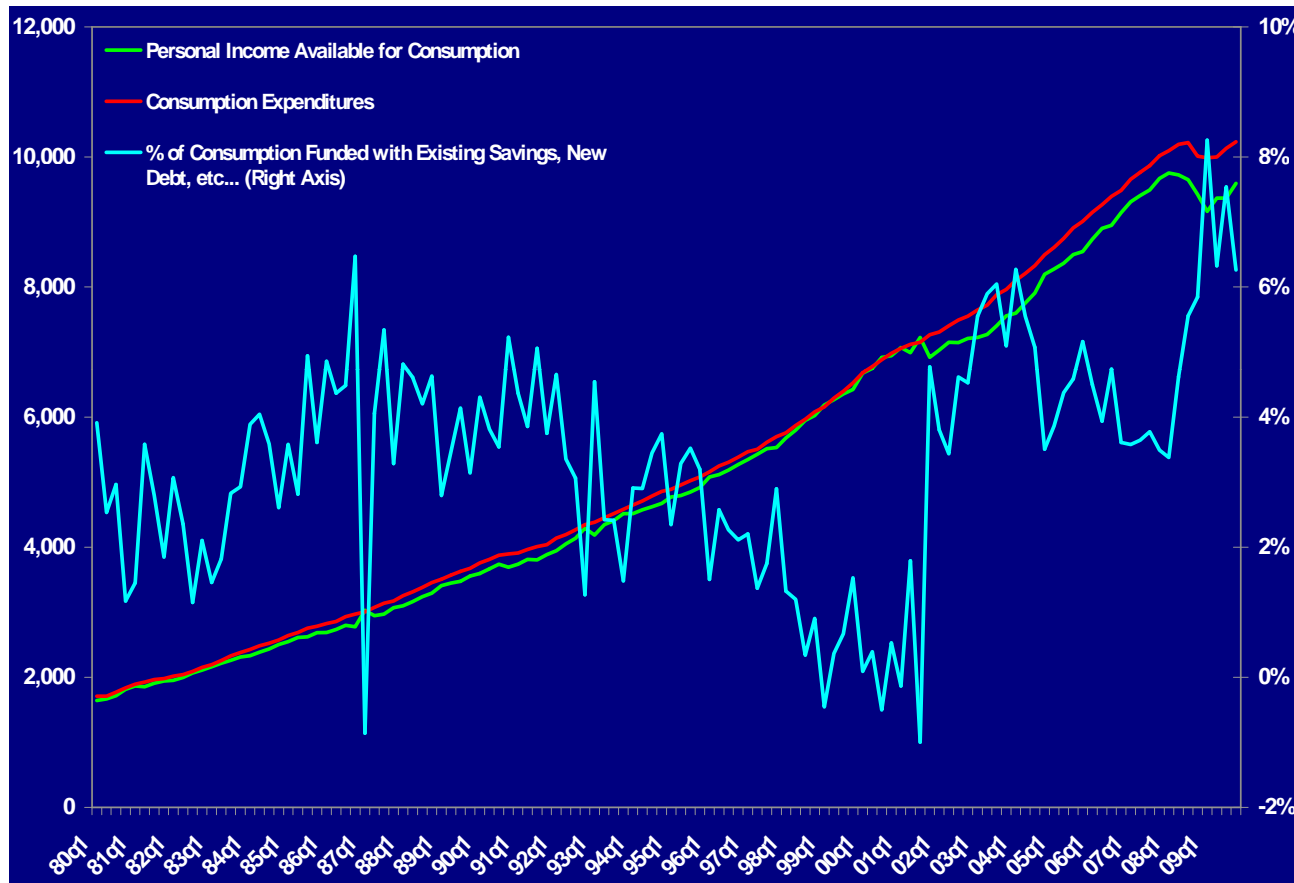


Gap Widens Between Consumer Spending and Income as Heightened Level of Fixed Obligations Persists



- As consumers face **relatively high levels of fixed financial obligations** (Debt Service Ratio), the **gap between personal consumption expenditures and personal income available for consumption widens**.
- Without growth in employment and personal income, **consumers will continue to rely more on existing reserves as consumer credit remains tight**.

Income available for consumption is Personal Income net of Existing Debt Service, regular financial obligations, and the Savings Rate.

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