

Real Estate and Economic Outlook

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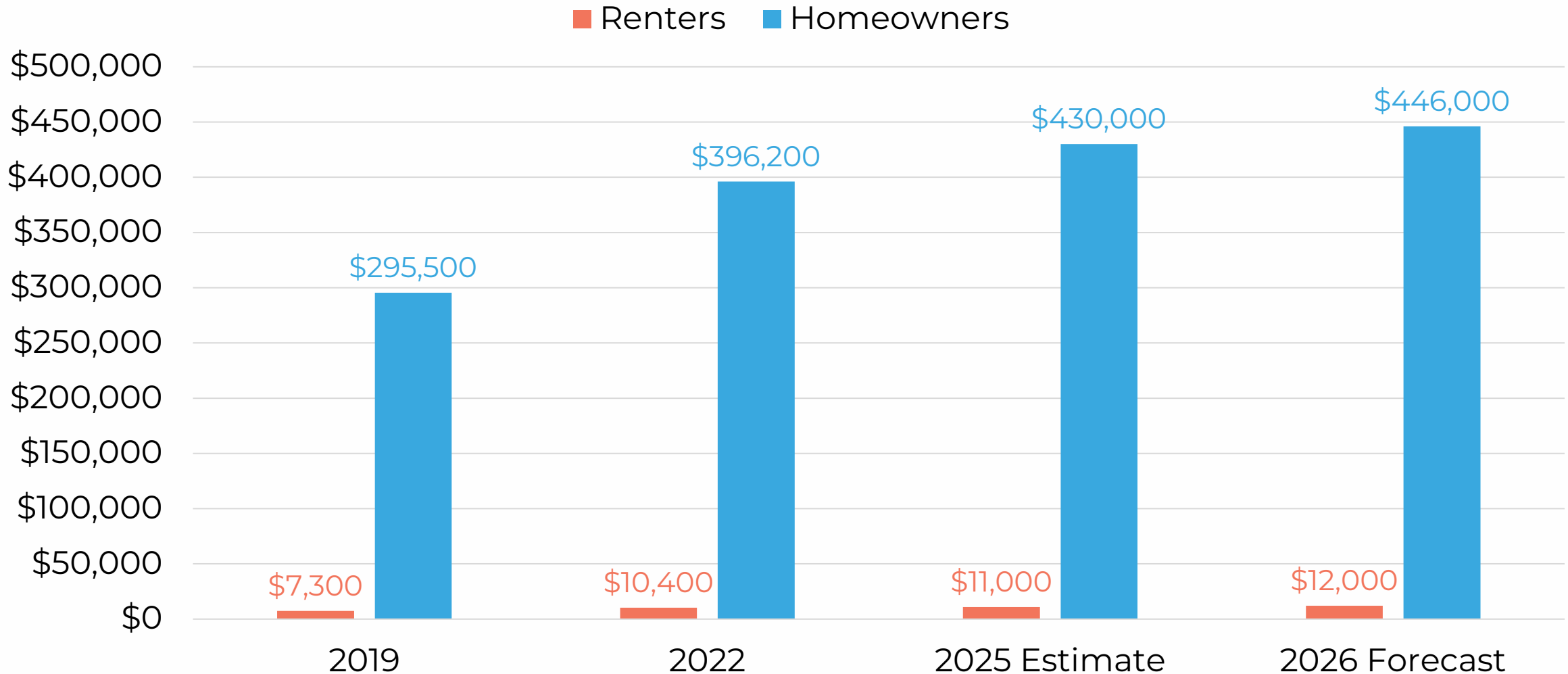
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Residential Market Forecast

	Previous Forecast (from Nov. 2025)	New Forecast (April 2026)
Existing-Home Sales	+14%	+4%
New Home Sales	+5%	+0%
Median Home Price	+4%	+4%
Mortgage Rate	6.0%	6.5%
Net Job Gains	800,000	400,000
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.5%

Median Net Worth Forecast

Homeowners' Wealth to Rise by \$16,000



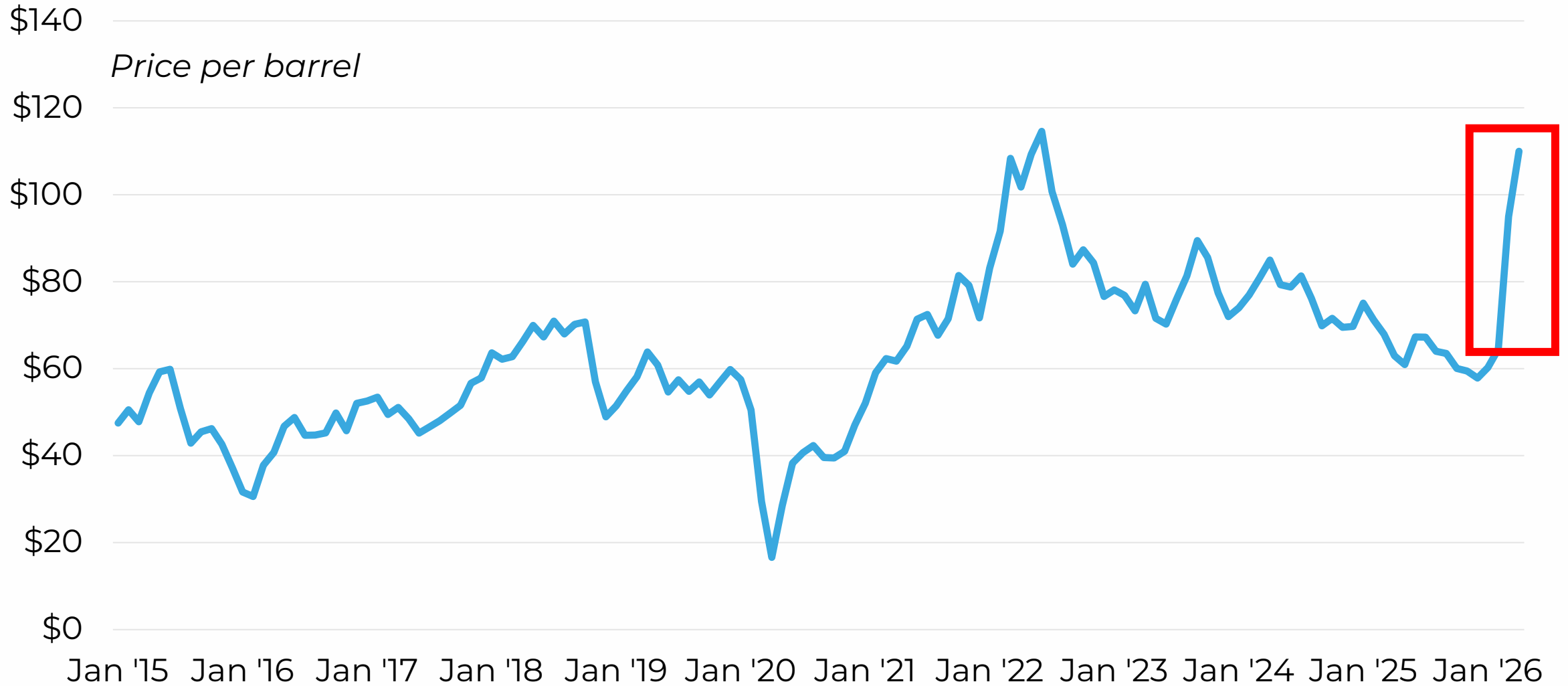
Local Markets Primed for Rise

(Improved Affordability and Strong Job Additions)

Metro	Improvement in Affordability	Job Additions since Pre-pandemic
Naples FL	12.4%	9.1%%
Sarasota FL	11.9%	14.0%
Tampa-St. Petersburg FL	9.6%	12.9%
Durham-Chapel Hill NC	8.8%	12.0%
Dallas-Ft. Worth TX	8.7%	14.3%
Jacksonville FL	7.6%	13.5%
San Antonio TX	7.2%	12.8%
Atlanta GA	6.9%	9.7%
Huntsville AL	6.2%	17.5%
Boise ID	5.1%	18.5%

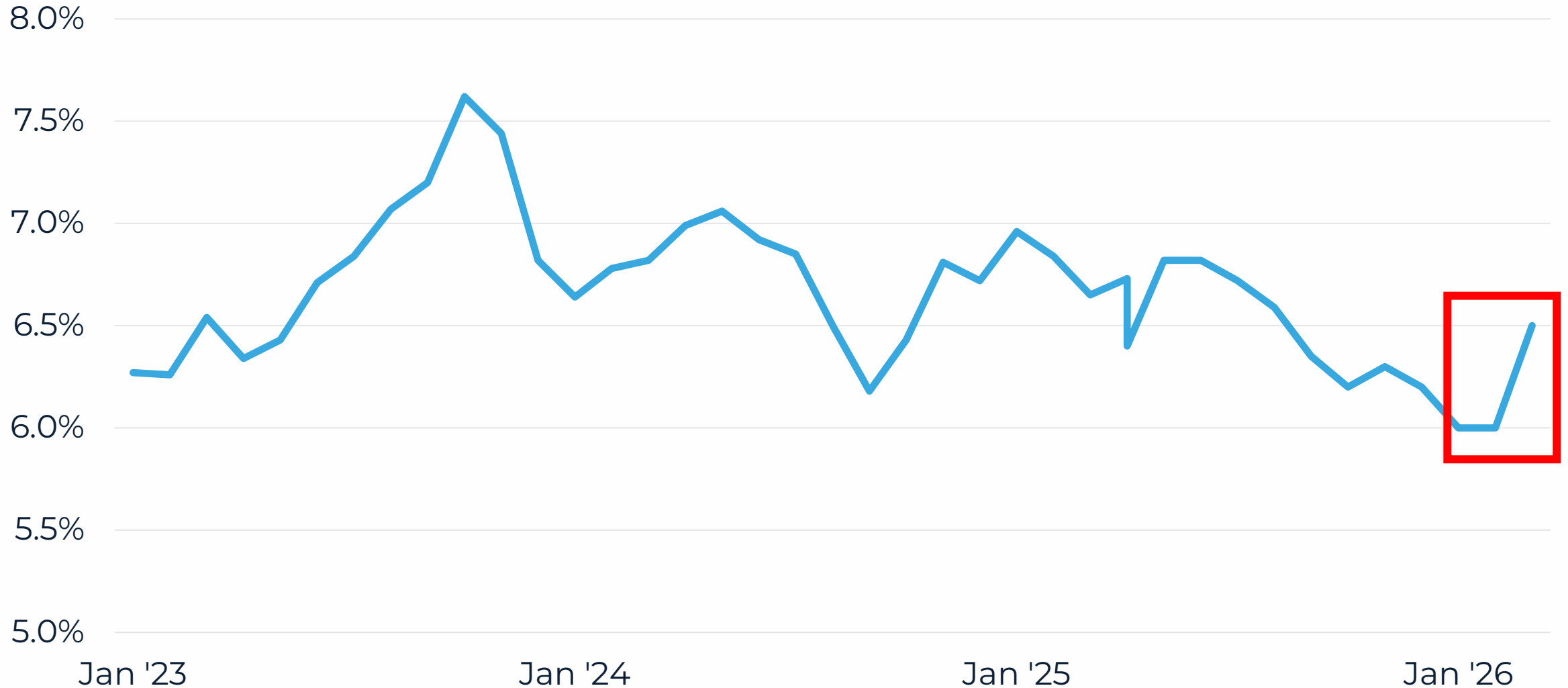
Factors and Trends Impacting Home Sales

Oil Prices

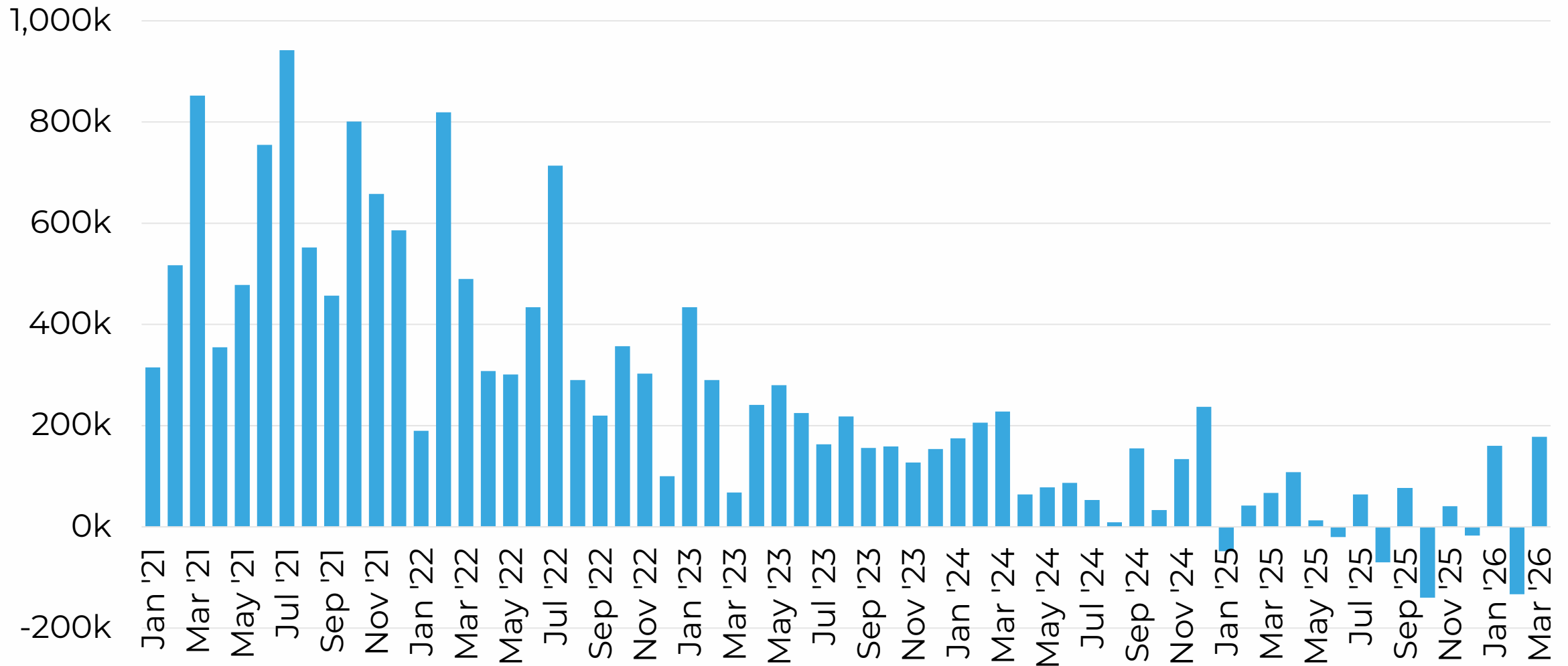


Mortgage Rate

(Average 30-year Fixed Rate)

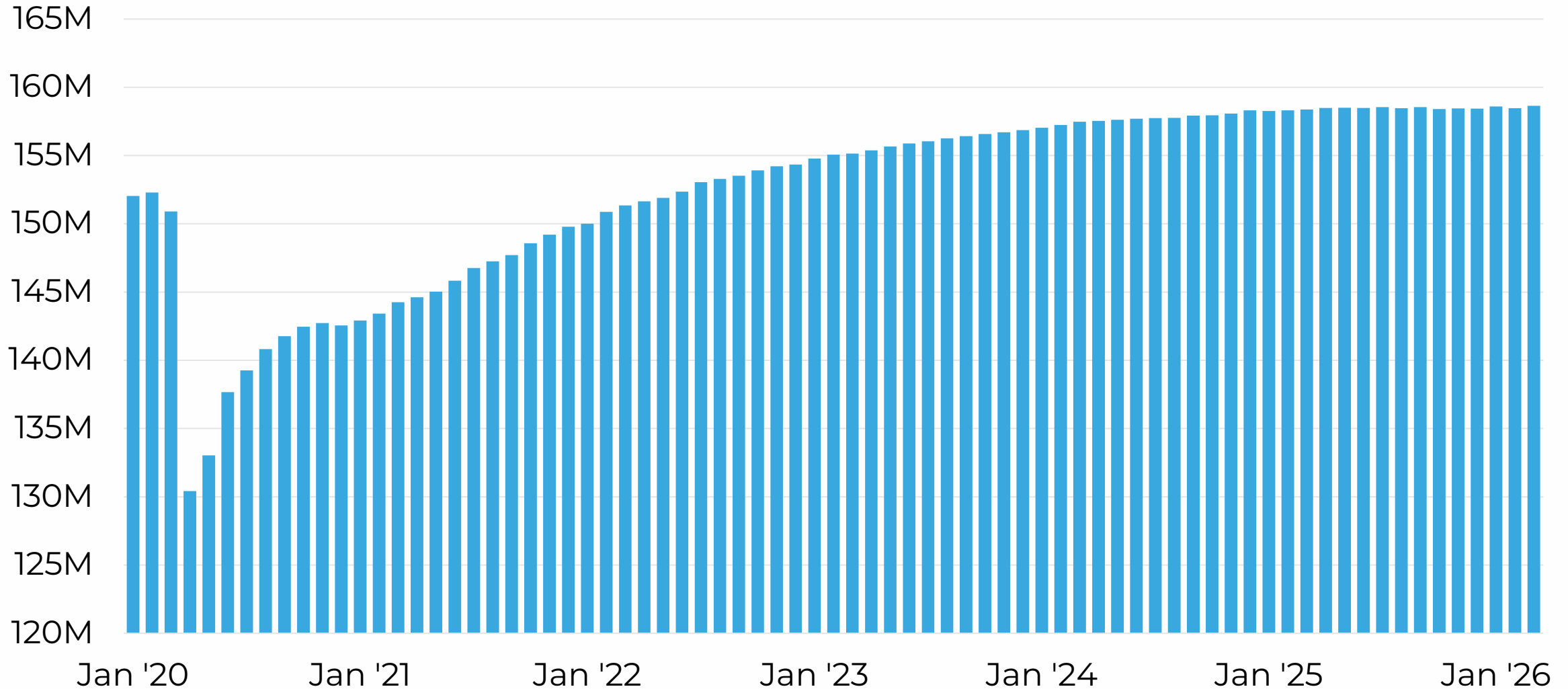


178,000 Net Job Gain in March ... but Circling Near Zero in Recent Months

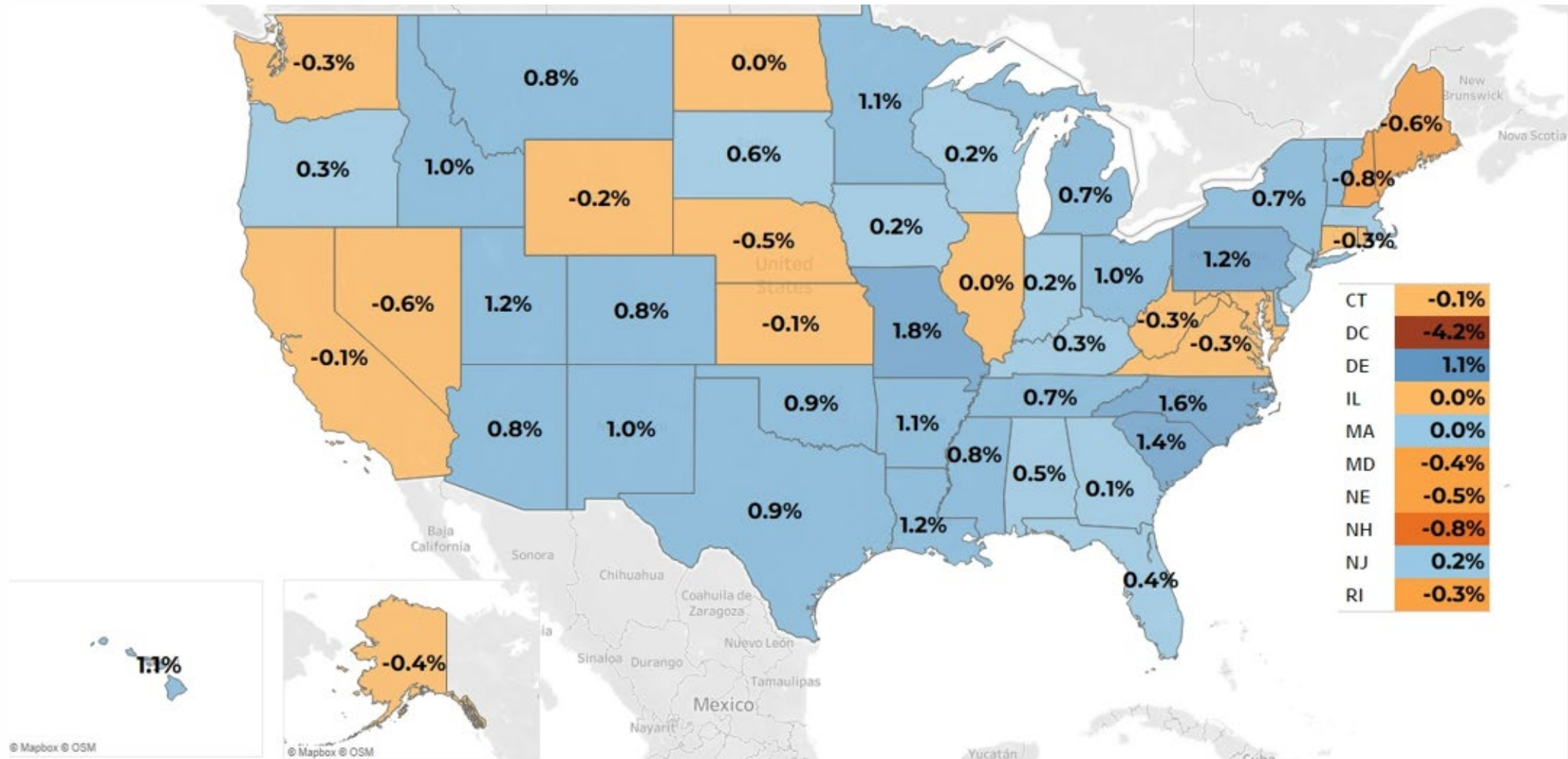


Total Payroll Jobs to March 2026

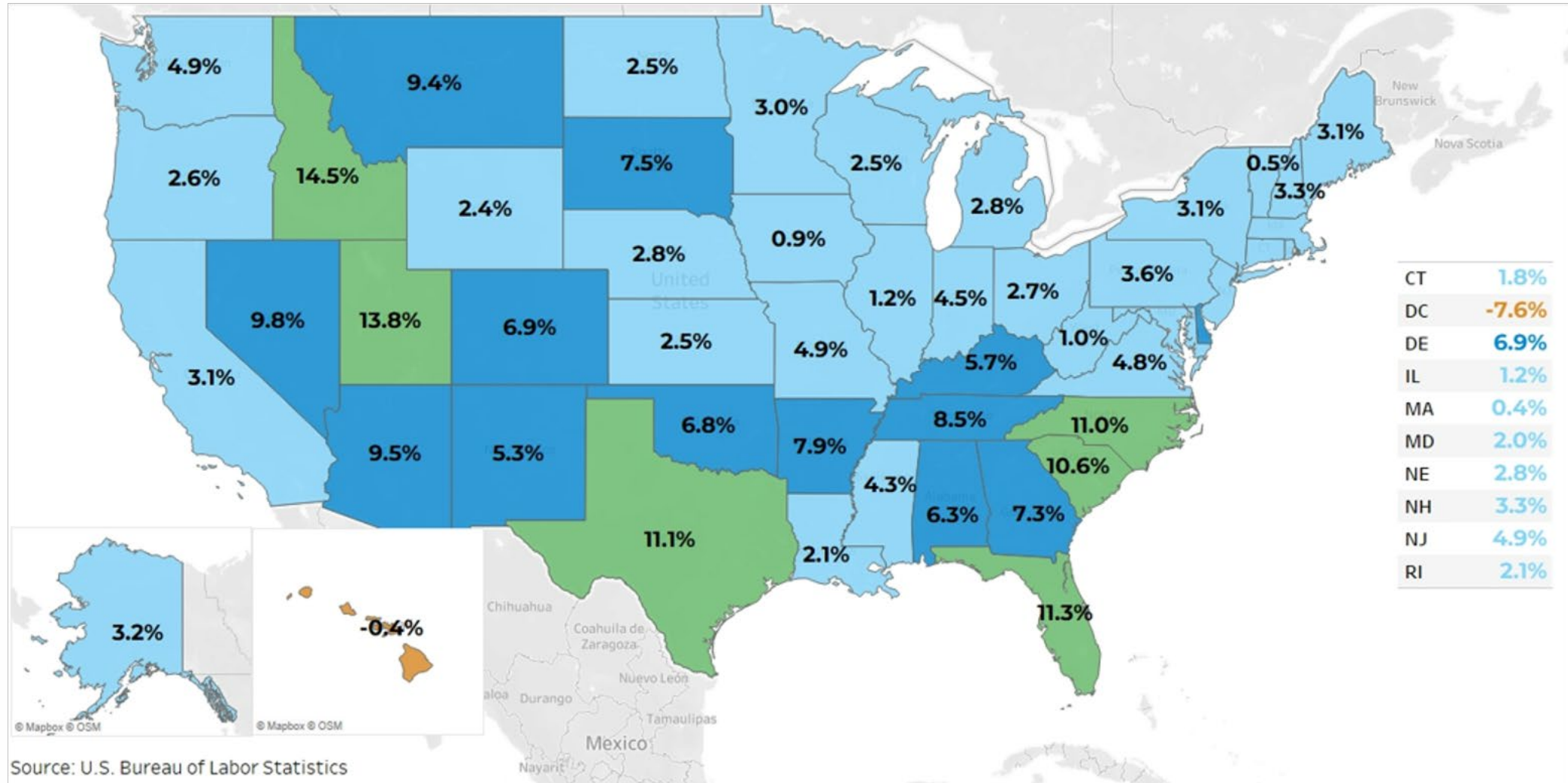
+6.3 Million More Jobs from Pre-COVID Highs



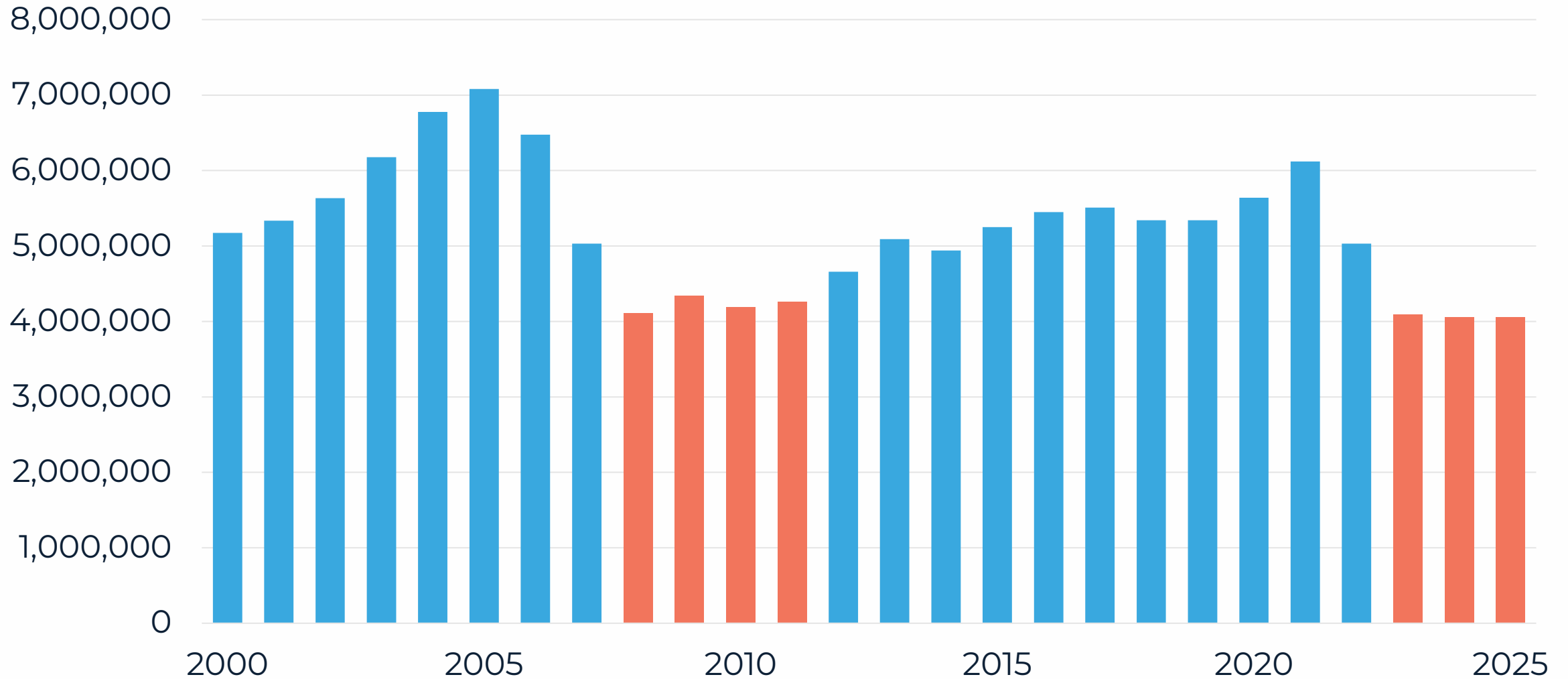
One-year Payroll Job Gain (% change Dec. 2024 to Dec. 2025)



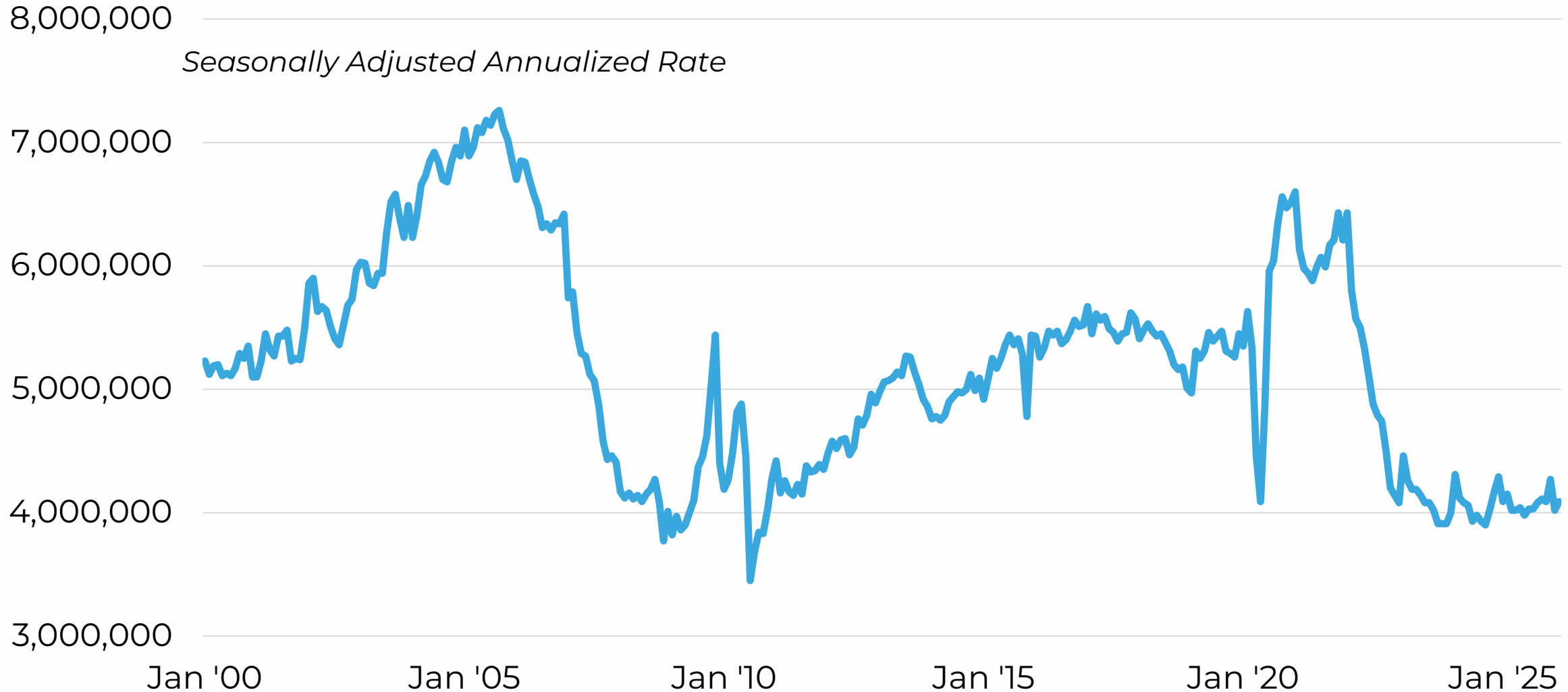
Job Gains Since Pre-COVID Record High Payroll Employment (% change from March 2020 to December 2025)



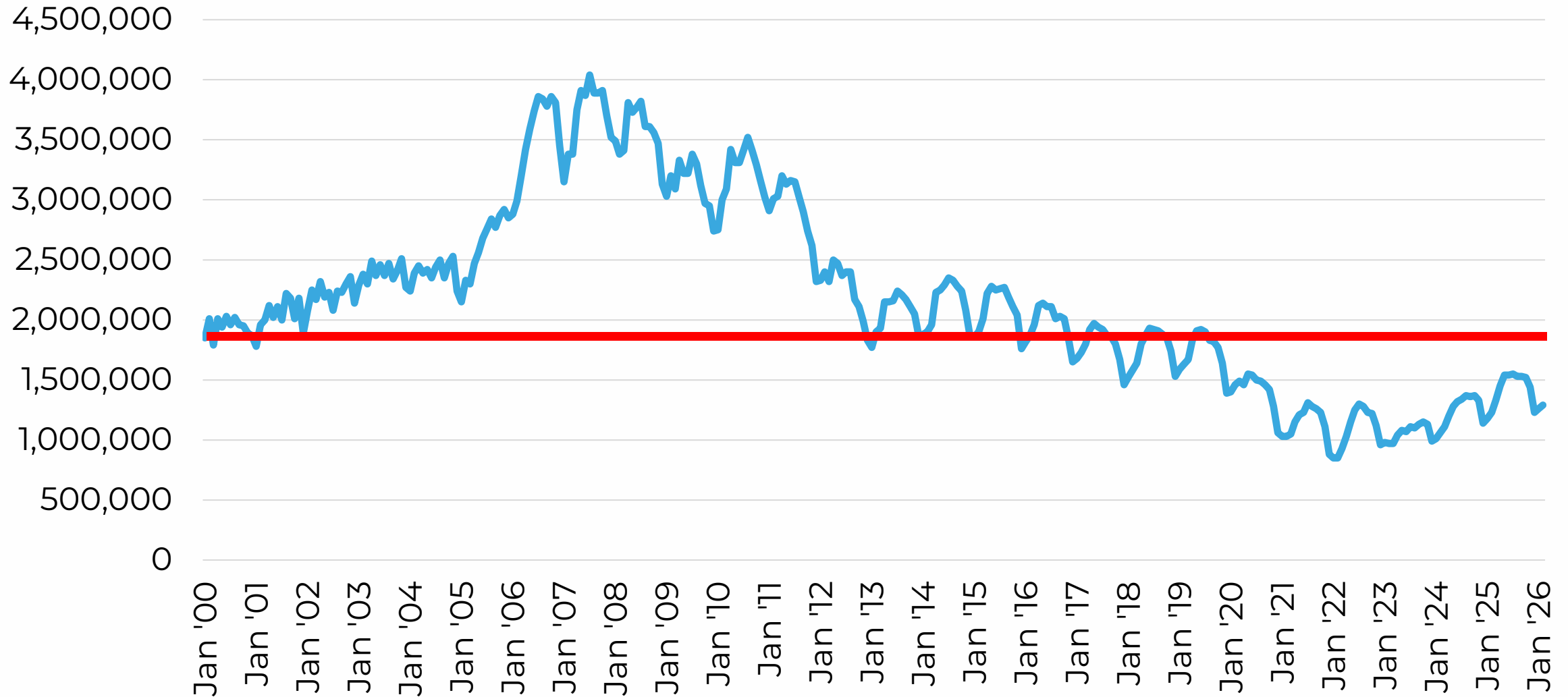
Existing-Home Sales



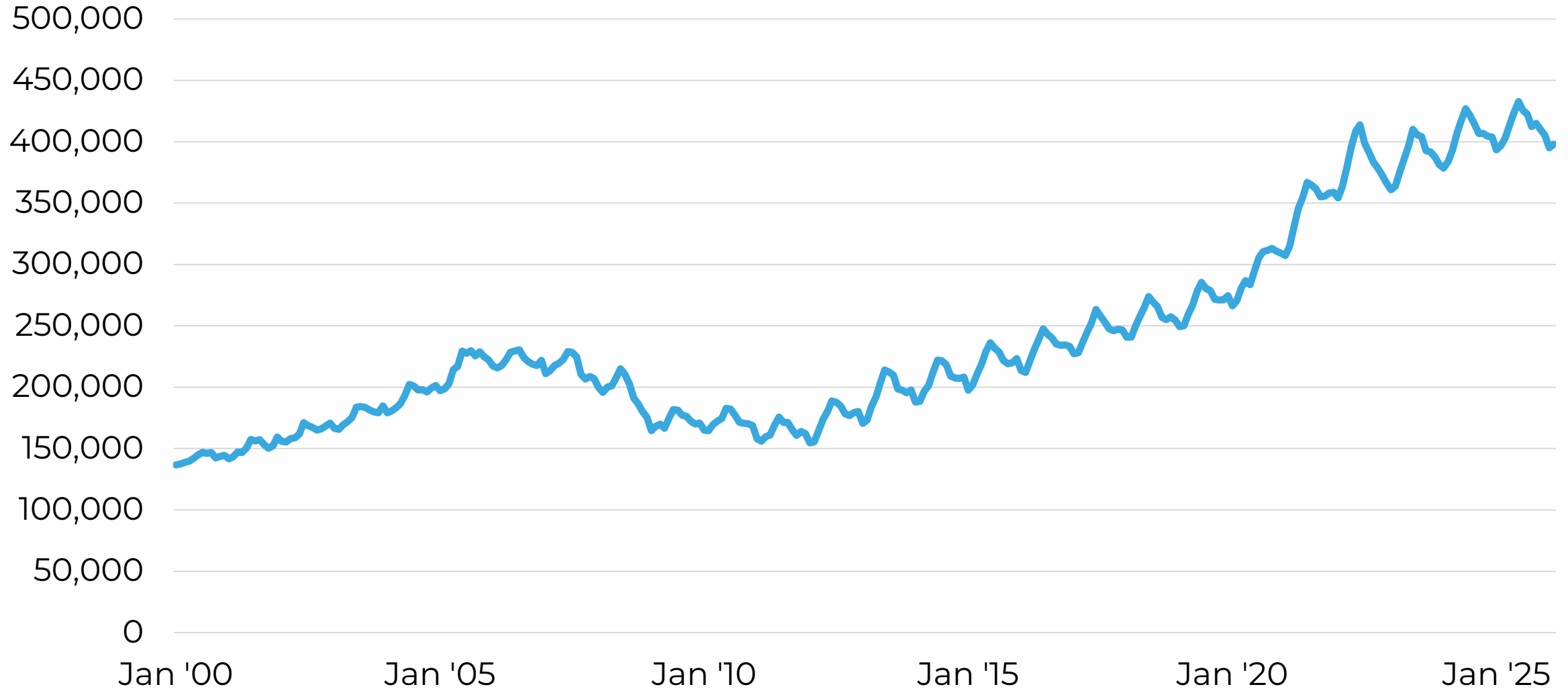
Monthly Existing-Home Sales



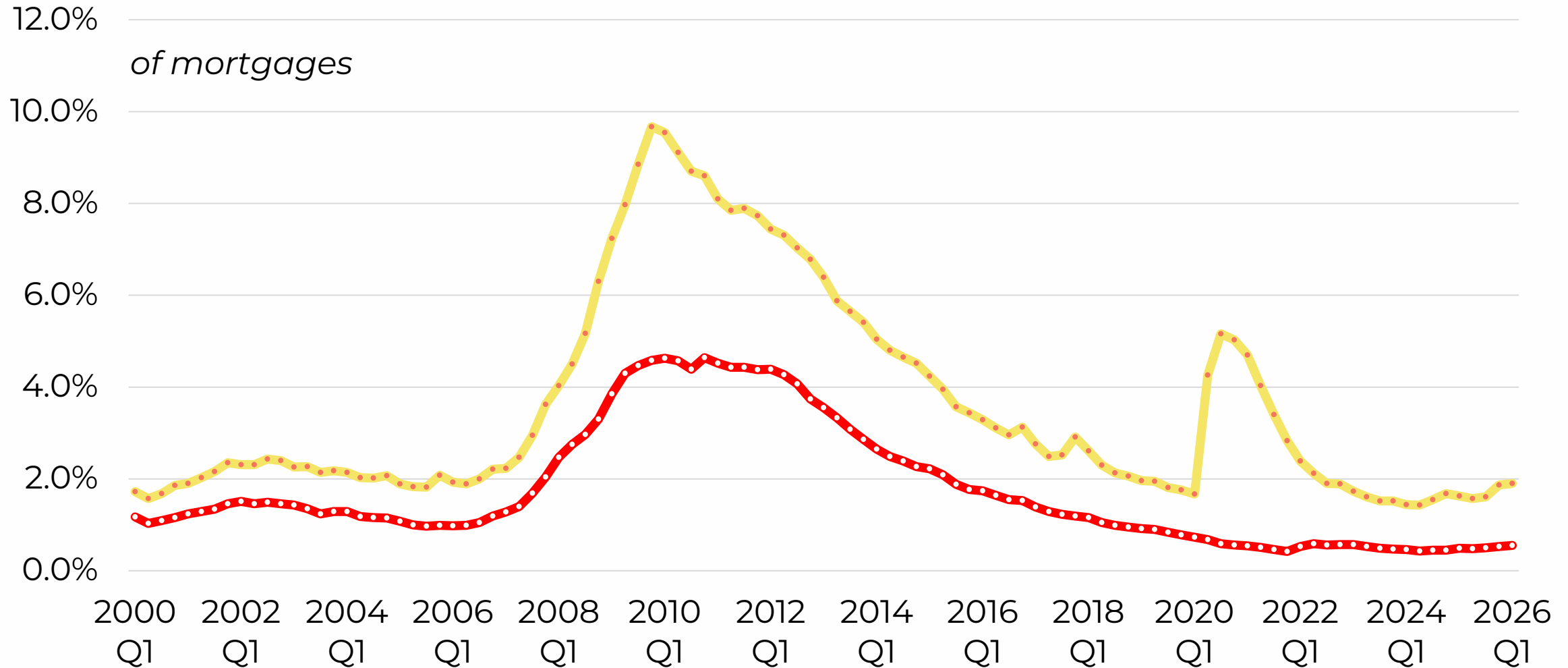
Inventory of Homes Over Time



Median Home Prices



Seriously Delinquent Mortgages and Foreclosure (90+ days late or in foreclosure)



Light Flashing on Weekly Mortgage Applications to Buy a Home (4-week moving average)

