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Texas Economic Performance and Outlook

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“Employment growth accelerates in June”

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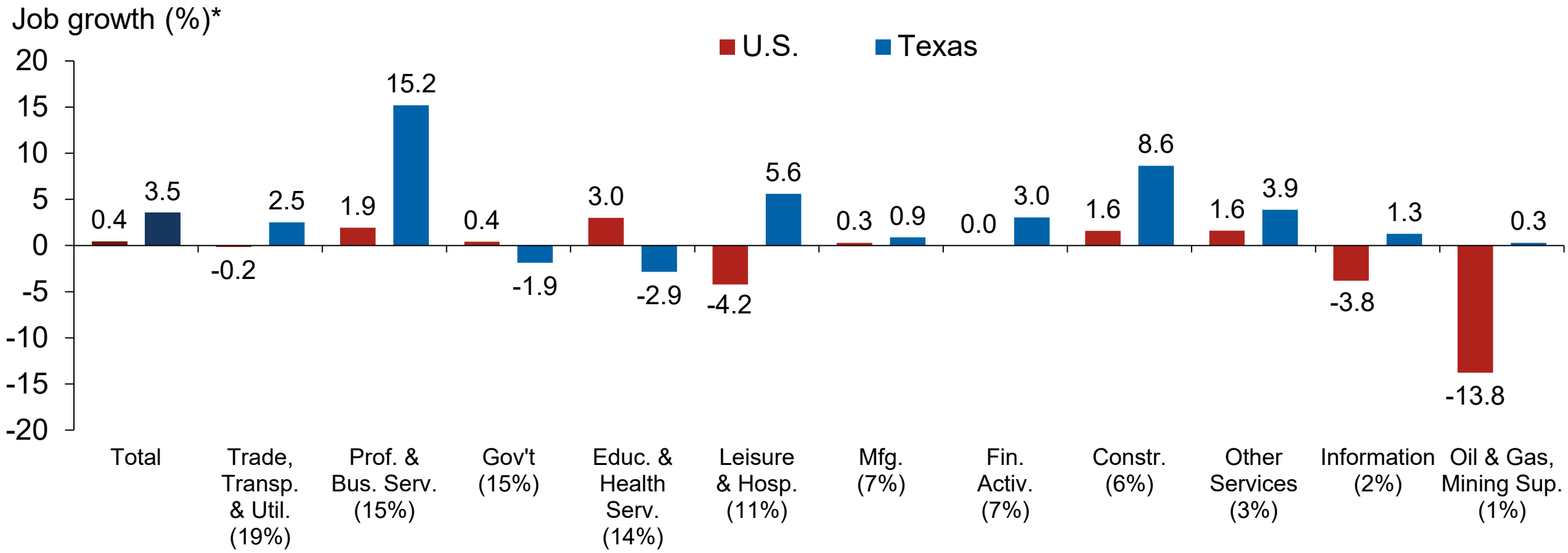
What's New: Headcounts increase in June

- Texas employment grew 3.5% in June. May's employment growth was revised up to 1.3%
  - U.S. job growth was 0.4% in June
- The Dallas Fed's Texas Employment Forecast indicates jobs will increase by 2.0% in 2026
- Texas unemployment ticked up to 4.4% in June
  - U.S. unemployment was 4.2% in June
- June Texas Business Outlook Surveys (TBOS) indicate continued growth in manufacturing production and service sector activity
  - Firms report faster price and wage growth compared to last year
  - 12 months ahead, firms expect flat change in input and selling price, but rising wage growth
  - Over the last three months, firms cite inflation as their top concern followed by geopolitical uncertainty and the level of demand

Overall Economic Activity

Texas job growth led by professional and business services in June



*Seasonally adjusted, annualized rate.

NOTES: Data are Jun. '26/May '26 employment growth by sector. Numbers in parenthesis indicate share of total state employment in June 2026.

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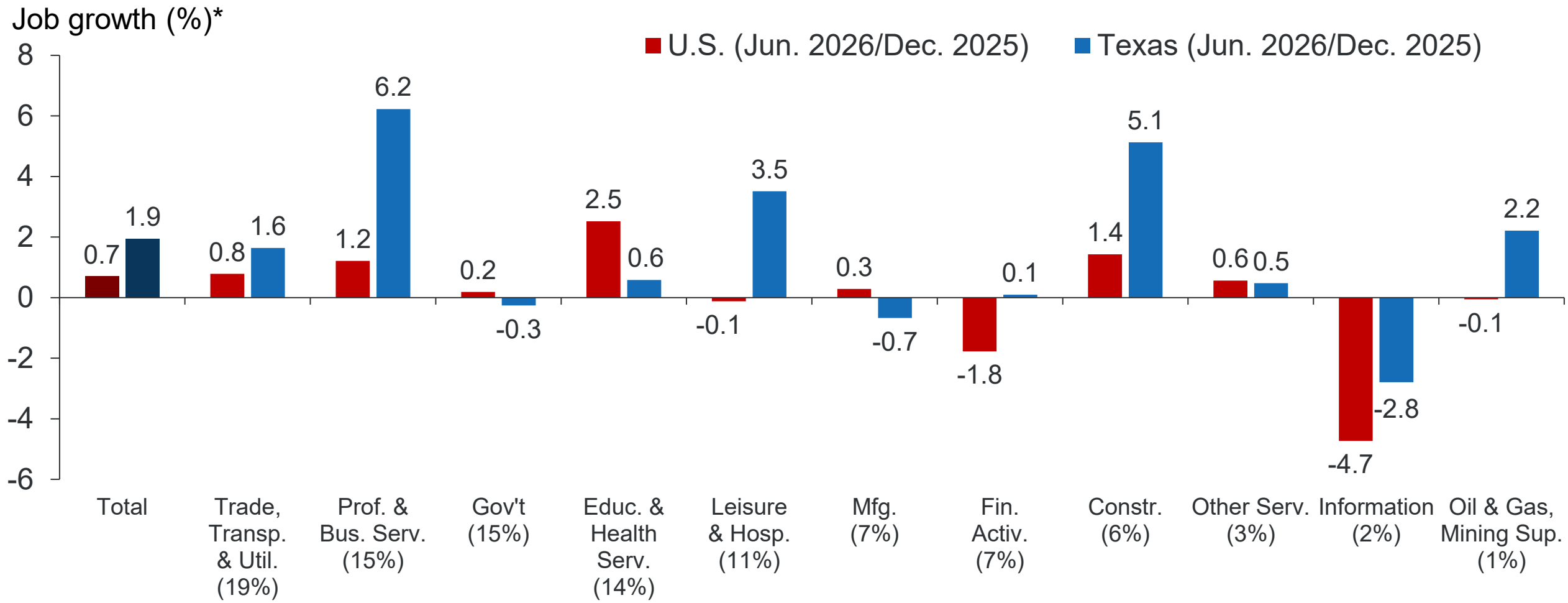
Texas employment growing at a healthy pace



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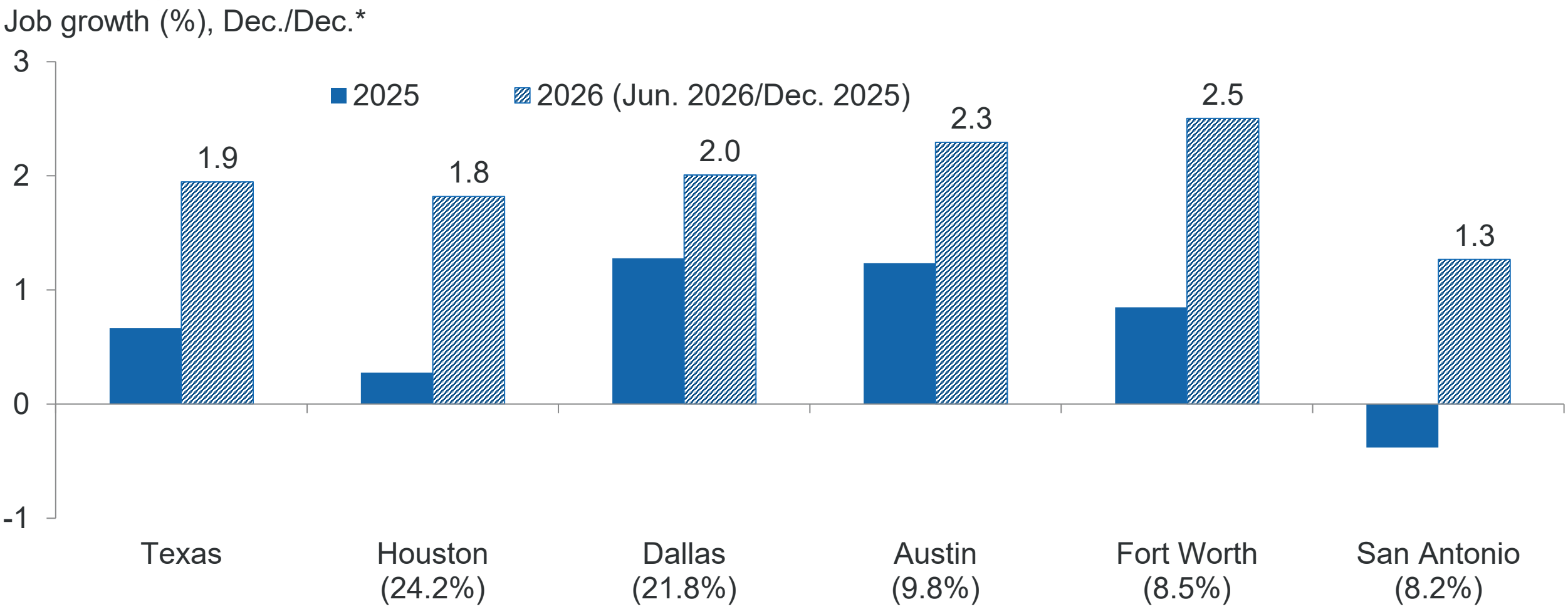
2026 job growth outpacing last year's increases



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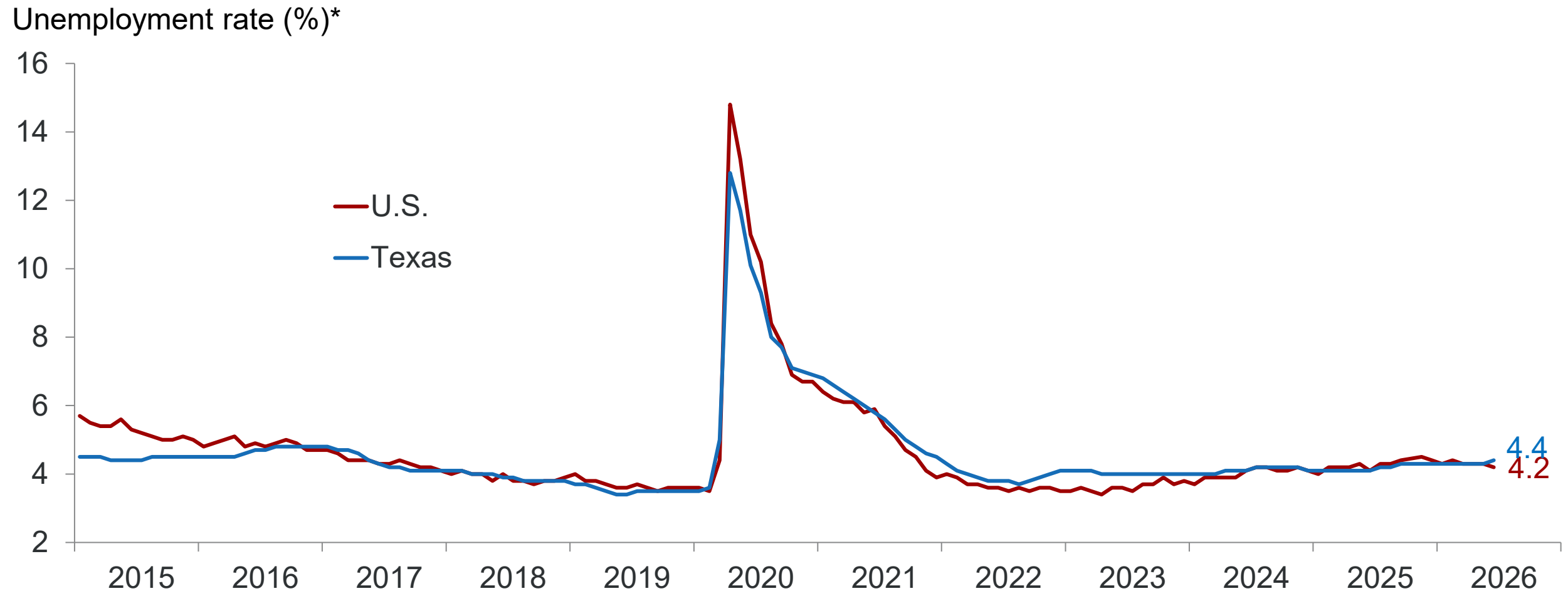
Texas unemployment ticks up slightly



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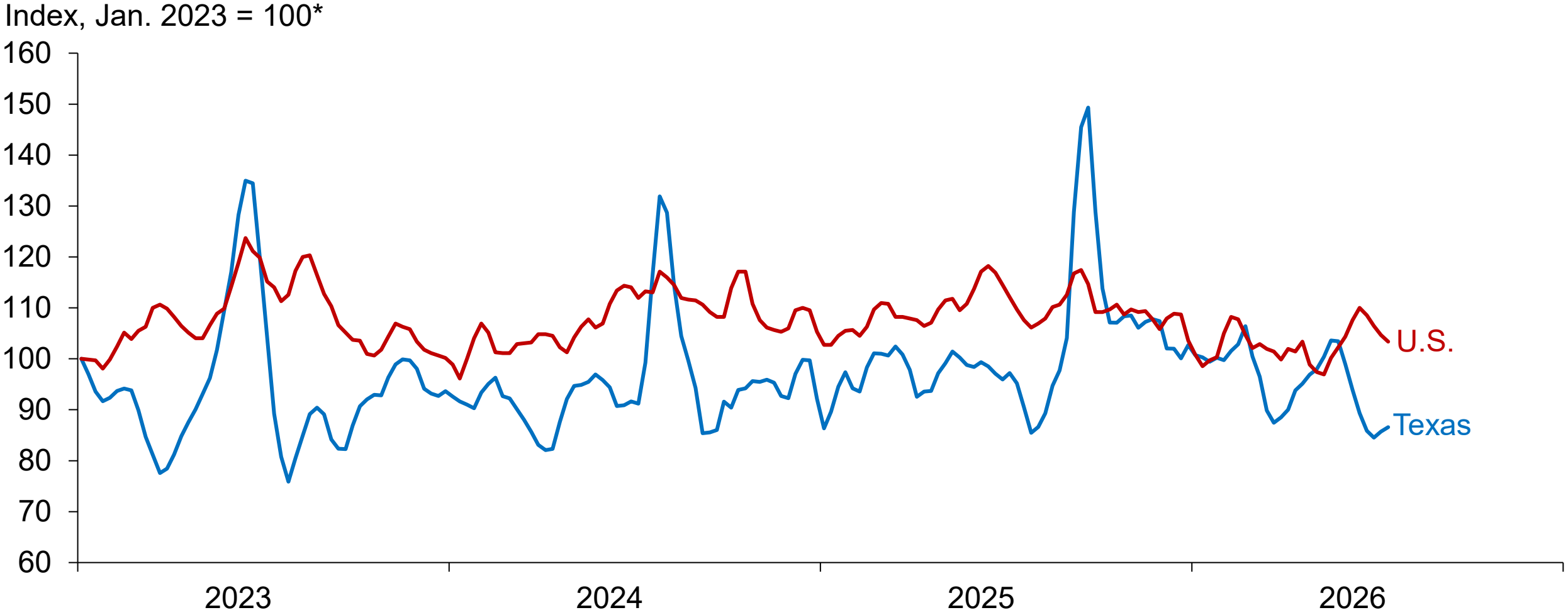
Texas initial unemployment claims tick up while the nation's fall in recent weeks



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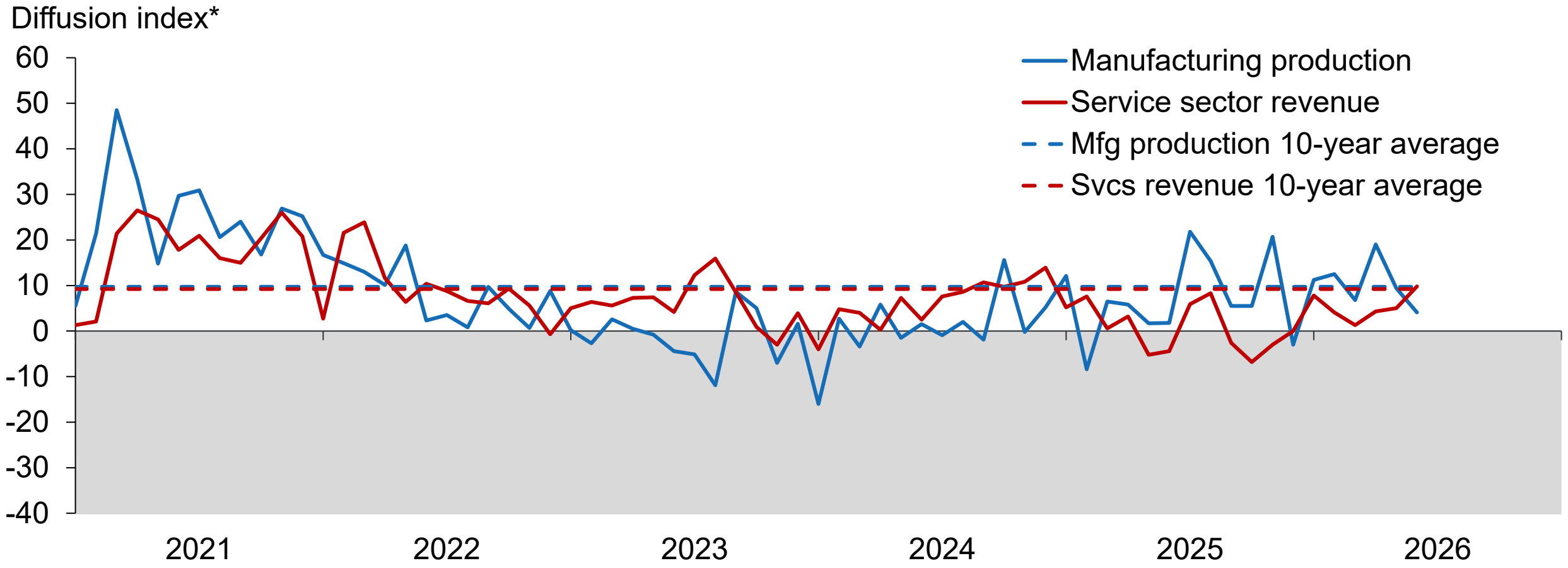
SOURCE: Department of Labor.

TBOS points to expanding economic activity in June



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NOTES: Data are through June 2026. Shaded area represents contractionary territory.
SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Texas Business Outlook Surveys.
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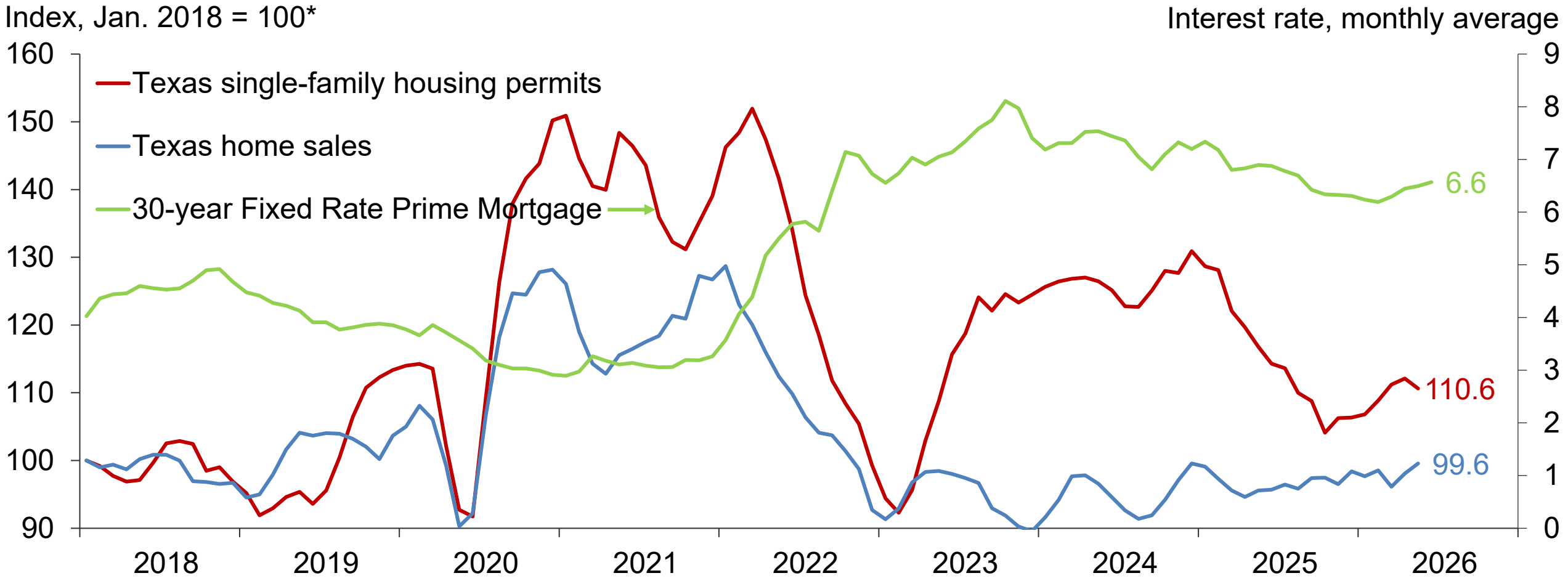
Real Estate, Energy and Finance

Texas home sales and mortgage rates rise, permits fall



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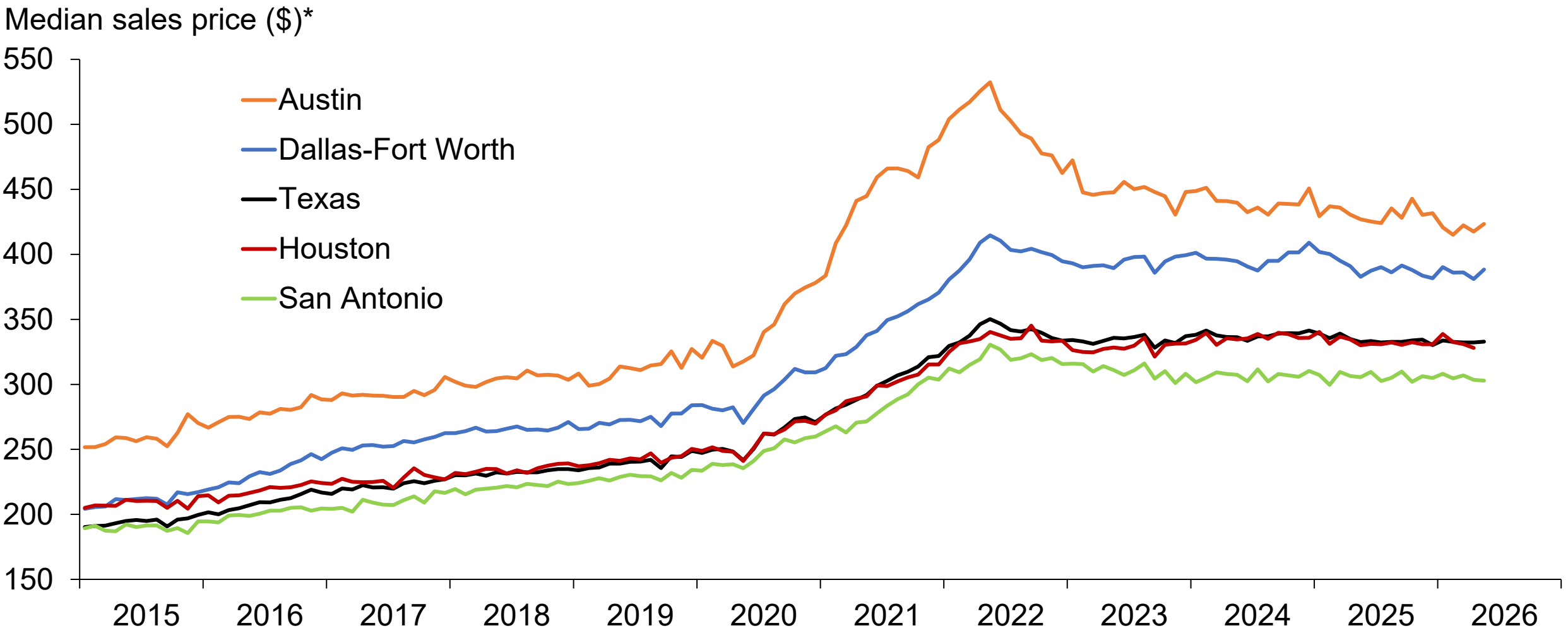
NOTES: Permits and home sale data are through May 2026; mortgage rates data are through June 2026.
SOURCES: U.S. Census; Multiple Listing Service; *Wall Street Journal*.

Texas median home prices flat in May



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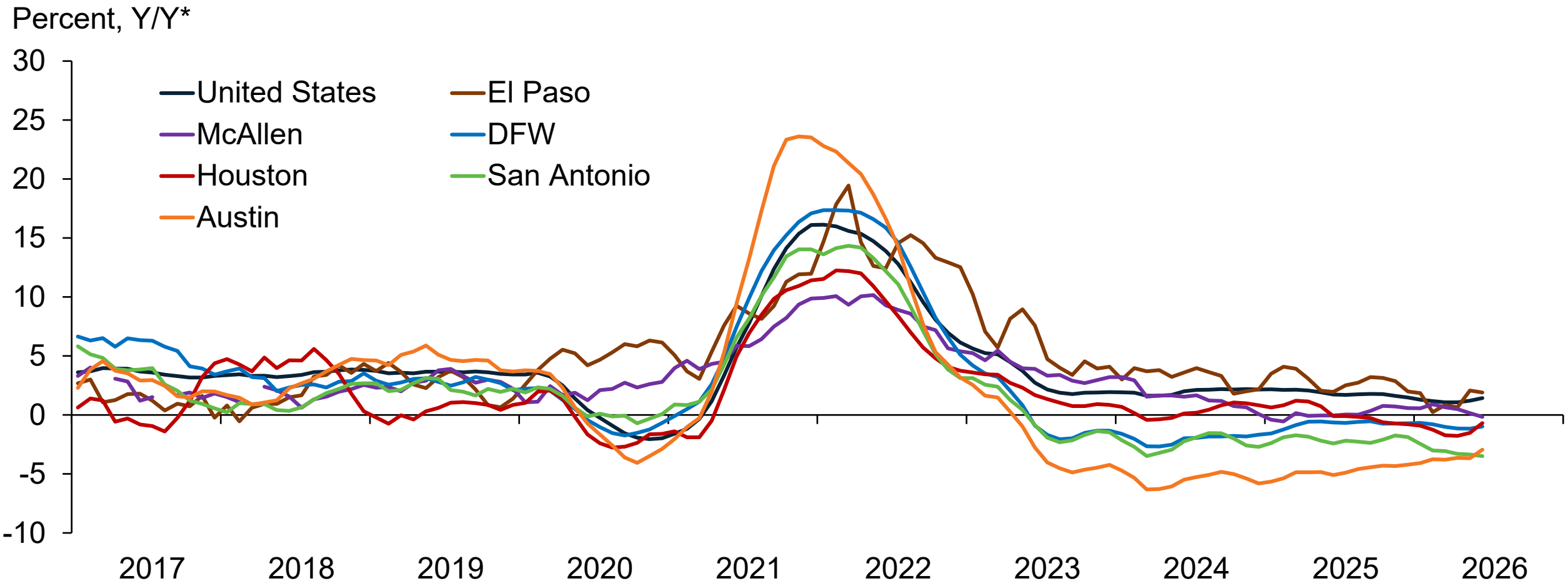
Apartment rents continue falling across most Texas major metros



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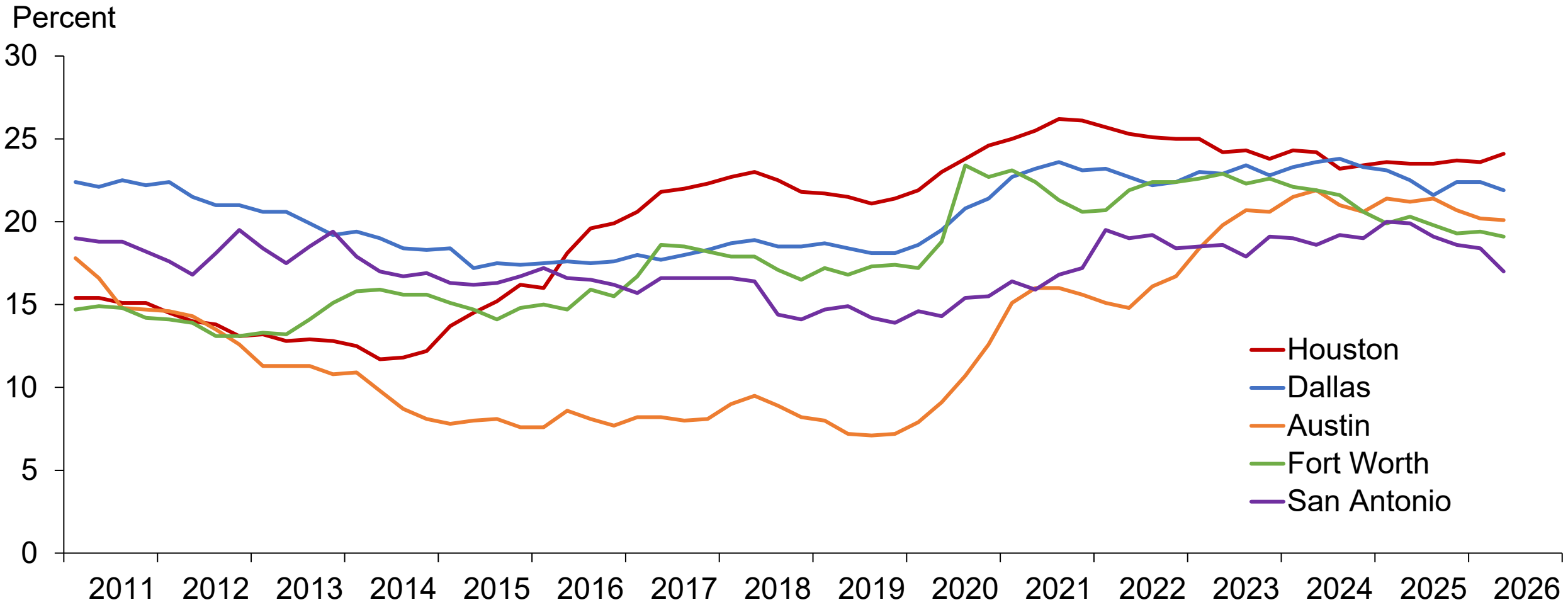
NOTE: Data are monthly through June 2026.
SOURCE: Zillow.

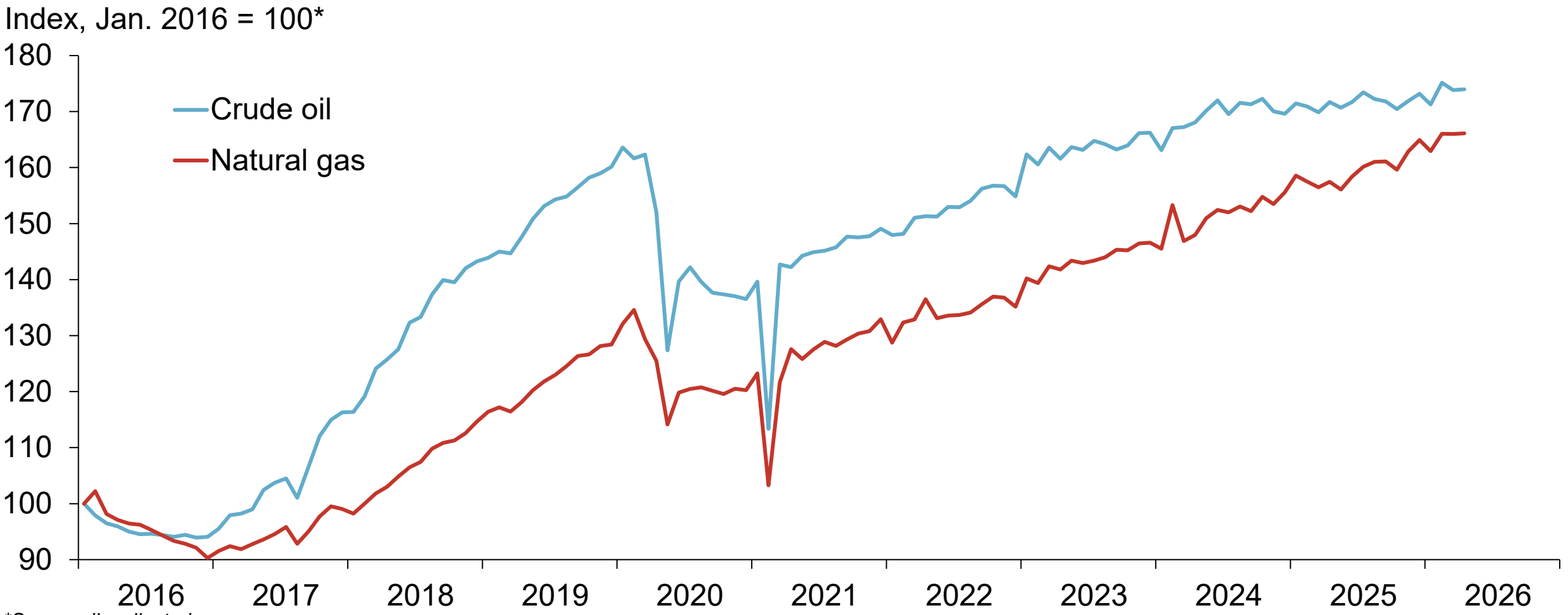
Office vacancy rates tick up in Houston, down elsewhere

(Q2 2026)



NOTE: Data are quarterly through Q2 2026.
SOURCE: CBRE Econometric Advisors.

Texas oil and gas production flat in April



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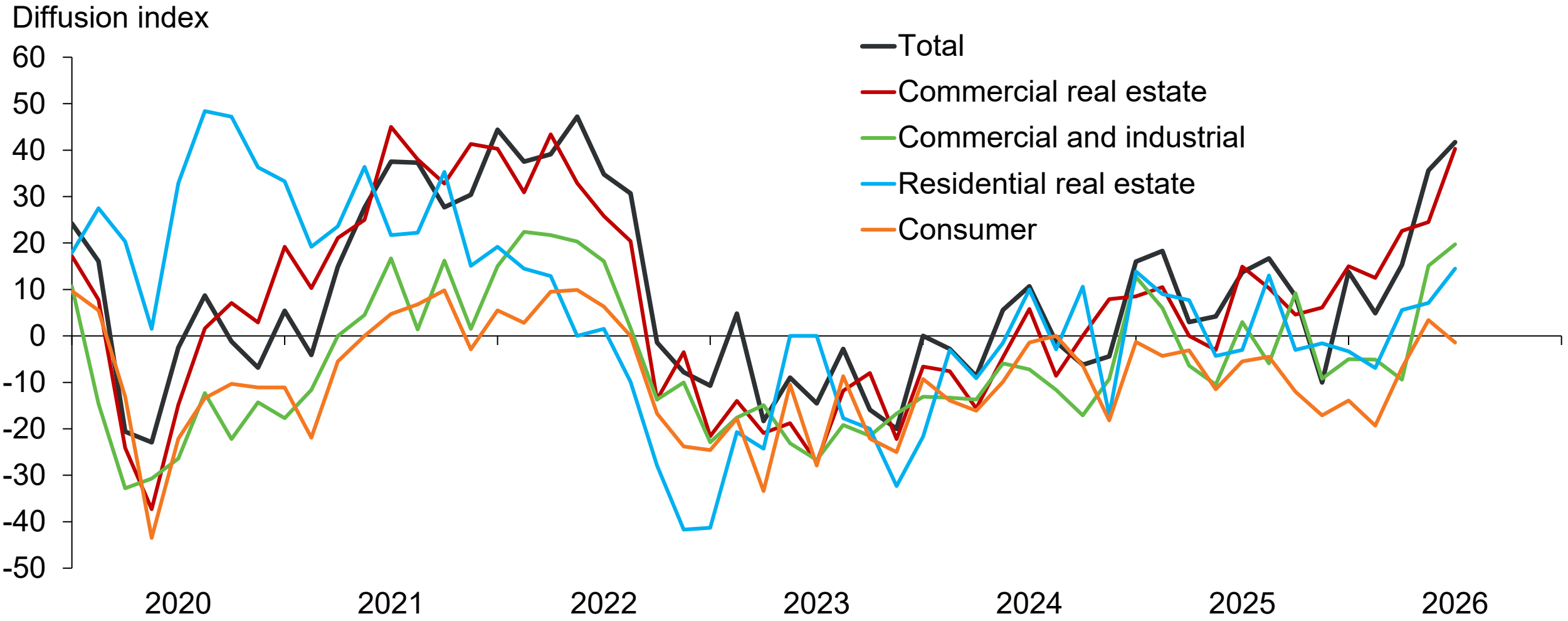
NOTES: Shown are crude oil and natural gas marketed production through April 2026. Production of natural gas are based on billion cubic feet while crude oil is based on million barrels per day.

SOURCE: Energy Information Administration.

Total loan volumes expand strongly in June 2026

(11th District banks)



NOTE: Data through June 2026.
SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Banking Conditions Survey.

Total nonperforming loan volumes change little in June

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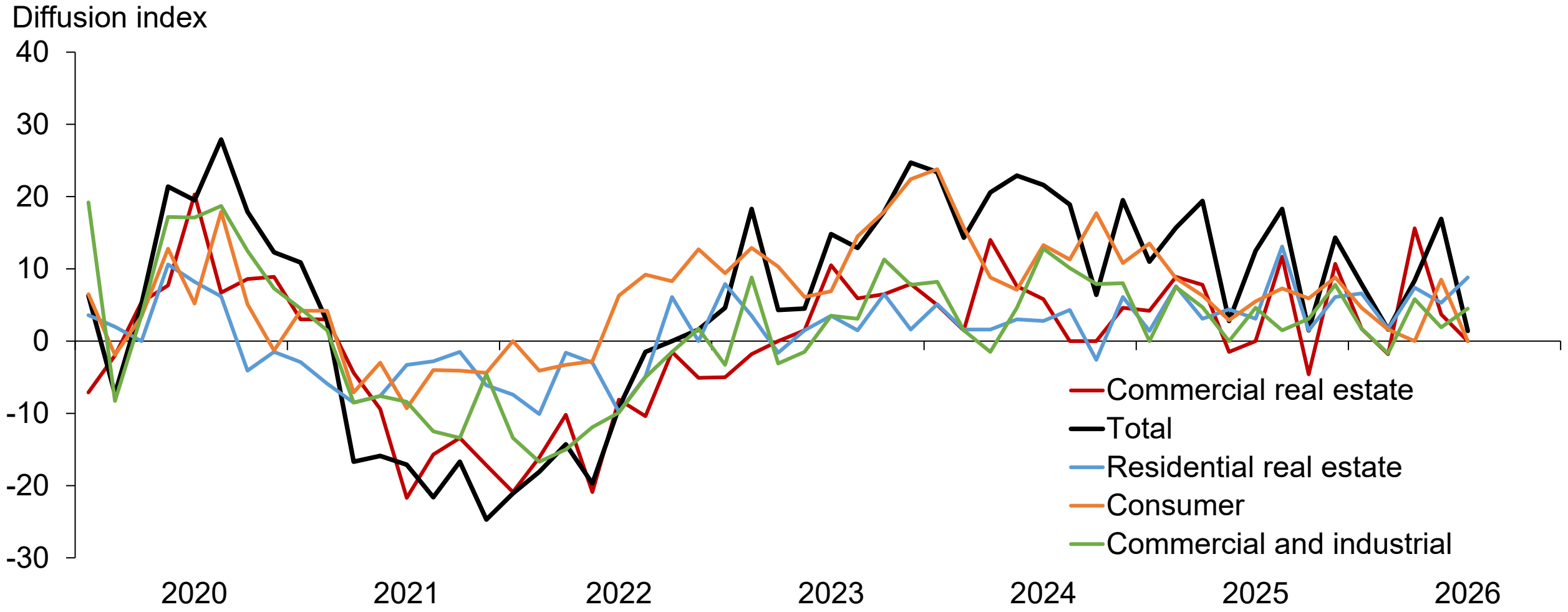

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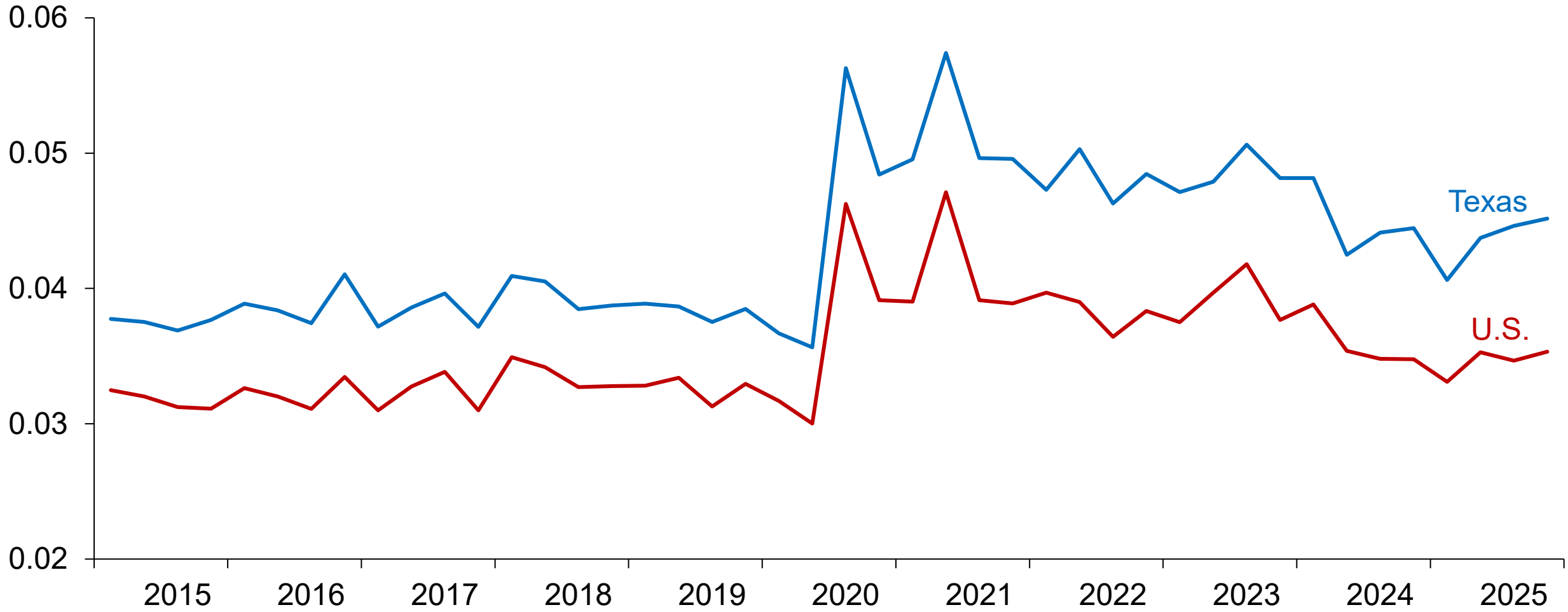
Outlook

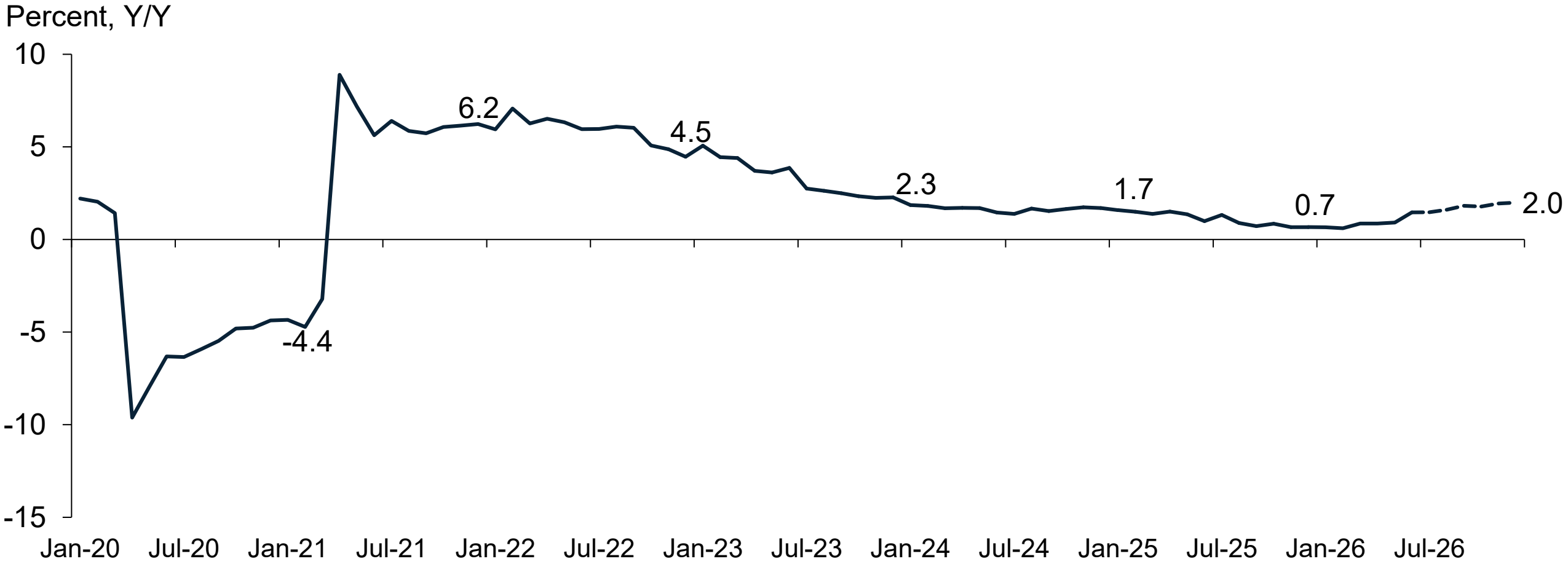
Rate of business formation picked up in Q4 2025

Business applications per business establishments



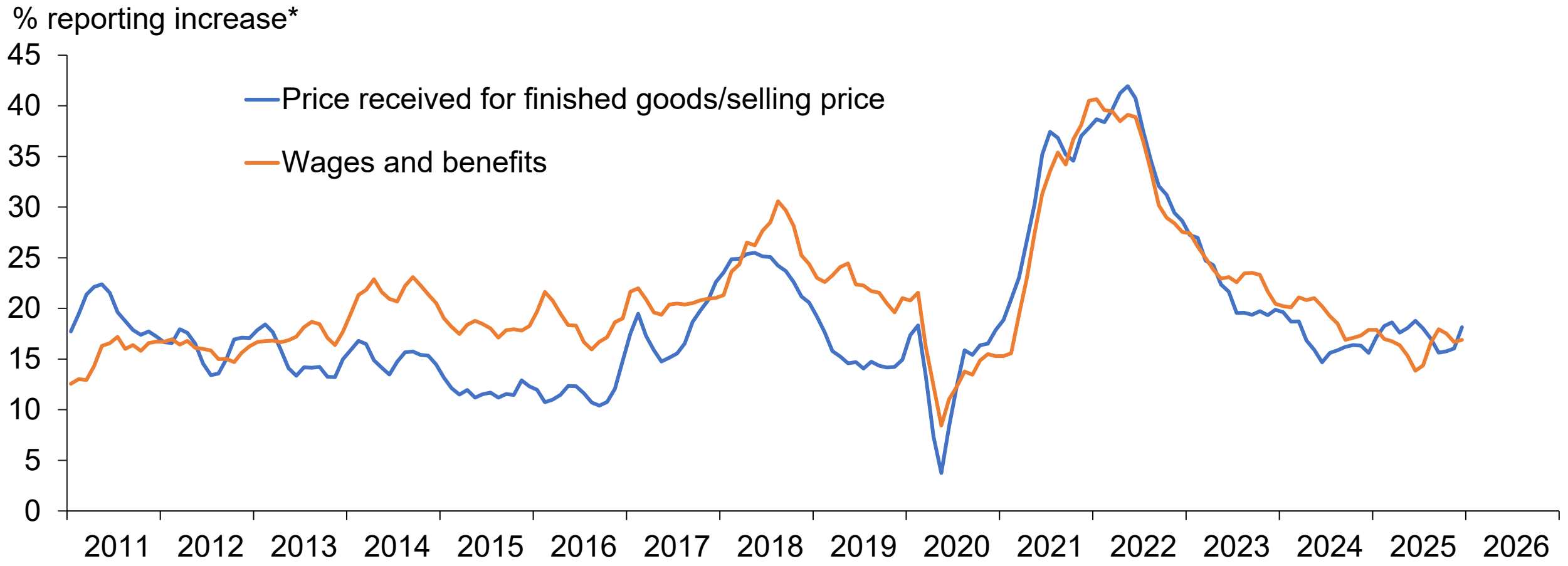
NOTES: Data are quarterly through Q4 2025. Business applications data are missing for the first week of January 2021.
SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau.

The Texas employment forecast indicates 2.0% growth in 2026 (range 1.5%-2.5%)



NOTE: The Dallas Fed Texas Employment Forecast is based on the average of four models. Three models are VARs where Texas payroll employment is regressed on WTI oil prices, the US leading index and the Texas leading index, respectively. The fourth model is a regression of payroll employment on lags of payroll employment, expectations for U.S. GDP growth, WTI oil prices, and four COVID-19 dummy variables (March-June 2020).

Share of Texas firms reporting an increase in selling prices rise in June



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NOTES: Percent reporting increase was constructed by weighting the respective component of TMOS and TSSOS according to GDP shares. Data through June 2026.
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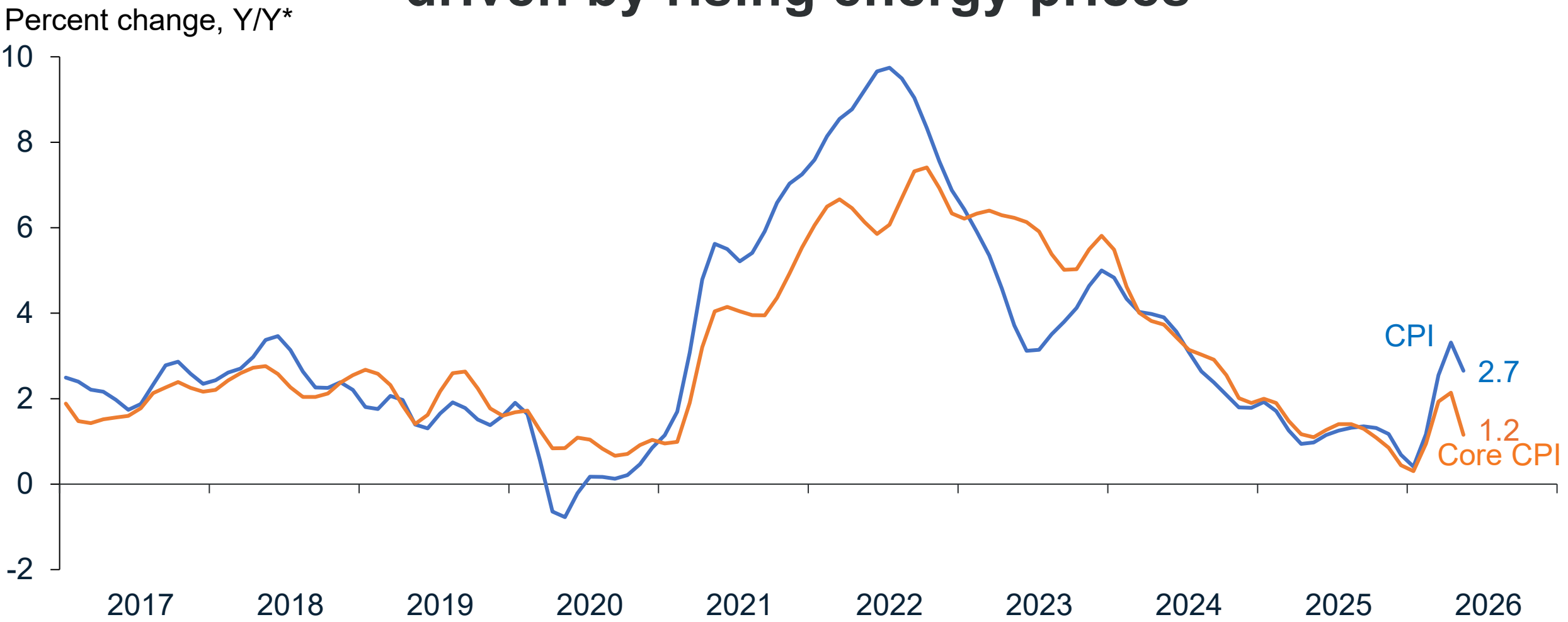
Texas CPI decelerates in May, driven by rising energy prices



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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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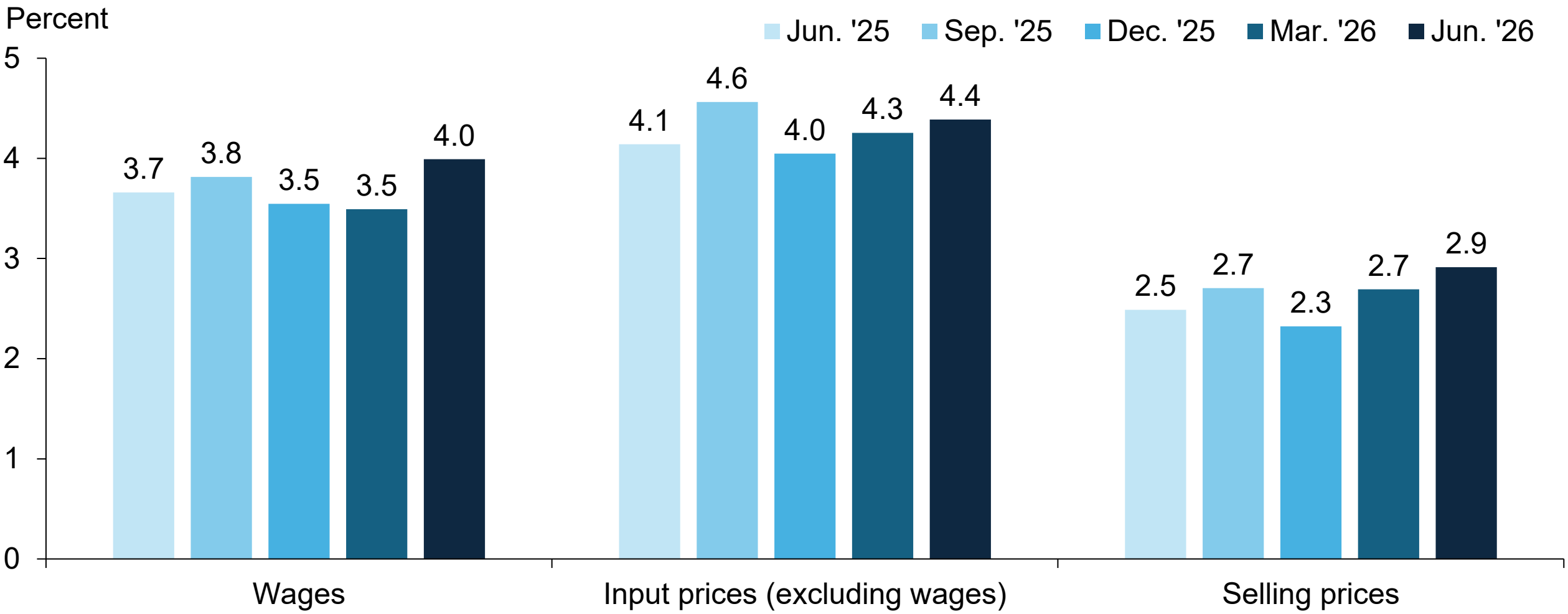
TBOS firms report increasing wage and price growth



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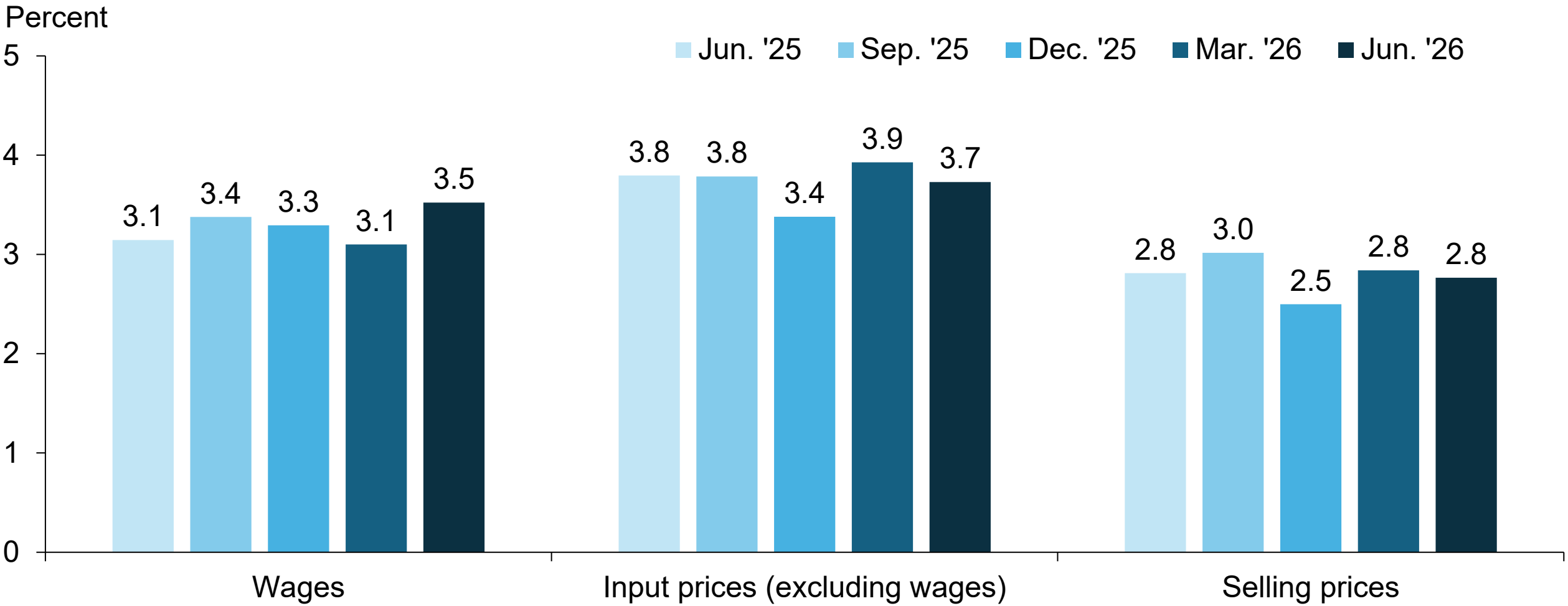
Wage growth expectations moved up, Input and selling price growth expectations little changed



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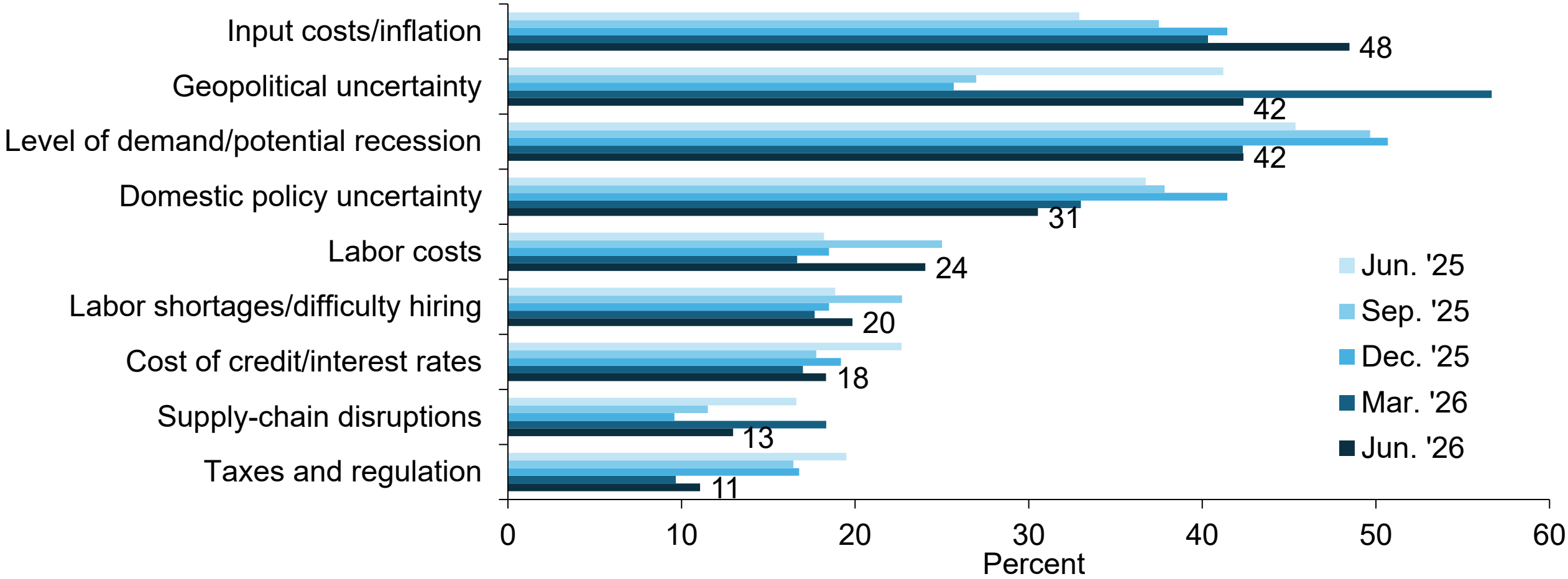
Inflation rose to the most widely-cited outlook concern



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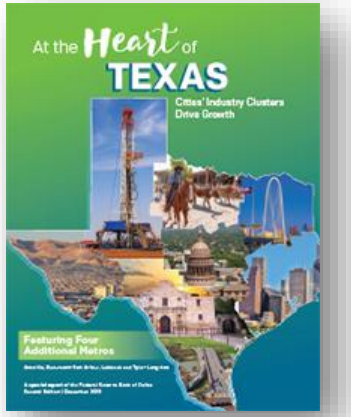
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