

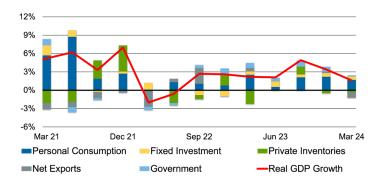
After several months of stronger than expected growth, the labor market is starting to soften. This may be an early sign that the Federal Reserve's restrictive policy actions are impacting growth. Consumer price inflation also slowed in the last month, although it still remains about the Fed's target growth rate. However, global commodity prices are showing some signs of upward price pressure, with copper hitting an all-time high of \$5 per pound in May.

#### GDP GROWTH SOFTENED IN THE FIRST QUARTER

| Q1 2023 | Q2 2023 | Q3 2023 | Q4 2023 | Q1 2024 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2.2%    | 2.1%    | 4.9%    | 3.4%    | 1.6%    |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY COMPONENT

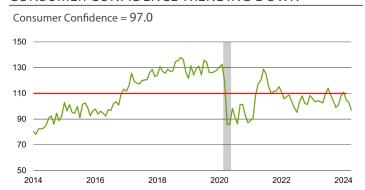


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#### **INDUSTRY OVERVIEW**

| SUPERSECTORS                         | 1-Month<br>Total Change | 1-Month<br>% Change |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Mining and Logging                   | -3,000                  | -0.5%               |
| Construction                         | 9,000                   | 0.1%                |
| Manufacturing                        | 8,000                   | 0.1%                |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 52,000                  | 0.2%                |
| Information                          | -8,000                  | -0.3%               |
| Financial Activities                 | 6,000                   | 0.1%                |
| Professional and Business Services   | -4,000                  | 0.0%                |
| Education and Health Services        | 95,000                  | 0.4%                |
| Leisure and Hospitality              | 5,000                   | 0.0%                |
| Other Services                       | 7,000                   | 0.1%                |
| Government                           | 8,000                   | 0.0%                |

#### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE TRENDING DOWN



Source: The Conference Board

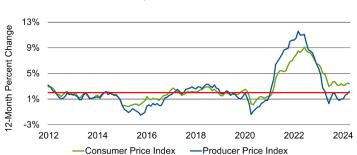
#### SMALL BUSINESS OPTIMISM REMAINS LOW



Source: National Federation of Independent Business

#### PRICE INFLATION MODERATING

Consumer Price Index = 3.4%; Producer Price Index = 2.2%



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### MANUFACTURING IN CONTRACTION TERRITORY

ISM Manufacturing Index = 49.2%



Source: Institute for Supply Management

## FREIGHT SHIPMENTS AROUND TREND

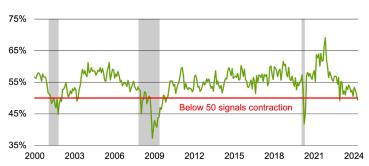
Cass Freight Index - Shipments = 1.1



Source: Cass Information Systems

#### SERVICES SECTOR INDEX TRENDING DOWN

ISM Services Index = 49.4%



Source: Institute for Supply Management

#### U.S. DOLLAR INDEX TRENDING UP

Trade-weighted Dollar Index = 122.5



Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (US)

#### **COMMODITIES AND FUTURES**

|             |          | As of May 20, 2024 | Yearly Change |
|-------------|----------|--------------------|---------------|
| Crude Oil   | Ä        | 79.80              | +10.9%        |
| Copper      | CU 29    | 5.0790             | +37.8%        |
| Live Cattle |          | 181.475            | +10.0%        |
| Lumber      | <b>%</b> | 526.00             | +4.8%         |

Source: Wall Street Journal

|        |           | As of May 20, 2024 | Yearly Change |
|--------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|
| Gold   |           | 2438.50            | +23.3%        |
| Silver |           | 32.426             | +5.9%         |
| Corn   | <b>\$</b> | 460.50             | -19.4%        |
| Wheat  | Ĥ         | 688.75             | +13.6%        |

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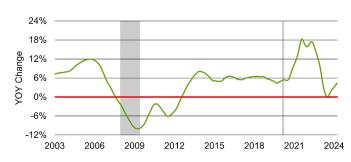
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#### TYPICAL U.S. HOME PRICE GROWTH INCREASES

Year-Over-Year = 4.3%



Source: Zillow

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