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Summary: Still, even if a lot of wage and price growth does prove transitory, that won't necessarily comfort the Fed. When officials began using the term "transitory" in March 2021, the unemployment rate was 6% and consumers expected about 3% inflation in the coming year. In other words, the main determinants of underlying inflation—aggregate supply and demand and expectations—justified a sanguine outlook. Not anymore. Unemployment is now 3.5% and consumers expect 4.6% inflation in the coming year, according to the University of Michigan. This is why the Fed can't signal an end to interest rate increases yet and the risk of a recession can't be dismissed.

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