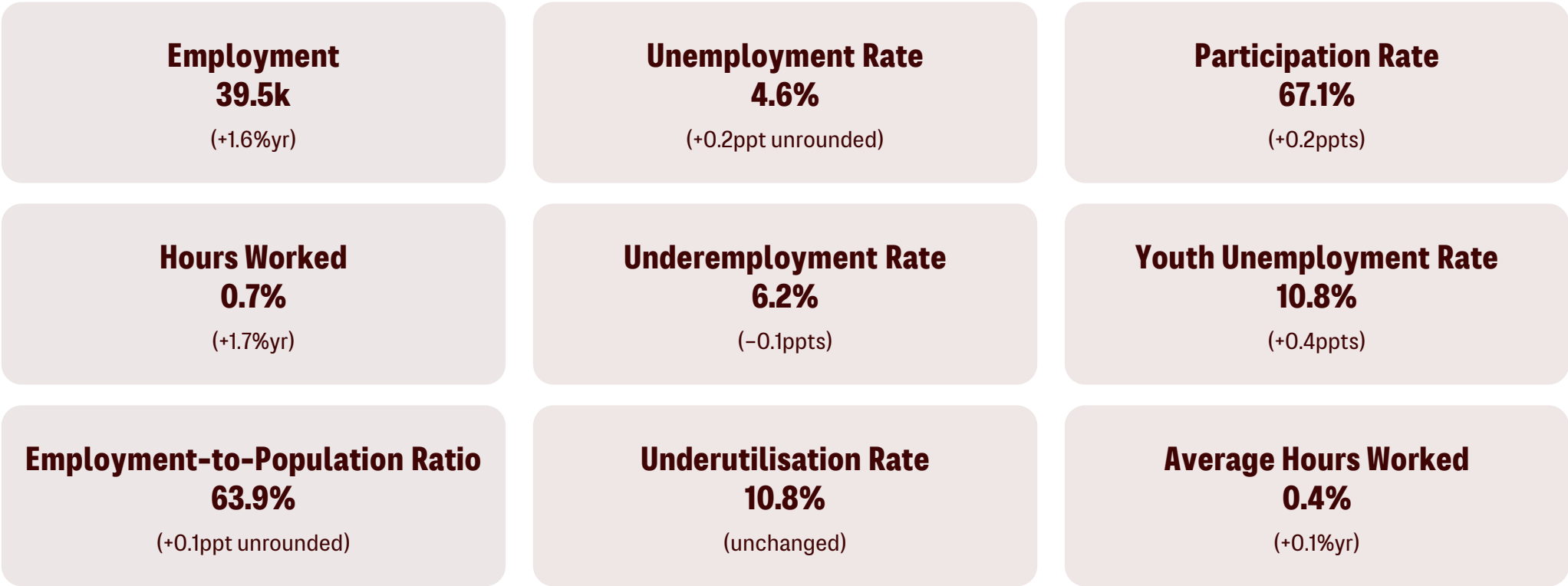


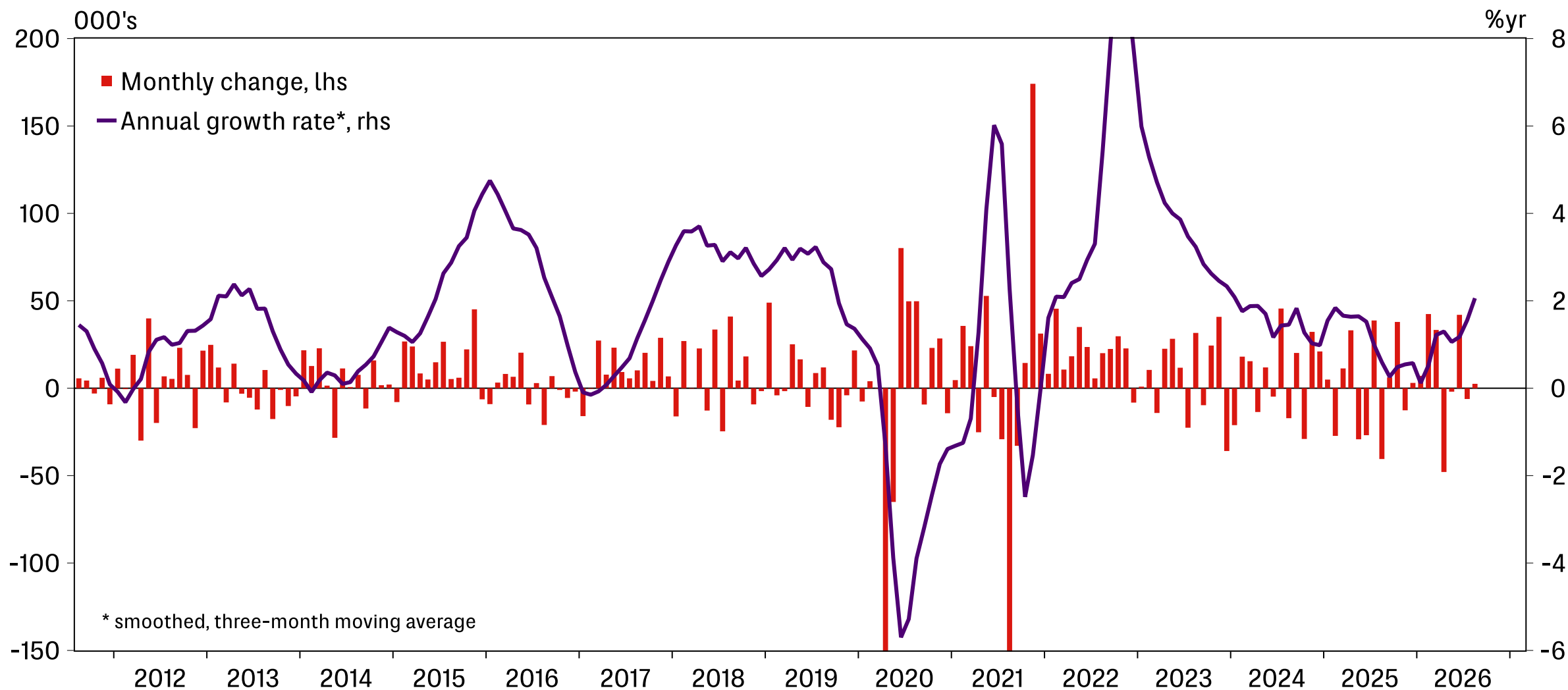
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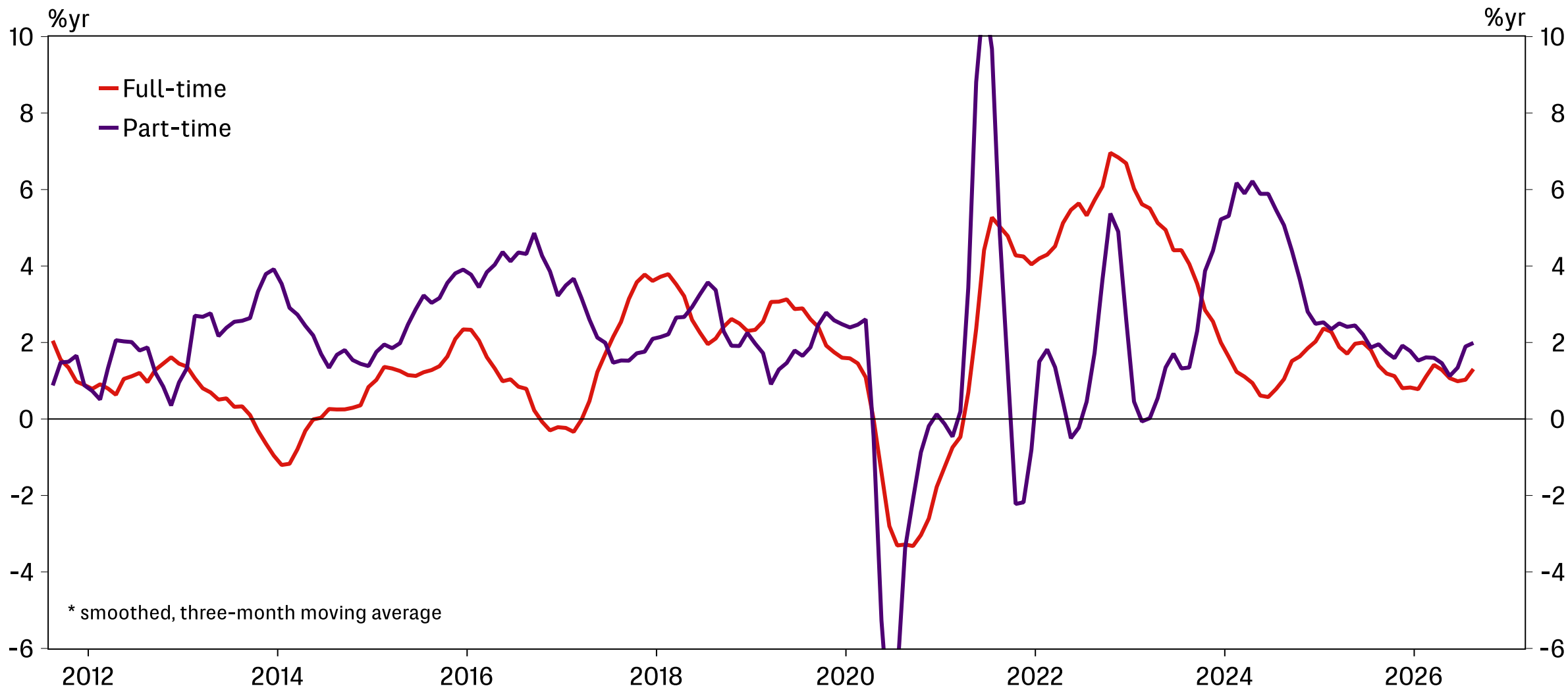
Employment growth



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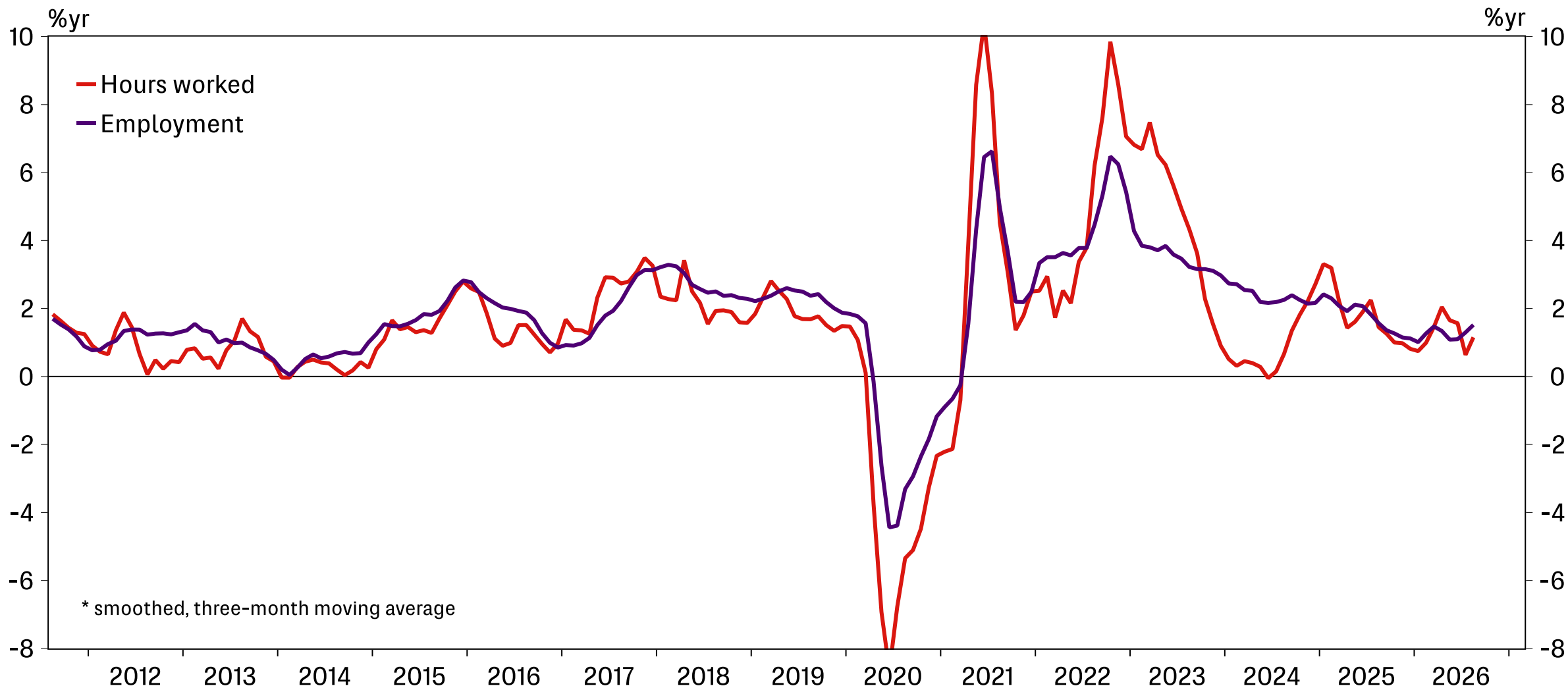


Employment: full-time and part-time



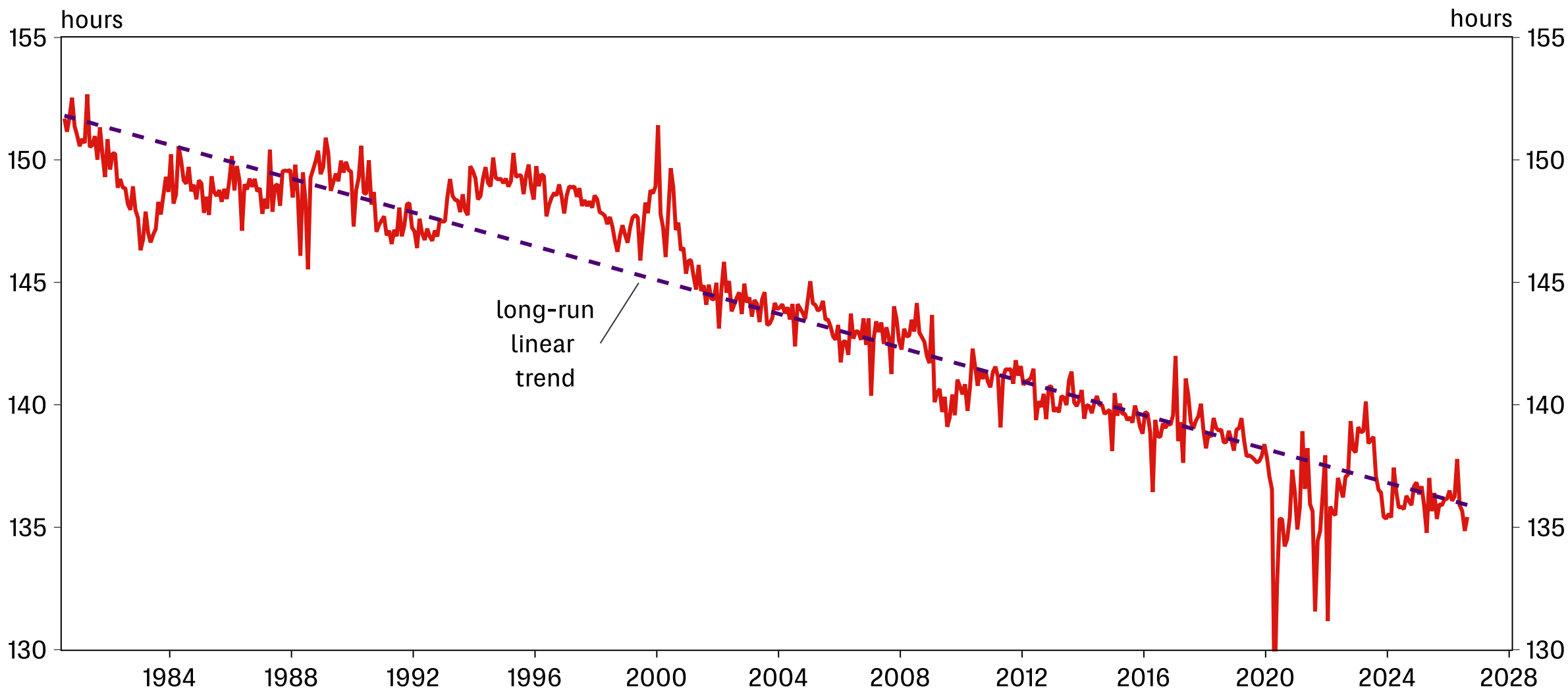
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Employment vs. hours worked



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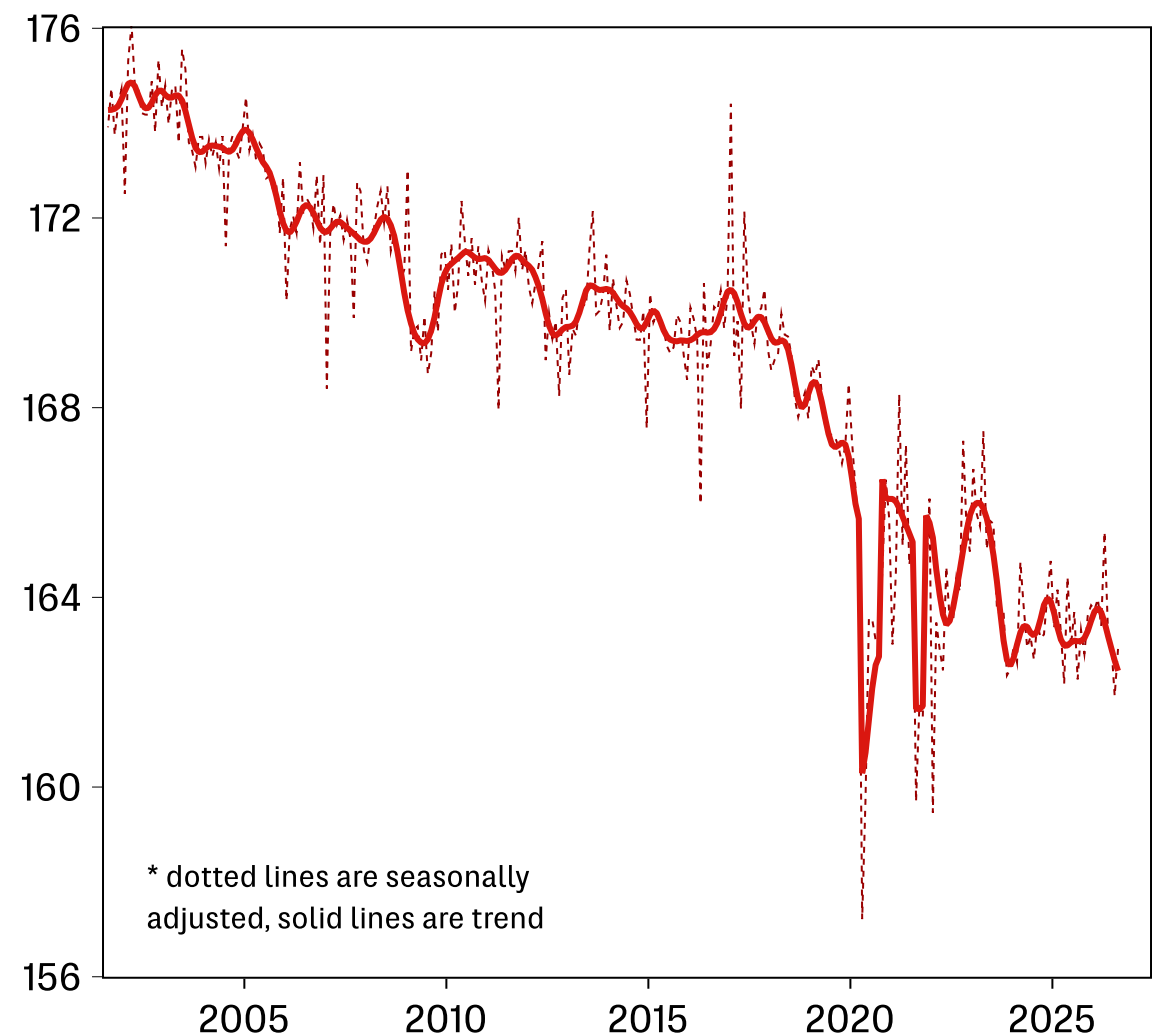
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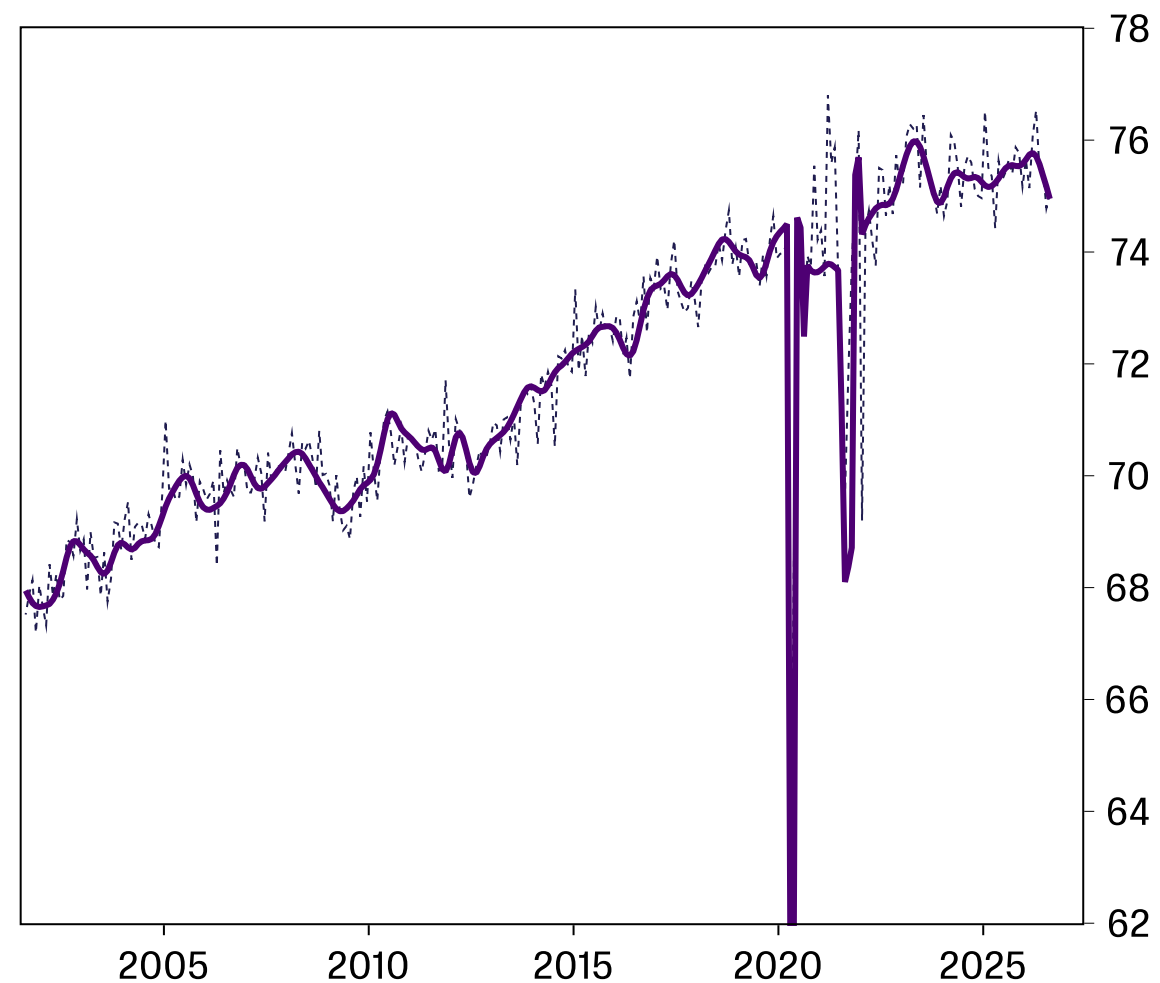
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Average monthly hours worked: full-time and part-time

Full-Time Employment (hours)



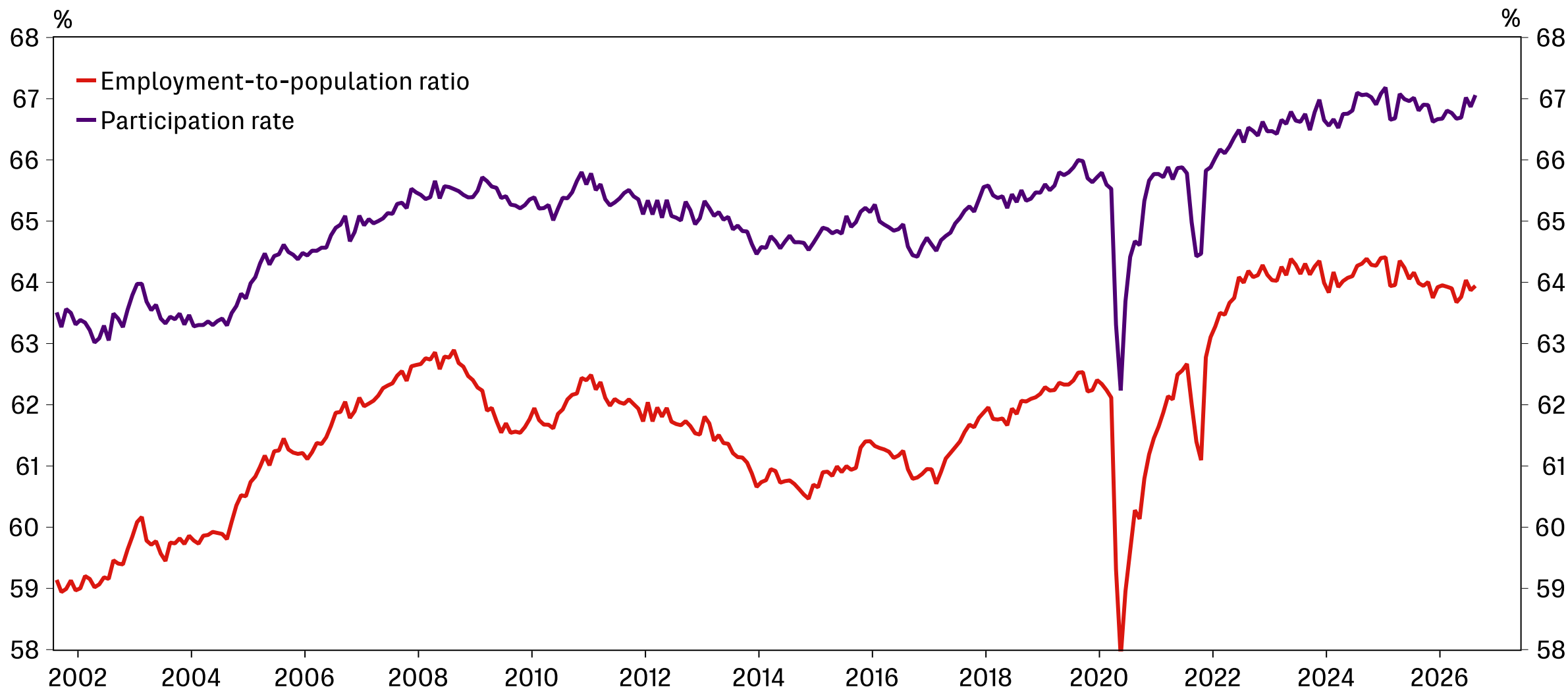
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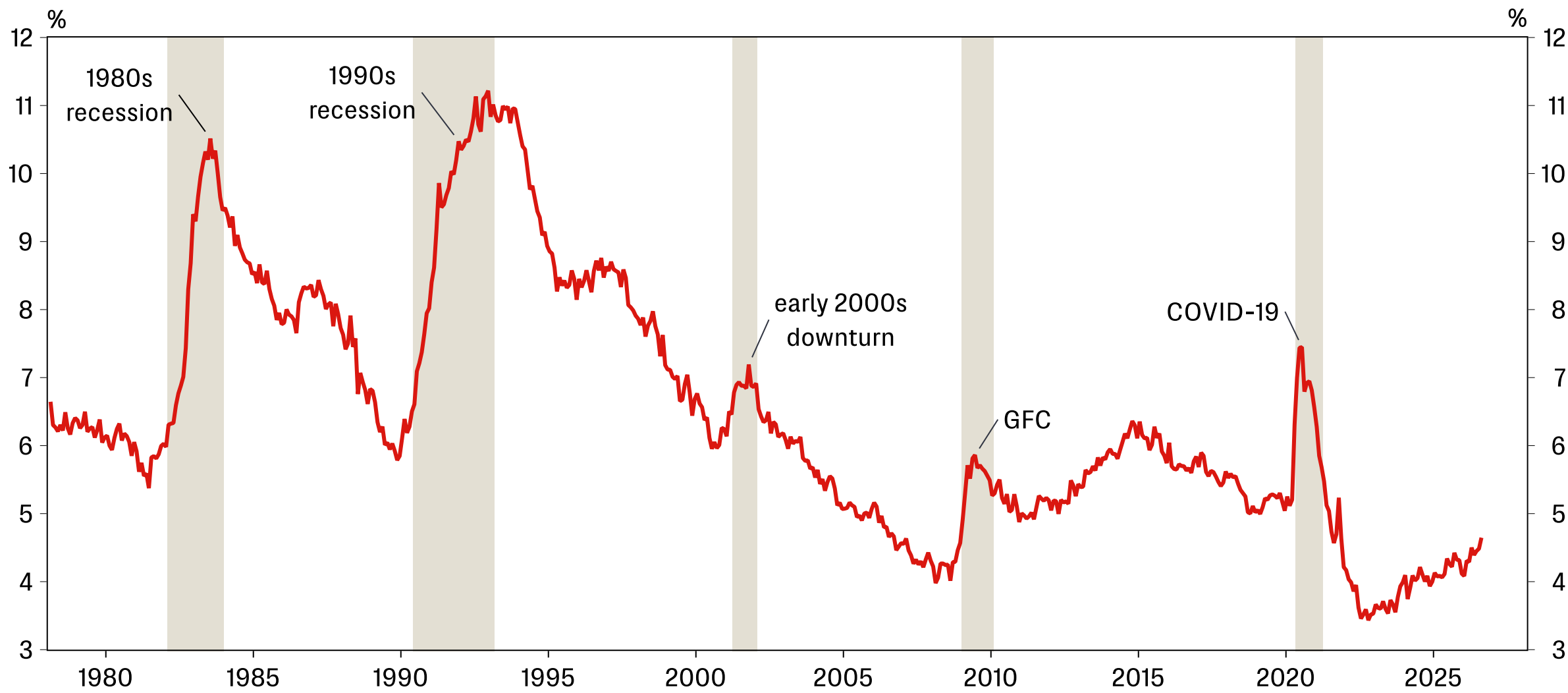
Employment-to-population ratio and participation rate



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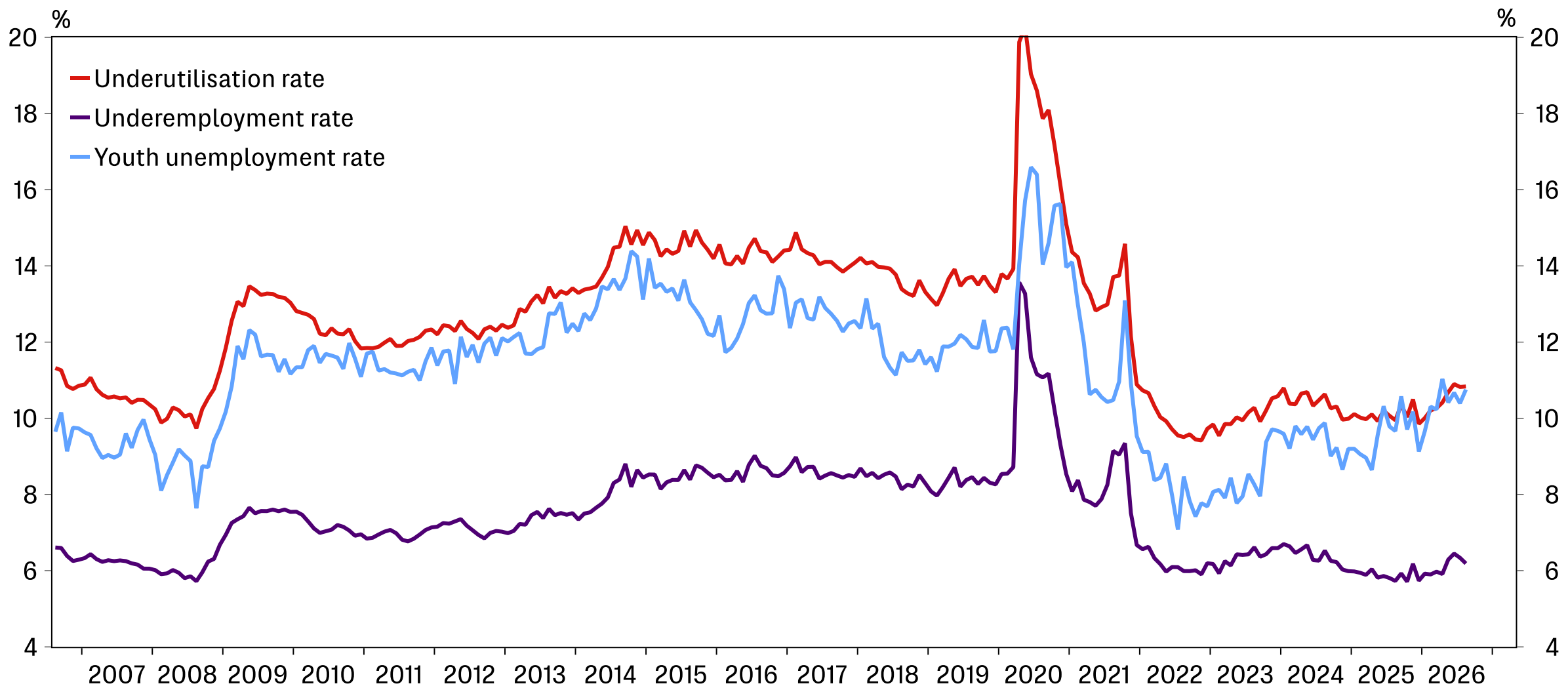


Unemployment rate



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Other measures of labour market slack

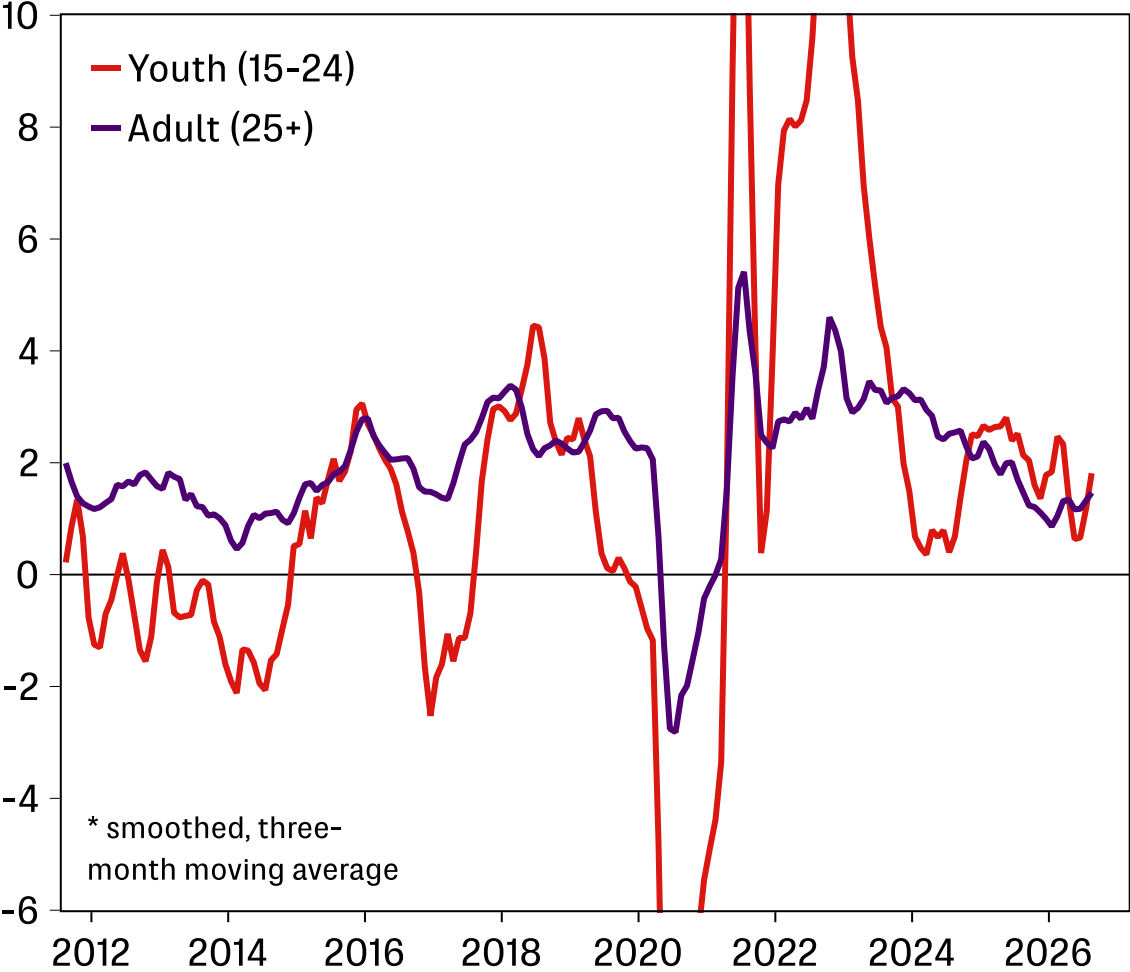


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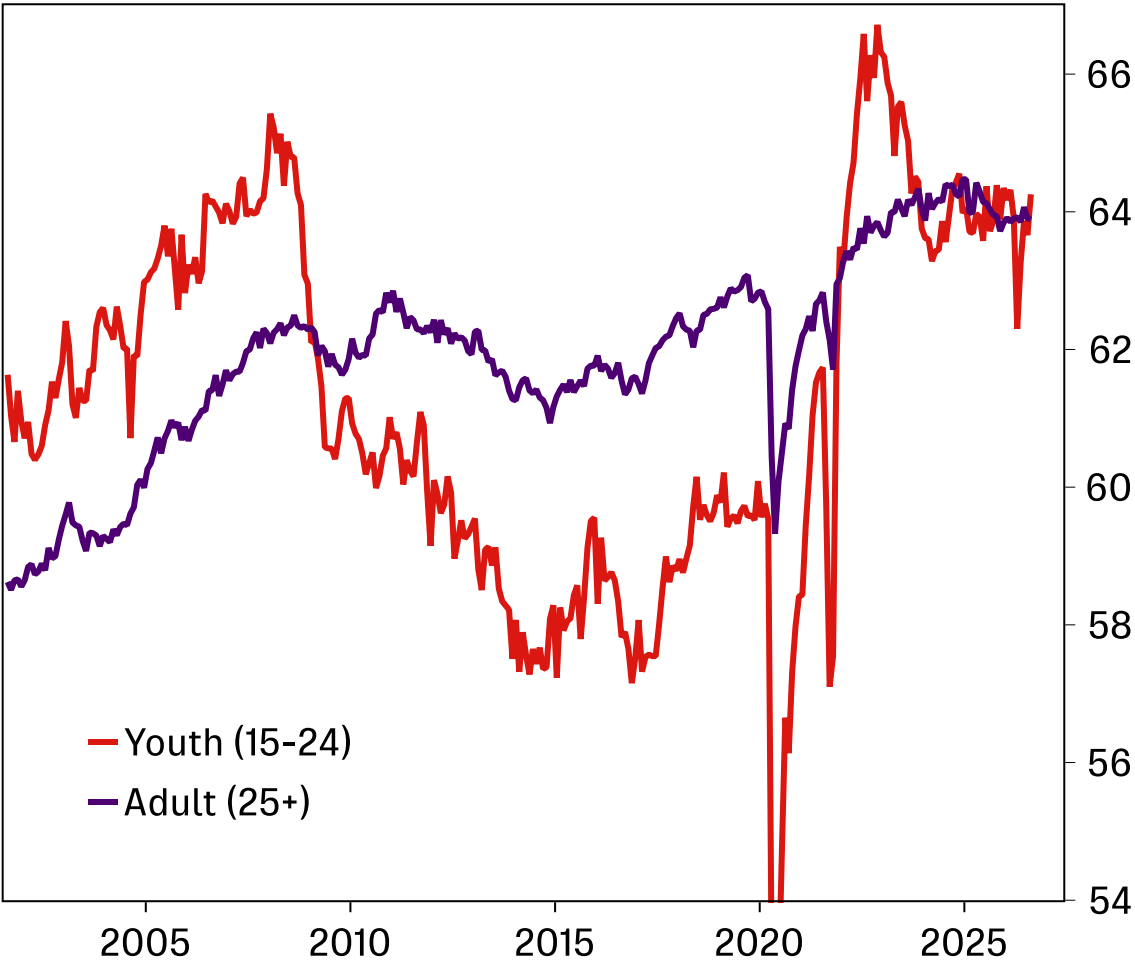


Trends by age

Employment Growth (%yr)



Employment-to-Population Ratio (%)

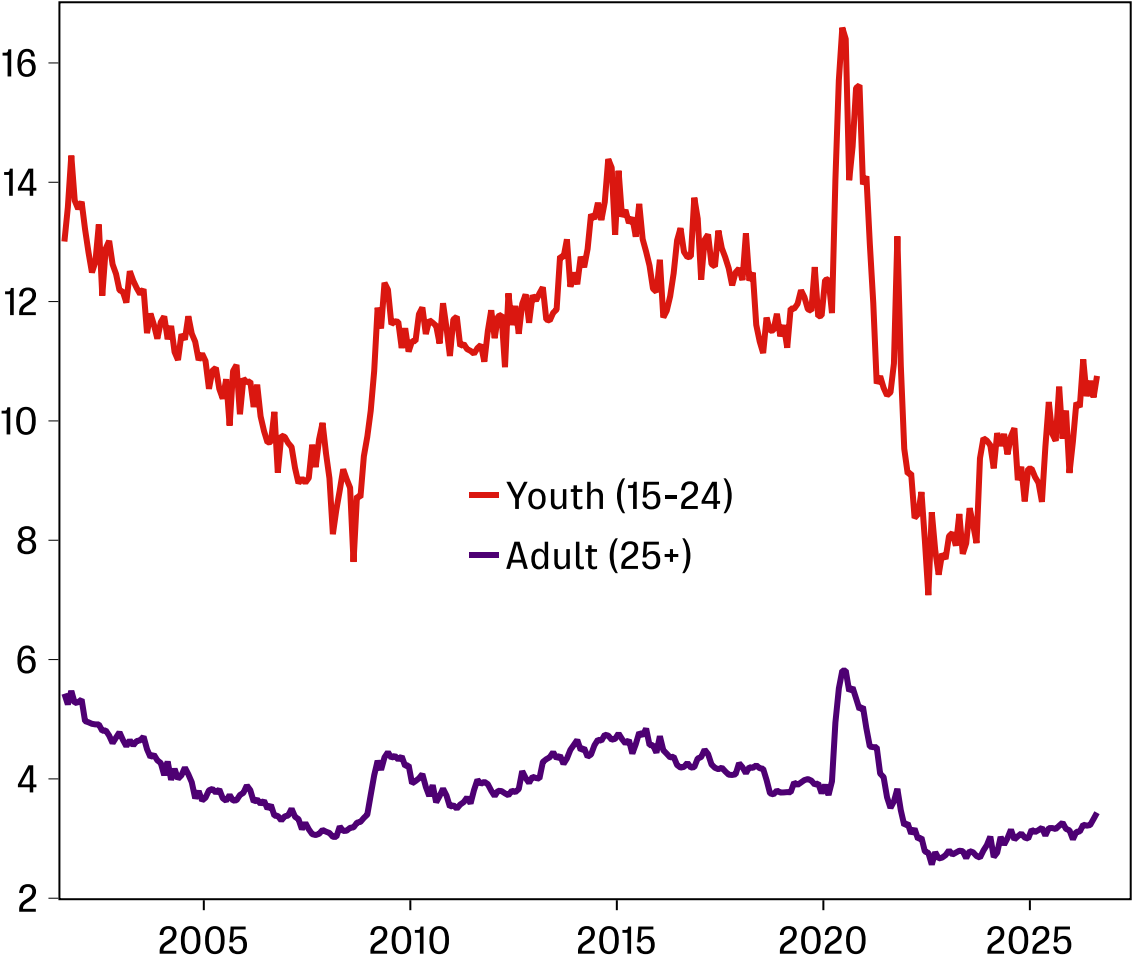


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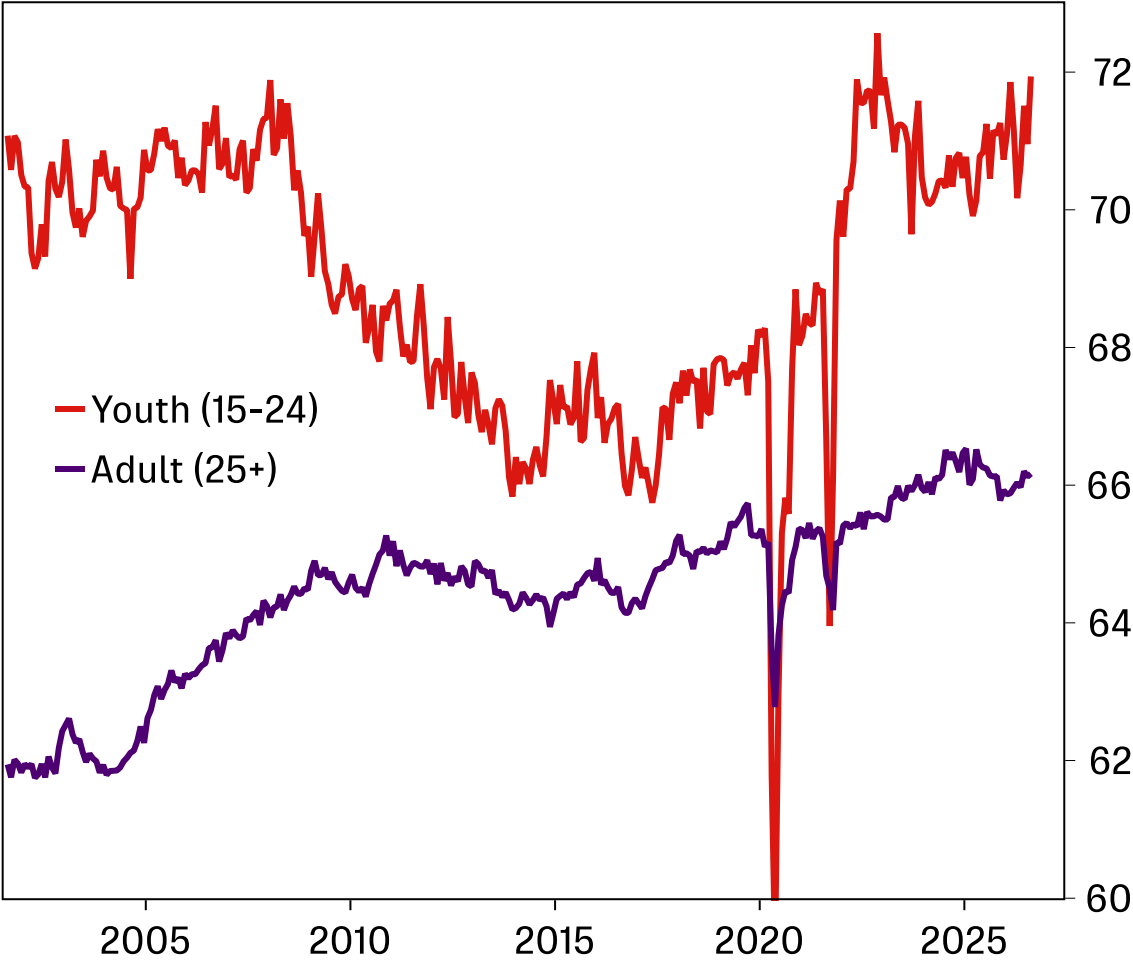


Trends by age

Unemployment Rate (%)



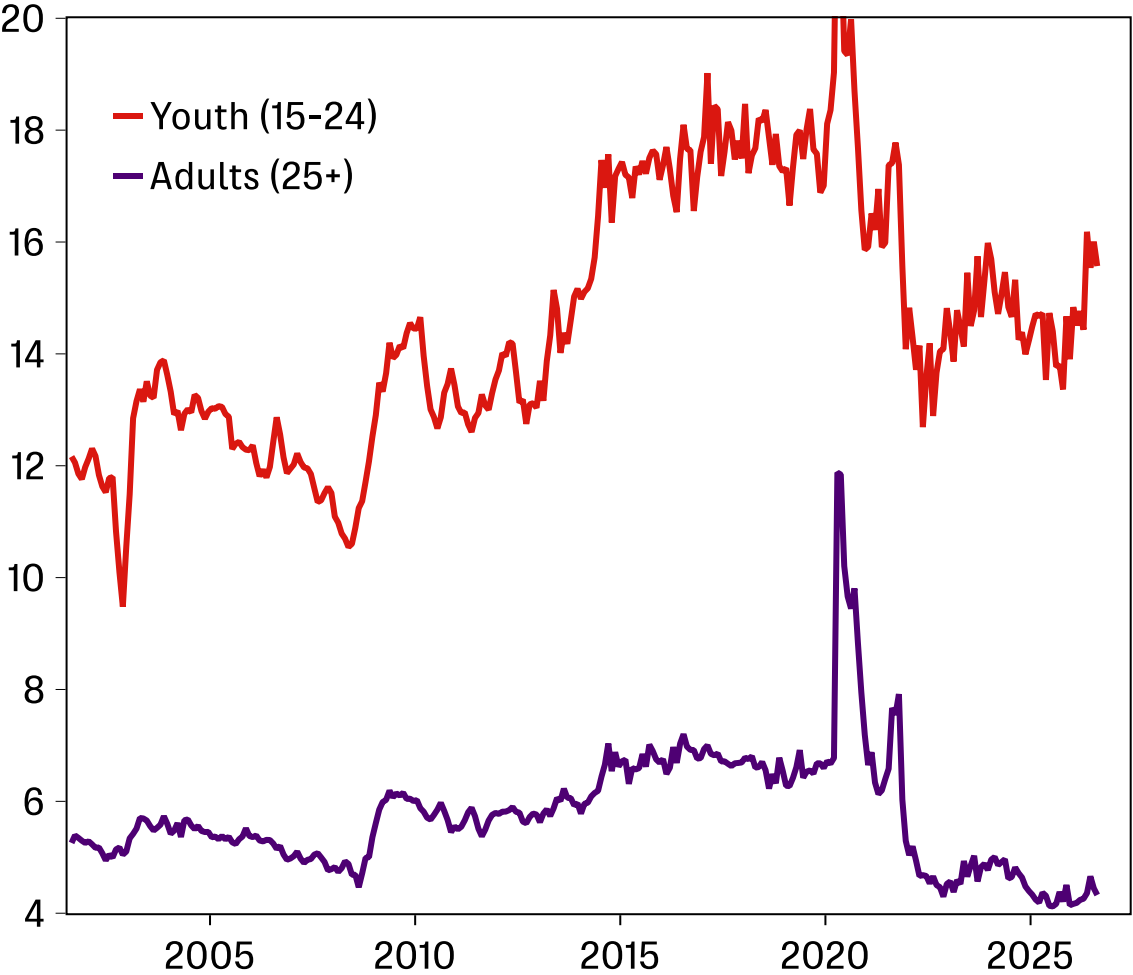
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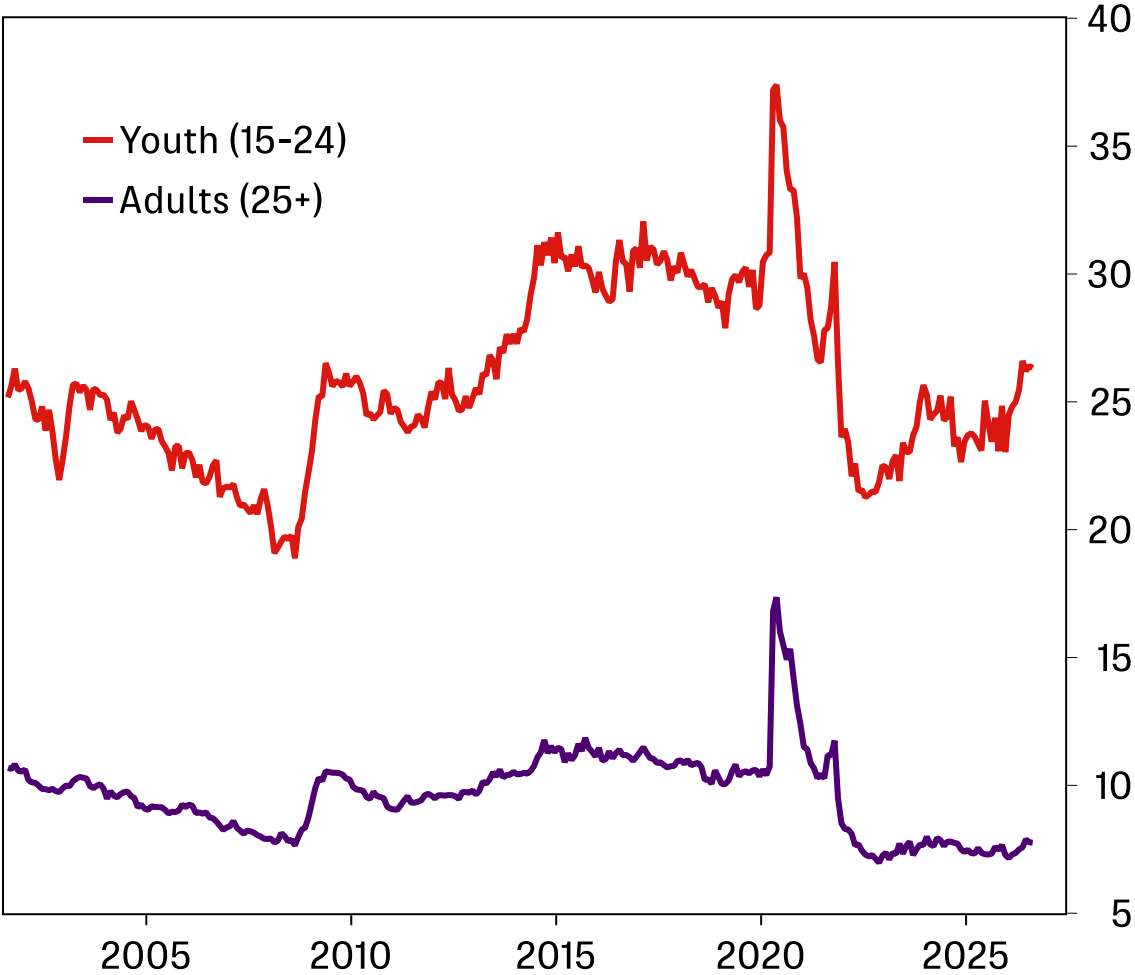
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Trends by age

Underemployment Rate (%)



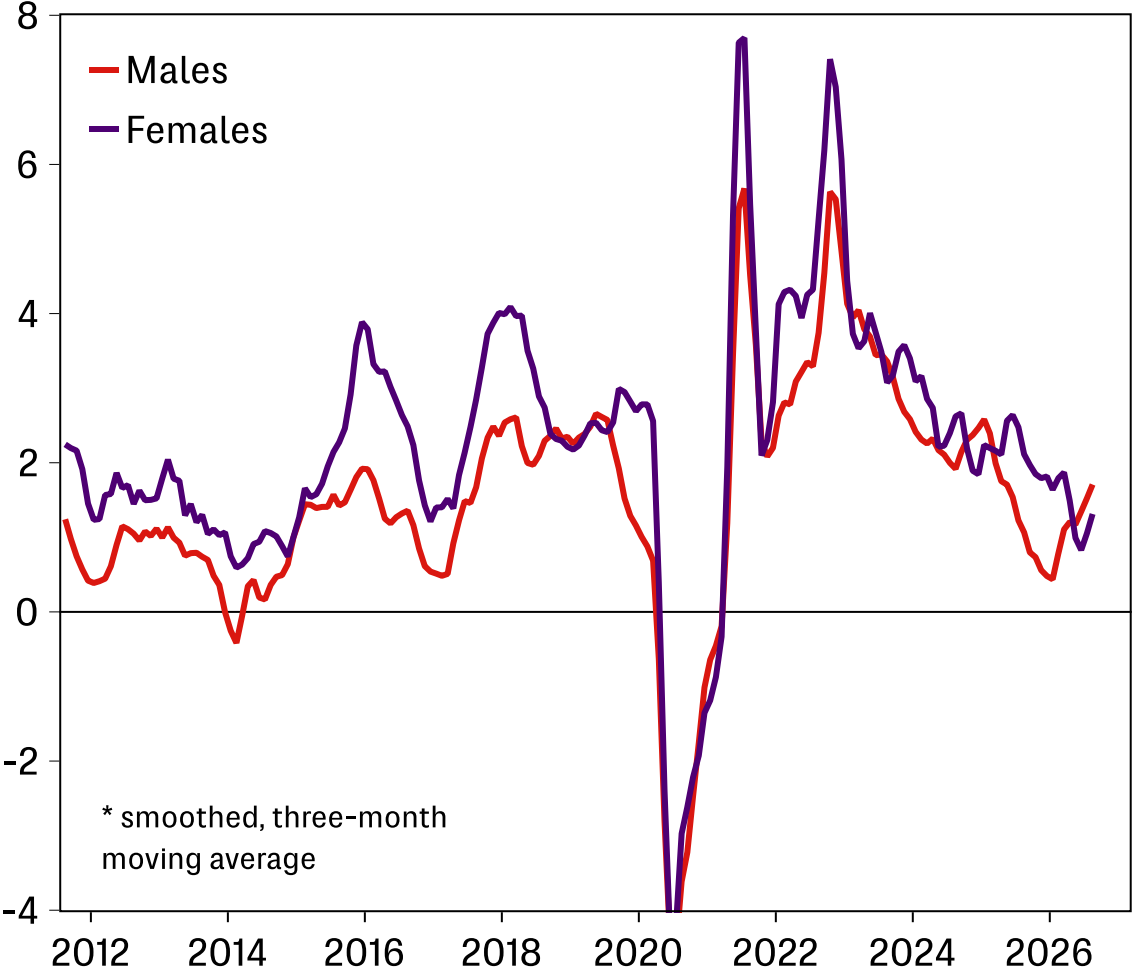
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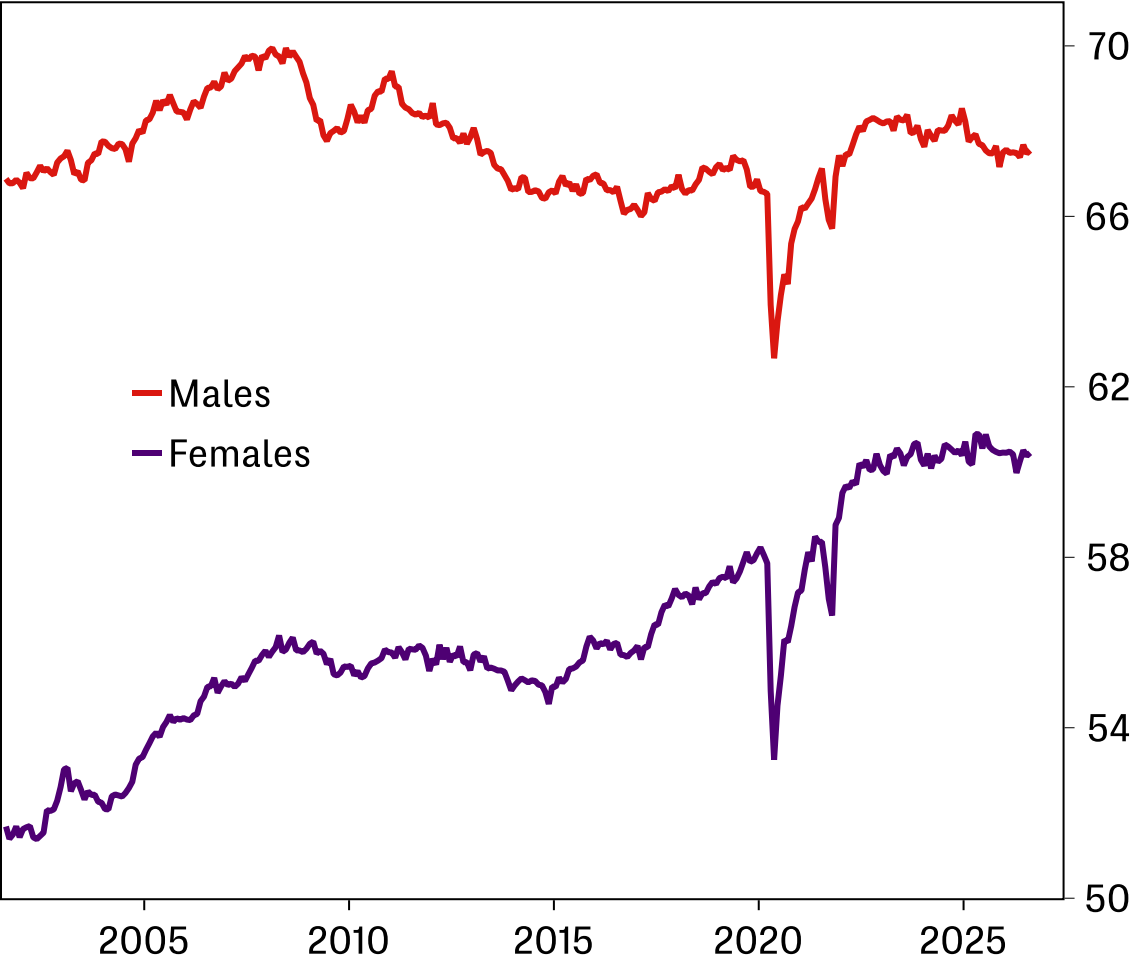
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Trends by sex

Employment Growth (%yr)



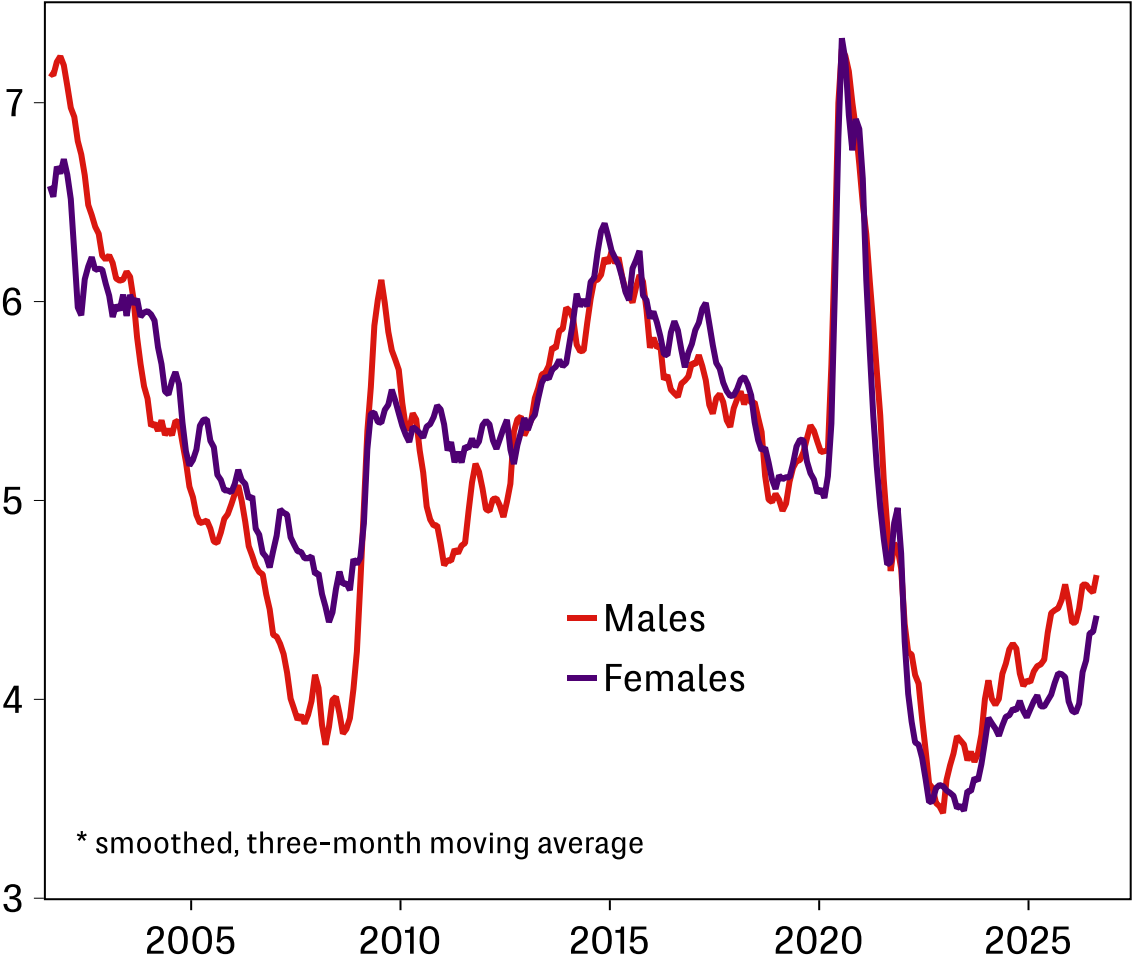
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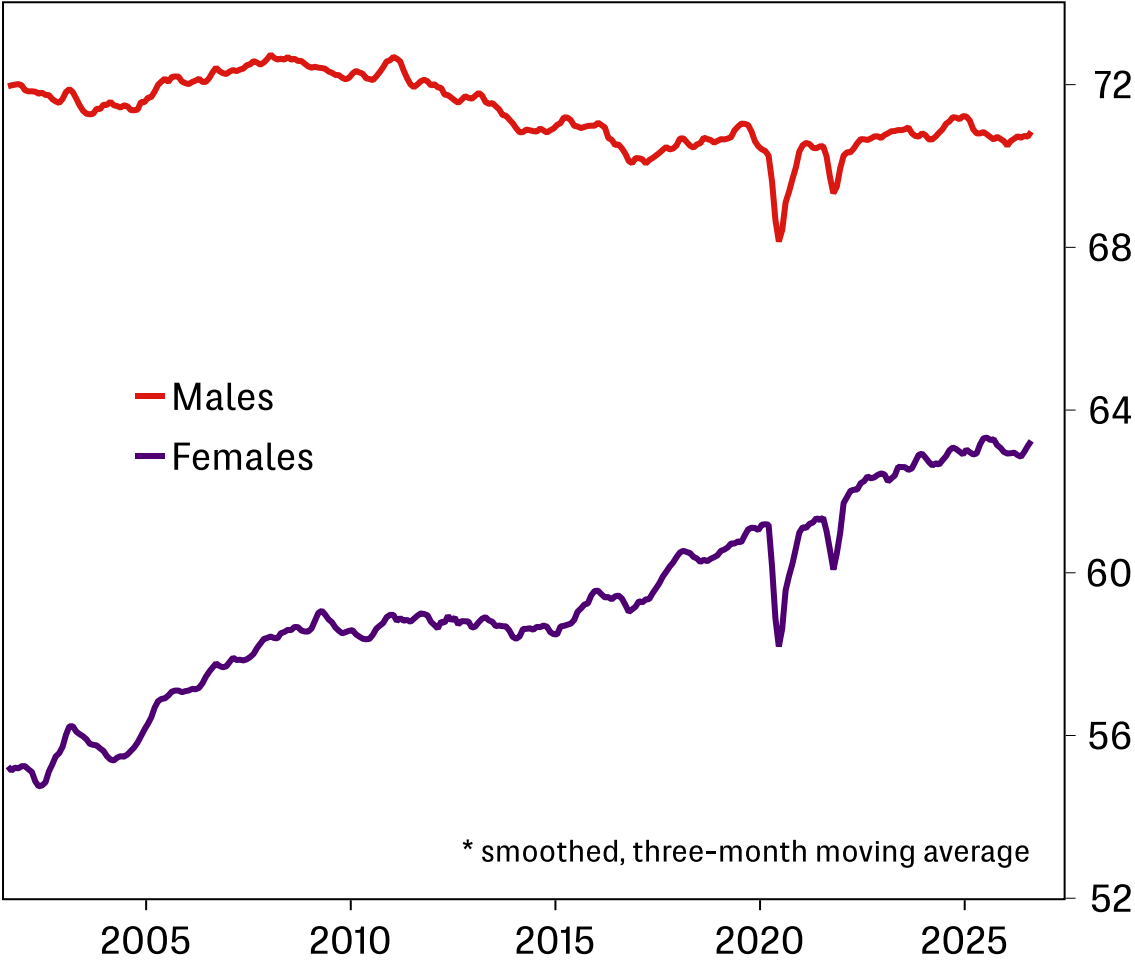
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Trends by sex

Unemployment Rate (%)



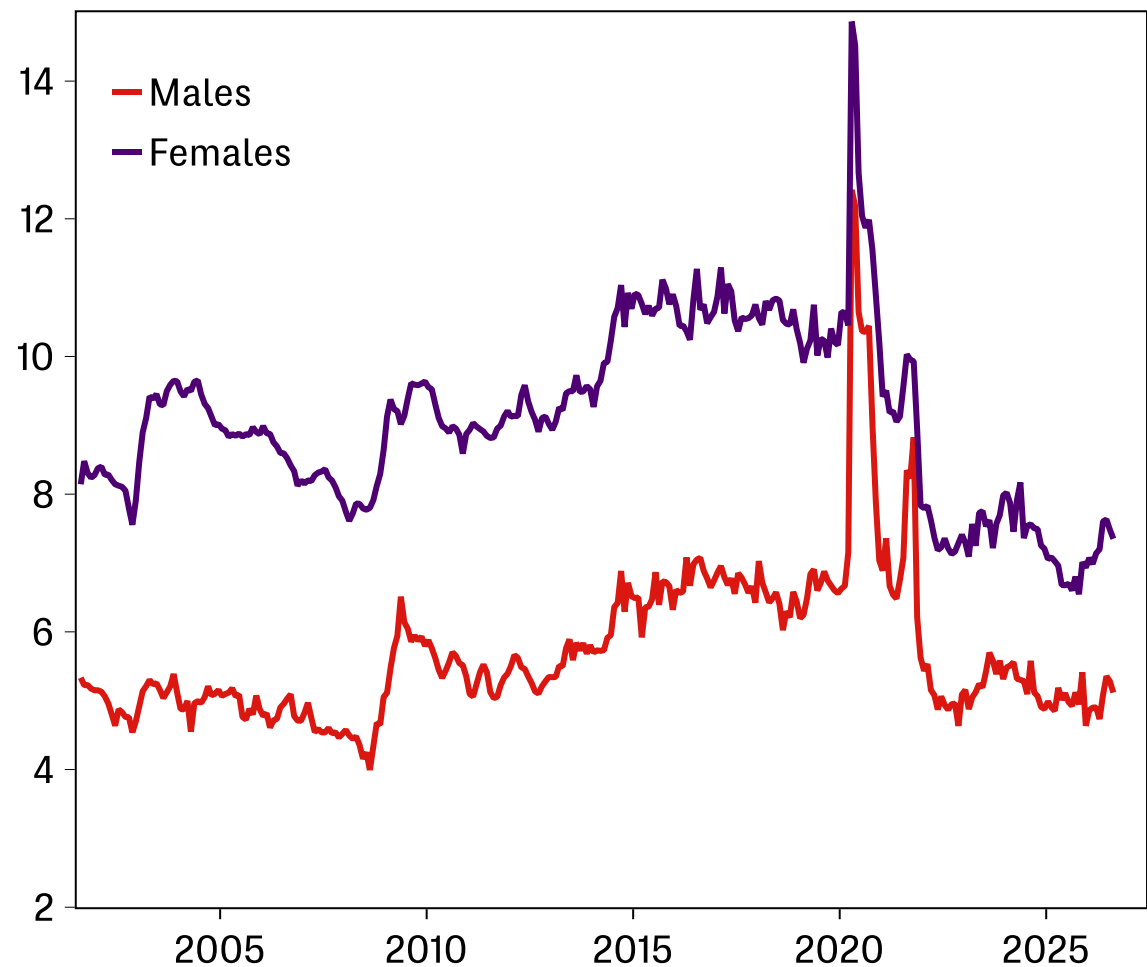
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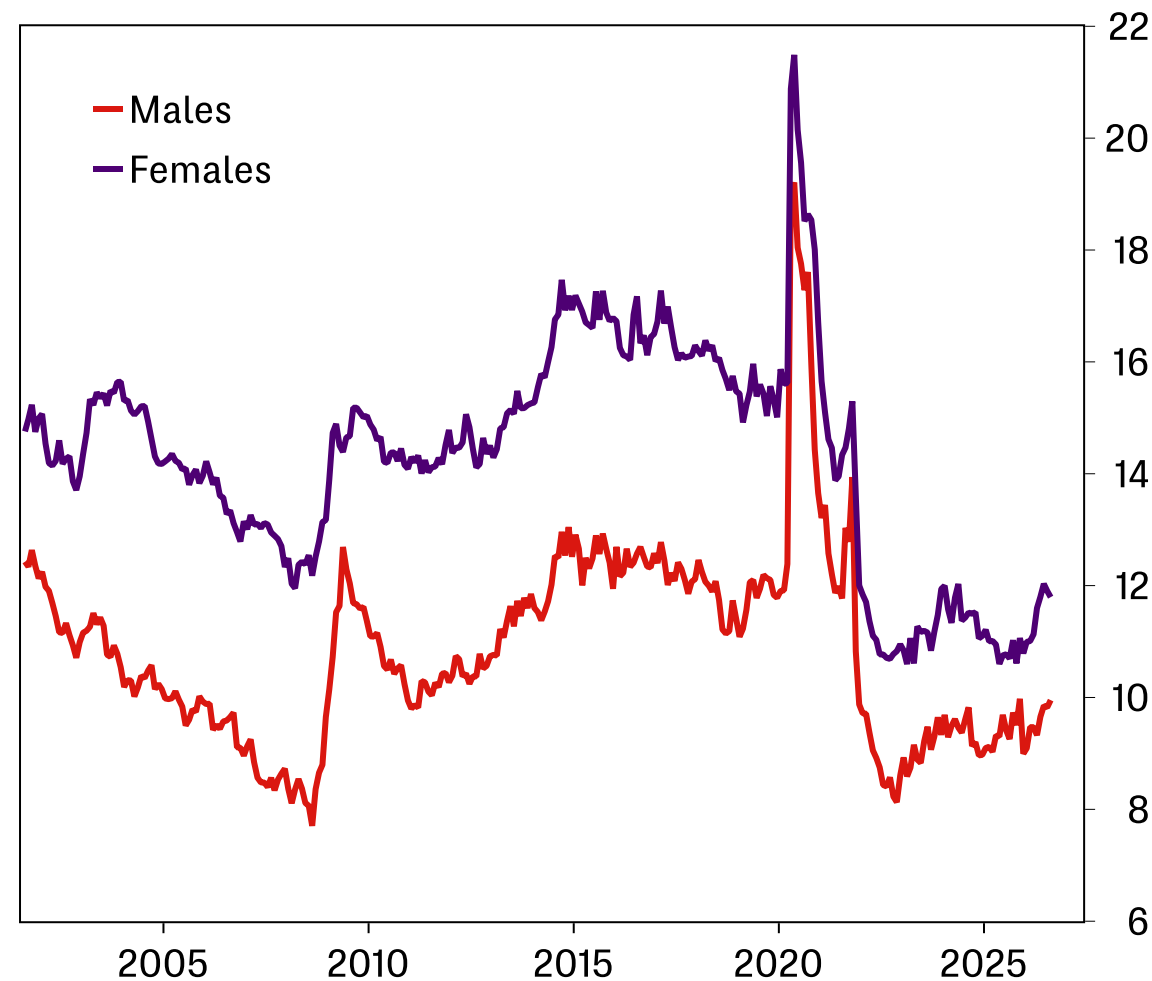
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Trends by sex

Underemployment Rate (%)

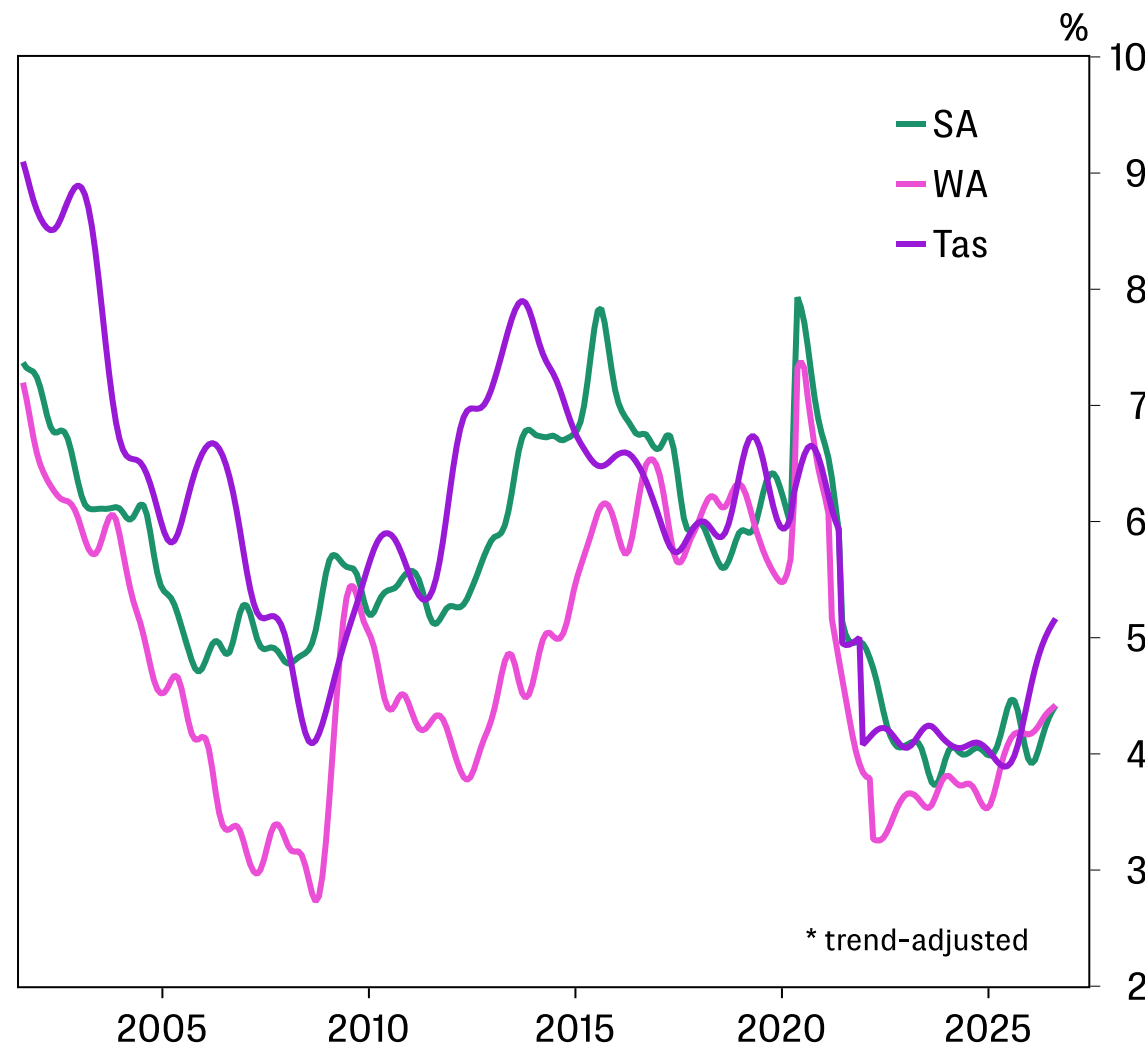
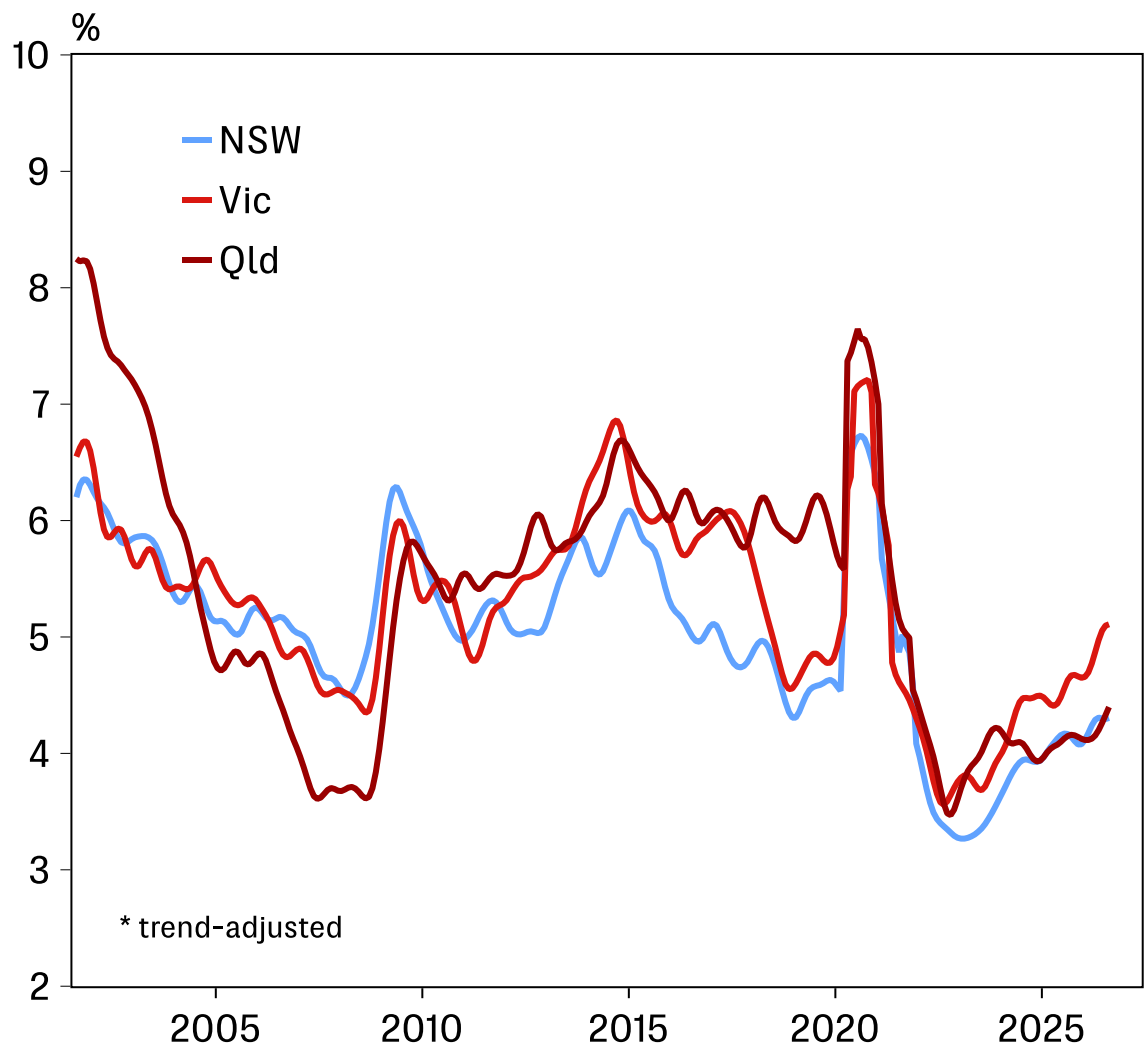


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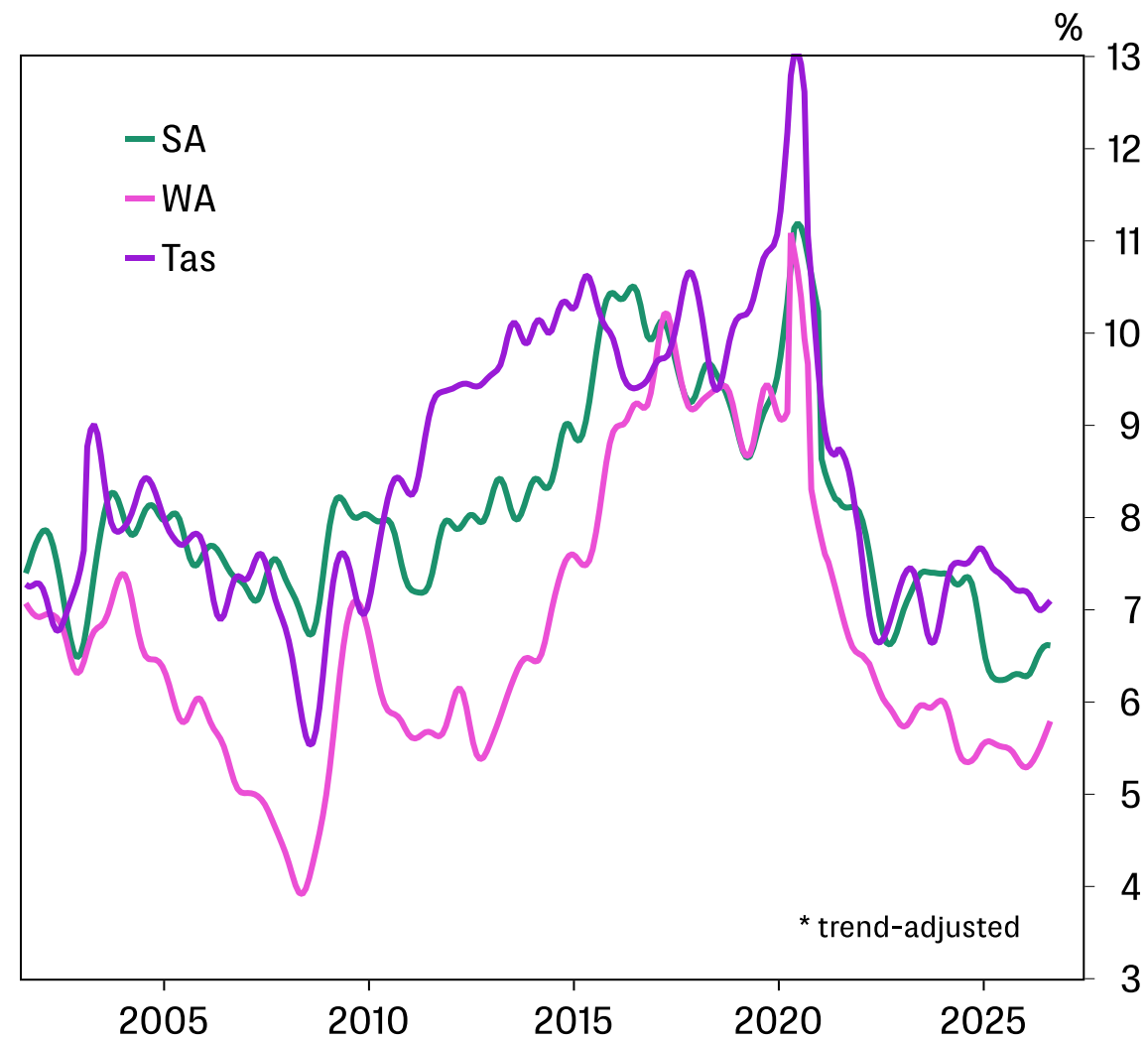
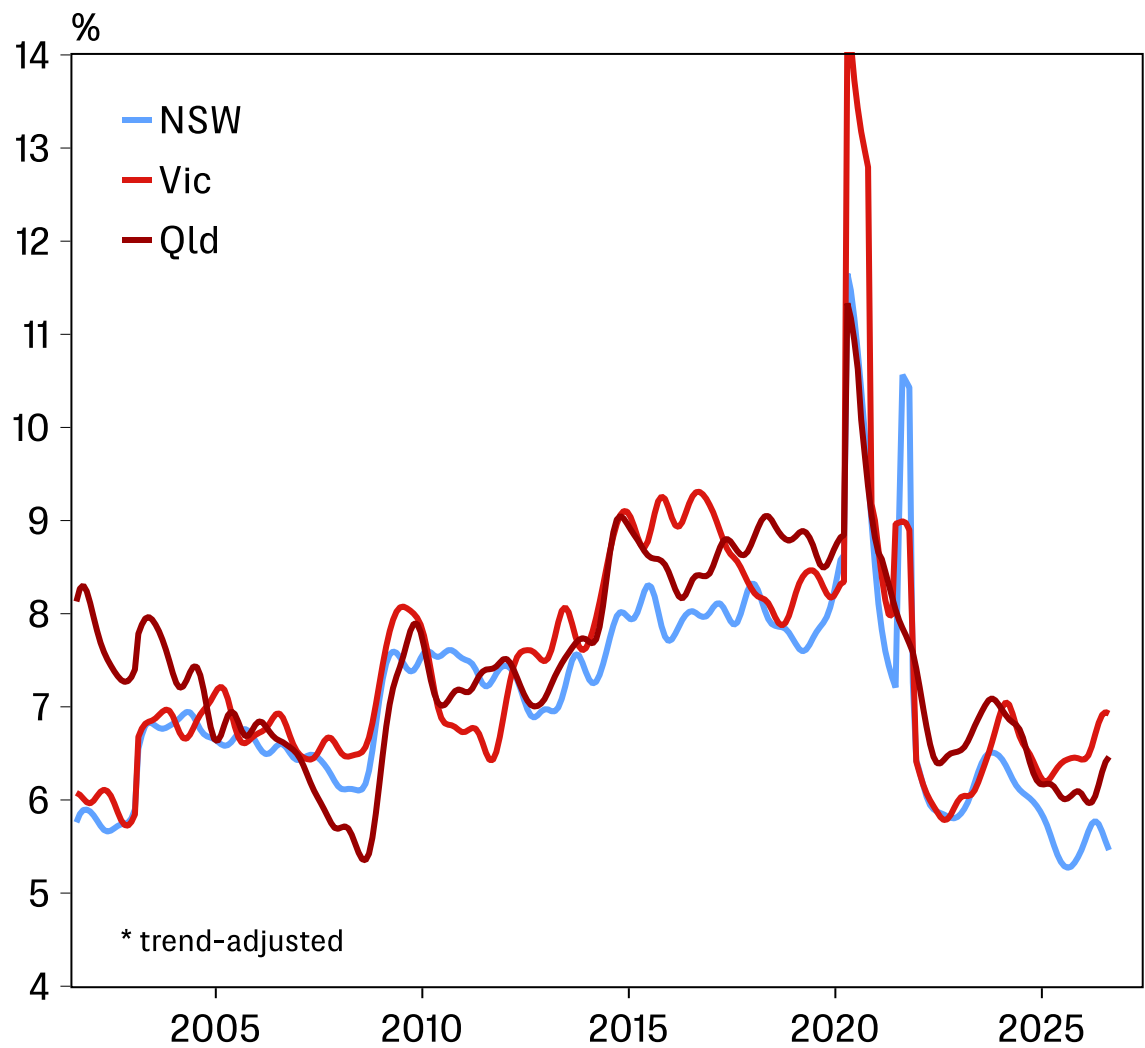
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Unemployment rate by state



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Underemployment rate by state



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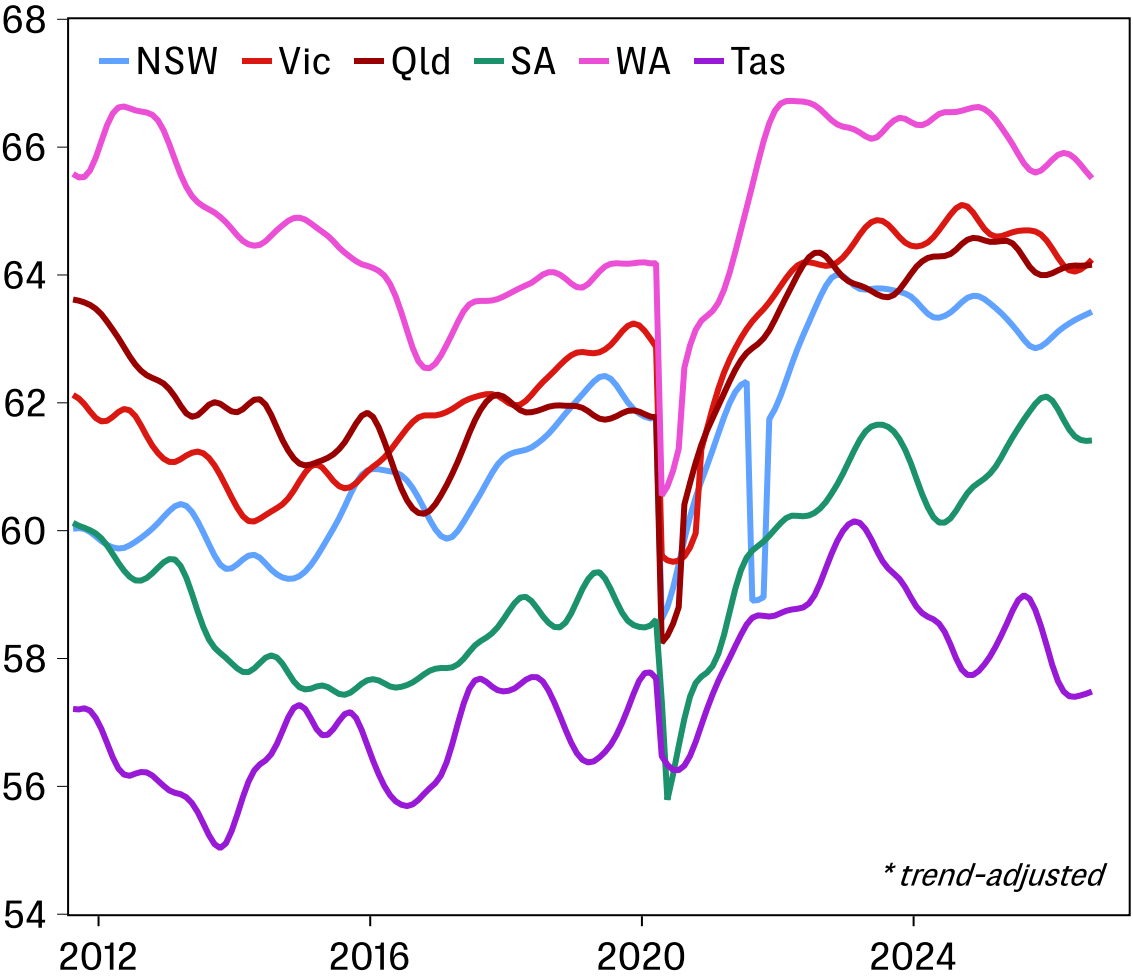
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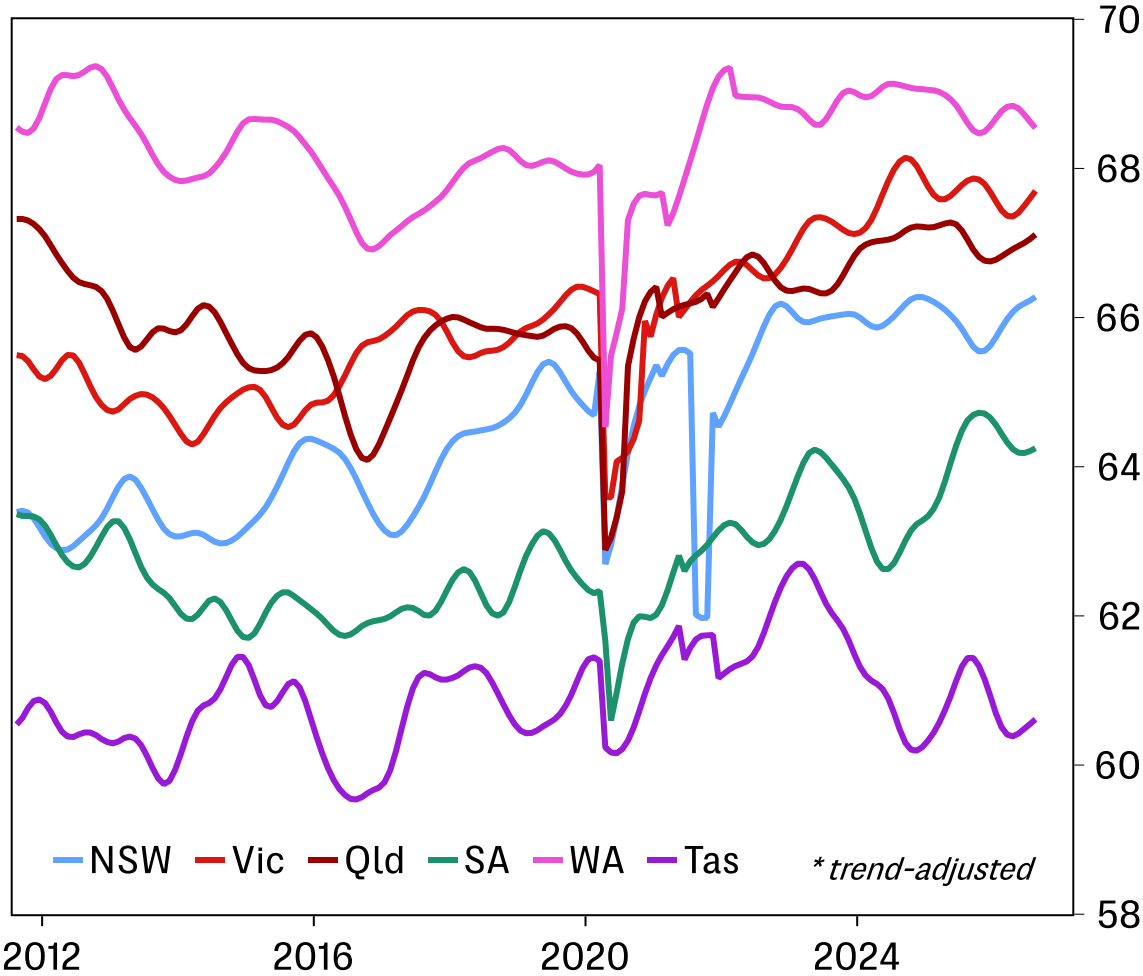
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Participation Rate (%)



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