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AIG, Lehman Shock Hits World Markets

Focus Moves to Fate of Giant Insurer After U.S. Allows Investment Bank to Fail; Barclays in Talks to Buy Core Lehman Unit

The convulsions in the U.S. financial system sent markets across the globe tumbling, as two of Wall Street's biggest firms looked set to exit the scene and insurance titan American In-

> By Susanne Craig. Jeffrey McCracken. Jon Hilsenrath and Deborah Solomon

ternational Group Inc. turned to the Federal Reserve and the state of New York for assistance.

The U.S. stock market suffered its worst daily point plunge since the first day of trading after the Sept. IL 2001, terrorist attacks. Financial markets were rattled by the rushed sale Sunday of Merrill Lynch & Co. and the bankruptcy-court filling of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., which scrambled Monday to sell its most-prized businesses before too many employees and customerswalk out the door. (Please see related article on Page CL)

All day Monday, top Lehman officials were huddled in Manhattan at their Seventh Avenue headquarters negotiating a sale of the U.S. investment bank-the core part of Lehman-to Barclays PLC of the U.K. People involved in the discussions were increasingly hopeful late Monday

ing. For much of the day, the maior U.S. market indexes were down 2%, which, while a goodsized decline, was smaller than many had thought would be the case. But in the final hour of trading, a wave of selling hit, driven by concerns about the fate of AIG. The Dow Jones Industrial Average ended down 504.48 points on Monday, off 4.4%, at its daily low of 10917.51, down 18% on the year. Of the Dow industrials' 30 components, all but one-Coca-Cola Co .- fell, led by a 60.8% plunge in AIG.

In Europe, London's FTSE 100 index dropped 3.9%. Several Asian markets, including Japan and China, were closed Monday due to holiday. By Tuesday, Tokyo shares were down 5.1% in early trading, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index was down 6.1%.

Monday's action was the latest fallout in a widening financial crisis that began a year ago with the fall of American housing prices and is now reordering the U.S. financial system. Steps unveiled by the Federal Reserve to expand its emergency lending arsenal did little to snap the sense of gloom.

Plenty of potential land mines remain. Banks are increasingly hoarding cash, curbing lending at a time when the econ-



















AIG Faces Cash Crisis As Stock Dives 61%

BY MATTHEW KARNITSCHNIG, LIAM PLEVEN AND SERENA NG

American International Group Inc. was facing a severe cash crunch last night as ratings agencies cut the firm's credit ratings, forcing the giant insurer to raise \$14.5 billion to cover its obligations.

With AIG now tottering, a crisis that began with falling home prices and went on to engulfWall Street has reached one of the world's largest insurance companies, threatening to intensify the financial storm and greatly complicate the government's efforts to contain it. The company, whose stock fell 61% yesterday, is such a big player in insuring risk for institutions around the world that its failure could shake the global financial system.

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A major subprime auto lender suddenly collapsed — raising concerns about the industry. How it could impact borrowers



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Billions of dollars of liabilities are now in limbo. (4 min. read)

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Subprime Auto Lender PrimaLend Files for Bankruptcy

PrimaLend provides financing to used-car dealerships that cater to subprime borrowers

By Akiko Matsuda

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Auto loans: Trouble in the subprime economy

The downfall of Tricolor Holdings may reflect the growing financial strain low-income Americans are facing







Subprime Auto Loans, Explained

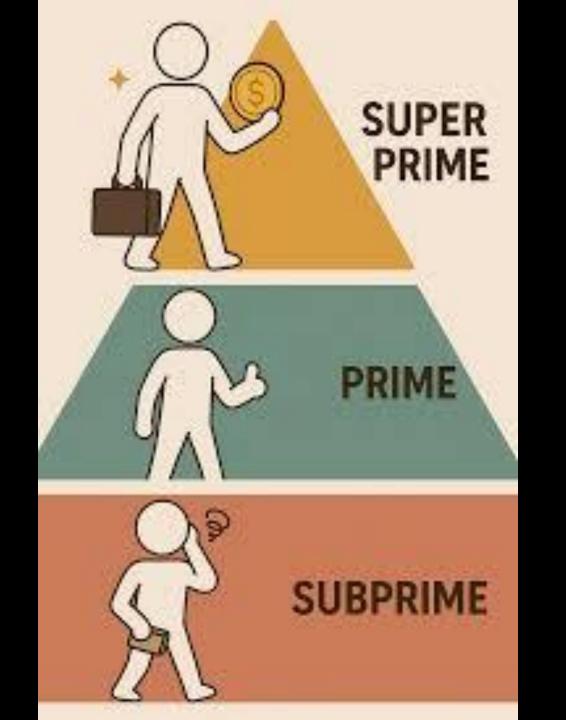
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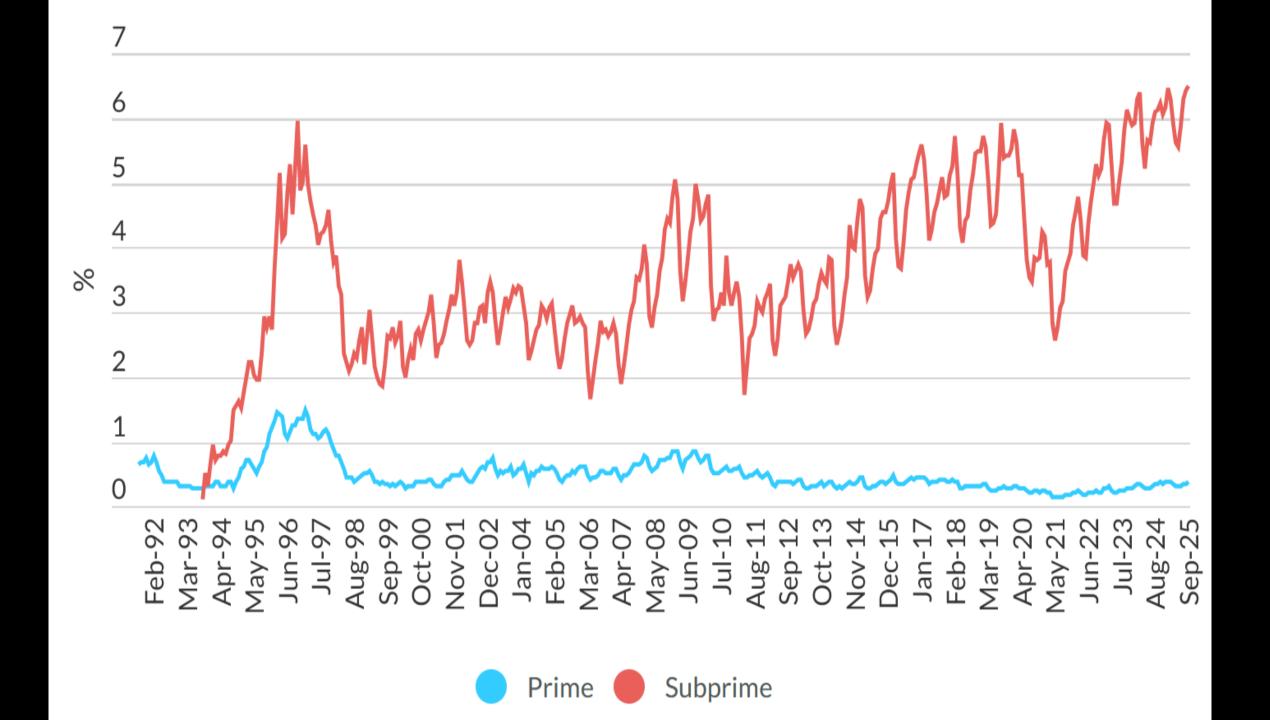


Figure 3. Auto ABS Spread History

(Basis points)

		Current	Change vs.				
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Туре	Rating	2025	Week	Month	One Year		
	AA	75	5	13	-5		
Prime	Α	100	5	15	0		
	BBB	130	5	15	-20		
	AA	80	0	15	0		
Subprime	Α	120	5	30	20		
	BBB	180	10	50	40		

Source: Bank of America Global Research and IMF staff estimates.

- The market is showing a clear divergence between prime and subprime segments—while recent events impacted the whole market, subprime A and BBB-rated ABS spreads widened the most over the past month (Figure 3).
- The collateral performance for prime auto loan ABS has been stable, with 30+ days past due delinquencies around 1.9% in September.
- In contrast, subprime auto loan ABS delinquencies have spiked, with 30+ day delinquency rates climbing to 16% in September—an increase of approximately 164 basis points year-over-year, according to Barclays Research. This deterioration was attributed to mounting economic pressures and weaker borrower profiles.

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Rising Auto Loan Delinquencies and High Monthly Payments

Robert Adams, Vitaly Bord, and Haja Sannoh¹

Introduction

Delinquency rates on auto loans rose substantially to above pre-pandemic levels by the end of 2023, after falling to historical lows during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Because auto loans are an important sector in consumer credit, accounting for about

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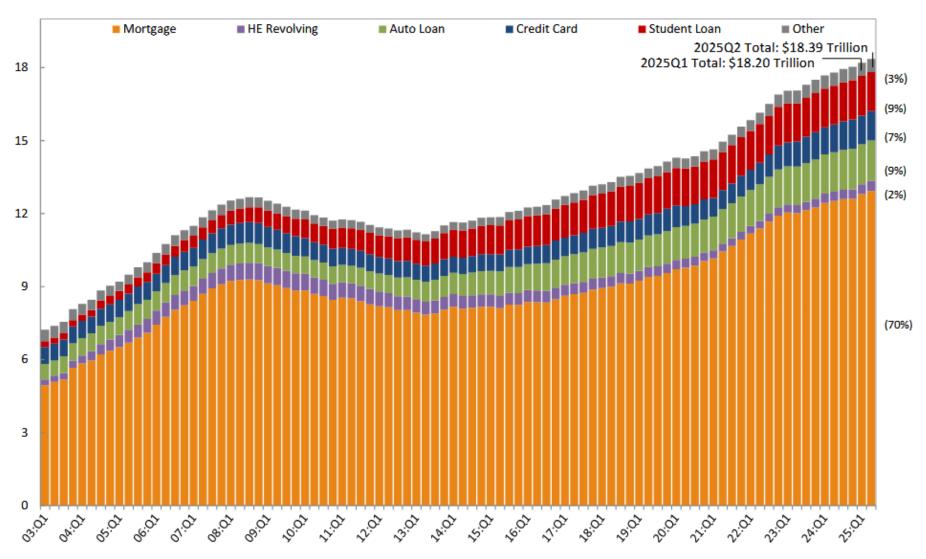
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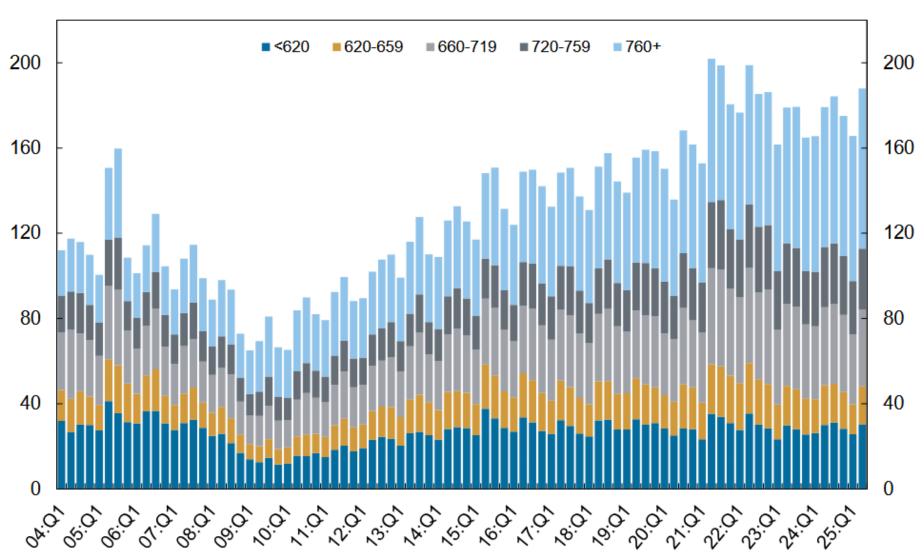


Source: New York Fed Consumer Credit Panel/Equifax

Auto Loan Originations by Credit Score*

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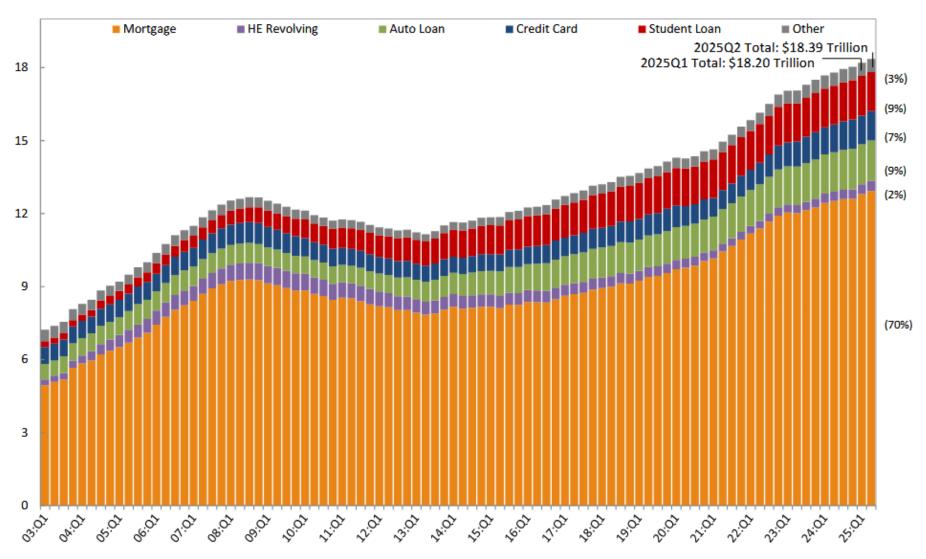


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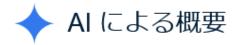


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car amortization term

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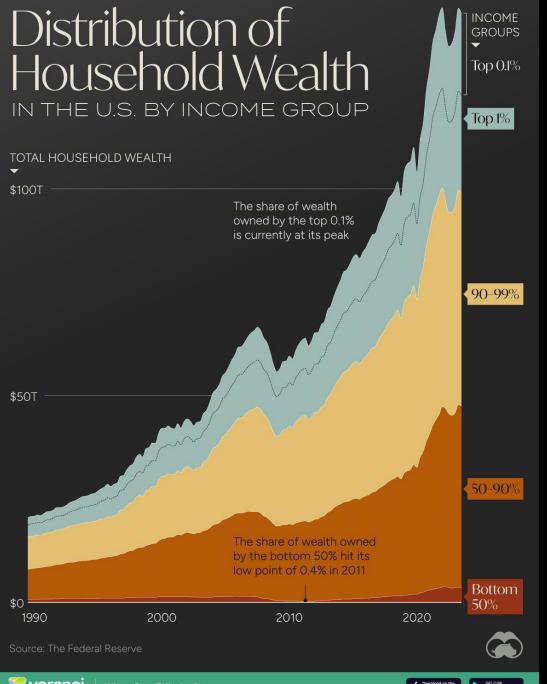


A car amortization term is the length of time, most often 36 to 84 months, over which you repay a car loan through a series of regular, fixed payments. Each payment is split between interest and principal, with a larger portion going toward interest early in the loan and more going toward the principal as you get closer to the end. Choosing a longer term lowers monthly payments but increases the total interest paid over the life of the loan.



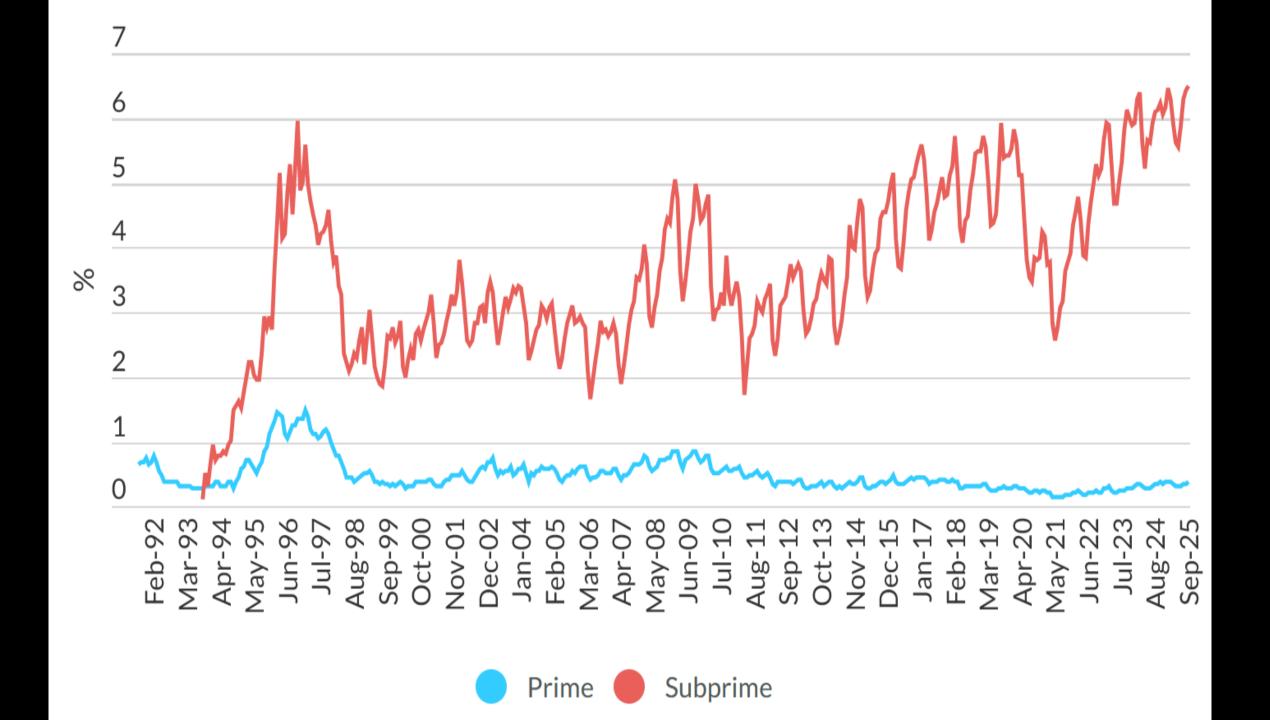
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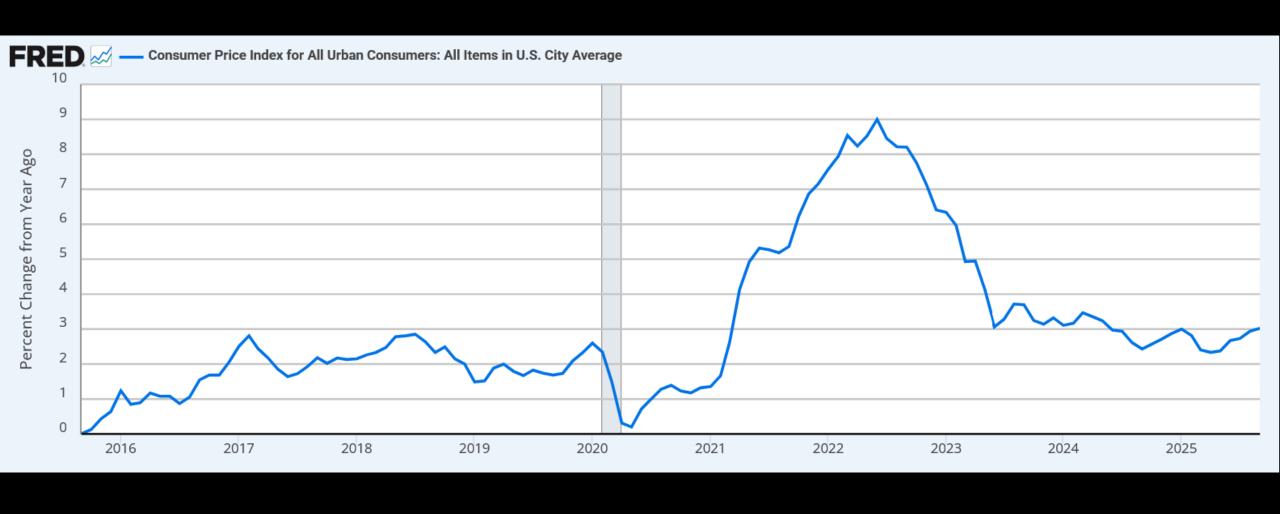
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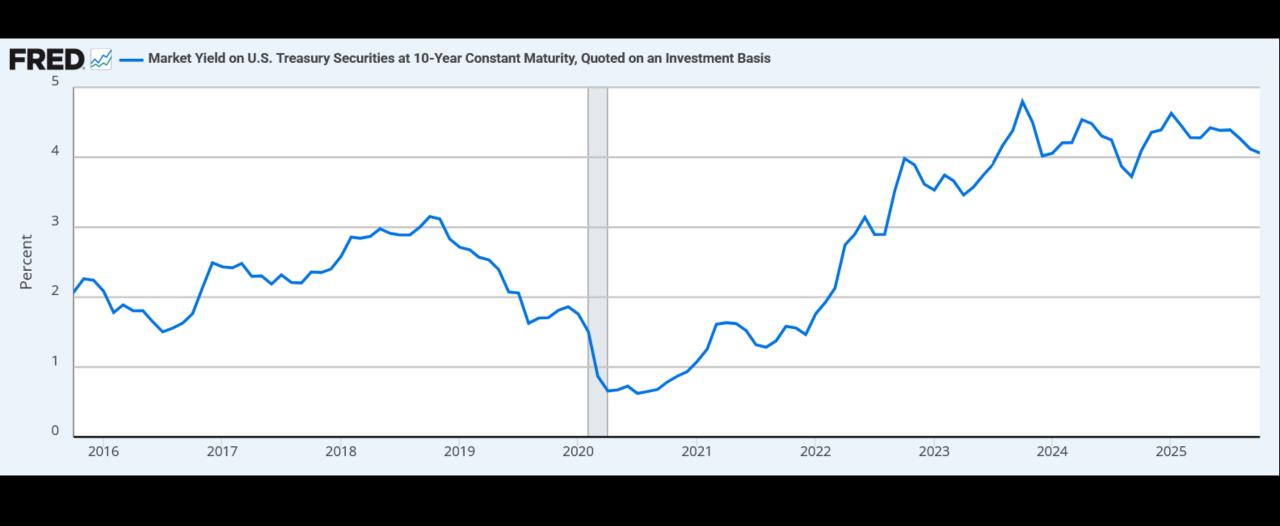


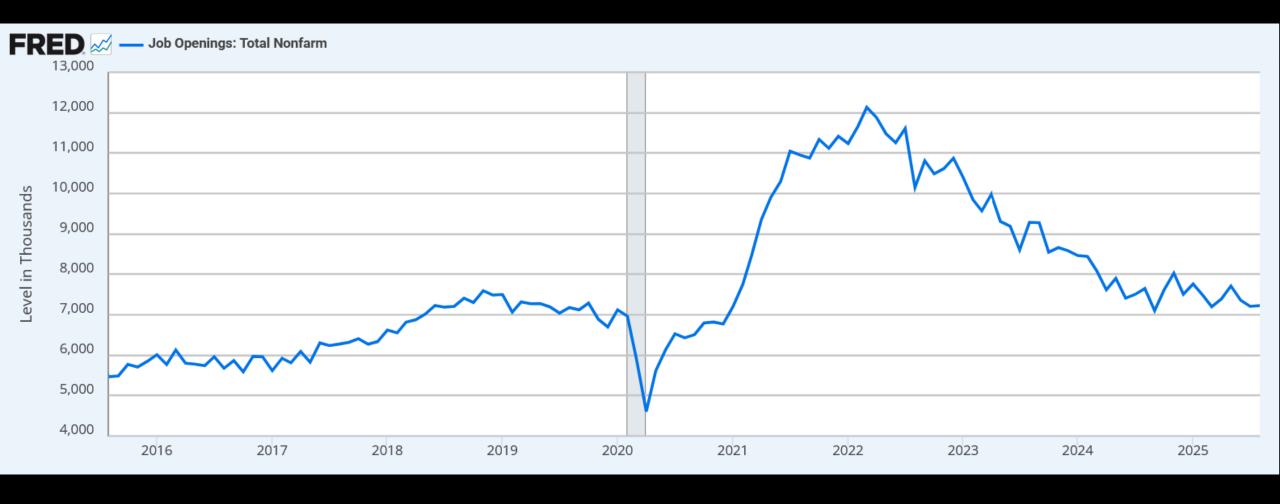


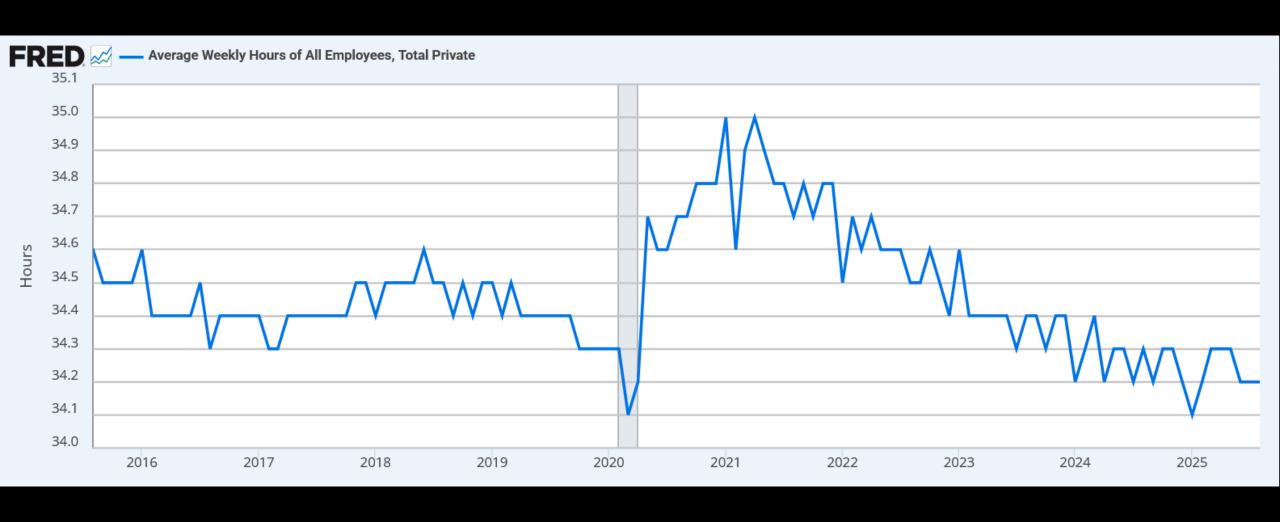


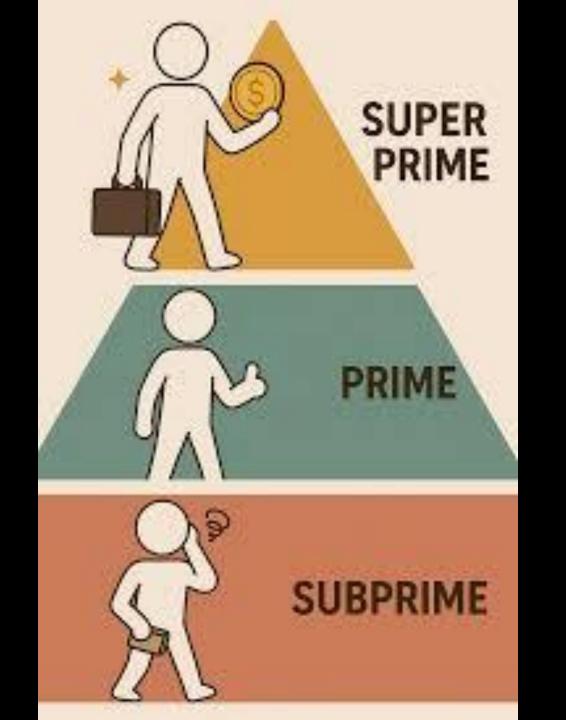


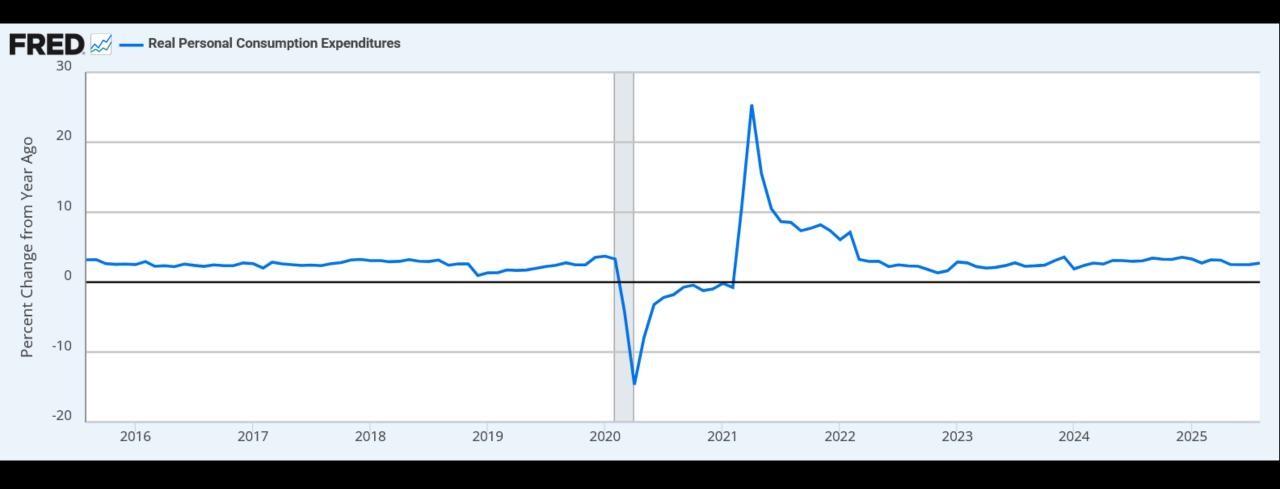












Atlanta Fed GDPNow estimates for 2025: Q3, growth rates and changes

		Intell.							Change			
				Equip-	prop.	Nonres.	Resid.				in net	Change
Date	Major Releases	GDP	PCE	ment	prod.	struct.	inves.	Govt.	Exports	Imports	ехр.	in CIPI
25-Sep	Latest BEA estimate for 25:Q1	-0.6	0.6	21.4	6.5	-3.1	-1.0	-1.0	0.2	38.0	-312	155
25-Sep	Latest BEA estimate for 25:Q2	3.8	2.5	8.5	15.0	-7.5	-5.1	-0.1	-1.8	-29.3	323	-190
31-Jul	Initial GDPNow 25:Q3 forecast	2.3	1.9	2.6	5.5	-2.3	1.8	1.7	7.8	8.5	-26	36
	Q2 GDP (8/28), Adv. Econ. Ind.,											
29-Aug	Personal income & outlays	3.5	2.3	11.7	5.5	-3.5	-8.2	1.5	7.9	1.8	35	34
10-Sep	Wholesale trade, Producer Price Index	3.1	2.3	11.8	5.3	-6.0	-4.8	1.4	6.3	3.3	11	32
11-Sep	CPI, Monthly Treasury Statement	3.1	2.3	11.8	5.3	-6.0	-4.8	1.6	6.3	3.3	11	31
	Retail trade, Import/Export Prices,											
16-Sep	Industrial production	3.4	2.7	12.0	5.3	-5.1	-4.6	1.6	6.2	4.3	1	36
17-Sep	Housing starts	3.3	2.7	11.9	5.3	-5.1	-6.3	1.6	6.2	4.2	2	36
24-Sep	New-home sales	3.4	2.7	11.9	5.3	-5.1	-4.7	1.6	6.2	4.3	1	36
	Q2 GDP (9/25), Adv. Econ. Ind. (9/25),											
	Adv. Manuf. (M3-1) (9/25), Existing-home											
26-Sep	sales (9/25), Pers. Inc. & outlays	3.9	3.4	7.2	5.4	-5.3	-4.6	1.8	3.4	-1.5	37	23
1-Oct	ISM Manufacturing Index	3.8	3.2	8.2	5.4	-5.5	-4.9	1.8	3.1	-1.8	37	22
3-Oct	ISM Services	3.8	3.2	7.9	5.4	-5.6	-5.1	1.8	2.9	-2.1	38	22
16-Oct	Monthly Treasury Statement	3.9	3.3	8.6	5.4	-5.4	-4.6	1.5	3.4	-1.6	37	22
23-Oct	Existing-home sales	3.9	3.4	8.7	5.4	-5.3	-4.4	1.5	3.5	-1.4	36	22
24-Oct	Consumer Price Index	3.9	3.4	8.7	5.4	-5.3	-4.4	1.5	3.5	-1.4	36	21

The K-Shaped Recovery

