



2026 Roaring Fork Valley Business Summit

October 8, 2026

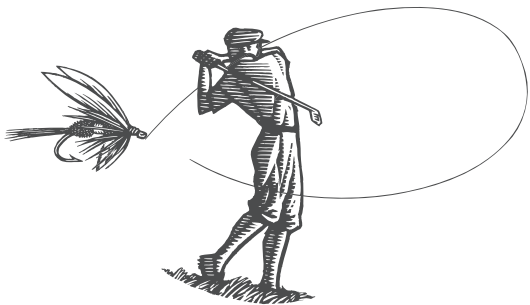
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Valley View: Caring for the Region



Willits Care Center



Valley View Surgery Center at Basalt



Willits Care Center



Roaring Fork Family Practice



Dr. Jenny Connery

Carbondale:
Thursday
Willits:
Monday & Friday



Dr. Mitchell Darnell

Carbondale:
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday



Dr. Andrew Gisleson

Carbondale:
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday
Willits:
Thursday



Dr. Michael Goralka

Carbondale:
Monday – Wednesday
Willits:
Friday



Dr. Haley Hofman

Willits:
Monday – Thursday



Dr. Caroline Riddle

Carbondale:
Monday, Tuesday &
Thursday
Willits:
Wednesday



Dr. Lauren Sontag

Carbondale:
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Greg Holley, PA-C

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Caryn Peters, PA-C

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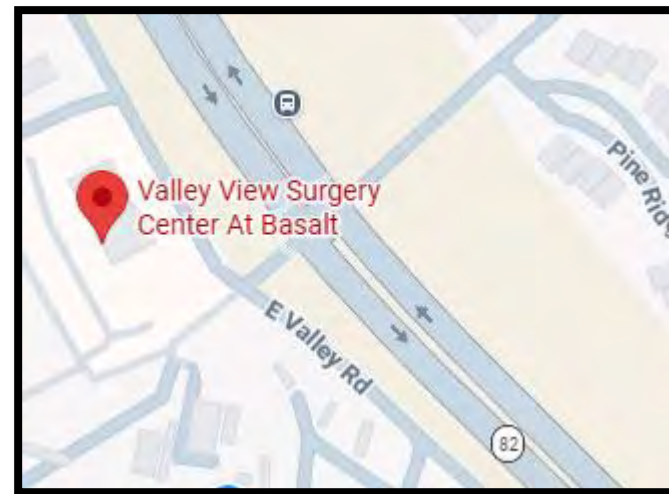
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LOCATIONS

CARBONDALE:
978 Euclid Avenue
Carbondale
970.963.3350

WILLITS:
350 Market St.
Basalt
970.384.7115

Surgery Center at Basalt



Valley View Specialists



Dr. Felipe Ituarte
Orthopedic Spine
Surgeon



Dr. Giora Hahn
International Pain
Management



Dr. Tomas Pevny
Orthopedic Surgeon &
Sports Medicine



Dr. Michael Baird
Gastroenterologist



Dr. Emilie Dalton
Gastroenterologist



Dr. Matt Johnson
Otolaryngologist (ENT)

Mammograms Matter



Schedule directly with Valley View Imaging at
vvh.org/imaging or **970.384.7640**.

Thank You



Valley View Hospital, 2026



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Town Council:



David Knight- Mayor



Greg Shaffran



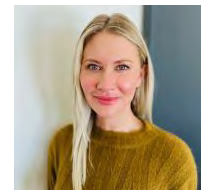
Hannah Berman- Mayor Pro Tem



Elyse Hottel



Angele Dupre-Buchart



Angela Anderson-Ward



Rick Stevens



2026-28 Council Priorities

Traffic Safety and Infrastructure

- Actualize Public Services Facility
 - Create second egresses to one egress neighborhoods (Southside and Original Rd)
 - Continue with Willits Lane Safety and Mobility Project
 - Continue with Phase II Safe Routes to School Confluence Park Project
 - Install Wayfinding Signs
 - Create an E-Bike Ordinance
 - Refine the Lighting Code
 - Implement Speed Cameras

Addressing Climate Change

- Create a Ban on Gas Lawn Equipment
- Monitor Wildfire state legislation and local funding opportunities
- Create a Construction and Demolition Policy
- Continue implementation of Building Benchmarking Program
- Evaluate REMP Programs and Fees



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Affordable Housing

- Complete Parcel 9 16 unit for-sale affordable housing
- Adopt an affordable Housing Funding Roadmap and Capital Plan
- Explore policies to support senior specific housing
- Review STR Program and Funding

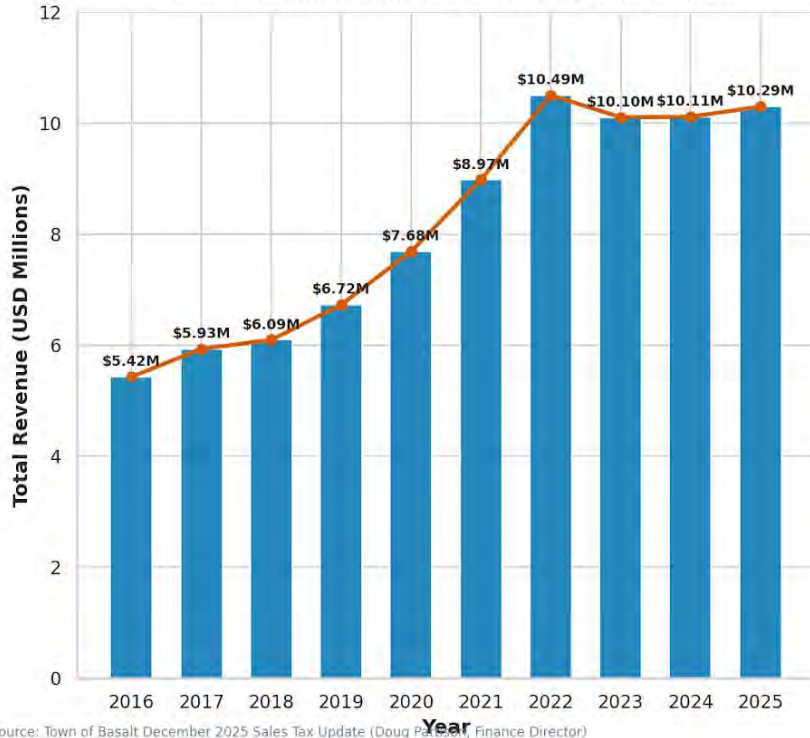
Community Engagement and Partnerships

- Better engage our Latinx Community
- Evaluate Community Committees and Boards Structure
- Implement accessible and effective ways to engage the public
- Begin gathering data for an update to the Master Plan
- Update the POST Master Plan
- Hold a Meyers Joint Planning Session with Town of Basalt and Pitkin County
- Create an Economic Development Committee and evaluate economic partnerships (Chamber and NWCCOG)

Tracking these priorities is live on the Basalt.net

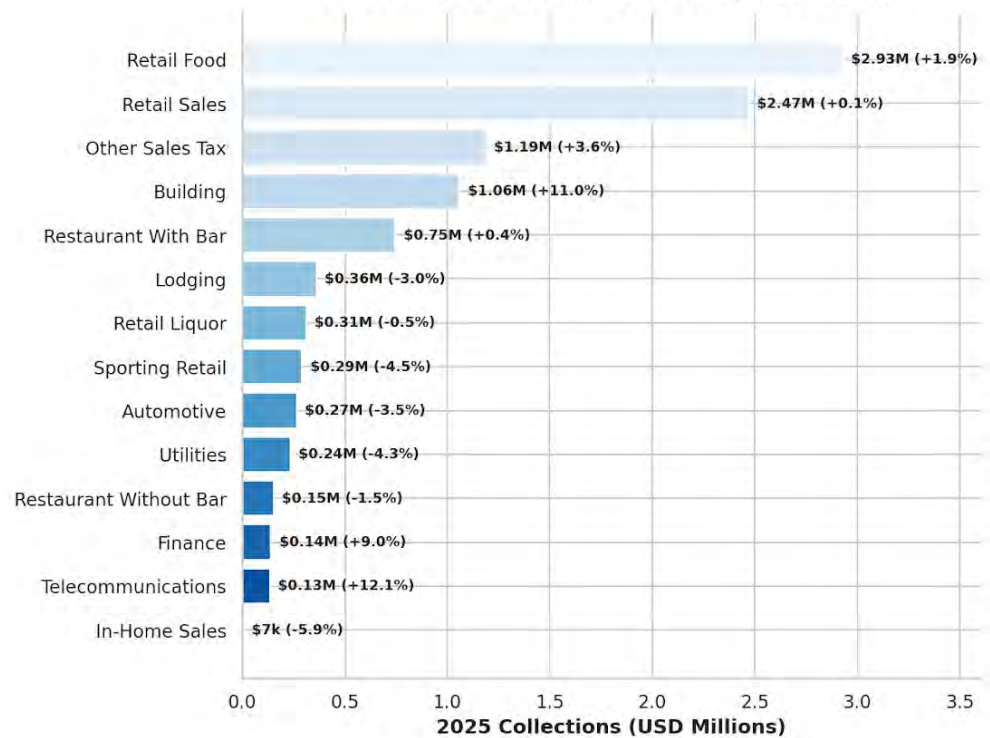
2016-2025 Sales Tax Trends

A. 10-Year Annual Sales Tax Trajectory (2016-2025)



Source: Town of Basalt December 2025 Sales Tax Update (Doug Patterson, Finance Director)

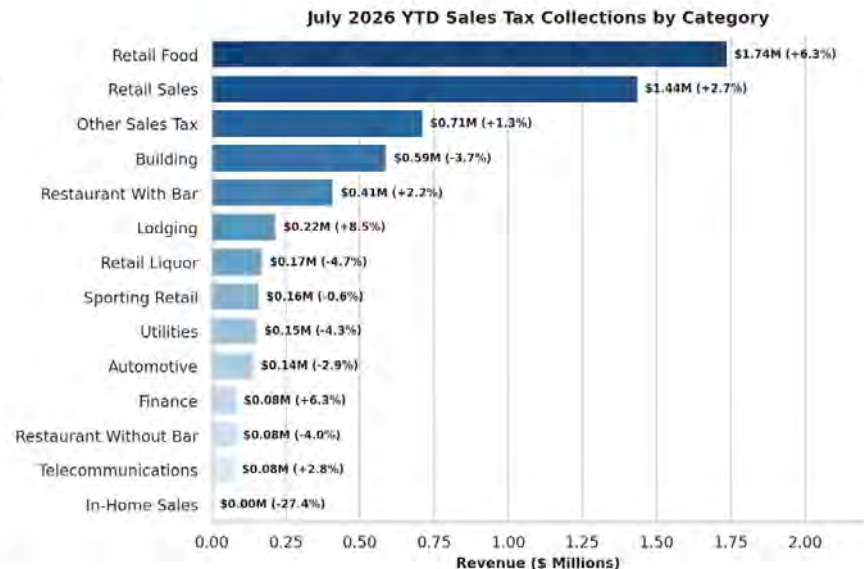
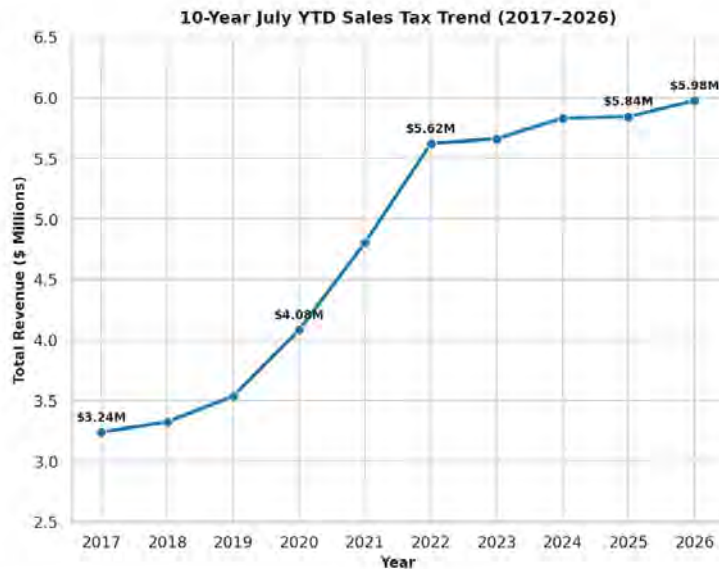
B. 2025 Full-Year Revenue by Category & YoY Change





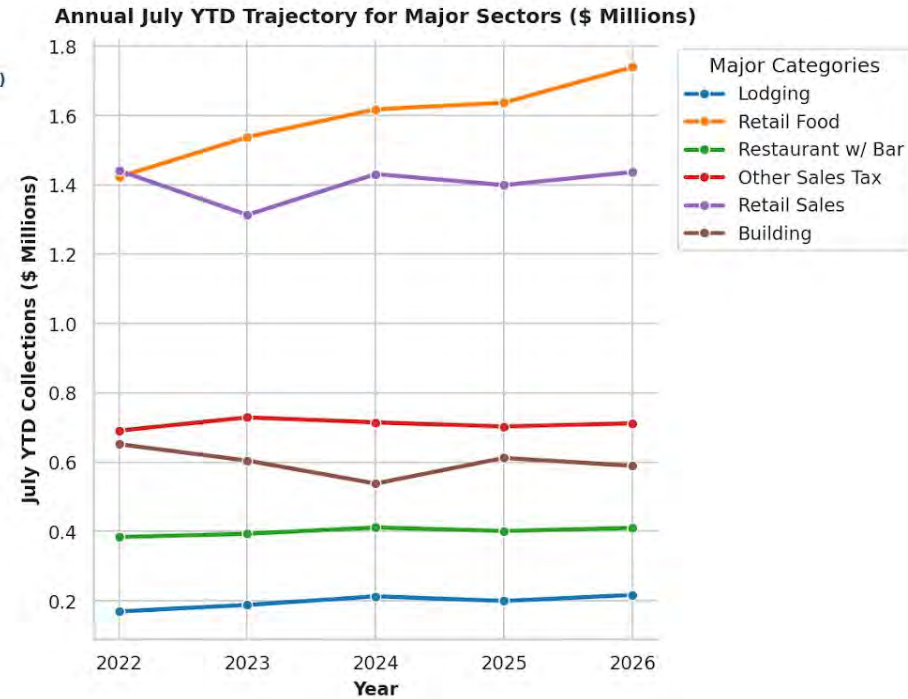
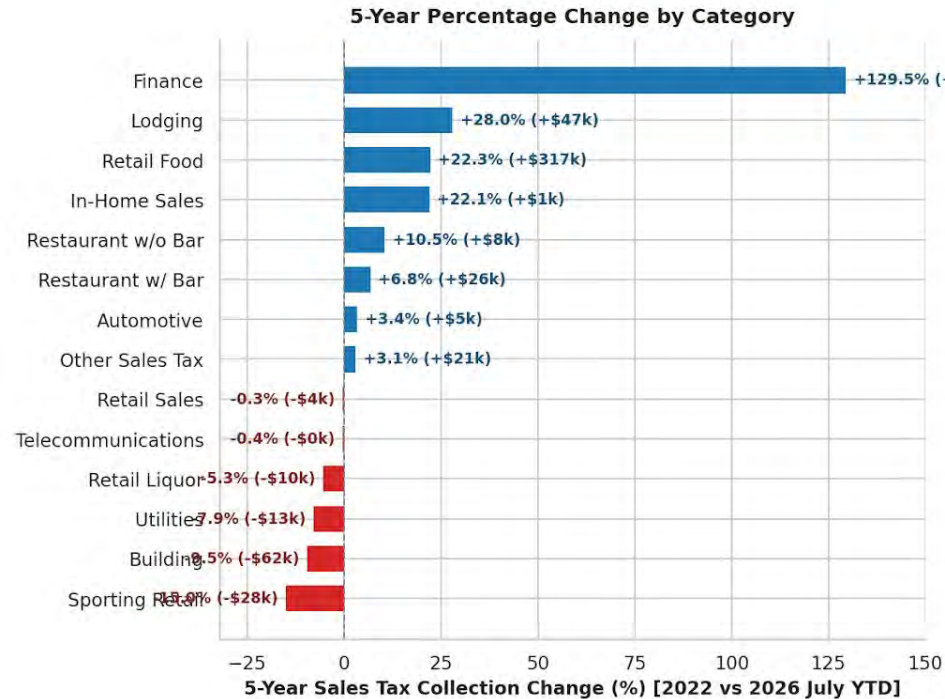
2026 July Sales Tax Comparison

Basalt YTD Sales Tax Reaches Record \$5.98M in 2026 (+2.3% YoY), Led by Retail Food & Sales



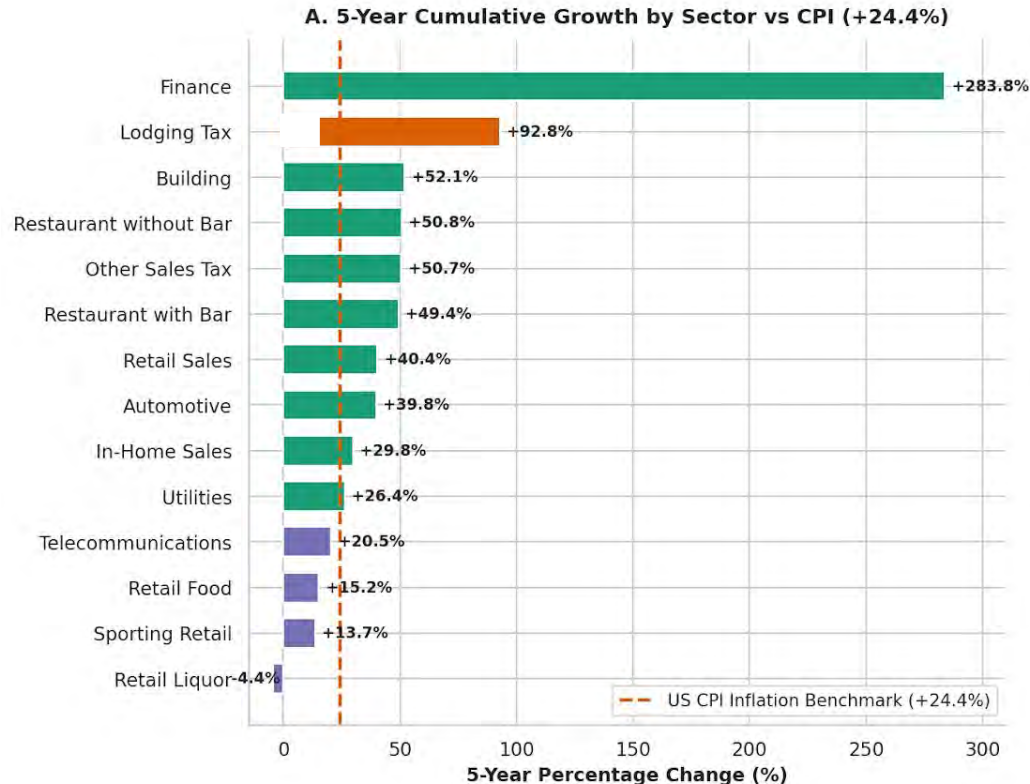
Source: Town of Basalt July YTD Sales Tax Update Report (Through Bottoms Finance Division)

2020-2025 Sales Tax Change by Category



Source: Town of Basalt July 2026 Sales Tax Report (July YTD Collections)

2020-2025 Sales Tax Categories vs. US CPI Inflation



2020-2026 Lodging Tax 4% (+2% in 2026)

**2026 figure reflects August YTD collections (\$310.8k)*



Source: Town of Basalt Lodging Tax Summary 2016-2026



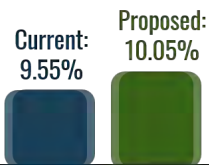
Public Services Building

Combines Public Works and Police Departments

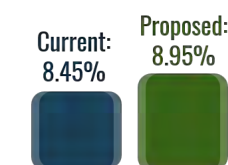
\$25 million price tag



TOTAL RATE:
10.05%
Includes County, State, RTA
and Early Childhood Tax
alongside the new town rate.



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Public Services Building

- \$25M estimated cost
- \$7M Town reserves
- Up to \$18M potential financing

Community engagement and
early design in 2026

0.5% sales tax measure on
ballot in November 2026

Pending voter approval, design
and construction will follow
in 2027-2028

Facility would open
in late 2028



Midland Streetscape Light Update

Plowing service to continue on Midland

Confluence Park/Emma Bridge Updates

Midland Design Guidelines

Parking





Monthly Newsletter



Schedule a meeting with me



August 2026

In This Newsletter

Safe Routes to School Update
New Catenary Lights
Basalt and TACAW Partner in Youth Space
Meet Basalt's Planning Director
Asphalt Work Starting September 1
Free Curbside Pick-Up for Branches and Brush
Movies in the Park

Safe Routes to School Project Nears Completion



The Town of Basalt's Safe Routes to School project is progressing with custom planters arriving at the bridge and crews completing landscaping and other finishing work in the coming weeks.

The planters, which span portions of the bridge, along with additional concrete work and landscaping, will complete the improvements designed to create a safer and more welcoming connection between downtown, the schools, Highway 82 and public transportation.

The finishing work will not require a closure of the bridge and access to the schools will remain open. Crews have established and will maintain safe pedestrian access across the bridges throughout construction.

The project addresses structural and drainage deficiencies on the Emma Bridge while adding ADA-accessible sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements, safer





BASALT 125

A CELEBRATION OF OUR PAST AND OUR PRESENT

JOIN US

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

12-6:30 P.M. @ ARBANEY PARK

- KIDS CRAFTS - HISTORY TOURS - BOUNCE HOUSE - TIME CAPSULE -

PLEASE PARK AT BASALT ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE SCHOOL & WALK THE
PATH TO ARBANEY PARK. ADA PARKING AVAILABLE AT ARBANEY PARK.

12 - 2 PM LUNCH w/BASALT LIONS CLUB

12 - 2 PM KID'S LEMONADE STANDS

12 - 5 PM HARVEST MARKET - LOCAL FARMS

1 PM TOWN PHOTO

2 PM PIE BAKING COMPETITION

3 - 4 PM UTE TRIBE DANCE & PERFORMANCE

4 PM - MUSIC BY MALQUERIDOS

5 - 6:30 PM - MUSIC BY A BAND CALLED ALEXIS



PHOTO: ASPEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FOR A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS & INFORMATION ON
THE PIE CONTEST VISIT OUR WEBSITE - WWW.BASALT.NET





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State of the Economy
Nicholas Sly

U.S. Economic Conditions

October 2026

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Denver Branch Executive, Vice President and Economist

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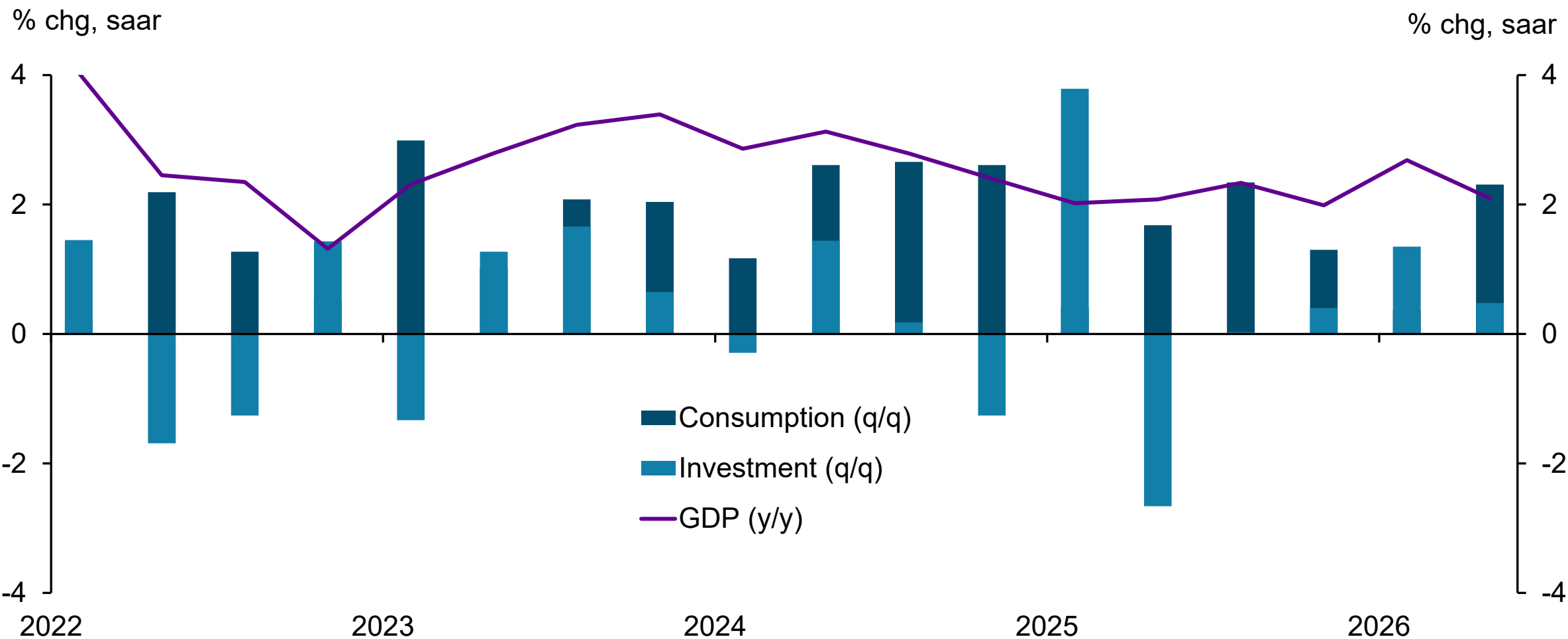


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Outlook Themes

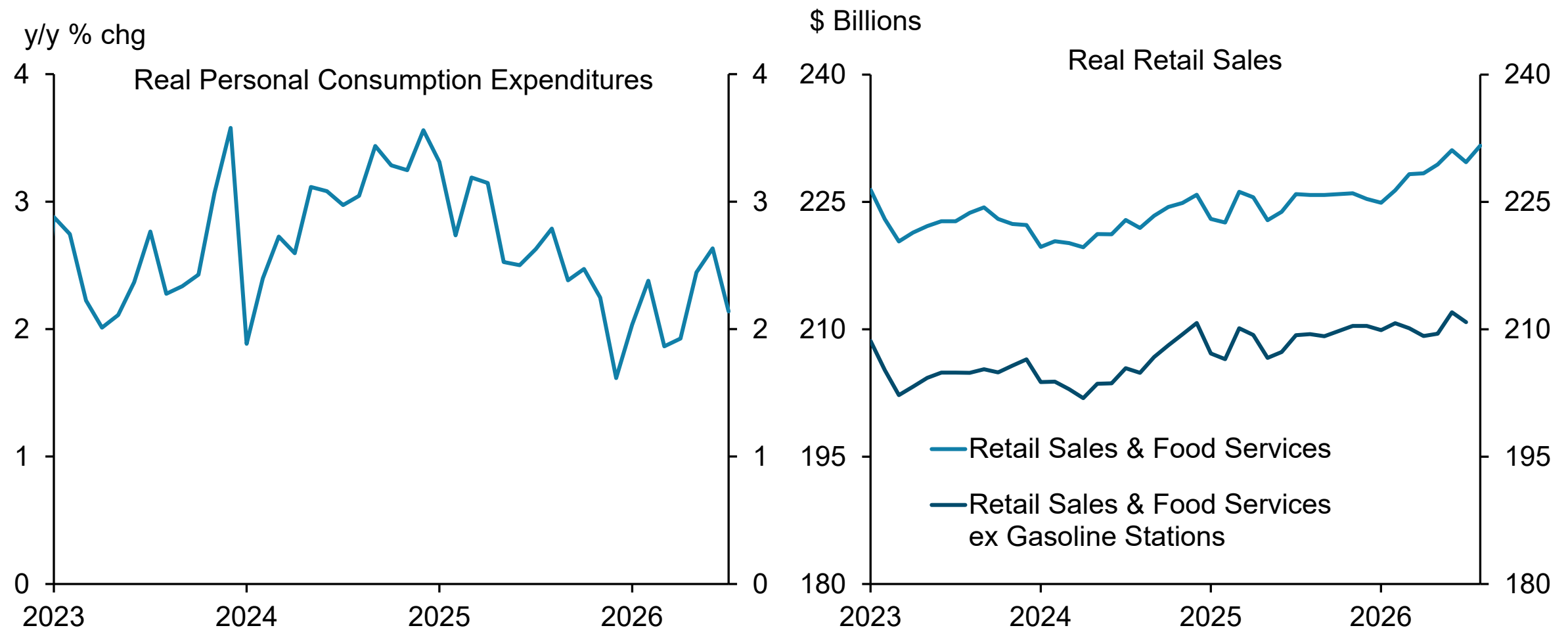
- Overall U.S. economic growth remains steady.
- The labor market is generally in balance in aggregate.
- Wage growth has returned to historical norms, but some indications point to higher expected wage growth.
- AI technologies appear to be oriented toward the more volatile aspects of the U.S. economy.
- Inflation remains elevated, driven by broad price increases for consumers.

Economic growth remains steady, driven by private investment and consumption



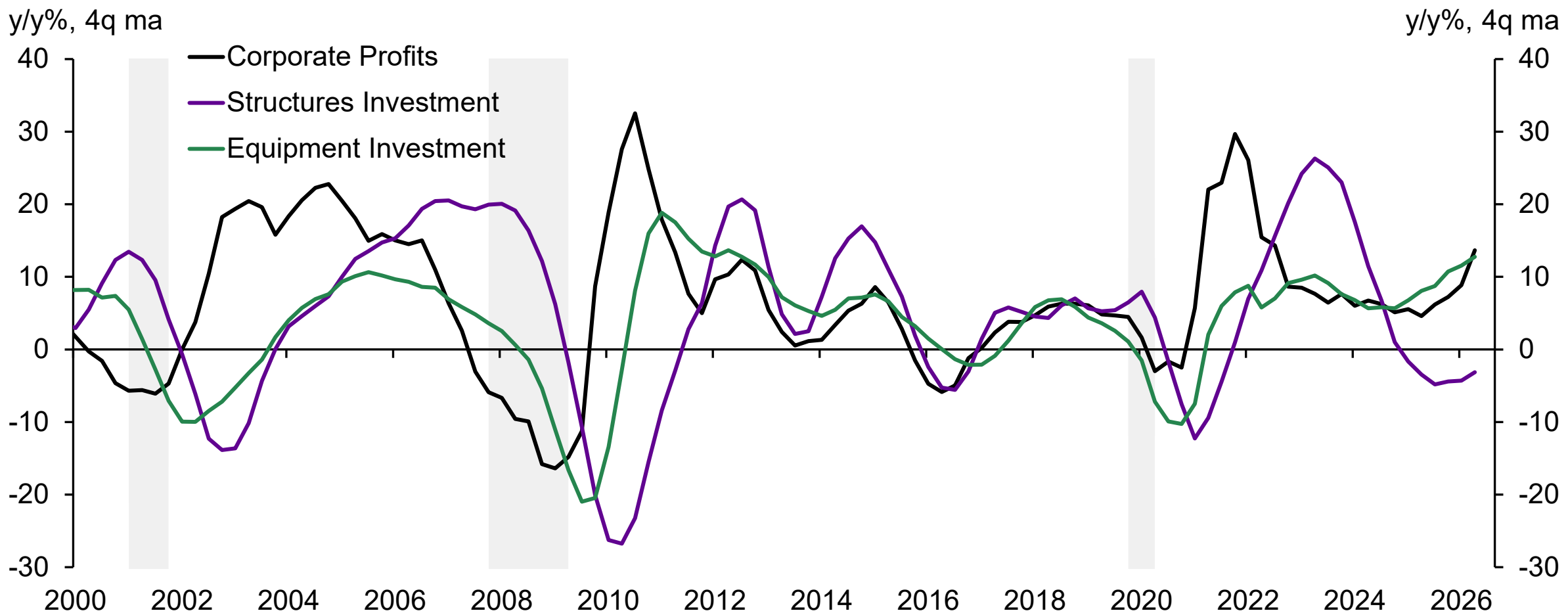
Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Haver Analytics.

Consumption growth has been steady



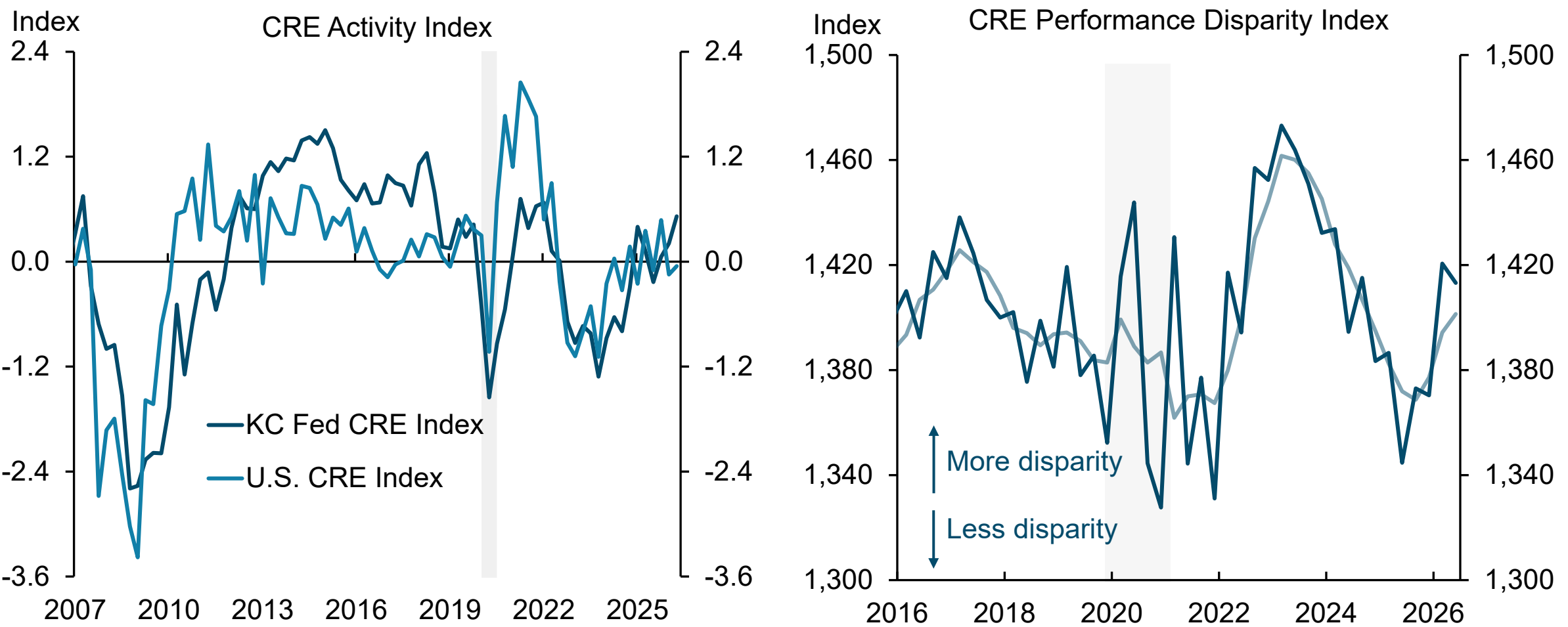
Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics.

Ongoing growth in corporate profits points to sustained growth in investment

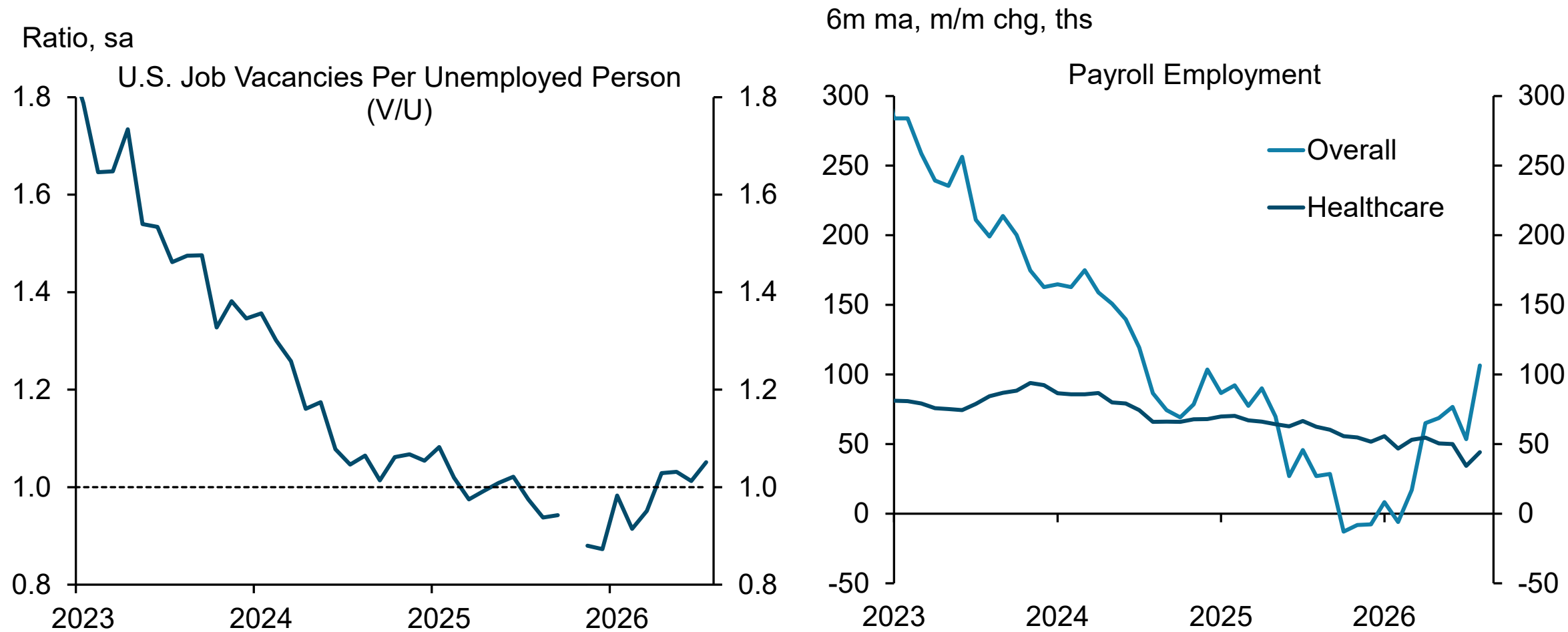


Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Haver Analytics.
Note: Gray bars indicate recession periods.

As CRE conditions stabilized recently, asset performance showed increasing granularity with higher dispersion in yields across locations and segments



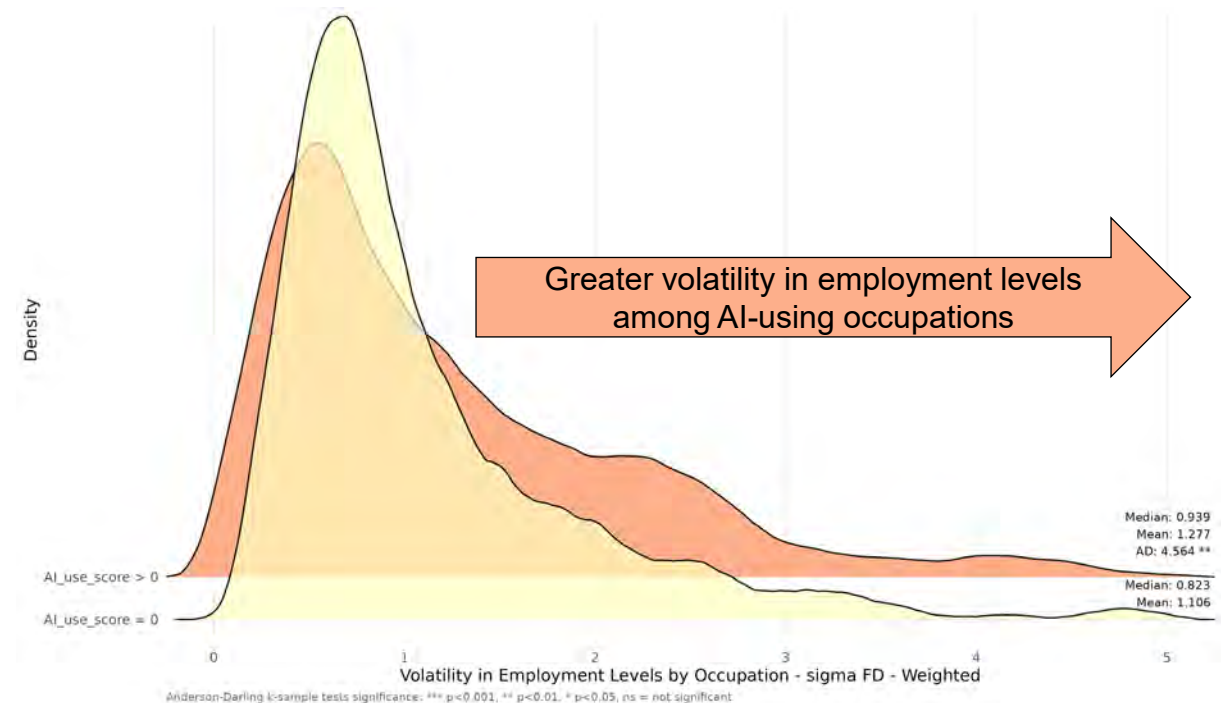
Labor markets remain in balance even as job growth has cooled



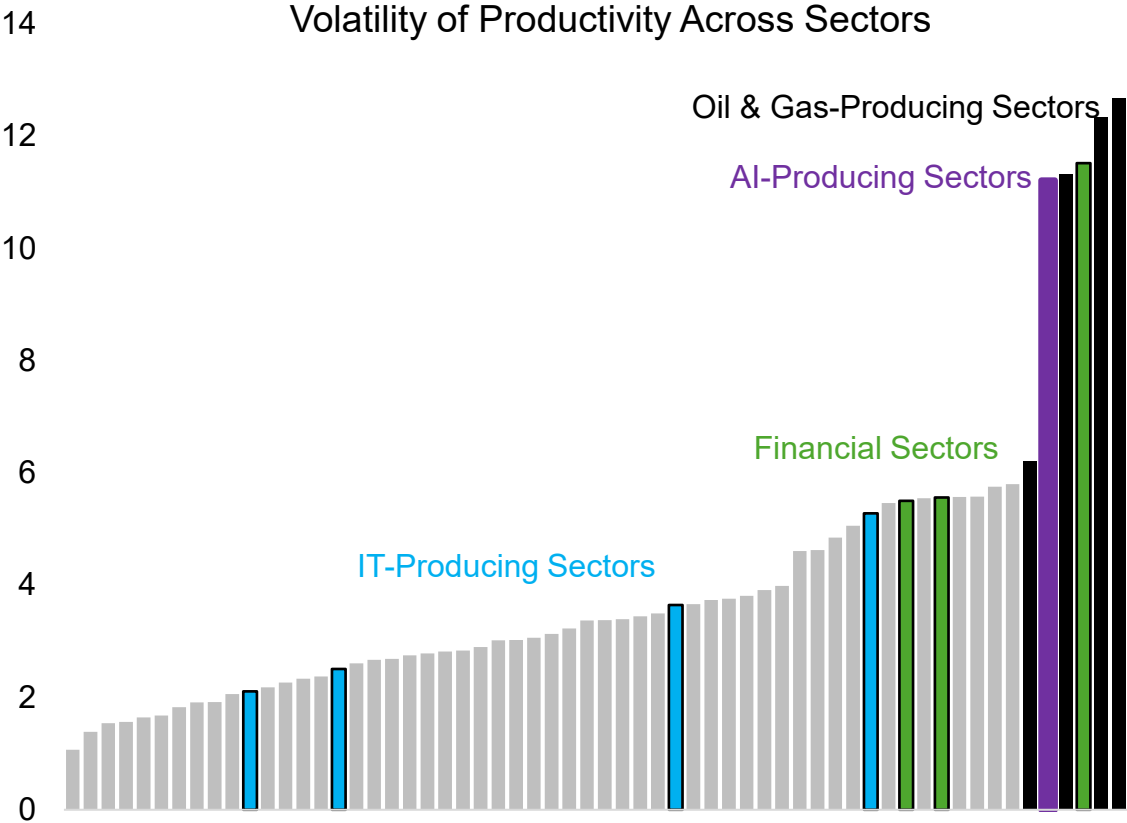
Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics.
Note: October 2025 V/U data not published by the BLS.

The use of AI in the workplace and the production of AI technologies are concentrated in more volatile jobs and sectors of the U.S. economy

Volatility of Employment Across Occupations,
According to AI Use

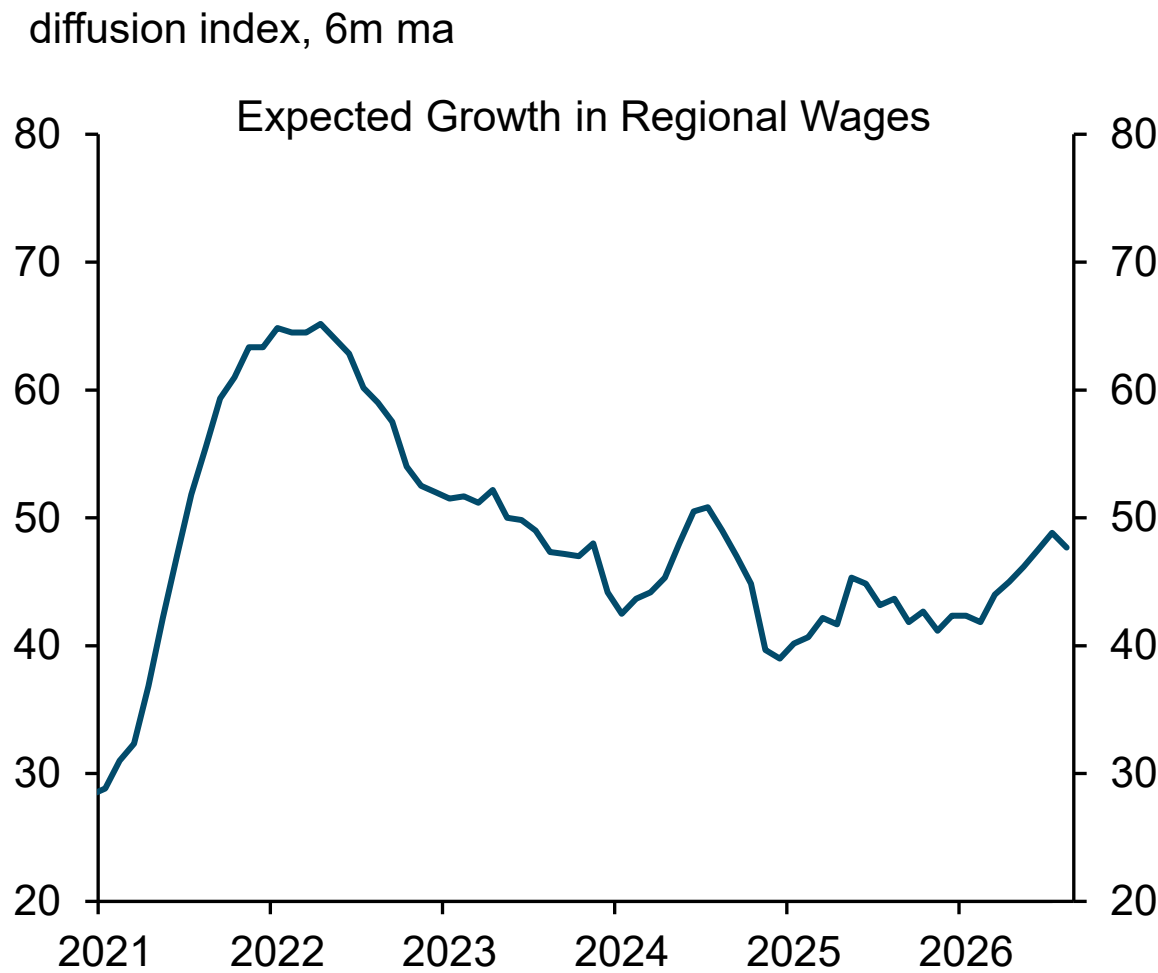
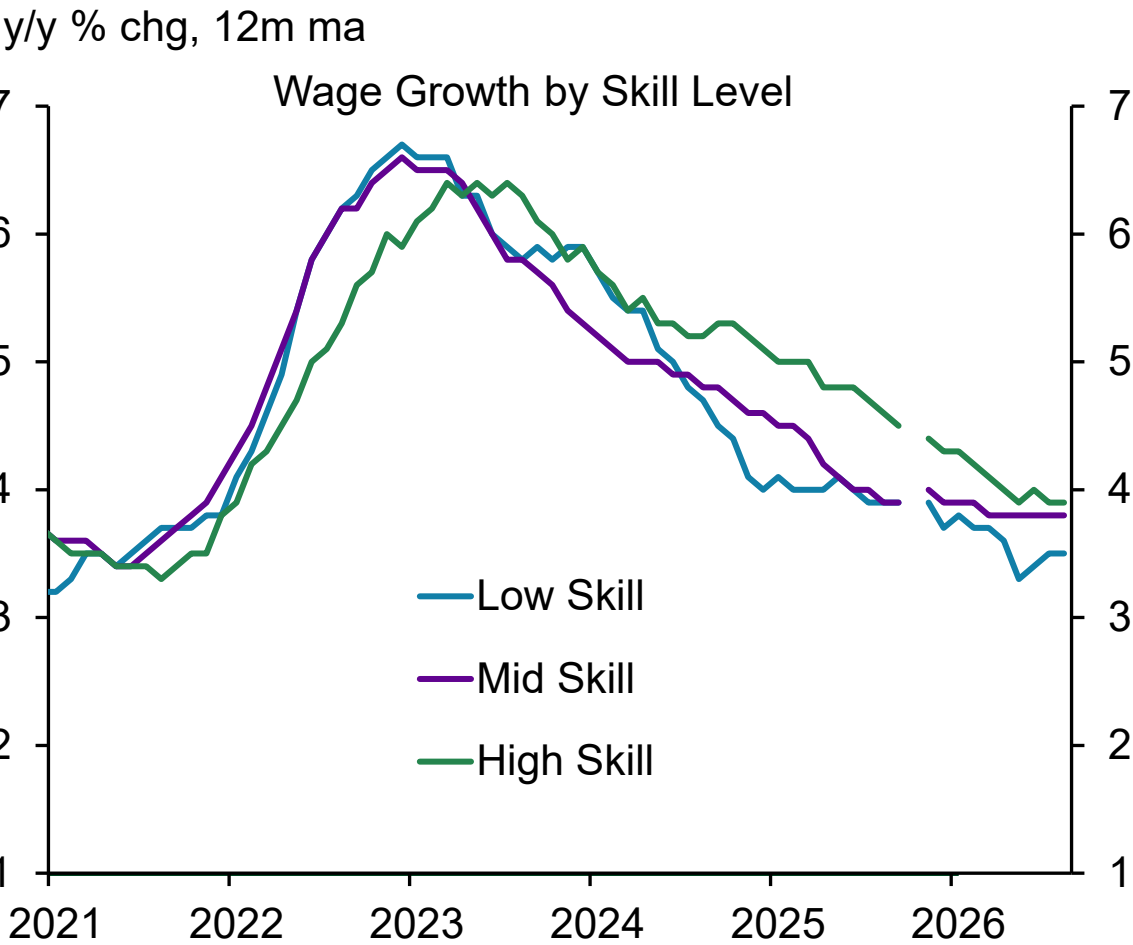


Volatility of Productivity Across Sectors



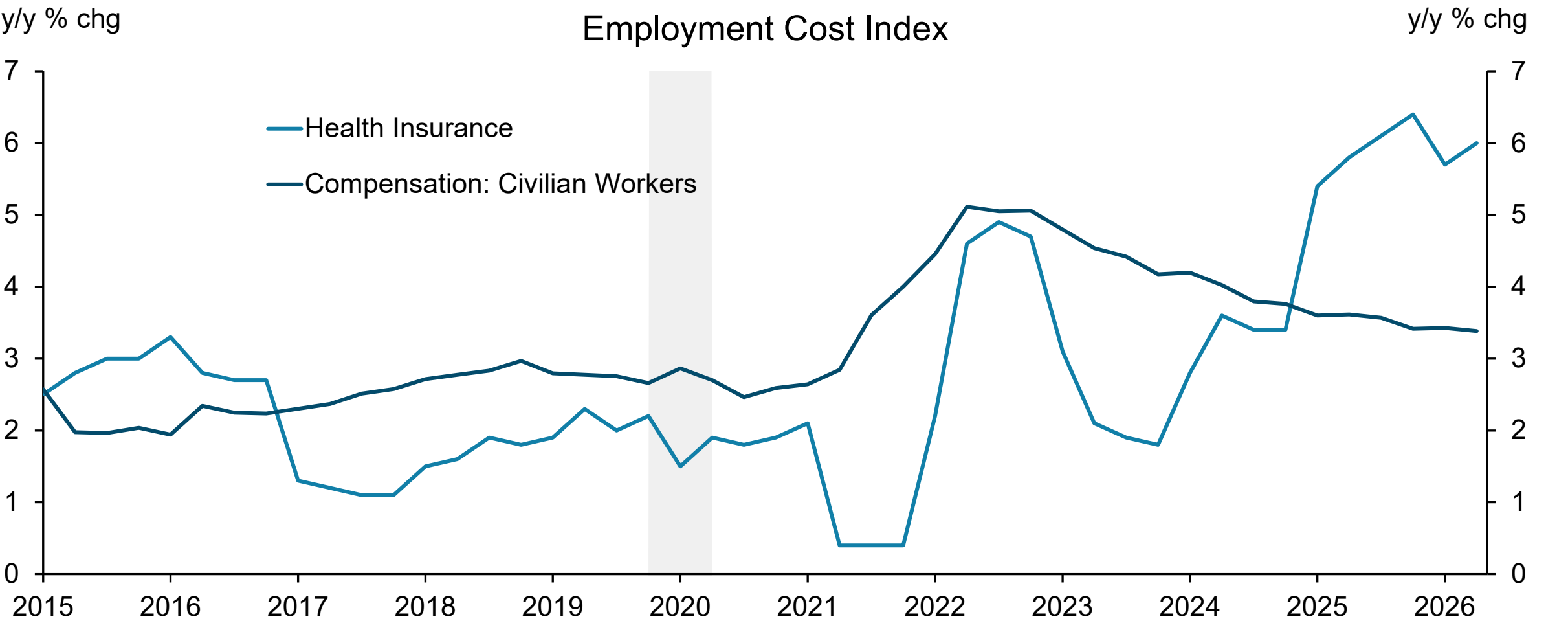
Sources: Munoz and Sly (2026), Bureau of Economic Analysis.
Note: Air transportation and government sectors excluded from sector-specific volatility chart.
Sector-specific volatility measured as std. dev. in annual growth in total factor productivity.

Wage growth has stabilized recently, though expectations for wage growth increased slightly

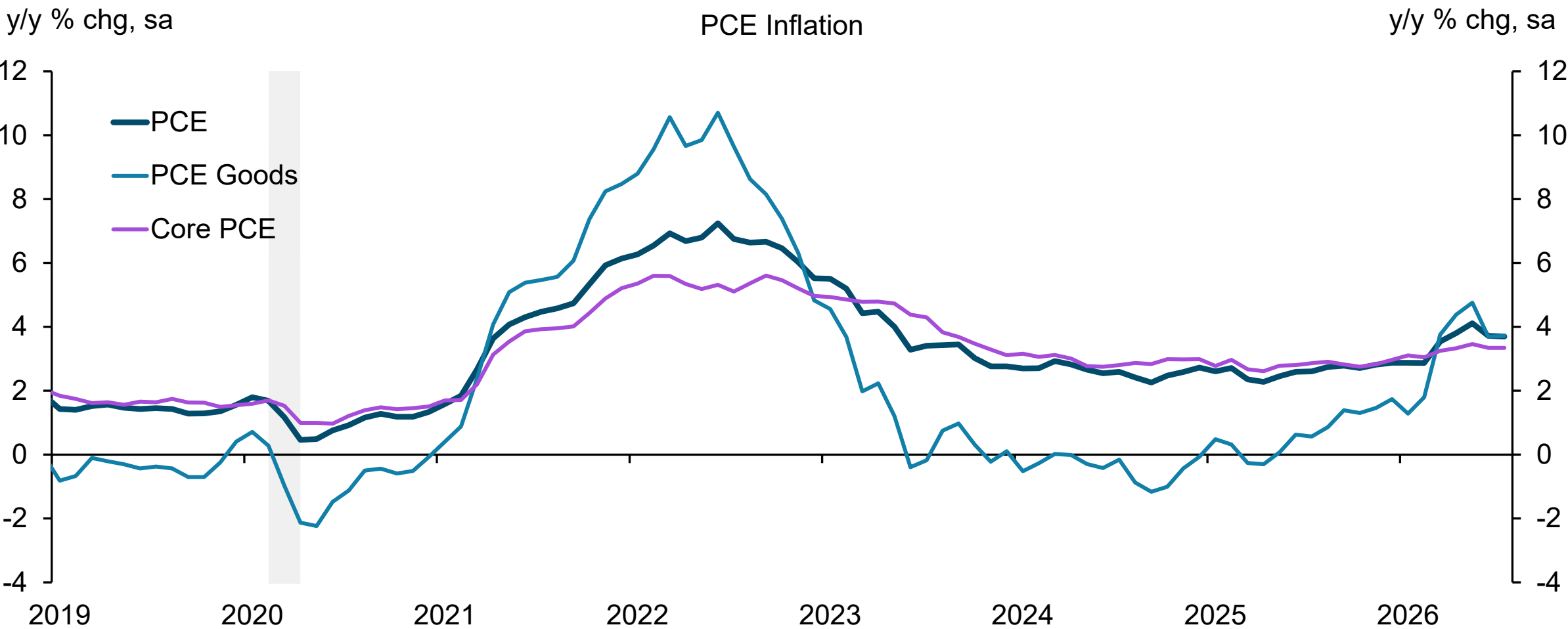


Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansa City, Haver Analytics.
Notes: Expected wage growth indicates survey respondents' 6mo expectations for wage and benefit cost growth.

Growth in non-wage compensation continues to surge, raising labor costs

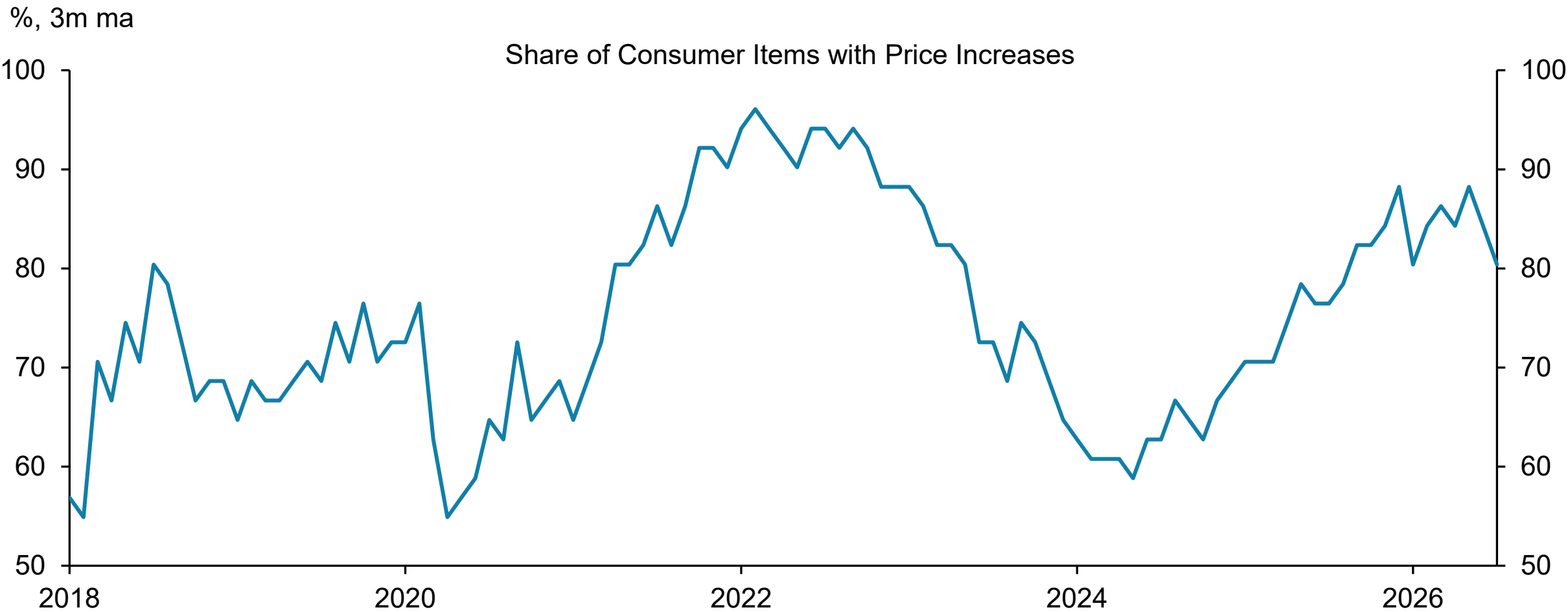


Headline inflation remains above target, core inflation is above its norm, and goods inflation continues to be elevated

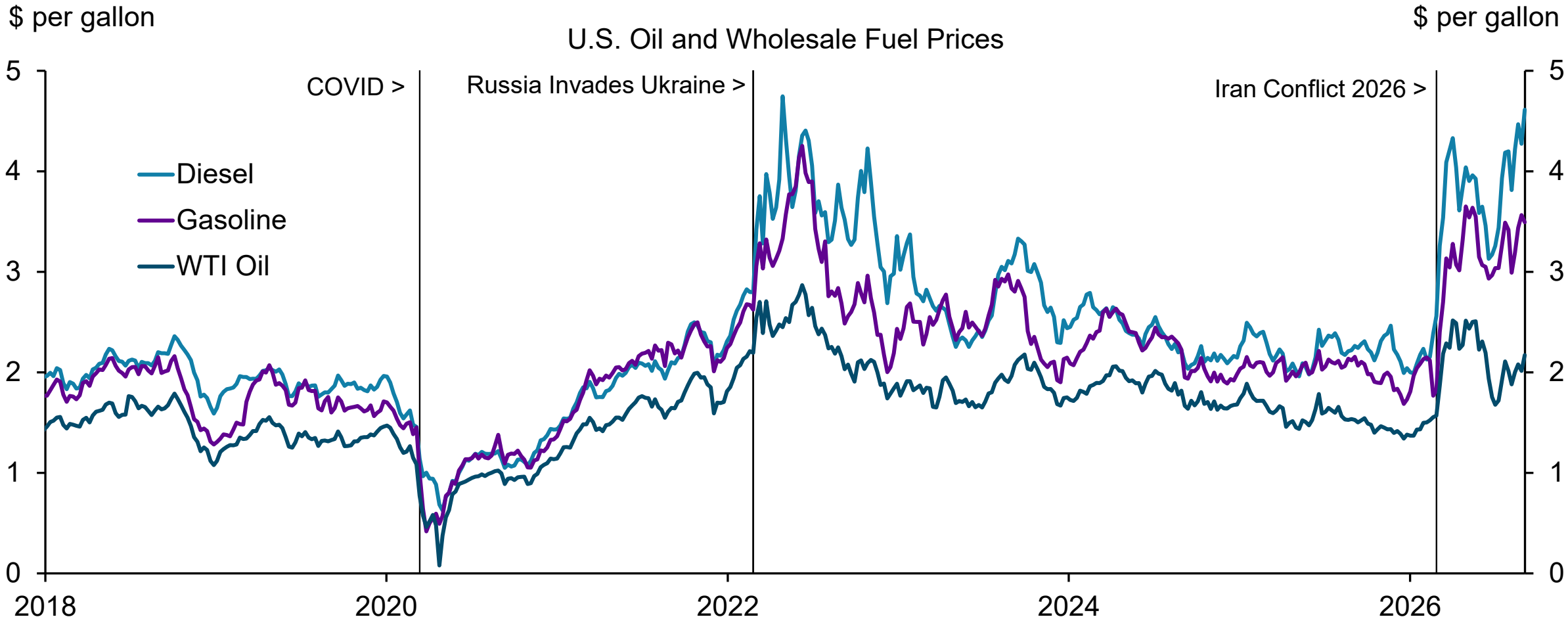


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Note: Inflation values correspond to the Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) measure. Gray bars indicate recession periods.

Though gas prices drove much of the recent fluctuations in inflation data, the extent of consumer items showing price increases is elevated

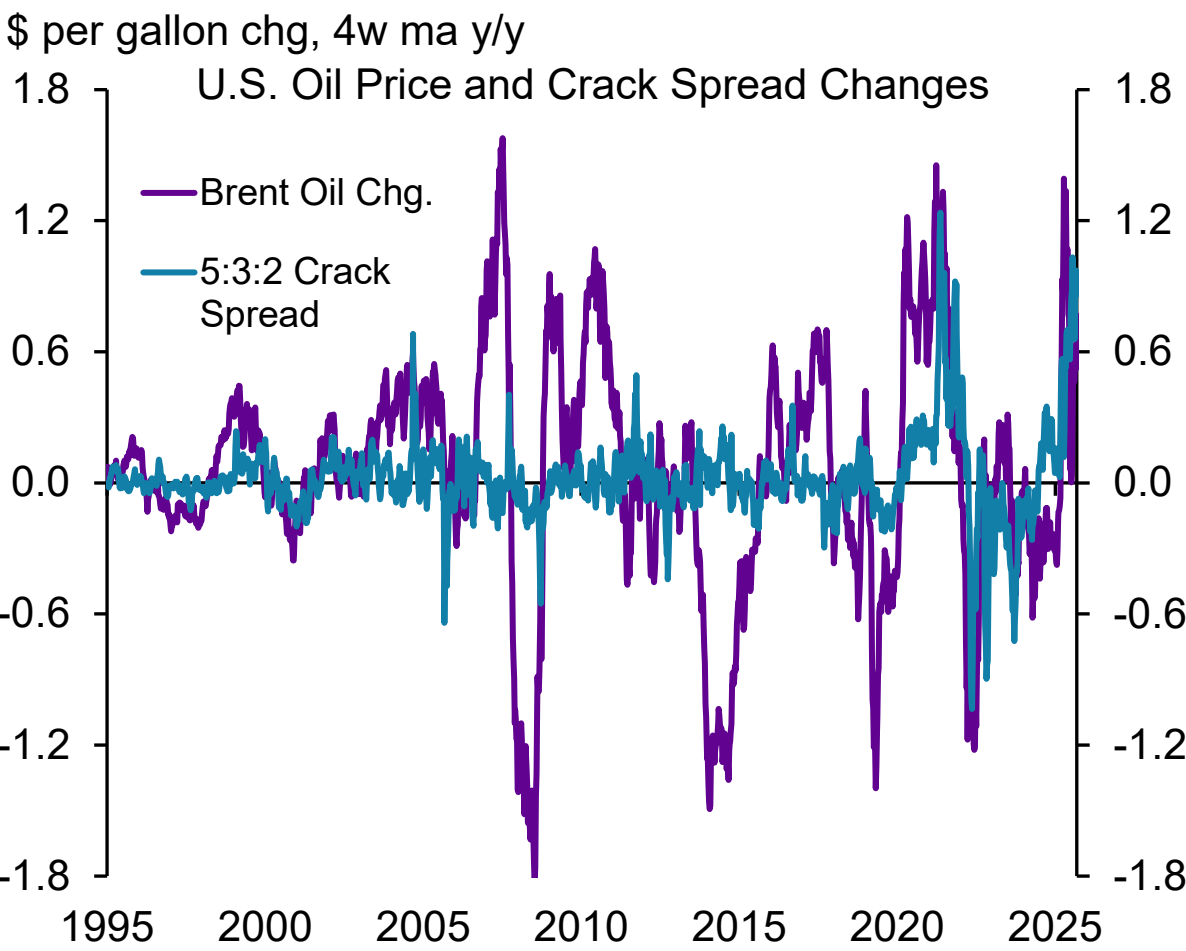
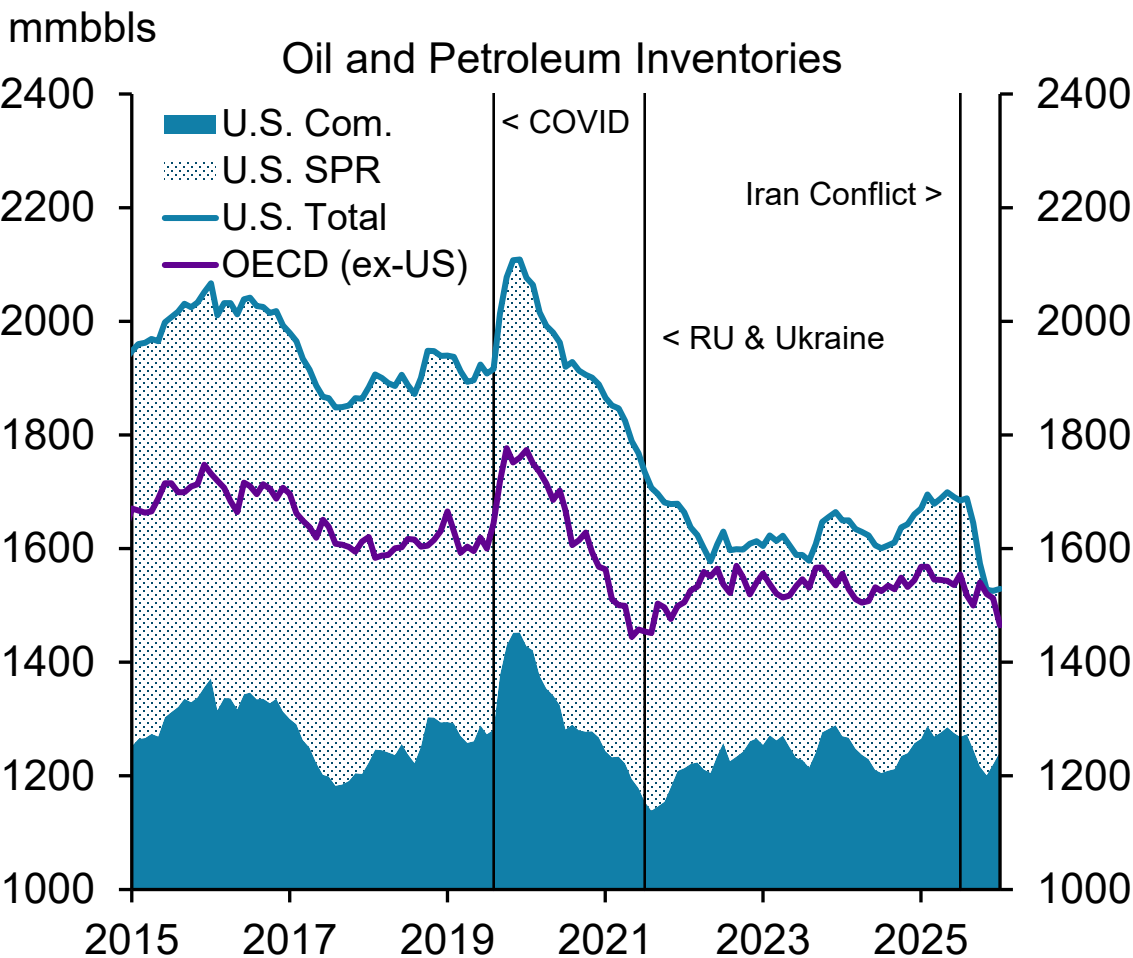


Higher gas and diesel prices reflect both higher oil prices and higher spreads on refined products



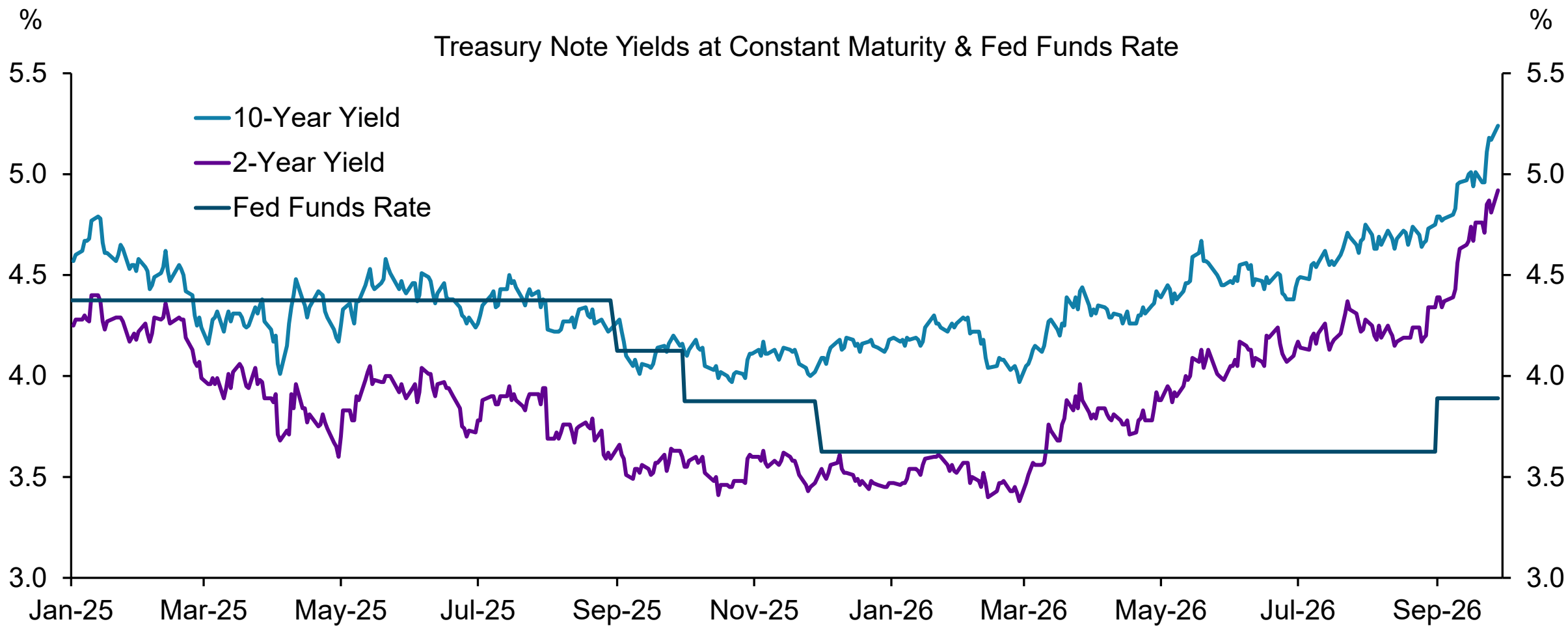
Sources: Energy Information Administration, Haver Analytics.
Note: Share of PCE Items with higher prices year over year.

Tighter inventory and higher crack spreads support outlook for longer duration of elevated energy costs



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Interest rates have risen since the beginning of the year



Sources: Federal Reserve Board, Haver Analytics.

Resources from the Kansas City Fed's Economic Research Department

- [Beige Book](#)
Anecdotal information on current economic conditions in the District.
- [Labor Market Conditions Indicators](#)
Two monthly measures of labor market conditions based on 24 labor market variables.
- [Community Connections](#)
Get information on community and economic development trends across the Tenth Federal Reserve District.
- [Kansas City Financial Stress Index](#)
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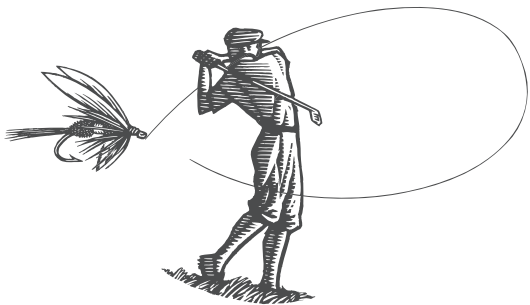
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The Little Nell
Aspen Gondola Plaza & Ticketing
The Sundeck & Aspen Club
The Limelight Lodge & Residences
Buttermilk Base
- Remodel of Buttermilk Mountain Lodge
2022/2023
- Guest Services 2022/2023
- The Hideout
Elk Camp Restaurant 2015
New Deck – Elk Camp 2025
Snowmass Follies 2017
Basalt Office Remodel
Snowmass Hyden Lodge
Snowmass Treehouse Kids Adventure Center (&
2020 remodel)
Snowmass Base Village - Ticketing
Sam's on Snowmass Mountain (Remodel 2020)
Two Creeks

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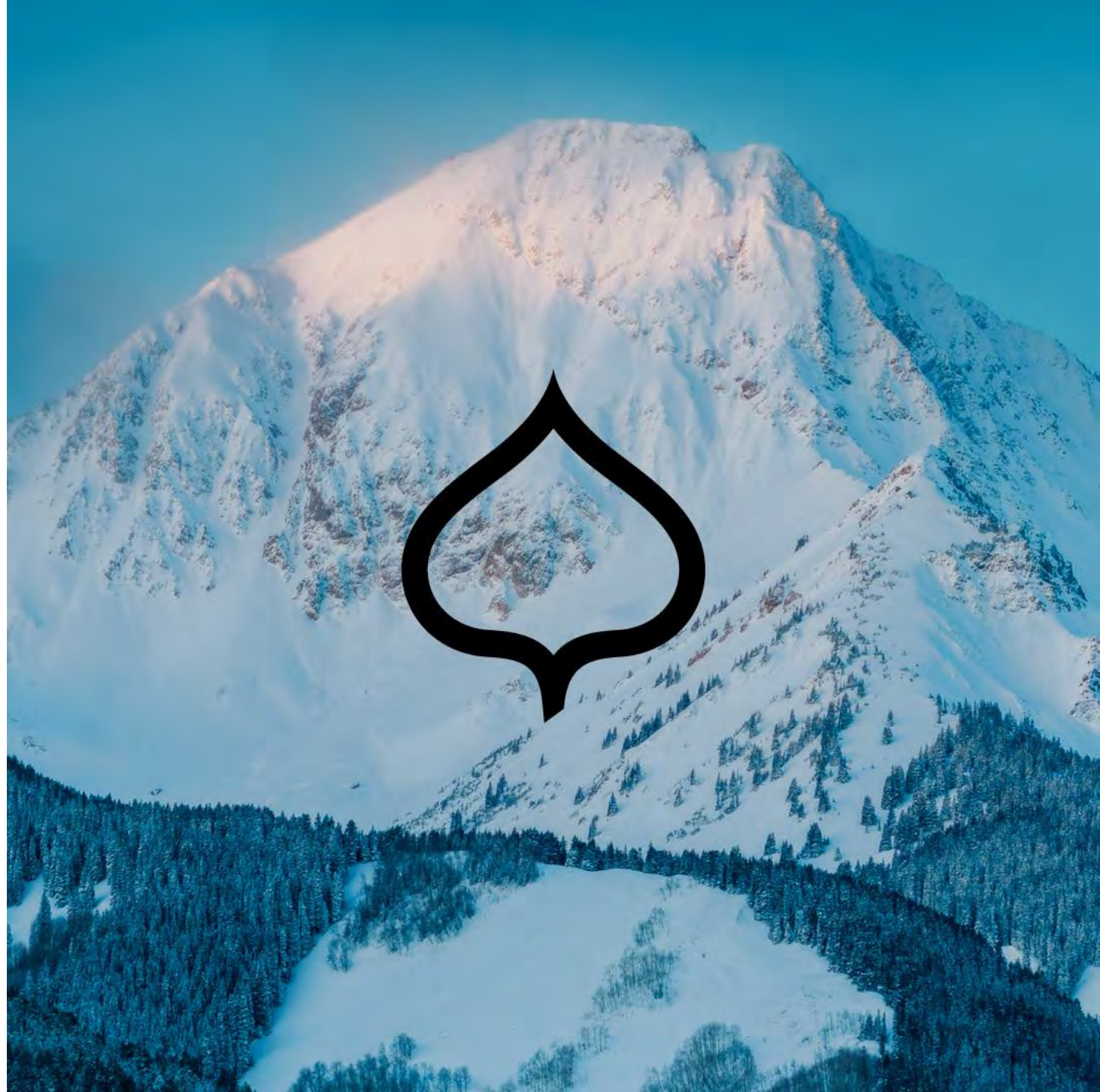


More than a restaurant, Elk Camp is a social heart for Snowmass, designed to bring people together and create memorable, multi-generational experiences in the mountains.

U.S. Green Building Council | LEED Silver



GEOFF BUCHHEISTER
CEO, Aspen Skiing Company



VISION

Renew the mind, body, and spirit to inspire a better world.

VALUES

Live
Fully

Honor
People
and Place

Take the
Long View

Pursue
Excellence

STRATEGIC
PILLARS

INSPIRING GUESTS

SUPPORTING
TEAMMATES

ELEVATING
COMMUNITIES

WORLD-CLASS OPERATIONS

The six headwinds we're engaging the community on

01

Flat and Consolidating Industry

Skier days across the industry have been flat two decades.

02

Affordability Spiral

The costs of lodging, dining, and vacationing in Aspen are pricing out the skiers.

03

Rising Costs and Pricing Exhaustion

Insurance, labor, energy and construction costs rose far faster than what we charge.

04

A warming climate

Shorter, more volatile seasons. 41 fewer days below freezing since 1983.

05

Workforce Housing

Free market housing is out of reach for the local workforce.

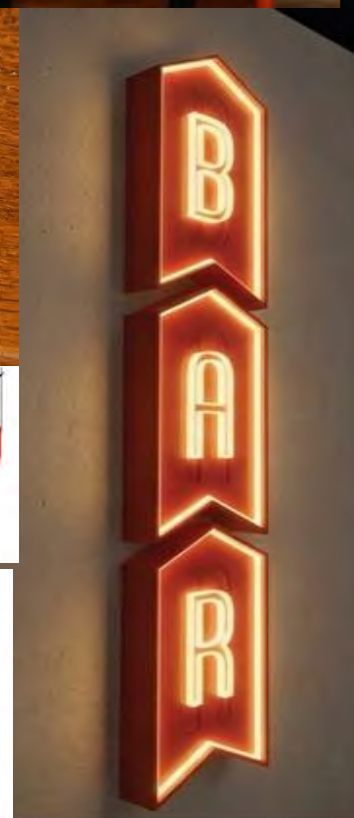
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Congestions and Transportation

The costs of congestion on Hwy 82 are real and felt by locals and visitors alike.



What's New for 26/27



HUNGRY?

1 building 4 concepts, choose wisely

Ullrhof

BURGER BAR | MAIN FLOOR

Burgers, fries, shakes, beer — elevated diner style fare.

Ullrmarket

GRAB & GO | MAIN FLOOR

Full service espresso bar, pastries, grab & go, snacks.

Ullrgrill

HOT DOGS | OUTDOOR DECK

Sunny days only! Signature hotdogs, canned libations, & desserts.

Ullrbar

BITES & DRINKS | LOFT UPSTAIRS

Upscale shareable foods, table service, craft cocktails, views.

Nell Bell



Lift 1



Snow Blankets



Forest Health



Snowmaking Upgrades





Thank You



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*Ready for Takeoff: Air Service Changes, Corridor
Logistics and Unlocking Midvalley Opportunity*

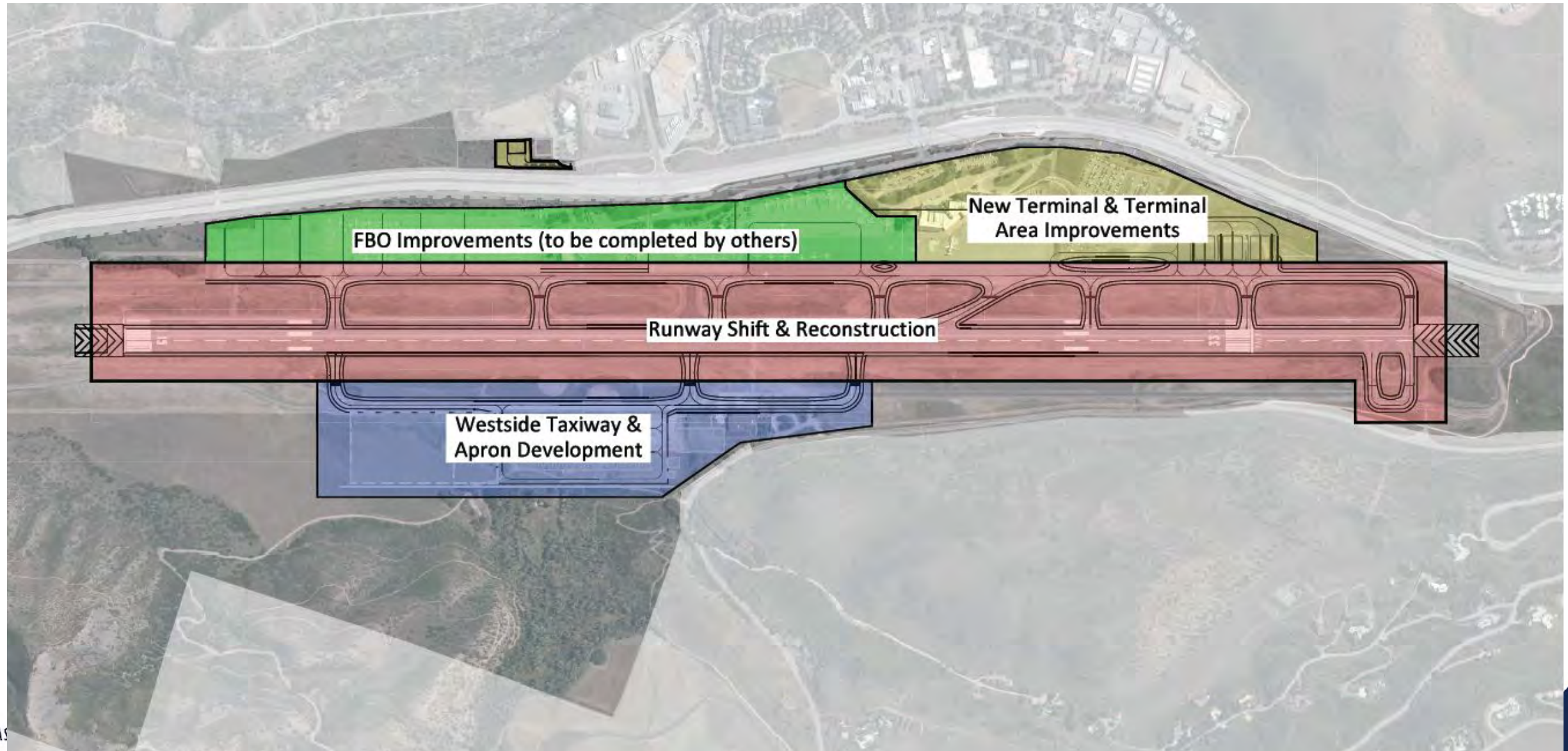
Project Overview



ASE WILL CLOSE STARTING APRIL 4, 2027 AND REOPEN ON NOVEMBER 19, 2027 FOR THE RUNWAY RECONSTRUCTION WORK

ASE MODERNIZATION TIMELINE

ASE Redevelopment: Program Components



2026 PRE-CONSTRUCTION WORK



BRUSH CREEK OVERFLOW LOTS – Sites A&B



COMMUNITY CONTINUITY GROUP

- PARTNERS
 - ACRA, Aspen One, City of Aspen, Town of Basalt, CDOT, Fly Aspen Snowmass, Snowmass Tourism
- Transportation Group
 - Main focus: airport shuttle service for upper valley and EGE
- Marketing Group
 - Shared traveler information database that includes: shuttle services; drive times between communities and regional airports; CDOT information
- ASE/Pitkin County Coordination
 - Runway construction hotline, ASEinfo@aspenairport.com, Runway Webpage, construction update webpage, signage, etc.
 - Toolkits for community partners that will include graphics, printable materials