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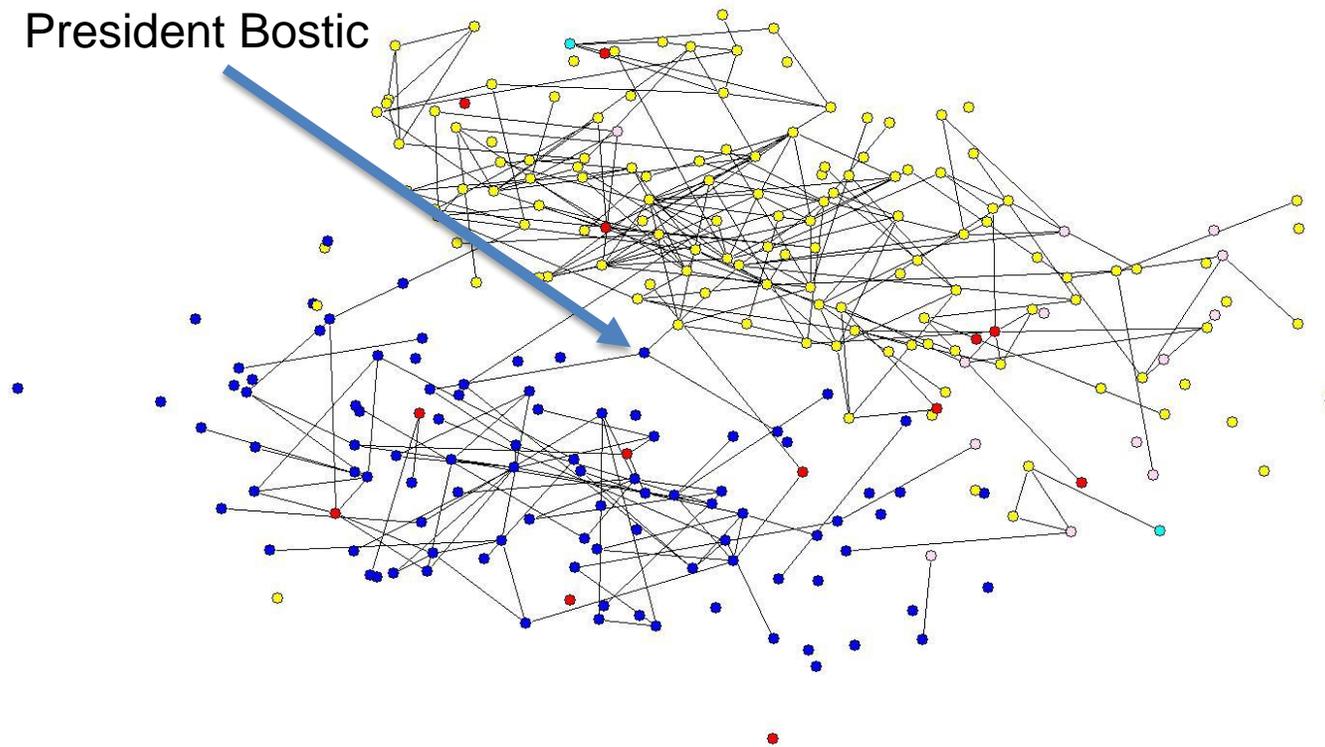
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Bridging Networks for Better Policy

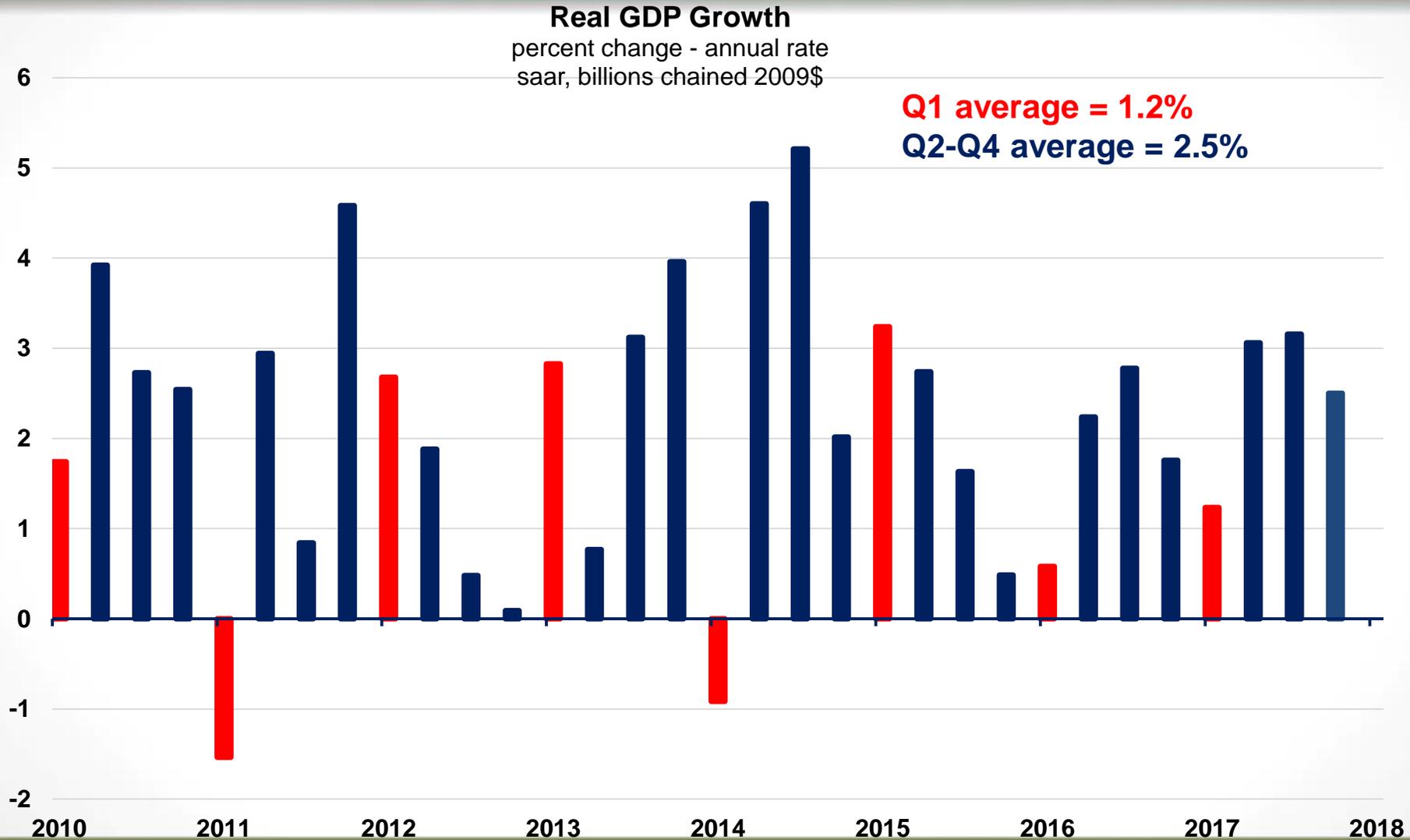
The Atlanta Fed Model

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GDP

Current GDPNow for 2018Q1 = 3.2%



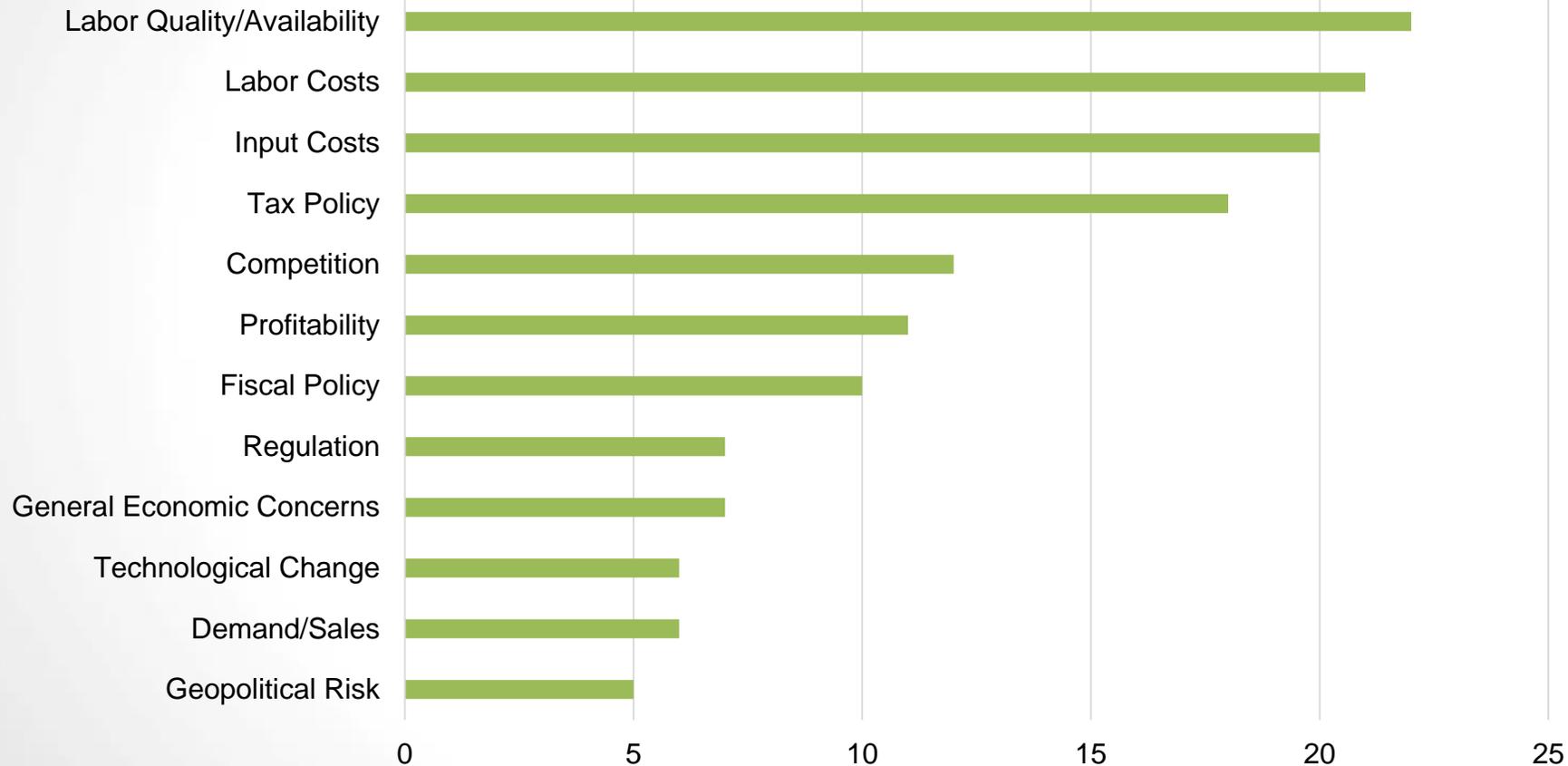
What's on the Mind of Businesses?

Atlanta Fed's Business Inflation Expectations Survey



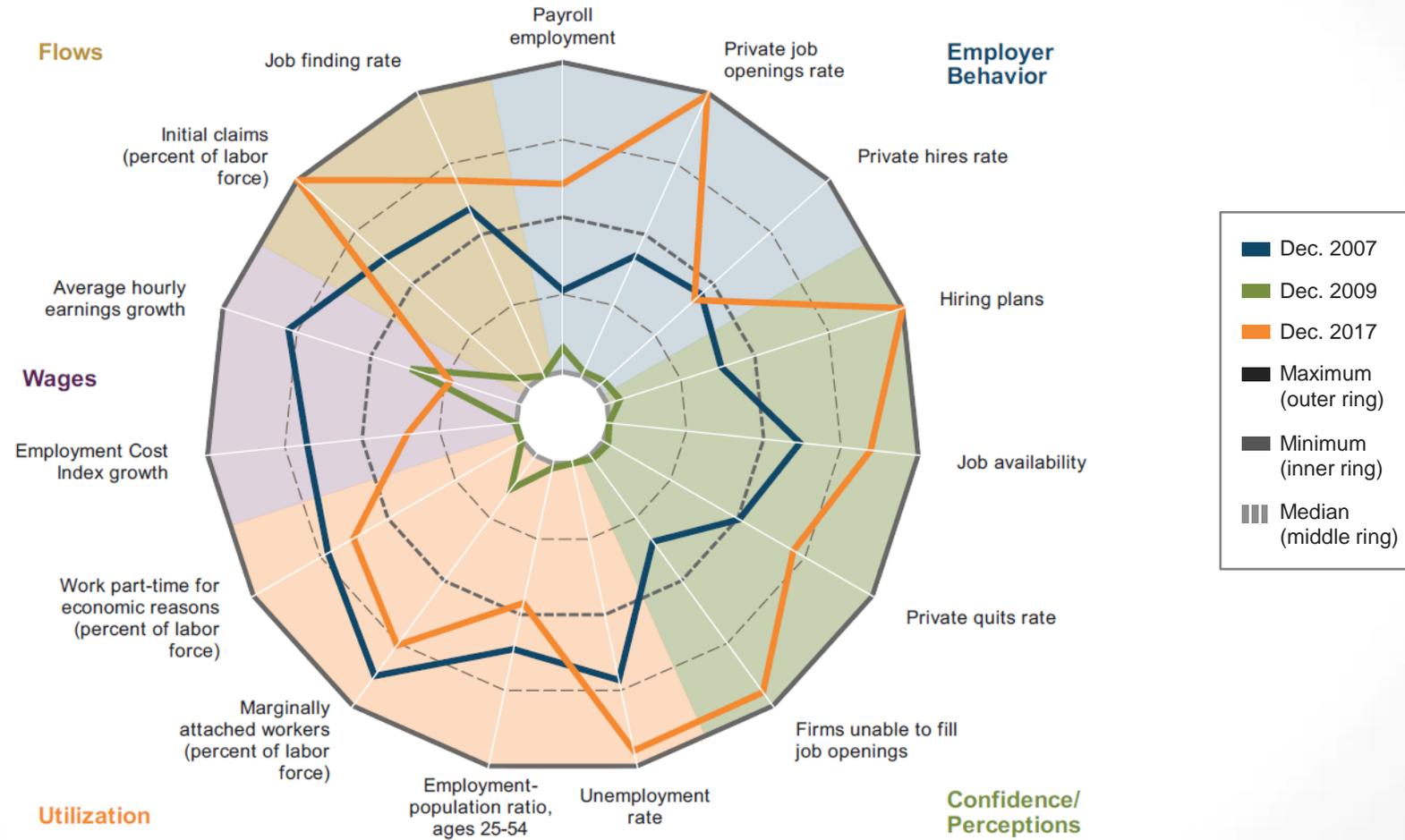
We would like you to think more generally about your firm. Looking ahead into 2018, what are the biggest areas of concern?

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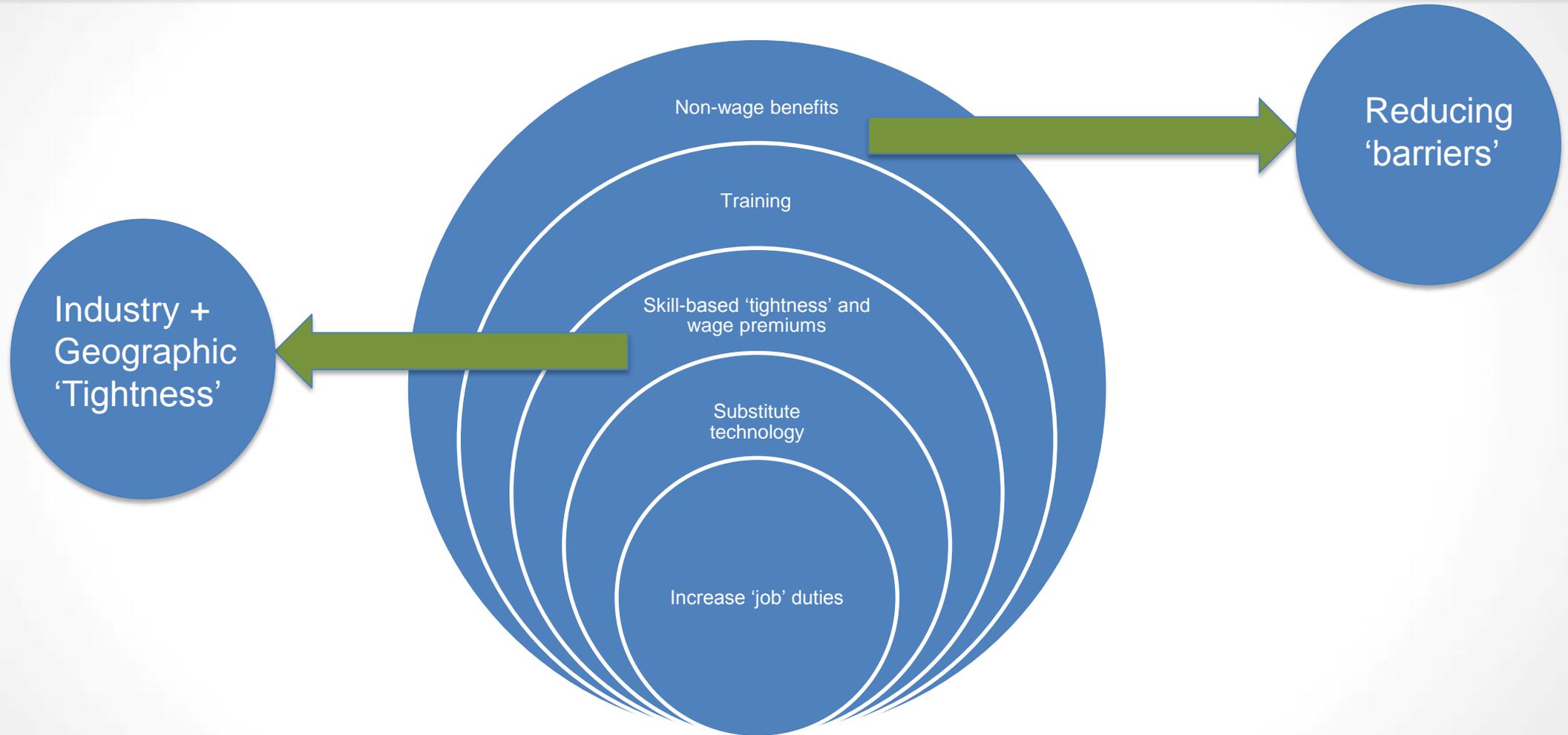


Employment: Labor Market appears 'tight'

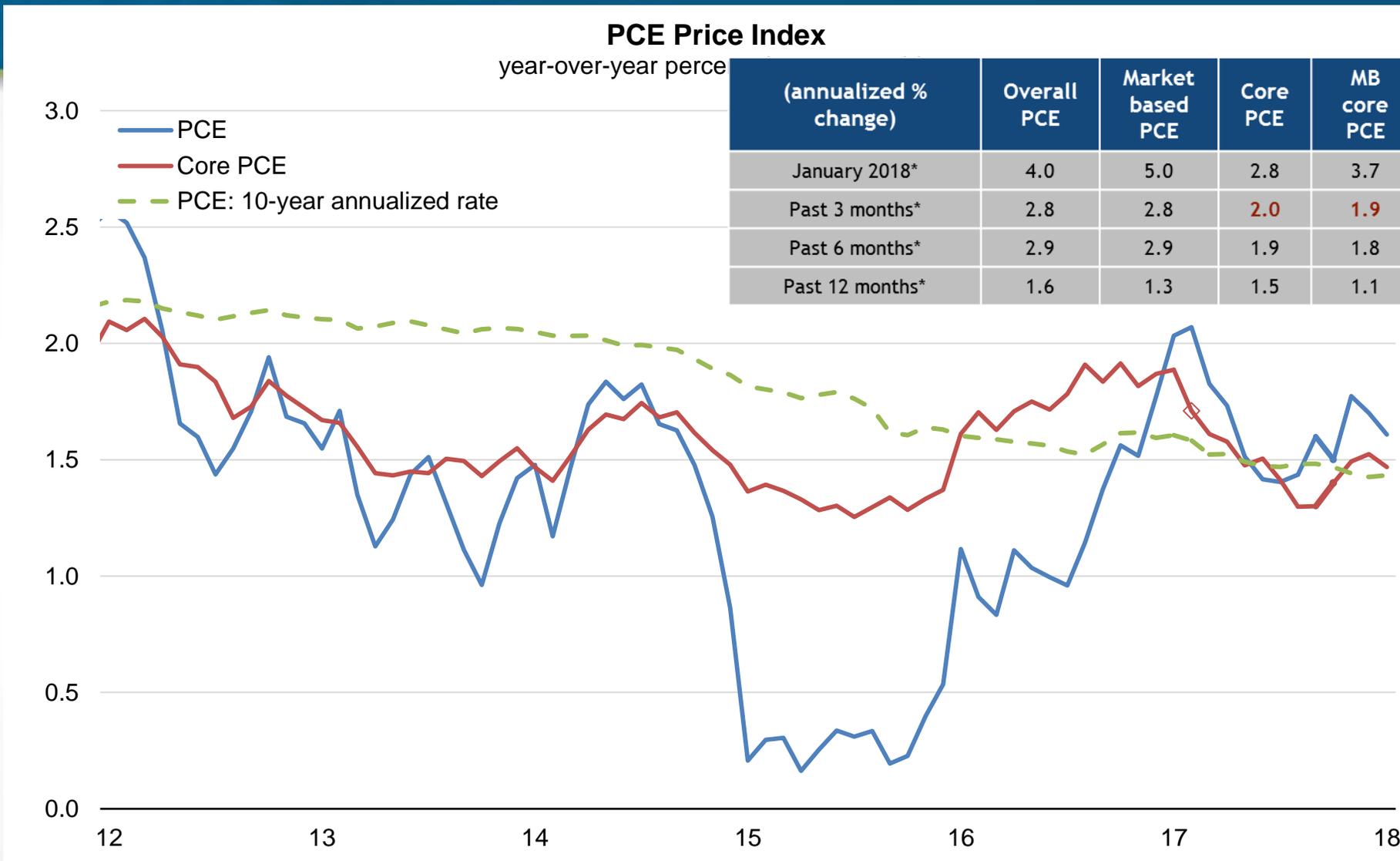
Labor Market Spider Chart



REIN: The Evolution of Employer Behavior



Data: The Low Inflation Puzzle



Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis; FRB Dallas; Haver Analytics; staff calculations

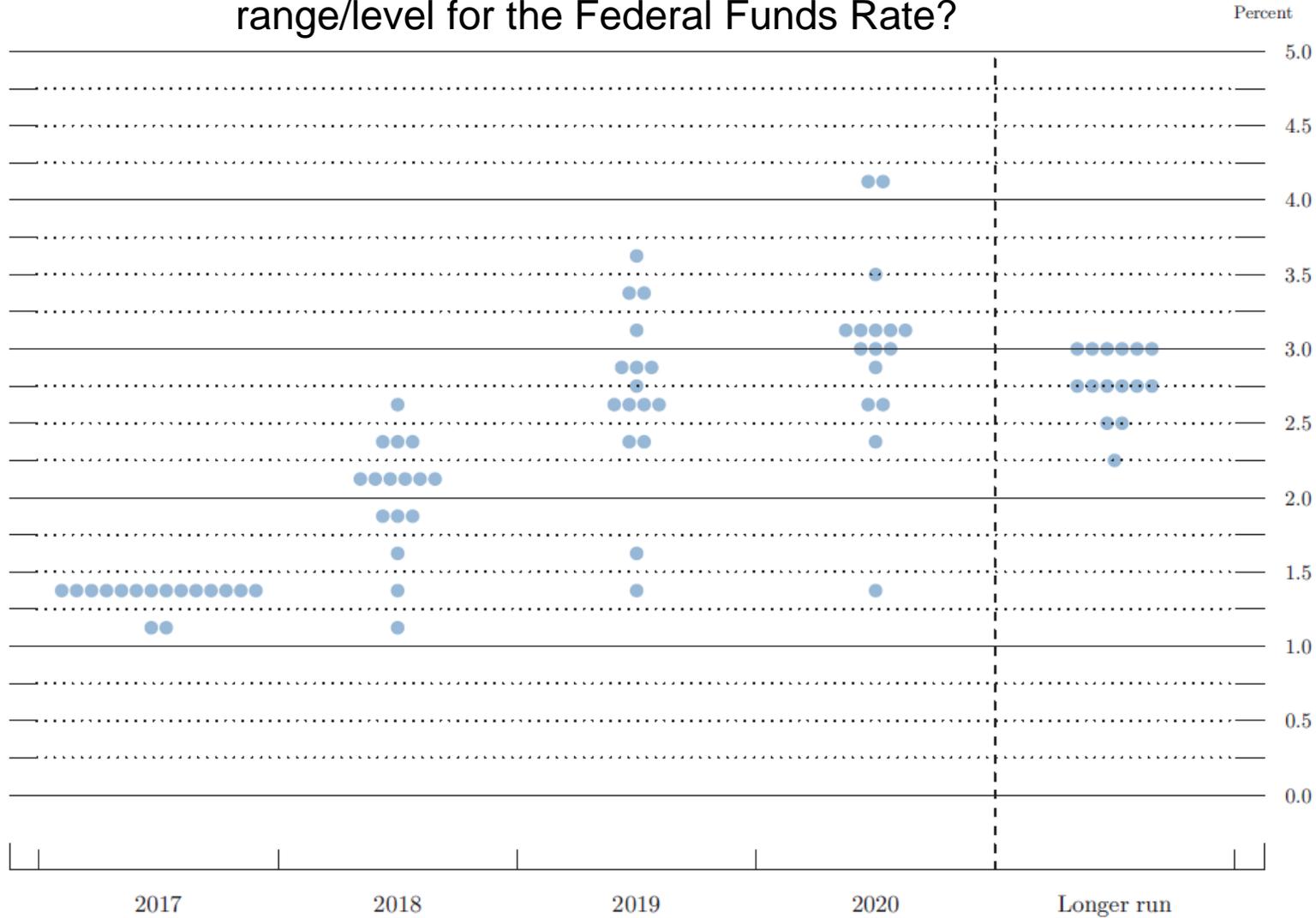
- Lowering costs thru increased vendor competition and adoption of technology
- Consolidation but little/no pricing power in the output market
- Increased differential and dynamic pricing strategies

The View from the FOMC

Statement of Economic Projections: December 2017



What is your assessment of the appropriate target range/level for the Federal Funds Rate?





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