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Weekly Economic Review

6 to 12 July 2026

Kevin Lings

12 July 2026

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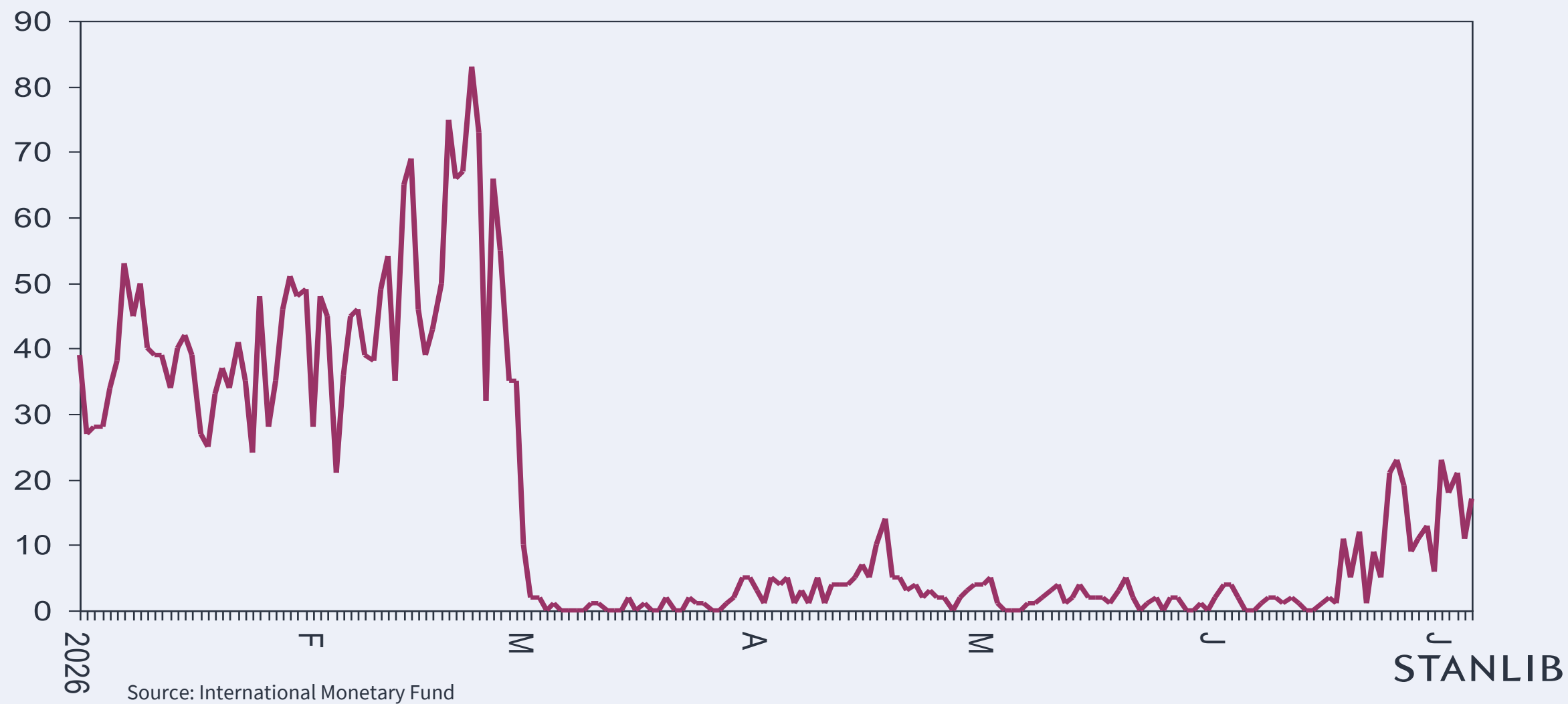
10 July 2026

	2019 %	2020 %	2021 %	2022 %	2023 %	2024 %	2025 %	2026 Year-to-date
South Africa All Share Index	8.2%	4.1%	24.1%	-0.9%	5.3%	9.4%	37.7%	-4.7%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	22.3%	7.2%	18.7%	-8.8%	13.7%	12.9%	13.0%	9.5%
S&P 500 equity index	28.9%	16.3%	26.9%	-19.4%	24.2%	23.3%	16.4%	10.7%
Nasdaq 100 index	38.0%	47.6%	26.6%	-33.0%	53.8%	24.9%	20.2%	18.1%
Stoxx Euro 600	23.2%	-4.0%	22.2%	-12.9%	12.7%	6.0%	16.7%	8.3%
Shanghai Composite Index	22.3%	13.9%	4.8%	-15.1%	-3.0%	12.7%	22.9%	0.7%
NIKKEI 225 Index	18.2%	16.0%	4.9%	-9.4%	28.2%	19.2%	26.2%	36.2%
Gold	18.3%	25.0%	-3.6%	0.4%	14.6%	25.5%	67.4%	-6.2%
Oil	21.9%	-21.7%	52.9%	8.7%	-10.4%	-2.9%	-18.6%	24.9%
Rand/Dollar	-2.7%	5.0%	8.6%	-6.2%	-7.0%	-7.2%	13.4%	1.5%
Dollar/Euro	-1.8%	9.0%	-7.1%	6.6%	-3.4%	6.7%	-11.8%	2.7%
Bitcoin	92.2%	303.2%	59.7%	-64.3%	155.4%	121.1%	-6.3%	-27.7%
<i>US 10-year bond yield</i>	1.92%	0.93%	1.52%	3.88%	3.88%	4.58%	4.18%	4.56%
<i>US 2-year bond yield</i>	1.58%	0.13%	0.73%	4.41%	4.23%	4.25%	3.47%	4.21%
<i>SA long bond yield</i>	8.48%	7.70%	8.60%	9.88%	10.27%	9.57%	8.20%	8.30%

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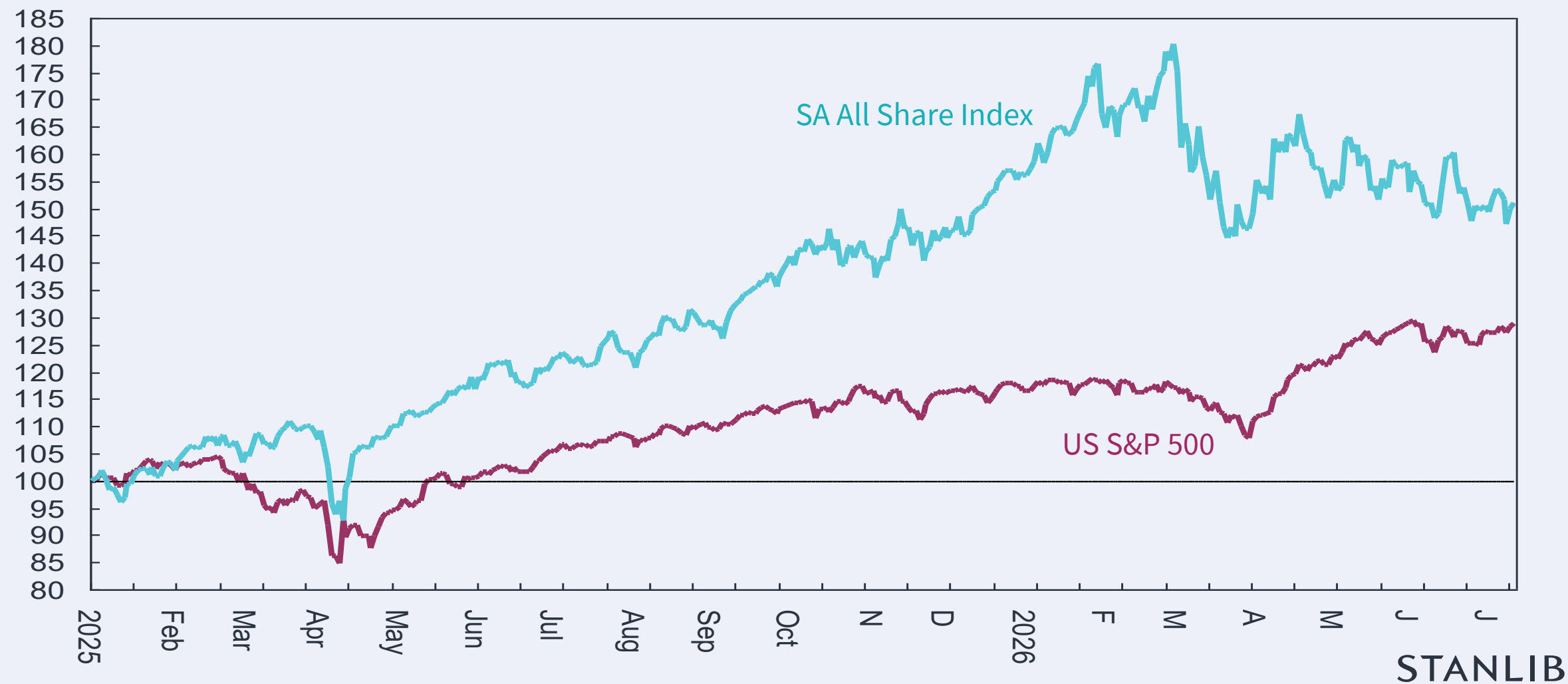
Number of tankers moving through the Strait of Hormuz each day

Number of ships (daily data)



SA All Share Index vs US S&P 500 (both in Dollars)

Index 1 January 2025 = 100



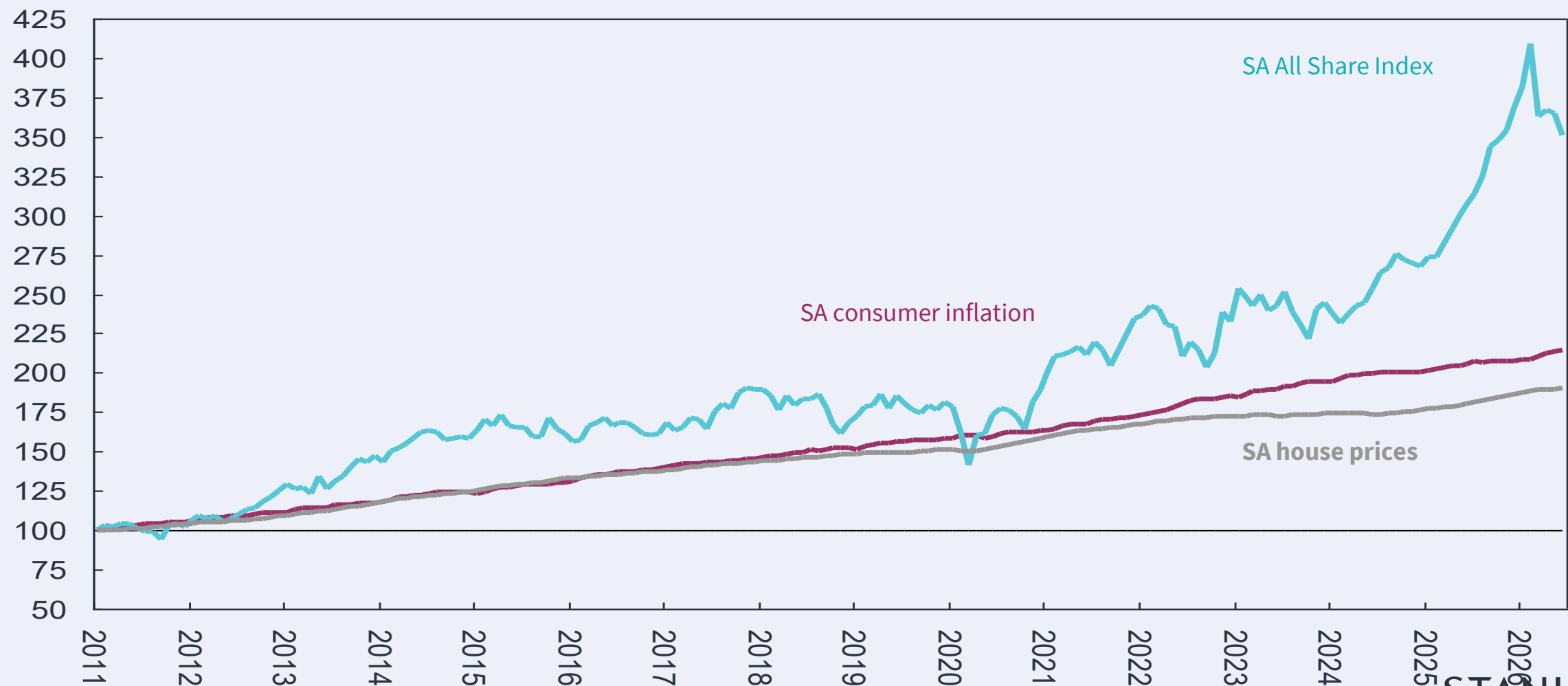
Source: Macrobond and STANLIB

Chart of the week: How have SA house prices performed compared with inflation?

- Over the past 15 years (since the start of 2011), SA inflation has risen by a cumulative 118.4%, which provides an important reference to gauge investment performance.
- Unfortunately, since the beginning of 2011 South African house prices has risen by only 87.8%, which is well below the rate of inflation. While this suggests that SA housing has become more affordable when measured against the growth in household income (in SA wage growth has tended to rise above inflation over the longer-term) it highlights the under-performance of the SA housing market over an extended period. (The position is worse when calculated over the past 20 years).
- The under-performance of the SA housing market as an asset class primarily reflects SA's lack of vibrant growth in formal sector employment – especially when you consider that SA has a structural shortage of residential accommodation.
- In comparison, the SA equity market (as measured by the SA All Share Index) has risen by 246% since the beginning of 2011 (excluding dividends). This is why a breakdown of SA's household wealth reveals that almost 80% (third highest in the world) is represented by financial assets rather than physical property. The price of SA residential properties have not provided inflation beating returns for at least the past two decades.

SA All Share Index vs SA inflation vs SA house prices

Index 1 January 2011 = 100



Source: Macrobond and Statistics South Africa

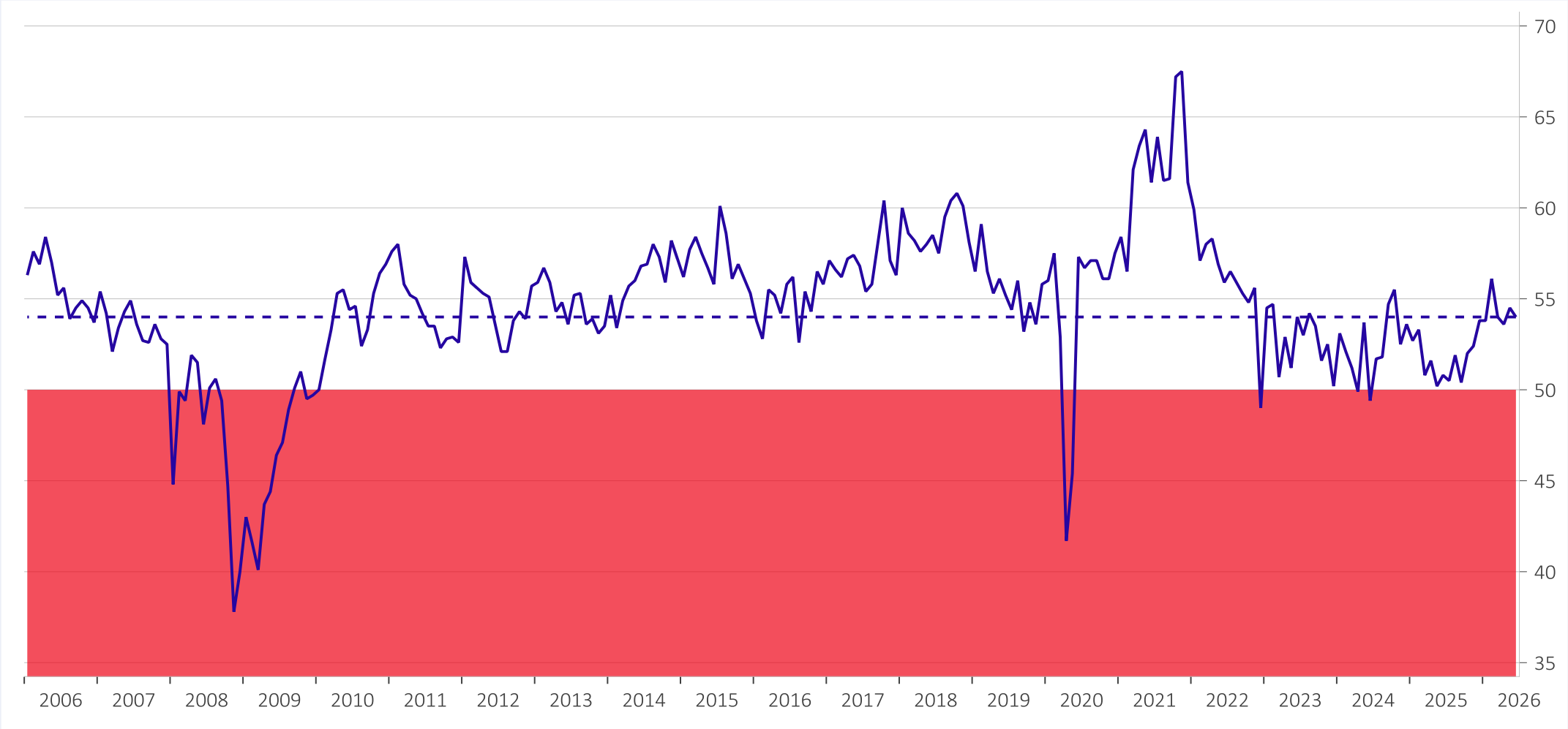
Weekly economic review: 6 to 12 July 2026

Monday, 6 July 2026

- US ISM services index for June 2026
- Sentix global investor confidence for July 2026
- Euro-area PPI inflation for May 2026
- Euro-area retail sales for May 2026

US ISM non-manufacturing index

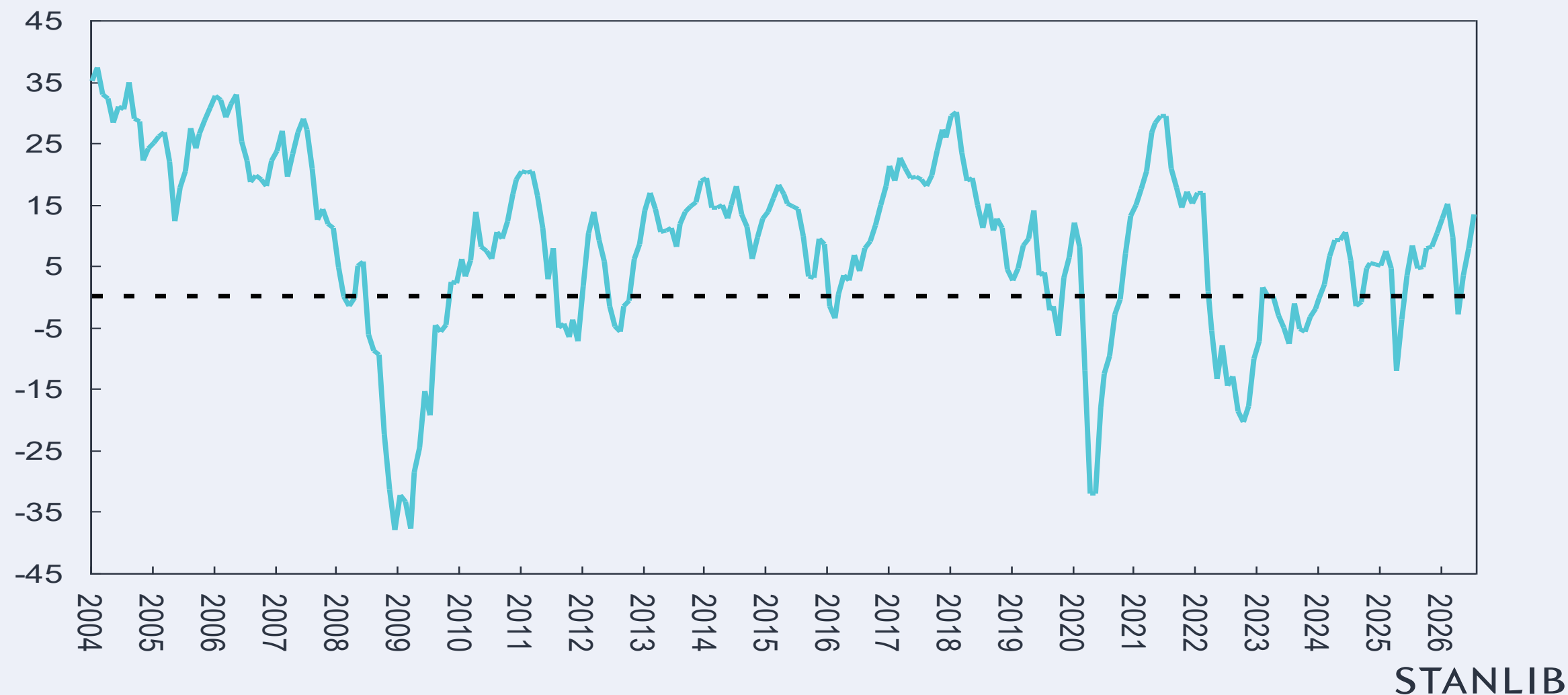
Index



Source: Macrobond

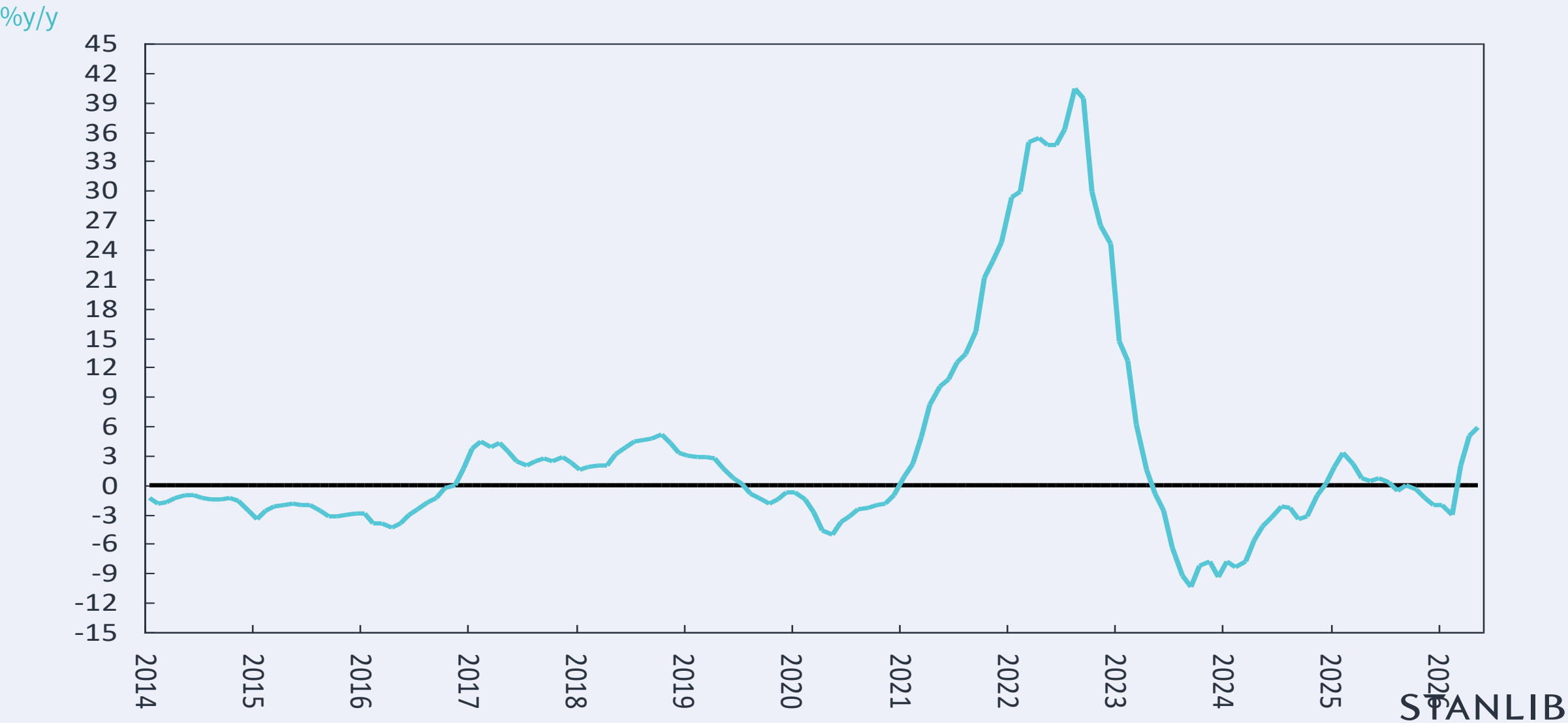
Global economic confidence index (Sentix)

Sentix global confidence index

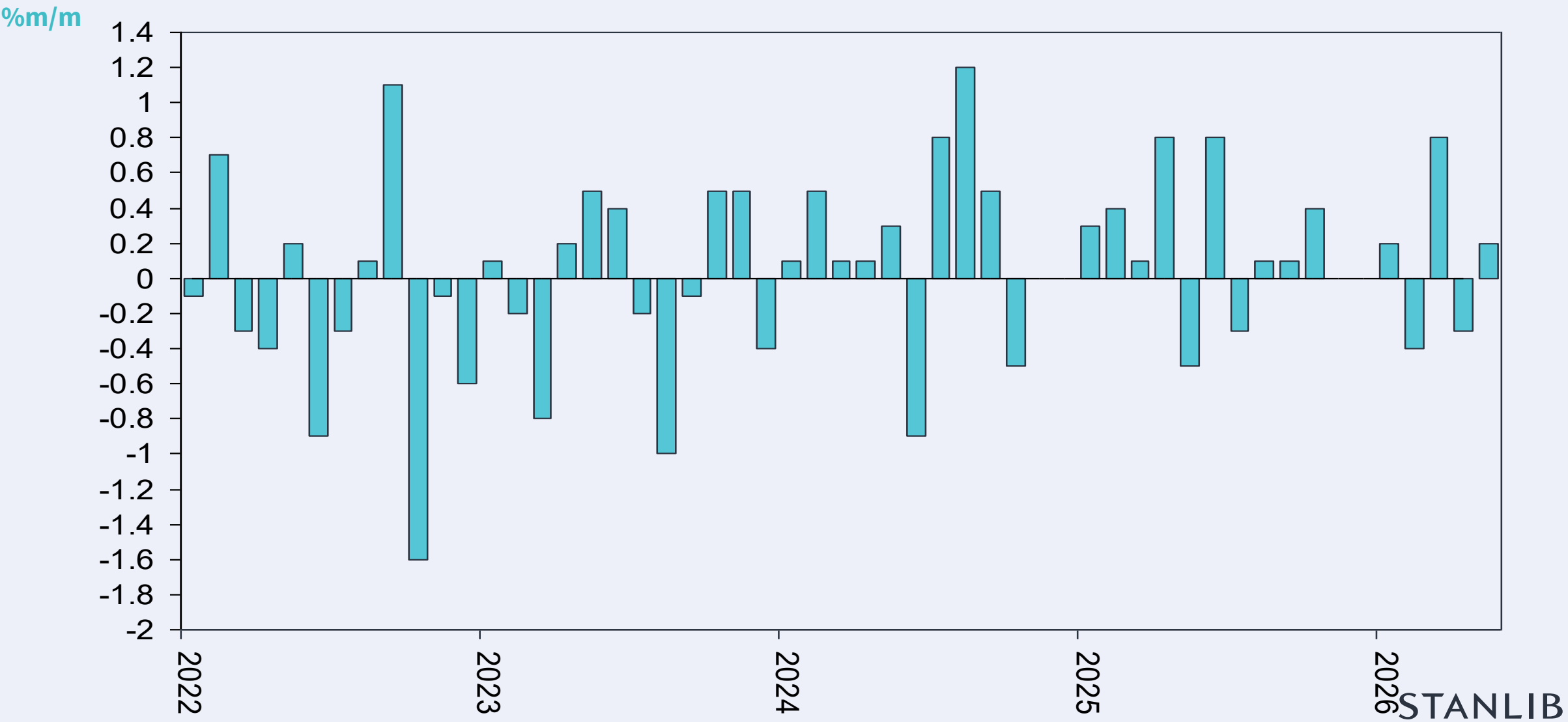


Source: Macrobond

Euro-area producer inflation



Euro-area retail sales (monthly rate of change)



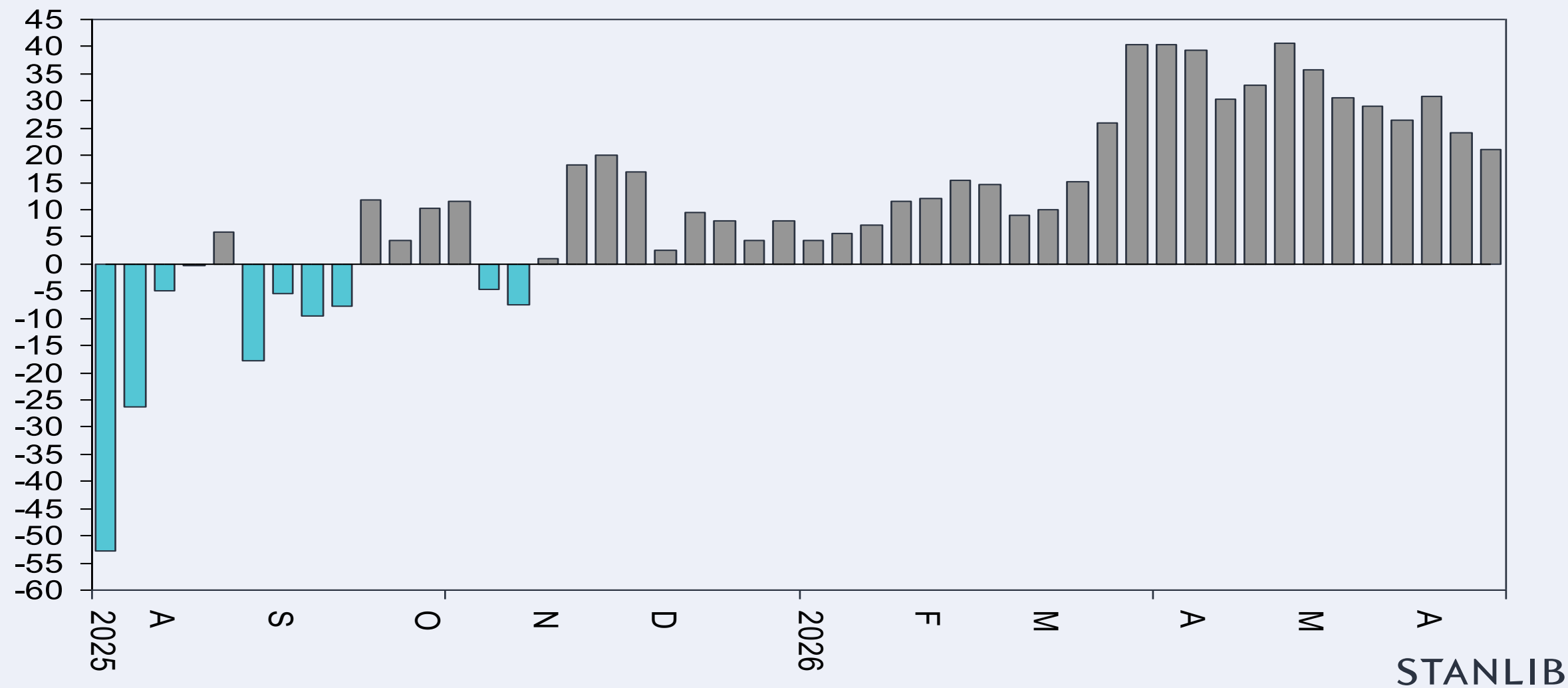
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Tuesday, 7 July 2026

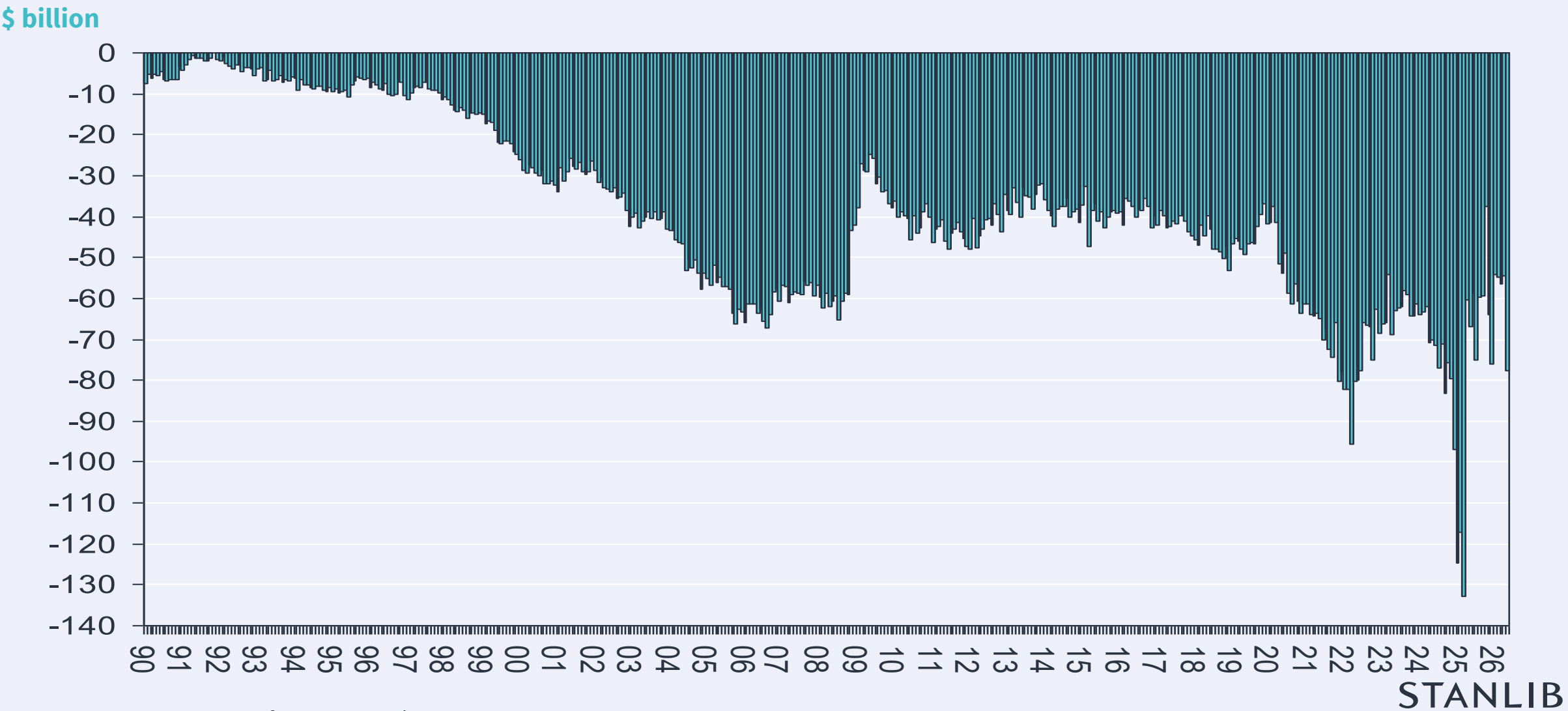
- US ADP weekly employment report
- US trade balance for May 2026
- US New York Fed inflation expectations report for June 2026
- China foreign exchange reserves for June 2026

US ADP weekly change in employment (data available since 21 July 2025)

Thousands

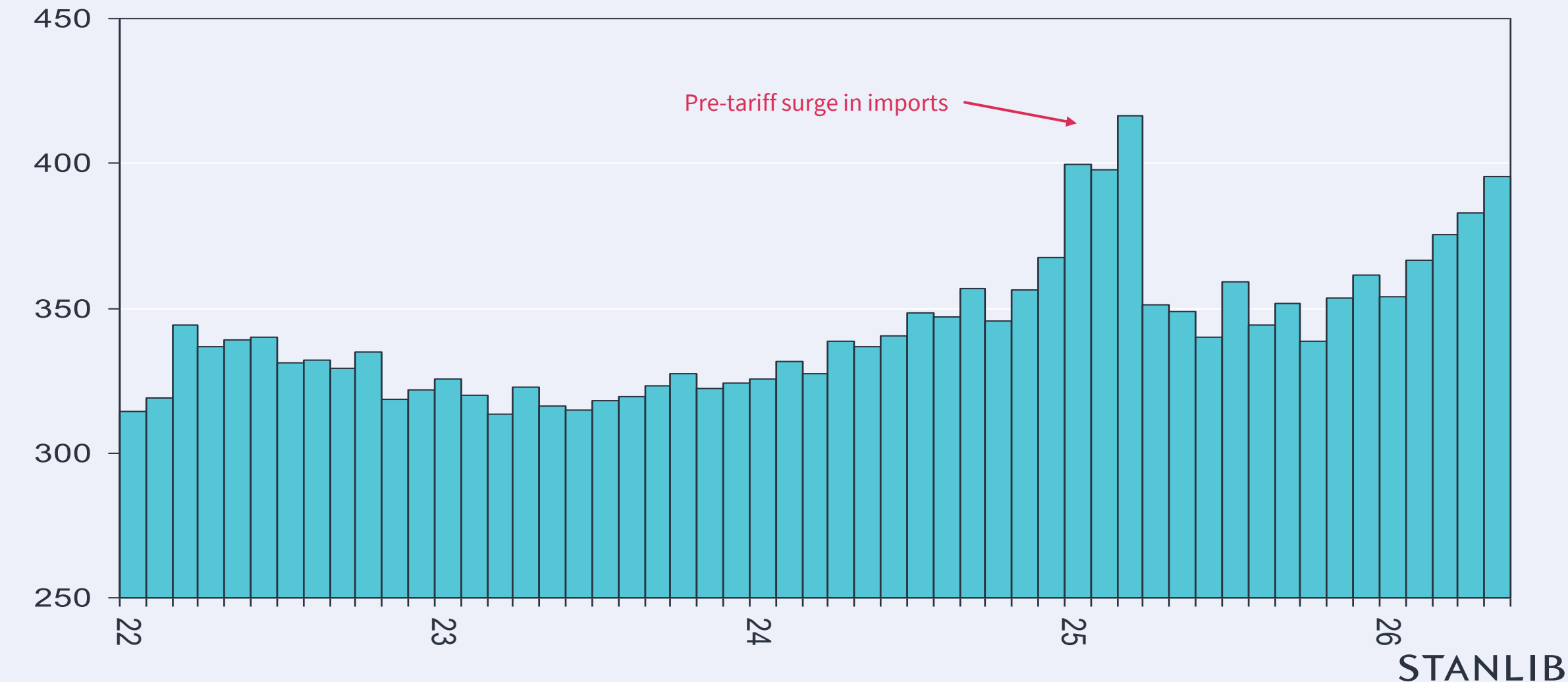


US trade balance



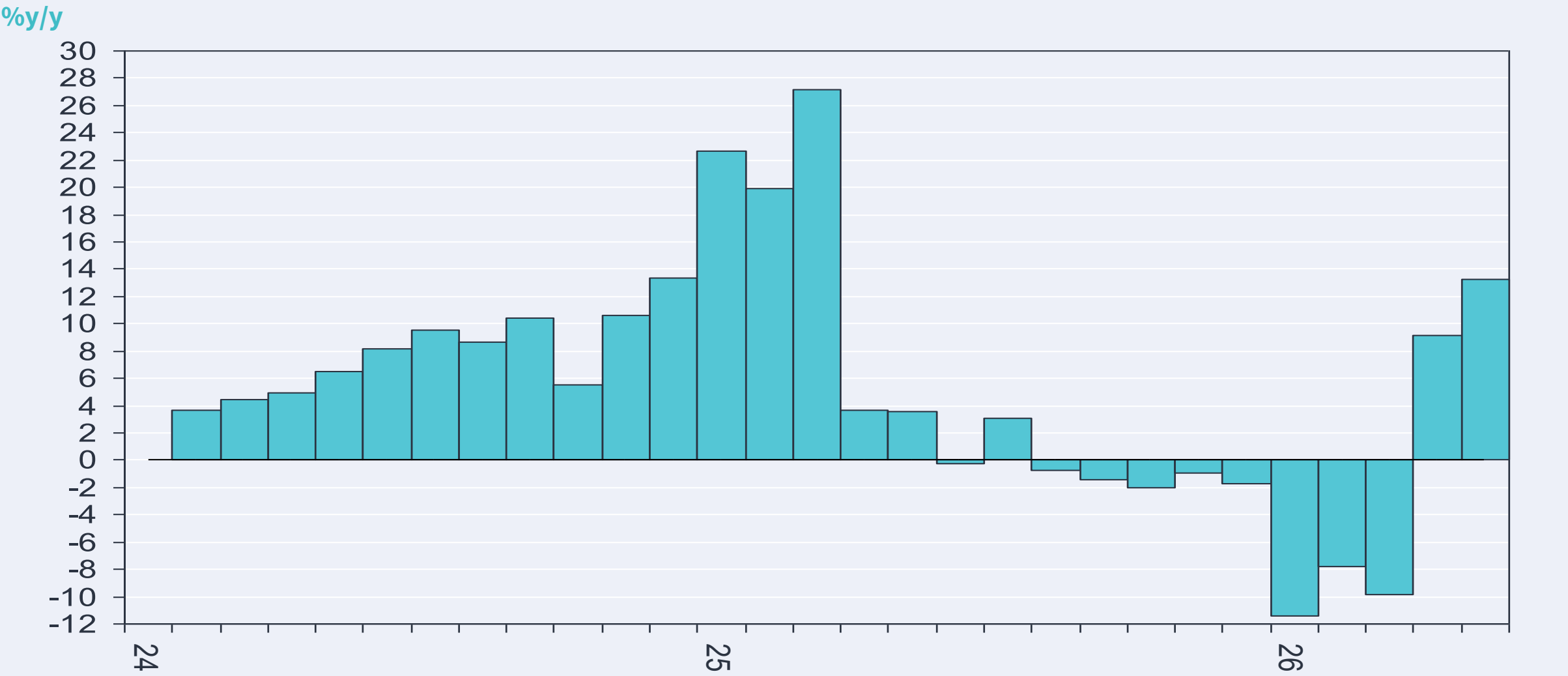
US value of imports

\$ billion (monthly data)



Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis

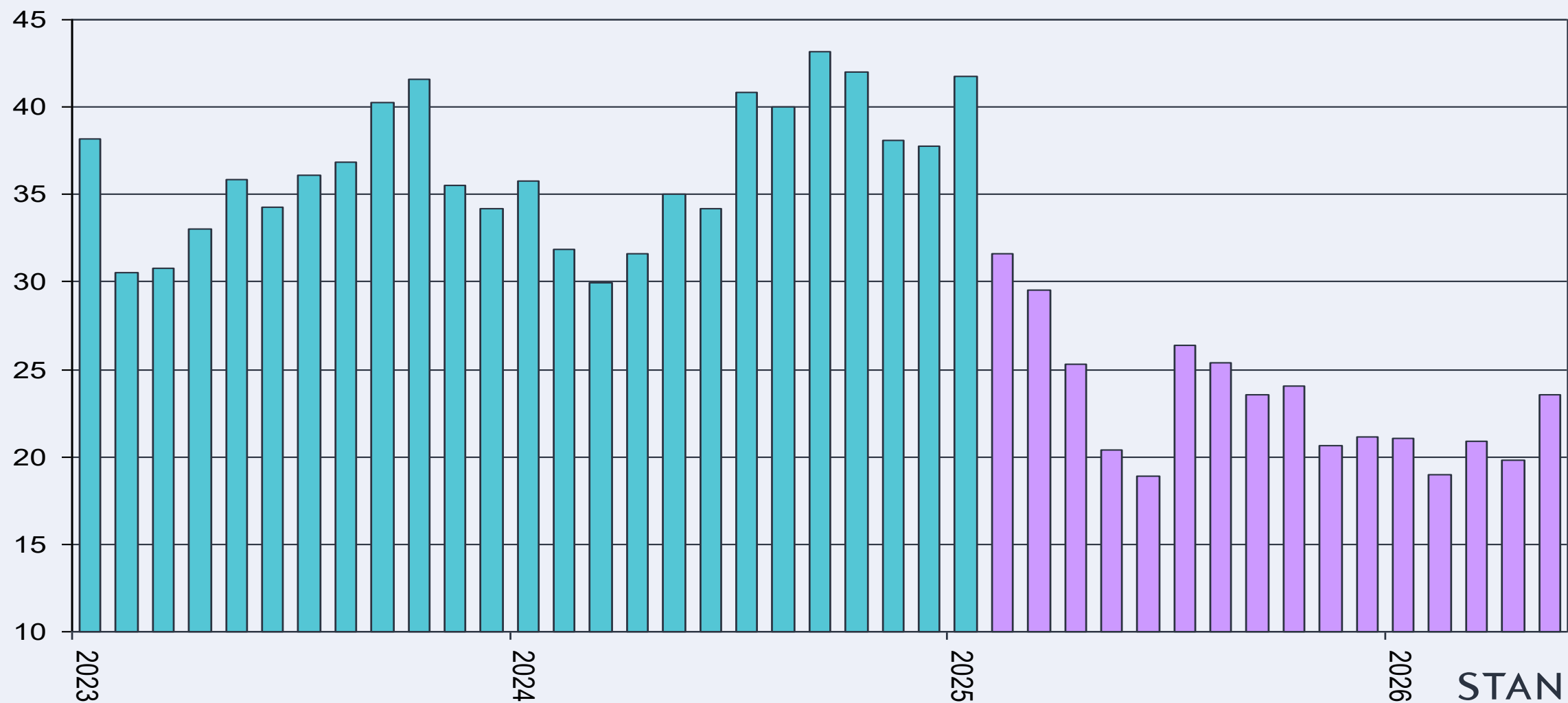
US growth in imports



Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis

US imports from China

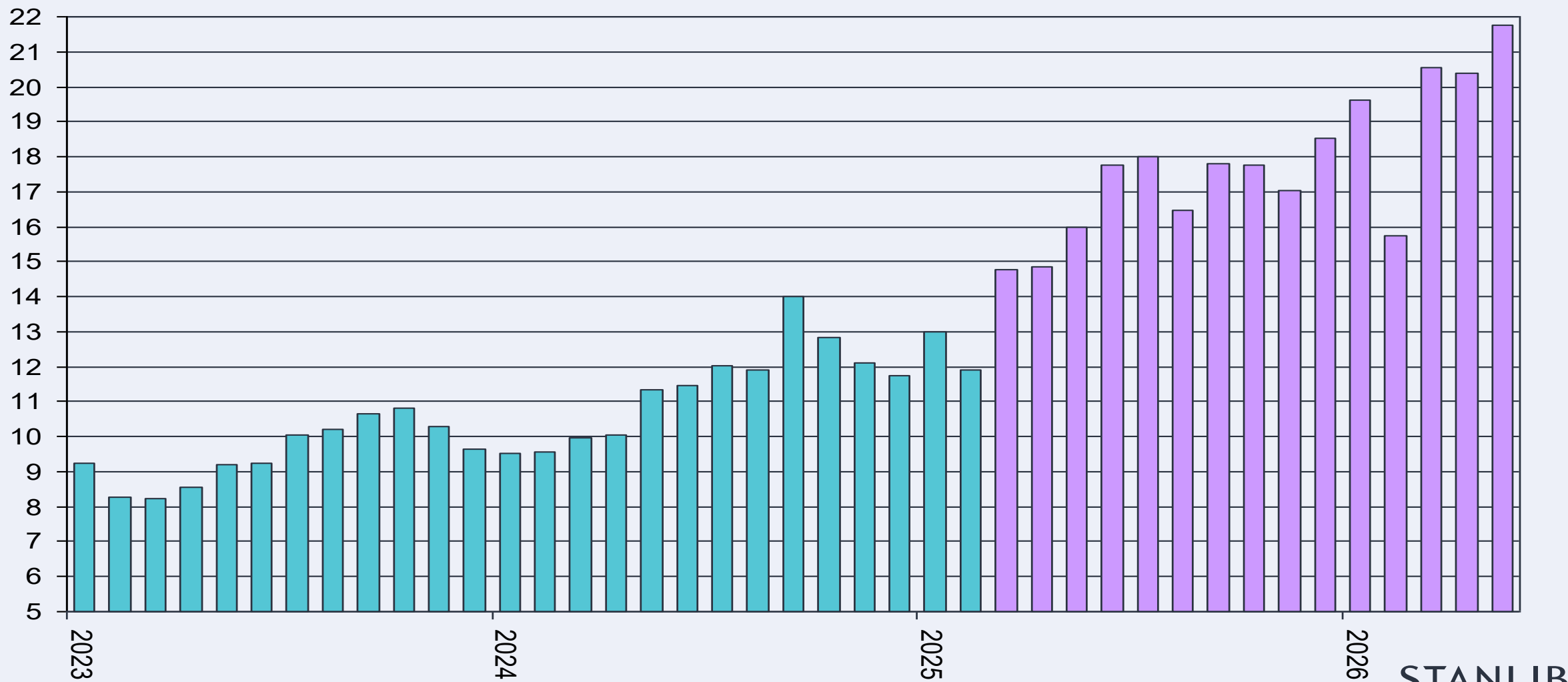
\$ billion



Source: US Census Bureau

US imports from Vietnam

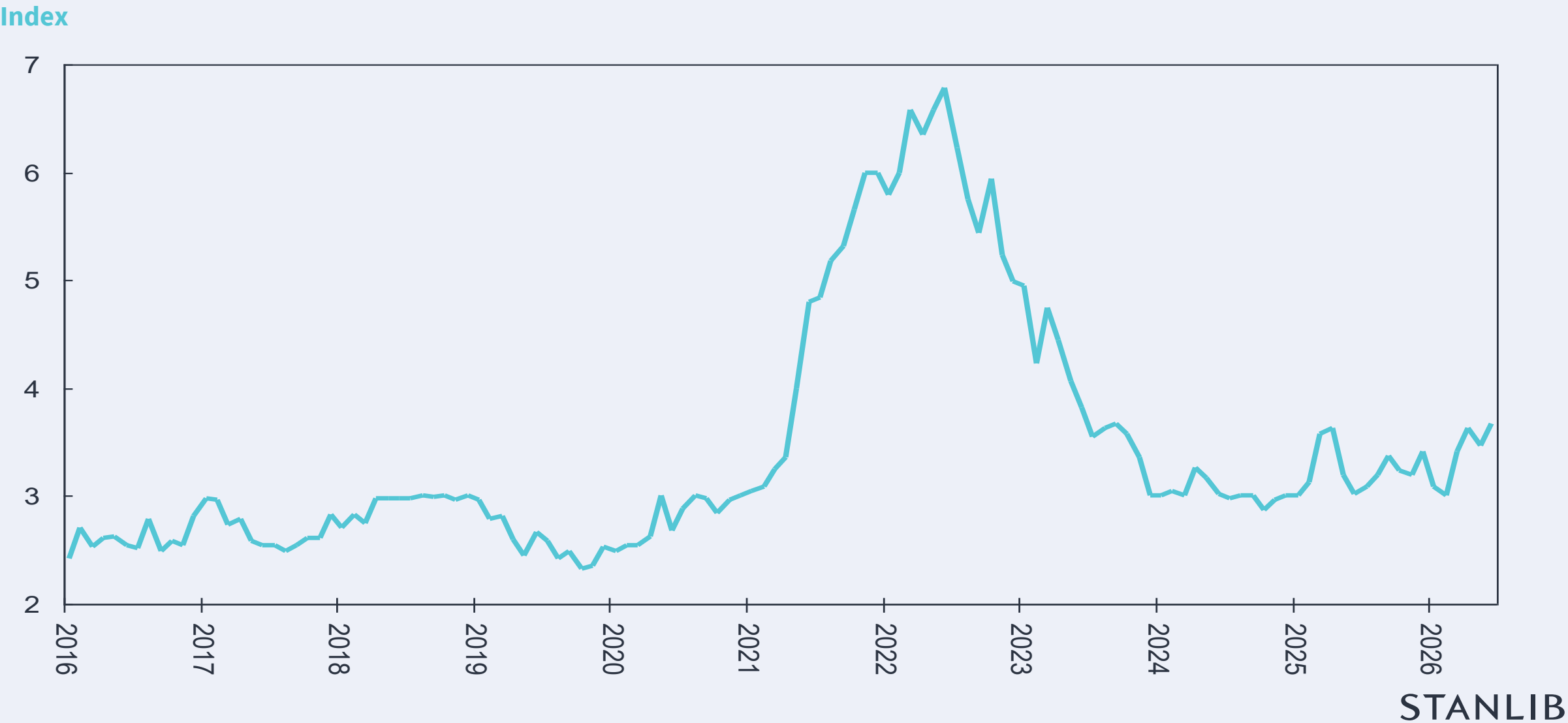
\$ billion



Source: US Census Bureau

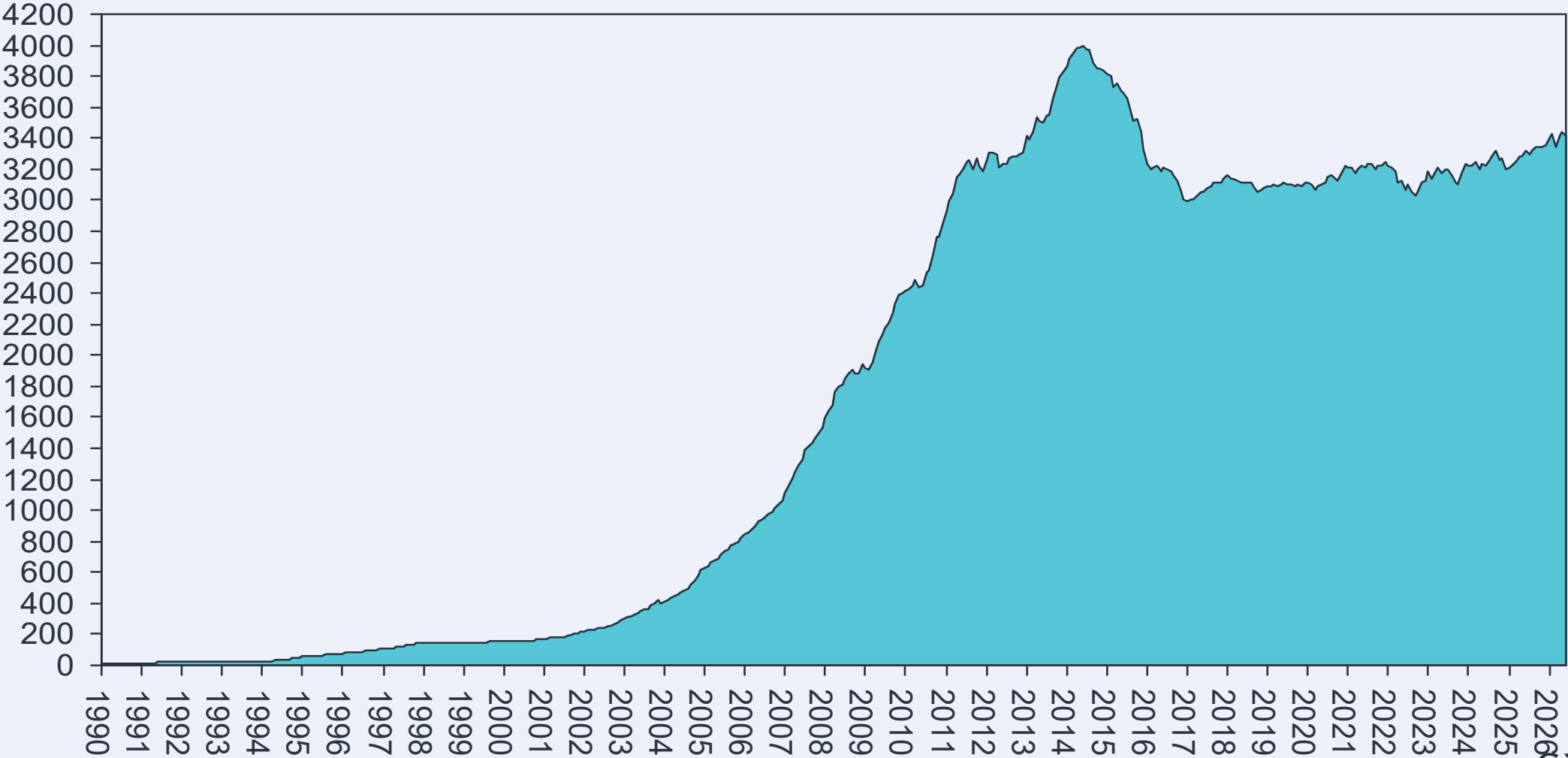
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US New York Fed 1-year inflation expectations



China foreign exchange reserves

USD, billion



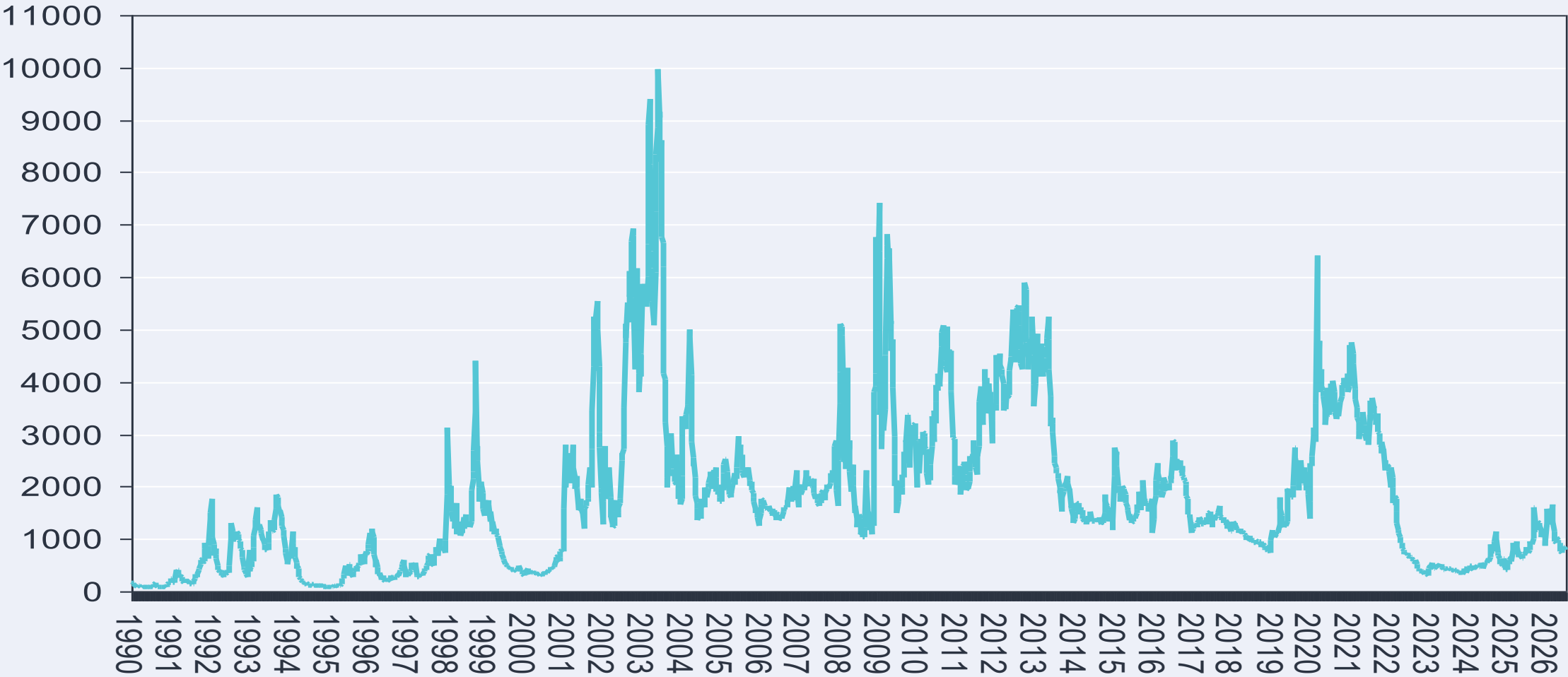
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Wednesday, 8 July 2026

- US weekly mortgage applications
- US FOMC minutes
- US growth in consumer credit for May 2026

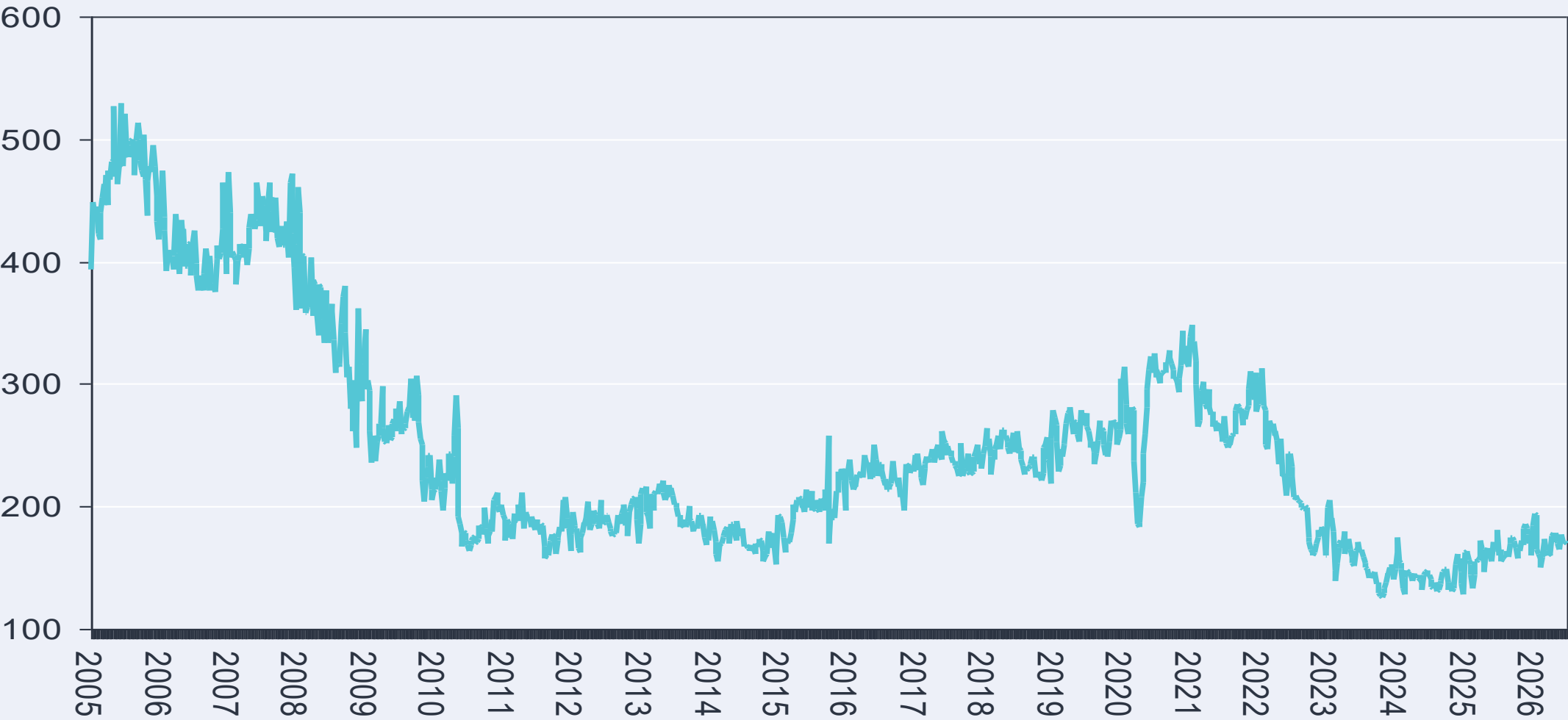
US mortgage refinancing index

Index



US mortgage applications for purchase

Market composite index



US 30-year fixed rate mortgage

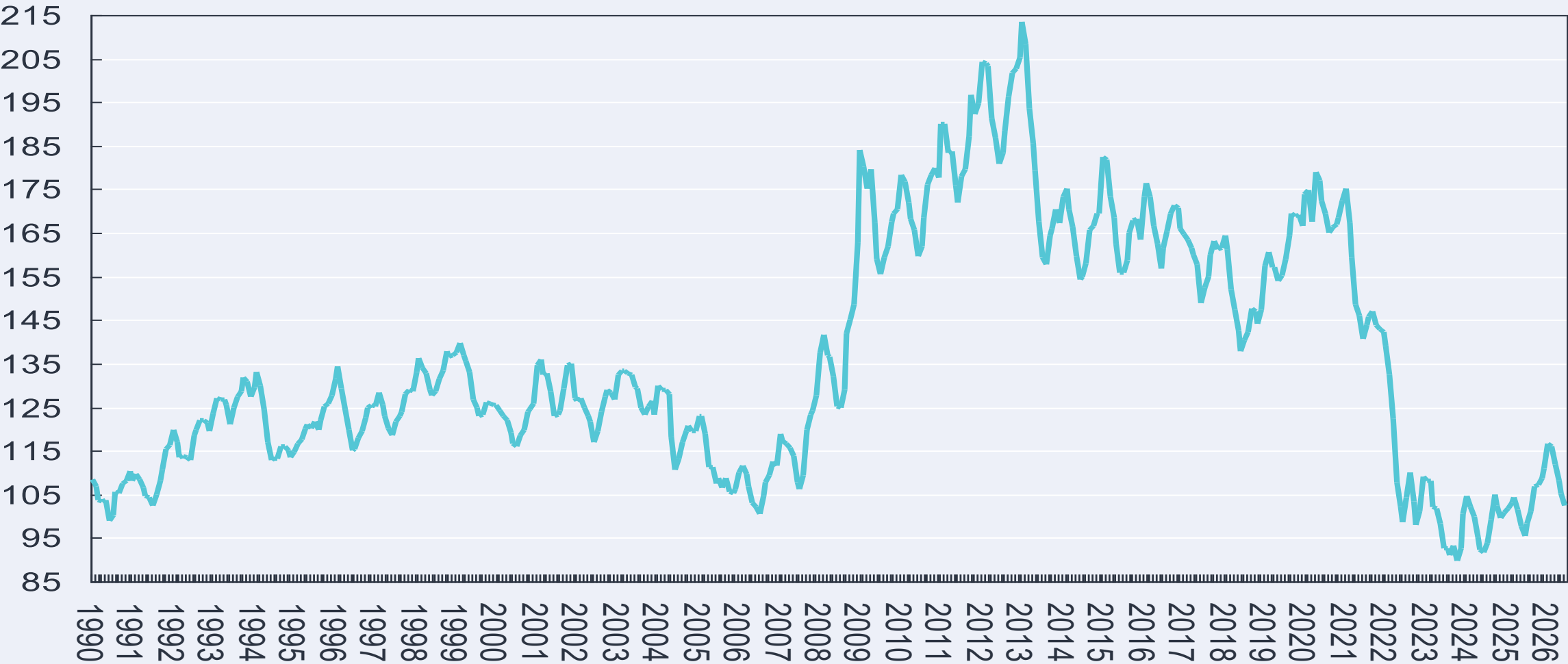
% yield, 30-year rate



US housing affordability

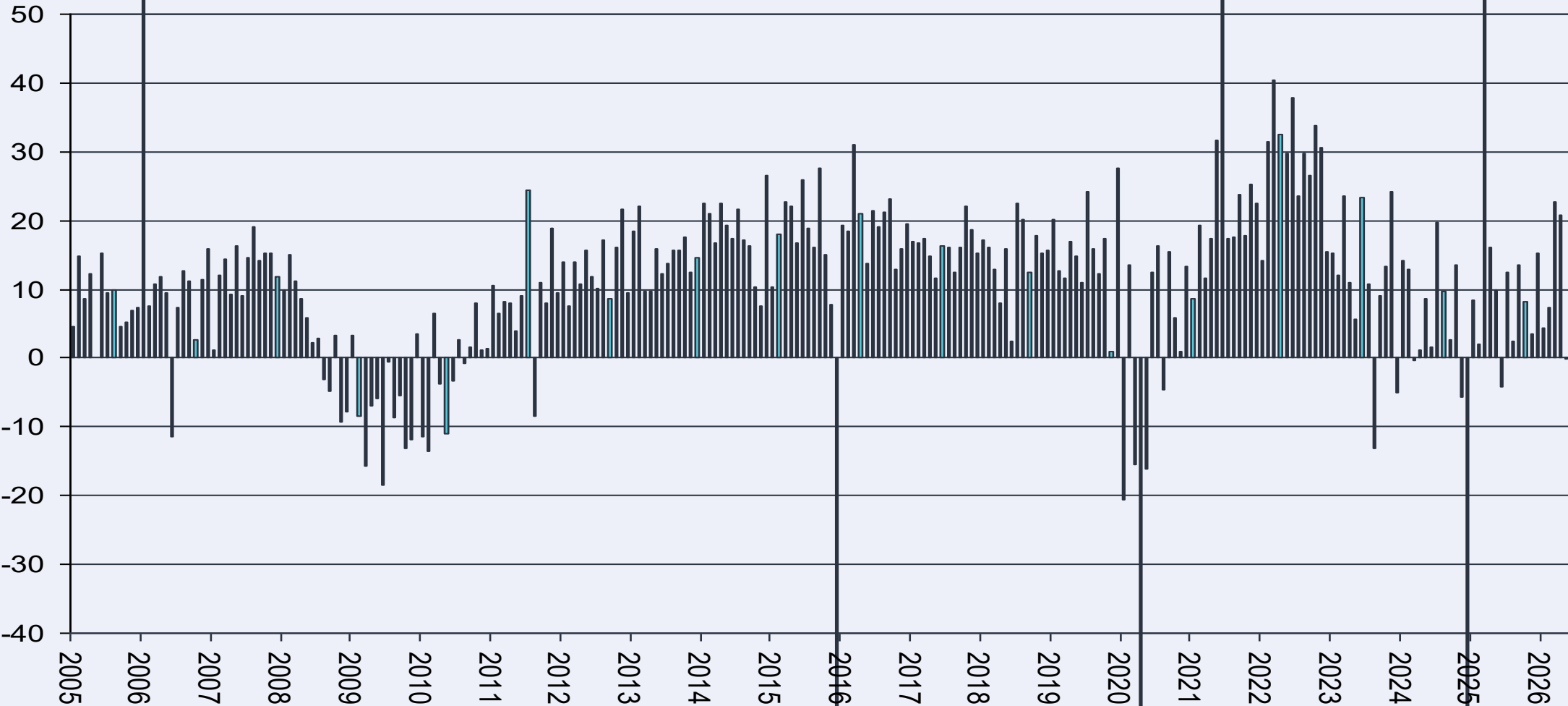
Index, composite

The lower the index the more unaffordable housing has become

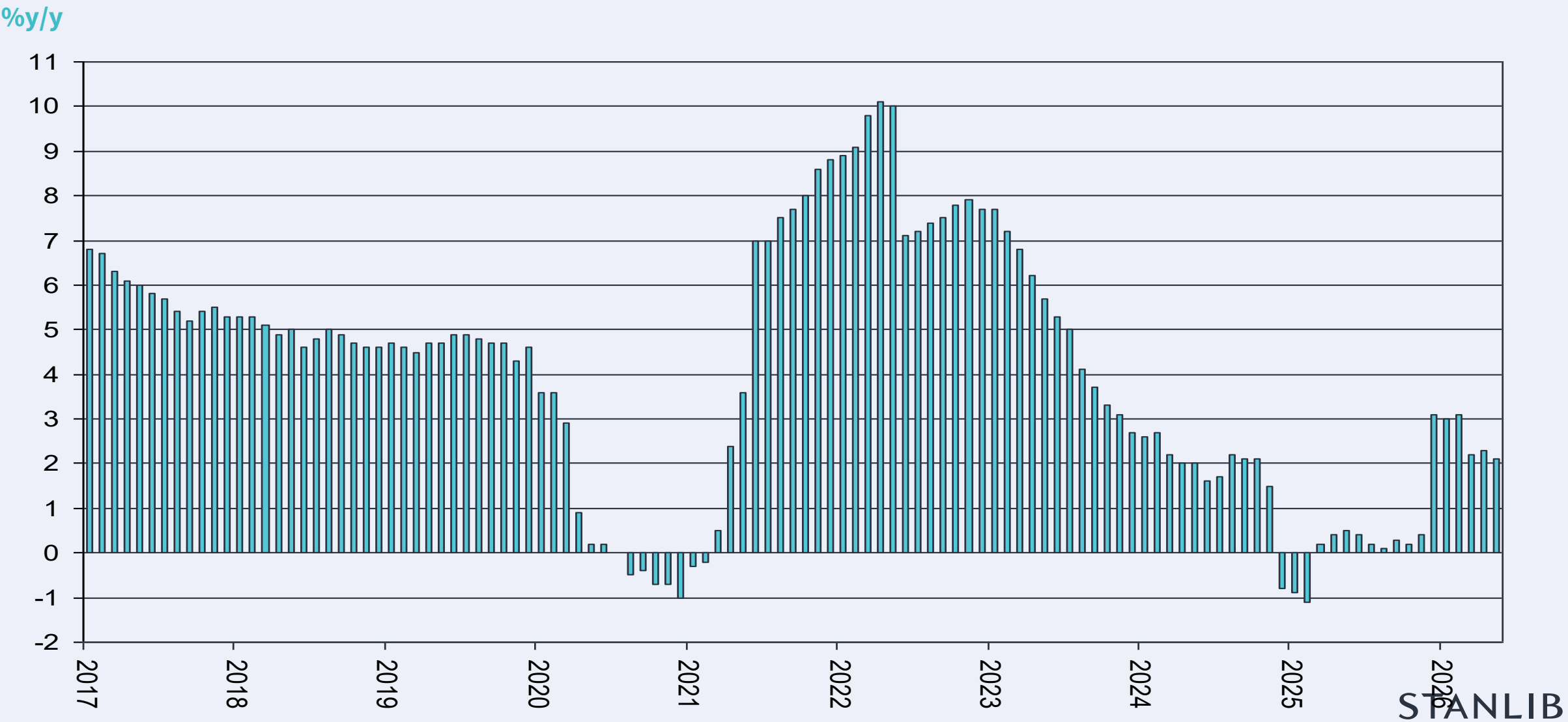


US consumer credit

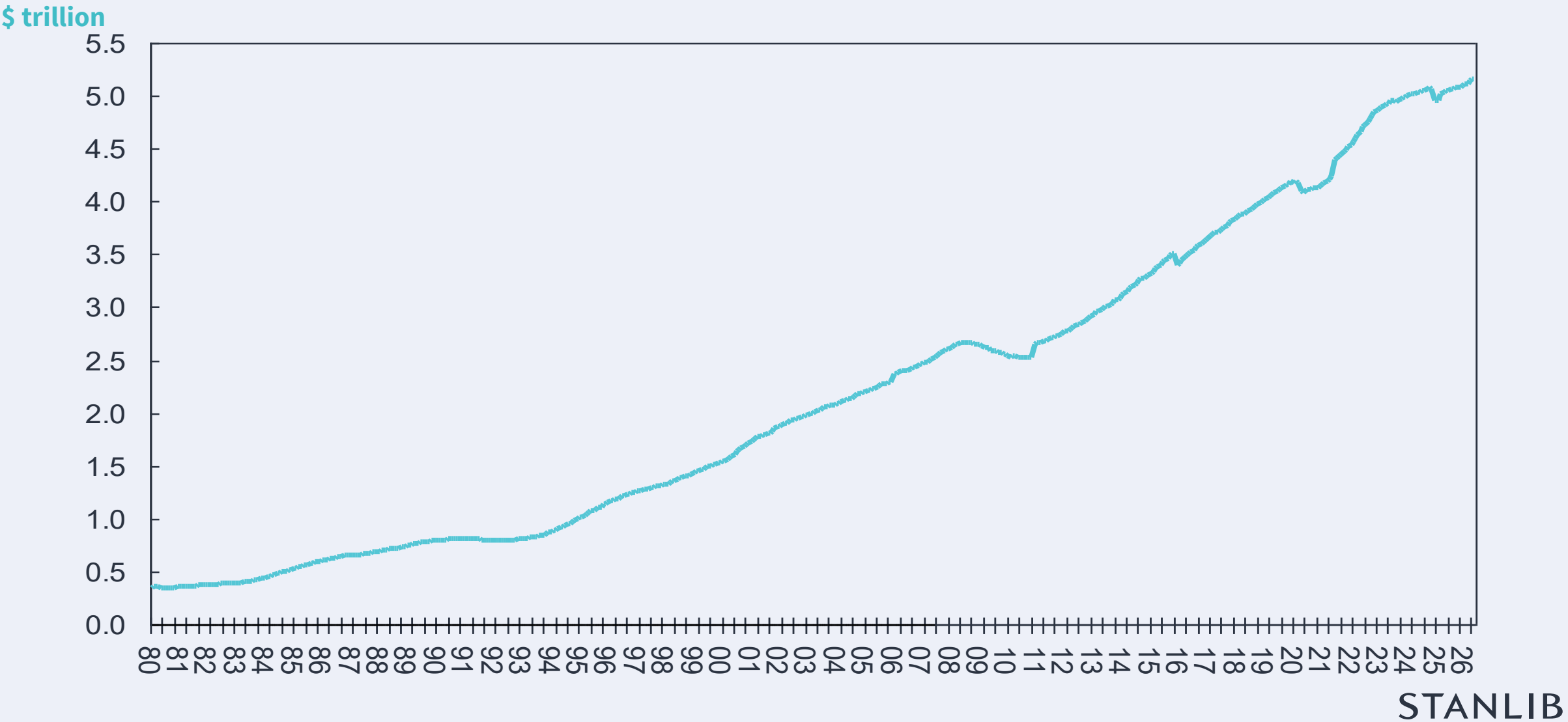
\$ billion, month-on-month



US consumer credit (non-seasonally adjusted)



US consumer credit outstanding balance

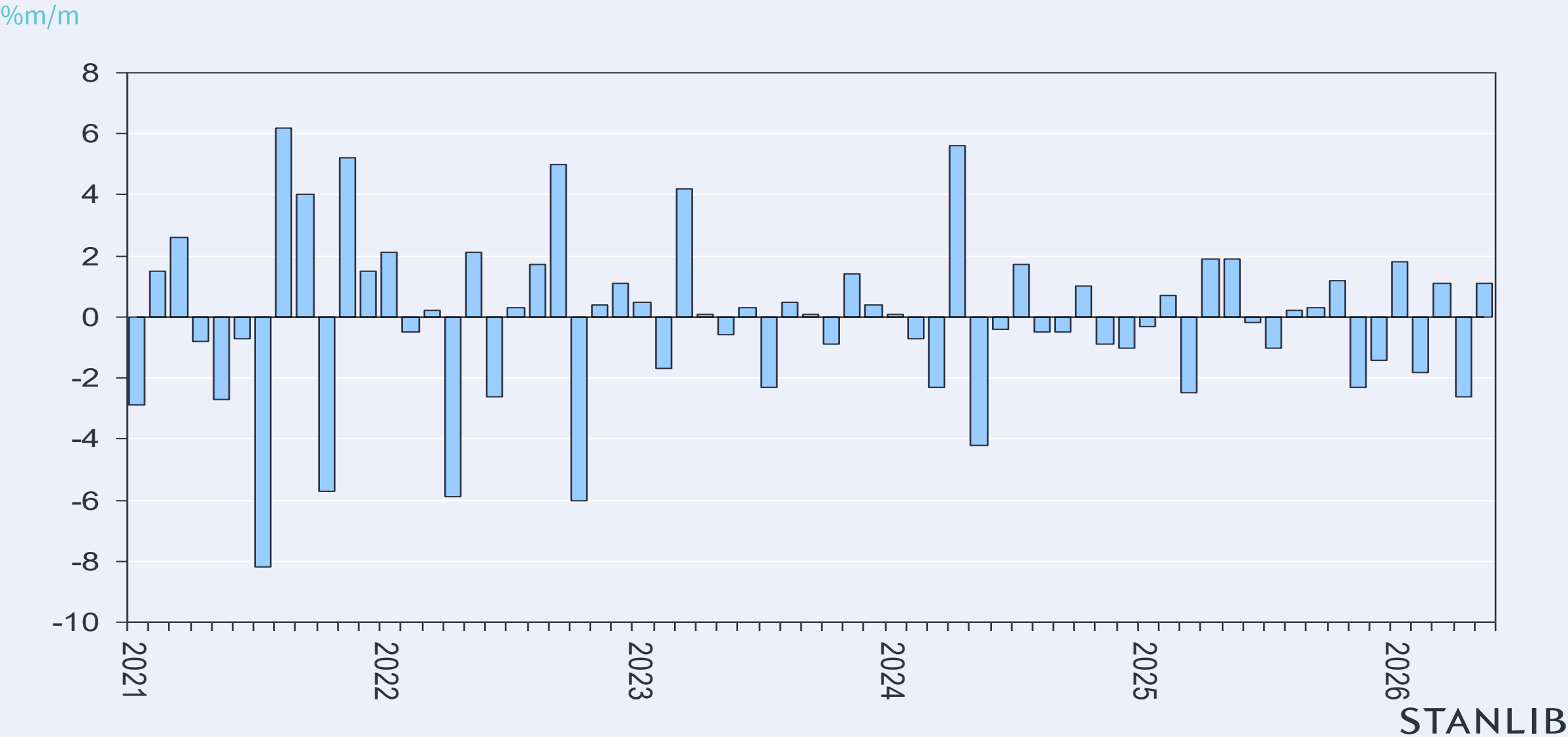


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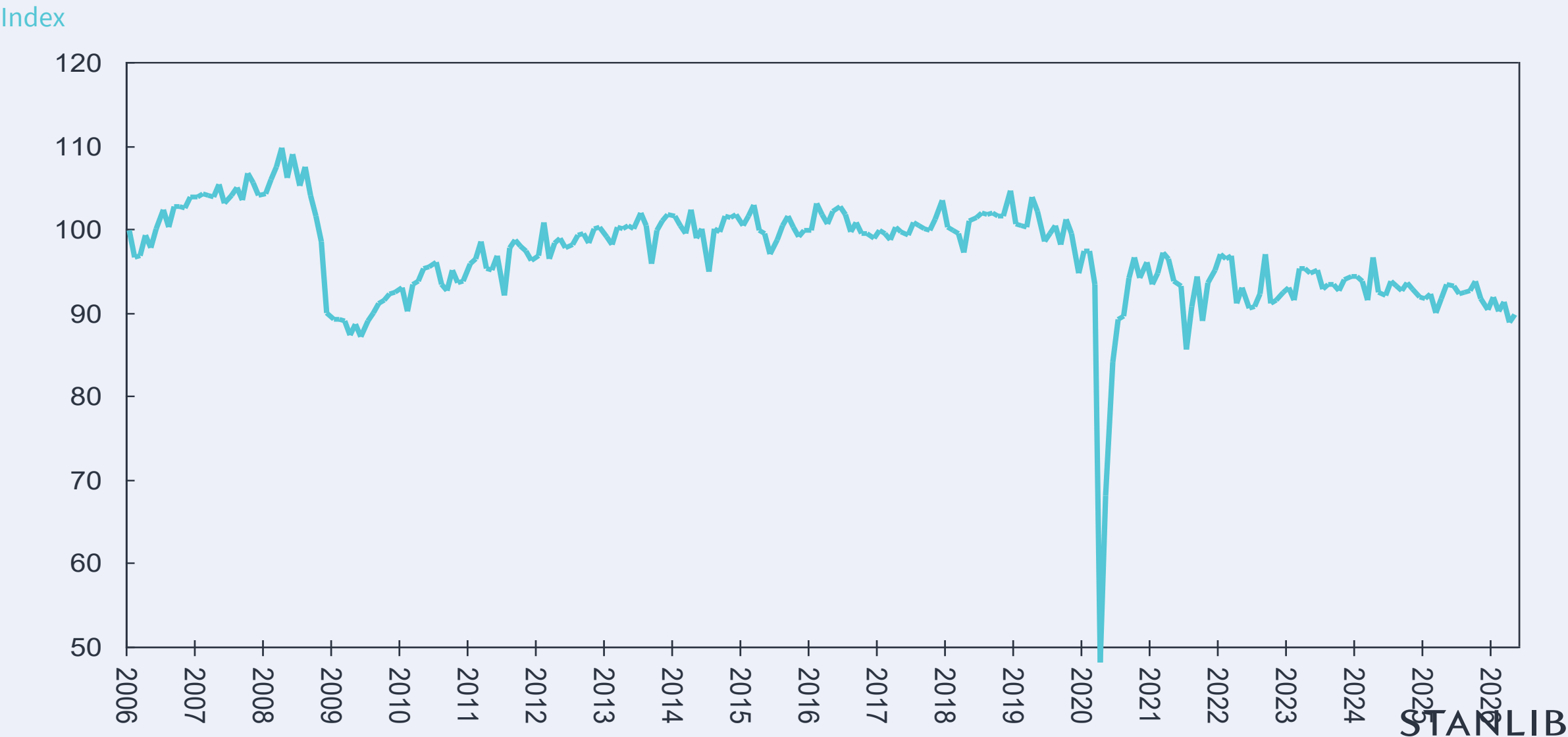
Thursday, 9 July 2026

- SA manufacturing production for May 2026
- US weekly jobless claims
- US existing home sales for June 2026
- China PPI and CPI data for June 2026

SA manufacturing production

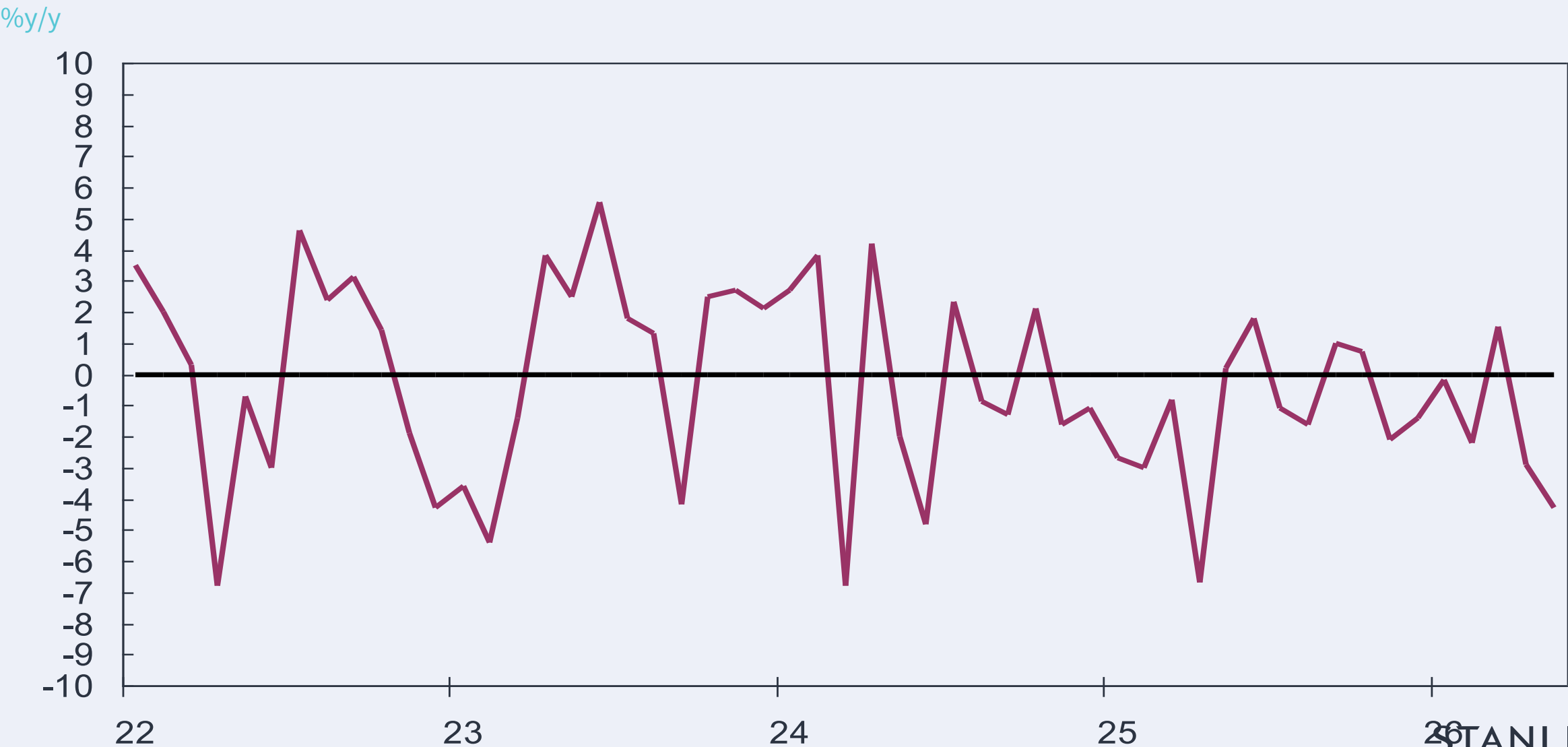


SA manufacturing production index



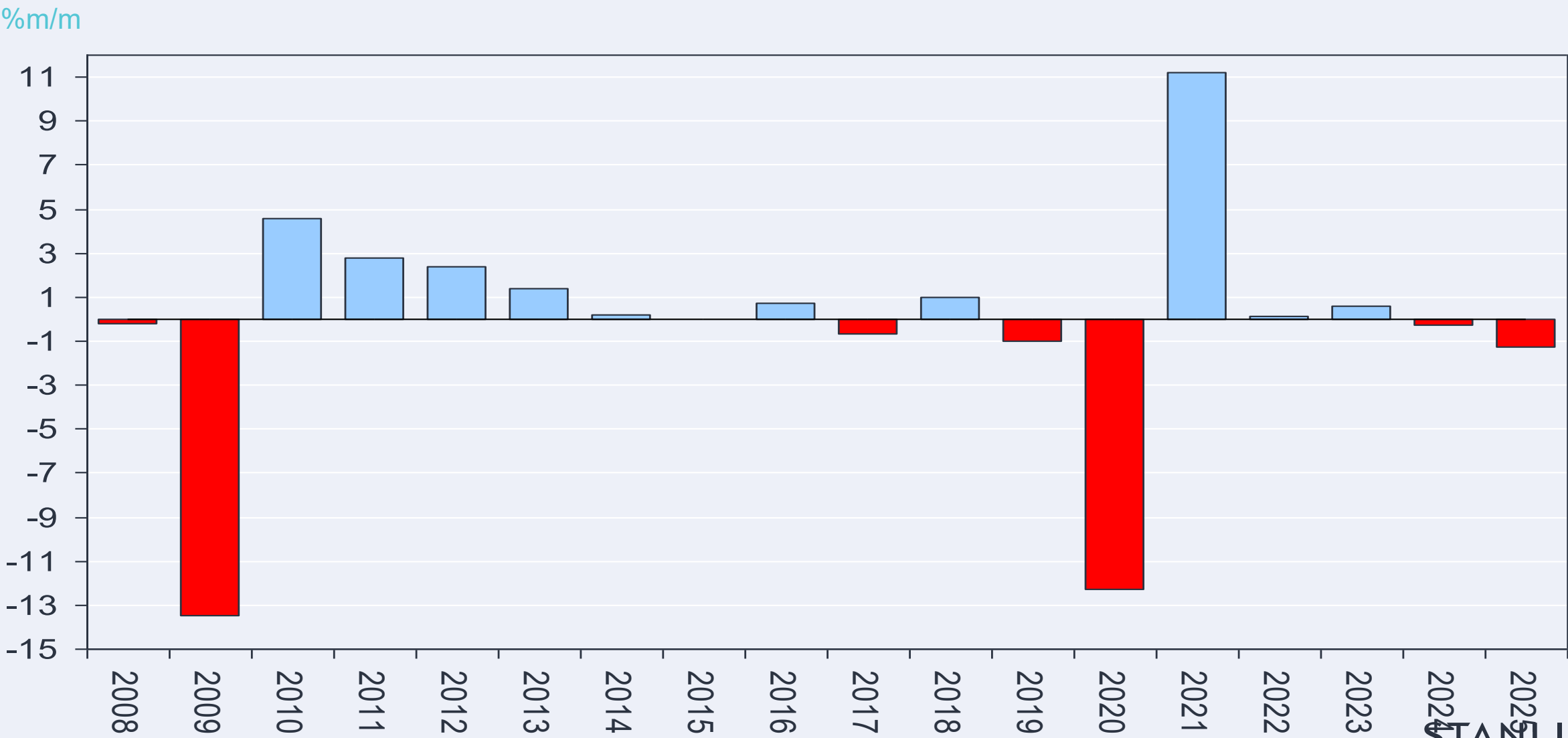
Source: Statistics South Africa

SA manufacturing production (annual rate of growth)



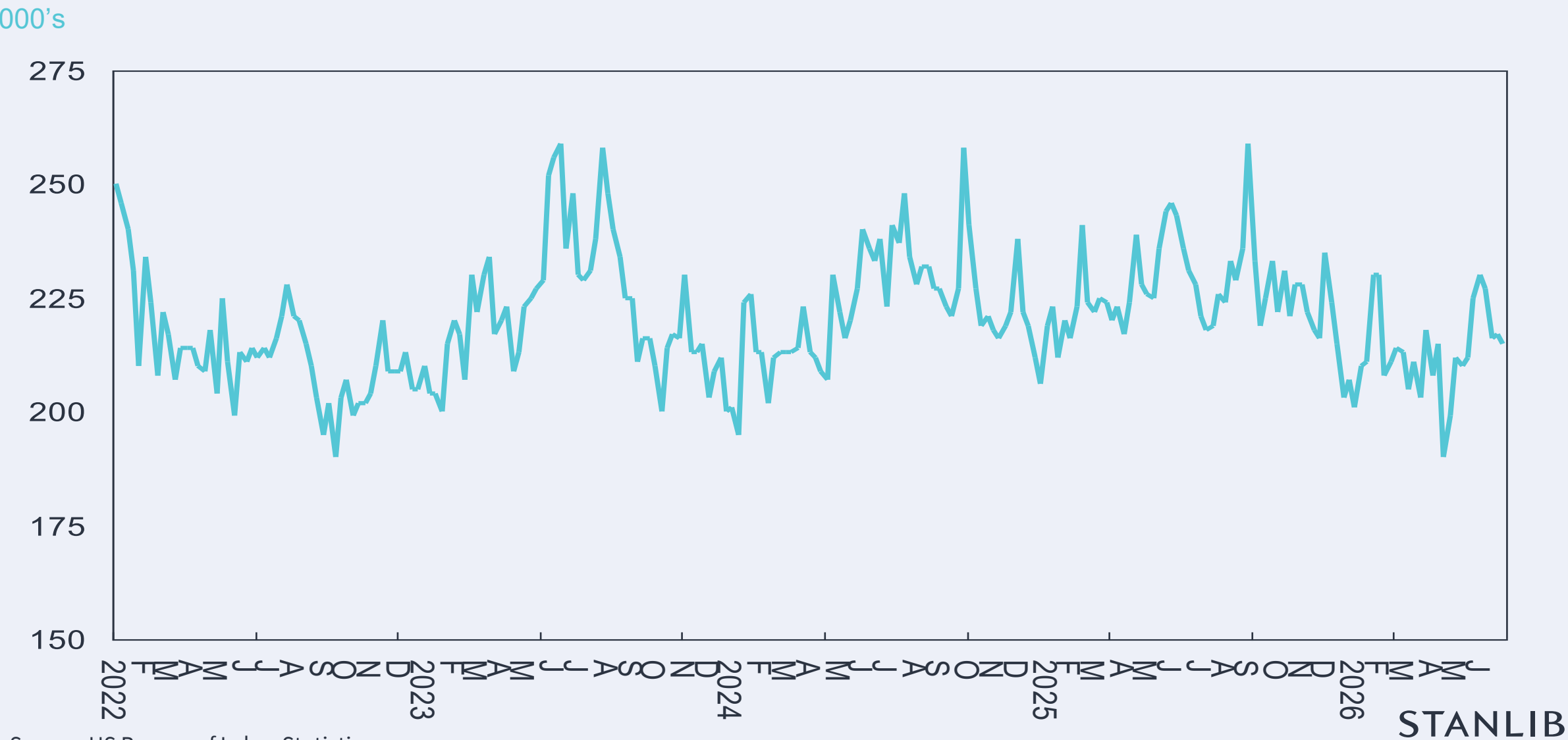
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SA manufacturing production (annual performance)

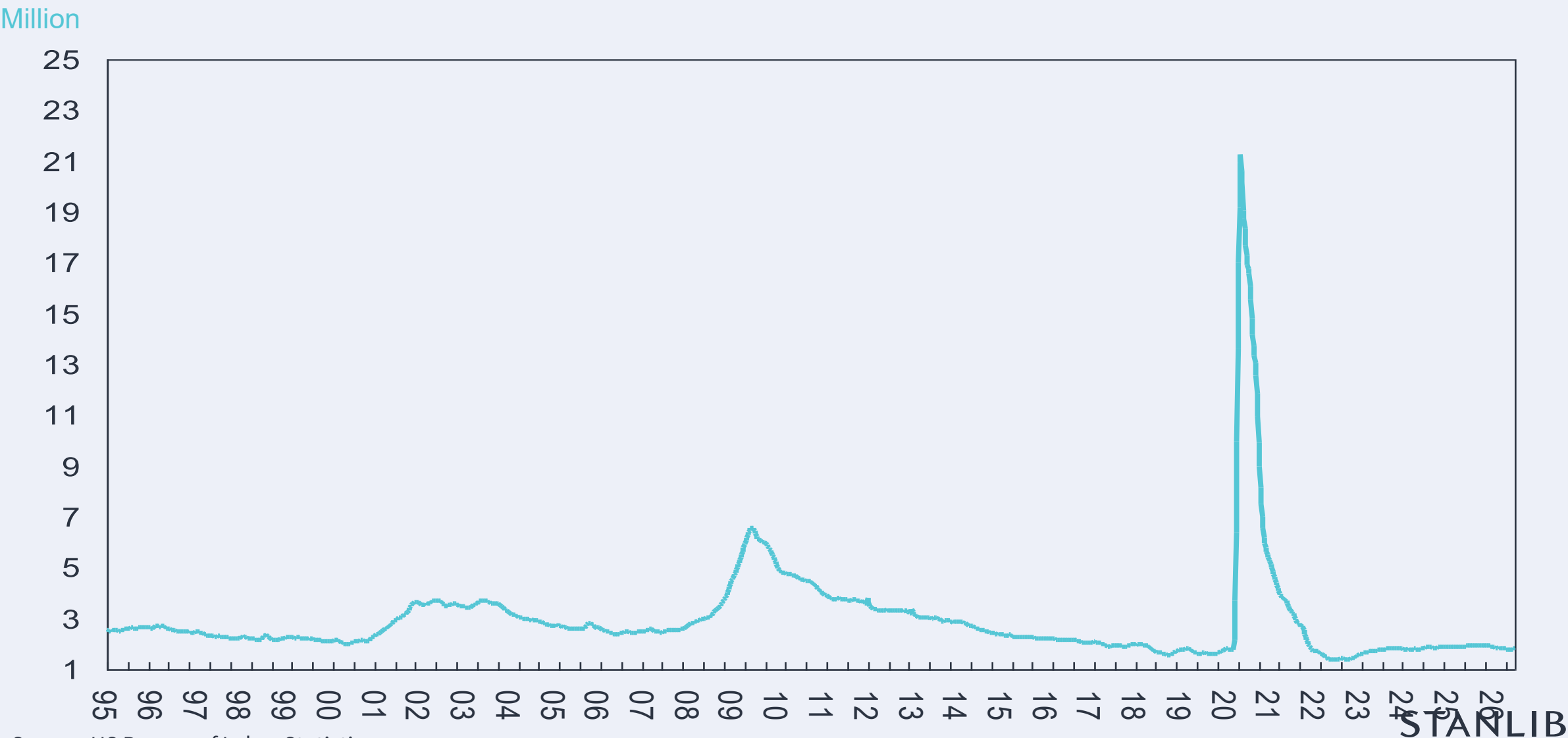


Source: Statistics South Africa

US initial jobless claims

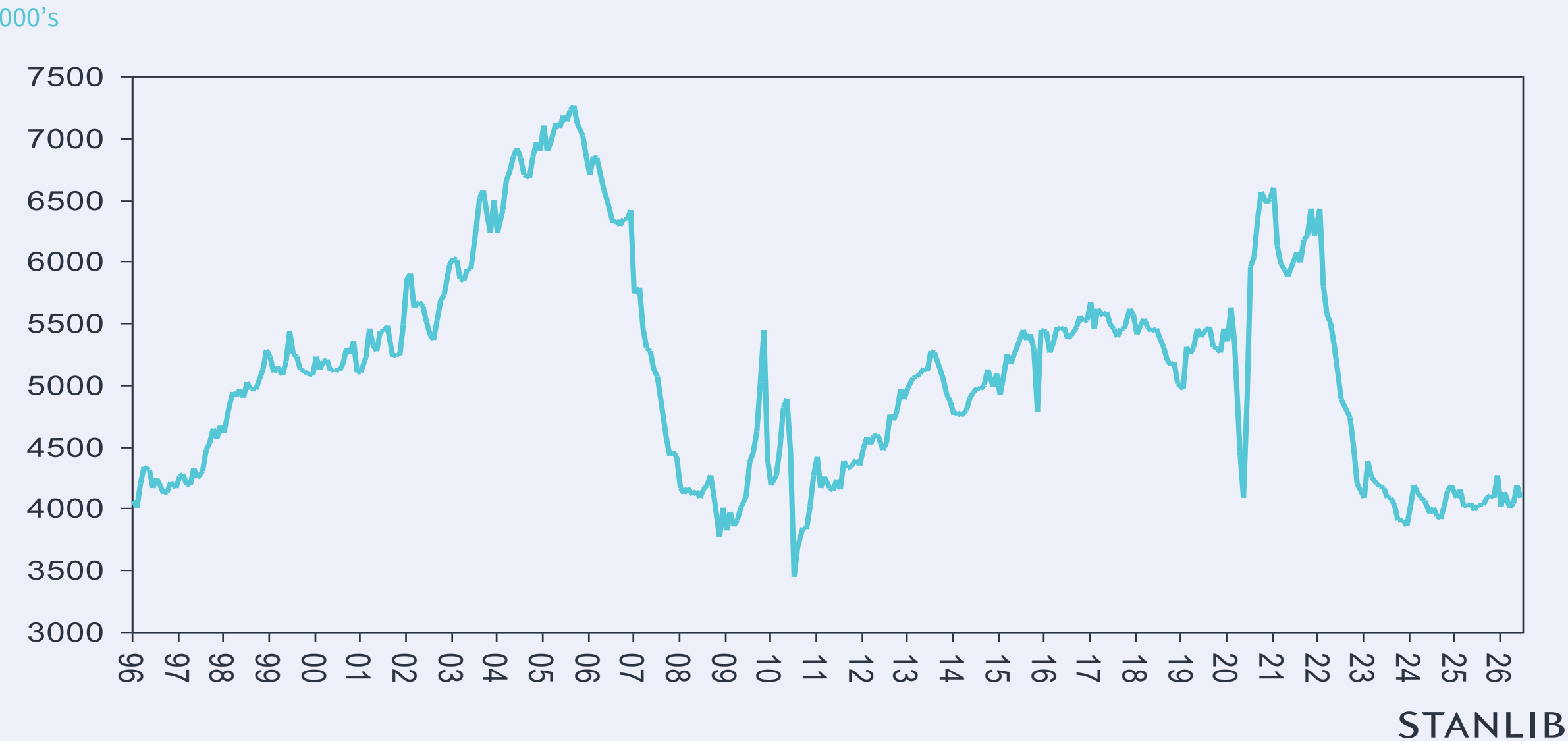


US continuing claims



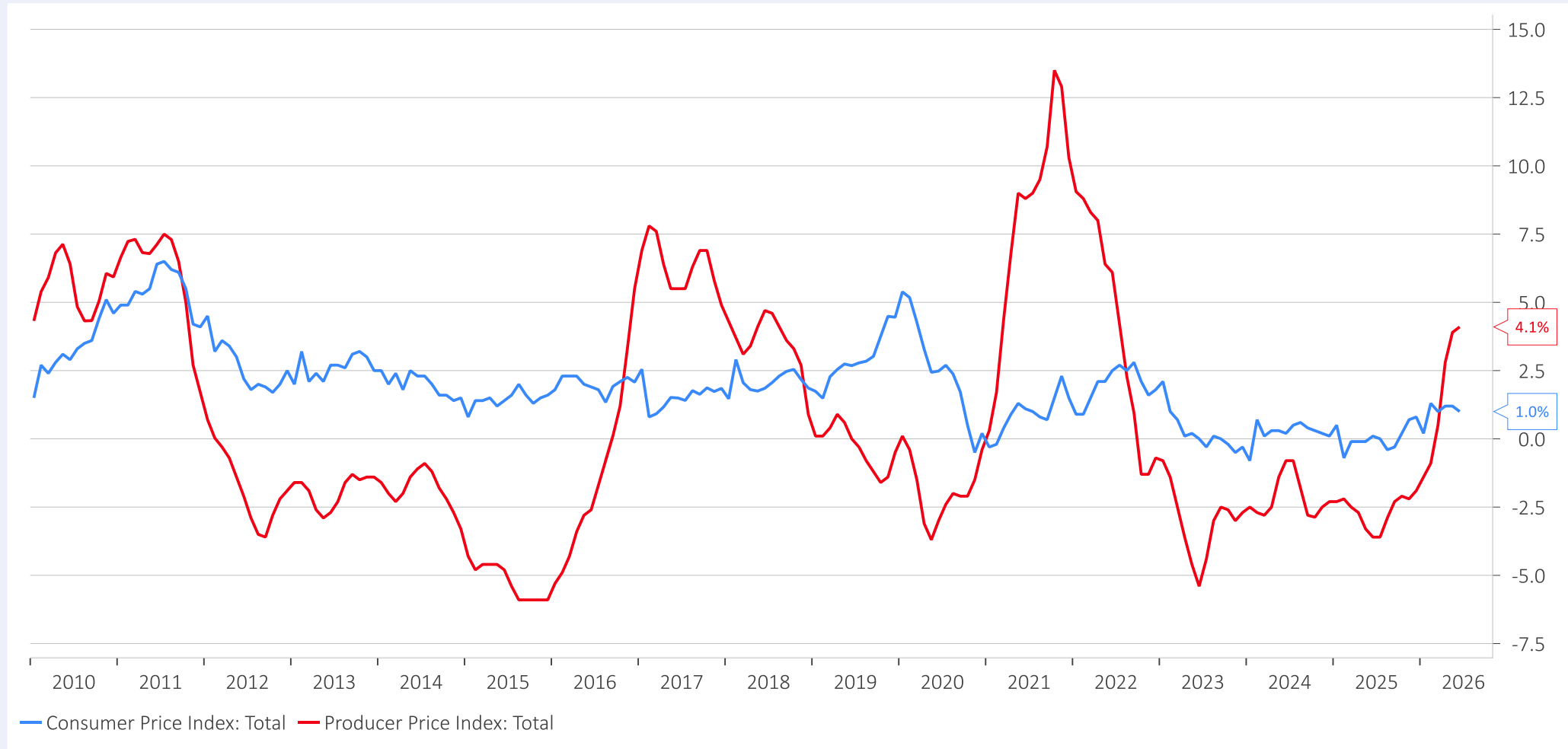
Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

US existing home sales



China consumer and producer inflation

% y / y



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Friday, 10 July 2026

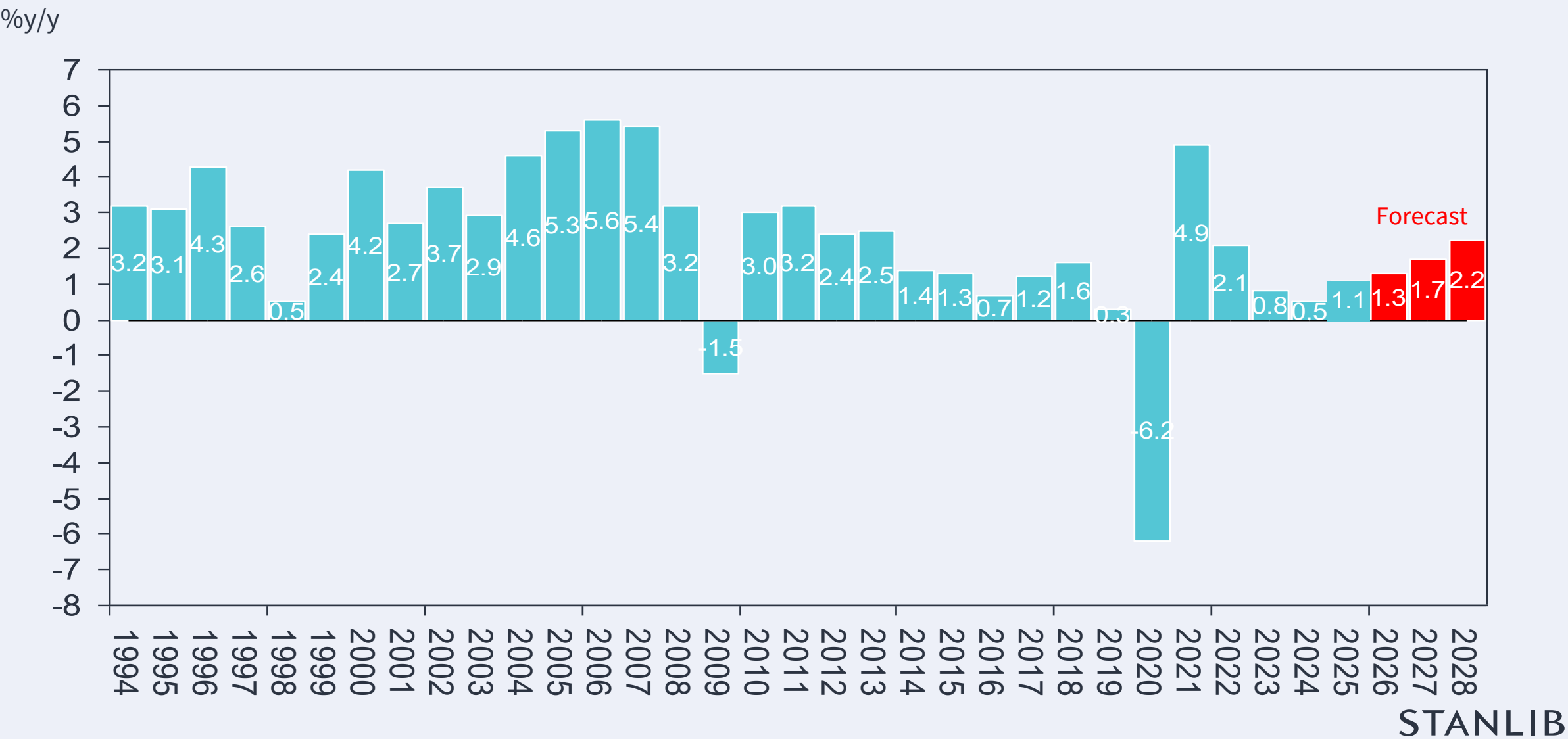
- No major economic data released

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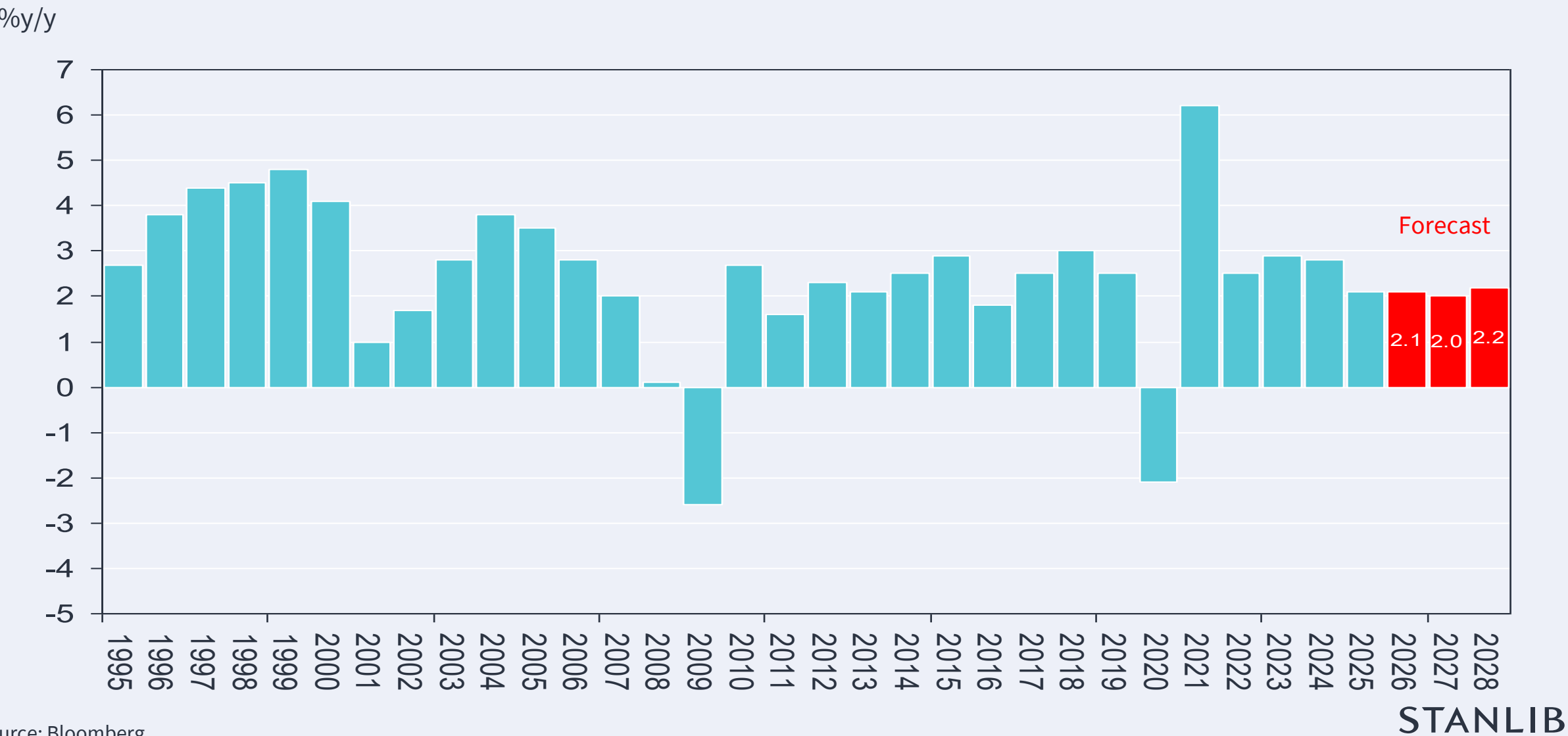
Consensus GDP growth

- South Africa consensus GDP growth forecast
- United States consensus GDP growth forecast
- Euro-area consensus GDP growth forecast
- China consensus GDP growth forecast

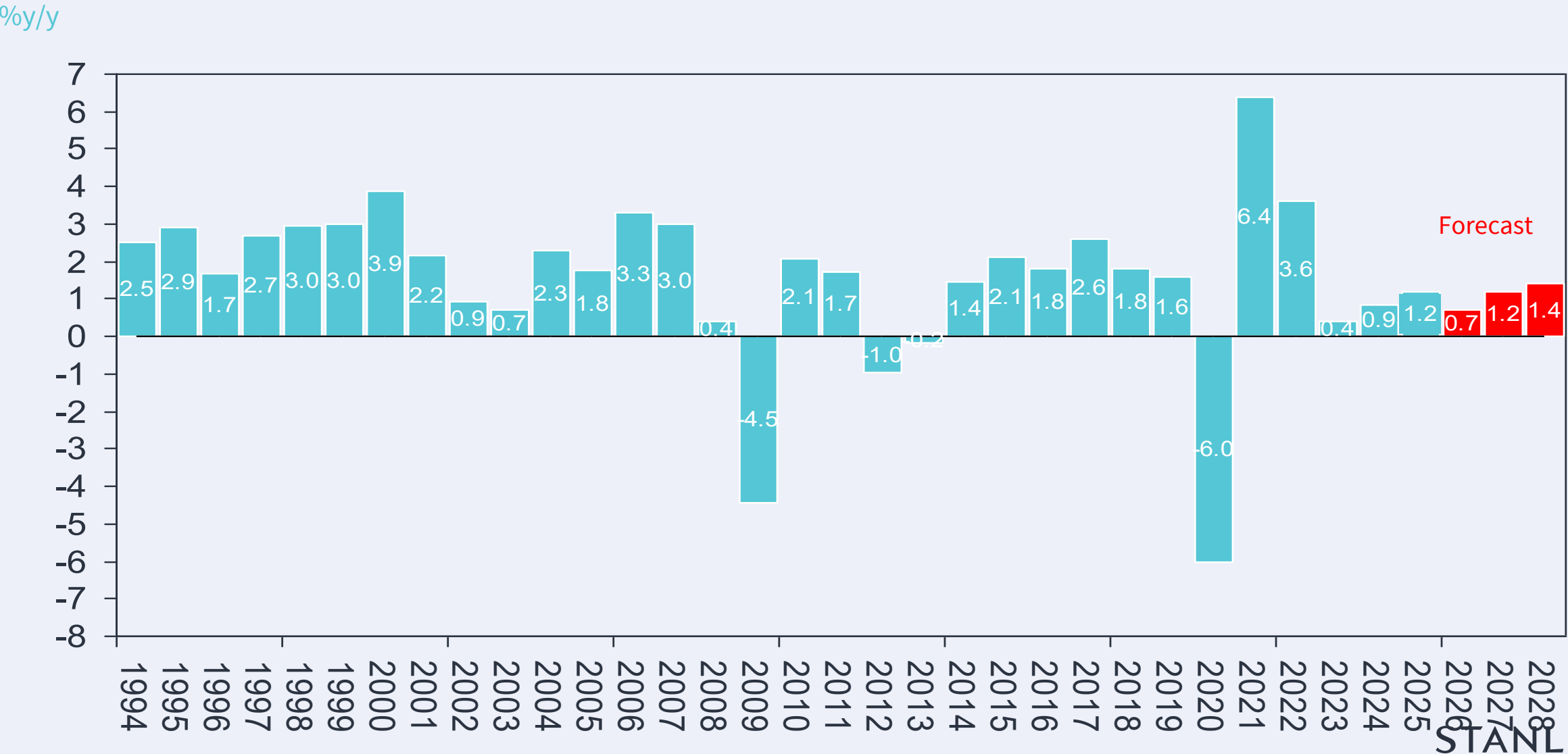
SA consensus GDP annual growth rate



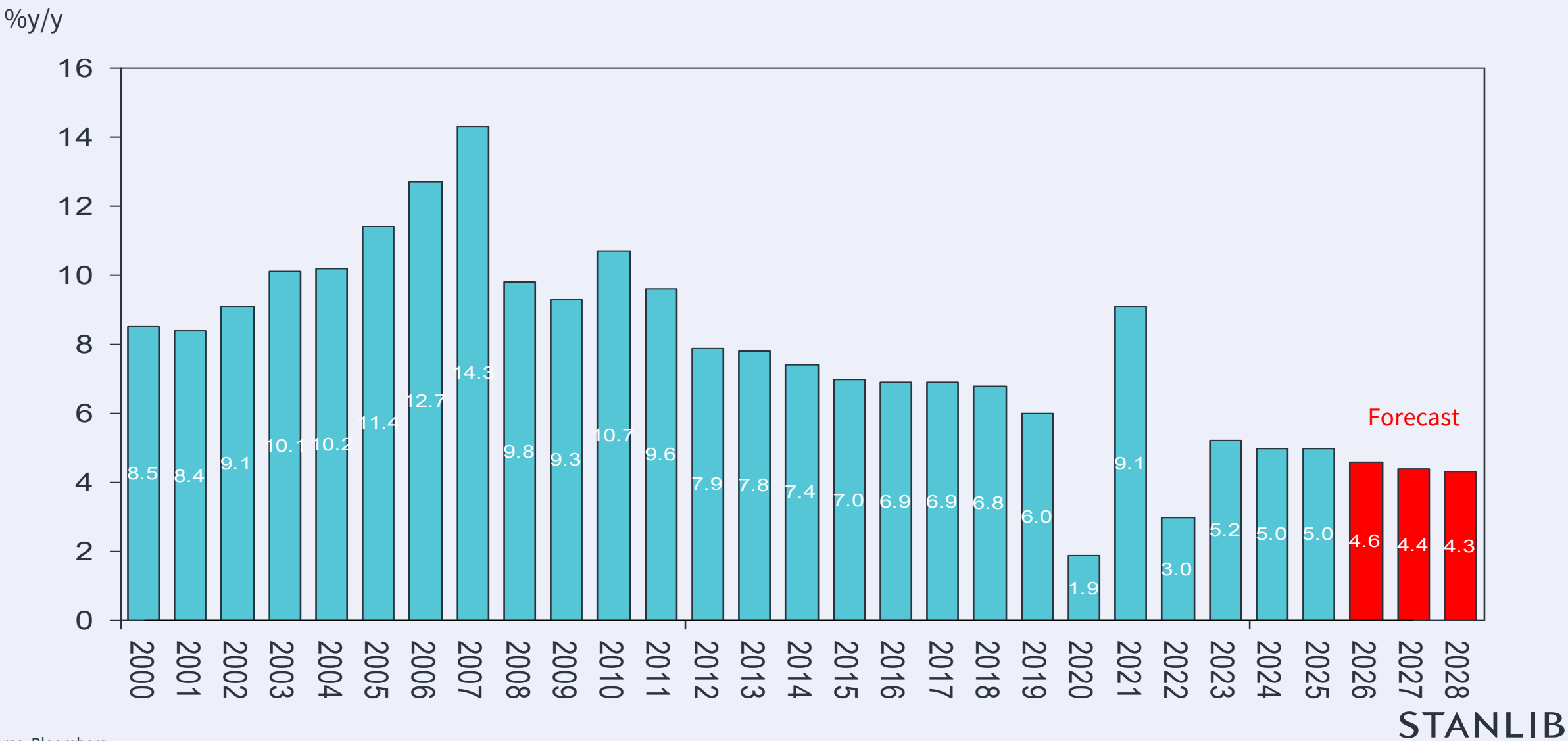
US consensus real annual GDP growth



Euro-area GDP annual growth rate: consensus growth estimate



China GDP growth consensus forecast



Source: Bloomberg

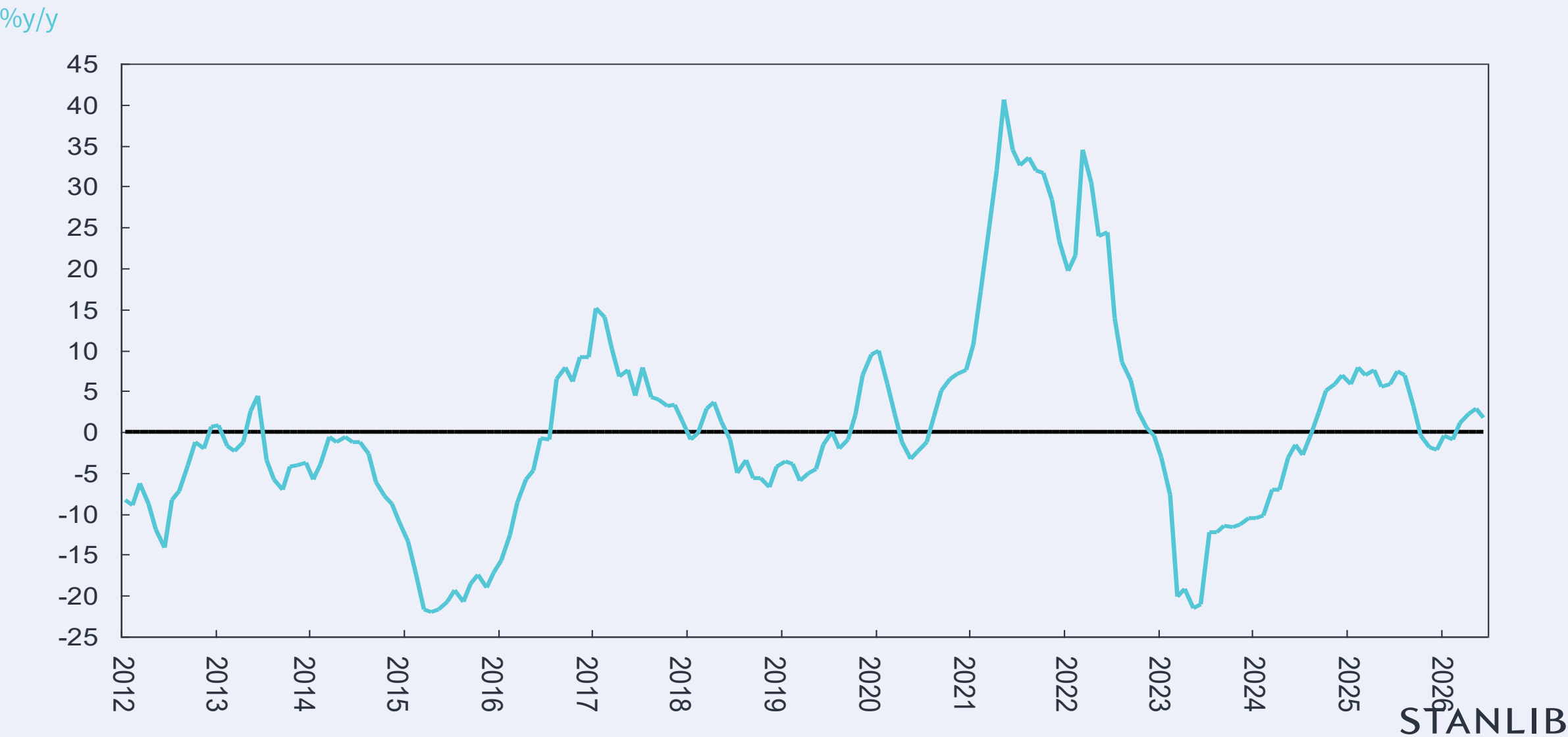
Commodity prices: 6 to 12 July 2026

- Global commodity price index
- World food inflation
- Gold price
- Tin price
- Zinc price
- Lead price
- Silver price
- Oil price
- Copper price
- Platinum price
- Aluminium price
- Palladium price
- Rhodium price
- Wheat price

Global commodity price index (S&P GSCI)



World food inflation



Gold price

\$/ounce



Tin price



Silver price

\$/ounce



Oil price



Copper price



Platinum price

\$/ounce



Aluminium price



Palladium price



Rhodium price

\$/ounce



Global wheat price index



Financial markets: 6 to 12 July 2026

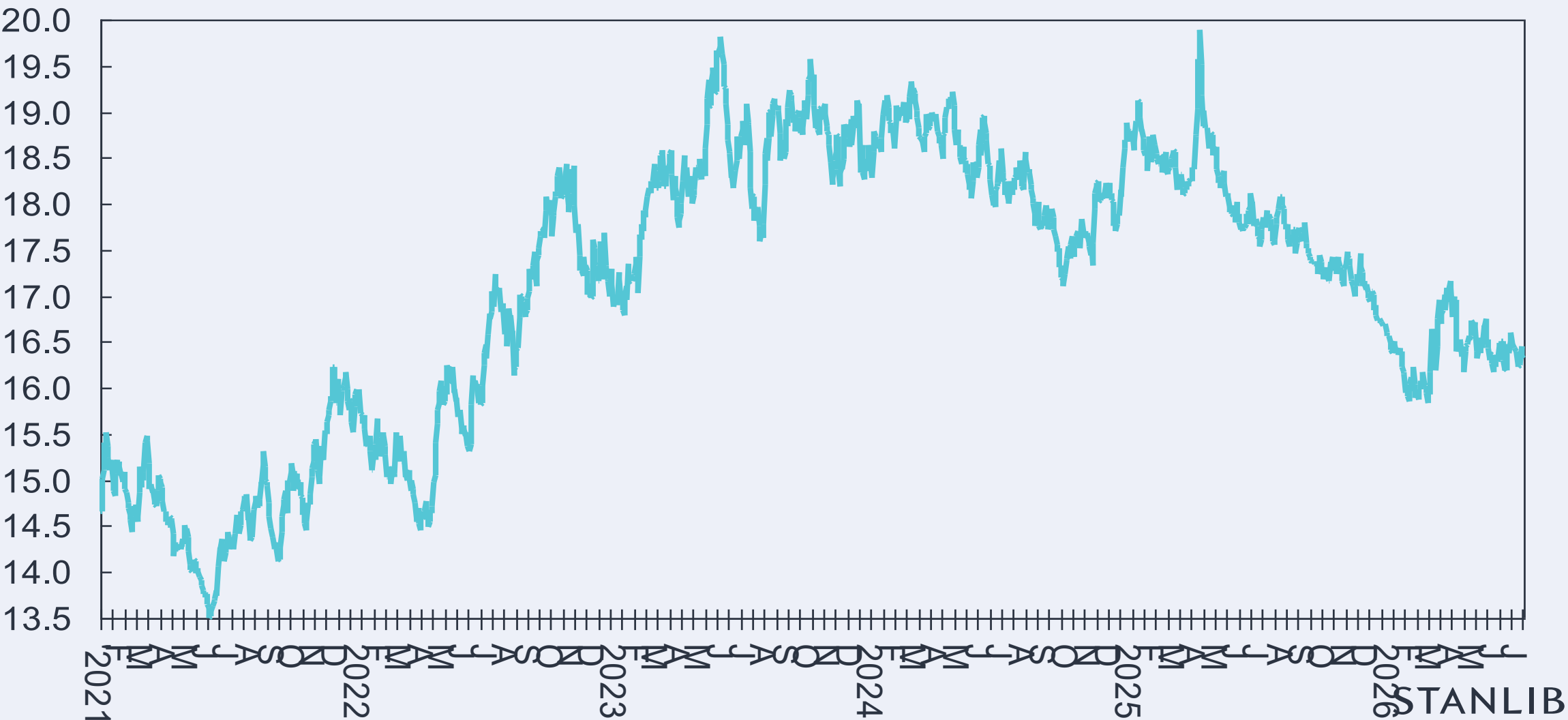
- US Bitcoin price
- SA Rand vs Dollar, monthly rate of change
- SA 10-year government bond yield
- US 10-year bond yield
- US S&P 500 equity index
- US Nasdaq 100 index
- US Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index
- SA All Share equity index
- US Dollar per Euro
- US Dollar vs RMB
- SA 10-year bond yield
- Foreign buying of SA government bonds
- Foreign buying of SA equities
- Foreign ownership of SA government bonds
- US Fed holding of US government bonds
- US Treasury cash holding at Federal Reserve
- SA Rand vs commodity prices
- Baltic dry shipping index
- SA volume of equity transactions on the JSE
- SA value of equity transactions on the JSE
- SA volume of transactions in the SA bond market
- SA value of transactions in the SA bond market

Bitcoin price



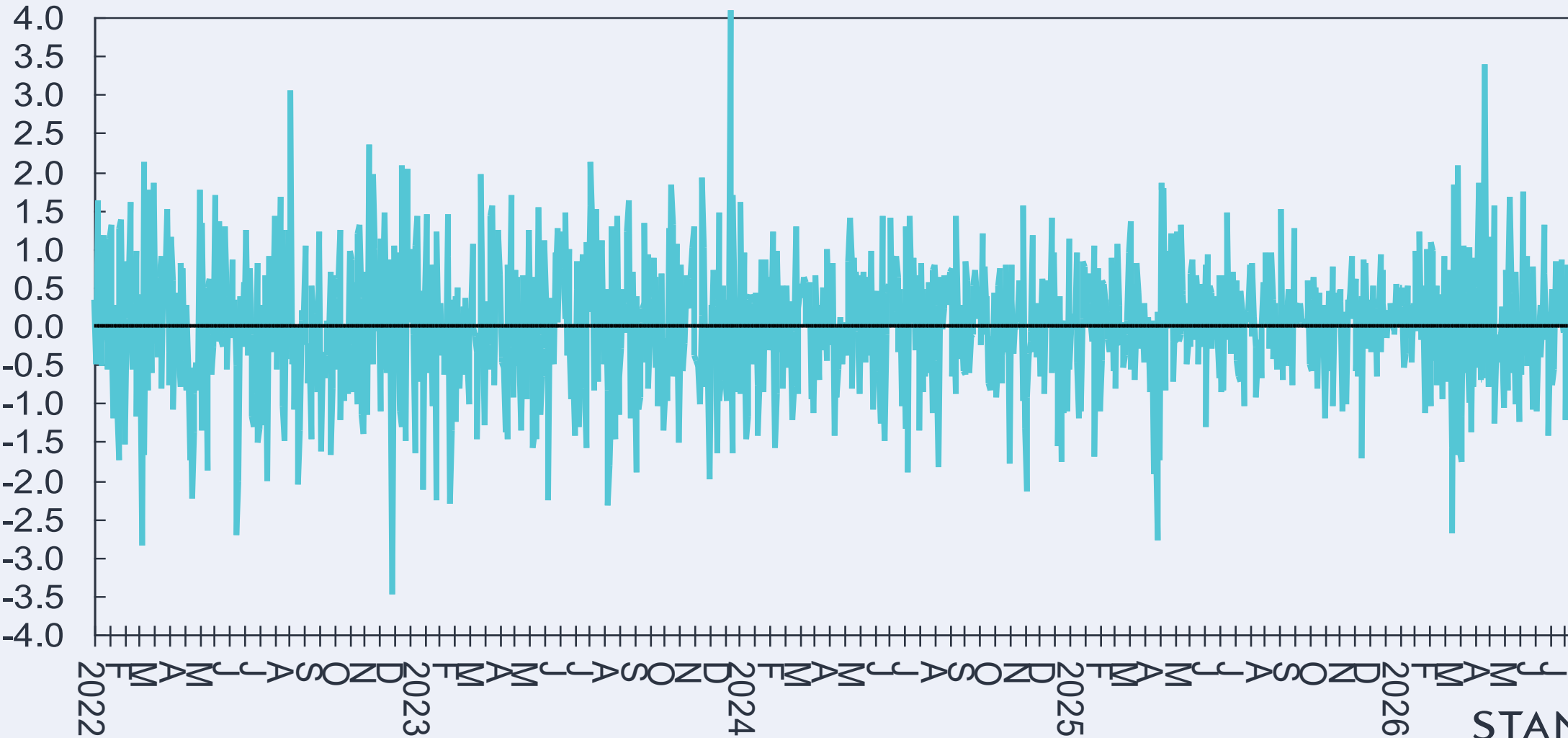
South Africa Rand vs US Dollar (daily)

Rand per Dollar



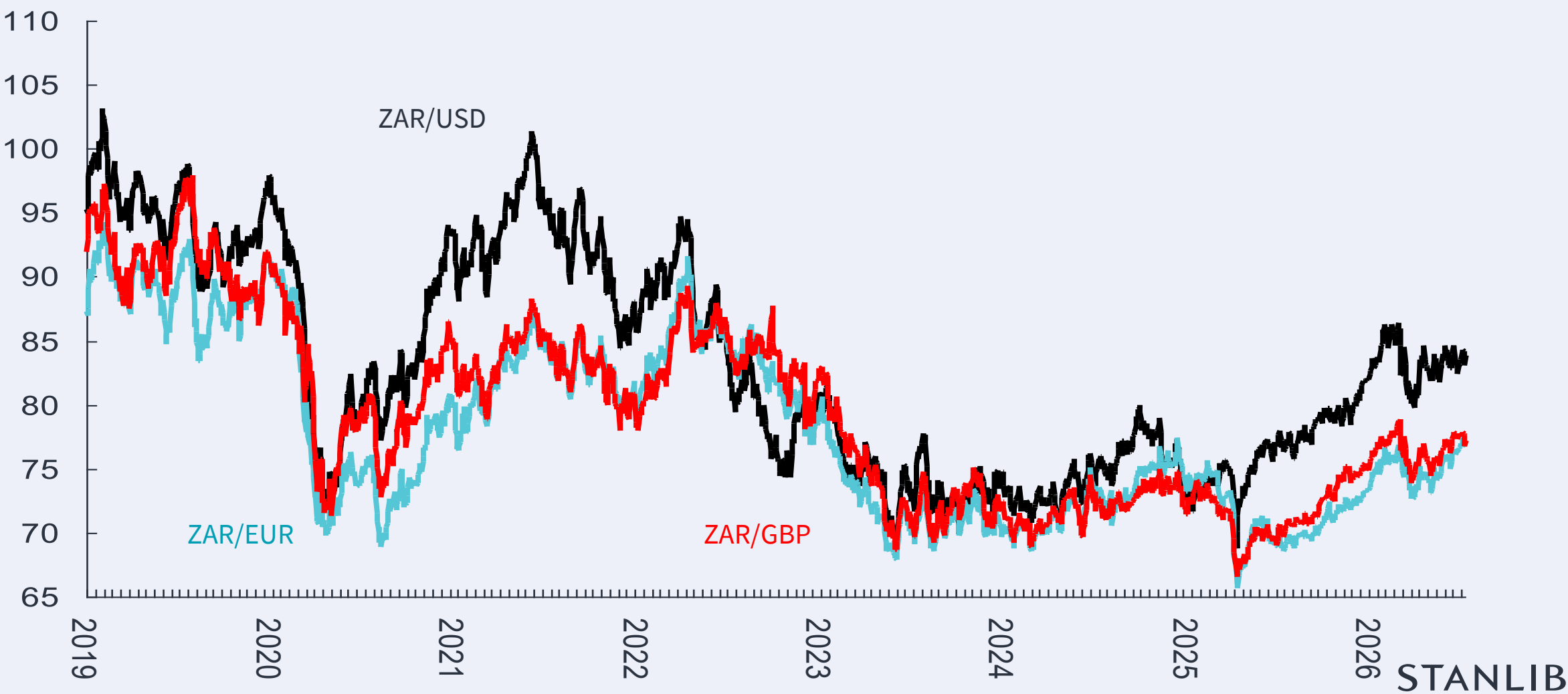
South Africa Rand vs US Dollar (daily change in value)

% change, day-on-day



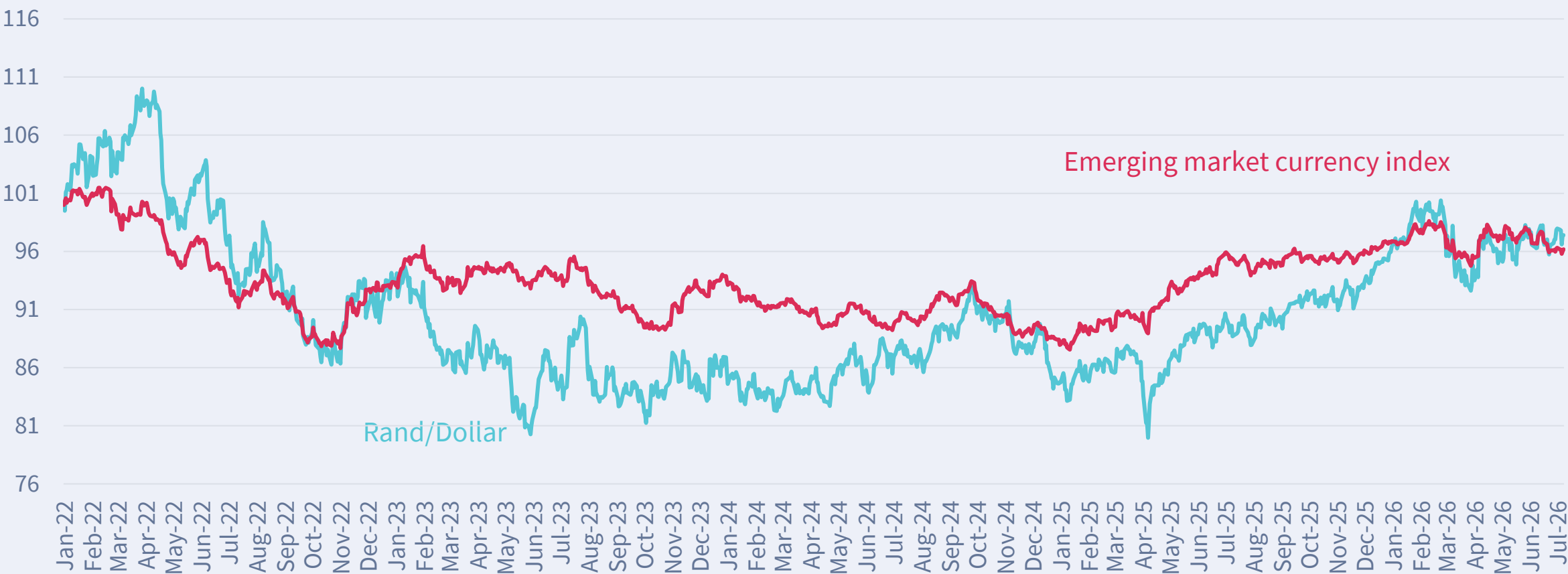
SA Rand vs Dollar, Euro and Pound

Index, 1 January 2017 = 100



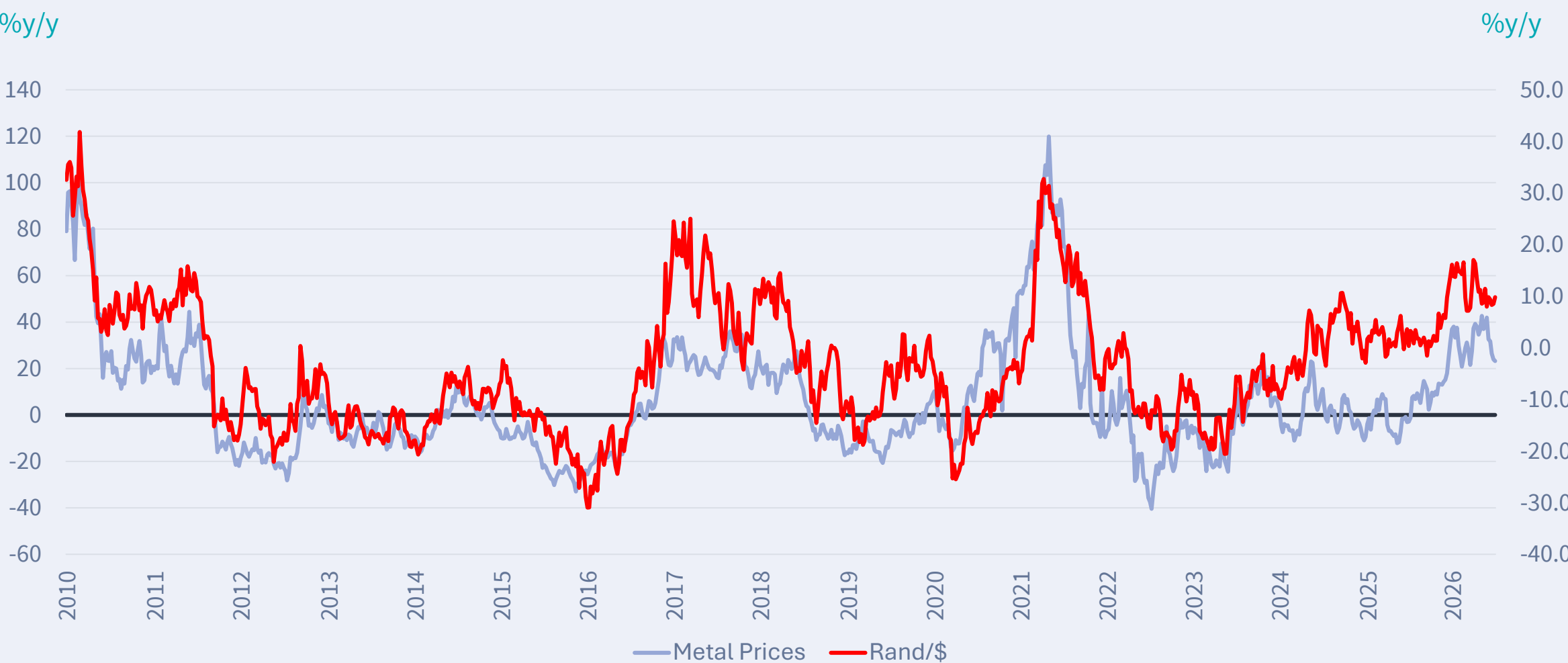
Rand/US Dollar vs Emerging Market Currencies

Index, 1 Jan 2022 = 100



Source: Advantage, Macrobond, 10 July 2026

Rand/US Dollar vs Metal Prices



Source: Advantage, Macrobond, 10 July 2026

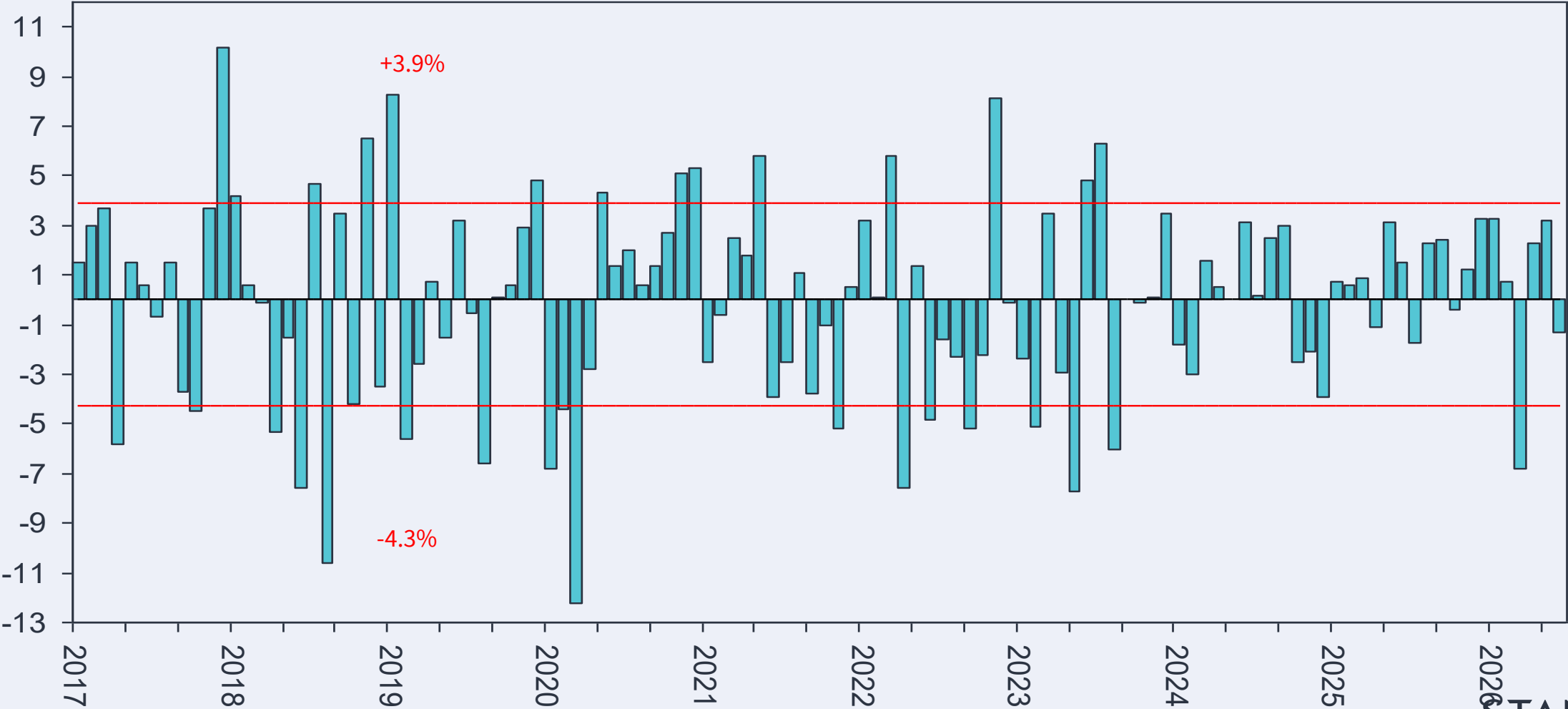
SA trade-weighted exchange rate

Index, nominal, daily data



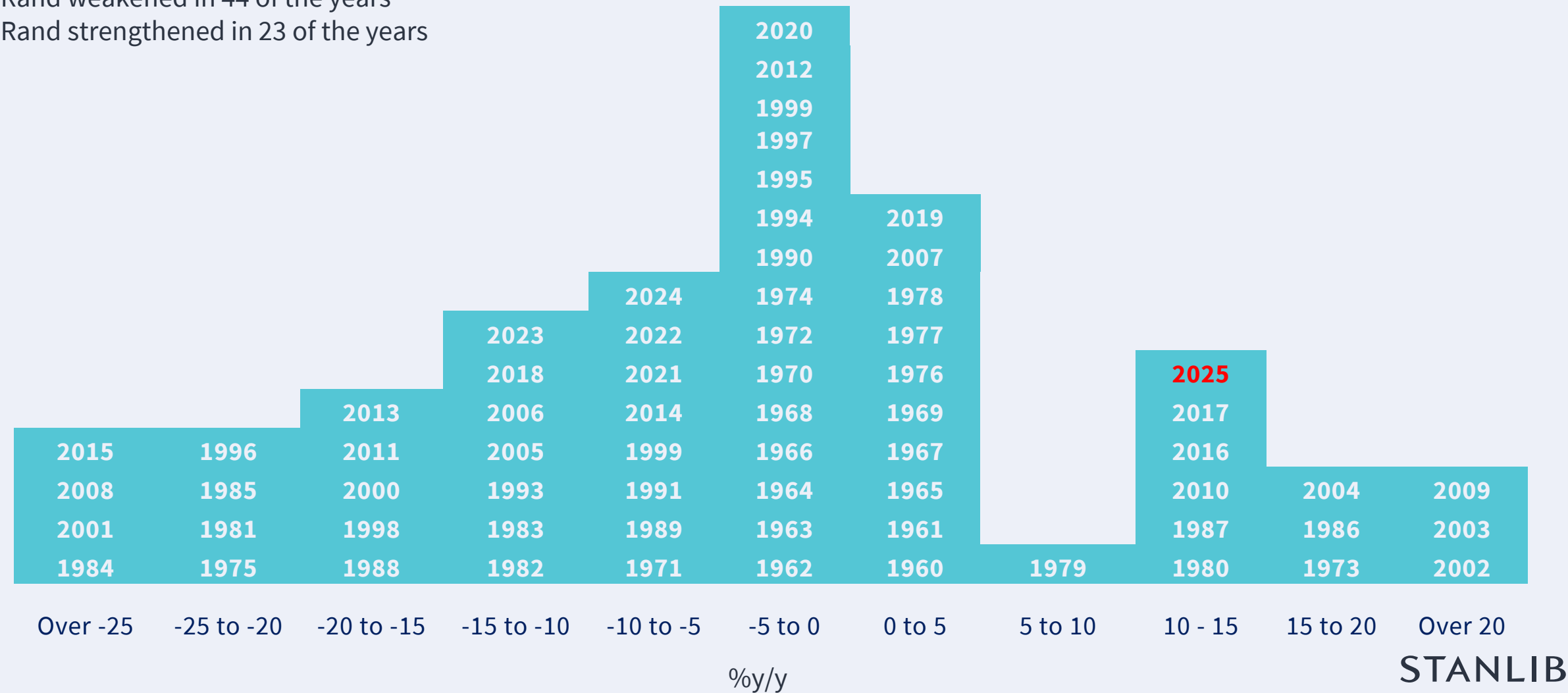
Monthly percentage change in Rand/Dollar

% month-on-month



Rand/Dollar annual performance

Out of last 67 years
Rand weakened in 44 of the years
Rand strengthened in 23 of the years



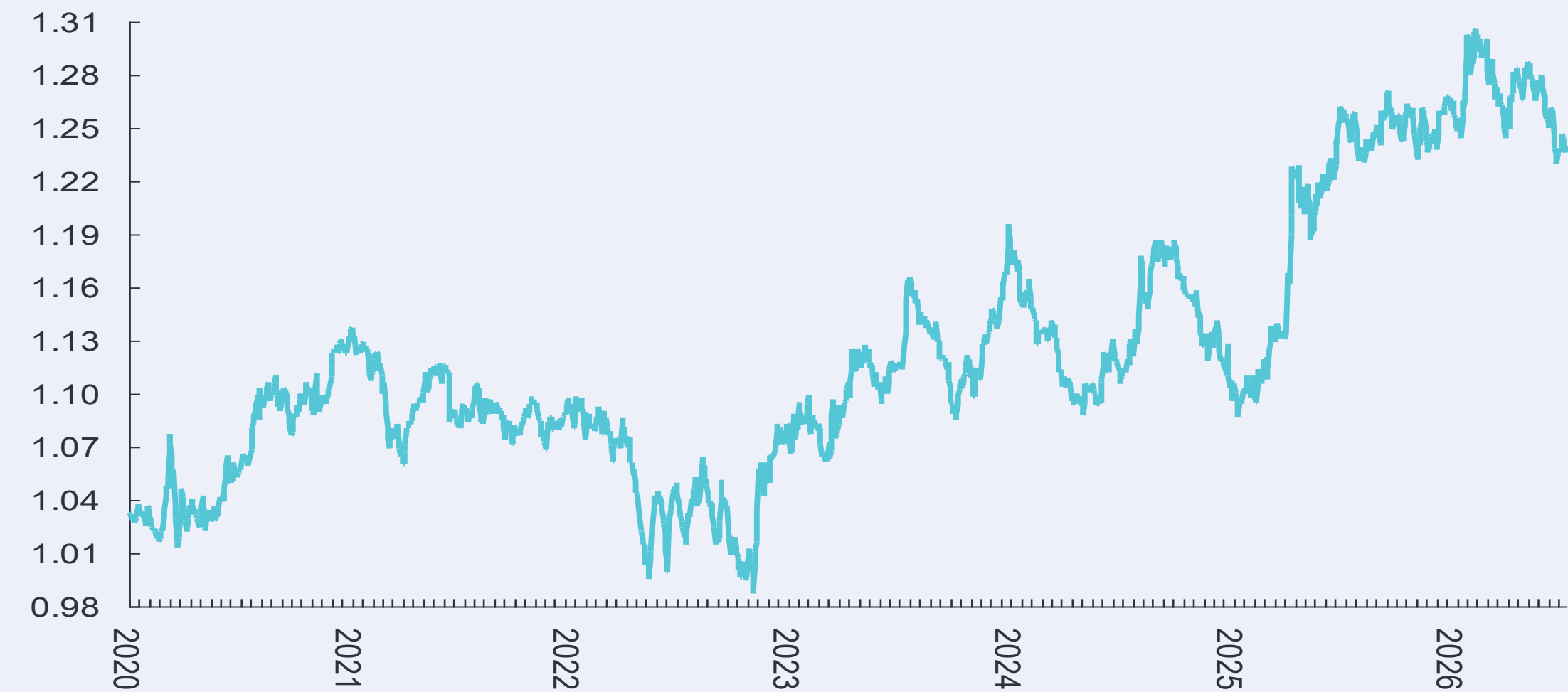
US Dollar vs Euro

Dollar per Euro



US Dollar per Swiss Franc

USD per CHF



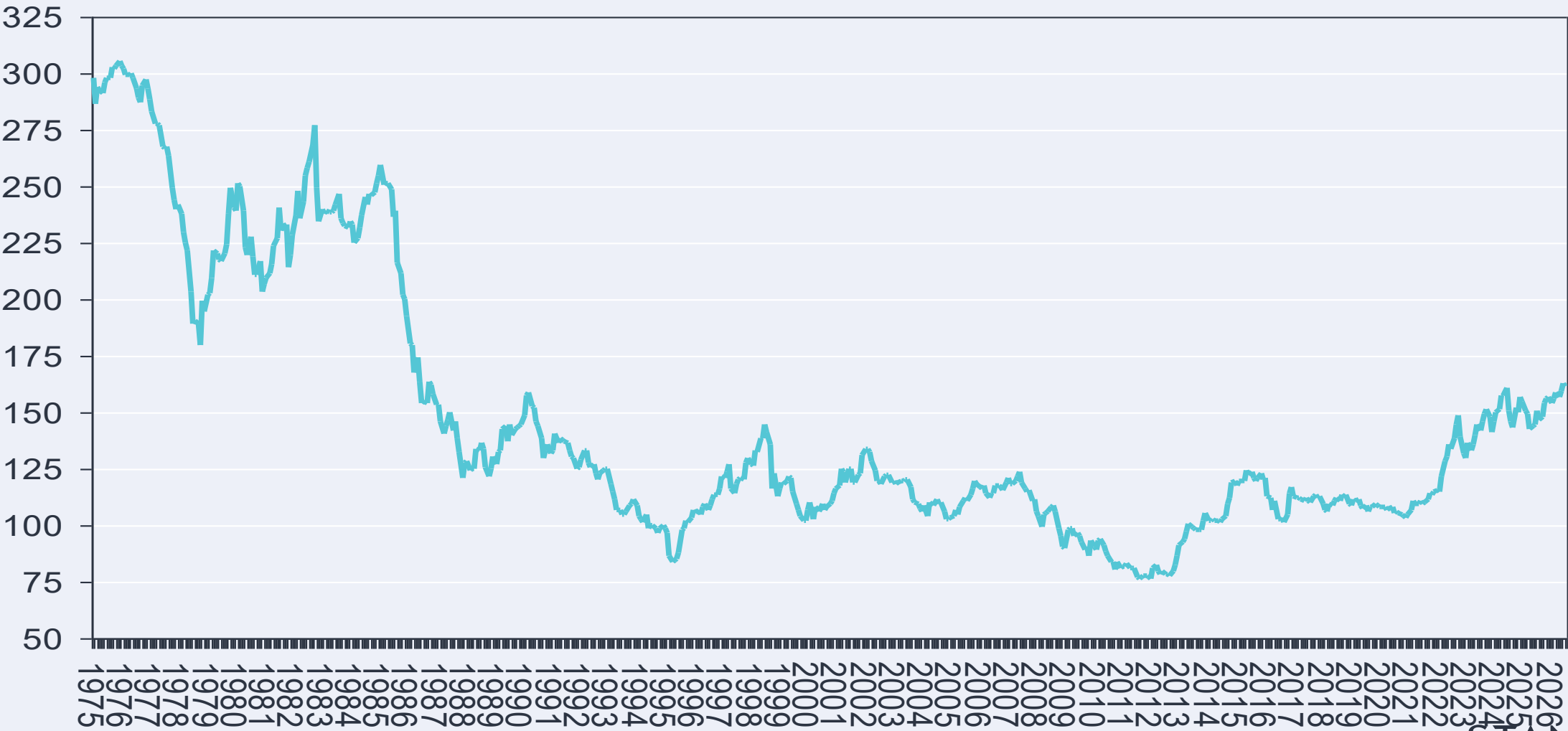
US Dollar vs CNY

CNY per US Dollar



Japanese Yen per US Dollar

Yen per Dollar

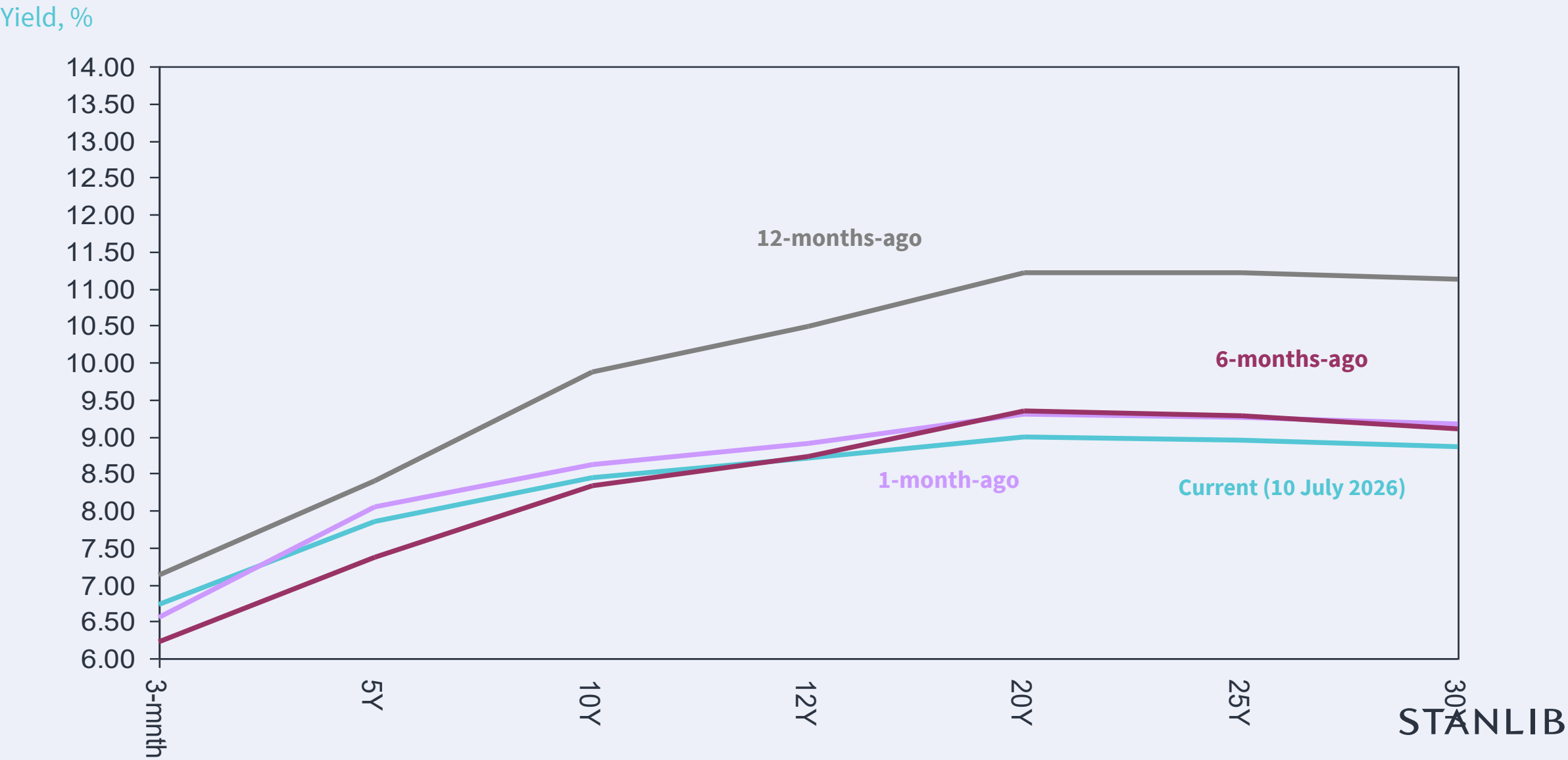


SA long-dated government bond yield

% yield



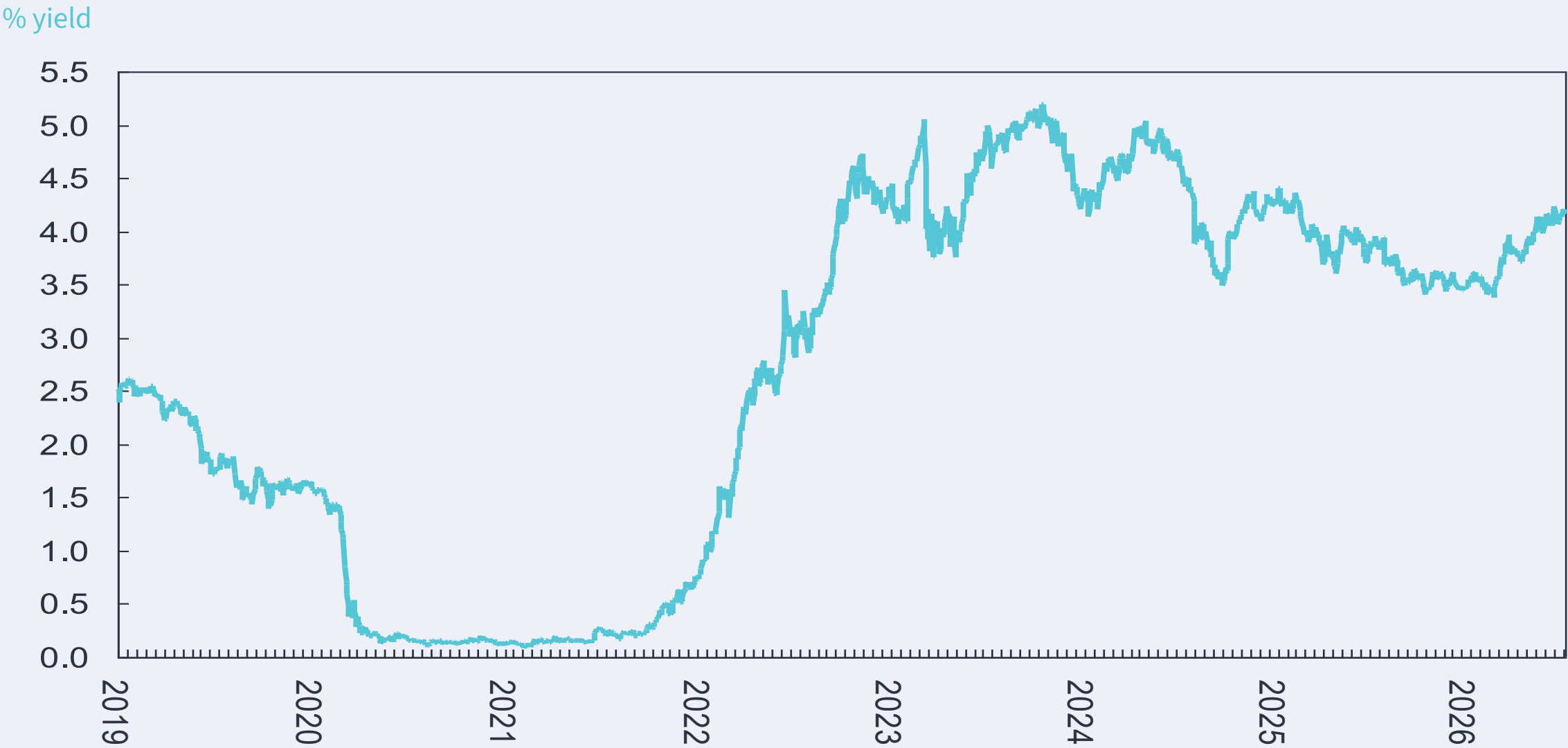
South Africa government yield curve



US 10-year government bond yield

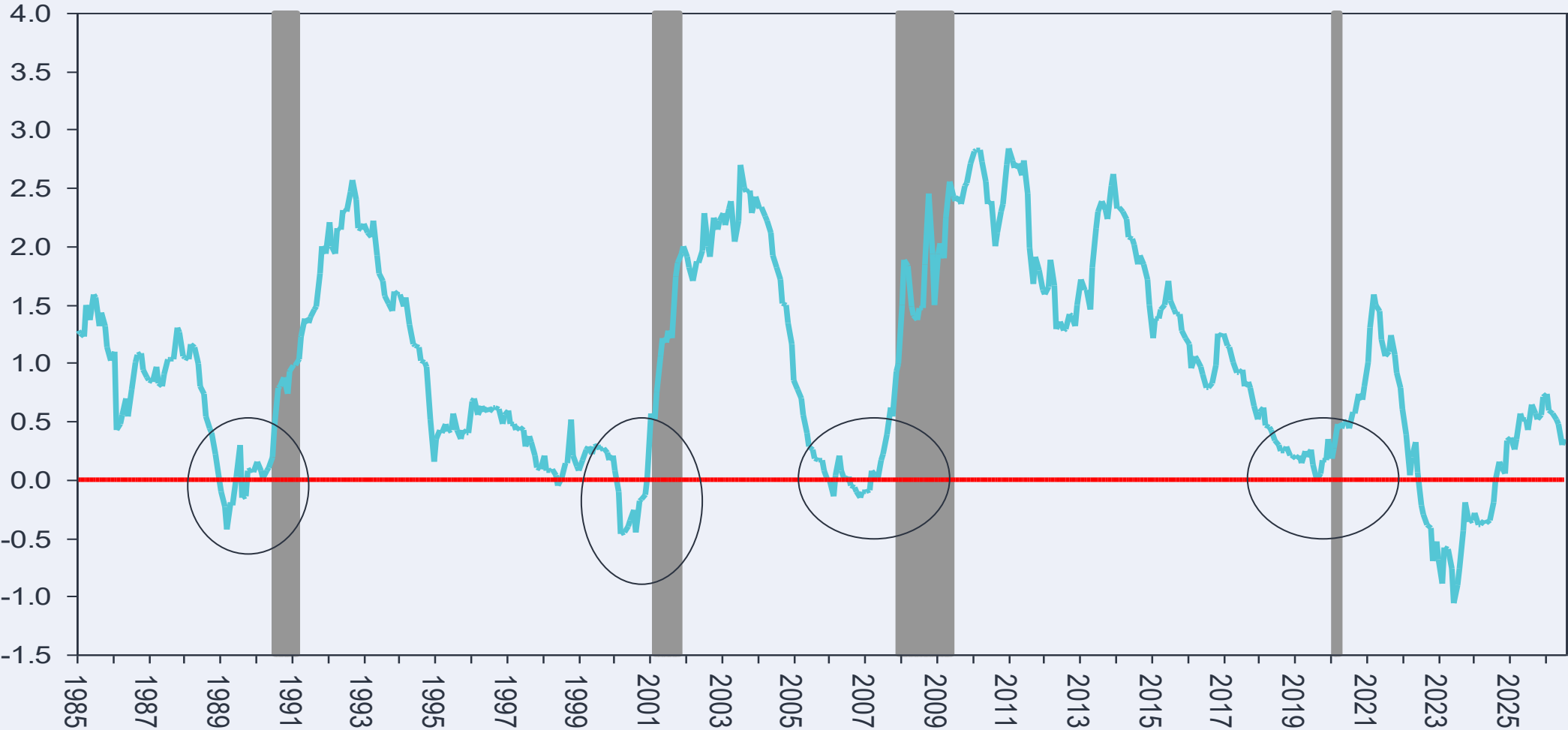


US 2-year government bond yield



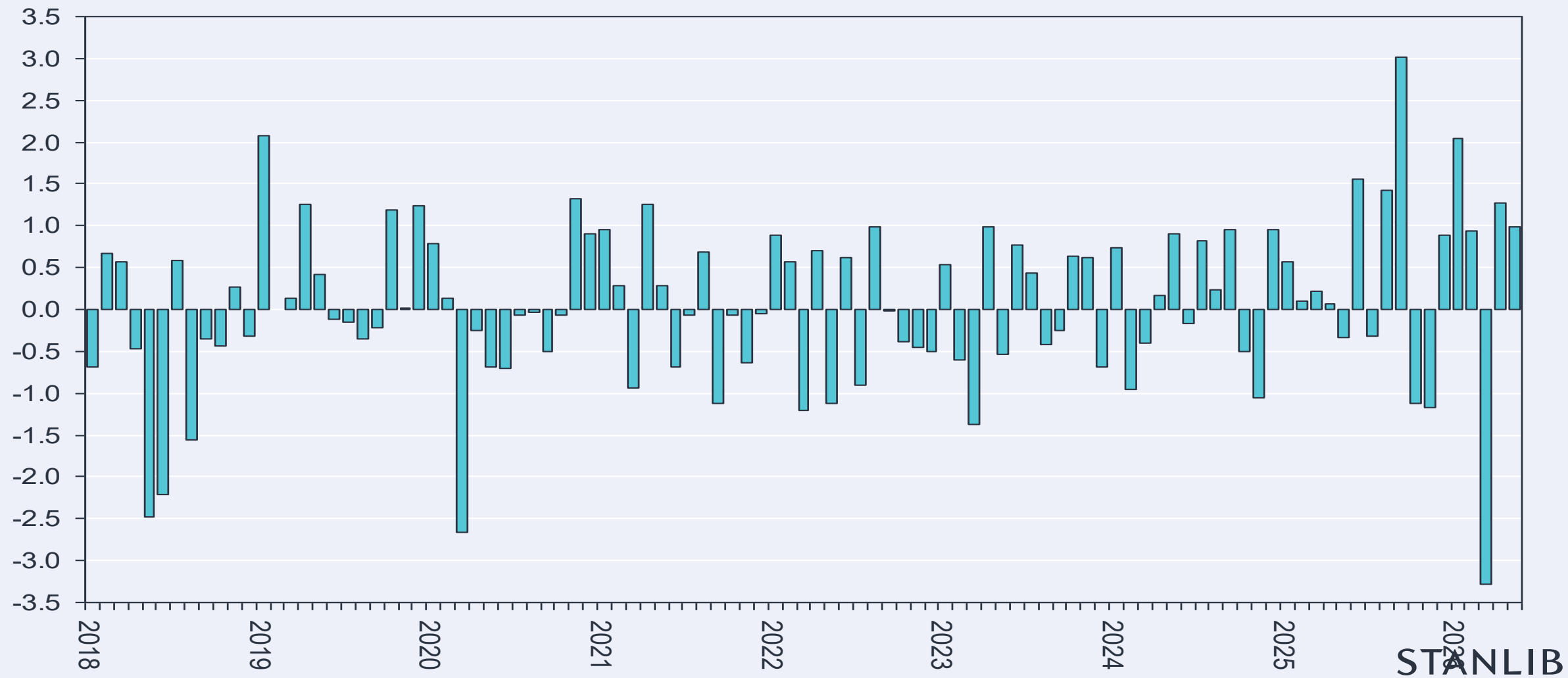
US 10-year less 2-year treasury and business cycle

Percentage points



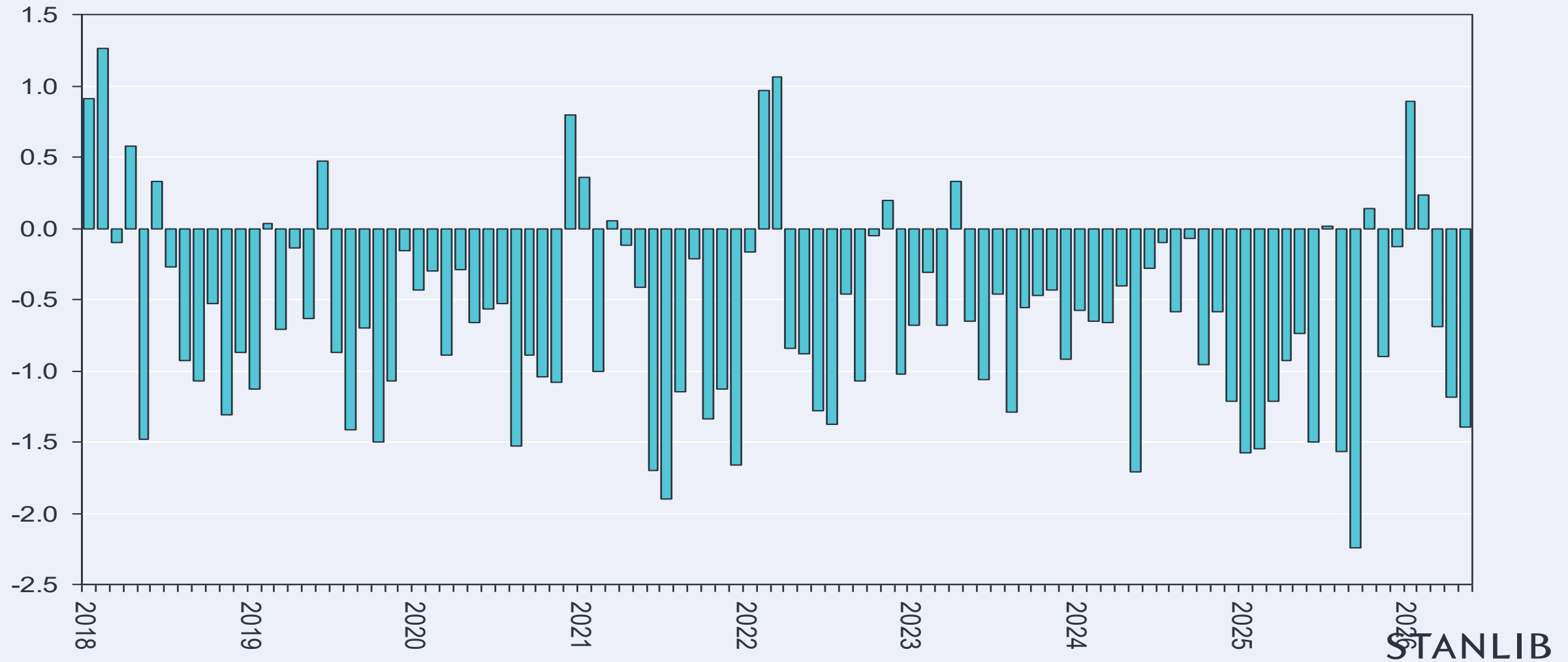
Foreign buying of South African government bonds

\$ billion (SA Reserve Bank data)

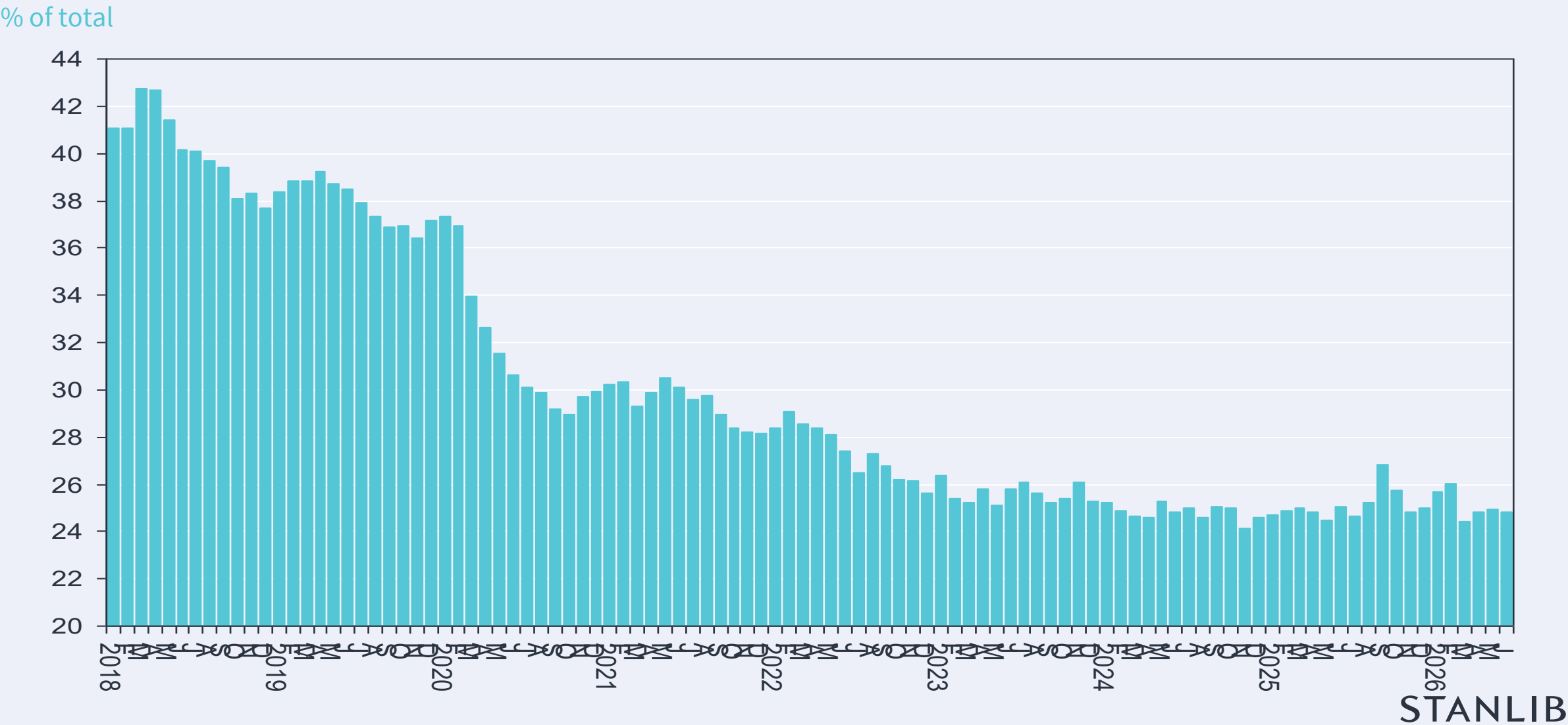


Foreign buying of South African equities

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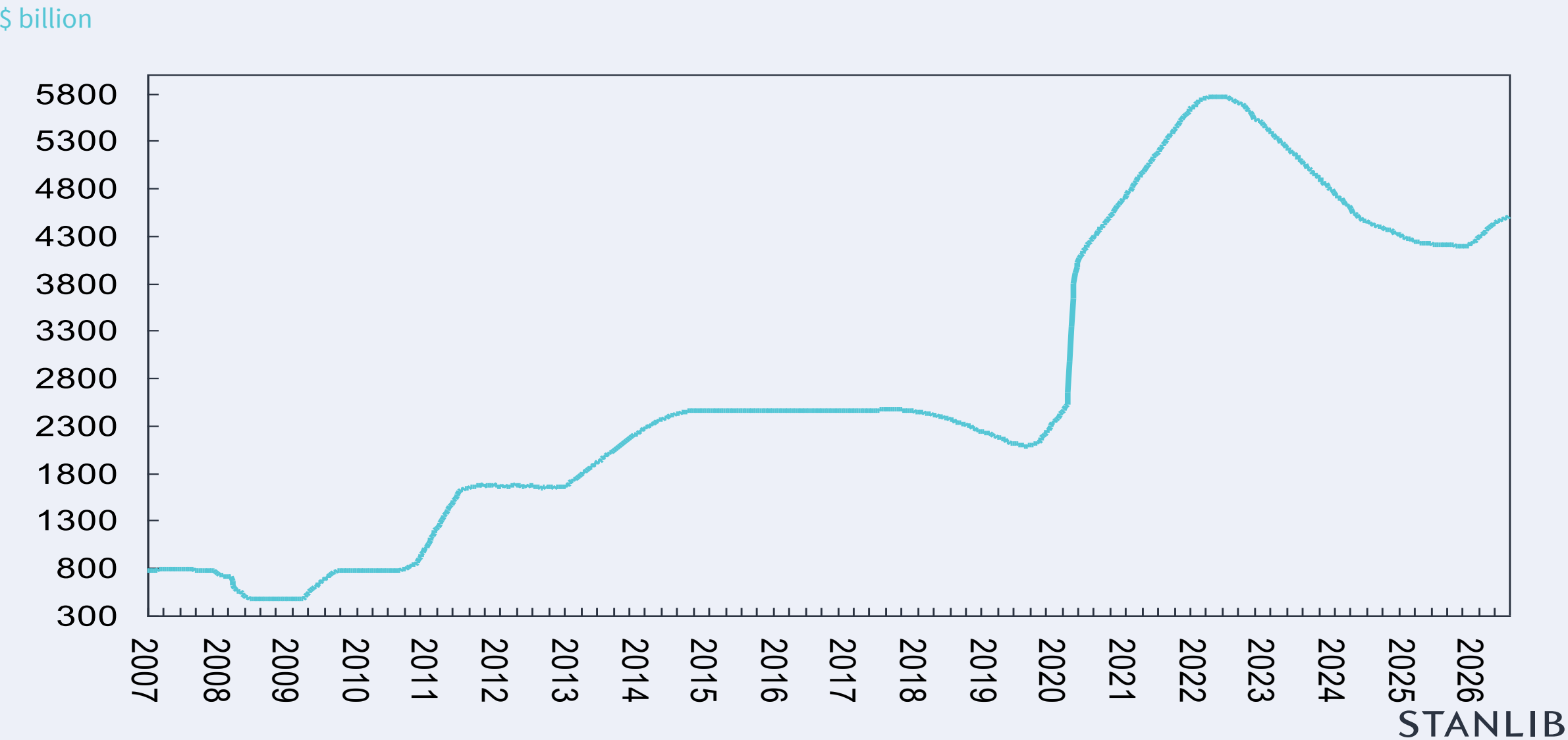


Foreign ownership of South African government bonds



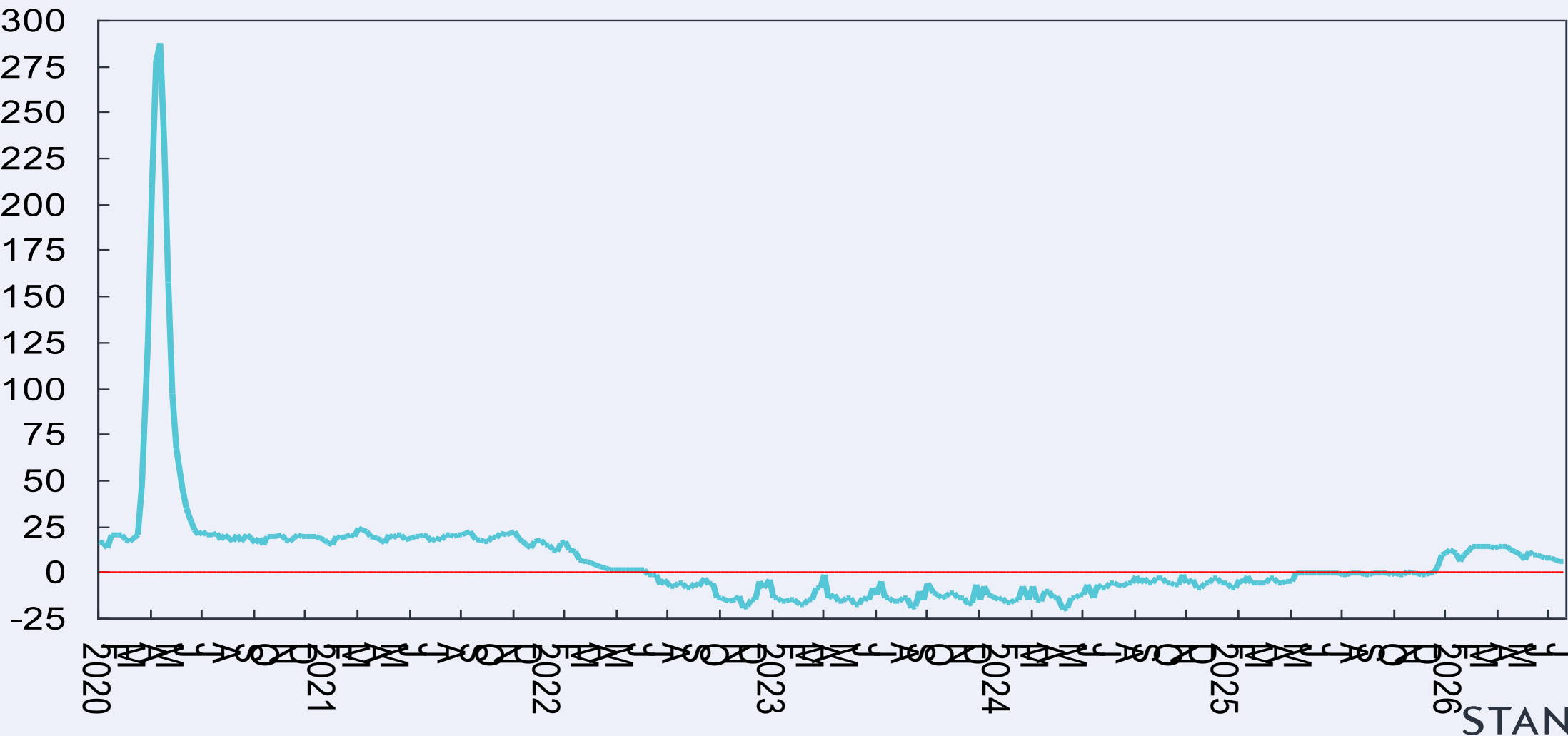
Source: South African National Treasury

US Federal Reserve ownership of government bonds



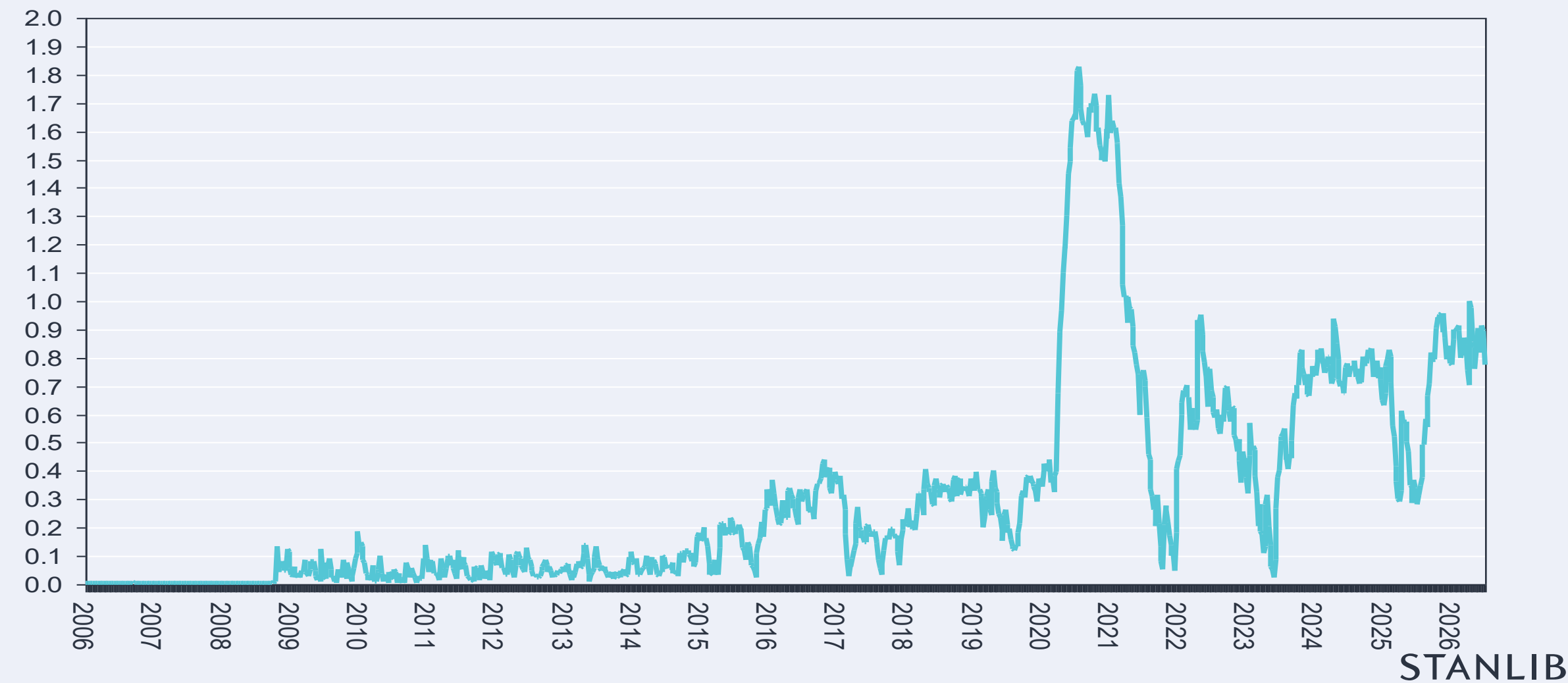
US Federal Reserve purchase of government bonds

4-week average rate of purchases, \$ billion



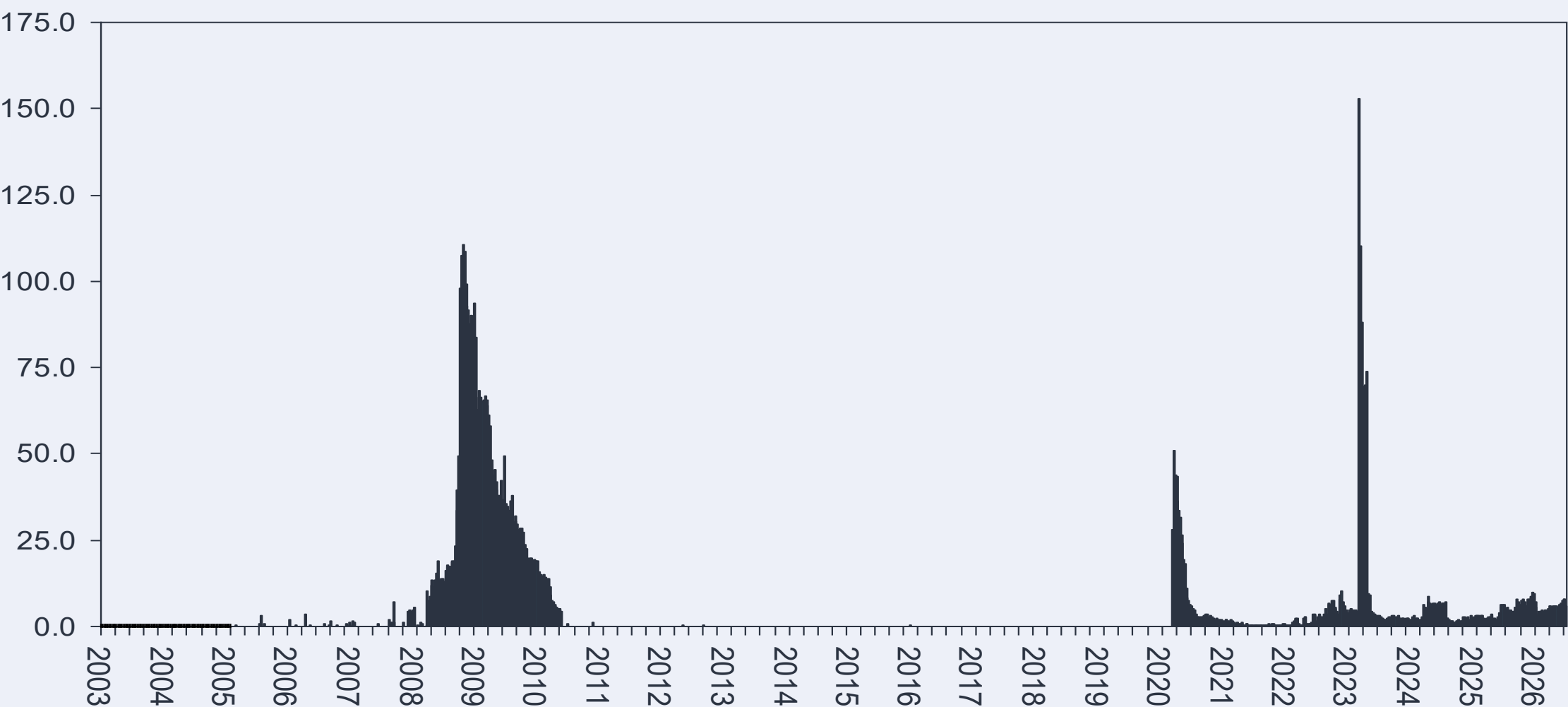
US Treasury cash balance at Federal Reserve

\$ trillion, weekly



US Federal Reserve discount window (balance)

\$ billion (weekly data)

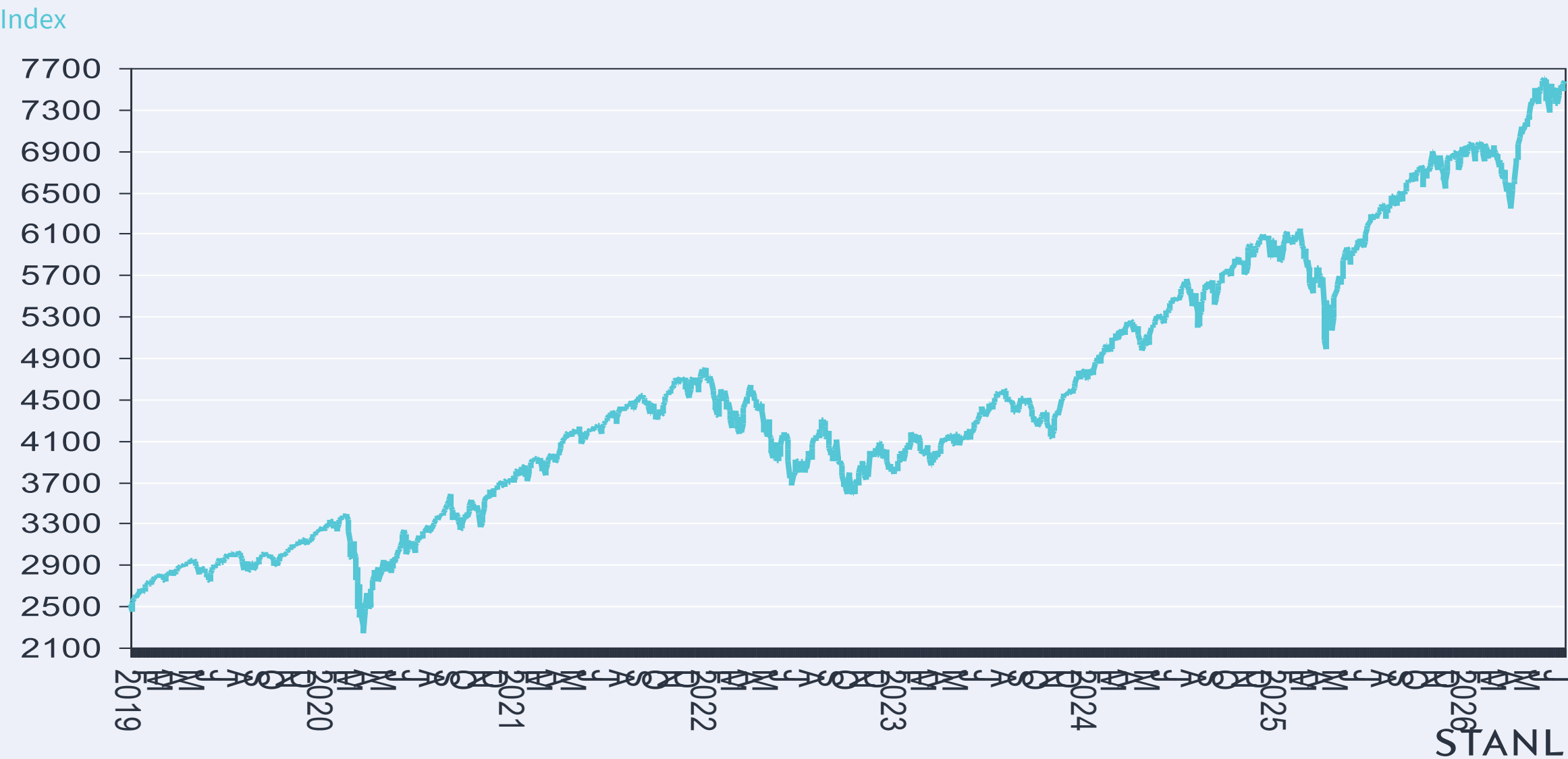


US IEEPA tariff refunds: CBP daily withdrawals from Treasury General Account

\$ billion, 20 day moving total

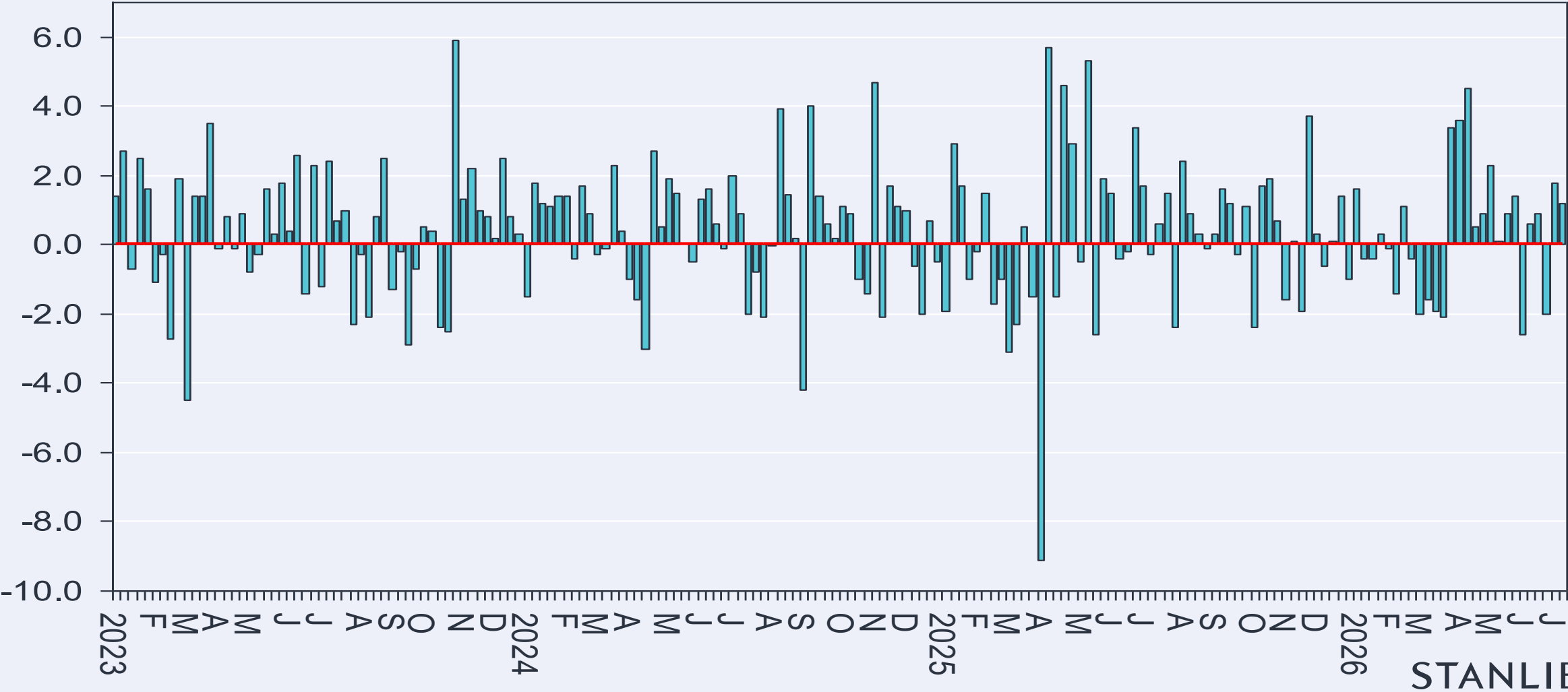


US S&P 500



US S&P 500 (weekly change)

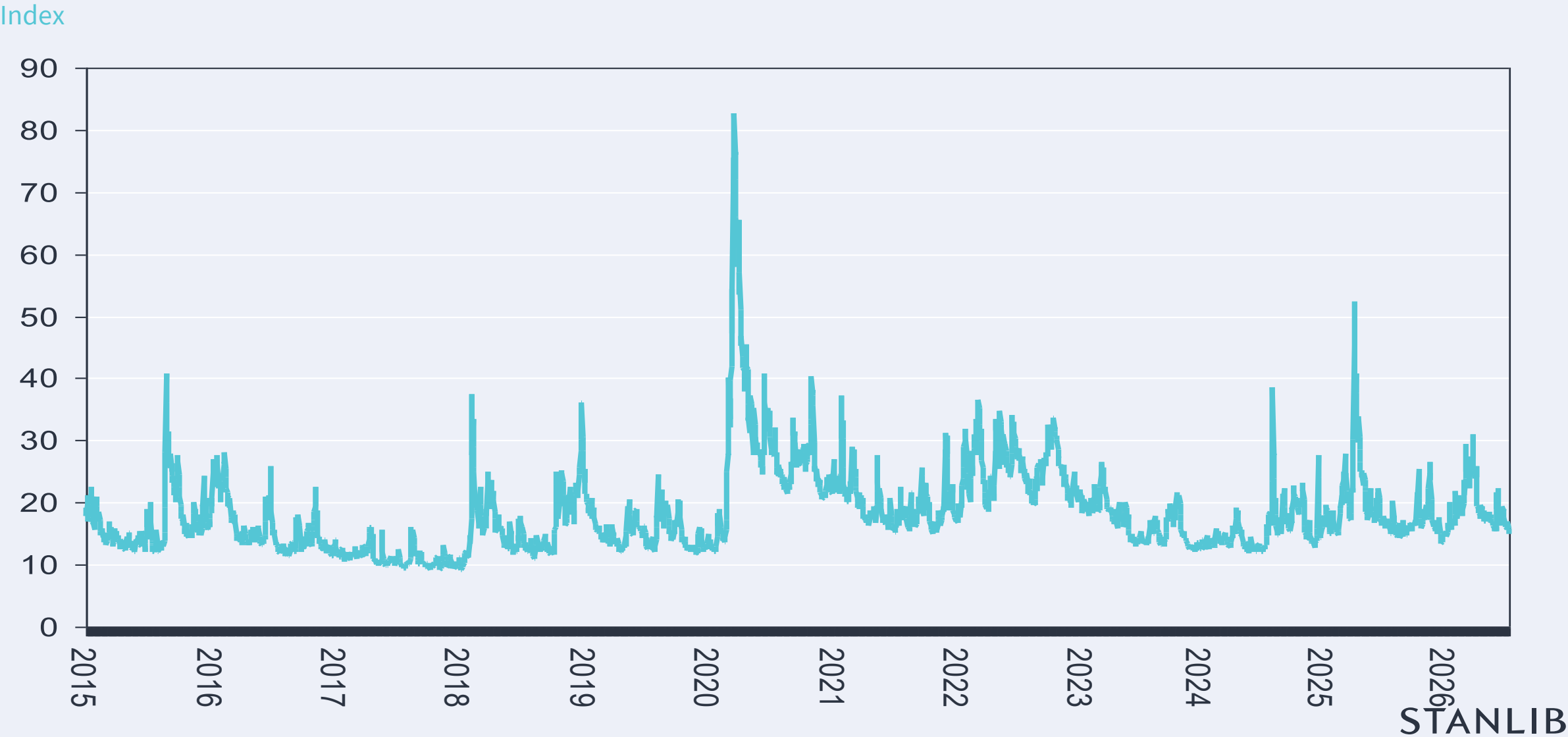
\$ week-on-week



US NASDAQ (100) index



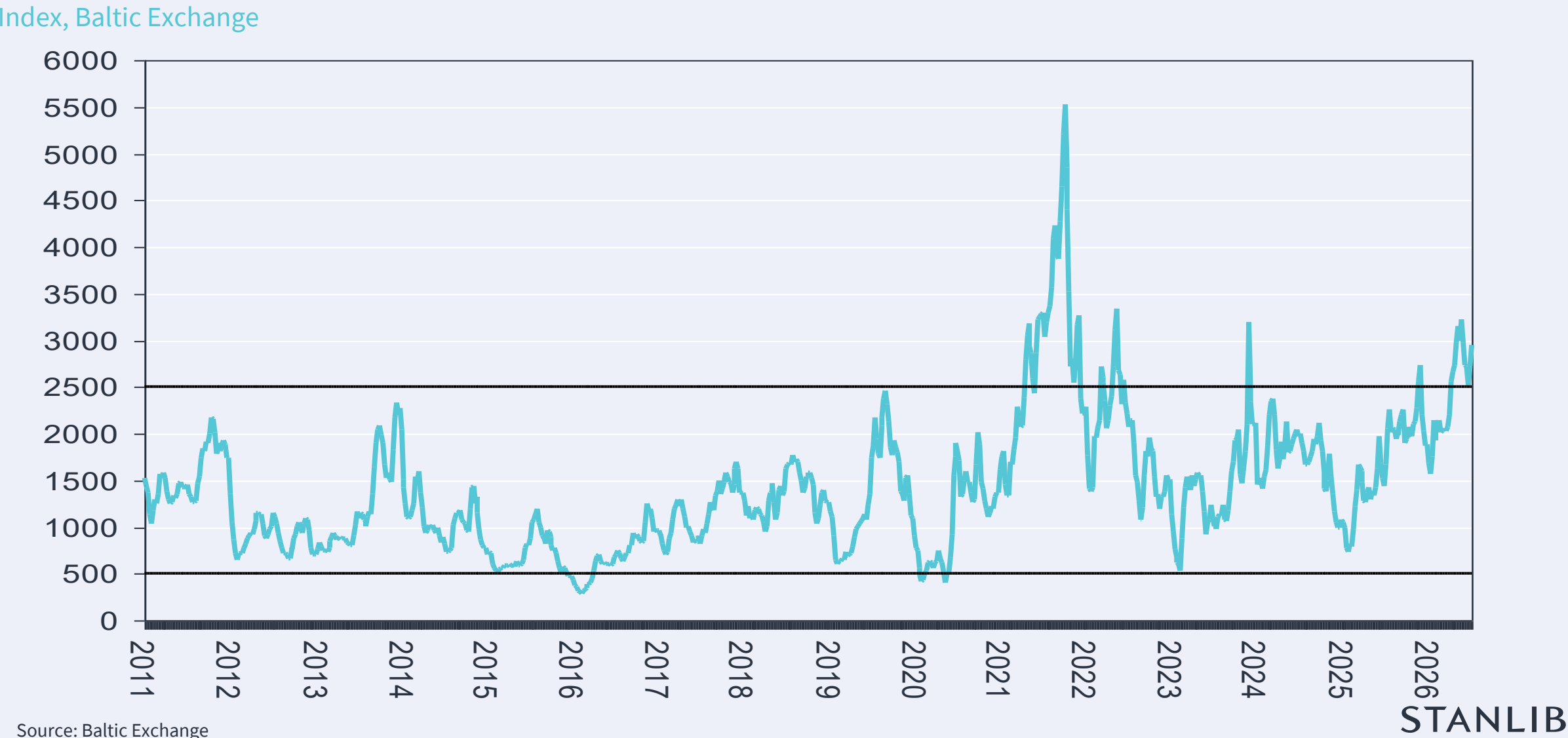
Chicago Board Options Exchange volatility index (VIX index)



SA equity market

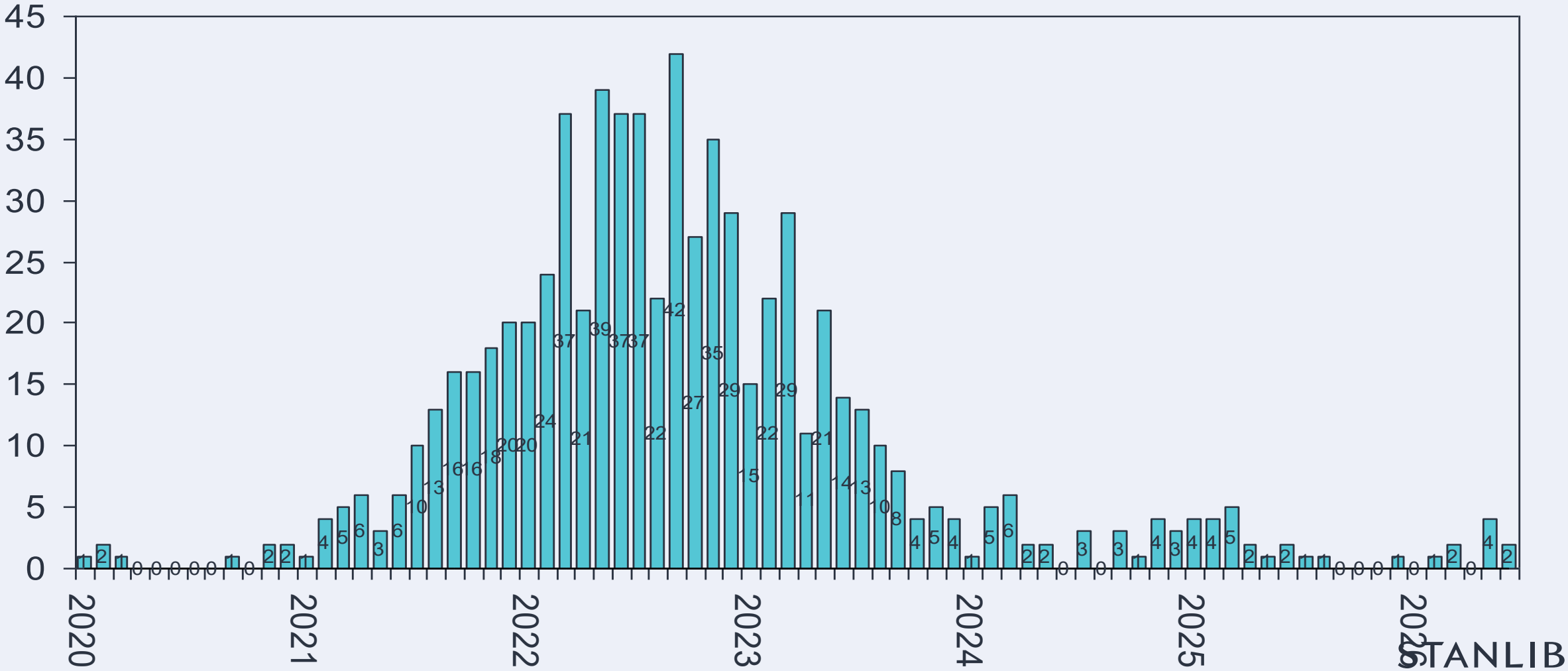


Baltic Dry Index (shipping cost of commodities)



Number of central banks increasing interest rates each month

Number of central banks each month out of a possible 80 central banks



Number of central banks cutting interest rates each month

Number of central banks each month out of a possible 80 central banks

