Monthly Economic Indicators And Charts

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Monthly Highlights / Commentary



Economy (Finally) Settling Back Into Pre-Pandemic Trend, Or Something More Sinister?

- The BEA's third estimate puts Q1 real GDP growth at an annual rate of 1.4 percent. That this was slower than the growth seen over the prior several quarters would not, in and of itself, be cause for concern. The high frequency data for Q2, however, have been all over the map, with April looking weak, May looking stronger, and the initial June data points on the weak side. As such, Q2 will be a second straight quarter with real GDP growth well shy of 2.0 percent (annualized).
- There is little doubt that the pace of economic activity is slowing. What is unclear, however, is the extent to which that slowdown will persist, which is difficult to peg at this point given how volatile the data have been. It could be that the economy is, finally, emerging from the many distortions brought about by the pandemic and the policy response to it, and is settling back into the trend rate of growth seen over the decade prior to the pandemic. To be sure, that trend rate, right around 2.0 percent, was fairly uninspiring, but we have from the start argued that through all the highs and lows of the past few years, the underlying fundamentals that dictate the trend rate of economic growth have been little changed. The danger, of course, is that we are in the early stages of something less benign than the economy settling back into trend growth.
- One worrisome development has been the deterioration in the broad services sector conveyed by the ISM Non-Manufacturing Index, which fell to 48.8 percent in June from 53.8 percent in May. This marks the second time in the past three months the headline index has been below the 50.0 percent break between contraction and expansion. Our take on the underlying details, however, is that they are more consistent with slowing growth than with outright contraction, but this clearly bears watching in the months ahead.
- It remains to be seen whether inflation slowing further amid emerging signs of a slowing economy is enough to make this month's FOMC meeting a "live" meeting in terms of the potential for a cut in the Fed funds rate. While we do not rule that out, we still think the September FOMC meeting to be the more likely timing for the initial funds rate cut.

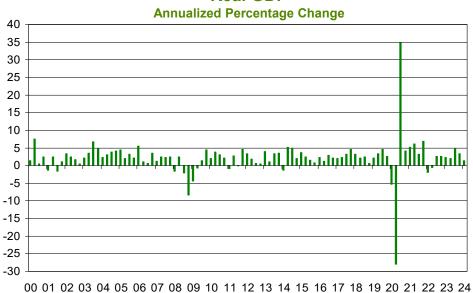
ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL DATA HIGHLIGHTS – July 2024

To Post of	Last	B	No.1	% Change Year Ago,
Indicator:	Observation:	Reported As:	<u>Value:</u>	or Year Ago Value:
Real GDP	Q1 2024 (3 rd est.)	Annualized % change	1.41%	2.92%
Total Payroll Employment	June 2024	Monthly change, thousands of jobs	+206	1.63%
Private Sector Payroll Employment	June 2024	Monthly change, thousands of jobs	+136	1.46%
Unemployment Rate	June 2024	% of labor force	4.1%	3.6%
"U6" Unemployment/Underemployment	June 2024	% of labor force	7.4%	6.9%
Unemployed 27 Weeks or More	June 2024	Millions of people	1.516	1.127
Aggregate Private Sector Earnings	June 2024	Monthly % change	0.39%	5.11%
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Real Personal Disposable Income	May 2024	Monthly % change	0.46%	1.08%
Real Personal Income ex-Transfers	May 2024	Monthly % change	0.52%	1.98%
Real Personal Consumption Expenditures	May 2024	Monthly % change	0.26%	2.43%
Personal Savings Rate	May 2024	% of disposable personal income	3.90%	5.30%
Consumer Price Index – Total	May 2024	Monthly % change	0.01%	3.27%
Consumer Price Index – Core	May 2024	Monthly % change	0.16%	3.41%
Producer Price Index – Final Demand	May 2024	Monthly % change	<0.25%>	2.25%
Producer Price Index – Core Final Demand	May 2024	Monthly % change	0.05%	2.34%
Single Family Housing Permits	May 2024	Seasonally adjusted annual rate	949,000	918,000
Multi-Family Housing Permits	May 2024	Seasonally adjusted annual rate	437,000	614,000
Single Family Housing Starts	May 2024	Seasonally adjusted annual rate	982,000	999,000
Multi-Family Housing Starts	May 2024	Seasonally adjusted annual rate	295,000	584,000
Industrial Production	May 2024	Monthly % change	0.85%	0.39%
ISM Manufacturing Index	June 2024	Index value, %	48.5%	46.4%
ISM Manufacturing New Orders Index	June 2024	Index value, %	49.3%	45.6%
ISM Non-Manufacturing Index	June 2024	Index value, %	48.8%	53.6%
ISM Non-Manufacturing New Orders Index	June 2024	Index Value, %	47.3%	55.5%
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Federal Funds Rate Target Range Mid-Point	July 5, 2024	Percent	5.375%	5.125%
Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)	July 5, 2024	Percent	5.33%	5.06%
3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Yield	July 5, 2024	Percent	5.38%	5.44%
2-Year U.S. Treasury Note Yield	July 5, 2024	Percent	4.62%	4.94%
10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Yield	July 5, 2024	Percent	4.29%	3.86%
Dollar-Euro Exchange Rate	July 5, 2024	Euros per U.S. dollar	0.9241	0.9158
Dollar-Yen Exchange Rate	July 5, 2024	Yen per U.S. dollar	160.97	144.50
Federal Reserve Broad U.S. Dollar Index	June 28, 2024	Index value, 1/1/2006 = 100	124.5172	119.6759

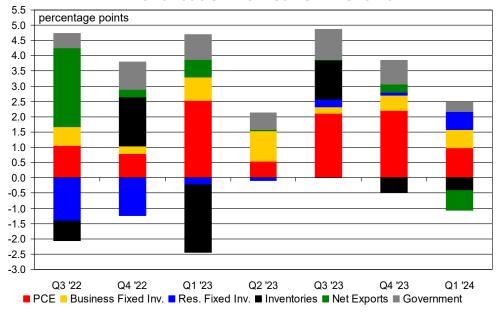




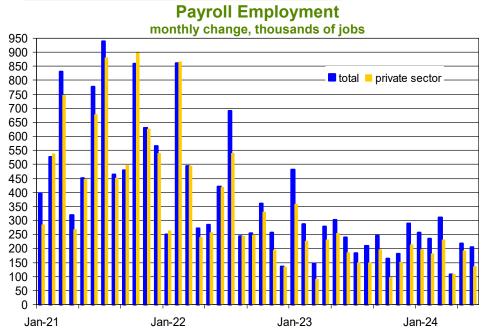
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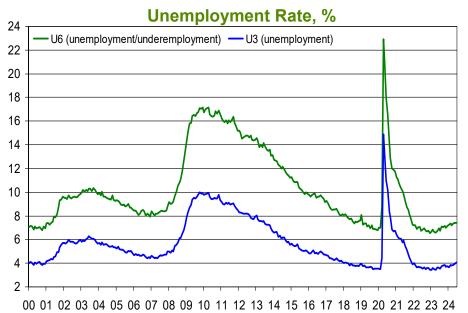
Contribution To Real GDP Growth



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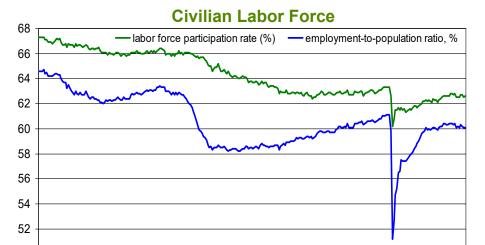


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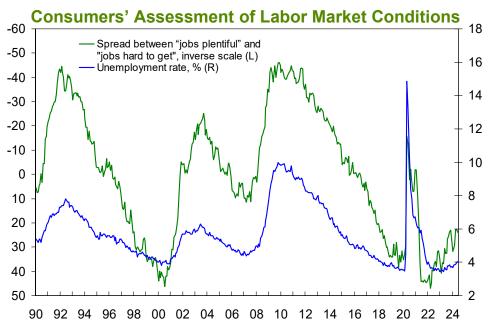


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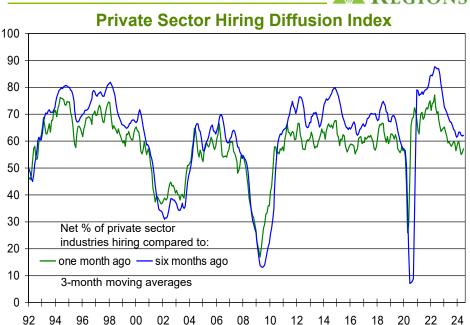








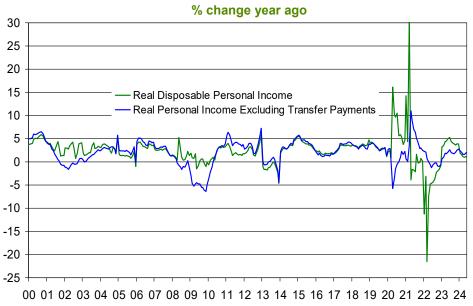




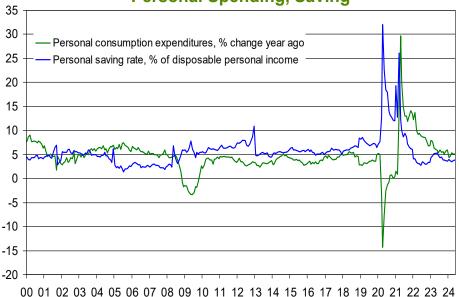




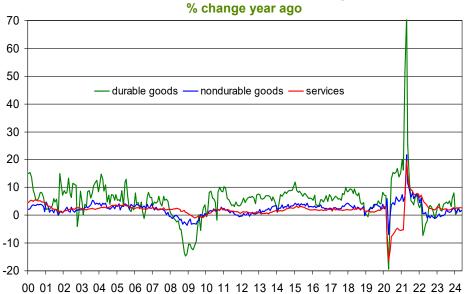






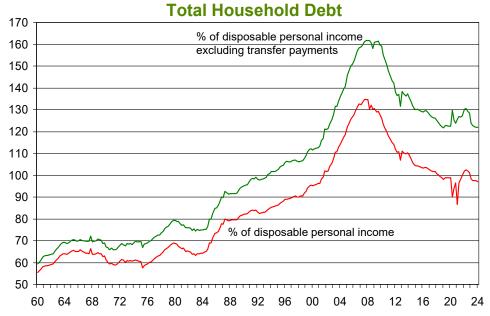


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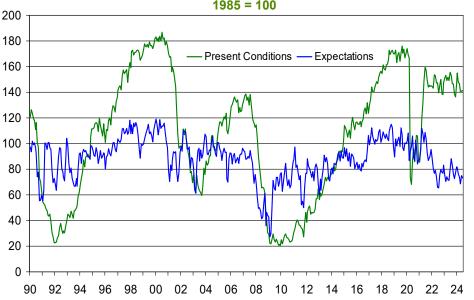










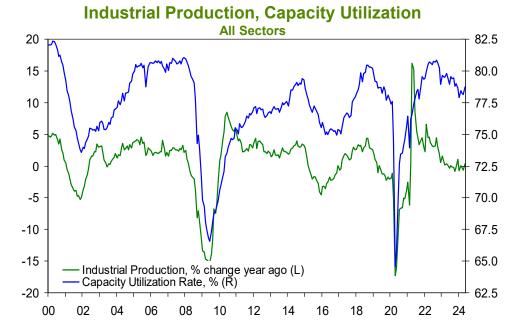


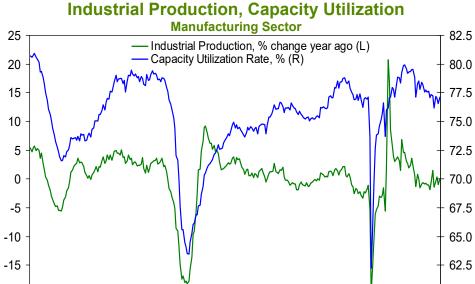


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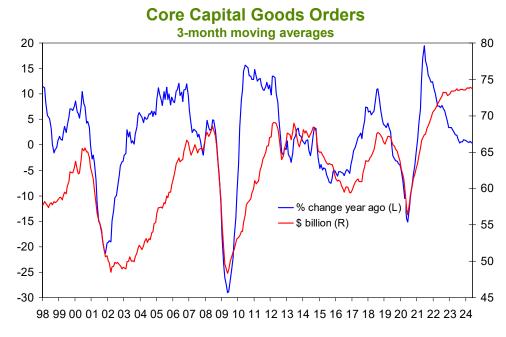








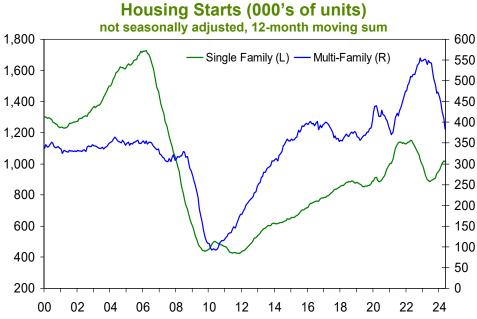








Housing Permits (000's of units)

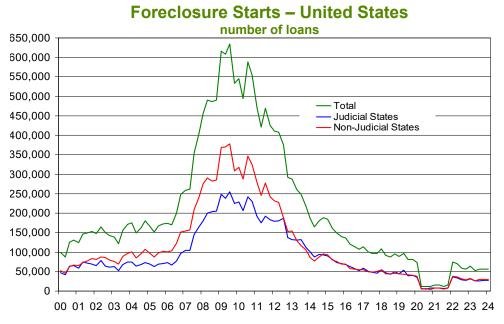






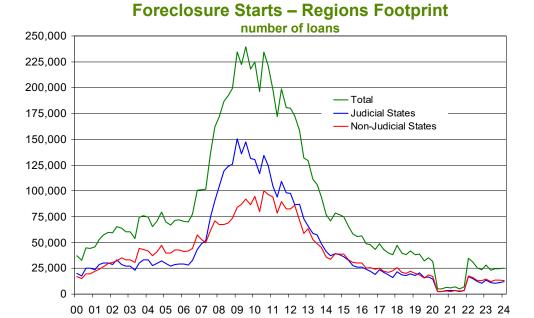


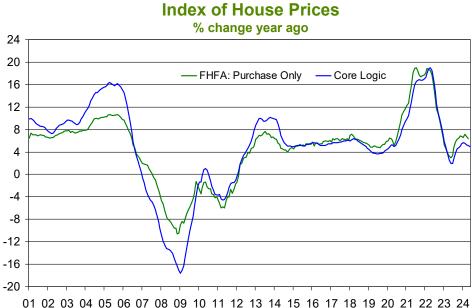
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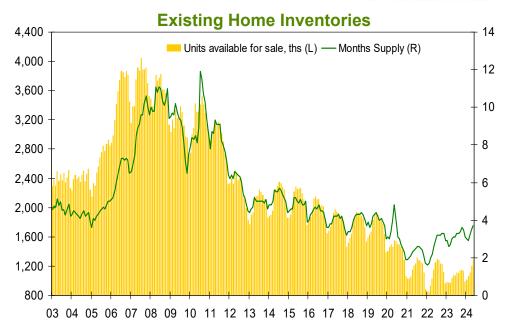


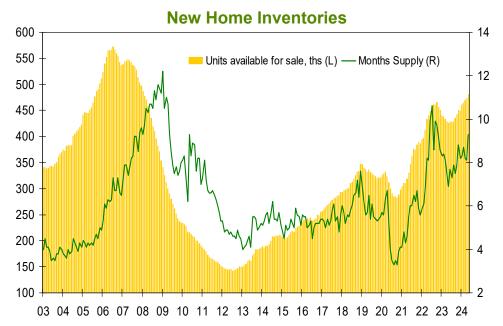




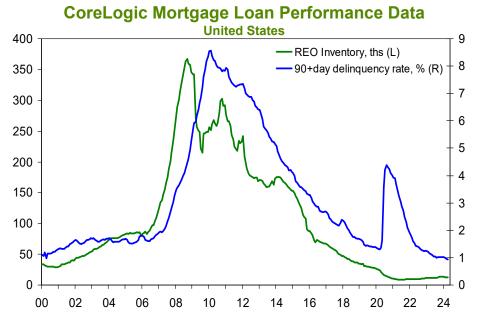








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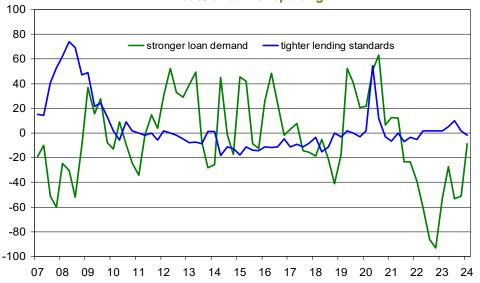


Survey of Senior Lending Officers – C&I Loans

net % of banks reporting rising loan demand from:



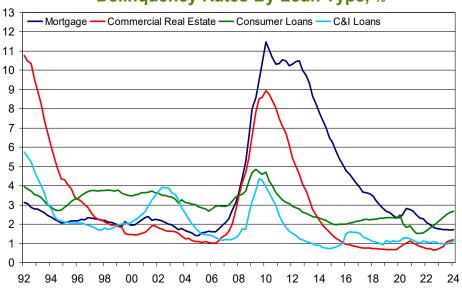
Survey of Senior Lending Officers – Prime Mortgages net % of banks reporting:



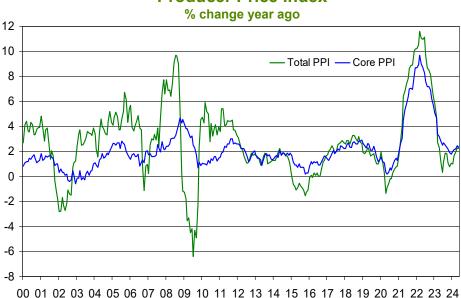
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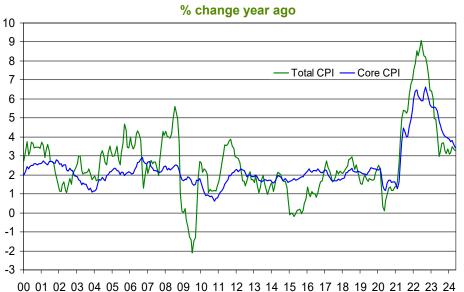
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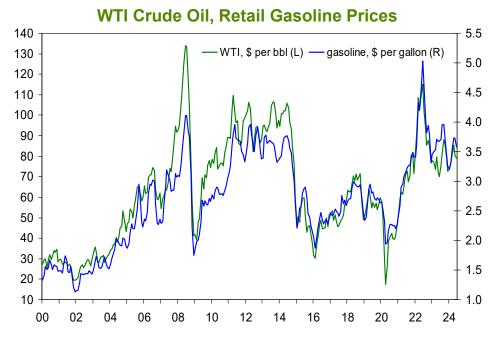












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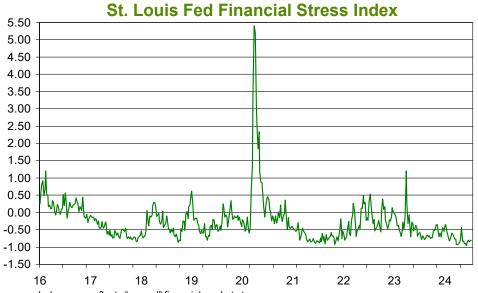
Selected Interest Rates, % weekly data 8.00 - 10-year Treasury 7.50 — AA Corporate Bond — 30-year Fixed Rate Mortgage 7.00 6.50 6.00 5.50 5.00 4.50 4.00 3.50 3.00 2.50 2.00 1.50 1.00 0.50

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Spread Between Yields On 10-year and 2-year Treasury Notes







Index: zero reflects "normal" financial market stress; below zero represents below-normal financial market stress; above zero represents above-normal financial market stress.

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Euros per U.S. Dollar

