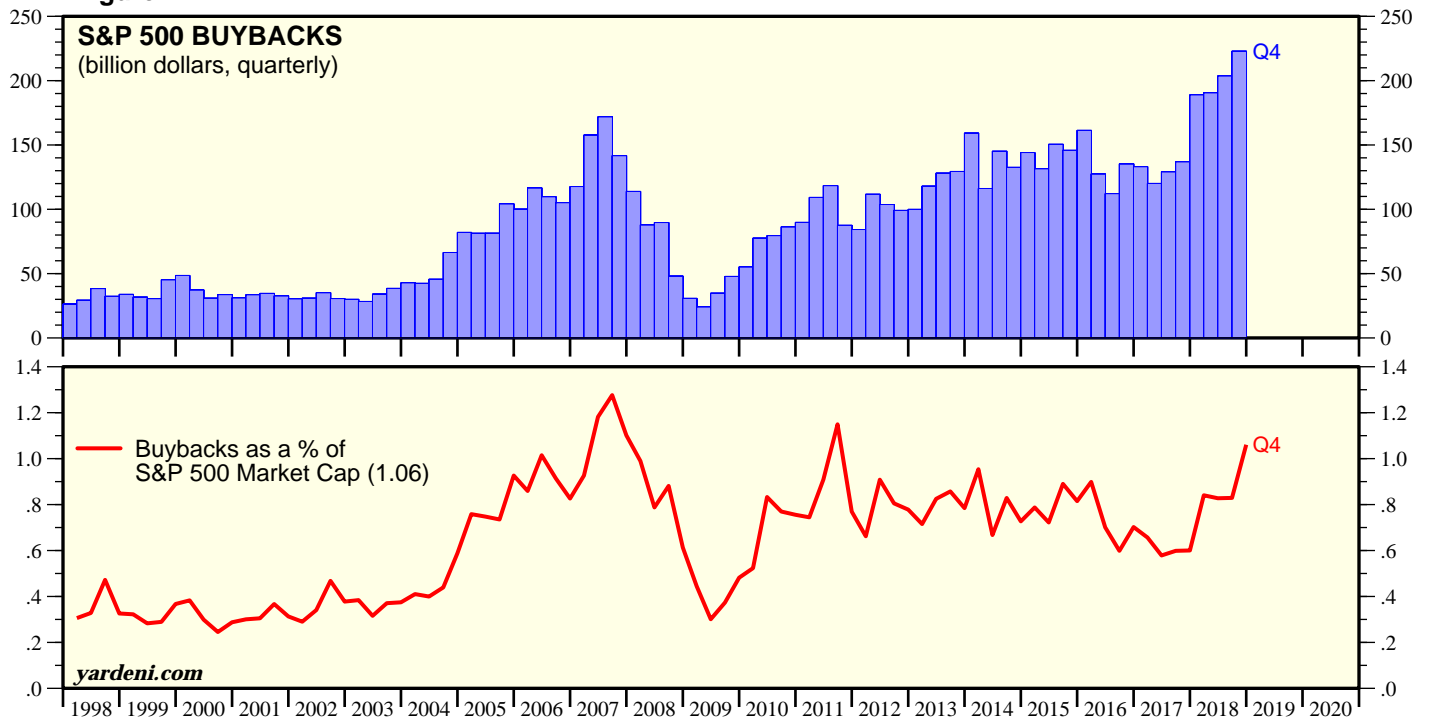
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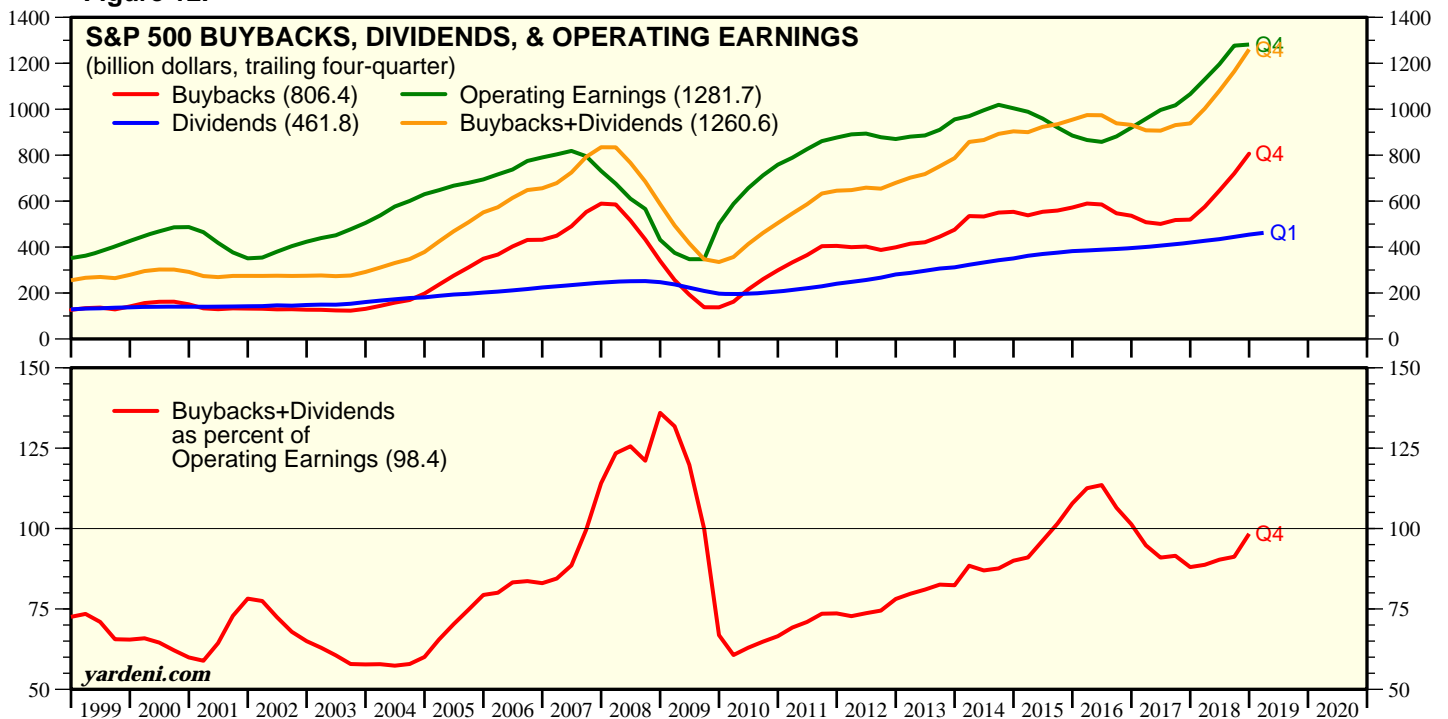
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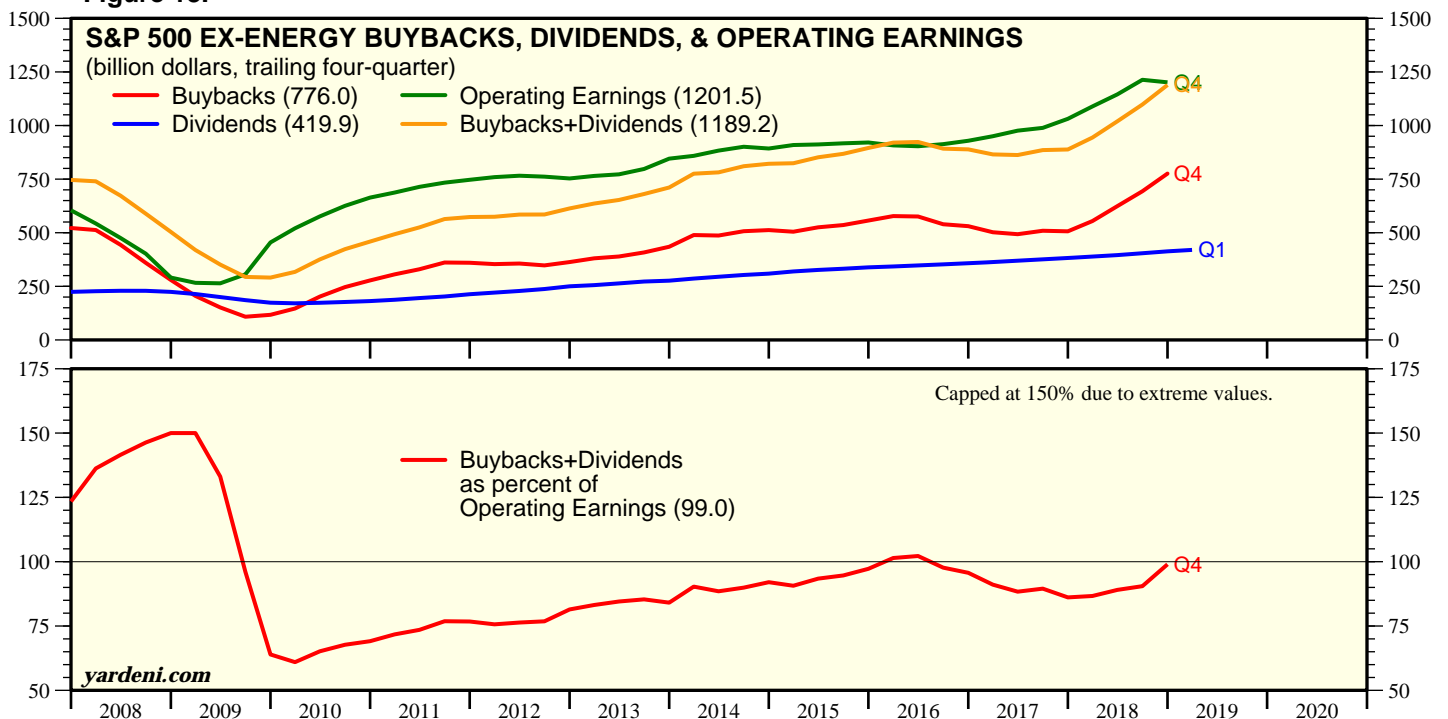
# Buybacks & Dividends as % of Operating Earnings

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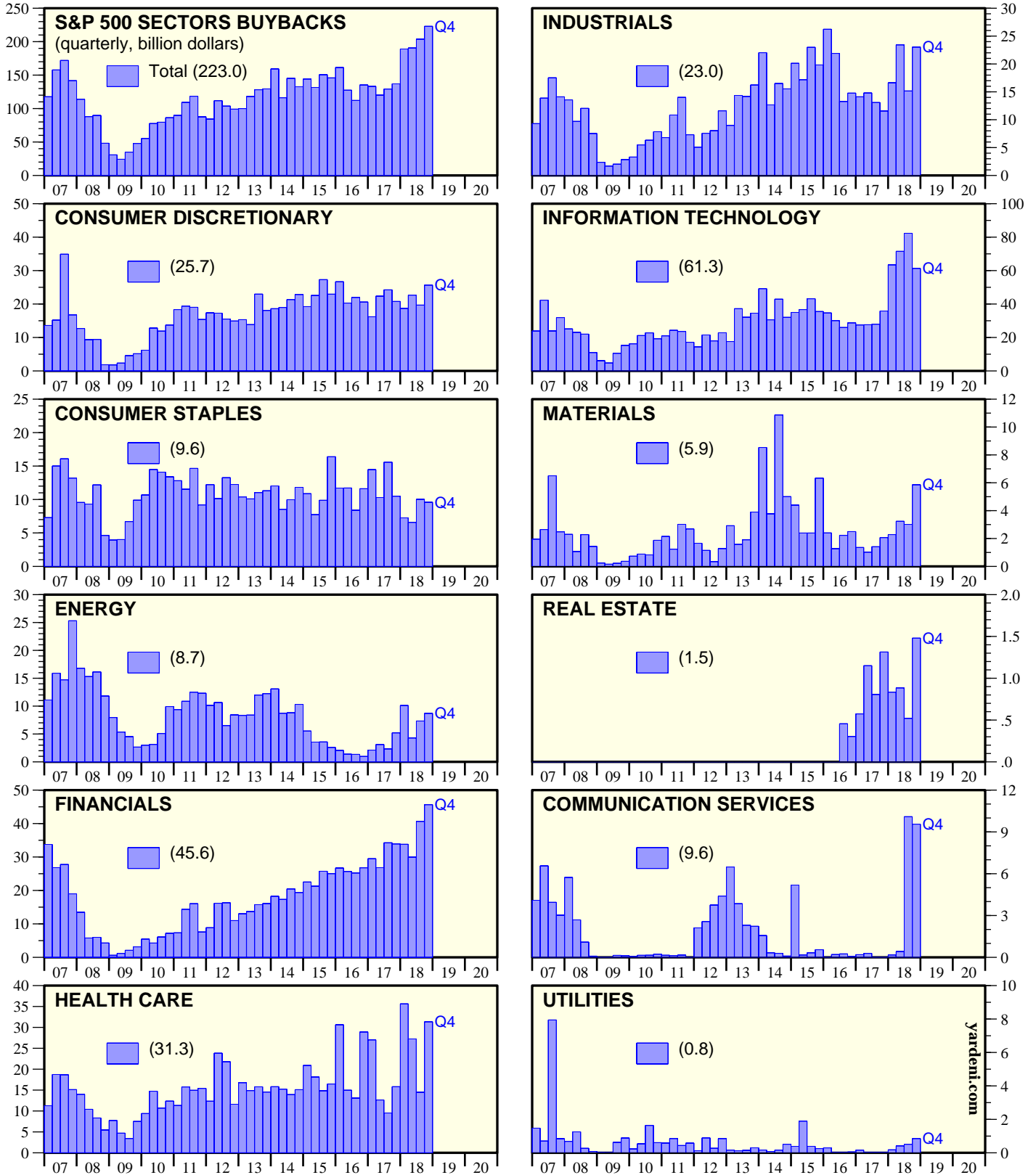
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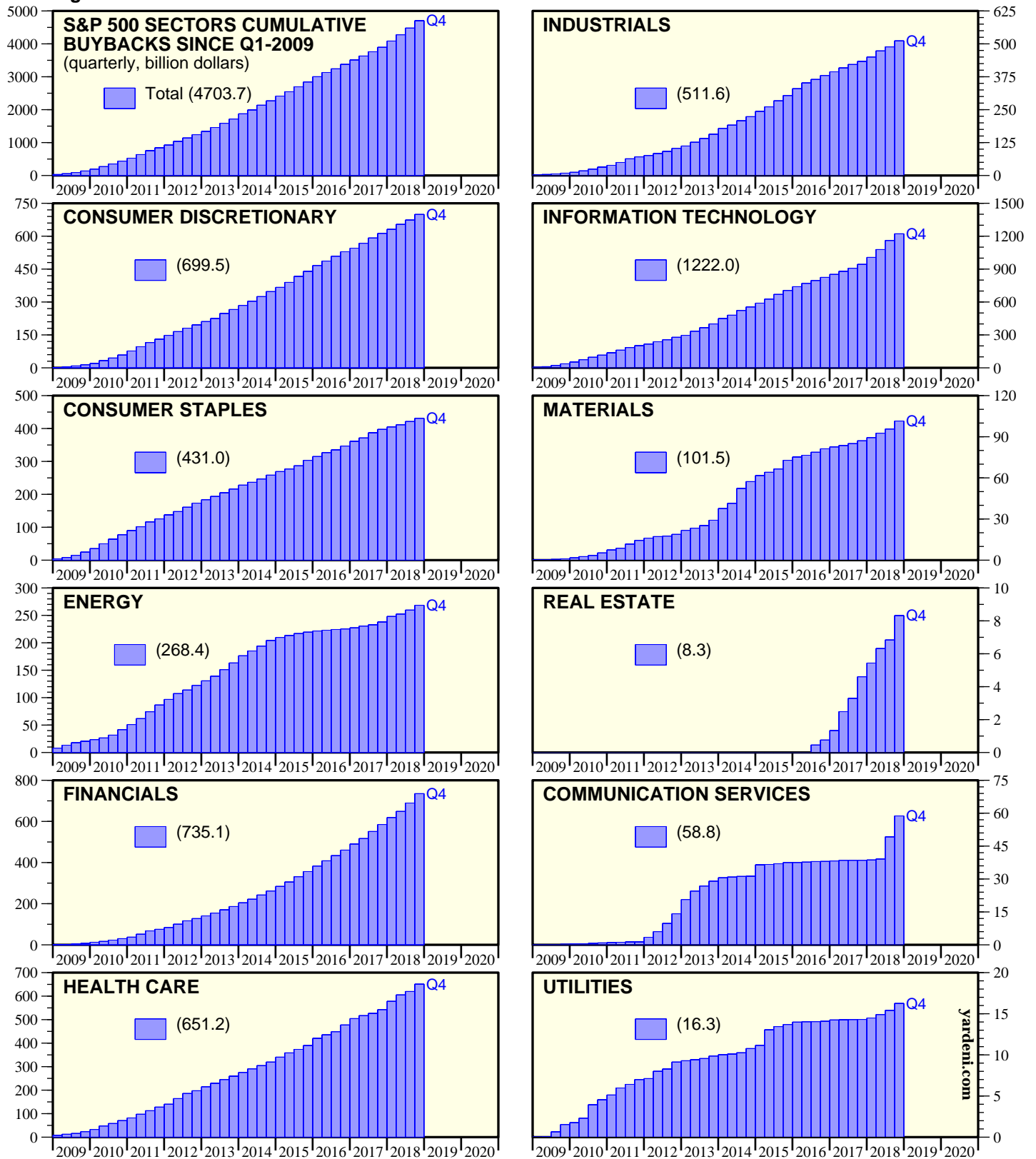
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Note: Real Estate sector data start Q3-2016.  
Source: Standard & Poor's.

# S&P 500 Sectors Cumulative Buybacks Since Q1-2009

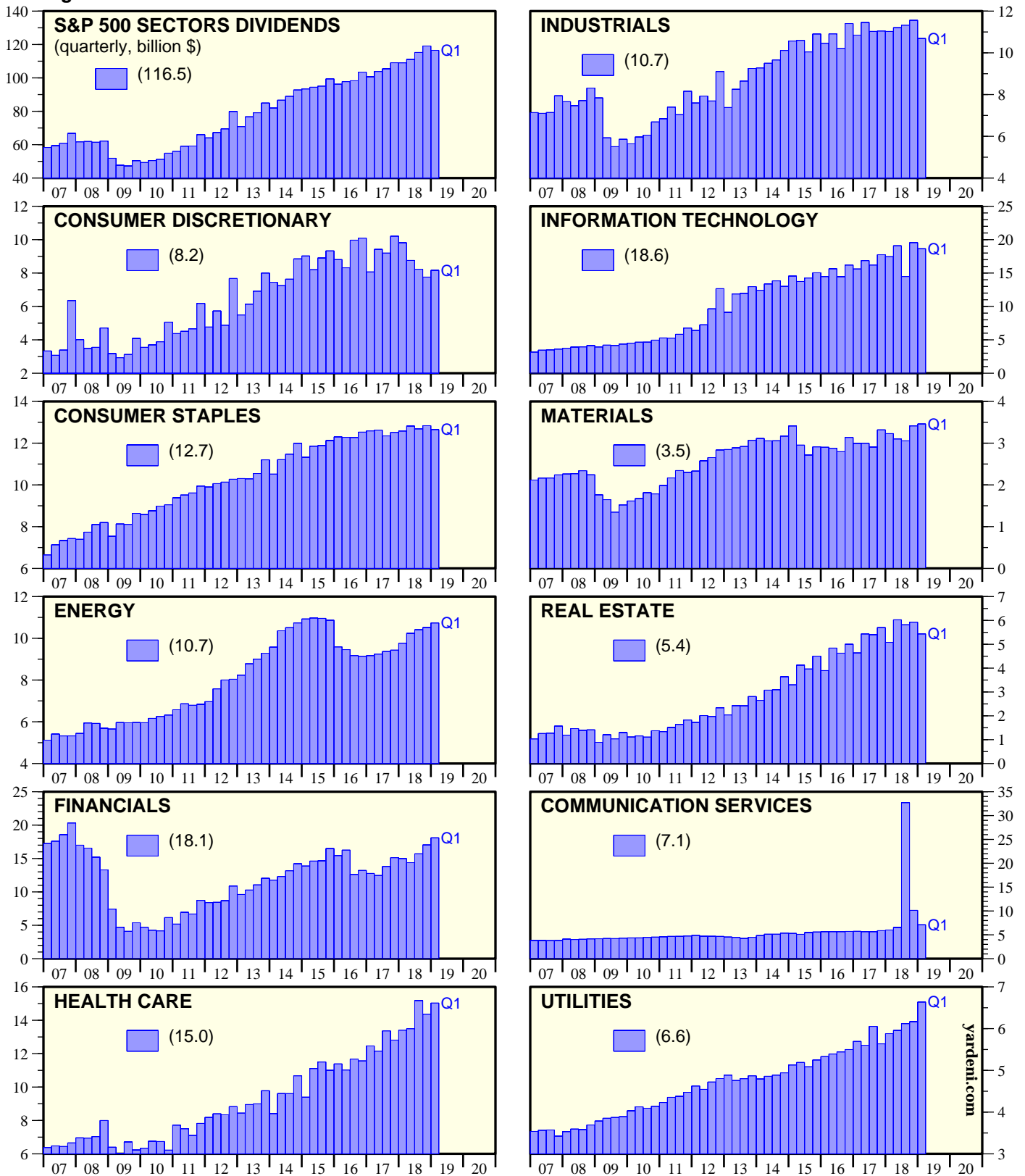
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# S&P 500 Sectors Dividends

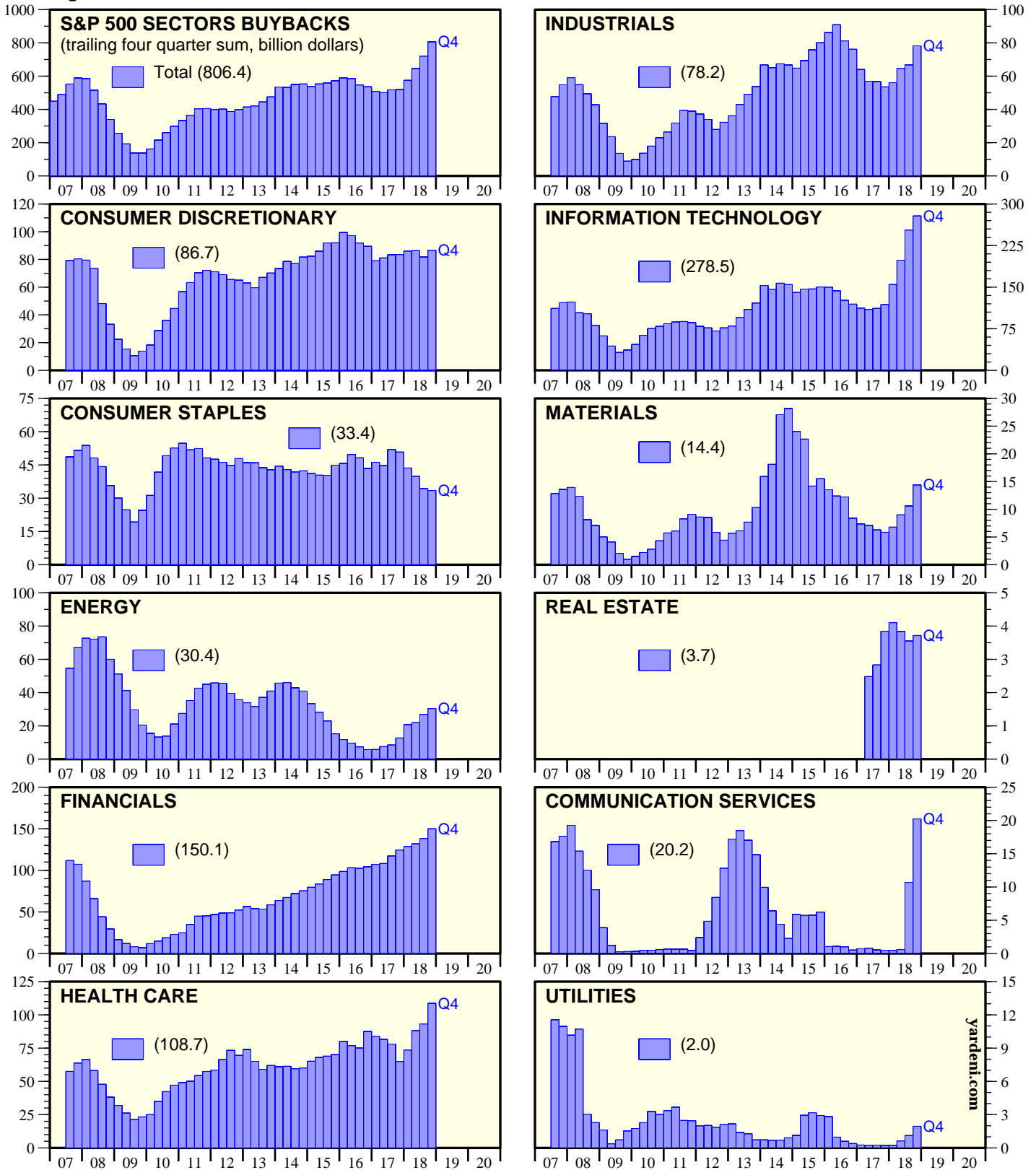
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Source: Standard & Poor's.

# S&P 500 Sectors Buybacks

Figure 17.



Note: Real Estate sector data start Q2-2017.  
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