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# Proposed 2026 Stress Test

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1	Forecast expansion timeline (Edward Friedman)

- State of the banking system (Mark Zandi)
- U.S. macro portion of the proposed stress test (Cris deRitis)
- Global macro portion of the proposed stress test (Ilir Hysa)
- Model-related remarks (Mark Hopkins)

# 1 | Timeline – On Schedule

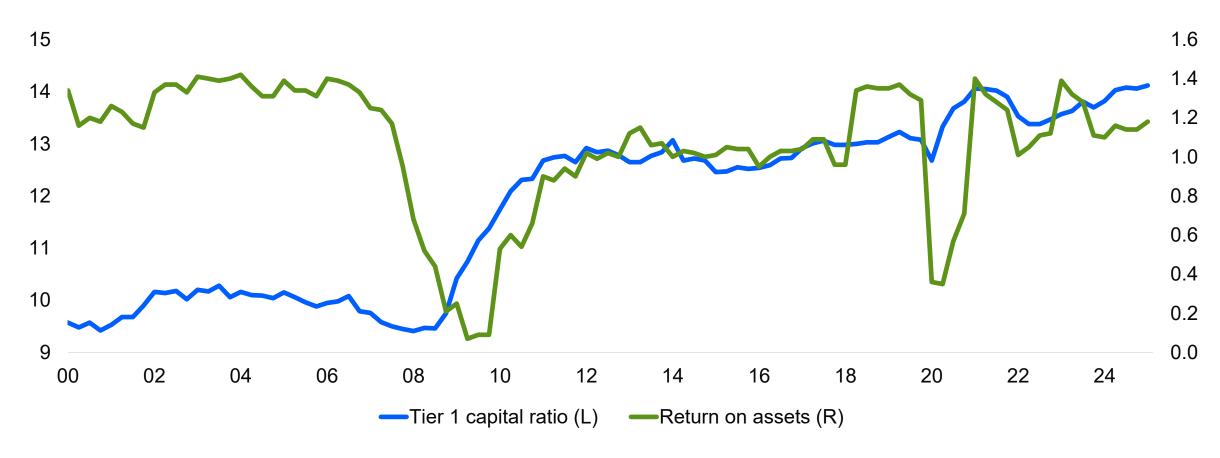
# Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review 2026 Forecast Expansion Timeline

Target Day	Publication Date	Database
0	24 Oct	FRB disseminates CCAR guidance
4	28 Oct	Historical reconciliation document
6	30 Oct	U.S. macro forecast (Q)
7	31 Oct	U.S. macro forecast (M)
7	31 Oct	U.S. macro forecast in Scenario Studio
7	31 Oct	CME Term SOFR forecasts
12	05 Nov	U.S. state forecast (Q)
13	06 Nov	U.S. state forecast (M)
14	07 Nov	Global macro forecast
17	10 Nov	Global macro forecast in Scenario Studio
17	10 Nov	Global financial markets database
19	12 Nov	U.S. narratives
19	12 Nov	U.S. metro area forecast
20	13 Nov	Case-Shiller® Home Price Index Forecast
24	17 Nov	Autocycle
26	19 Nov	Global macro narratives

# 2 | Solid Banking System

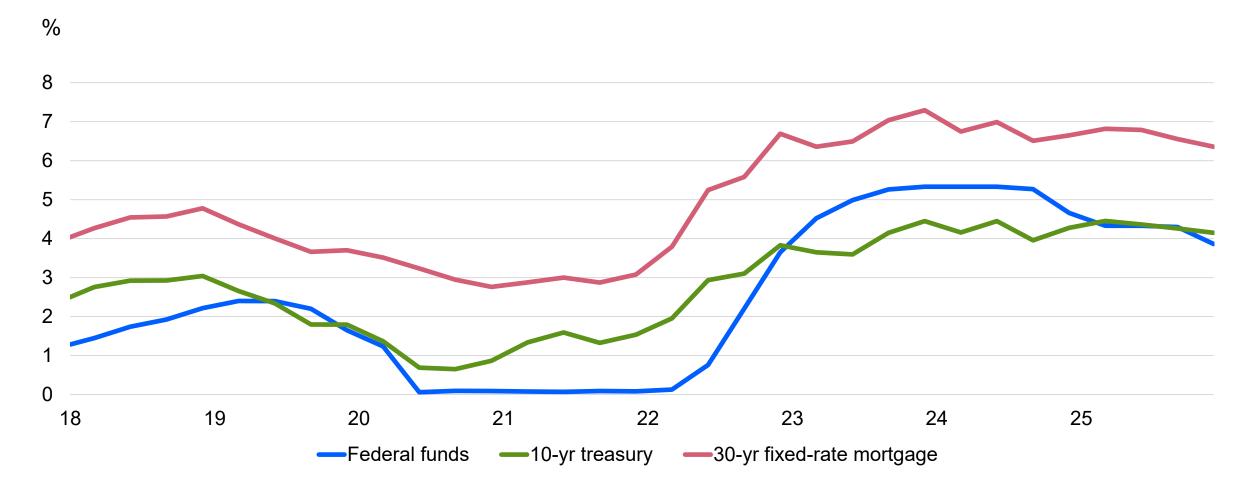
# The Banking System Is Highly Capitalized and Profitable

#### Commercial banks, %



Sources: FDIC, Moody's Analytics

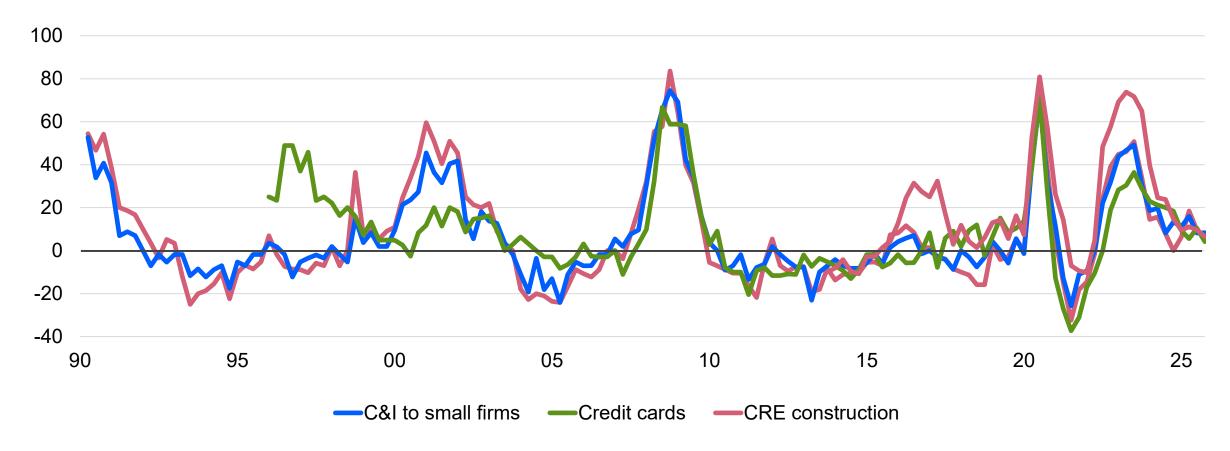
#### The Yield Curve and Interest Rates Normalize



Sources: Federal Reserve, Freddie Mac, Intercontinental Exchange, Moody's Analytics

# Bank Underwriting Remans Tight...

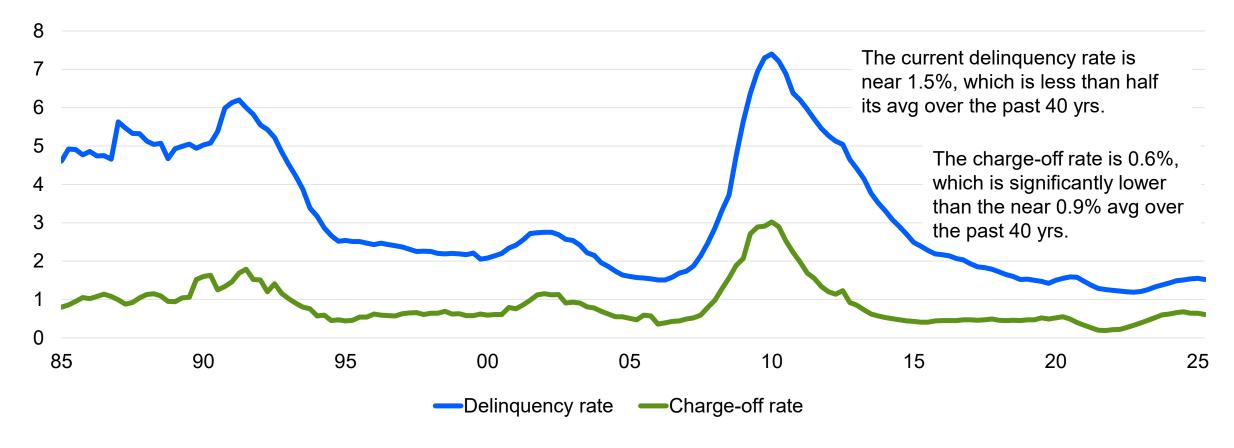
Net percentage of banks tightening lending standards on



Sources: Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

# ...Leading to Strong Credit Quality

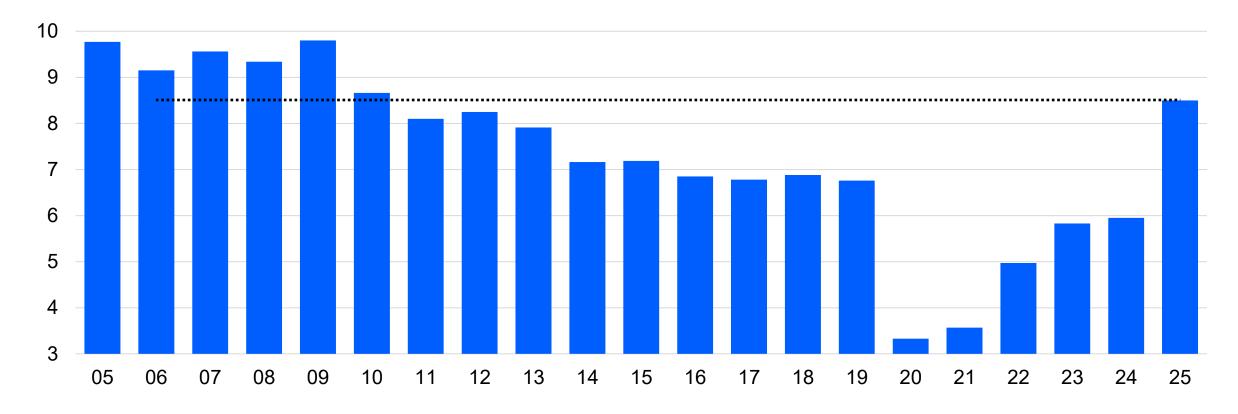
#### % of \$ outstanding



Sources: Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

# Subprime Borrowers Are Under Financial Stress

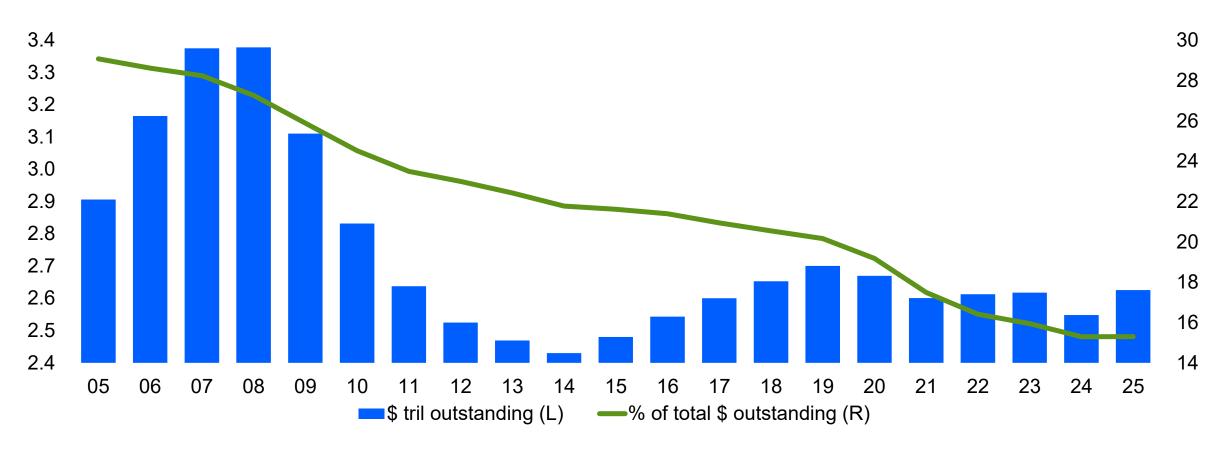
Subprime loan delinquency rate, % of loans, Oct of each yr



Sources: Equifax, Moody's Analytics

# ...But This Is Less of a Threat to the Financial System and Economy

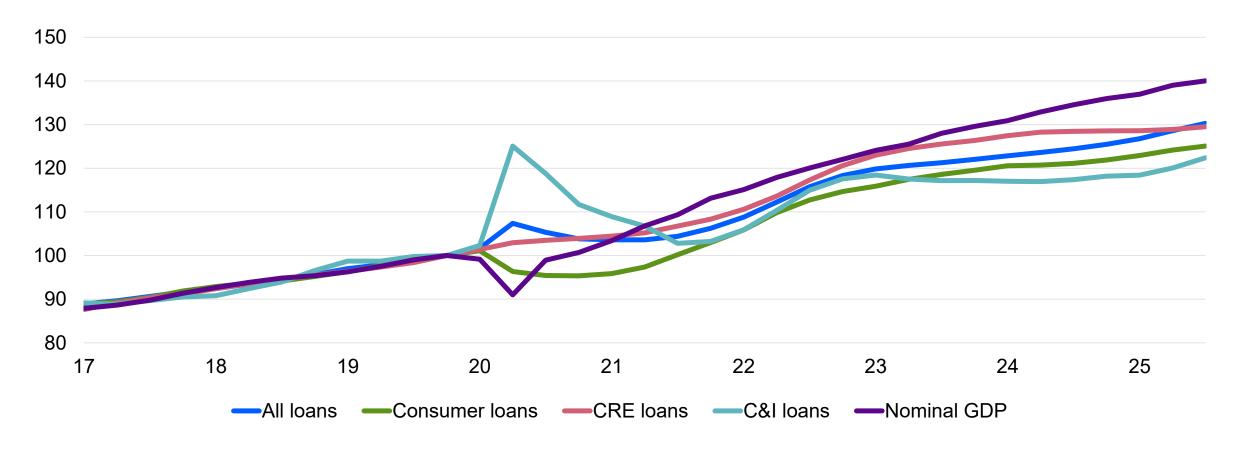
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# Bank Lending Lags the Economy Since the Pandemic...

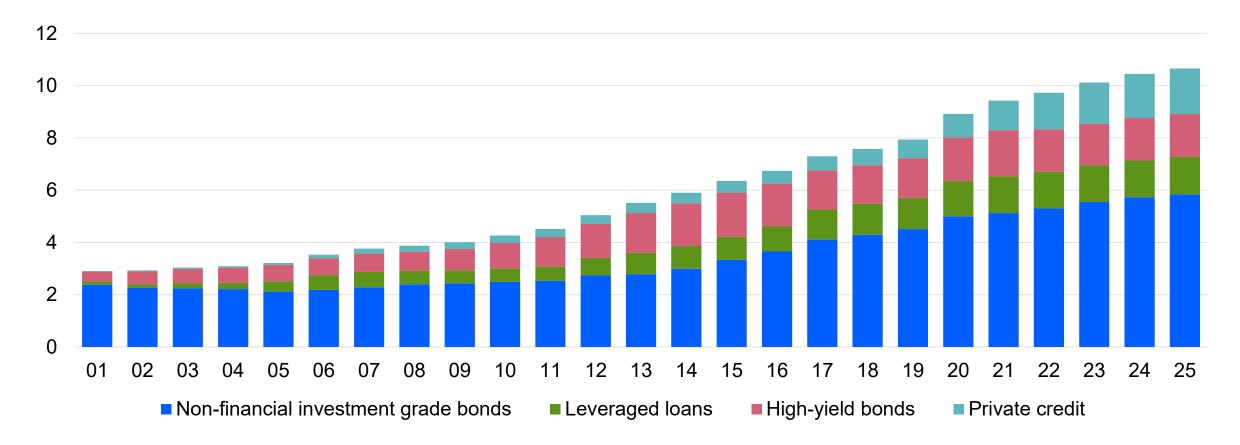
Loans outstanding, 2019Q4=100



Sources: Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

#### ... As Non-Bank Credit Is on the Rise

#### U.S. corporate debt outstanding, \$ tril

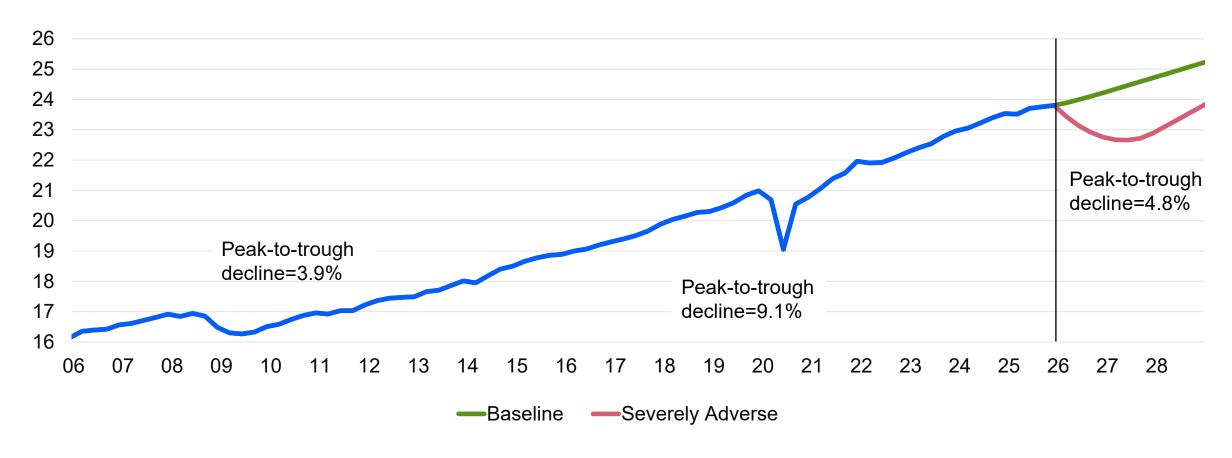


Sources: IMF, Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

# 3 | Proposed 2026 Stress Test

#### CCAR 2026 Includes a Severe Recession...

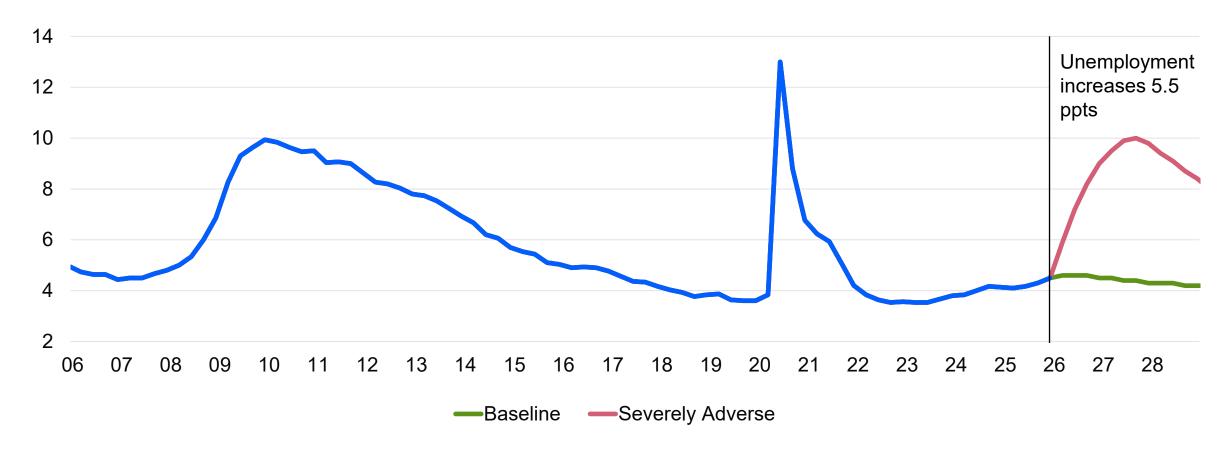
Real GDP, 2017\$ tril



Sources: Federal Reserve, BEA, Moody's Analytics

# ...Pushing Unemployment to a Peak of 10%

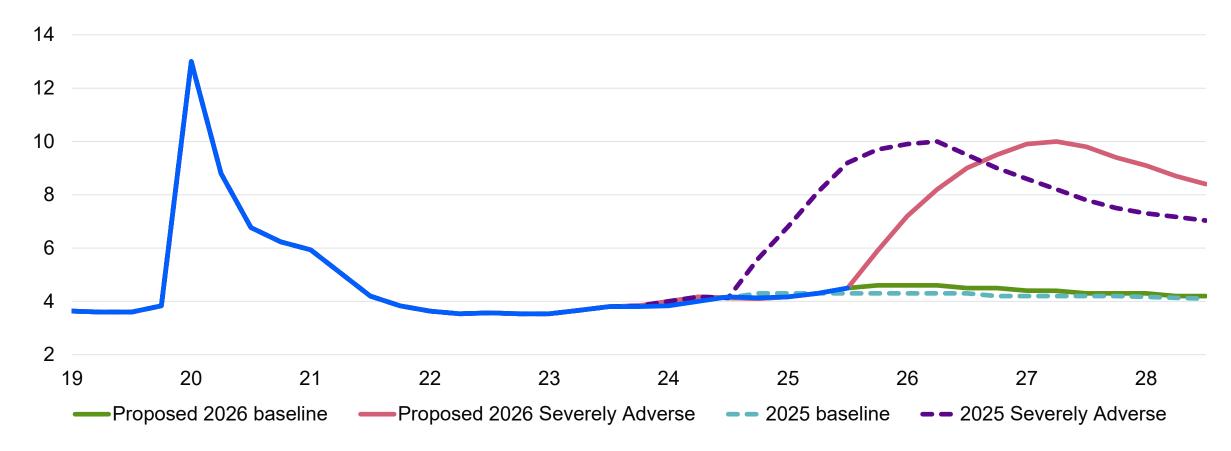
Unemployment rate, %



Sources: BLS, Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

# This Year's Proposed CCAR Test Is Similar to Last Year's

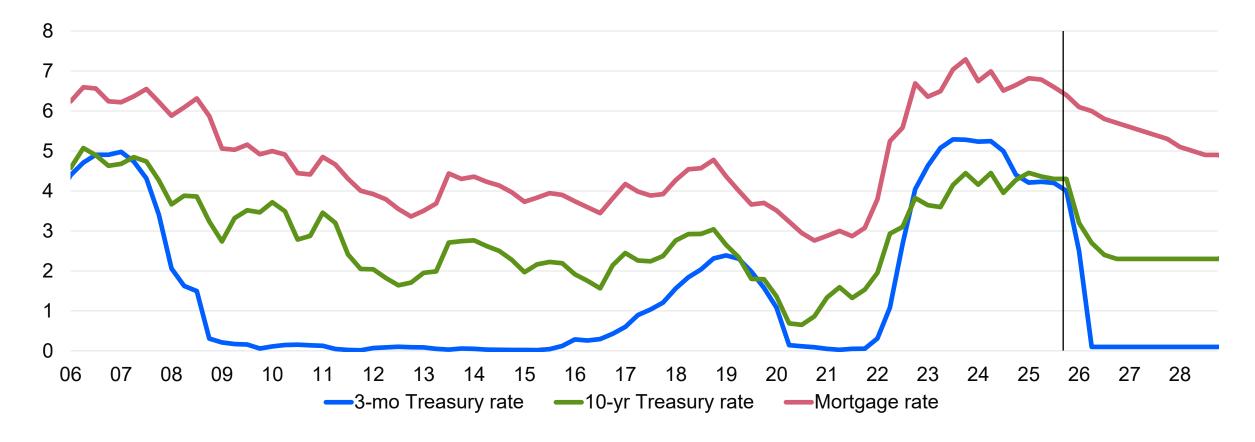
Unemployment rate, %



Sources: BLS, Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

# Interest Rates Fall Sharply but Remain Positive

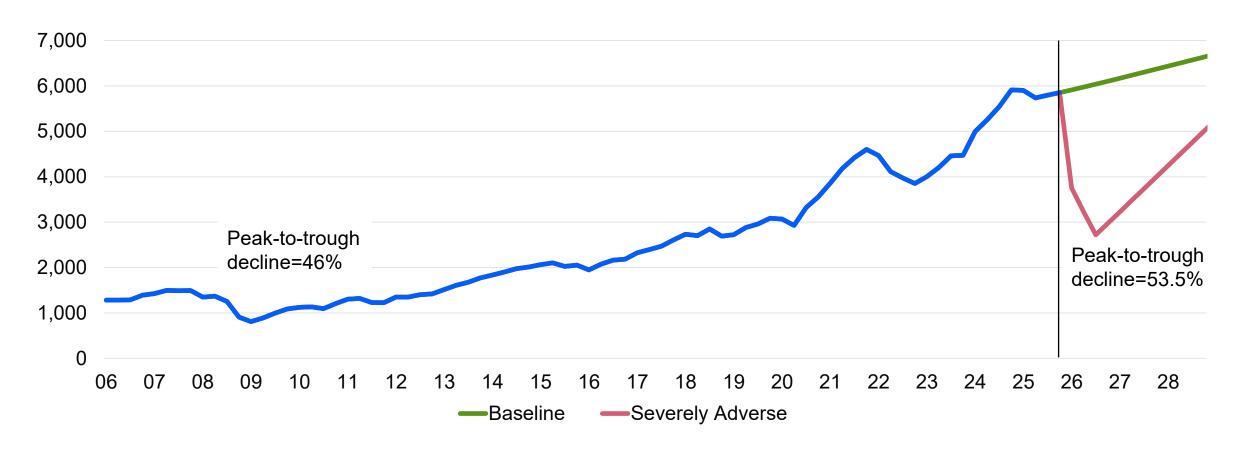
Severely Adverse scenario, %



Sources: Freddie Mac, Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

# Stock Prices Take a Hit and the Damage Is Prolonged

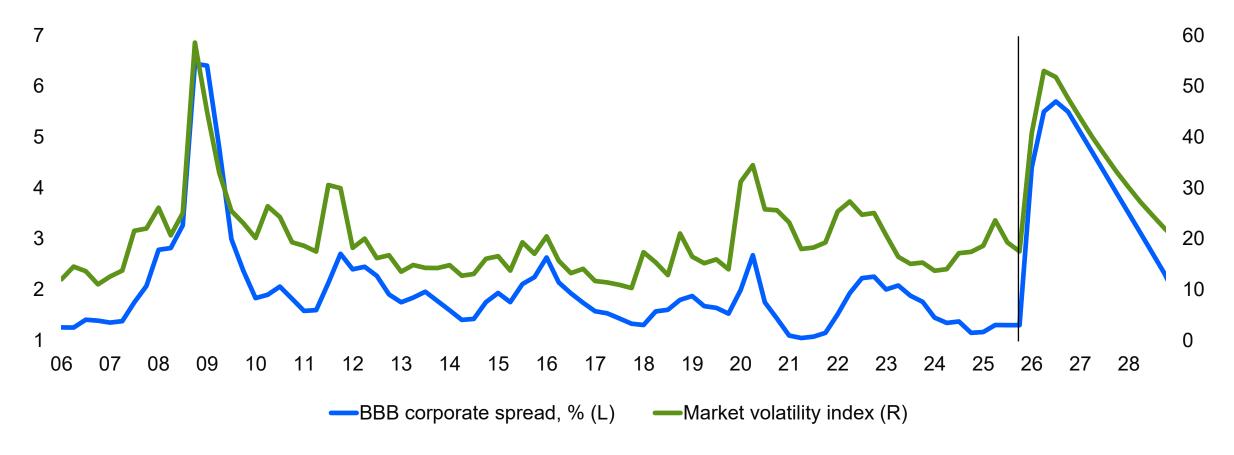
#### S&P 500



Sources: S&P, Moody's Analytics

# Corporate Credit Under High Stress

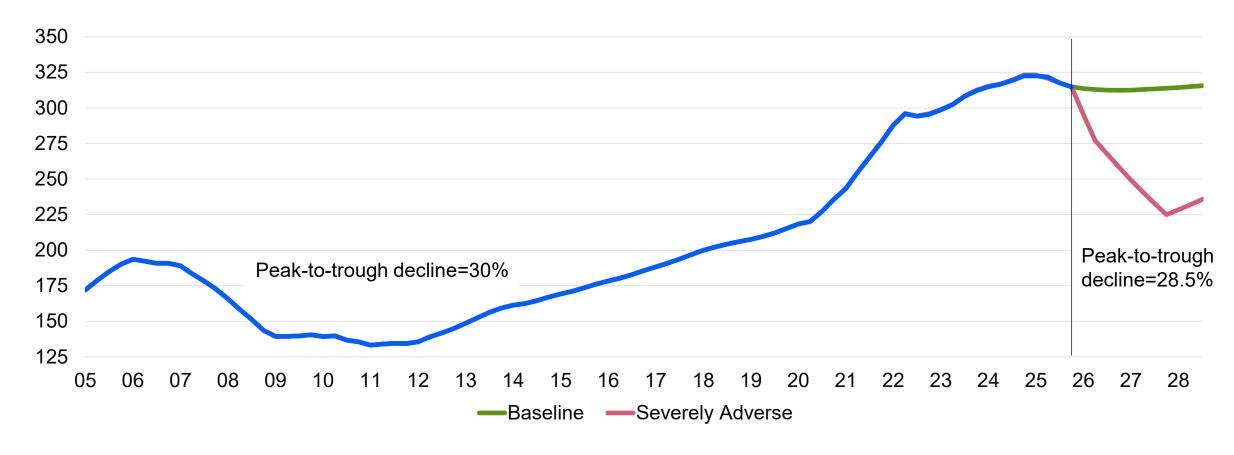
#### Severely Adverse scenario



Sources: SIX Financial Information, Intercontinental Exchange, S&P, Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

#### House Prices Slide...

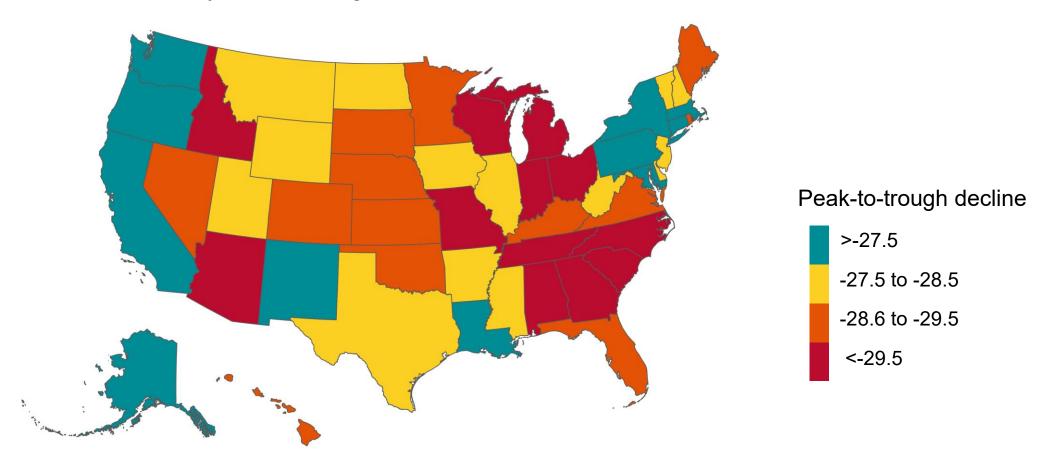
National House Price Index, Jan 2000=100, SA



Sources: Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

# ...Most Sharply in Overvalued Markets

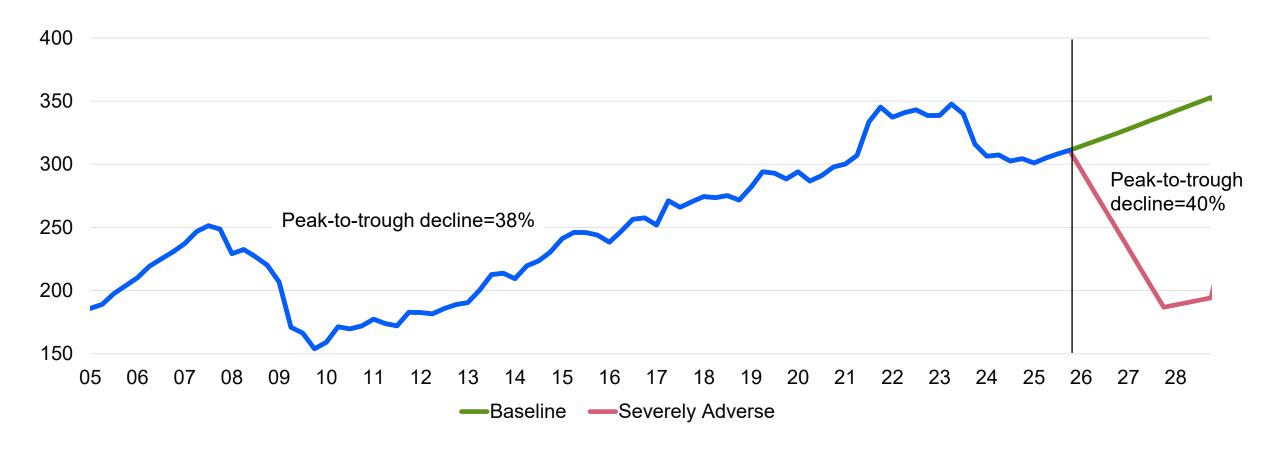
FHFA Purchase-Only HPI, % change, 2025Q4 to 2027Q4



Sources: FHFA, Moody's Analytics

#### Commercial Real Estate Prices Fall Back to GFC Levels

#### Commercial real estate price index

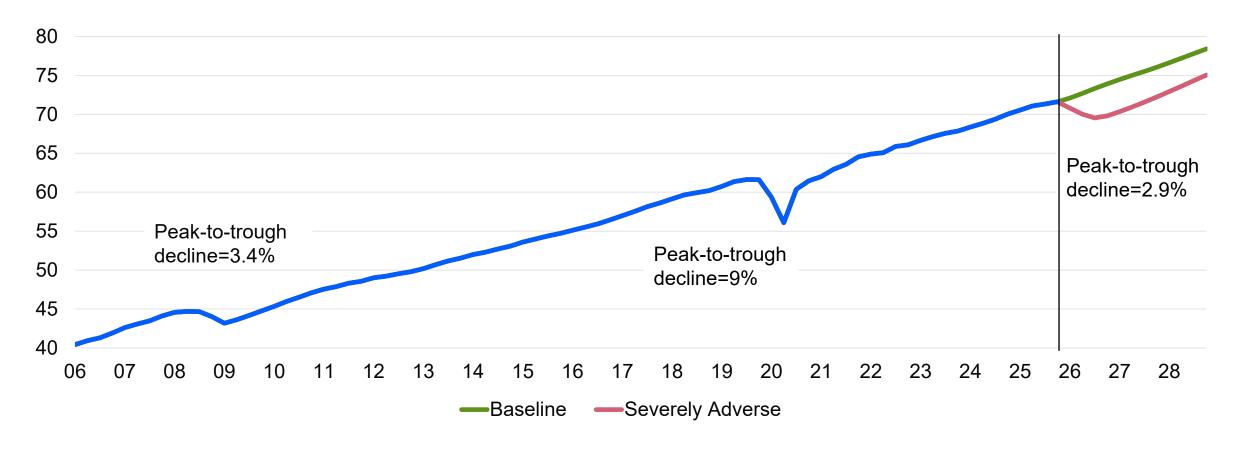


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#### A Severe Global Downturn...

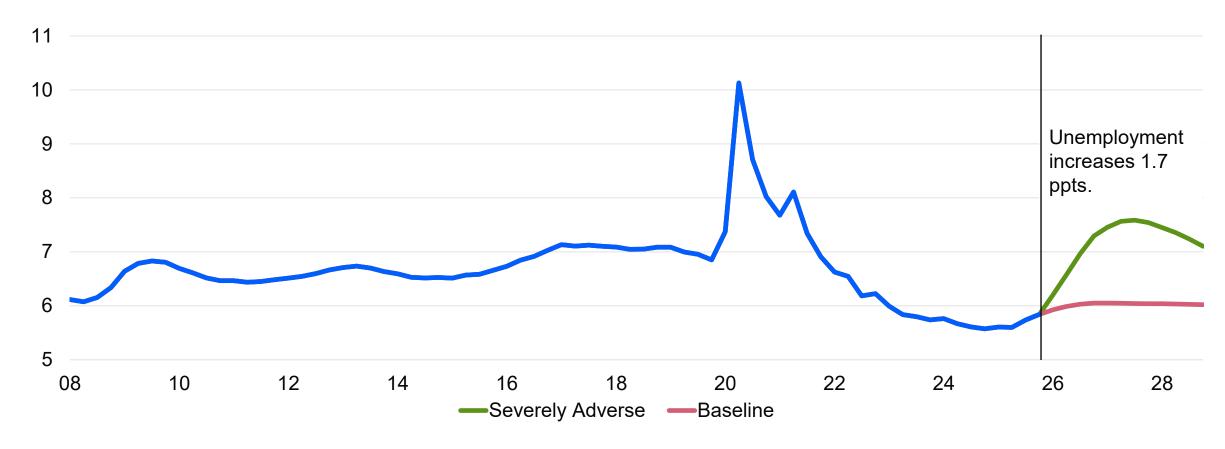
Global (ex the U.S.) real GDP, 2017\$ bil



Sources: National statistical offices, Moody's Analytics

# ...With Persistently High Unemployment

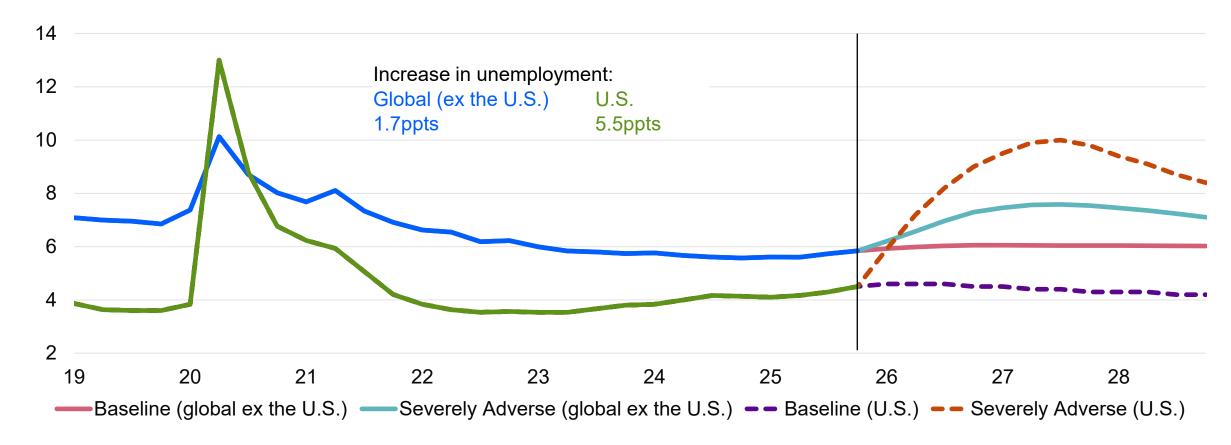
Global (ex the U.S.) unemployment rate, %



Sources: National statistical offices, Moody's Analytics

# Unemployment Increases More in the U.S. in the Severely Adverse Scenario

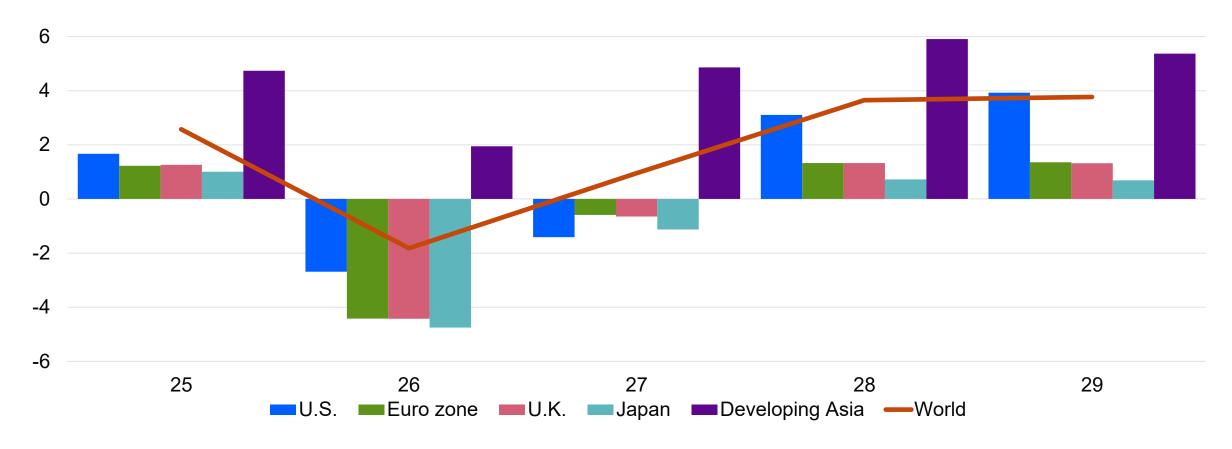
Unemployment rate, %



Sources: BLS, National statistical offices, Moody's Analytics

#### GDP Declines Across Much of the World...

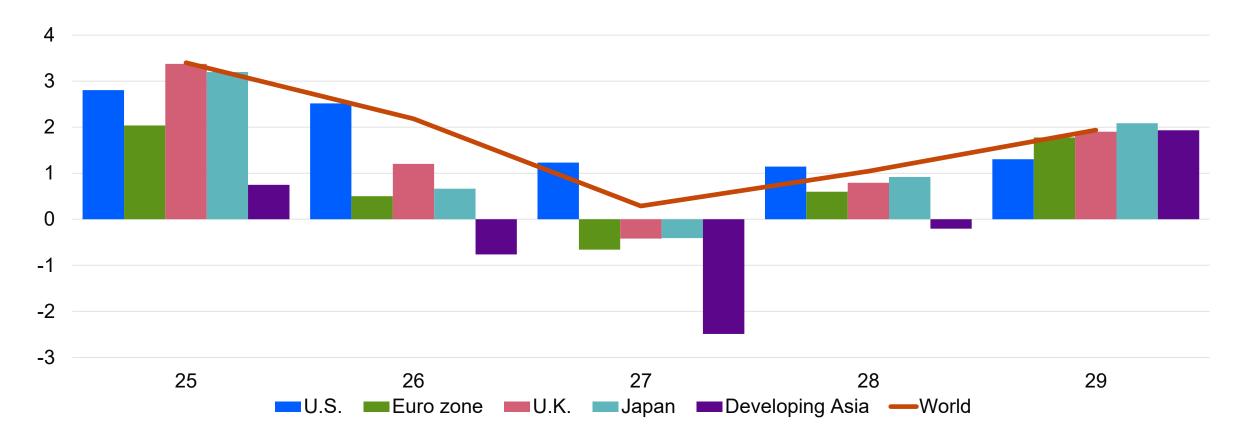
Real GDP in the Severely Adverse scenario, % change yr ago



Sources: National statistical offices, Moody's Analytics

### ...And Inflation Moderates, With Deflation in Much of the World

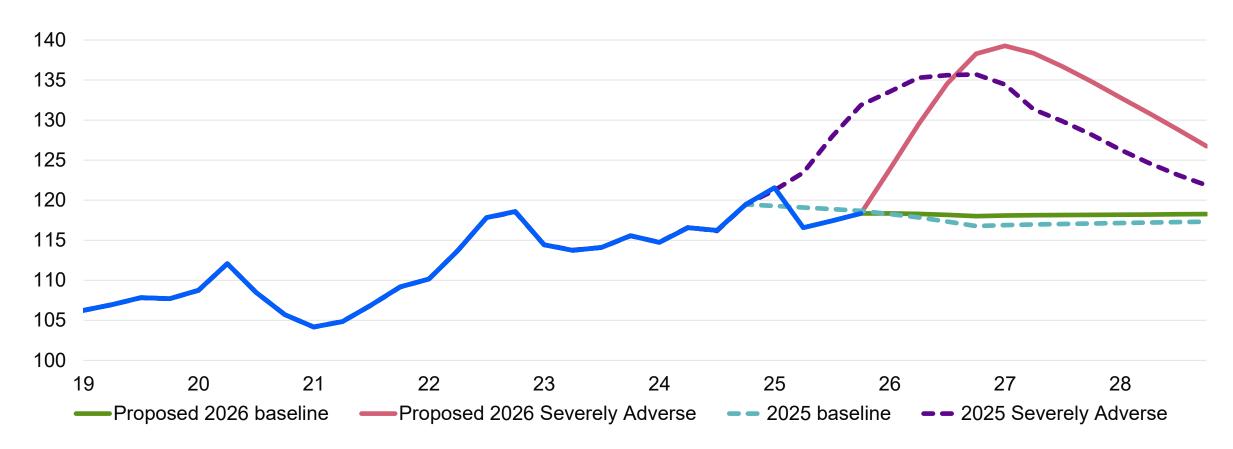
CPI in the Severely Adverse scenario, % change yr ago



Sources: National statistical offices, Moody's Analytics

### U.S. Dollar Retains Its Safe-Haven Status in Severely Adverse Scenario

#### U.S. real broad trade-weighted \$



Sources: Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

# 5 | The Fed's Model–Summary

# New for 2026: Increased Transparency

- Documenting and simplifying key models
- Expanded rules of thumb for scenario variables
- Handling of data updates
- Changes to supervisory models and guidance on loss projections

#### First Time Publishing a Macroeconomic Model for Stress-Testing

- → A new small-scale model used to generate scenario guidance.
- → Based on three well-known empirical relationships, used to solve for GDP, inflation, and fed funds rates *given* the unemployment rate.
- → Unemployment follows an AR(2) process after the initial stress.

#### Other changes

- → BBB spread, CRE prices, S&P, VIX now have formula-based guidance for peak/trough stress values.
- → The Fed has also published methodology papers for Global Market Shock, Operational Risk, and PPNR models.
- → Fed has explained how scenarios will be updated to reflect new data between October and February.

# How Does the Fed's Macro Model Compare With Ours?

#### Models Are Tools, so Design Depends on the Context of Use

#### The New Fed Model for Stress-Testing

- A simple, lightweight model for generating multiple time paths consistently.
- A reduced form model, based on familiar "empirical relationships" such as
  Okun's law, the Phillips curve, and the Taylor rule for central bank policy rates.
- A correlation-based model to provide prediction and enforce consistency across concepts, but not necessarily a transparent or realistic explanation as to why.
- → Okun's law is used to **predict** GDP from a given unemployment rate.
- → Model shocks are introduced into the unemployment rate AR(2) process and propagate through to other variables in a **recursive** fashion.
- → Equation coefficients estimated on data up to 2019 or assigned based on longrun averages.
- The model is easy for anybody to code up (for example, Python) and use for simulations.

#### The Moody's Analytics Global Model

- A large-scale model of the global economy in great detail.
- A structural model, with equations describing the behavior of firms, households
  & policymakers based on standard economic theory.
- Causality treated carefully, defensibility of economic logic is paramount, because the "why" is as important as the "what."
- → Okun's law is used to explain unemployment based on GDP, reflecting a standard firm labor demand curve.
- → Model shocks can be introduced many places, go many places, and even feed back again, due to extensive **simultaneity** across forecasts.
- → Almost all equation coefficients estimated with recent data since the pandemic, with individual care to capture econometric considerations in time series data.
- The model is costly to update, run and simulate, requiring specialized modeling software (for example Scenario Studio).

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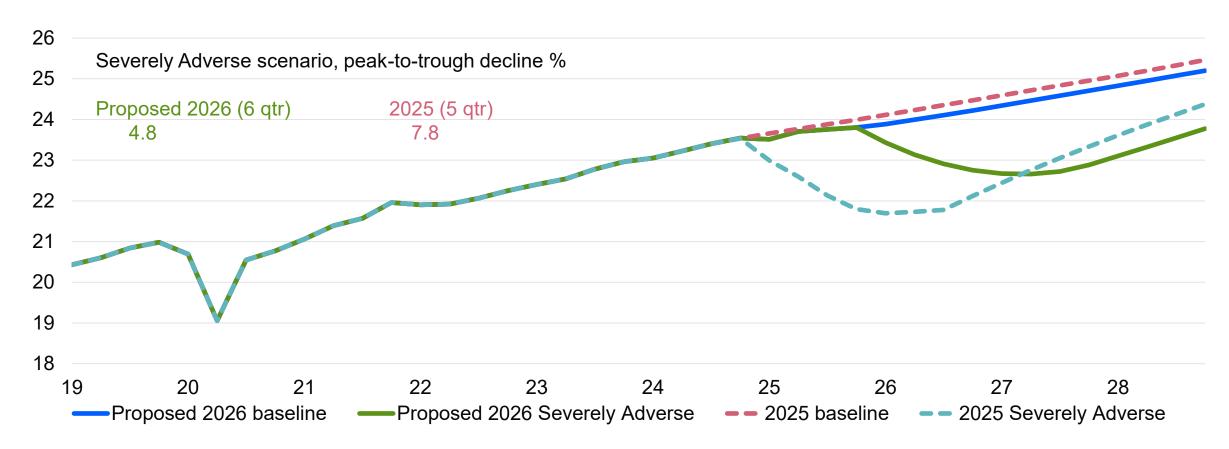
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#### GDP Declines Less Than in the 2025 Stress Scenarios...

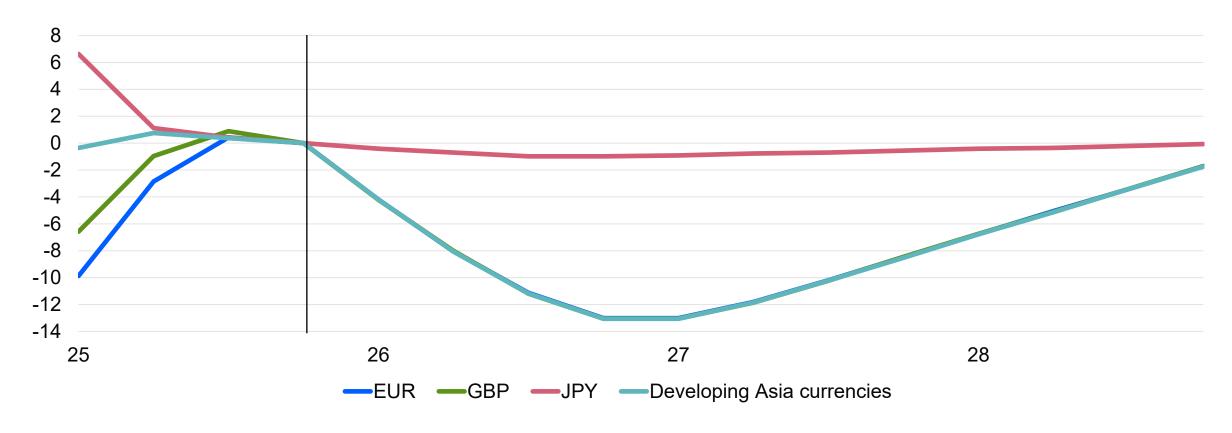
Real GDP, 2017\$ bil



Sources: BEA, Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

#### USD and JPY Are Safe-Haven Currencies

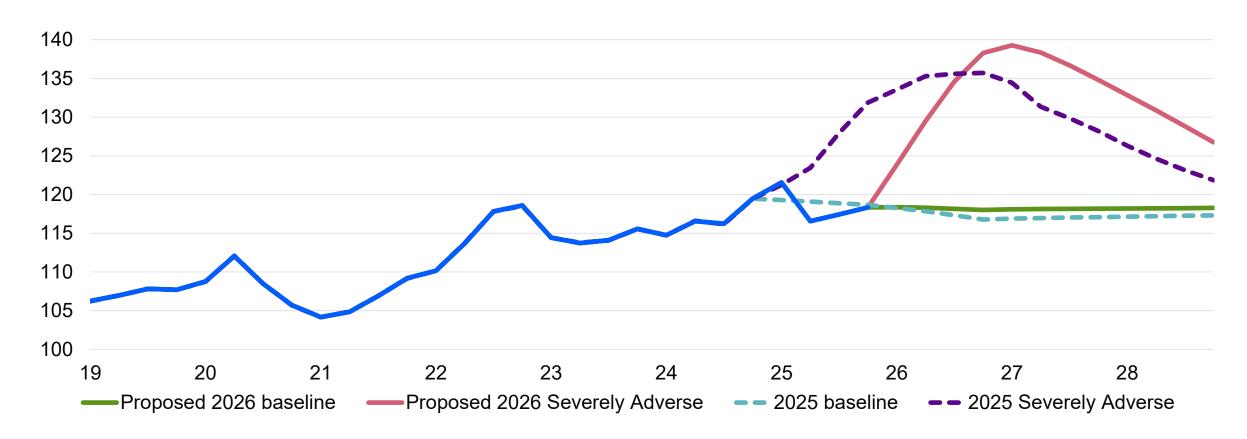
% change since 2025Q4 vis-à-vis USD in the Severely Adverse scenario



Sources: Federal Reserve, Moody's Analytics

# USD Is Still Strong in Proposed 2026 Stress Scenarios

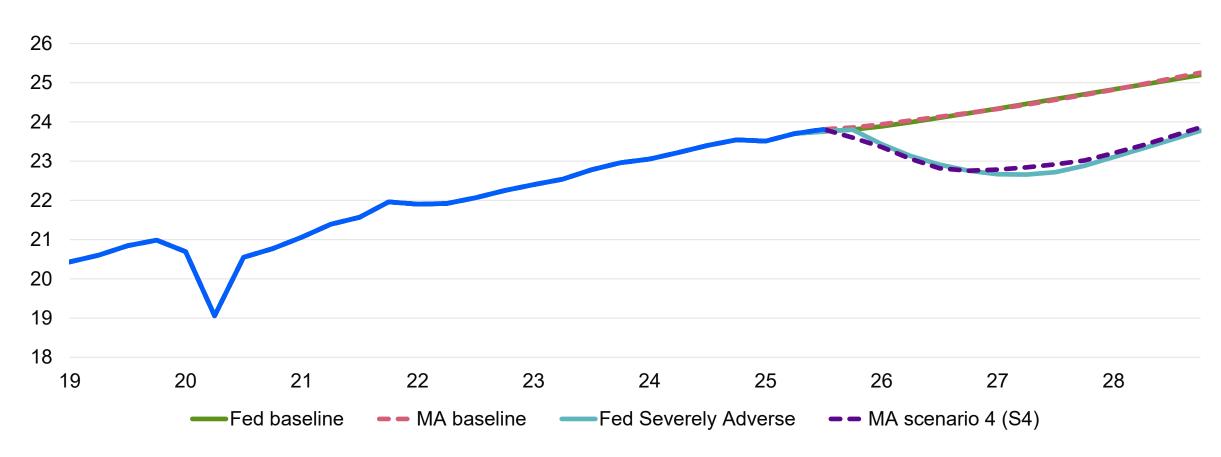
#### U.S. real broad trade-weighted \$



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### Severely Adverse Scenario Is More Severe Than Our S4...

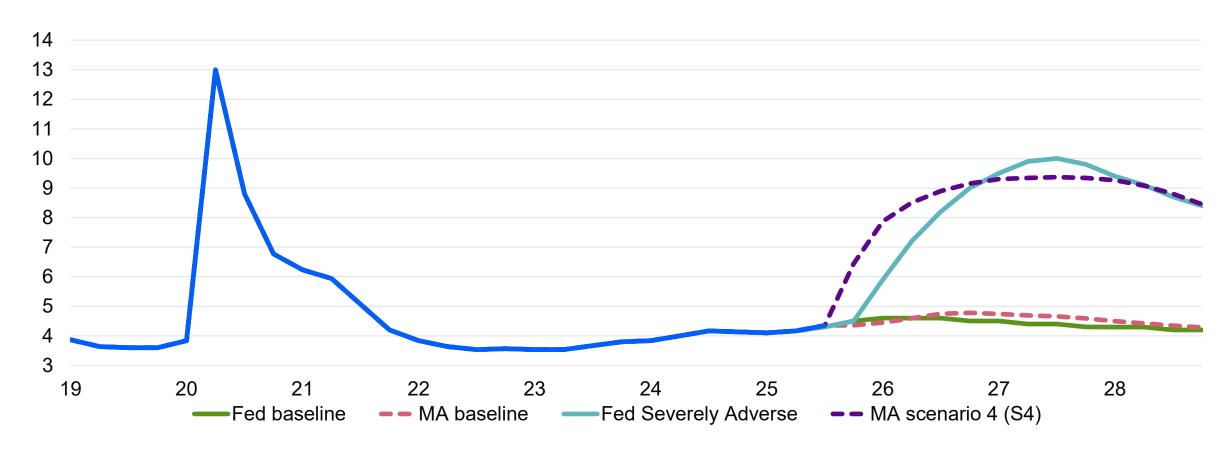
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# ...But Not by Much

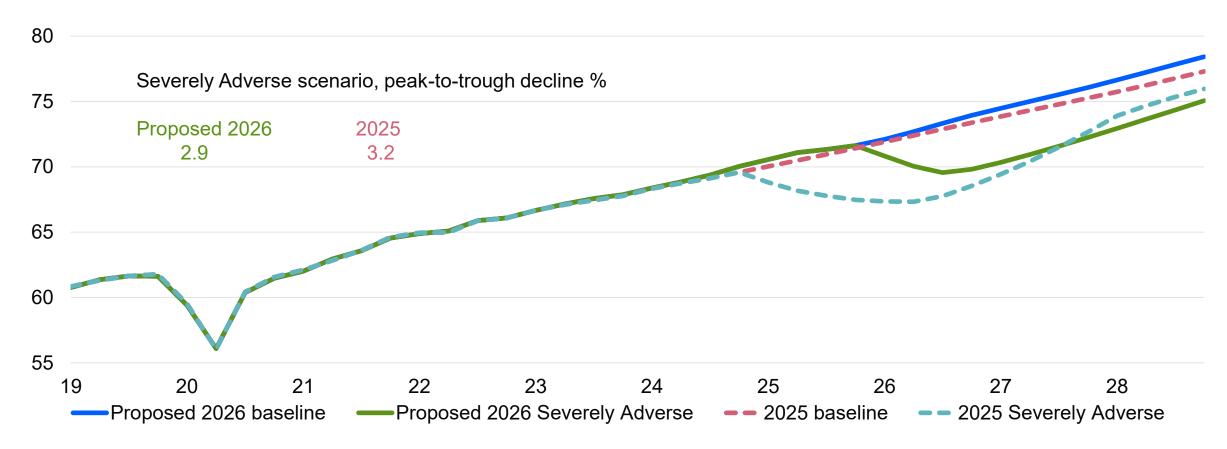
Unemployment rate, %



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#### Global GDP Also Declines Less Than in the 2025 Stress Scenarios

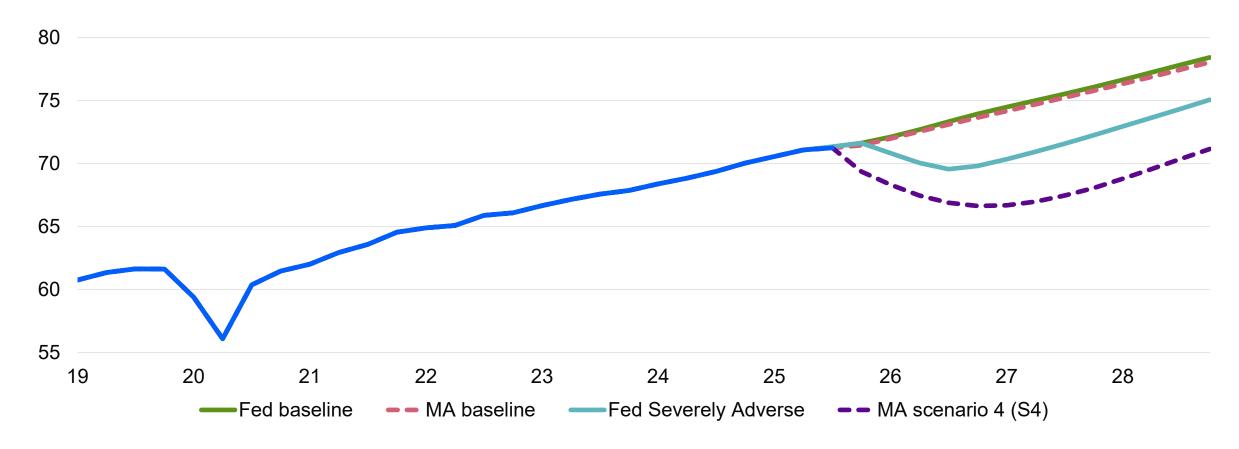
Global (ex the U.S.) real GDP, 2017\$ bil



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### The Severely Adverse Scenario Is Less Severe Than Our S4...

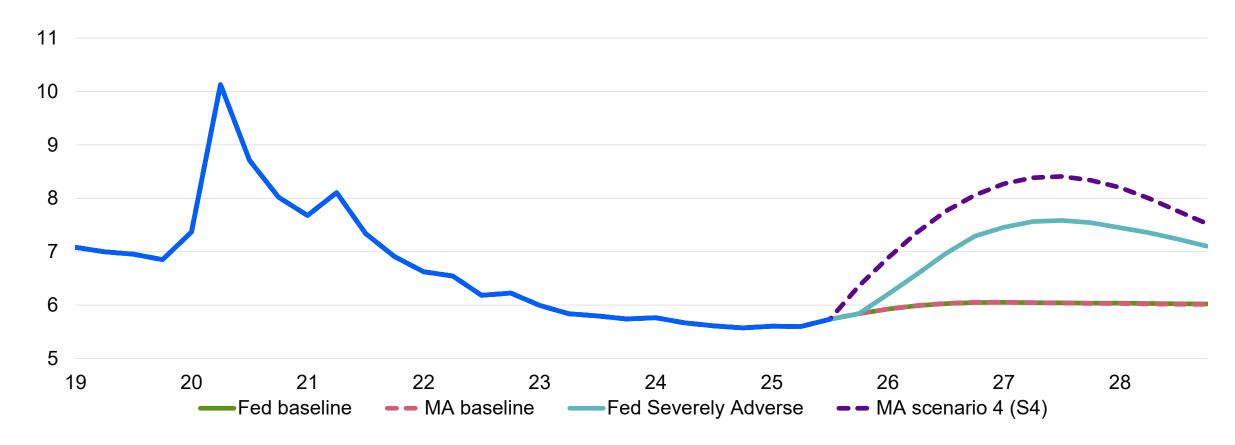
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# ...By a Wide Margin

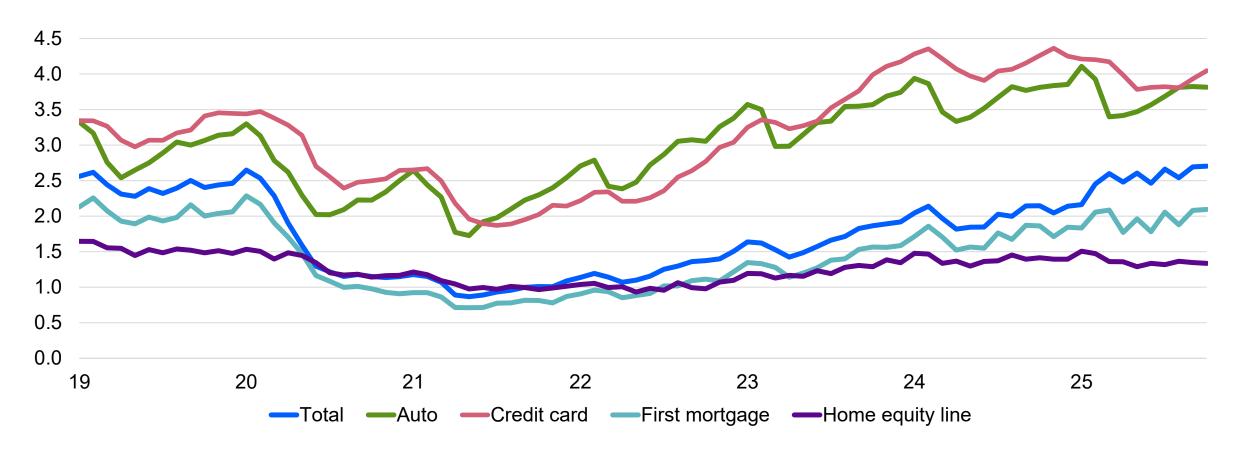
Unemployment rate, %



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# Pristine Residential Mortgage Quality...Consumer Delinquency Rolls Over

Delinquency rate, % of \$ outstanding



Sources: Equifax, Moody's Analytics