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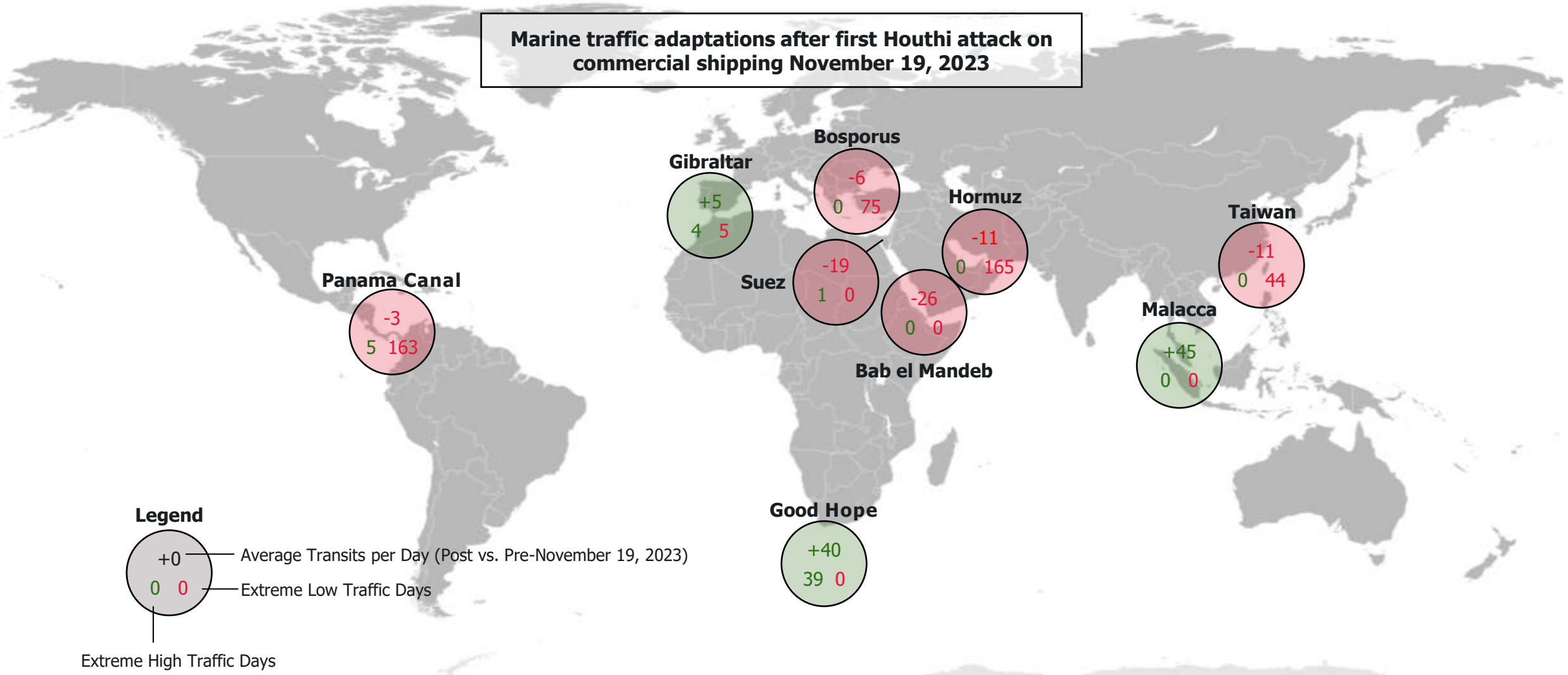
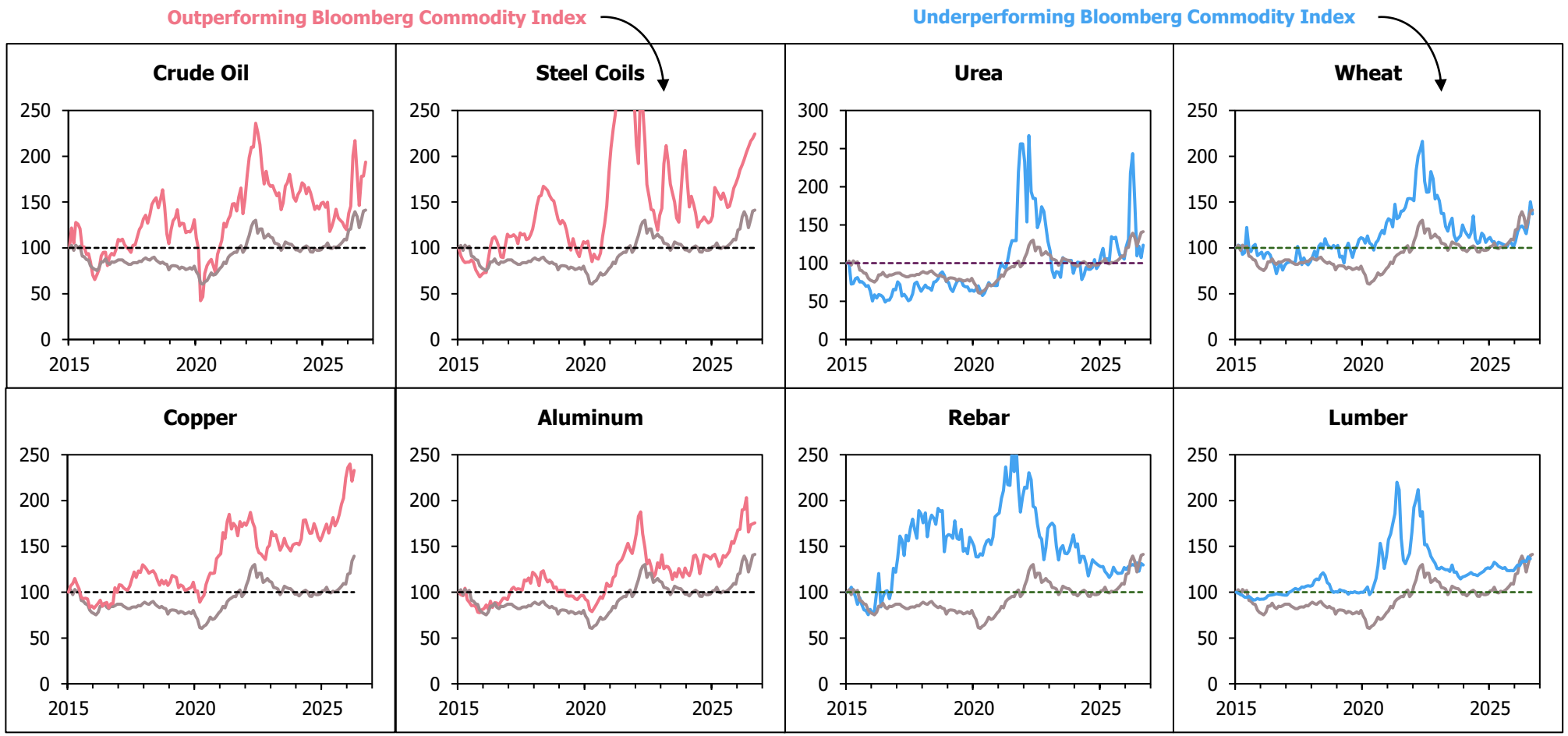
Maritime Chokepoints Under Threat



Sources: IMF Port Watch, Wikimedia Commons
Data from January 1, 2019, through August 16, 2026

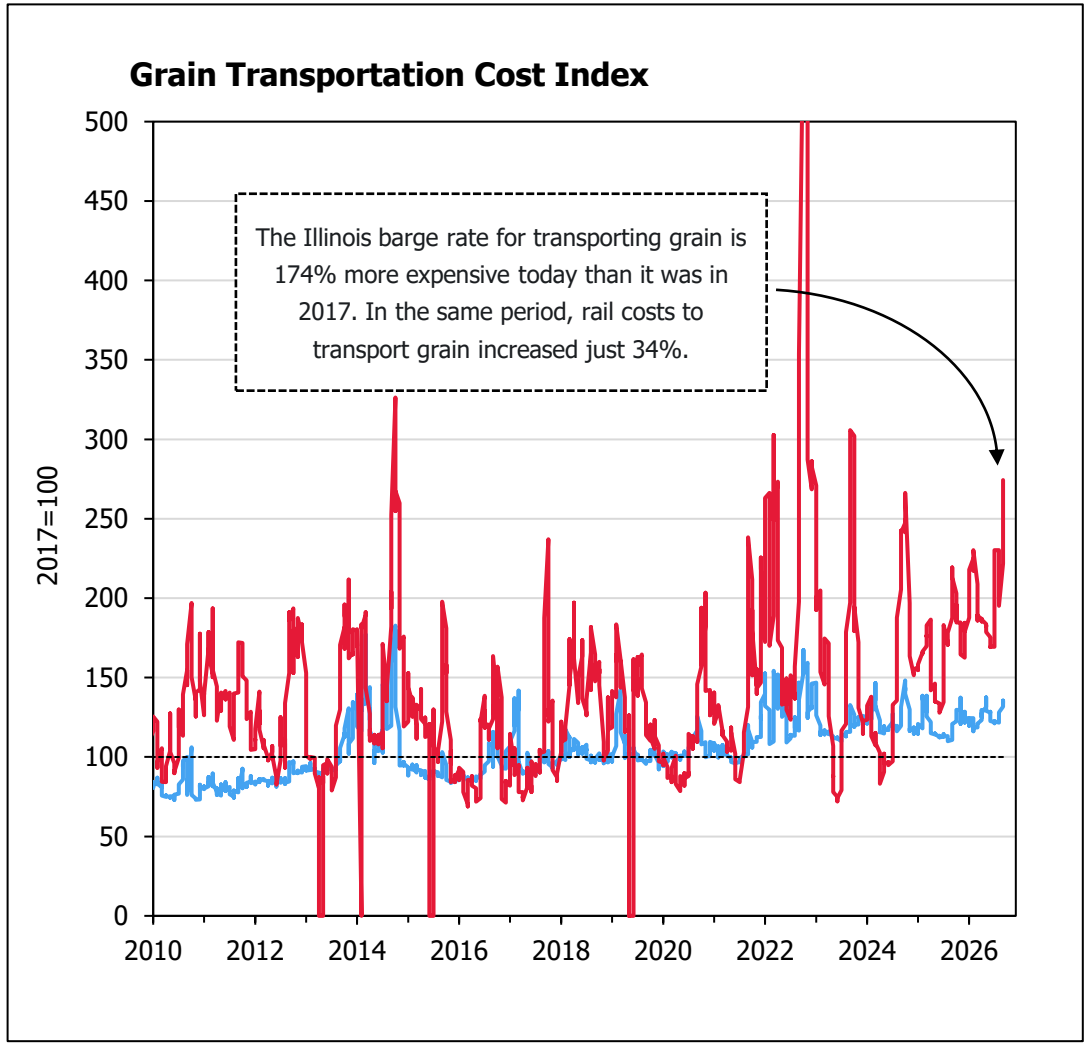
Geopolitics Affect Commodities

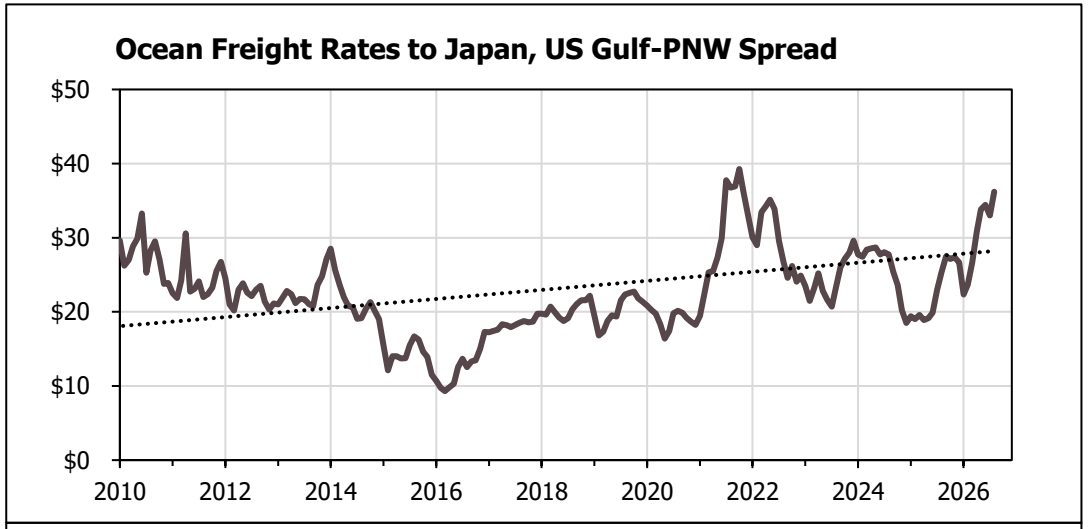
Comparing nominal commodity price movements to the broad Bloomberg Commodity Index, January 2015 = 100

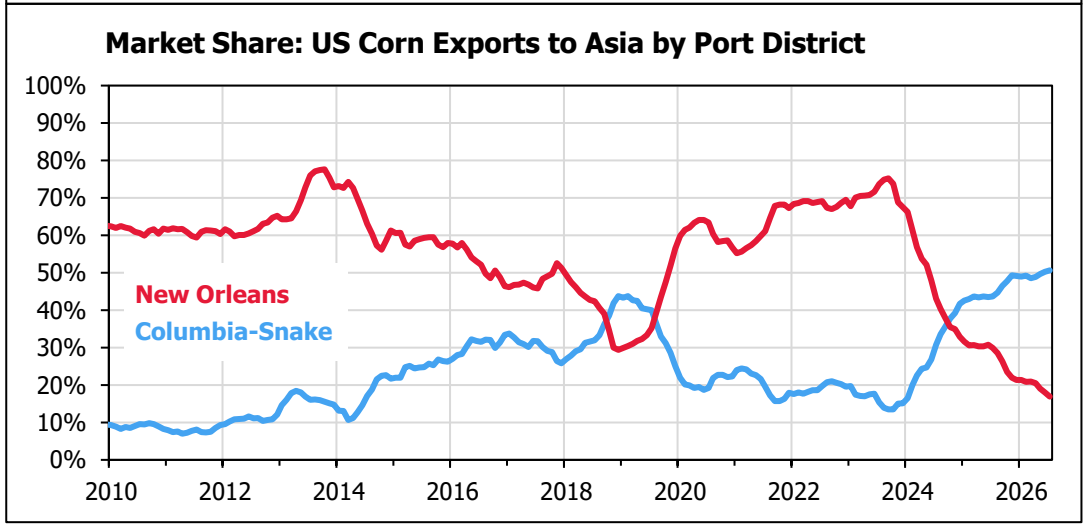


Data Sources: Bloomberg, FRED

Waterborne Shipping Environment Favors West Coast

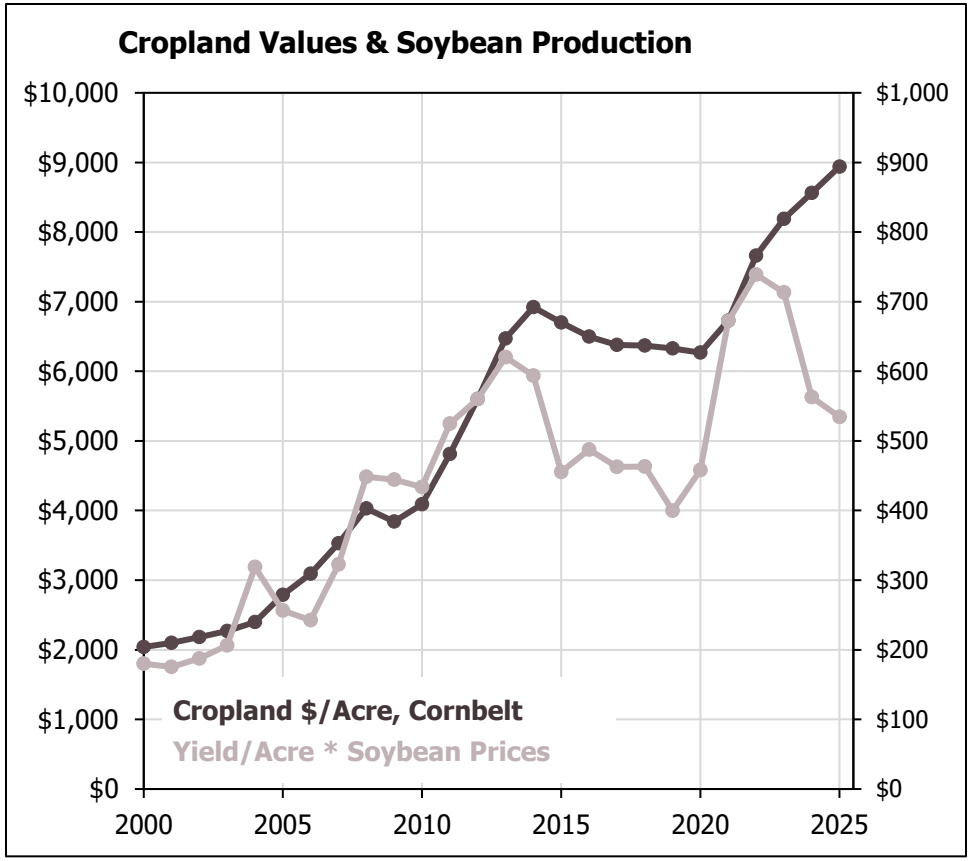




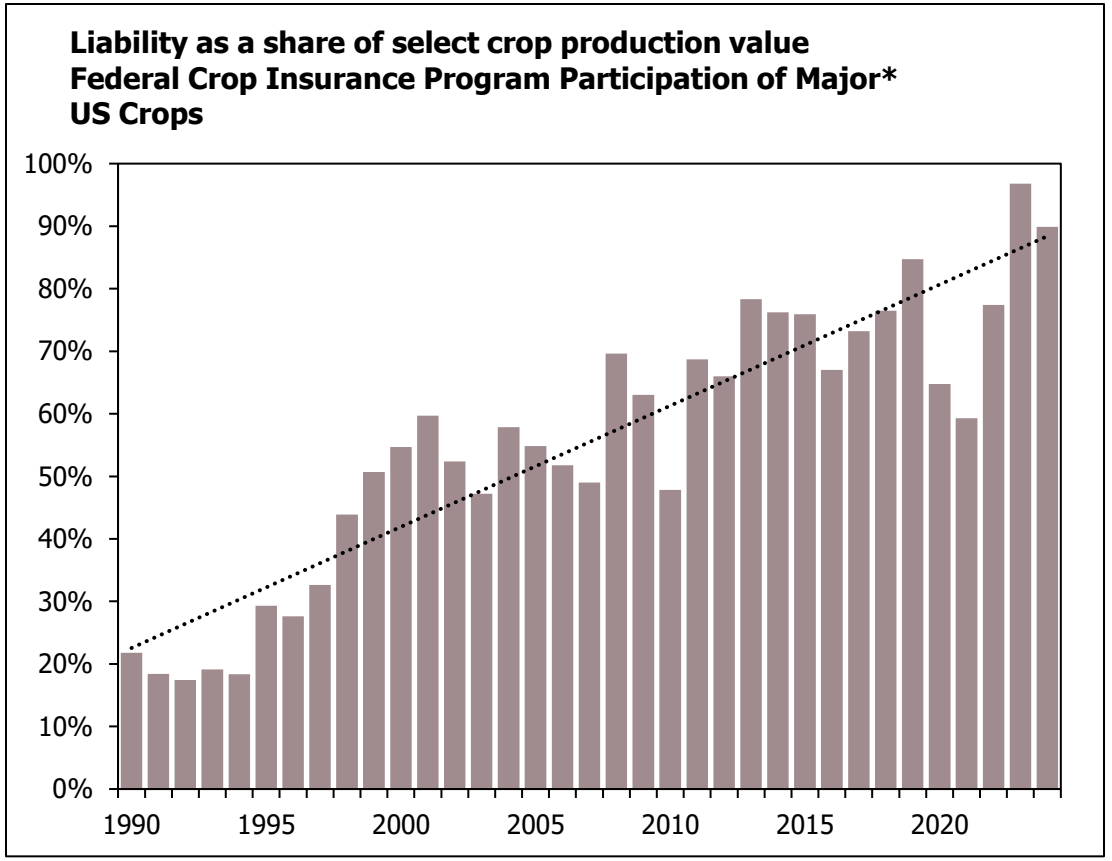


Data Source: USACE, USDA, US Census Bureau

Expensive Land, US Crops Less Competitive Globally

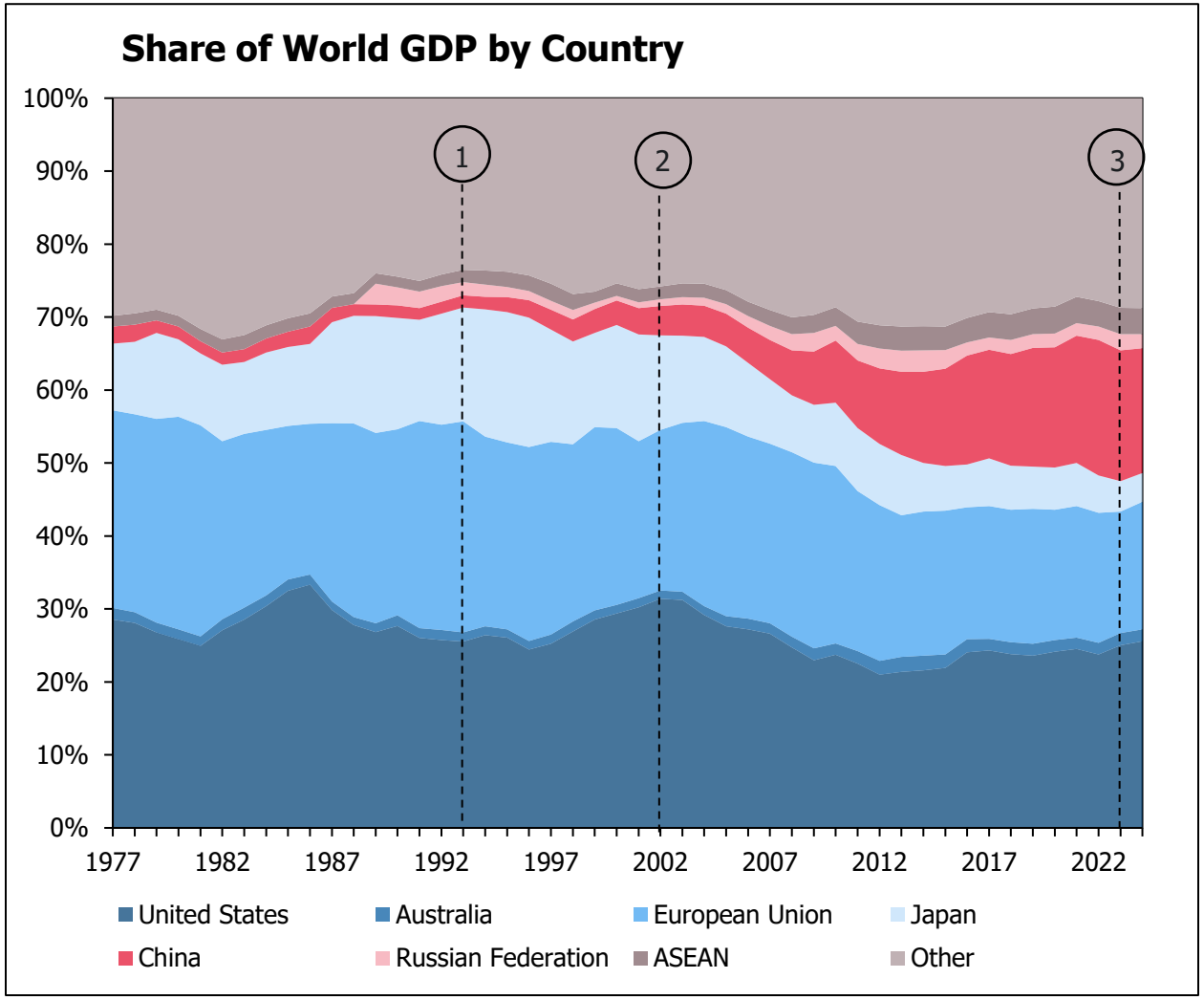


Source: USDA, Farmgate Insights



*Major US crops include barley, corn, cotton, oats, rice, sorghum, soybeans, and wheat

United States, Steady Global GDP Share



Sources: World Bank, Clinton Digital Library, Vancouver Sun via Newspapers.com

1 "The successor to a doctrine of containment must be a strategy of enlargement of the world's free community of market democracies."

Anthony Lake, National Security Adviser

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2 "Europe leads the way in China's WTO entry"

Vancouver Sun headline from May 2000

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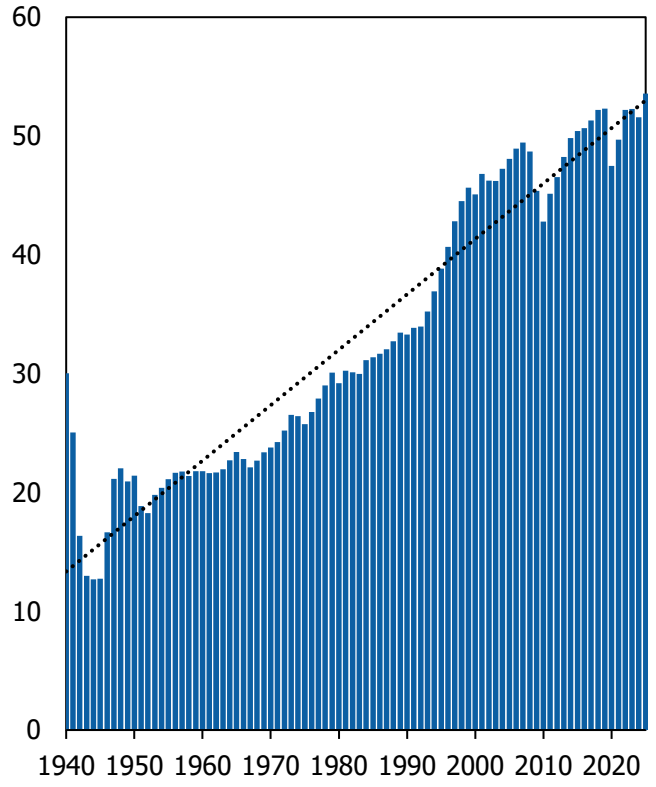
3 The **European Union**'s share of global GDP fell to 16.6% in 2023, the lowest level in 50 years. Thirty years prior, the EU accounted for 28.9% of global GDP.

China's share of global GDP measured at 17.9%. Thirty years earlier, China accounted for just 1.7% of global GDP.

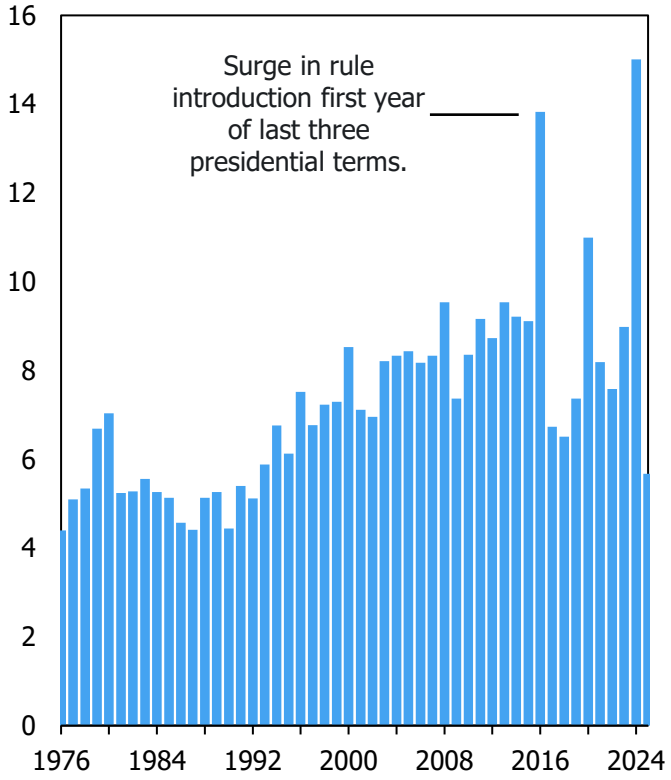
The United States' global share of GDP for the last 50 years averaged 26.3%. In 2024, the US global share of GDP was 25.6%, the highest since 2007.

Federal Employees Stretched

United States: All Non-Farm Employees per Federal Employee

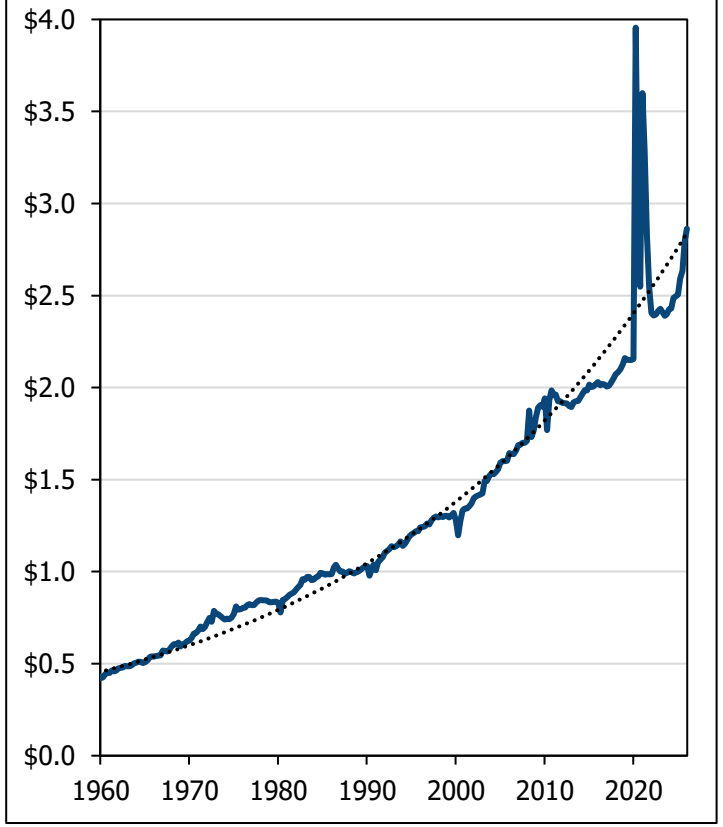


Federal Register Rules Published per 1,000 Federal Employees



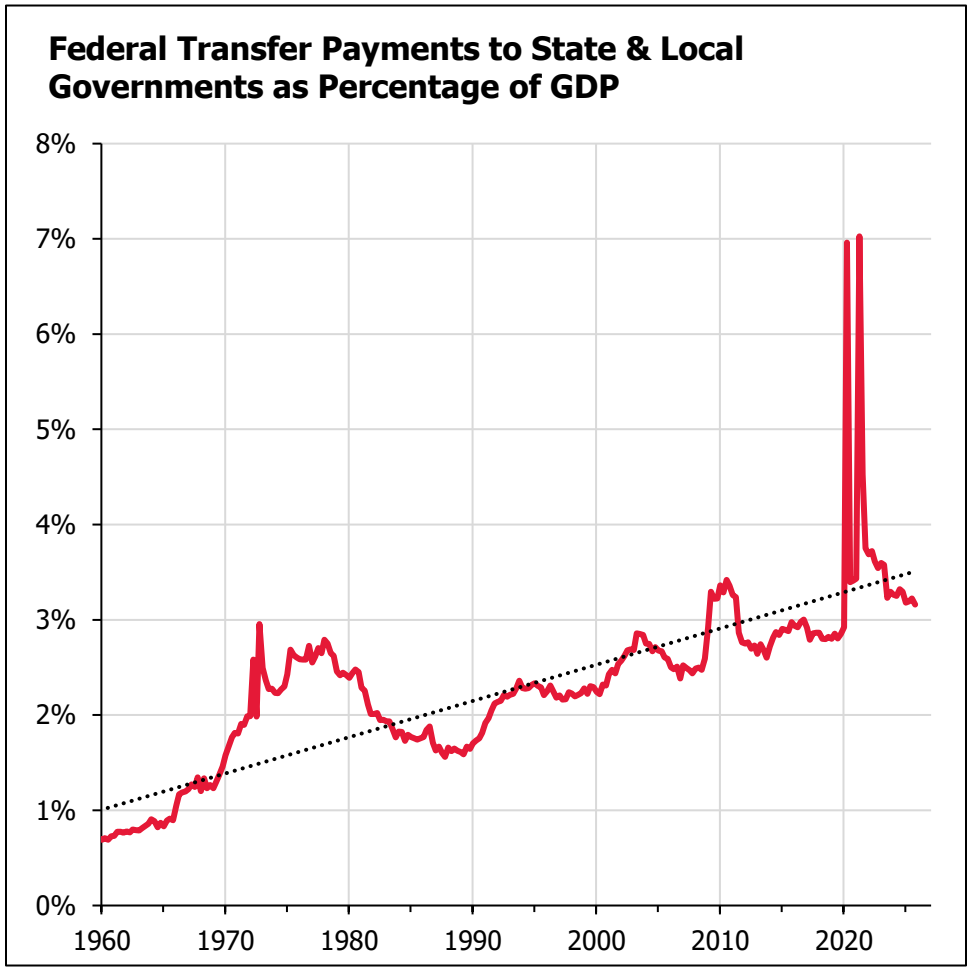
Federal Expenditures per Federal Employee

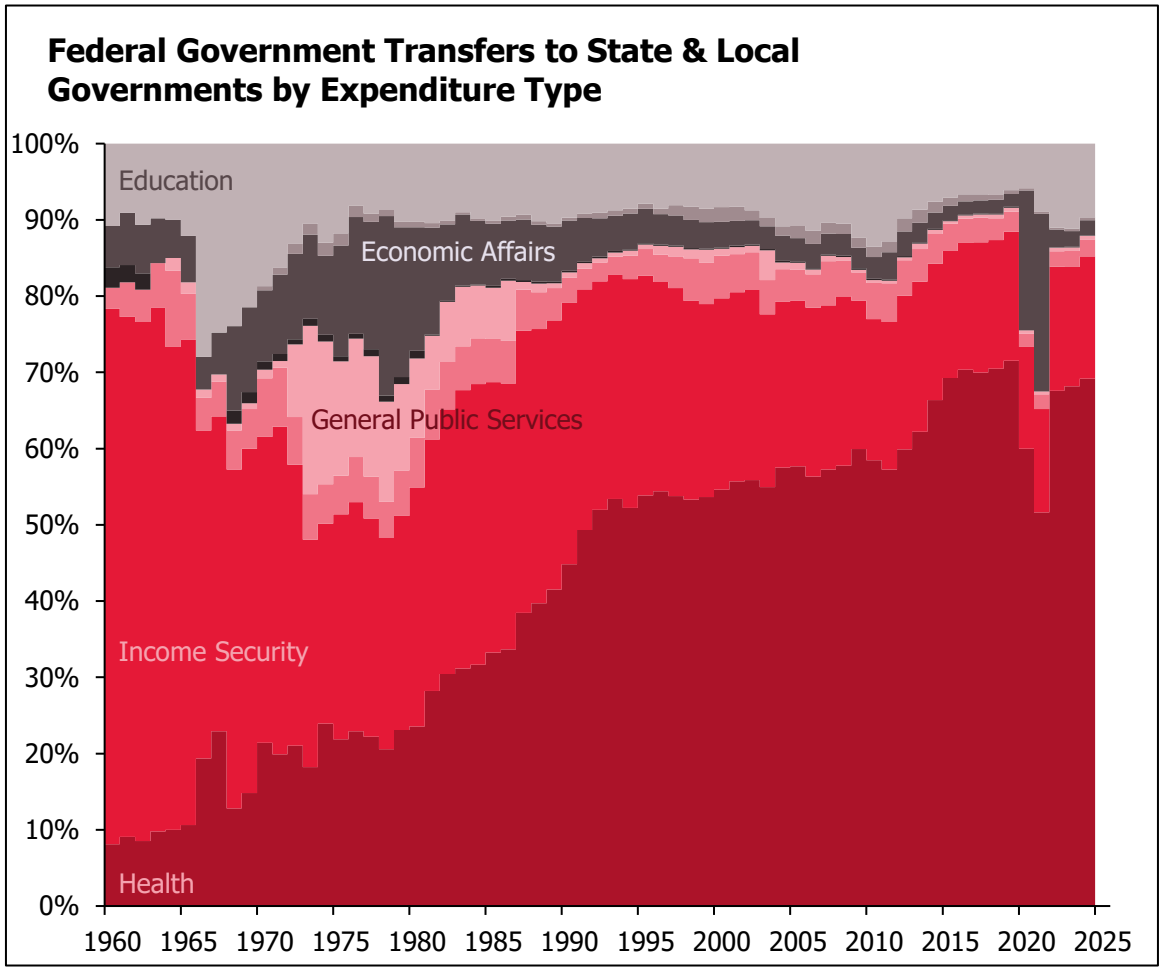
Millions Constant 2026 $, Quarterly



Sources: FRED, Federal Register

Federal Transfer Payments' Consistent Rise

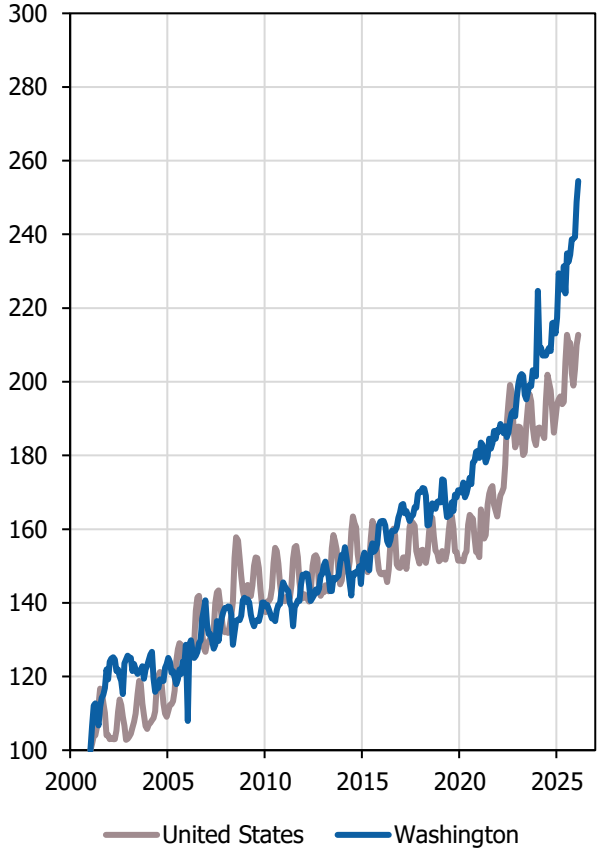




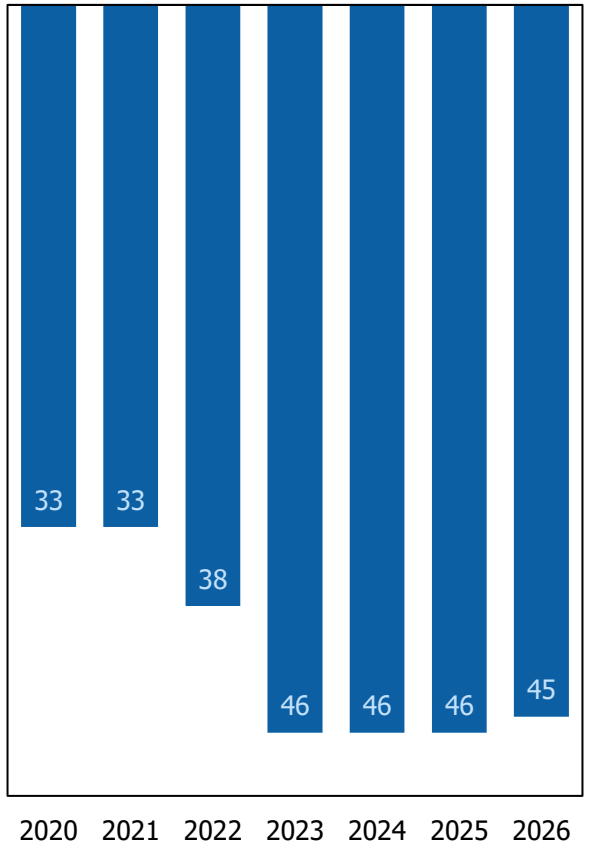
Data Sources: FRED, BEA

3 Competitive Edges of Washington Under Threat

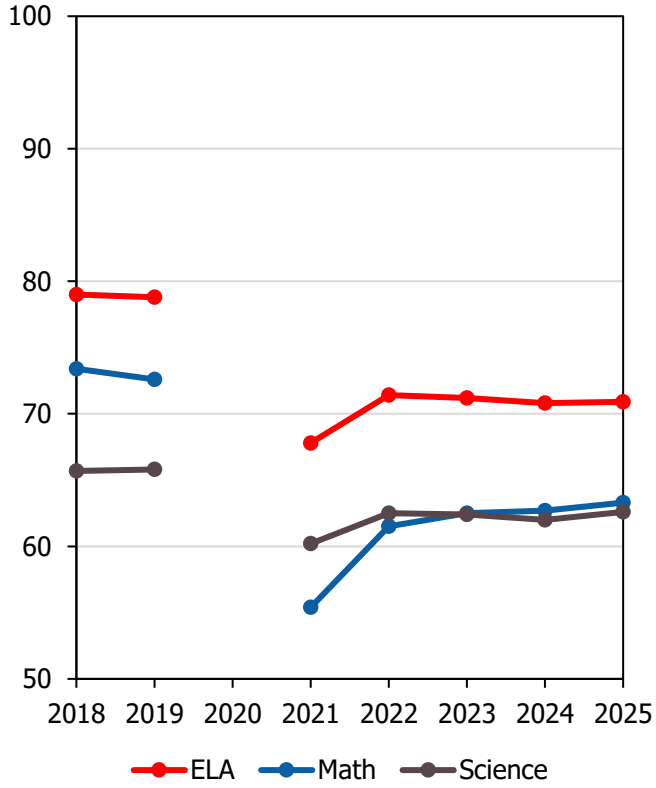
Electricity Price per kwh
January 2001 = 100



Washington State Tax Competitiveness Rank

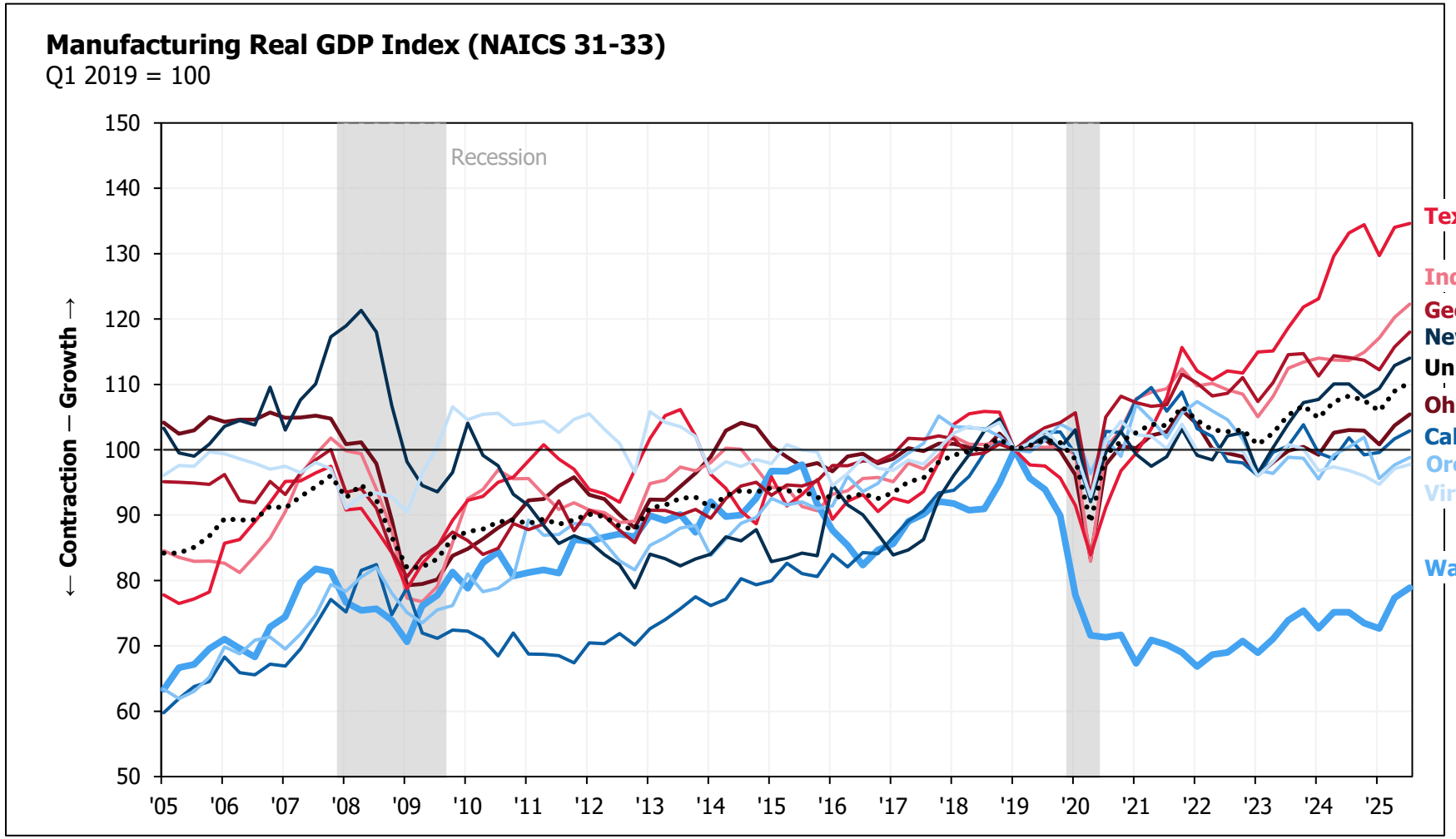


Washington State English Language, Math, & Science Assessments
Percent showing foundational grade level knowledge or above



Data Sources: EIA, Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tax Foundation

Washington State Manufacturing Lagging



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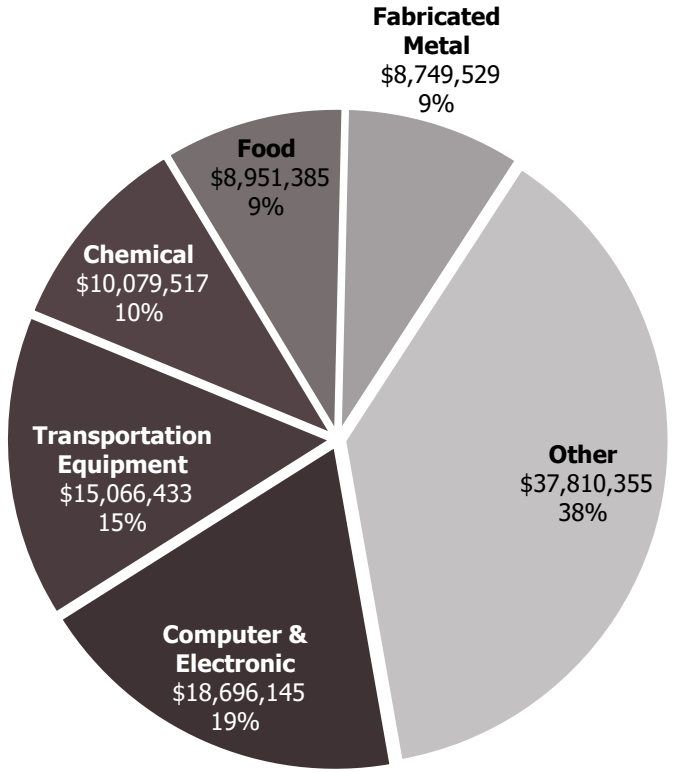
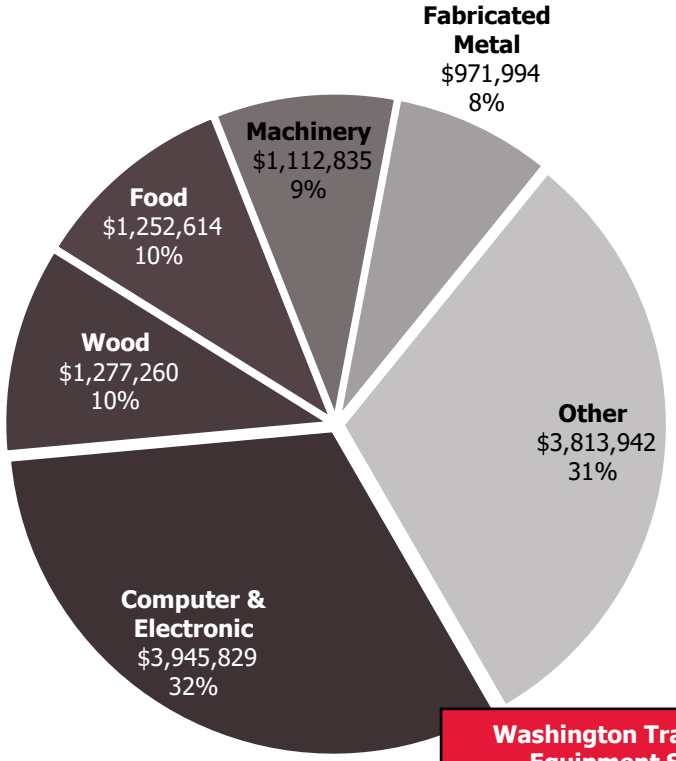
Note: Blue lines represent states with Democratic Governor. Red lines represent, Republican.

Manufacturing Concentration

California, Top 5 Manufacturing Sectors by Sum of Annual Payroll ($1,000)



Oregon, Top 5 Manufacturing Sectors by Sum of Annual Payroll ($1,000)



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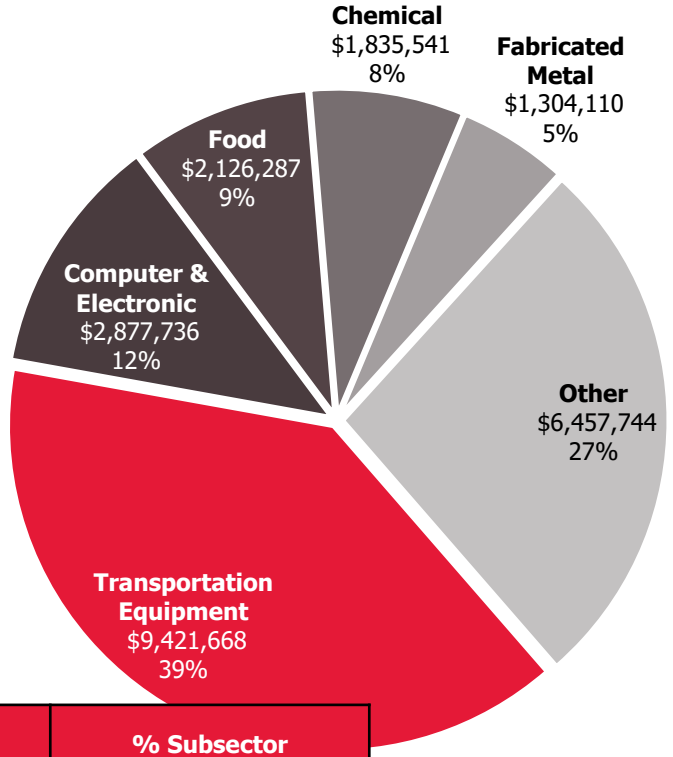

Washington Transportation Equipment Subsector	% Subsector
Aircraft, Aircraft Equipment	79.4
Guided Missile & Space Propulsion	13.9
Other	4.0
Ship Building & Repair, Boat Building	3.5

Data Source: US Census Bureau
2023 Annual Payrolls Data

Thank You