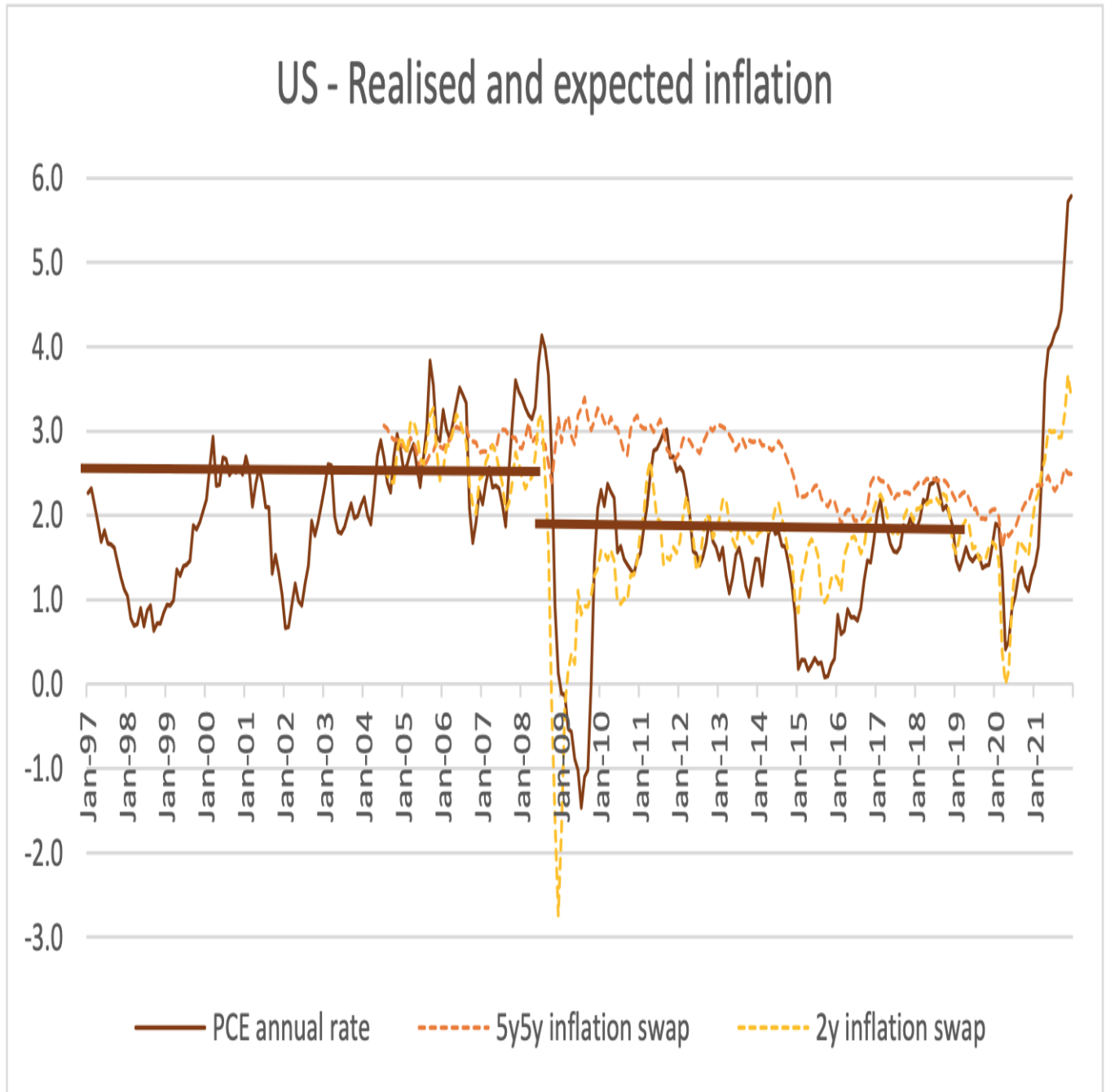




# US - Realised and expected inflation



Source: Fed StLouis, FOMC. The chart shows the PCE annual rate (solid brown line), the 5y5y inflation swap rate (dashed orange line), and the 2y inflation swap rate (dotted yellow line). A horizontal line is drawn at 2.5% for the period Jan-97 to Jan-08, and another at 1.9% for Jan-09 to Jan-20. The PCE rate shows a sharp decline in Jan-09 and a rise in Jan-21.

The chart shows that the PCE annual rate is significantly higher than the inflation swap rates in early 2021, reaching over 5.0%, while the 5y5y and 2y inflation swaps remain near 2.5%. This indicates that market participants expect inflation to remain low in the medium term, despite the recent surge in the PCE rate.

1. The 2020 rate of inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), was 1.2%, down from 3.9% in 2021. This reflects the impact of the Fed's monetary policy to combat inflation, which has led to a tight labor market and higher wages.

2. The Fed's current target for the federal funds rate is between 4.75% and 5.00%. This rate influences the cost of borrowing and the overall level of economic activity.

3. The Fed has used several tools to manage the money supply, including open market operations and adjusting the discount rate. These actions help to maintain the target inflation rate.

4. The Fed's primary goal is to maintain price stability, which is essential for long-term economic growth and employment.

5. The Fed's policy is based on a dual mandate: to promote maximum employment and stable prices. This is achieved through a combination of monetary and fiscal policies.

6. The Fed's actions are guided by its balance sheet and the flow of funds in the financial system. These factors provide insight into the Fed's future policy moves.

7. The Fed's policy is subject to changes in the economic environment and market conditions. It remains committed to its long-term goals.

8. The Fed's policy is designed to ensure the stability and resilience of the financial system.



