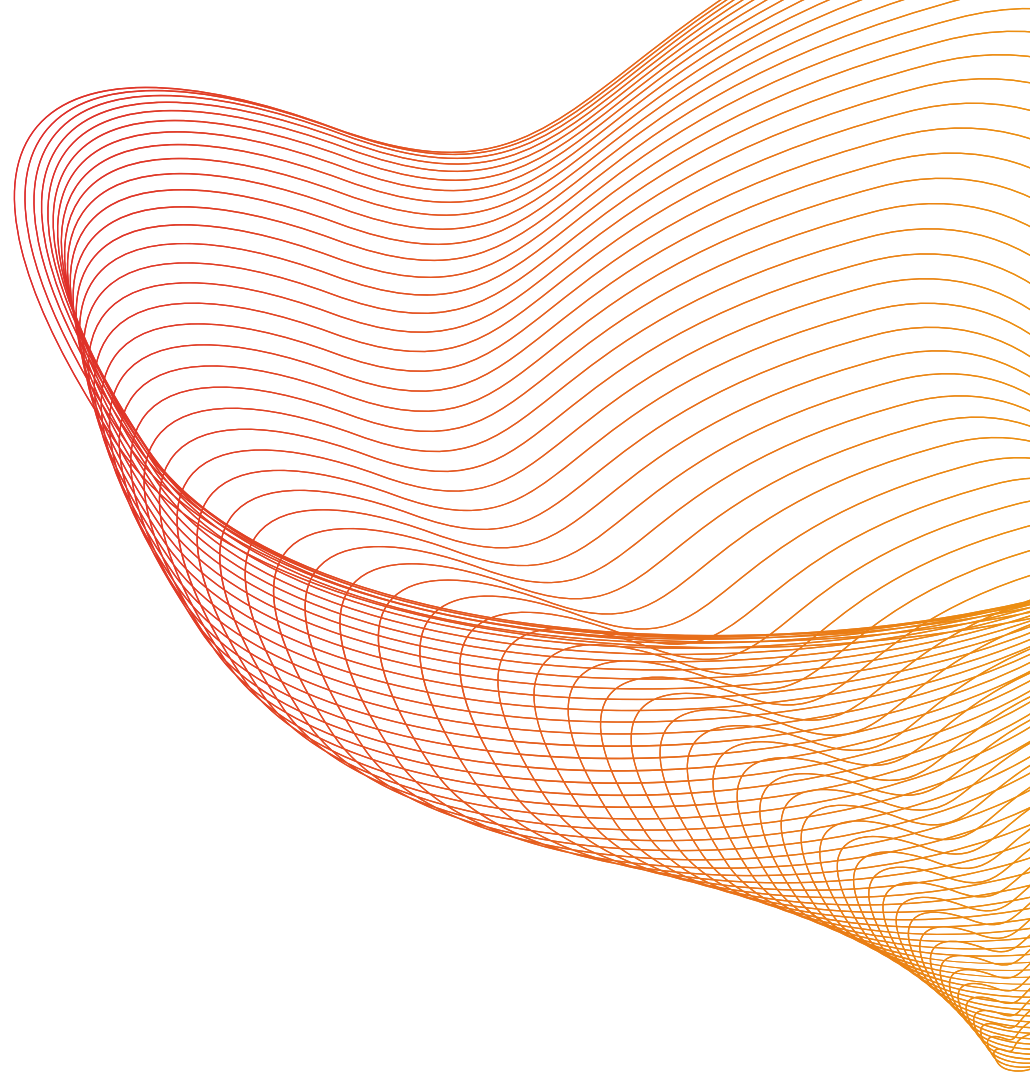


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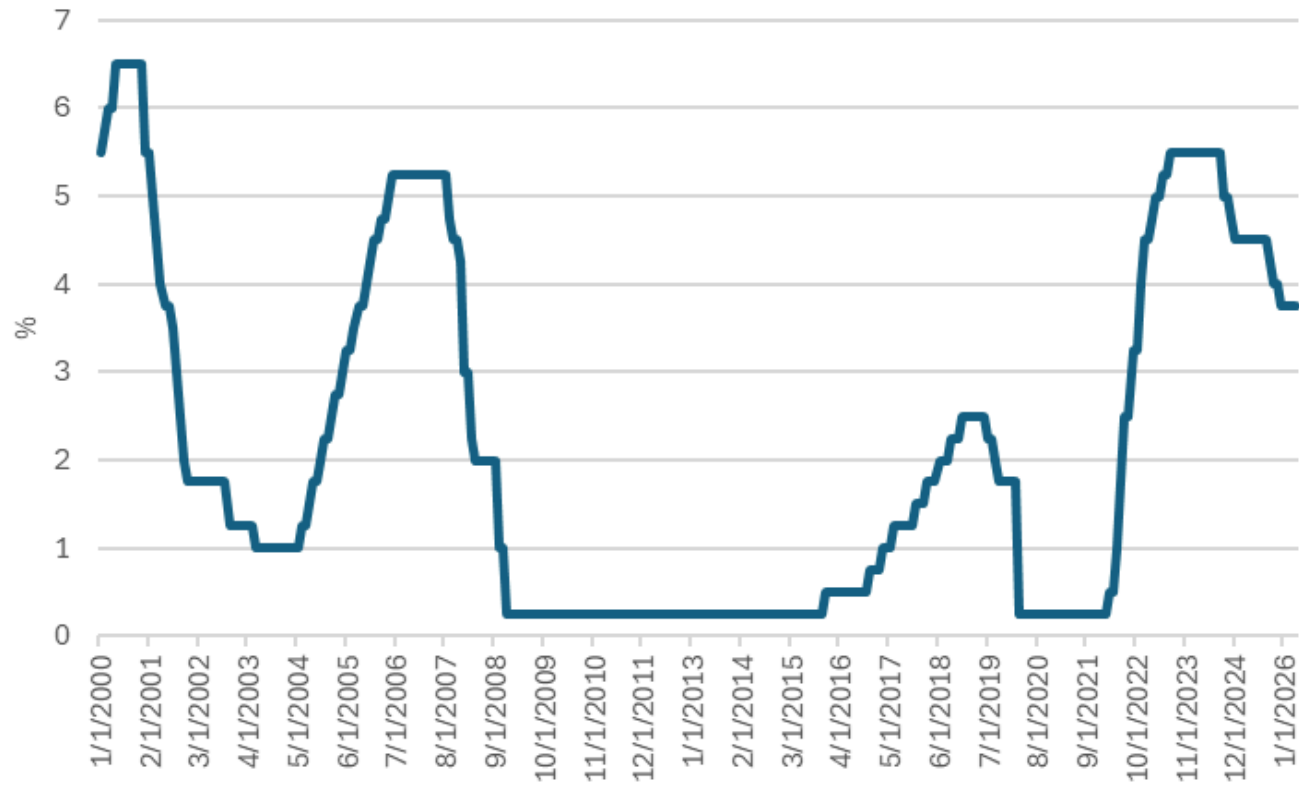
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## The Fed is on hold for now

The federal funds target



Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors

## Real rates are falling

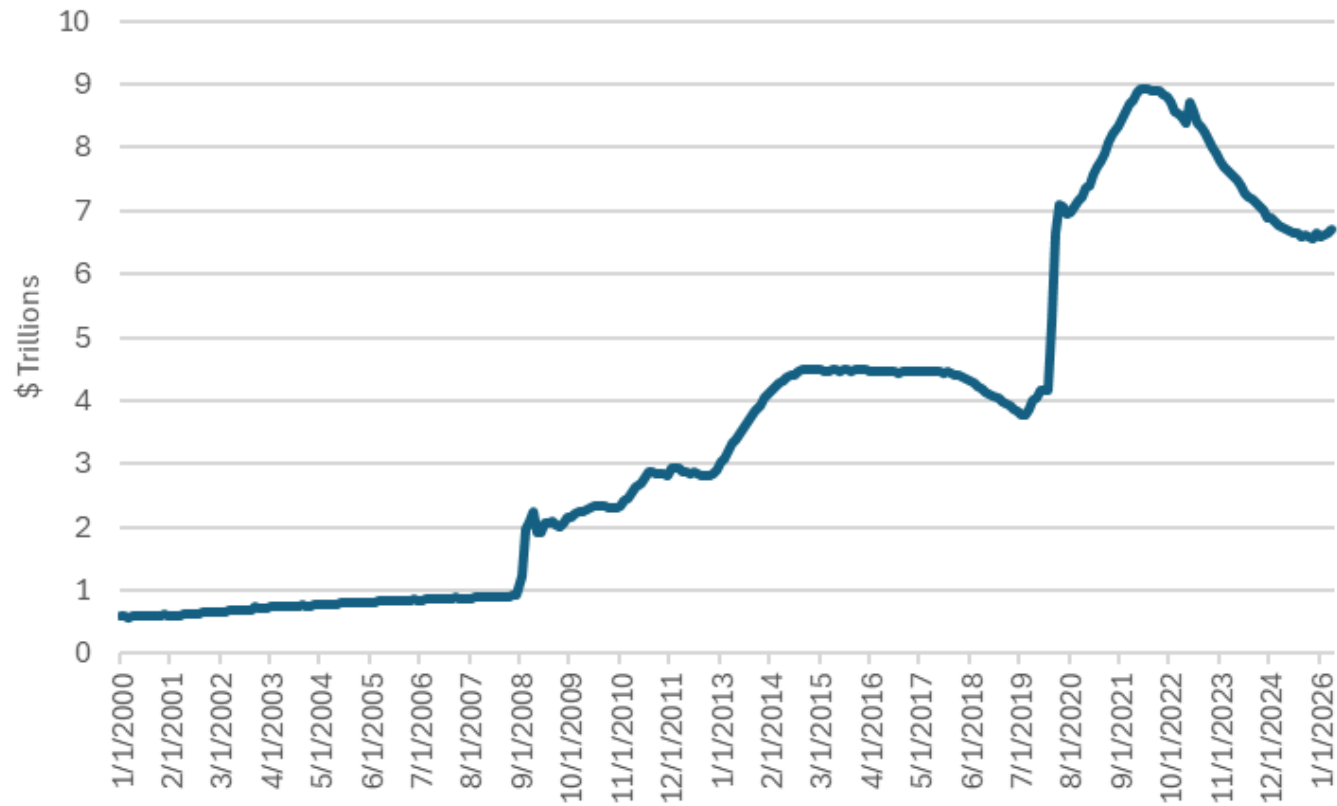
The real federal funds target



Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Bureau of Economic Analysis

## The Fed has ended its QT program

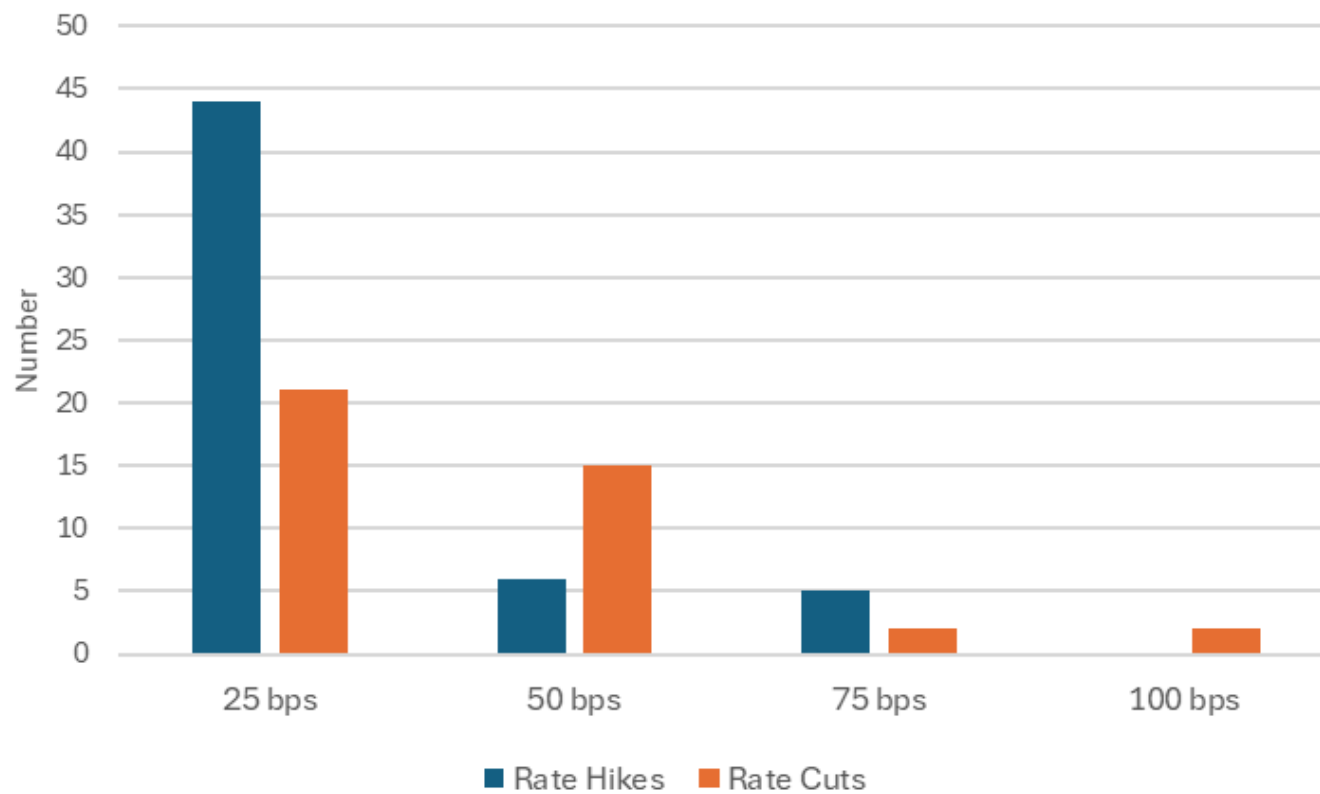
Assets on the Federal Reserve balance sheet



Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors

## Rate cuts are often aggressive

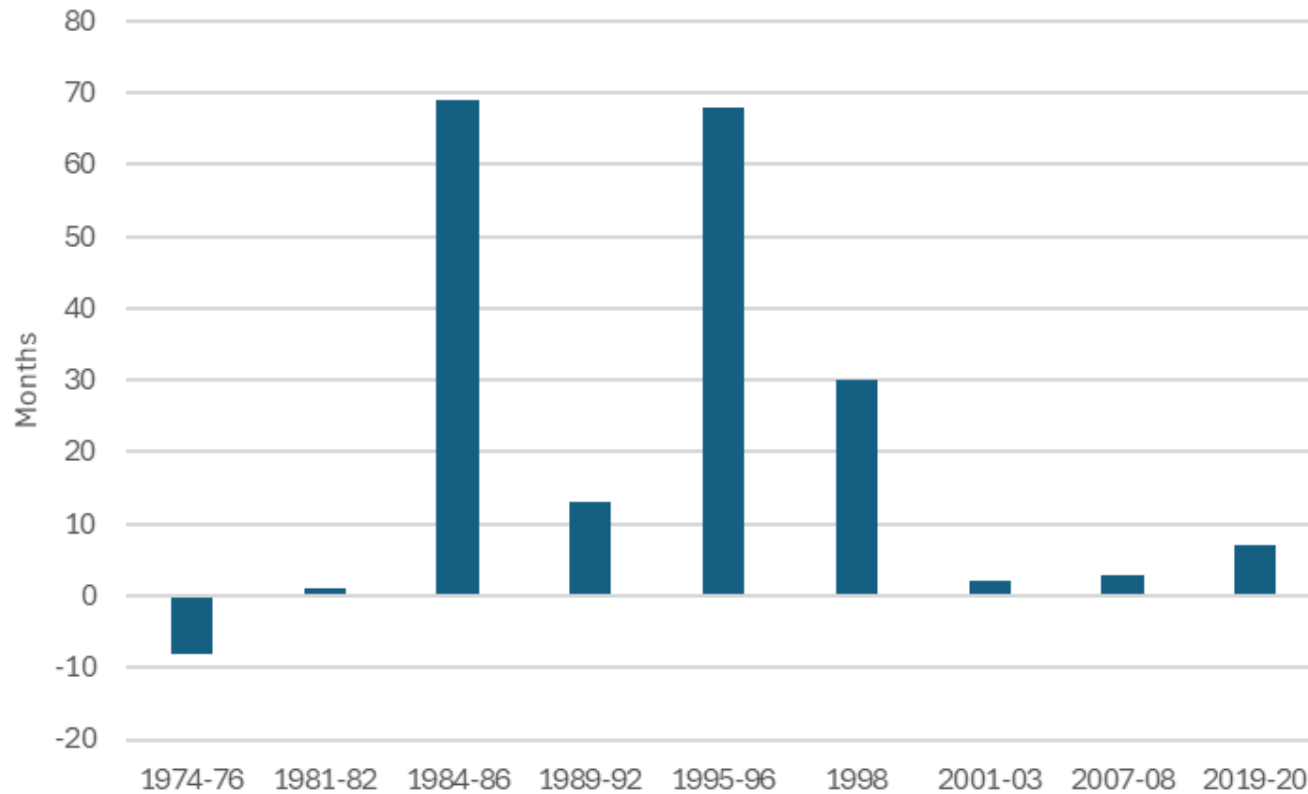
Changes in the federal funds target by magnitude, 1994-present



Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors

## The Fed generally begins cutting rates prior to recessions

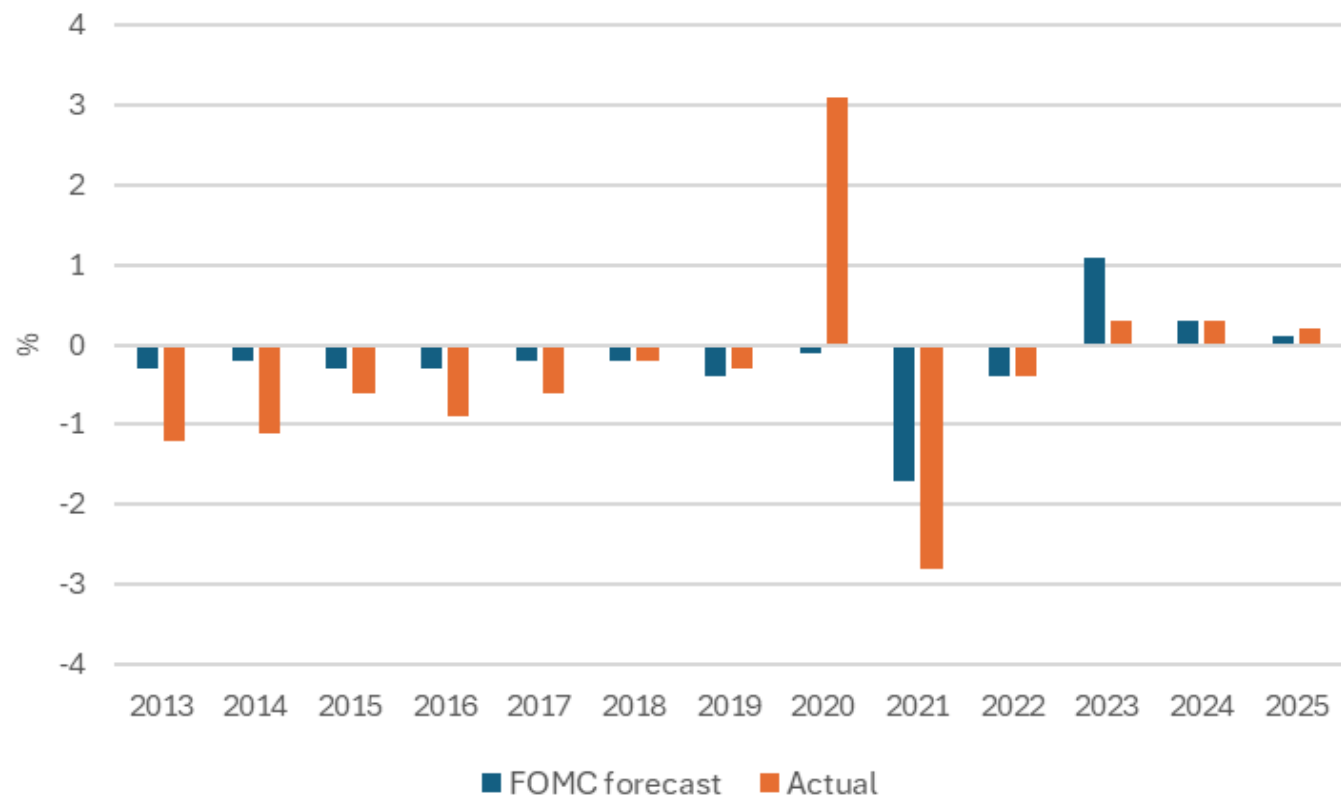
Lag between the first rate cut of Fed easing cycles and the outset of recessions



Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors

## The Fed often underestimates labor market changes

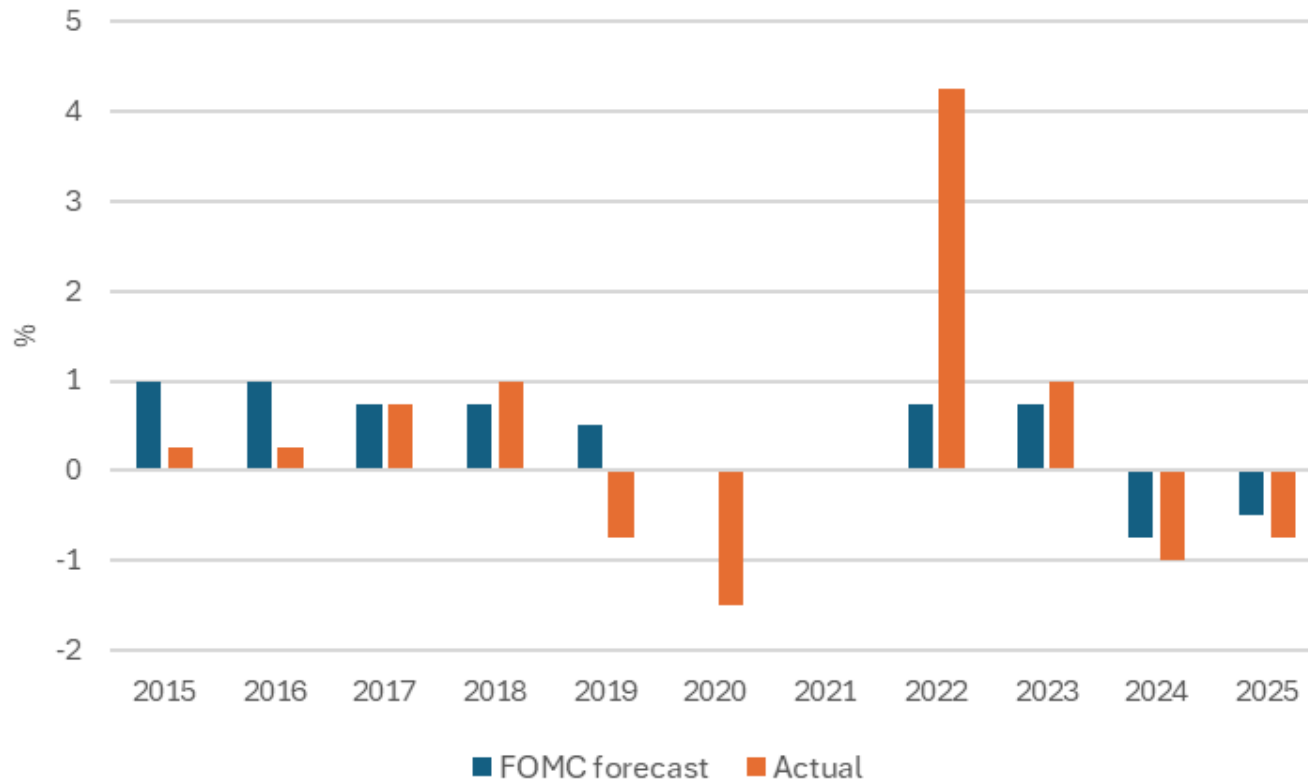
Yearly changes in the unemployment rate



Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Fed policy forecasts can be well off the mark

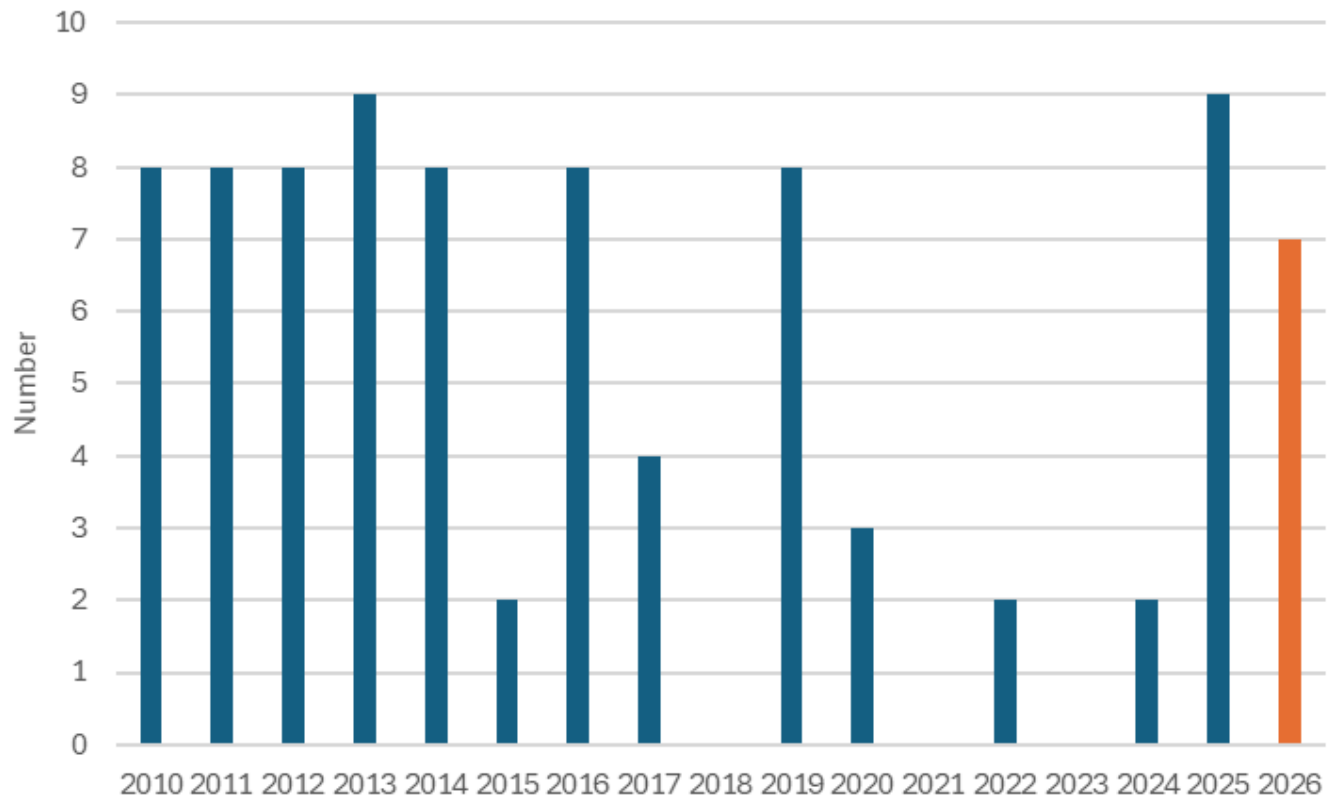
Yearly changes in the federal funds target



Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors

## Fed officials are dissenting more frequently

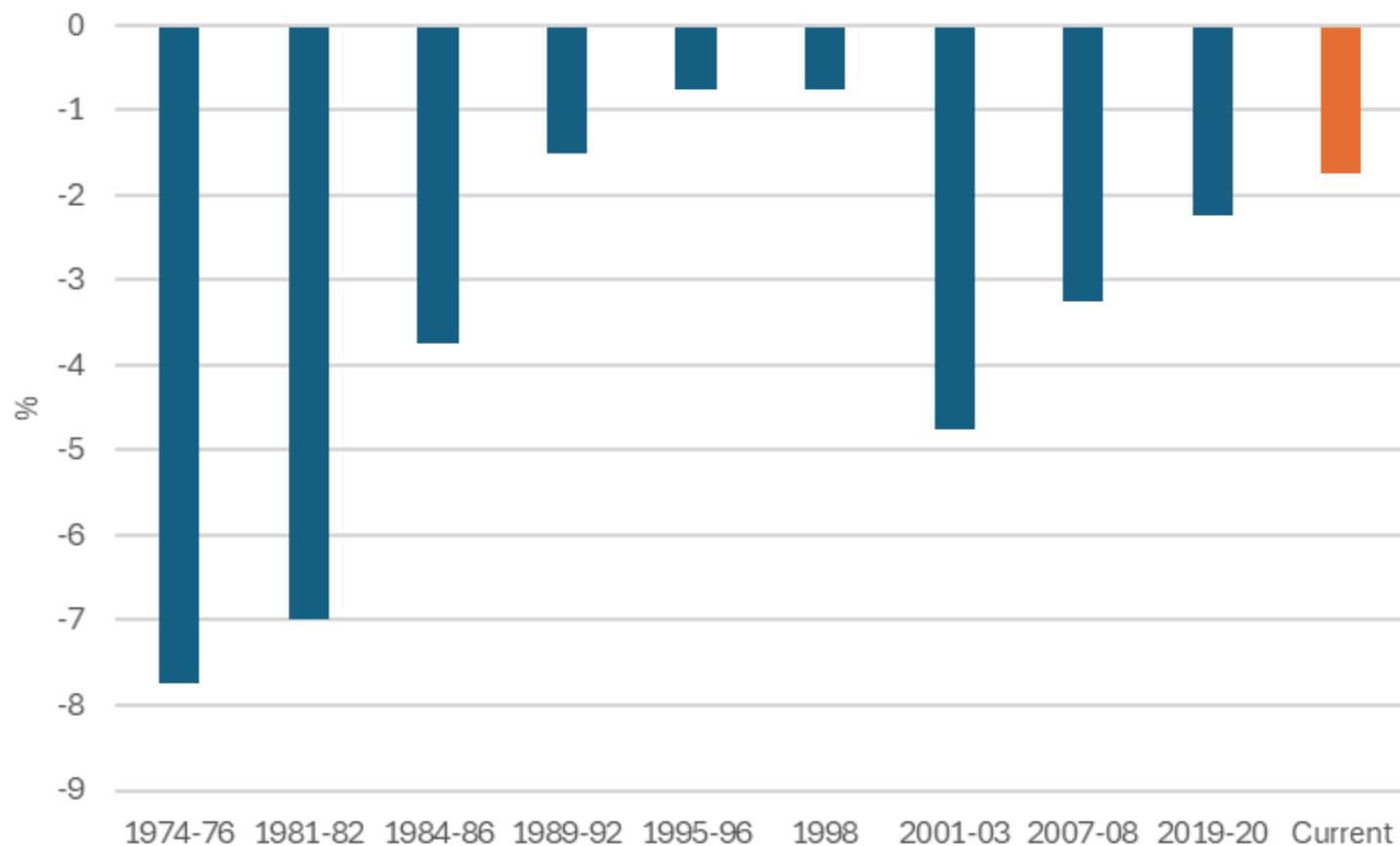
Dissenting votes cast at FOMC meetings



Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors

## This is still a relatively modest easing cycle

Changes in the federal funds target by rate cut cycle



Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors