



# Global Economic Activity

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# U.S. Economics

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Consumers, Business Sentiment, Housing, & Inflation

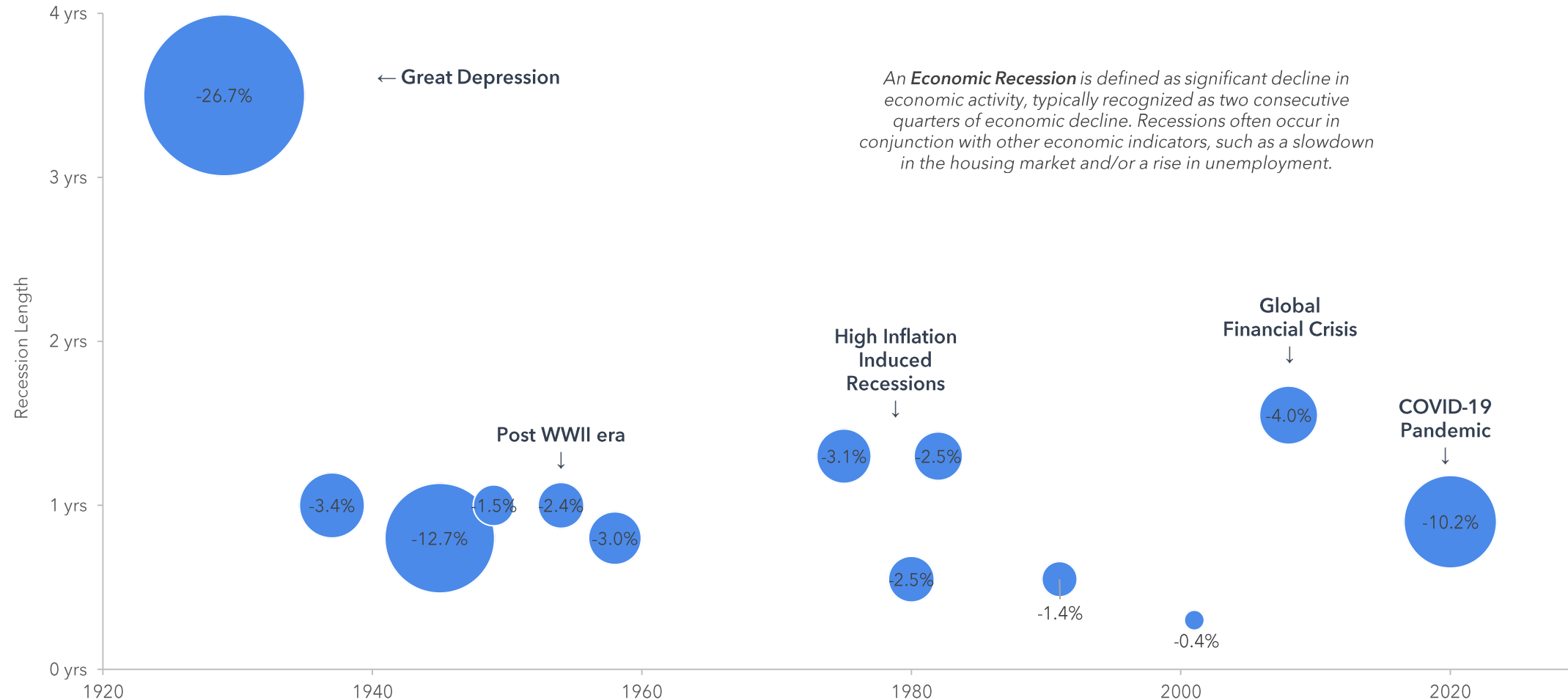
# U.S. Economic Indicators

Category	Economic Indicator	2024												2025											
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Labor	Nonfarm Payrolls (000s)	119	222	246	118	193	87	88	71	240	44	261	323	111	102	120	158	19	-13	72	-26	108	-105	64	
	Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.6	
	Average Workweek (Hours)	38.2	38.4	38.2	38.3	38.2	38.3	38.2	38.3	38.3	38.2	38.4	38.2	38.4	38.2	38.3	38.4	38.2	38.2	38.1	38.2	38.3		38.3	
	Average Hourly Earnings (y/y %)	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	
	Jobless Claims - Initial (000s)	210	211	215	210	223	237	237	231	225	236	219	222	215	227	223	226	234	241	221	230	235	227	215	219
	Jobless Claims - Continuing (Millions)	1.78	1.79	1.80	1.78	1.80	1.85	1.87	1.86	1.84	1.87	1.88	1.86	1.86	1.86	1.87	1.87	1.91	1.95	1.95	1.94	1.92	1.95	1.92	
	Jobless Openings (Millions)	8.5	8.4	8.1	7.6	7.9	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.1	7.6	8.0	7.5	7.8	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.7	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.7	7.7		
Consumer	Personal Income (y/y%)	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%			
	Retail Sales (y/y%)	0%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%		
	Domestic Auto Sales (y/y%)	-5%	-2%	-8%	-12%	-6%	-16%	-12%	-12%	-10%	-6%	-11%	-15%	-10%	-5%	1%	-10%	-18%	-11%	-15%	-9%	-14%	-18%	-17%	
	Consumer Confidence Index	111	105	103	98	101	98	102	106	99	110	113	110	105	100	94	86	98	95	99	98	96	96	93	89
	Michigan Confidence Index	79	77	79	77	69	68	66	68	70	71	72	74	72	65	57	52	52	61	62	58	55	54	51	53
Housing	New Home Sales (y/y%)	5%	3%	6%	8%	-10%	0%	1%	7%	5%	-9%	11%	12%	-3%	-2%	-5%	-2%	-6%	1%	-6%	15%	-1%	14%	5%	
	Housing Starts (y/y%)	1%	11%	-5%	2%	-17%	-7%	-13%	6%	-1%	-1%	-14%	0%	-2%	-4%	3%	1%	-3%	4%	13%	-6%	-2%	-2%	1%	
	Building Permits (y/y%)	10%	-3%	0%	-1%	-11%	0%	-6%	-5%	-7%	-7%	0%	-3%	-6%	-8%	0%	-3%	-1%	-5%	-5%	-10%	-6%	-5%	-10%	
	Homebuilder Sentiment Index	44	48	51	51	45	43	41	39	41	43	46	46	47	42	39	40	34	32	33	32	32	37	38	39
	Monthly Supply (# of months)	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.4	3.3	3.8	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.0	
	National Home Price Index (\$000s)	311	313	317	321	324	325	326	325	325	324	324	323	324	325	328	330	331	332	331	330	329	328		
Business	Leading Economic Index (y/y%)	-7%	-7%	-6%	-5%	-5%	-5%	-5%	-4%	-4%	-3%	-3%	-3%	-3%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-4%	-3%	-3%	-3%				
	NFIB Small Business Index	90	89	89	90	91	92	94	91	92	94	102	105	103	101	97	96	99	99	100	101	99	98	99	
	Manufacturing PMI	49	48	50	49	49	48	47	48	48	47	48	49	51	50	49	49	49	48	49	49	49	49	48	
	Services PMI	53	52	51	50	54	49	51	52	55	56	53	54	53	54	51	52	50	51	50	52	50	52	53	
	Industrial Production (y/y%)	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%	1%	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	
	Capacity Utilization (%)	76	77	77	76	77	77	76	76	76	75	75	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	
Inflation	Headline CPI (y/y%)	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.7	
	Core CPI (y/y%)	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.6	
	Headline PCE (y/y%)	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7		
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	Producer Price Inflation (y/y%)	1.0	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.5	2.9	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.8	2.9	3.5	3.8	3.4	3.2	2.4	2.7	2.4	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.4		

Disclosures: Data sourced from Federal Reserve, NBER, Redbook, Institute for Supply Management, University of Michigan, DOL, U.S. Census Bureau, NAHB. Red = Worst (5th percentile). Green = Best (95th percentile)

# History of U.S. Recessions

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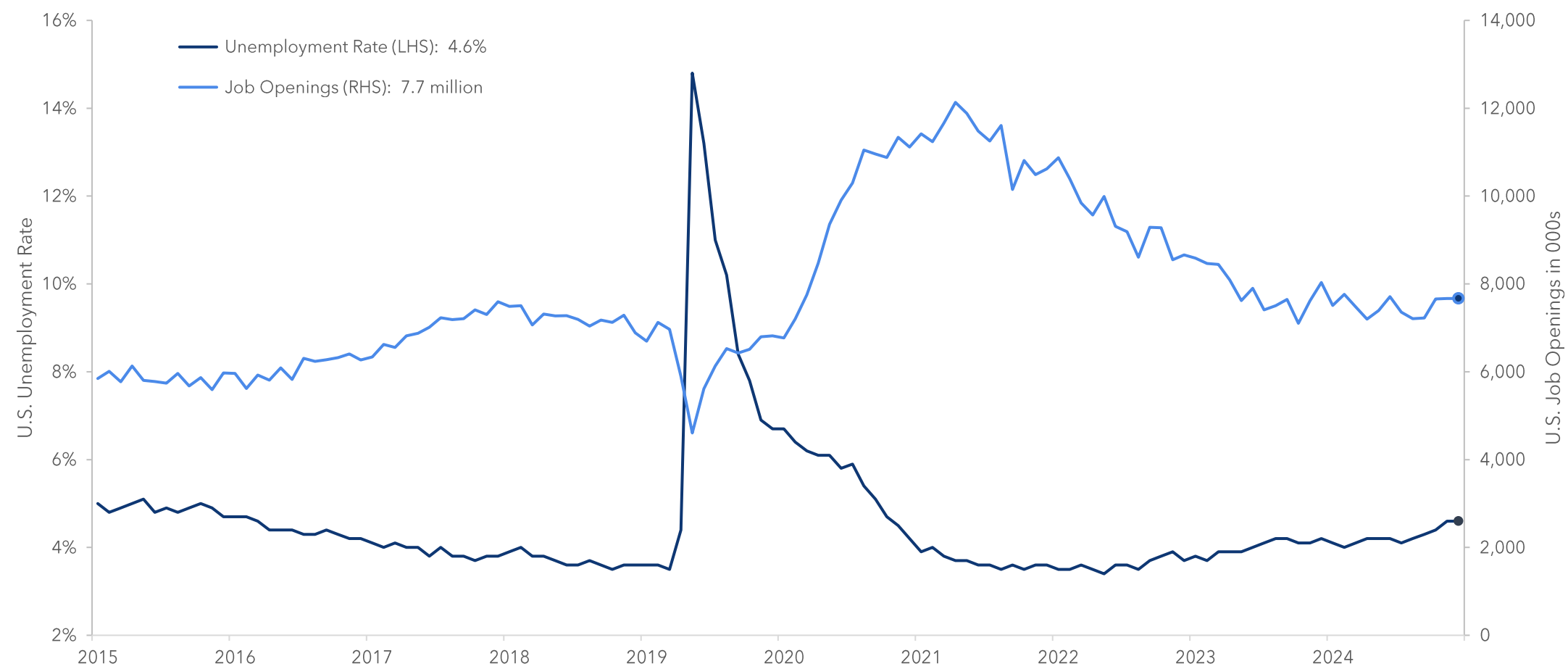
An **Economic Recession** is defined as significant decline in economic activity, typically recognized as two consecutive quarters of economic decline. Recessions often occur in conjunction with other economic indicators, such as a slowdown in the housing market and/or a rise in unemployment.

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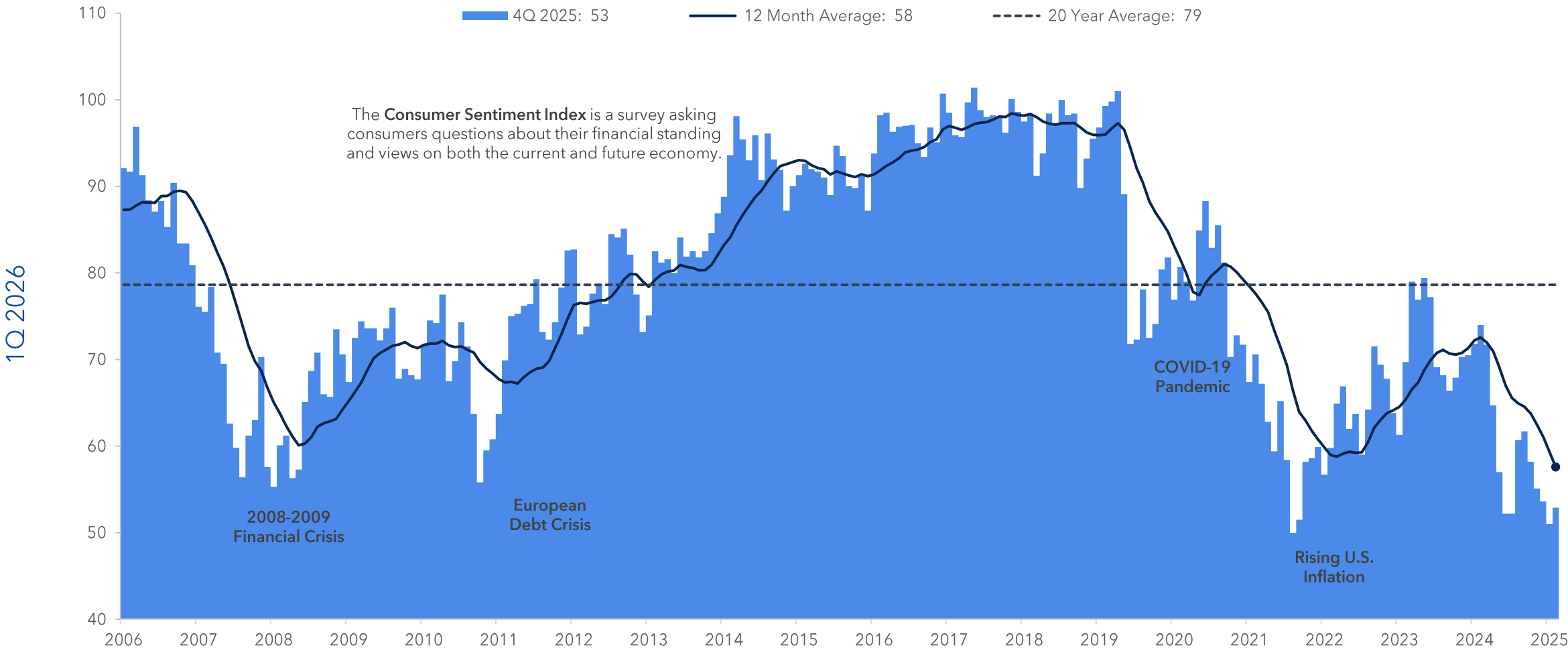
# Unemployment Rate & Job Openings

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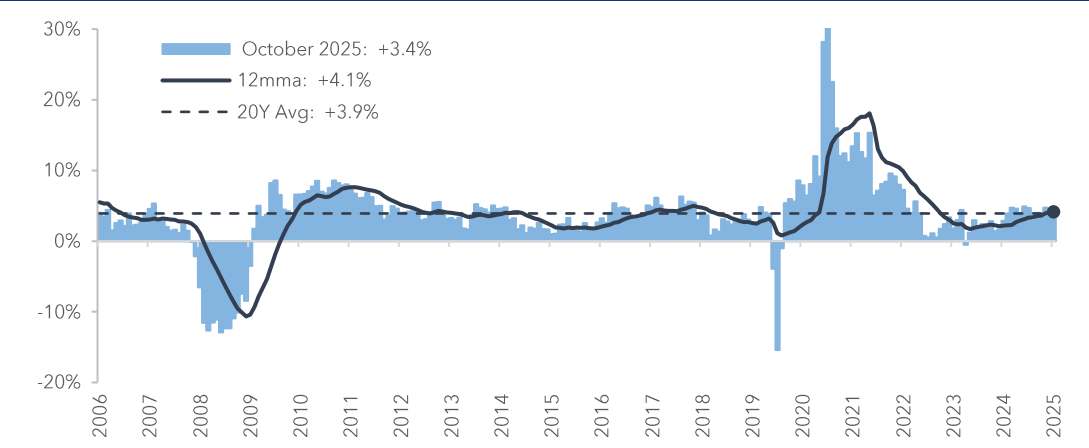
# Consumer Confidence



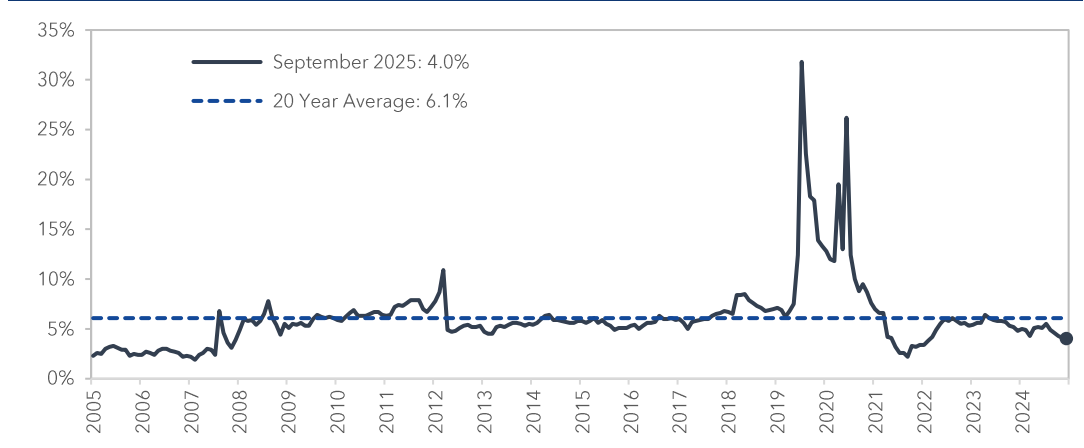
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# Retail Sales & Personal Finances

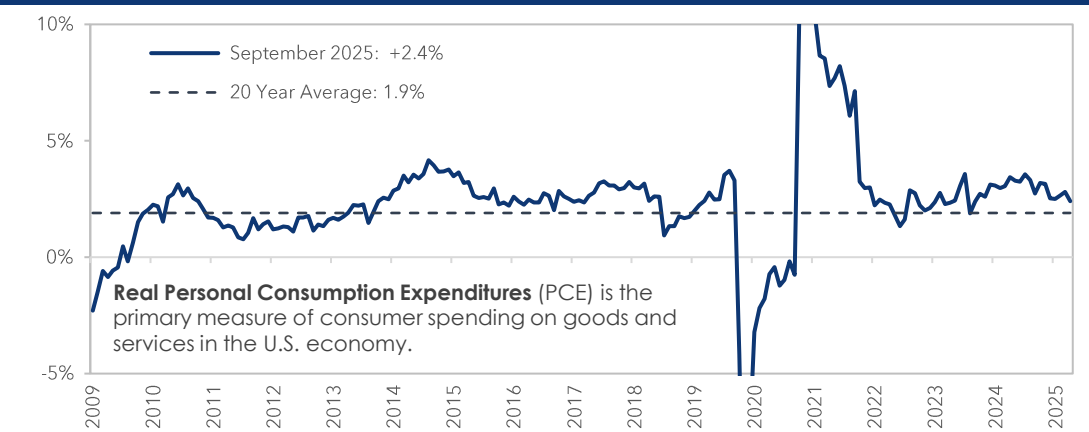
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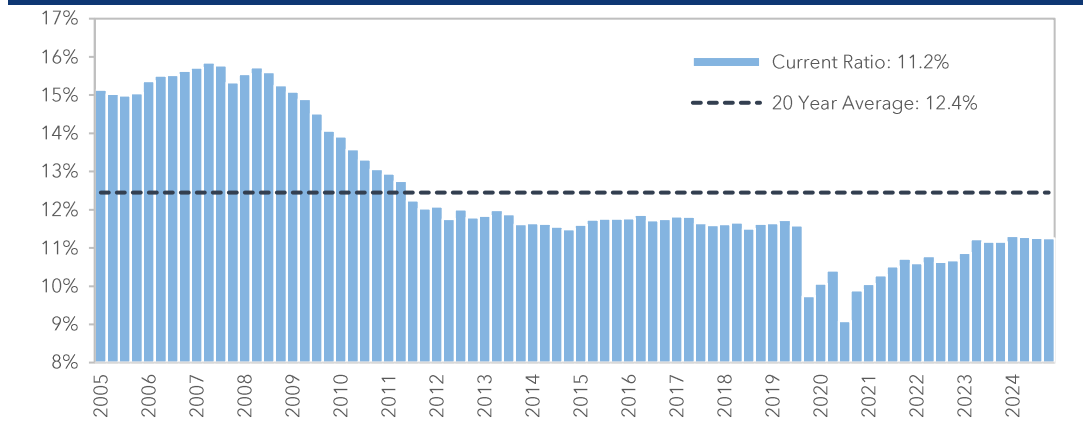
**Personal Savings Rate**  
20 years of data; % of disposable income



**Real Personal Consumption Expenditures**  
20 years of data adjusted for inflation



**Household Debt Service Ratio**  
Percent of disposable personal income

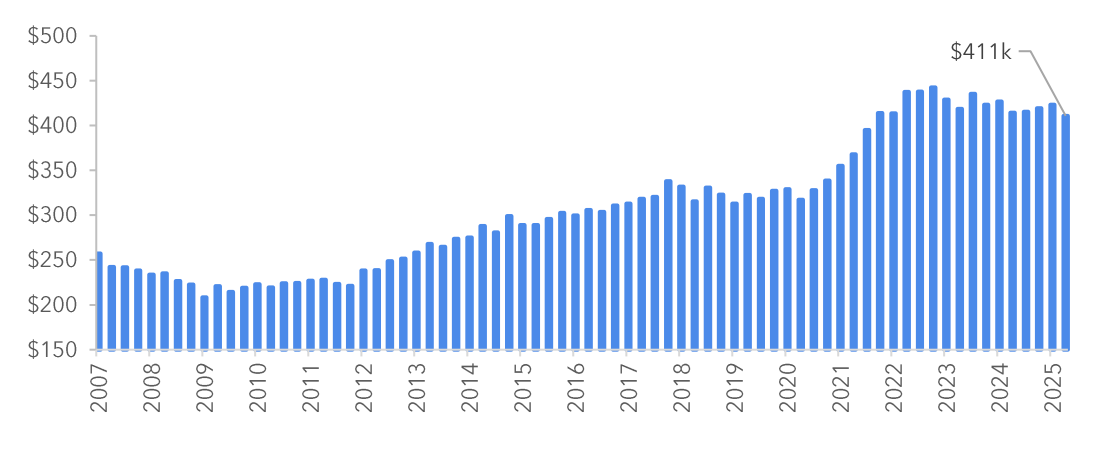


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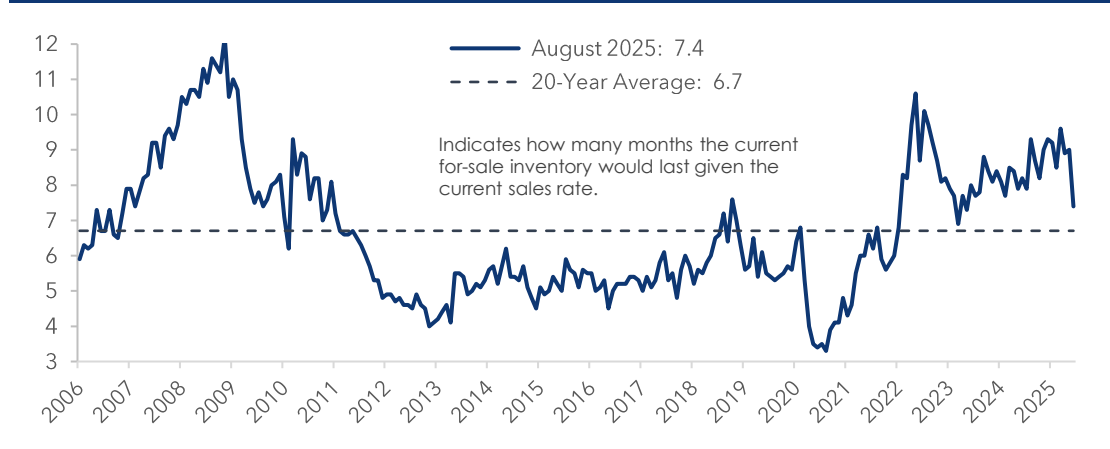


# Housing Market Update

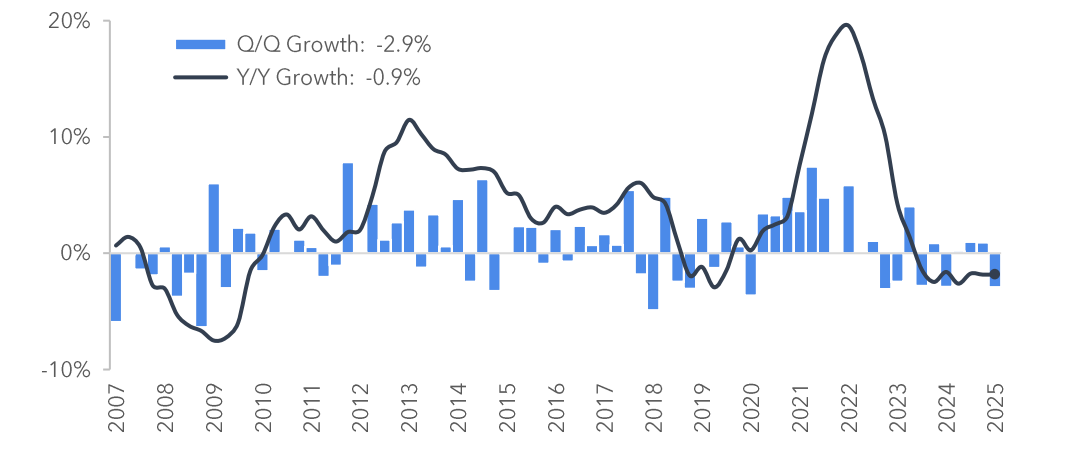
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USD in thousands, seasonally adjusted



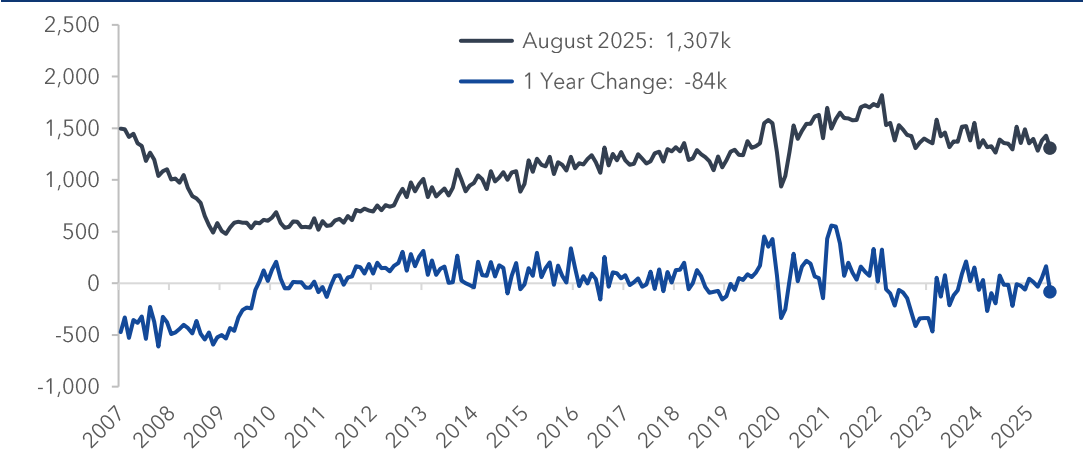
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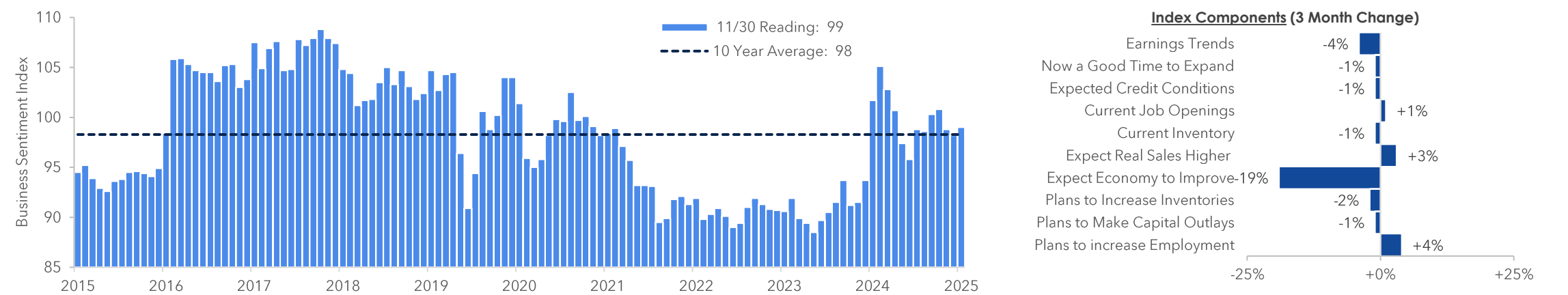
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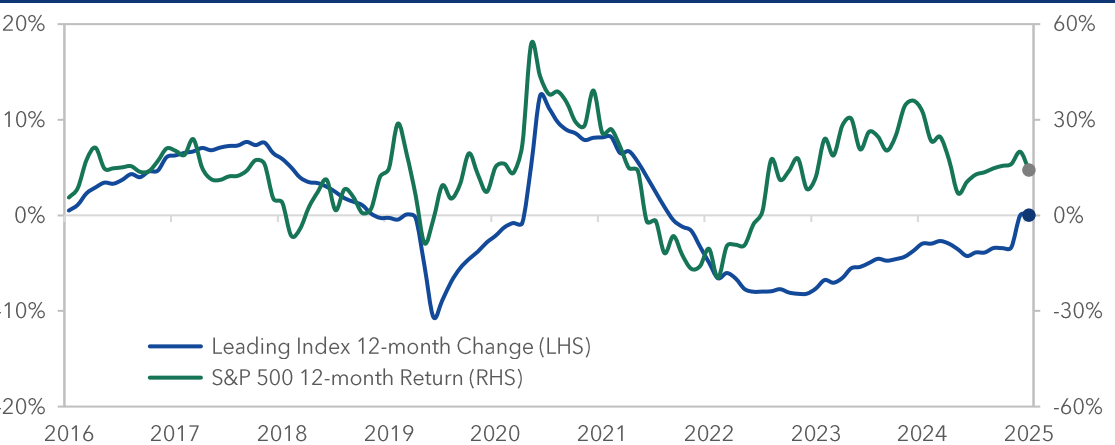
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# Business Activity & Sentiment

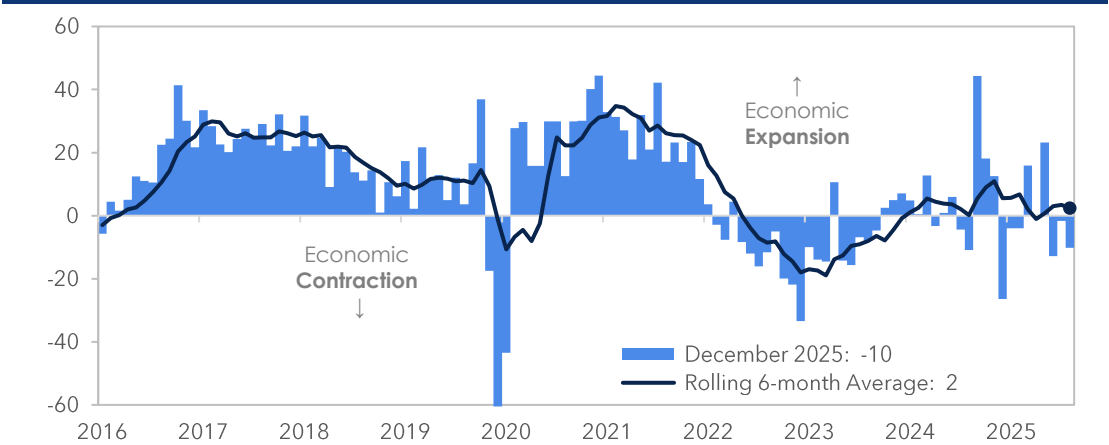
**National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Small Business Optimism Index & Components**  
Small businesses make up ~50% of the U.S. workforce. This index provides a pulse on small business owners' outlook



**Leading Economic Index vs S&P 500 Return**  
Last 10 years of monthly data from Federal Reserve



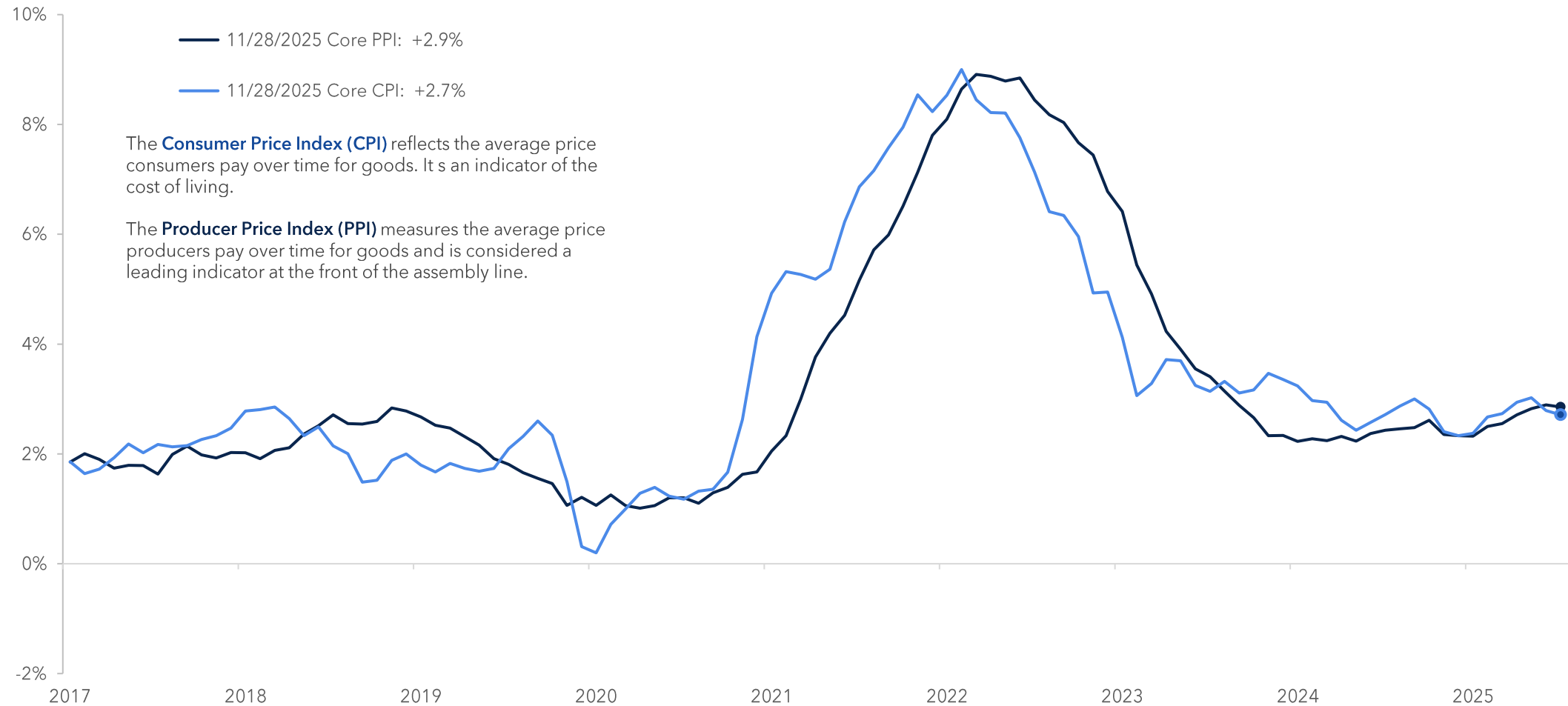
**Philadelphia Federal Reserve Business Index**  
Readings of more (less) than zero signal expansion (contraction)



Disclosures: Data sourced from Federal Reserve. Performance is based on price returns of the S&P 500 Index.

# CPI vs PPI

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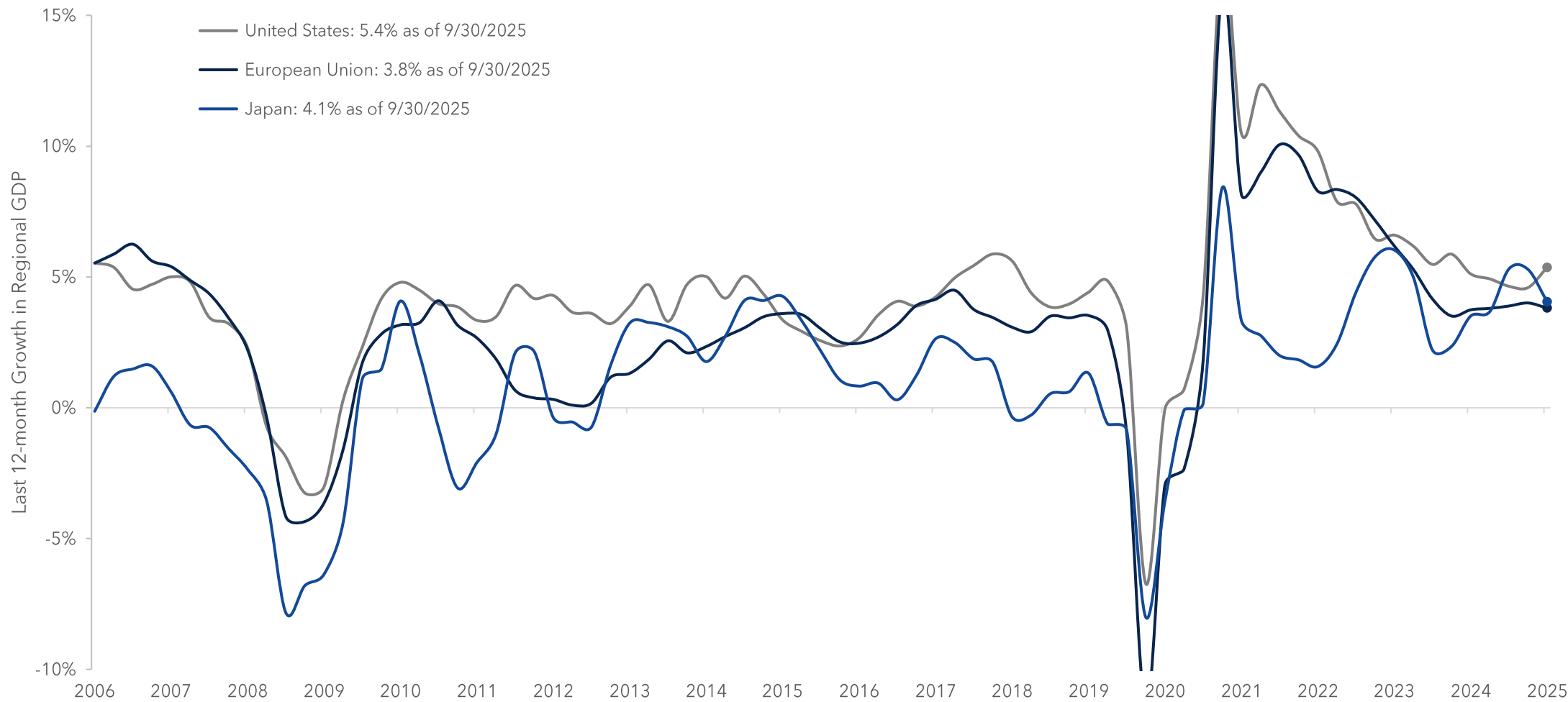
# Global Economics

Regional GDP & Oil Industry



# Global GDP Growth

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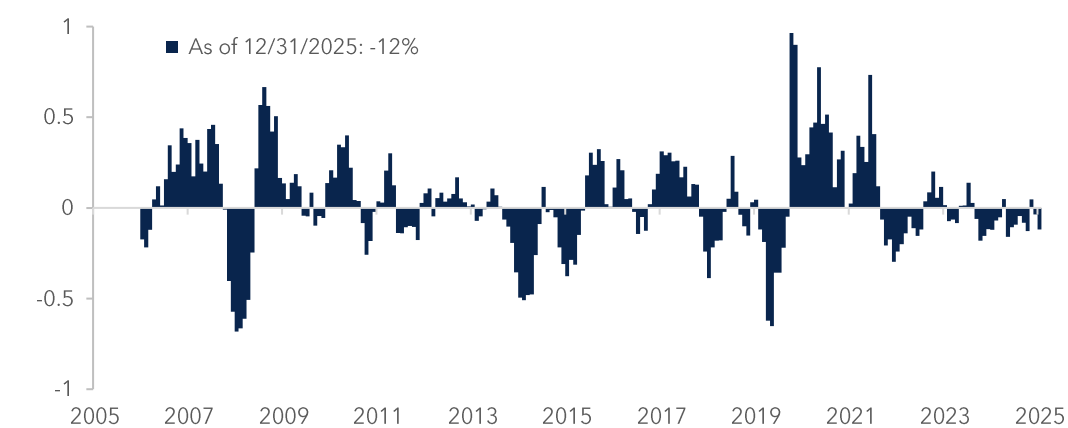
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# Oil Update

**Price of WTI Crude Oil**  
20 years of monthly datapoints



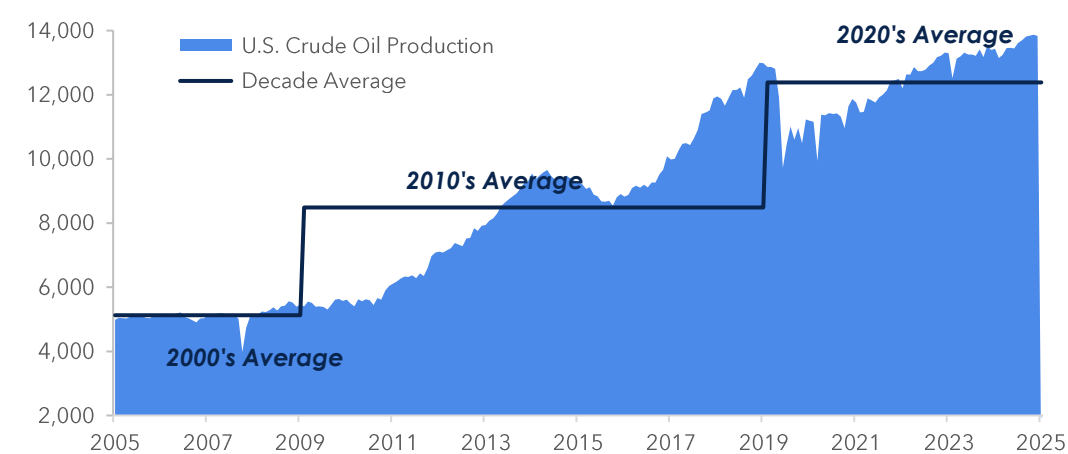
**Rolling 6 Month Change in Oil Prices**  
20 years of monthly datapoints



**Total U.S. Rig Count**  
Oil & Gas Rig Count from Energy Information Administration (EIA)



**U.S. Crude Oil Production**  
Barrels per day in 000s



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# Definitions

<b>Consumer Price Index (CPI)</b>	Measures the changes in the price level of a basket of consumer goods and services purchased by households. .
<b>Economic Contraction</b>	A phase of the economic business cycle, typically after the peak, in which the economy as a whole declines.
<b>Economic Expansion</b>	A phase of the economic business cycle, typically after the trough, in which the economy as a whole grows.
<b>Home Price Index</b>	A broad measure of the movement of single-family house prices in each city across the United States.
<b>Home Sales (Existing)</b>	An economic indicator that reflects the number of homes that have previously been constructed and are now being resold.
<b>Home Sales (Pending)</b>	An economic indicator that reflects the number of homes that are being sold but have not been finalized.
<b>Household Debt Service Ratio</b>	The ratio of total required household debt payments to total disposable income
<b>Inflation</b>	A general rise in price level relative to available goods and services
<b>Inventory to Sales Ratio</b>	A measure of the amount of inventory companies are holding versus the number of sales
<b>Leading Economic Index</b>	An economic leading indicator intended to forecast future economic activity calculated by The Conference Board, a non-governmental organization. The value of the index is derived from the values of ten key variables.
<b>NFIB Small Business Optimism Index</b>	A measure of small business health in the United States.
<b>Personal Savings Rate</b>	A percentage of disposable personal income for the broad population
<b>Philadelphia Fed Business Index:</b>	A regional federal reserve bank index measuring changes in business growth. A value above (below) zero indicates growth (contraction).
<b>Producer Price Index (PPI)</b>	Measures the average changes in prices received by domestic producers for their output.
<b>Real Yield:</b>	Calculated as the Nominal Yield minus CPI rate
<b>Retail Sales</b>	A measure of consumer demand for goods based on purchases of durable and non-durable goods over a defined period of time
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	A lagging economic indicator which is calculated as the percent of the labor force that is jobless
<b>University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index</b>	A monthly survey that asks consumers questions about their financial standing and views on both the current

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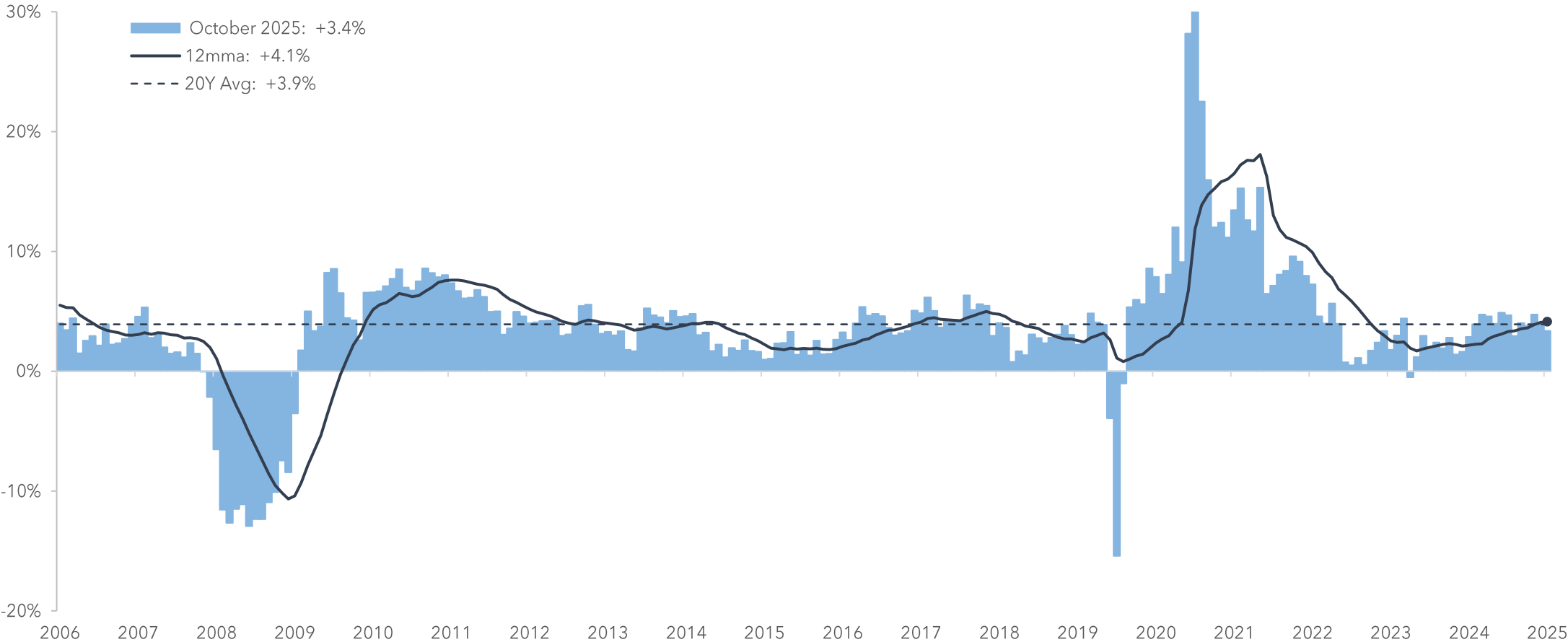
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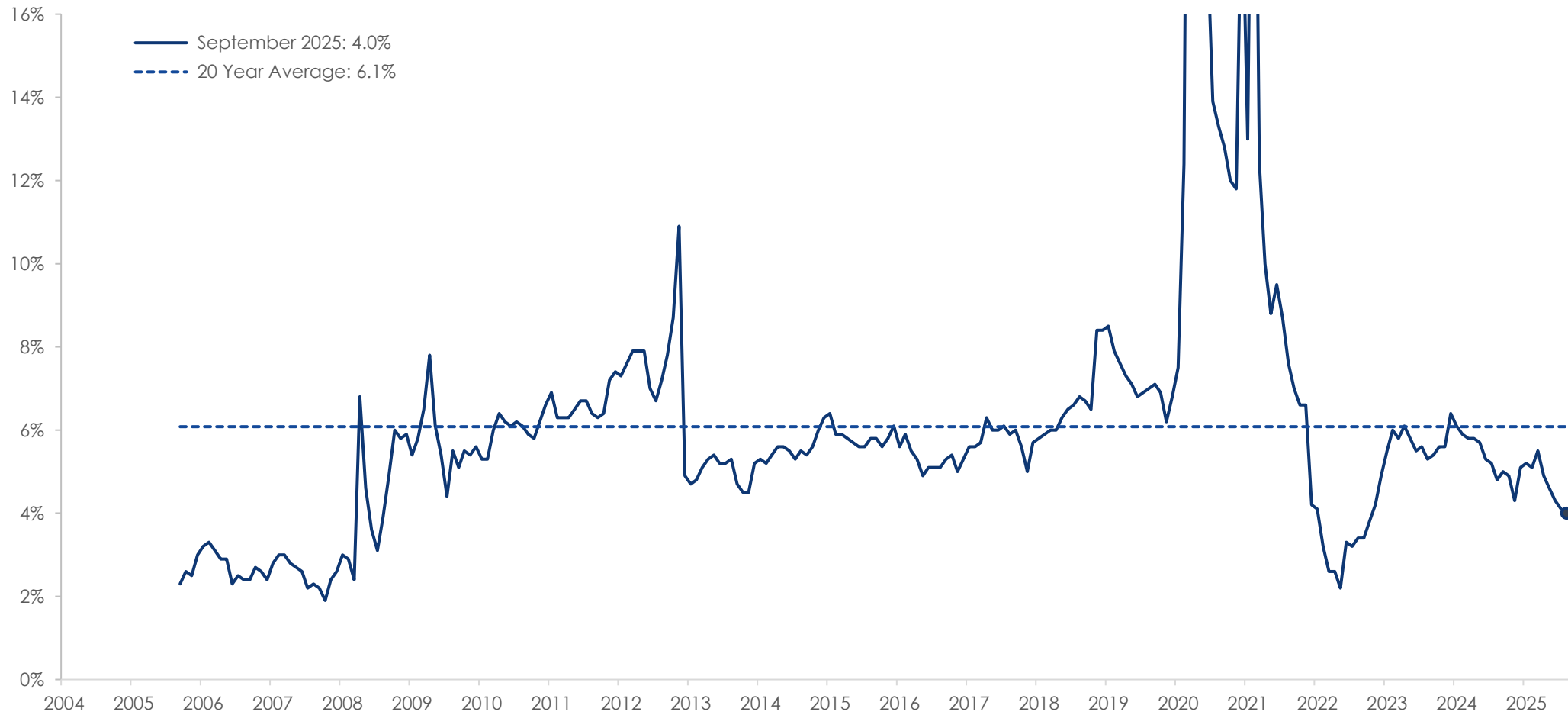
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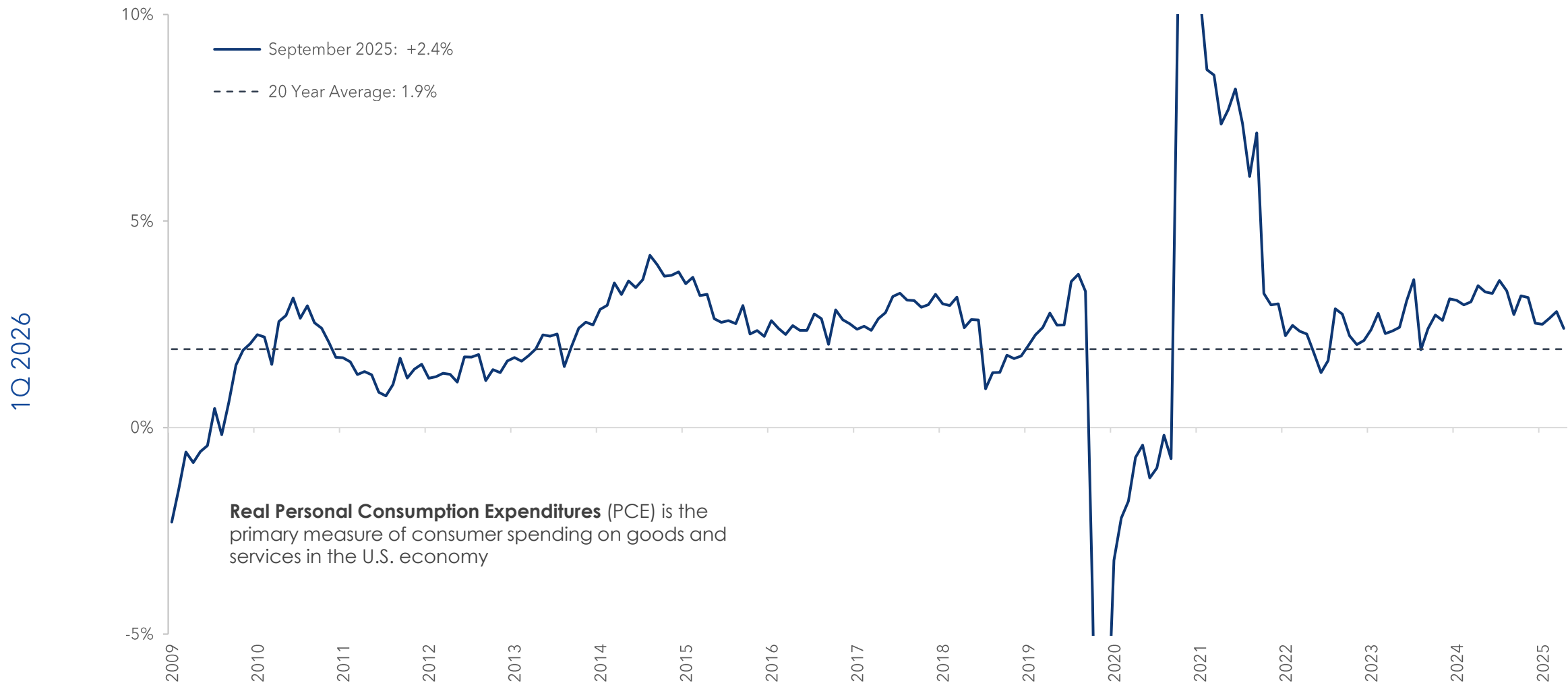
# Personal Savings Rate (% of disposable income)

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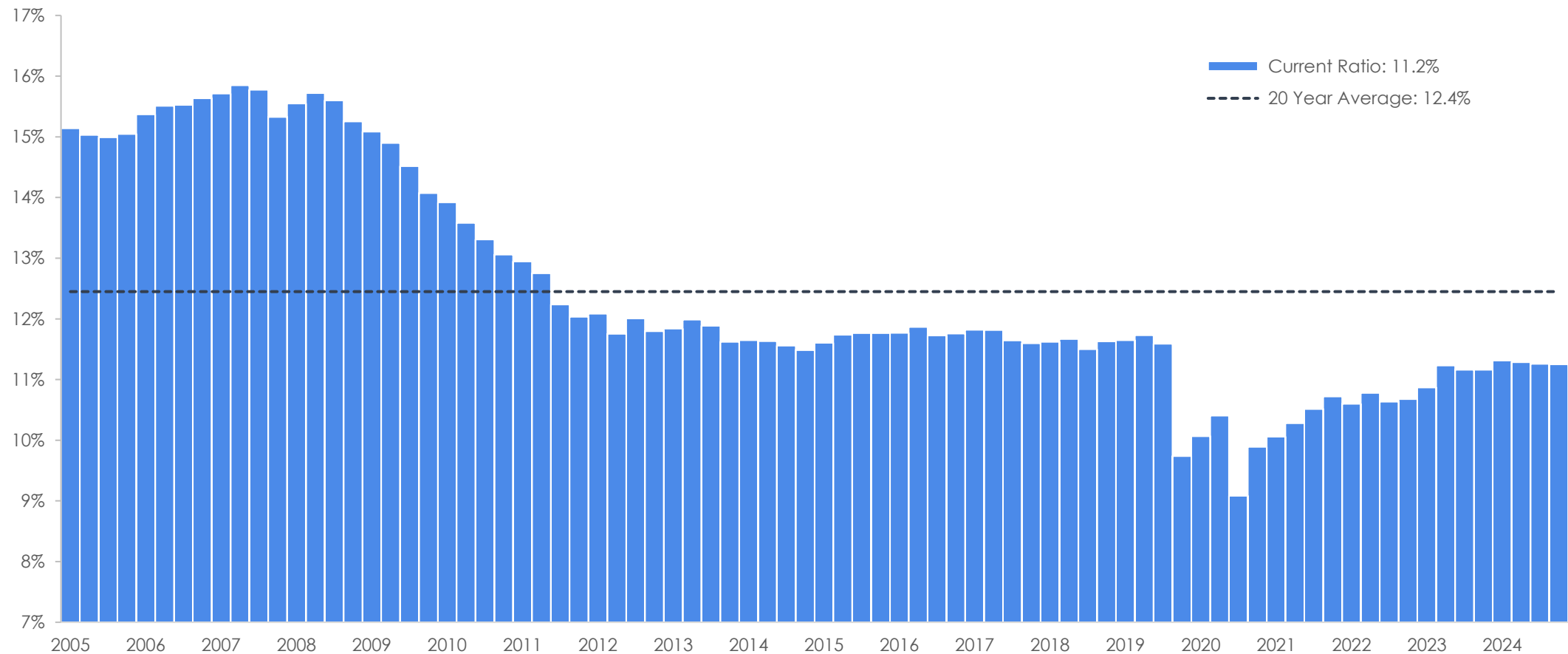
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Household Debt Service Ratio  
Percent of disposable personal income

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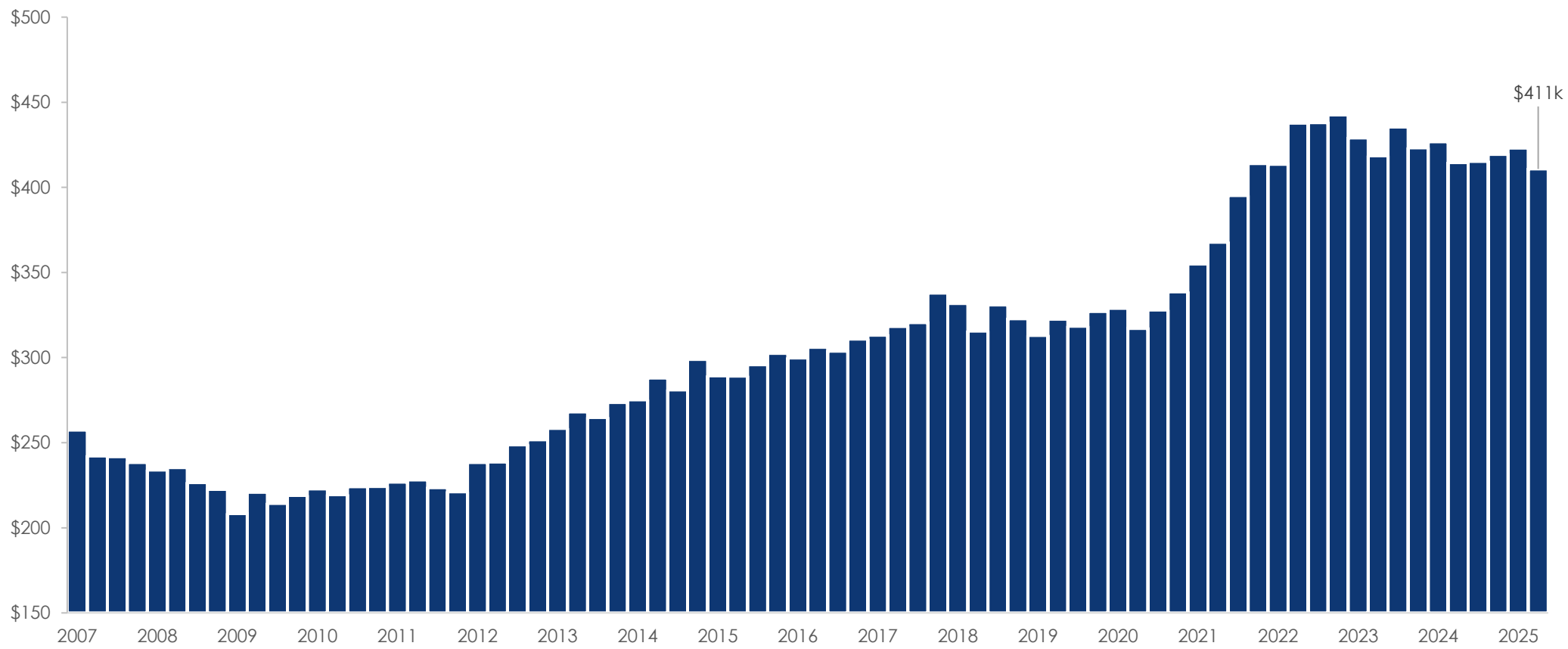


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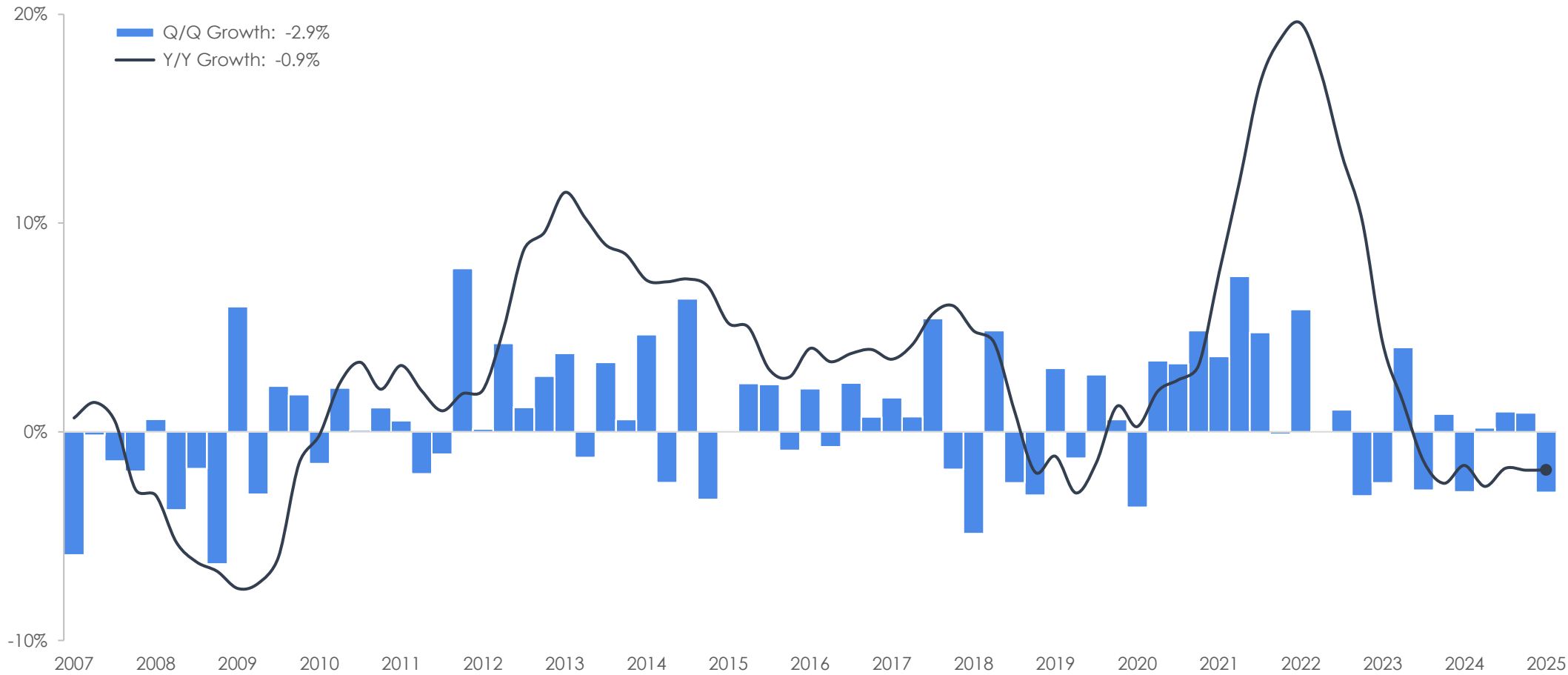


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# U.S. Home Prices

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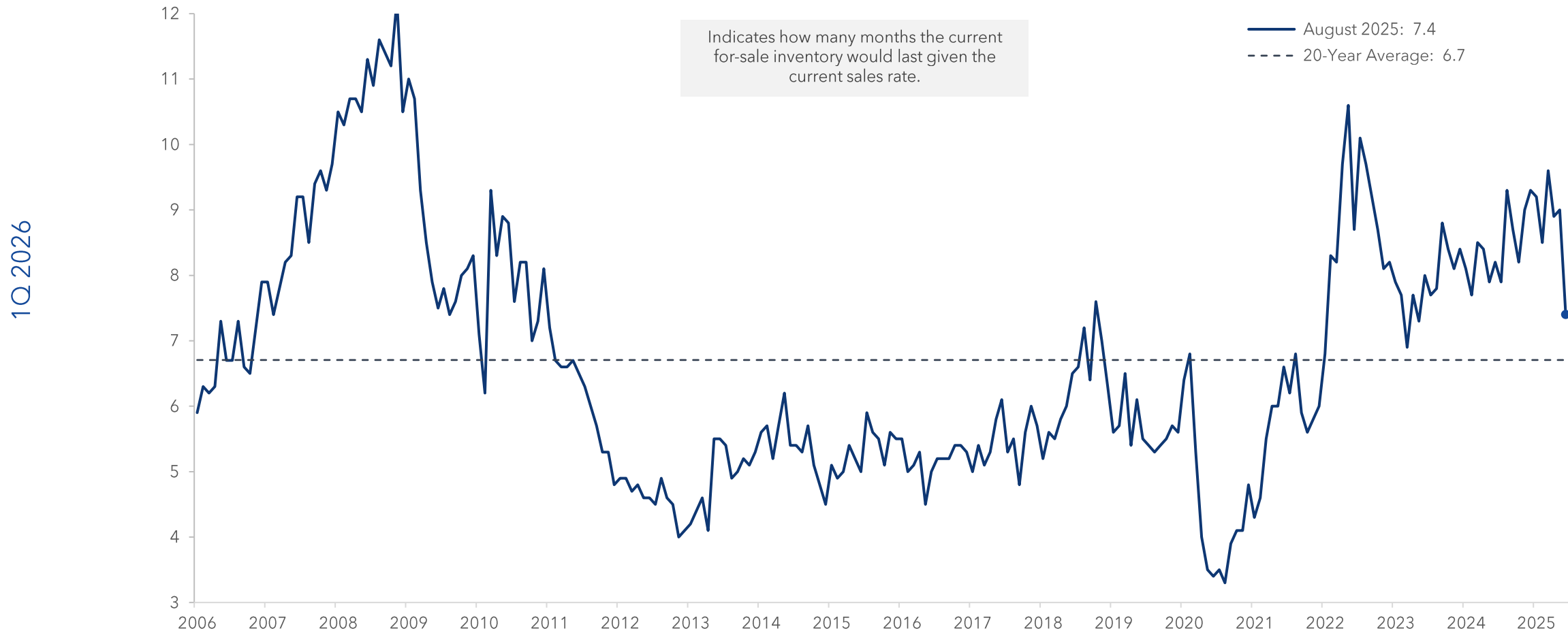
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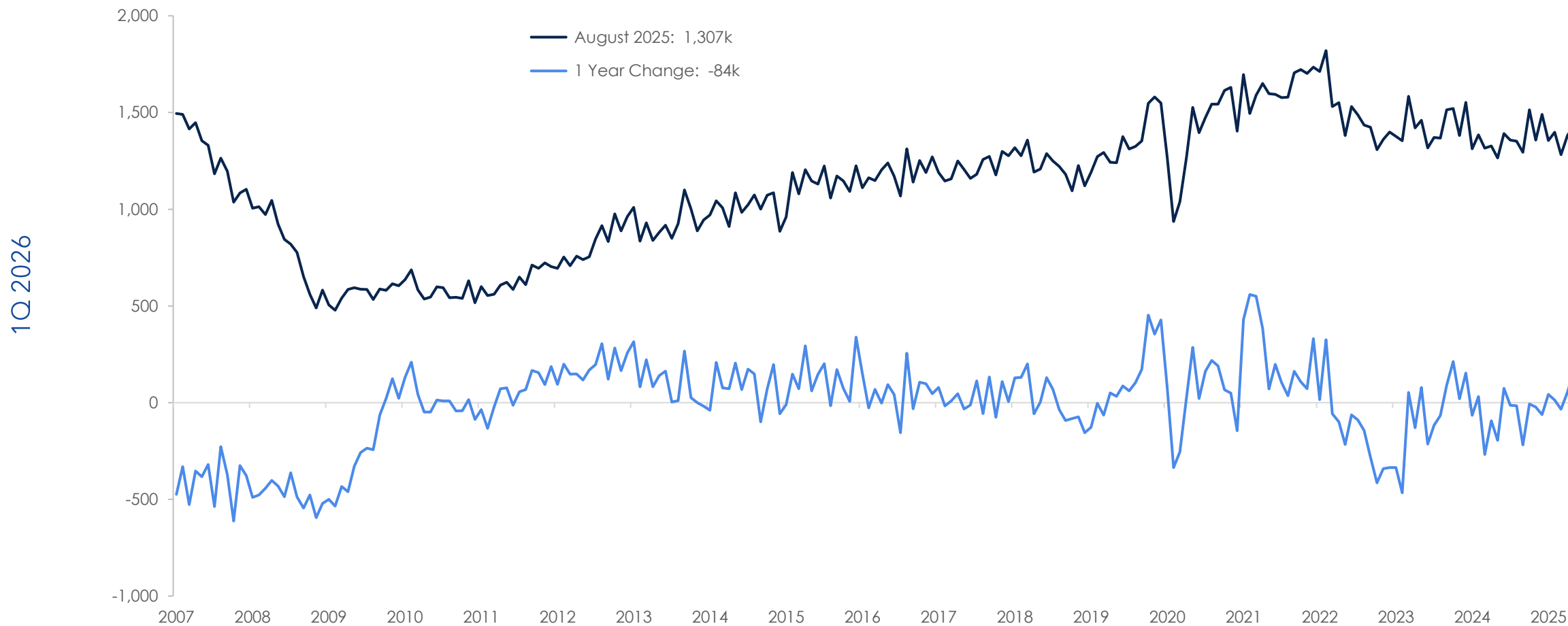


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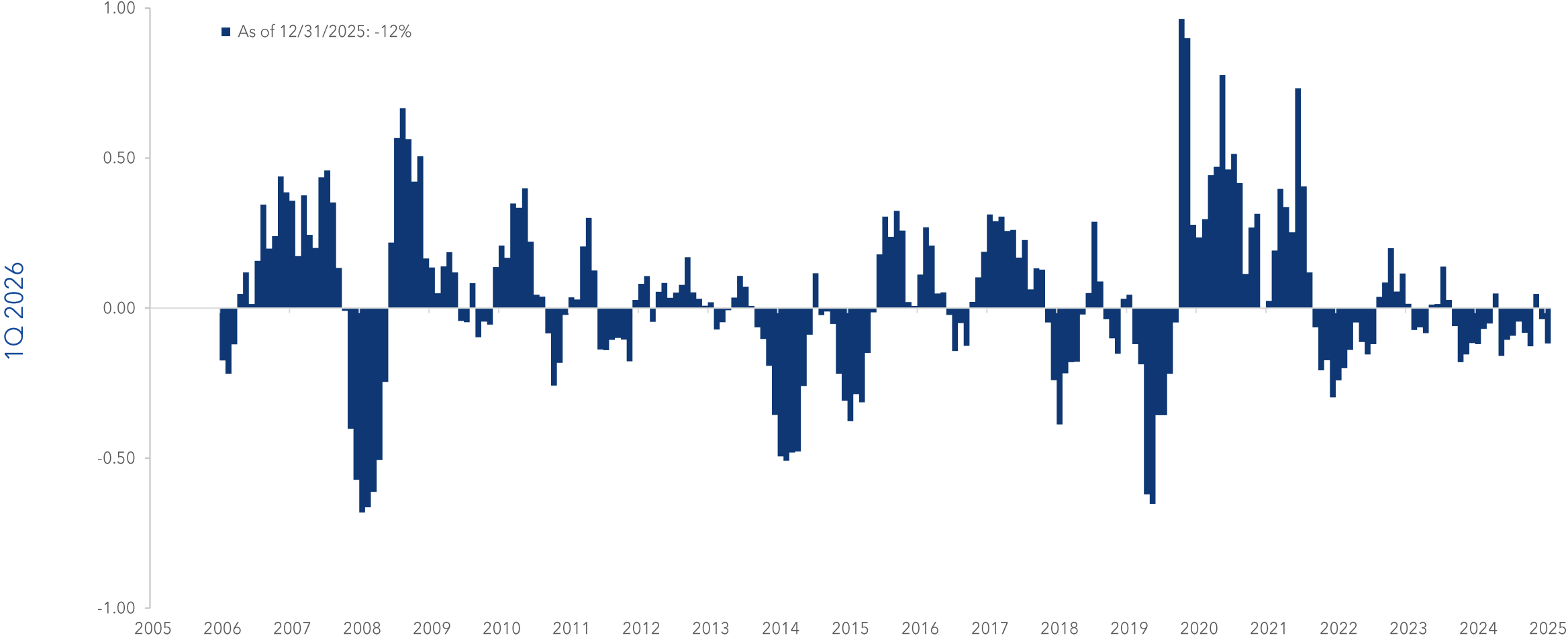
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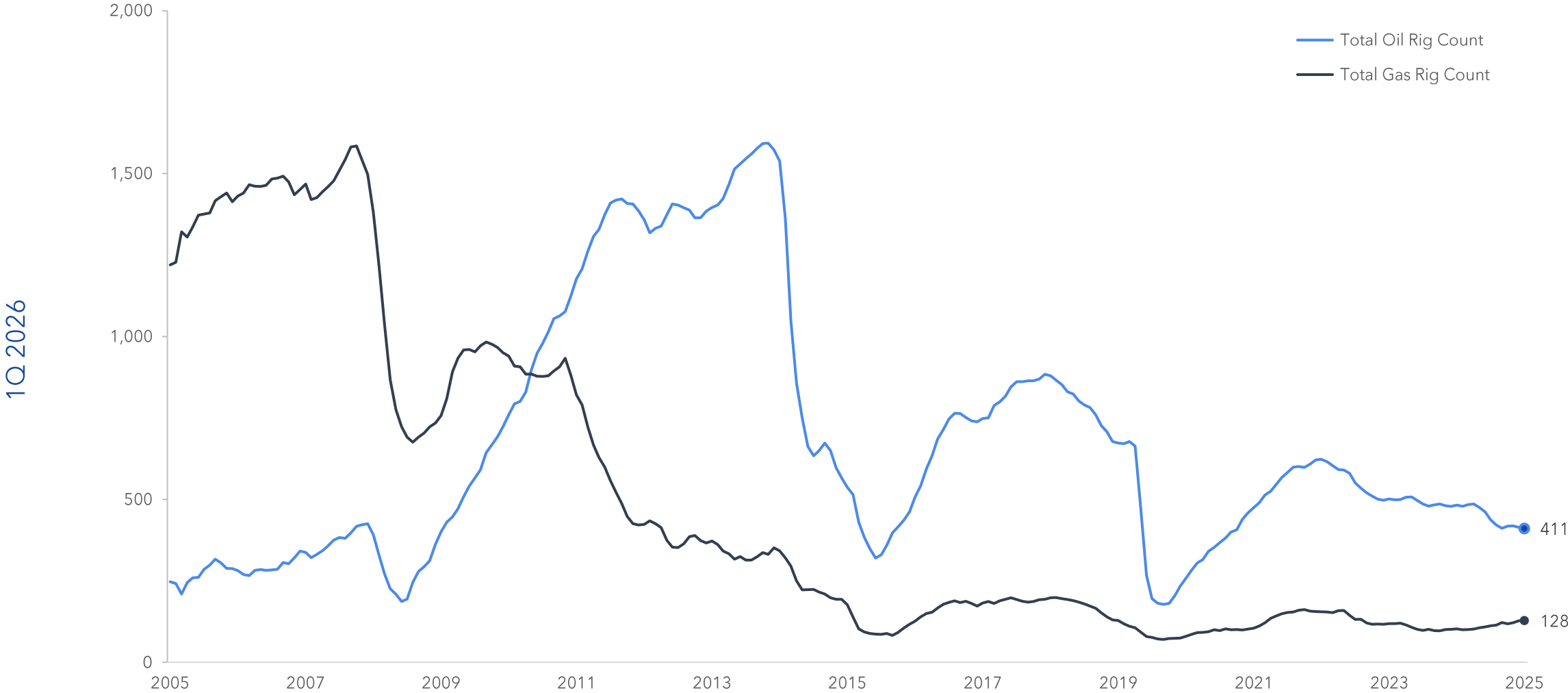
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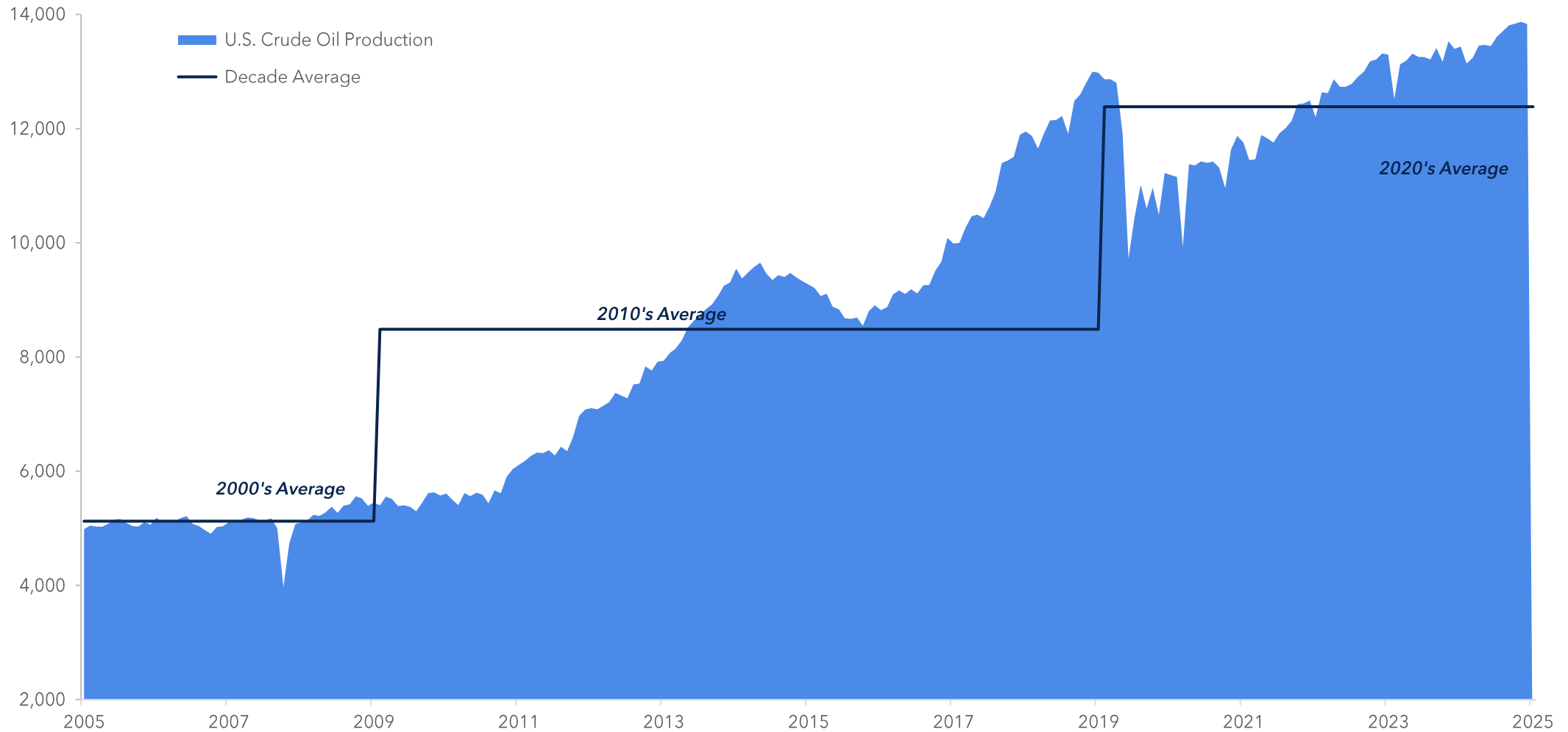
# Total U.S. Rig Count



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# U.S. Crude Oil Production (Barrels per day in 000s)

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