

Monthly Economic Update

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Wisconsin Updates

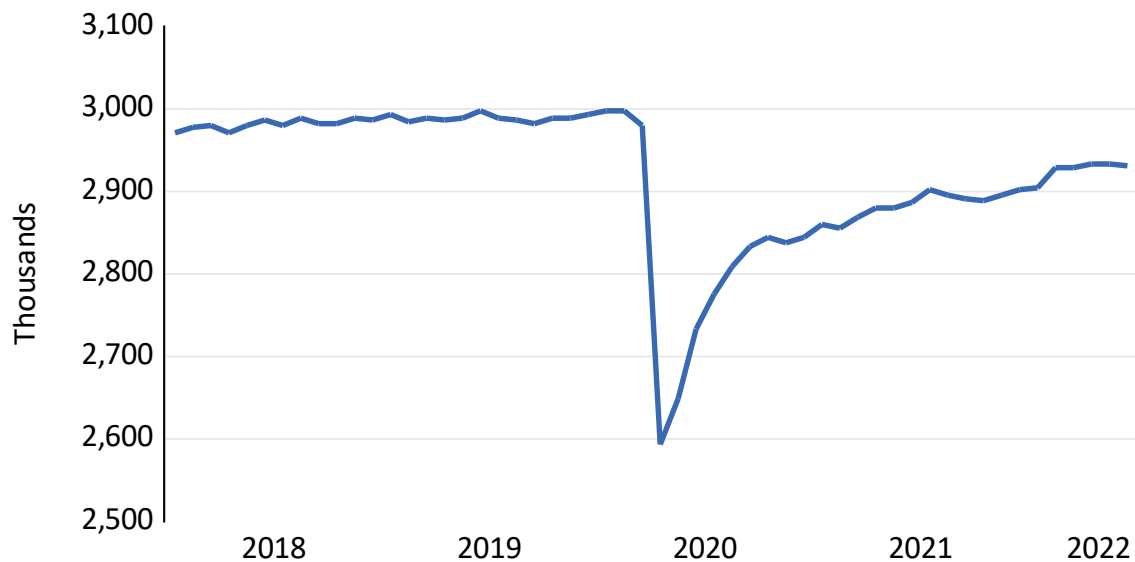
Employment

- By Sector

Farm Prices

Wisconsin Employment Fell by 1,800 in June

Wisconsin Employment



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

Wisconsin total nonfarm employment declined by 1,800 in June, to 2,929,600 jobs. Compared to the prior year, Wisconsin employment is 45,100 higher.

Wisconsin employment is 66,300 jobs, or 2.2%, below its pre-pandemic level. Private employment is 44,700 jobs (1.7%) below, in contrast to private employment at the national level, which has recovered back to its pre-pandemic level.

Wisconsin government employment remains 5.2% below its pre-pandemic level.

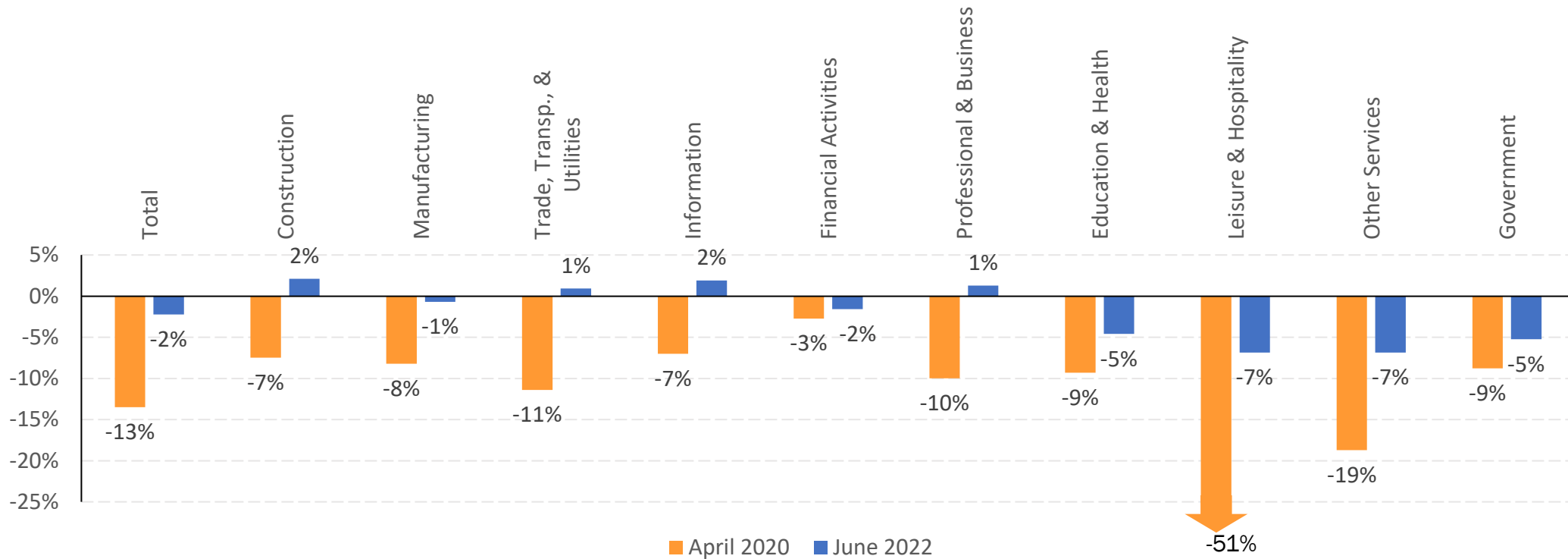
In the month of June, goods-producing employment increased. Employment in the construction sector increased by 1,300 jobs and manufacturing added 1,400 jobs, all in the durable goods sector. Employment in non-durable goods manufacturing declined.

Service-providing jobs declined by 4,600 in June. Professional and business service employment added 2,600 jobs, but this was offset by losses in trade, information, leisure & hospitality, and other services. Employment in education and health increased by 500.

The unemployment rate remained at 2.9% in June, with both the household survey's labor force and employment measures declining. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate dipped one-tenth of a percentage point to 66.4%.

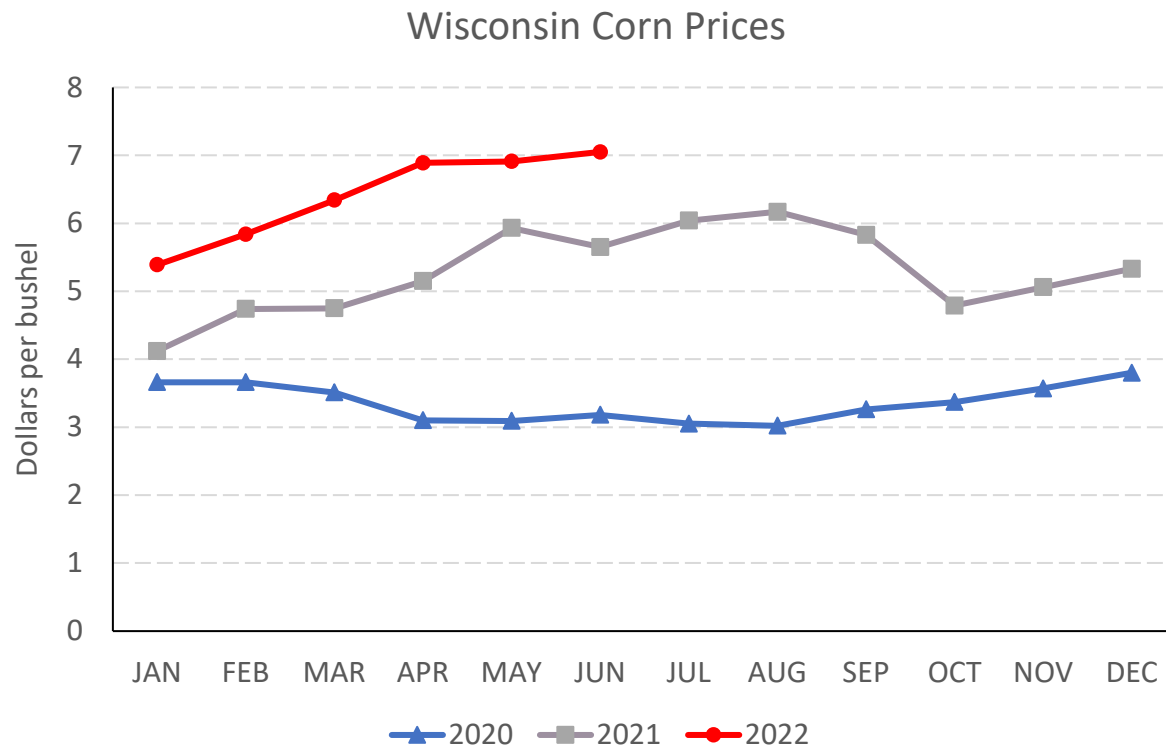
Four Sectors in Wisconsin are Above Their Pre-pandemic Employment Level

Percent Change in Wisconsin Employment Since February 2020



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics

Corn Prices Remain Elevated



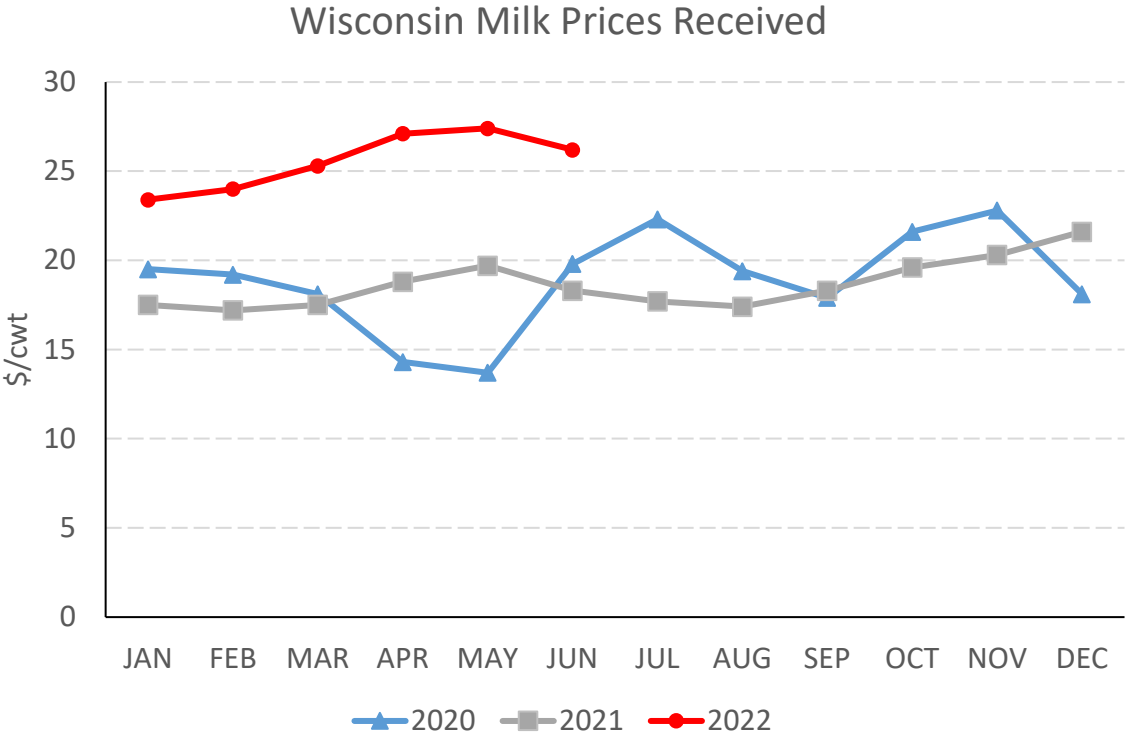
The price of corn farmers received in June averaged \$7.05/bushel, up from \$6.91/bushel in May.

The current price is \$1.40 more than last year at this time and more than double the price of two years ago.

Nationally, corn prices rose to \$7.37/bushel in June, up from \$7.26/bushel in May and \$1.37 more than the year-ago price.

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report

Milk Prices Dip in June



Wisconsin milk prices received by farmers declined from \$27.40 per hundredweight (cwt) in May to \$26.20 per cwt in June, a decline of \$1.20.

June milk prices were \$7.80 per cwt higher than the same time last year.

Nationally, milk prices also moved lower in June. Milk prices averaged \$26.90 in the U.S., 70 cents higher than in Wisconsin but lower than the \$27.30 per cwt seen in May.

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report

U.S. Updates

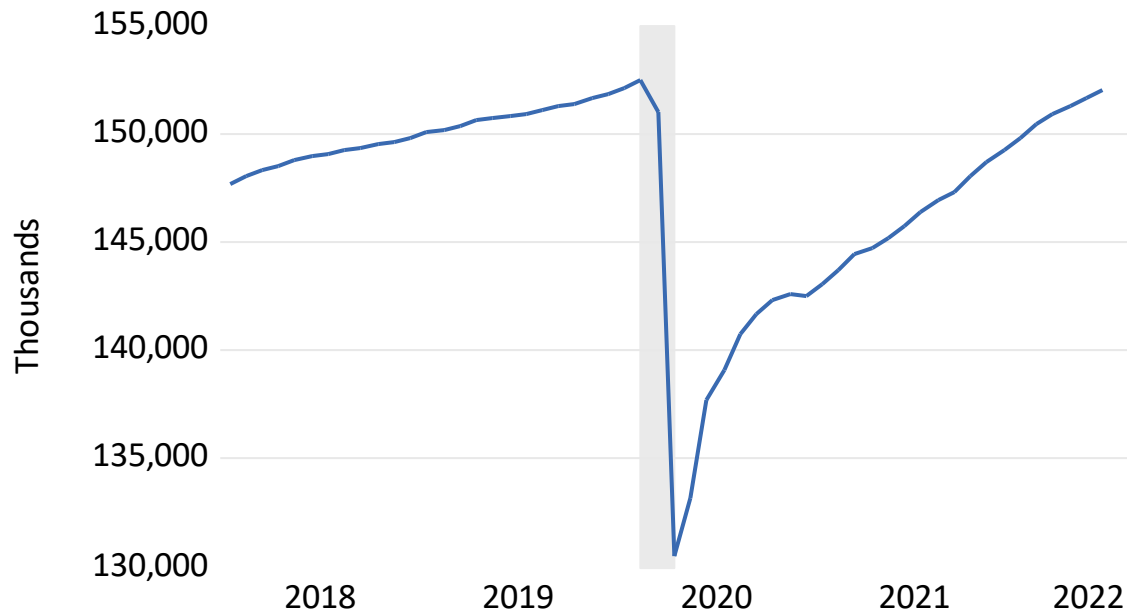
Employment

Inflation (CPI)

Consumer Sentiment

U.S. Added 372,000 Jobs in June

U.S. Total Nonfarm Employment



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Monthly Employment Report.

U.S. total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 372,000 in June, and the unemployment rate remained at 3.6%.

Notable job gains occurred in professional and business services, leisure and hospitality, and health care.

Total nonfarm employment is down by 524,000, or 0.3%, from its pre-pandemic level in February 2020. Private-sector employment has recovered the net job losses due to the pandemic and is 140,000 higher than in February 2020, while government employment is 664,000 lower.

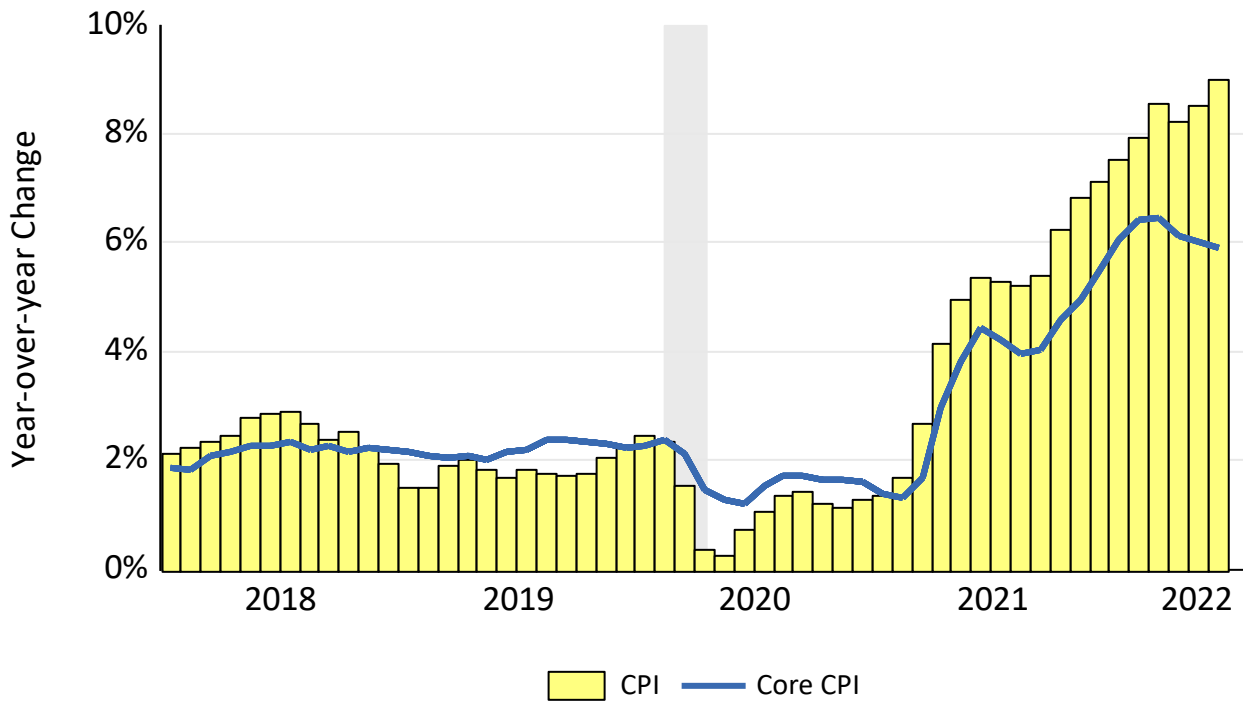
In June, leisure and hospitality added 67,000 jobs, as growth continued in food services and drinking places (+41,000). However, employment in leisure and hospitality is down by 1.3 million, or 7.8%, since February 2020.

In June, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 10 cents, or 0.3%, to \$32.08. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 5.1%.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls held at 34.5 hours in June.

Consumer Prices Continue to Rise

Consumer Price Index (CPI)



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 1.3% in June. The core CPI, which excludes food and energy prices, increased 0.7%. The price index for energy accounted for nearly half of the rise in the overall CPI.

The all items index increased 9.1% for the 12 months ending June, the largest 12-month increase since the period ending November 1981. The core CPI rose 5.9% over the last 12 months, peaking at 6.5% in March, 2022.

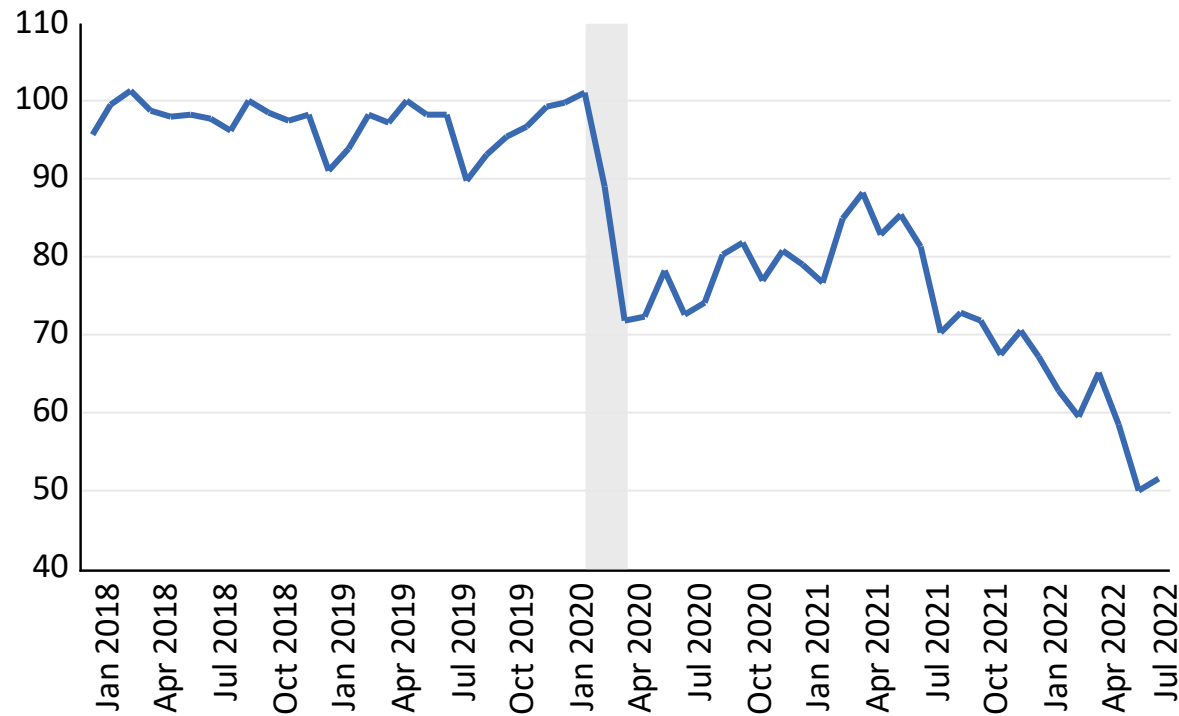
The food index increased 1.0% in June following a 1.2% increase the prior month. The index for food at home also rose 1.0% in June, the sixth consecutive increase of at least 1.0% in that index. The food at home index rose 12.2% over the last 12 months, the largest 12-month increase since the period ending April 1979.

Prices for core goods continue to rise faster than core services: 12-month inflation rates for core goods and services as of June were 7.2% and 5.5%, respectively.

The shelter index increased 0.6% in June, as it did in May. The rent index rose 0.8% over the month, the largest monthly increase since April 1986, and the owners' equivalent rent index rose 0.7%. The 12-month inflation for shelter was 5.6%.

Consumer Sentiment Inches Up from Historic Low

Consumer Sentiment - Michigan Survey



The University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index increased 1.5 points to 51.5 in the final July reading after sinking to an all-time low of 50.0 in the final June reading. The index is down 42% since April 2021.

While the present situation index rose 4.3 points to 58.1, the expectations index edged down 0.2 point to 47.3, its lowest since 1980.

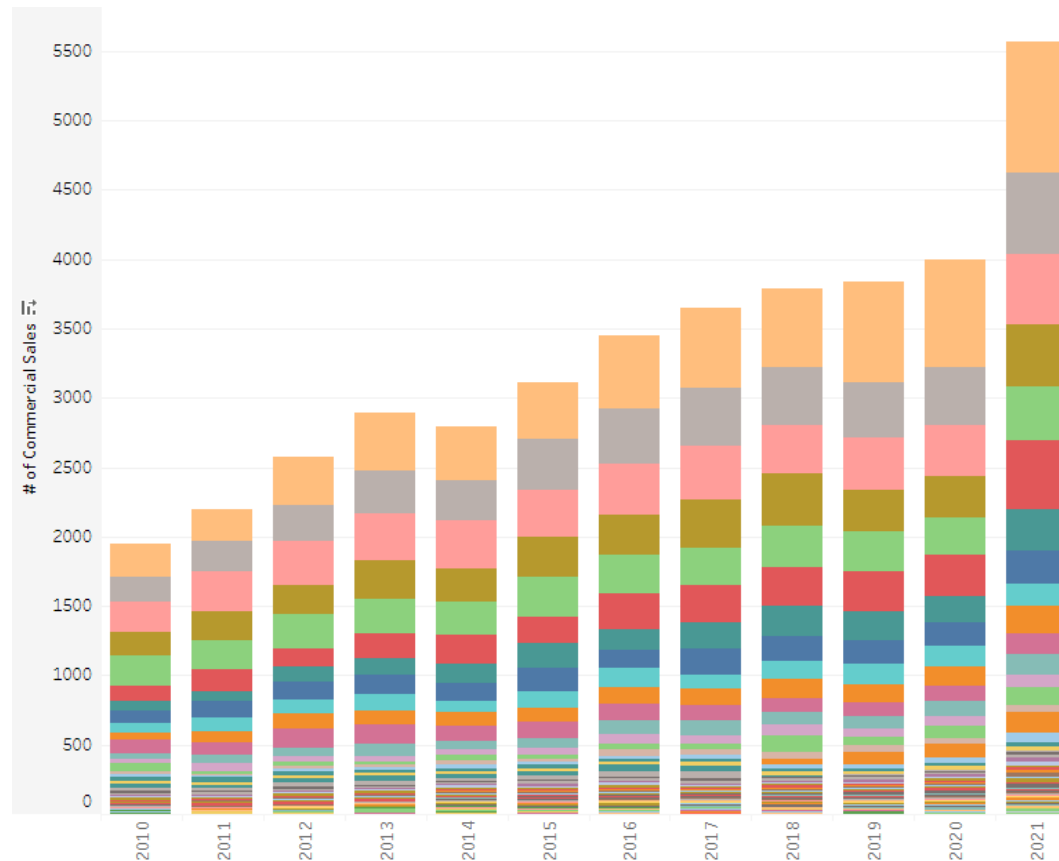
According to the survey, "concerns over global factors have eased somewhat" and provided some relief to inflation expectations.

The indexes of buying conditions for vehicles and large household durables rose by 12 points and 8 points, respectively, as supply constraints eased. Still, buying conditions for both vehicles and large household durables are at low levels never seen in the history of the respective series, both of which began in 1978.

Source: [University of Michigan, Surveys of Consumers](#)

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Wisconsin Commercial Property Sales by Type (all counties)



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