

Reflections on Phasing Policy Amidst (Pandemic) Uncertainty

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Figure 1 | Core PCE Inflation and the Unemployment Rate

A. Core PCE Inflation



B. Unemp. Rate and Core PCE Inflation



--- PCE ex Food and Energy Price Index — Civilian Unemployment Rate ● NBER-dated recession

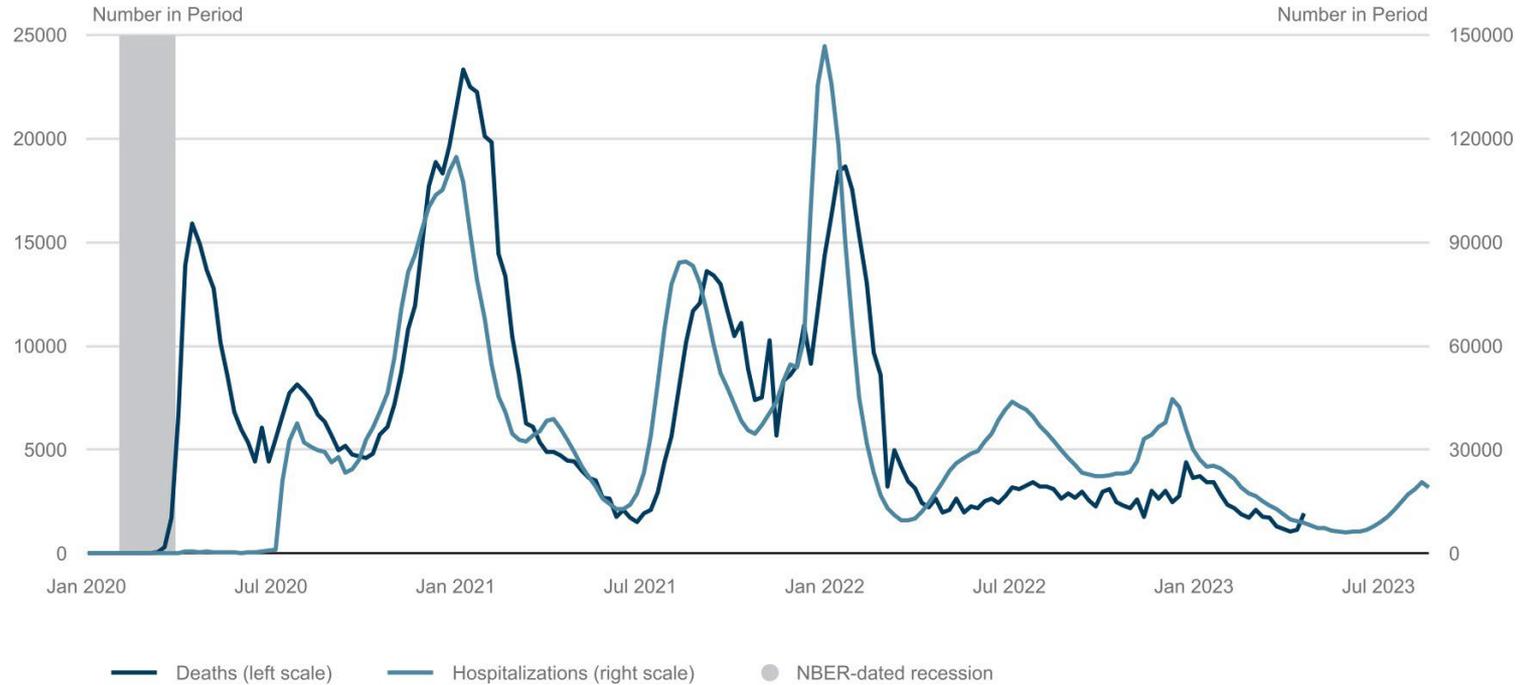
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics / Haver Analytics

Figure 2 | Federal Funds Target Rate



Source: *Federal Reserve Board / Haver Analytics*

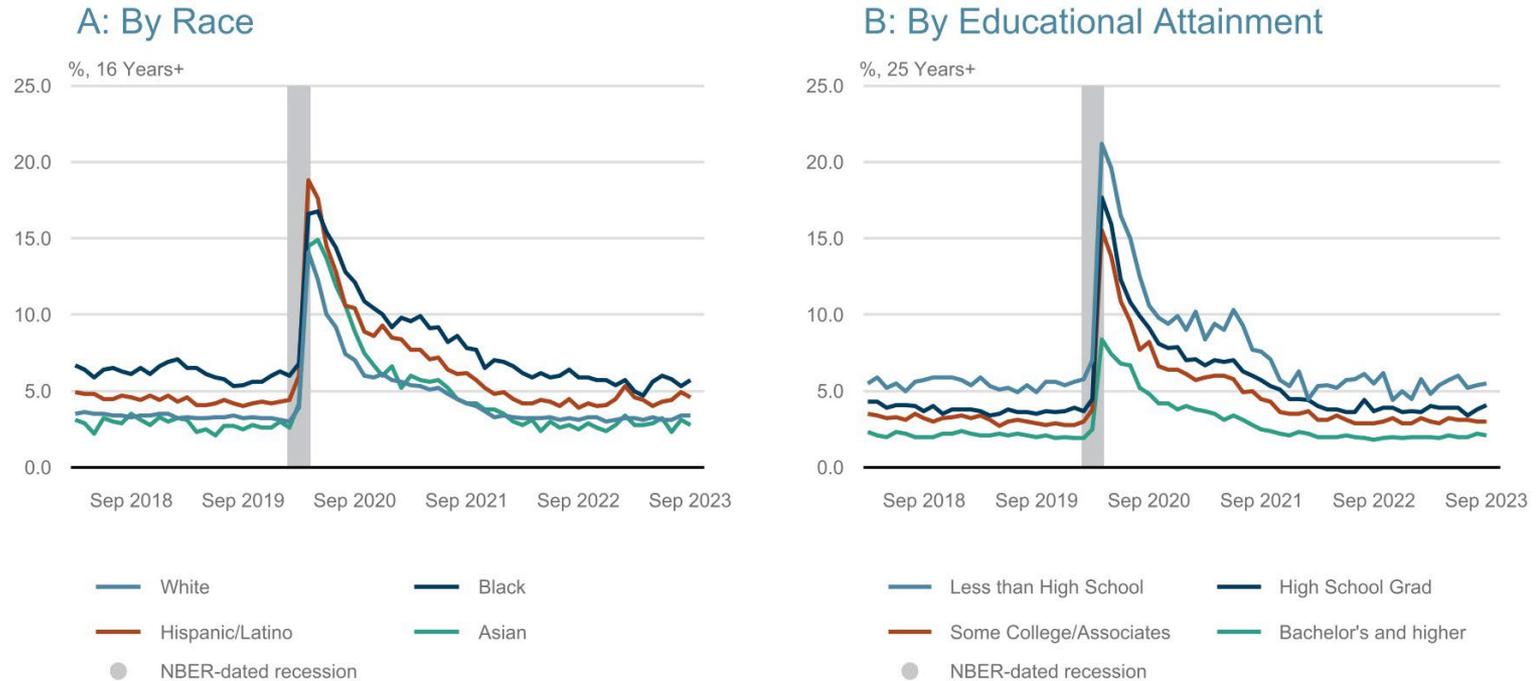
Figure 3 | Pandemic Severity



Sources: World Health Organization, Department of Health & Human Services / Haver Analytics

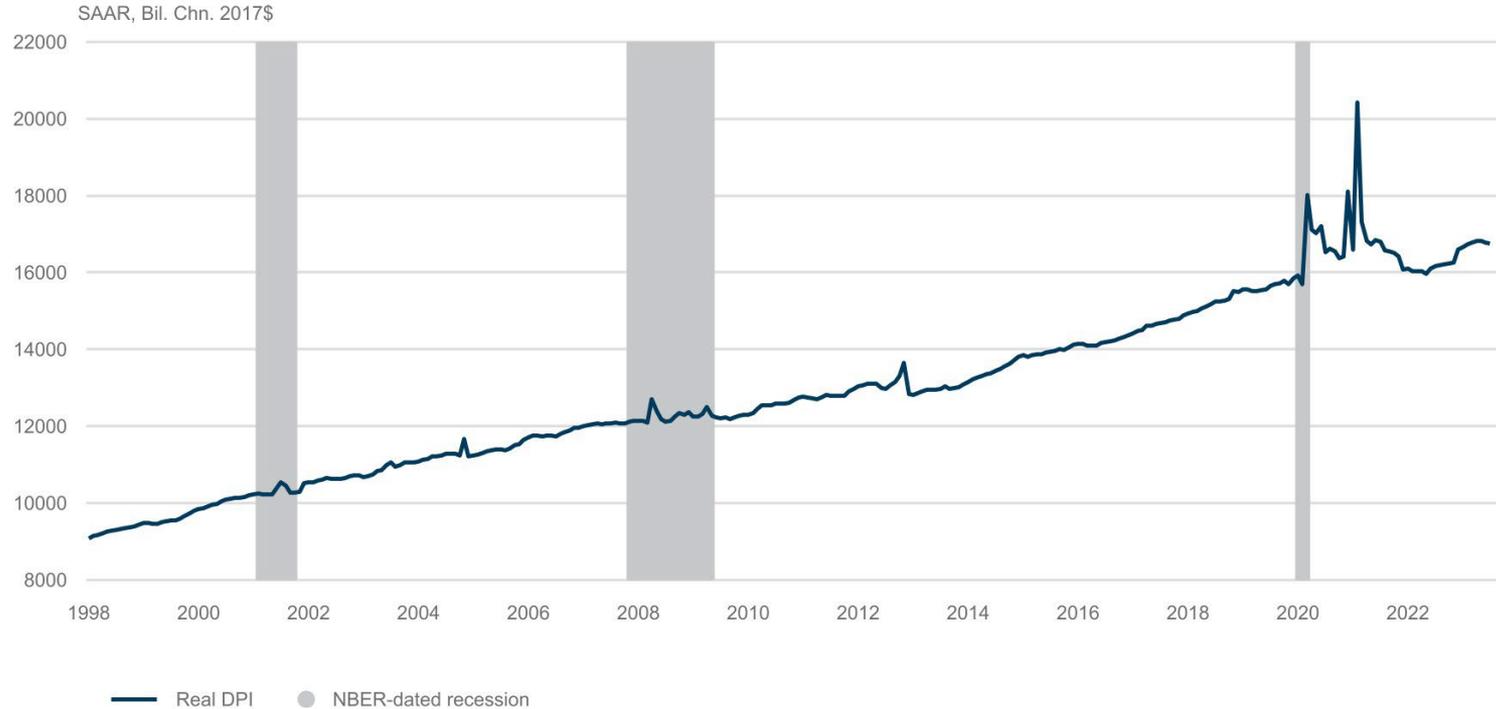
Note: The WHO ceased reporting case and fatality statistics with the end of the public health emergency in May 2023

Figure 4 | Unemployment Rates By Race and Education



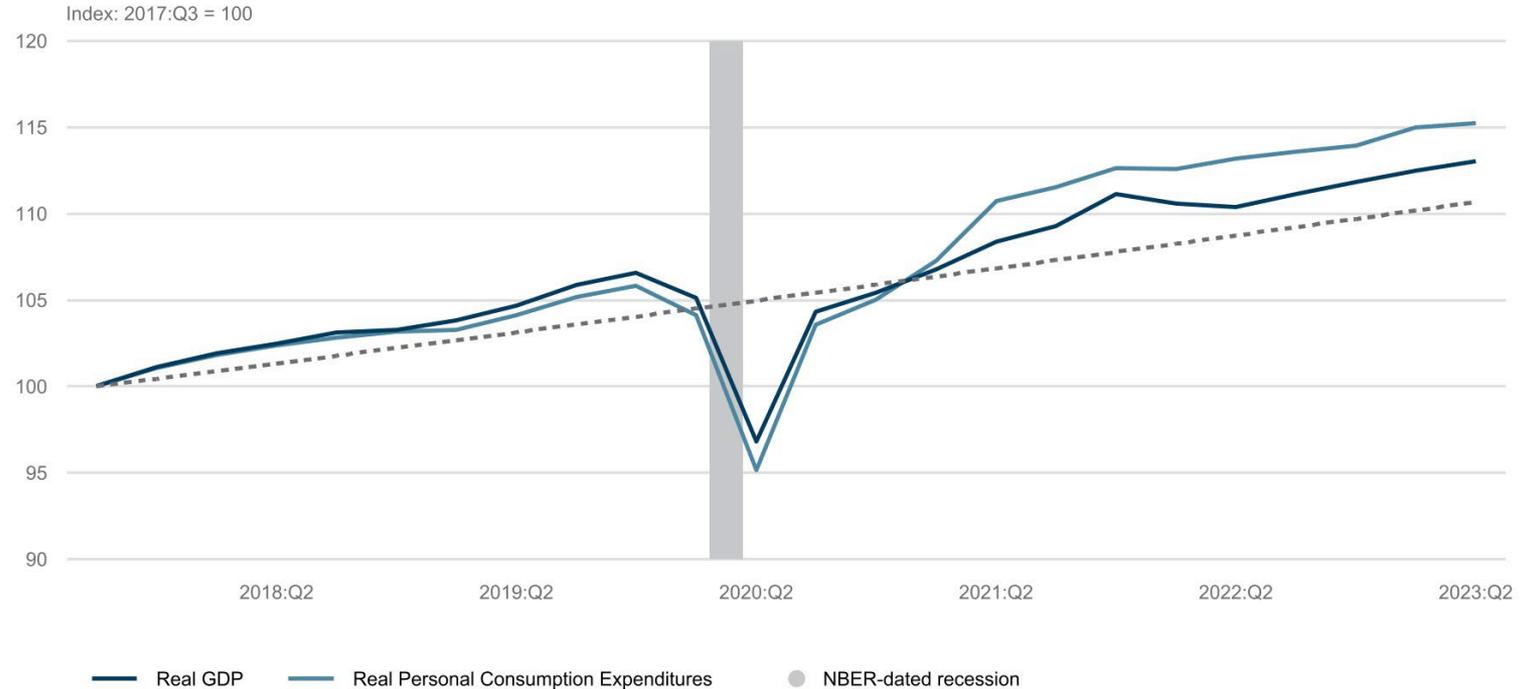
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics / Haver Analytics

Figure 5 | Real Disposable Personal Income



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis / Haver Analytics

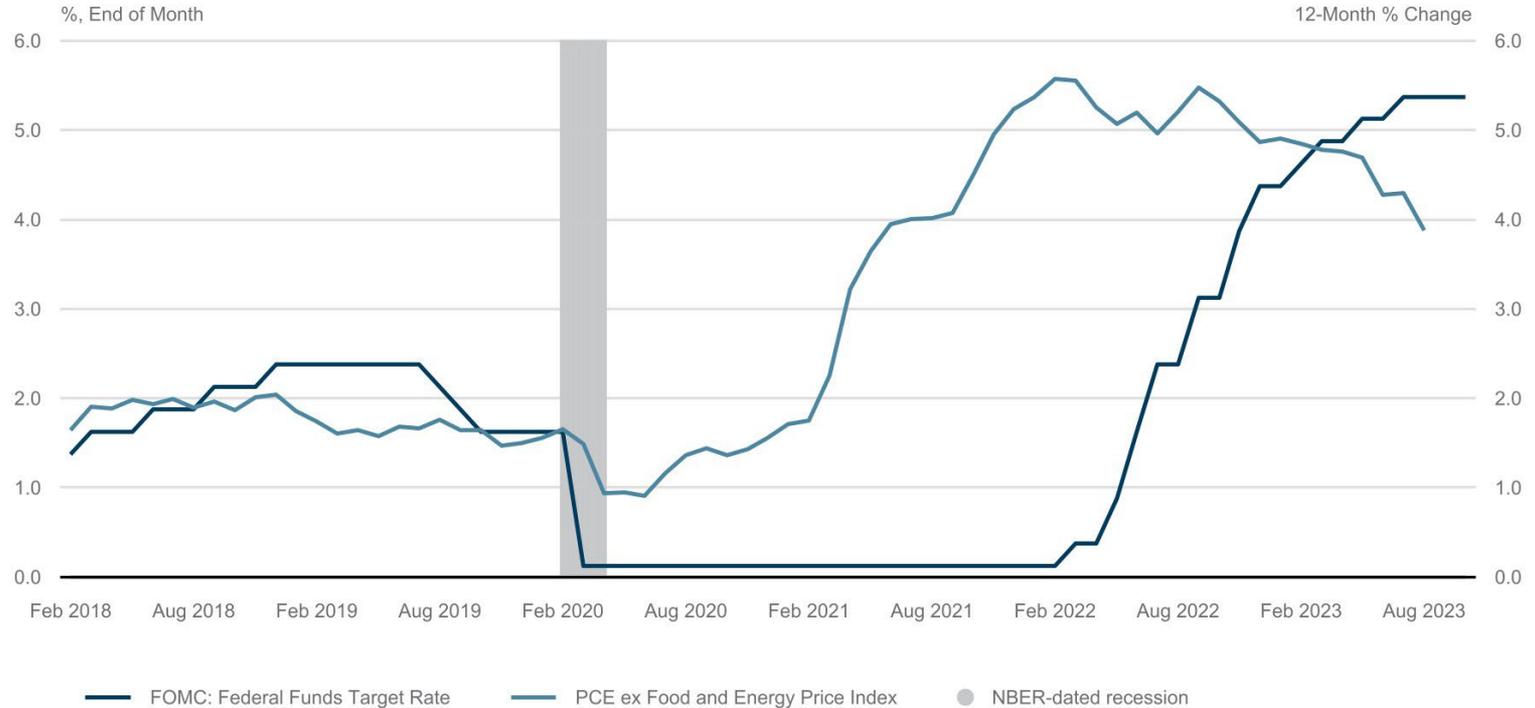
Figure 6 | Real GDP and Real Personal Consumption Expenditures



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis / Haver Analytics; author's calculations

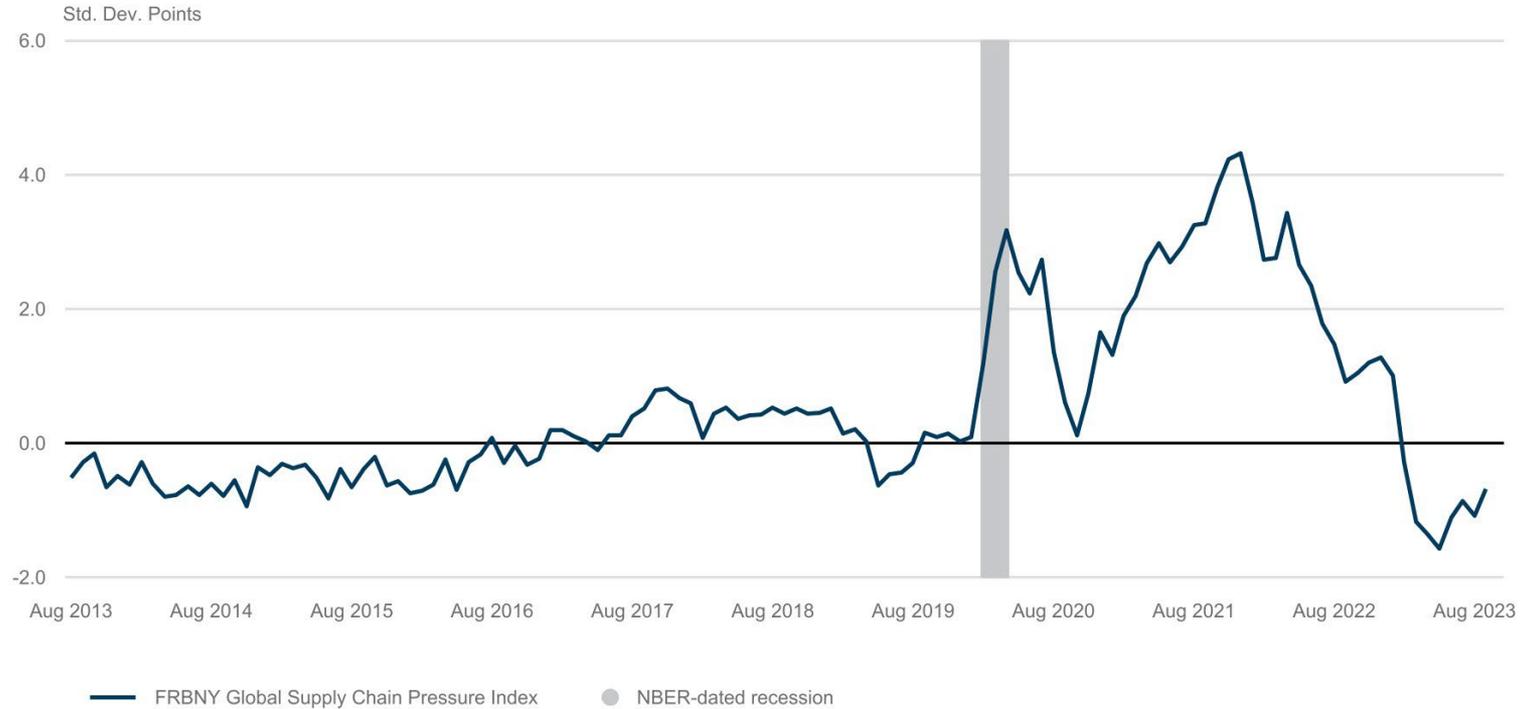
Note: Trend growth is estimated at a 1.8 percent annual rate for GDP and consumption. Actuals are assumed at trend in 2017:Q3.

Figure 7 | Federal Funds Target Rate and Core PCE Inflation



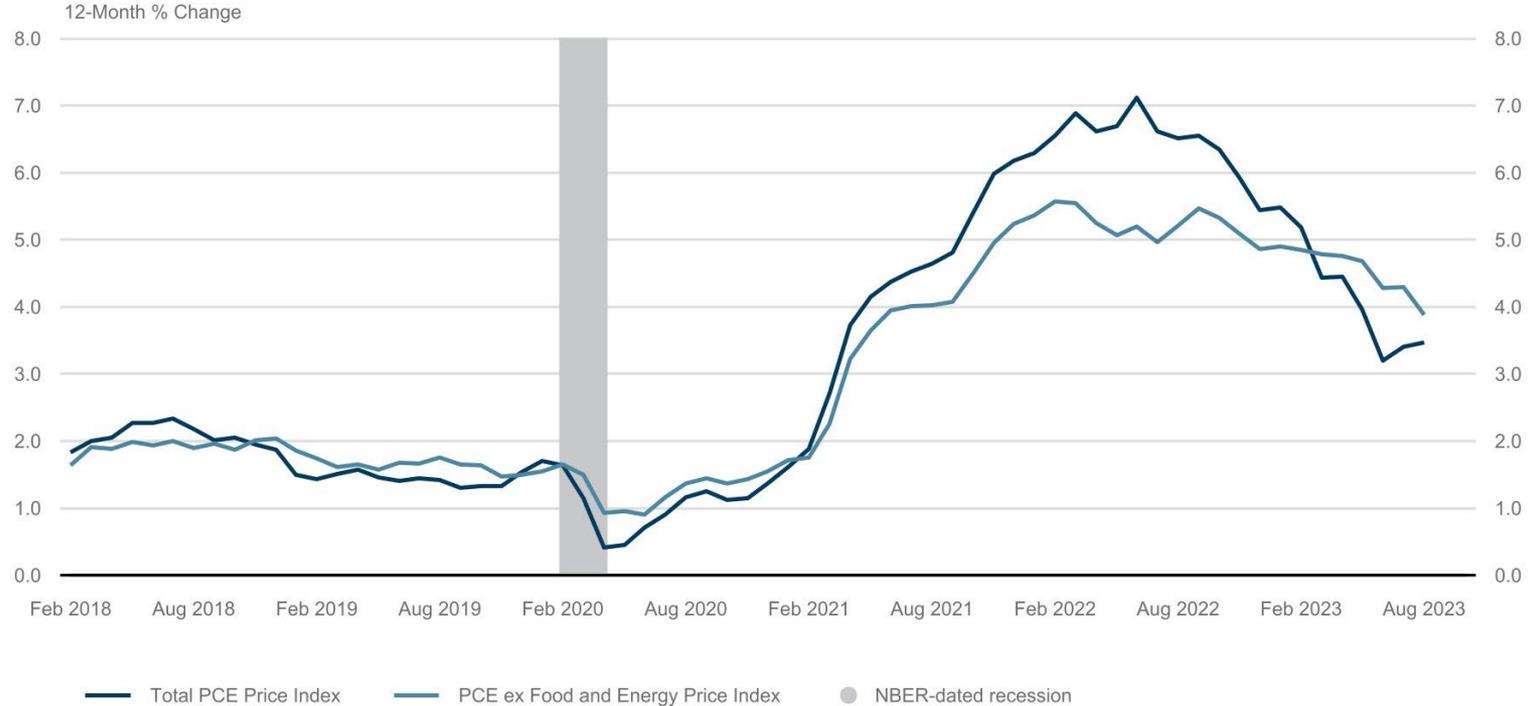
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Figure 8 | Global Supply Chain Pressure Index



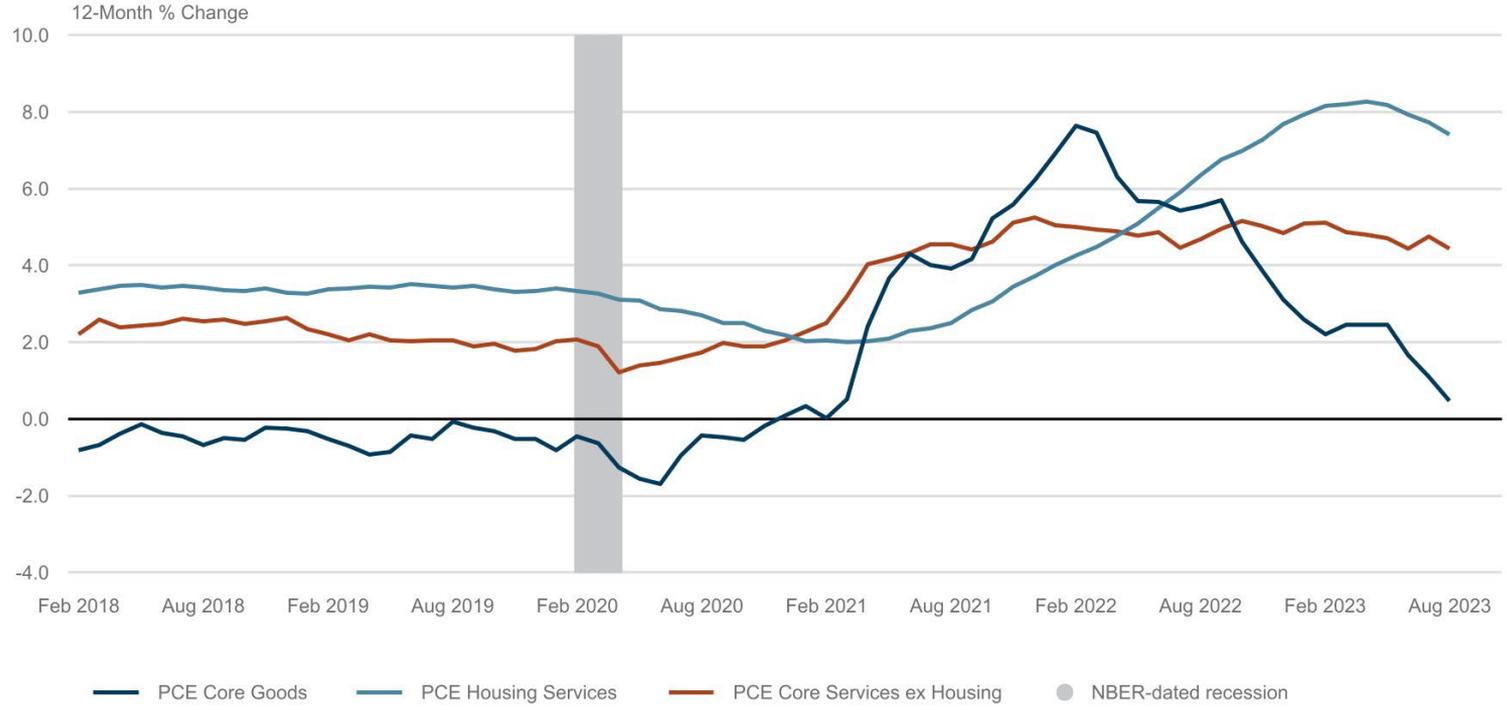
Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York / Haver Analytics

Figure 9 | Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Inflation



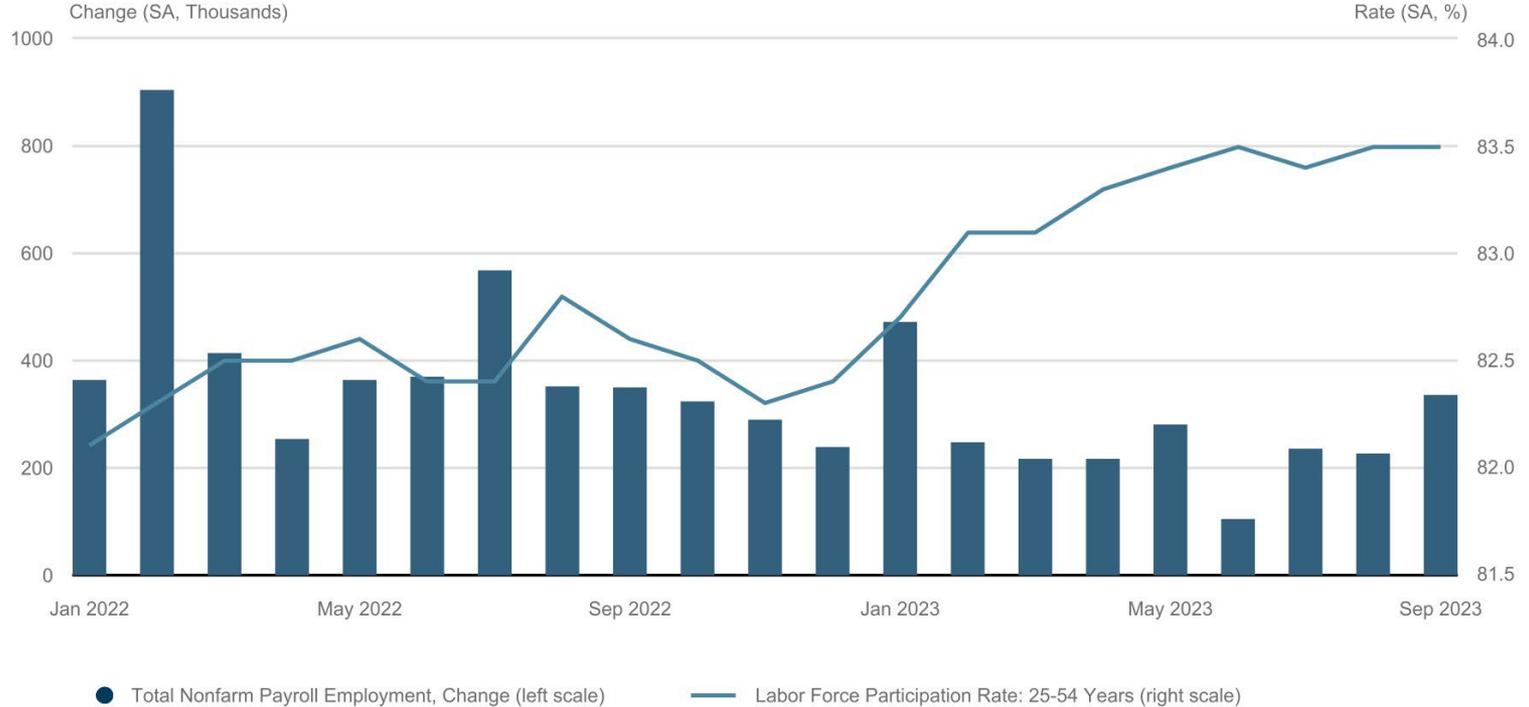
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis / Haver Analytics

Figure 10 | Components of PCE Inflation



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis / Haver Analytics

Figure 11 | Employment Growth and Labor Force Participation



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics / Haver Analytics

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