

The State of the US Consumer

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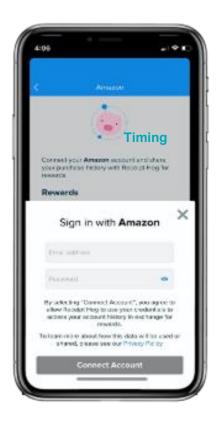


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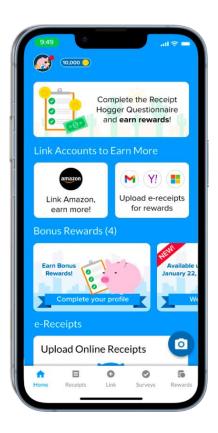
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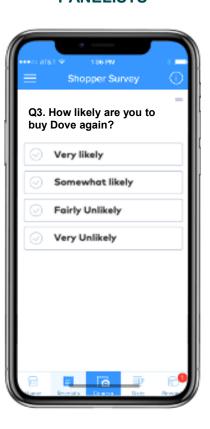
PASSIVE, PERMISSIONED DIGITAL RECEIPT SHARING



GAMIFIED APP MECHANICS



SURVEY PANELISTS





An example of a transaction record from this week!

USER	DATE	BANNER	USER ZII	STORE ZI	P QTY	AMT	TOTAL MAJORCAT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	GTIN	PRODUCT SIZE
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Give us feedback @ survey.walmart.com Thank you! ID #:7VRCBZ9H210 Walmart > < WM Supercenter 318-256-9207 Mgr. JARED 25800 HIGHWAY 171 MANY LA 71449 ST# 00876 OP# 009007 TE# 07 TR# 00507 # ITEMS SOLD 46 TC# 4941 5262 3066 5359 8968 7 CAICE178LKRA 078742125770 F CAICE178LKRA 078742125770 F MMJTG ORANGE 025000056770 F SC CA KEY LM 078742429630 F GV 1G DR 078742356240 F B050 MICR WW 764878600590 CMAS PLUSH 195511199760 RD GBDMN ORN 632971681780 BANANAS 000000040110 F 1.120 lb. @ 1 lb. /0.54 SWEET POTATO 078742361840 F MC LEM MERG 612781101180 F EGGS 18CT 078742127080 F MOTTS AJ 6PK 014800002290 F PUMPKIN 150Z 078742017910 F PUMPKIN 150Z 078742017910 F PUMPKIN 150Z 078742017910 F PUMPKIN 150Z 078742017910 F GV CUT GB 078742369440 F GV CUT GB 078742369440 F CHOC 034000140580 SCOTCH 3PK 638060188960 GV APPLESAUC 078742433900 F SKIN CARE 011111005140 TRIAL ITEM 681131050760 DUCK PYRAMI 075353081390 714176027460 48FT RL SW 714176027460 156.26 3.27 10.43 169.96 170.01 0.05 SUBTOTAL 5.6250 % TAX2 5.6250 % TAX1 10.6250 %

CASH TEND CHANGE DUE



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Low prices You Can Trust, Every Day, 11/17/25 14:38:41



What do we know about User 646434?

August 17, 2014

Submitted receipts in 133 / 136 months

November 2025

Total Spend Measured ~\$225,000

Total Receipts Submitted ~6,500

Total Awards from Numerator \$615

Basic demographics...



AGE

58



INCOME

\$20k-\$30k



ETHNICITY

White/Caucasian



EMPLOYMENTSelf Employed



HH SIZE

2



MARITAL STATUS

Never Married



URBANICITY

Rural



ZIP CODE

71486, Zwolle, LA



Watches HGTV



No longer a tobacco user



...and much more

Owns a Dachshund with allergies



Homeowner



Bald



Occasionally recycles



Eat Ice Cream
1x per week



Dallas Mavericks Fan

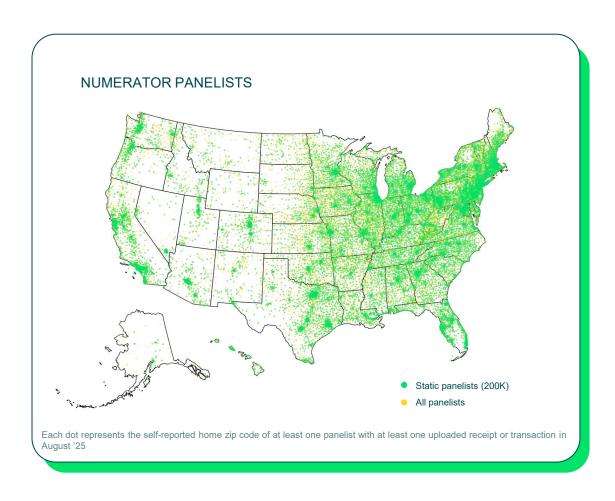


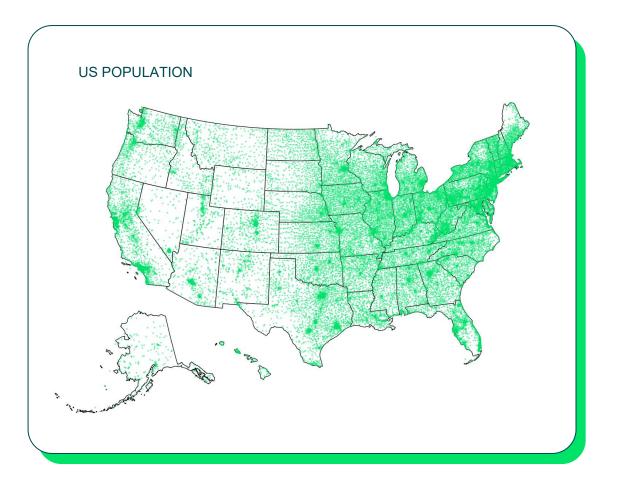
Has considered, but is not using GLP-1



Numerator provides a geographically representative view of the US

With panelists submitting information from ~95% of all US residential zip codes and demographically weighted and balanced to reflect the total US population





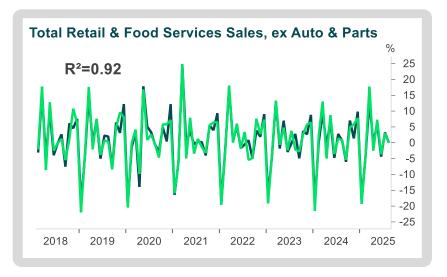


Numerator data is demographically representative of the US

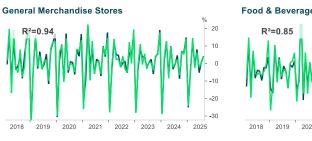


Numerator retail spending data closely matches official US Census retail sales data

Month-over-month % change in Numerator and US Census measures of retail sales







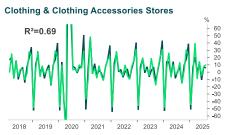


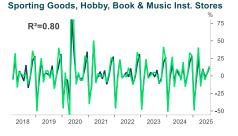
The US Census publishes monthly retail sales estimates sourced from surveys of retail establishments. Numerator's data on retail spending sourced directly from consumers closely matches US Census retail sales.

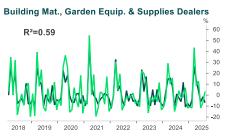






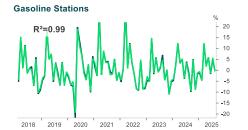
















Inflation scenarios: what policies will the US implement over the next year?

Core PCE Inflation Scenarios

YOY% Change in Core PCE Index (ex Food & Energy)



High Inflation / Lower Growth Case: Politicization of Fed Reserve, High Tariffs + Retaliation, Mass Deportation, Extension of TCJA and Additional Tax Cuts with Large Fiscal Deficits Mid Inflation / Mid Growth Case: Fed Maintains Independence, Moderate Tariffs + Retaliation, Some Deportation, Extension of TCJA but No Additional Tax Cuts
Low Inflation / Higher Growth Case: Fed Maintains Independence, Limited Tariffs on Select Goods Only + Limited Retaliation, Limited Deportation + Immigration Reform Allowing for More Legal Immigration, Extension of Some Components to TCJA
Source: Numerator, BEA, Macrobond

High Inflation / Lower Growth Case:

- Federal Reserve loses independence
- Across-the-board tariffs
- Retaliation from other countries
- Large-scale deportations
- Extension of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA)
- Additional tax cuts
- Higher fiscal deficits

Mid Inflation / Mid Growth Case:

- Fed retains its independence and credibility
- Moderate tariffs
- Some deportations
- Extension of the TCJA

Low Inflation / Higher Growth Case:

- Fed retains its independence and credibility
- Limited and targeted tariffs, phased-in slowly
- Reforms to immigration maintain a sufficient inflow of workers to prevent labor shortages in key sectors
- Some components of the TCJA are extended but fiscal deficits are lower than in the mid and high case



Consumer Price Inflation

→ All Items — All Items Less Food & Energy





But why aren't we seeing higher inflation yet?

- 1. Contracts with retailers
- 2. Contracts with suppliers / hedging
- 3. "One bite at the apple"

We expect inflation to start picking up during these next six months

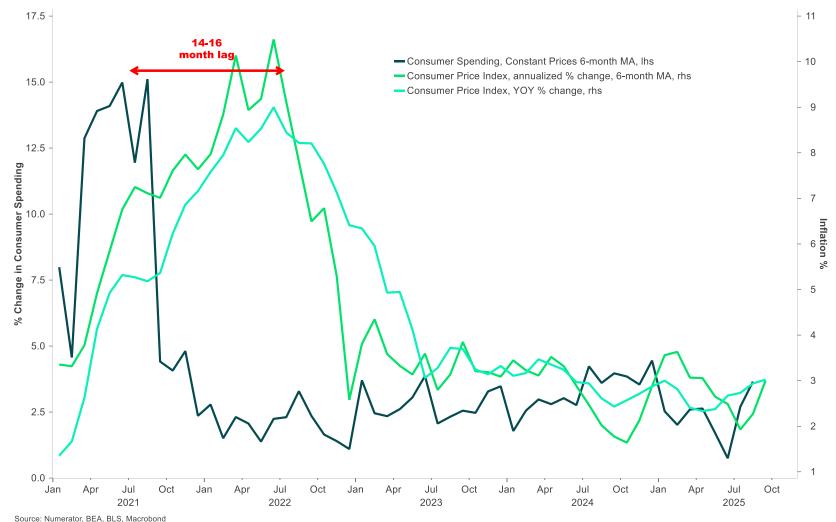
"Pricing triggers"

The consumer is under more stress right now – that will limit their acceptance of higher prices



With pandemic inflation, ~14-16-month lag between surge in consumer demand associated with mass vaccinations (March '21) and peak inflation (June '22)

Lag between Pandemic Surge in Consumer Spending and Inflation





The Jaws of Stagflation: Share of ~400 Purchasing Managers across 60+ Industries Saying Prices are Higher and Employment is Higher Relative to the Prior Month



Source: Numerator, ISM, Macrobond



Growth scenarios: what policies will the US implement over the next year?

Real GDP Growth Scenarios

QOQ% Change in Real GDP, Annual Rate



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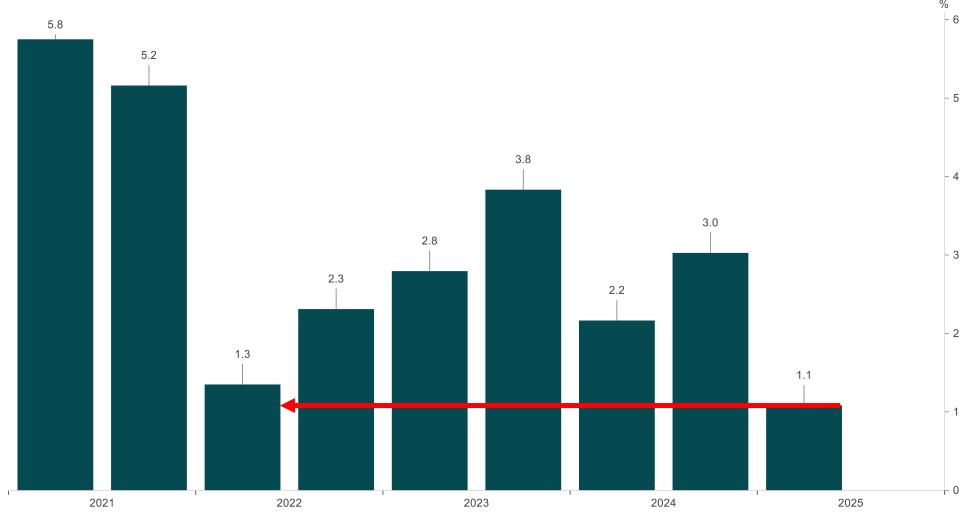
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Semiannual GDP Growth (% change from prior half)



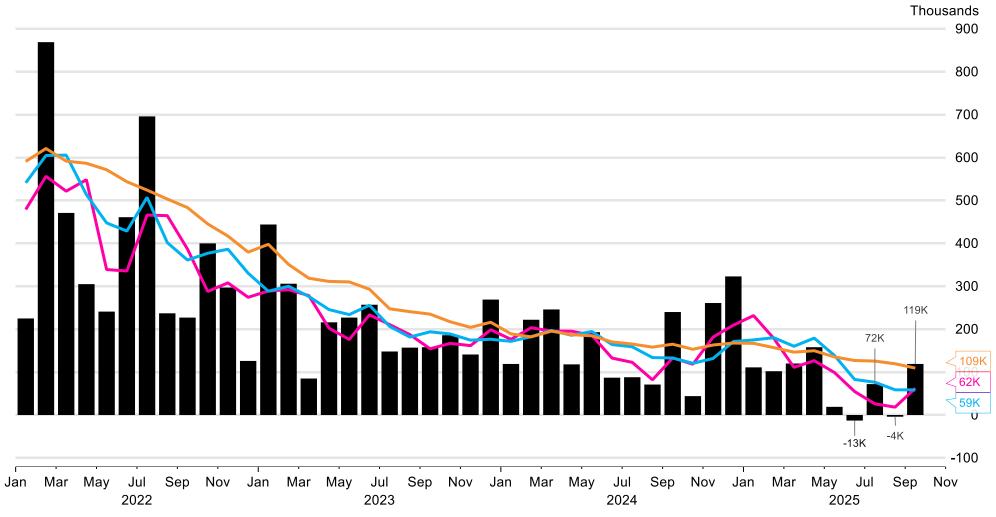
■United States, Gross Domestic Product, Total, Constant Prices, SA, Chained, AR, USD

Source: Numerator, BEA, Macrobond



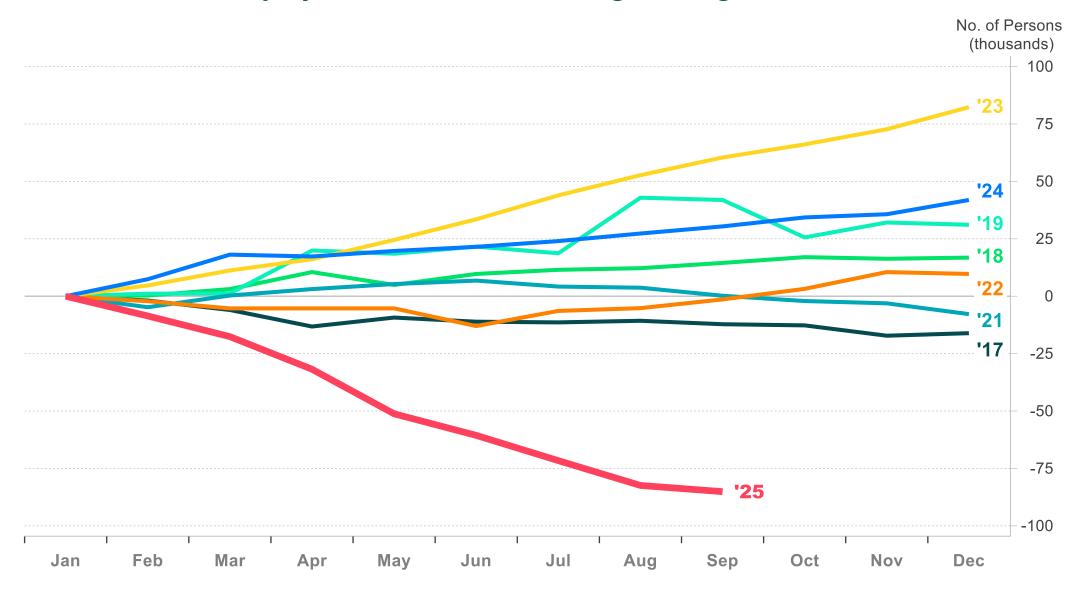
Monthly Change in Nonfarm Payroll Employment

■ Monthly Change — 3-month MA — 6-month MA — 12-month MA





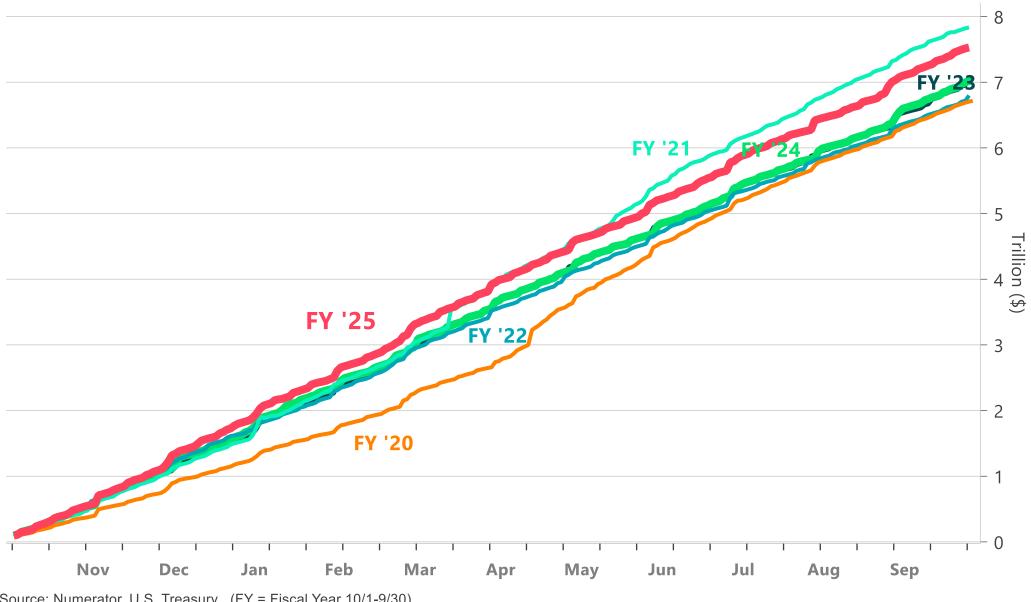
US Federal Govt Employment (excl. USPS) Change during Calendar Years



Source: Numerator, BLS (Series excludes 2020 because of Decennial Census temporary hiring.)



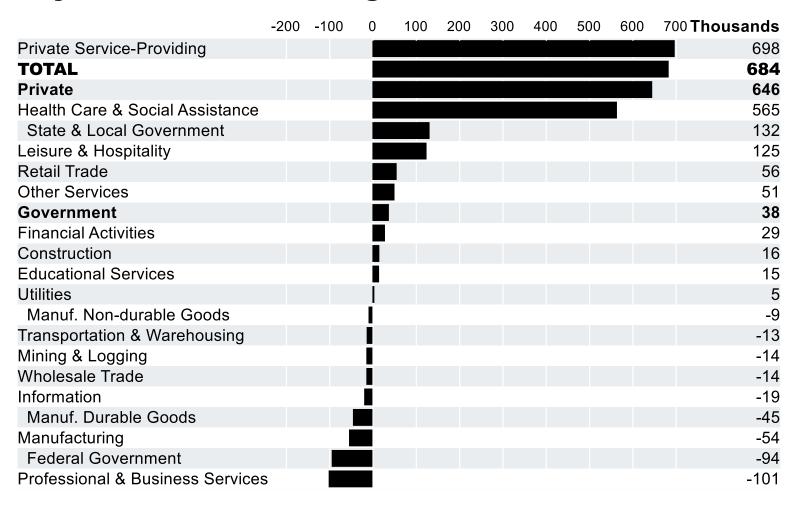
Federal Government Spending ex Interest Payments and Bond Redemptions



Source: Numerator, U.S. Treasury (FY = Fiscal Year 10/1-9/30)



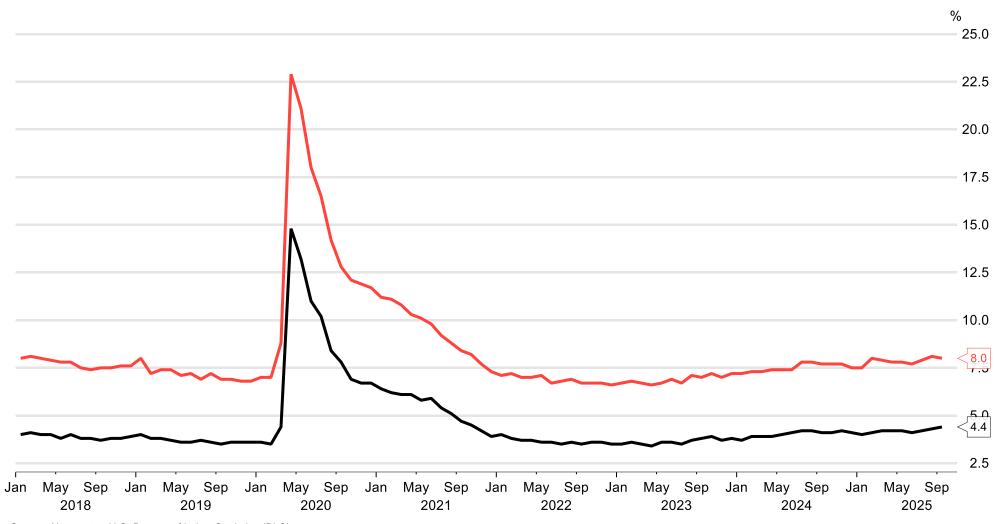
Payroll Jobs - YTD Change





US Unemployment Rate

— Unemployment — Unemployment+Underemployment





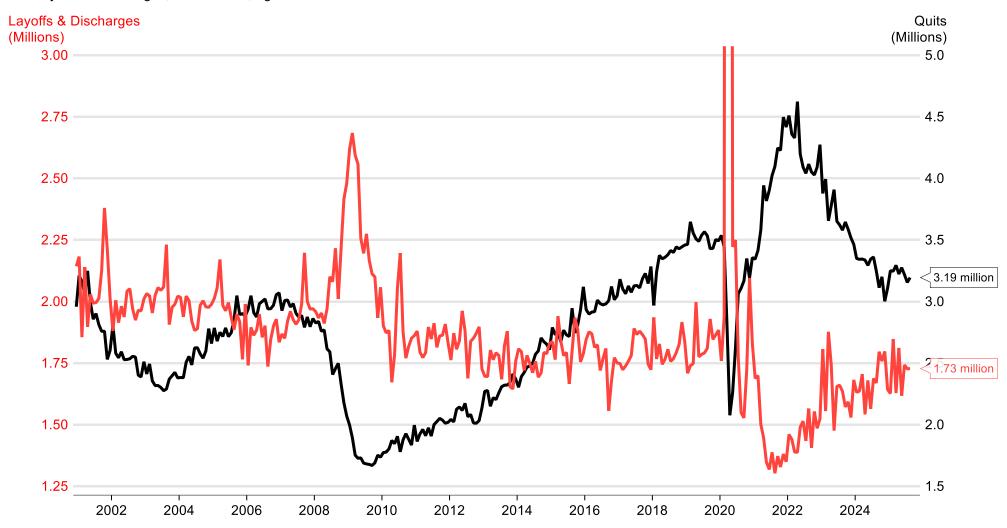
Job Openings per Unemployed Worker





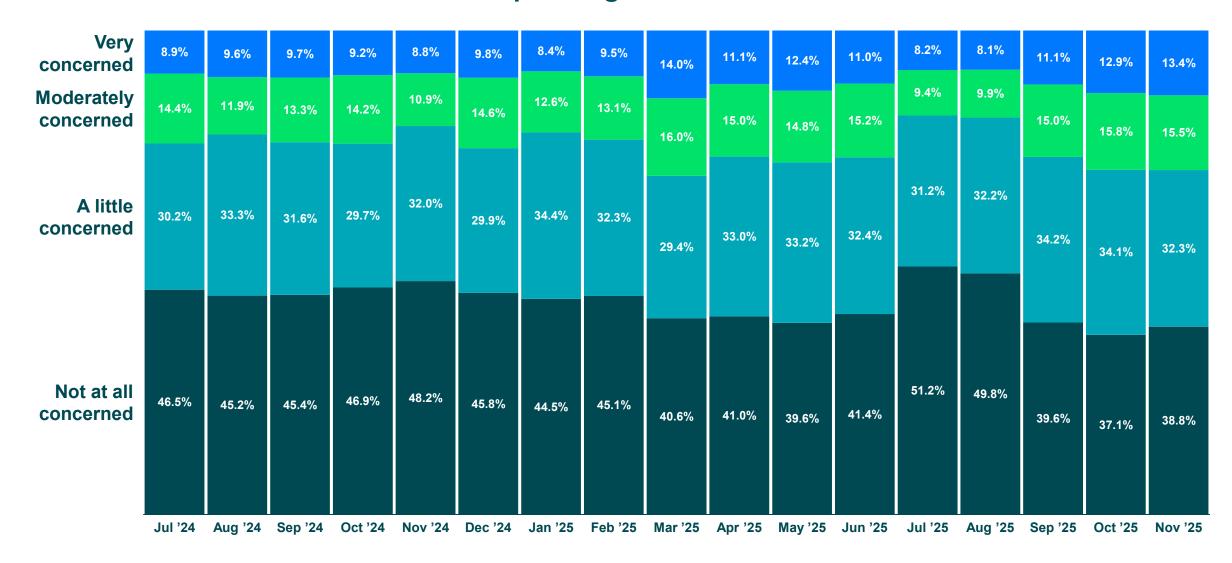
Layoffs aren't high; fewer people are quitting jobs

- Layoffs & Discharges, left - Quits, right



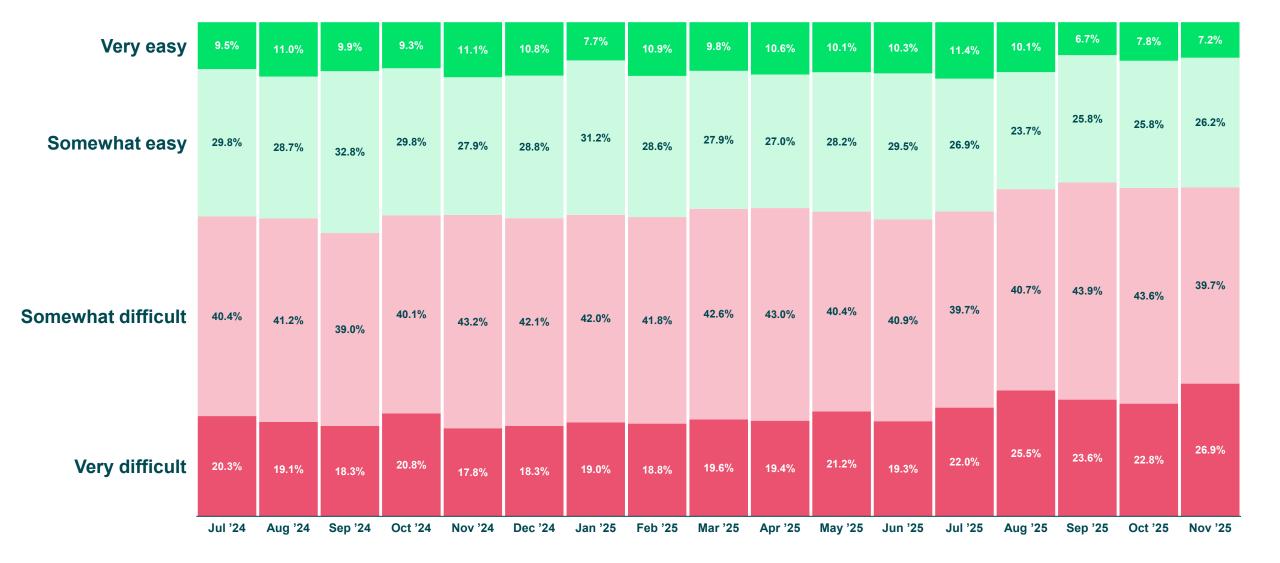


"How concerned are you that you or someone in your household will lose a job they wanted to keep during the next 6 months?"





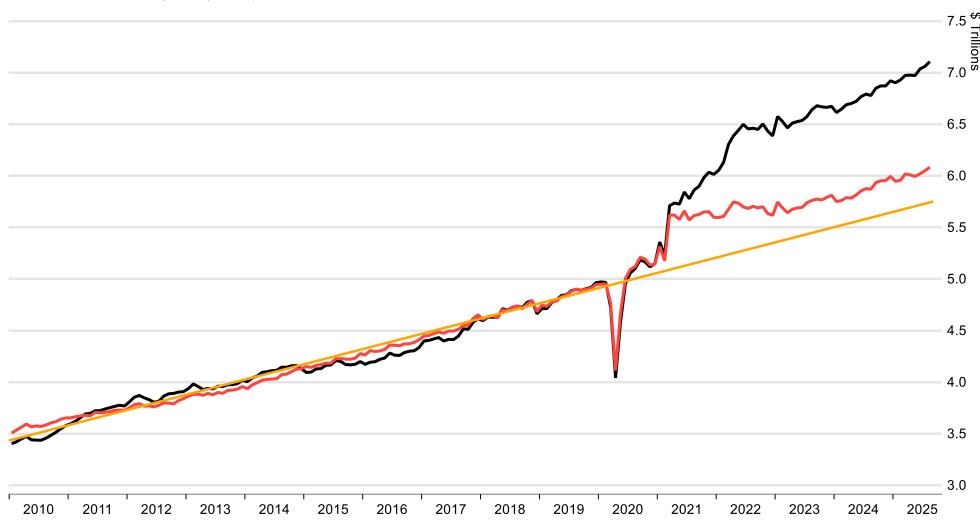
"If you or someone in your household were to lose a job they wanted to keep, how easy or difficult do you think it would be to find another job that paid about the same or better?"





Retail and Food Services (ex Auto), Annual Rate

─ Nominal ─ Inflation Adjusted (2019 \$)



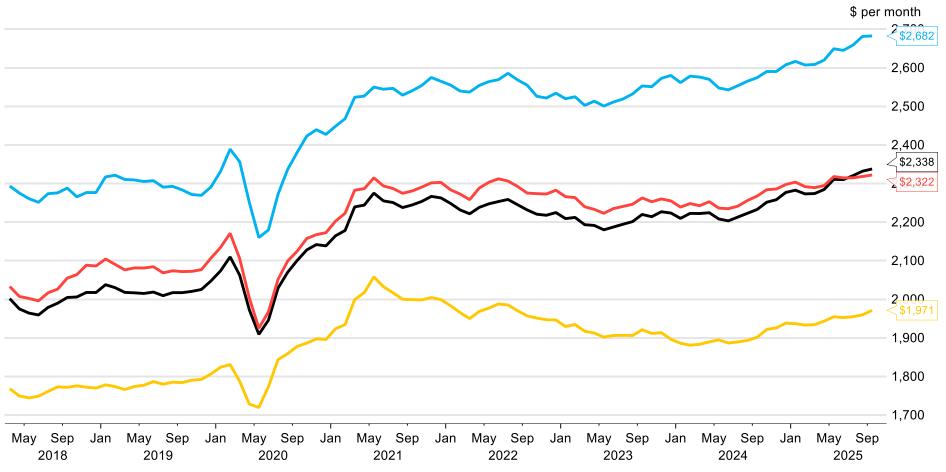
Source: Numerator, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)



Average retail spending decomposed by household income

Mar 2018 - Sep 2025, Seasonally Adjusted and Inflation Adjusted, 3 Month Moving Average

— Overall — Low Income (\$0-\$60K) — Middle Income (\$60K-\$100K) — High Income (\$100K+)



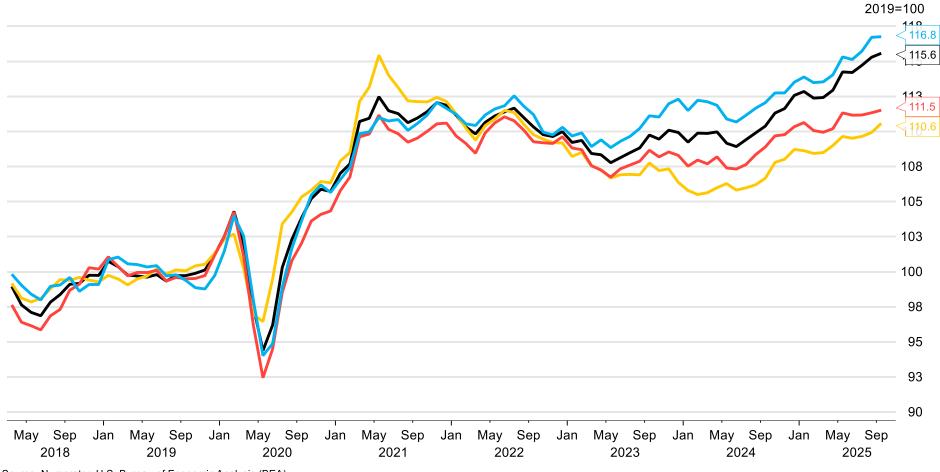
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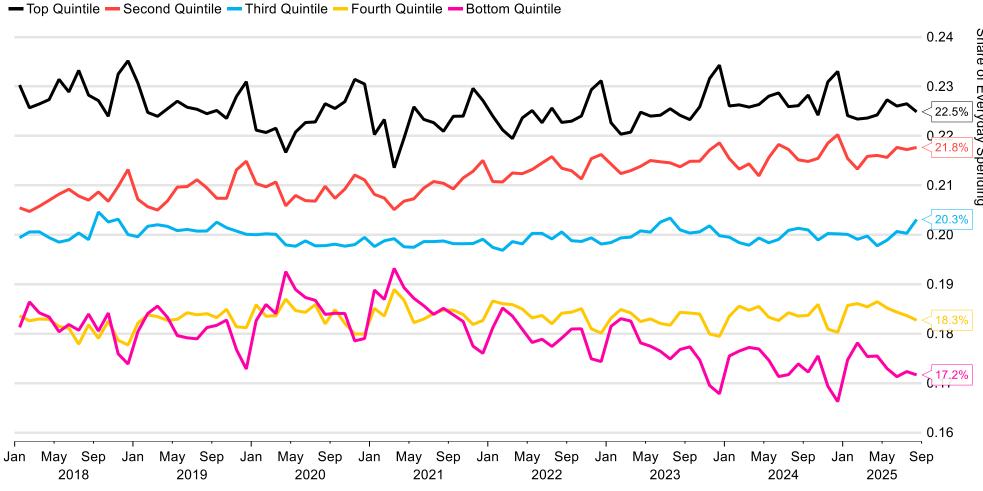
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Share of Everyday HH Spending by Purchasing Power Quintile



Source: Numerator Household Panel and Survey Data, using monthly verified purchases from 200K households.

Notes: Everyday household spending includes household spending on items purchased from retailers such as Walmart, Costco, grocery stores, hardware stores, apparel stores, health & beauty stores, sporting goods stores, online retailers, etc. Numerator data does not capture spending on services such as air travel, hotels, concerts, sporting events, utilities, auto insurance, or housing. Purchasing power quintiles are based on households' self-reported incomes (up to \$250K annually) and zip code of residence. Purchasing power quintiles are then calculated taking into account household incomes and the cost of living in the areas where households reside.



Grocery Spend, Nominal, SA, 3-Month MA, 2022=100

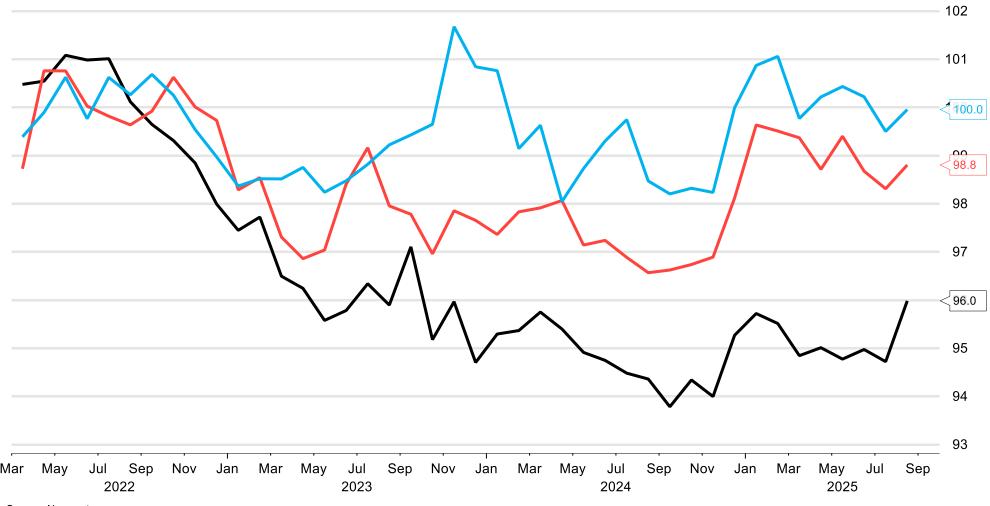
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Source: Numerator



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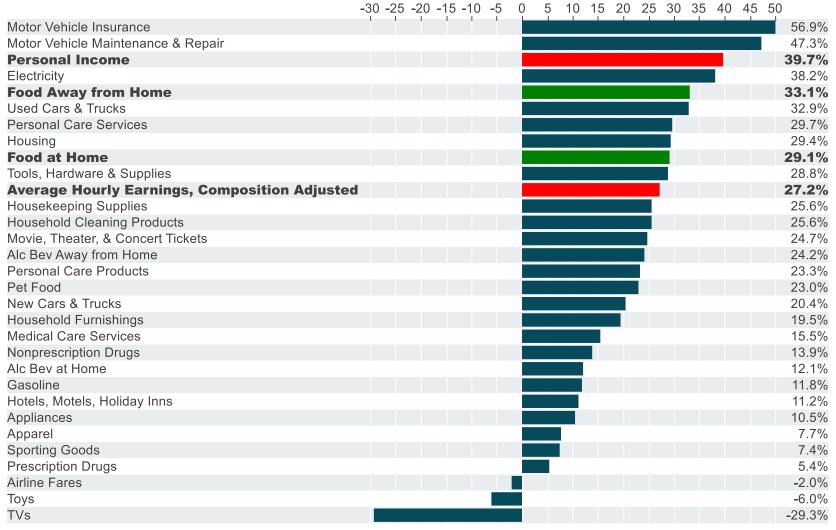
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Notes: Gen Merch = Apparel, Tools & Home Improvement, Toys, Electronics, Home & Garden, Automotive, Sporting Equipment, Books



Cumulative inflation and income growth for selected categories

Selected CPI Components and Income, Percent Change Since Jan 2020

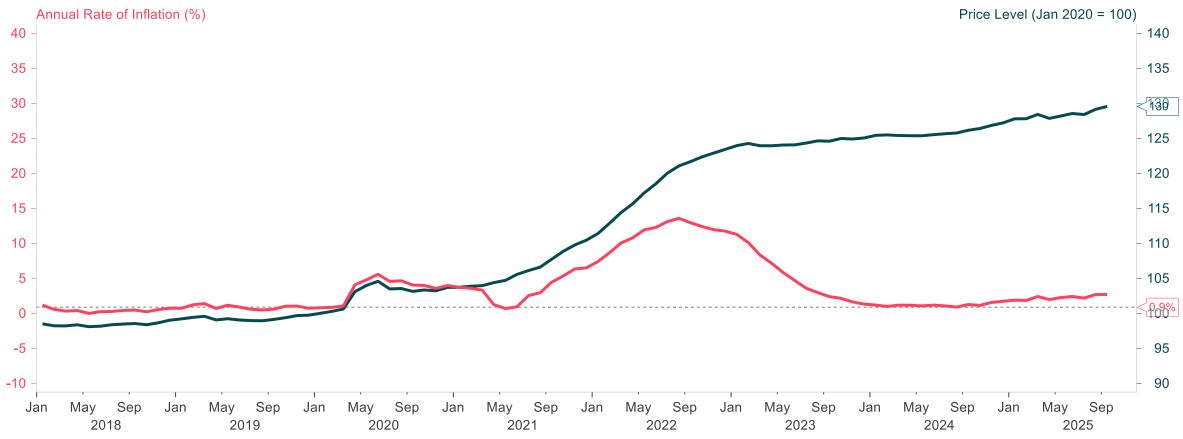


Source: Numerator, BLS, BEA, Atlanta Fed, Macrobond Notes: Data through August 2025, pulled on November 19, 2025.



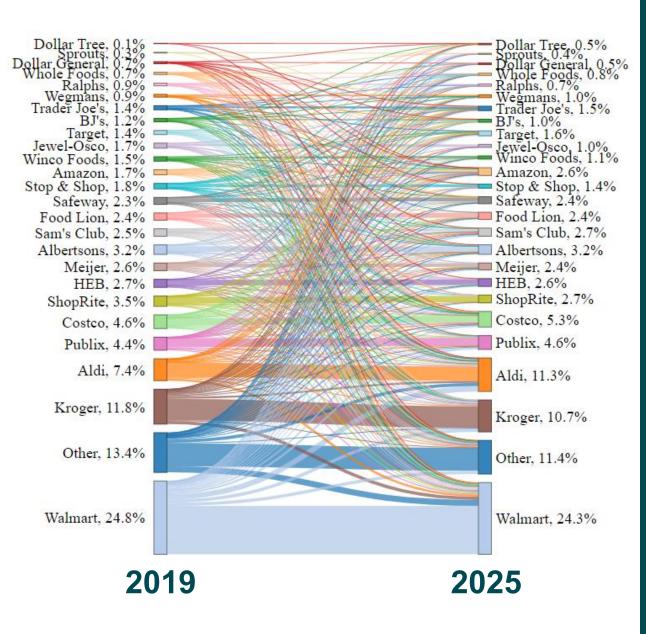
Price Levels vs Price Changes

Food Price Level and Food Price Inflation







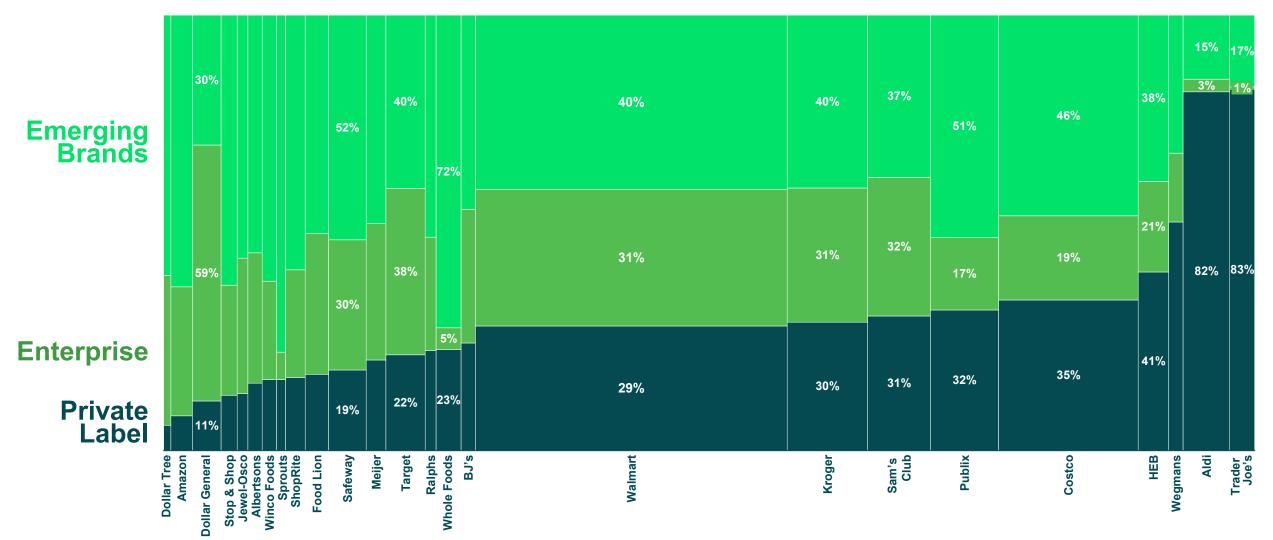


Where consumers buy groceries has changed substantially...

...mostly because of prices/value (45%) and also because consumers have moved (20%)



As HHs change where they shop, they will be exposed to vastly different options for private-label, enterprise, and emerging brands

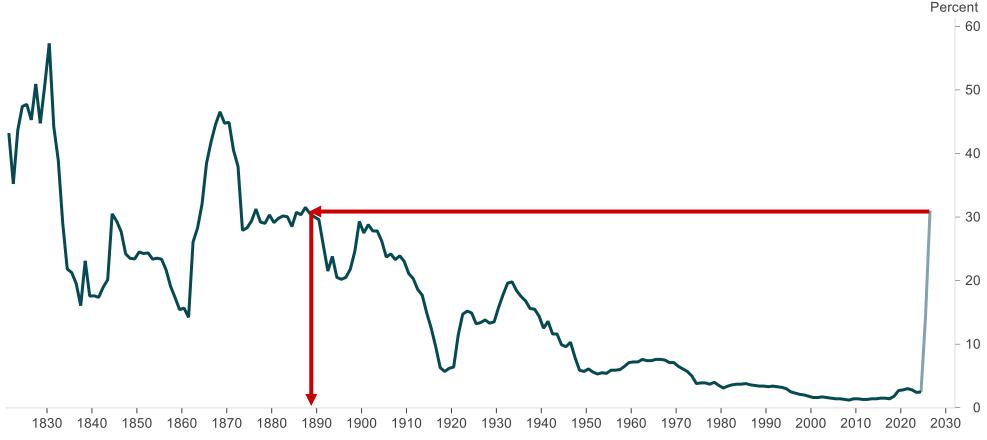






Liberation Day tariffs would have been the highest since the 1890s, before the US had income taxes

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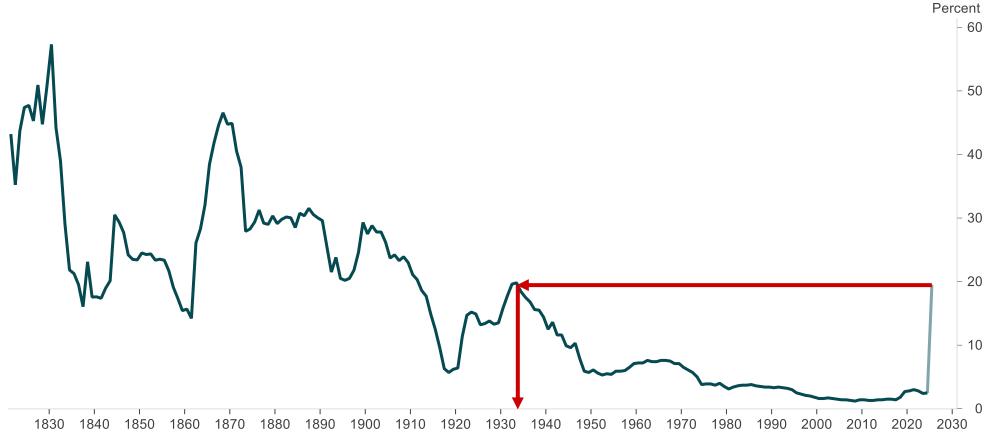






Currently, the effective tariff level is still the highest we've seen since the late 1930s

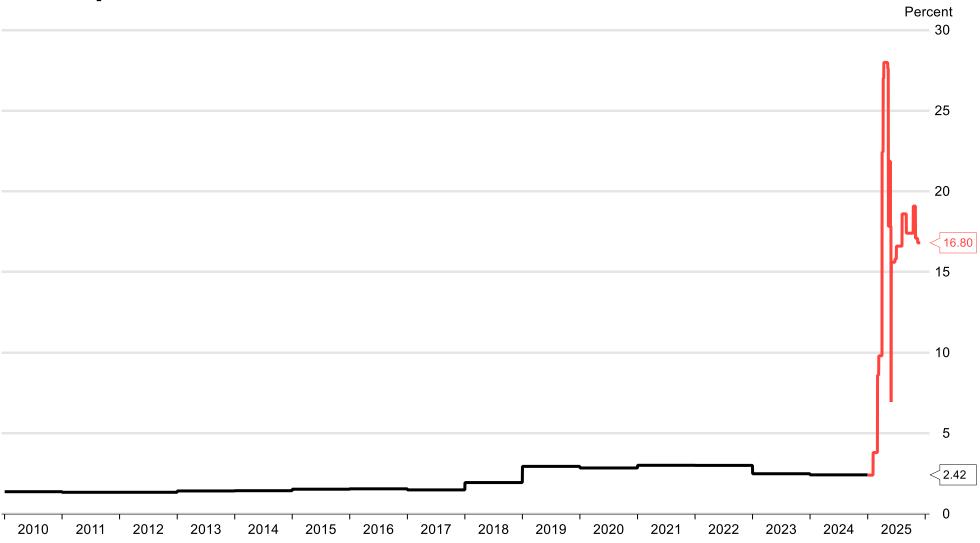
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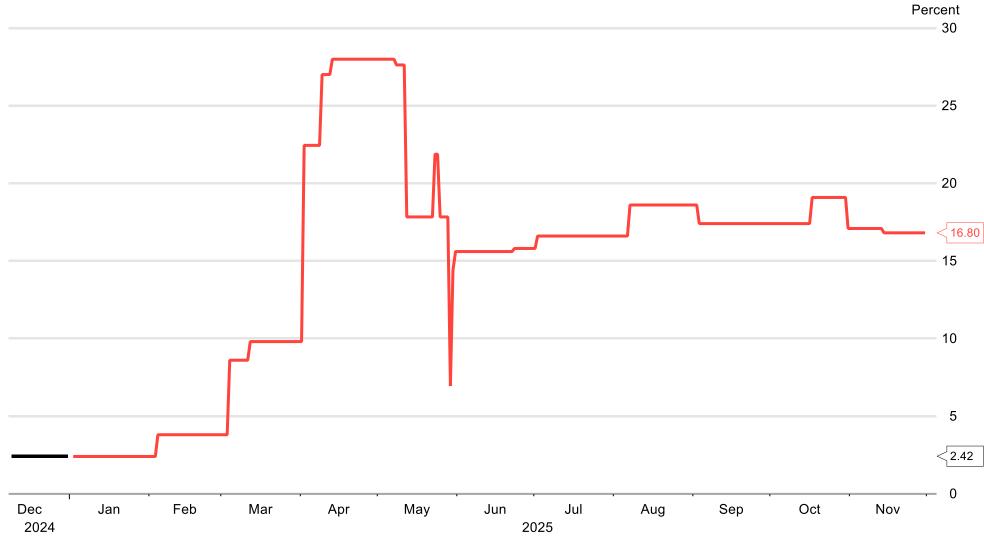
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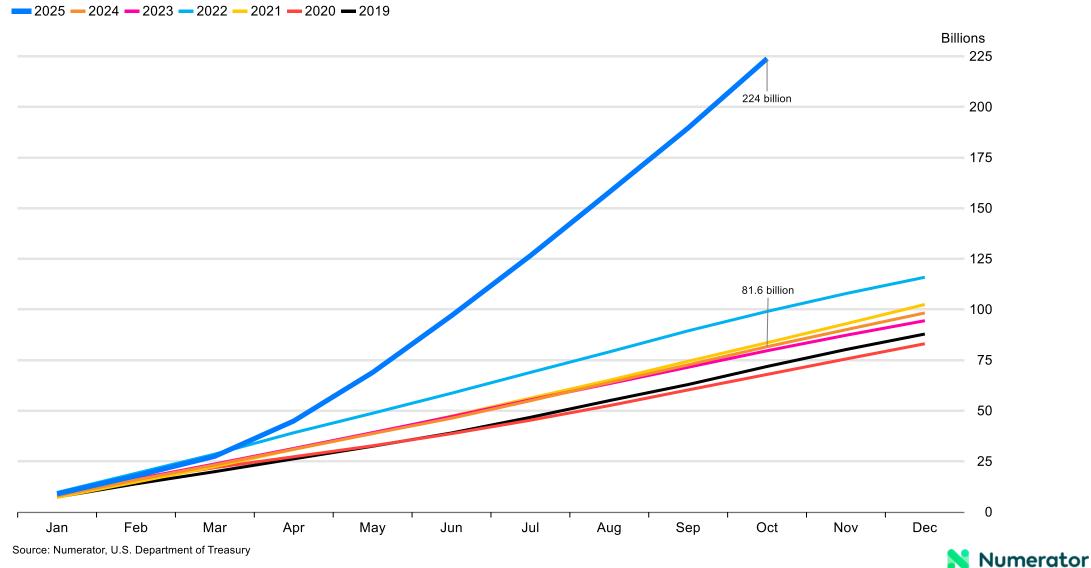


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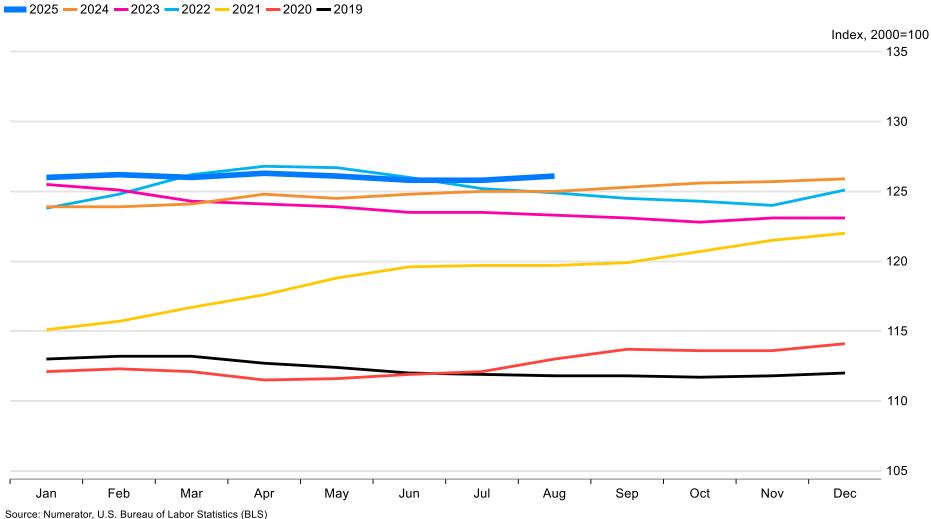
Tariff payments are already much higher than this time last year

Tariff revenue collected so far this year



Import prices paid (pre-tariffs) haven't really changed; other countries are not cutting their prices in response to tariffs

Import Prices Paid by US Importers



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FIGURE 2: Numerator Fisher Price Index constructed using product quantities and prices versus the PCE for food and beverages

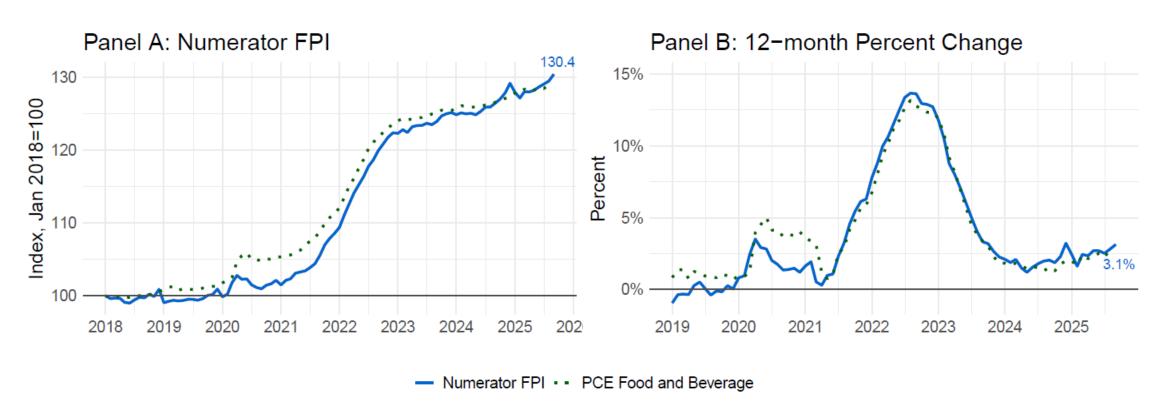




Table 1: Expenditure and Product Shares by Sector between October 2024 and September 2025

Sector	Expenditure Share	Product Share
Grocery	44.6	45.8
Health & Beauty	8.7	9.6
Home & Garden	8.2	7.4
Apparel	5.4	8.9
LSR (Limited Service Restaurant)	4.8	3.9
Household	4.8	3.5
Pet	3.9	3.1
Tools & Home Improvement	3.7	3.4
Electronics	3.4	2.0
FSR (Full Service Restaurants)	2.8	1.9
Party & Occasions	2.4	1.9
Toys	1.9	2.9
Automotive	1.3	1.1
Baby	1.1	0.9
Tobacco Products and Accessories	0.9	0.7
Sports	0.9	0.9
Office	0.7	1.2
Books	0.4	0.7
Entertainment	0.1	0.2

Note: Values in percent. For the sectors in the table, average household expenditure during the time period between October 2024 to September 2025 is \$17,019 and the total number of products captured in the data is approximately 25 million for the sectors shown in the table. Sectors are those provided by Numerator as the most aggregated classification. Source: Numerator Panel Data, authors' calculations.



FIGURE 3: Price indices by country of origin

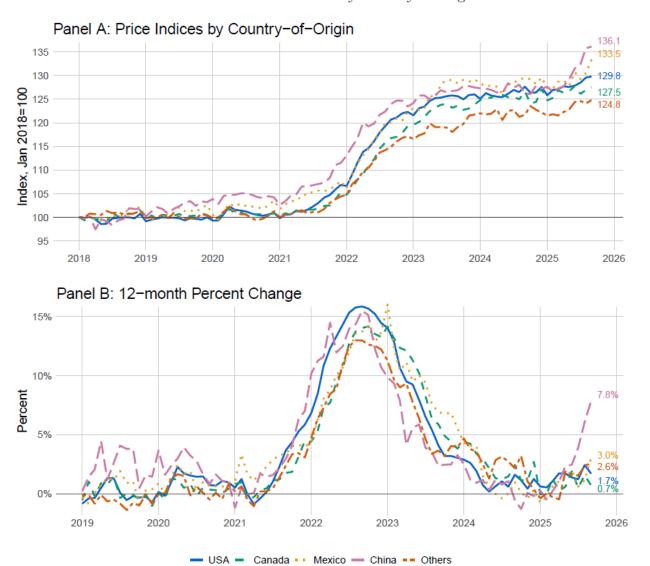
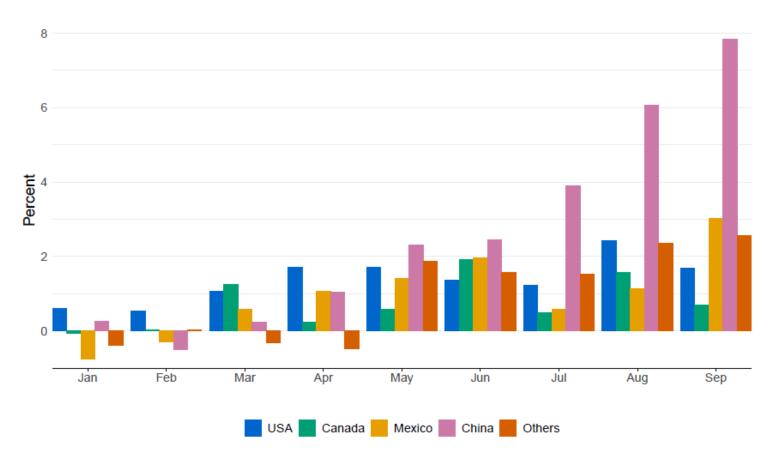




Figure 4: Price changes in 2025 by country of origin



Note: 12-month percent changes in the country-specific Numerator Fisher Price Indices for January through September 2025. The bars are shown in the following order for each month: USA in blue, Canada in green, Mexico in yellow, China in pink, Others in orange.

Source: Matched Numerator Panel Data and Label Insights Data, authors' calculations.



US Core Consumer Price Inflation

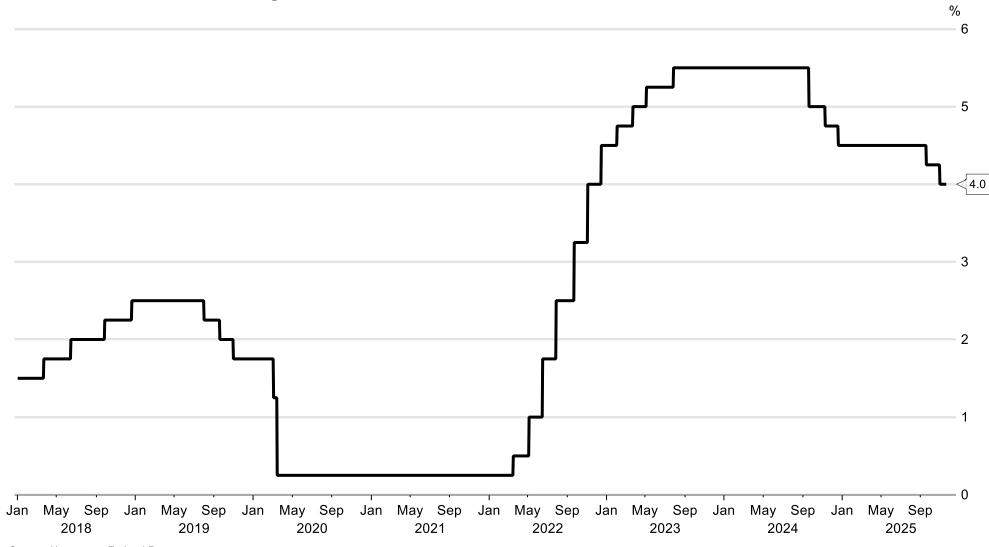
— Core (ex food & energy) — Core Goods (ex food & energy)



Source: Numerator, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

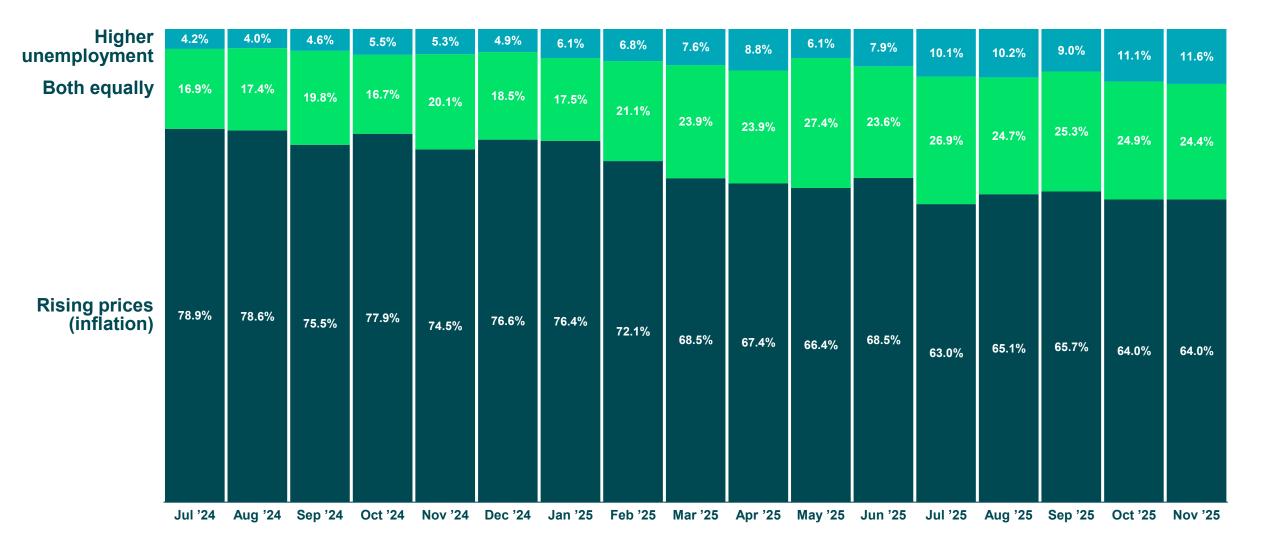


US Central Bank Policy Rate

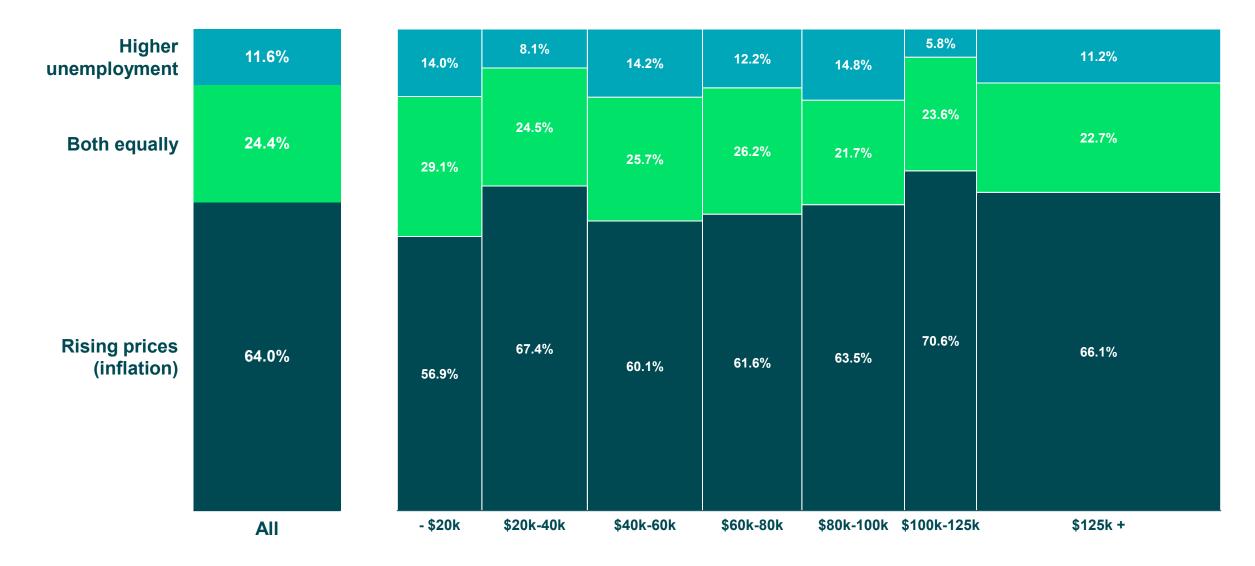


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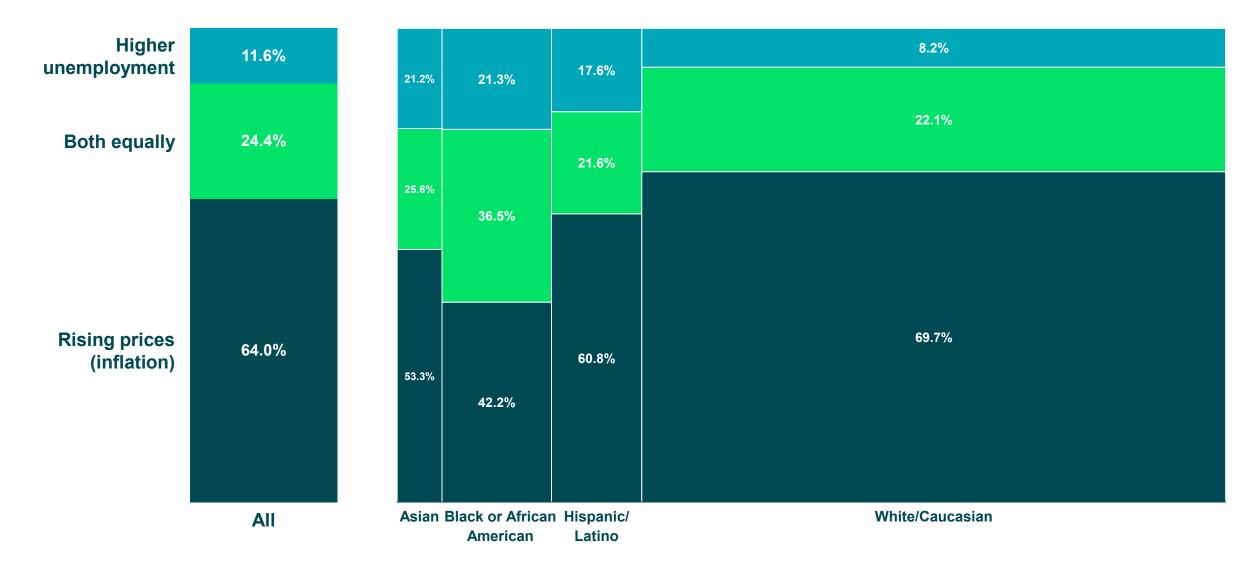




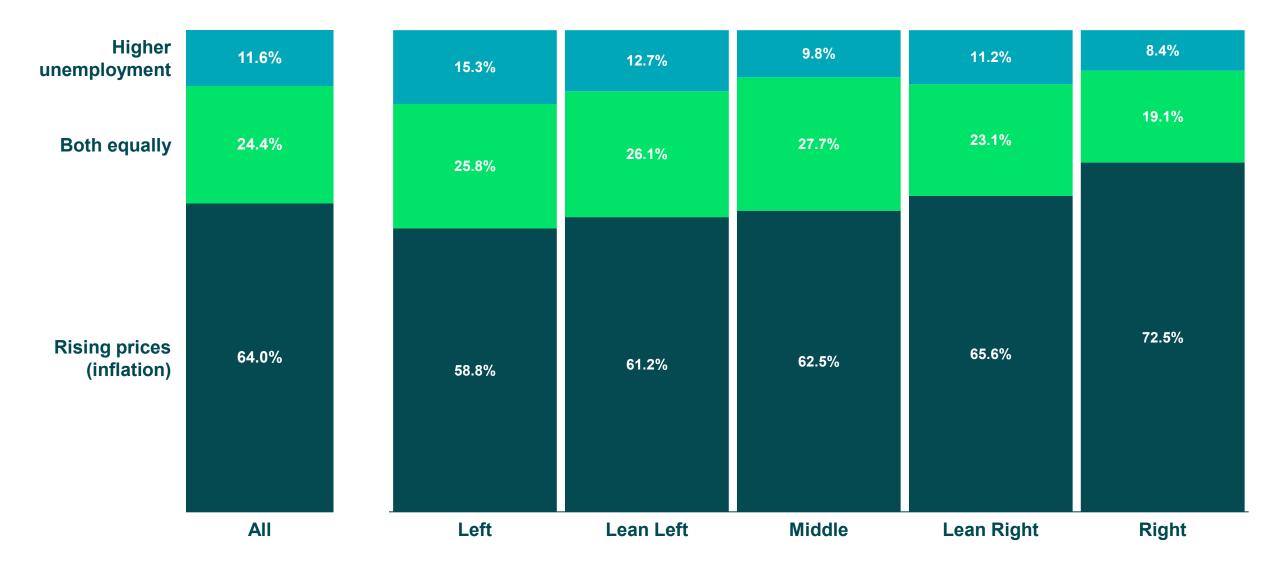








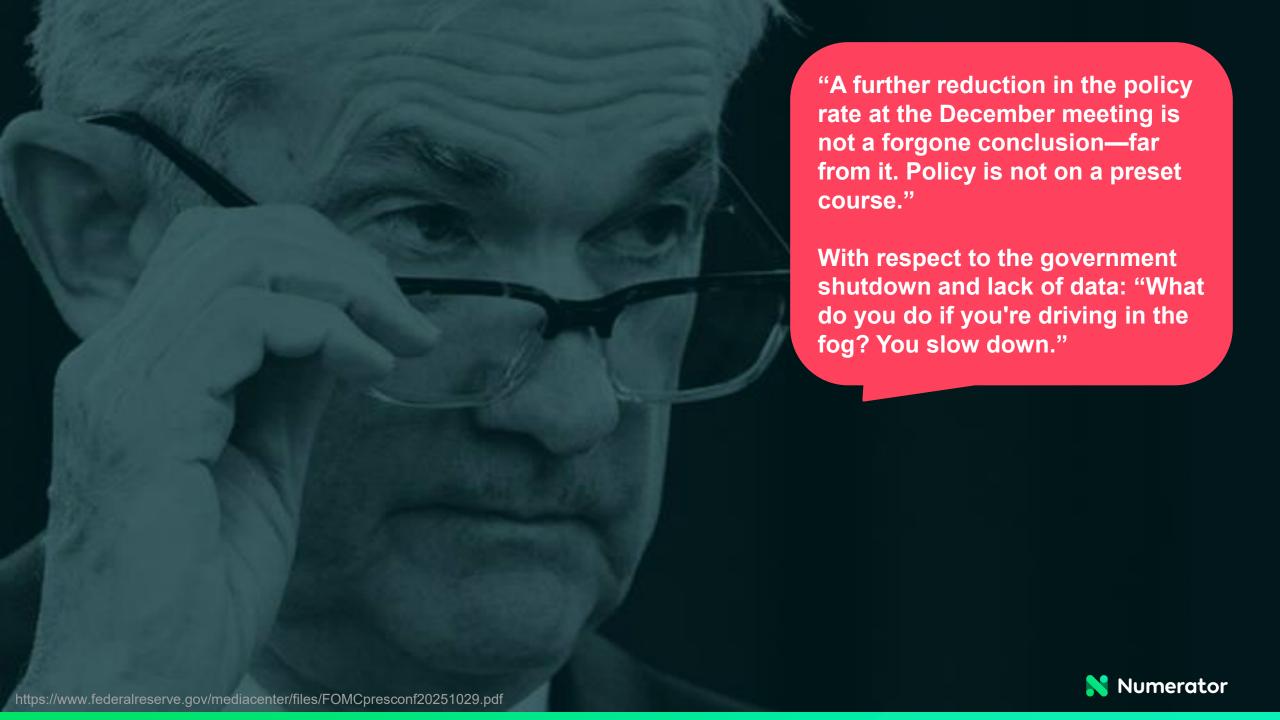






Political leaning is based on panelists' county of residence using vote shares from the 2024 election. We group counties based on their vote shares into population quintiles. "Left" represents approximately 20% of the US population living in counties with the greatest vote shares for Harris in 2024. "Right" represents approximately 20% of the US population living in counties with the greatest vote shares for Trump in 2024.







"What one word would you use to describe the United States today?"



"What one word would you use to describe the United States today?"

Left / Lean Left



Right / Lean Right





"What one word would you use to describe the United States today?"

MSNBC + CNN



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"What one word would you use to describe the United States today?"



"What one word would you use to describe how you and your household are feeling overall these days?"





"What one word would you use to describe how you and your household are doing today?"



Household Income Less than \$60k



Household Income

Greater than \$60k



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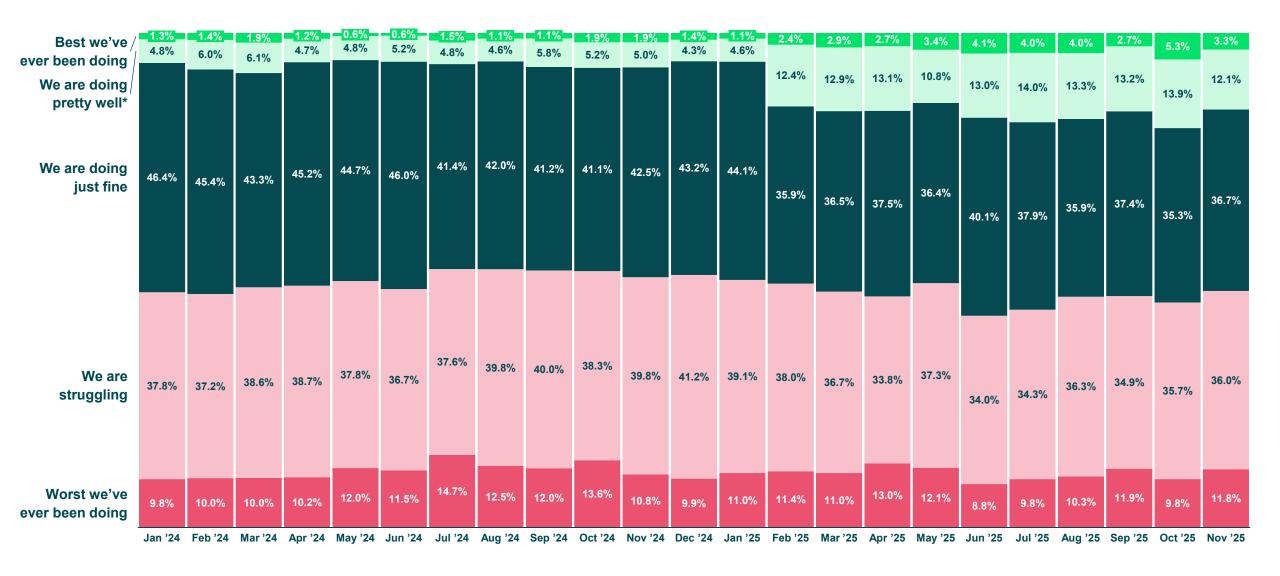


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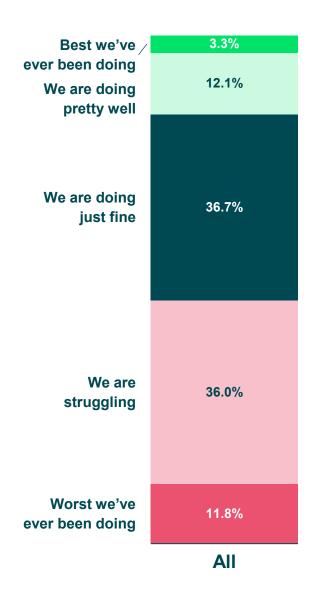


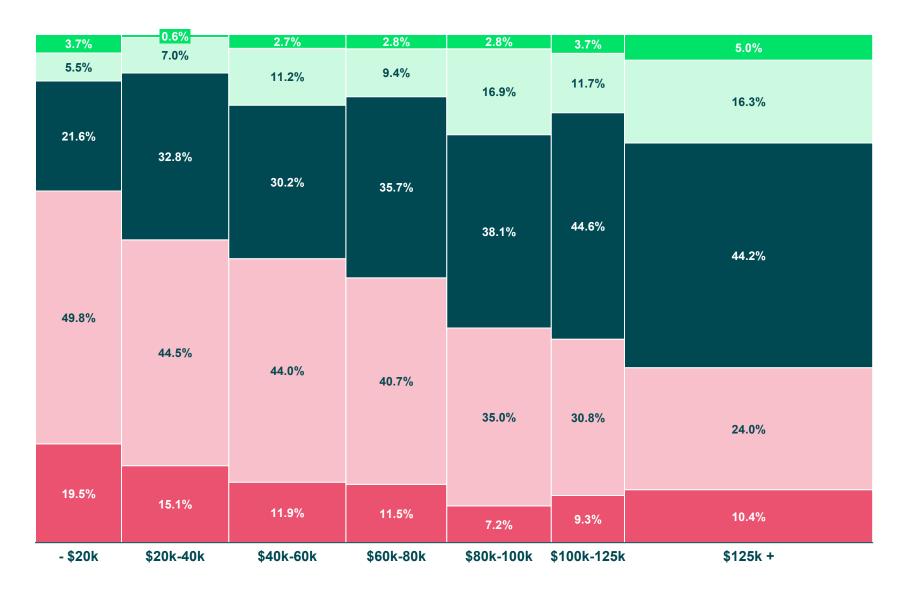
^{*} Prior to Feb '25, the survey option offered was "We are prospering" instead of "We are doing pretty well."

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Source: Numerator Monthly Economic Sentiment Survey - November 2025 (Nov. 6th - 12th)

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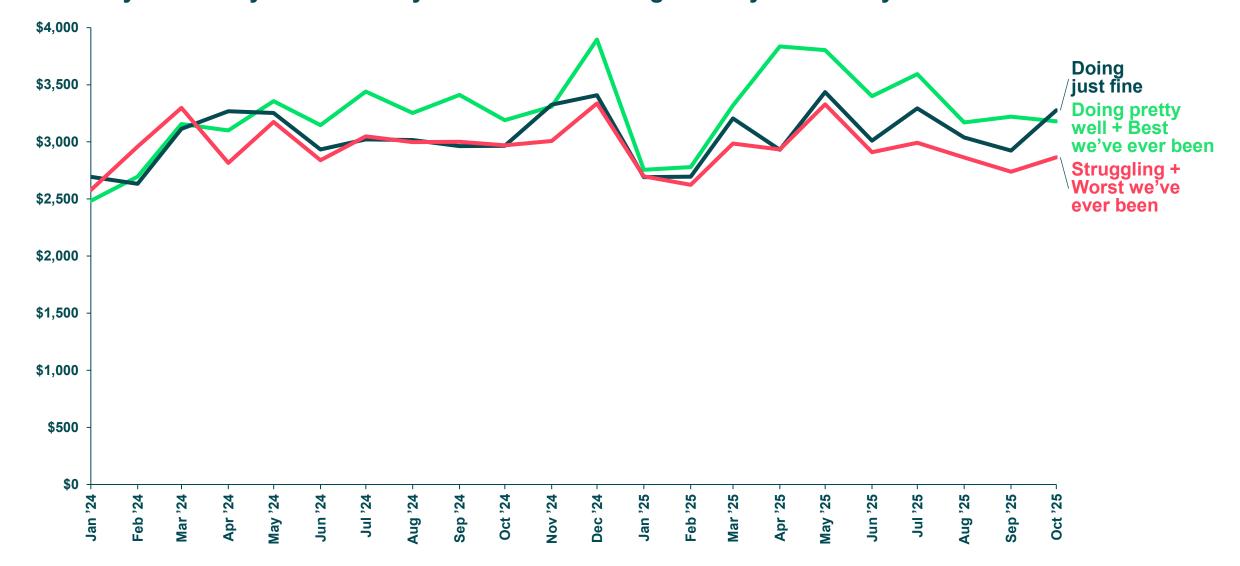


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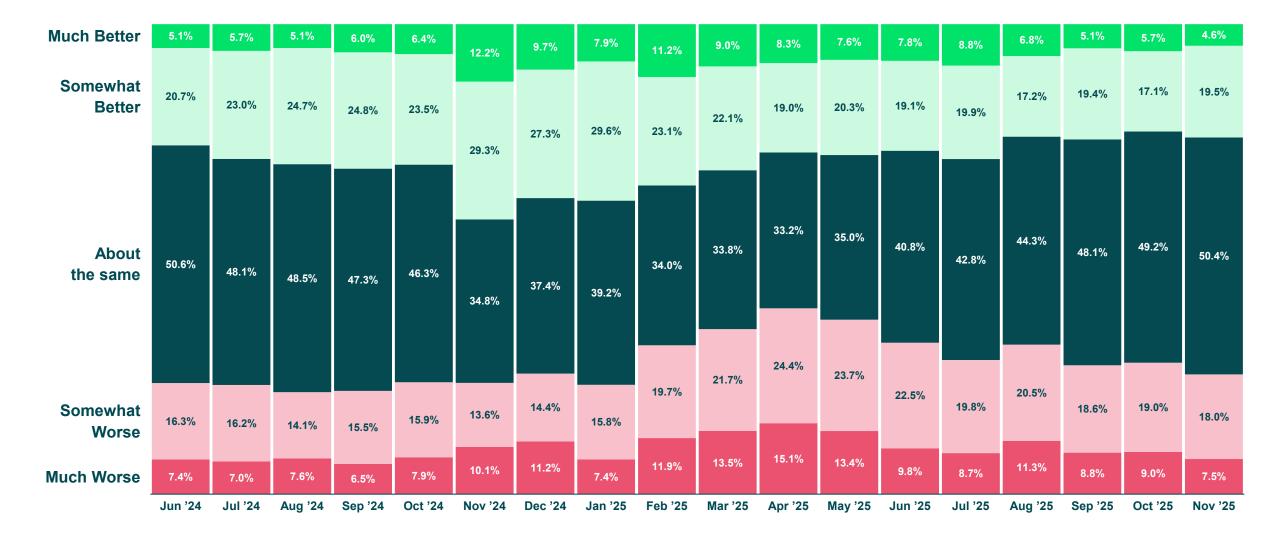


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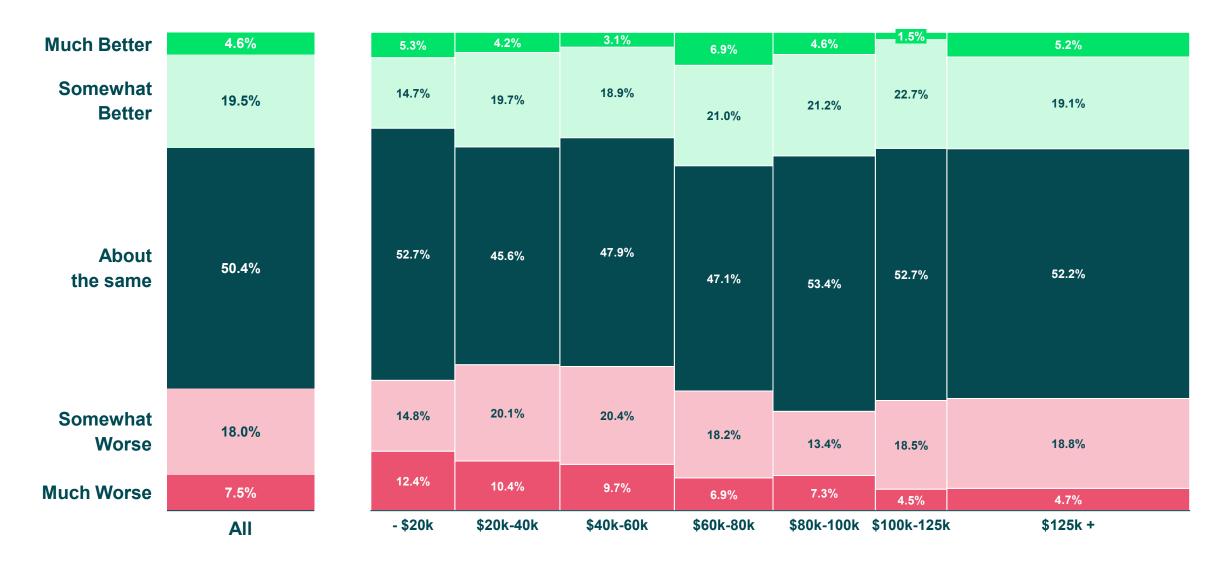


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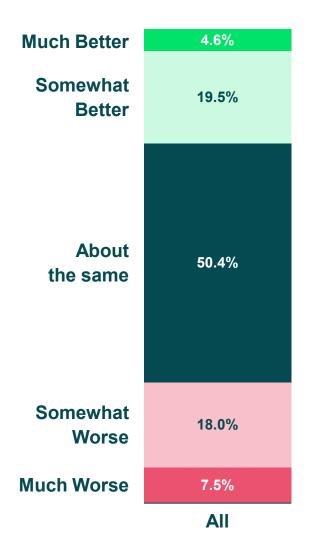


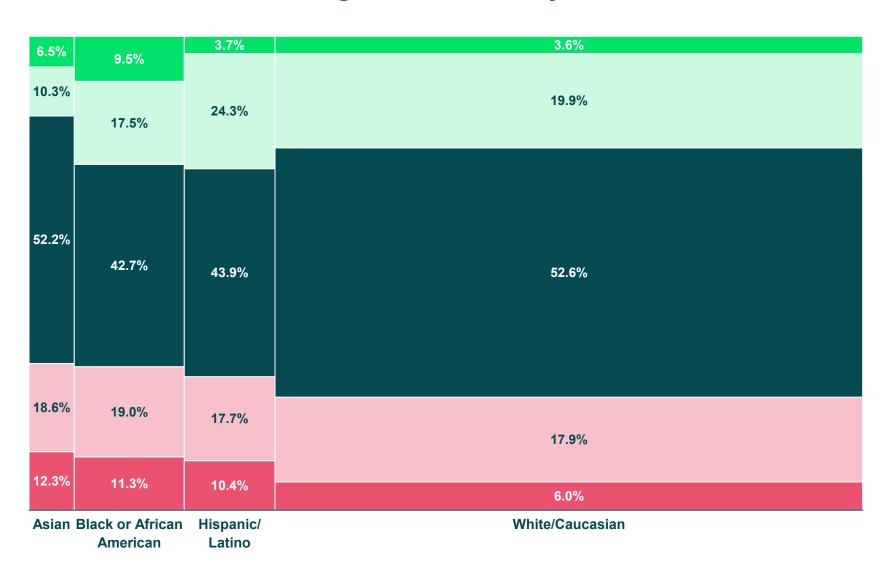
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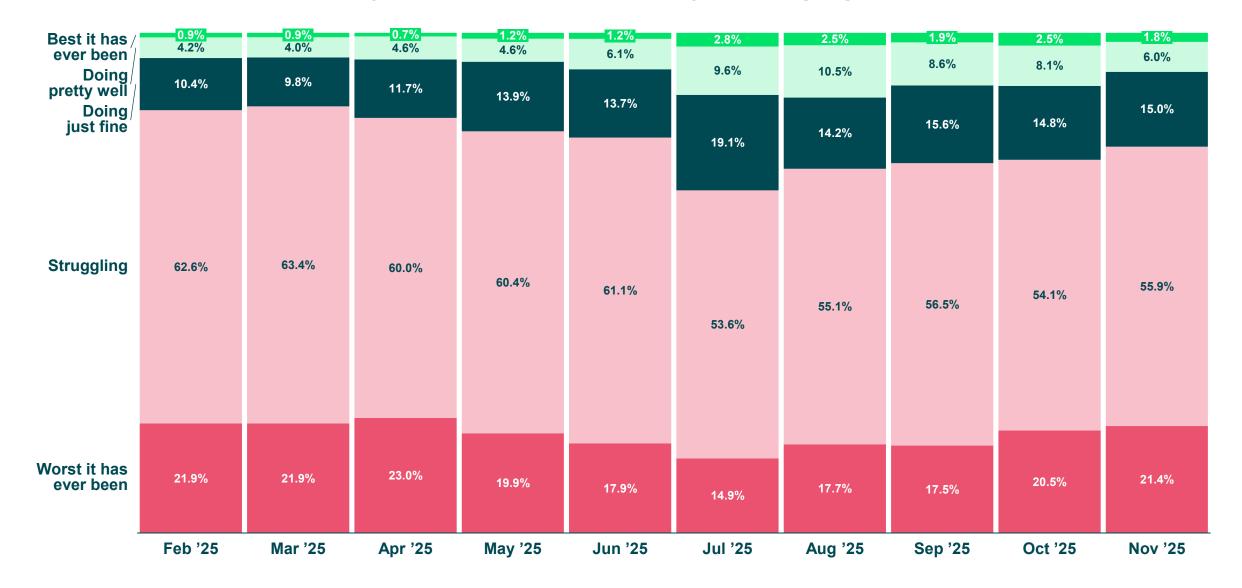
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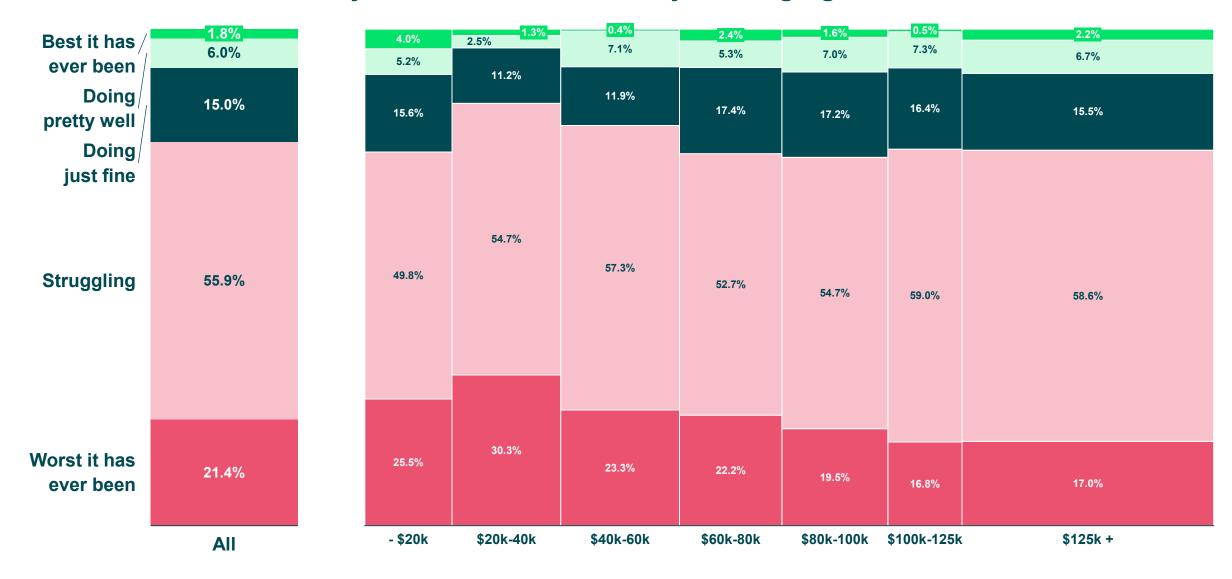


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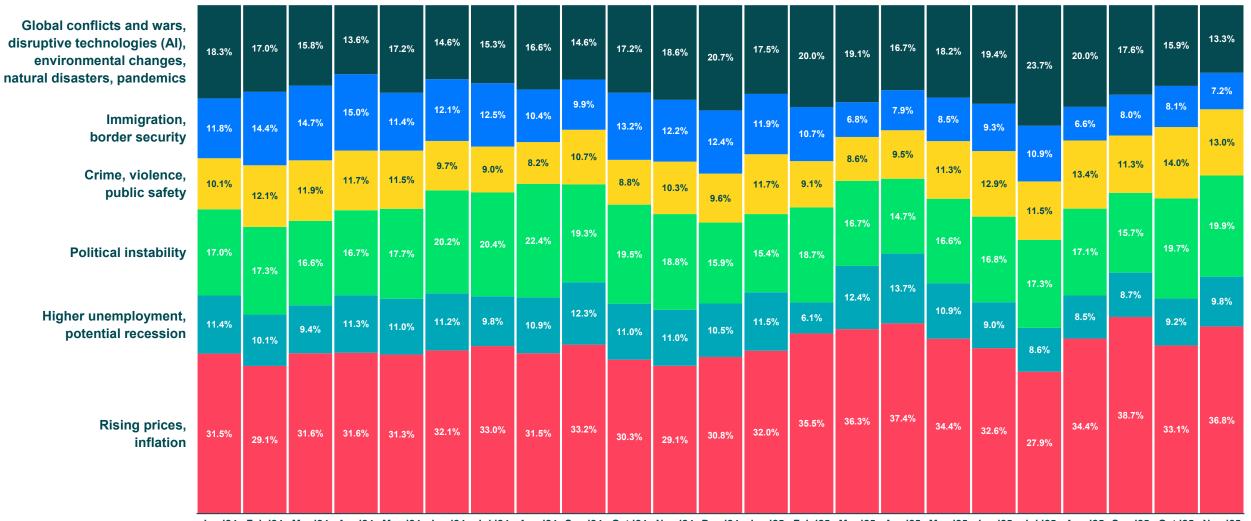


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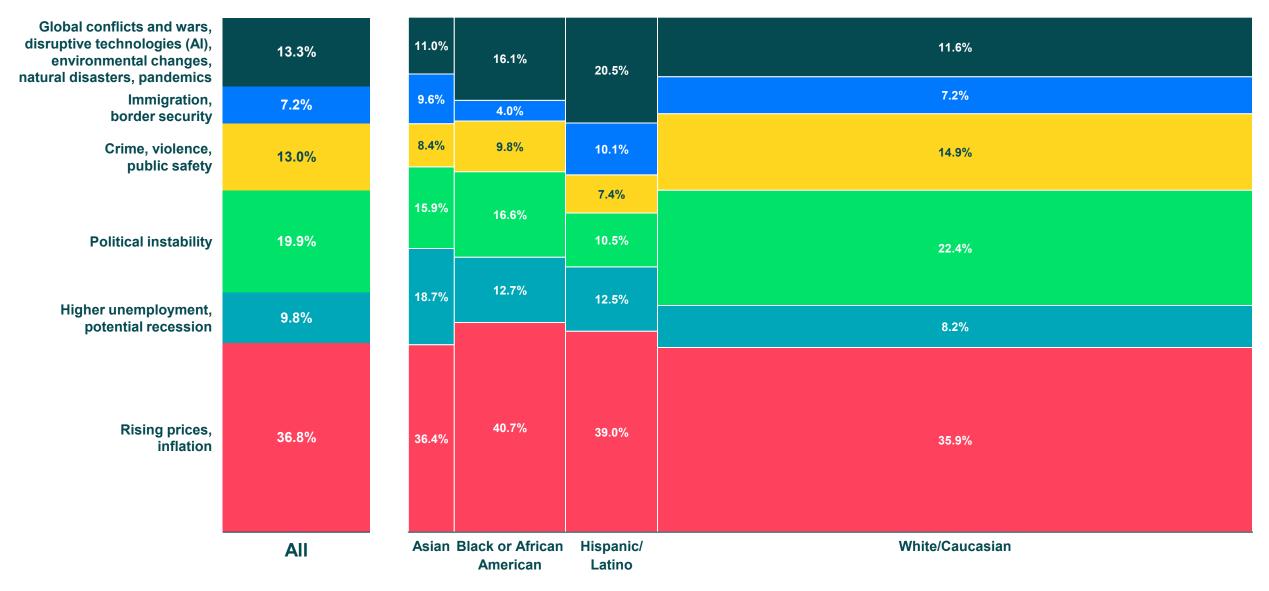
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At a national level, Hispanic HHs spend per person is lower than that of White/Caucasian HHs and follows a similar trend

Monthly Spend per Person – Total Spend, Total US





In Chicago however, which had a strong ICE/CBP presence, Hispanic HHs pulled back while White/Caucasian HHs did not

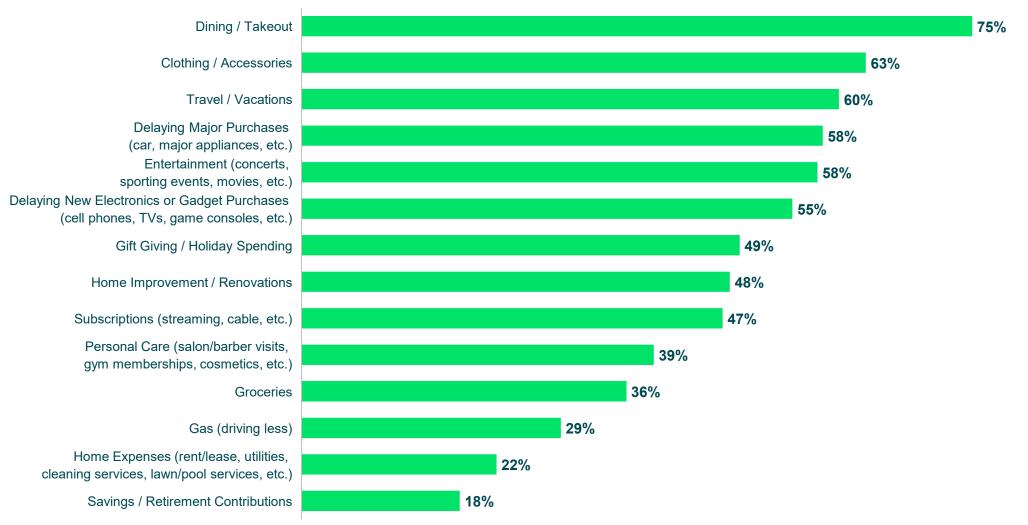
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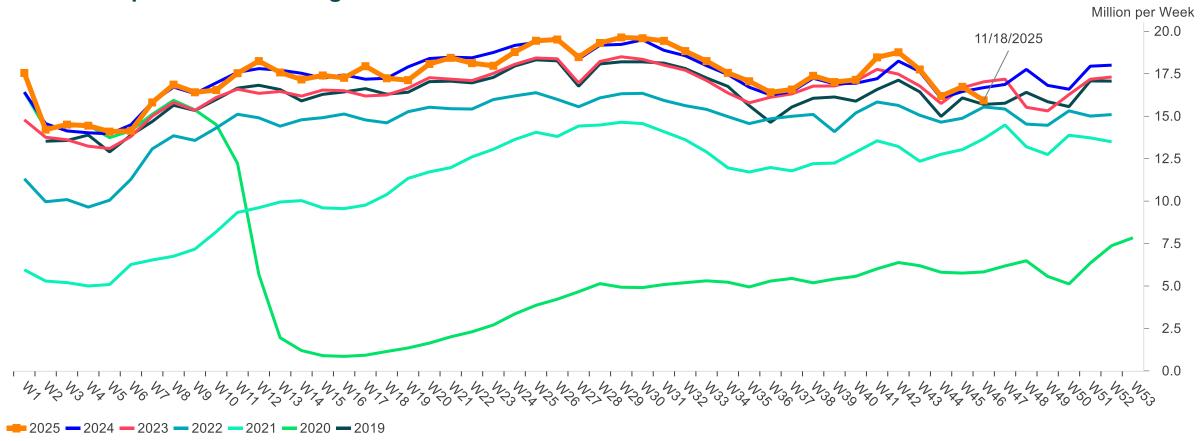
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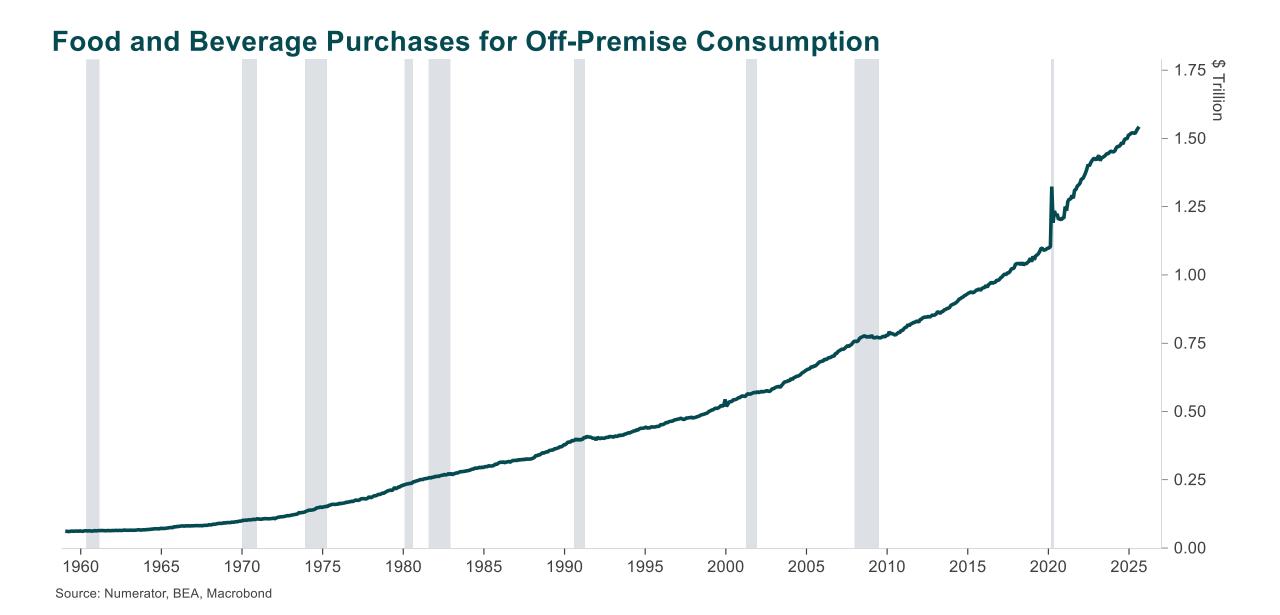


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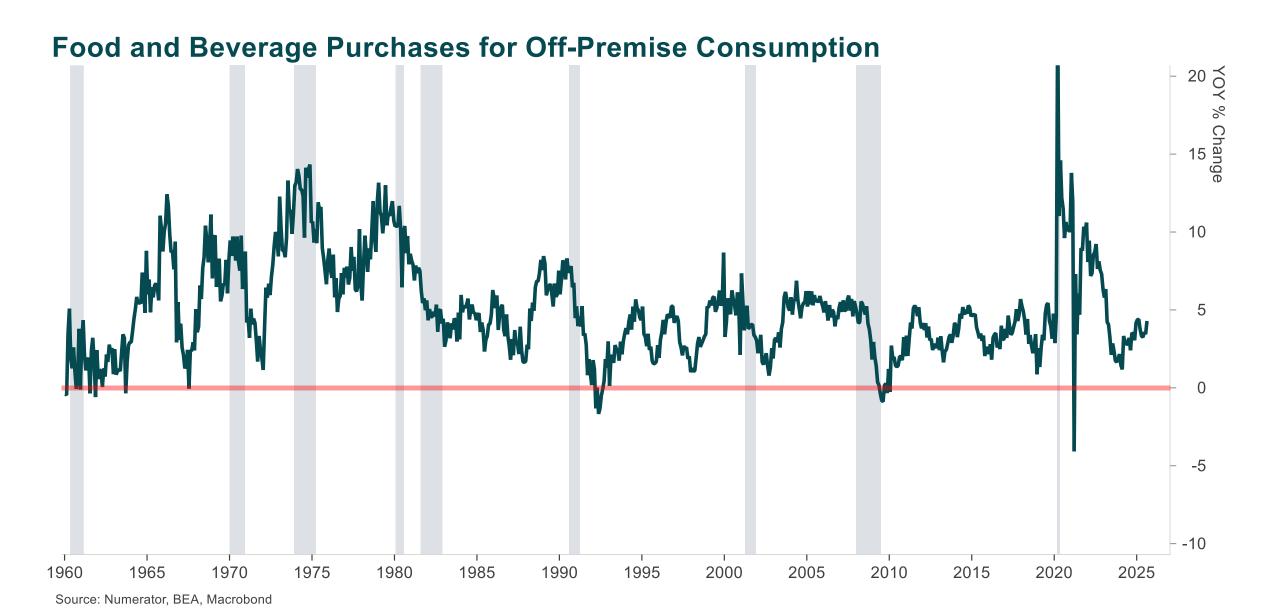


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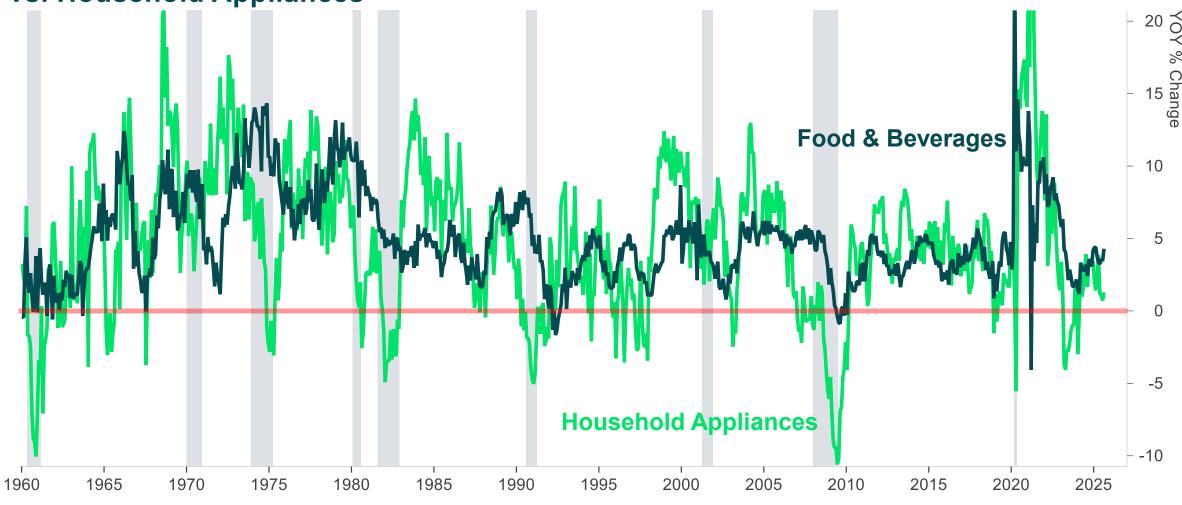








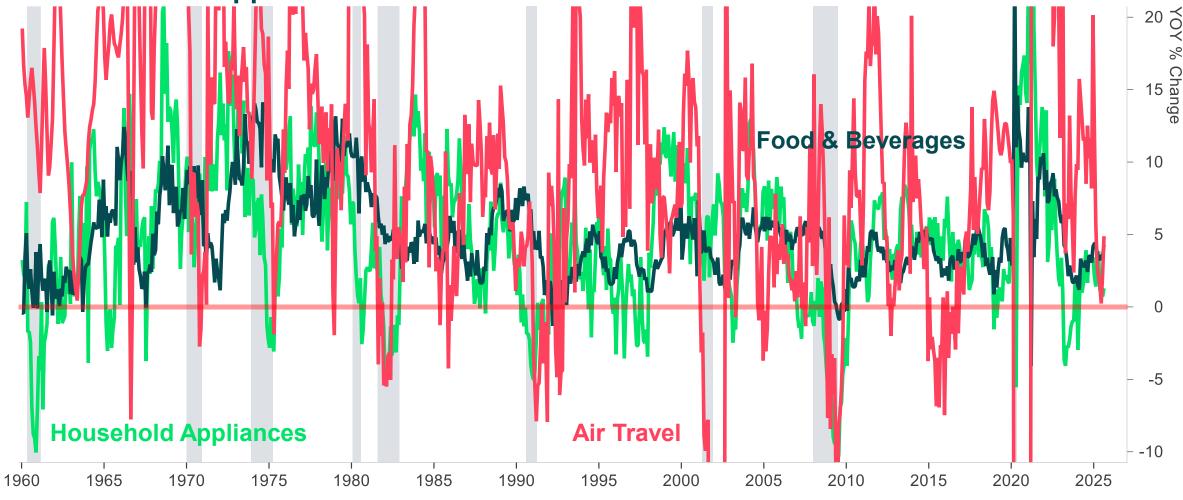
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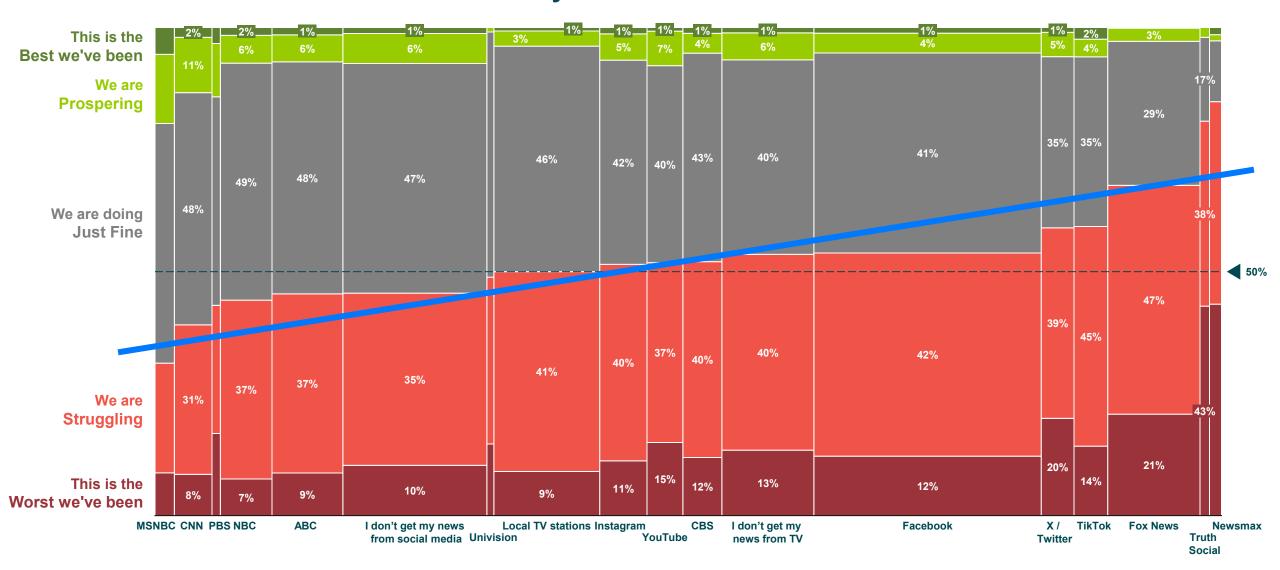
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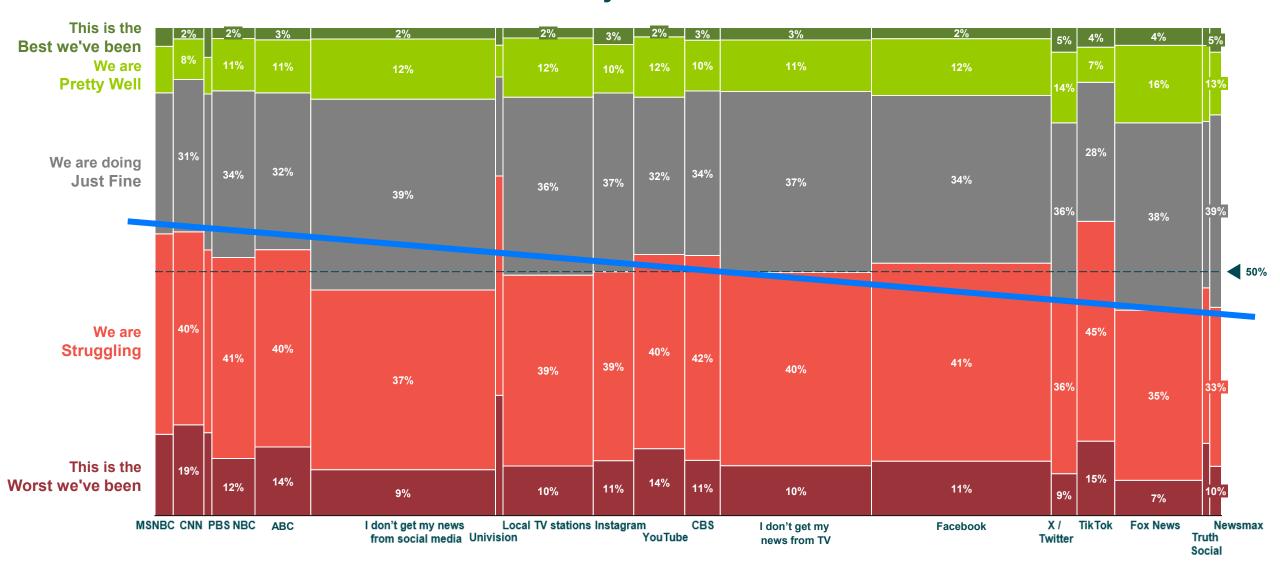
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Source: Numerator Surveys, May – October Monthly Economic Sentiment Survey + News & Social Media Survey (Facebook (N = 3,634), I don't get my news from social media (N = 2,152), Instagram (N = 737), TikTok (N = 518), X / Twitter (N = 510), Truth Social (N = 135), Fox News (N = 1,374), Local TV (N = 1,682), I don't get my news from TV (N = 1,526), ABC (N = 1,074), NBC (N = 803), CBS (N = 603), CNN (N = 548), MSNBC (N = 258), PBS (N = 122), Newsmax (N = 188), Univision / Telemundo (N = 97) "How are you and any members of your household doing in today's economy?"



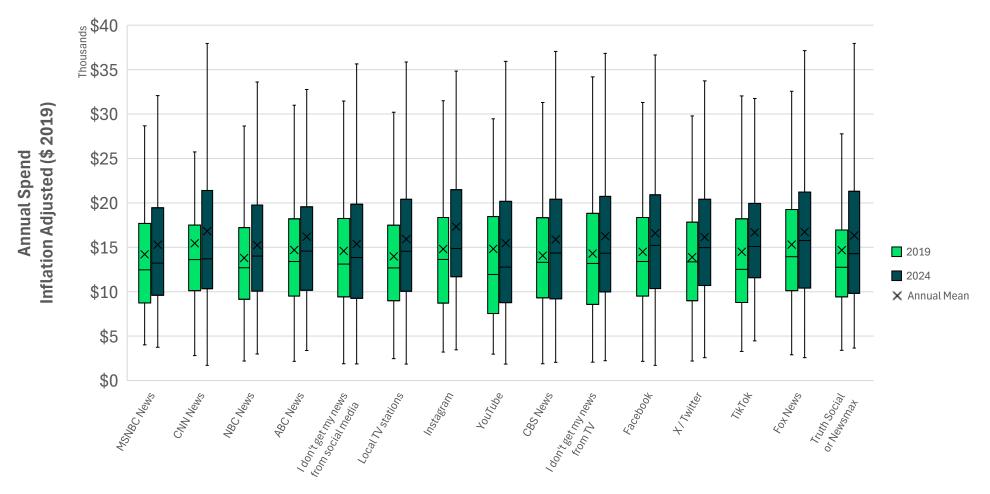
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Across all TV and media sources, people are buying more now than in 2019; there is no pattern of people being worse-off even though they say otherwise



Primary TV or Social Media source for news

Source: Numerator Survey, March – December Monthly News & Social Media Survey, and Numerator Panel (N= 2508): MSNBC News (N = 87), CNN News (N = 150), NBC News (N = 228), ABC News (N = 310), I don't get my news from social media (N = 655), Local TV stations (N = 504), Instagram (N = 214), YouTube (N = 127), CBS News (N = 198), I don't get my news from TV (N = 444), Facebook (N = 1047), X / Twitter (N = 174), TikTok (N = 106), Fox News (N = 394), Truth Social or Newsmax (N = 95)

Box-whiskers indicate: Q1-1.5*IQR, 25th percentile (Q1), 50th percentile (Median), 75th percentile (Q3), Q3+1.5*IQR, IQR=Q3-Q1

"Which of these is the social media platform / TV Station from which you get most of your news or information?"

