



## **Economic Outlook and Portfolio Strategy**

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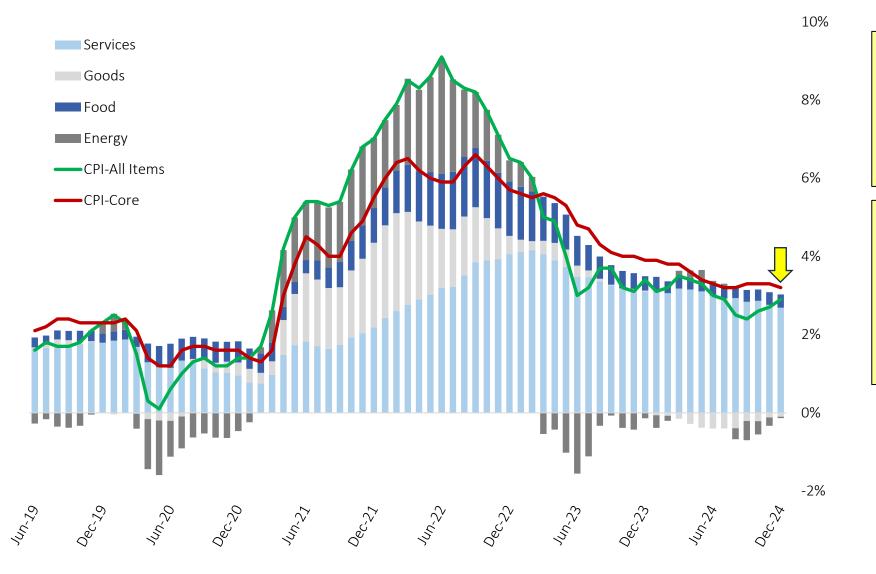
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- The U.S. economy remains on solid ground with GDP near +3.0%, unemployment at 4.1% and *shelter costs moving lower*.
- The Fed cut the overnight rate on December 18<sup>th</sup> by 25 bps but signaled a *pause* at the January meeting (*tomorrow*). It is unclear when the committee will resume easing.

# Consumer Inflation Consumer Price Index (CPI) (Year-over-Year % Change)





Energy prices drove the annual headline CPI rate to +2.9% in December, but core CPI fell to +3.2%.

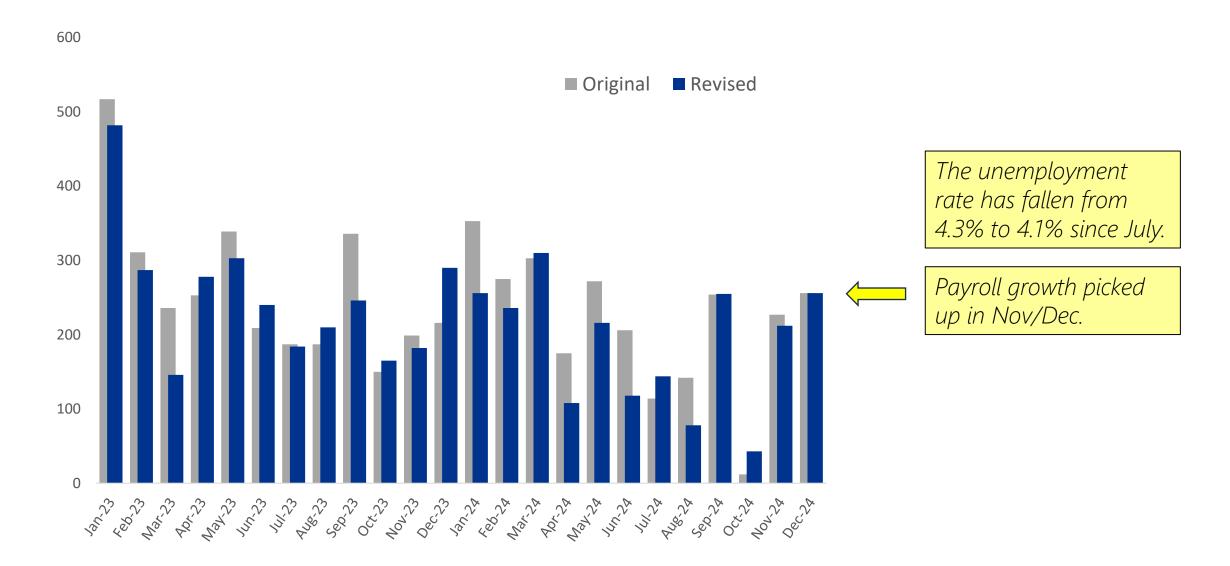
Shelter costs in the December CPI report were up by "just" +4.6%, the smallest annual increase since early 2021.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Employment

### Non-Farm Payrolls (thousands)





## Bloomberg Economist Survey (January 24, 2025)



January 2025	Q1 25	Q2 25	Q3 25	Q4 25	Q1 26	Q2 26	Q3 26	Q4 26	Q1 27	Q2 27
Economy										
Real GDP Q-Q% SAAR	2.30	2.10	2.10	2.00	1.80	1.50	1.60			
Unemployment Rate	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.20	3.90	3.80				
Headline CPI (Y-O-Y)	2.70	2.50	2.90	2.80	2.60	2.60	2.50			
Core PCE (Y-O-Y)	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.40	2.40	2.30				
Fed Funds (Upper Bound) Current = 4.50	D									
Jan Survey Median	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	3.75	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Dec Survey Median	4.25	4.00	3.75	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	n/a
Change in Medians	0.00	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Treasury Yields 1/24/2025	5									
Average US 2-Year 4.26	4.14	4.01	3.89	3.82	3.73	3.66	3.60	3.58	3.52	3.53
Average US 5-Year 4.43	4.29	4.21	4.13	4.08	4.02	3.98	3.93	3.92	3.88	3.87
Average US 10-Year 4.63	4.47	4.42	4.36	4.34	4.27	4.22	4.20	4.17	4.13	4.12
Average US 30-Year 4.86	4.68	4.65	4.60	4.57	4.50	4.49	4.45	4.45	4.38	4.37

The US economy will expand 2.8% in 2024, 2.2% in 2025, and 2.0% in 2026 according to a survey by Bloomberg News.

- Survey of 84 economists conducted from Jan. 16 to Jan. 22
- Chance of a recession happening over the next 12 months remained at 20% versus prior survey 25%, according to 49 respondents
- Q4 2024 GDP forecast at +2.5% q/q annualized versus prior survey +2.3%
- Q1 2025 GDP forecast at +2.1% q/q annualized versus prior survey +1.9%
- 2025 CPI forecast at +2.6% y/y versus prior survey +2.5%
- Fed funds rate upper-bound seen at 4.50% at Jan. 29 meeting, current rate is 4.50%

U.S. Treasuries					
o 6-month	<del>4.47%</del>	<del>4.45%</del>	<del>4.34%</del>	4.28%	
o 12-month	<del>3.98%</del>	4.19%	4 <del>.17%</del>	4.16%	
o 24-month	<del>3.64%</del>	<del>3.96%</del>	<u>4.11%</u>	4.25%	
o 36-month	<del>3.52%</del>	<del>3.87%</del>	<del>4.06%</del>	4.32%	

#### Florida QPD Savings

• Multiple banks at <u>2.50%</u> to <u>5.00%</u> <u>4.50%</u>

Overnight Investment Pools	( <mark>1/23/25</mark> )

o Fl. Prime	<del>5.29%</del>	<del>5.04%</del>	<del>4.79%</del>	4.54%
o Fl. Trust	<del>5.38%</del>	<del>5.02%</del>	<del>4.68%</del>	4.42%
o Fl. Class	<del>5.32%</del>	<del>4.98%</del>	<del>4.69%</del>	4.46%
o Fl. Safe	<del>5.21%</del>	<del>4.98%</del>	<del>4.64%</del>	4.50%
o FI. PALM	<del>5.35%</del>	<del>4.99%</del>	4.74%	4.49%
o Fl. STAR	<del>5.01%</del>	<del>4.90%</del>	<del>4.63%</del>	4.40%



#### Upcoming Maturities:

- Feb 15 Treasury
  Feb 25 FL Palm
  - \$13 mm @ 4.32% \$10.4 mm @ 5.20%

#### Recent Investments:

- o \$10 mm Treasury to April 2026 @ 4.17% 4.27%
- o \$15 mm Treasury to May 2026 @ 4.16% 4.19%
- o \$15 mm Treasury to July 2026 @ 4.13% 4.23%
- o \$10 mm Treasury to Aug 2026 @ 4.14% 4.25%
- o \$25 mm Treasury to Sept 2026 @ 4.13% 4.17%
- \$20 mm FHLB to Oct 2026 @ 4.12% 4.26%
- o \$20 mm Treasury or Agency to April 2027 @ 4.09% 4.20%
- o \$20 mm Treasury or Agency to May 2027 @ 4.08% 4.16%
- o \$25 mm Treasury or Agency to Sept 2027 @ 4.07% 4.15%
- o \$10 mm Treasury or Agency to Oct 2027 @ 4.06% 4.22%

#### Recommended Purchases

- o \$20 mm Treasury or Agency to *Aug 2027*@ 4.28%
- o \$15 mm Treasury or Agency to *Oct 2027* @ 4.29%
- o \$10 mm Treasury or Agency to July 2028 @ 4.34%
- o \$25 mm Treasury or Agency to *Aug 2028* @ 4.35%
- o \$25 mm Treasury or Agency to *Sept 2028* @ 4.36%
- o \$25 mm Treasury or Agency to *Oct 2028* @ 4.37%

Monthly expenses to be paid from balances in Florida Prime pool.

Motion to implement recommendations of our financial advisor based on the report submitted today and recommend the Clerk implement said Board <mark>recommendations.</mark>

### Portfolio Snapshot (December 31, 2024, ... projected Jan 31, 2025) HilltopSecurities

	Dec 31 Portfolio		Proposed	Proi	Projected Jan Portfolio		
		Dec 31 i origon	Policy Limit	Invest /	110		
Cash Equivalents	Allocation	Current %	Deviation	(Divest)	Allocation	Proposed %	Policy Limit Deviation
Bank QPD Funds	60,160,71	2 5.9%	-94.1%	-	60,160,712	5.9%	-94.1%
Florida Prime	204,984,780	20.1%	-9.9%	(105,000,000)	99,984,780	9.8%	-20.2%
Other Cash Pools	18,808,857	1.8%	-24.4%	-	18,808,857	1.8%	-24.4%
Total Liquid Funds	283,954,349	27.9%		(105,000,000)	178,954,349	17.6%	
Investments							
Treasuries	190,952,368	8 18.8%	-81.2%	120,000,000	310,952,368	30.5%	-69.5%
Agencies	348,951,800	5 34.3%	-45.7%	(15,000,000)	333,951,806	32.8%	-47.2%
MBS	966,32	7 0.1%	-29.9%	-	966,327	0.1%	-29.9%
Fixed Term Pool (PALM)	140,333,542	2 13.8%	-24.4%	-	140,333,542	13.8%	-24.4%
Repos	-	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
Munis	-	0.0%	-20.0%	-	-	0.0%	-20.0%
Corporates	-	0.0%	-10.0%	-	-	0.0%	-10.0%
Commercial Paper	-	0.0%	-20.0%	-	-	0.0%	-20.0%
CDs	53,210,261	5.2%	-19.8%	-	53,210,261	5.2%	-19.8%
Total Investments	734,414,304	72.1%		105,000,000	839,414,304	82.4%	
Total Portfolio	1,018,368,653	100.0%	]		1,018,368,653	100.0%	
Avg Portolio Maturity in days	(as of 12/31)	311	]		(Projected Jan)	450	
Portfolio by Maturity		Curi	ent		Propos	sed *	
		Portfolio %	WA Yield		Portfolio %	WA Yield	
Less than 90 days		35.8%	4.73%		24.0%	4.75%	
3 - 12 months 33.0%		33.0%	4.69%		33.0%	4.69%	
Beyond 12 months 31.3%		31.3%	4.24%		43.1%	4.27%	
	Total	100.0%	4.56%		100.0%	4.52%	

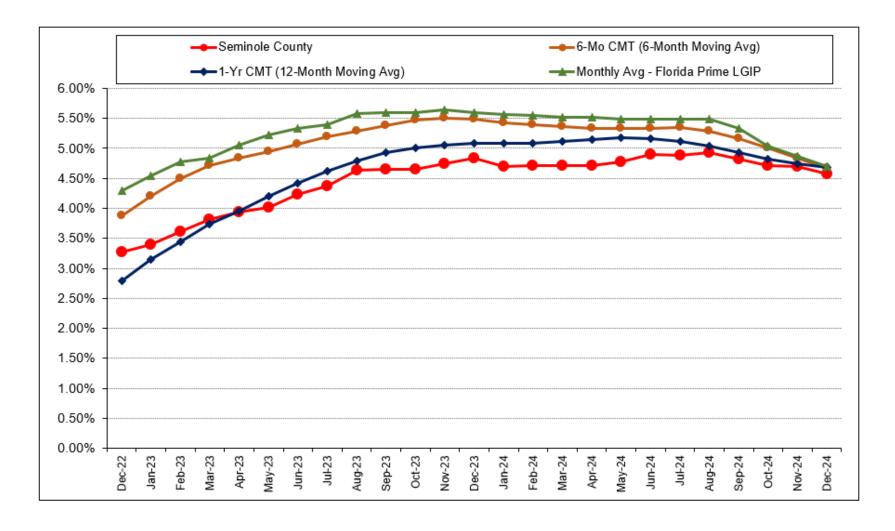
\* Proposed portfolio %.

Po	rtfolio Stats	<mark>12/31/24</mark>
	Avg. maturity:	311 days
-	Avg. yield:	4.56%
-	Fixed/Floating:	72% / 28%
	<90 days	\$364 mm

Portfolio Stats		<mark>1/31/25</mark>
-	Avg. maturity:	450 days
-	Avg. yield:	4.52%
-	Fixed/Floating:	82% / 18%
•	<90 days	\$244 mm

### Benchmark Comparison 12/31/2024

		6-Mo	1-Yr CMT	Monthly	
	Seminole	CMT (6-	(12-	Avg -	
		Month	Month	Florida	
	County	Moving	Moving	Prime	
		Avg)	Avg)	LGIP	
Dec-22	3.27%	3.87%	2.79%	4.30%	
Jan-23	3.40%	4.20%	3.15%	4.55%	
Feb-23	3.62%	4.50%	3.45%	4.77%	
Mar-23	3.82%	4.72%	3.73%	4.84%	
Apr-23	3.94%	4.84%	3.96%	5.06%	
May-23	4.01%	4.95%	4.21%	5.23%	
Jun-23	4.23%	5.07%	4.42%	5.33%	
Jul-23	4.37%	5.20%	4.62%	5.39%	
Aug-23	4.63%	5.29%	4.80%	5.58%	
Sep-23	4.65%	5.38%	4.93%	5.59%	
Oct-23	4.65%	5.47%	5.01%	5.60%	
Nov-23	4.75%	5.50%	5.06%	5.64%	
Dec-23	4.84%	5.49%	5.08%	5.60%	
Jan-24	4.70%	5.43%	5.09%	5.57%	
Feb-24	4.72%	5.39%	5.09%	5.55%	
Mar-24	4.71%	5.36%	5.12%	5.52%	
Apr-24	4.72%	5.33%	5.15%	5.52%	
May-24	4.77%	5.33%	5.17%	5.48%	
Jun-24	4.90%	5.34%	5.16%	5.49%	
Jul-24	4.88%	5.34%	5.12%	5.49%	
Aug-24	4.93%	5.29%	5.04%	5.48%	
Sep-24	4.82%	5.16%	4.93%	5.33%	
Oct-24	4.71%	5.00%	4.82%	5.04%	
Nov-24	4.69%	4.84%	4.75%	4.87%	
Dec-24	4.57%	4.66%	4.69%	4.70%	



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