The U.S. and Michigan Economic Outlook for 2023–2024



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Economic Forecasting

RSQE forecasts the national, state, and local economies



Economic Policy Analysis

RSQE performs economic impact assessments and researches policy-relevant trends



Presentations and Media

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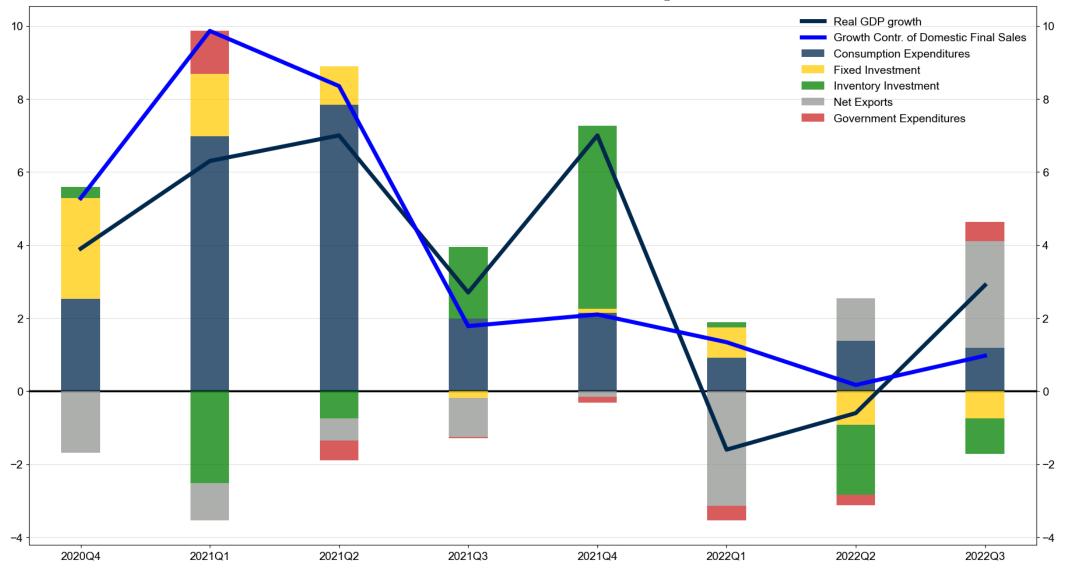
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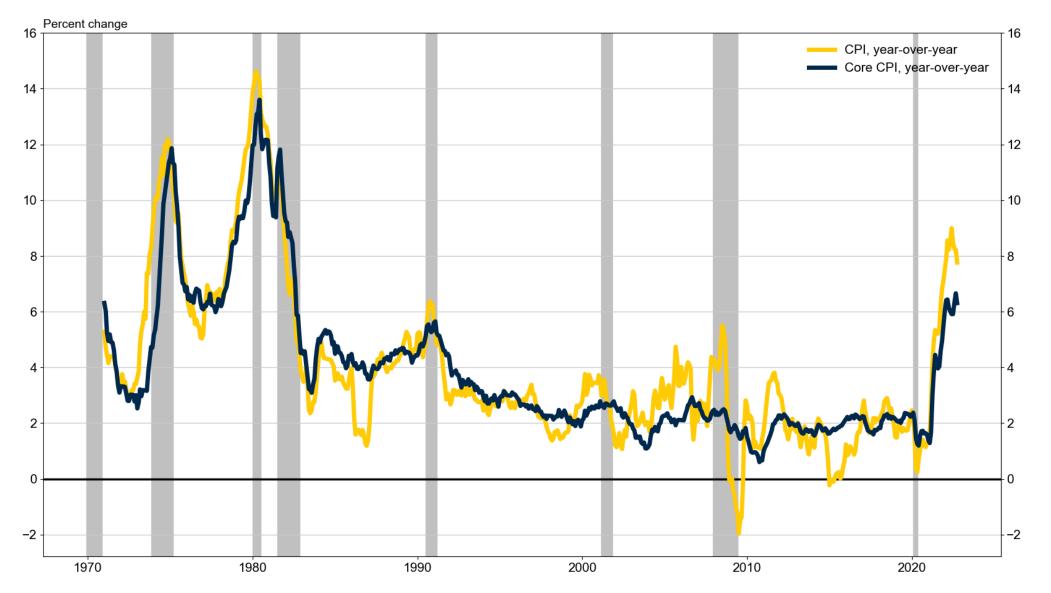
Current State of the U.S. Economy

Real GDP Growth Composition



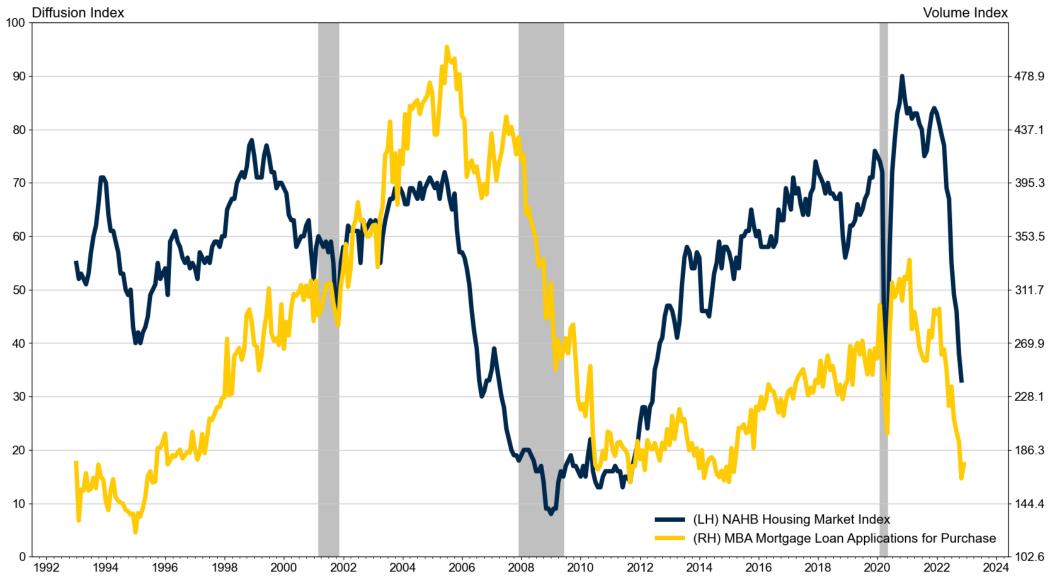


Consumer Price Index



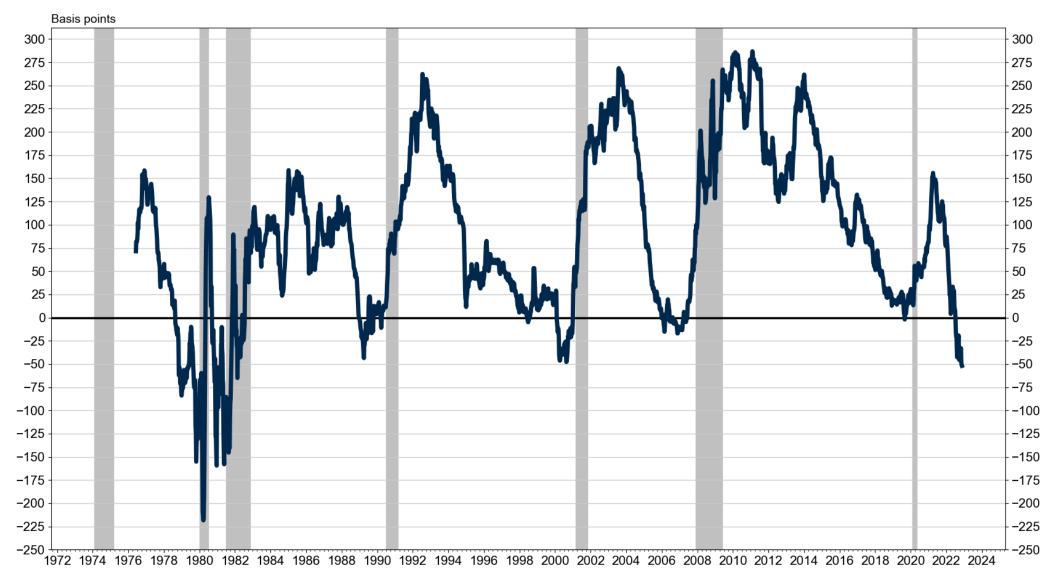


Residential Housing Market Metrics



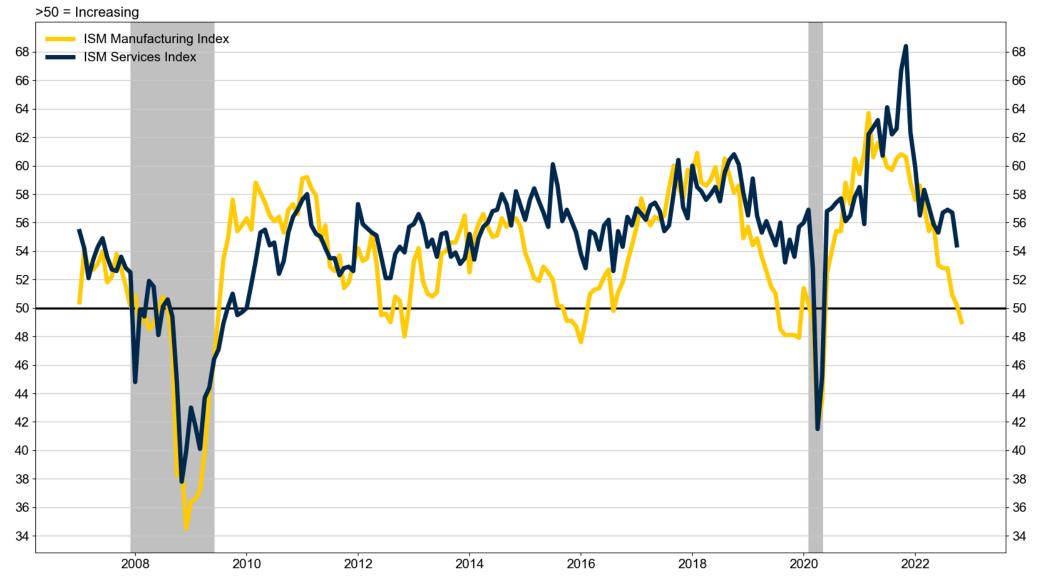


10-year to 2-year Treasury Bond Yield Spread



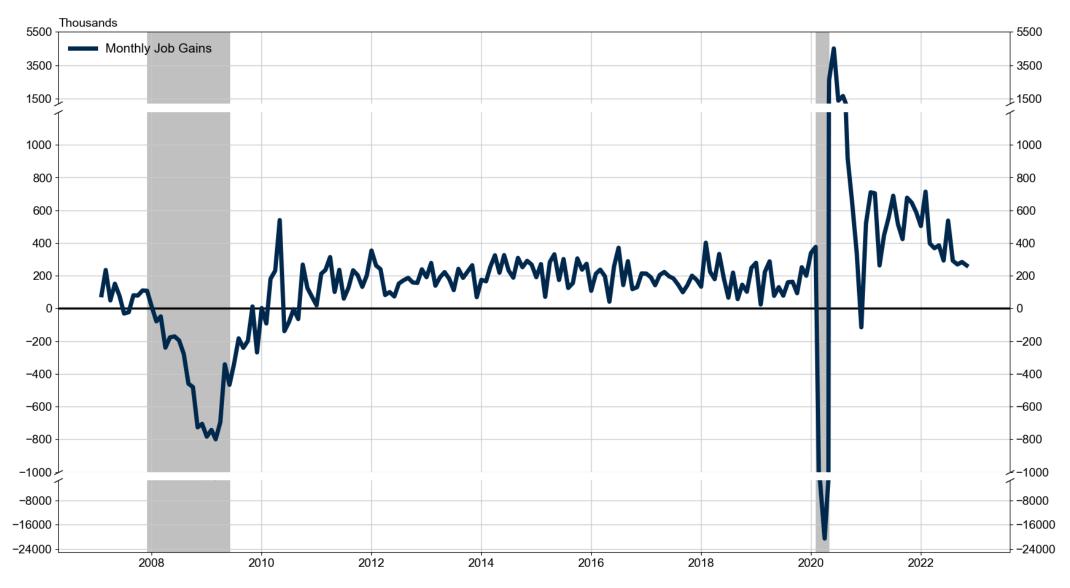


Institute for Supply Management Diffusion Indices

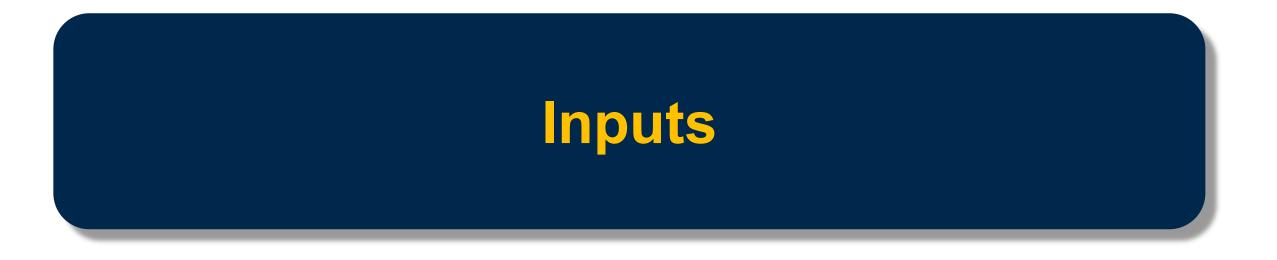




Monthly Payroll Job Gains







Policy

>Monetary Policy:

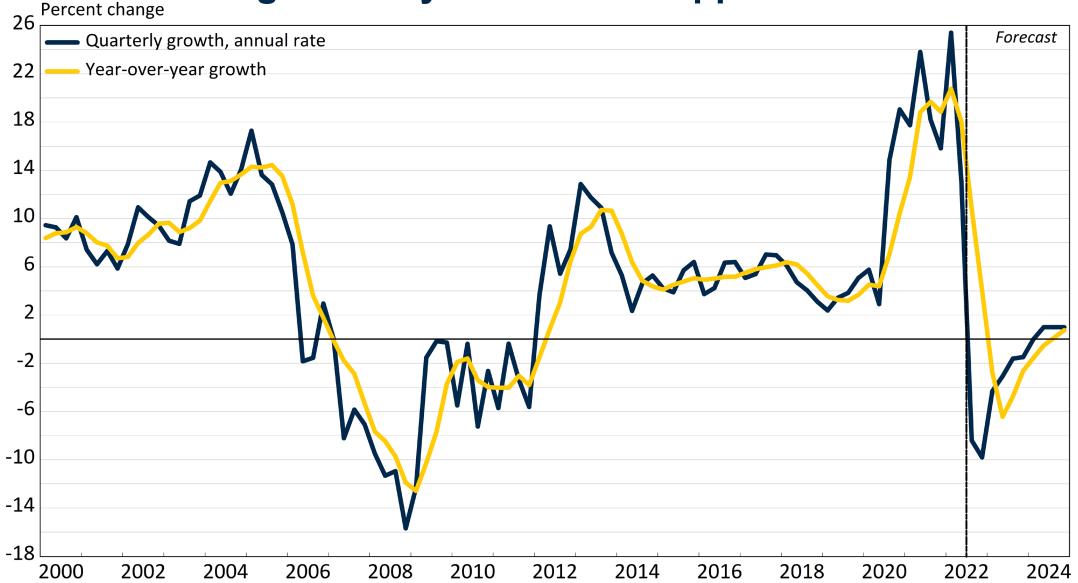
- Terminal fed funds rate range at **5.25–5.5** percent, peaking in 2023Q2
- The Fed starts easing in early 2024, once PCE inflation forecasts show imminent return to 2.0 percent inflation
- Gradual fed funds rate range cuts through rest of 2024

Fiscal Policy:

- Divided Government is back
- Defense spending set for brisk growth
- Slow growth of discretionary nondefense spending likely



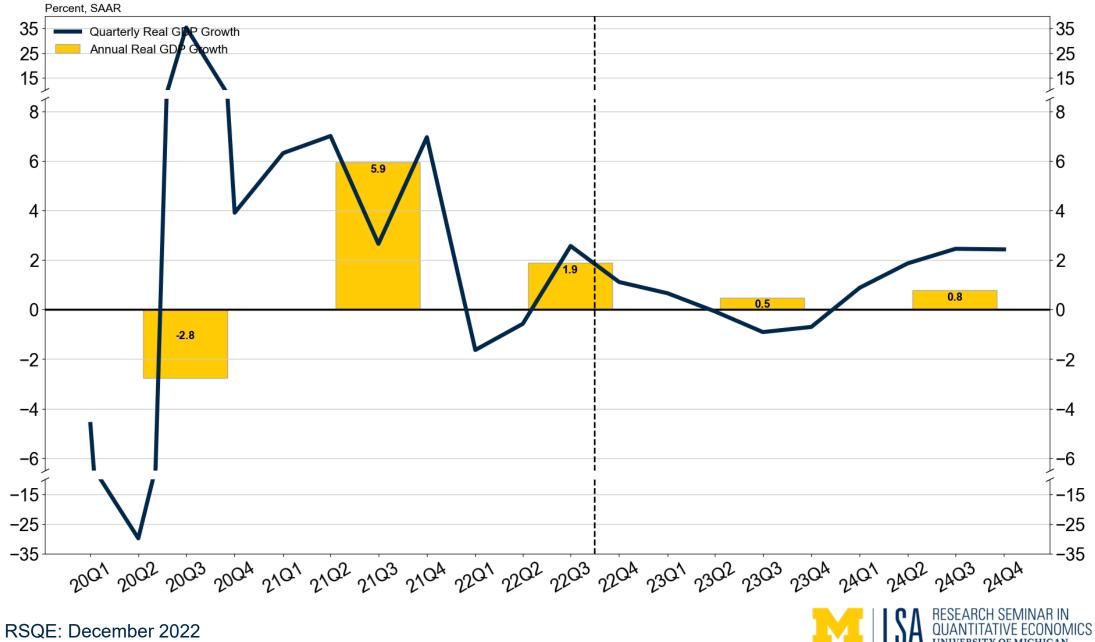
Single-Family Home Price Appreciation



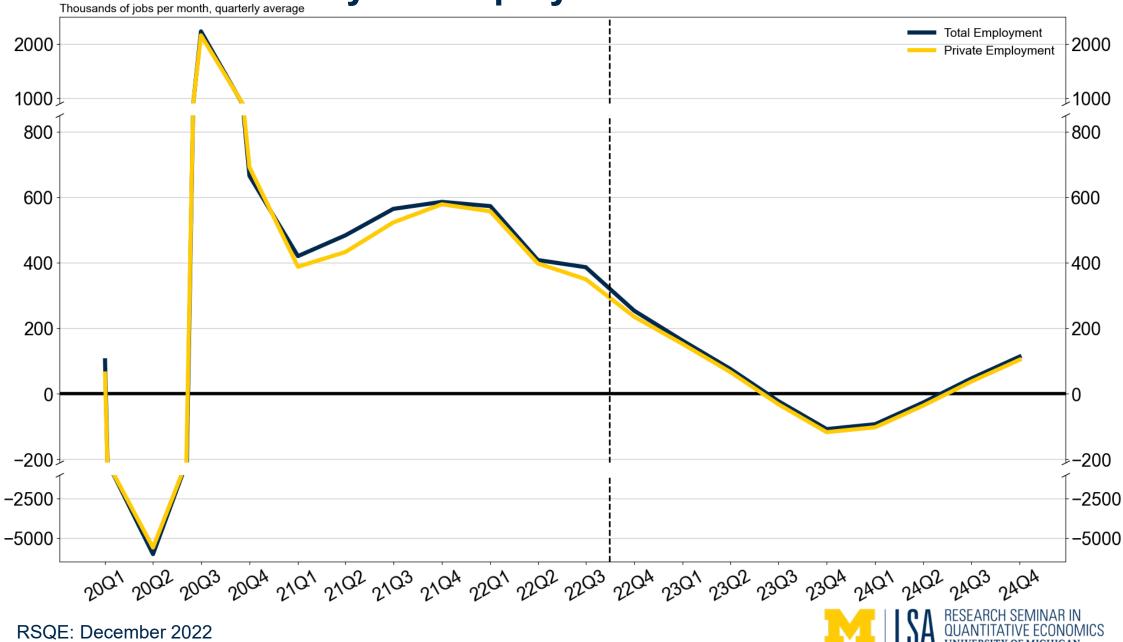




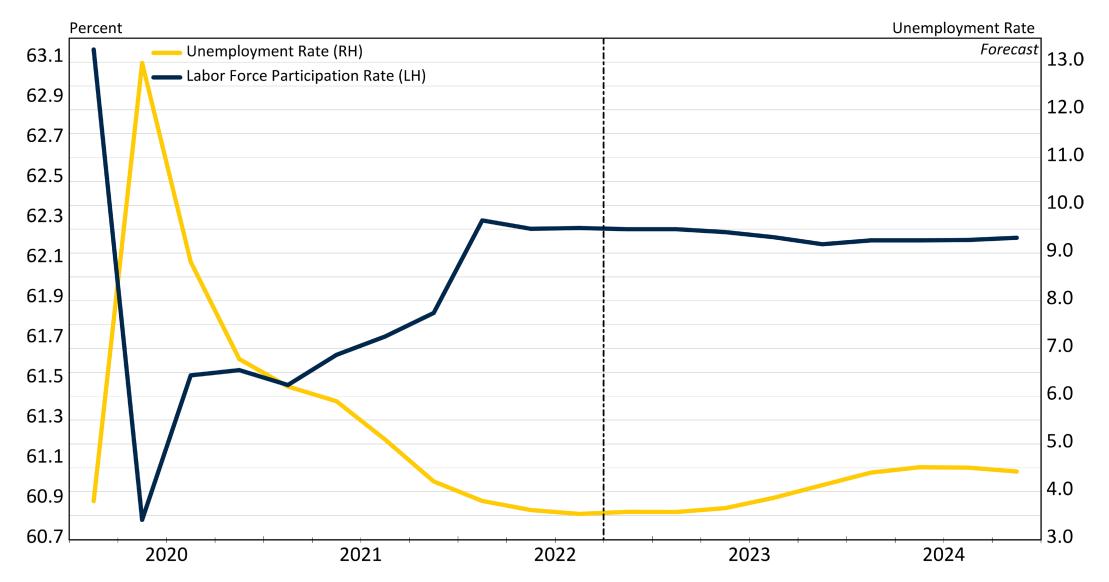
Real GDP Growth



Payroll Employment Growth



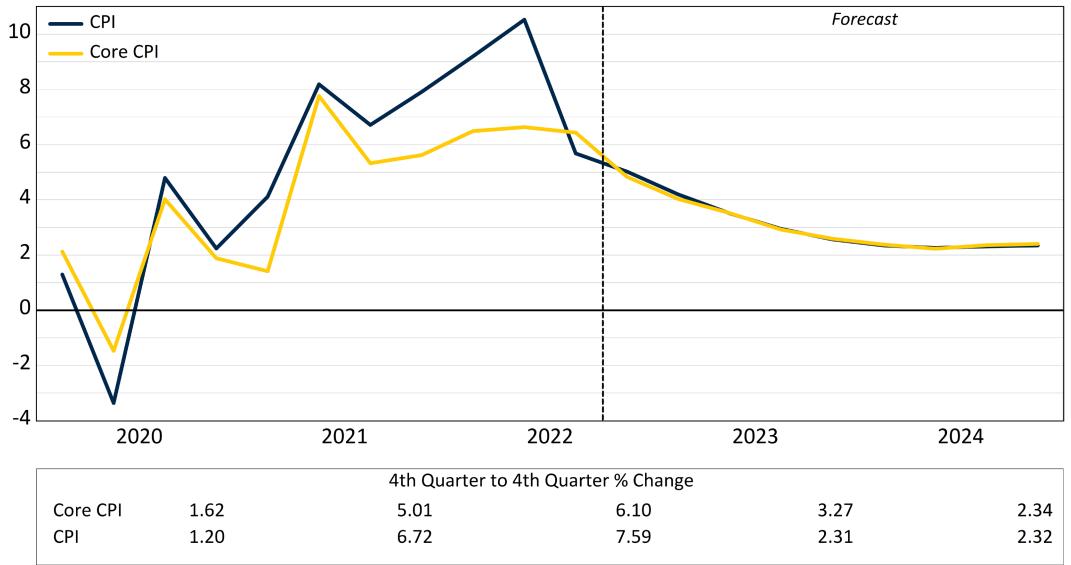
Unemployment Rate and Participation Rate





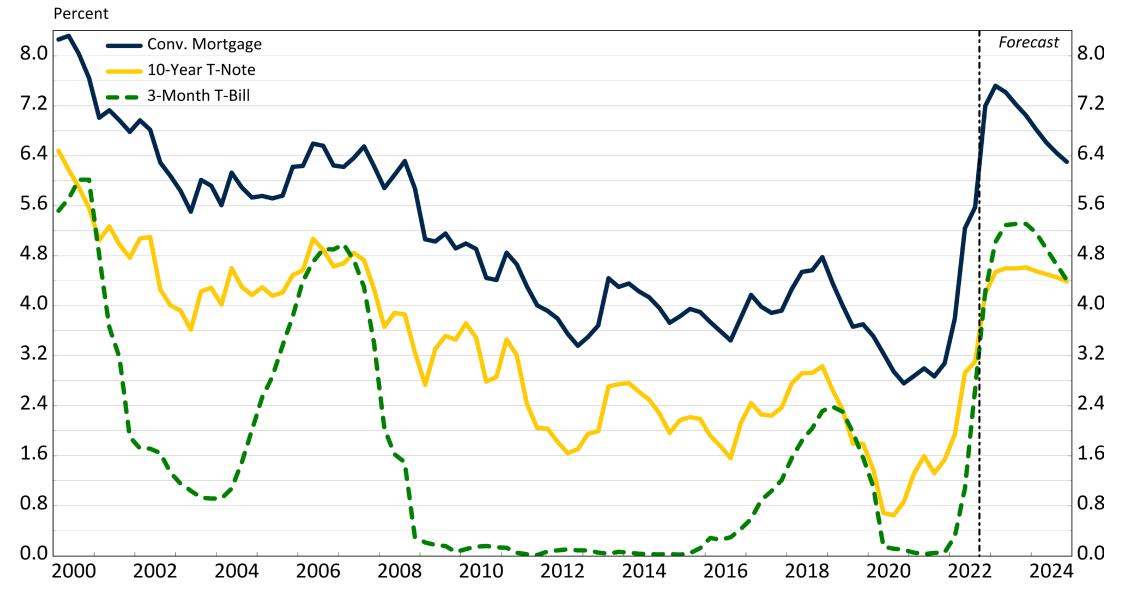
Consumer Price Inflation (CPI-U)

Percent change, annualized rate



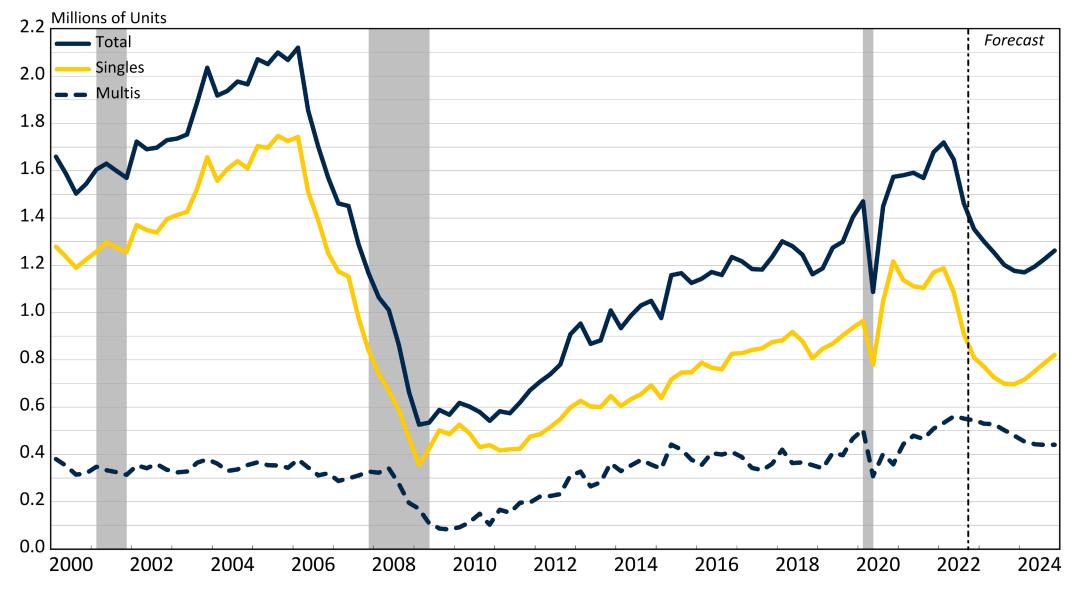


Interest Rates





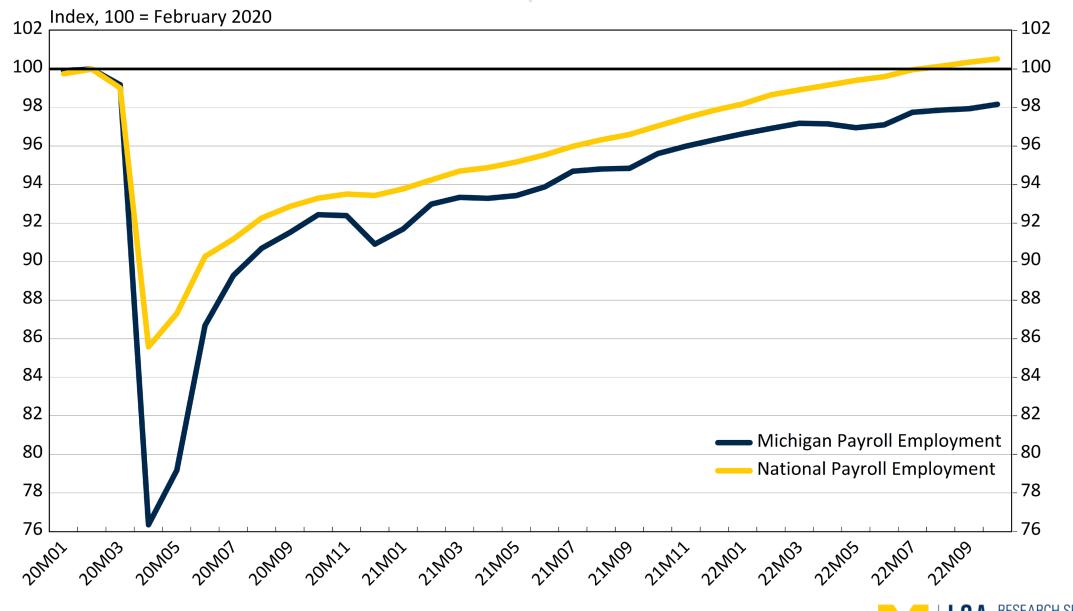
Housing Starts



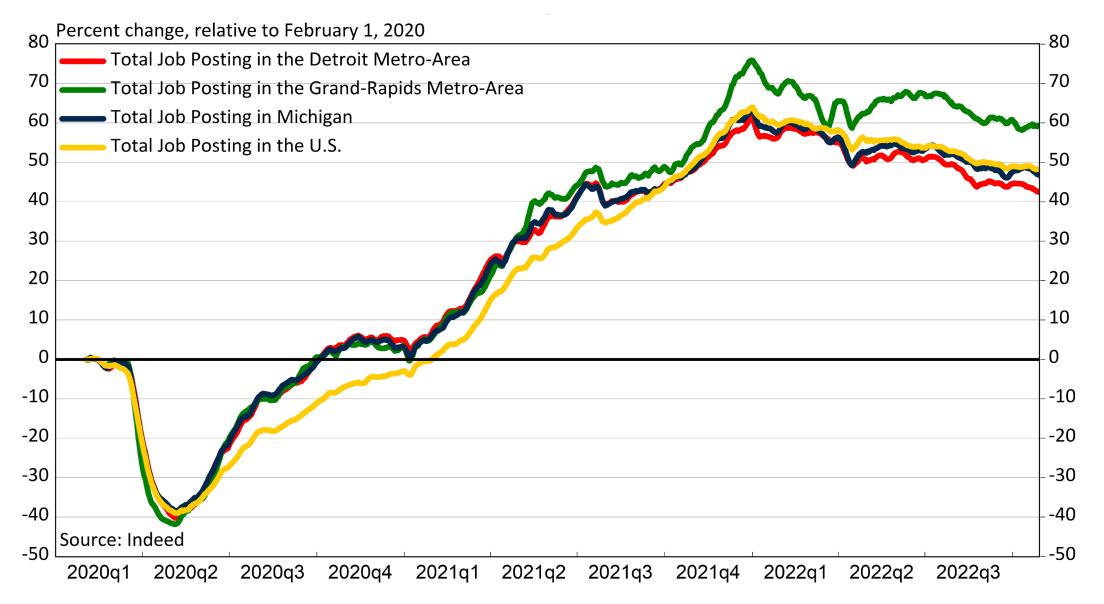


Current State of the Michigan Economy

Michigan is Still Climbing Out of a Deep Jobs Hole



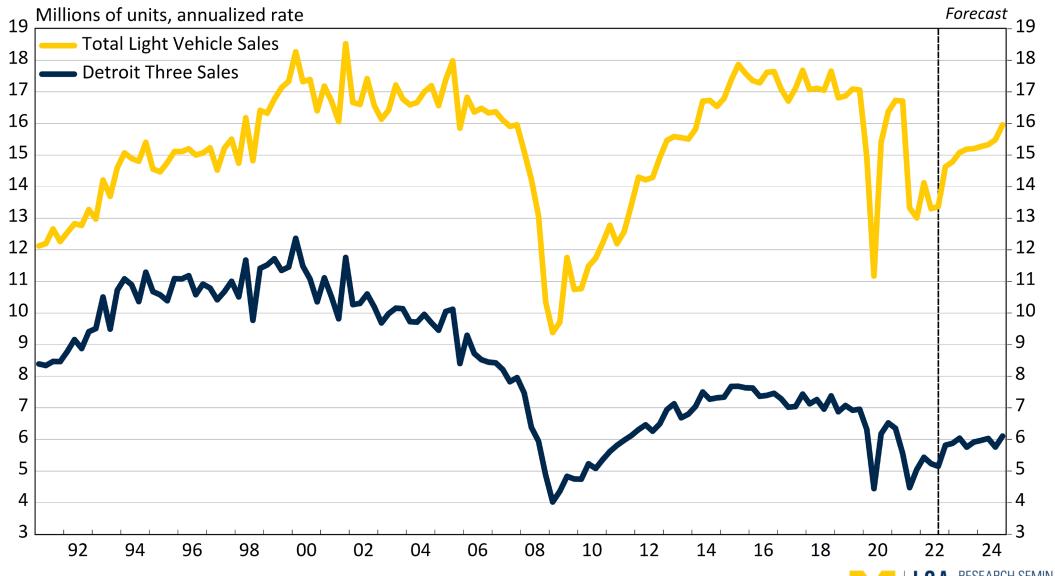
Labor Demand Continues to Soften but Remains High





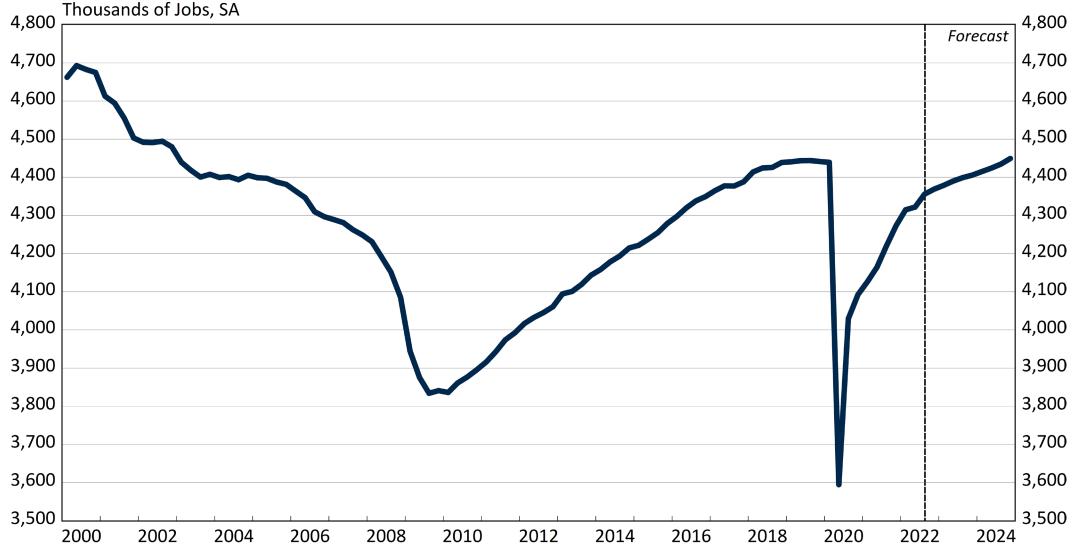
Michigan Economic Outlook

Quarterly Light Vehicle Sales: Slow Recovery Ahead



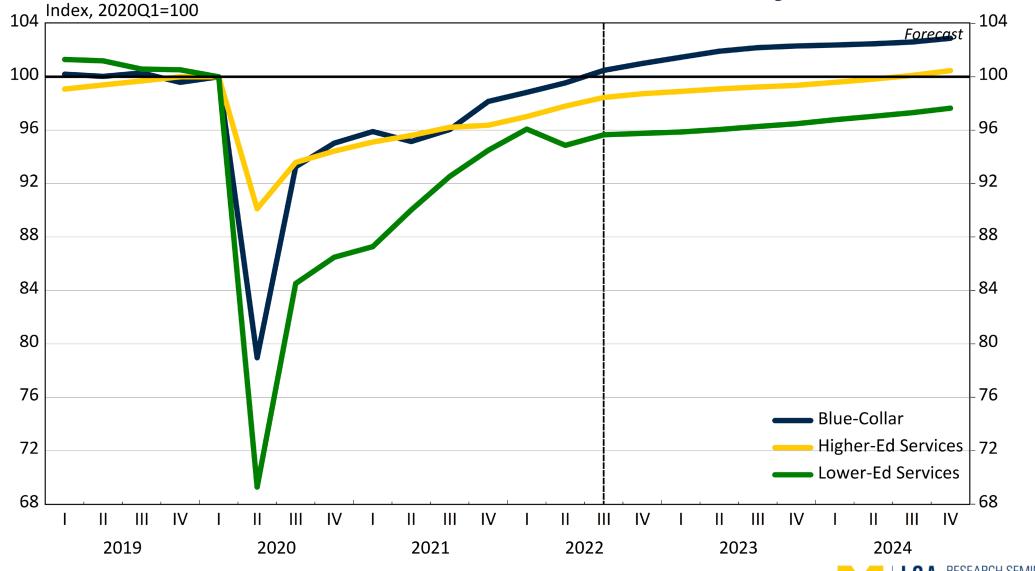


Quarterly Michigan Payroll Employment: Full Recovery by End of 2024

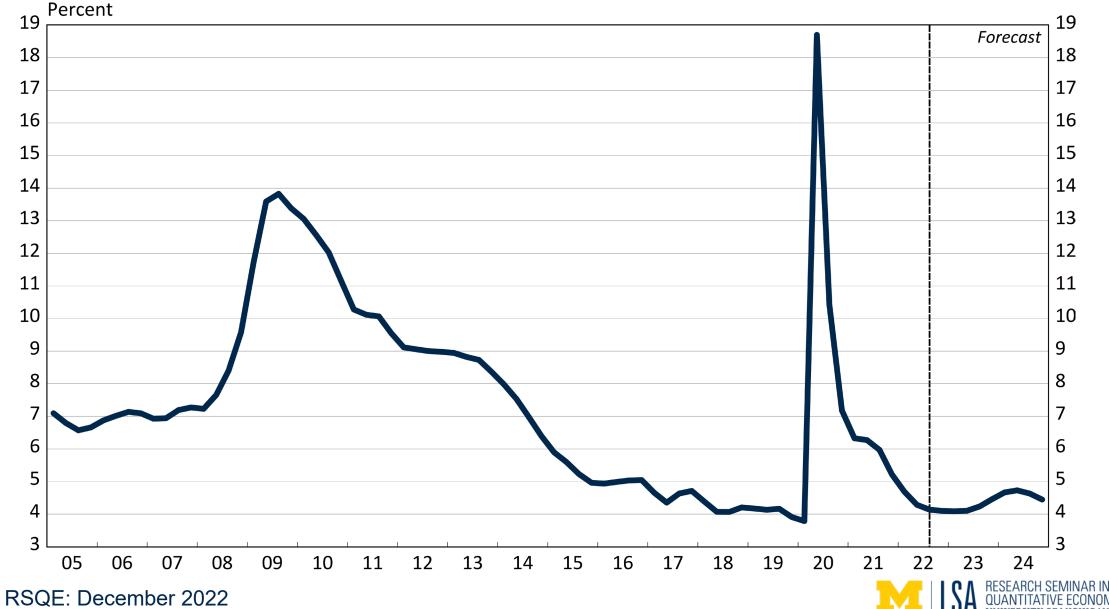




Employment Outlook by Industry Group: Blue-Collar Industries Lead the Way



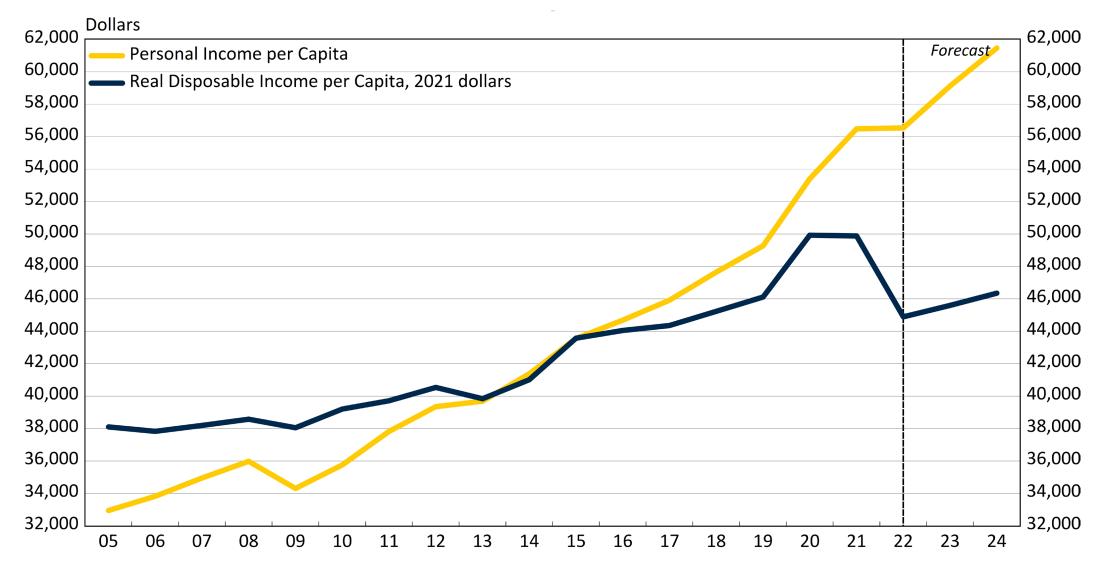
Michigan's Unemployment Rate Ticks Up



Labor Force Participation Recovers Modestly

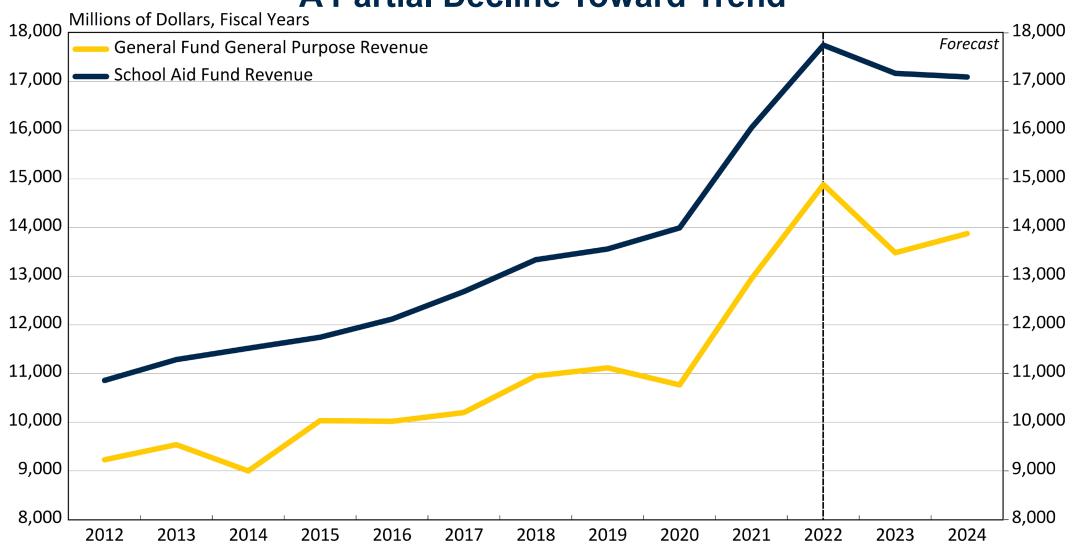


Michigan Personal Income...Inflation Takes a Bite





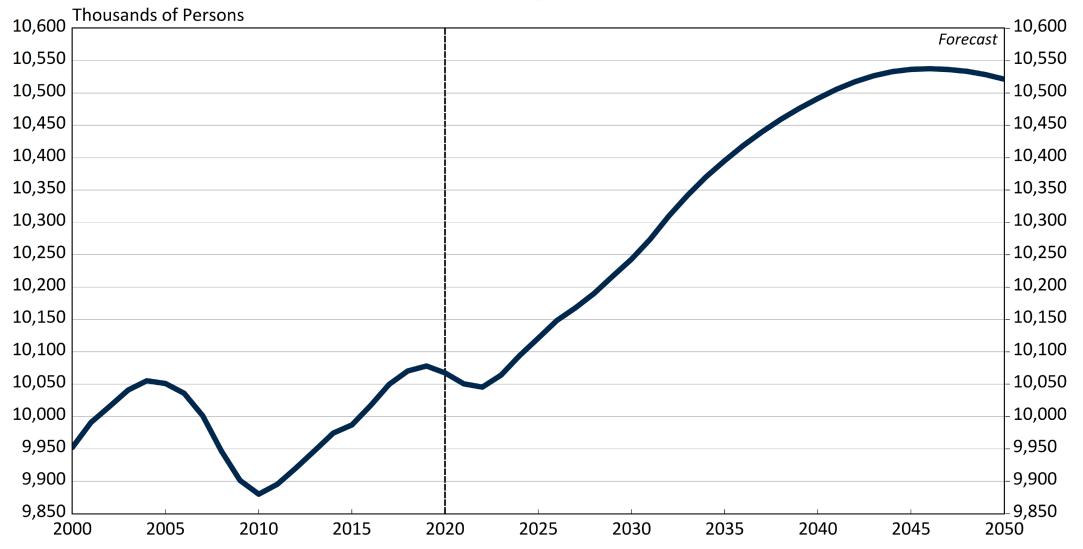
State Tax Revenues: A Partial Decline Toward Trend





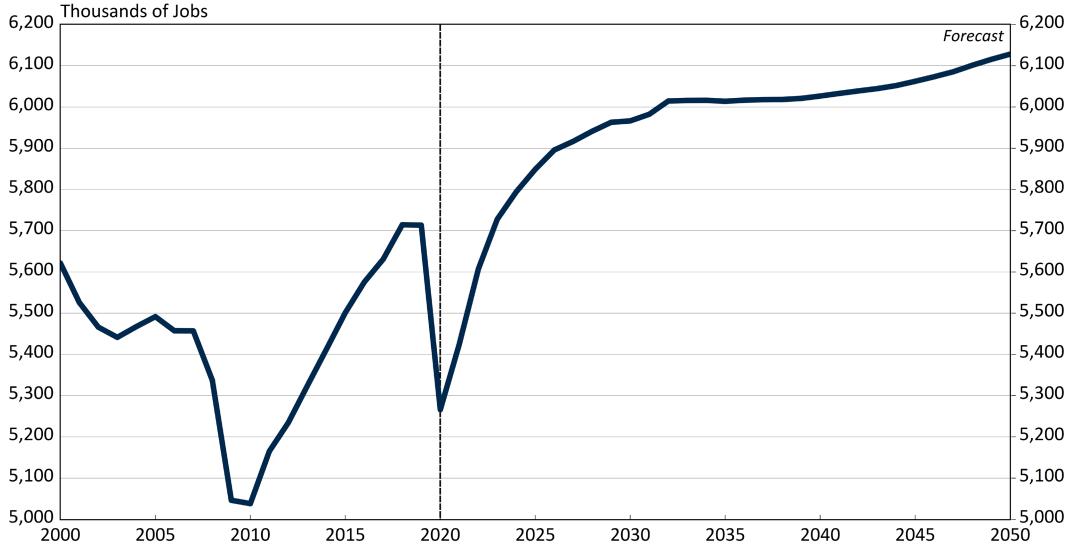
Michigan's Long-Run Outlook

Michigan Population Peaks in mid-2040's



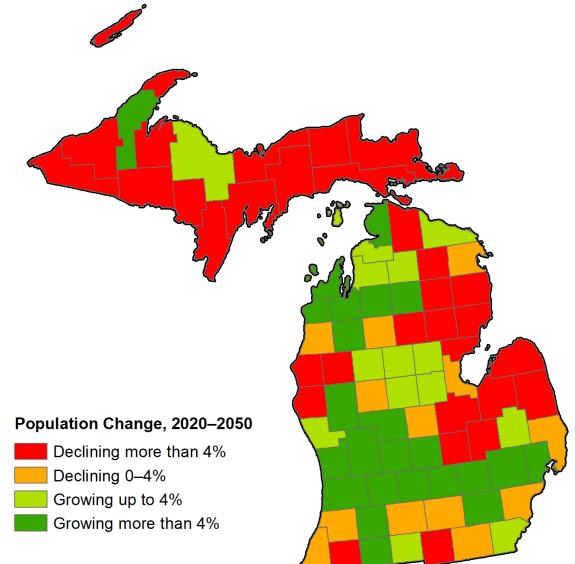


Michigan Employment (BEA Measure)



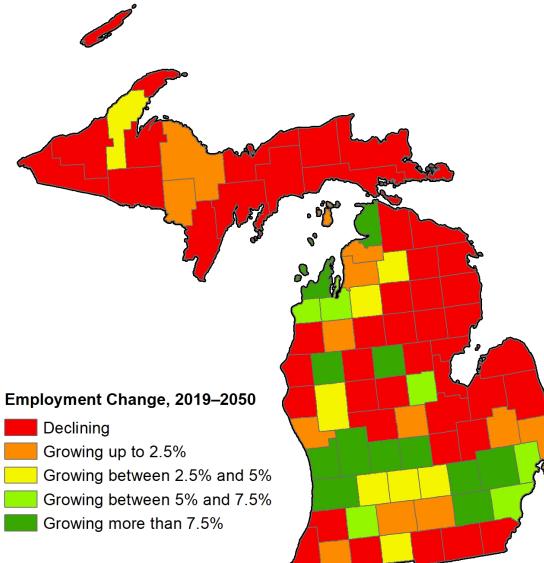


County-Level Total Population Change, 2020–2050





County-Level Total Employment Change, 2019–2050





Concluding Thoughts

- We are forecasting a complete recovery in payroll employment by the end of 2024
- > The unemployment rate rises to 4.7% by early 2024 before declining
- Personal income per capita in 2024 is 25% higher than in 2019
 - But inflation eats away almost all of those gains
- State tax revenue declines \$2 billion in fiscal 2023 following the boom of the past two years
- Major risks are tilted to the downside, including:
 - Inflation remaining elevated
 - Demand for autos falling
 - Job losses in construction





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