



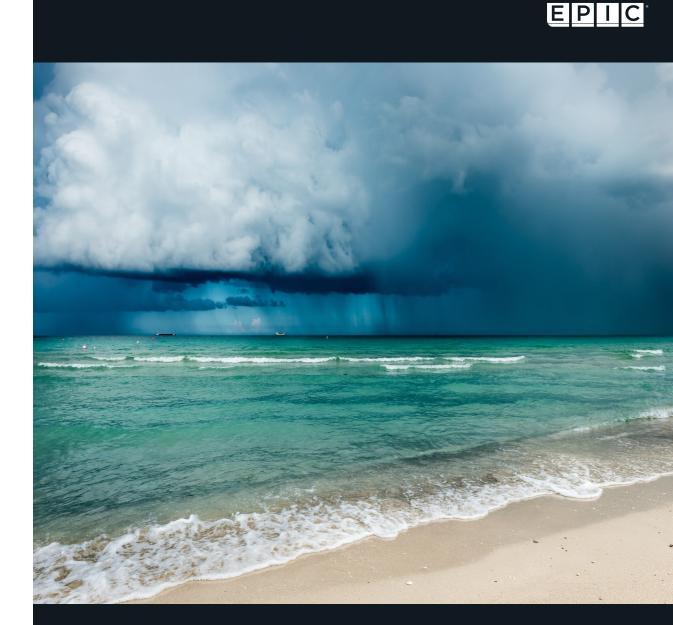
# Property Insurance Market Update



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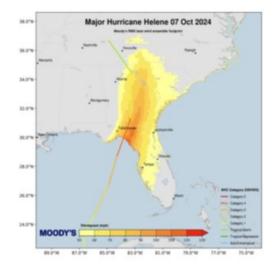
## **Discussion Topics**

- 2024 A Look Back
- Historical Perspective
- 2025 Market Trends and Forecast
- The Florida Factor

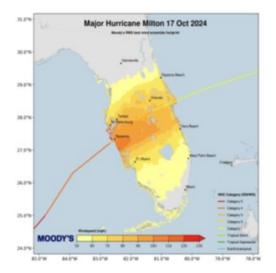


## 2024 Property Market – A Look Back

- \$140 billion global insured catastrophe losses in 2024, the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in history (less than 2022's \$165 billion, more than 2023's \$106 billion, and historically high)
- Largest U.S. insured catastrophe losses were Florida Hurricanes
  - Helene September 27<sup>th</sup> landfall
    - Max. 140 mph sustained winds = Category 4
    - \$16 billion insured loss estimate
  - Milton October 9th landfall
    - Max. 120 mph sustained winds = Category 3
    - \$26 billion insured loss estimate
- Despite continuing losses, property insurance marketplace is now better positioned to withstand catastrophe losses. Contributing factors include:
  - Higher premium base to absorb losses, following sizeable rate increases in recent hard market
  - Higher Total Insurable Values (TIV) due to insurers and reinsurers requiring insured to report values that keep up with recent inflationary trends
  - Larger deductibles for insureds, in particular for challenging risk areas (e.g., coastal Florida exposures)
  - More restrictive terms & conditions, including wind sub-limits



**Hurricane Milton** 



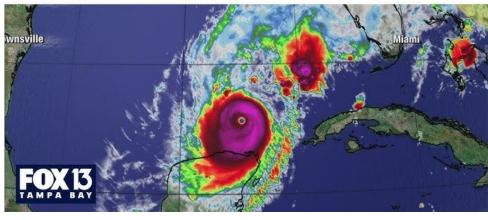
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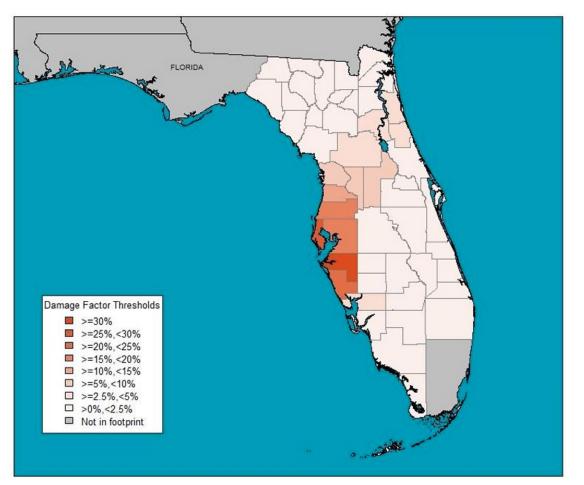
## If Milton took a different path...

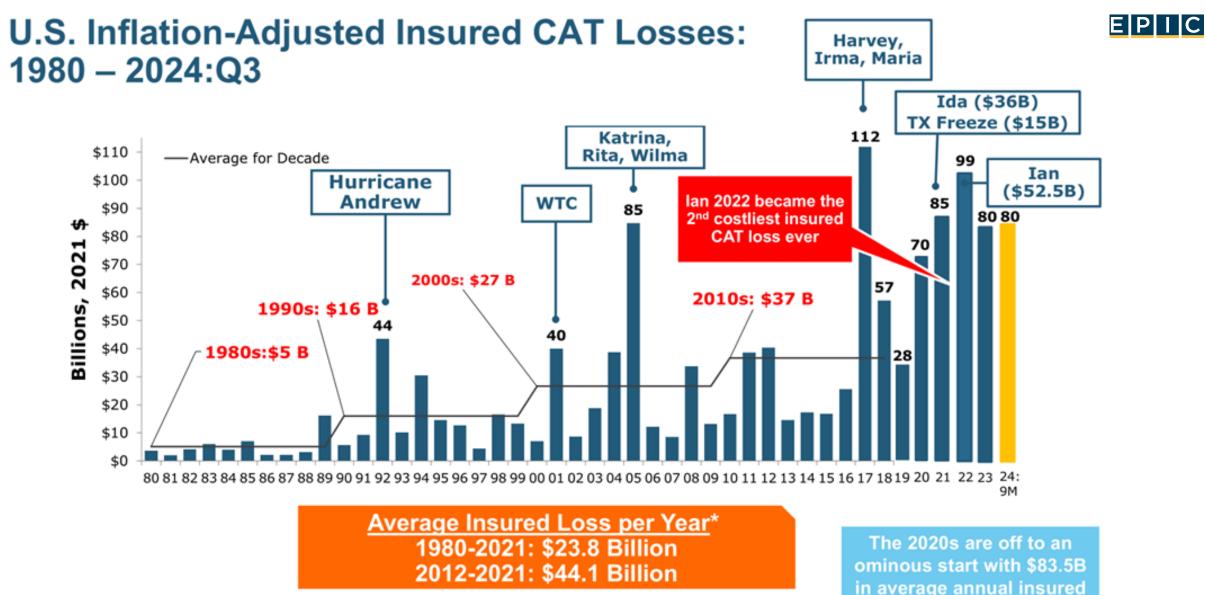
- Lloyd's Realistic Disaster Scenario (RDS) are storm simulations used to stress test insurers' ability to withstand large catastrophes
- Example on right is a simulated event similar to Milton that makes a direct hit on Tampa
- Insured loss estimate of \$134 billion

#### HURRICANE MILTON GAINS STRENGTH; CAT 5 STORM



Lloyd's RDS





\*Stated in 2021 dollars except 2022 -2024 (in current dollars).

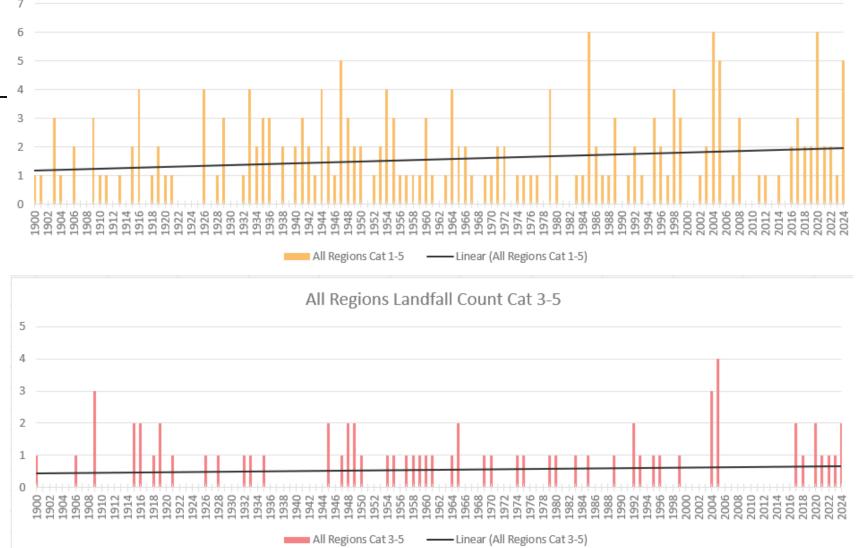
Sources: Property Claims Service, a Verisk Analytics business (1980-2019); 2020-22 figures from Munich Re; 2023 and 2024:9M figure from Aon. Insurance Information Institute; University of South Carolina, Risk & Uncertainty Management Center.

losses (2020-23)

## U.S. Historical Hurricane Landfall Trends

All Regions Landfall Count Cat 1-5

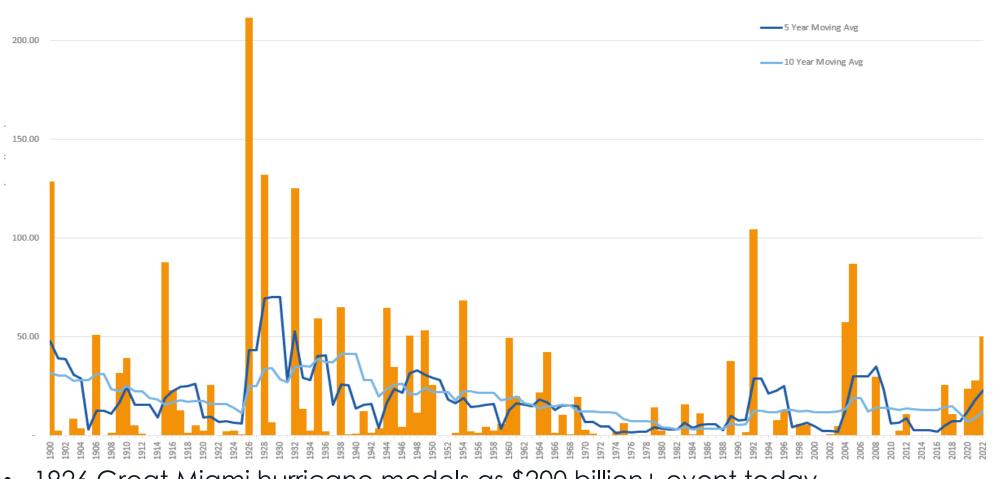
- North Atlantic averaged
  2 landfalls per year 1970 2022
- Modest trend in landfalling hurricanes since 1900
- No trend in major hurricane landfalls
- Exposure growth is driving larger hurricane claim dollars



## **U.S. Historical Model-Adjusted Losses**



Modeled Insured Loss (Billions)



- 1926 Great Miami hurricane models as \$200 billion+ event today
- Second-largest modeled event is Lake Okeechobee Hurricane in 1928
- 1930 1960 time period saw notable frequency and severity of hurricanes EPIC INSURANCE BROKERS & CONSULTANTS

## 2025 Property Market Trends and Forecast



- Property catastrophe treaty reinsurance is stable, with single-digit rate reductions the norm at January 1, 2025 renewals
- Insurance capacity has flowed back into the industry due to elevated rates and premiums, leading to a more competitive marketplace
- Rate reductions are now common, to varying degrees depending on exposures and loss experience
- Less scrutiny of terms and conditions, with most policies renewing with no change in limits, deductibles, sub-limits, etc.
- Model-driven, analytics-based industry continues to push importance of accurate replacement cost valuations
- Challenging Q1, with January 2025 California wildfires estimated at \$40 50 billion, by far the largest wildfire losses in U.S. history
- \$200 billion of insured global catastrophe losses a realistic possibility in 2025
- Stable and competitive marketplace and outlook, though property market can shift quickly following major events
- Above average 2025 Atlantic hurricane season forecast, with prediction of 17 named storms, 9 becoming hurricanes, including 4 major hurricanes (Category 3 or higher)



## The Florida Factor





Florida continues to be the most challenging catastrophe risk zone in the world

3 hurricanes made landfall in Florida in 2024, including 2 major hurricanes that could have been much worse



Treaty reinsurance pricing flattened out in 2024 and is declining in 2025



Insurers continue to exhibit some discipline when providing their limited Florida wind capacity



Despite legislative reforms to Florida insurance laws, insurers remain concerned about potential claim inflation, public adjuster activity, and legal climate within the state



While Florida insurance buyers are seeing a more competitive market this year, the 2025 hurricane season and other global loss activity will drive future market trends





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# Casualty Insurance Market Update



## State of the U.S. Casualty Market

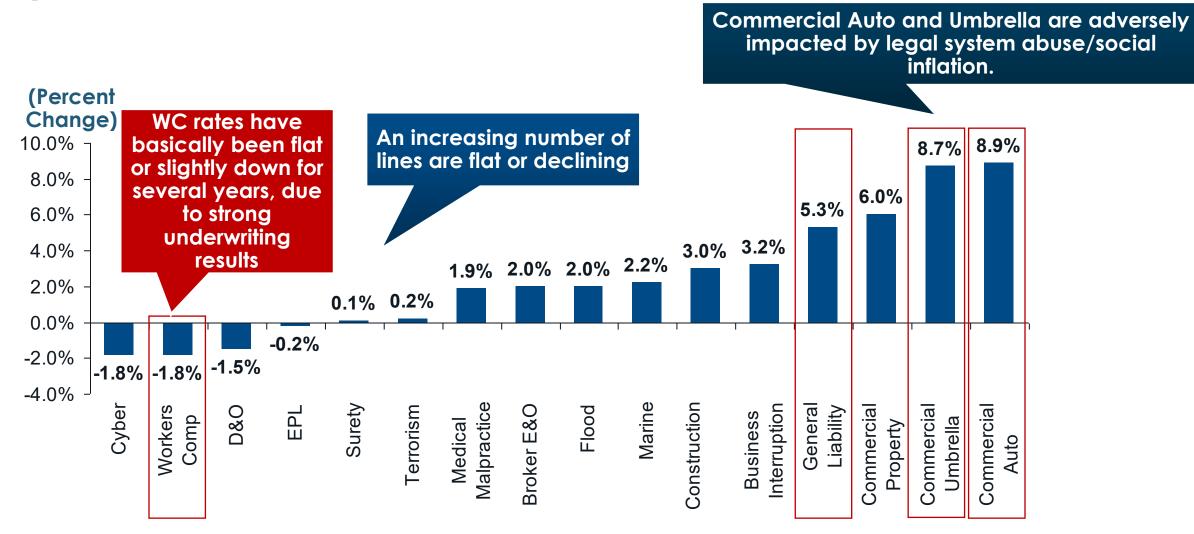
#### 2024 & 1Q25 National Recap

- Consistent retail insurance rate increases across most lines of business, driven by rising claim costs, social inflation, and capacity management challenges
- Workers Compensation remained the most stable segment, benefiting from strong reserves, but faced challenges from inflation and workforce demographics

Factors Driving Market Conditions and Rate Changes			
Social Inflation / Nuclear Verdicts / Litigation Concerns			
Inflation	Capacity Management	Medical Expenses	
Driver Shortages	Workplace Demographics	Ergonomic Exposures	

## Change in U.S. Commercial Rate Renewals, by Line: 2024:Q4 (All Industries)



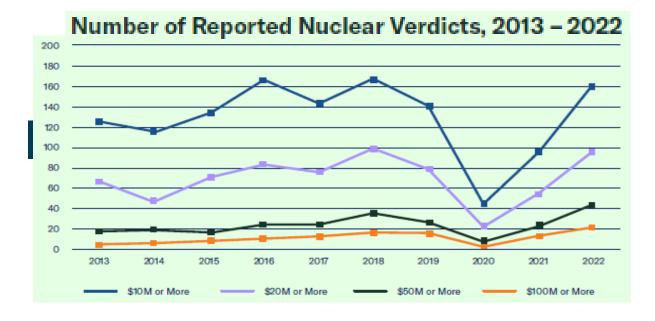


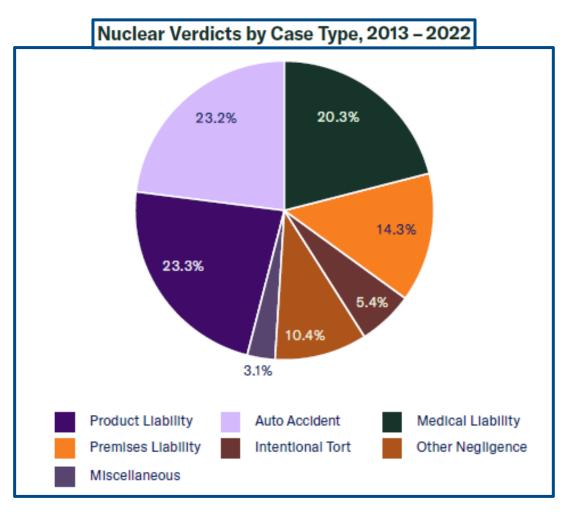
Note: CIAB data cited here are based on a survey. Rate changes earned by individual insurers can and do vary, potentially substantially.

Source: Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers; USC Center for Risk and Uncertainty Management.

## **Nuclear Verdicts: Key Findings**

- Upward Trend: Increase in frequency of nuclear verdicts (excluding pandemic years)
- Impact: Significant effects on businesses, industries, and society
- Case Characteristics: Catastrophic injuries or deaths





Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform



#### **Driver of Nuclear Verdicts**



In-Court Tactics: Manipulative strategies by plaintiffs' lawyers



Outside Influences: Lawsuit advertising, third-party litigation funding



Legislative Actions: Efforts to expand damages and weaken safeguards

- **Real-World Implications**
- **Economic Impact**: Higher costs for goods, services, and insurance premiums
- Litigation Inflation: Increased settlement demands, litigation costs
- **Rule of Law**: Undermined confidence in the legal system

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform

## **Verdict Analysis**

Study Period: 1,288 nuclear verdicts (2013-2022)

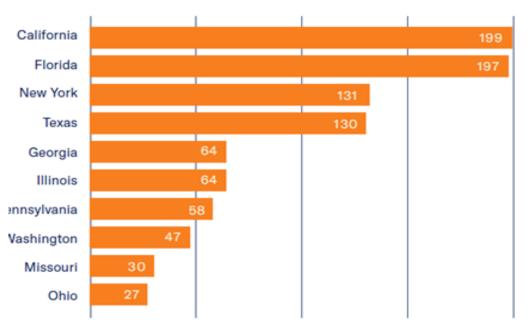
Distribution: Half between \$10M-\$20M, significant portion >\$50M

Jurisdictional Trends: Product liability, auto accident, medical liability cases

#### Table 1: Mean & Median Nuclear Verdict by Litigation Type, 2013 – 2022

Litigation Type	Mean	Median
Product Liability	\$215.9 Million	\$25.0 Million
Other Negligence	\$99.8 Million	\$20.0 Million
Intentional Tort	\$94.6 Million	\$28.6 Million
Auto Accident	\$46.4 Million	\$21.0 Million
Medical Liability	\$33.6 Million	\$19.6 Million
Premises Liability	\$32.5 Million	\$20.0 Million
Miscellaneous	\$31.5 Million	\$22.4 Million
All Personal Injury / Wrongful Death	\$88.9 Million	\$21.1 Million

#### Figure 5: Top 10 States by Cumulative Nuclear Verdicts, 2013 – 2022





#### **OVERVIEW**

(2013-2022) Reported Nuclear Verdicts: **197** Total Awarded: **\$33 Billion** Median Award: **\$19 Million** 

#### HIGH FREQUENCY AND PER CAPITA RATE

FL rivals CA for the most nuclear verdicts despite having 1/2 the population

FL hosts the most verdicts per capita in the nation

Florida Nuclear Verdicts Study

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL HOTSPOTS**

Broward County and Miami-Dade County are the most frequent areas for verdicts

#### TYPES OF CASES

Product Liability: 39.1% Auto Accidents: 25.9% Medical Liability: Lower proportion compared to other states

Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform

## **Tort Reforms and Legislation Updates in Florida**

#### **Liability Related**

- Proposed SB 1570: Suits Against the Government
- Would increase the Tort Cap to \$1M/\$3M in Oct. 2025, then \$1.1M/\$3.2M in Oct. 1, 2030.

Proposed HB 301: Suits Against the Government

- Would increase the Tort Cap to \$500K/\$1M in 2025, then \$600K/\$1.1M in 2030
- Subdivision can settle claims exceeding the statutory limit without legislative action

#### Workers' Compensation Related

Presumption Claims

- Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome expansion (SB 376) 2018
- Firefighter Cancer Presumption (Chapter 112 Section 1816) 2019
- Introduction of HB 269/SB 366 revises definitions related to certain disabilities, including heart disease, hypertension, and tuberculosis for FF, Law Enforcement, Correctional Officers – January 2025

Senate Bill 362 (passed Jun 2024) – increases the Medicare maximum reimbursement allowances for physicians and surgical procedures.

• NCCI Estimates this will increase FL WC "System" Costs by 5.6%.





## **Impact of Tariffs & Inflation**

#### **Potential Impact of Tariffs:**

Near-term equity losses within Insurer portfolios

- Investments, which are conservative by design and regulation (lower risk/lower reward), have even lower returns
- > Lower investment returns put pressure on underwriting results as the sole source of Insurer profit

Loss-cost inflation – anticipated for auto and property lines of coverage

- The U.S. imports the vast majority of auto parts used in repairs paid by insurers (Mexico 36%; Canada 13%; China 13% as of 2022 data)
- > 70% of wood-related products were imported from Canada in 2023

#### U.S. Inflation:

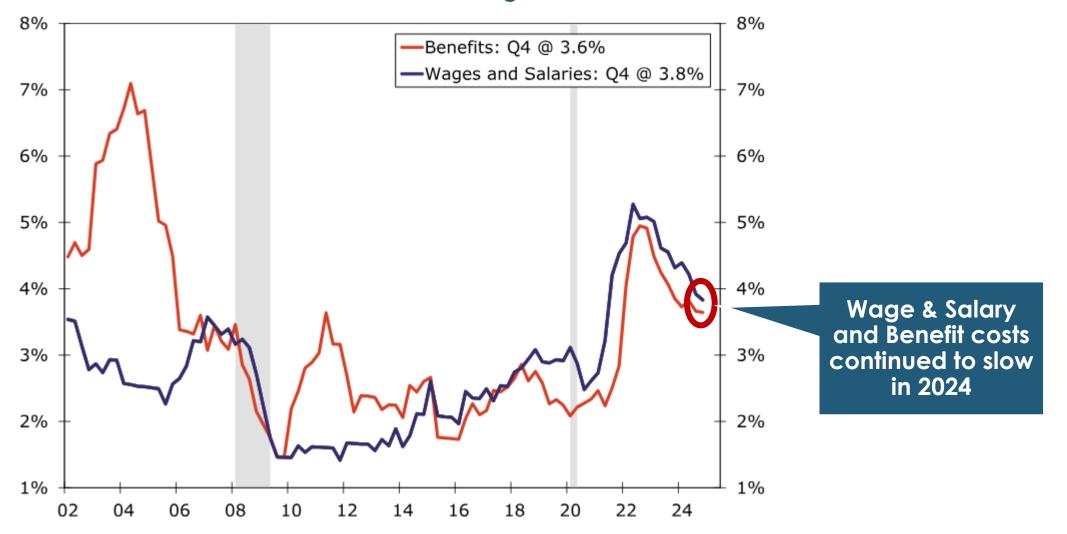
Inflation fears ebbed at the end of 2024 but have since increased in 1Q25

- > The U.S. rate of inflation dropped from 8% in 2022 to 3% by the end of 2024
- Inflation raises Insurer concerns about rate and reserve inadequacy as well as insurance-to-value ratios

Sources: Observatory of Economic Complexity (OEC); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Wells Fargo Securities (2/25); USC Center for Risk and Uncertainty Management; National Association of Homebuilders, Import Data for Residential Construction Materials, Dec. 13, 2024

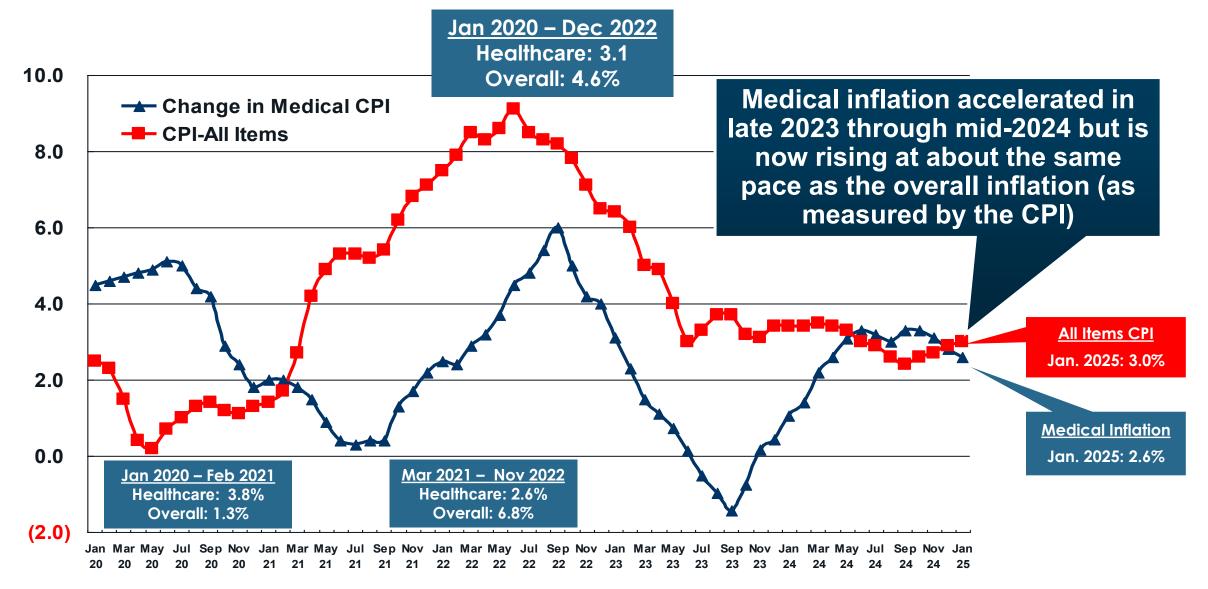
# Employment Cost Index Components: Wages & Salaries and Benefits Costs Continue to Cool, 2002:Q1 – 2024:Q4

**12-Month Percent Change** 



Source: U.S. Department of Labor accessed at: <u>https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/eci.pdf</u>.

### Medical Cost Inflation vs. Overall CPI Since COVID, Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2025 (Percent Change from Year Ago)



Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics via Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis: <u>https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/CPIMEDSL</u>; Risk and Uncertainty Management Center, University of SC

## **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

The P/C Insurance Industry remains strong, stable, sound and secure

- Auto lines, umbrella and reinsurance segments are stressed but improving
- Loss Cost challenges have been easing, but changes in fiscal, trade, and labor policies in 2025 could exert inflationary pressures
  - Tariffs would adversely impact auto and property claim severities

"Soft Landing" has been achieved; Recession looks more possible in 2025 due to tariffs Asset Price Volatility will persist with monetary policy, fiscal, geopolitical uncertainty

Higher Interest Rates are providing a modest tailwind for investment income

Inflationary Pressures moderated in 2024, though persisting into 2025

• Tariffs—if fully implemented and maintained—are somewhat "stagflationary"

Legal System Abuse issues remain a long-term challenge and major cost driver



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