

#### **Monetary policy August 2025**

- Policy rate **unchanged** at 2 per cent.
- Some probability of a further cut this year.







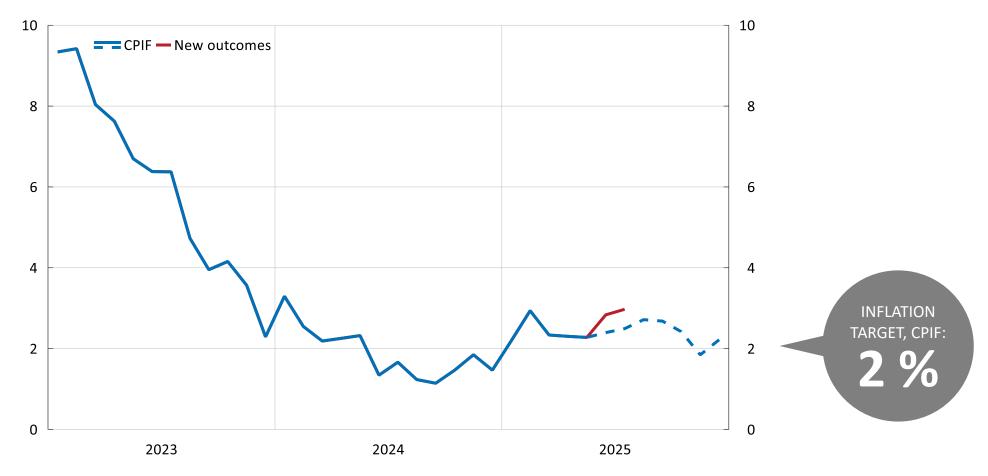
### Continuing international uncertainty

- Geopolitical conflicts
- Tariff agreements
- Economic developments largely as expected
- Relatively stable developments on financial markets



## Inflation higher during the summer, probably temporary





Annual percentage change. Solid and dashed blue lines refer to outcome and forecast respectively at the monetary policy meeting in June. Red line refers to outcomes since then.

Sources: Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank.

# Inflation expected to fall back towards 2 per cent in the medium term



- Adjusted for changes in weights, inflation is lower.
- Indicators suggest inflationary pressures of around
  2 per cent.
- Inflation expectations at 2 per cent.
- Companies' pricing plans somewhat higher than normal.



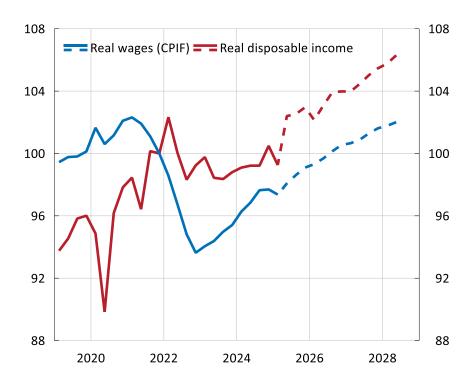
Vigilance regarding development of inflation.

# Swedish economy is weak, but expected to become stronger going forward



- The recovery that began last year is sluggish.
- Households are cautious about spending.
- Unemployment is high.
- Business confidence is close to normal levels.

#### **Favourable conditions for stronger development**



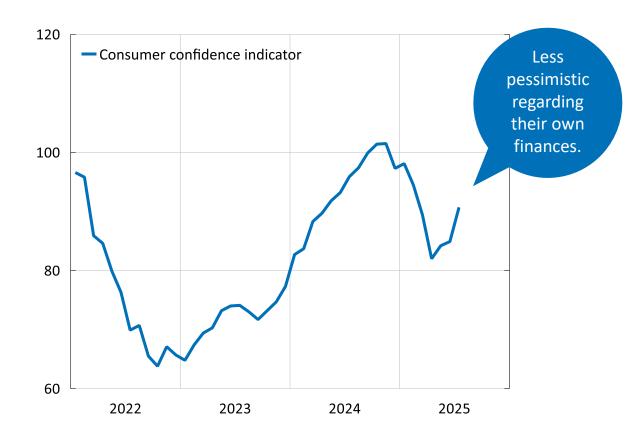
Sources: National Mediation Office, Statistics Sweden and the Riksbank.

Index, 2021 Q4 = 100. Real wages are calculated as the ratio between the nominal wage level and the CPIF. Real disposable income is income adjusted for changes in the deflator of household consumption expenditure, which usually increases at the same rate as the CPIF.





- Weak consumption of goods, but stronger consumption of services in the spring.
- Signs that consumption increased at the beginning of the summer.
- Households less pessimistic.



Source: National Institute of Economic Research.



#### Continuing weak labour market



Net figures. Number of companies responding that they plan to increase employee numbers compared with number planning to reduce employee numbers in the coming 3 months. Seasonally adjusted data.

Source: National Institute of Economic Research.

# Monetary policy is adjusted according to the outlook for inflation and economic activity

Some probability of a further interest rate cut this year.

But several factors could affect the outlook:

- recovery in the Swedish economy
- how long inflation remains elevated
- international developments.

New information, and how it is expected to affect the outlook for inflation and economic activity, will determine how monetary policy is designed.



