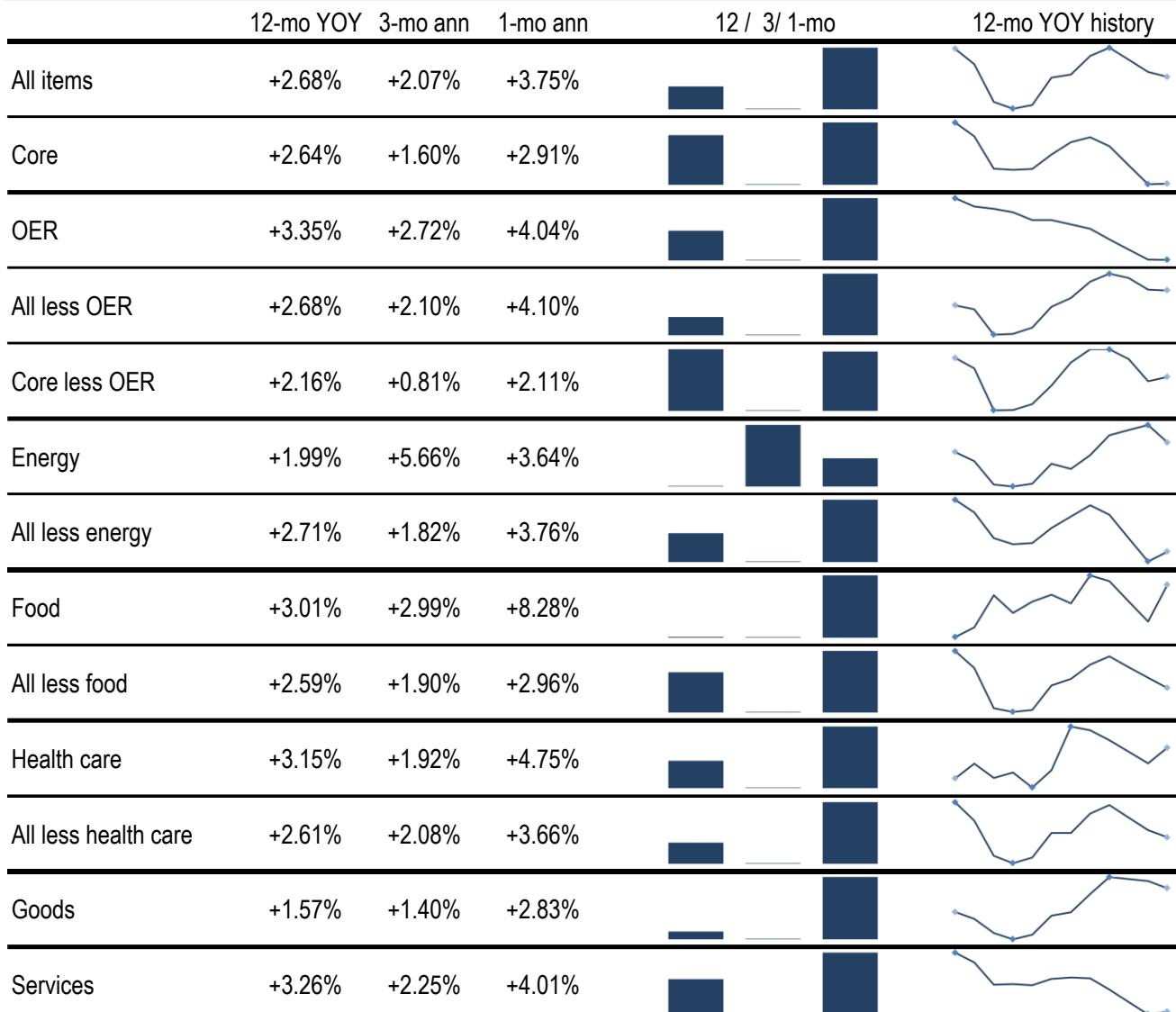


## Data Insights: Consumer Price Index, Producer Price Index

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

October 2025 data was not published, so it is interpolated between September and November.

Today's CPI data: what you need to know



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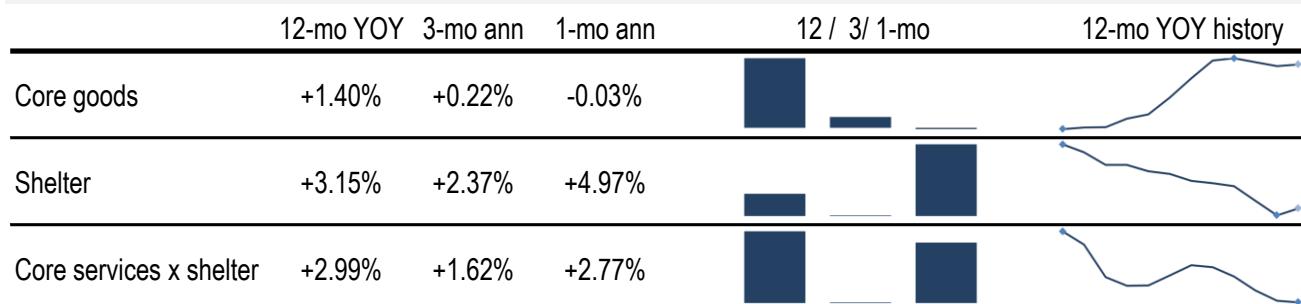
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## Today's CPI data: [what Fed chair Jerome Powell thinks you need to know](#)

"To assess what it will take to get inflation down, it is useful to break core inflation into three component categories: core goods inflation, housing services inflation, and inflation in core services other than housing."  
*CPI equivalent of the Fed's preferred Personal Consumption Expenditures inflation*

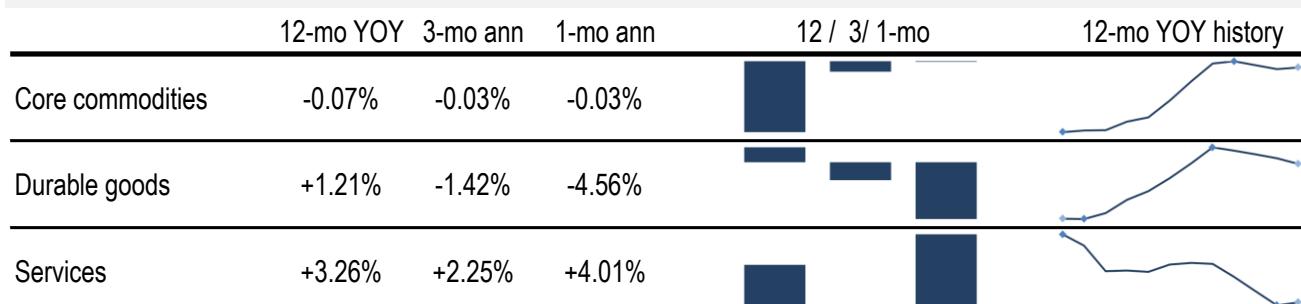


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## Today's CPI data: [what NY Fed president John Williams thinks you need to know](#)

"I will start to peel the 'inflation onion'... The outermost layer consists of prices of globally traded commodities... The middle layer of the inflation onion is made up of products – especially durable goods... the innermost layer: underlying inflation... Prices for services..."

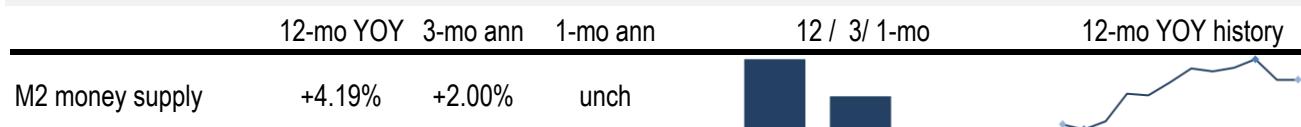
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Source: BLS Producer Price Index (may be lagged one month), Consumer Price Index, TrendMacro calculations

## Today's CPI data: [what Nobel laureate Milton Friedman thinks you need to know](#)

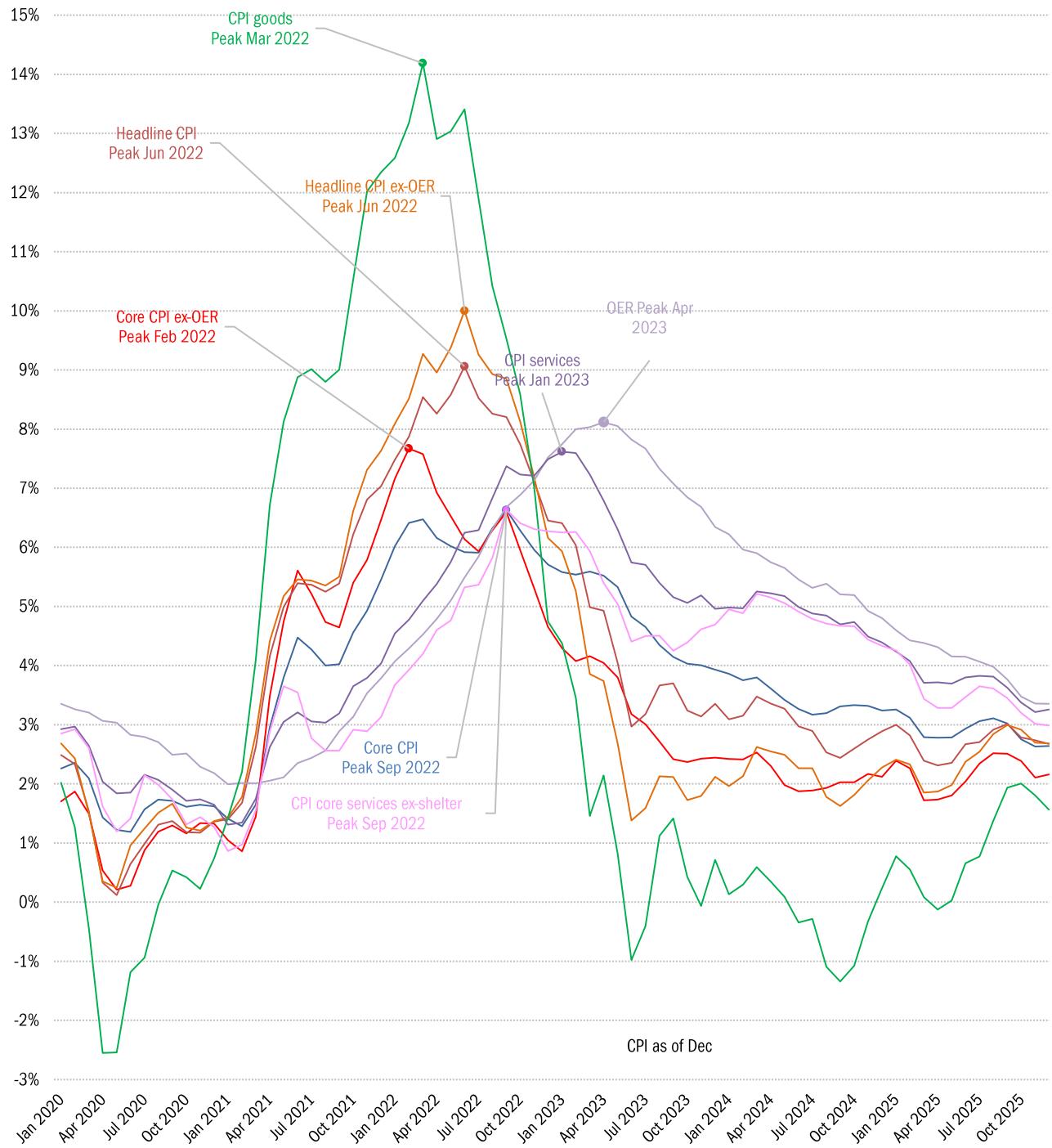
"...inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon in the sense that it is and can be produced only by a more rapid increase in the quantity of money than in output. However, there are many different possible reasons for monetary growth, including gold discoveries, financing of government spending, and financing of private spending..."



Source: Federal Reserve Board (lagged one month), TrendMacro calculations

# Slow and steady wins the race

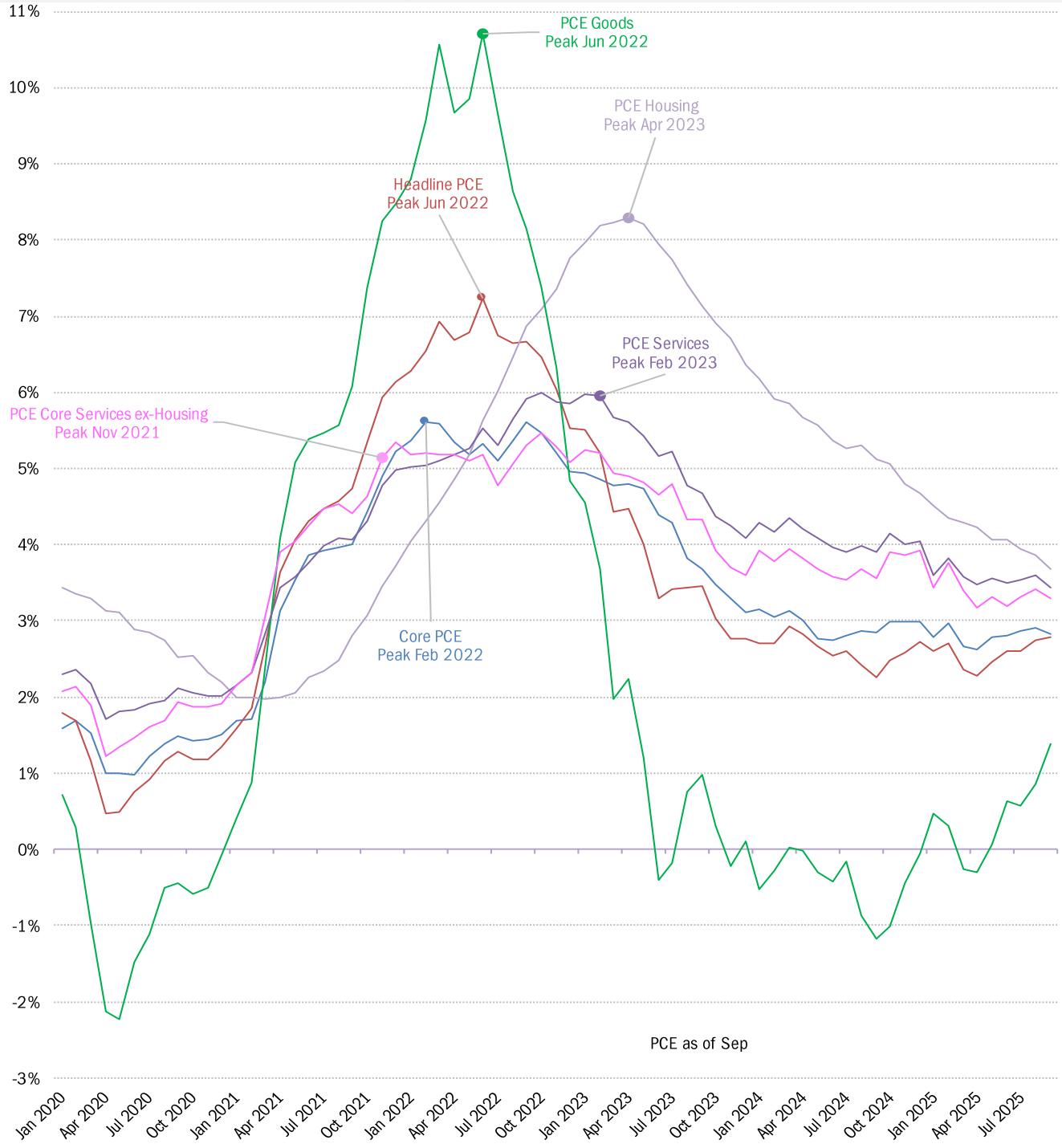
Year-on-year change ● Month of peak



Source: FRB, BLS, US Treasury, TrendMacro calculations

## PCE inflation – the Fed's preferred way of tracking inflation

Year-on-year change ● Month of peak



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## Relation M2 money supply and core CPI inflation rate (ex OER) and [TrendMacro's monetarist inflation prediction model](#)

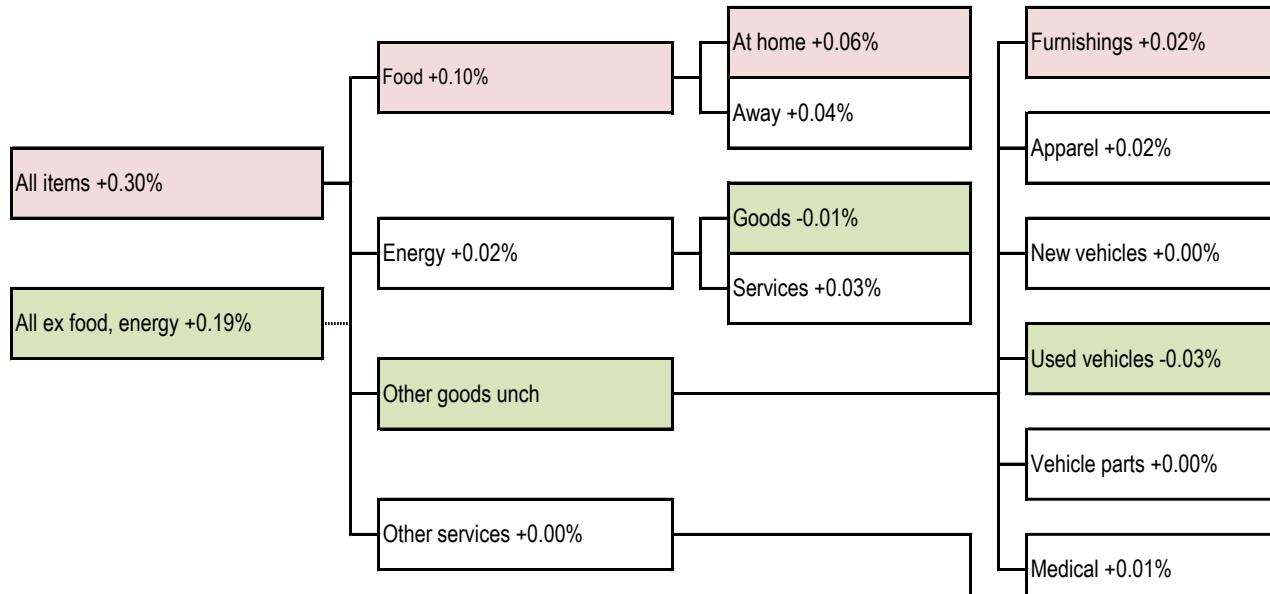


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# Deconstructing today's CPI data: what explains this month's inflation?

## Weighted contribution by subcategory

Biggest change per detail-level: positive negative



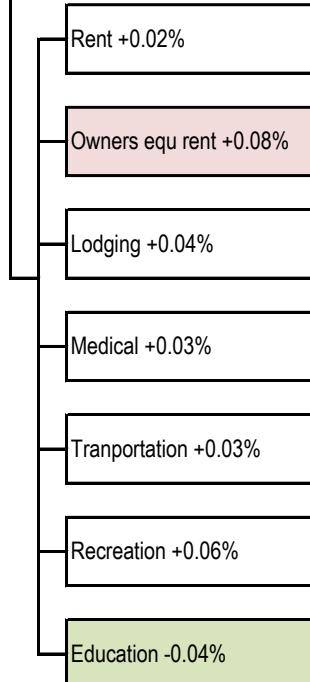
### Contributions to month-over-month change, by irreducible subcategories

#### 5 hottest

Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence Contribution: 0.077% Weight: 25.1%  
 Airline fares Contribution: 0.044% Weight: 0.8%  
 Other lodging away from home including hotels and motels Contribution: 0.038% Weight: 0.9%  
 Utility (piped) gas service Contribution: 0.033% Weight: 0.7%  
 Full service meals and snacks Contribution: 0.02% Weight: 2.4%  
 Contribution: 0.212% Weight: 29.90%

#### 5 coolest

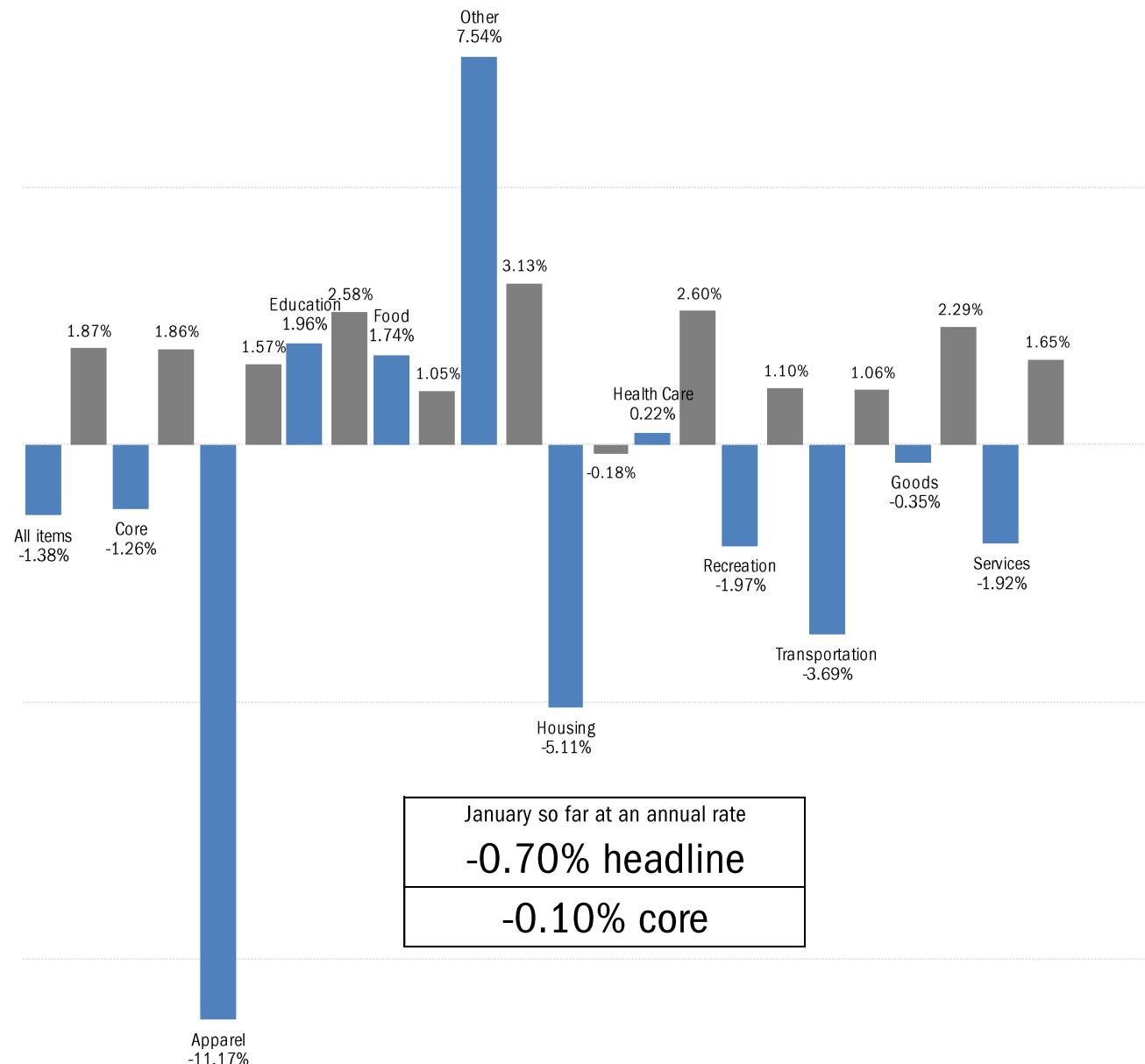
Wireless telephone services Contribution: -0.041% Weight: 1.2%  
 Used cars and trucks Contribution: -0.027% Weight: 2.4%  
 Moving, storage, freight expense Contribution: -0.017% Weight: 0.1%  
 Motor vehicle repair Contribution: -0.016% Weight: 0.4%  
 Motor vehicle insurance Contribution: -0.012% Weight: 2.8%  
 Contribution: -0.113% Weight: 6.90%



Source: BLS Consumer Price Index, TrendMacro calculations

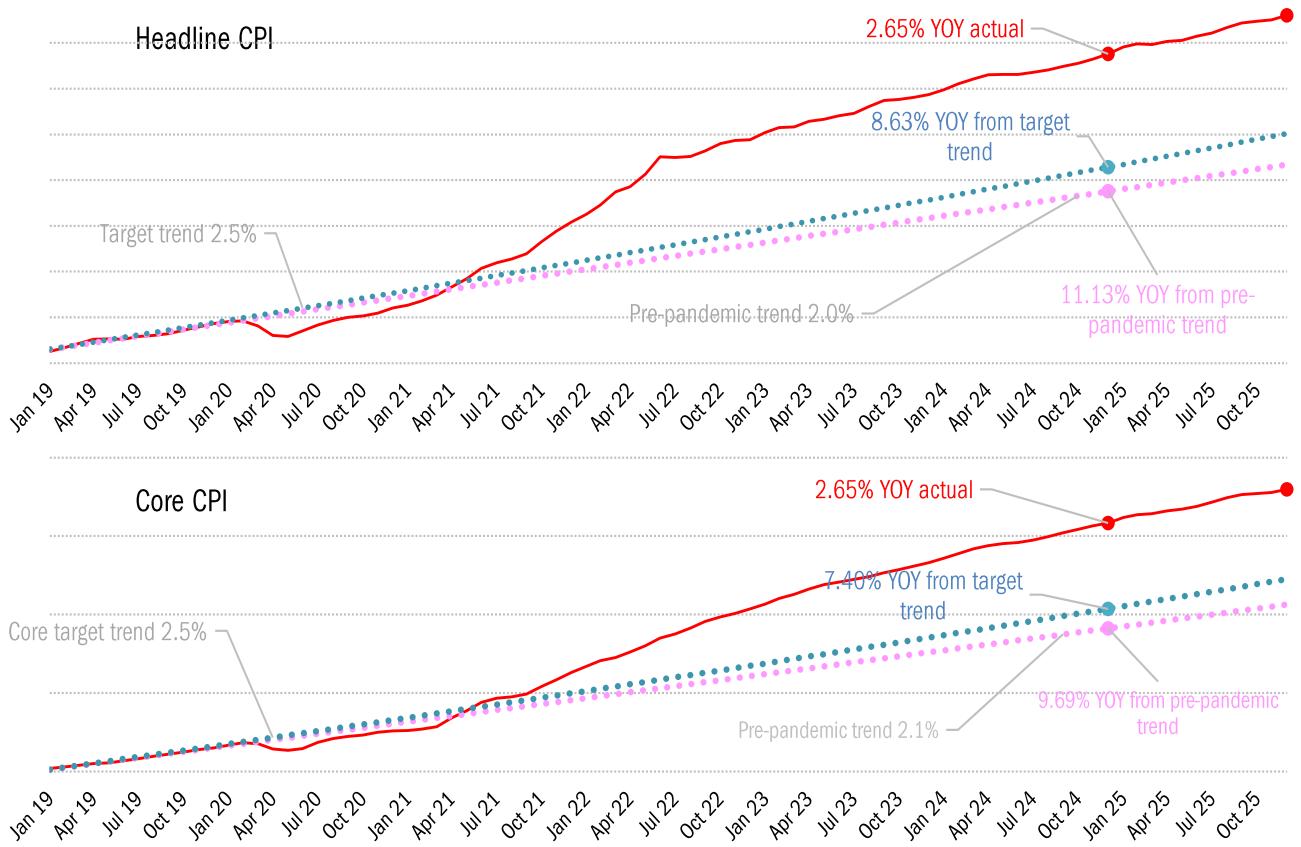
## Inflation in real time, based on Truflation's daily telemetry

■ Trailing 31-day consumer price inflation, annual rate ■ Trailing 365-day



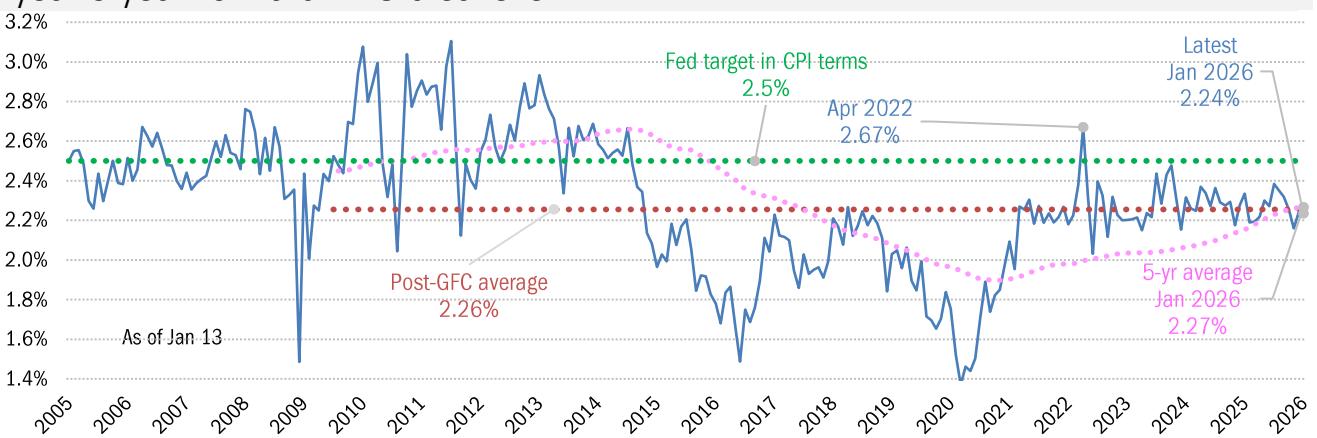
Source: [Truflation](#), TrendMacro calculations

“Transitory,” “base-effect” or “optimal control”?  
This month’s data in context with the pre-pandemic and ideal 12-month trends

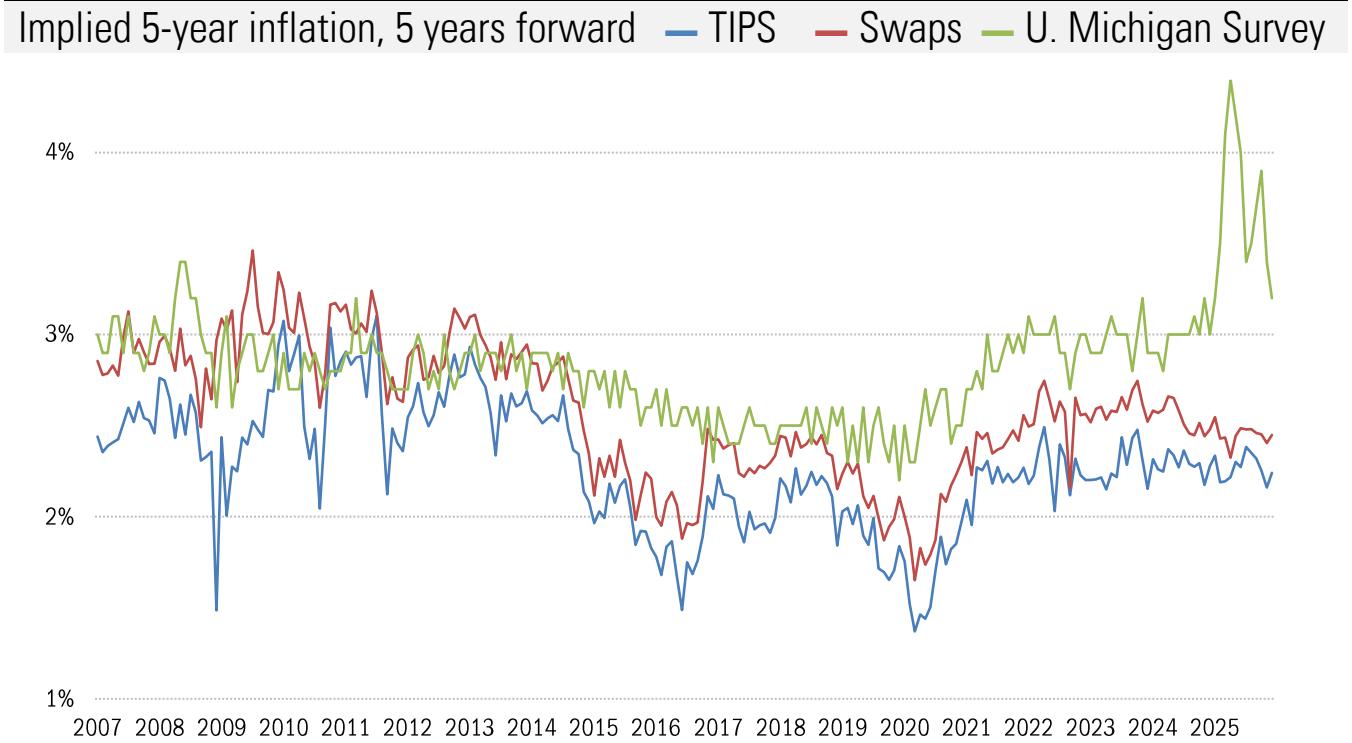


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, TrendMacro calculations

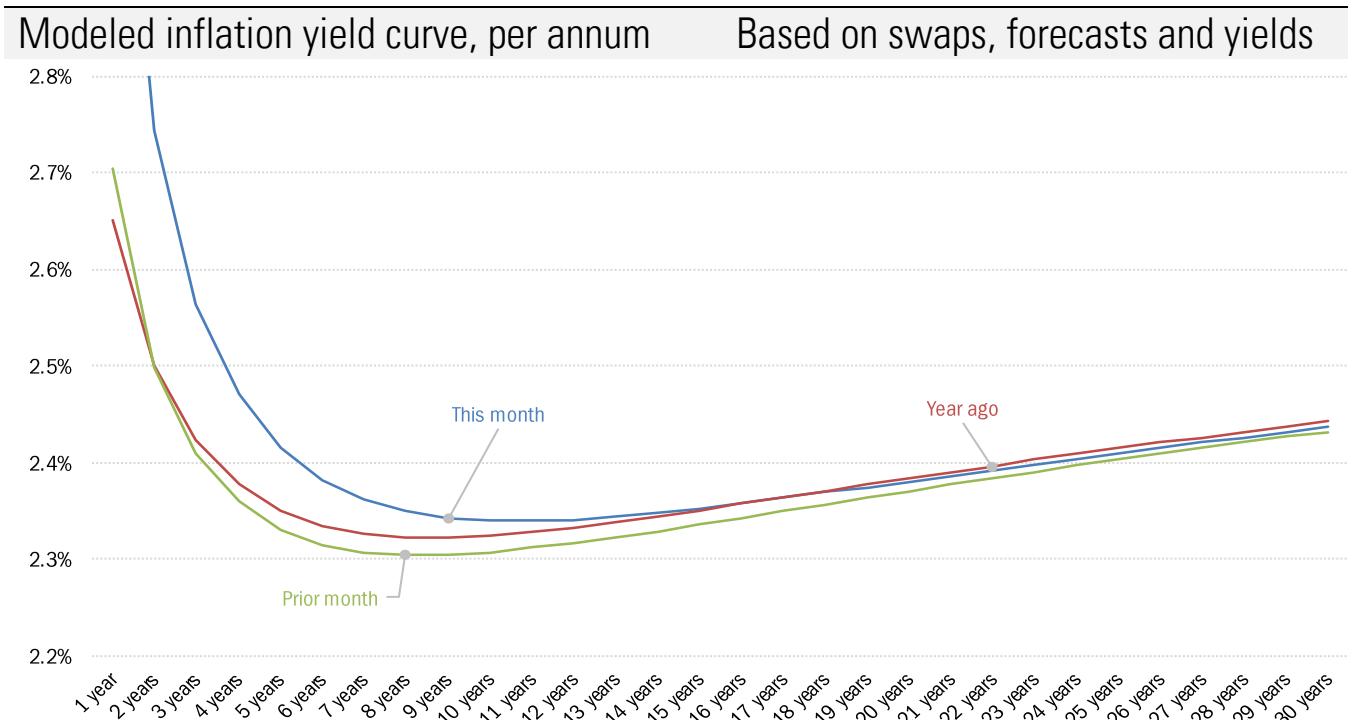
*Unhinged? Or too hinged?*  
5-year 5-year-forward TIPS breakeven



Source: Bloomberg, TrendMacro calculations



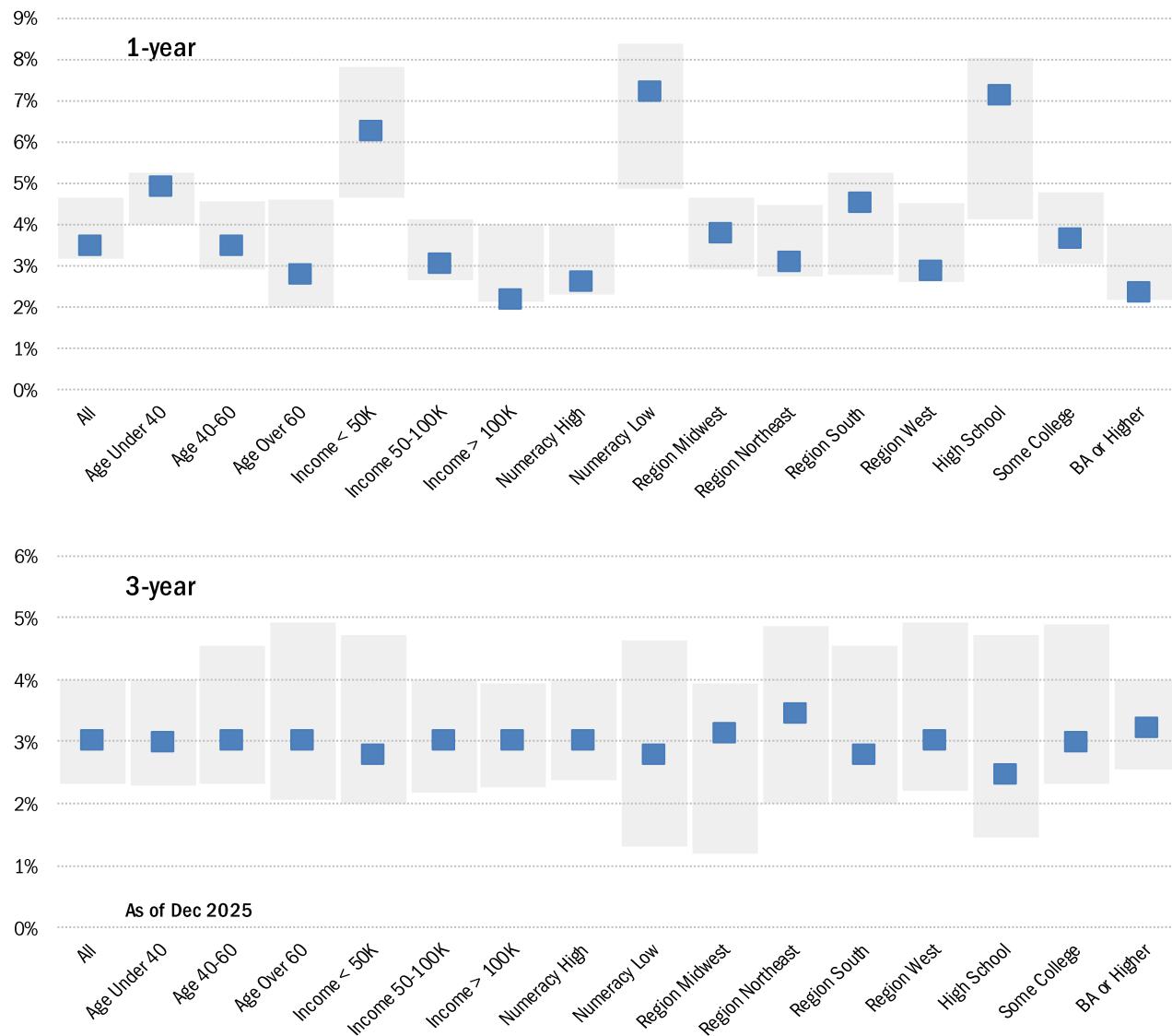
Source: Bloomberg, TrendMacro calculations



Source: [Cleveland Fed](#), TrendMacro calculations

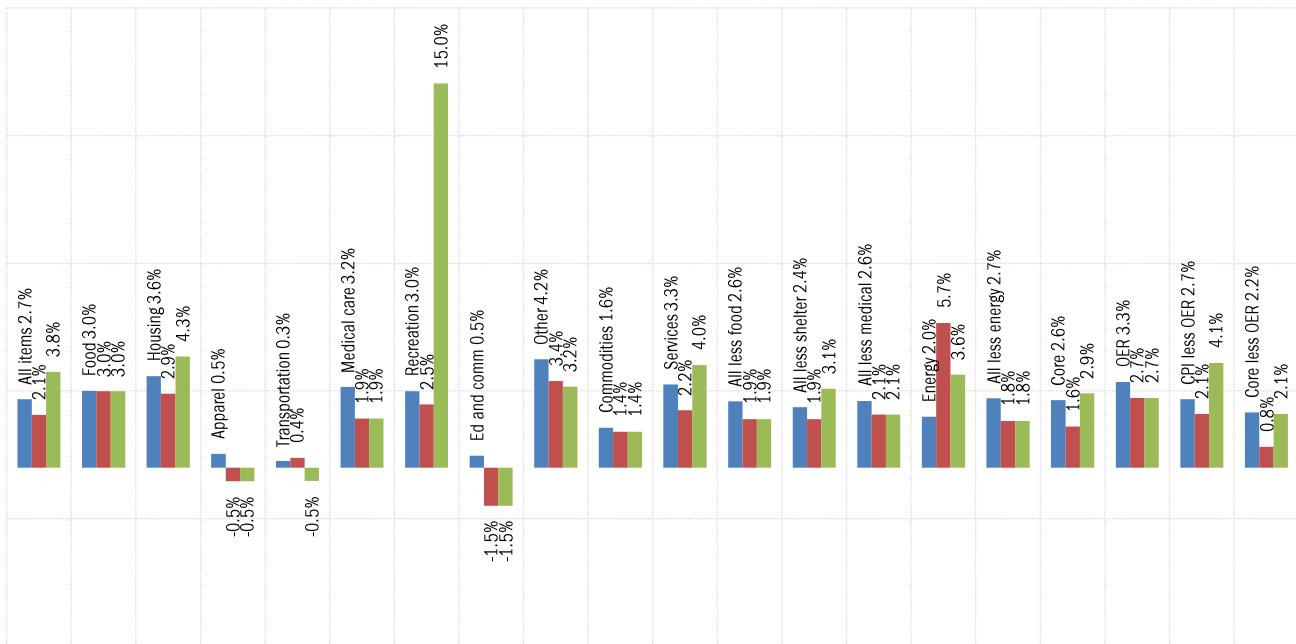
## The demography of inflation expectations

■ Current median ■ 4-year range



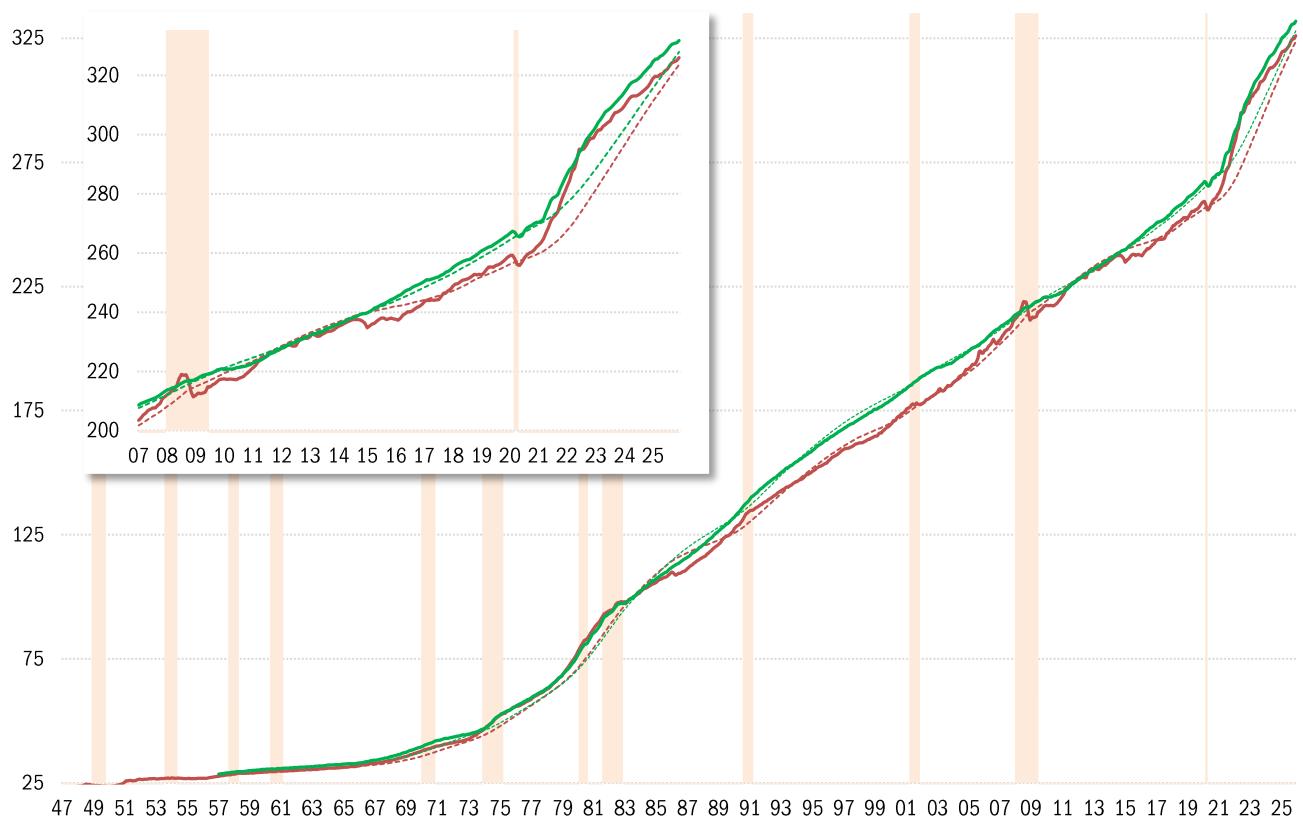
Source: [New York Fed Survey of Consumer Expectations](#), TrendMacro calculations

## US CPI inflation by sector (SAAR)



Source: BLS Consumer Price Index, TrendMacro calculations

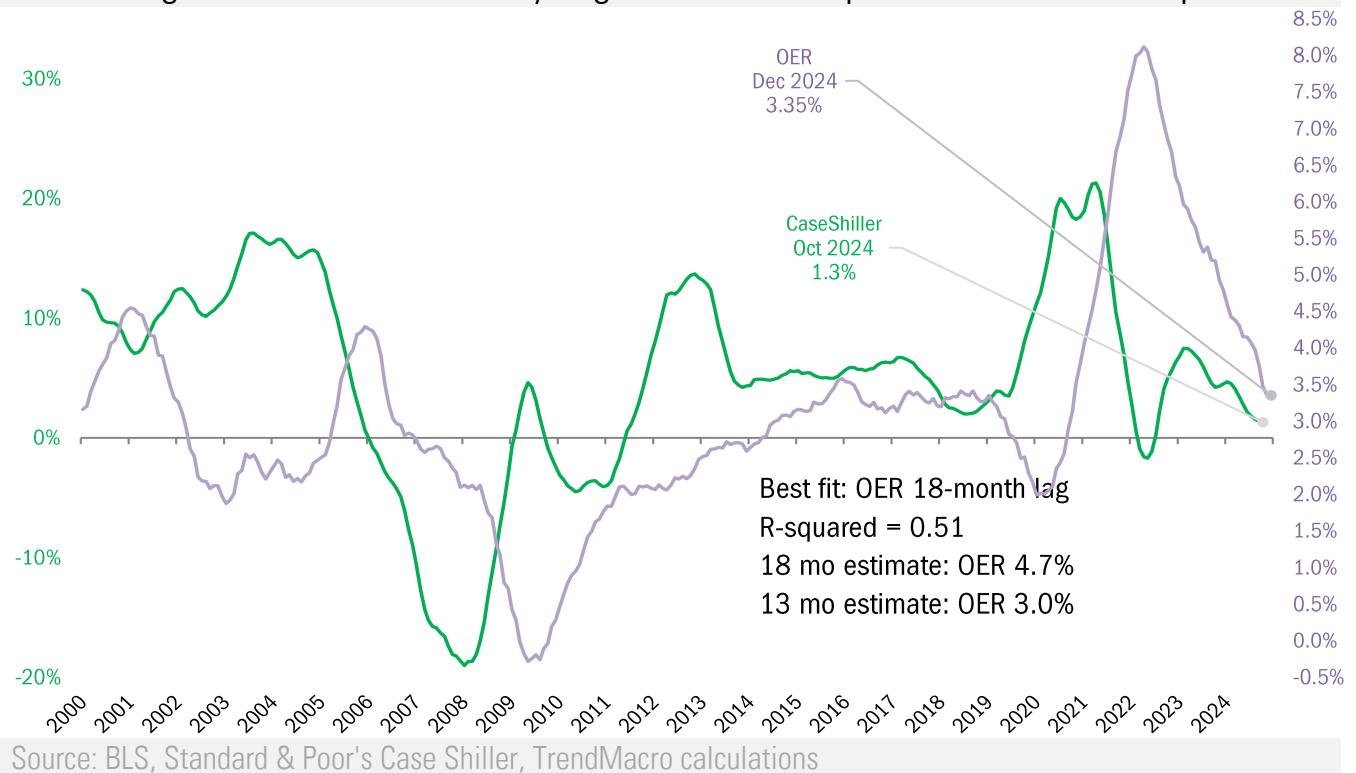
## US CPI Core — Level ... 20-year trend



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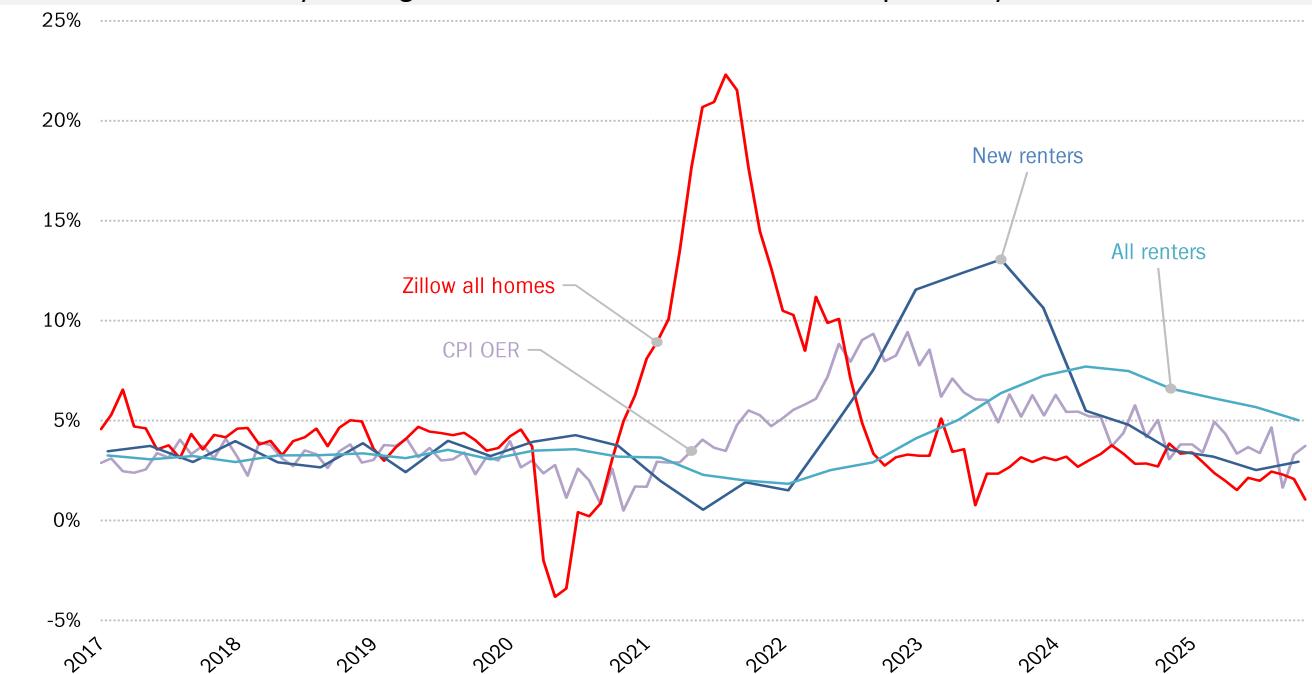
## Housing leads US CPI

YOY change — Case Shiller 20-city avg — Owner's equivalent rent CPI component



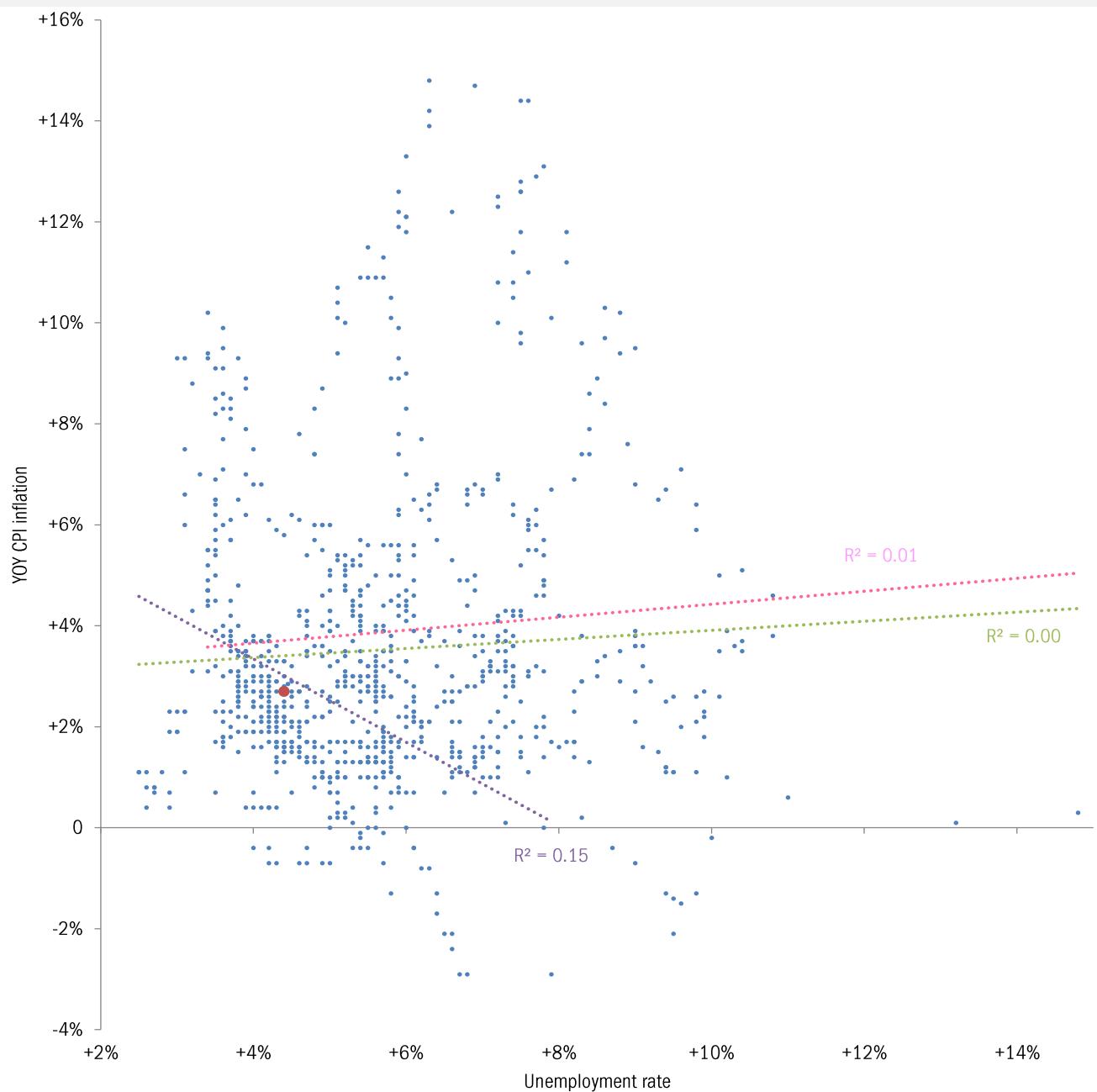
## Speeding up the laggy OER calculation

Annualized monthly change in OER and Zillow data and quarterly Cleveland Fed data



## Going, going, gone: the vanishing Phillips Curve

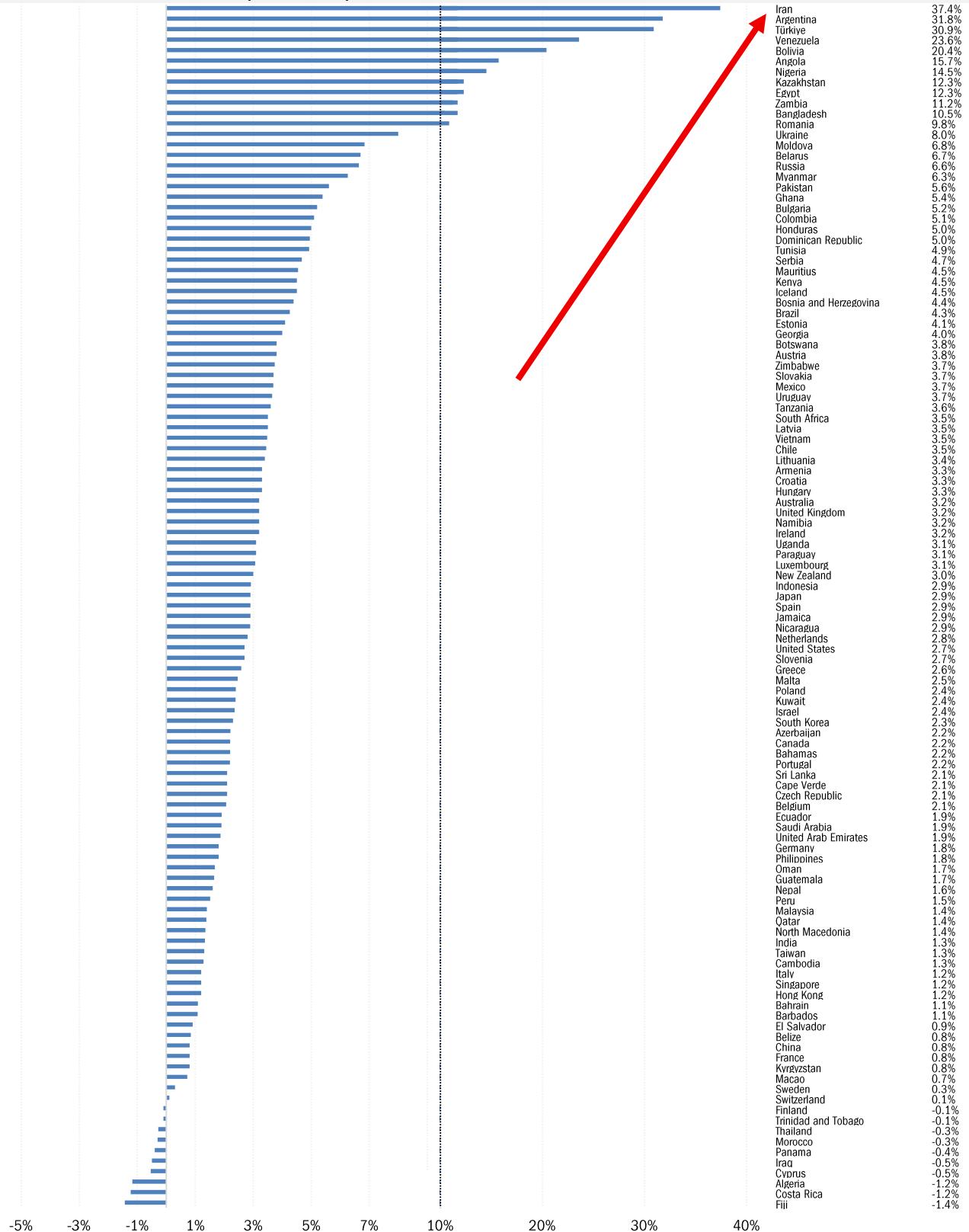
● Latest    Linear trend: ... Pre-74 ... Post-74 ... All



Source: BLS Consumer Price Index, Current Population Survey

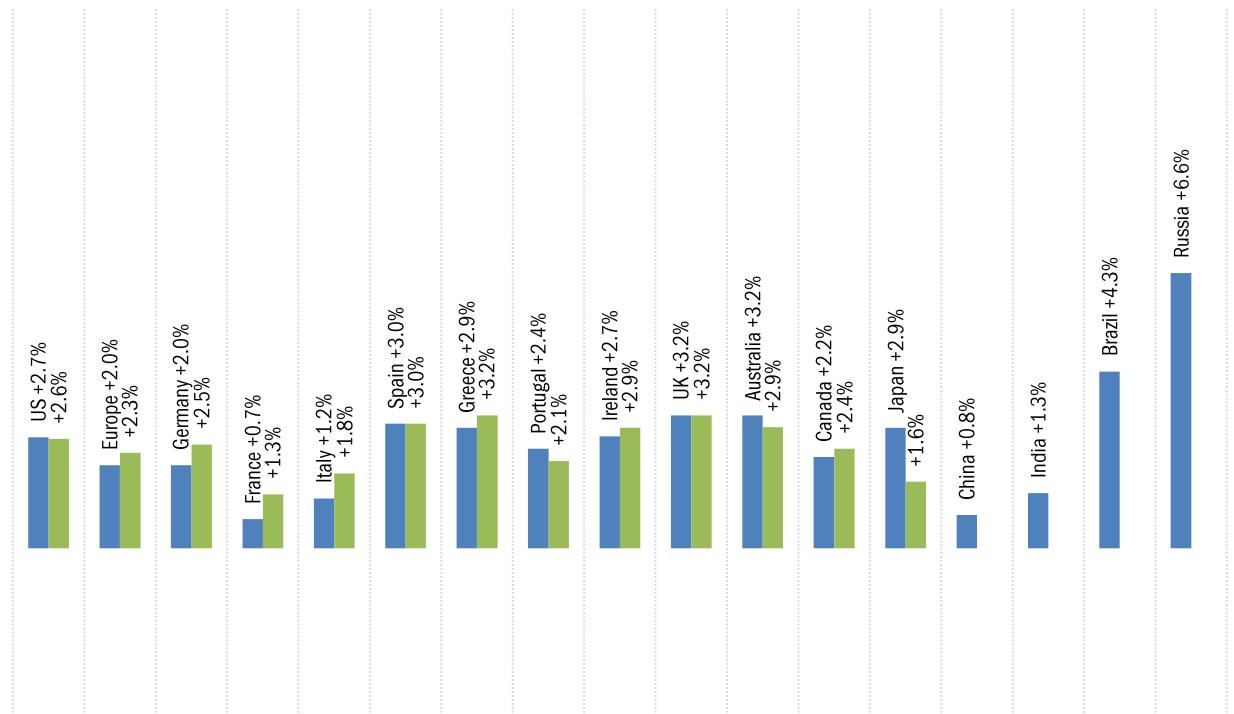
# World CPI, headline, year-on-year

Source: Bloomberg, TrendMacro calculations



## Major economies CPI, year on year

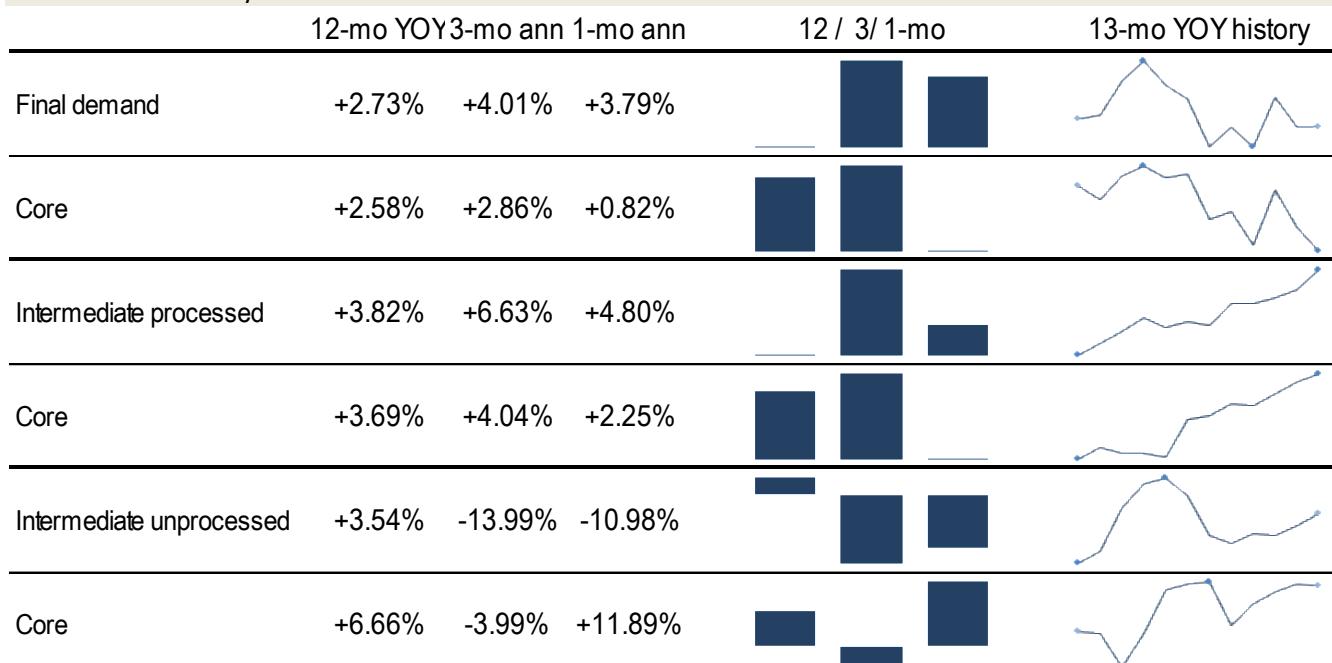
■ Headline ■ Ex-food and energy



Source: Respective Statistical agencies, TrendMacro calculations

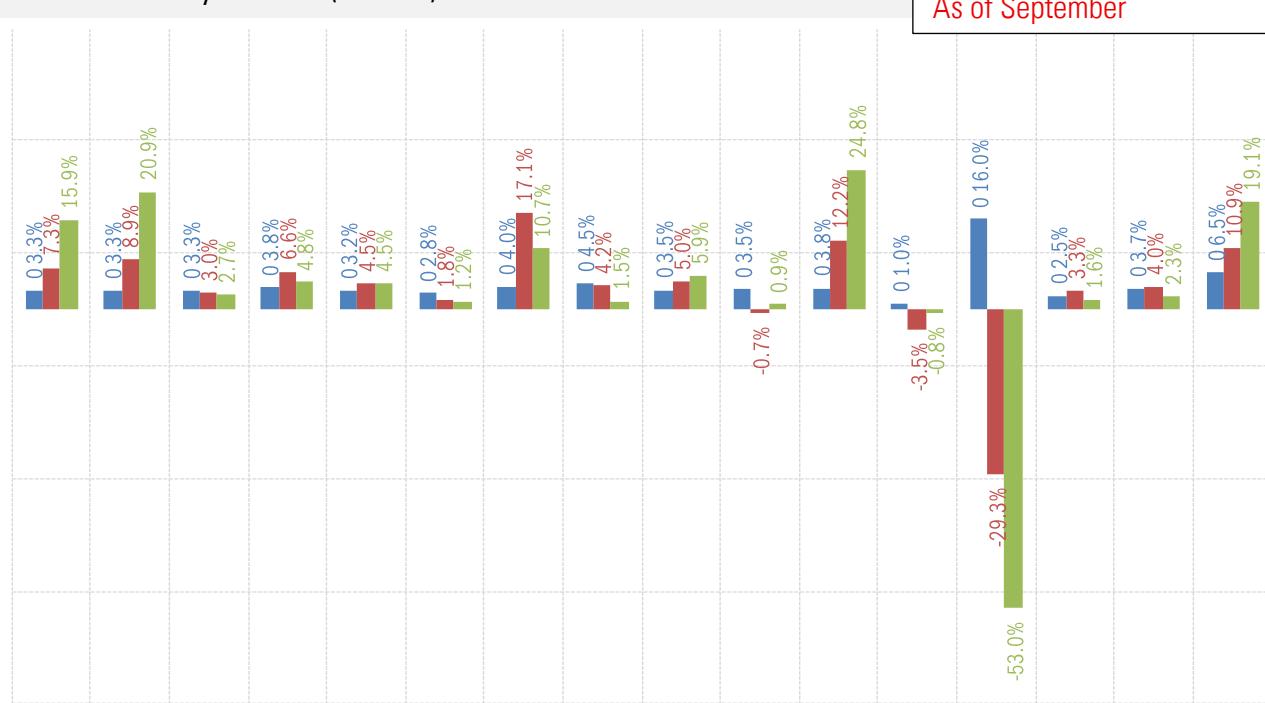
As of September

### PPI data: what you need to know



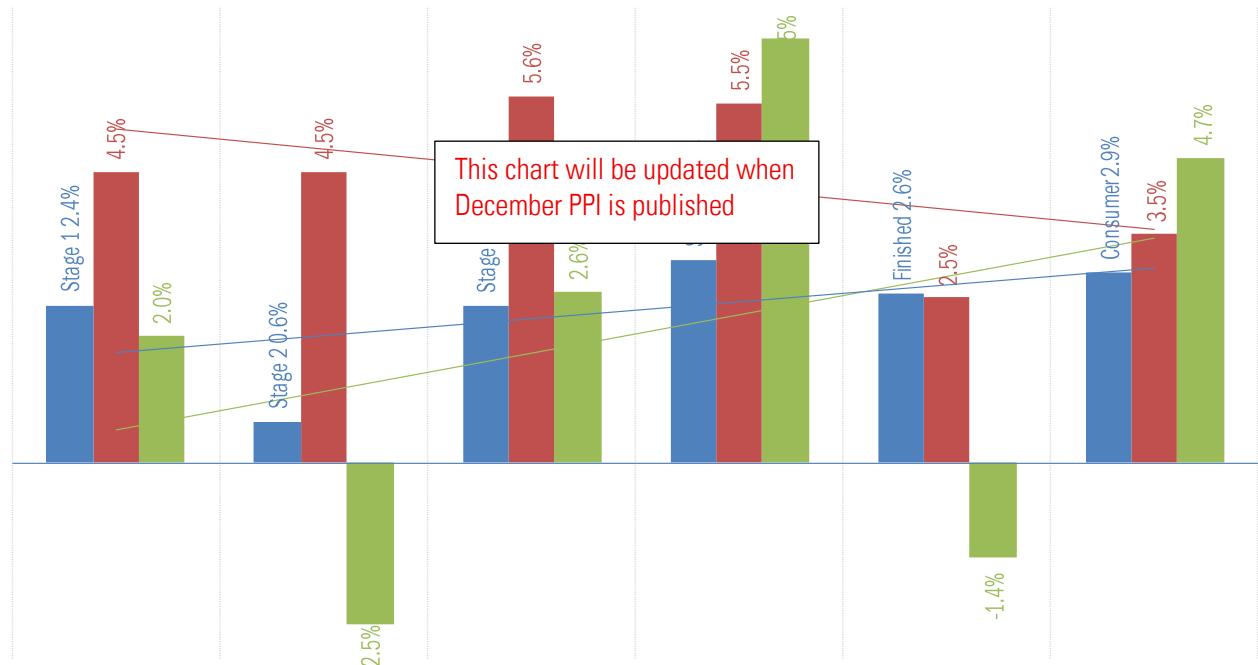
Source: BLS Producer Price Index, TrendMacro calculations

## PPI inflation by sector (SAAR)



Source: BLS Producer Price Index, TrendMacro calculations

## The inflation pipeline (SAAR)



Source: BLS Producer Price Index and Consumer Price Index, TrendMacro calculations