

The importance of a vibrant federal statistical system

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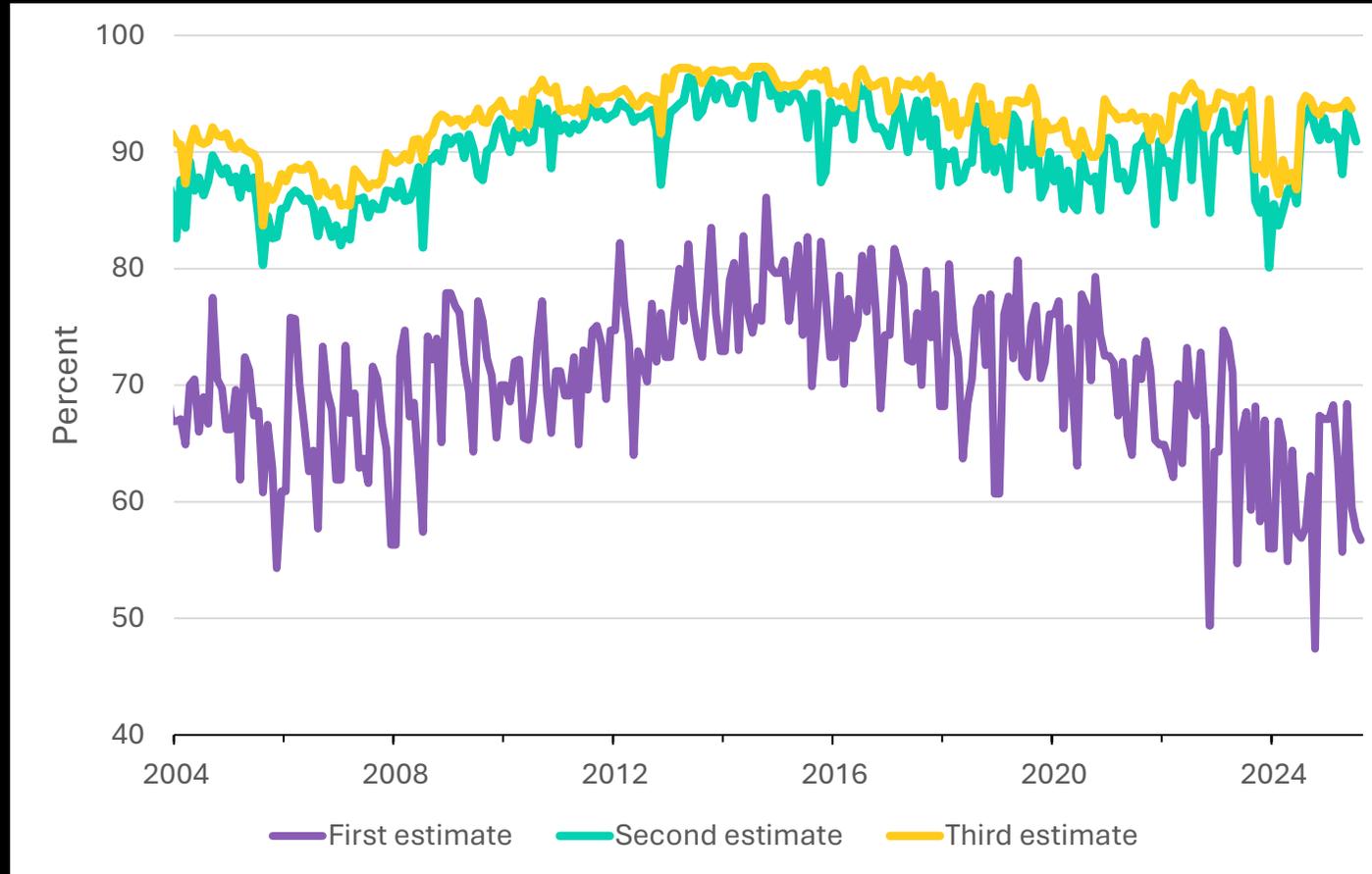
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A collapse in willingness to participate



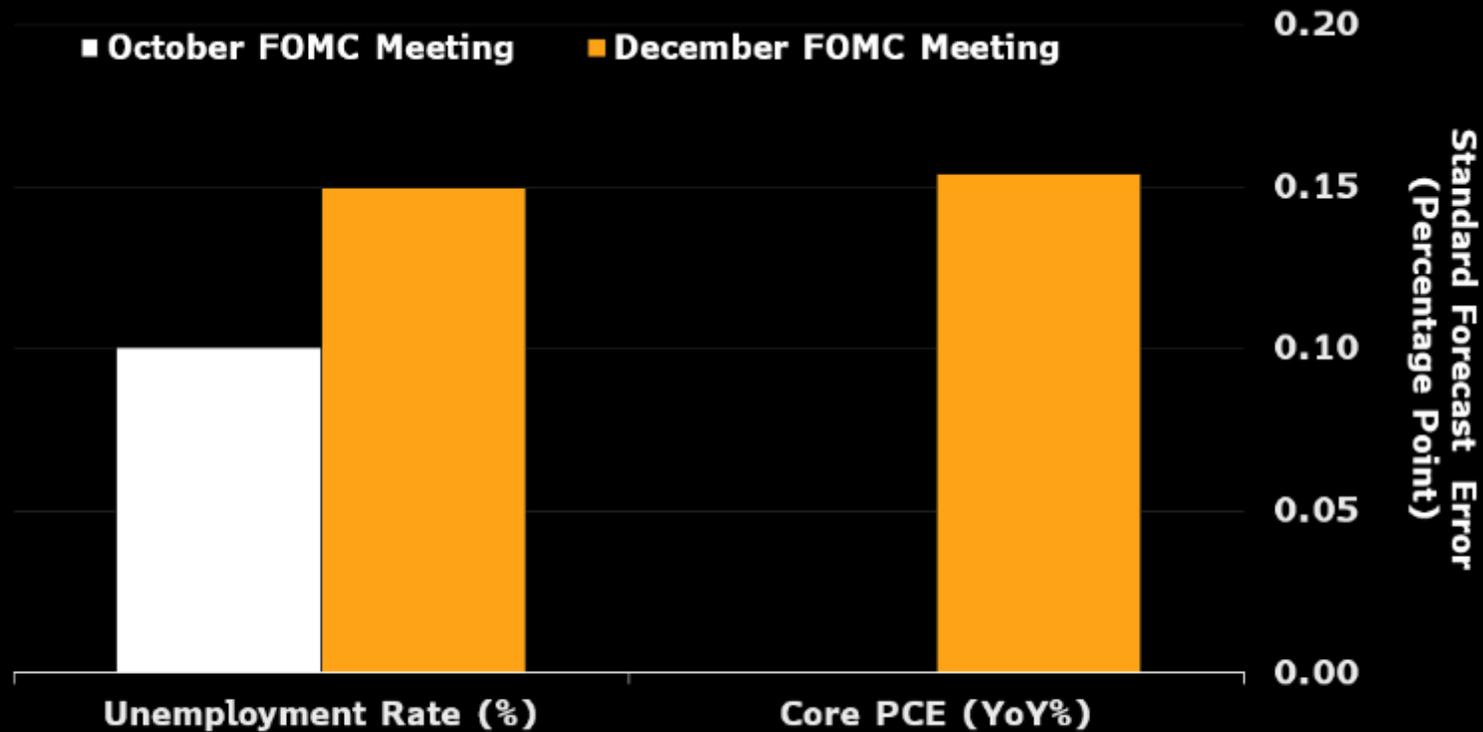
Note: The blue line shows the number of employers selected to participate in the establishment survey who agree to do so and prove capable of doing so.

Once signed up, firms still come through (eventually)



Note: The three lines show the percent of initiated firms that provide data for the establishment survey by the time of the first, second, and third closings.

Data drought is increasing uncertainty



Source: Bloomberg Economics. Note: Standard errors shown in the graph are calculated based on real-time forecast errors over the past three years.