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# Data DBrief: ATRR gives reasons for cautious optimism

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- The data also showed meaningful revisions to previous quarters' data, smoothing out some of the volatility in the Q2 and Q3 data. These revisions now see the ATRR data much more consistent with how primary rents have evolved over 2024. However, these data are subject to large revisions, so some caution is warranted.

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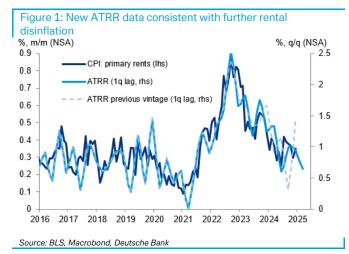
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#### **ATRR** revisions

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While the Q4 Repeat Rent data is certainly good news, the size of the recent revisions does suggest some caution. Over the past five quarters, the quarterly changes in the ATRR were revised by 50bps on average (in absolute terms). Indeed, the New Tenant Repeat Rent data, which does have a longer lead on CPI rents (three quarters versus one for ATRR), is particularly prone to very large



revisions. In addition, as we previously noted (see <u>"December inflation recap: Fed's disinflation story holds (for now)"</u>), there could be some added volatility in the upcoming rent data stemming from the LA wildfires.



### Appendix 1

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