

Reflections on Uncertainty and Patience in Monetary Policymaking

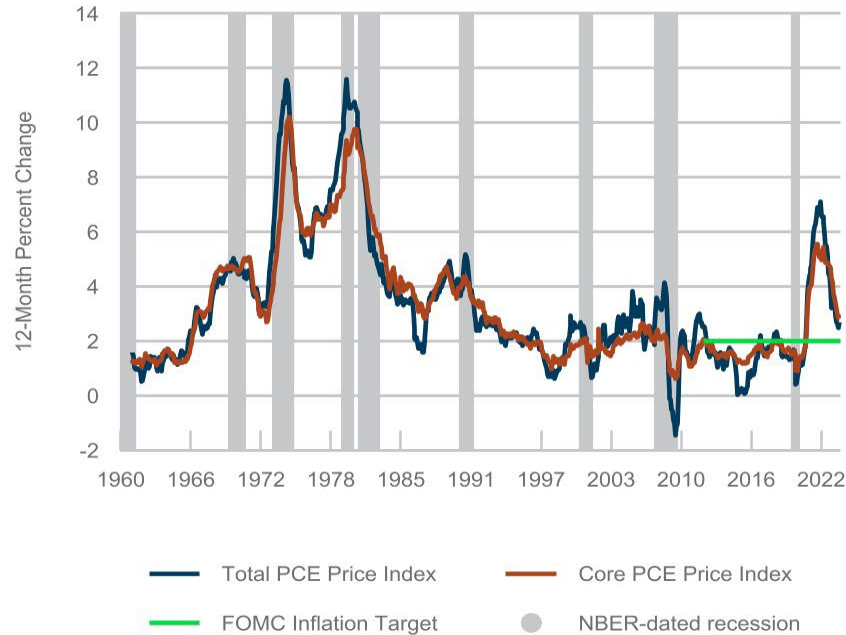
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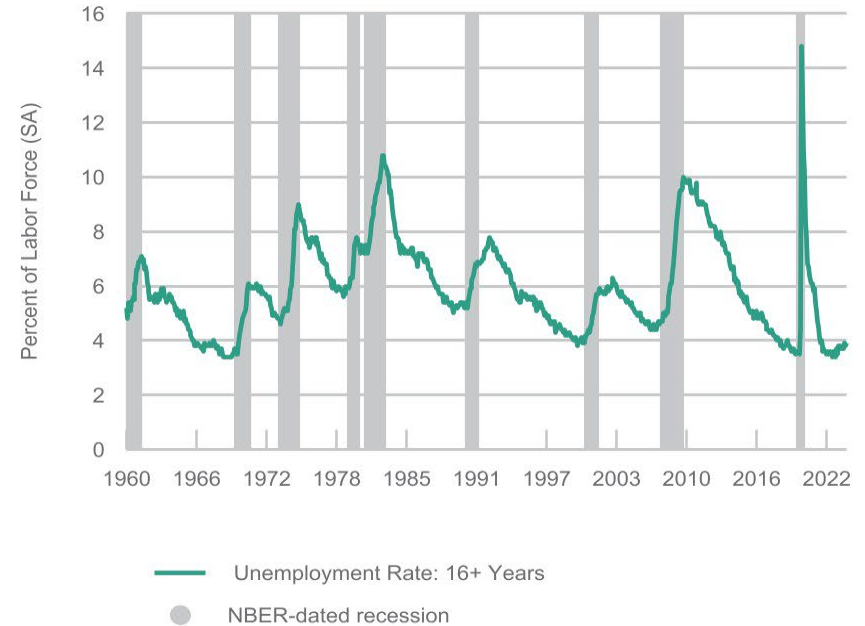


Figure 1 | Inflation and the Unemployment Rate

A. PCE Inflation

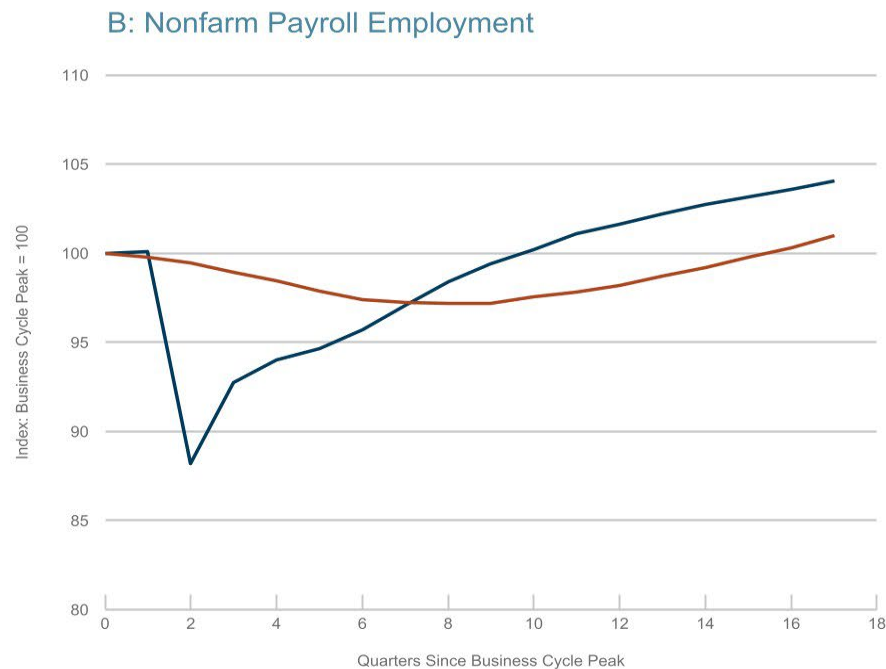
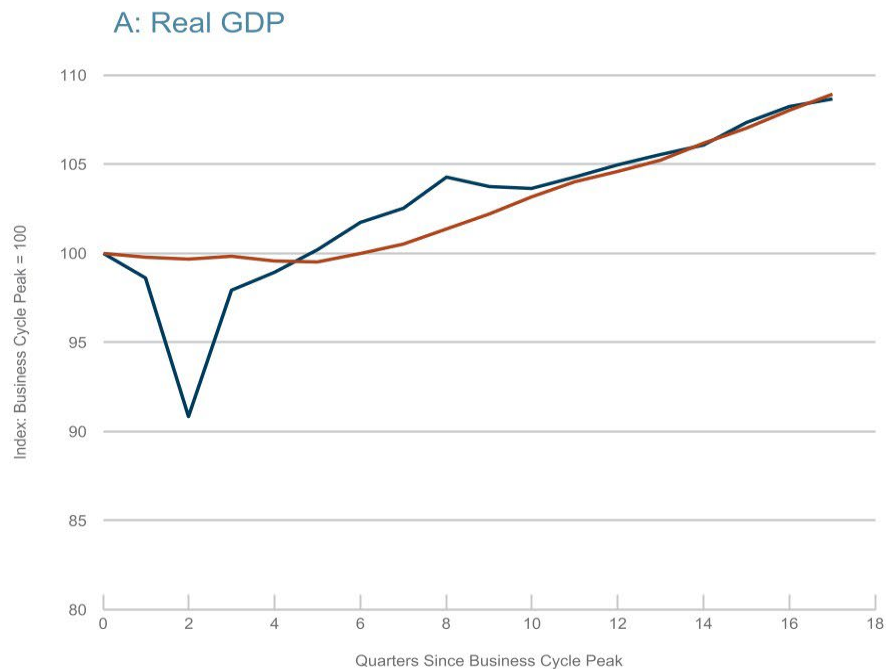


B. Unemployment Rate



Note: In January 2012 the FOMC formally adopted a 2 percent target for total PCE inflation.
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics / Haver Analytics.

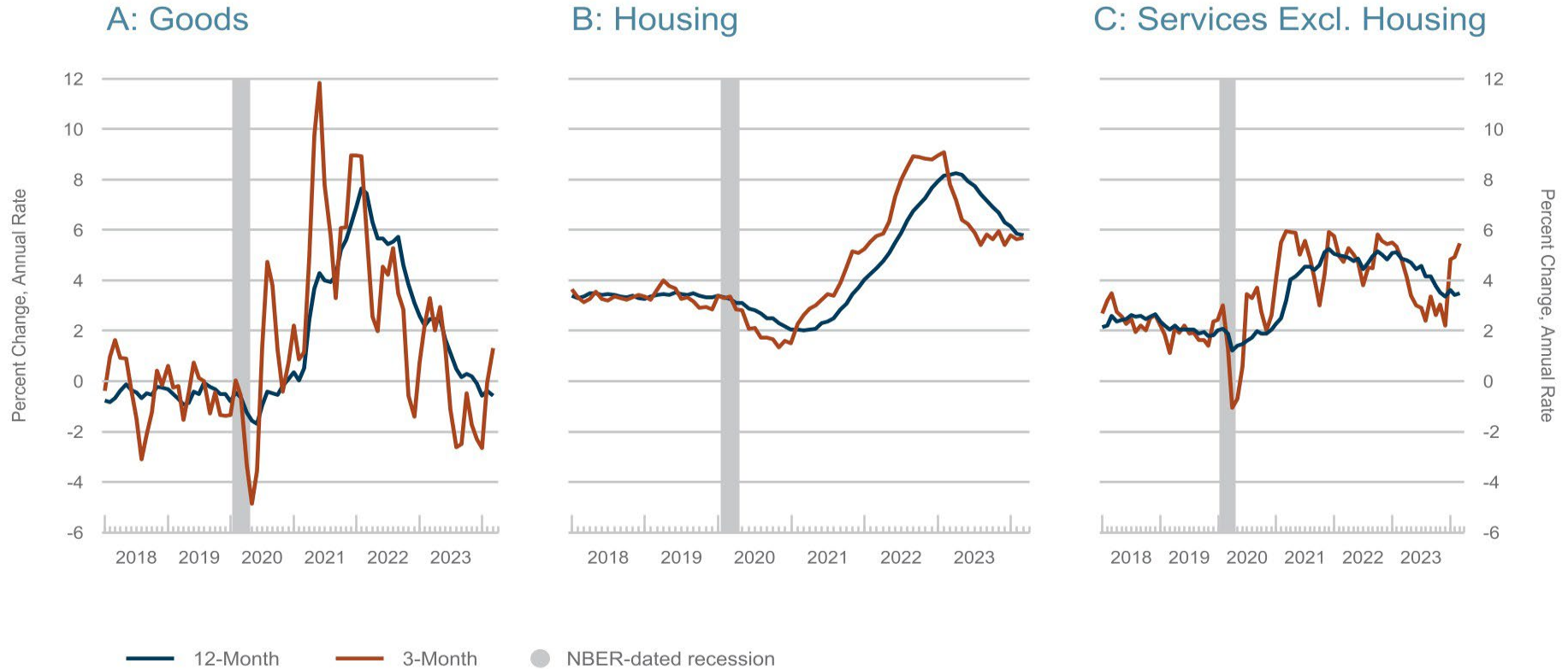
Figure 2 | Current Recovery Compared to Past Recoveries



— 2020 Recession — Average of Previous Three Recessions

Note: Previous three recessions: December 2007 to June 2009; March 2001 to November 2001; and July 1990 to March 1991.
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics / Haver Analytics.

Figure 3 | Components of Core PCE Inflation



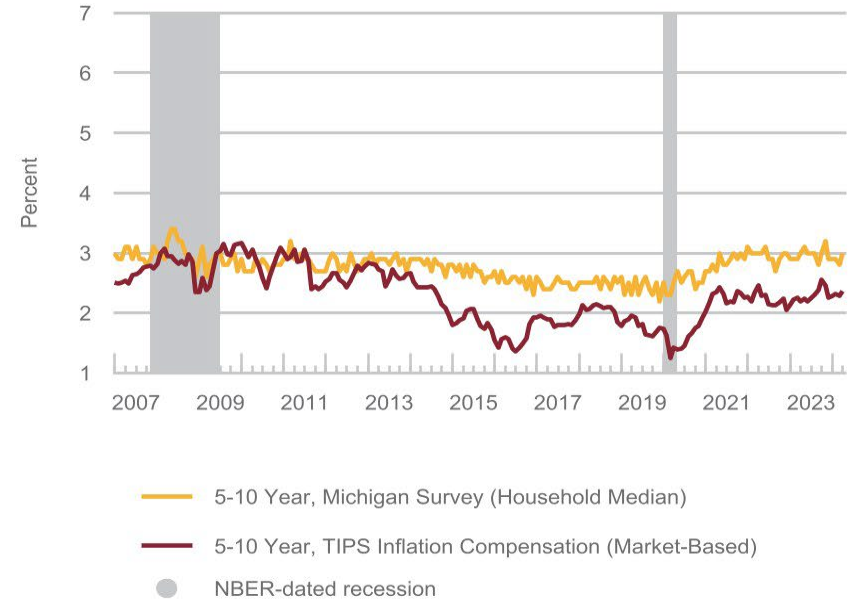
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis / Haver Analytics.

Figure 4 | Inflation Expectations

A. Short-Term Inflation Expectations

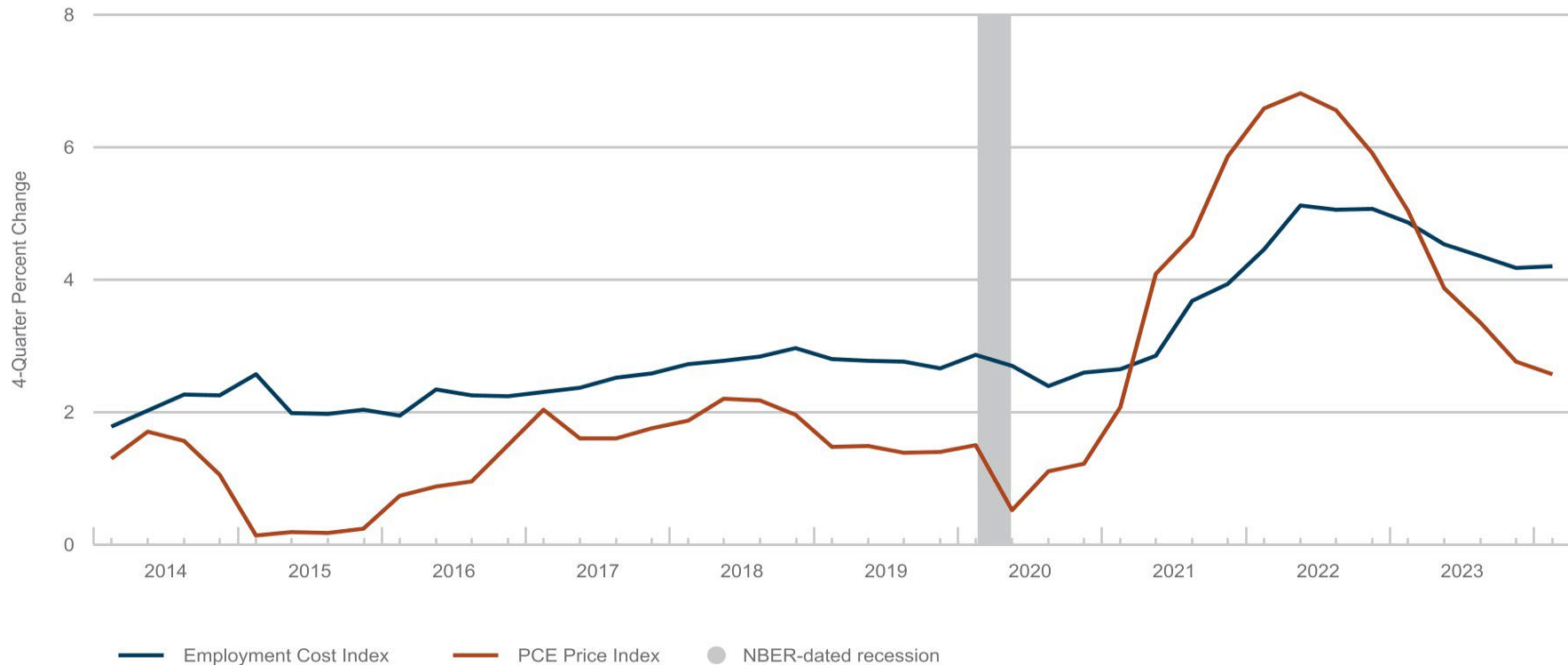


B. Longer-Term Inflation Expectations



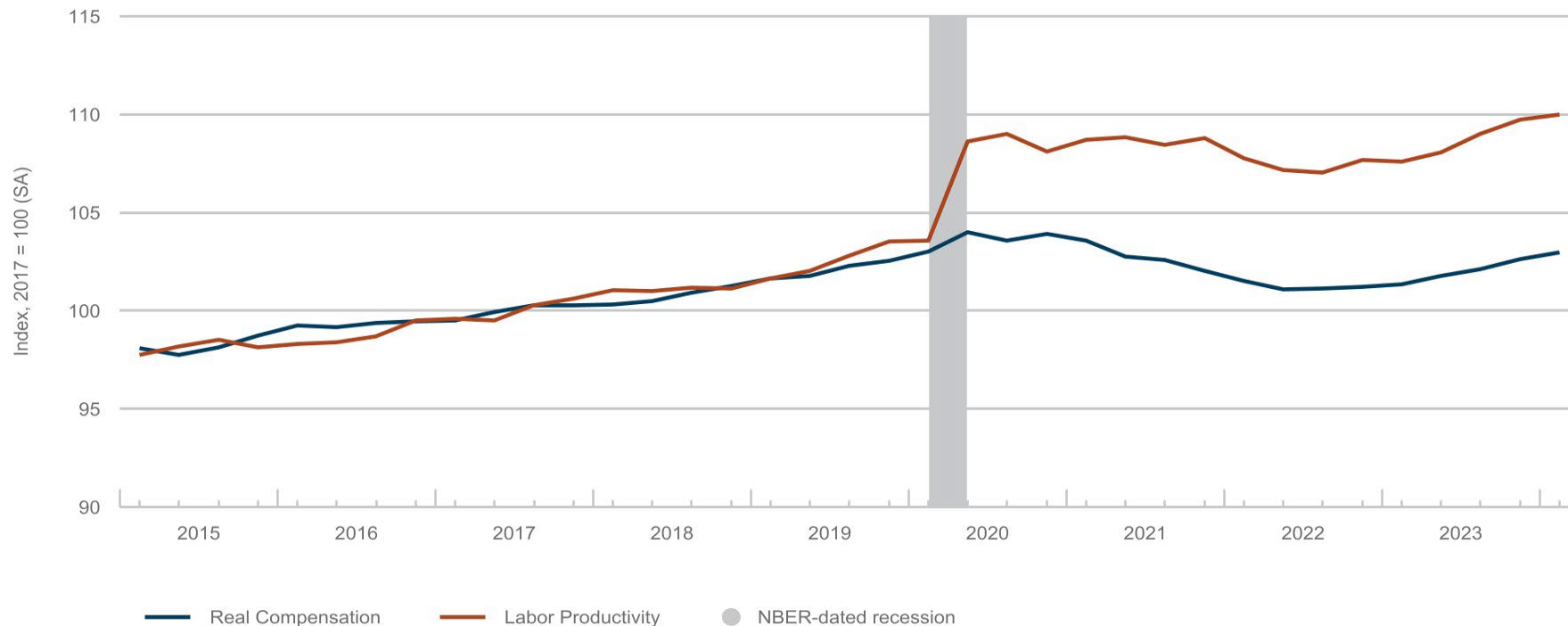
Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, University of Michigan / Haver Analytics.

Figure 5 | Wages and Prices



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

Figure 6 | Real Compensation and Labor Productivity

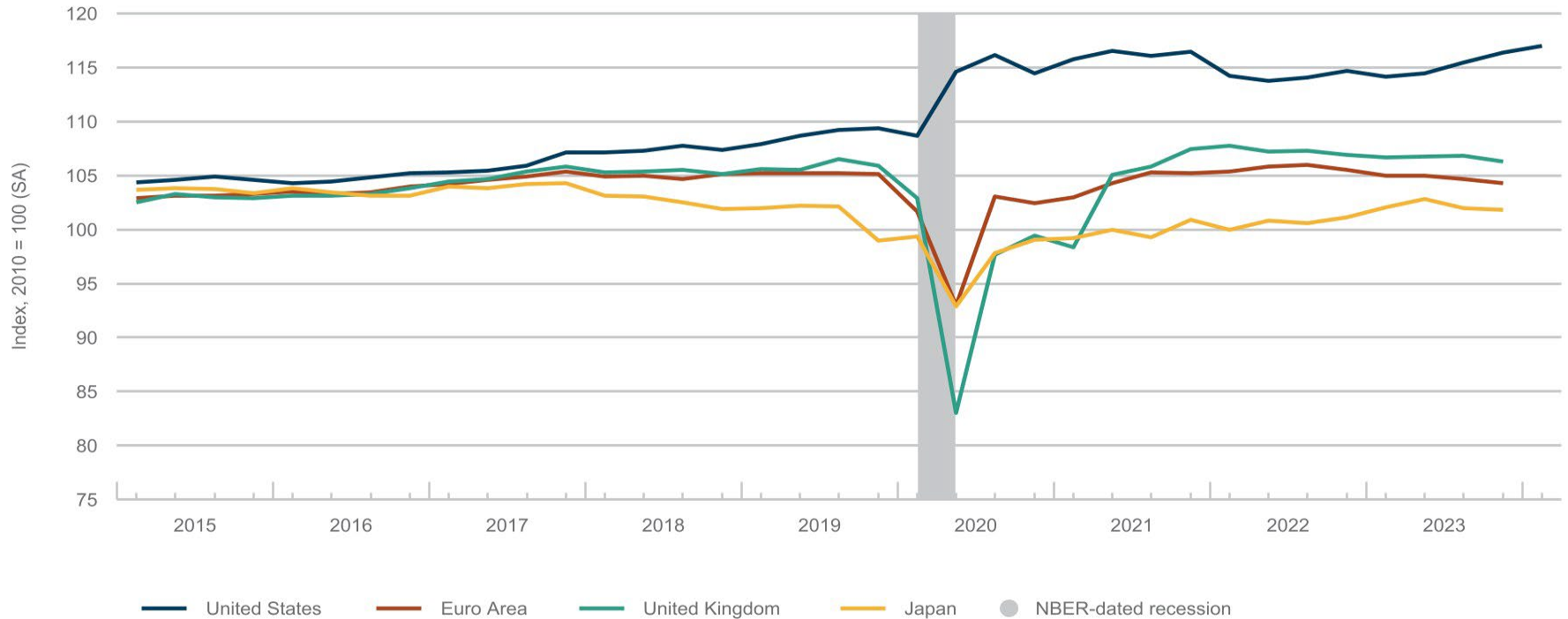


Note: Real compensation is defined as the Employment Cost Index (ECI) for Civilian Workers divided by the total PCE price index.

Labor productivity is defined as output per hours worked for the whole economy.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Author's Calculations / Haver Analytics.

Figure 7 | Labor Productivity Across Countries



Note: Labor Productivity is defined as output per employed person for the whole economy.

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Cabinet Office/Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare (Japan), Office of National Statistics (U.K.), Statistcal Office of the European Communities / Haver Analytics.

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