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Texas Economy



Texas produces 9.3 percent of U.S. GDP, second only to California



Texas has a large and diverse workforce made up of 15.7 million workers



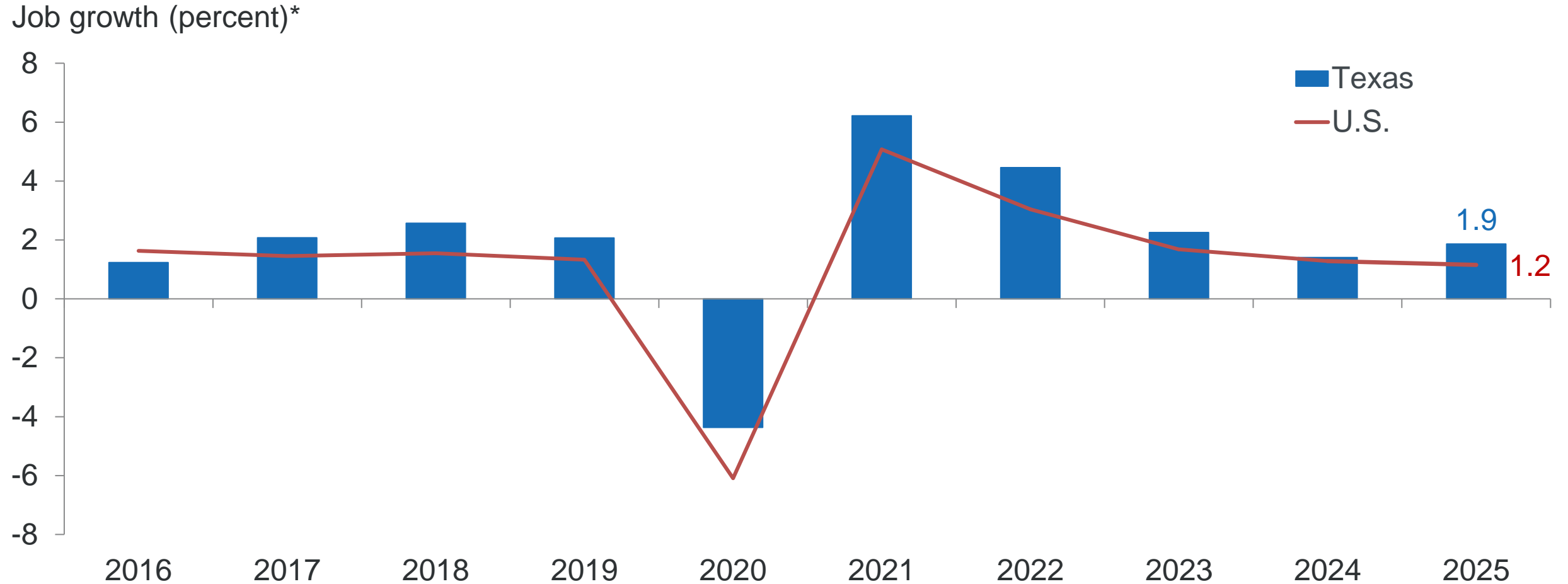
Texas is younger and growing faster than the nation



Overview of Texas Economy

- Texas employment rose 1.4 percent in March, while February growth was revised up to 2.4 percent.
- U.S. job growth in March (1.7 percent) was faster than Texas.
- Texas' 1.9 percent job growth in 2025 outpaces the nation's 1.2 percent.
- March Texas Business Outlook Surveys (TBOS) show flat service sector revenue and an expansion in manufacturing production

YTD job growth in Texas outpacing the nation



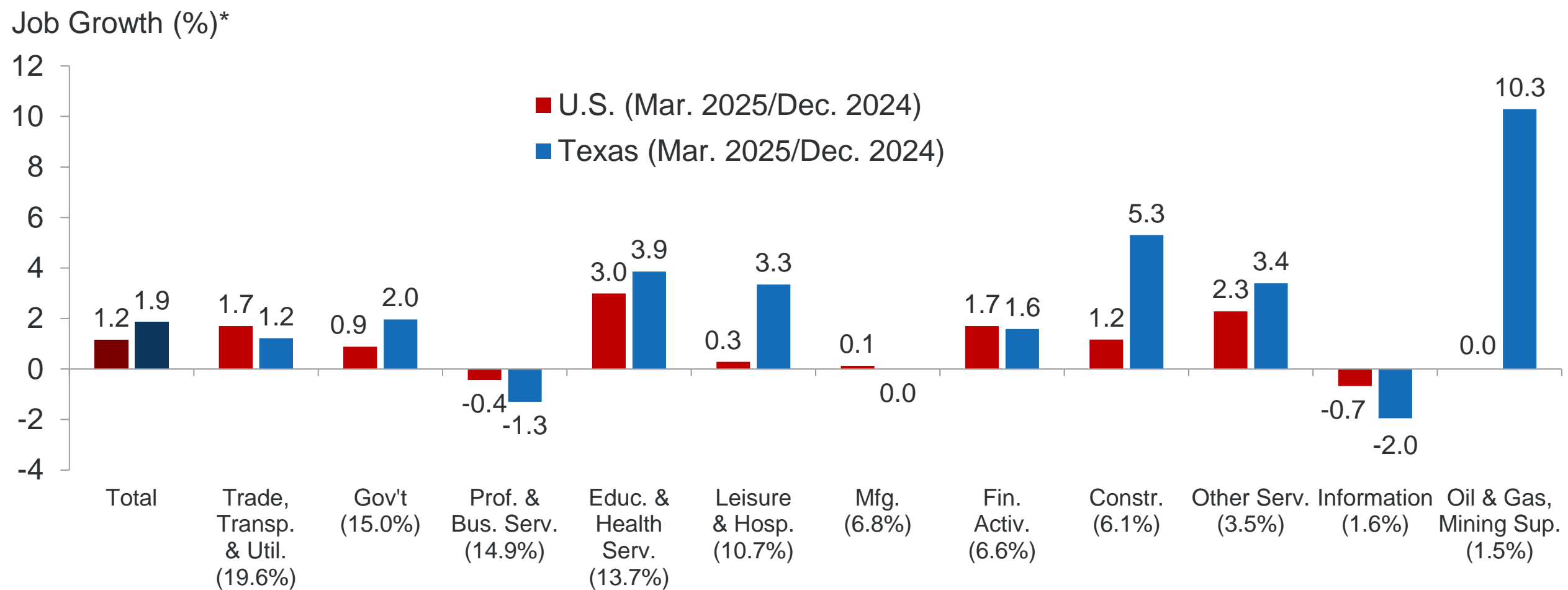
*Seasonally adjusted, annualized rate.

NOTE: Last data point is annualized job growth for Mar. 2025/Dec. 2024

SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Texas Workforce Commission; seasonal and other adjustments by FRB Dallas.

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Strong YTD employment growth in energy and construction



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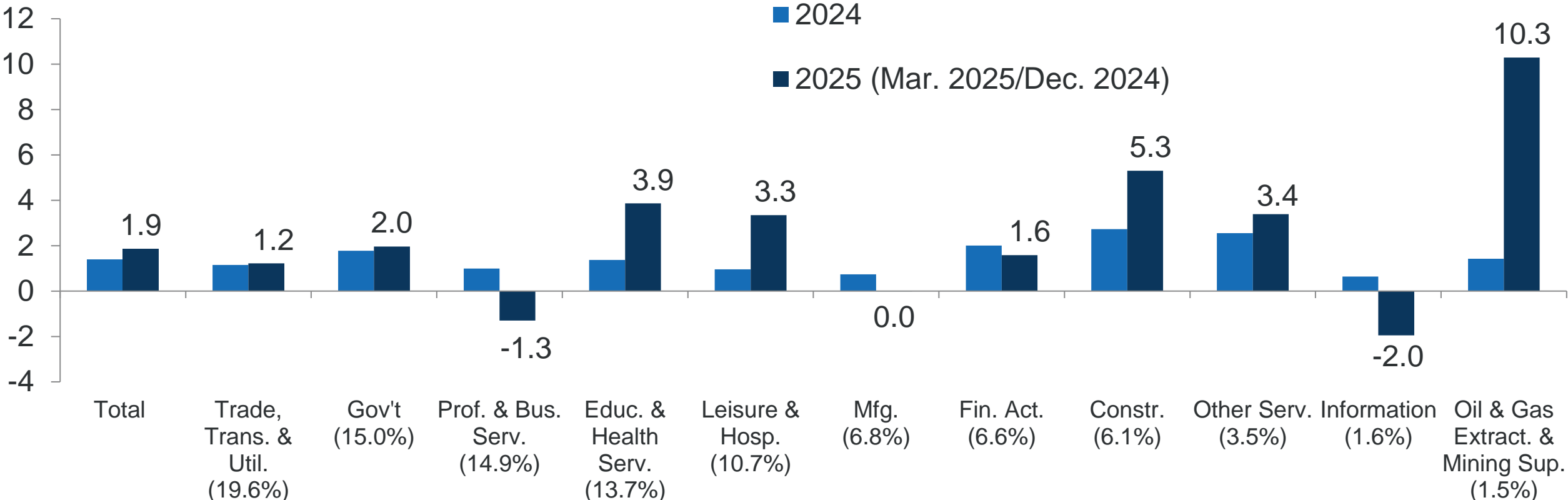
NOTE: Numbers in parenthesis indicate share of total state employment for most recent monthly data.

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2025 Texas employment growth above 2024 so far, strongest gains in oil & gas and construction

Job growth (percent), Dec./Dec.*



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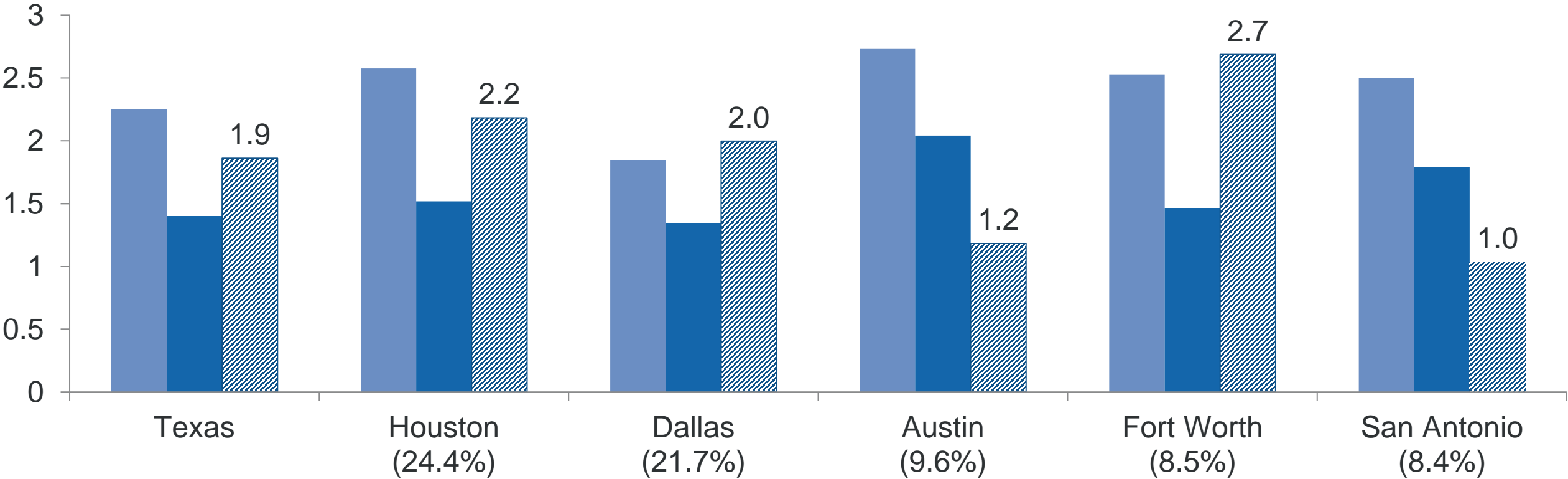
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Fort Worth and Houston lead major Texas metros in 2025 job growth

Job Growth (%), Dec./Dec.*

■ 2023 ■ 2024 ▨ 2025 (Mar. 2025/Dec. 2024)



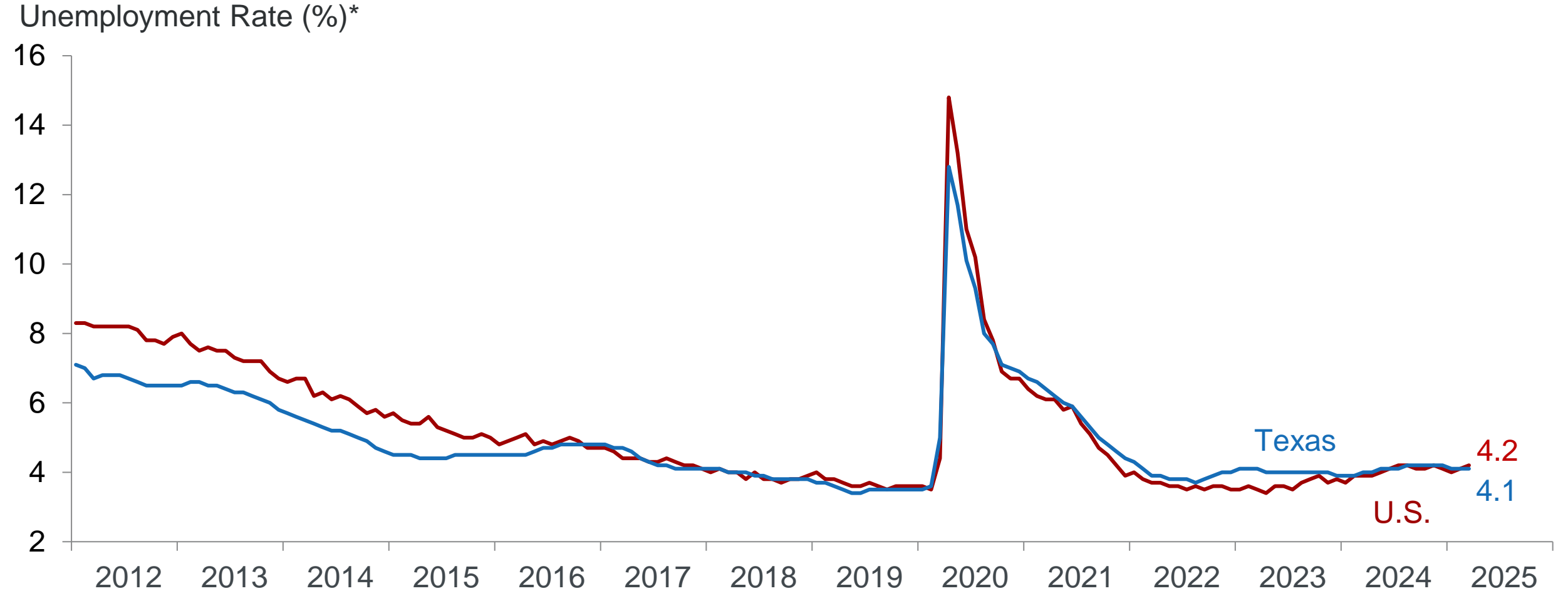
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DATA: [Texas Employment Data - Dallasfed.org](https://www.dallasfed.org/research/texas-employment-data)

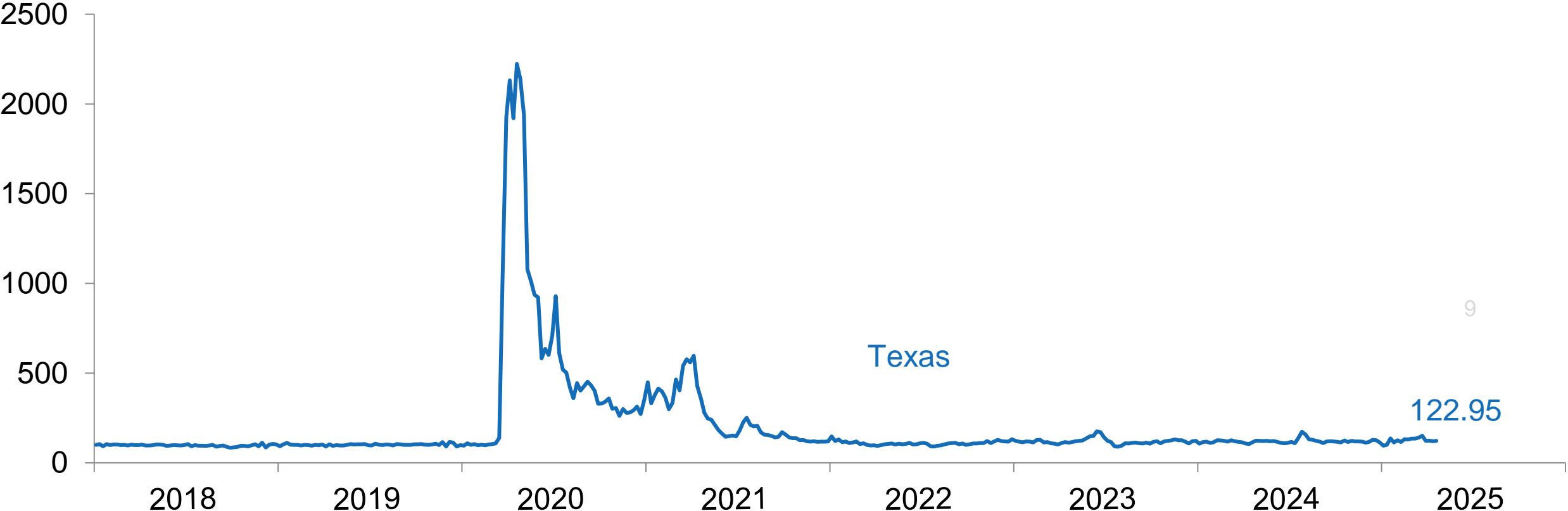
Texas unemployment remains at 4.1 percent



*Seasonally adjusted.
NOTE: Data are monthly through March 2025.
SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Texas Workforce Commission; Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.
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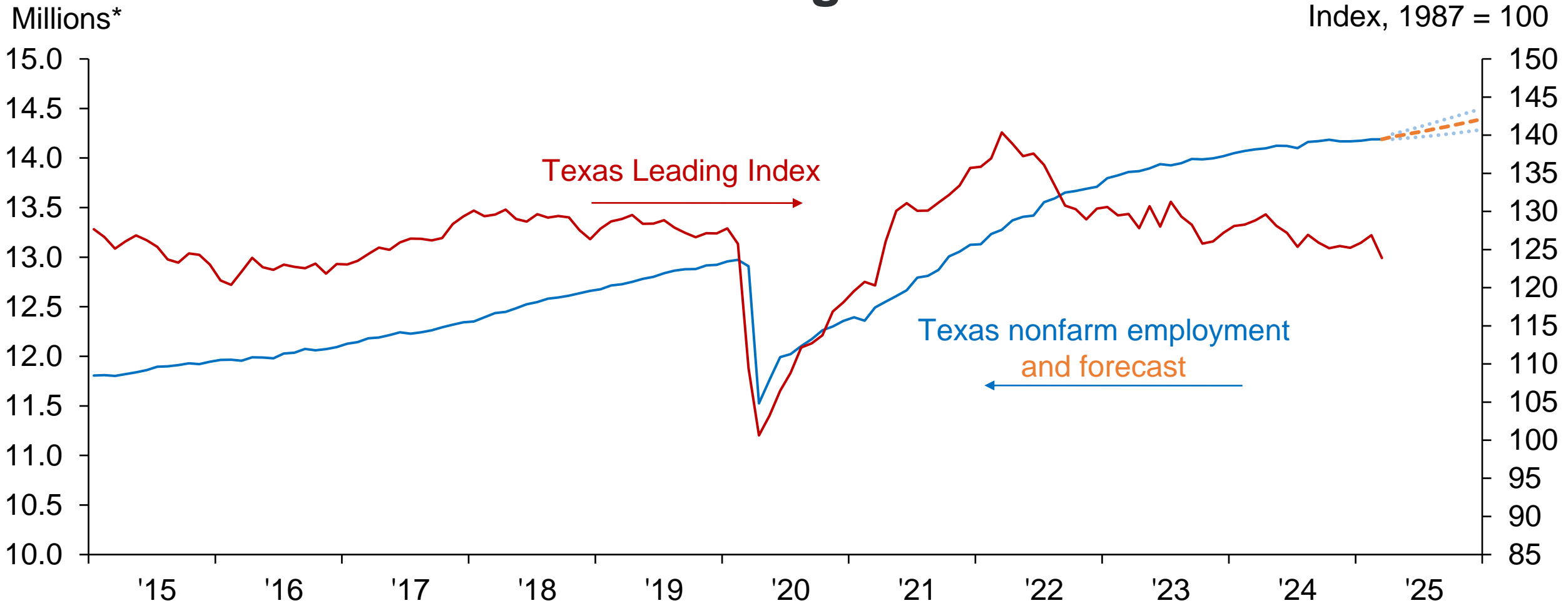
Texas unemployment claims stabilize in mid-April following a rapid increase earlier in the year

Weekly claims, indexed Jan. 2018 = 100*



*Seasonally adjusted.
NOTE: Data through the week ending April 12, 2025.
SOURCES: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Texas Workforce Commission; Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.
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Texas employment forecast indicates 1.5% growth in 2025, below 2% long-run trend



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ENERGY

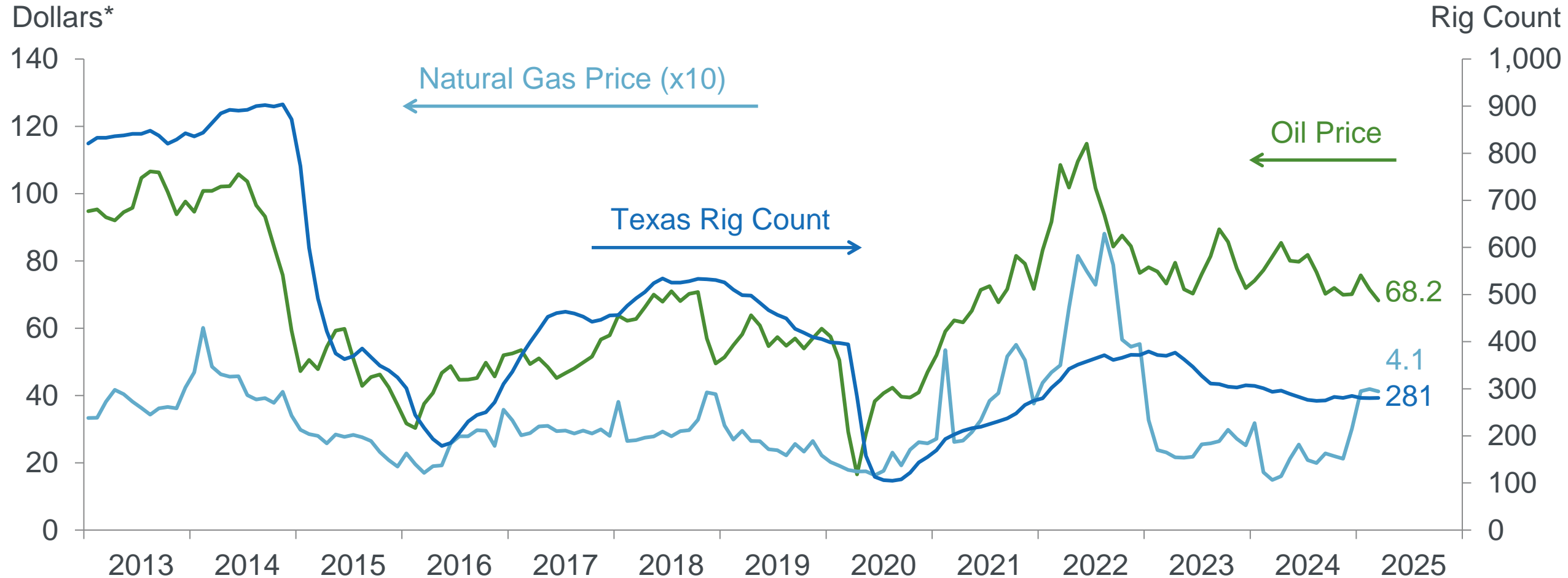


Texas is #1 producer of oil and natural gas in nation

Approximately 30% of U.S. refinery capacity and 75% of U.S. petrochemical production is in Texas

Low energy prices hurt Texas economy on net

Oil prices tick down in March



*Latest labeled natural gas price is dollars per million Btu, while the series is dollars per million Btu multiplied by 10.

NOTES: Oil price is dollars per barrel. Data are through March 2025.

SOURCES: *Wall Street Journal*; Baker Hughes; U.S. Energy Information Administration.

MANUFACTURING

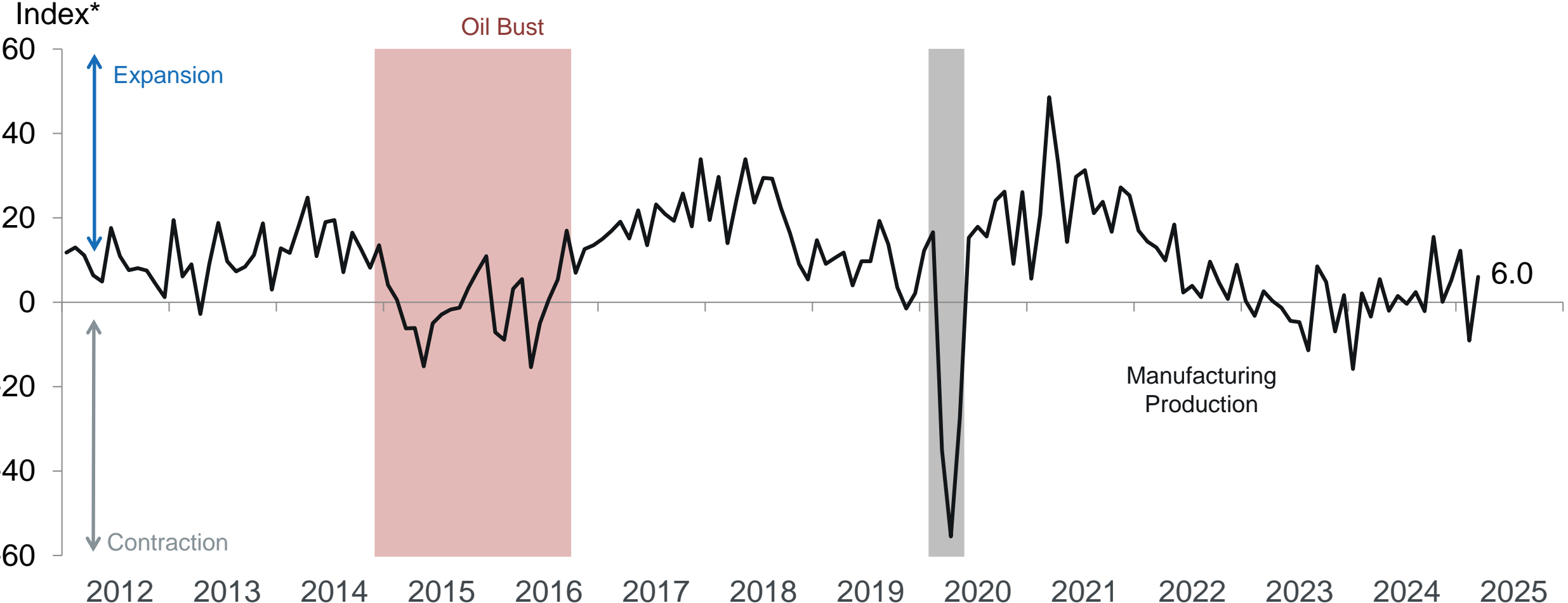


Texas produces 10% of U.S. manufactured goods

Manufacturing sector leading indicator of business cycle

Dallas Fed's Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey offers early look at turning points and insight on trends

Texas manufacturing production expands slightly in March



*Seasonally adjusted.
NOTE: Data through March 2025. Grey bar represents recession.
SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey (TMOS).
DATA: <https://www.dallasfed.org/research/surveys/tmos>

EXPORTS

A white semi-truck with a trailer is driving on a road. The truck is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the frame, moving towards the right. The road is paved and has white lane markings. The background shows a clear sky and some greenery on the right side.

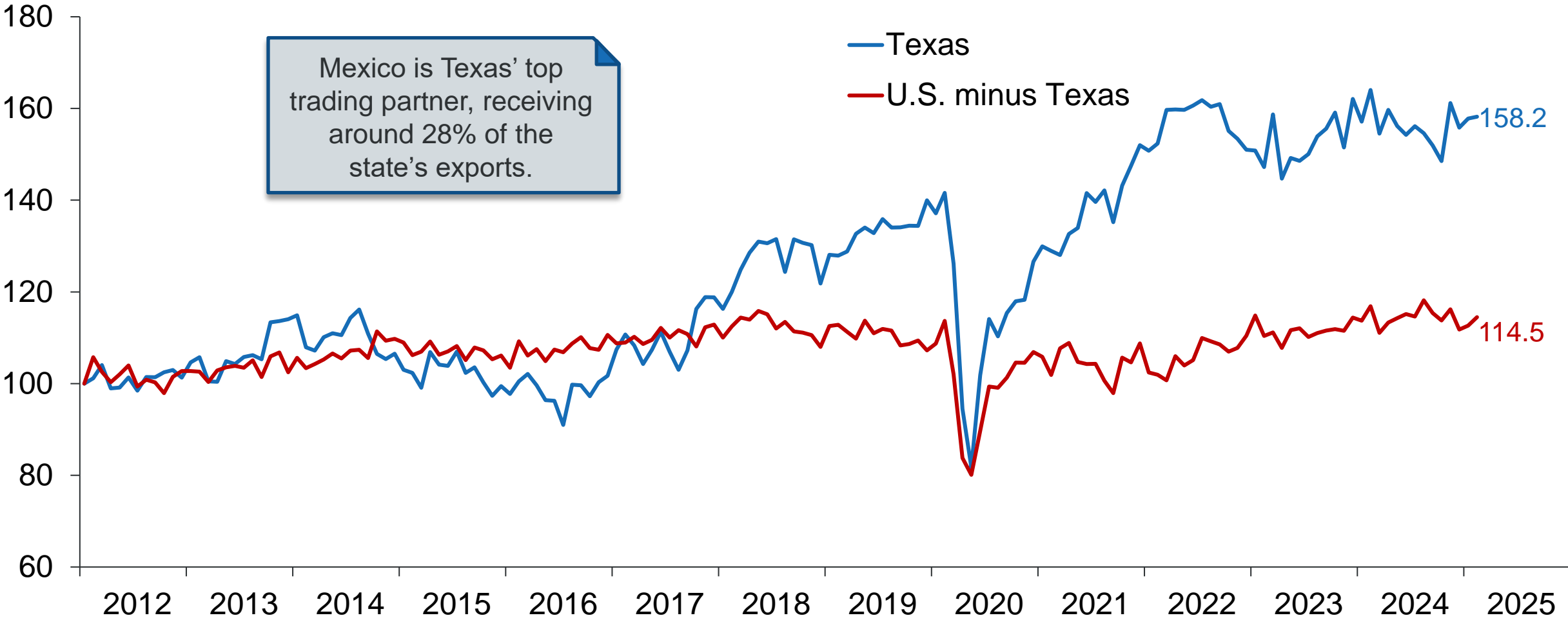
Texas is the top exporting state and accounts for 22% of U.S. exports

Gulf coast ports are major exporters of oil and gas, oil products and petrochemicals

Texas-Mexico border ports also process over half of state exports

Texas exports tick up in February

Index, Jan. 2012=100*



*Seasonally adjusted, real dollars.

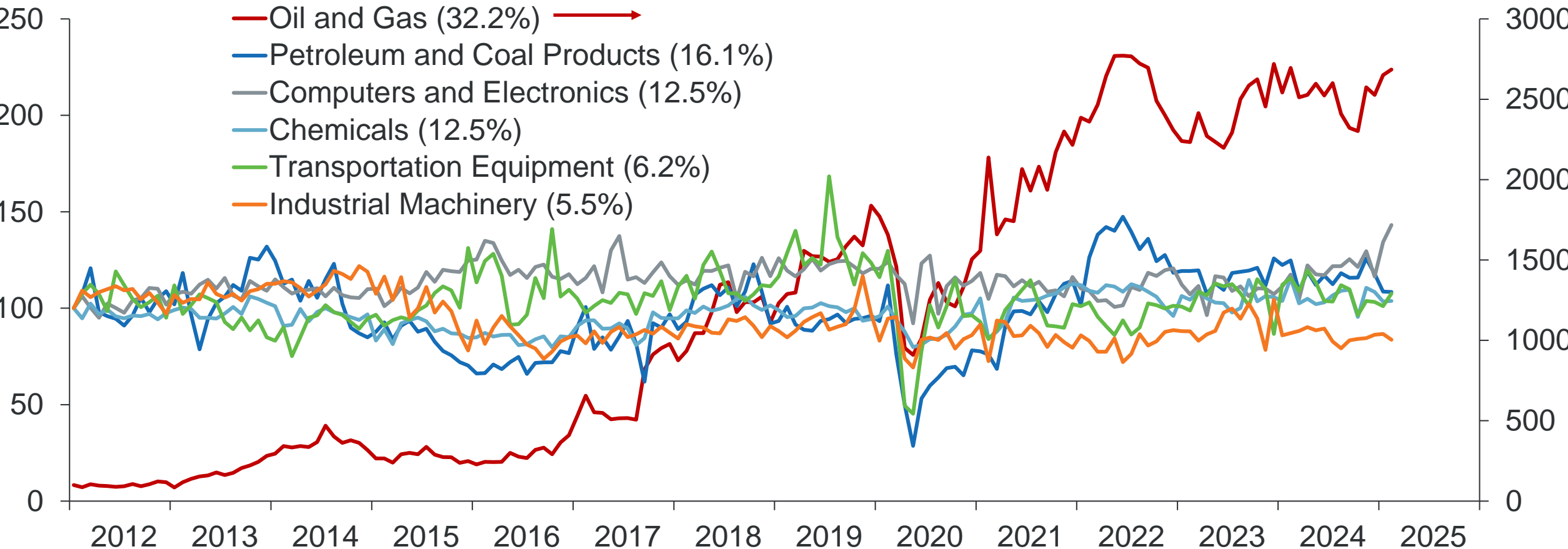
NOTES: Seasonally adjusted, real dollars. Data through February 2025.

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics; seasonal and other adjustments by FRB Dallas.

Oil and gas and computer exports tick up in February

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NOTES: Data through February 2025. Share of 2024 exports in parentheses.
SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau; Bureau of Labor Statistics; seasonal and other adjustments by Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

SERVICES



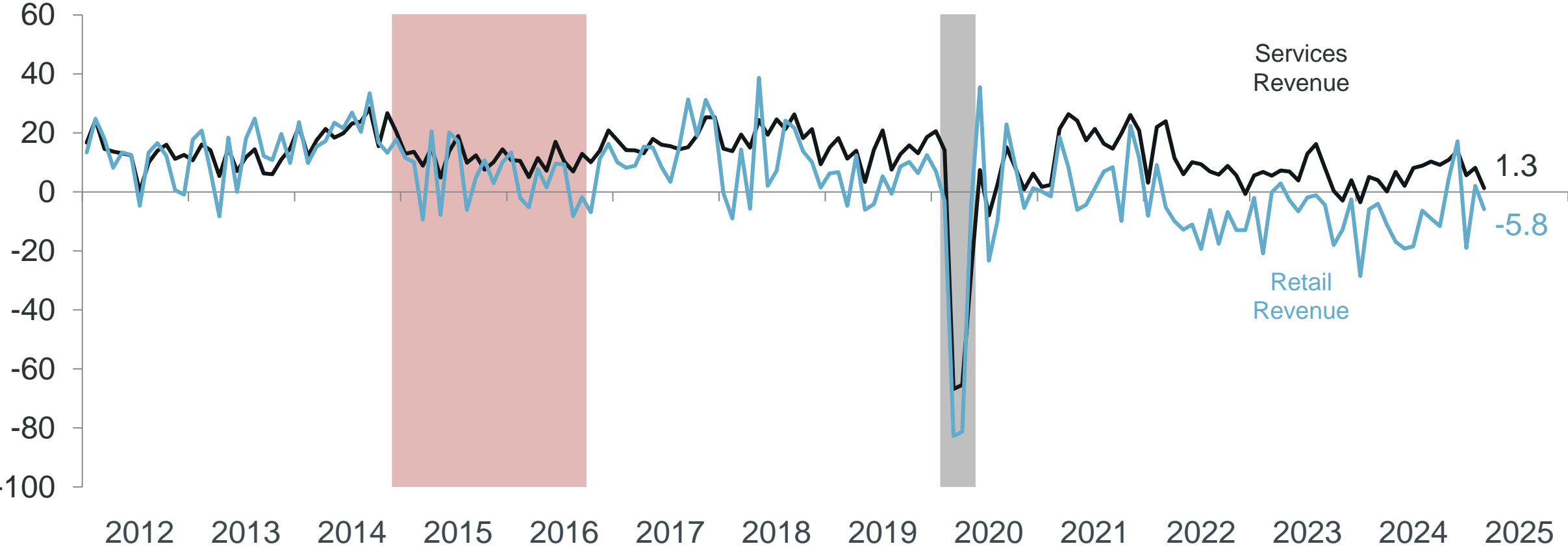
Service industry makes up the bulk of the Texas economy

Accounts for 73% of private-sector output in Texas

Dallas Fed's Texas Service Sector Outlook Survey provides timely insight into this key sector

TBOS service sector posts slight expansion and retail revenue contracts in March

Diffusion index*



*Seasonally adjusted.

NOTE: Data are monthly through March 2025.

SOURCES: Texas Service Sector Outlook Surveys; Texas Retail Outlook Surveys.

HOUSING

Recent housing market activity buoyed by economic growth and high net migration to the state

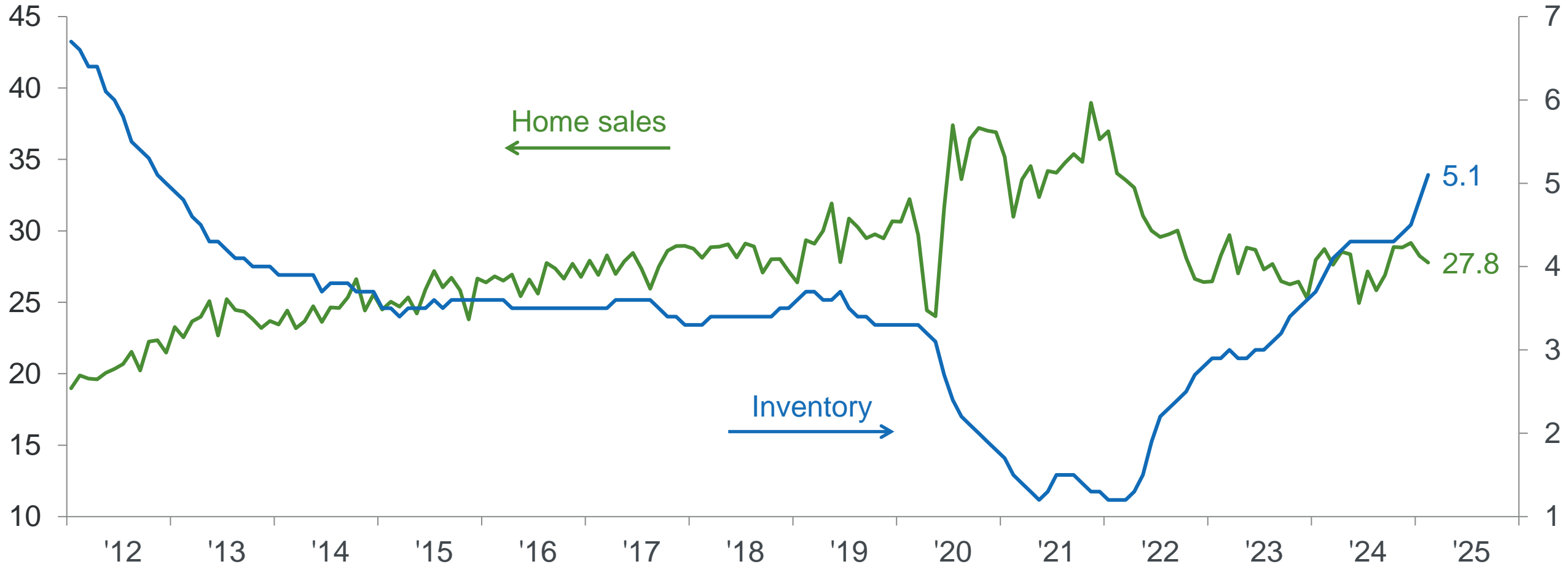
Net migration to Texas was 405 thousand people from 2023 to 2024*

Texas house prices stable and home sales sluggish

Sales decline while inventories rise

Total existing home sales (thousands)*

Months supply of inventory*



*Seasonally adjusted.

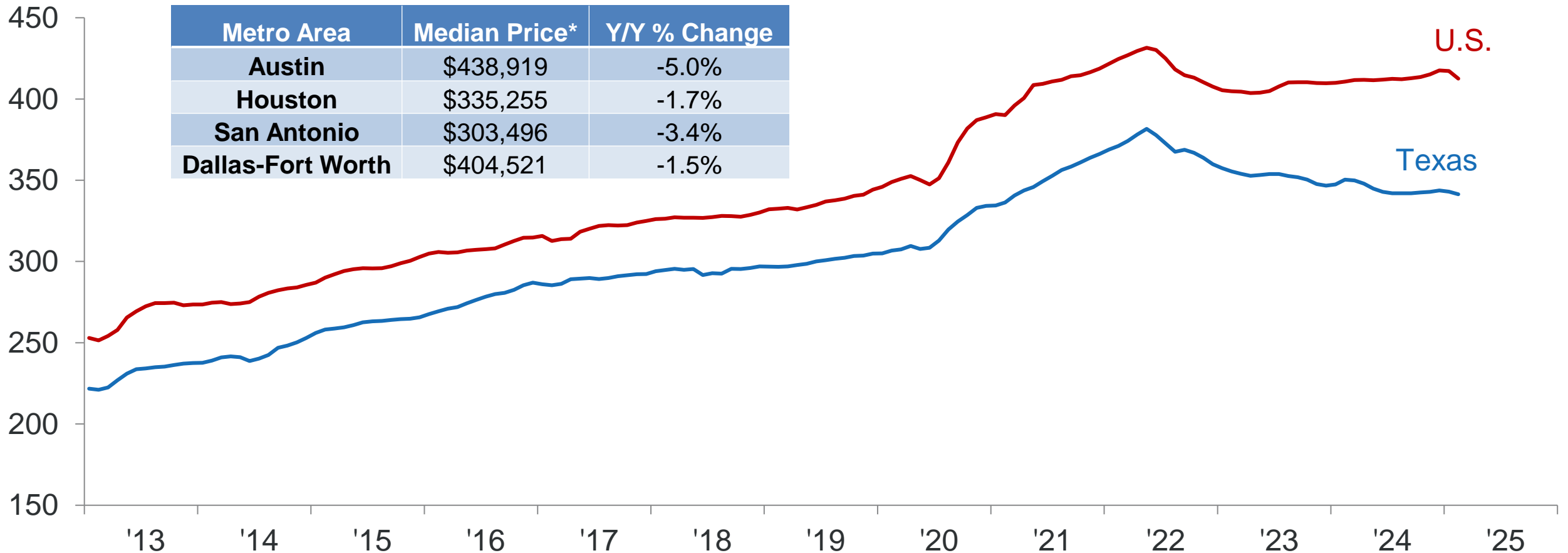
NOTE: Data are monthly through February 2025.

SOURCES: Multiple Listings Service; seasonal and other adjustments by FRB Dallas.

Median-home prices flat to down in February from year-ago levels

Dollars (thousands)*

Metro Area	Median Price*	Y/Y % Change
Austin	\$438,919	-5.0%
Houston	\$335,255	-1.7%
San Antonio	\$303,496	-3.4%
Dallas-Fort Worth	\$404,521	-1.5%



*Seasonally adjusted, three-month moving average, real dollars.

NOTE: Data are monthly through February 2025.

SOURCES: Multiple Listing Service; seasonal and other adjustments by Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

2025 Texas Economic Outlook

- Through March, Texas employment has risen 1.9 percent, above 1.4 percent growth in 2024.
- The Dallas Fed's Texas employment forecast is 1.5 percent for 2025
- For more information, see the March Texas Employment Forecast at [Texas Employment Forecast - Dallasfed.org](https://www.dallasfed.org/outlook/texas-employment-forecast)



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