





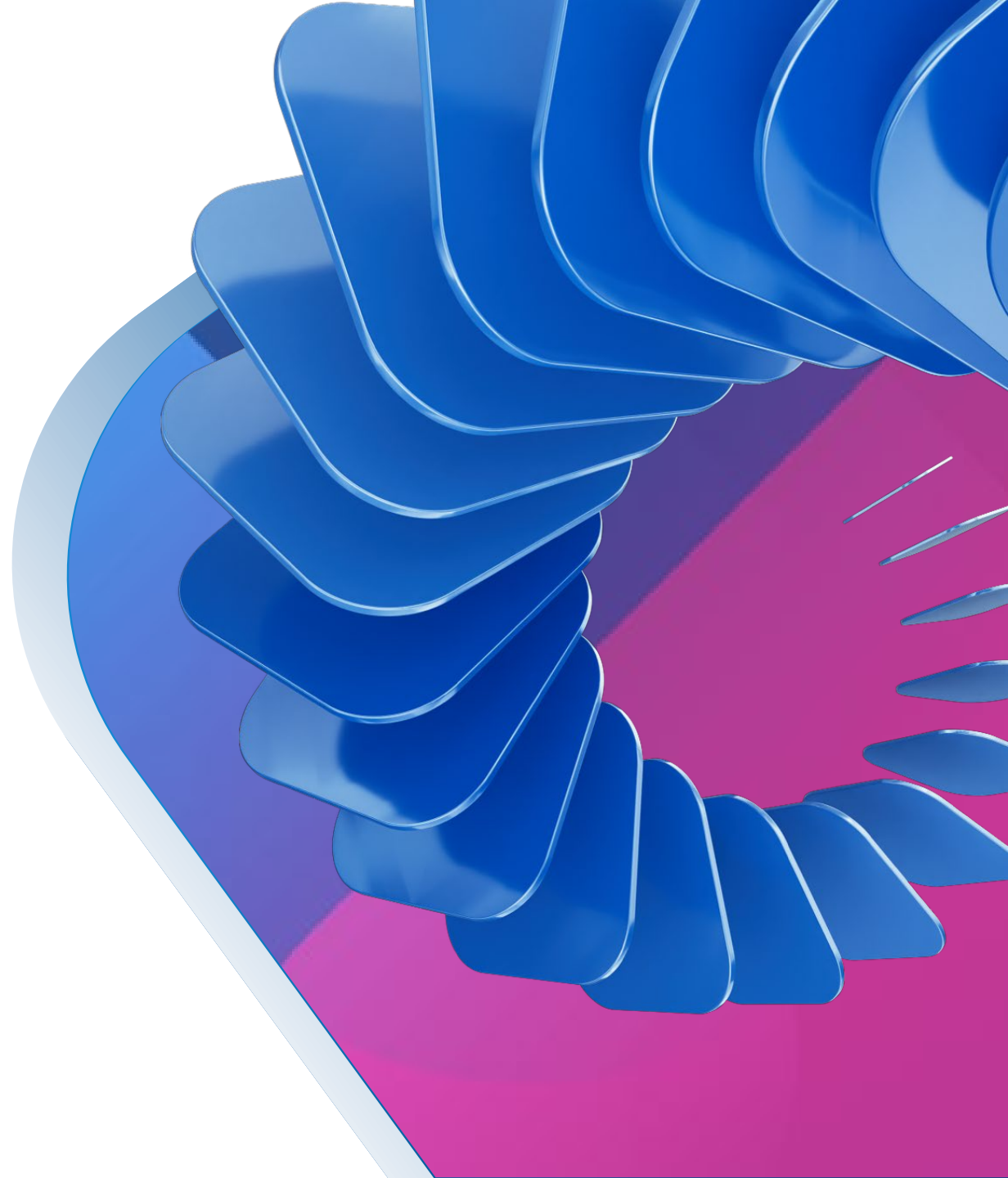
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Small Business Economic Review

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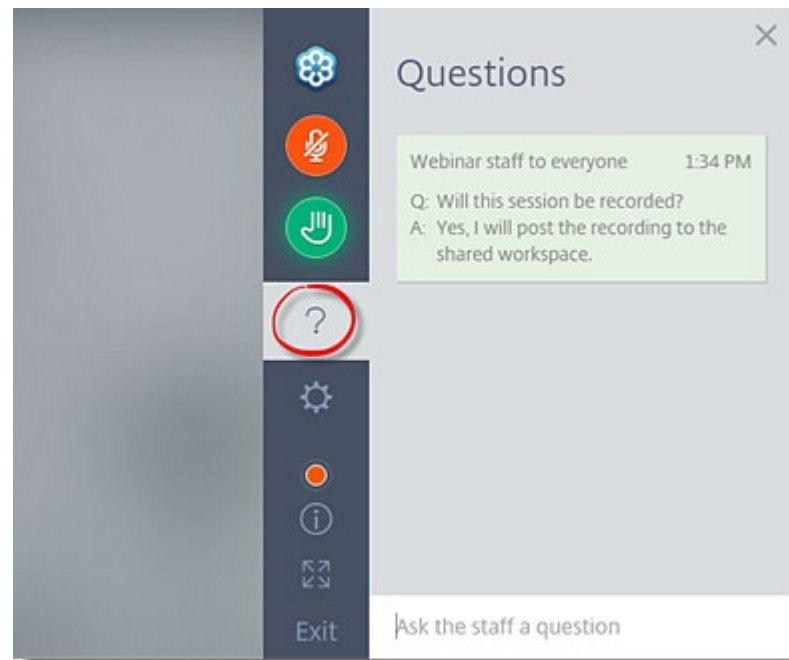


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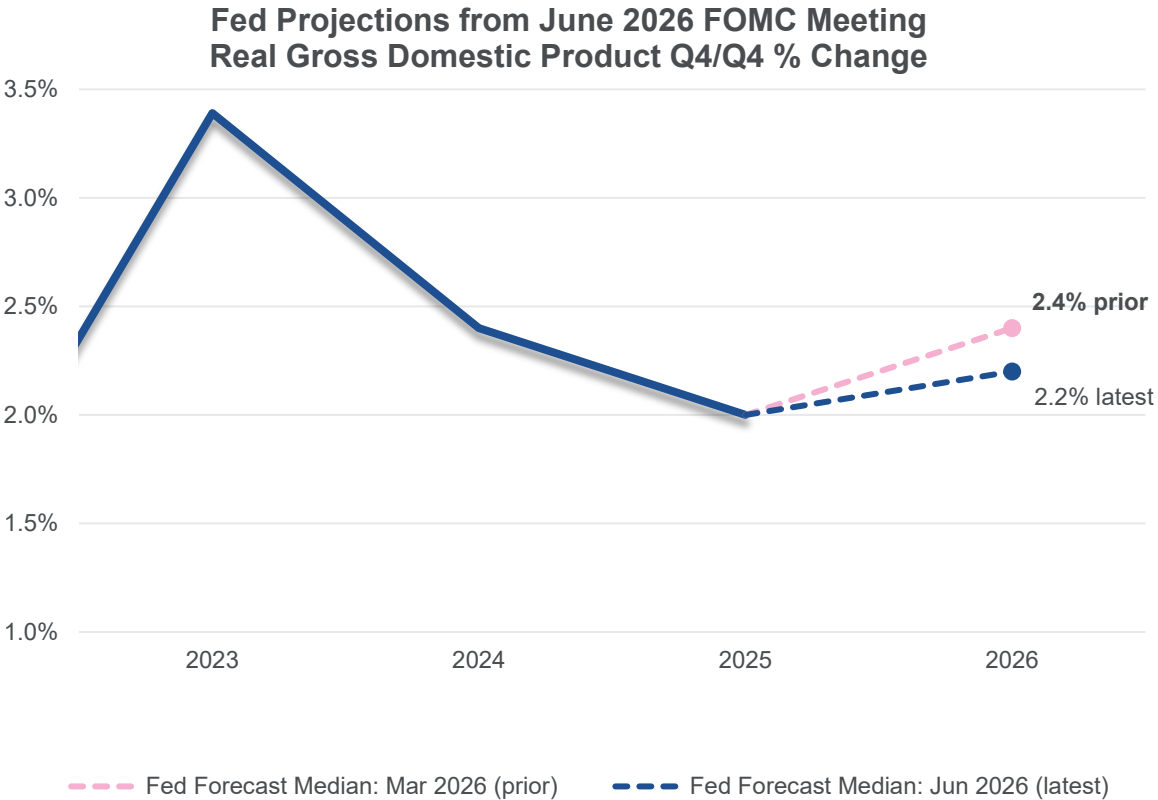
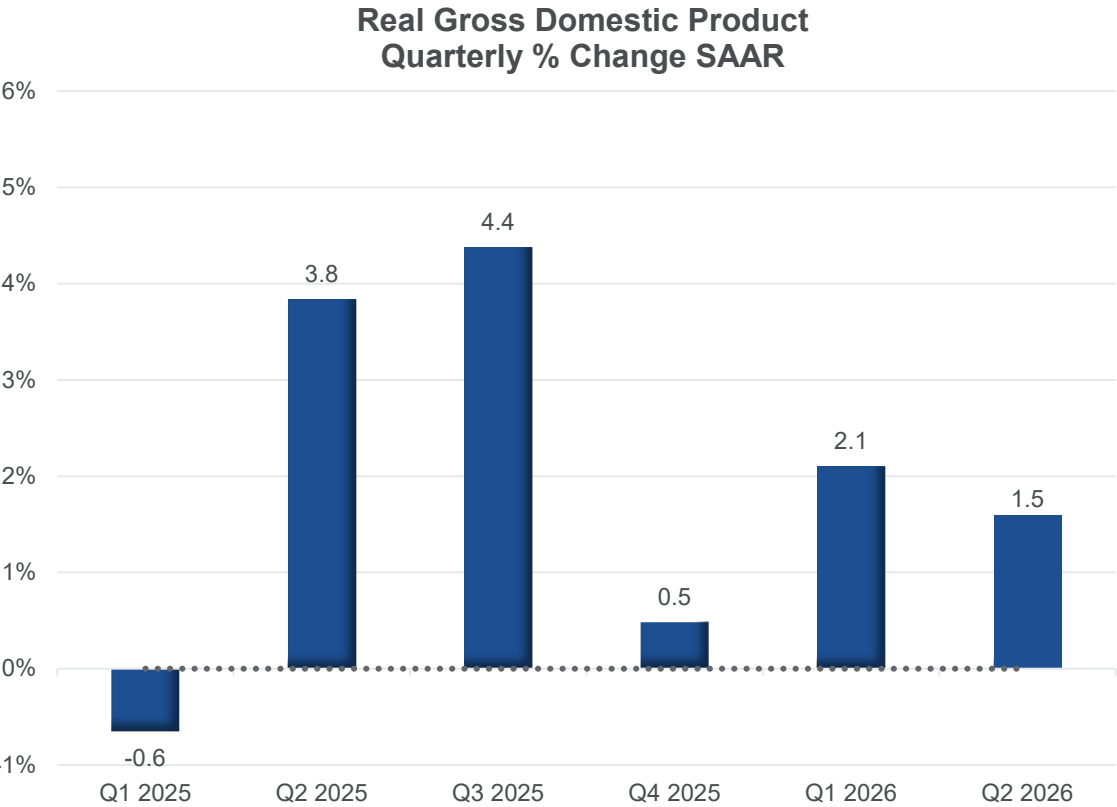




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Economic growth remains solid, outlook positive

Fed officials slightly lower the growth outlook, but economy appears resilient



Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Federal Reserve Summary of Economic Projections – June 2026, Experian Economic Strategy Group

Top stories impacting US growth

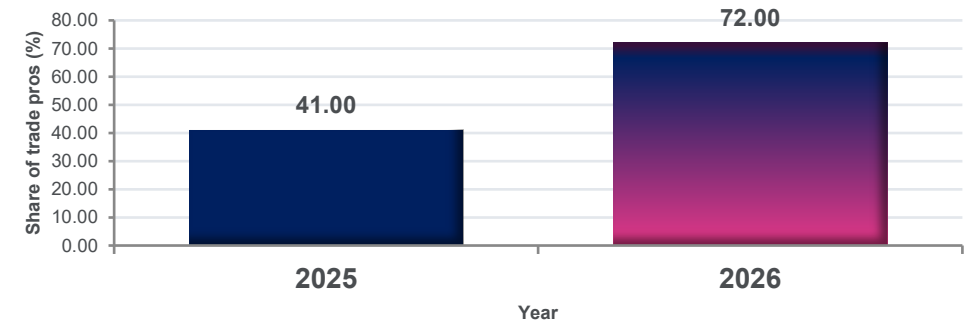
Global and domestic influence headed into the fall



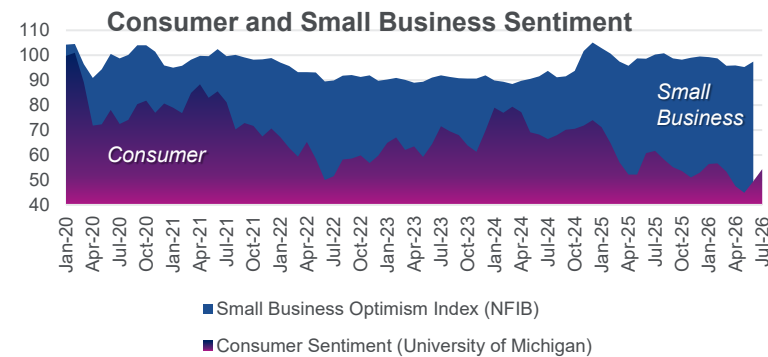
Top global risks

- **Geopolitical** flashpoints and energy security
- **U.S. Tariffs** and trade policy
- **U.S. Regulatory** environment
- **AI** employment and infrastructure

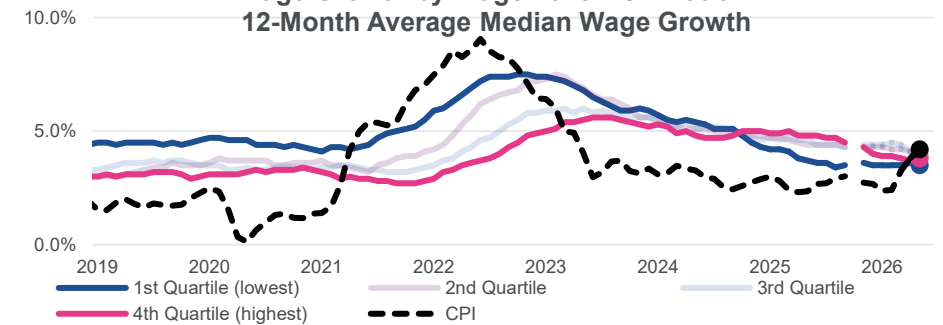
Trade pros citing U.S. tariffs as top disruption



Consumer financial health

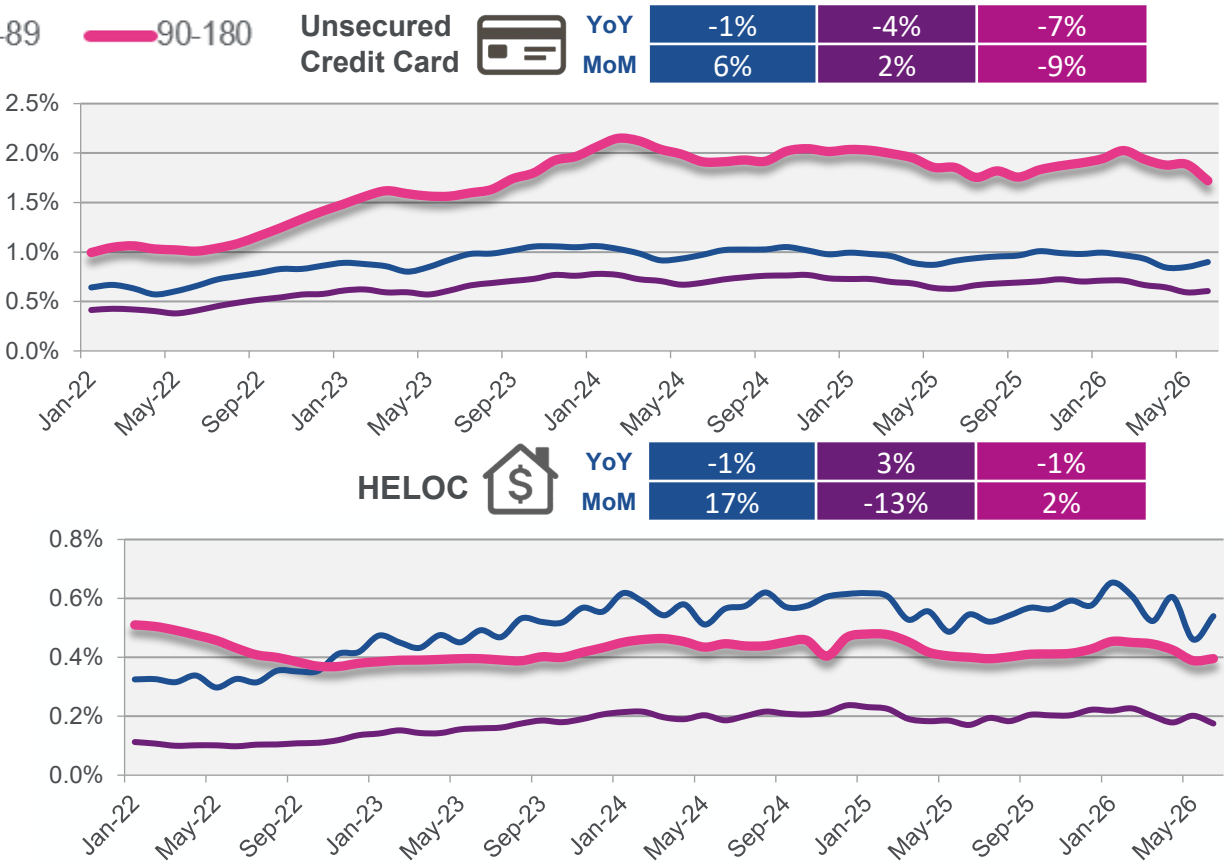
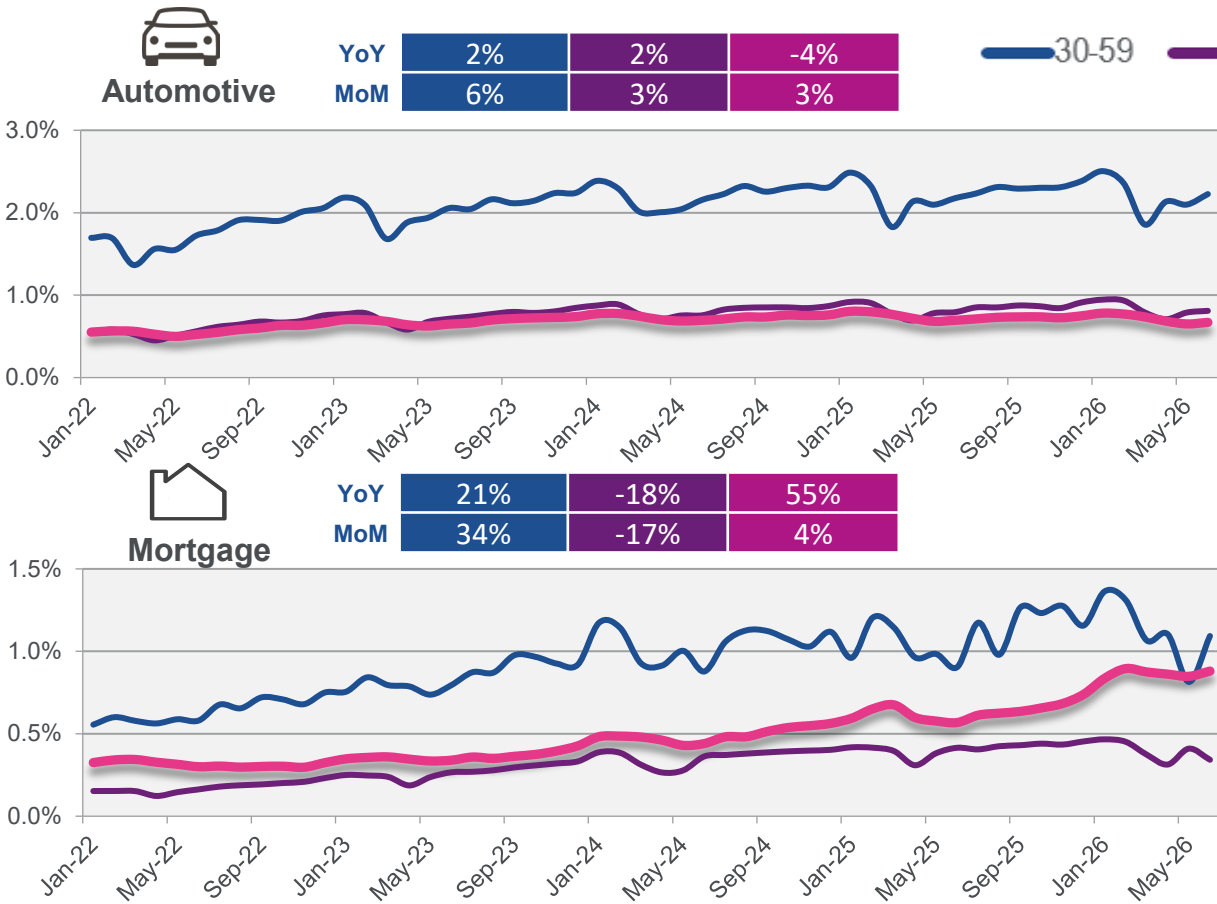


Wage Growth by Wage Level vs Inflation: 12-Month Average Median Wage Growth



Mortgage delinquencies up while others down

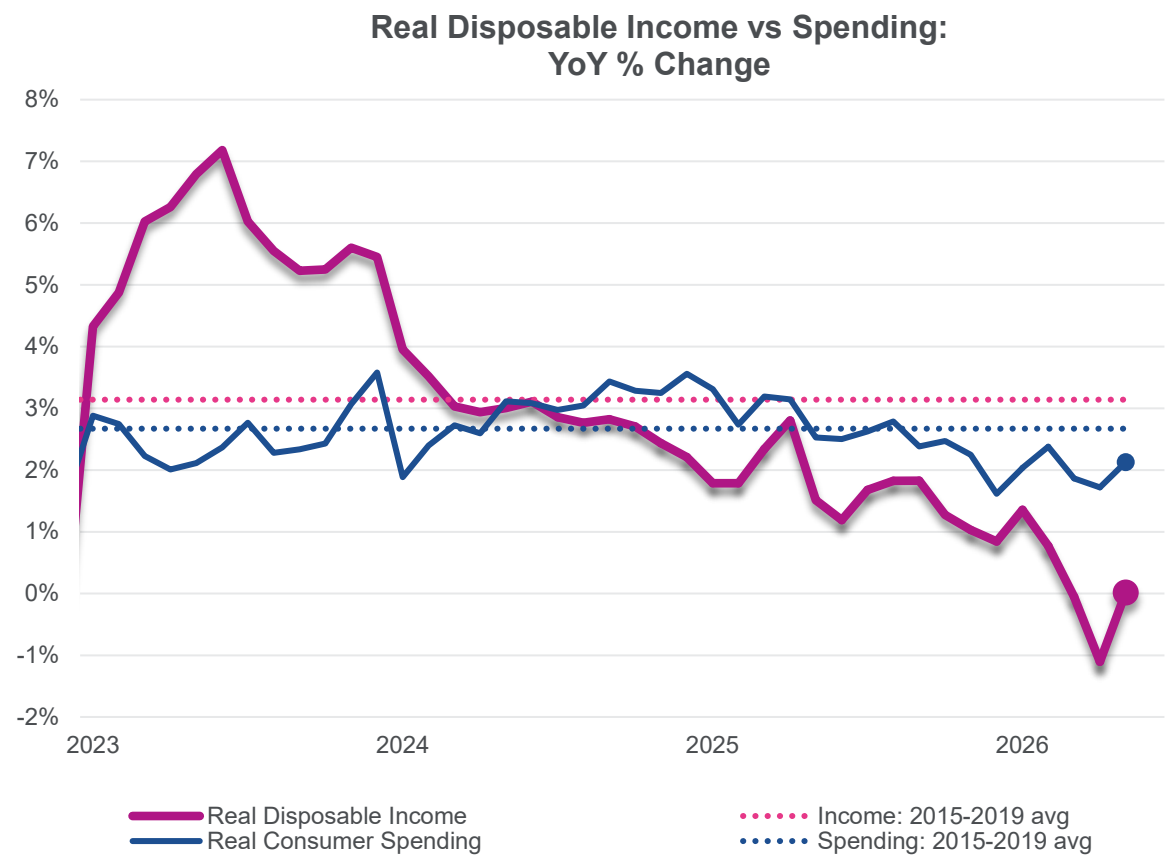
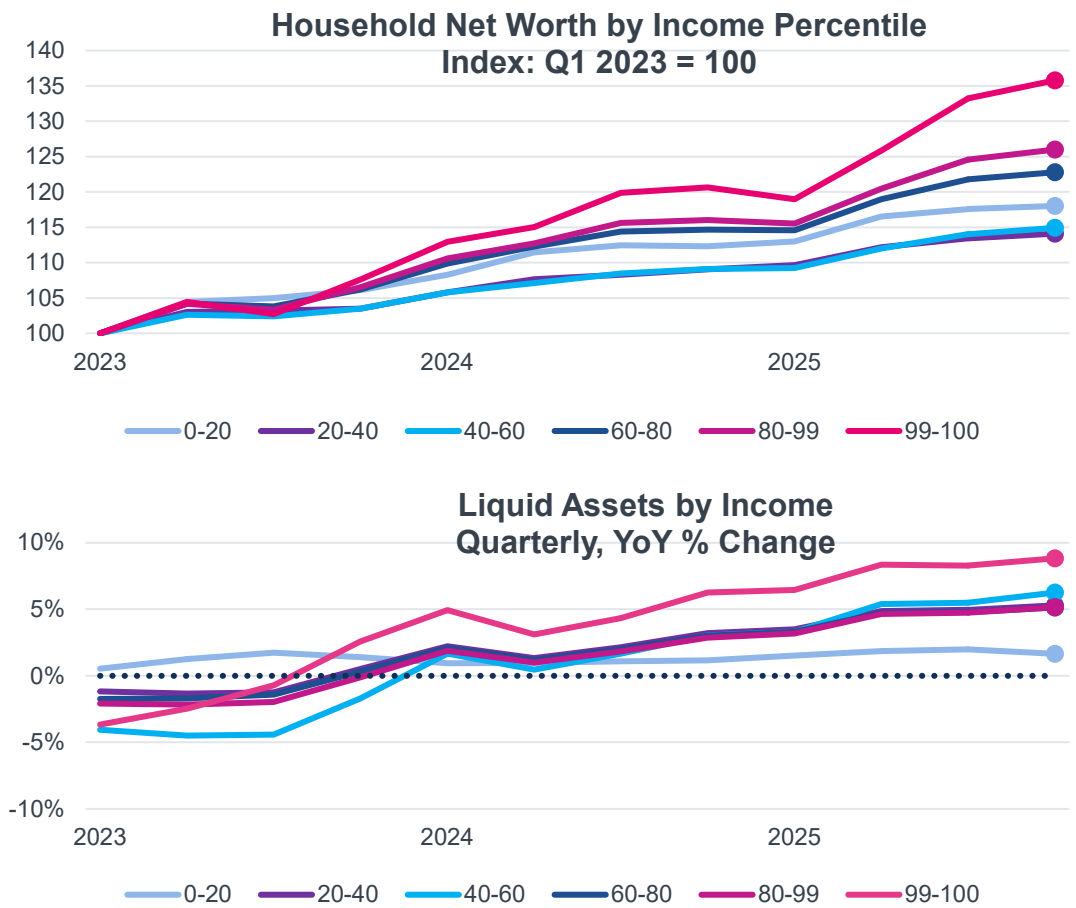
Balance delinquency for consumer lending products



Sources: Experian Consumer Credit Trends

Inflation has eclipsed wage growth in recent months

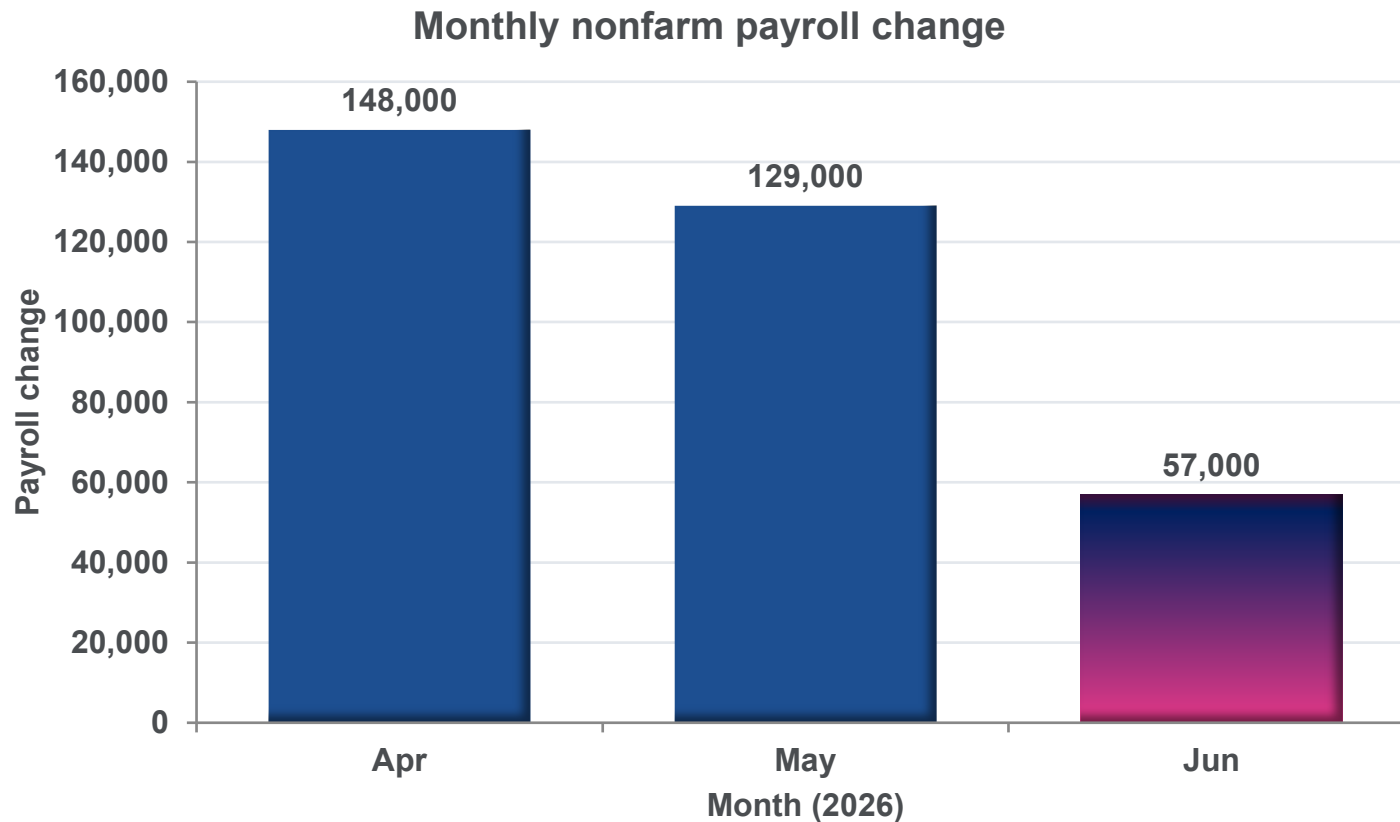
Households still supported by higher net worth and liquid assets



Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Federal Reserve, and Experian Economic Strategy Group

Hiring Downshifts as the Labor Market Cools

Ai impacting entry level positions, as industries brace for continued inflation



+57K

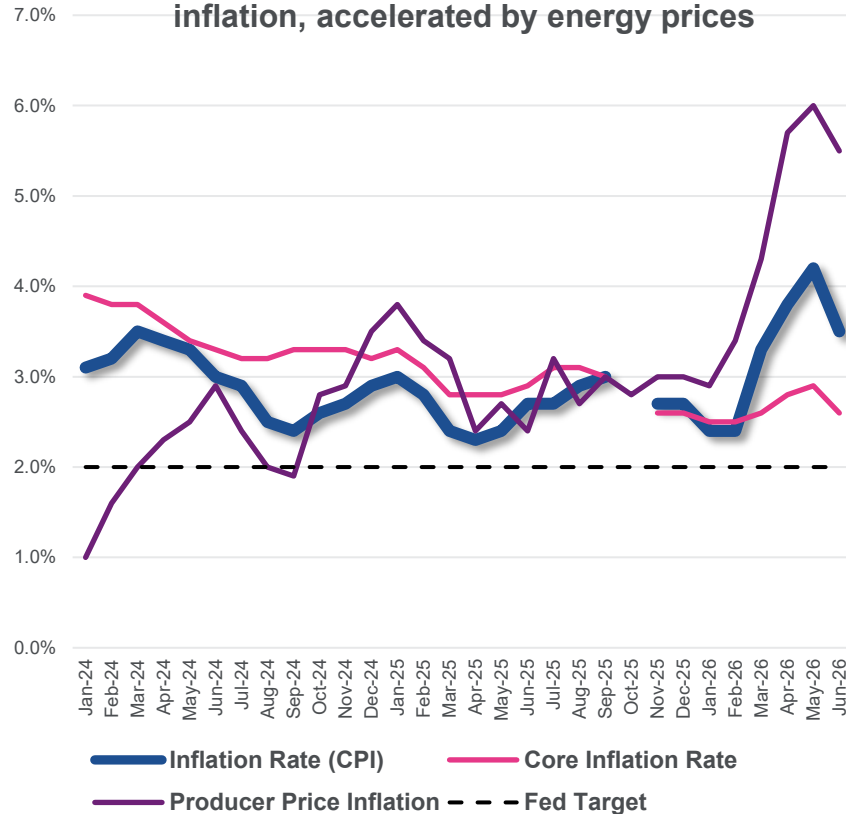
Nonfarm payrolls added, June 2026

- Lowest job gain in months
- Unemployment held near 4.2%
- April, May revised down 74K
- H1 2026 averaged 92K monthly
- Health care, social assistance led
- Leisure, retail, info shed jobs

Will rates go higher...

Inflation hovering around 3%, unemployment holding, lenders remain open

Persistent Year-over-Year rate of inflation, accelerated by energy prices



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The Fed held rates steady in Q2 '26



..change on the horizon

Fed Median Projection from June 2026 FOMC: Q4 Federal Funds Rate Midpoint



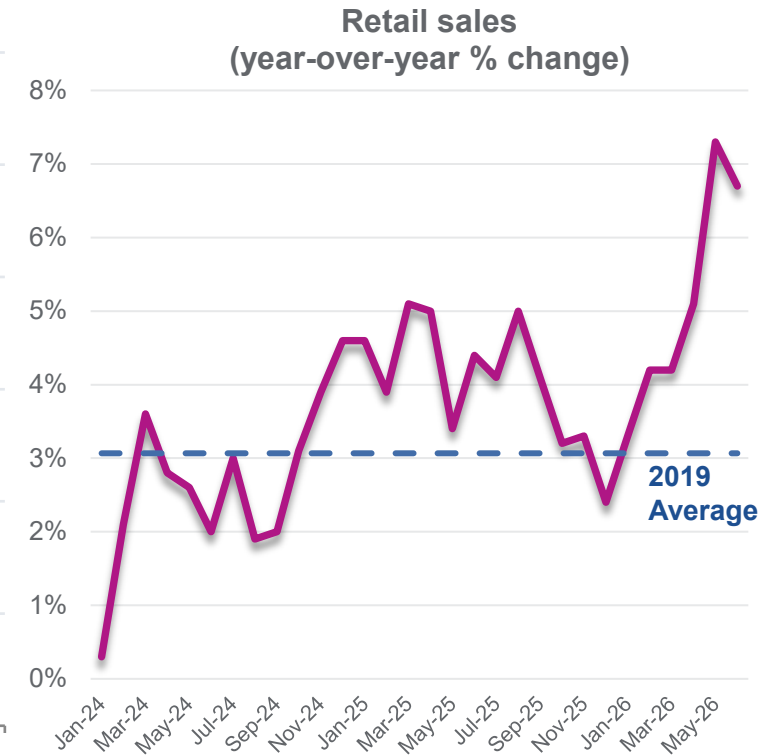
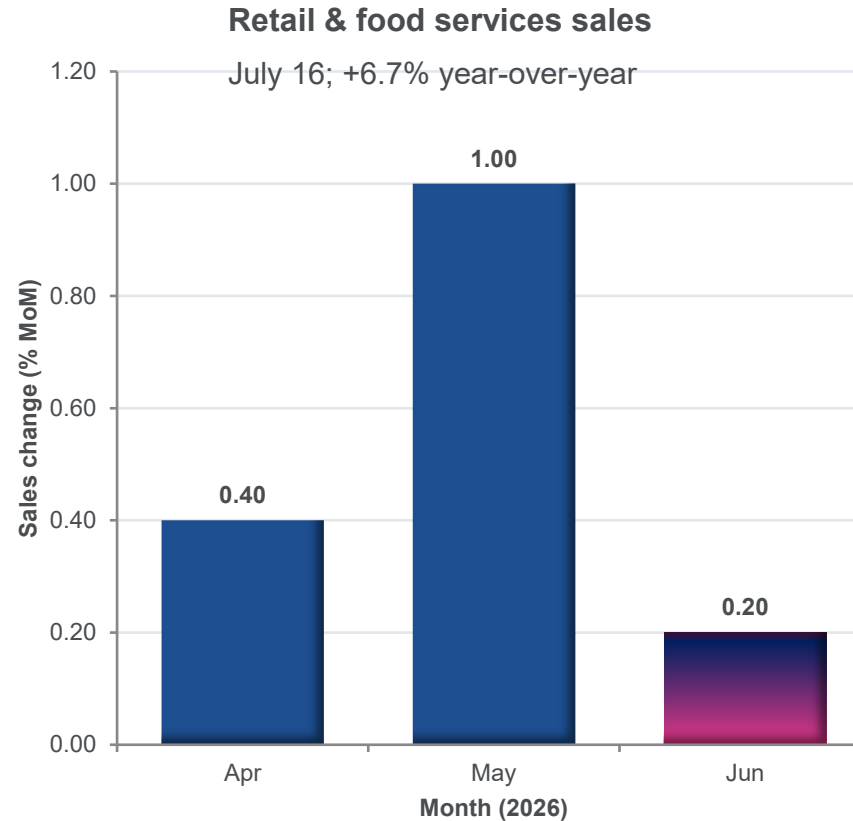
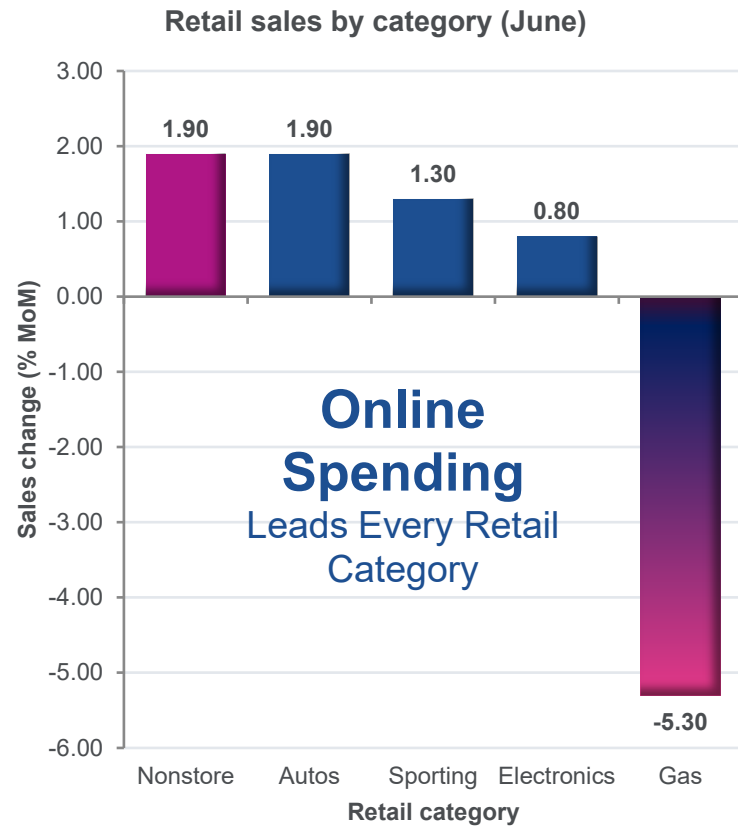
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History shows, if the Fed raises rates, they rarely hike only once



Earnings impact for U.S. Companies

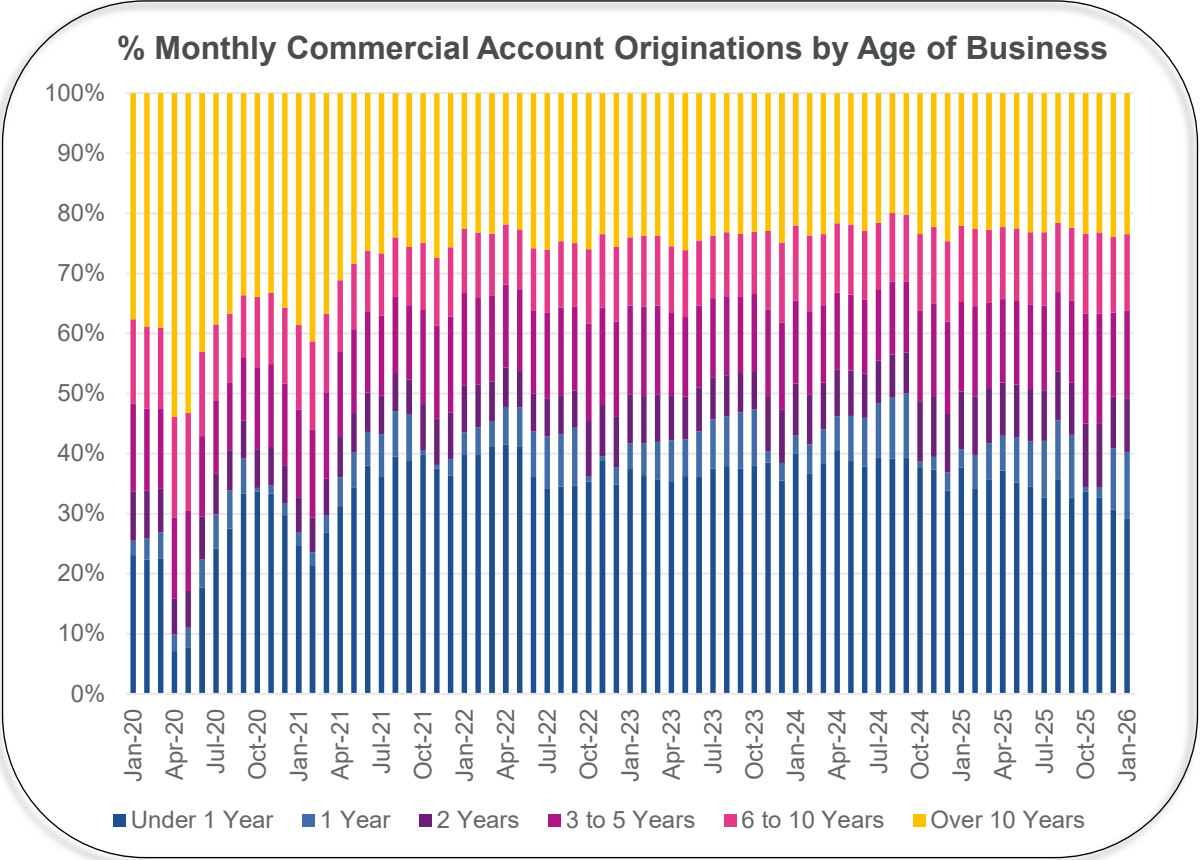
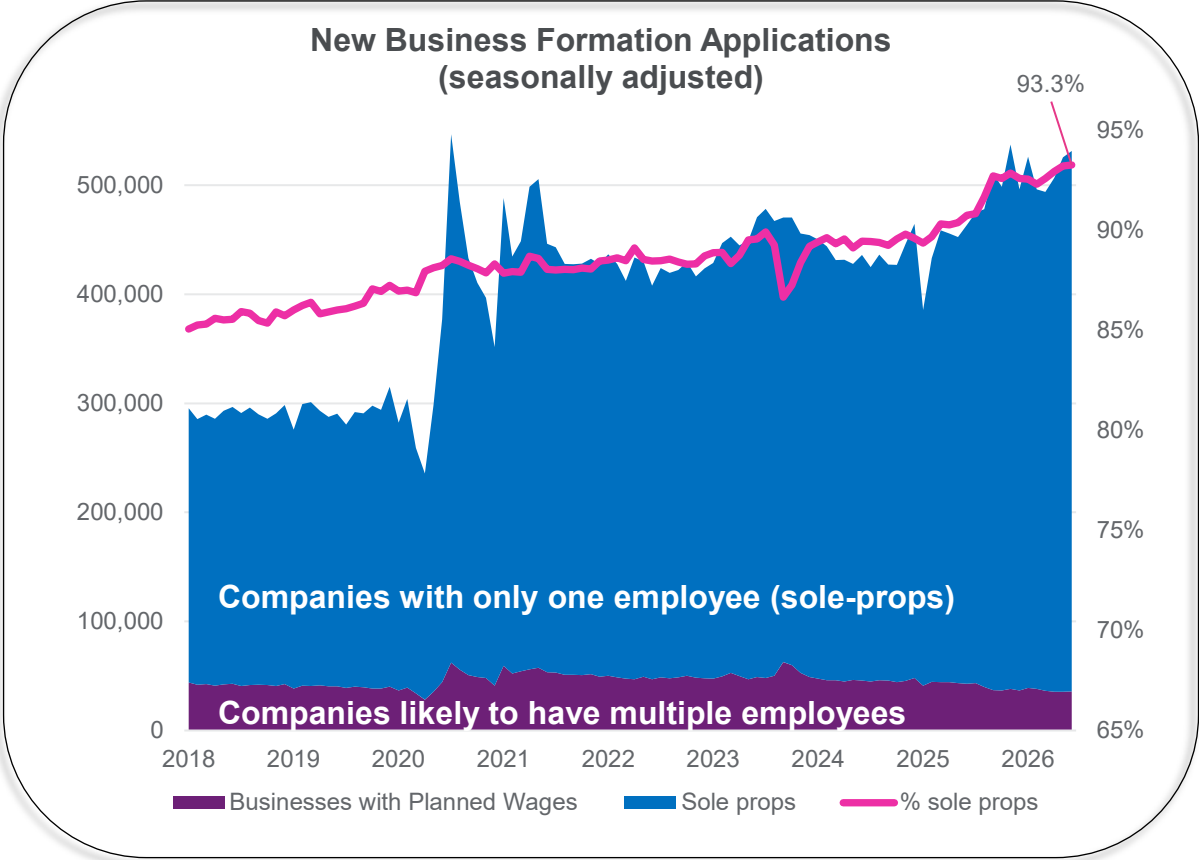
Consumer engagement is strong





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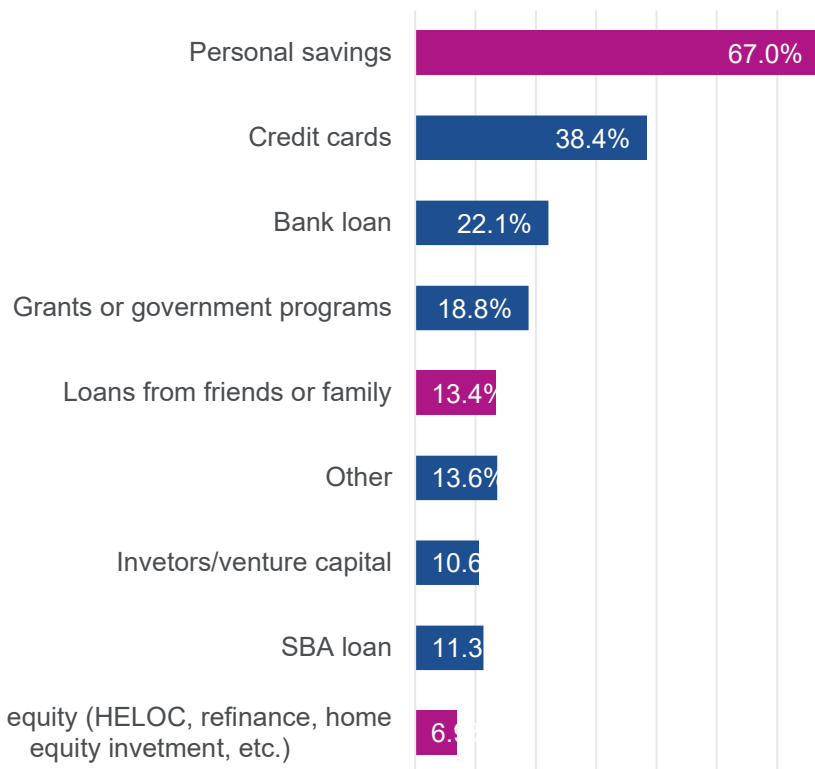
New businesses opening at record pace and are a growing portion of commercial credit



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Experian Commercial Database

Entrepreneurs often use their personal finances to fund their business

How did you initially finance or how do you plan to finance your small business?



Source: Hometap.com

Makeup of consumer credit card universe

balances as of August 2025, secured & unsecured open accounts



Consumer card in
Consumer Credit Bureau
\$1,299 Billion



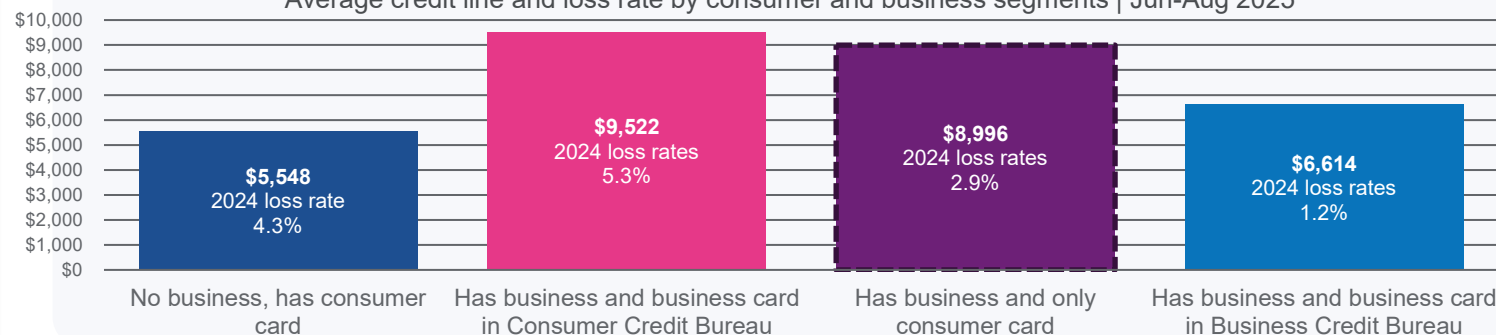
Has business and business card
in Consumer Credit Bureau
\$248 Billion



Has business and only a
consumer card (target group)
\$195 Billion

Metric-based differences between consumer and business cards

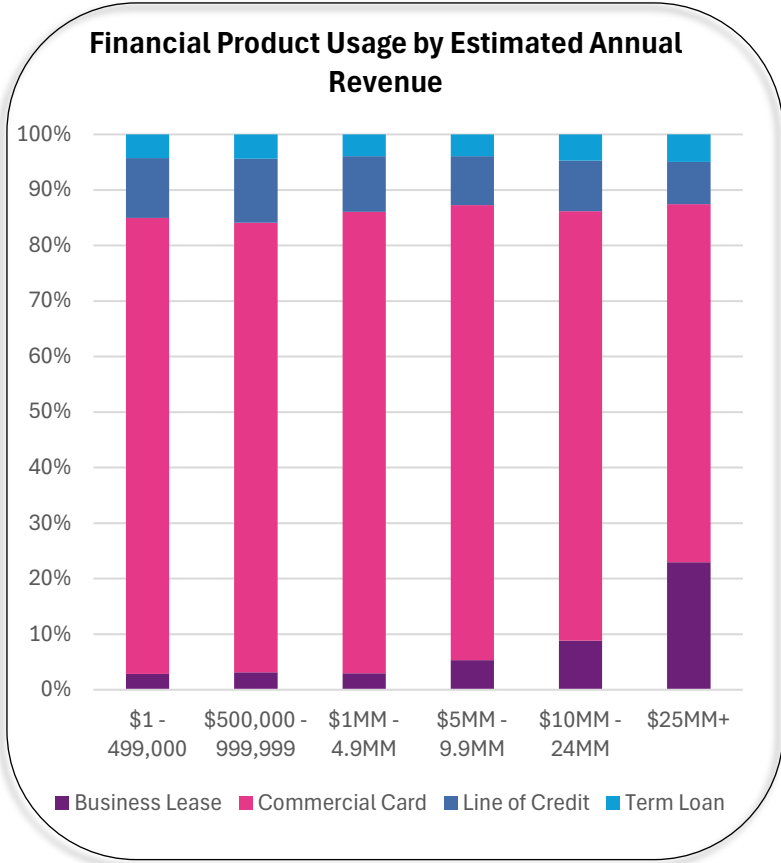
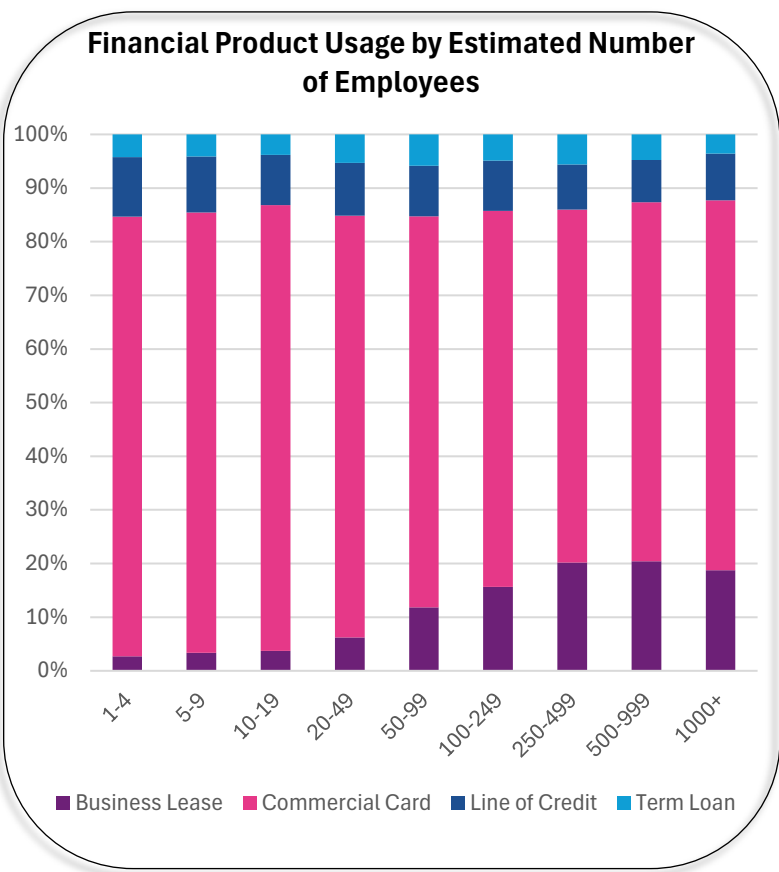
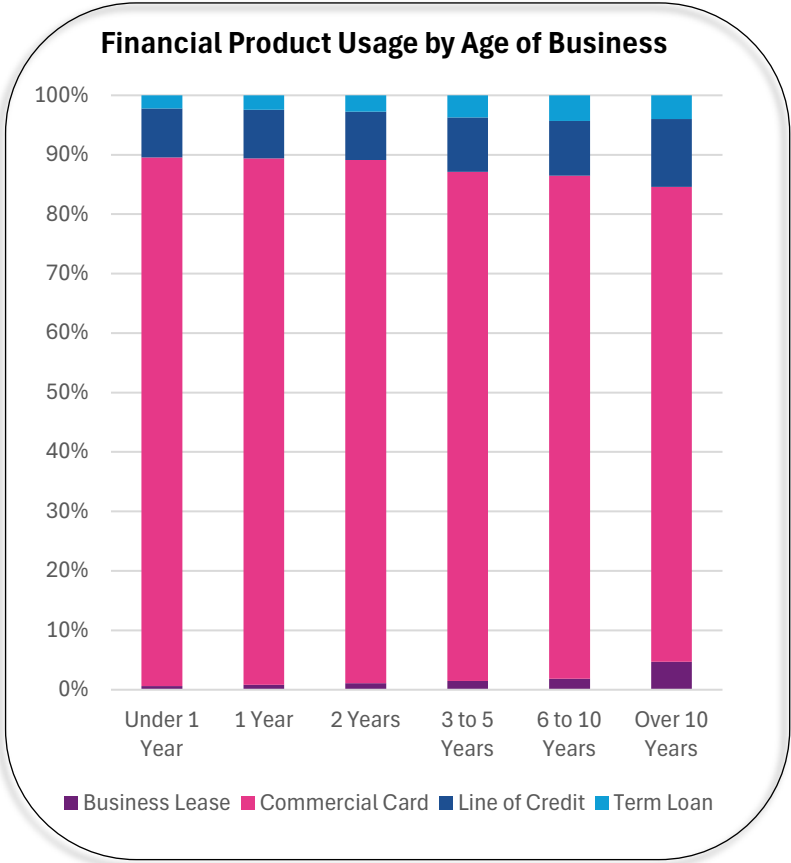
Average credit line and loss rate by consumer and business segments | Jun-Aug 2025



Source: Hometap.com, Experian Consumer Credit Bureau and Business Bureau



Smaller, newer businesses rely the most on commercial cards



Source: Experian Commercial Database

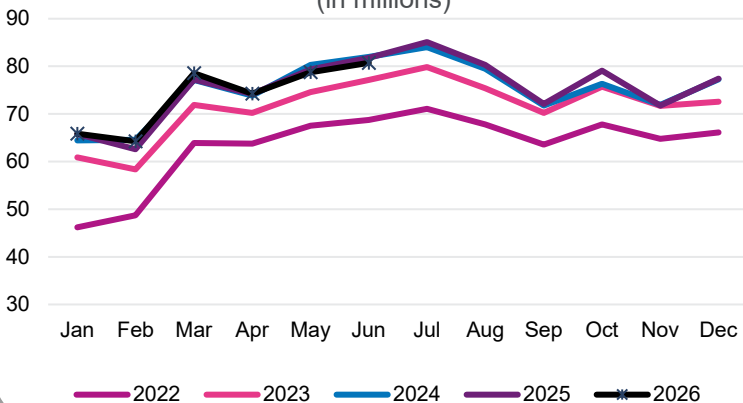
Strong summer travel demand despite inflation

According to Christina Roman, Consumer Education and Advocacy Senior Manager for Experian

Consumers are finding ways to make travel a reality despite affordability concerns. Whether that means adjusting budgets, using rewards points or leveraging credit, having a repayment plan in place can help ensure the memories last longer than the debt.

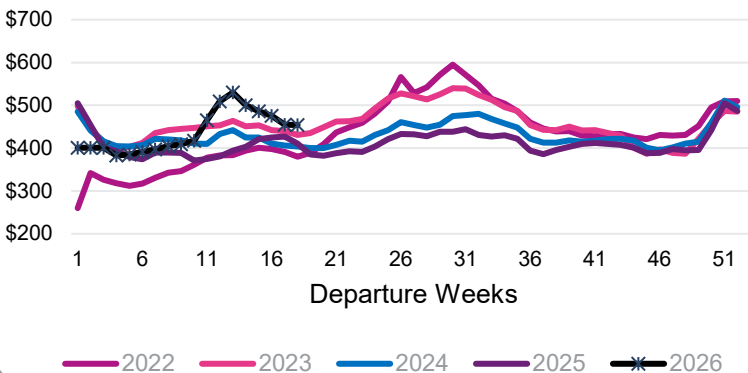
High Travel Demand....

TSA Passenger Screenings
(in millions)

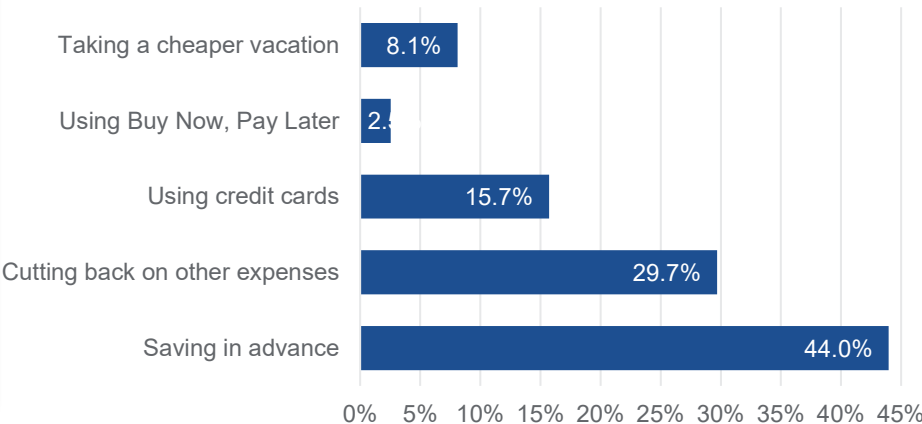


....Despite High Costs

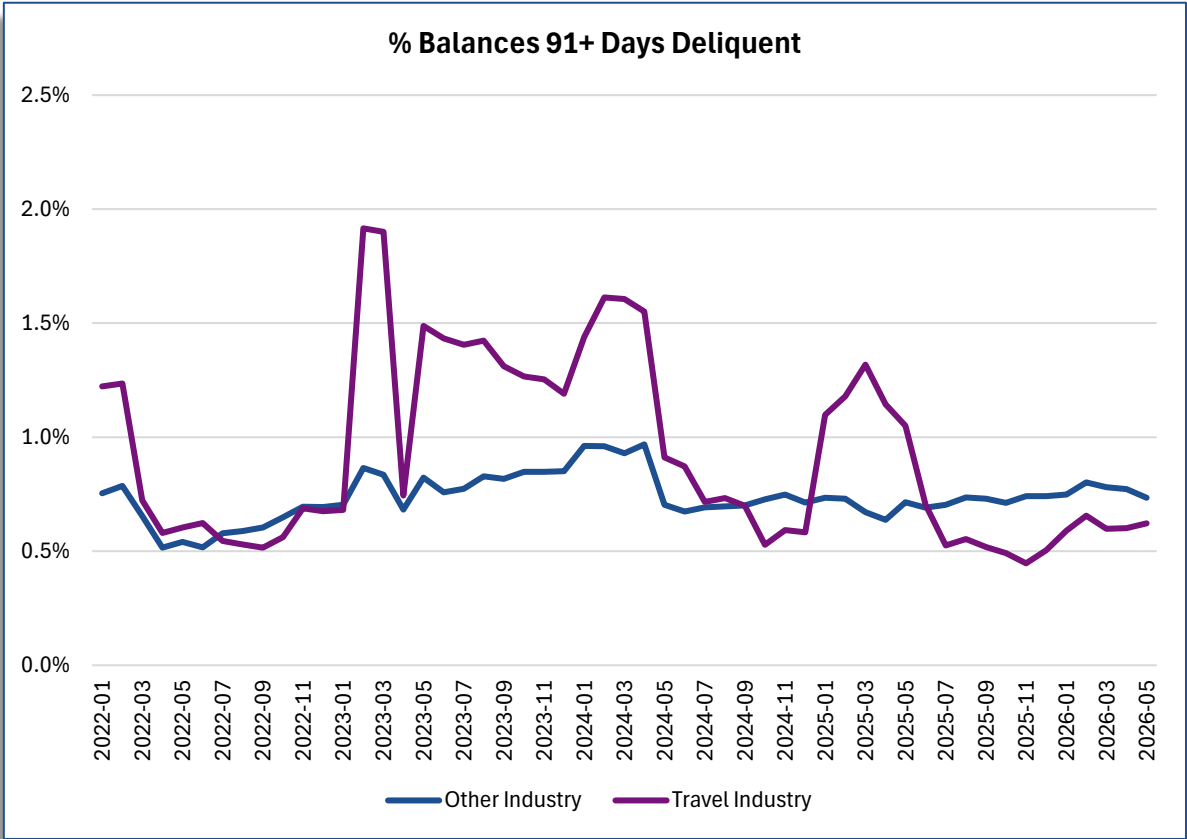
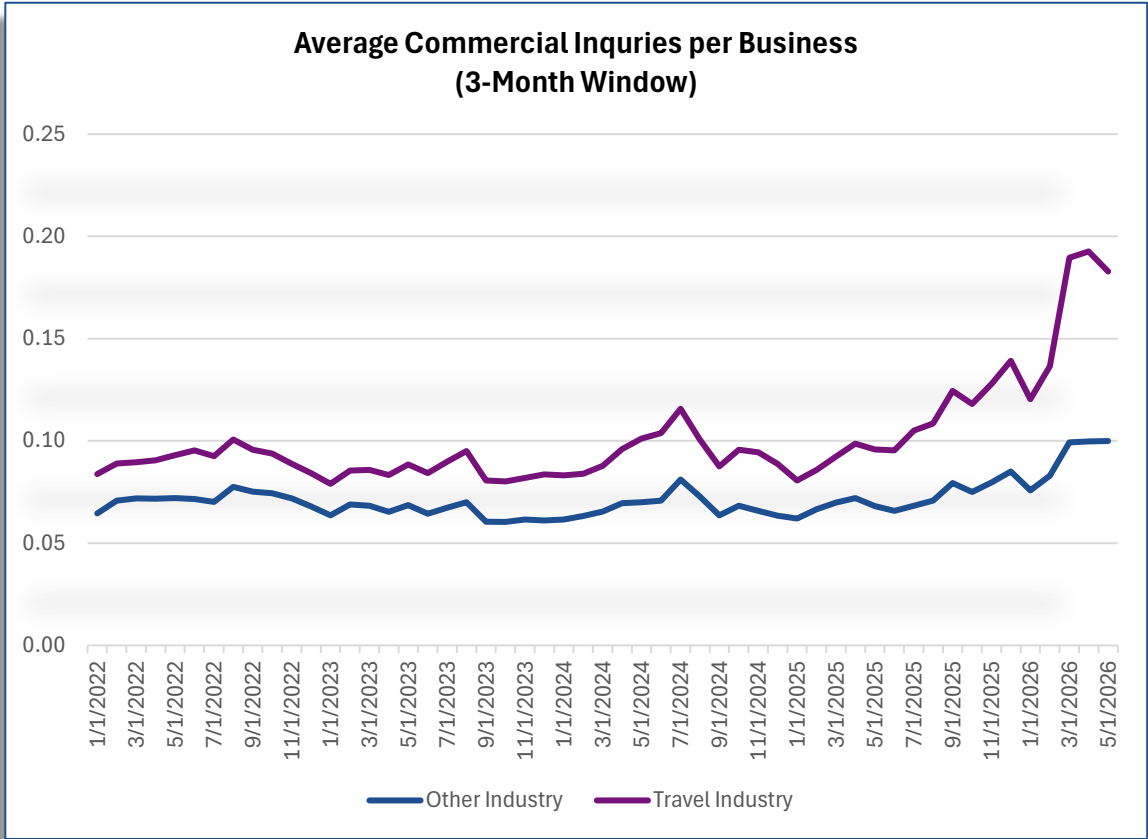
Airfare Price at Departure by Week
(Lowest Available Prices USD\$)



How are you managing the cost of summer travel this year?



Businesses in the travel sector seeking more commercial credit as delinquencies stabilize

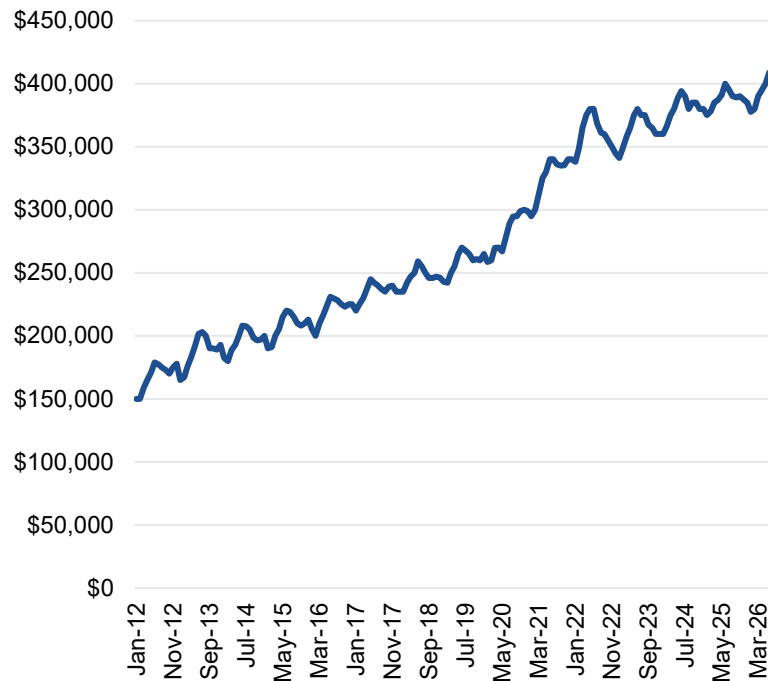


Source: Experian Commercial Database

The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act enacted in July aims to stimulate residential construction

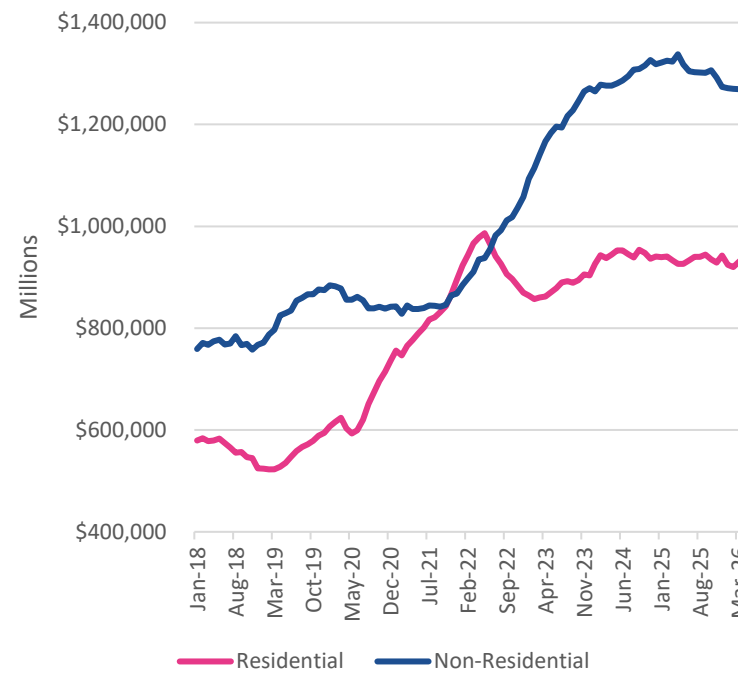
Record High Home Prices

Median U.S. home-sale price



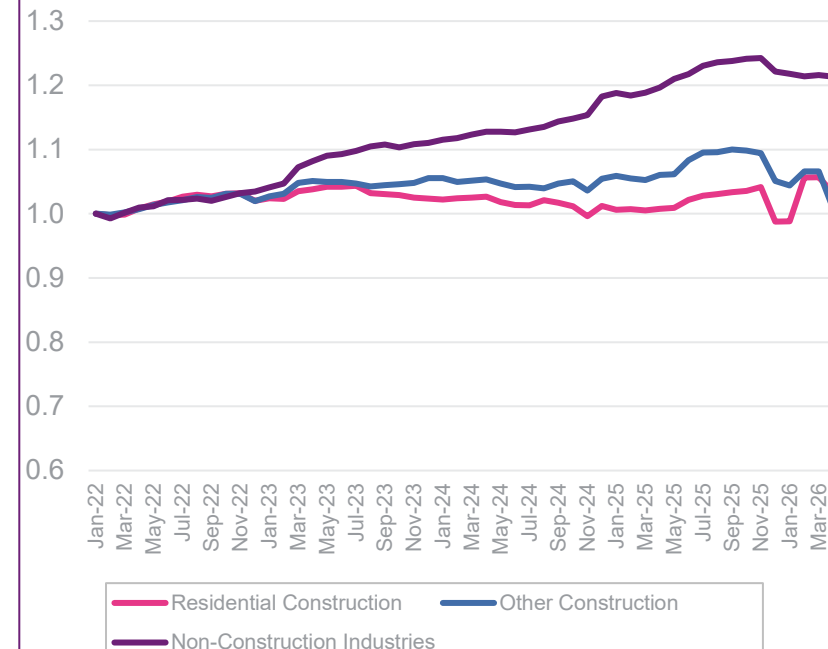
Residential Construction Spend Stagnant

Total U.S. Construction Spend



Credit-Active Residential Construction Businesses Lagging

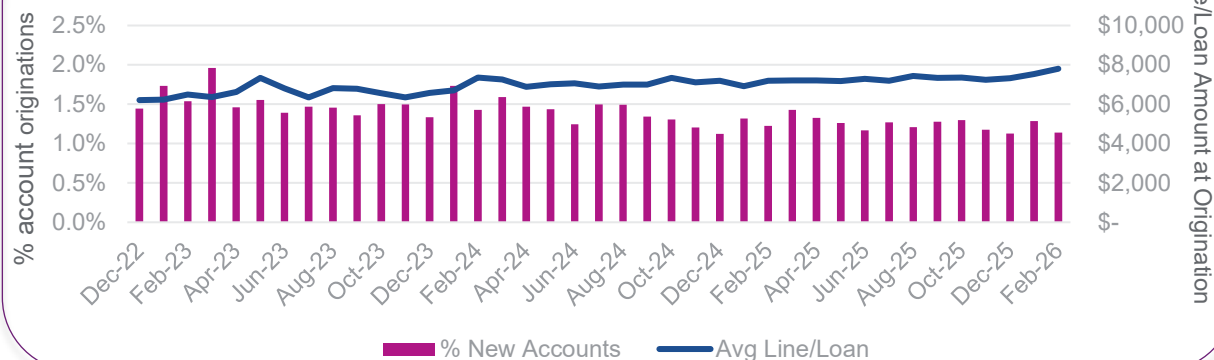
Credit-Active Businesses (Indexed to Jan '22)



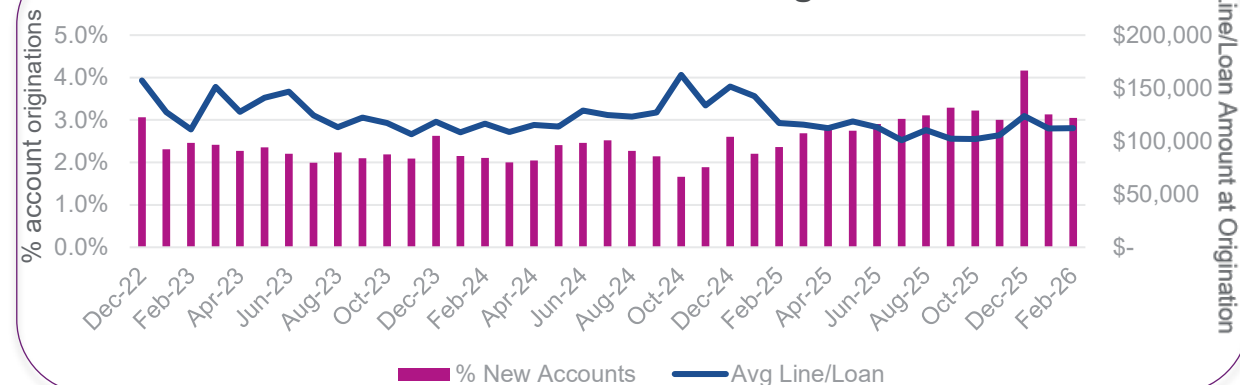
Small business origination trends

Tighter lending standards impacting revolving commercial credit

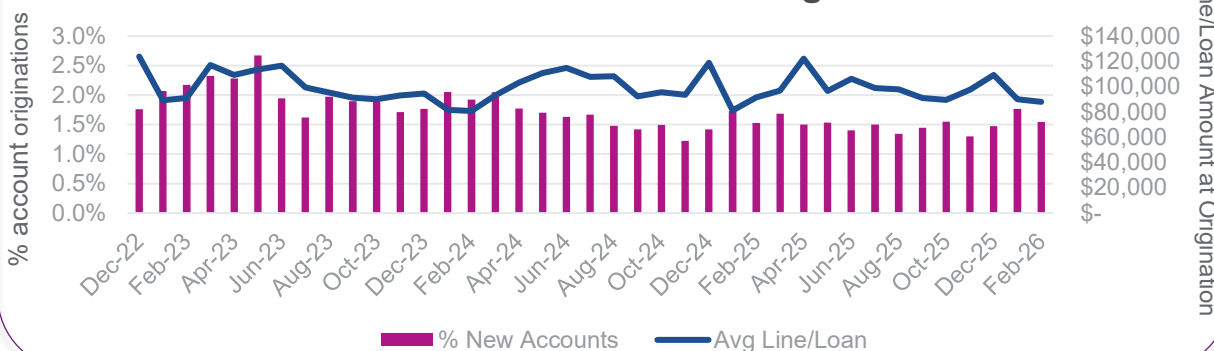
Commercial Card Originations



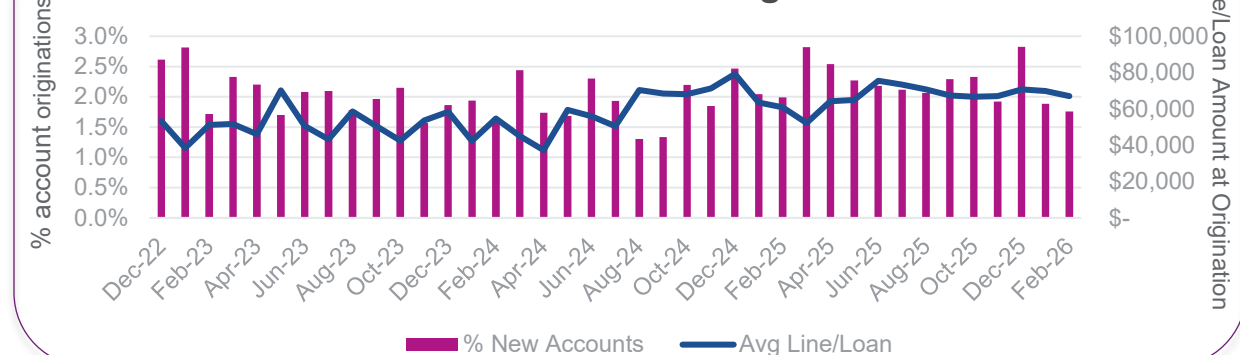
Commercial Term Loan Originations



Commercial Line of Credit Originations

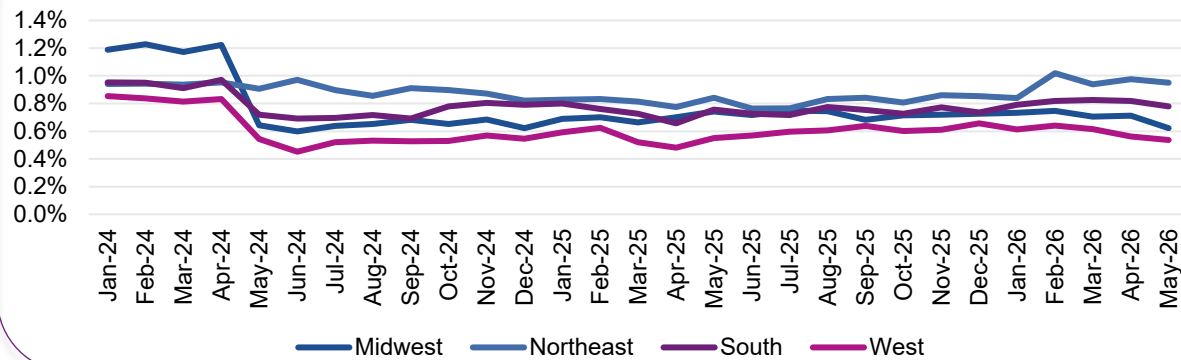


Commercial Lease Originations

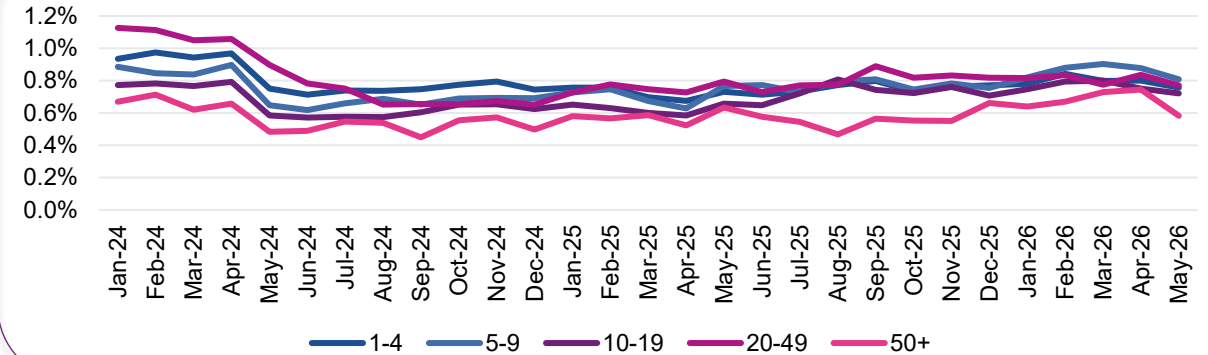


Commercial delinquency trends stable

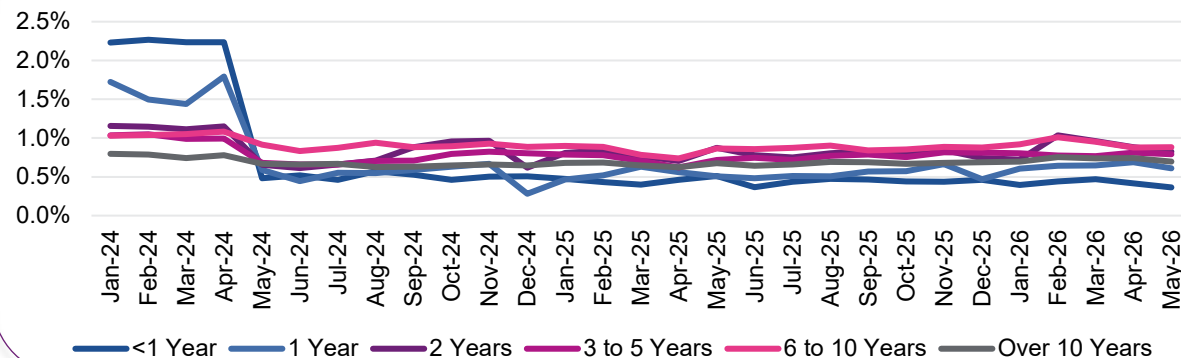
% of Balances 91+ Days Delinquent By Region



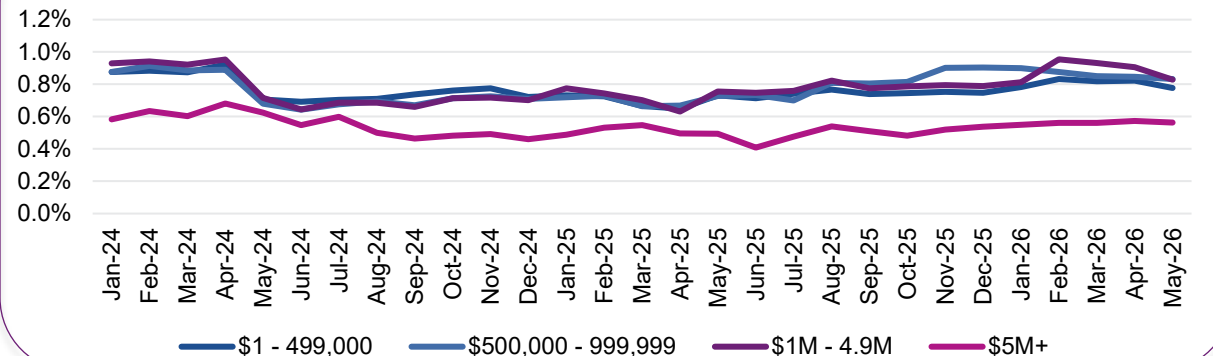
% of Balances 91+ Days Delinquent By Number of Employees



% of Balances 91+ Days Delinquent By Years in Business



% of Balances 91+ Days Delinquent By Annual Sales



The Experian Small Business Index™

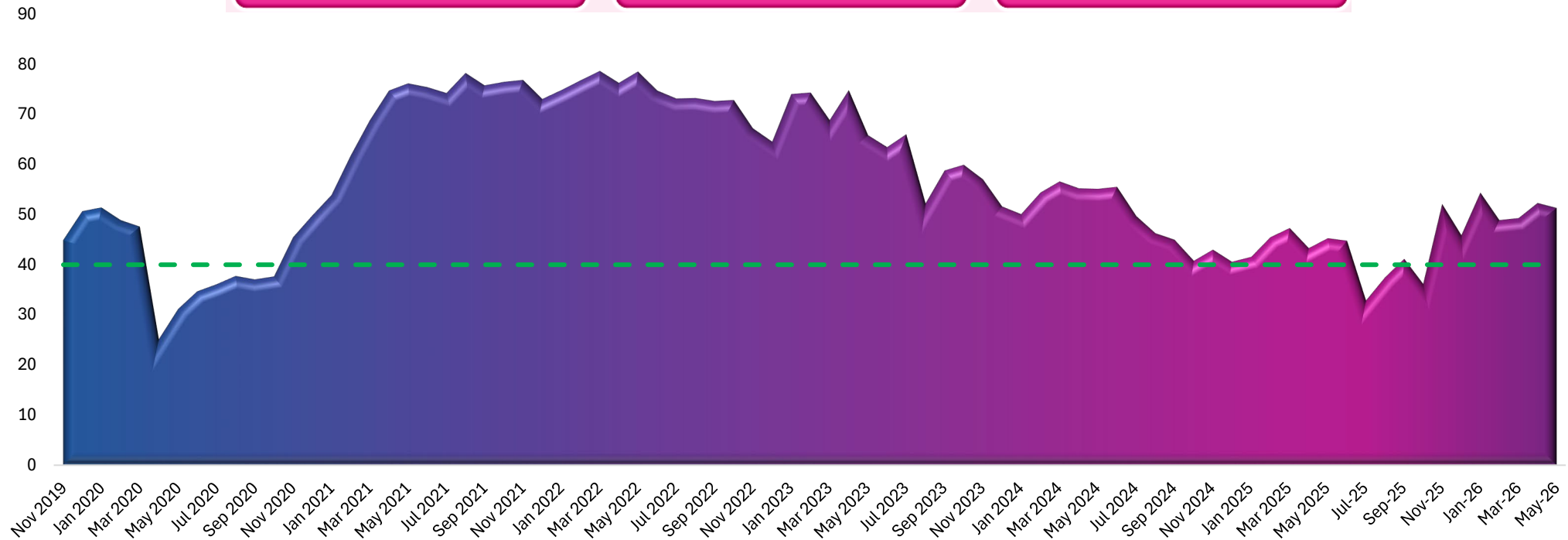
In stable territory for nine consecutive months

Index values range from 0 to 100, with a normal conditions range between 40-60. Values trending below 40 indicate a less favorable business environment than average for owners, and values above 60 indicate a more favorable business environment than average.

0-40: Less favorable conditions

40-60: Normal conditions

60-100: More favorable conditions





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