U.S. and Nebraska Economic Outlook

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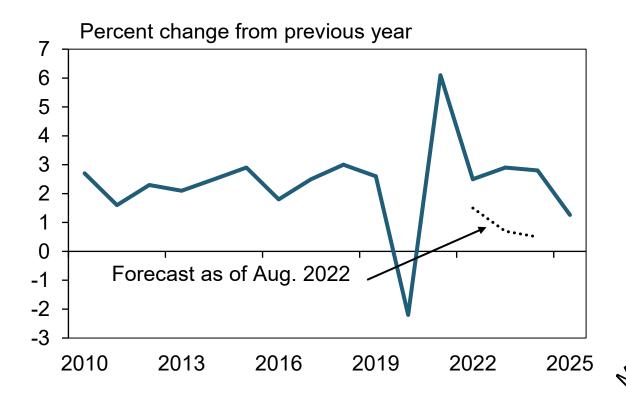


Outlook Themes

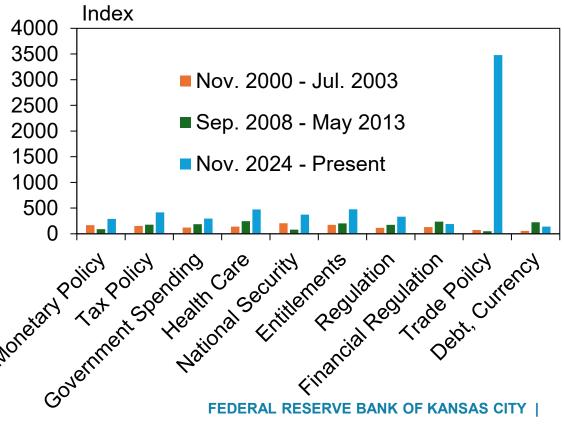
- Economic growth has been resilient despite a variety of potential risks and uncertainties.
- Nebraska's economy has also remained steady, with the exception of weaker conditions in agriculture.
- The job market has cooled somewhat, but unemployment remains low and inflation has also eased in recent months.

Economic growth has been resilient despite significant uncertainty related to policy.

U.S. Real GDP Growth



Drivers of Economic Policy Uncertainty



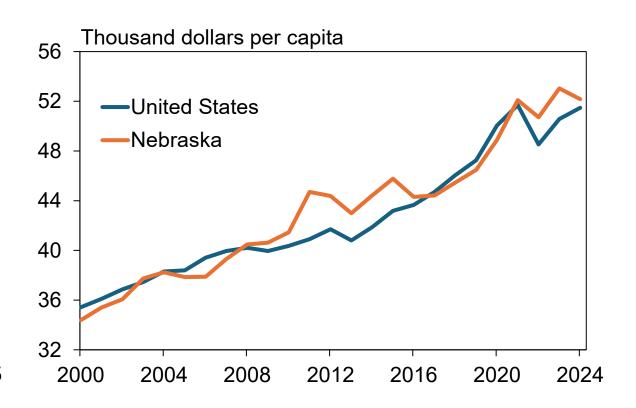
Note: 2025 GDP annualized using data through Q2. Sources: BEA, Haver Analytics, PolicyUncertainty.com

Growth has been powered by the strength of consumers.

Contribution to U.S. Real GDP

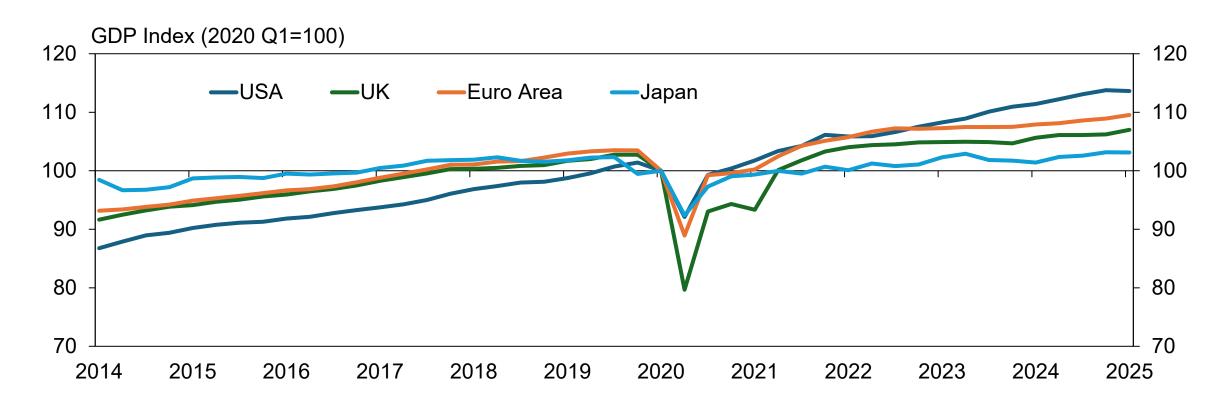
Quarter/Quarter % change annualized ■ Real GDP ■ Personal Consumption: Contribution to Real GDP 4 -2 Q1-22 Q1-23 Q1-24 Q1-25

Real Disposable Personal Income



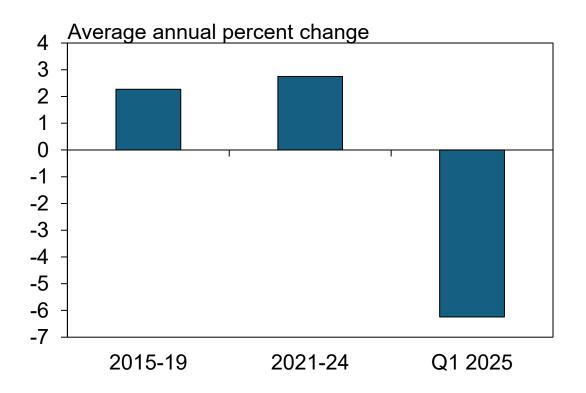
The U.S. economy has outperformed relative to growth in other countries.

Real Gross Domestic Product

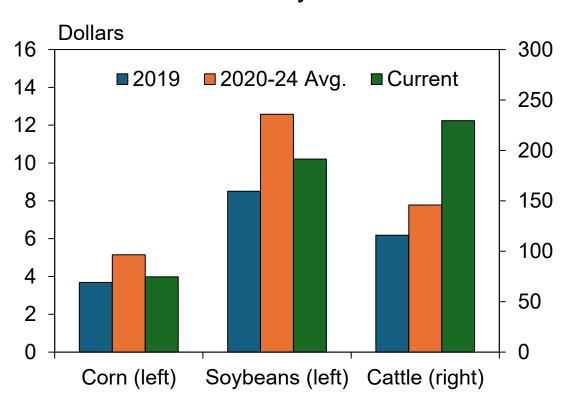


Economic growth in Nebraska has also been strong, with the exception of agriculture recently.

Nebraska GDP



Commodity Prices

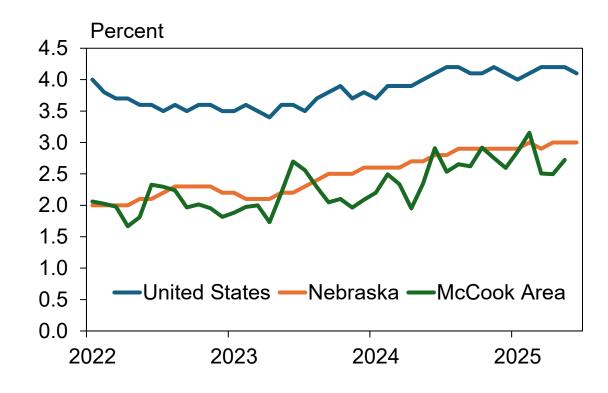


Although job growth has softened, unemployment still remains historically low.



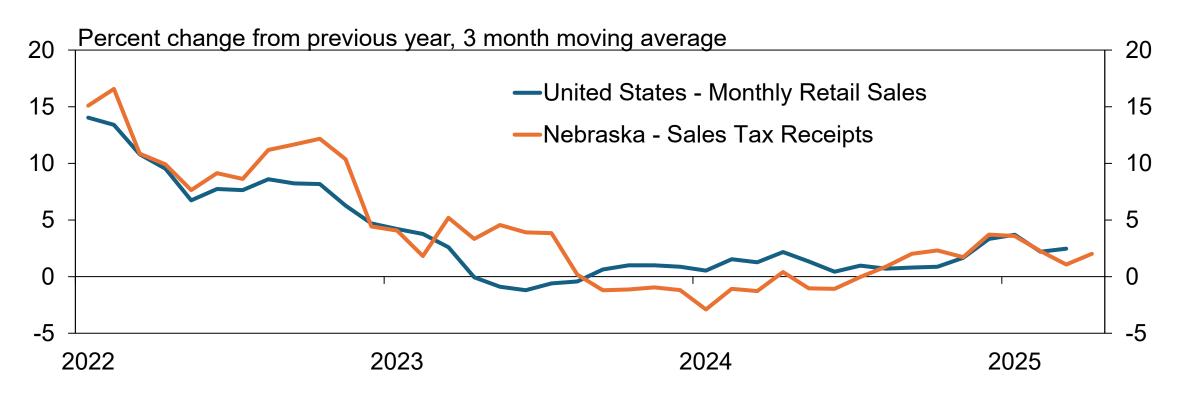
Pct. change from previous year United States Nebraska United States Nebraska 2 2 2 2022 2023 2024 2025

Unemployment Rate



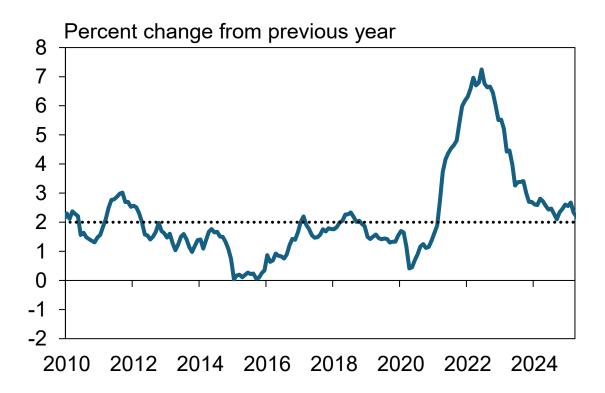
A softer job market has not yet led to a meaningful pullback in consumer spending.

Consumer Spending

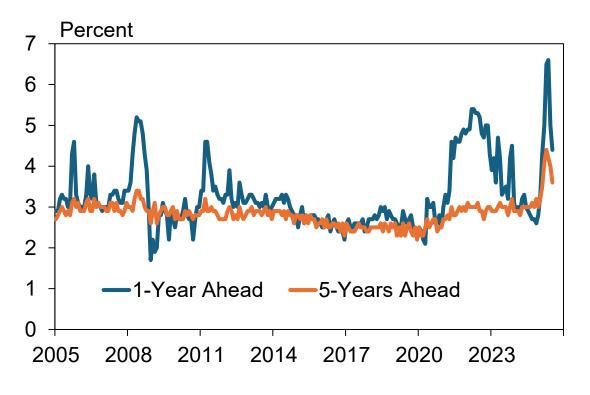


Inflation has moved closer to the Fed's target, with some uncertainty about the coming years.

U.S. Inflation



Inflation Expectations

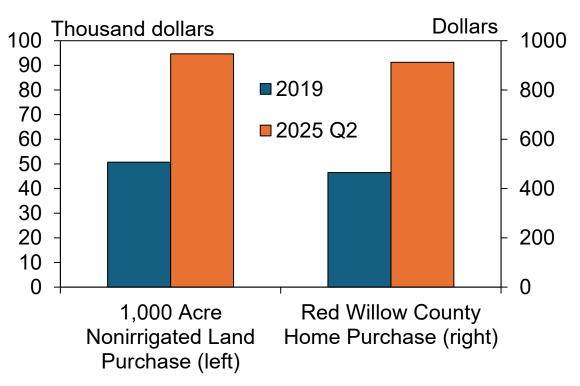


Real estate markets have also remained strong, but with implications for aspiring buyers.

Real Estate Values

Index, 2019 Avg. = 100 Nebraska Nonirrigated **Farmland** Red Willow County Home Price

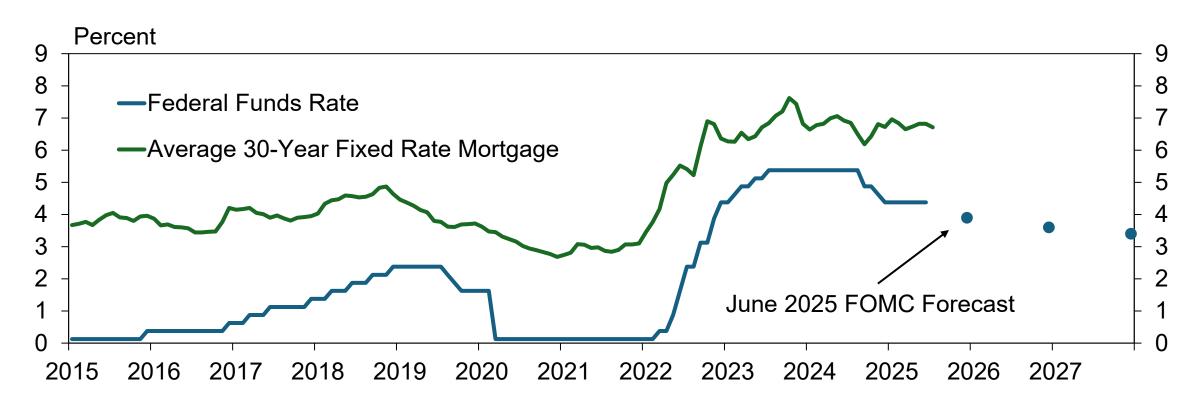
Monthly Mortgage Payments



Notes: Mortgage payments assume a 20% downpayment. Home mortgages use the average national 30-year fixed mortgage rate. Land mortgages use the national average real estate loan interest rate and average maturity length. Sources: Zillow, Federal Reserve Banks of Kansas City and St. Louis, Freddie Mac.

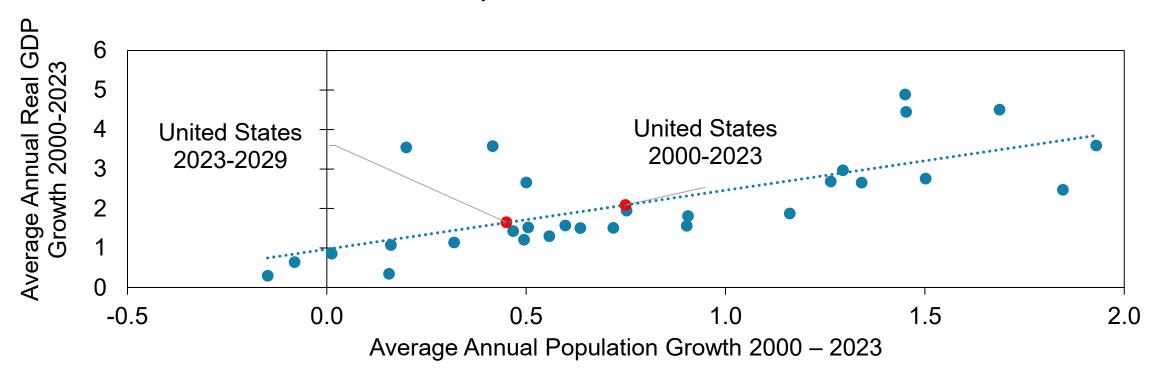
Interest rates have moved lower over the past year, but remain elevated alongside the Fed's dual mandate.

Interest Rates



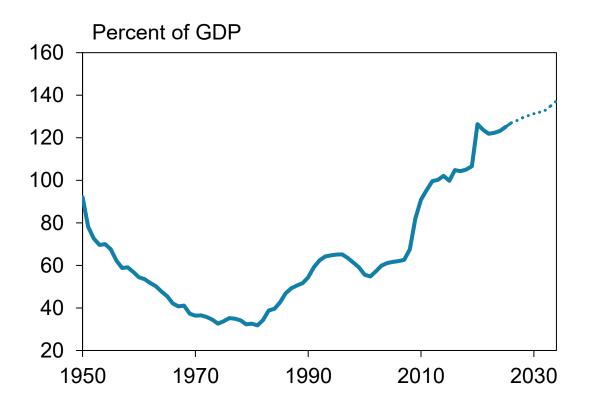
In the longer-term, demographics will be an important determinant of economic growth and interest rates.

GDP Growth vs. Population Growth Across Countries

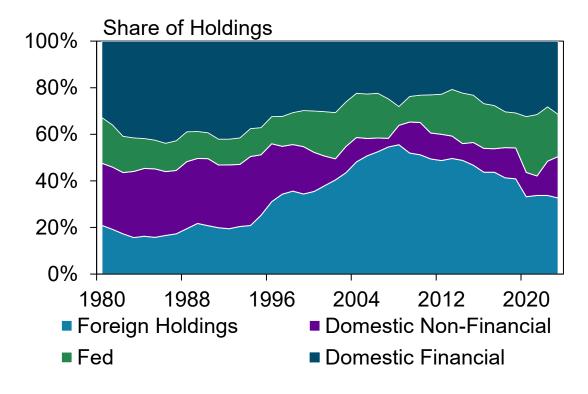


Government debt and demand for U.S. treasuries will also have implications for long-term economic conditions.

U.S. Federal Debt



U.S. Treasury Holdings



Concluding Remarks

 The U.S. economy remains in a strong position, despite some disparities and significant uncertainties.

 Nebraska's economy, with low unemployment and steady gains, also remains solid.

 Risks among crop producers, however, have increased over the past year and will be important to monitor.