

Consumer Sentiment



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Consumer Sentiment: Mostly Steady

Bottom Line: As expected, the University of Michigan's consumer sentiment edged slightly lower in early August. The index of current conditions edged slightly higher, but future expectations were modestly lower. While year-ahead inflation expectations were still above the long-term average range, they fell slightly to 3.3%. Consumer sentiment continues to improve modestly but remains well below historical averages. That said, the current level of sentiment is consistent with modestly positive consumer spending growth in the 2nd Half.

U. Mich. Consumer Sentiment

August: +71.2, consensus: +71.2



Current Conditions

August: +77.4, consensus: +76.9



Future Expectations

August: +67.3, consensus: +67.3



1-year Ahead Inflation Expectations 5.5% 5.0% 4.5% 4.0% 3.5% - 3.0% 2.5% 2.0% expected inflation rate 2006 2014 2016 2018 2008 2010 2012 2020 2022 2024 **Recent Trends** 5.5% 5.0% 4.5% 4.0% Aug-2023: 3.3 3m Avg. 3.33 3.5% 12m Avg. 4.12

Sep-21 Jan-22 Apr-22 Jul-22 Nov-22 Feb-23 May-23 Aug-23

5-year Ahead Inflation Expectations



Sep-21 Jan-22 Apr-22 Jul-22 Nov-22 Feb-23 May-23 Aug-23

Contingent Macro Advisors 2023 source: University of Michigan

U. Mich. Consumer Sentiment Survey	Aug-23	Jul-23	3m. avg.	6m. avg.	12m. avg.	2022	5 y
U. Mich. Consumer Sentiment	71.20	71.60	69.10	65.30	63.20	58.98	78.10
Current Conditions	77.40	76.60	74.30	70.40	67.10	62.84	86.70
Future Expectations	67.30	68.30	65.70	62.00	60.80	56.50	72.60
1-year Ahead Inflation Expectations	3.30	3.40	3.30	3.70	4.10	5.02	3.60
5-year Ahead Inflation Expectations	2.90	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.90	2.96	2.70

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