

The Economic Outlook for Washtenaw County, 2025–2027

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Today's Forecast Report

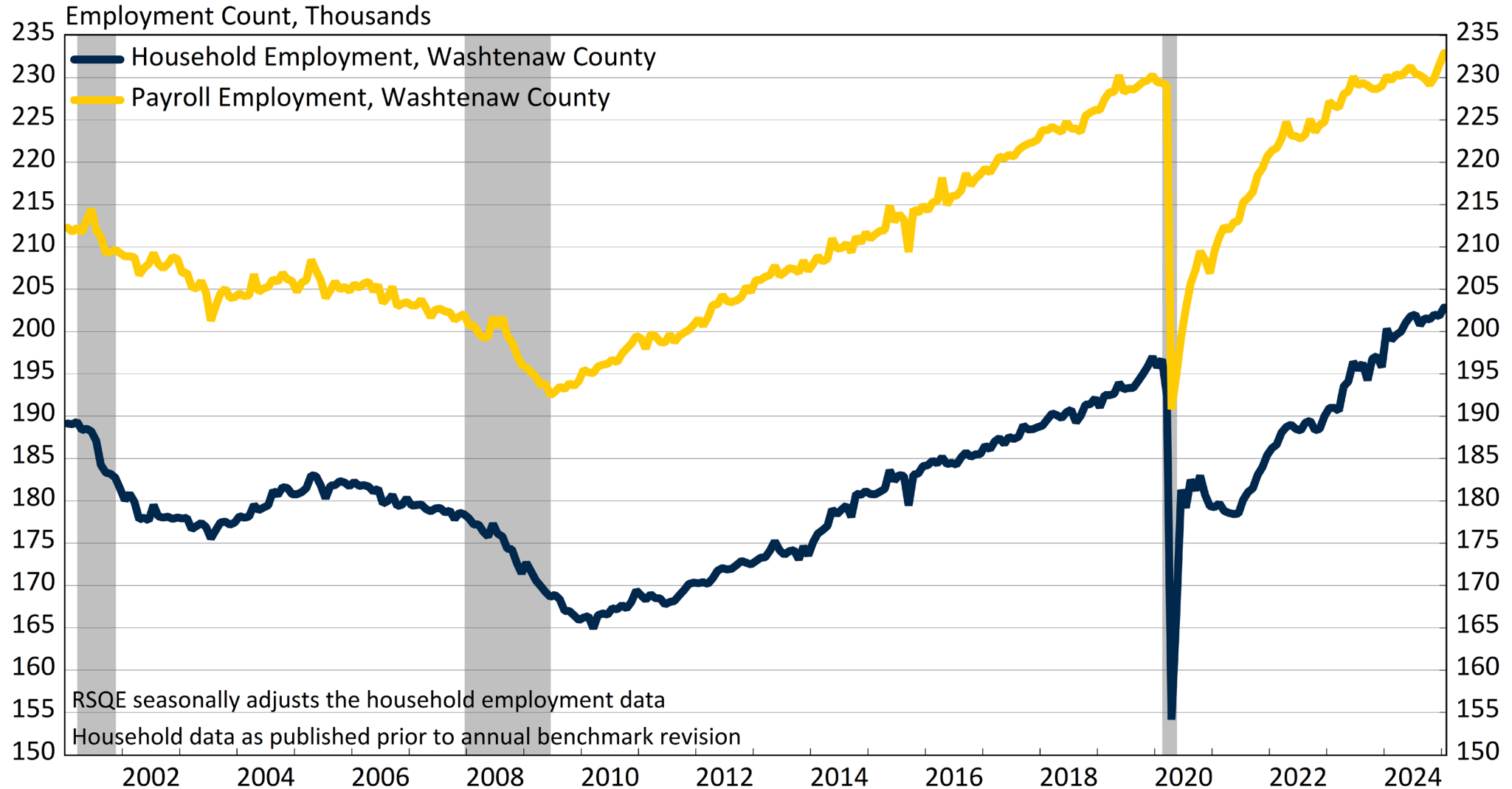
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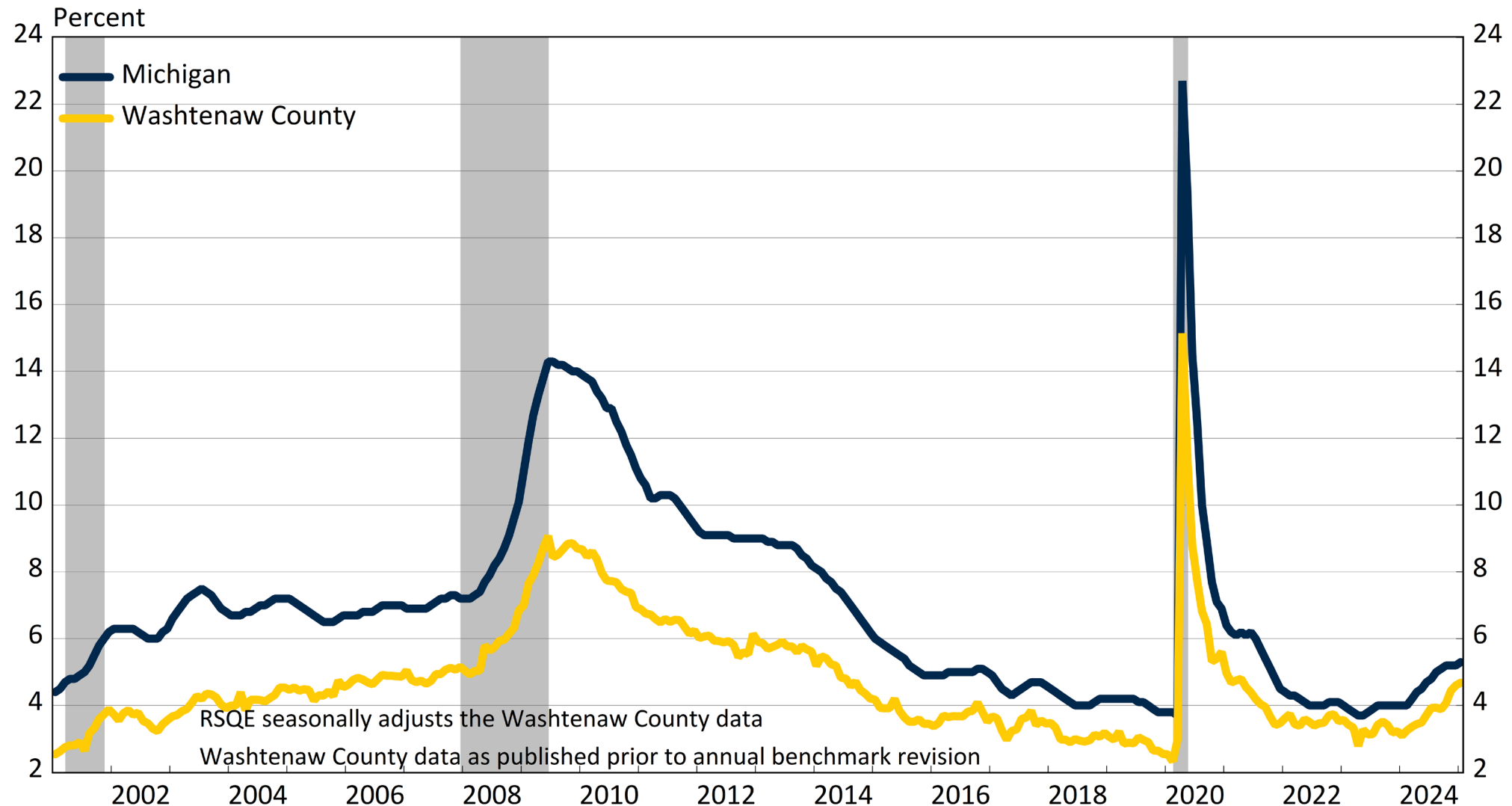
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Current State of Washtenaw's Economy

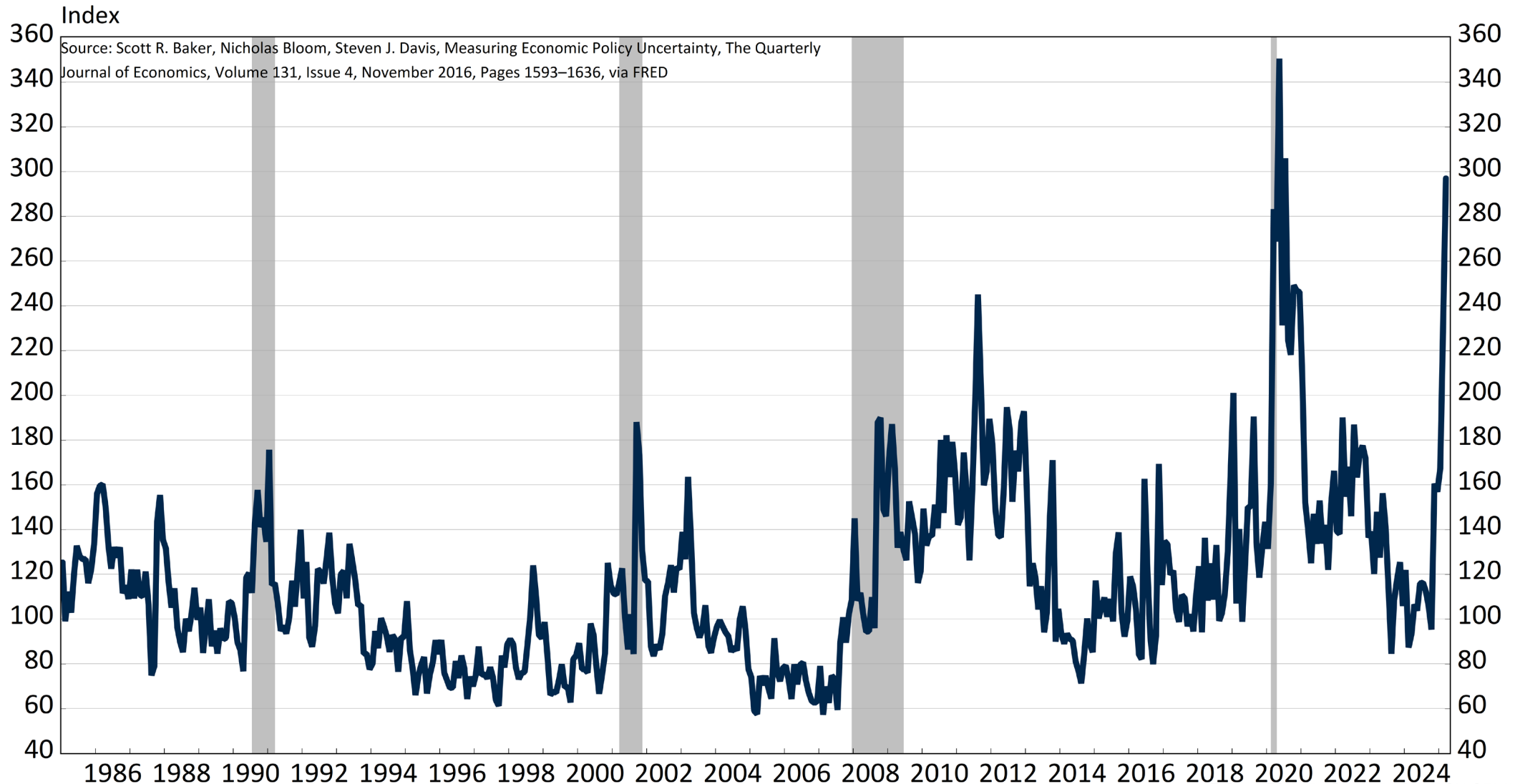
Monthly Employment in Washtenaw County



Monthly Unemployment Rate, Michigan and Washtenaw County



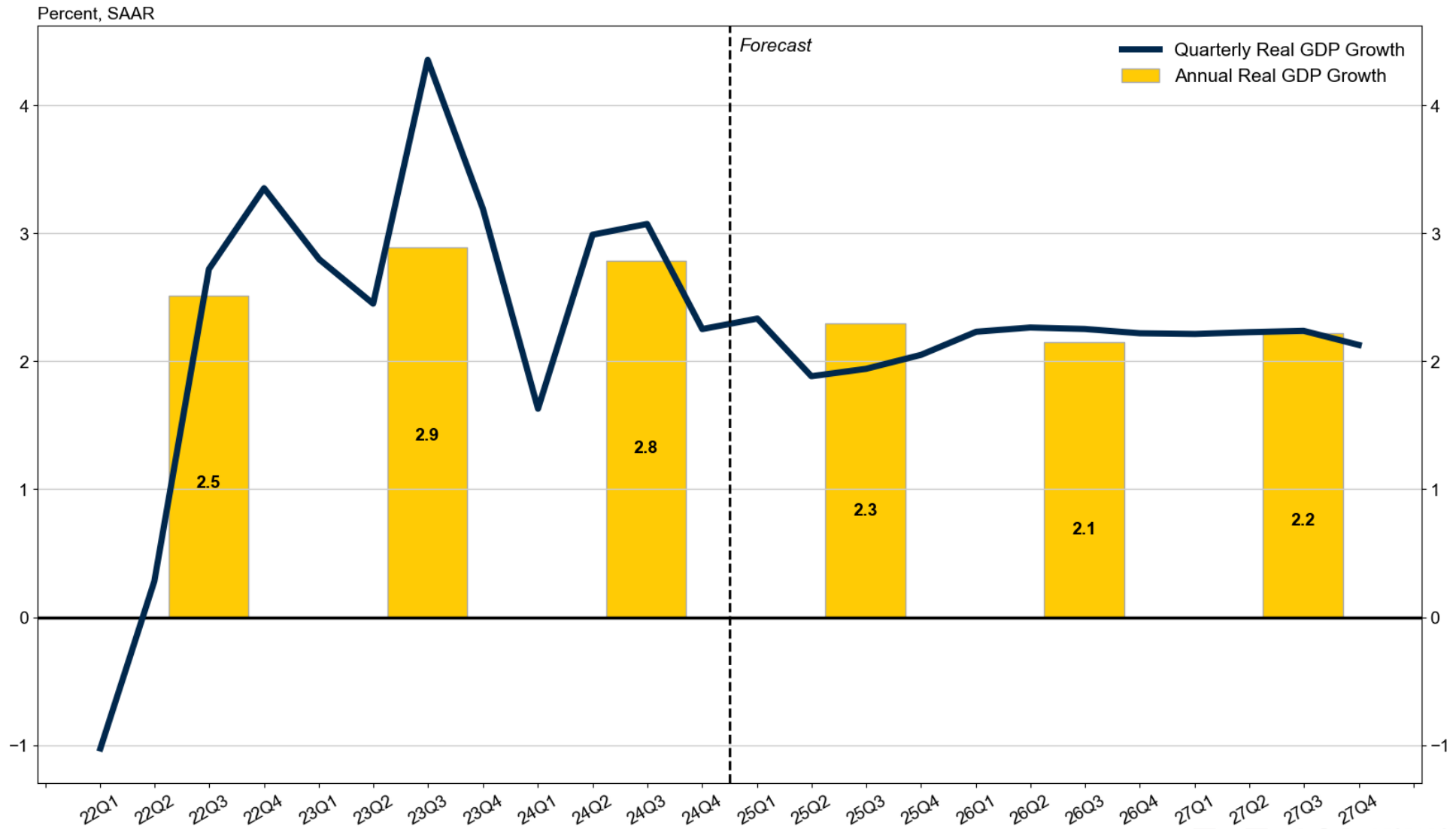
Economic Policy Uncertainty Index, United States



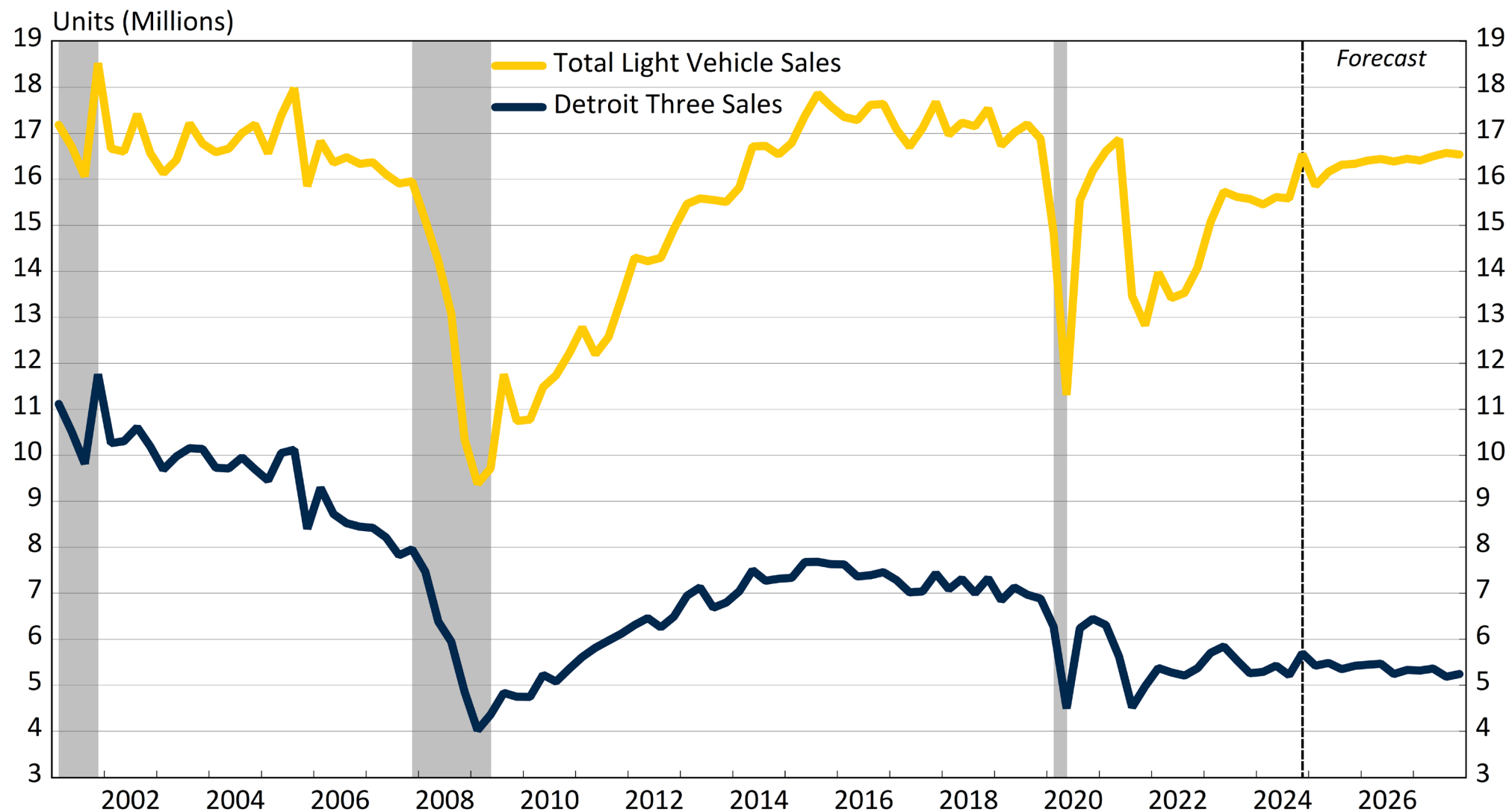
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Real U.S. Gross Domestic Product

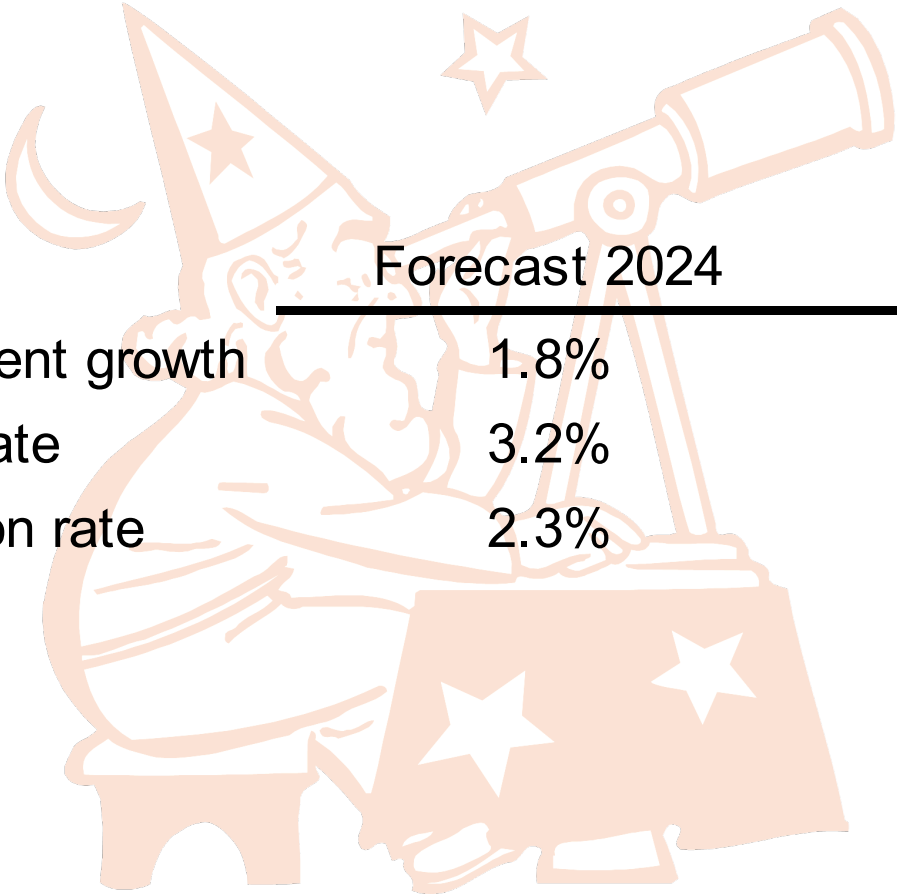


Total U.S. & Detroit Three Light Vehicle Sales



Forecast Review

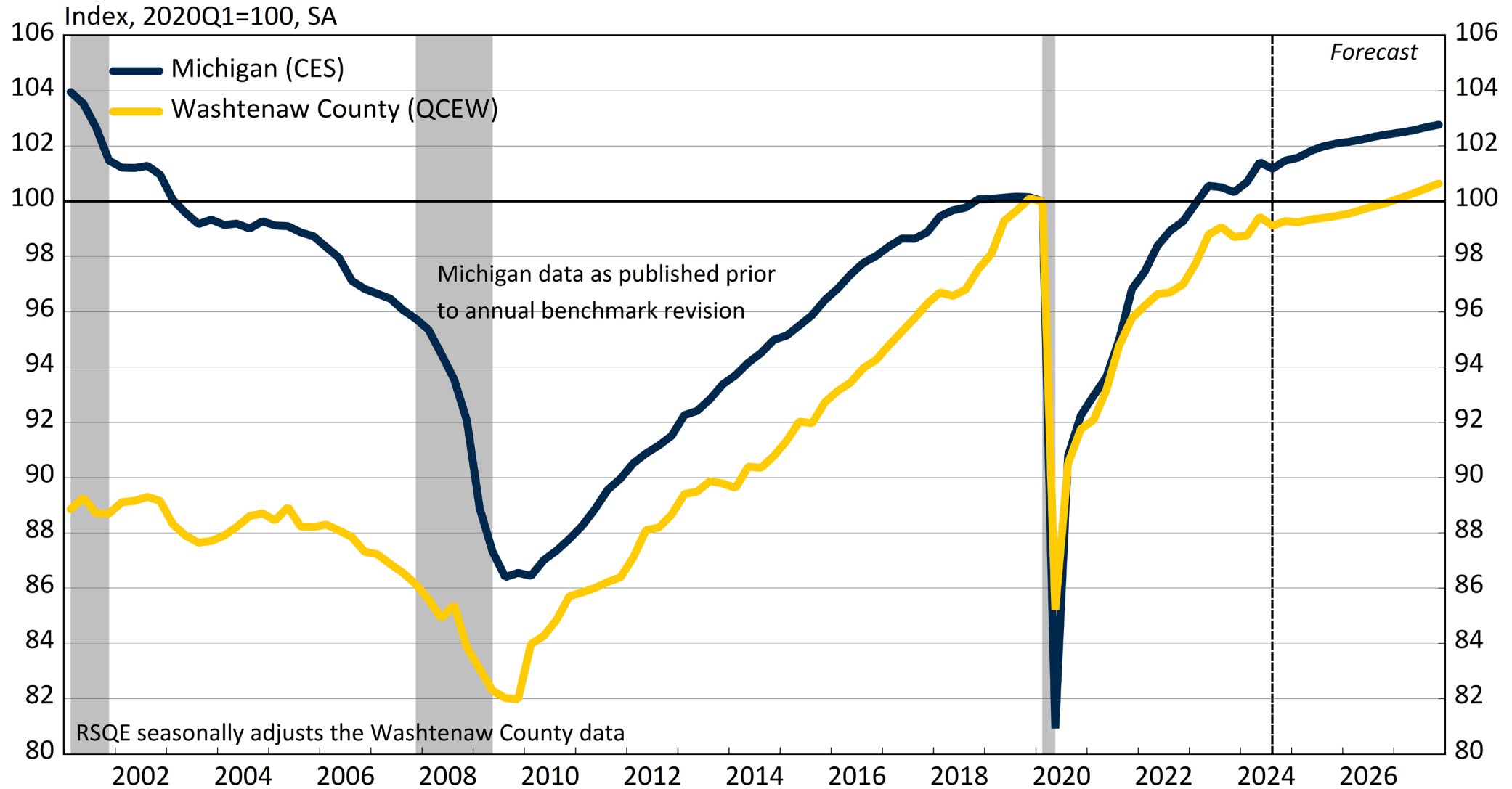
Review of Last Year's Forecast



	Forecast 2024	Actual 2024
Payroll employment growth	1.8%	0.6%
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.9%
Consumer inflation rate	2.3%	3.3%

Washtenaw County Economic Outlook

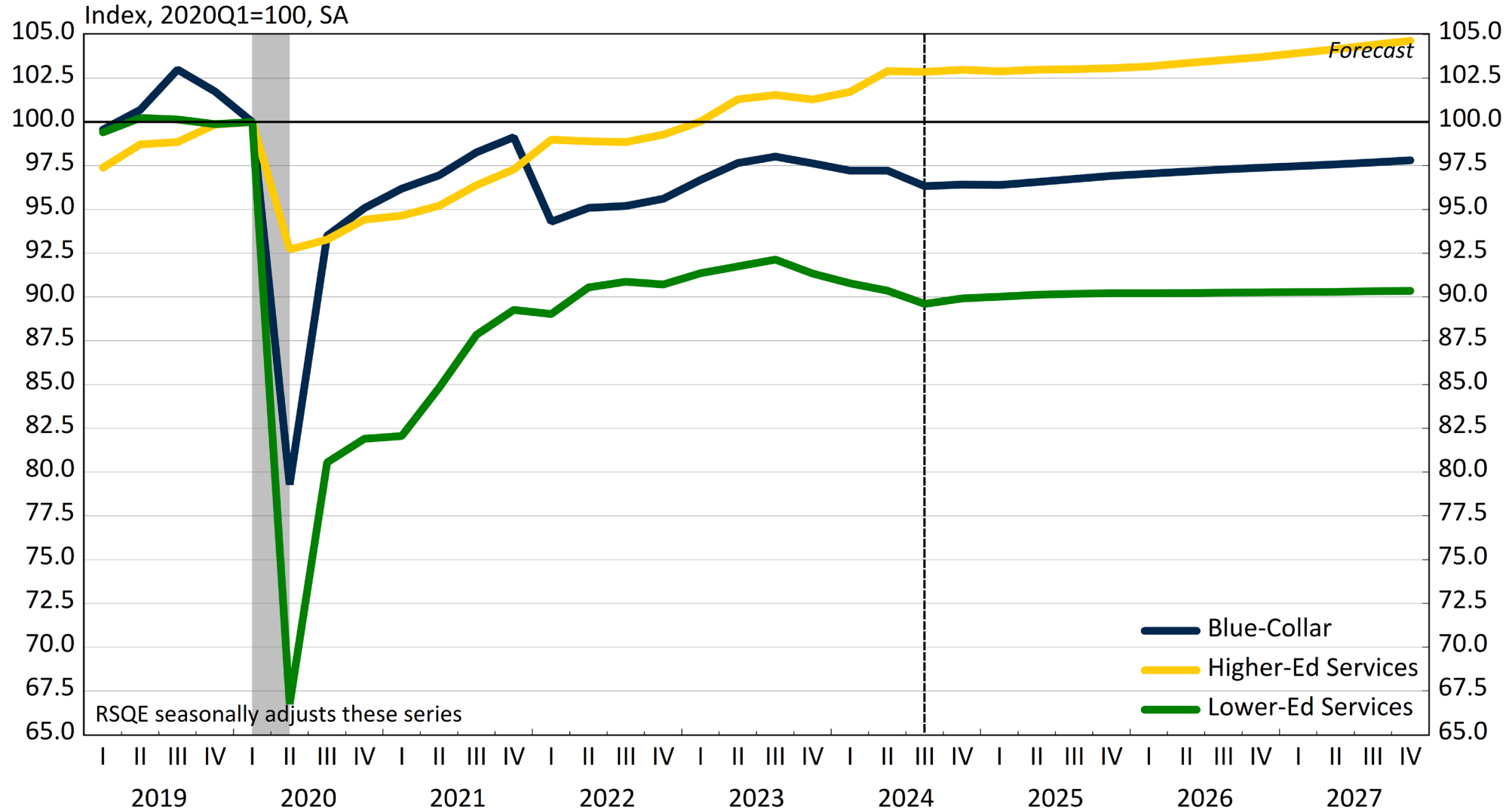
Quarterly Payroll Employment Indices, Michigan and Washtenaw County



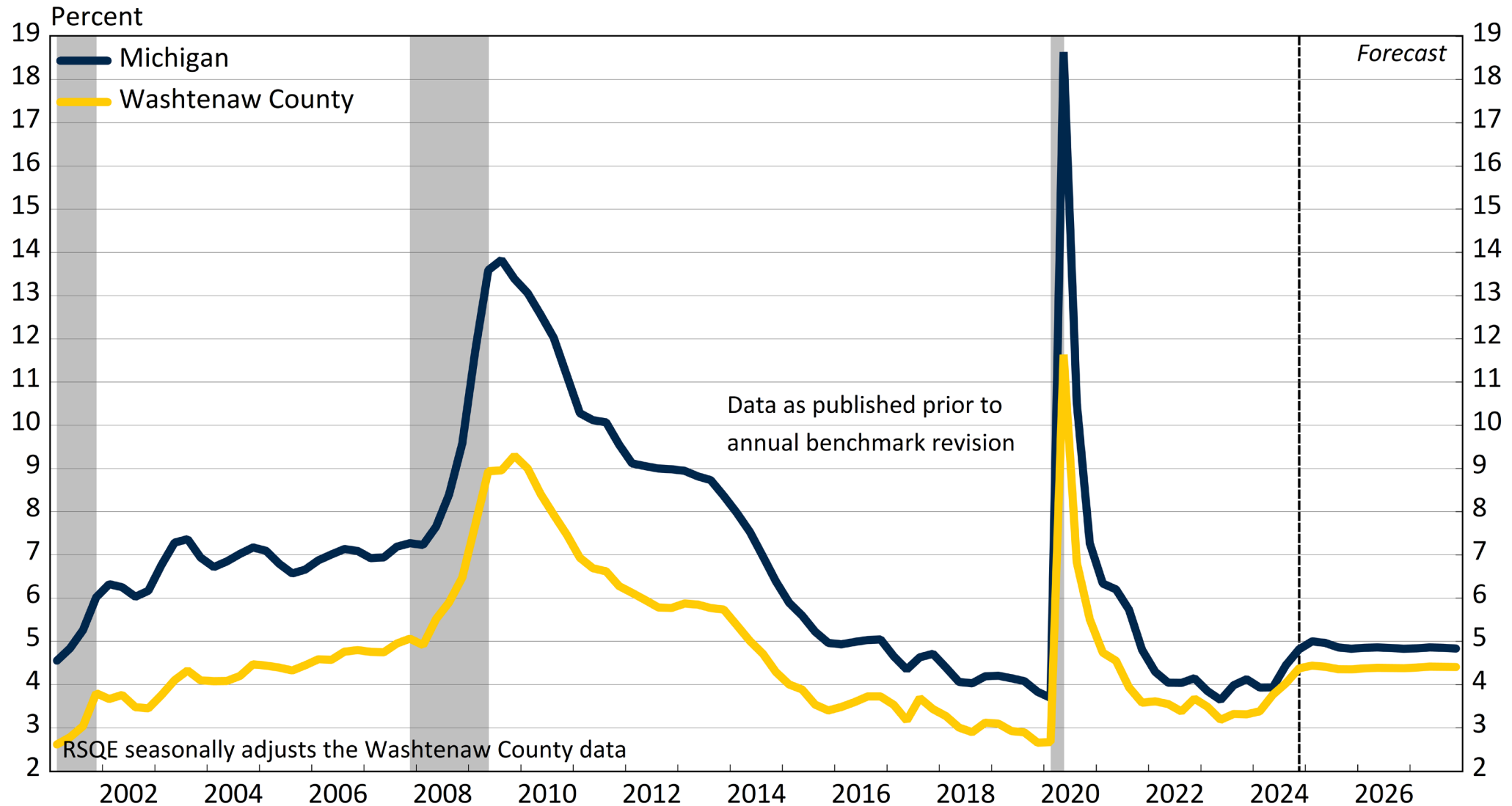
Payroll Jobs in Washtenaw County

		Forecast Employment				Average Annual Wage 2023 \$
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
Total Jobs	216,900	218,148	218,622	219,488	220,853	70,777
(Annual percentage change)	(2.0)	(0.6)	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.6)	
Total Government	83,008	84,422	84,242	84,410	85,124	73,593
Federal Government	4,613	4,724	4,682	4,617	4,525	100,680
State Government	66,582	67,427	67,136	67,330	68,077	74,113
Local Government	11,814	12,270	12,424	12,462	12,522	60,088
Total Private	133,892	133,726	134,381	135,078	135,730	69,032

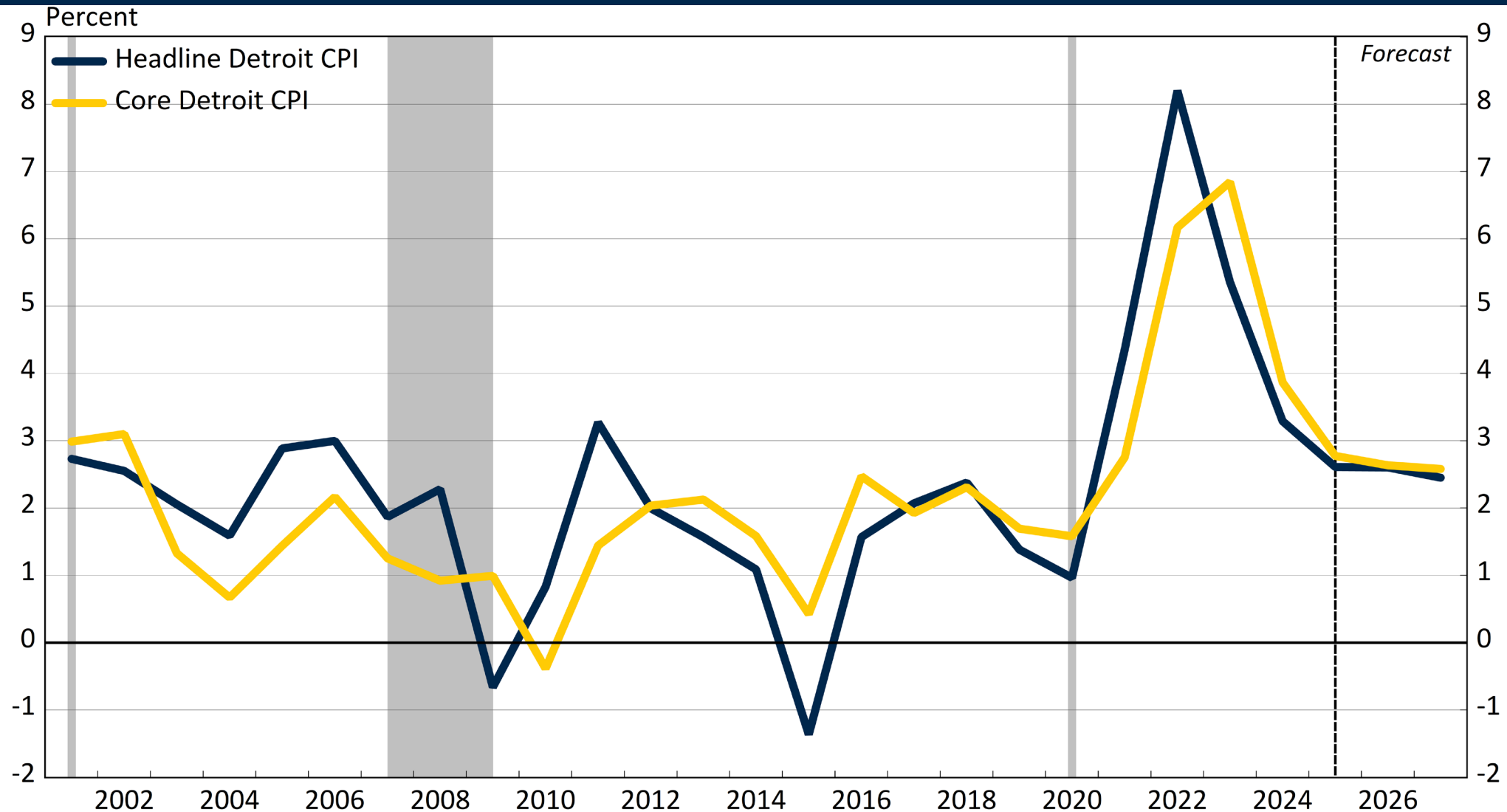
Job Indices in Washtenaw County by Industry Group



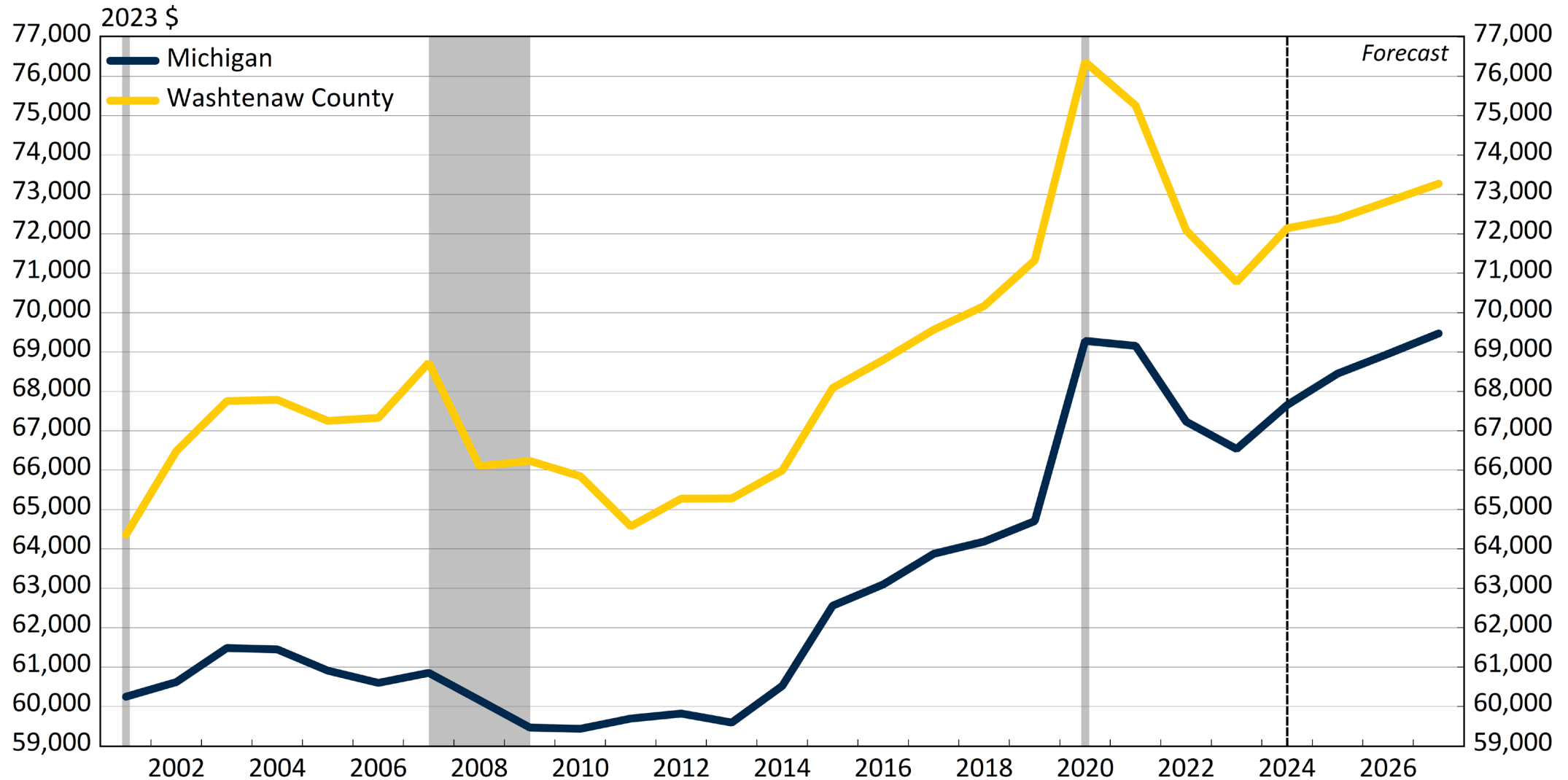
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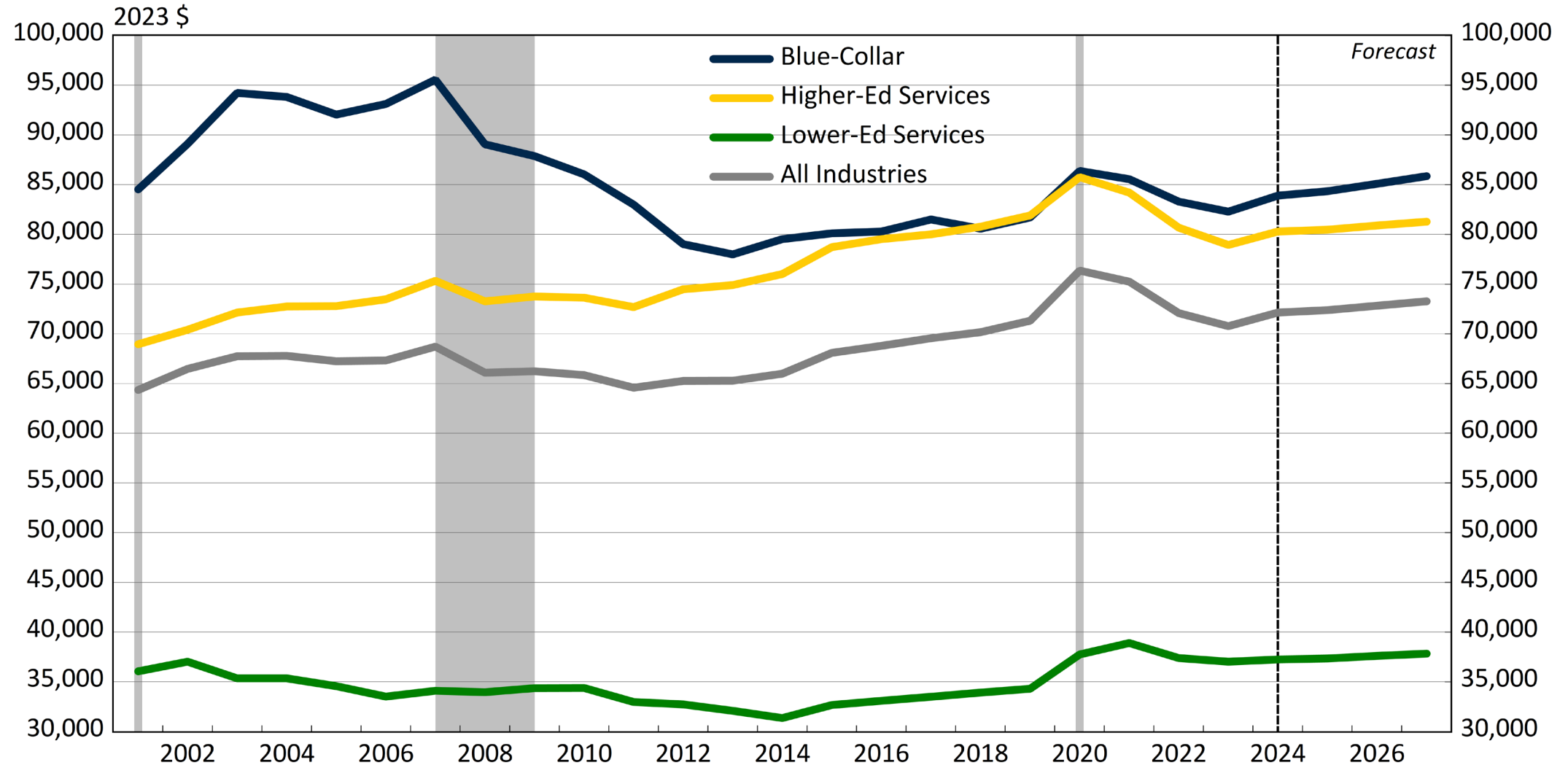
Annual Inflation Rate, Detroit CPI



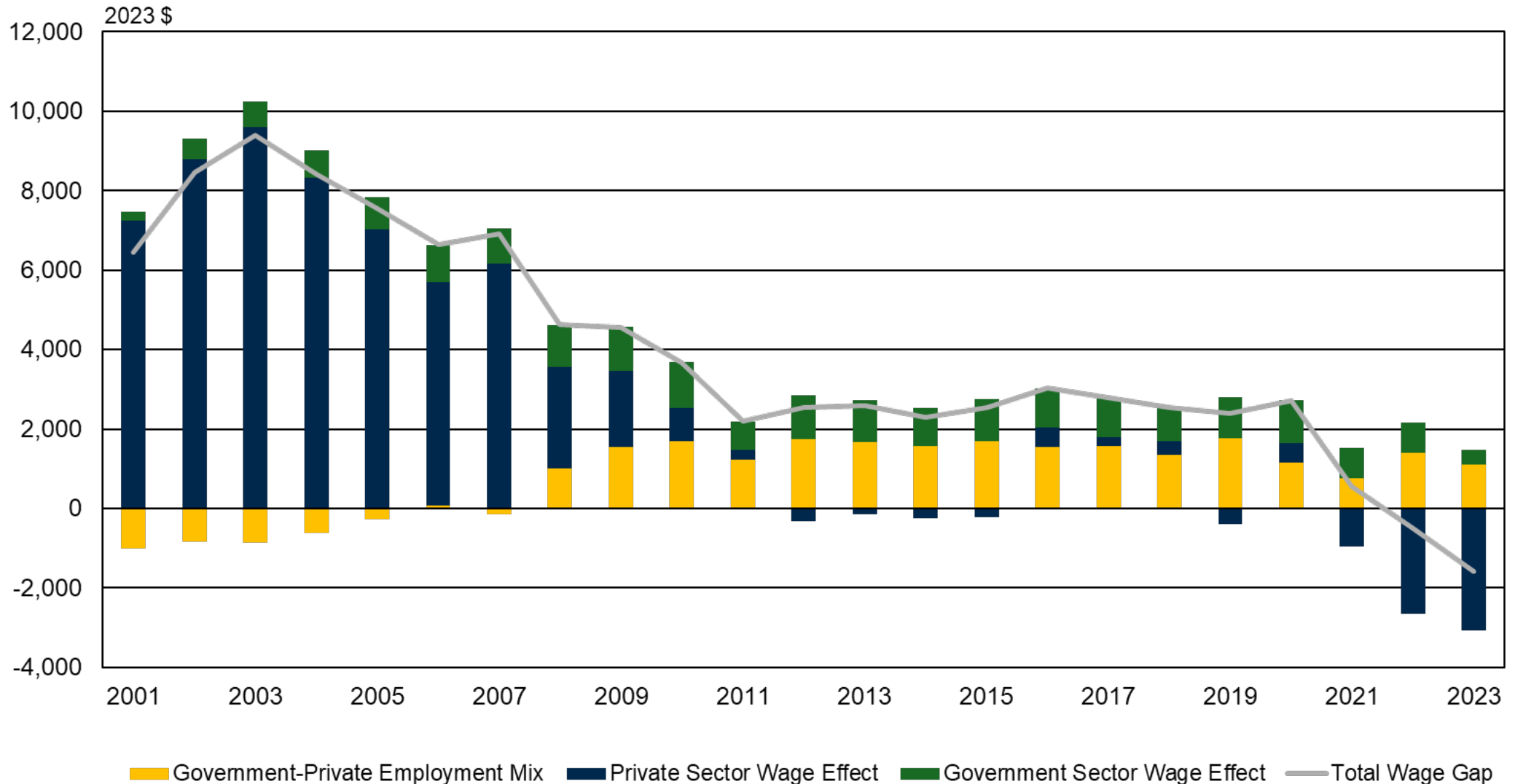
Average Annual Real Wage, Michigan and Washtenaw County



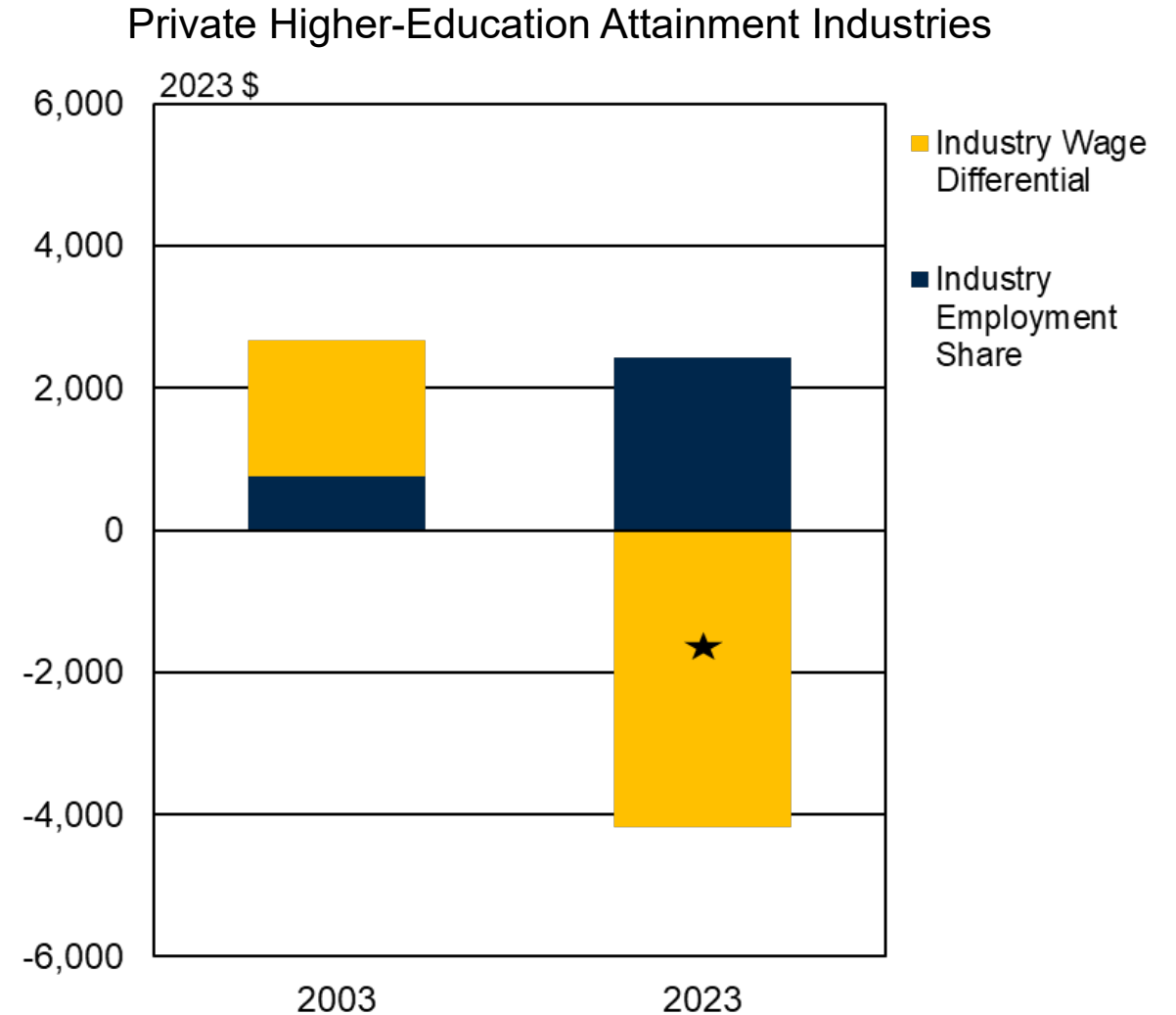
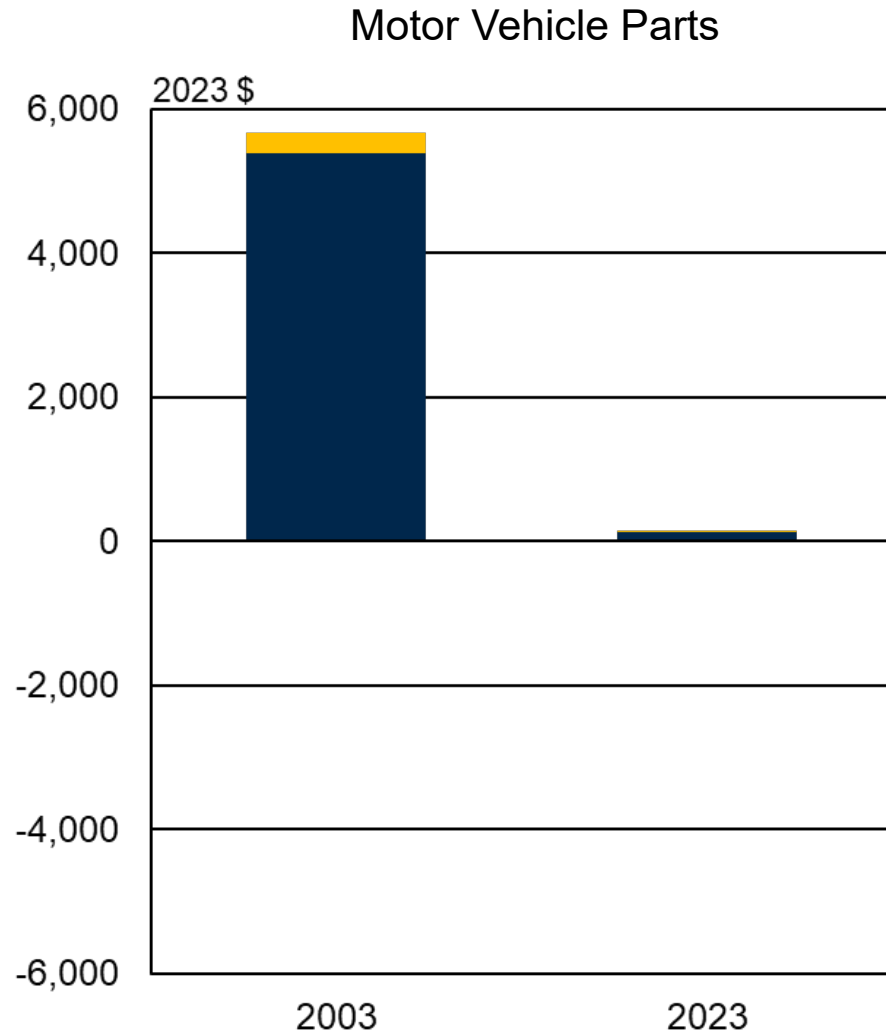
Average Annual Real Wage in Washtenaw County by Industry Group



Real Annual Wage Differential between Washtenaw County and the United States



Real Annual Wage Differential between Washtenaw and the United States by Key Industries





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