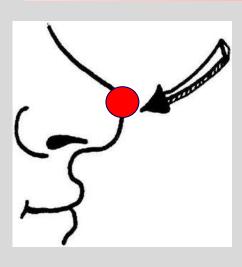
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Eleventh Class – Nov. 12th

- Market Update Ron Materniak
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- Questions

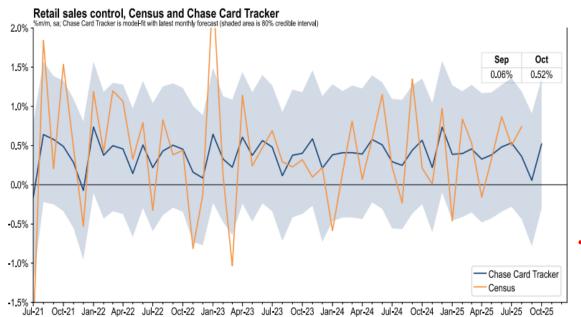
Consumer spending - 3Q 2025

J.P.Morgan

Dan Weitzenfeld (646) 299-1400 dan.weitzenfeld@jpmorgan.com

Daily consumer spending tracker

- As of 31 Oct 2025, our Chase Consumer Card spending data (unadjusted) was 2.1% above the same day last year.
- Based on the Chase Consumer Card data through 31 Oct 2025, our estimate of the US Census September control measure of retail sales m/m is 0.06%.



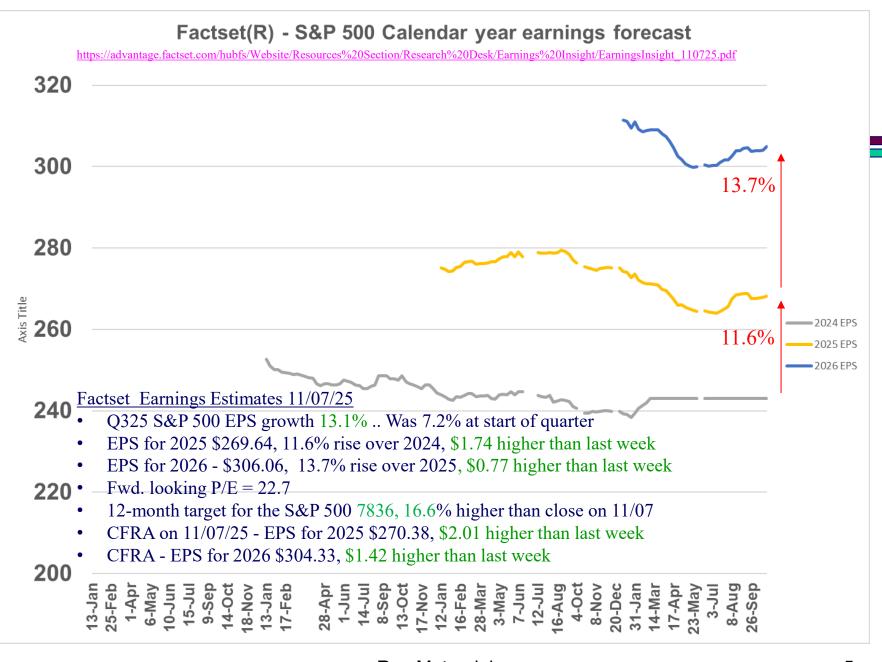
Retail sales, Census and Chase Card Tracker				
m/m, sa	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Total Retail Sales & Food Services				
Census	0.97	0.61	0.63	
Chase Card Tracker	0.45	0.54	0.26	-0.22
Retail Control				
Census	0.87	0.50	0.74	
Chase Card Tracker	0.48	0.53	0.36	0.06
Gasoline Stations				
Census	0.68	0.92	0.52	
Chase Card Tracker	-1.07	-0.65	1.35	0.50
Food Services & Drinking Places				
Census	0.84	-0.09	0.73	
Chase Card Tracker	1.02	0.23	0.46	-0.41

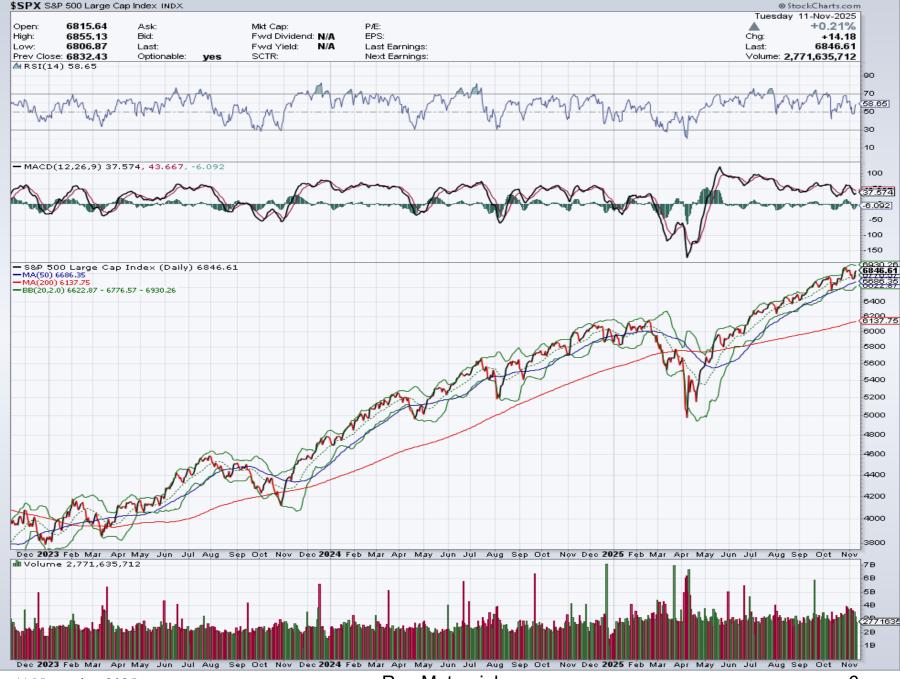
For months with Census data, Chase Card Tracker reflects in-sample fit. Card data through 2025-10-31.

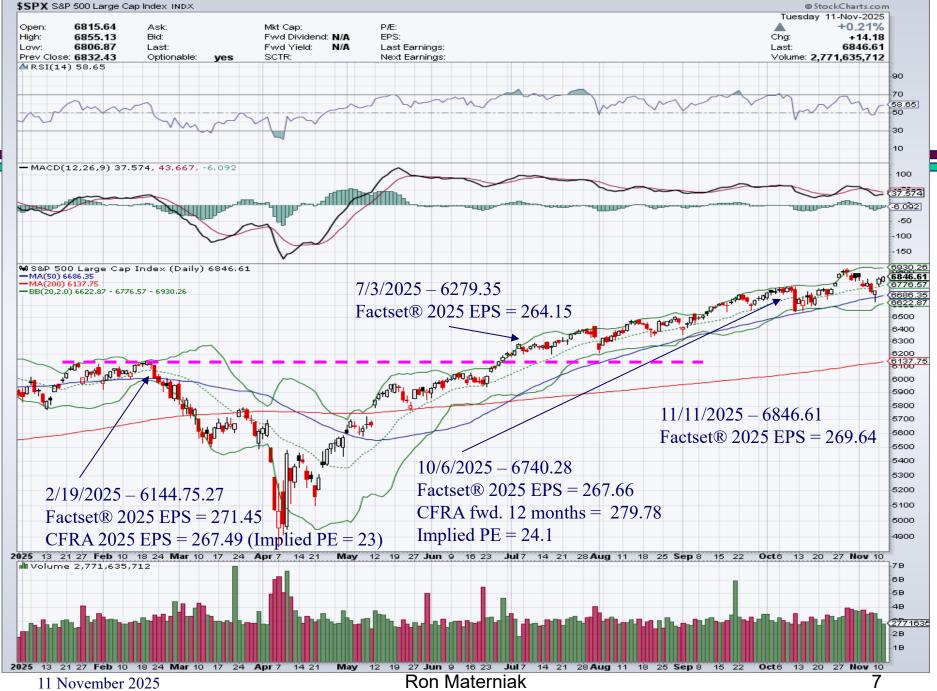
 Government shutdown for 43 days – absence of official data (WILL IT END THIS WEEK?)

Source: J.P. Morgan, select Chase credit and debit card transaction data. The US census defines Retail Control as Total Retail Sales less spending at motor vehicle dealers, gasoline stations, and building material & supply stores. Our model constructs a similar category using the Chase card data, applies an estimate of seasonal adjustments, and generates a retail control forecast by regressing the actual monthly growth on the card-based proxy.

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Market Breadth – another way





US govt bonds – **TLT** & **SGOV**

SGOV = Short term 0 to 3 month US treasuries



U.S. Dollar



Weekly Market direction

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	DATE	MARKET PULSE (IBD)	S&P 500	IASDA	-20 EM	MACD	RSI	CLOSING	Δ	%CHANGE	3-20 EM/	MACD	RSI	CLOSING	Δ	%CHANGE	3-20 EM	MACE	RSI	CLOSING	Δ	%CHANGE
SAT	10/25/25	FOR THE WEEK							1,017	2.20%					127	1.91%					525	2.31%
SUN	10/26/25	YTD							4,663	10.96%					910	15.47%					3,894	20.17%
MON	10/27/25	CONFIRMED UP (60% -80%)	6	3	P	P	Р	47,544	337	0.71%	P	P	P	6,875	84	1.24%	P	Р	P	23,637	433	1.87%
TUE	10/28/25	CONFIRMED UP (60% -80%)	6	1	Р	P	P	47,706	162	0.34%	P	P	Р	6,890	15	0.22%	P	P	Р	23,827	190	0.80%
WED	10/29/25	UPTREND UNDER PRESSURE (40% - 60%)	6	12	P	P	P	47,632	-74	-0.16%	P	P	P	6,890	0	0.00%	P	P	P	23,958	131	0.55%
THUR	10/30/25	UPTREND UNDER PRESSURE (40% - 60%)	5	1	Р	Р	P	47,522	-110	-0.23%	P	P	Р	6,822	-68	-0.99%	P	P	P	23,581	-377	-1.57%
FRI	10/31/25	CONFIRMED UP (80% -100%)	5	1	P	P	P	47,562	40	0.08%	P	P	P	6,840	18	0.26%	P	P	P	23,724	143	0.61%
SAT	11/01/25	FOR THE WEEK							355	0.75%					49	0.72%					520	2.24%
SUN	11/02/25	YTD							5,018	11.79%					959	16.31%					4,414	22.86%
MON	11/03/25	CONFIRMED UP (80% -100%)	5	1	P	P	Р	47,336	-226	-0.48%	Р	P	P	6,851	11	0.16%	P	P	P	23,834	110	0.46%
TUE	11/04/25	CONFIRMED UP (80% -100%)	5	1	P	P	Р	47,084	-252	-0.53%	P	0	P	6,771	-80	-1.17%	P	Р	P	23,348	-486	-2.04%
WED	11/05/25	CONFIRMED UP (80% -100%)	5	1	P	P	P	47,311	227	0.48%	P	F	P	6,796	25	0.37%	P	Р	P	23,499	151	0.65%
THUR	11/06/25	CONFIRMED UP (60% -80%)	7	2	P	F	P	46,912	-399	-0.84%	P	F	F	6,720	-76	-1.12%	P	F	F	23,053	-446	-1.90%
FRI	11/07/25	CONFIRMED UP (60% -80%)	6	2	Р	F	Р	46,987	75	0.16%	P	F	F	6,728	8	0.12%	P	F	F	23,004	-49	-0.21%
SAT	11/08/25	FOR THE WEEK							-575	-1.21%					-112	-1.64%					-720	-3.03%
SUN	11/09/25	YTD							4,443	10.44%					847	14.40%					3,694	19.13%
MON	11/10/25	CONFIRMED UP (60% -80%) DEMS CAVED	6	2	P	F	P	47,368	381	0.81%	P	F	P	6,832	104	1.55%	P	F	Р	23,527	523	2.27%
TUE	11/11/25	CONFIRMED UP (60% -80%)			P	0	P	47,927	559	1.18%	P	F	P	6,846	14	0.20%	P	F	P	23,468	-59	-0.25%
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Thanks!!

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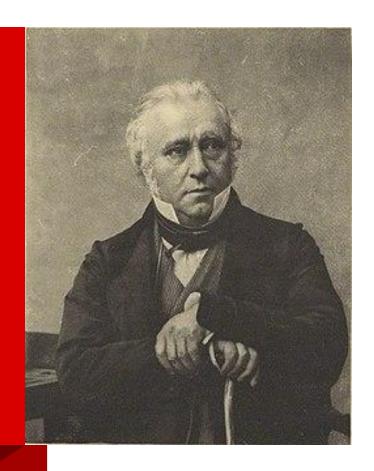
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"Free trade, one of the greatest blessings that a government can confer on a people, is unfortunately in every country unpopular."

Thomas Babington McCauley 1800-1859



"I always say 'tariffs' is the most beautiful word to me in the dictionary."

Donald Trump 1946-



Timeline of Trump Tariff Actions

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Figure 3. U.S Average Effective Tariff Rate Since January 1, 2025

Policy as of October 17, Pre-Substitution Percent of goods import

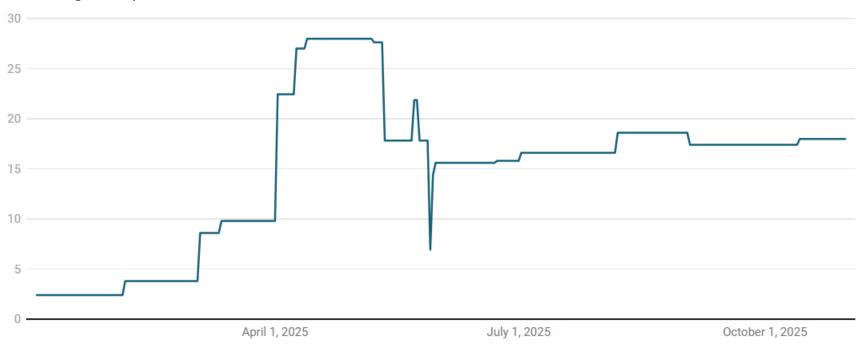


Chart: The Budget Lab \bullet Source: The Budget Lab analysis. \bullet Created with Datawrapper

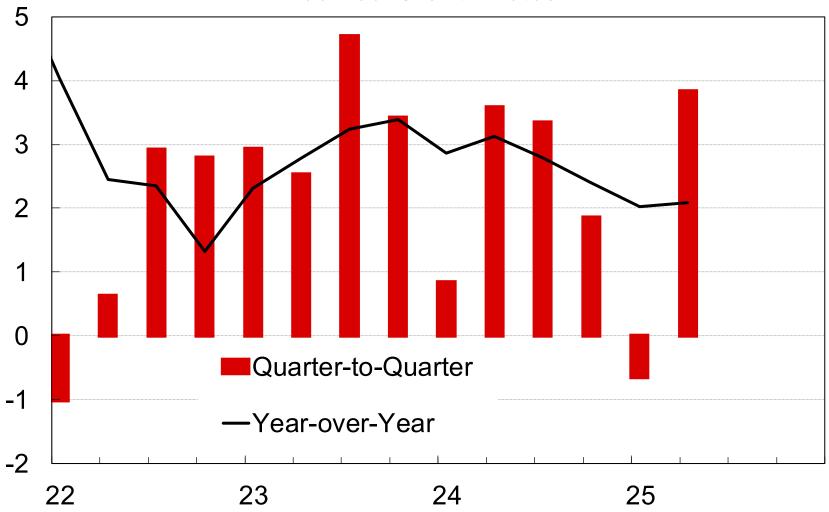
What We Expected from Tariffs

Tariffs, especially tariffs on inputs, are a negative supply shock (like an oil price hike).

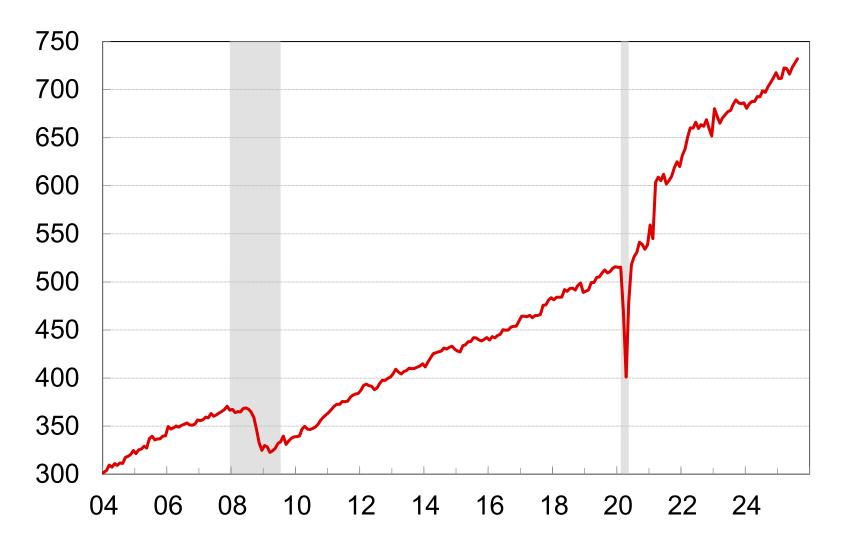
Accordingly, tariffs were expected to raise prices (and MEASURED inflation in the short run) and reduce economic activity.

US Real Gross Domestic Product

Annualized Growth Rates



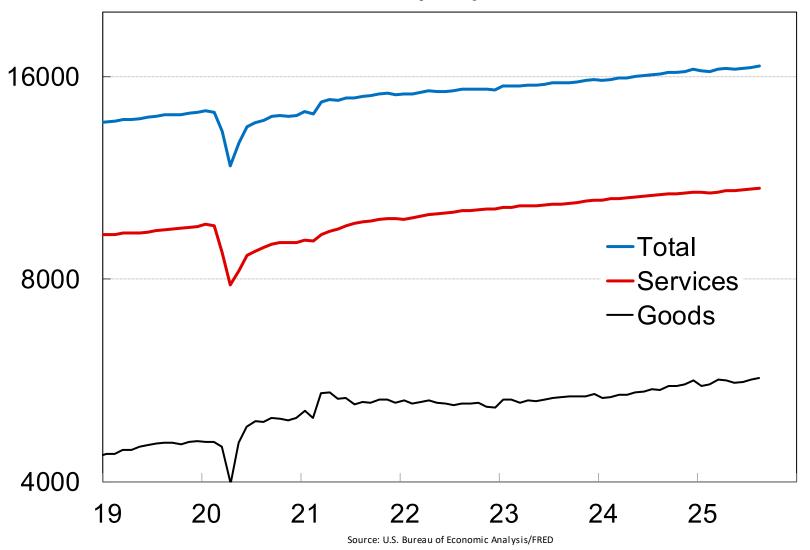
Retail Sales: Retail and Food Services Billions of \$, Monthly, Seasonally Adjusted



Source: U.S. Census Bureau/FRED

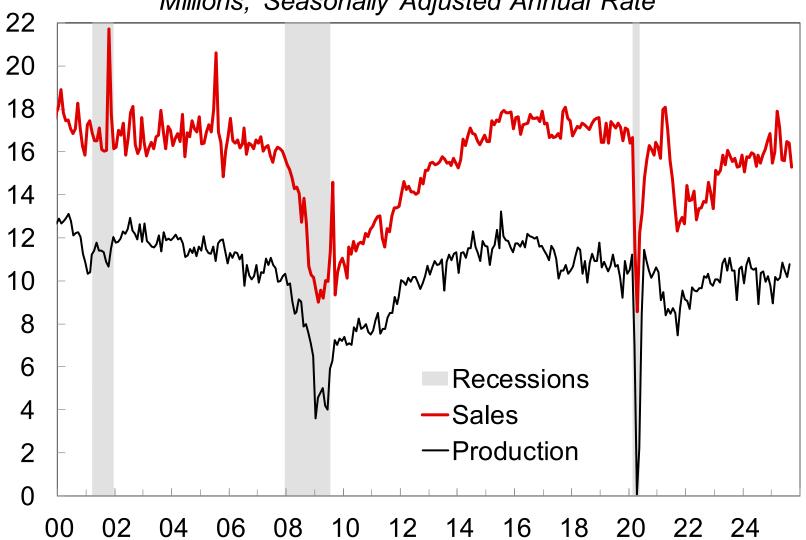
US Real Personal Consumption Expenditures

Billion 2017 \$, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates

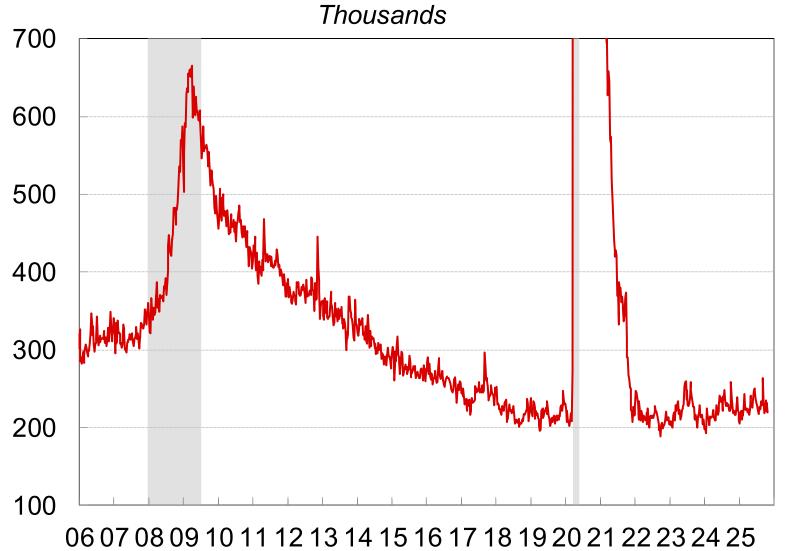


US Light Vehicle Sales & Production





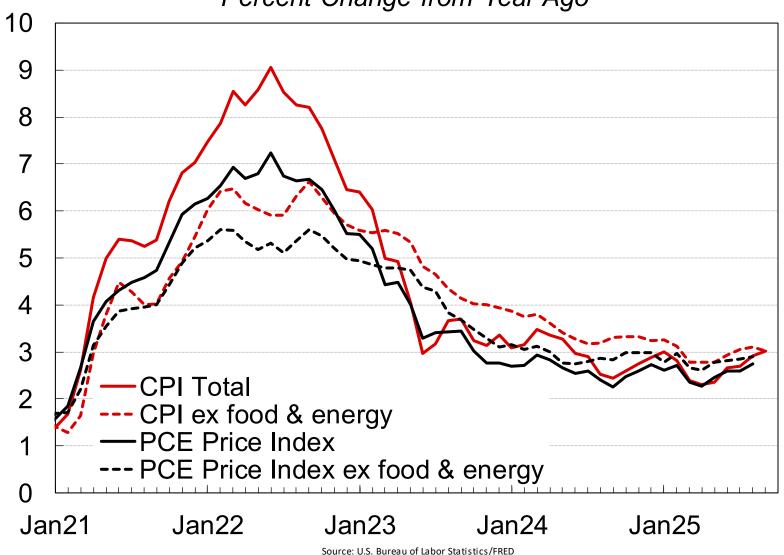
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance



Source: U.S. Employment and Training Administration/FRED

US Price Indexes

Percent Change from Year Ago



US economy continues to grow.

GDP grew at a 3.8% annual rate in the second quarter!

Retail sales (through August) indicate that consumers are still spending.

Initial claims for unemployment insurance are closer to 55-year lows than to recession levels.

Stock prices are at record highs.

Inflation has stopped declining, but there's no obvious widespread impact from tariffs.

Why haven't tariffs had a bigger impact?

Maybe the impact of tariffs is smaller than economists thought.

Maybe the negative impact of tariffs has been offset by the positive impact of deregulation and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

- Immediate expensing is by far the best part of the OBBBA.
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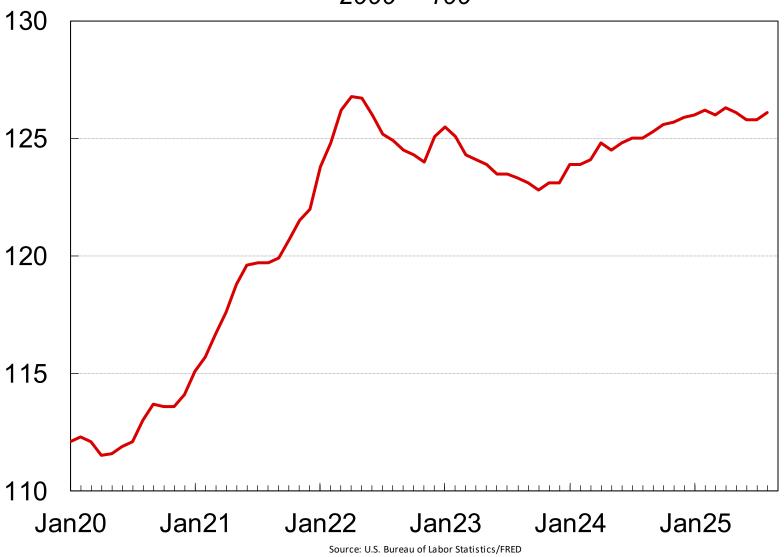
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Import Price Index: All Items Excluding Petroleum

2000 = 100



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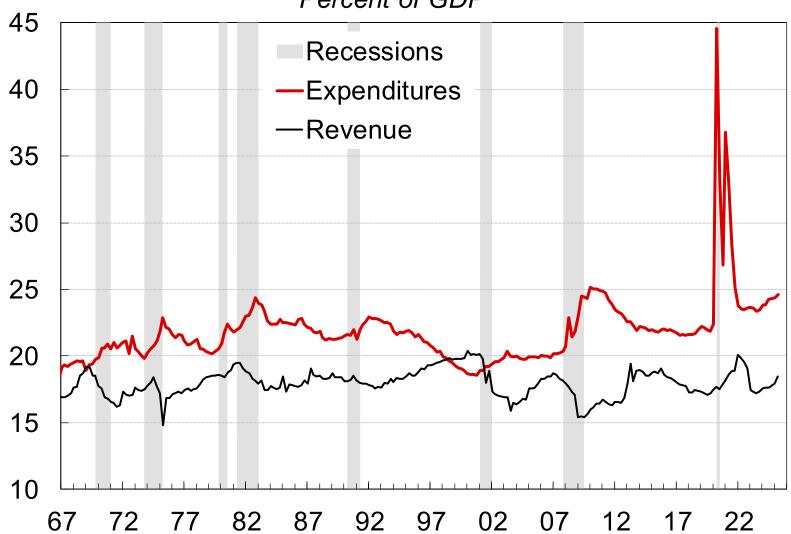
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Real Investment in Equipment vs Capital Goods Orders



US Federal Govt Current Expenditures & Revenue Percent of GDP



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis/FRED

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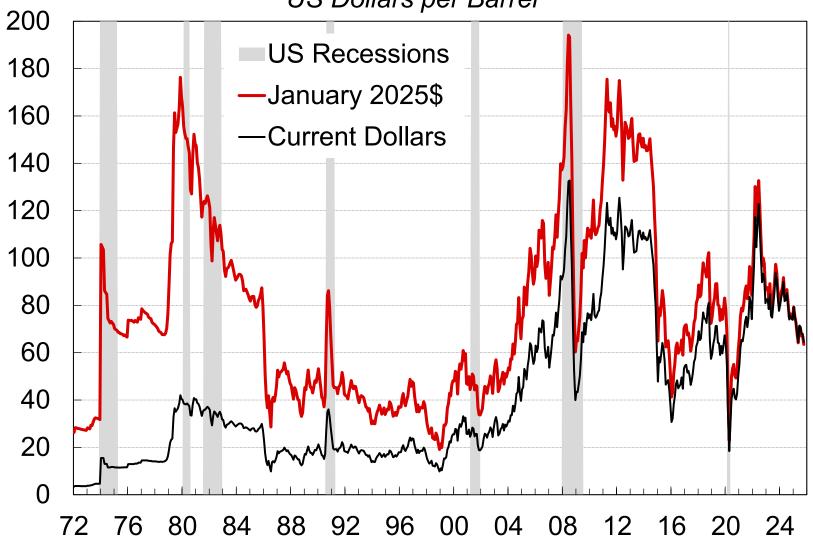
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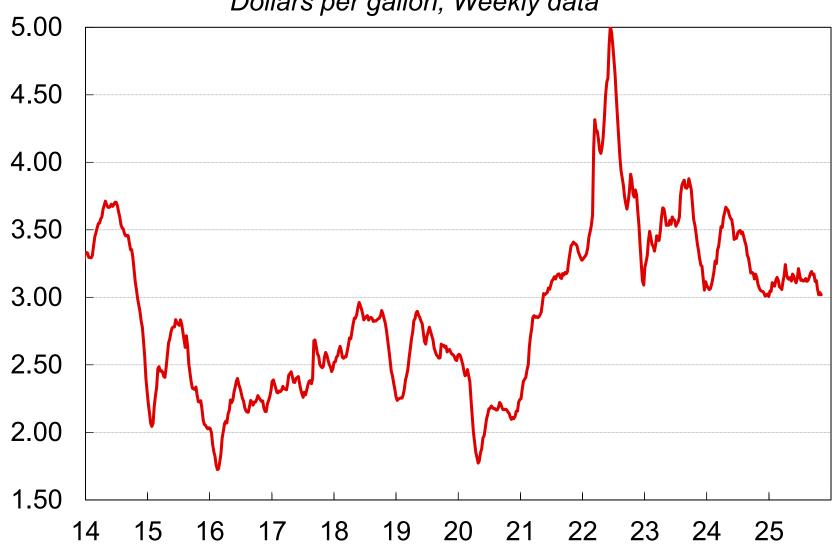
Brent Blend Oil Price

US Dollars per Barrel

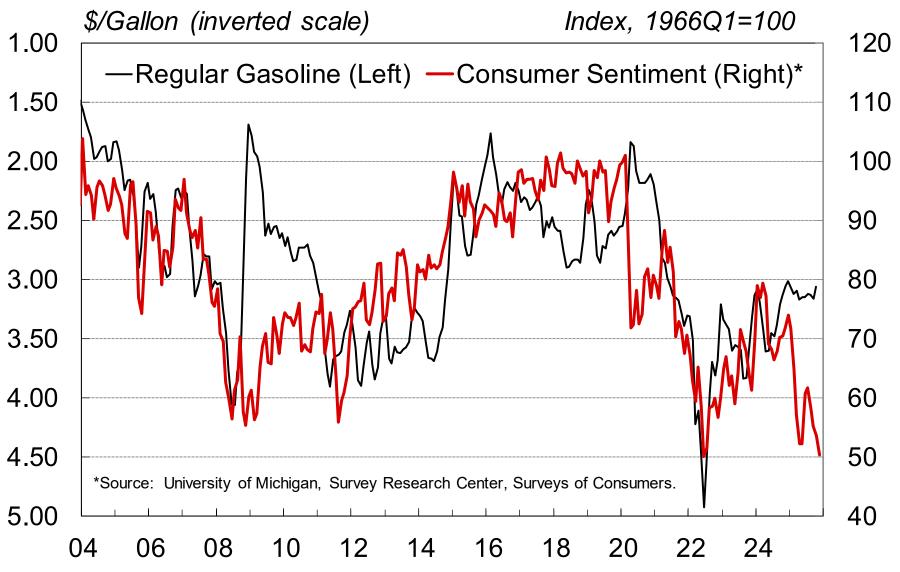


US Regular Gasoline Price

Dollars per gallon, Weekly data



Gasoline Price and Consumer Sentiment



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"The crisis takes a much longer time coming than you think and then it happens much faster than you would have thought."

Rudiger Dornbusch 1942-2002



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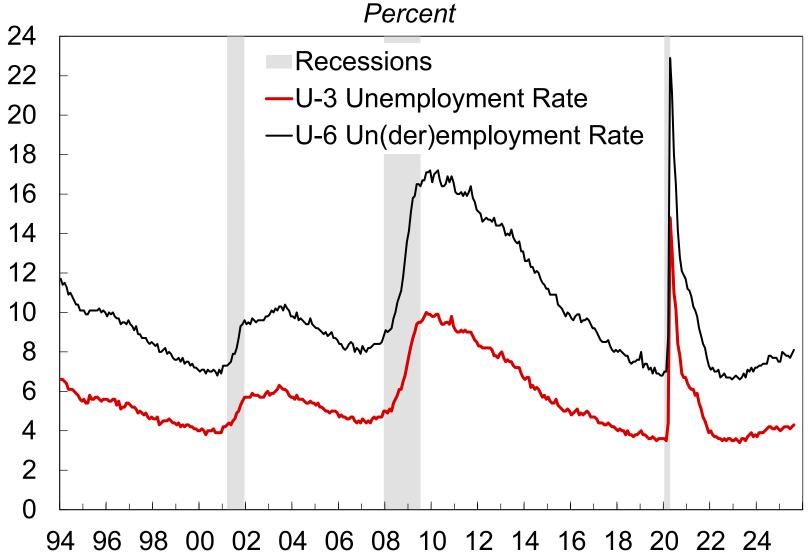
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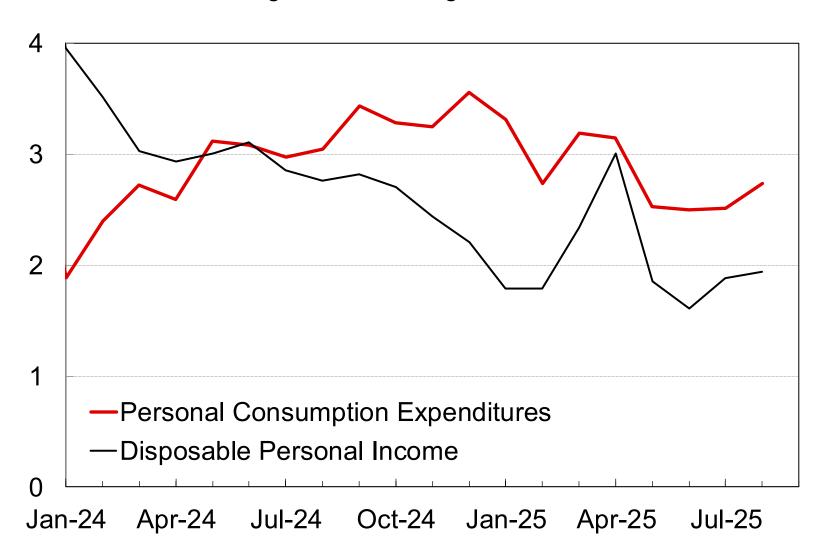
US Employment Millions Recession Civilian Employment —Nonfarm Payrolls --- ADP Private Payrolls

US Civilian Unemployment Rate



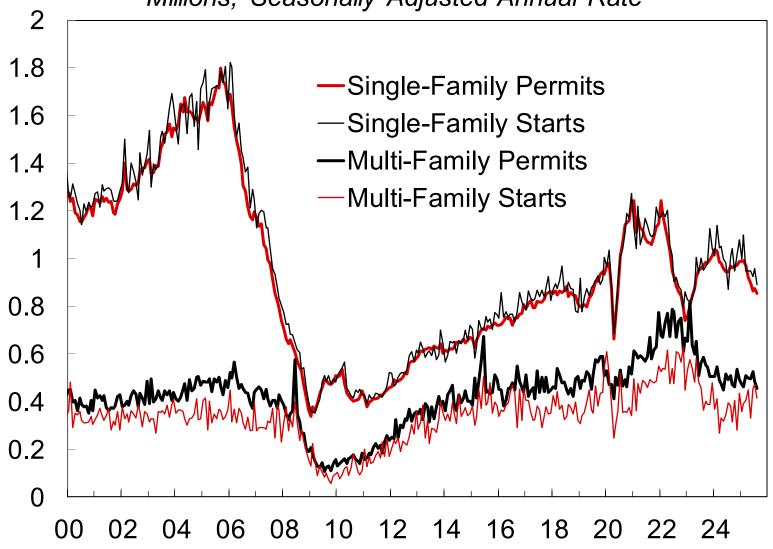
US Real Consumer Spending

Percent Change from Year Ago, Chained 2017 Dollars



US Housing Starts & Building Permits

Millions, Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate



There are plenty of cracks in the economy.

Growth in nonfarm payrolls has slowed. Revisions make it more consistent with ADP. Expected revisions will slow 2024 growth.

Civilian employment has declined since January, reflecting reduced immigration.

Job openings have fallen below the number of unemployed for the first time since early 2021.

Growth in disposable income has slowed. The savings rate has fallen.

Housing market, a leading indicator, remains very weak.

The Fed's last two Beige Books, released September 3 and October 15, were very negative about the economy.

What should the Fed do?

Real interest rates are still high by historical standards. The Fed is still shrinking its balance sheet.

- The combination means monetary policy is restrictive.
- Housing market is being hit hard.

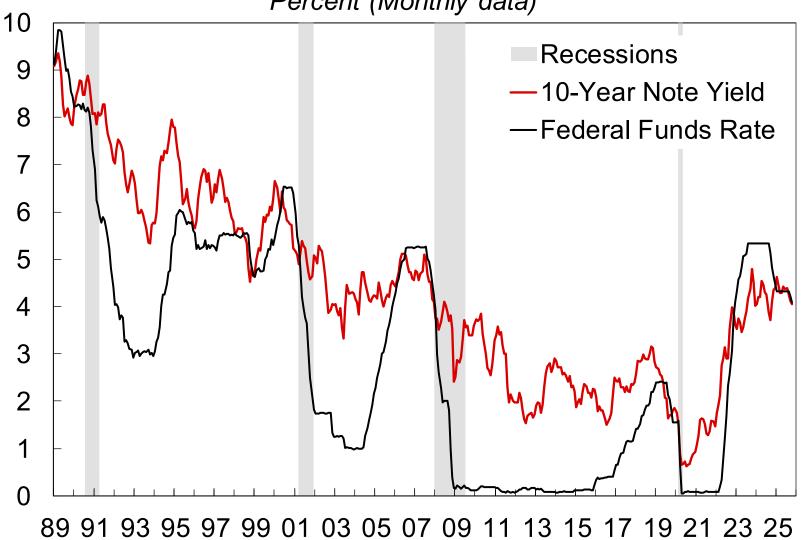
But inflation is still above the Fed's 2% target and no longer falling.

That suggests policy should be restrictive.

Stock prices are at record highs.

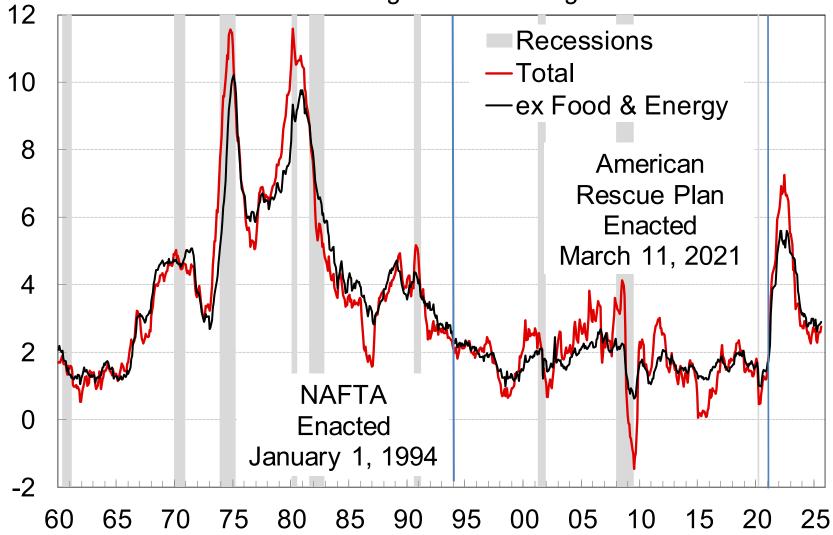
US Interest Rates

Percent (Monthly data)

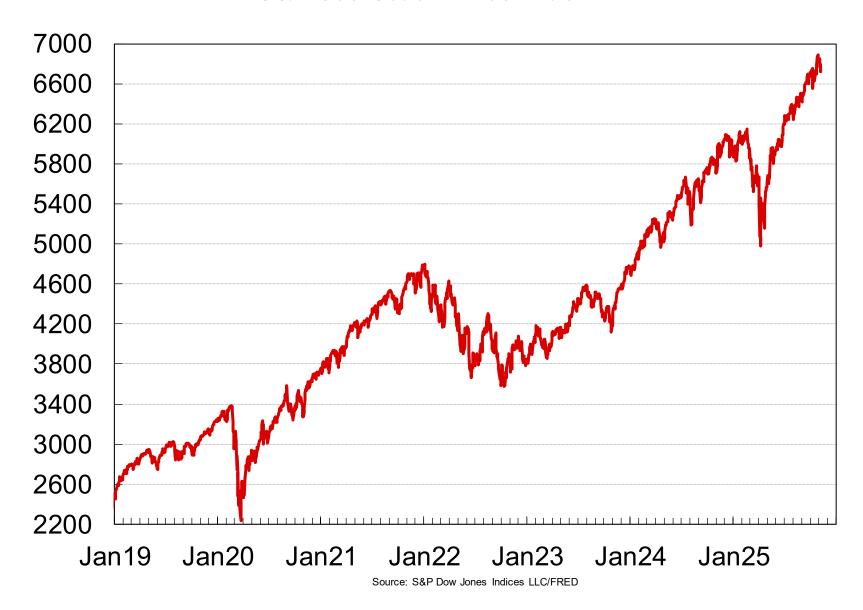


US Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index

Percent Change from Year Ago



S&P 500 Stock Price Index



What will the Fed do?

Fed cut its federal funds rate target by a quarter point in September and another quarter point in October.

Two more cuts are likely unless inflation rises & labor market firms.

Rate cuts might not result in lower mortgage rates.

- When Fed cut short-term interest rates in 2024, long-term interest rates rose.
- If that happens again, that's a signal to stop cutting rates.

There isn't much the Fed can do to address negative supply shocks.

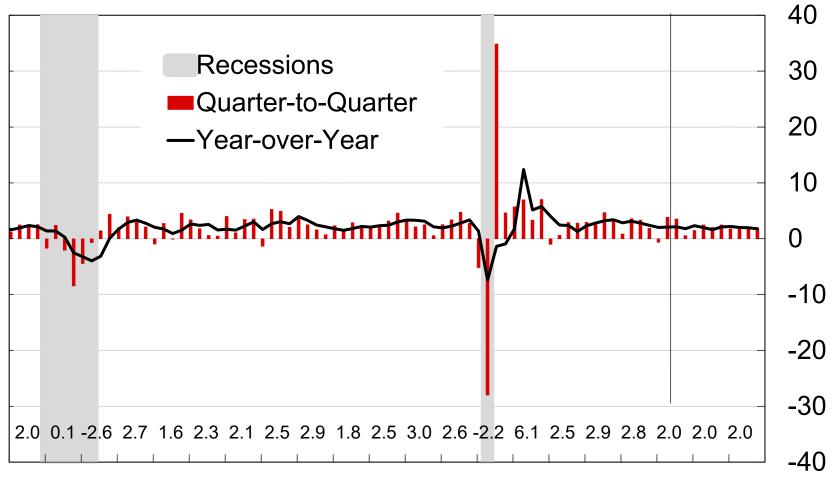
"Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future."

Niels Bohr, 1885-1962 Nobel Laureate, 1922



US Real Gross Domestic Product

Annualized Growth Rates



07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

US Macroeconomic Summary

Employment growth has slowed (more and earlier than we thought).

- Reduction in immigration has limited impact on unemployment.
- We're in a no-hire, no-fire economy.

Tariffs will temporarily boost MEASURED inflation.

Tariffs will have bigger impact on growth than on inflation.

Slowing growth will put downward pressure on inflation.

Income growth has slowed; consumer spending will follow.

Growth will slow, but I hesitate to forecast a recession.

• "Once bitten, twice shy" after forecasting a recession that never came.

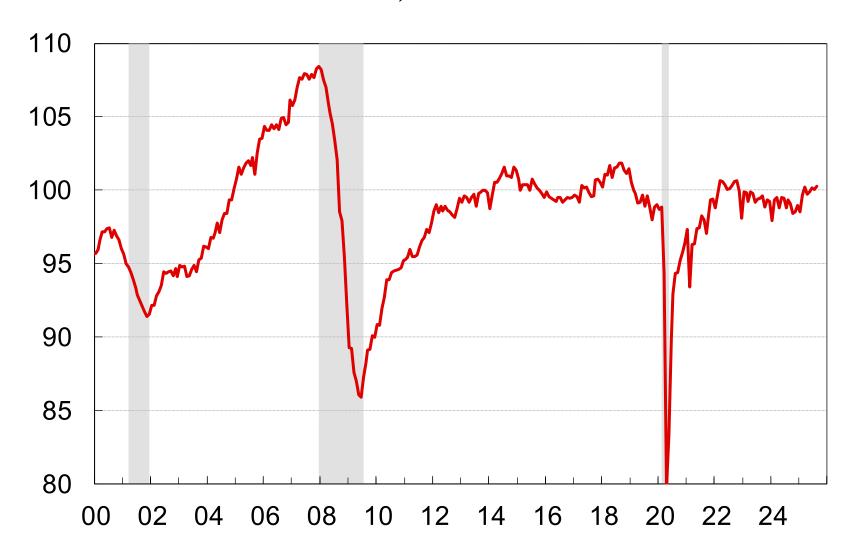
Uncertainty, the word of the year, remains elevated.

- Consider multiple scenarios. Don't rely on a point forecast.
- Government shutdown adds to uncertainty.

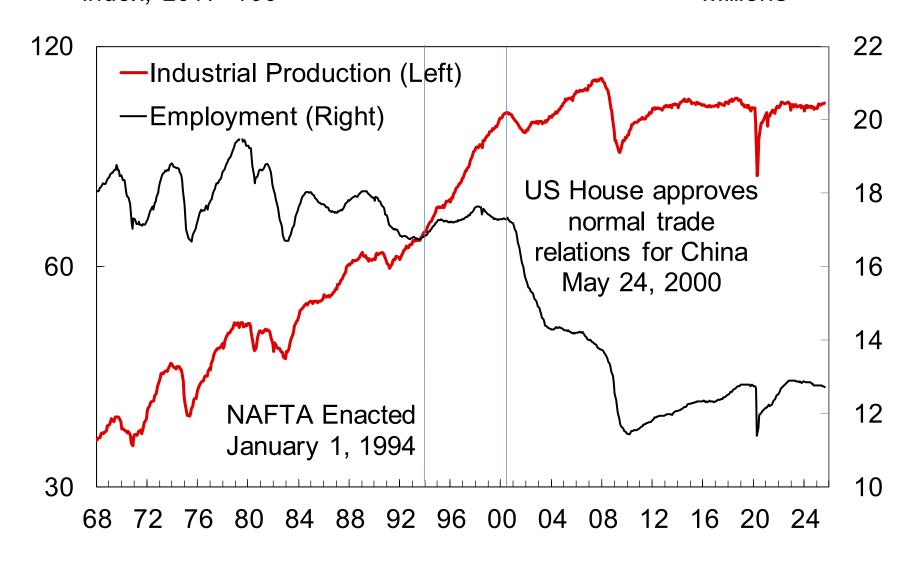
Industry Detail

US Industrial Production: Manufacturing

Index, 2017=100

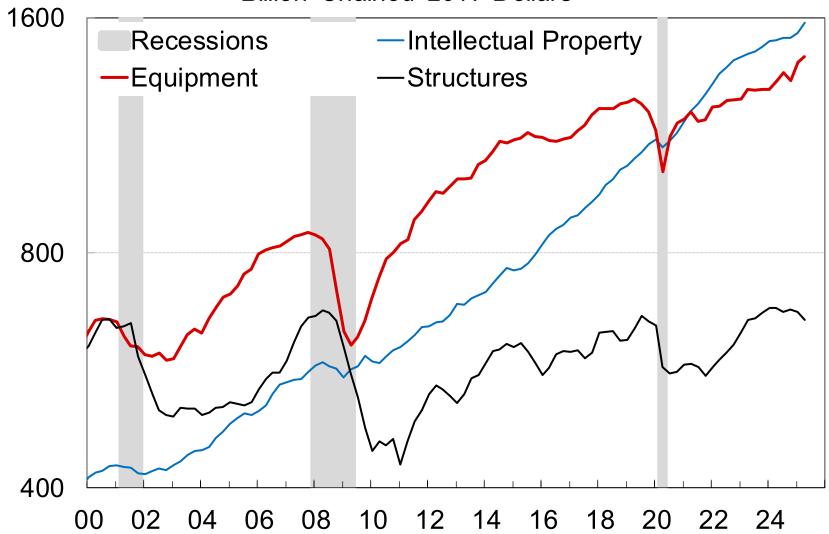


US Industrial Production & Employment: Manufacturing Index, 2017=100 Millions



US Nonresidential Fixed Investment

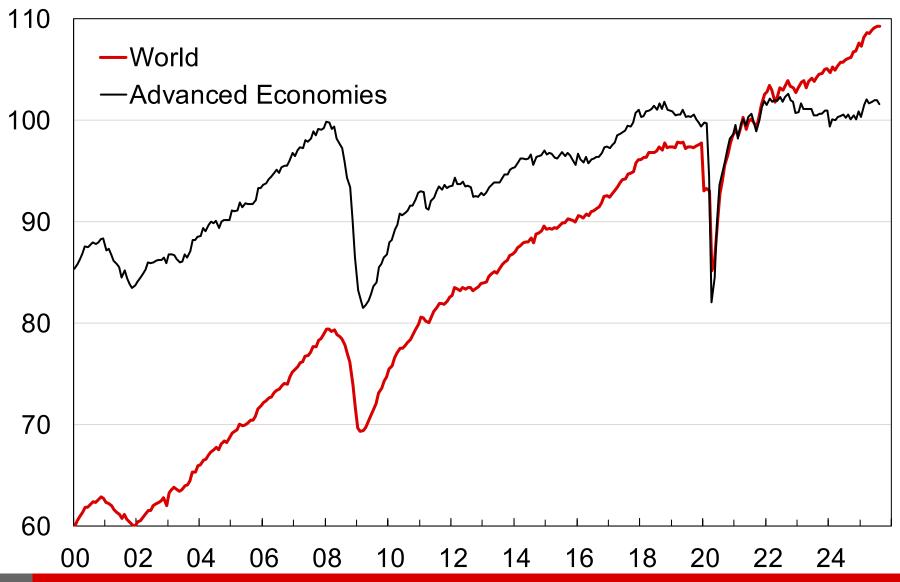
Billion Chained 2017 Dollars



Global Overview

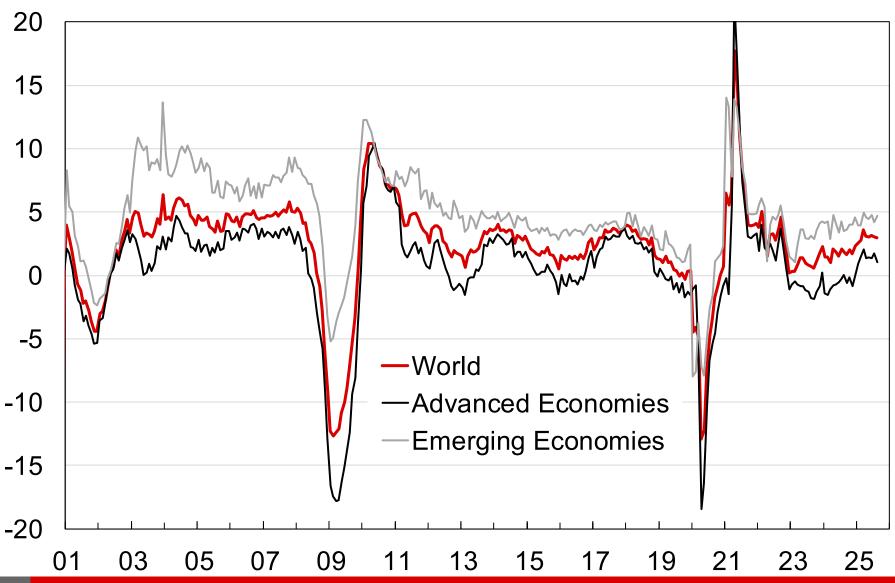
Industrial Production ex Construction

Index, 2021 = 100

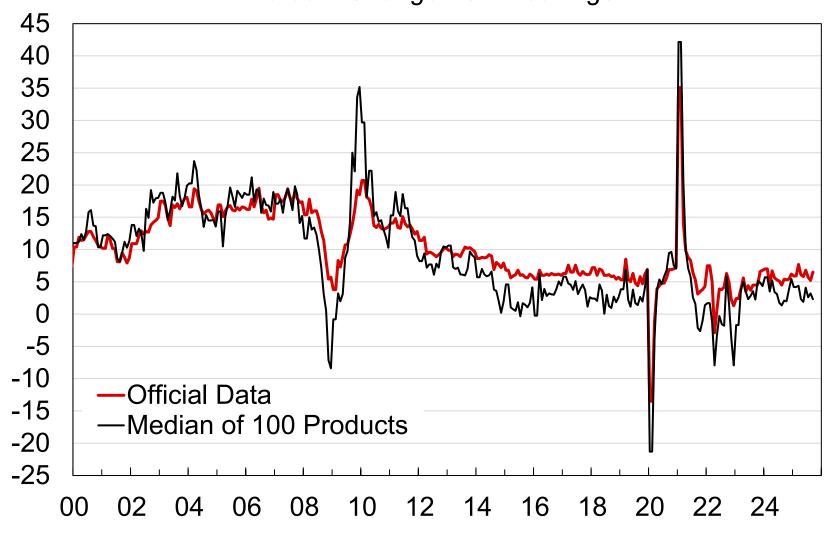


Industrial Production ex Construction

Percent Change from Year Ago



Value Added of Industry (Industrial Production): China Percent Change from Year Ago



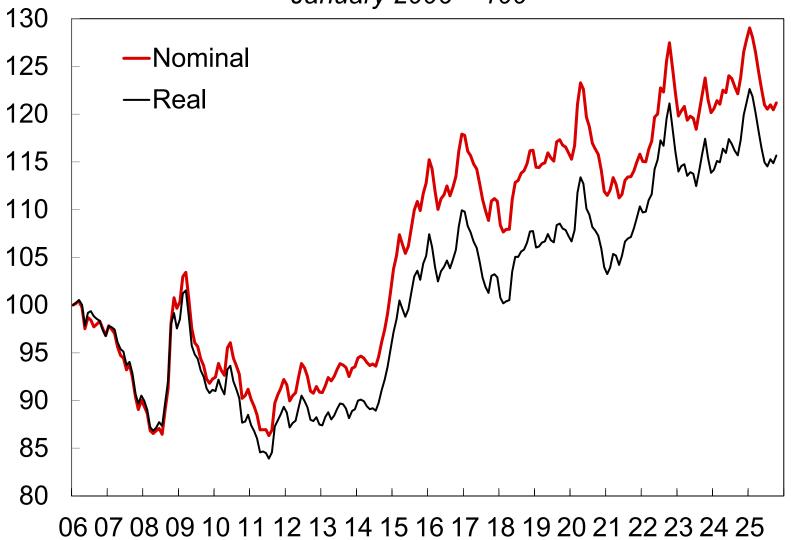
Industrial Production, Manufacturing: European Union

Index, 2021 = 100



Federal Reserve Broad Dollar Index

January 2006 = 100



Key takeaways

The US economy grew strongly in the second and third quarters, but . . .

- Employment growth has slowed.
- Inflation remains stubbornly above the Fed's 2% target.

Trump tariffs haven't had big impacts on inflation and growth . . . yet.

China is growing but not as fast as in the past.

Manufacturing in the rest of the world is stagnant.

"For decades, our country has been looted, pillaged, raped and plundered by nations near and far, both friend and foe alike."

Donald Trump 1946-



"We should beware of the demagogues who are ready to declare a trade war against our friends . . . all while cynically waving the American flag. The expansion of the international economy is not a foreign invasion; it is an American triumph, one we worked hard to achieve."

Ronald Reagan 1911-2004



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Winners

and Losers

Employees and shareholders of companies that compete with tariffed goods (e.g., steel and aluminum workers)

Consumers

Businesses that use tariffed goods as inputs

Investors in the stock market

Risk-averse savers who hold their money in bank accounts and unindexed bonds

(Older) people who own houses

(Younger) people who want to buy houses