

Monthly Economic Indicators July 2025

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Monthly Highlights – July 2025

Inflation	 Annual headline CPI inflation held steady at 2.7% in July and core CPI rose by 20 bps to 3.1%. Goods prices rose by 1.2% YoY as the impacts of tariff policies began to take effect. July Final Demand and All Commodities Producer Price Indexes (PPI) rose 0.9% and 0.7%, respectively, a worrisome sign for future inflation. Annual total PCE rose by 20 bps to 2.6% while core PCE held steady at 2.8% in June*, increasing above the Fed's target rate. The 5-year TIPS-implied inflation rate rose to 2.4% MoM while consumer expectations for 5-year inflation in the U Michigan survey fell to 3.4%.
Interest Rates	 The 10-Year UST ended July at 4.37%, 13 bps above its June-end level. The yield was near 4.3% in mid-August. The UST yield curve remained slightly inverted for a second consecutive month with little change in the monthly averages of the 10-Year and 3-Month yields. Average commercial real estate mortgage rates rose to 6.5% in May*. The spread to the UST remained below its long-term average. The Fed is expected to cut rates at its September meeting as the employment market cools, although inflationary risks remain.
Employment	 July job growth slowed to 73K and May and June employment estimates were revised down a cumulative 258K. Three-month average employment growth was a very low 35K. The unemployment rate rose 10 bps to 4.2%, and the labor force participation rate fell 10 bps MoM to 62.2% in July. Annual wage growth rose slightly to 3.9% in July. Over the last three months, wages grew by 4.1% (annualized).
Sentiment & Retail Sales	 Consumer sentiment improved slightly to 61.7. Views of current conditions rose while consumer expectations fell slightly in July. The ISM Purchasing Mangers' Index (PMI) for services fell but remained slightly in expansion. Manufacturing PMI also fell and remained in contraction. Total retail sales rose 0.6% MoM and 3.9% YoY in June*. Core retail sales grew 0.5% MoM and 4.1% YoY.
Housing	 Trailing-year median existing home prices rose 3.2% YoY while new home prices fell 2.0% in June*. Existing home sales were unchanged YoY while new home sales fell 6.6% in June*. Trailing-year multifamily completions fell in June*. Permits and starts rose, although they remained below recent highs.



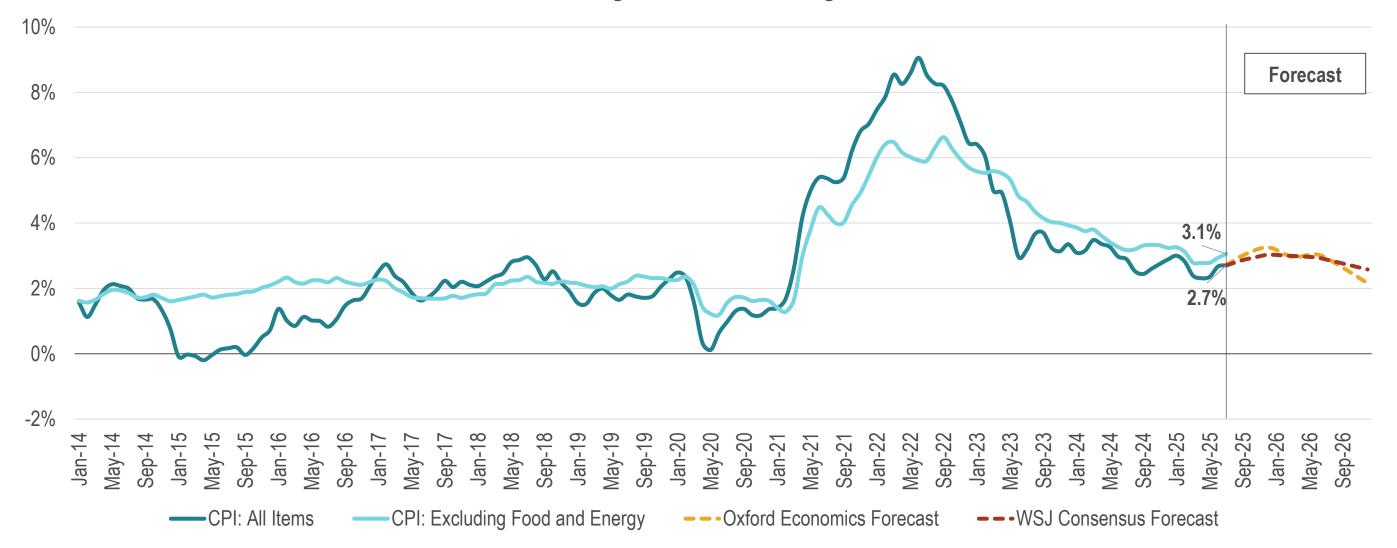
Inflation



Annual Headline CPI Held Steady at 2.7% while Core Inflation Rose 20 bps to 3.1%

Inflation Is Forecast to Rise in Late 2025 and Early 2026 Before Regulating

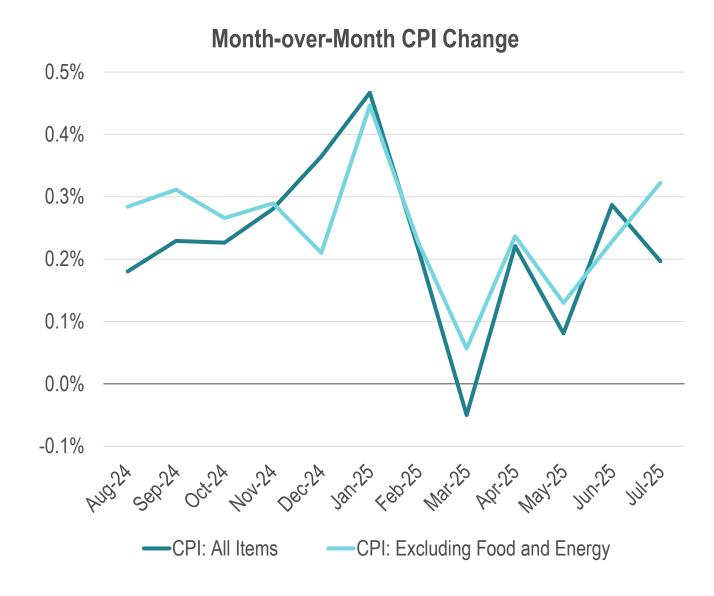
Trailing 12-Month CPI Change

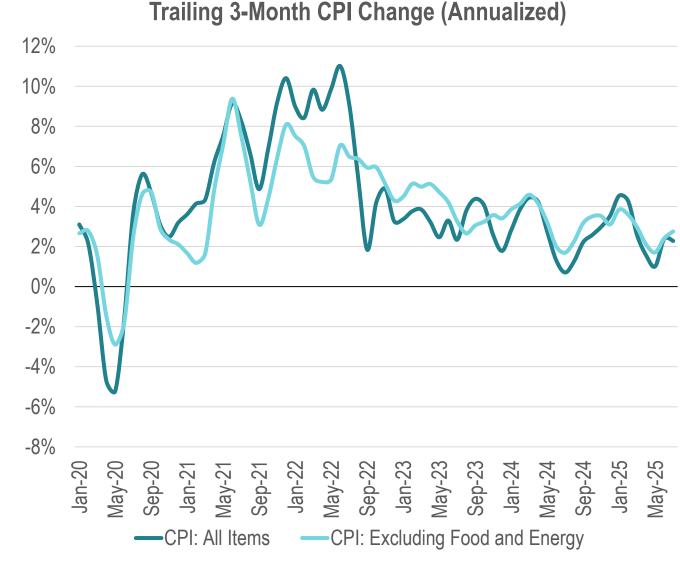




All Items and Core CPI Rose 0.2% and 0.3% MoM, Respectively, in July

3-Month Annualized All Items CPI Moderated to 2.3% while Core CPI Accelerated to 2.8%

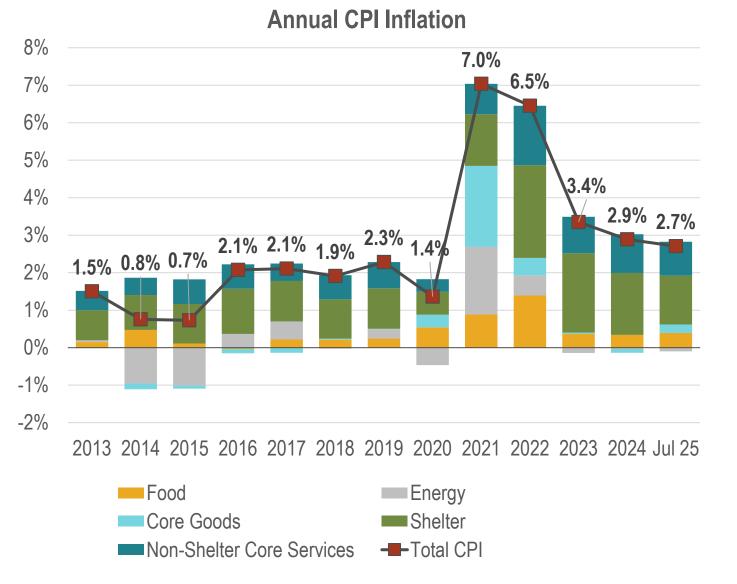






Annual Core Services CPI Rose 3.6%, with Shelter Prices Rising by 3.7%

Core Goods Prices Rose by 1.2% Over the Past Year as Impacts of Tarriff Policy Began to Take Effect



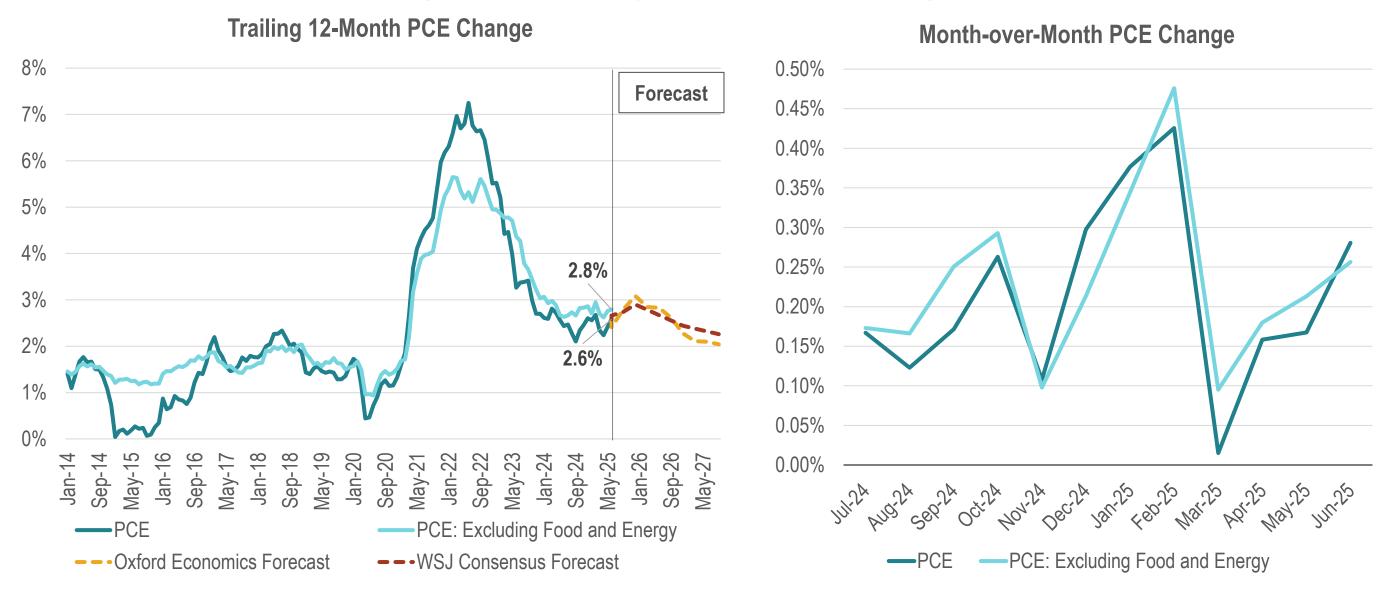
July 2025 Inflation				
	Monthly	Trailing 12-Month	Weights	
Apparel	0.1%	-0.2%	2.5%	
Education & Communication	0.0%	0.3%	5.7%	
Food & Beverages	0.0%	2.8%	14.5%	
Other Goods & Services	0.4%	3.9%	2.9%	
Housing	0.2%	3.9%	44.2%	
Shelter*	0.2%	3.7%	35.5%	
Medical Care	0.7%	3.5%	8.3%	
Recreation	0.4%	2.4%	5.3%	
Transportation	0.0%	0.0%	16.6%	
Food	0.0%	2.9%	13.7%	
Energy	-1.1%	-1.6%	6.2%	
Core Goods	0.2%	1.2%	19.4%	
Core Services	0.4%	3.6%	60.7%	
Total Core	0.3%	3.1%	80.1%	
All Items	0.2%	2.7%	100.0%	



* Shelter is the main component of Housing; other components are Fuels & Utilities and Household Furnishings Operations. Note: Annual inflation refers to year-end figures; trailing 12-month figures are not seasonally adjusted; monthly figures are seasonally adjusted. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Annual Headline PCE Rose 20 bps to 2.6% while Core PCE Held Steady at 2.8%

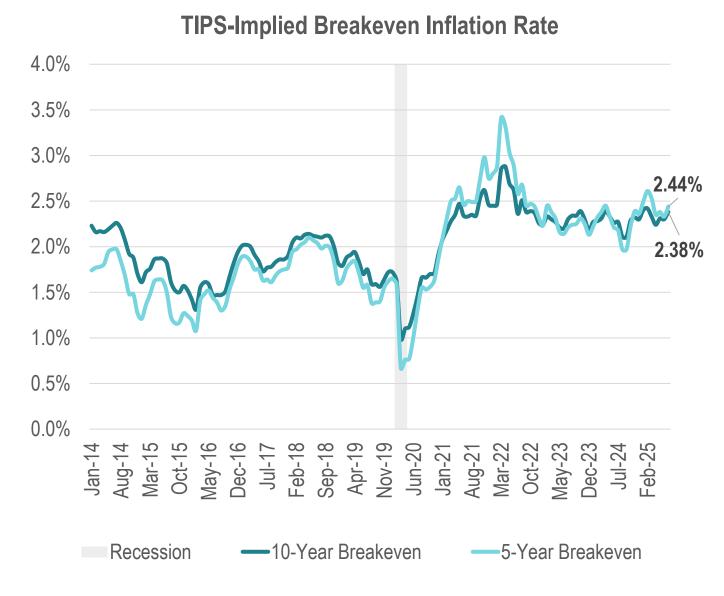
PCE Is Predicted to Continue Rising in 2025 and Early 2026 Before Moderating

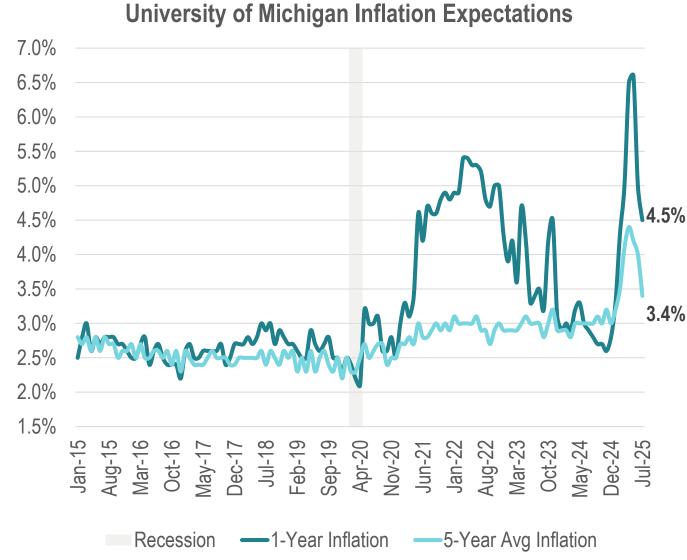




5- and 10-Year TIPS Breakeven Rates Both Rose by 10 bps in July

Consumer Expectations of Year-Ahead Inflation Fell to 4.5% and 5-Year Expectations Declined to 3.4%





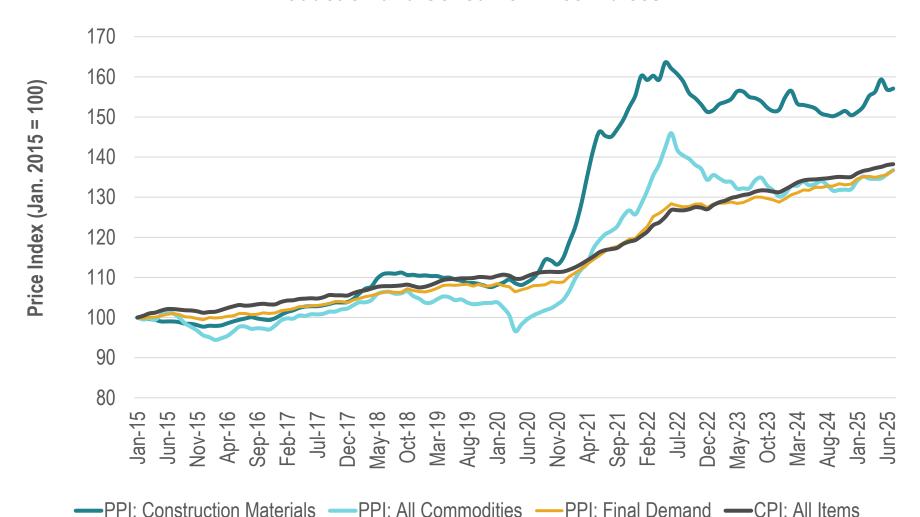


Note: The breakeven inflation rate is calculated by subtracting the yield on treasury inflation-protected securities (TIPS) from the yield on non-protected securities; inflation at this rate equalizes real yields on the two securities. Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; University of Michigan

Monthly Final Demand and All Commodities PPI Rose 0.9% and 0.7%, Respectively

Construction Materials PPI Rose 0.2% MoM and 4.1% YoY

Production and Consumer Price Indices



July 2025 Producer Price Index				
	Monthly	Trailing 12- Month	10-Yr Annual Avç	
PPI: Construction Materials	0.2%	4.1%	4.7%	
PPI: All Commodities	0.7%	2.0%	3.1%	
PPI: Final Demand	0.9%	3.3%	3.1%	
CPI: All Items	0.2%	2.7%	3.1%	

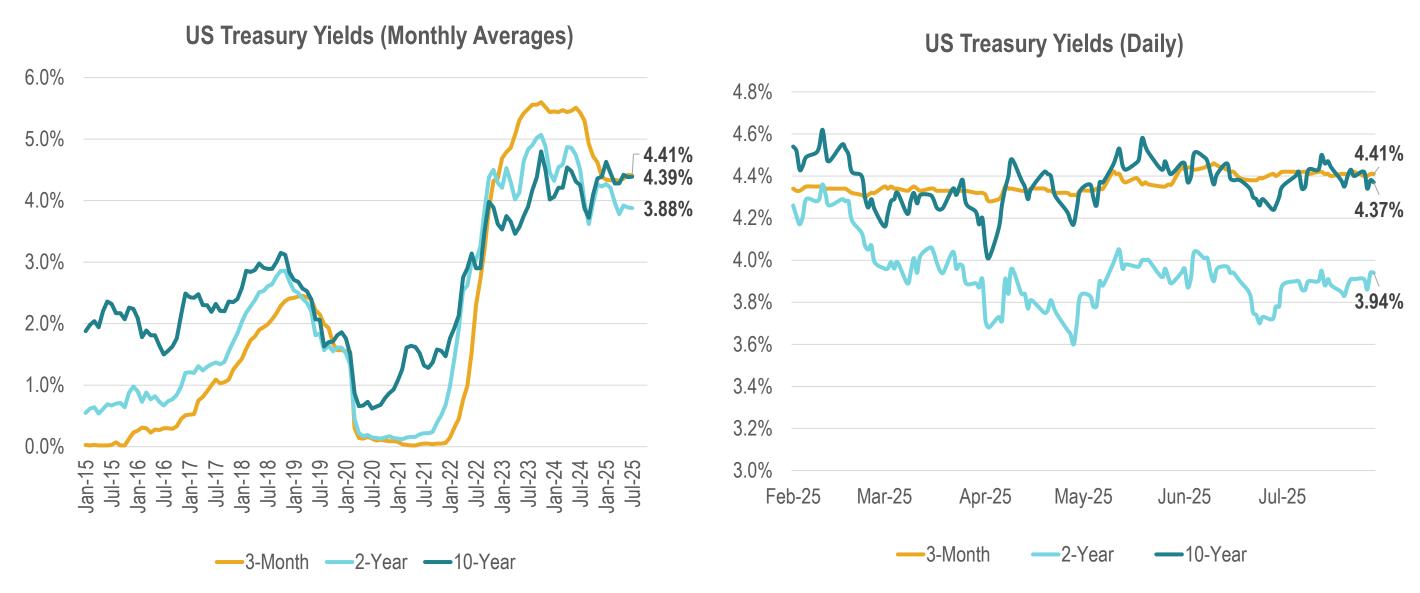


Interest Rates



The 10-Year to 3-Month UST Yield Spread Remained Slightly Inverted in July

Monthly Average Rates for the 3-Month, 2-Year, and 10-Year UST Yields All Held Steady From Month Prior



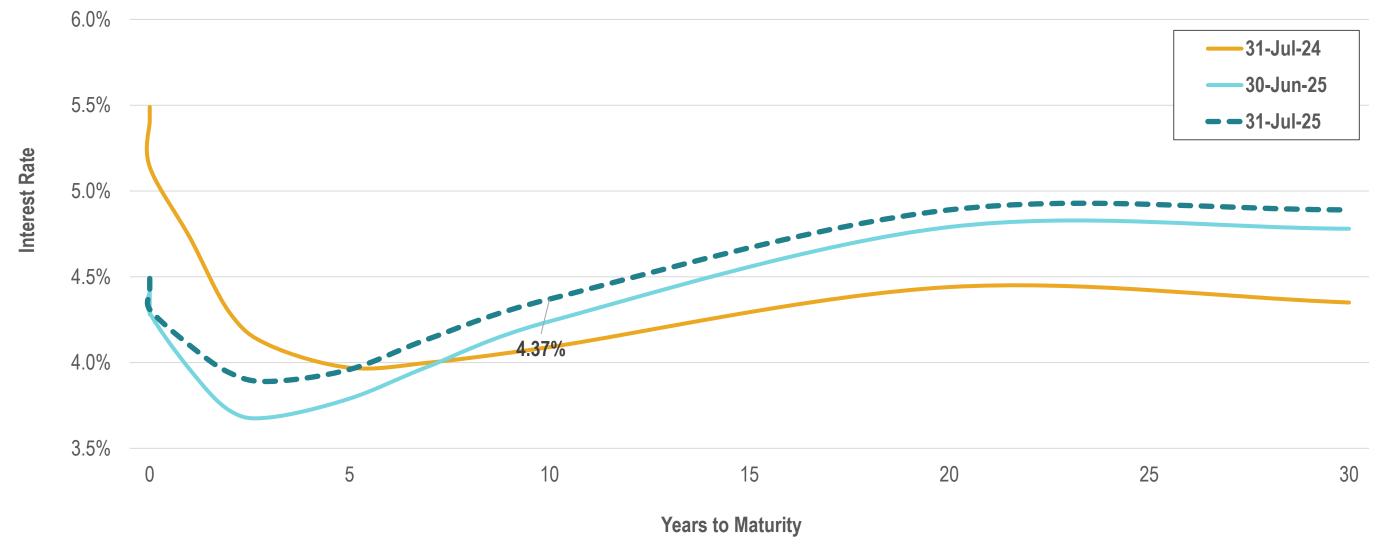


Data are as of July 31, 2025. Source: The Federal Reserve

US Treasury Rates Broadly Rose in July

2-Year UST Yields Rose at a Faster Quip than 10-Year Yields MoM; 3-Month UST Yields Were Unchanged

US Yield Curve

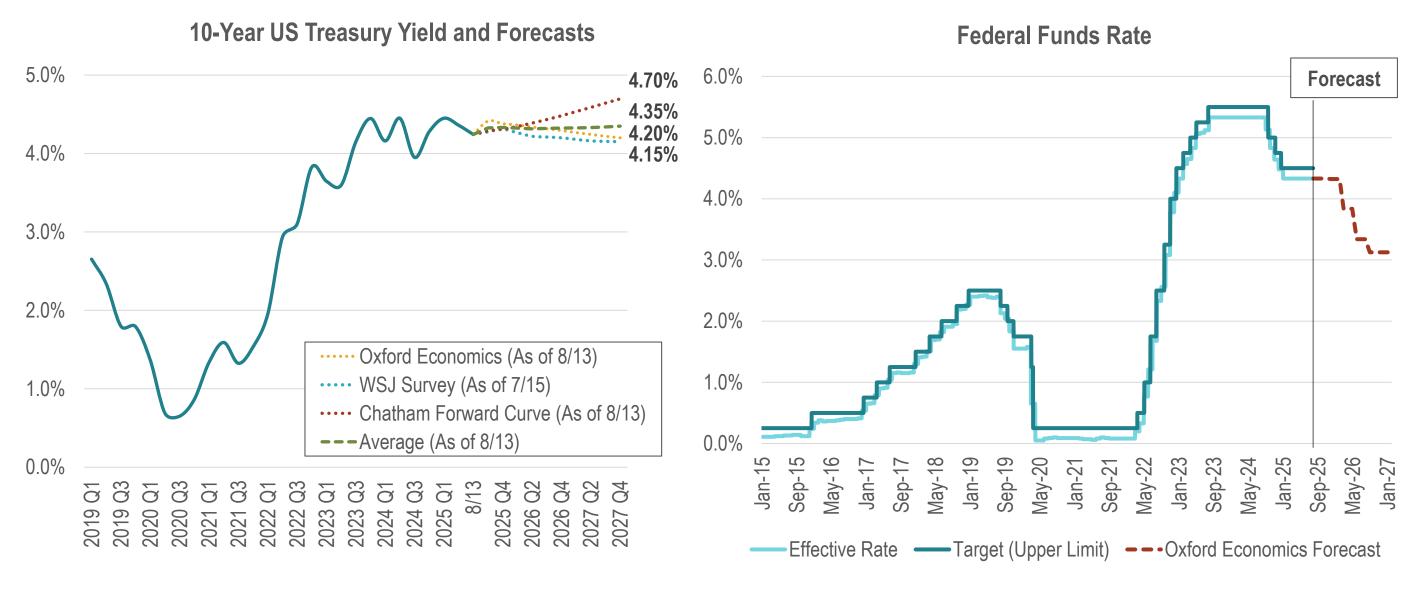




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10-Year UST Yields Are Forecast to Remain Near Current Levels Through 2027

The Fed Is Likely to Cut Rates in September as the Labor Market Cools, Despite the Risk of Rising Inflation

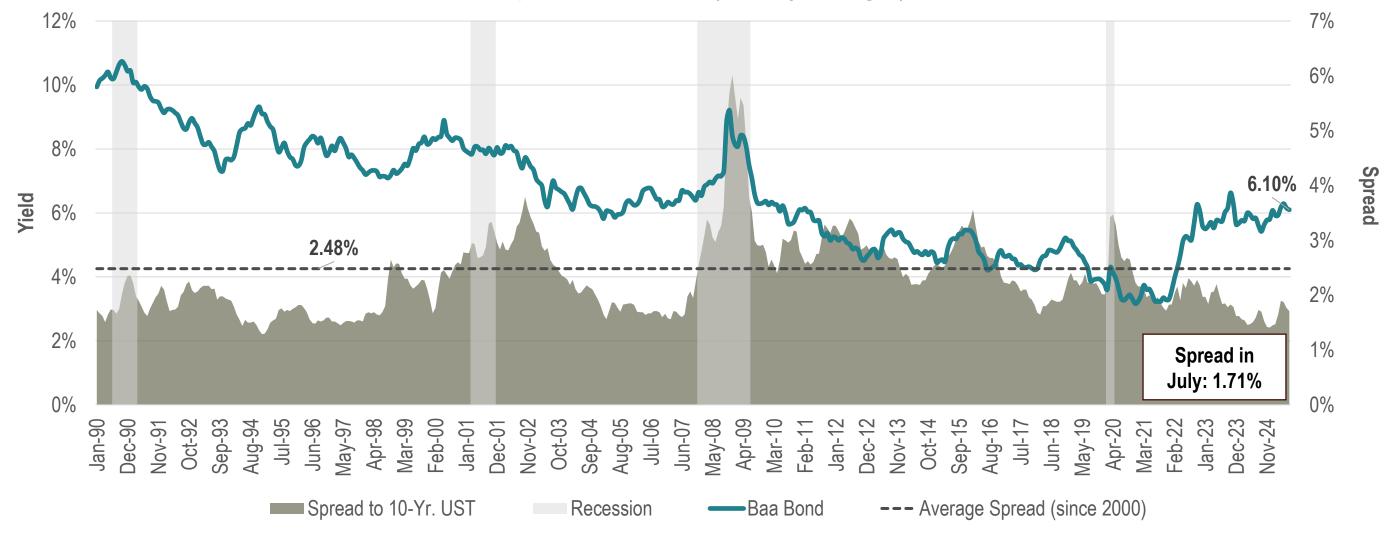




Baa Corporate Bond Yields Fell Slightly in July to 6.10%

Spread to the 10-Year UST Contracted and Was Far Below the Long-term Average

Corporate Bond Yields (Monthly Averages)

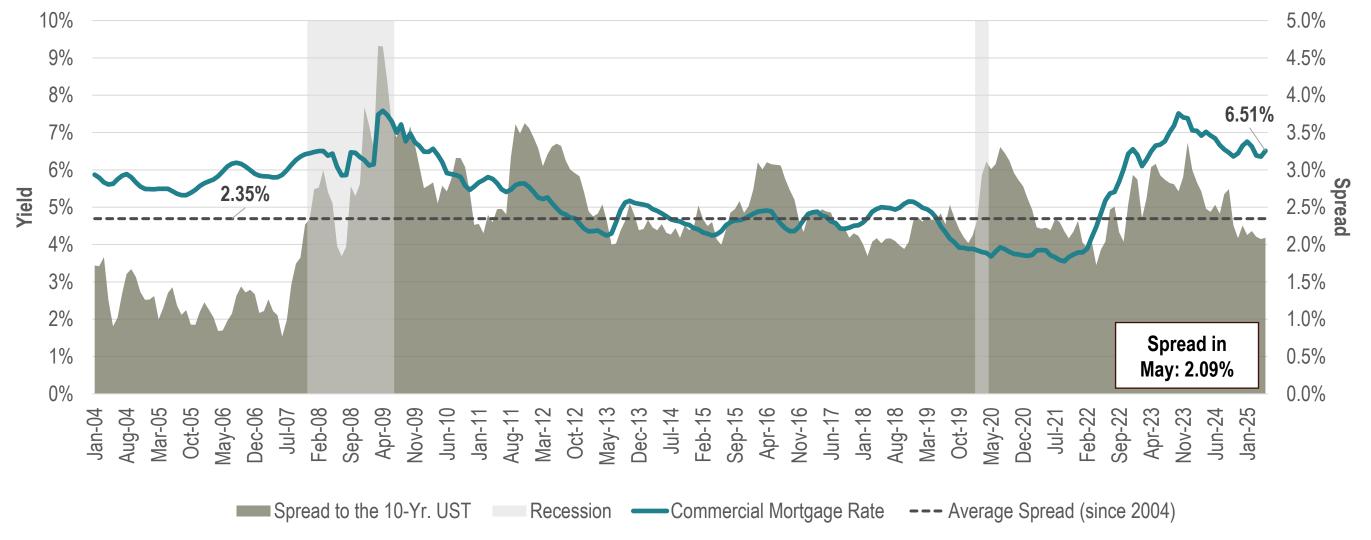




Average Commercial Mortgage Rates Rose 16 bps MoM to 6.5% in May

The Spread to the 10-Year UST Yield Remained Below the Long-term Average

Commercial Mortgage Rates (Monthly Averages)



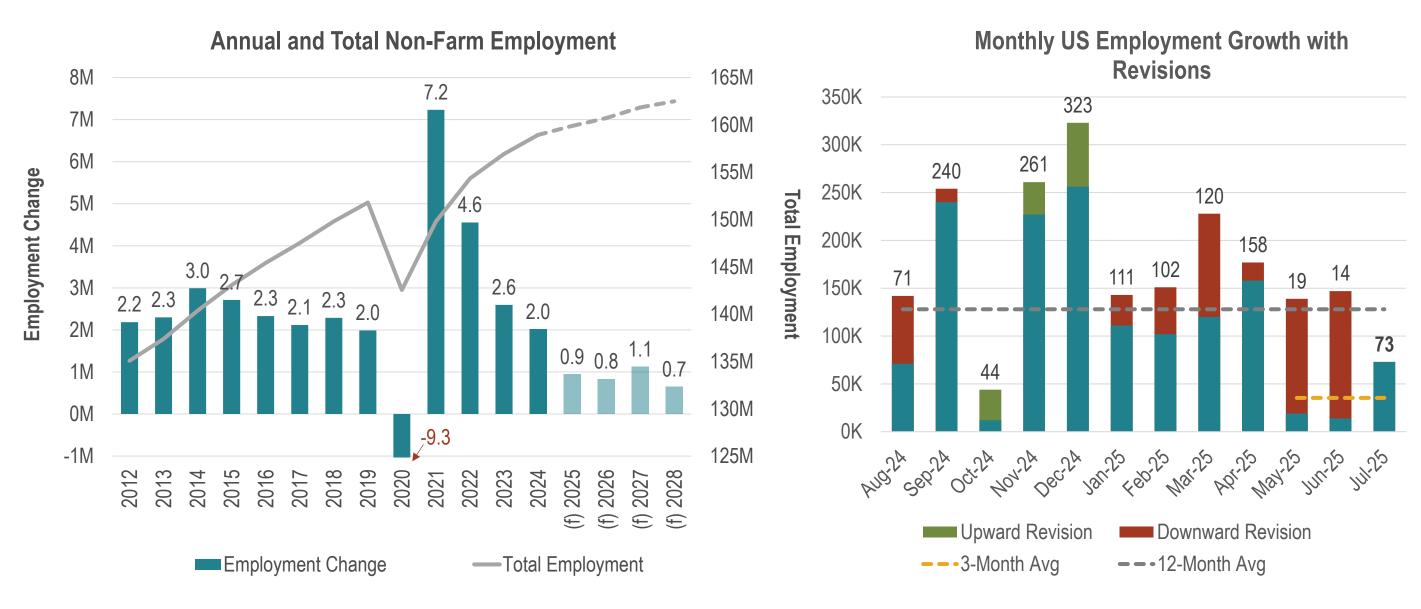


Employment



US Added 73K Jobs in July as Labor Market Cooled

Job Growth in May and June Were Also Revised Down 258K; 3-Month Average Employment Growth Was A Low 35K

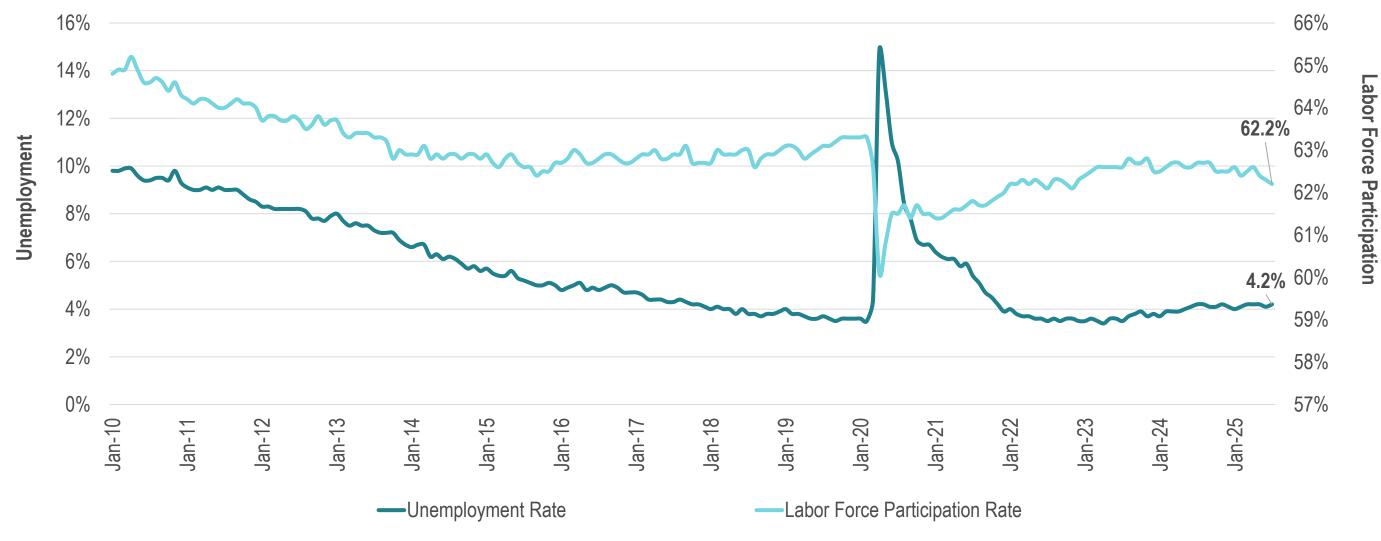




Unemployment Rate Rose 10 bps to 4.2% in July

Labor Force Participation Rate Fell 10 bps MoM to 62.2%

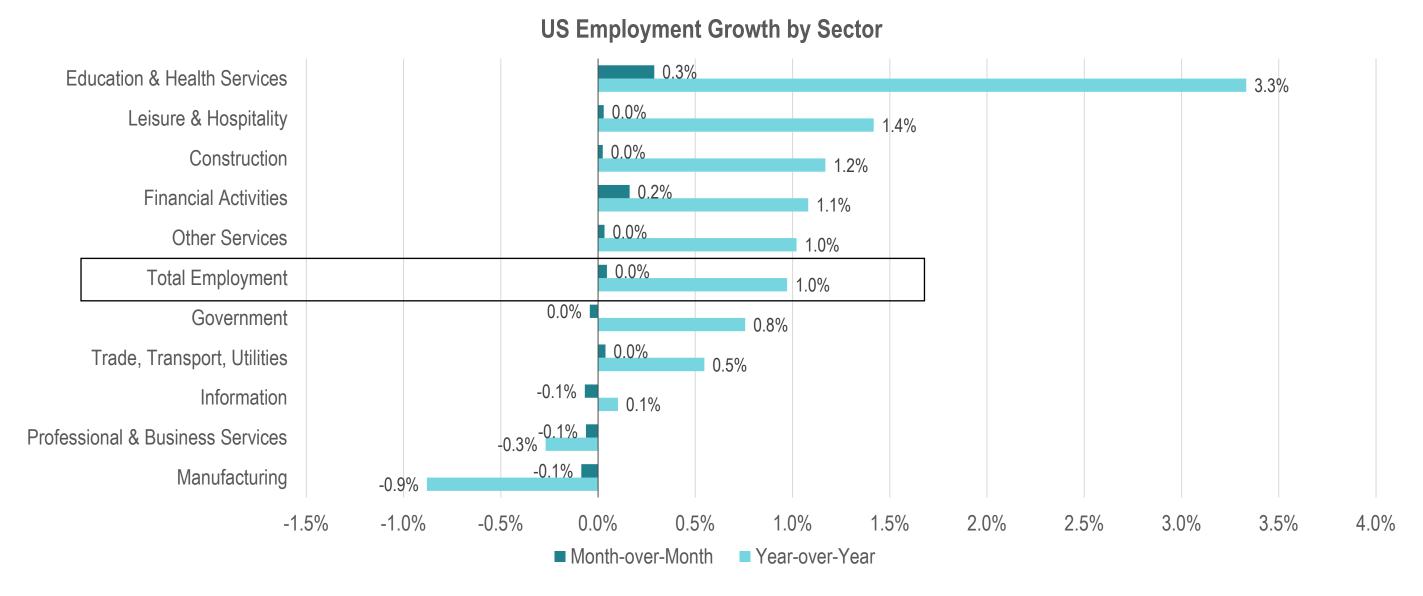






Flat Monthly Job Growth for Total Employment and Across Many Sectors

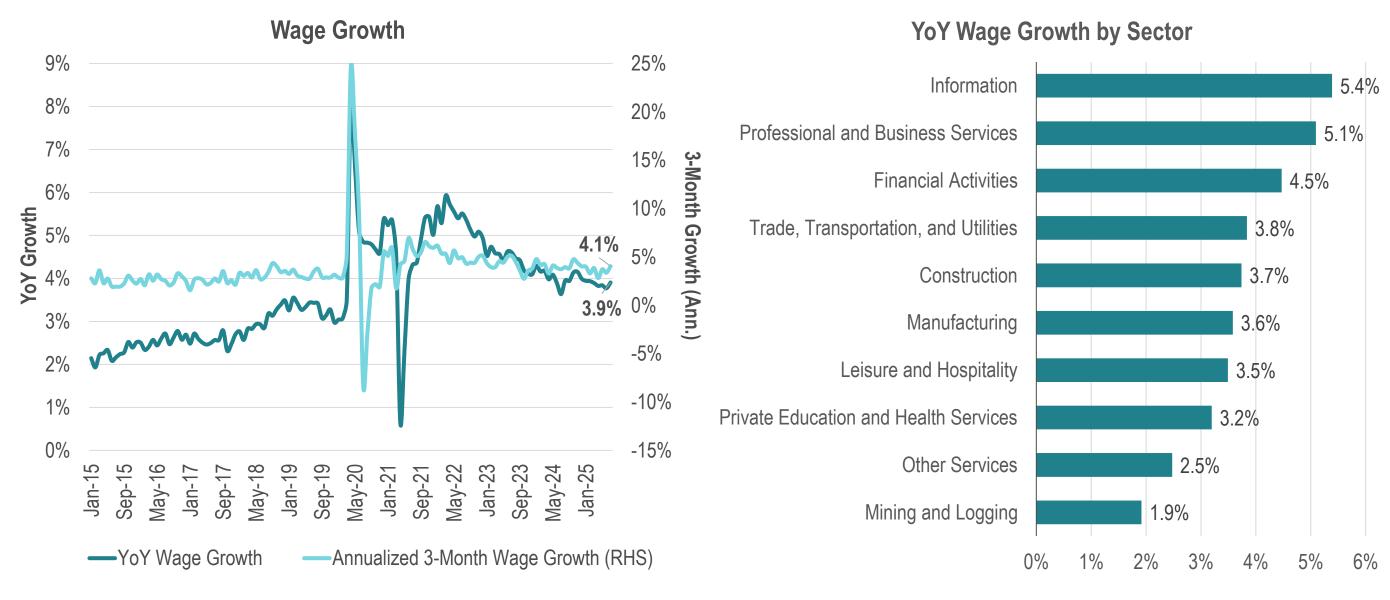
Annual Job Losses in Several Sectors; Government Employment Fell Slightly MoM





Annual Wage Growth Rose 10 bps to 3.9% in July

Information, Professional & Business Services, and Financial Activities Led Annual Wage Growth





Data are as of July 2025. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Moderate Annual Job Growth Recorded in Major Sunbelt Markets

Slow Employment Growth Is Forecast in Most Gateway and All Midwest Markets Through 2029

30 Largest Employment Markets

Employment Change					
	Jun. 24 - Jun. 25	2025 - 2029 Forecast (CAGR)			
Austin	0.8%	1.4%			
Orlando	2.1%	1.0%			
Dallas-Fort Worth	1.0%	1.0%			
Inland Empire	1.0%	0.9%			
Phoenix	0.4%	0.9%			
Charlotte	2.6%	0.8%			
Seattle	1.0%	0.8%			
San Antonio	1.9%	0.8%			
Nashville	1.1%	0.8%			
Denver	0.2%	0.8%			
Atlanta	0.7%	0.7%			
Houston	0.9%	0.7%			
Tampa	1.0%	0.6%			
Miami	1.5%	0.6%			
Portland	-0.5%	0.6%			
SF/Oakland	-0.6%	0.6%			
Columbus	1.3%	0.5%			

Employment Change					
Jun. 24 - Jun.	2025 - 2029 Forecast				
25	(CAGR)				
0.9%	0.5%				
1.1%	0.5%				
0.9%	0.4%				
1.1%	0.4%				
-0.1%	0.4%				
1.5%	0.3%				
1.4%	0.3%				
0.5%	0.3%				
-0.3%	0.2%				
0.3%	0.2%				
0.7%	0.2%				
0.6%	0.2%				
1.5%	0.1%				
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Midwest Markets
Gateway Markets
Sunbelt Markets



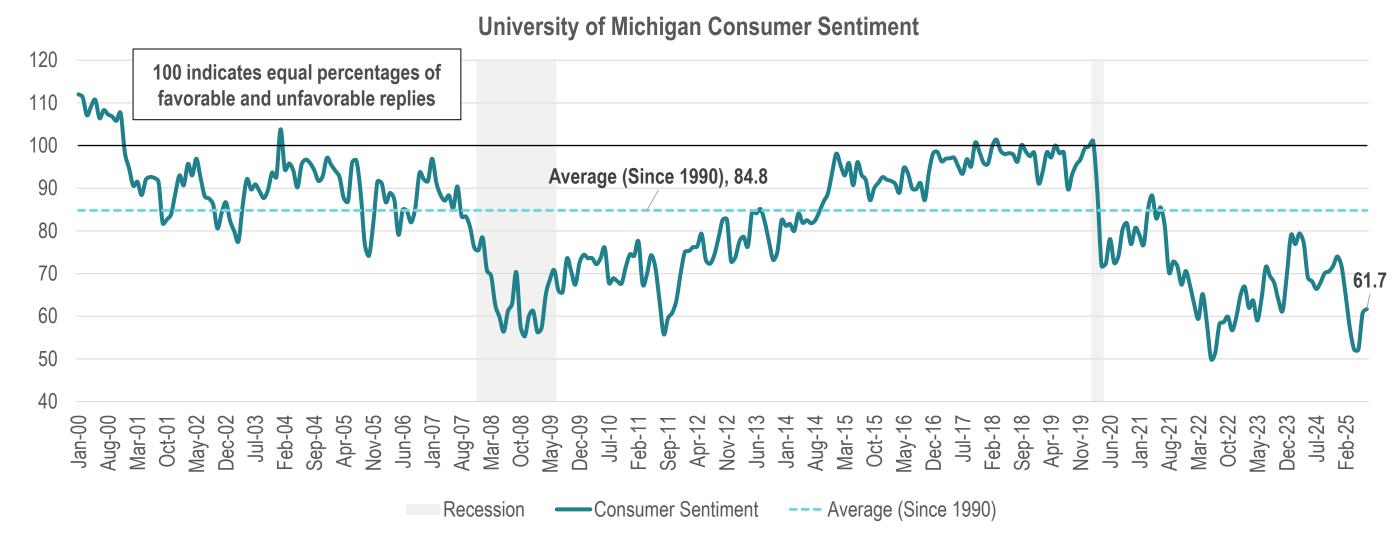
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Sentiment & Retail Sales



Consumer Sentiment Improved Slightly in July

Rising Sentiment Among Stockholders Helped Support the Increase



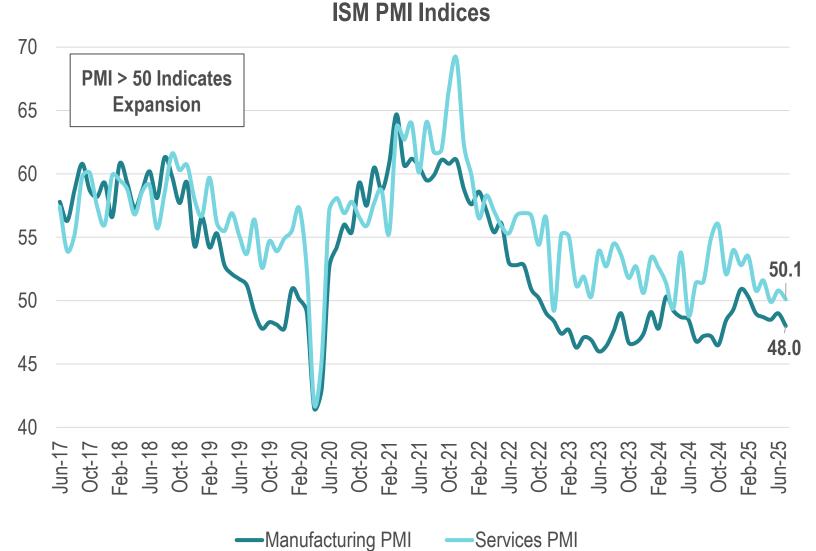


Note: The University of Michigan's Index of Consumer Sentiment is a composite index that measures consumers' outlook on economic and financial conditions; it is based on five survey questions and is calculated by computing the percent of respondents giving favorable replies minus the percent giving unfavorable replies plus 100; scores below 100 indicate that more than 50% of replies were unfavorable while scores above 100 indicate that more than 50% of replies were favorable; the two subindices are the Index of Current Economic Conditions and the Index of Consumer Expectations which measures consumers' expectations for the year ahead. Source: University of Michigan; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis



Services PMI Fell but Remained Slightly in Expansion in July

Manufacturing PMI Also Fell and Remained in Contraction for a Fifth Consecutive Month



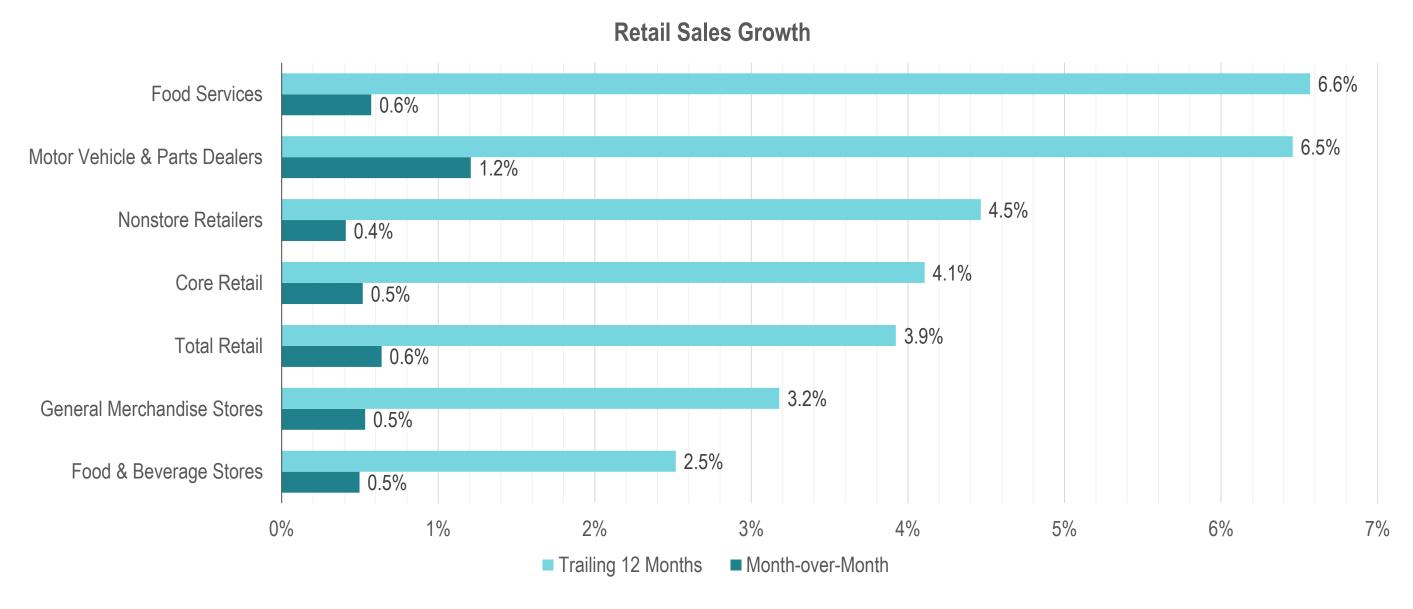
Manufacturing PMI Components	Series Index July	Series Index June	MoM Change	Weight
New Orders	47.1	46.4	0.7	20%
Production	51.4	50.3	1.1	20%
Employment	43.4	45	-1.6	20%
Supplier Deliveries	49.3	54.2	-4.9	20%
Inventories	48.9	49.2	-0.3	20%

Services PMI Components	Series Index July	Series Index June	MoM Change	Weight
Business Activity	52.6	50	2.6	25%
New Orders	50.3	46.4	3.9	25%
Employment	46.4	50.7	-4.3	25%
Supplier Deliveries	51	52.5	-1.5	25%



Monthly Total and Core Retail Sales Rose 0.6% and 0.5%, Respectively, in June

Nonstore Retail Sales Also Grew 0.4% MoM and 4.5% YoY





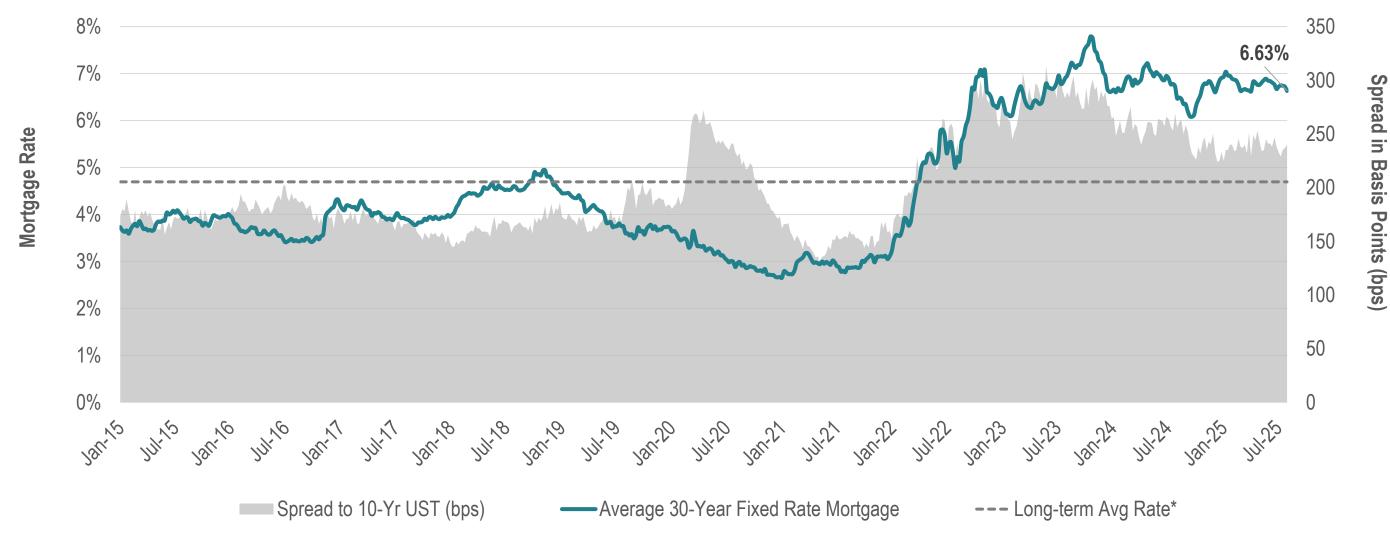
Housing



30-Year Mortgage Rate Fell to 6.6% in Early August

The Spread to the 10-Year UST Yield Expanded in Late July and Remained Above the Long-term Average

Average 30-Yr Fixed Rate Mortgage





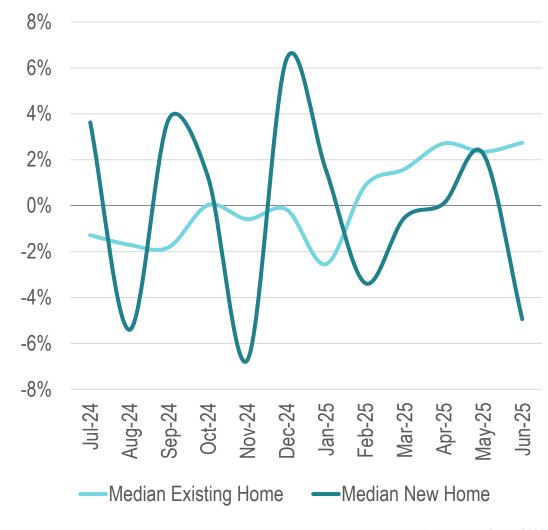
Annual New Home Prices Fell 2.0% while Existing Home Prices Rose 3.2%

Existing Home Prices Rose while New Home Prices Fell MoM





Monthly Change in Home Prices





*Reflects year-over-year change in trailing 12-month average median home price. Note: Housing data release one month in arrears. Source: National Association of Realtors; U.S. Census Bureau

Monthly Existing Home Sales Fell by 2.7% while New Home Sales Rose 0.6%

Supply of Existing and New Homes Both Increased in June

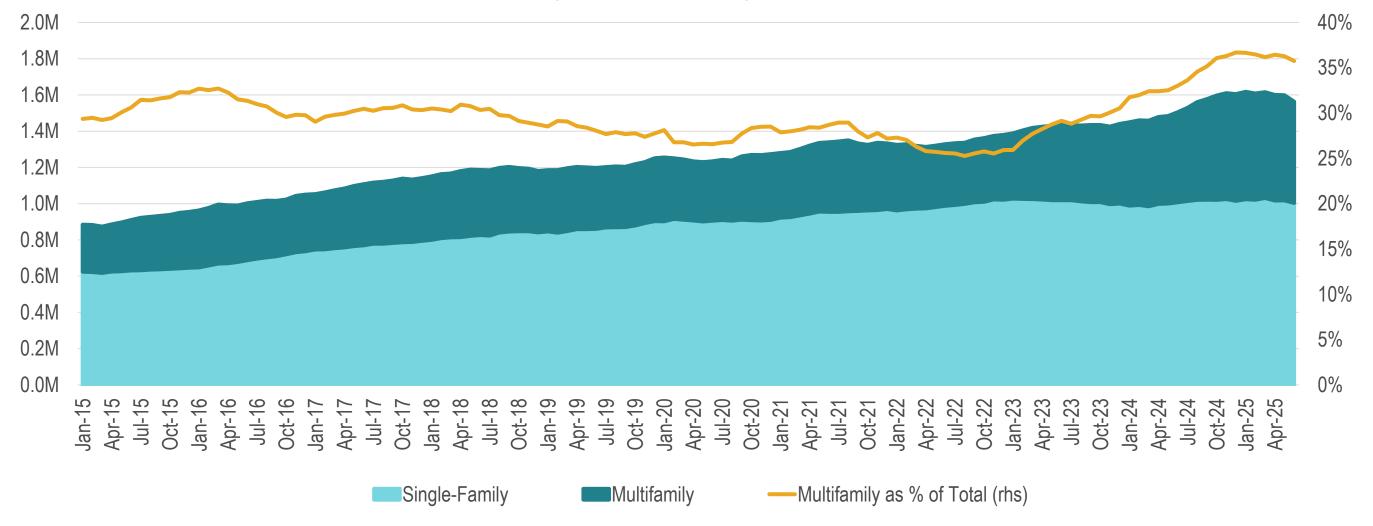




Total Housing Completions Fell by 2.2% MoM, with Declines in SF and Multifamily

Multifamily's Share of Total Completions Continued to Fall from Historic Highs in June

Trailing 12-Month Housing Completions

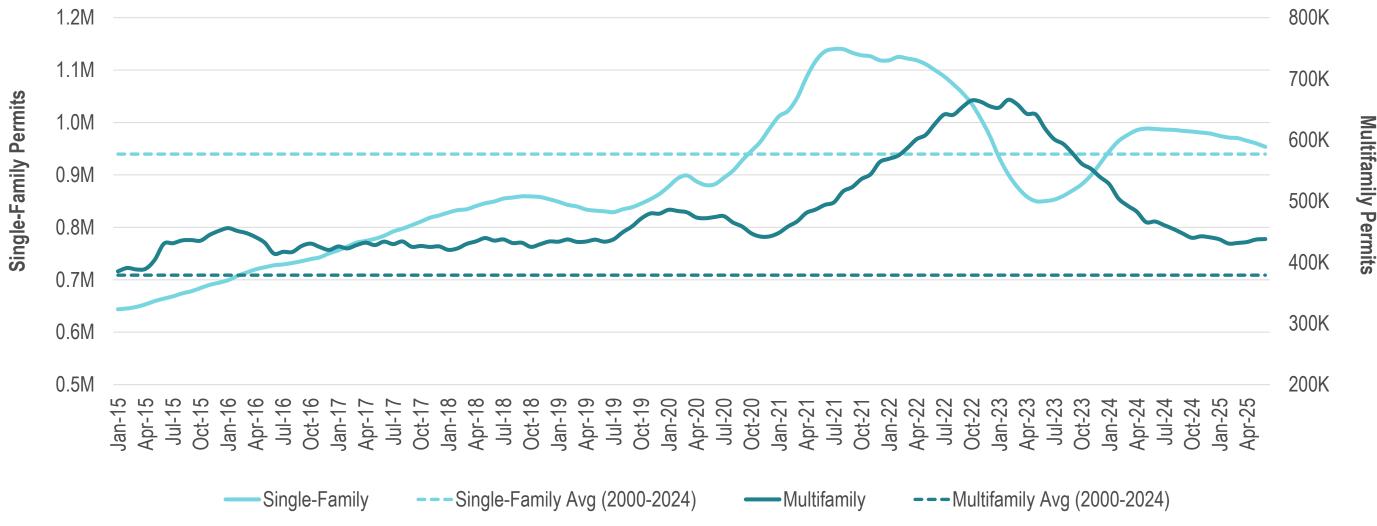




Trailing 12-Month Permits Fell for Single-Family, Rose Slightly for Multifamily

Both Multifamily and Single-Family Permits Remained Slightly Above their Long-term Averages







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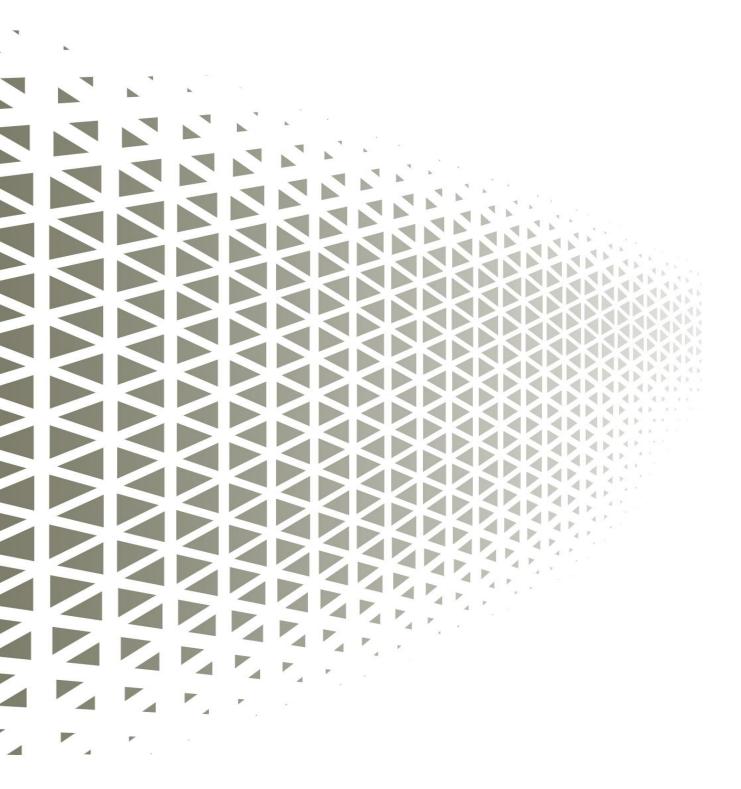
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