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~ East Bay Regional Parks District





San Jose State University Economic Summit

The Godot recession, the existential crisis of the Fed, and what it all means for the South Bay.

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Christopher Thornberg, PhD
Founding Partner, Beacon Economics



SJSU and Beacon Economics



South Bay Labor Markets

Eager to return to work or begin a first job, South Bay's labor force has been greeted with numerous employment opportunities by various local businesses. As a result, the unemployment rate has steadily declined from 8.1% in January 2012 to 6.8% in January 2013. Bay's unemployment rate is also well above the 6.5% target rate set by the Federal Reserve. To reach the 6.5% target rate, we have to add 34,000 jobs to reach the 6.5% target rate.

South Bay Labor Markets

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Meanwhile, total nonfarm job counts have returned to pre-recession levels. In fact, job counts in the South Bay have increased by 3.4% (\$10.4B) in the last year and are now at the highest level since January 2008. The South Bay's job growth rate is currently 0.1% above the job growth rate benchmark. The total nonfarm job estimate was initially changed +0.0% in December 2012 and is now revised to +0.1%. The job growth rate is slightly higher than originally estimated, leaving other sectors in the job market.

The three sectors with significant employment declines in the most recent quarter were Professional and Business Services, and Leisure and Hospitality. Professional and Business Services employment increased by 12.8K (0.8%) to 17,800 jobs. Professional and Business Services employment decreased by 1.2K (-0.7%) in the sector with the largest decline. In contrast, Leisure and Hospitality employment increased by 1.2K (+0.7%) in the sector with the largest increase. In addition, a right job builder has caught on in Professional and Business Services jobs grew by 8.3K (14.3K) jobs. To be more specific, Professional and Business Services jobs grew by 1.2K (+1.4%) in the last year. Professional and Business Services jobs grew by a moderate 4.8K (3.0%) jobs over the year to 83,800. Job payrolls in the sector were underlined by 2,700 jobs.

REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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United States

The Unknown Unknowns

As the first quarter of 2017 comes to a close, two distinctly opposing trends have formed in terms of the U.S. economy's outlook for the year. On one hand, the nation's economy is clearly picking up momentum after a year of slow growth in 2016. On the other hand, the policy uncertainties created by the surprise election of Donald Trump to the presidency have only become worse as his administration moves into its third month.

President Trump's first major agenda items—travel bans and health insurance reform—have become mired in political and legal battles. The net result is that while Business Optimism has improved significantly in 2017, it has increased marginally, to slightly less than 2.5% growth for the year. The range of variance around this estimate is also widening. In other words, uncertainty is the biggest issue the nation is dealing with.

GDP and Final Demand Growth

Taking a look at current economic trends, U.S. economic growth in the last quarter of 2016 came in at a weaker than expected 1.9% and may be even lower for the

ISM Diffusion Index

Beyond overall GDP growth, there are other economic indicators that show the strength of the economy. The ISM diffusion index indicates that the manufacturing sector is still strong, but the momentum is slowing. Industrial production and the Federal Reserve have both indicated that the ISM indexes for both continue to rise.

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South Bay Regional Intelligence Report

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San Jose State University Economic Summit

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023
8:15am – 10:00am
Morris Dailey Auditorium, SJSU Campus

Confirmed panelists

Matt Mahan, *Mayor of San Jose*
Christopher Thornberg, *Founding Partner, Beacon Economics*

A panel of notable experts will forecast Silicon Valley's economic landscape and discuss how this may impact your business.



- This presentation done in tandem with the Bridge Bank / Western Alliance Bank and San Jose State University RIR
- 13 years of Collaboration, 11 years of local outlook reports

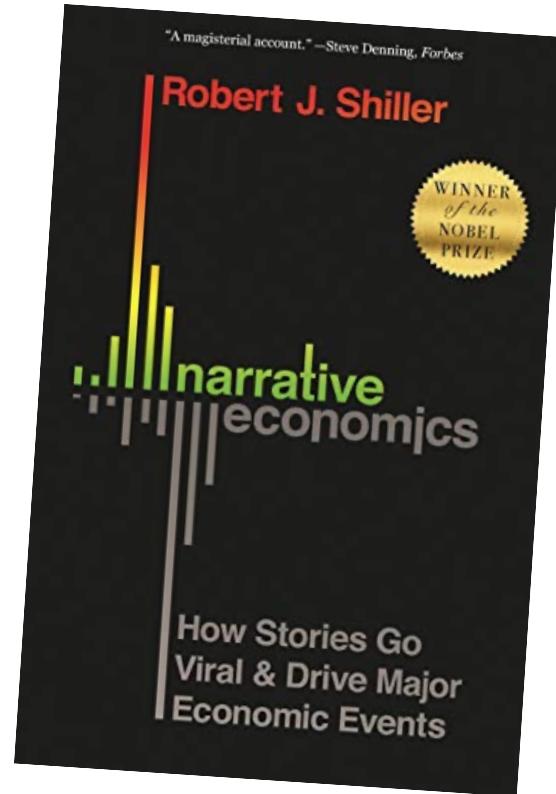
Beware the Narrative!

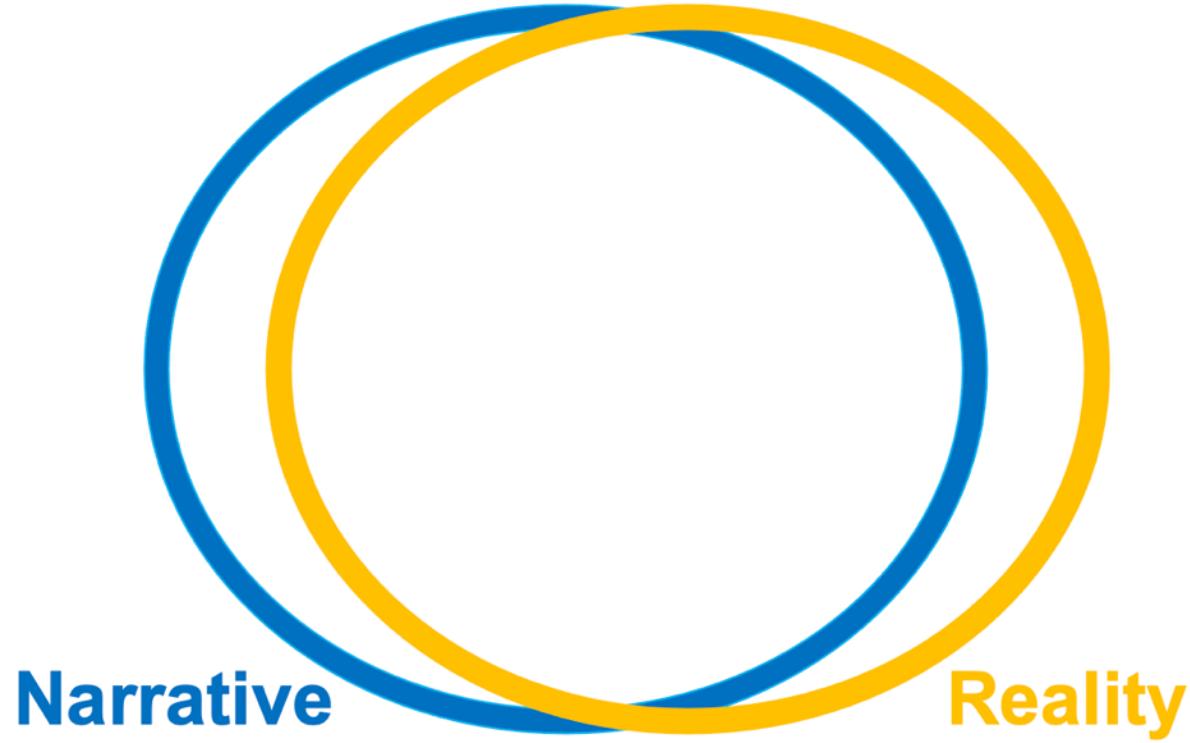


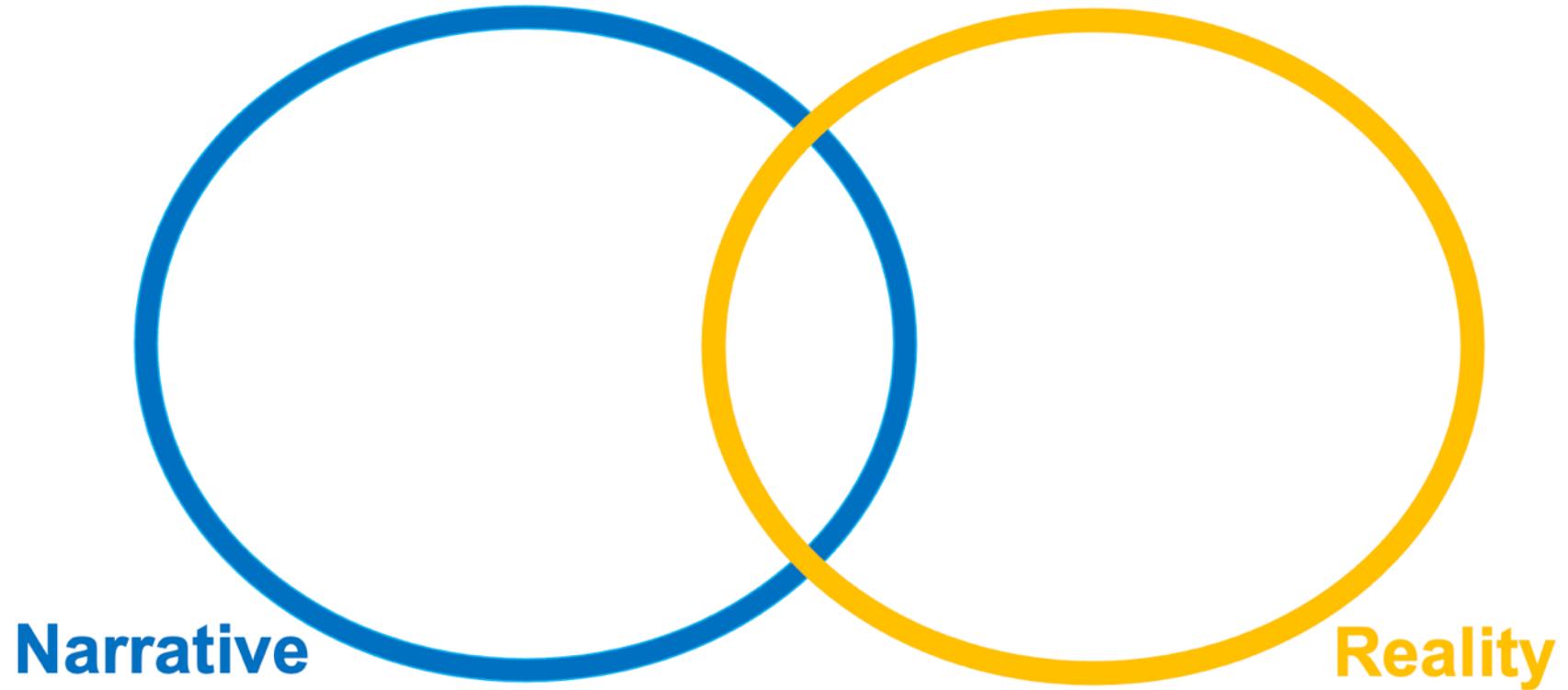
Social narratives do not necessarily follow economic reality—but they can have an impact on the economy

“Trying to understand major economic events by looking only at data ... runs the risk of missing the underlying motivations for change. Doing so is like trying to understand a religious awakening by looking at the cost of printing religious tracts.”

— Robert J. Shiller, [Narrative Economics: How Stories Go Viral and Drive Major Economic Events](#)









- Narratives at the roots of financial bubbles and business cycles
- Narratives at the roots of shifts in long run economic trends
- Narratives at the root of bad public policy

The Narrative Today



Renters Hit Breaking Point in a Sudden Reversal for Landlords

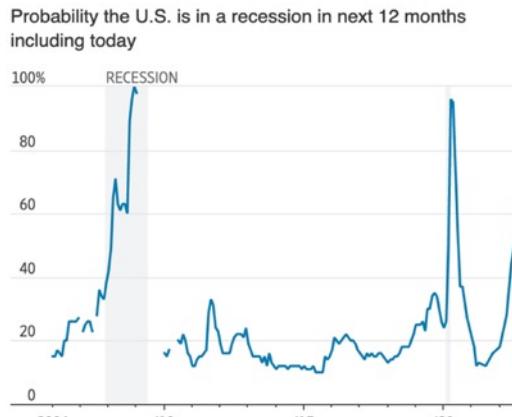
Affordability pressures and inflation are holding back tenants, forcing landlords to ease off big increases.

There's a 98% chance of a global recession, research firm warns



By [Matt Egan](#), CNN Business

Updated 11:27 AM EDT, Wed September 28, 2022



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The housing market just slid into a full-blown correction, says top economist Mark Zandi

BY [LANCE LAMBERT](#)
May 27, 2022 9:36 AM PDT

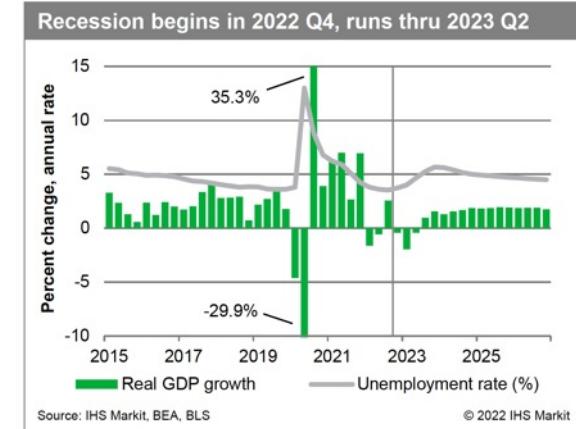
BUSINESS

Stocks entered a bear market. Here's what that means

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Jamie Dimon Says JPMorgan Is Bracing Itself for Economic 'Hurricane'

- Says Fed actions, war in Europe create unprecedented challenge
- Still too soon to say how intense the storm will be, CEO says



More Americans Are Going Hungry, and It Costs More to Feed Them

The director of the nation's largest network of food banks is seeing support dwindle as need rises: "You're in the middle of a battle, and people are leaving the field."



B The Sacramento Bee

Sacramento is at a tipping point. What's the future of housing, sprawl and racial inequality?

The capital region of apartments & climate

B Brookings Institution

Rising inequality: A major issue of our time

Income and wealth inequality has risen in many countries in recent decades. Rising inequality and related disparities and anxieties have...

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San Jose Spotlight

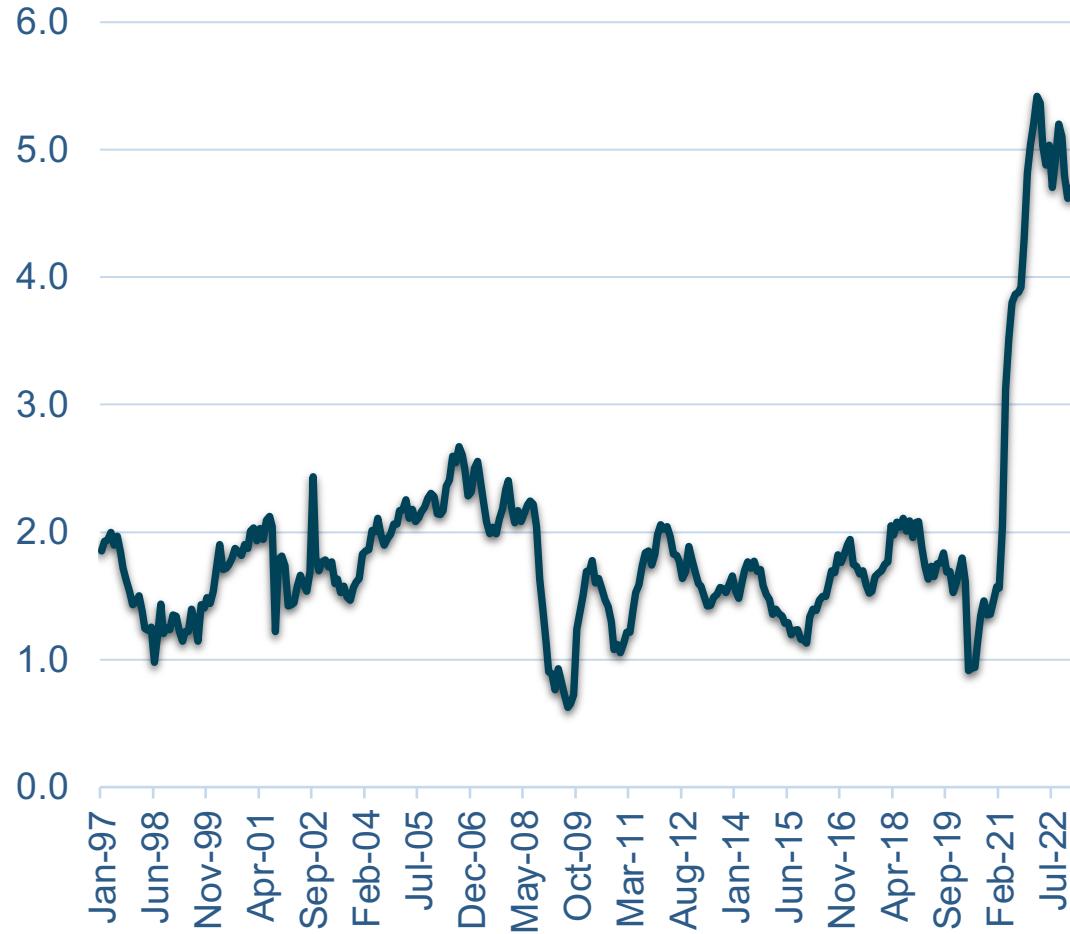
Silicon Valley inequality persists four years in a row - San José Spotlight

A vast amount of wealth in Silicon Valley is concentrated in just a few households, while residents throughout the region struggle to afford...

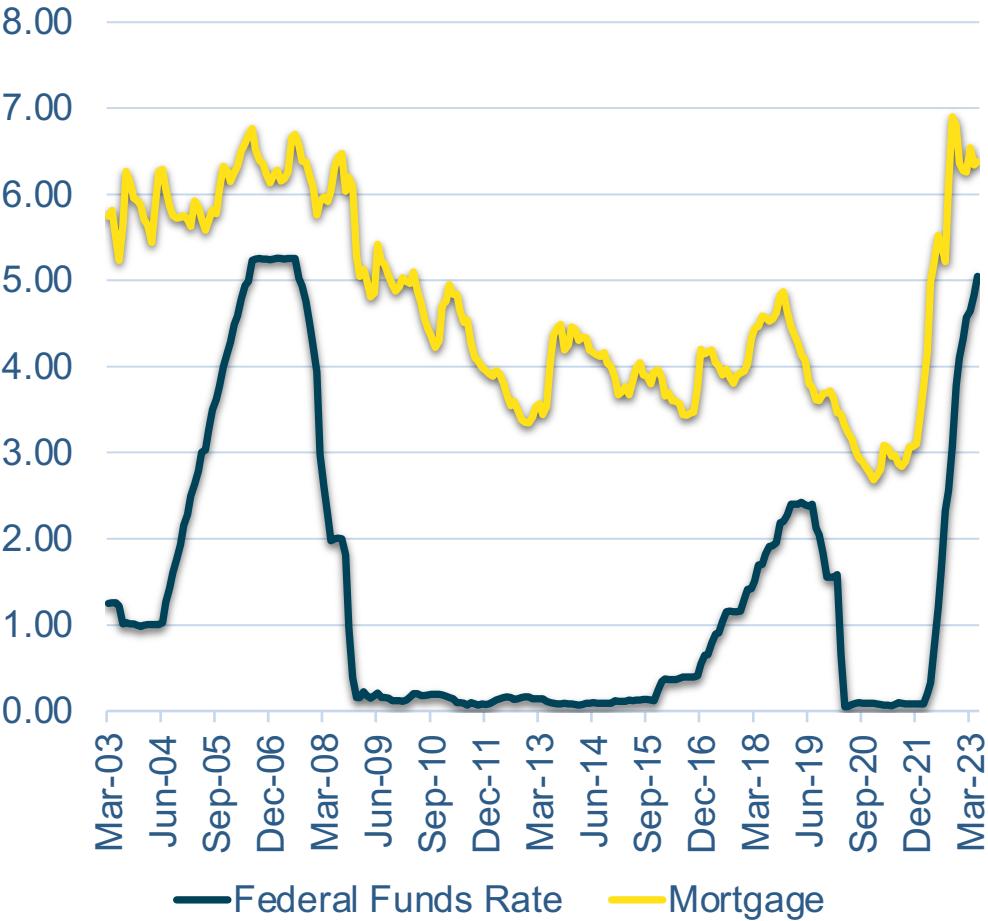
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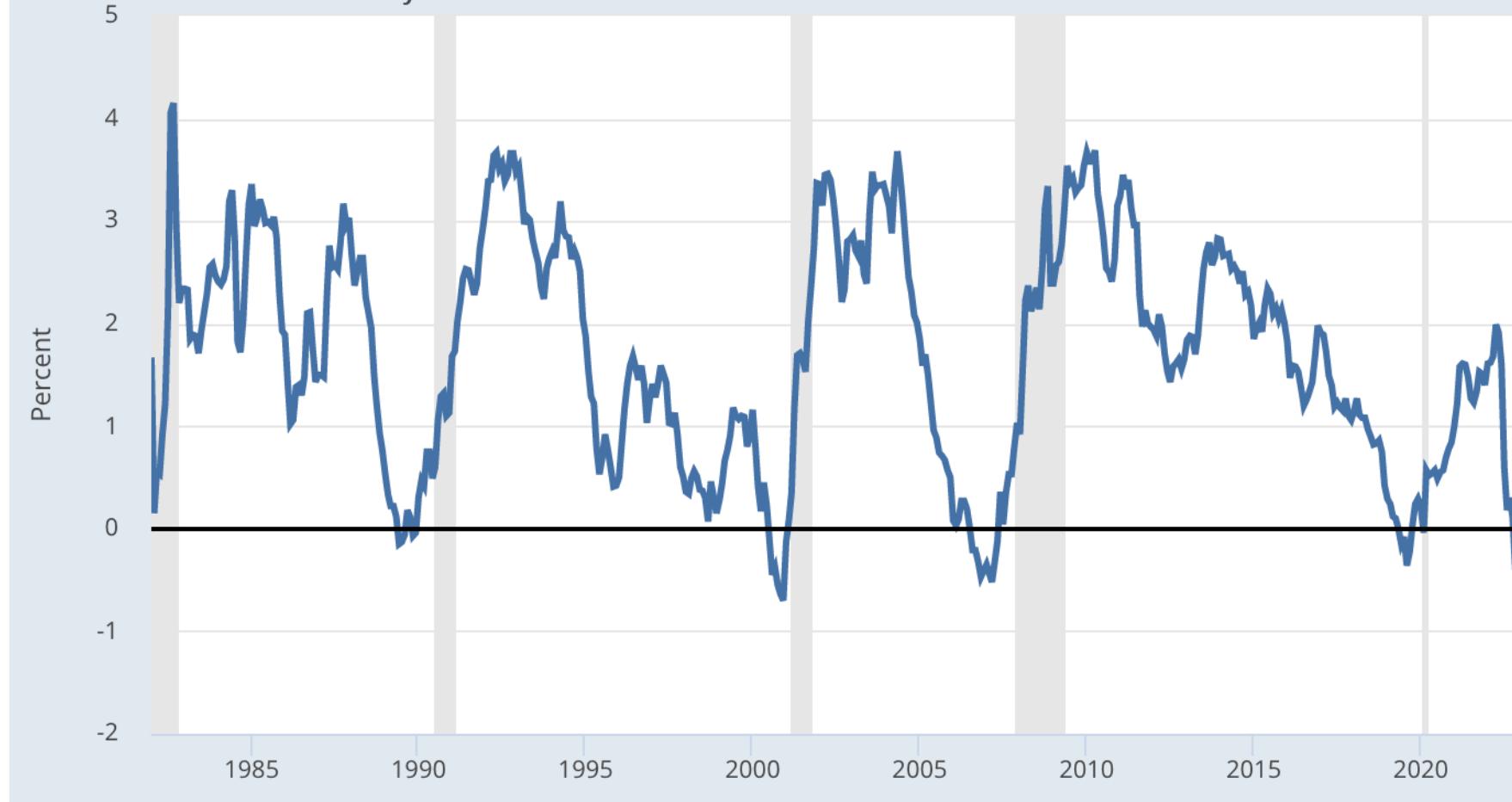
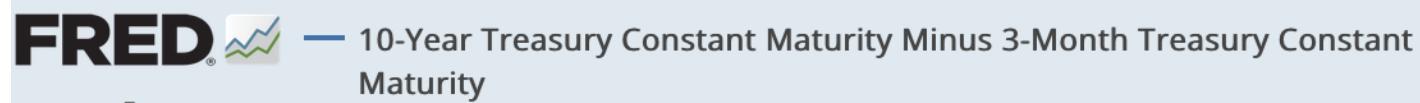


Core PCE Inflation (YoY Growth)



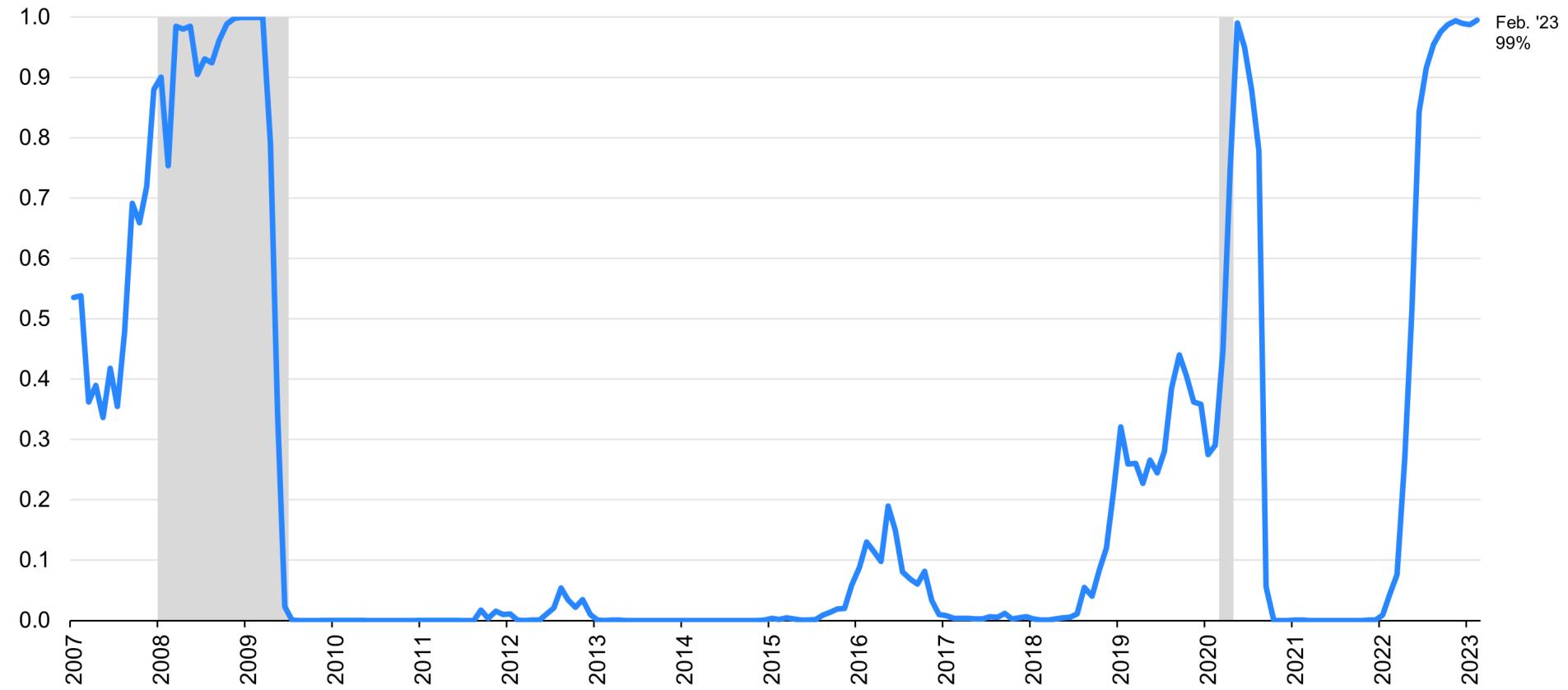
Interest Rates





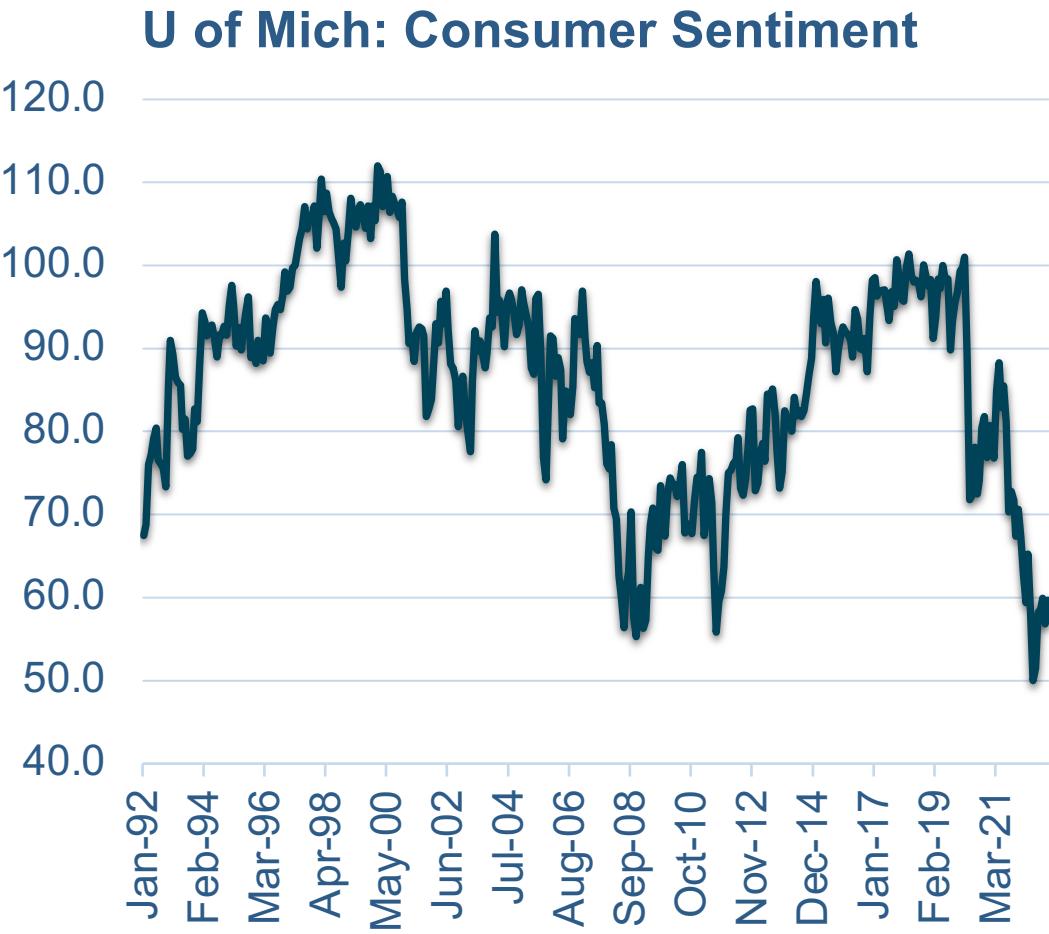
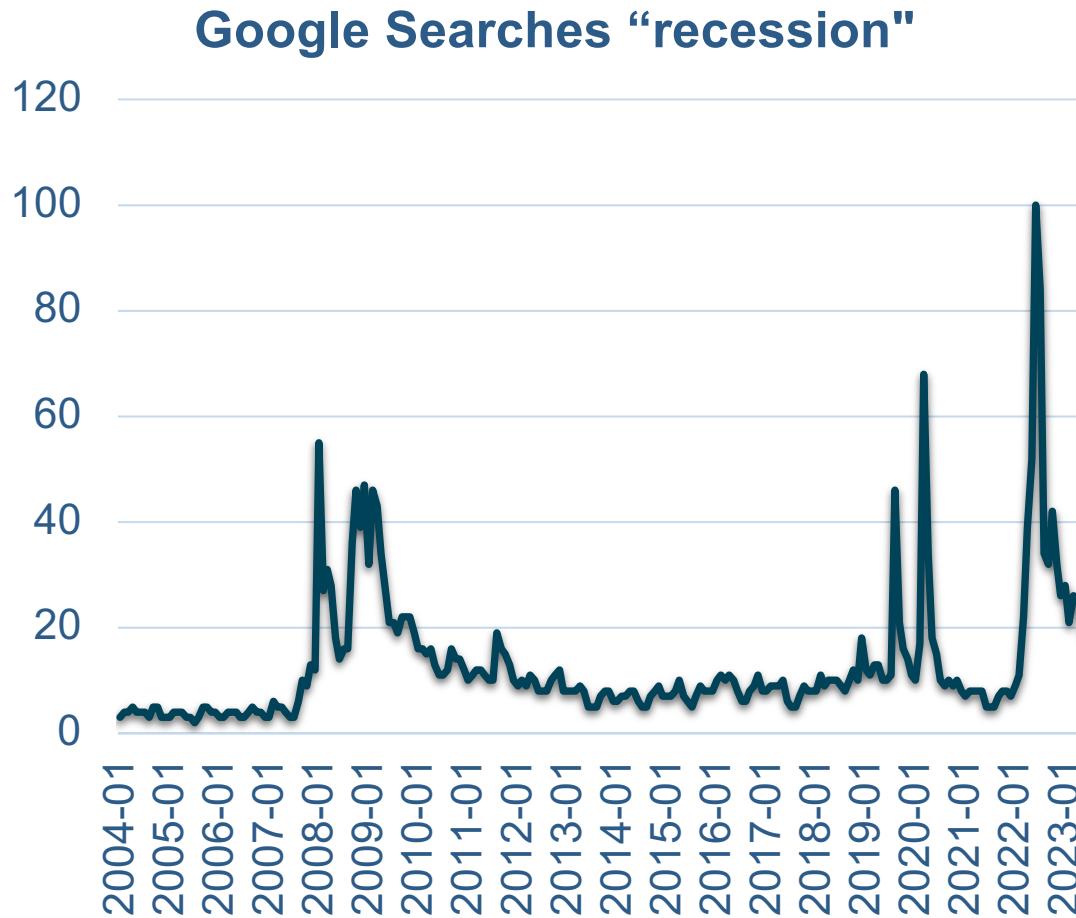


US Recession Probability (0-1)



Source: The Conference Board, 2023

Mixed Economic Signals to start 2023





Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

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Silicon Valley Bank, Signature Bank collapses explained, live updates on new developments

Elisabeth Buchwald, Francesca Chambers, Bailey Schulz and Medora Lee

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Exclusive: Westfield giving up S.F. mall in wake of Nordstrom closure, plunging sales and foot traffic



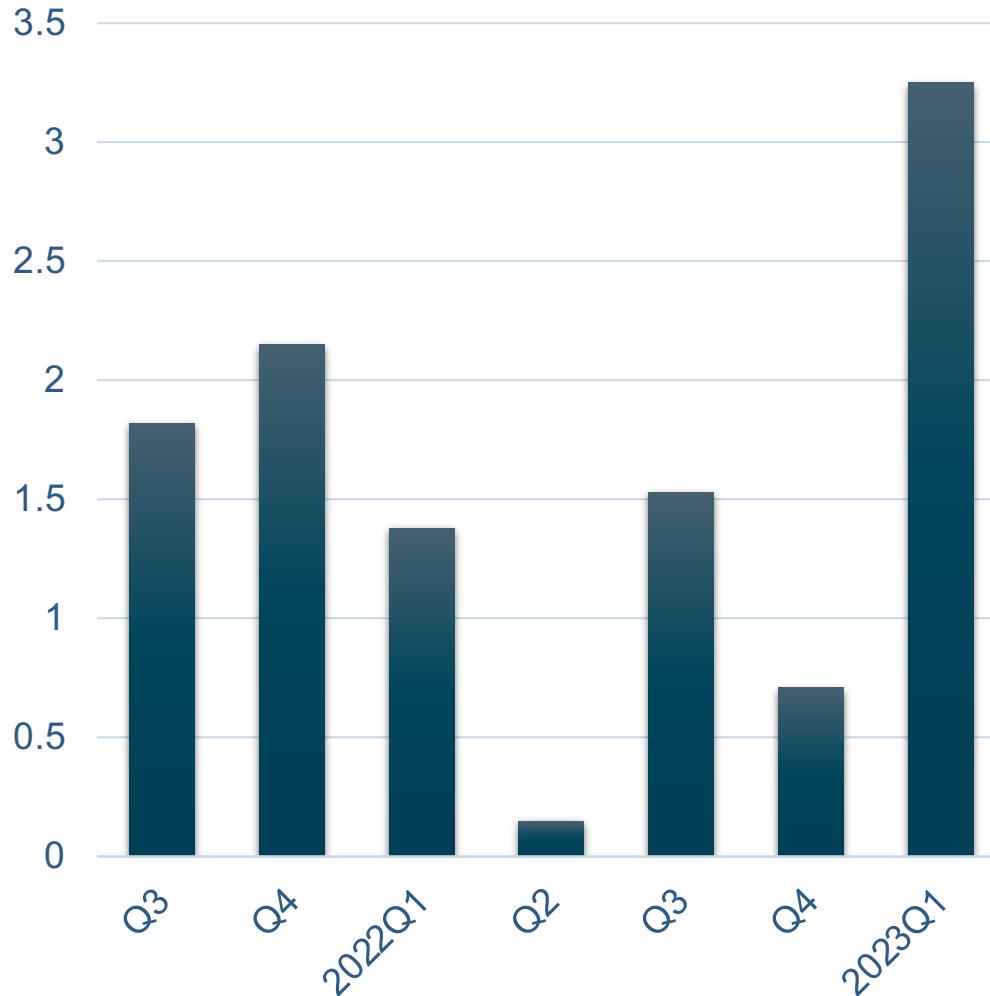
Roland Li

June 12, 2023 | Updated: June 12, 2023 6:35 p.m.

The Reality: It's the Godot Recession



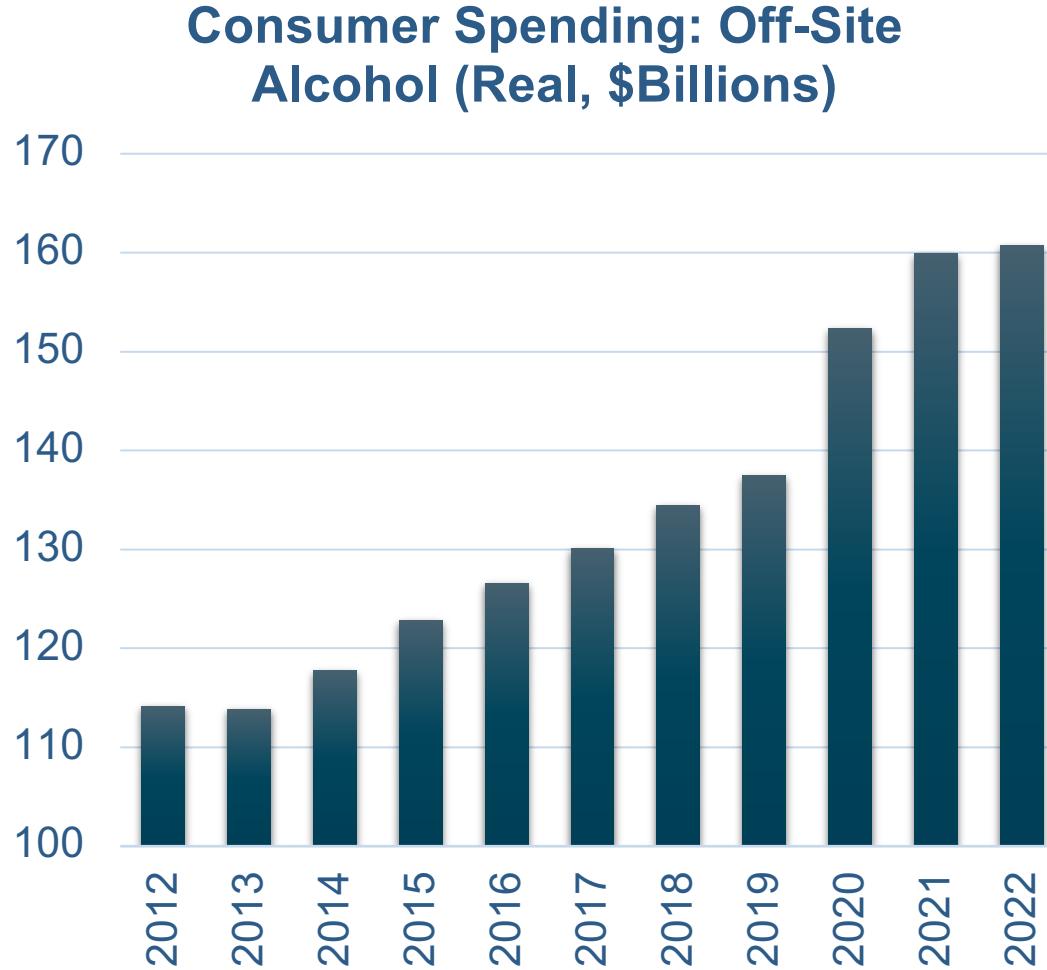
Growth in Final Demand (SAAR)



Contributions to GDP Growth

	2019	2022	2023
GDP	2.3	2.1	1.1
Final Demand	2.36	1.76	3.25
Personal consumption	1.34	1.85	2.48
Goods	0.66	-0.11	1.45
Services	0.69	1.96	1.03
Fixed investment	0.44	-0.03	-0.07
Structures	0.07	-0.17	0.29
Equipment	0.07	0.22	-0.39
IPP	0.34	0.46	0.2
Residential	-0.04	-0.53	-0.17
Inventories	0.05	0.74	-2.26
Net exports	-0.11	-0.4	0.11
Exports	0.06	0.79	0.54
Imports	-0.17	-1.19	-0.43
Government	0.58	-0.1	0.81
Federal	0.25	-0.17	0.49
State and local	0.32	0.07	0.31

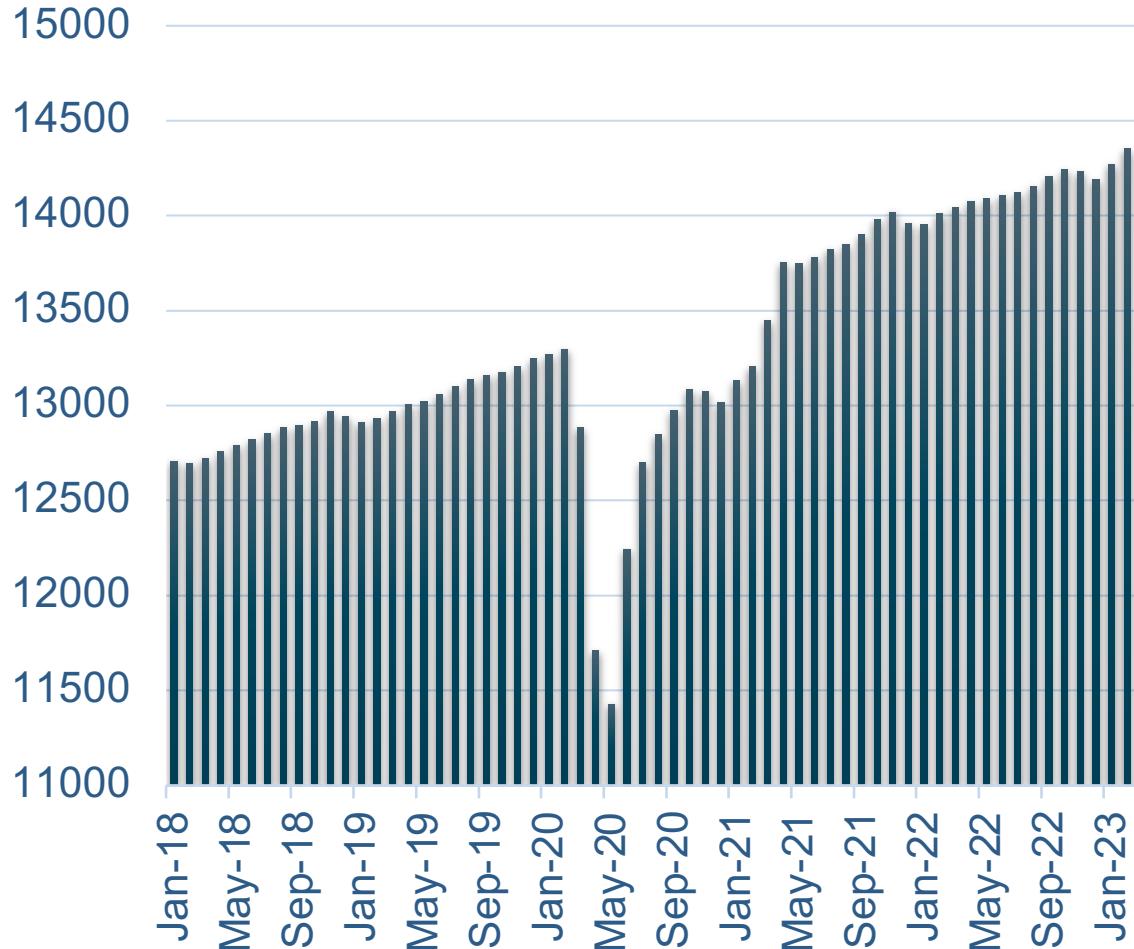
Americans: Driven to drink and gamble!



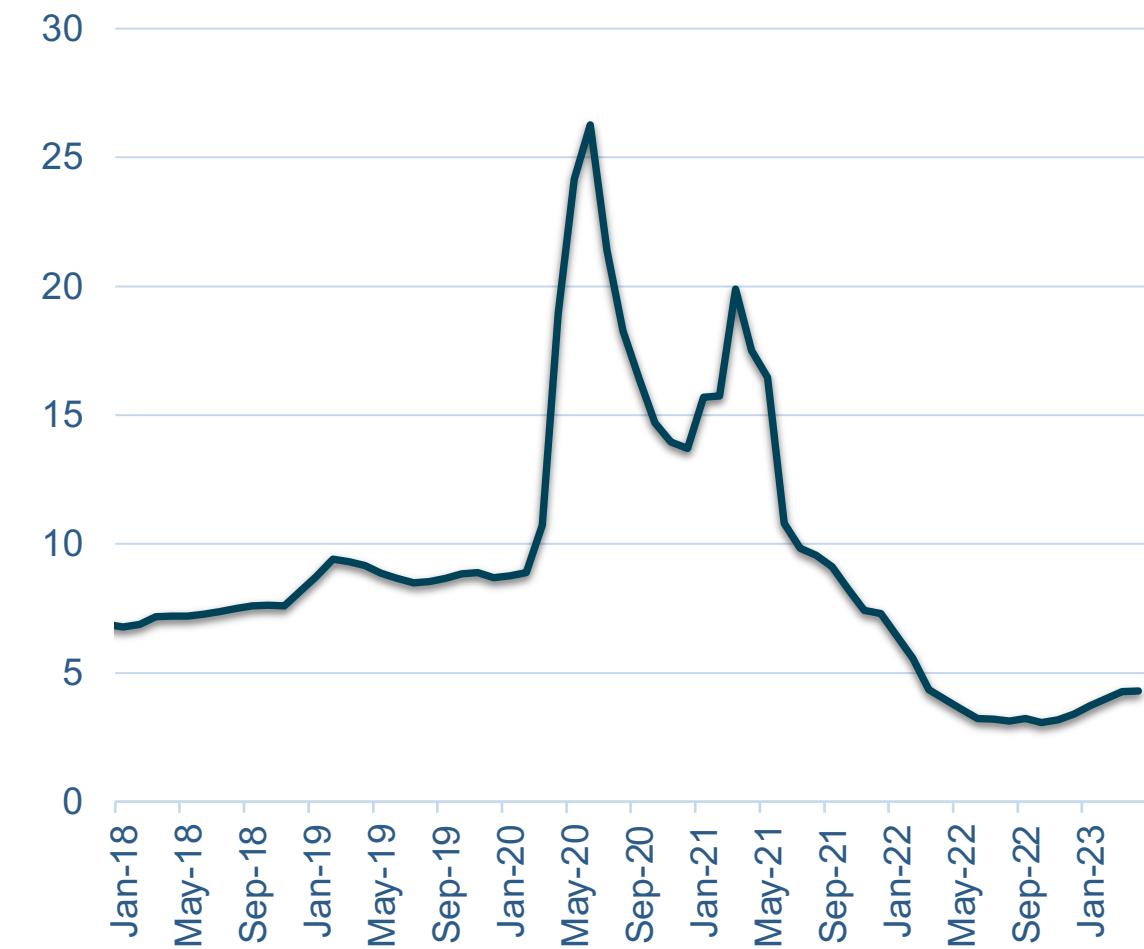
Recent Data: Consumers alive and well



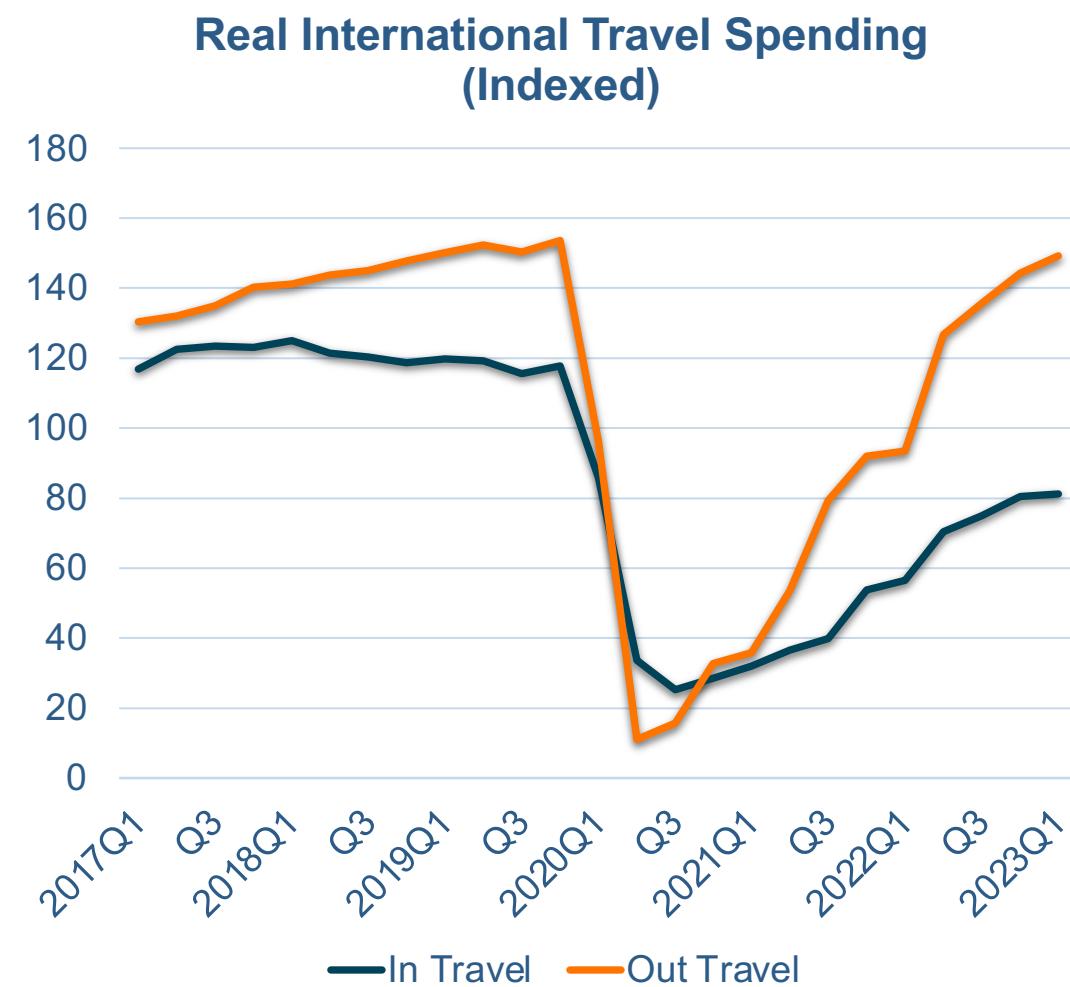
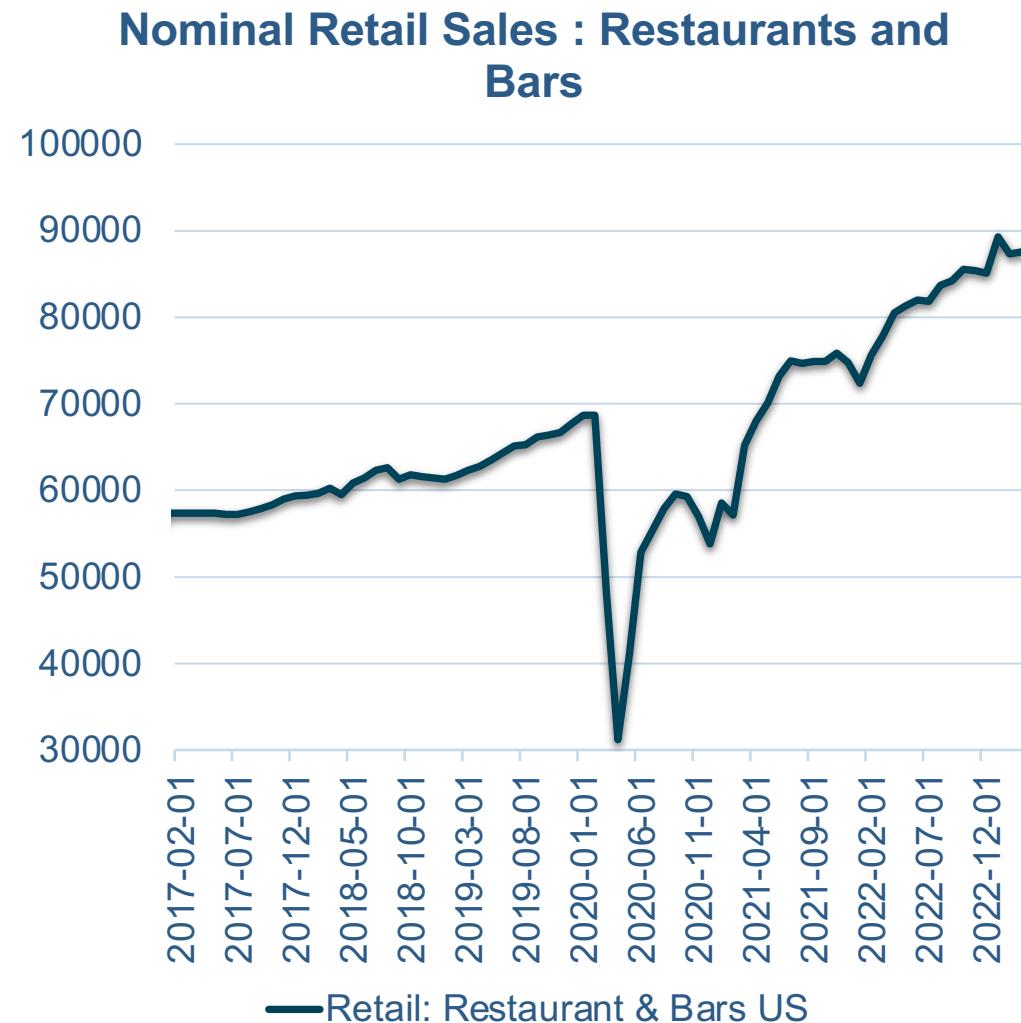
Real Consumer Spending



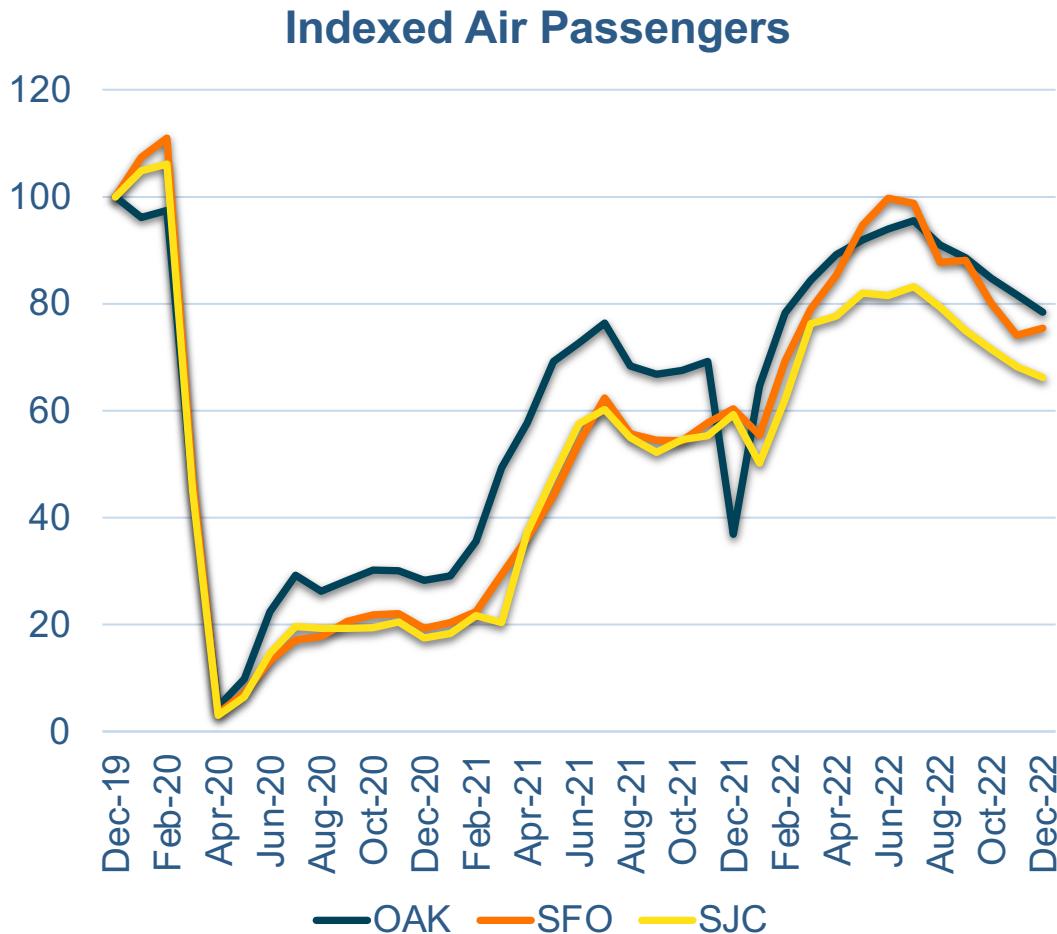
US Personal Savings Rate



A shift back to consumer services...



Travel

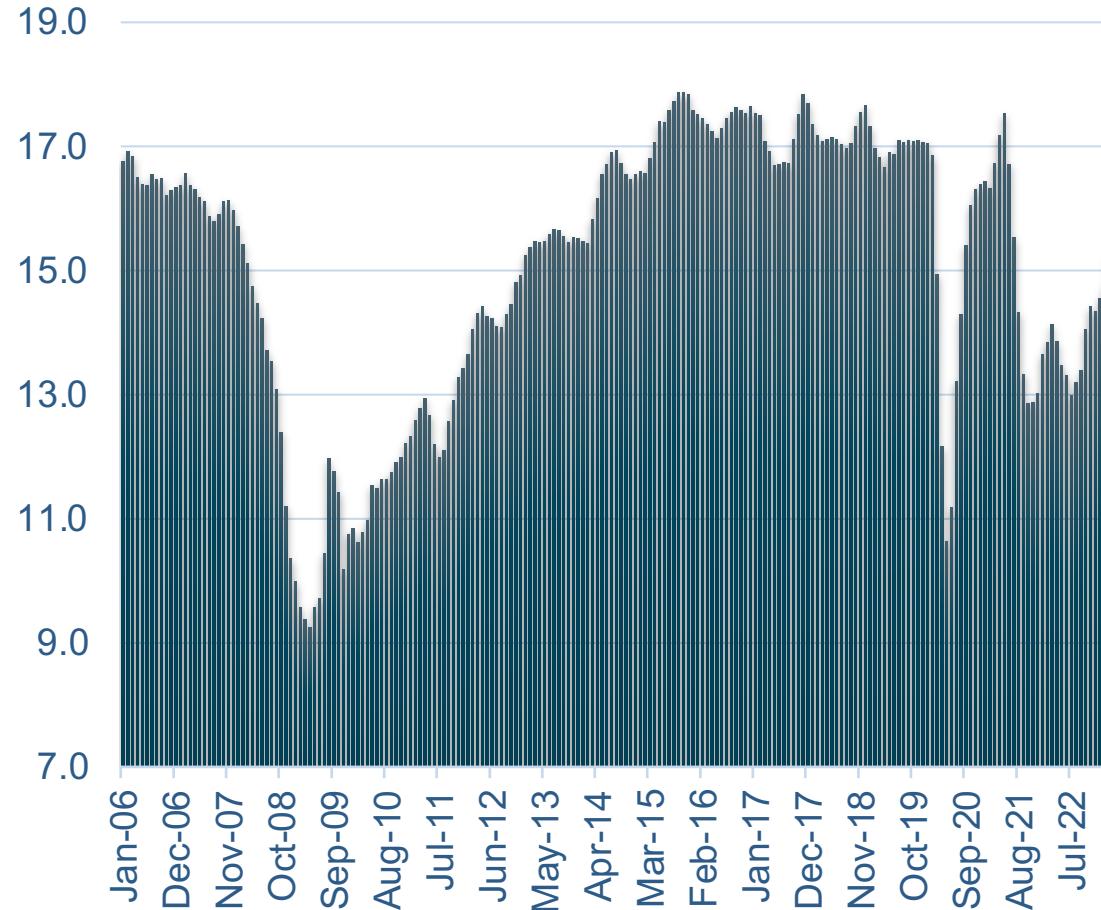


Region	RevPAR		Occupancy Rate	
	Q4-22	3-Yr % Gr.	Q4-22	3-Yr Dif
United States	\$91.9	8.6	64.6%	-1.4
Las Vegas	\$99	49.3	62.4%	16.7
Inland Empire	\$89.4	13.0	71.3%	-2.3
San Fran. (MD)	\$189.4	1.6	77.2%	-7.5
Los Ang. (MD)	\$130.2	-0.5	73.9%	-7.7
Oakland (MD)	\$104.8	-12.4	68.5%	-7.3
San Jose	\$107.1	-24.6	63.8%	-11.5

Still pent-up consumer demand



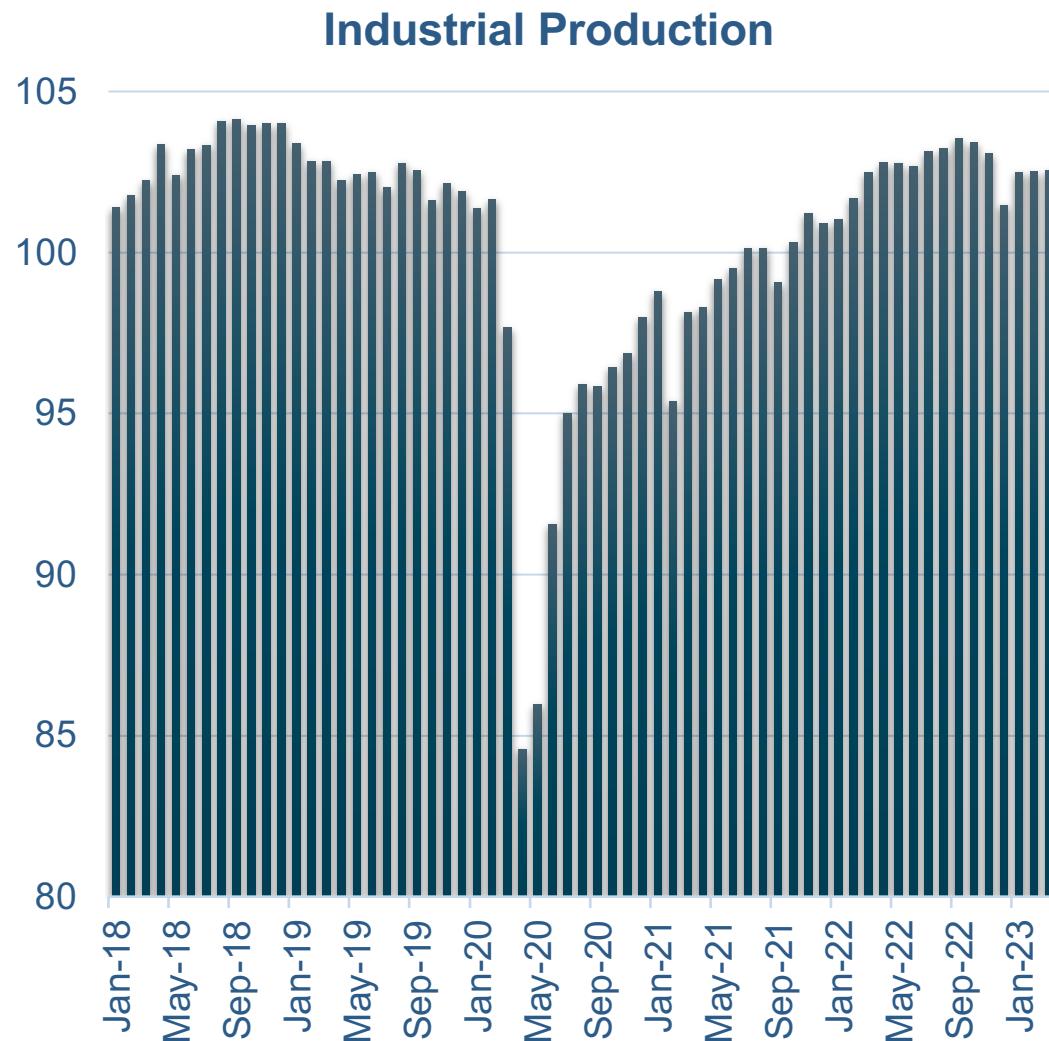
Auto and Light Truck Sales (SAAR)



Autos Inventory / Sales Ratios

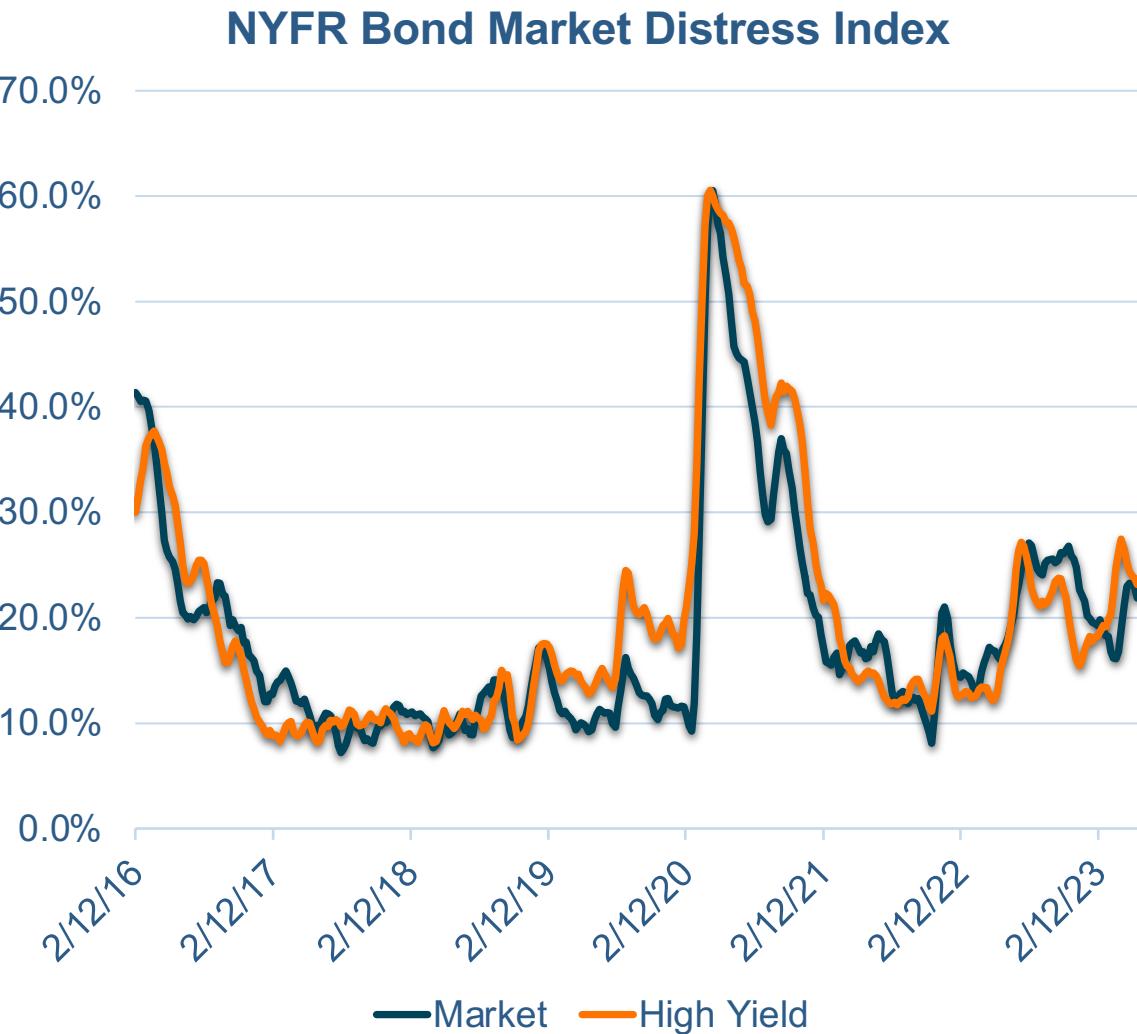
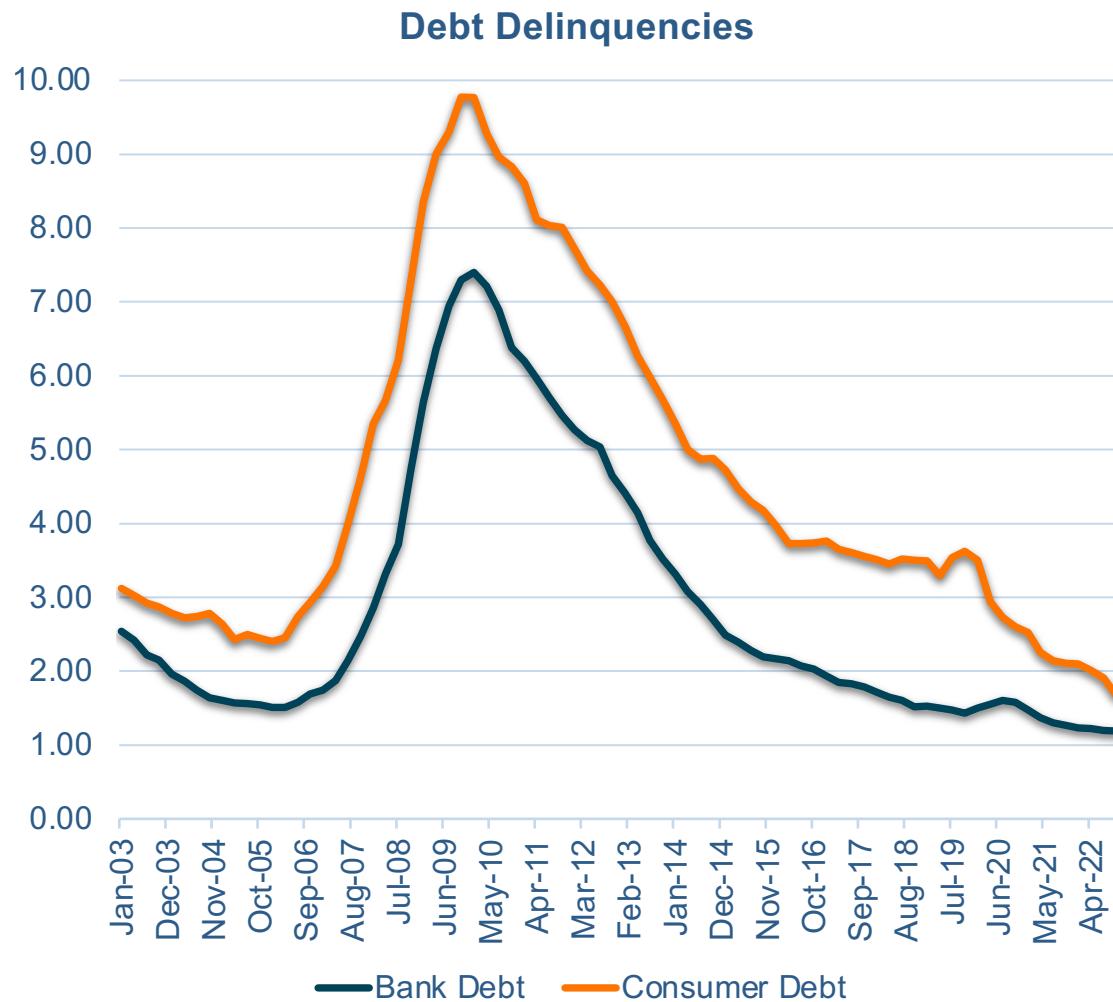


Businesses are Investing / Producing



Real Business Investment	2023		
	Q4	Q1	
Private fixed investment	3425	3512	2.5%
Software	485.2	679.2	40.0%
Research and development	468.2	547.2	16.9%
Entertainment, literary, and artistic	85.8	96.9	12.9%
Information processing equipment	479.5	541.5	12.9%
Manufacturing	62.4	70	12.2%
Industrial equipment	238.2	262	10.0%
Other equipment ⁵	235.1	226.5	-3.7%
Transportation equipment	268.1	253.2	-5.6%
Mining exploration, shafts	115.6	107.3	-7.2%
Commercial and health care	174.4	141.6	-18.8%
Other structures	101.7	74.4	-26.8%
Power and communication	128.9	81.5	-36.8%

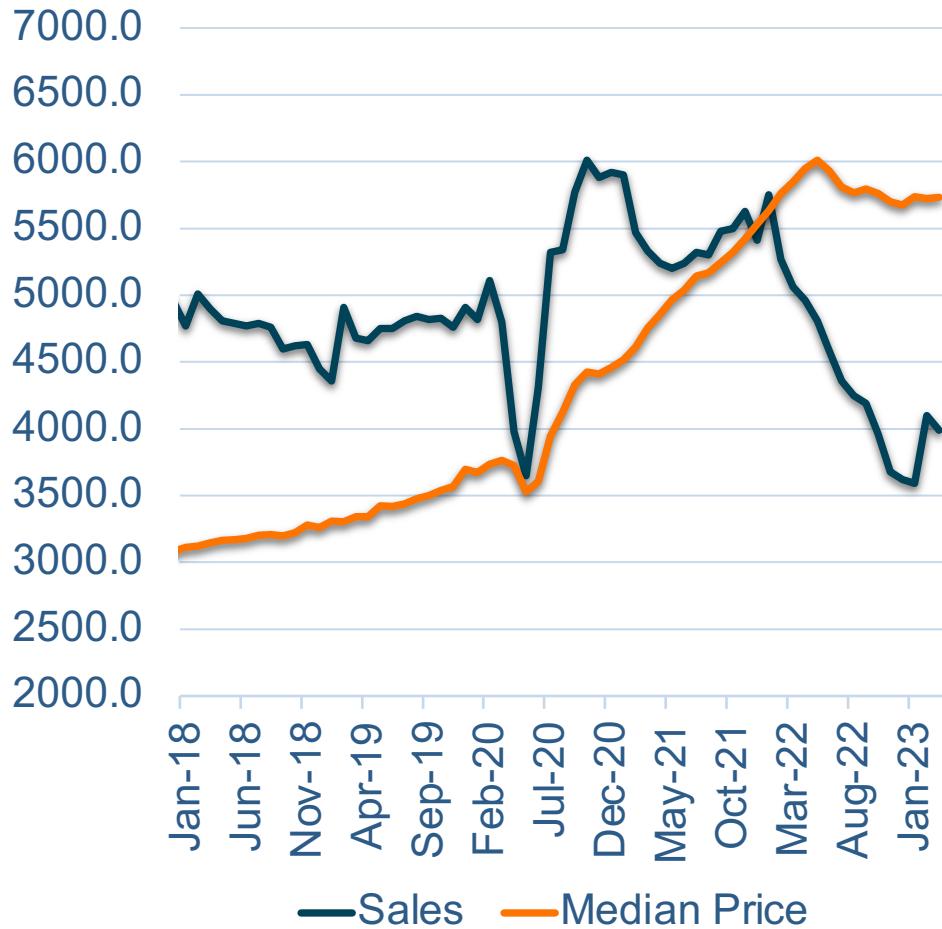
Debt Markets (So far) Not Fussed by Rates



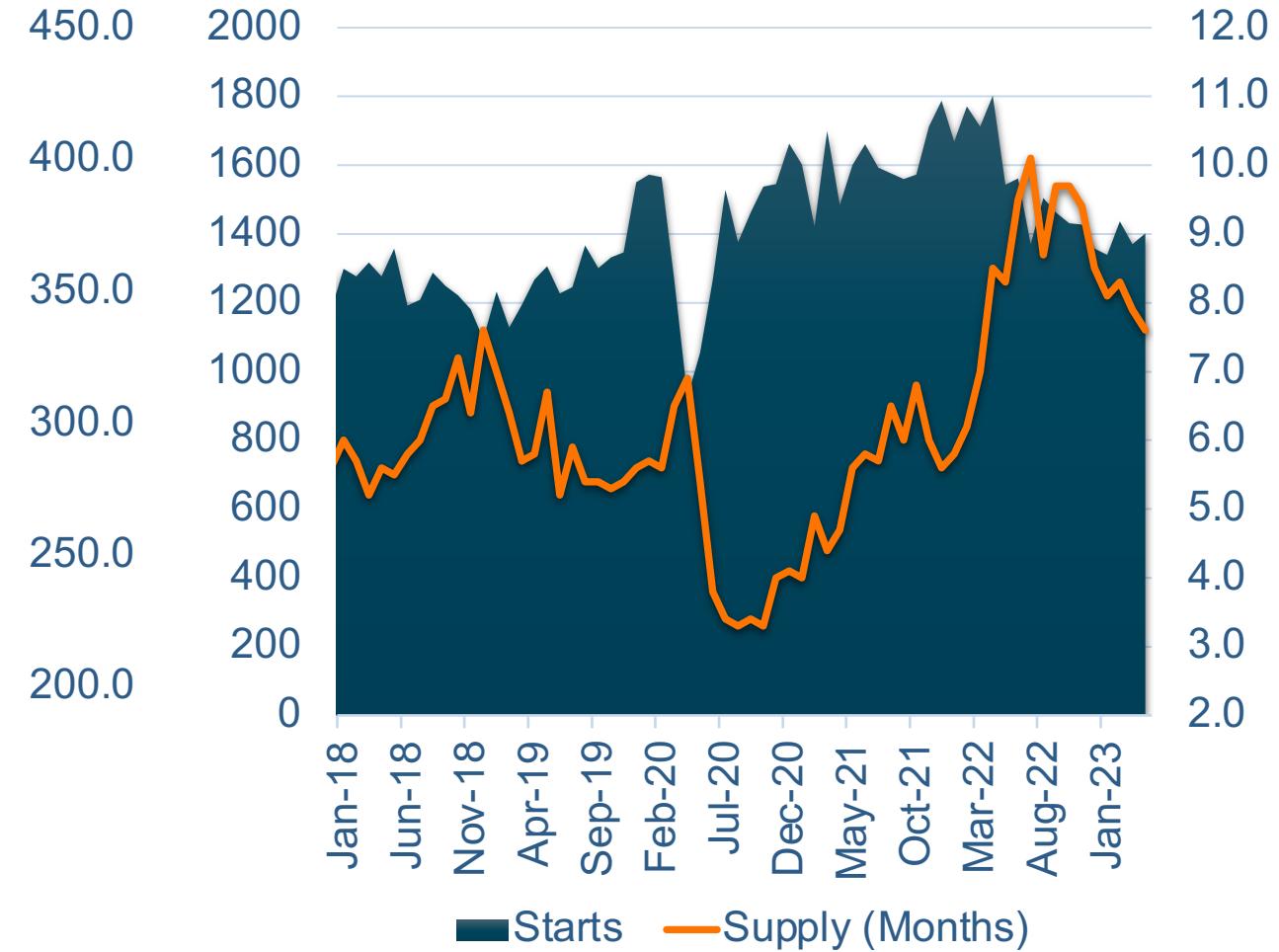
The Housing Market



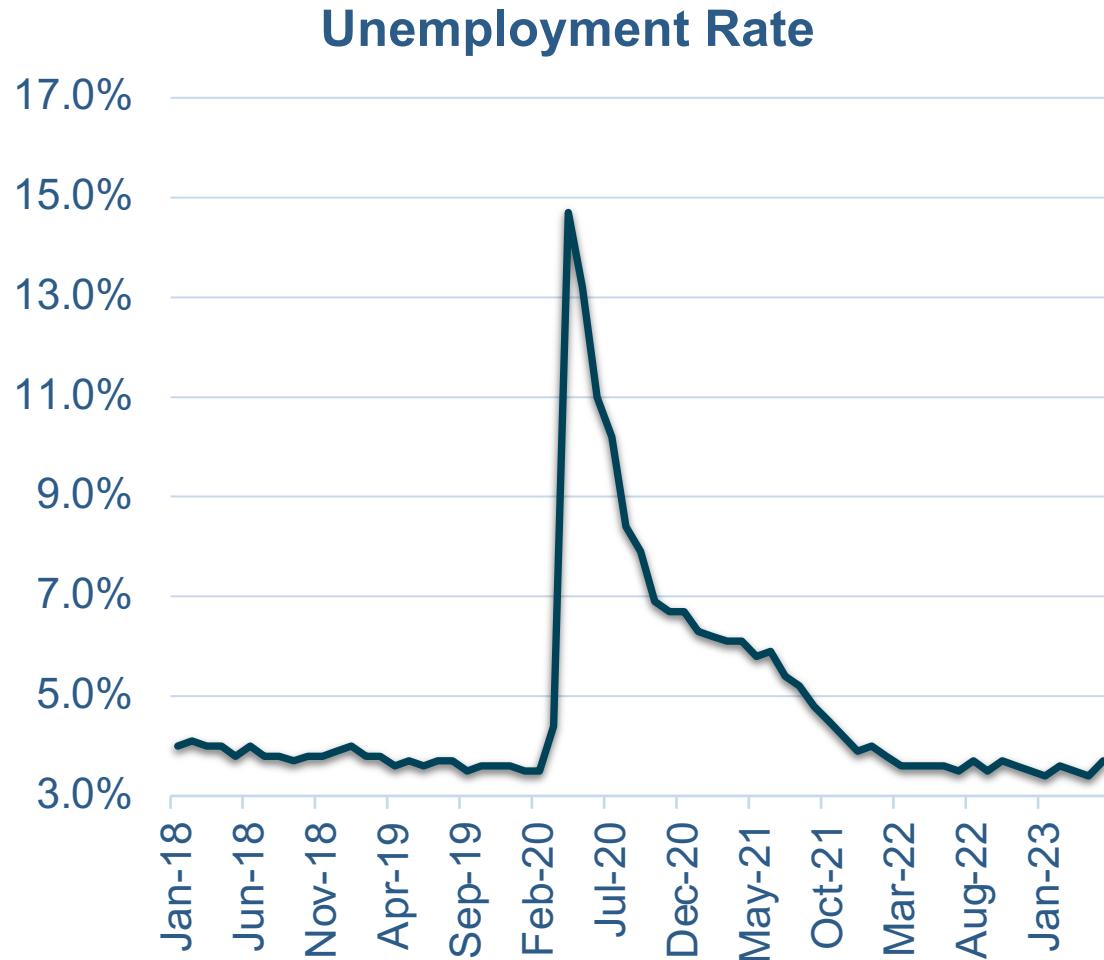
Resale Housing (NAR)



New Housing



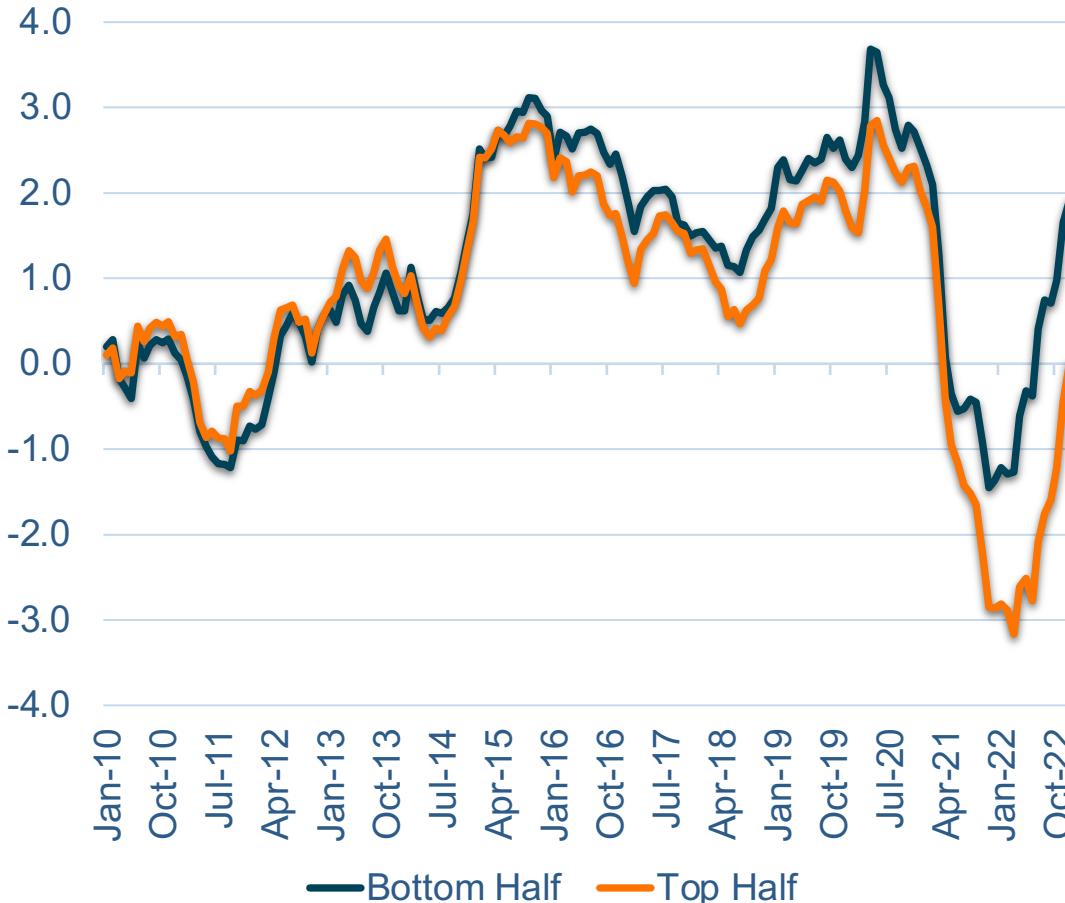
Recent Labor Market Evidence



The Upside to Labor Shortages



Worker Real Earnings Growth



Weekly Earnings for Non-Supervisory Employees

	Q1 23	Gr 17-20	Gr 20-23
Accommodation	\$603.5	6.5%	33.8%
Childcare	\$561.8	11.6%	28.7%
Food and Drink	\$418.6	10.6%	26.2%
Nursing Homes	\$704.4	12.6%	23.5%
Truck Transport	\$1,200.4	13.3%	20.1%
Total Private	\$964.8	10.0%	19.6%
Retail	\$620.0	14.6%	19.0%
Warehouses	\$857.2	10.0%	14.2%



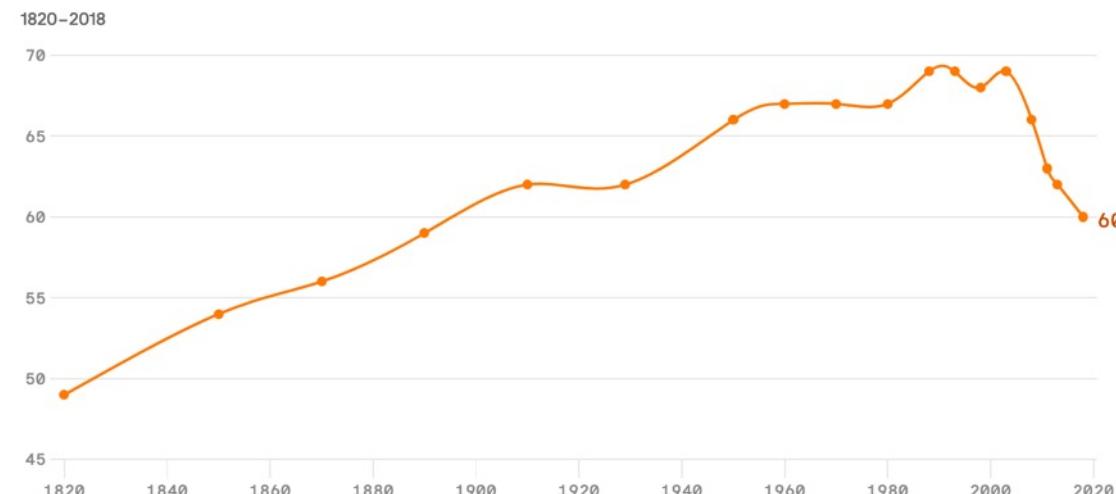
Global inequality at lowest level in nearly 150 years



Felix Salmon, author of [Axios Markets](#)



Estimated Gini global income inequality index



Data: Branko Milanovic; Chart: Axios Visuals

How did we get here? Miserabilism...



CBO: Coronavirus pandemic will scar U.S. labor market for the next decade

Coronavirus: Leading economist warns of 10 years of depression and debt

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As many as 30% of Americans with home loans — about **15 million** households — could stop paying if the U.S. economy remains closed through the summer or beyond, according to an estimate by **Mark Zandi**, chief economist for Moody's Analytics.

Coronavirus to cause worst economic downturn since Great Depression, IMF forecasts

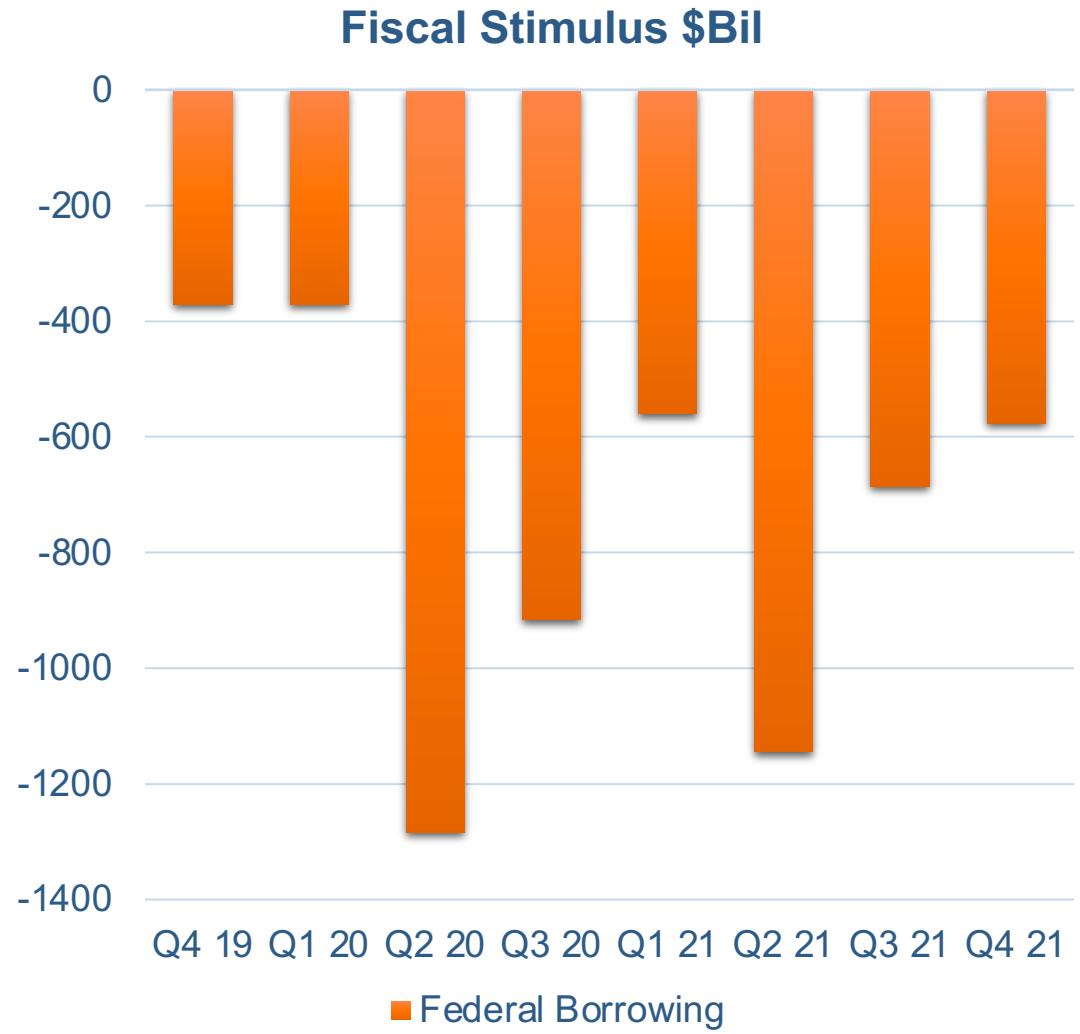
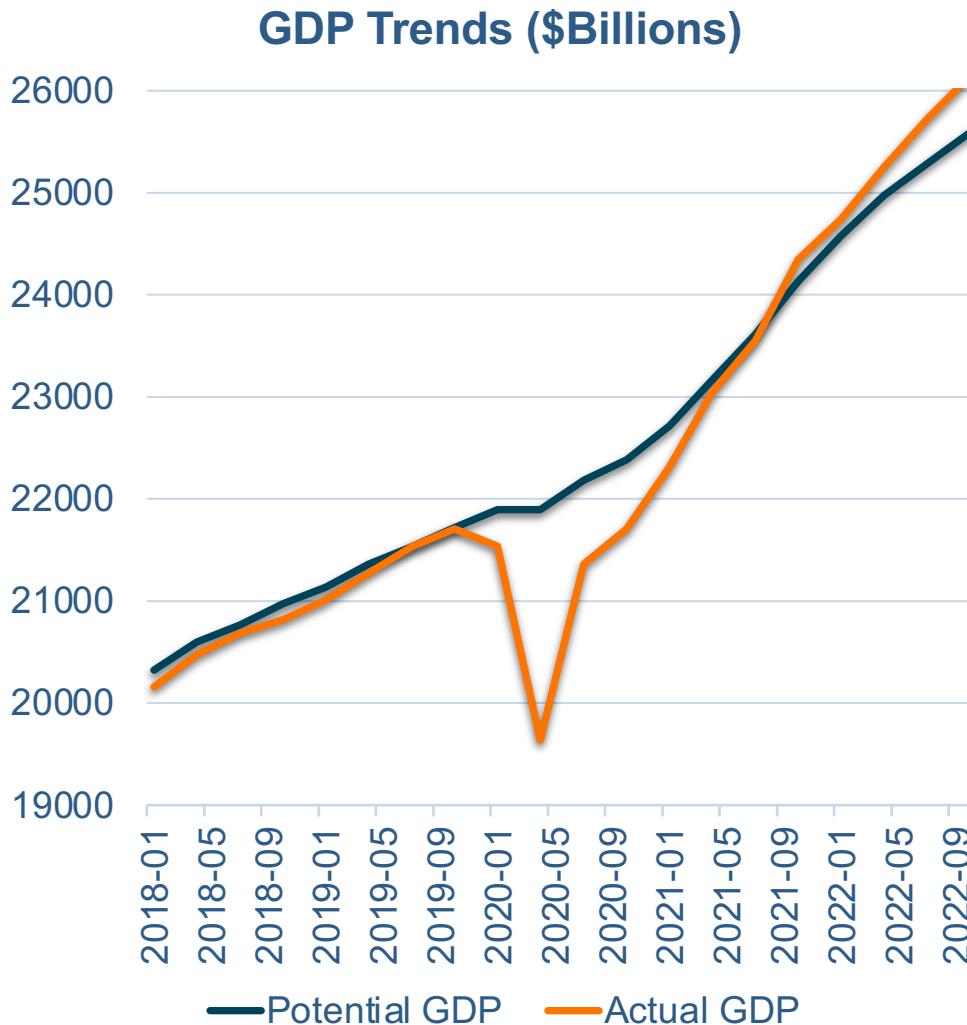
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What shape will the recovery take? U-shape, check mark, square root symbol, and swoosh are all on the table, say economists

Home prices rose in June, but they'll likely fall in 2021: CoreLogic

'Make no mistake...the pandemic morphed into a Depression-like crisis,' says UCLA economist, who predicts U.S. economy won't recover from coronavirus until 2023

The Pandemic Over-reaction





Actual Lost GDP: \$1.2 Trillion

Fiscal Stimulus: \$6 Trillion

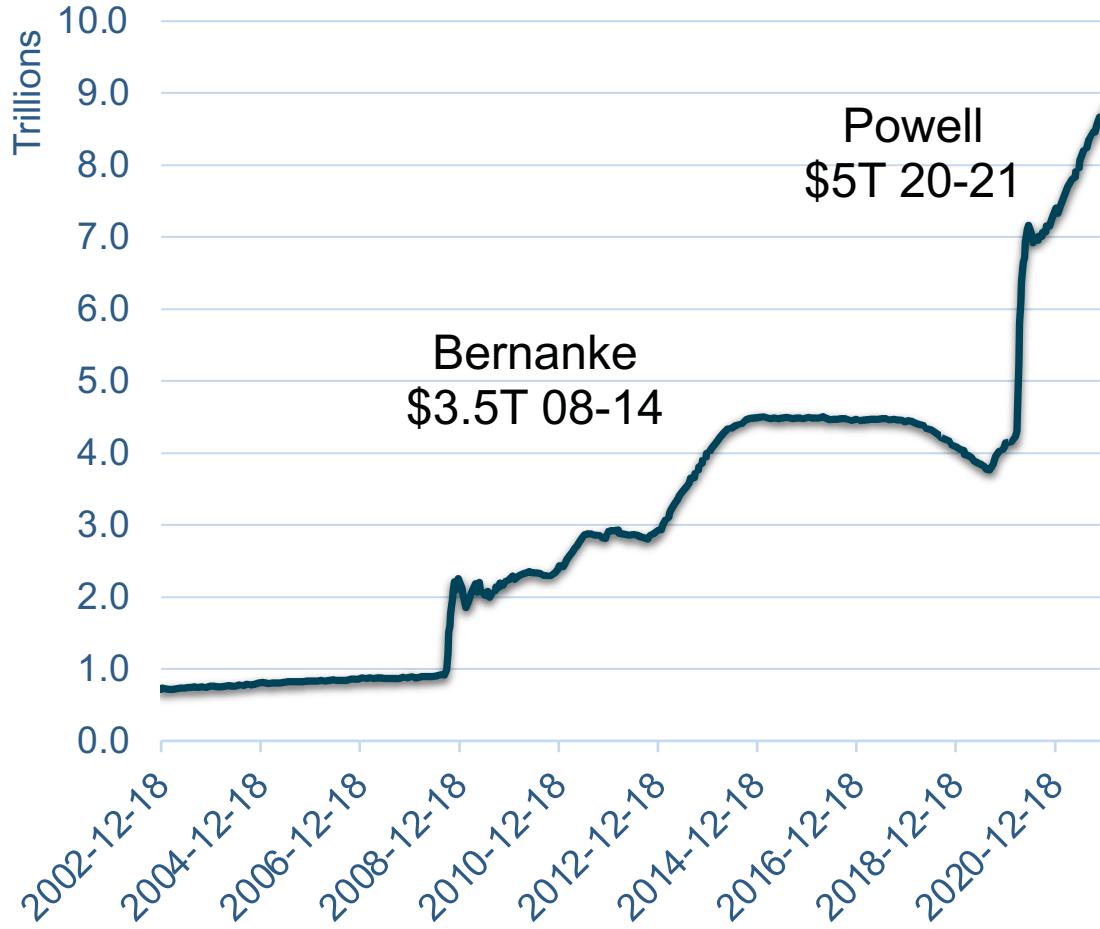
5 to 1 stimulus to loss ratio

\$16,000 net per capita in the US

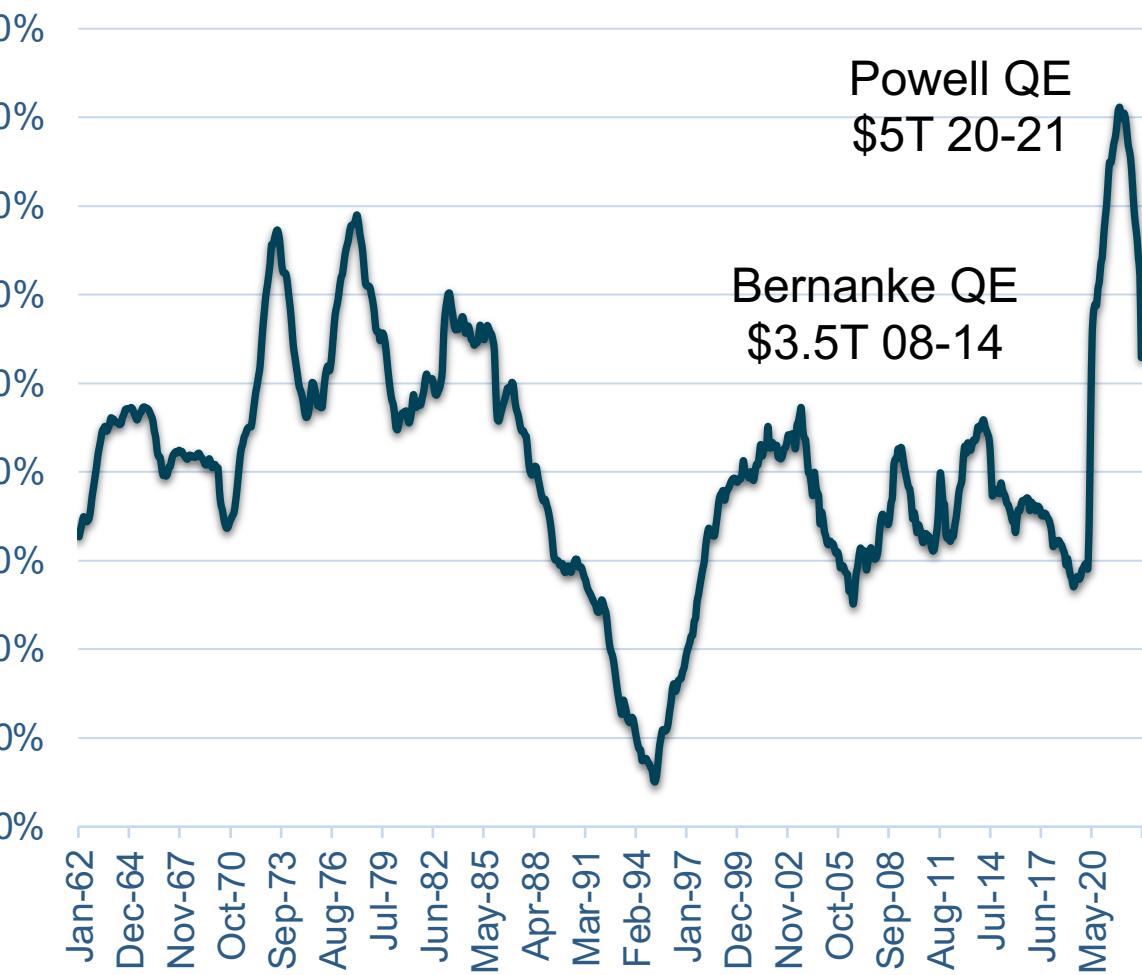
Federal Fiscal (Over)reaction



Federal Reserve Balance Sheet Assets



M2 Growth Rate (3 Year)



QE and Money: Then vs Now



The Problem of Excess Money

Short term: Money illusion

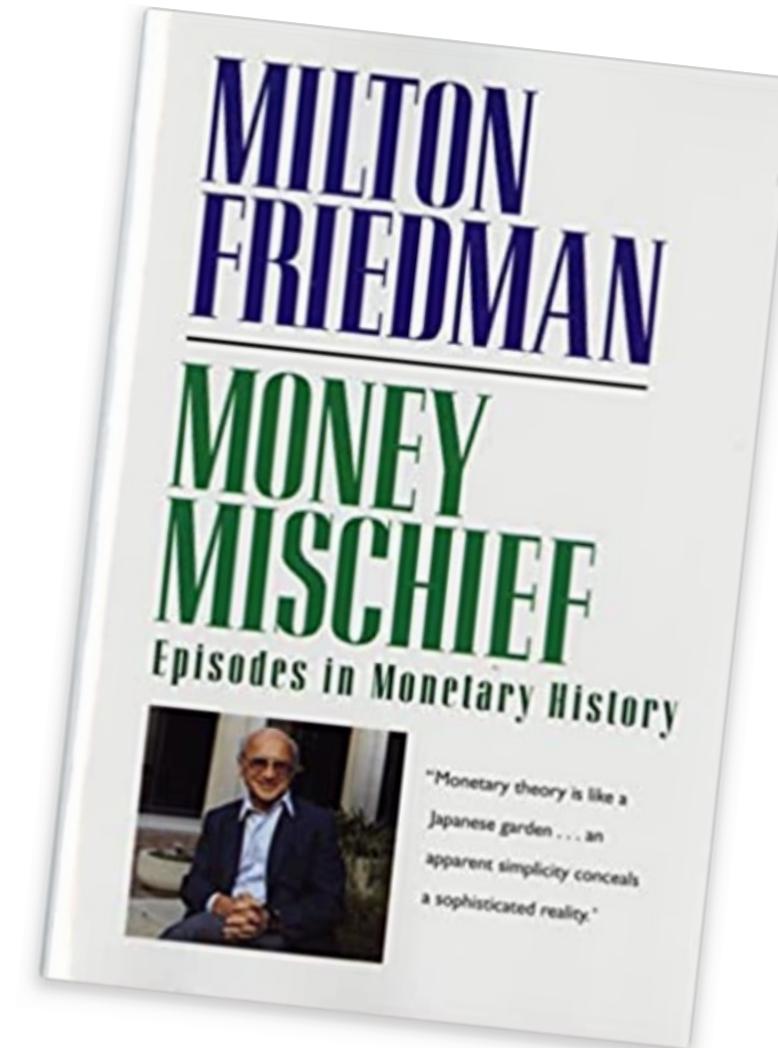
- Falling interest rates
- Asset price bubbles form
- Spending and investment binge ensues

Medium term: The Hangover

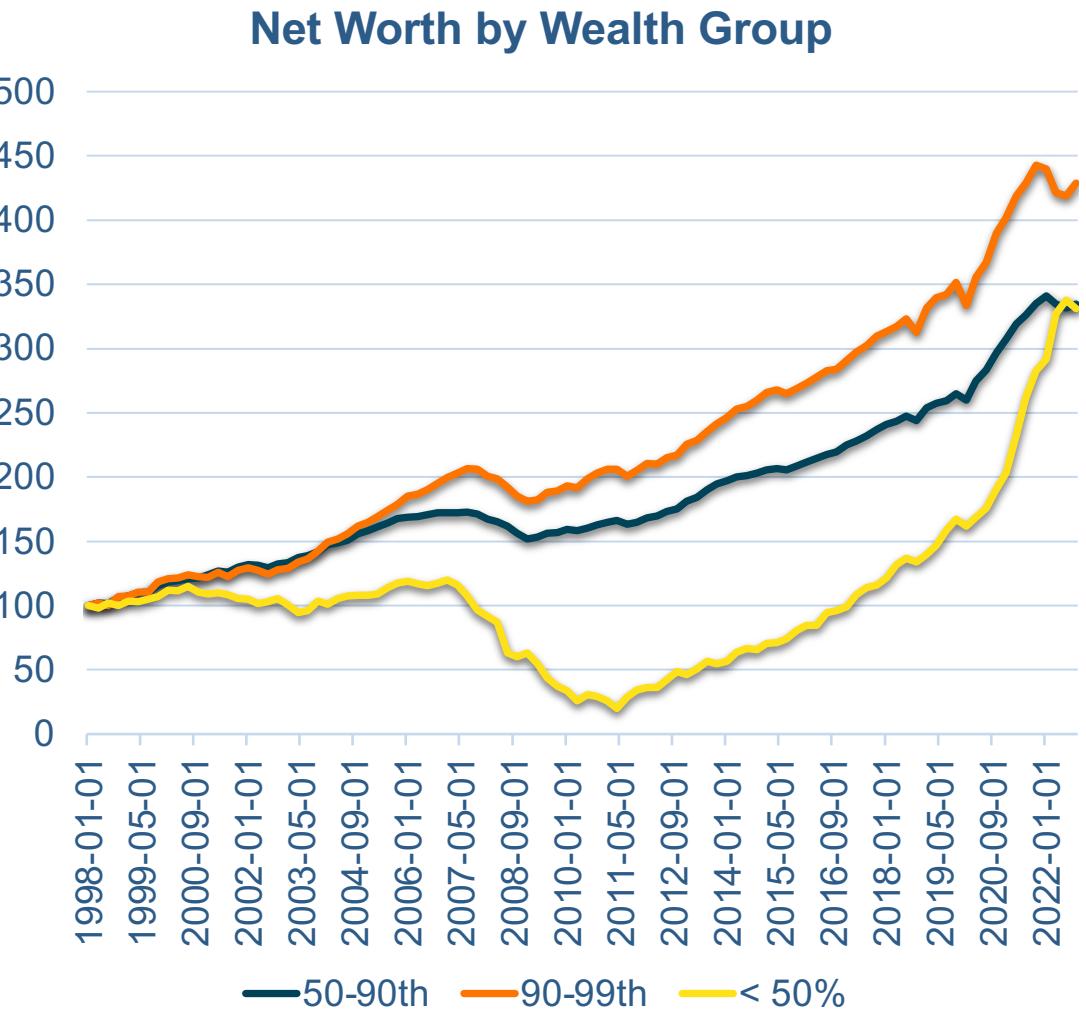
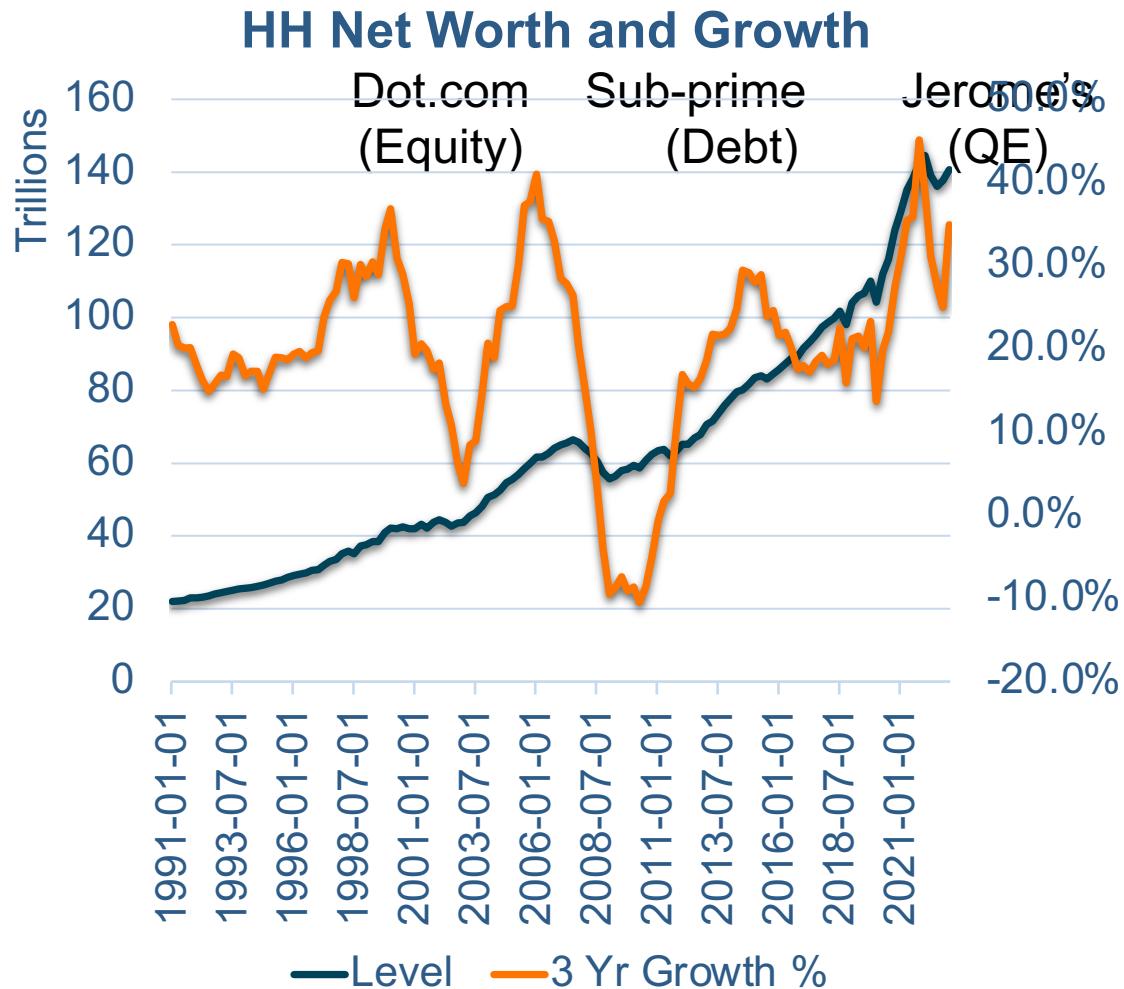
- Inflation hits, rates rise
- Asset markets sag
- Spending goes back to normal

Long Run

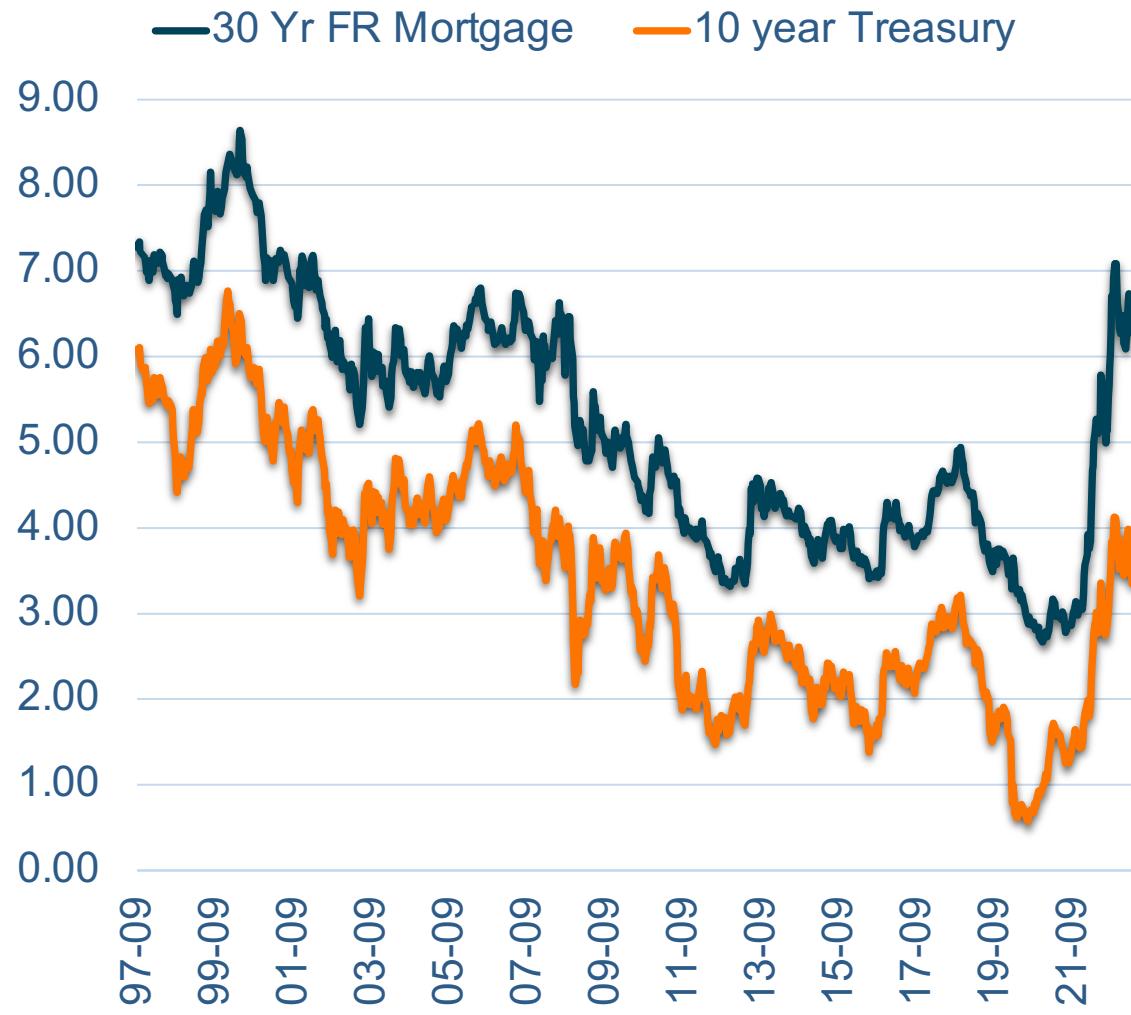
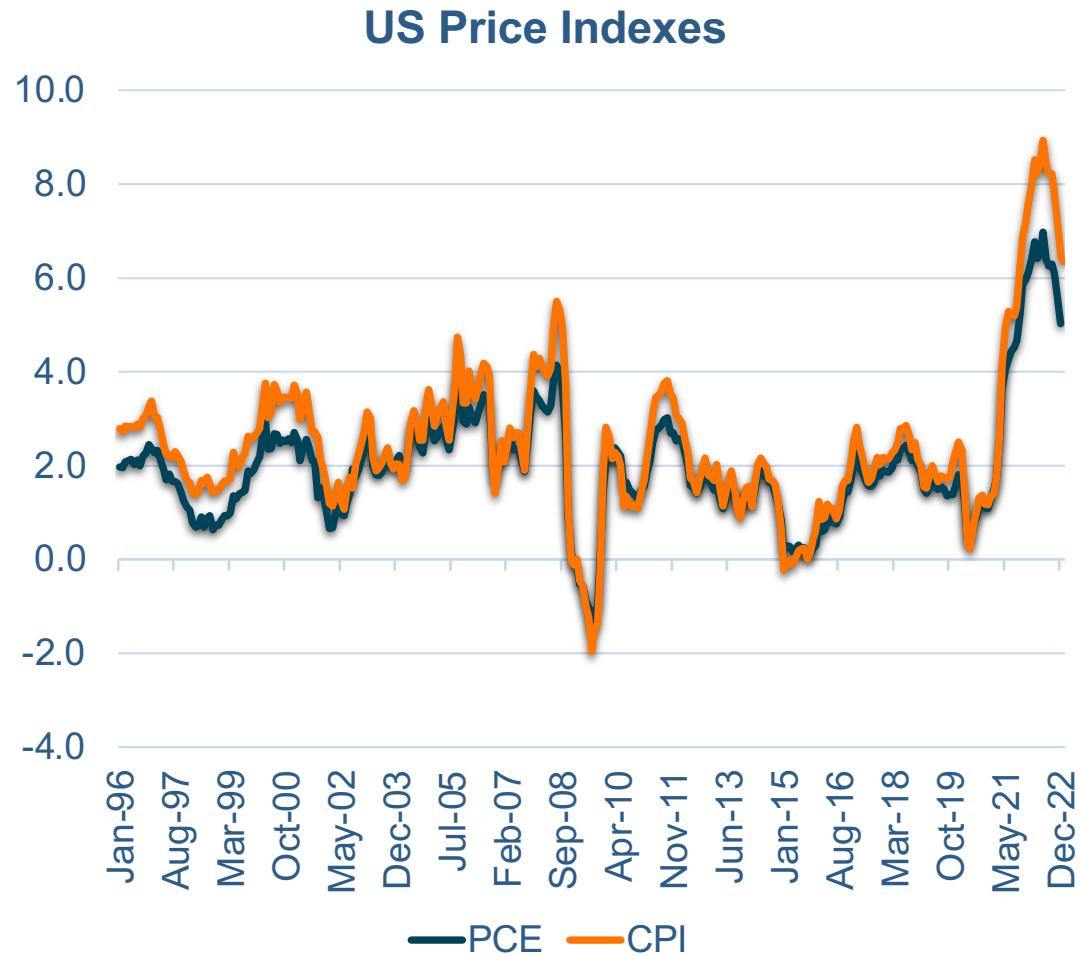
- Transfers of wealth from savers to debtors
- Financial risk increase, diminished real investment



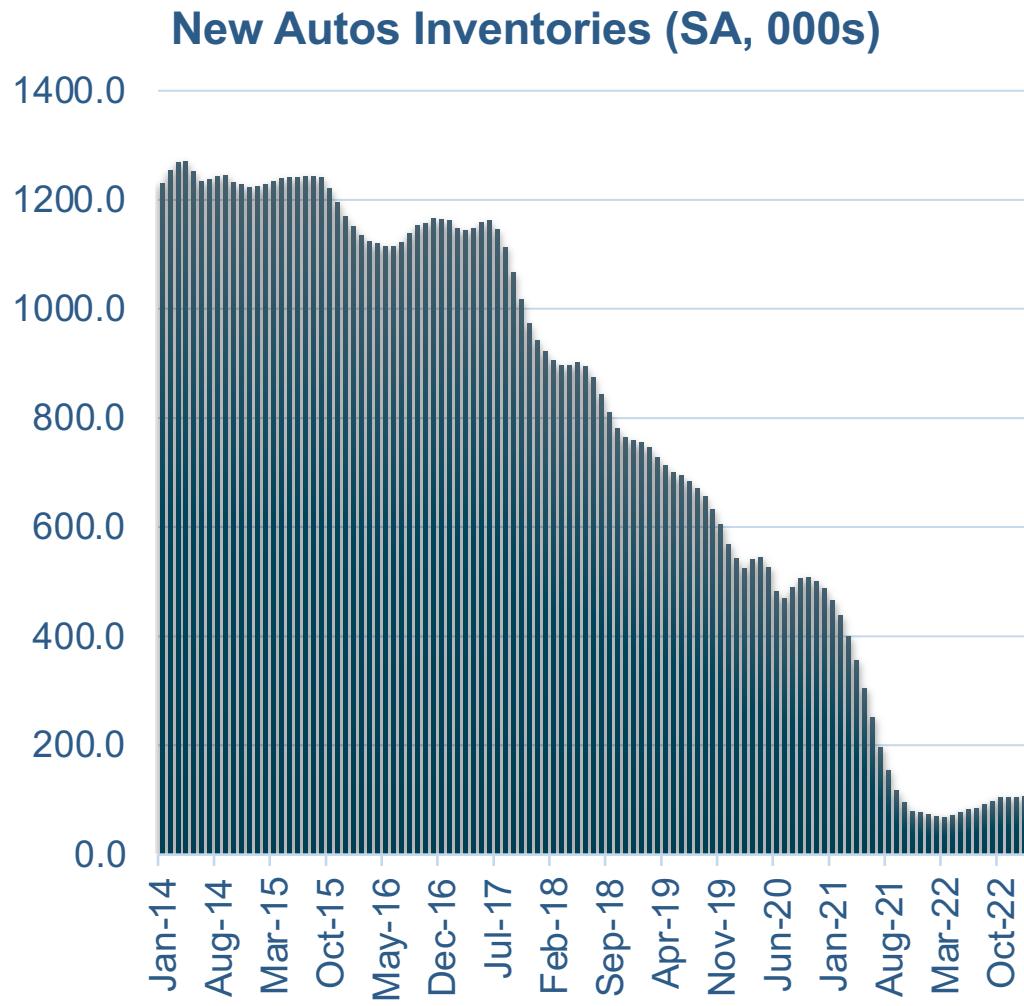
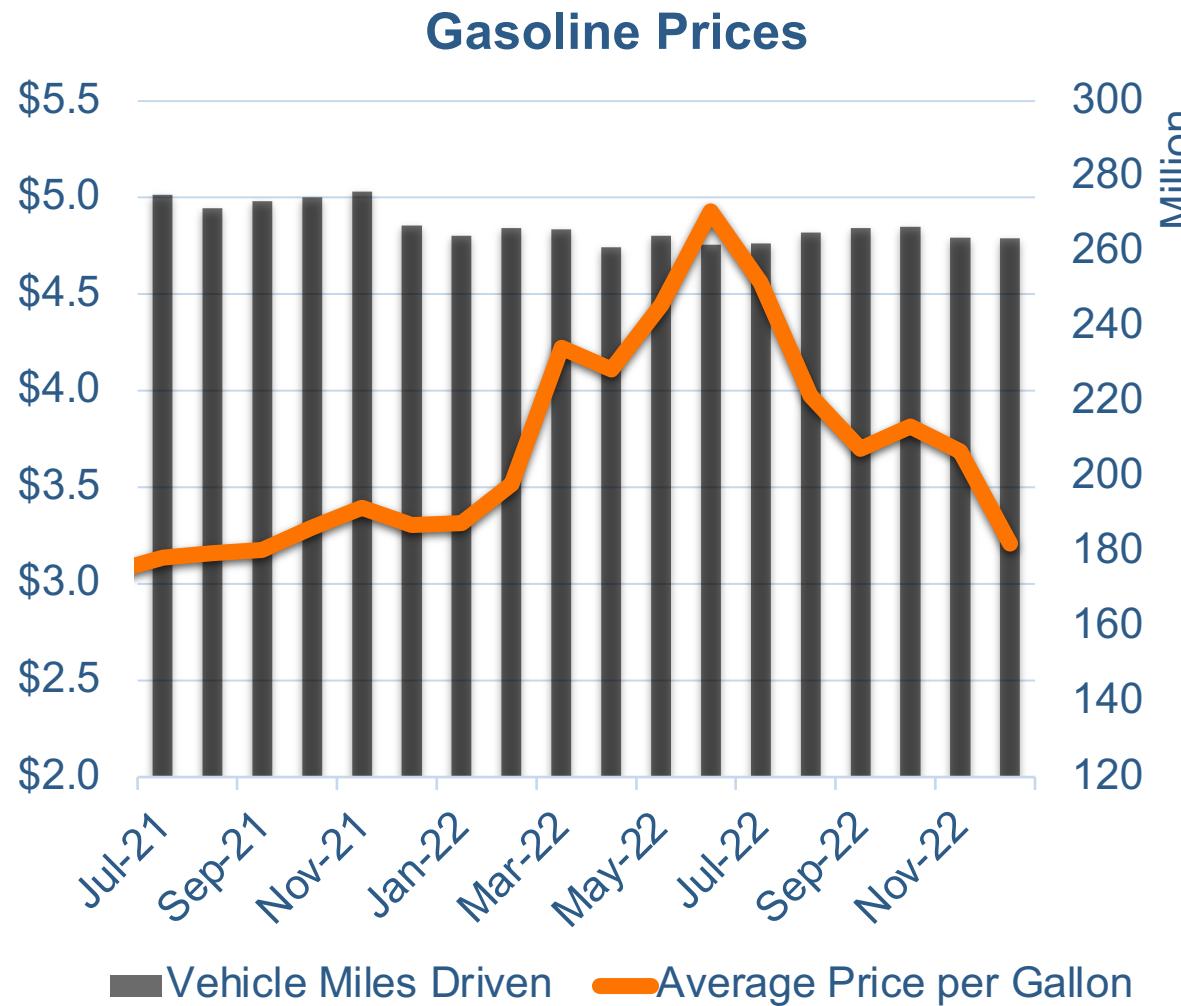
Recent US Wealth Bubbles



Inflation and the Interest Rate Ricochet



Autos: Supply or Demand?







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This is how much money you'll get from the California gas rebate



BY GRACE GEDYE
OCTOBER 14, 2022



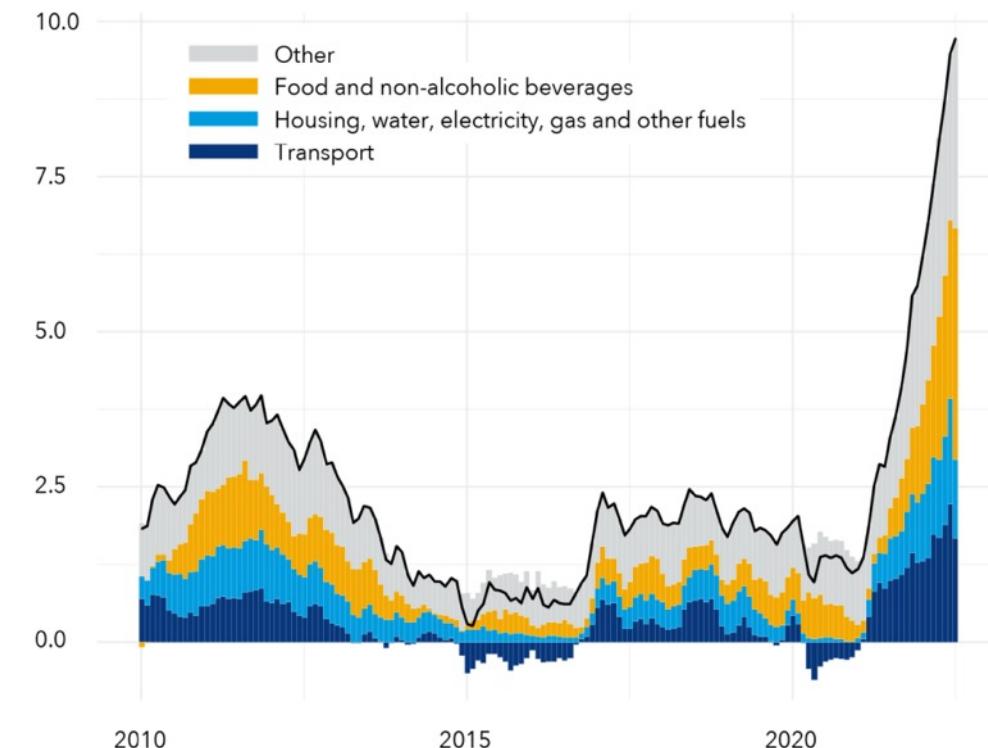
The Inflation Conversation



- Supply chain issues
- The federal deficit
- Greedy corporations and profiteering
- Not enough manufacturing jobs
- Green energy policies
- Rising wages
- Putin's fault!
- The 49'ers horrible front line
- Elon Musk can't get [his rocket] up

Inflation drivers

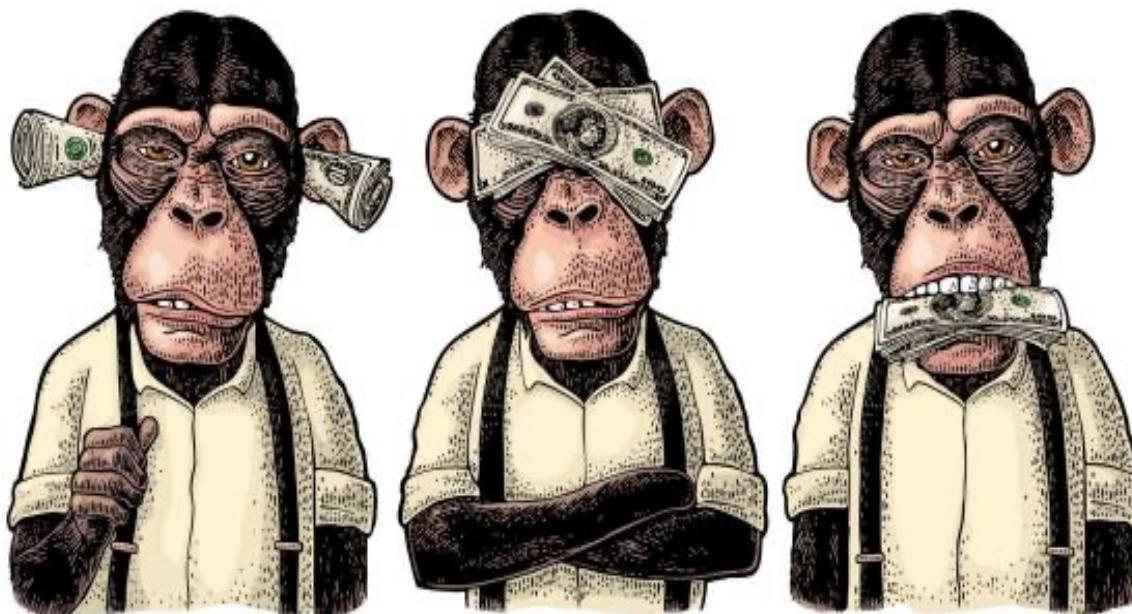
Food and energy prices continue to drive the global inflation surge.
(percent, median inflation rate)



Source: IMF CPI database and IMF staff calculations.

Note: Chart shows median total inflation and in select categories across 88 countries, including 28 advanced economies and 60 emerging and developing economies.

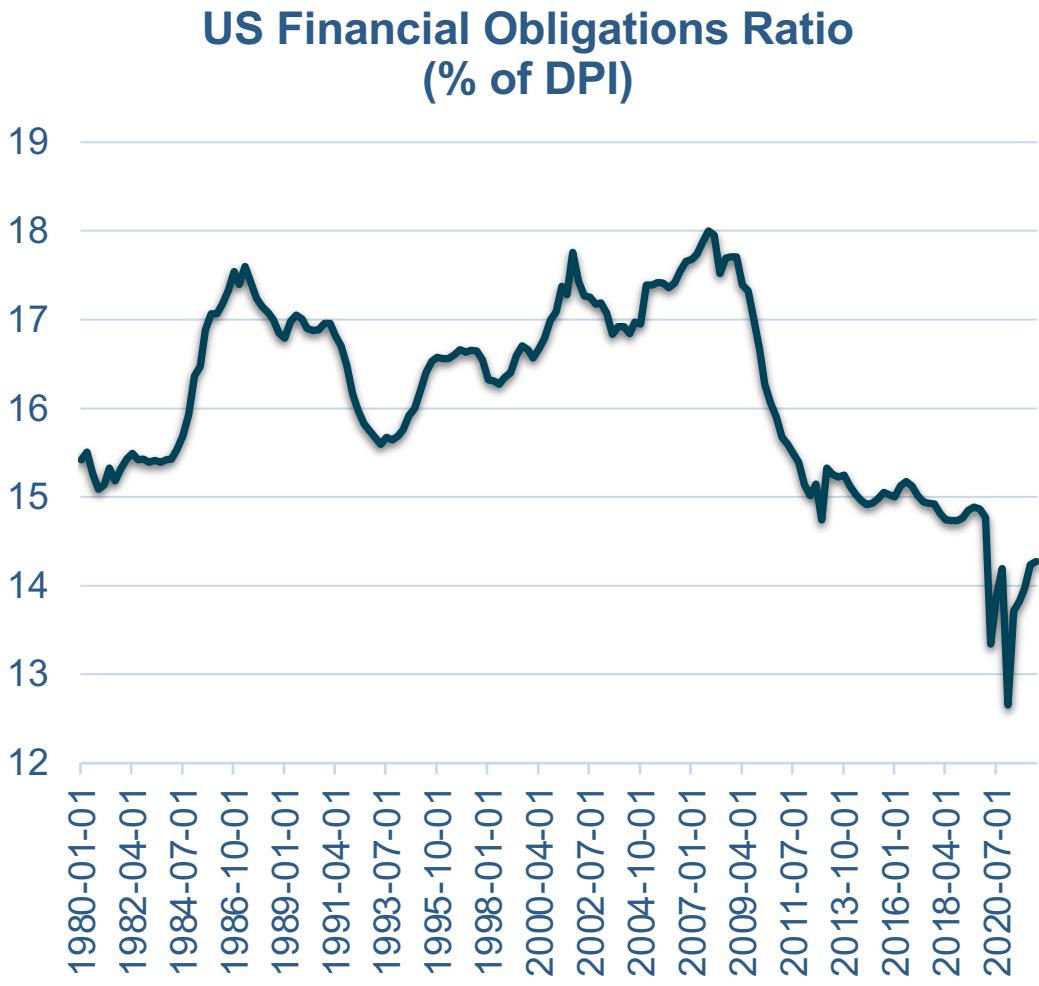
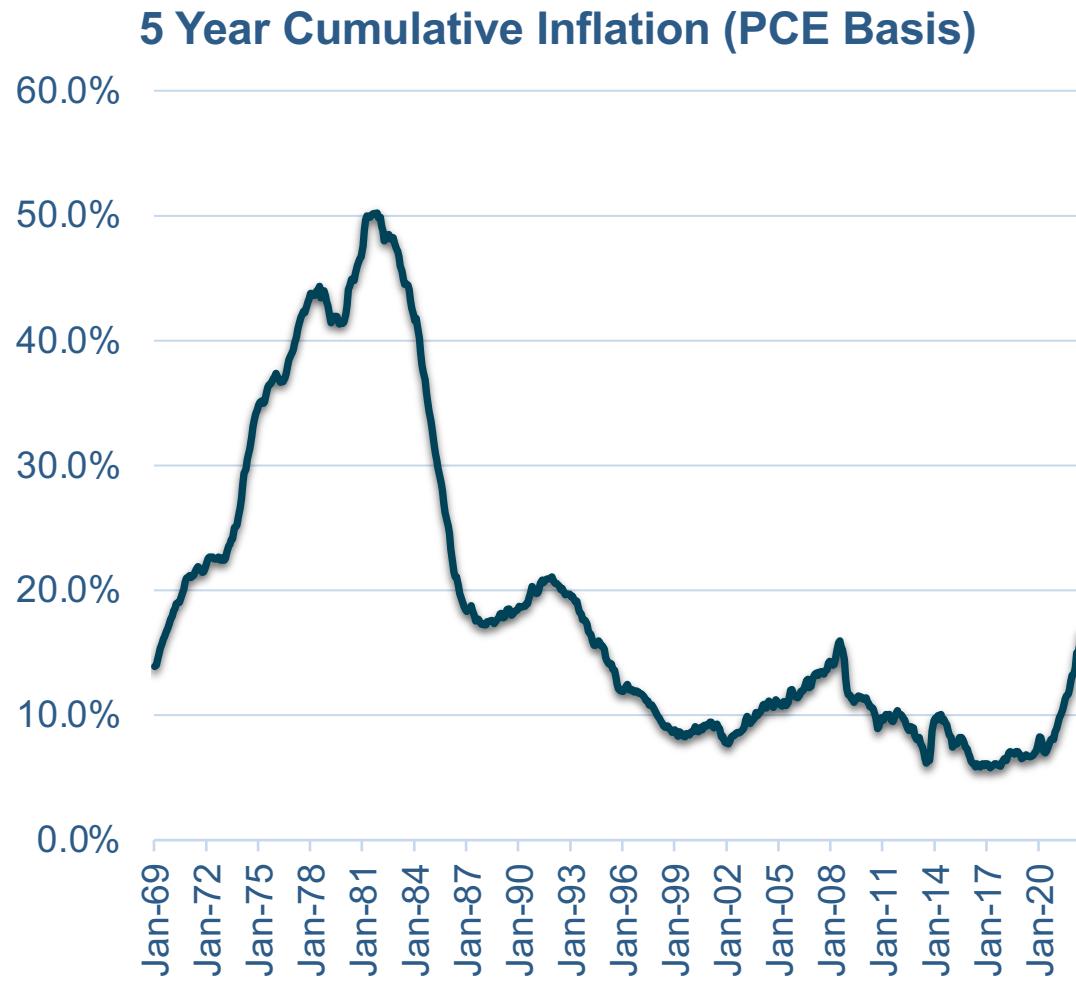
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“Inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon in the sense that it is and can be produced only by a more rapid increase in the quantity of money than in output.”

Milton Friedman

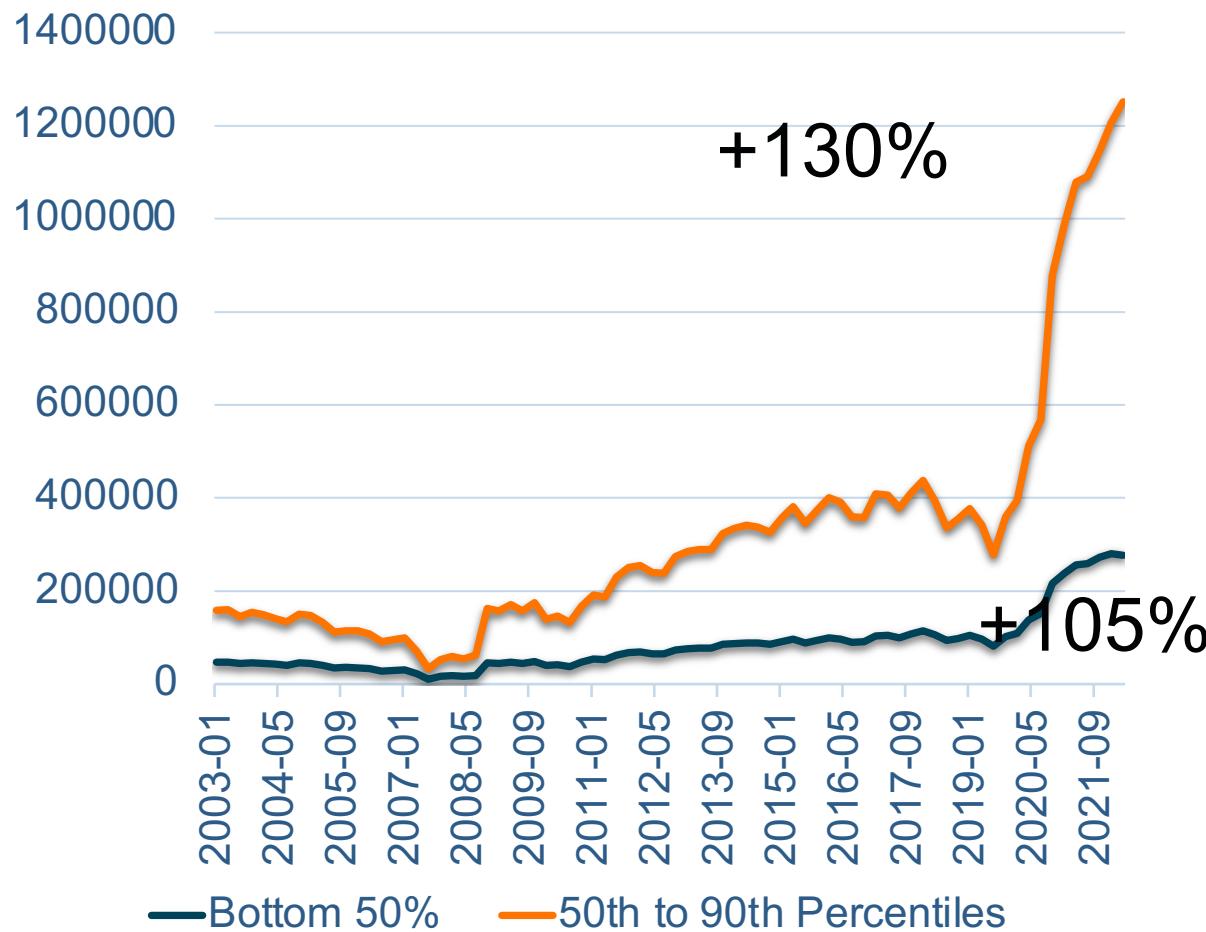
Can the consumer survive? Context...



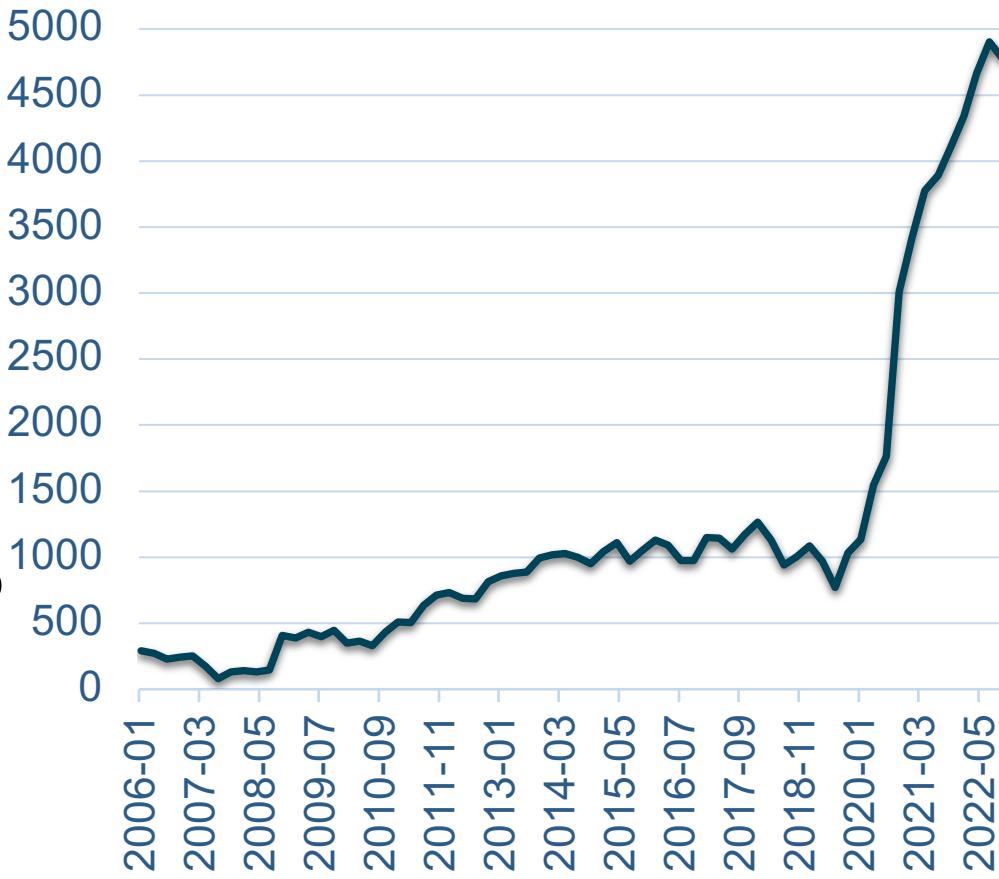
Income vs Wealth



Checkable Deposits and Currency by Wealth Level



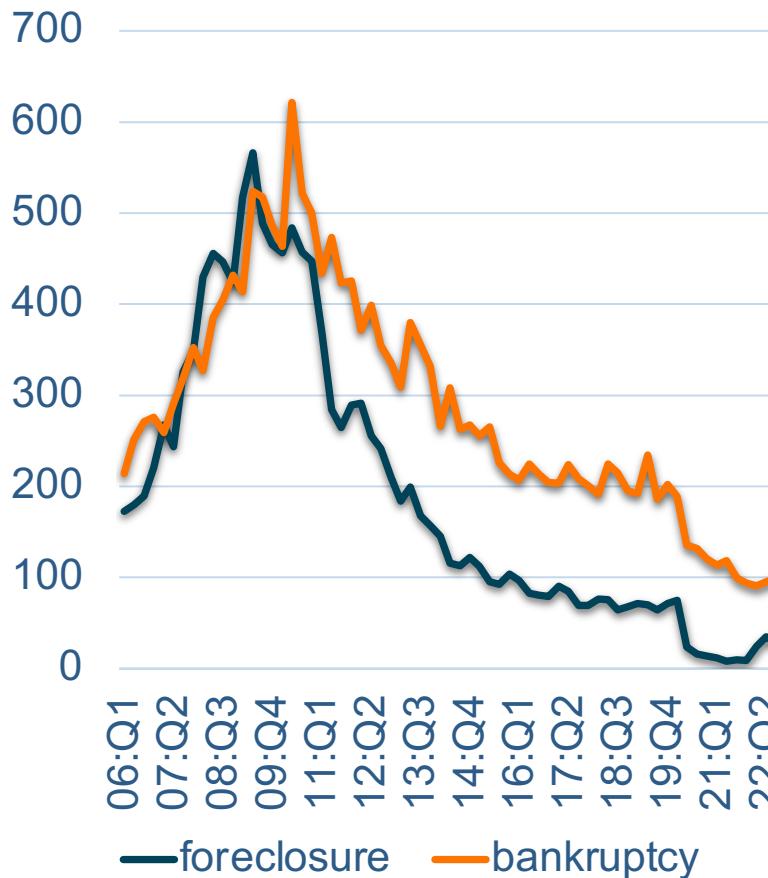
Household Checkable Deposits
to Q4 2022 \$Bil



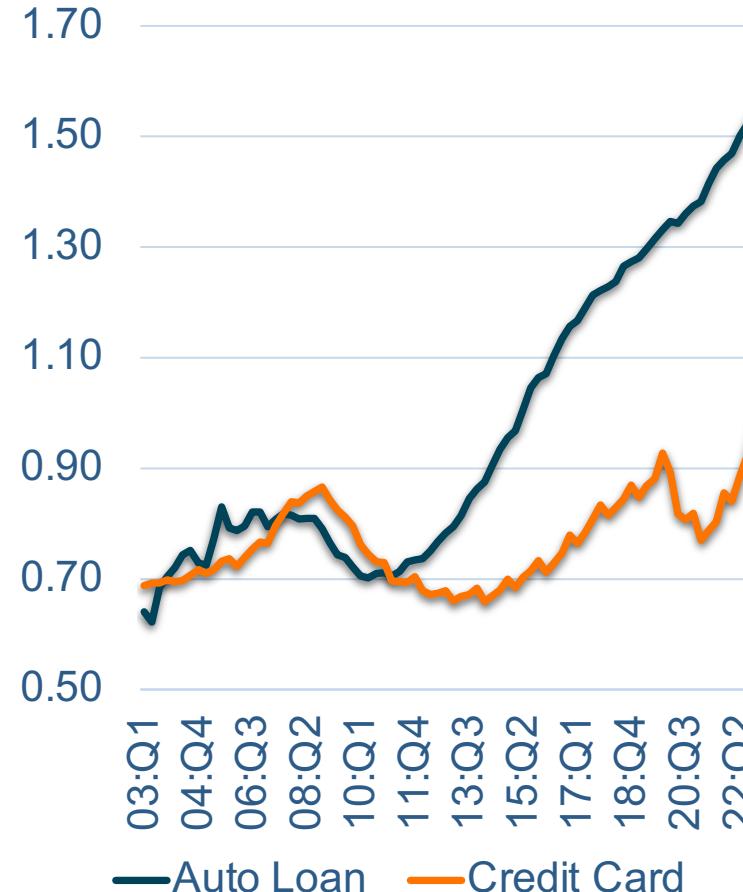
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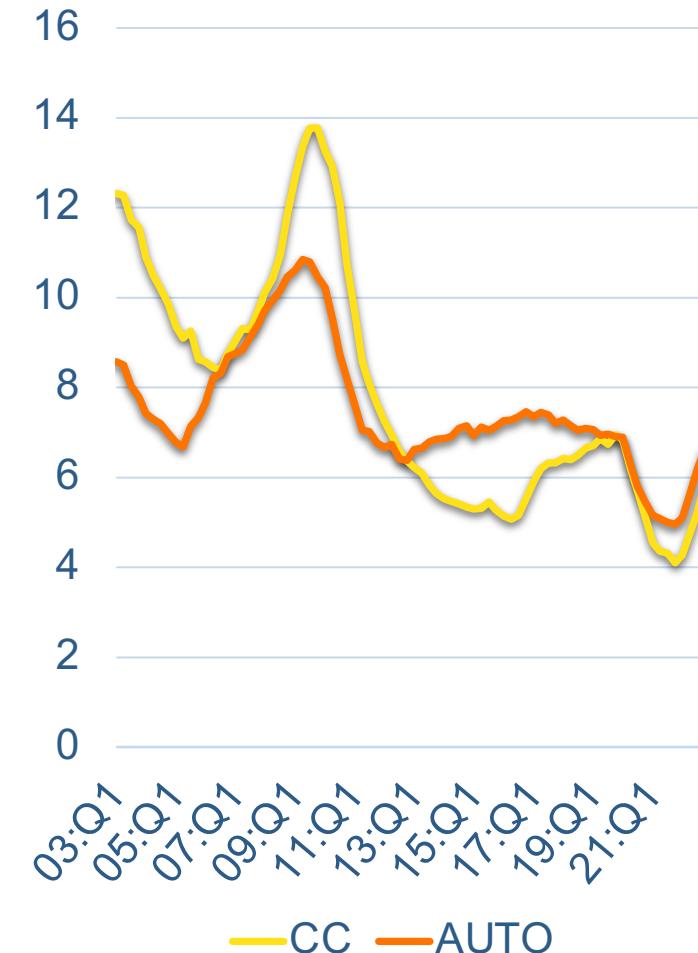
Consumers with Credit Issues (000's)



Consumer Credit (Trillions)



Transition to 30+ Dq



California facts and fictions



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OPINION

California's Corporate Exodus

A new report documents the accelerating business flight from the state.

By The Editorial Board

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“

**So many stores shuttered
in downtown SF. Feels
post-apocalyptic... The
philosophy that led to this
bleak outcome will be the
end of civilization if
extended to the world.”**

Elon Musk, Twitter CEO.

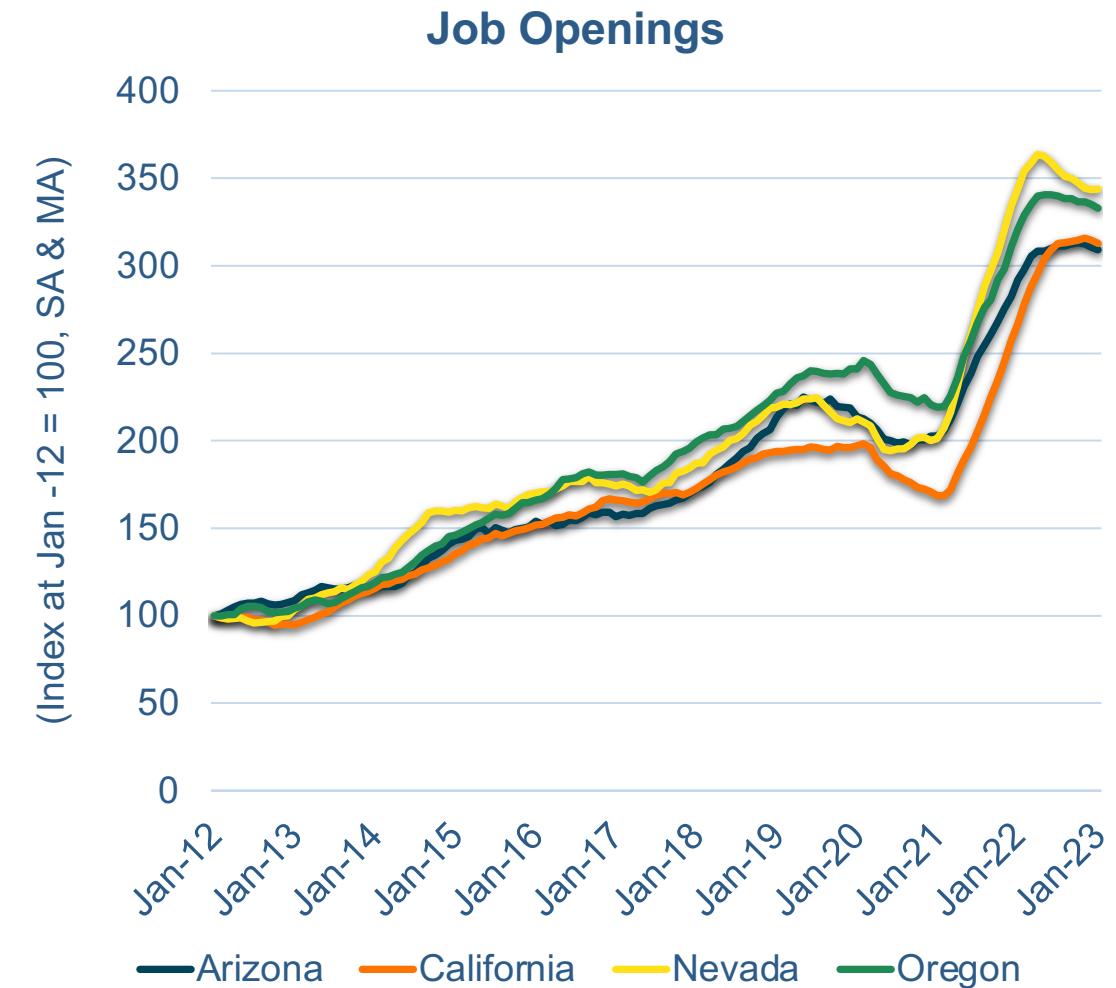
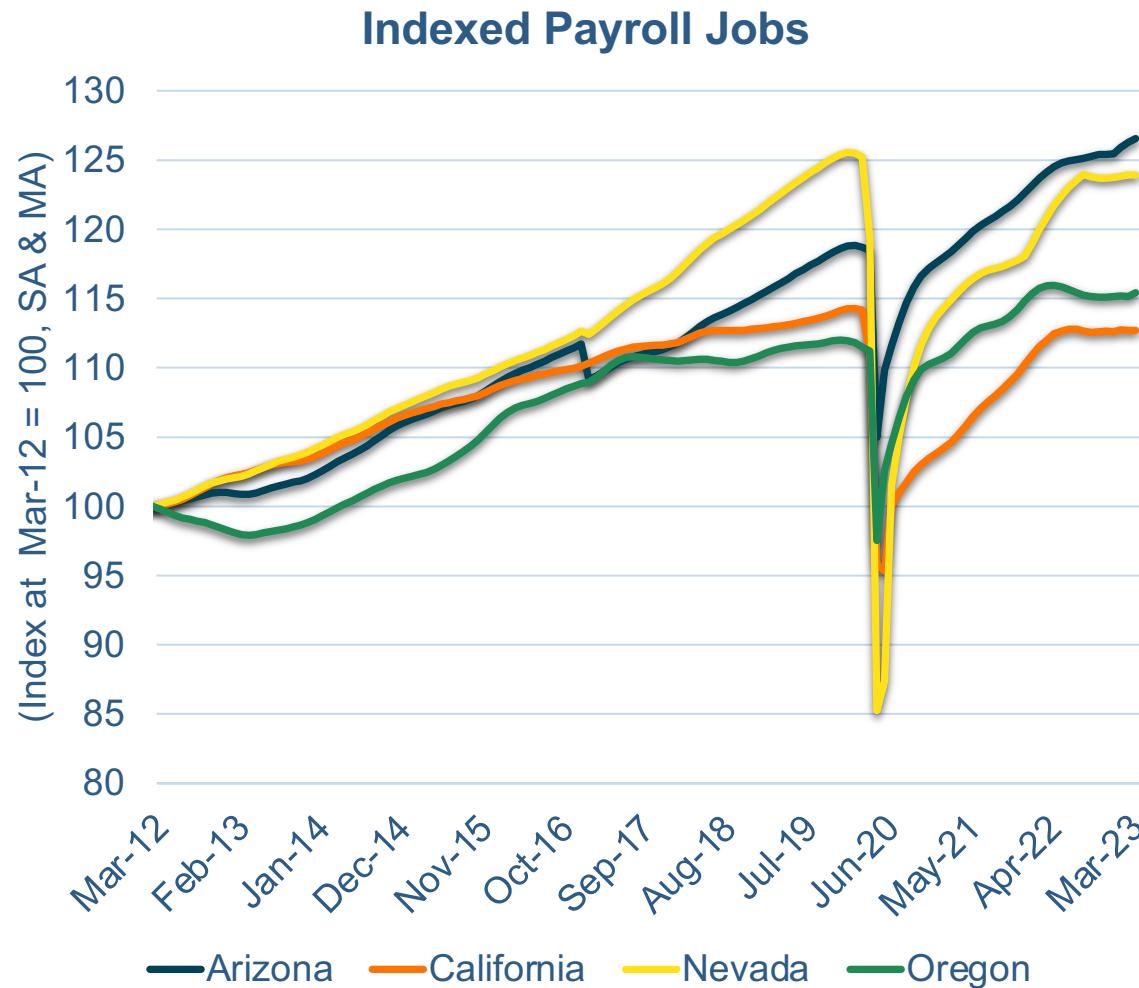
Regionally? Who is Ahead? Behind?



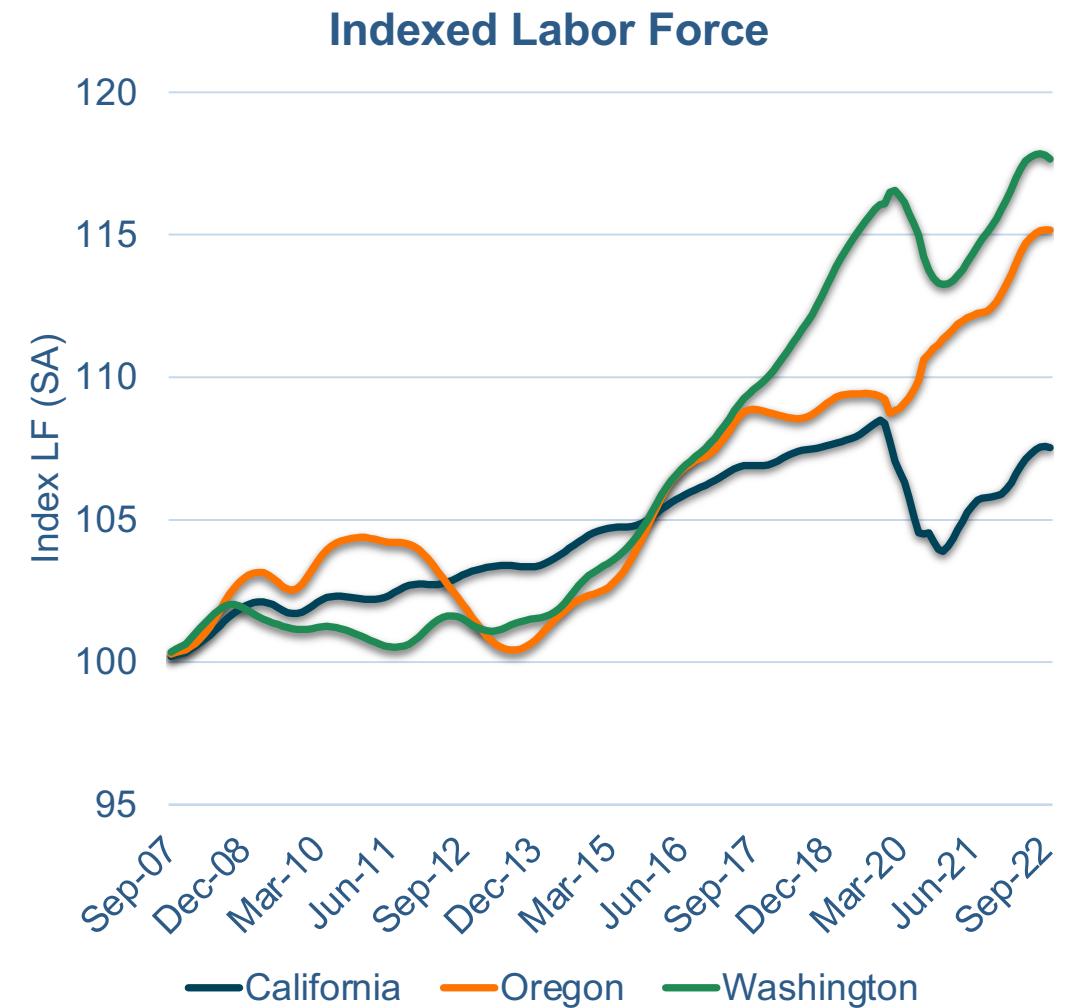
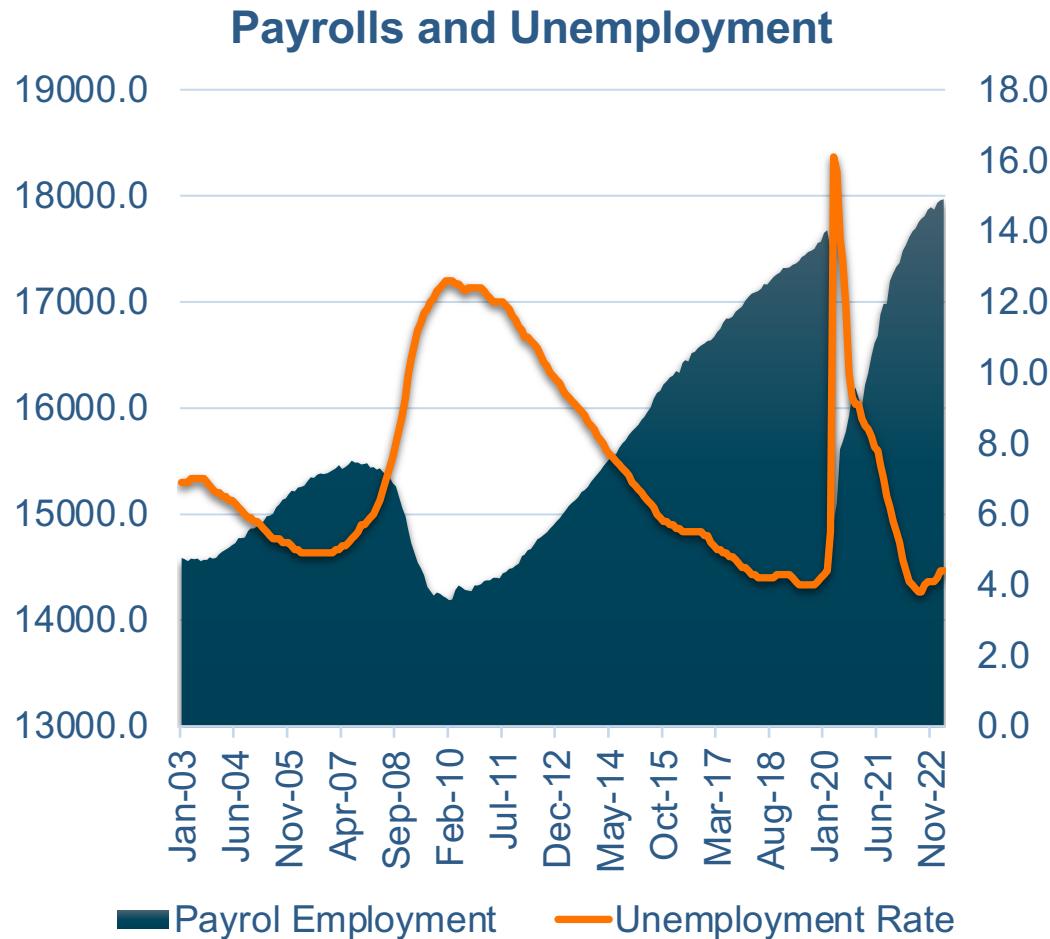
Current State Job Opening Rate, with change 19-22

Alaska	10.1	4.1	South Carolina	7.4	2.5	Nebraska	6.6	1.9
Kentucky	7.9	3.4	Iowa	6.9	2.4	Arizona	7.1	1.7
Georgia	7.9	3.1	Oklahoma	7.2	2.4	Wisconsin	6.7	1.7
Tennessee	7.6	2.9	Maine	7.0	2.4	Pennsylvania	5.9	1.6
Illinois	6.9	2.9	Hawaii	7.1	2.4	Florida	6.2	1.6
Massachusetts	7.2	2.8	Alabama	6.8	2.3	Utah	6.4	1.5
Delaware	7.3	2.8	Vermont	7.4	2.3	Indiana	6.5	1.5
Mississippi	7.3	2.7	Michigan	6.9	2.3	Arkansas	6.7	1.5
Montana	8.3	2.7	California	6.5	2.2	North Dakota	7.0	1.5
Louisiana	7.5	2.7	New Hampshire	6.7	2.2	New Jersey	5.7	1.4
Wyoming	8.4	2.7	Rhode Island	6.9	2.2	Kansas	6.4	1.4
Connecticut	6.5	2.7	South Dakota	7.1	2.1	New Mexico	7.4	1.3
Virginia	7.9	2.7	Maryland	7.0	2.1	Missouri	6.4	1.3
Minnesota	7.1	2.6	Colorado	7.4	2.1	Oregon	6.5	1.3
Texas	7.2	2.6	Ohio	6.8	2.1	New York	5.4	1.2
Nevada	6.8	2.6	Idaho	7.2	2.0	Washington	6.1	1.2
West Virginia	8.3	2.6	District of Columbia	5.9	1.9	North Carolina	7.0	1.1

Regional Labor Markets



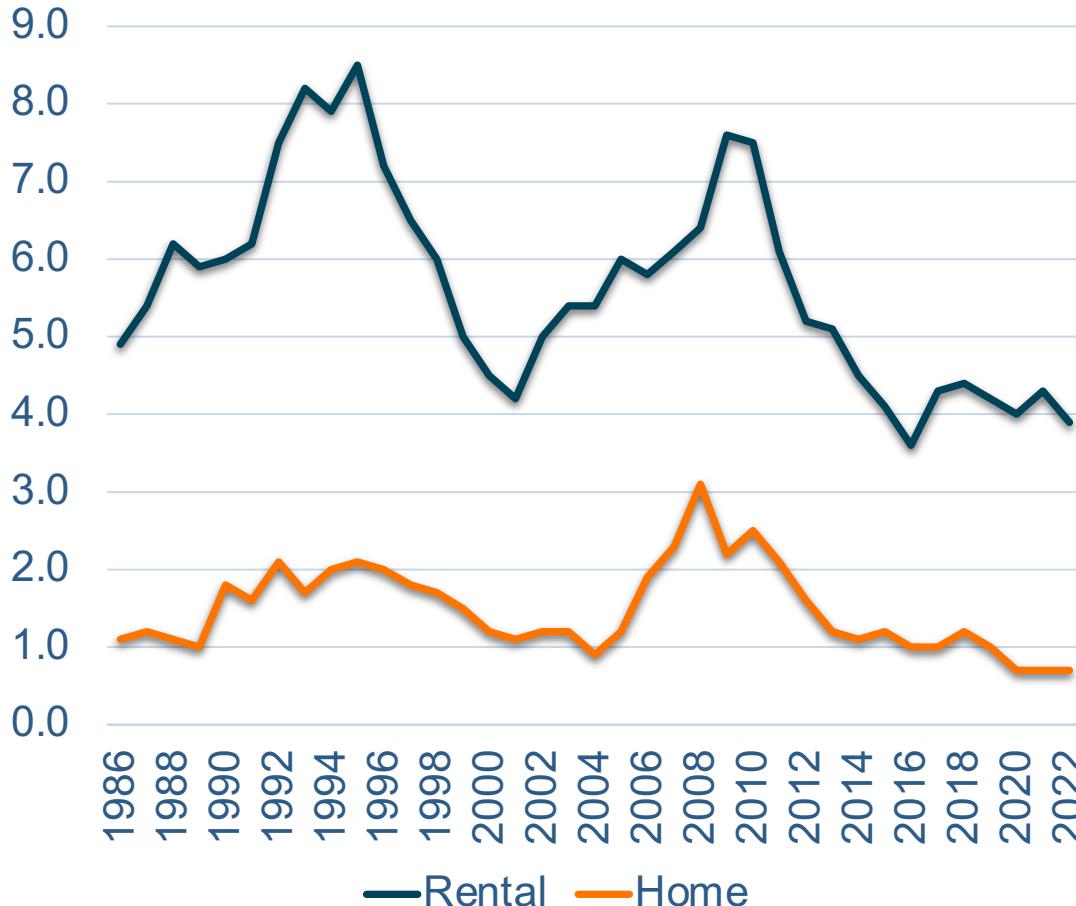
California Employment



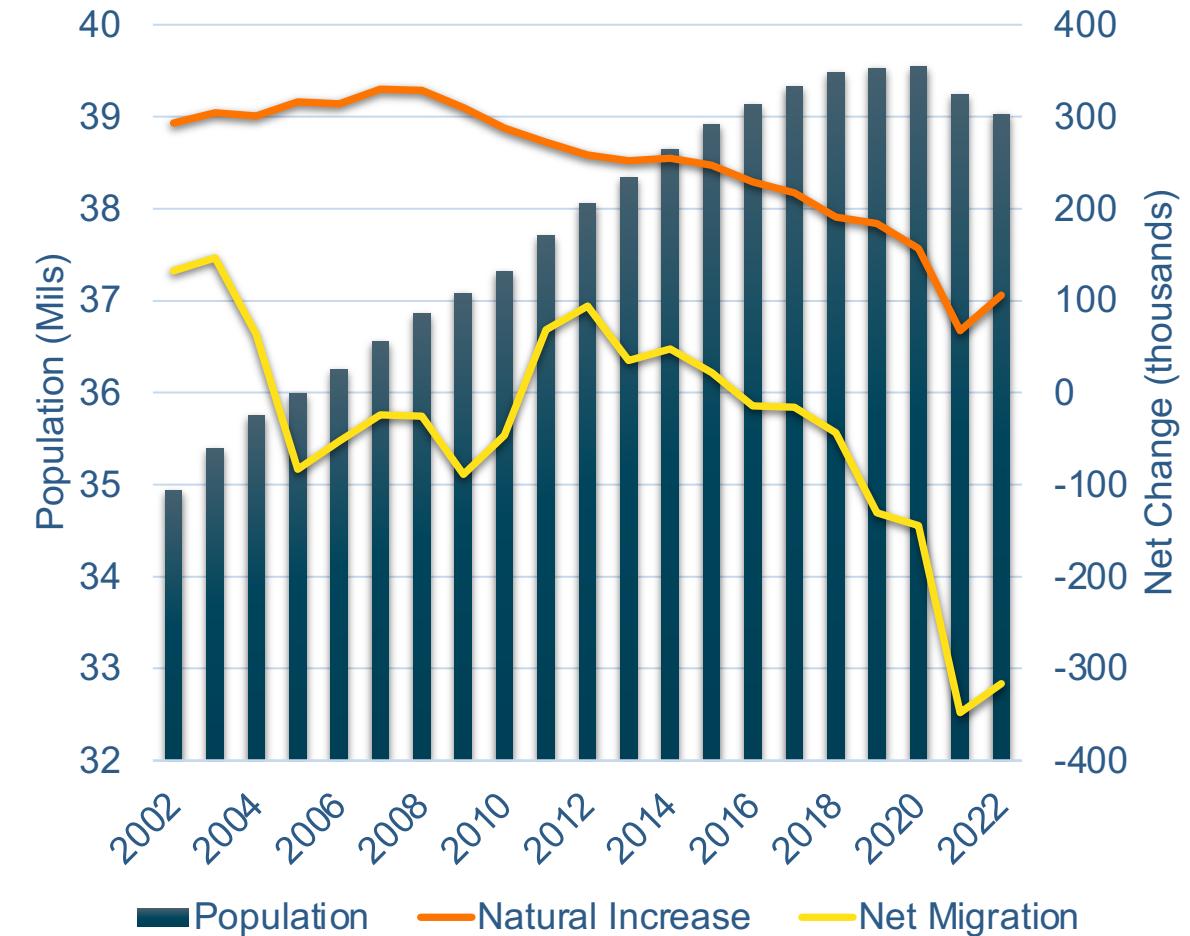
The Real California Story



CA Housing Vacancy Rates (HVS)



California- Population Change

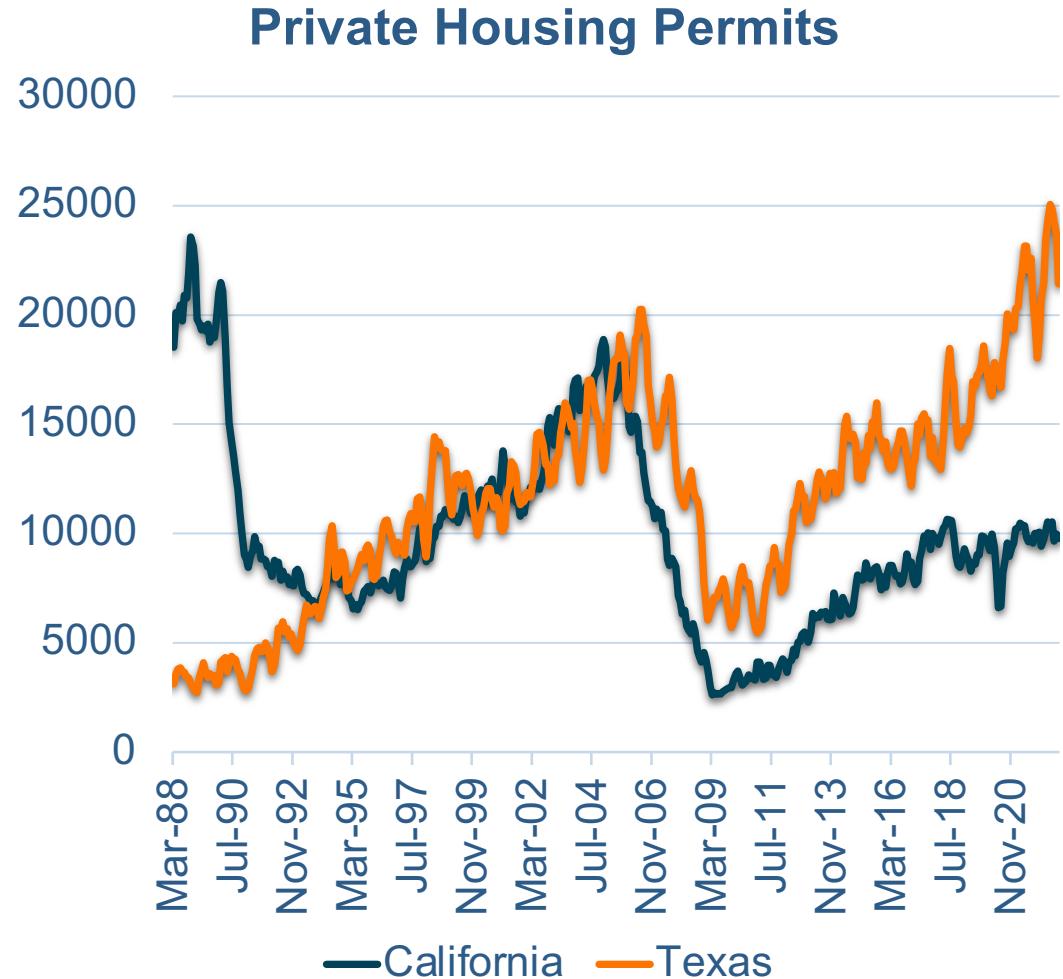


Policy and Labor Supply Constraints



■ Solutions

- Extensive: Increasing labor force through immigration (SR) or birthrates (LR)
- Intensive: Raising participation rates among the existing population
- Productivity enhancements: capital investments
- Productivity enhancements: worker skill training



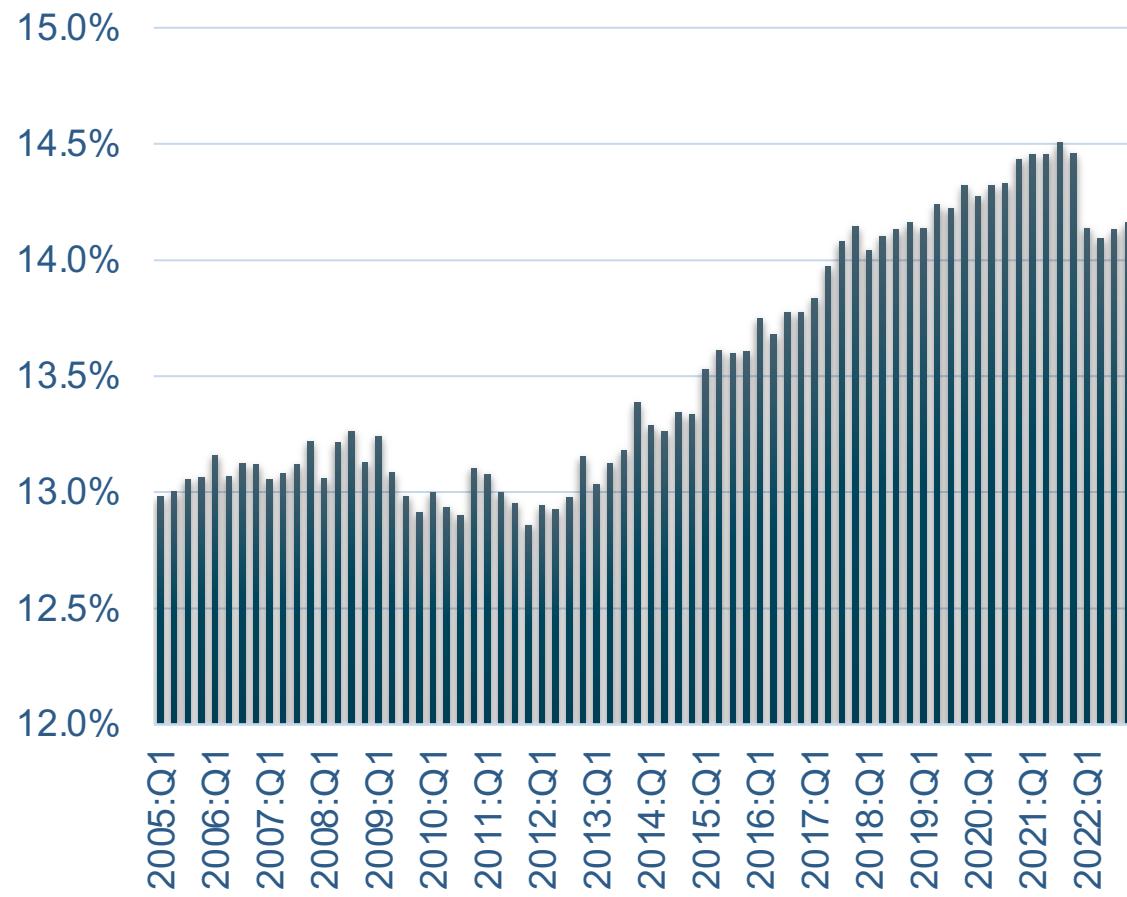
California Skill Shifts



**Net Migration by Educational Attainment,
Population over 25 (Total from 2012-2017)**

Education	CA	NV	AZ
Net Migration	-285,240	117,472	262,788
Less Than HS	-58,169	15,202	6,605
HS Grad	-134,048	33,371	64,261
Some College	-181,809	40,466	94,125
BA	19,318	21,011	70,607
Grad	69,468	7,422	27,190

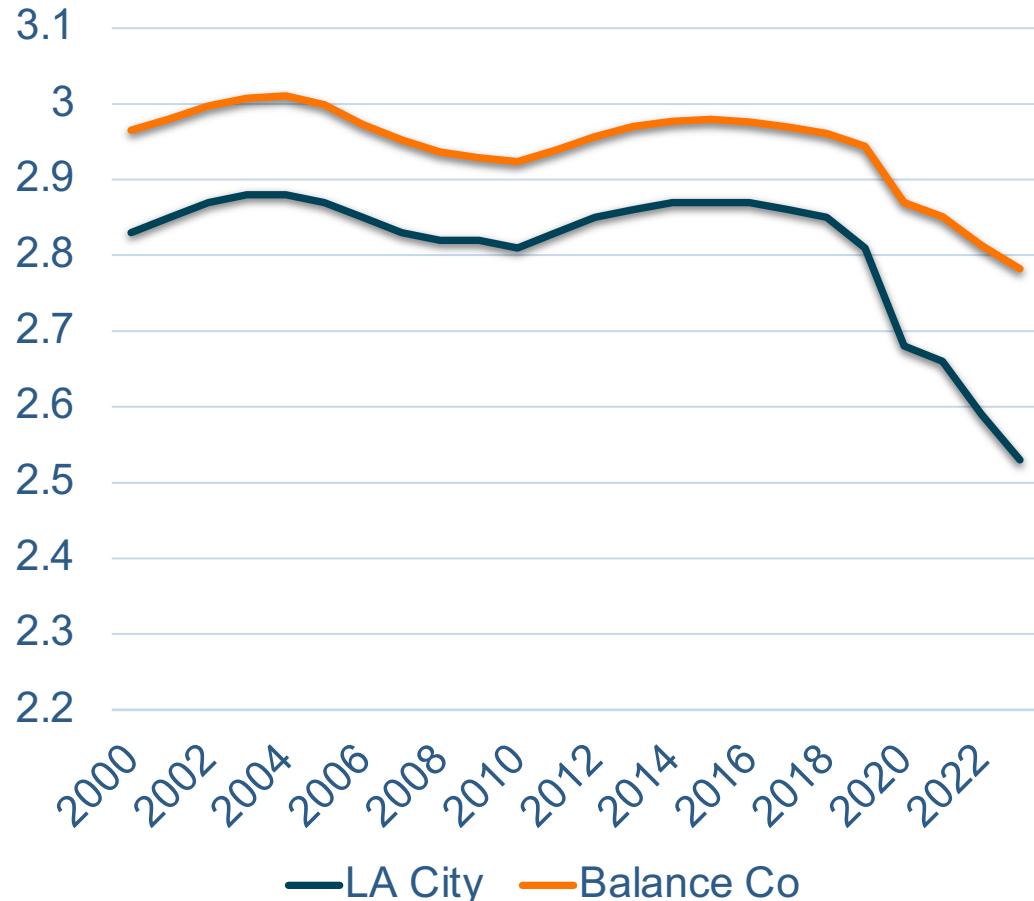
California Share National GDP



Its supply, not affordability...



People Per Household



Share > 30% Cost / Income

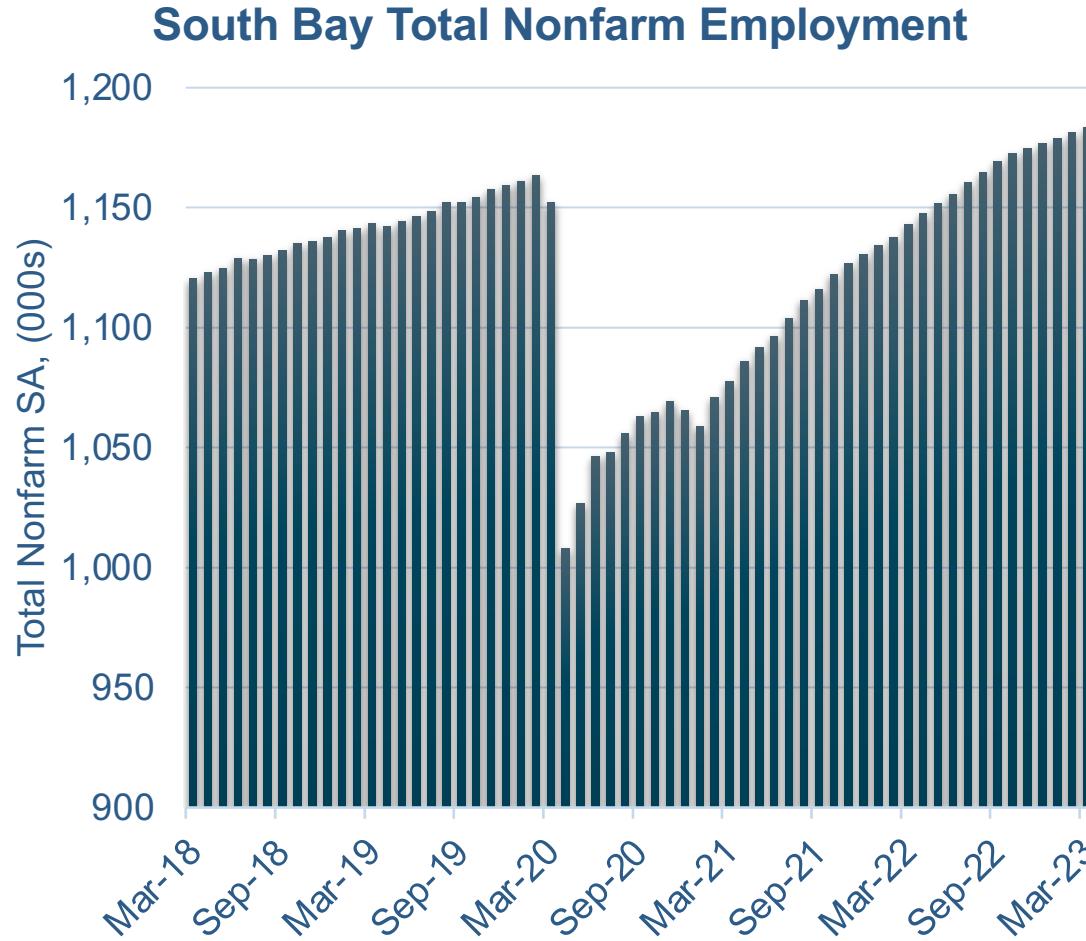
	Own		Rent	
	2016	2021	2016	2021
Alameda	34.0%	34.4%	49.6%	51.0%
Fresno	32.9%	32.8%	60.5%	53.0%
Kern	34.4%	32.2%	54.4%	56.8%
Los Angeles	43.8%	43.6%	58.3%	58.8%
Orange	40.7%	37.1%	56.6%	56.1%
Riverside	40.7%	38.7%	58.0%	59.8%
Sacramento	32.9%	32.1%	54.6%	54.7%
San Diego	40.0%	39.4%	57.1%	57.6%
Santa Clara	34.7%	32.4%	48.1%	44.9%

Regional Outcomes



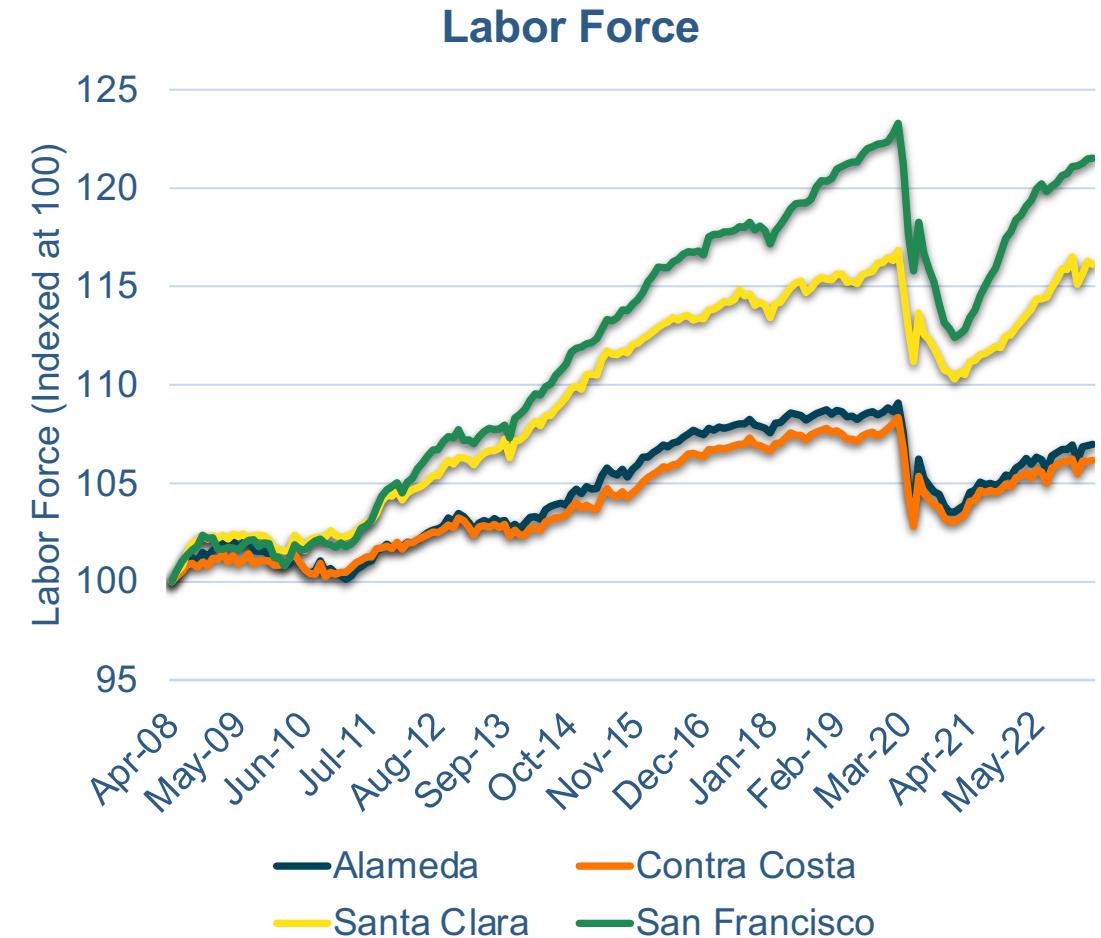
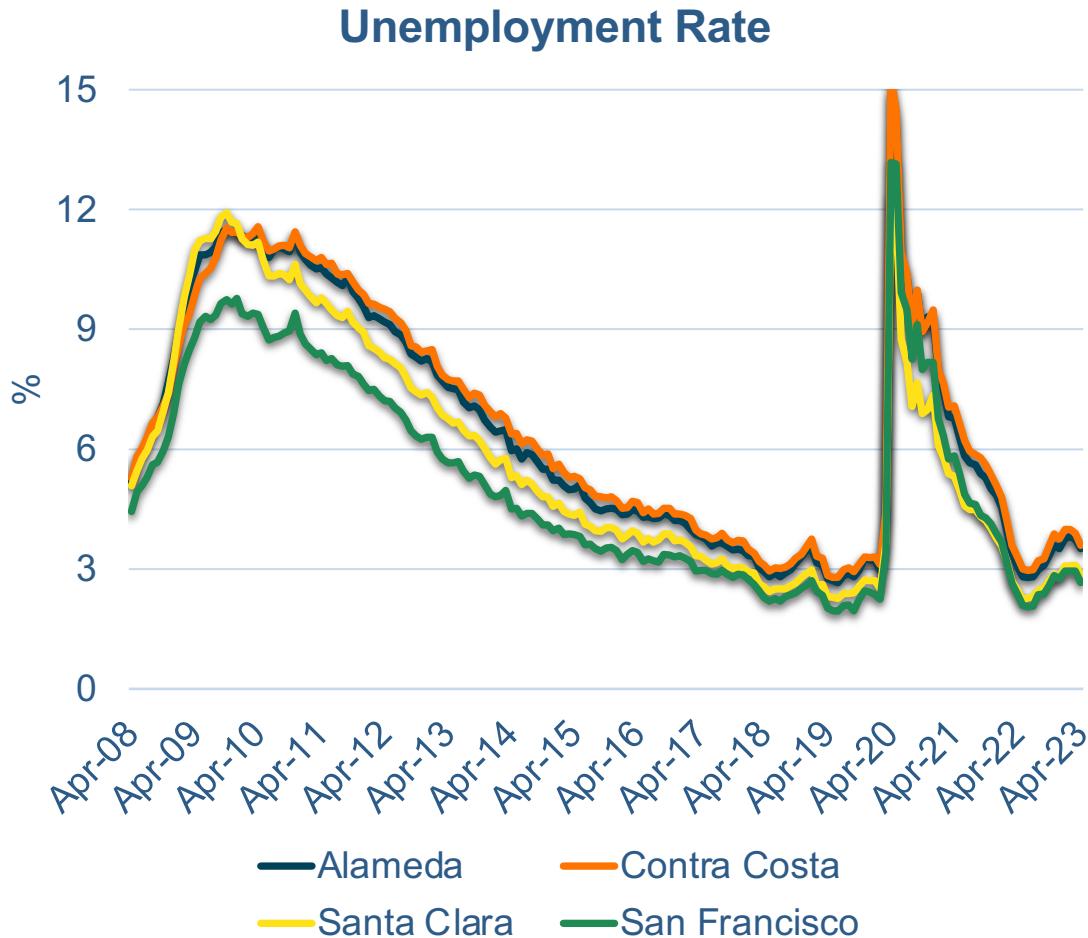
	Payrolls		Unemployment		Labor Force	
	Feb-23	3 Yr Ch	Feb-20	Feb-23	Feb-23	3 Yr Ch
Total Nonfarm						
Stockton	278.3	10.1%	6.0	6.1	348.2	4.6%
Inland Empire	1678.7	5.5%	4.0	4.6	2145.1	2.0%
Fresno	388.9	4.9%	7.4	7.2	464.2	1.8%
Sacramento	1078.4	3.9%	3.6	4.3	1130.2	1.9%
Bakersfield	289.5	3.5%	8.2	8.2	397.7	1.6%
San Diego	1566.5	2.9%	3.2	3.7	1601.3	0.6%
San Jose	1181.1	1.5%	2.6	3.2	1077.6	-1.2%
Orange County (MD)	1702.9	1.1%	2.9	3.5	1596	-1.6%
San Francisco (MD)	1206.2	0.2%	2.2	2.9	1032.4	-1.8%
Oakland (MD)	1195.8	-0.4%	3.0	3.9	1378.9	-2.1%
Ventura	314.5	-0.5%	3.6	4	414.9	-2.1%
Los Angeles (MD)	4607.3	-0.5%	5.1	4.9	4970.6	-5.4%
Santa Rosa	208.7	-1.0%	2.7	3.4	250.7	-2.9%

South Bay Employment

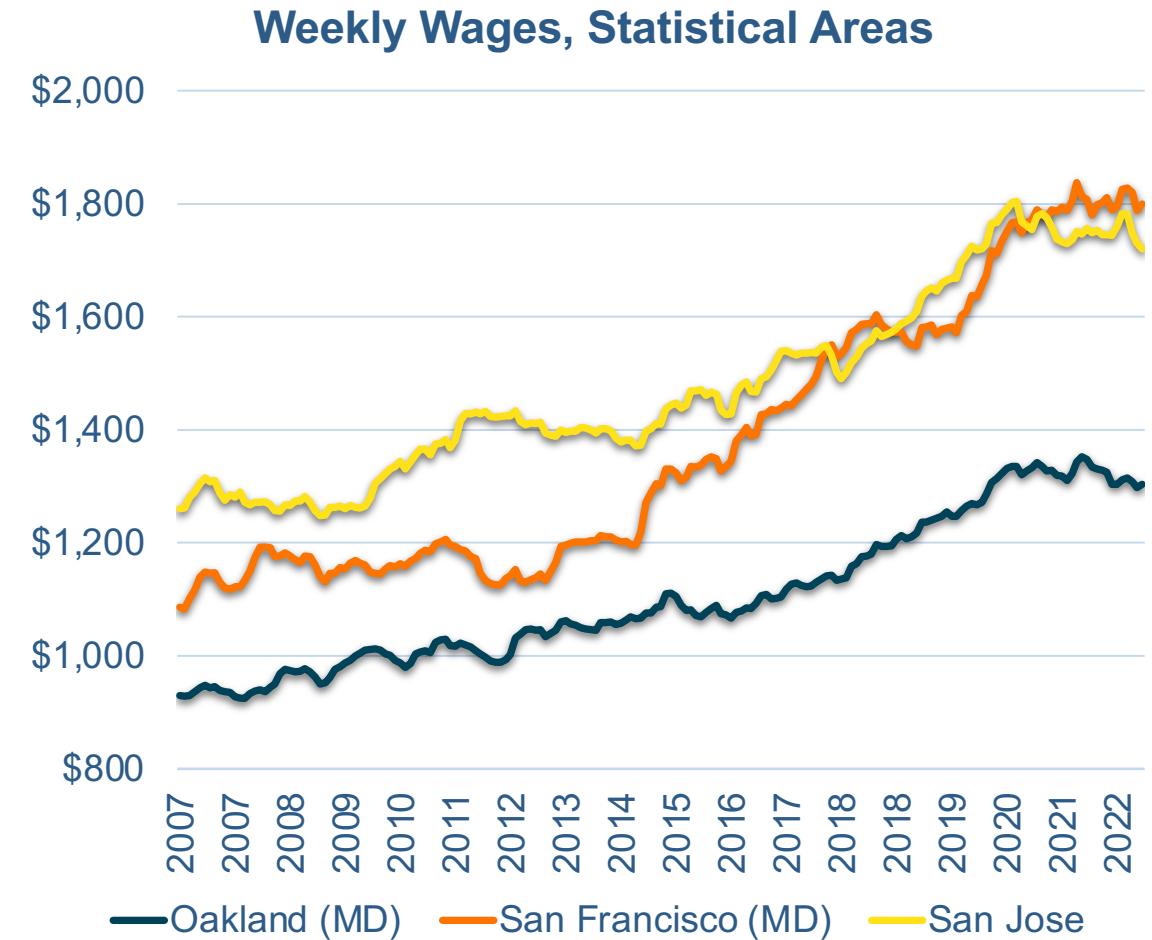
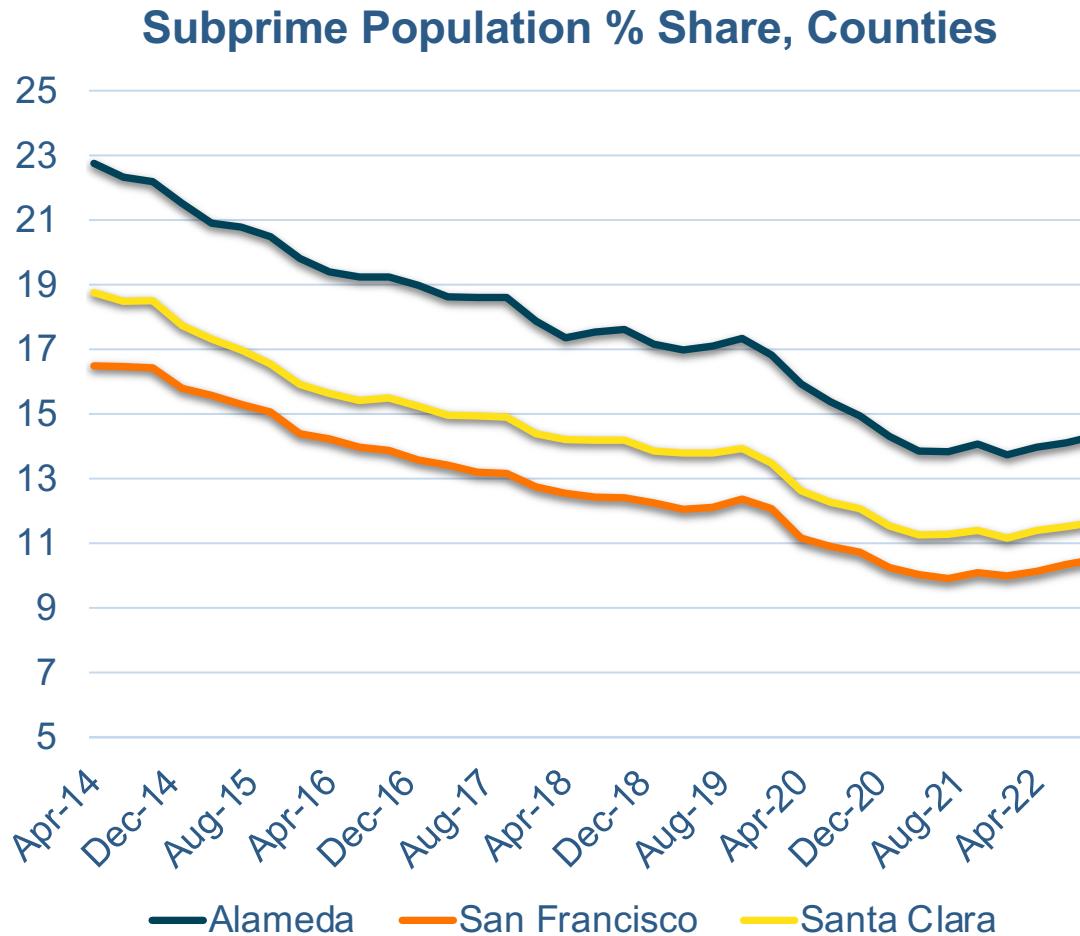


Industry	San Jose MSA Employment			CA 1-Yr % Chg
	Apr-23 (000s)	1-Yr Abs. Chg	1-Yr % Chg	
Total Nonfarm	1182.9	35.5	3.1	2.4
logistics	21.2	2.1	11.2	2.3
Leisure/Hosp.	104.7	10.0	10.6	7.0
Educ./Health	195.5	10.0	5.4	5.5
Prof/Sci/Tech	176.9	7.8	4.6	2.7
Management	15.9	0.7	4.3	1.6
Manufacturing	180.8	5.0	2.9	0.9
Government	96.9	1.9	2.0	2.2
Retail Trade	74.3	0.2	0.2	-0.3
Construction	54.3	0.1	0.2	-0.6
Admin Support	65.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Financial Act.	37.6	-0.3	-0.8	0.3
Wholesale Trd.	28.4	-0.3	-1.1	-1.0
Information	105.5	-1.5	-1.4	-0.4

Bay Area Labor Market - Counties



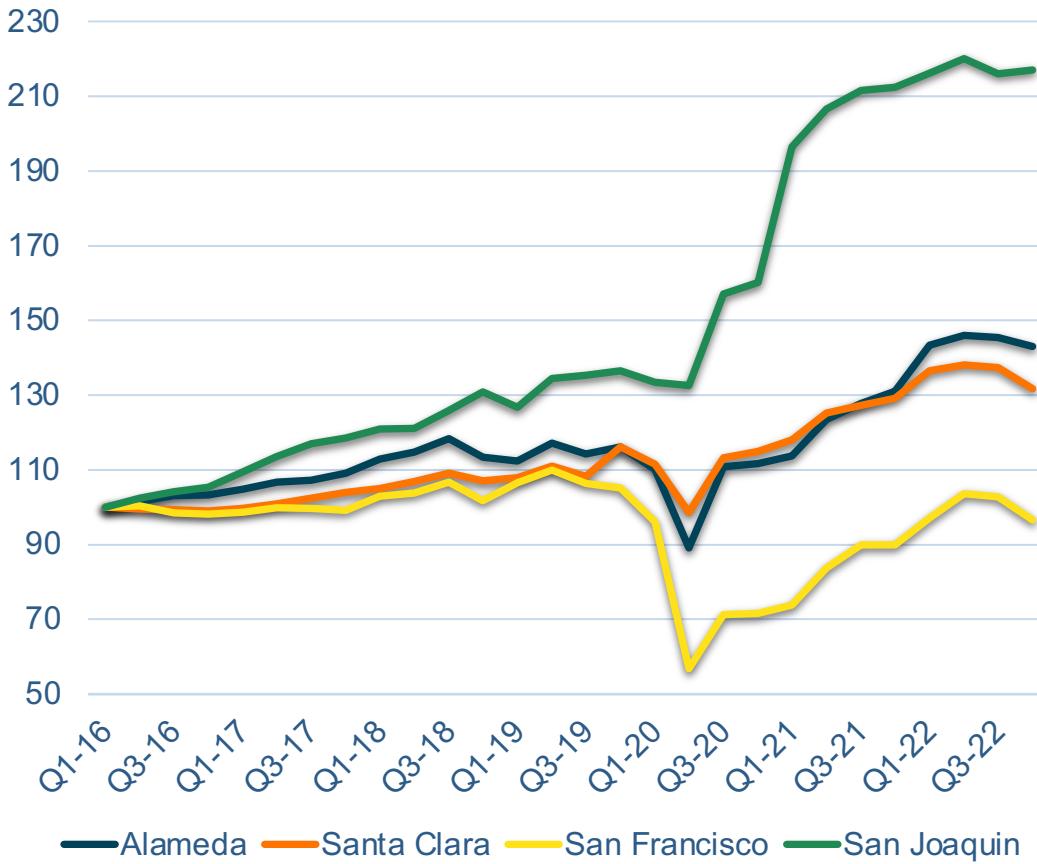
Personal Finances



Bay Area Spending in Context



Index of Local Taxable Sales



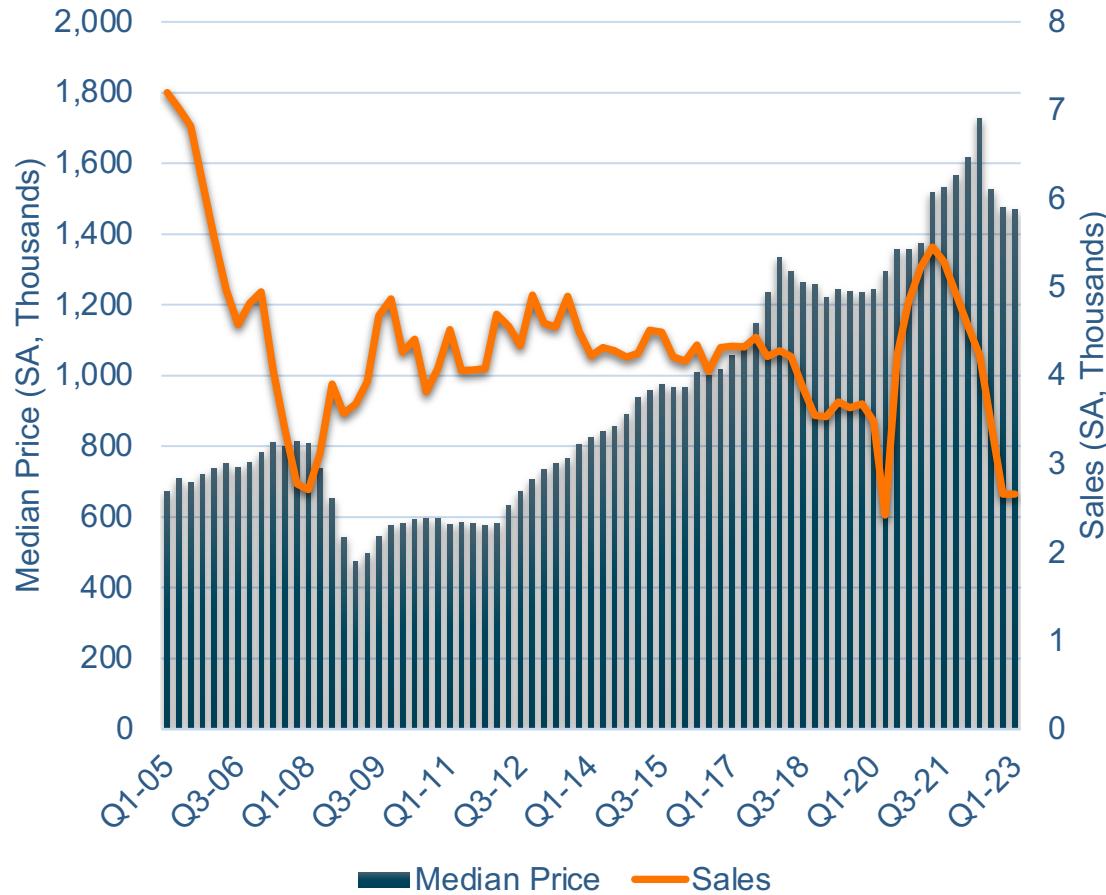
Restaurant and Hotel TS

Location	Q4-22	3 Yr Change (%)
Riverside	16,091,772	30.4
Fresno	5,192,130	27.1
Kern	4,472,990	26.8
San Bernardino	13,352,876	26.6
San Diego	28,909,806	22.3
Orange	22,349,013	18.3
Ventura	5,547,215	17.3
Sacramento	9,201,125	16.8
Los Angeles	79,679,047	11.5
San Francisco	12,444,449	-16.7

South Bay Housing Market



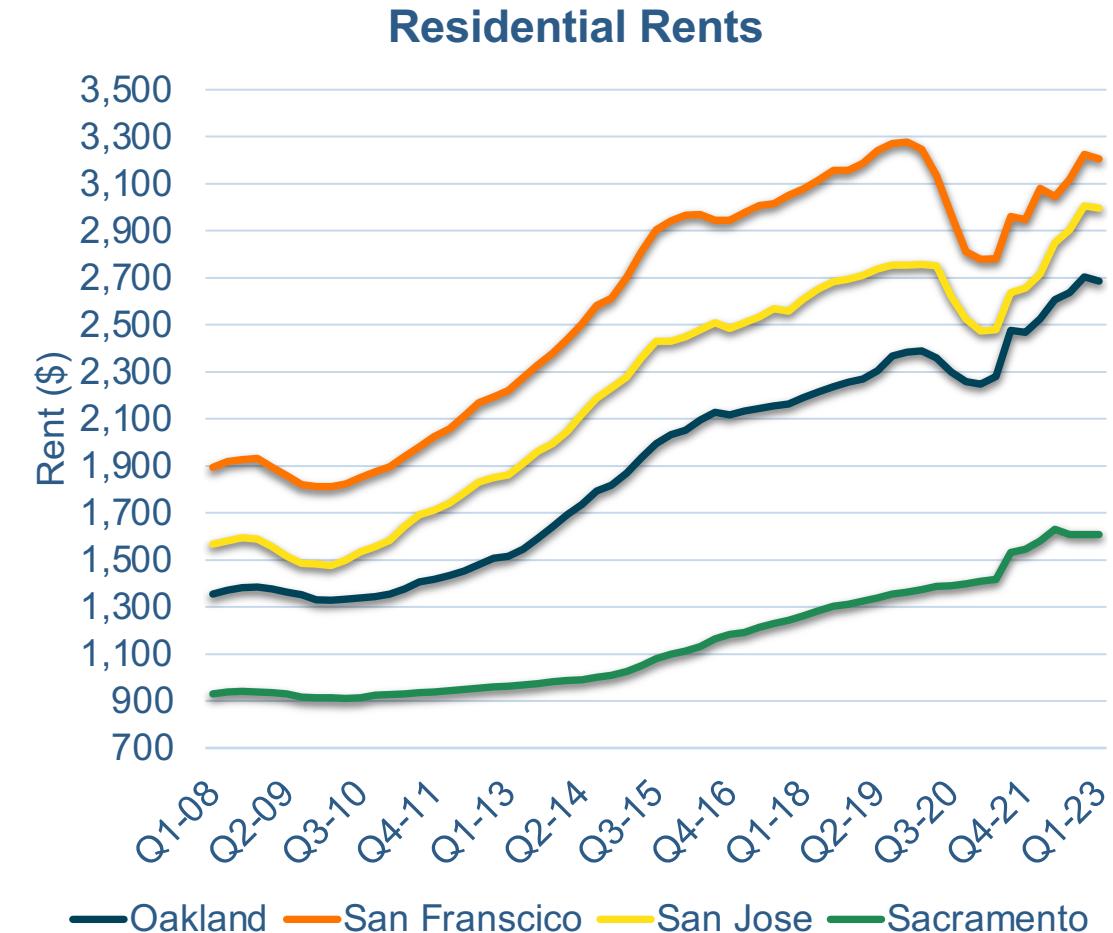
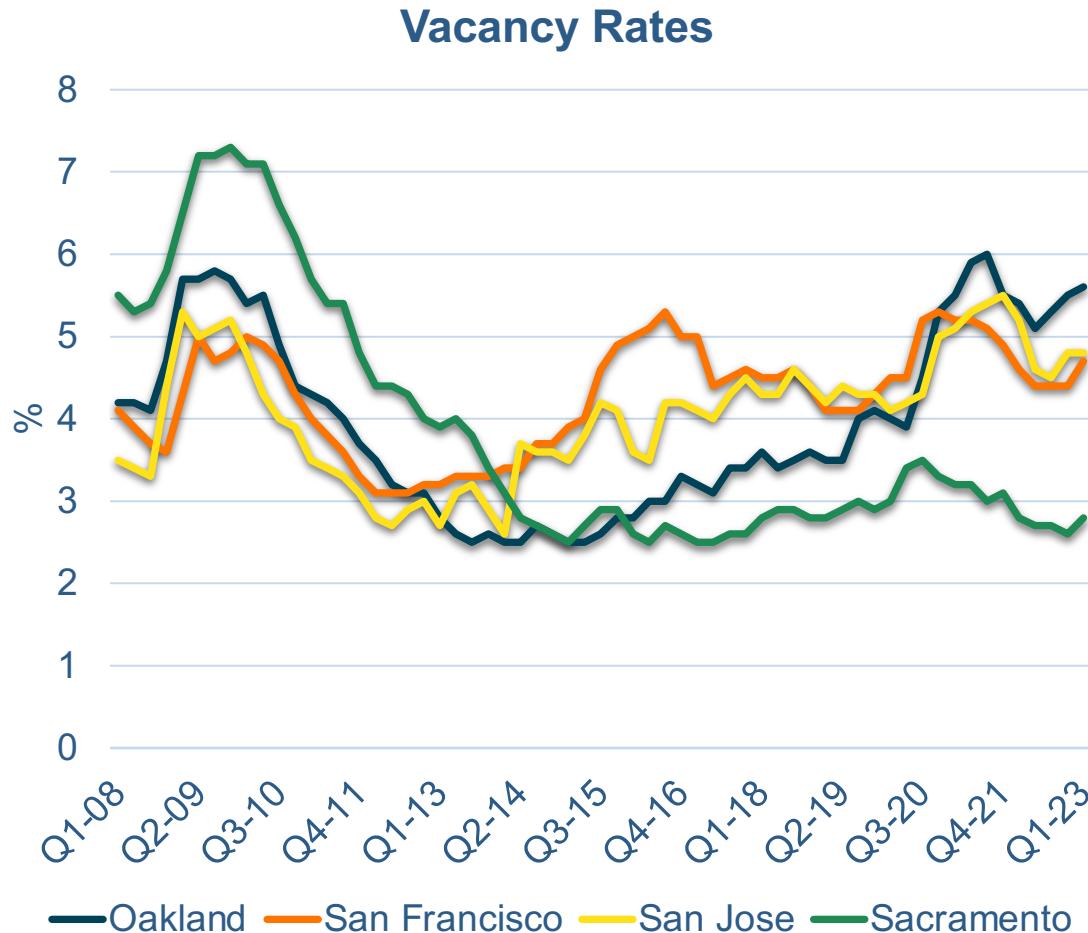
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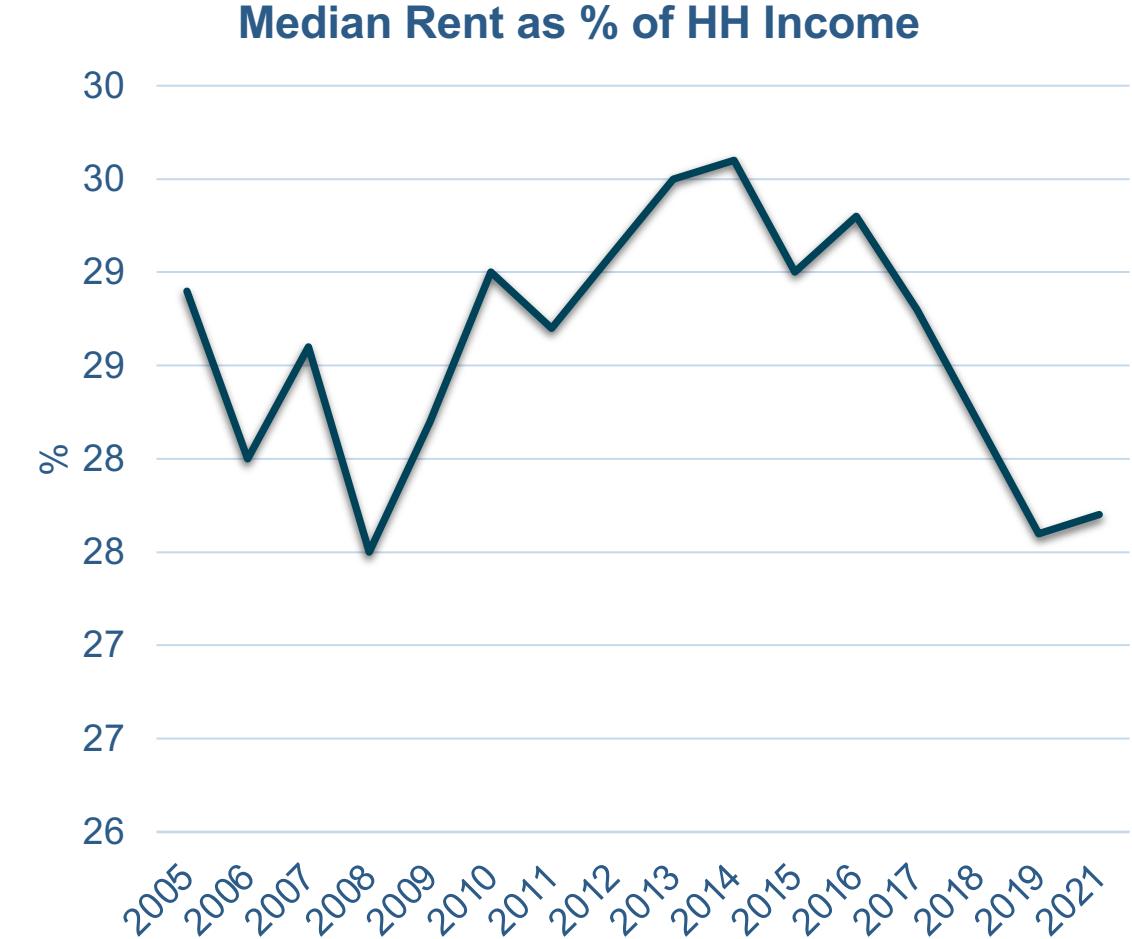
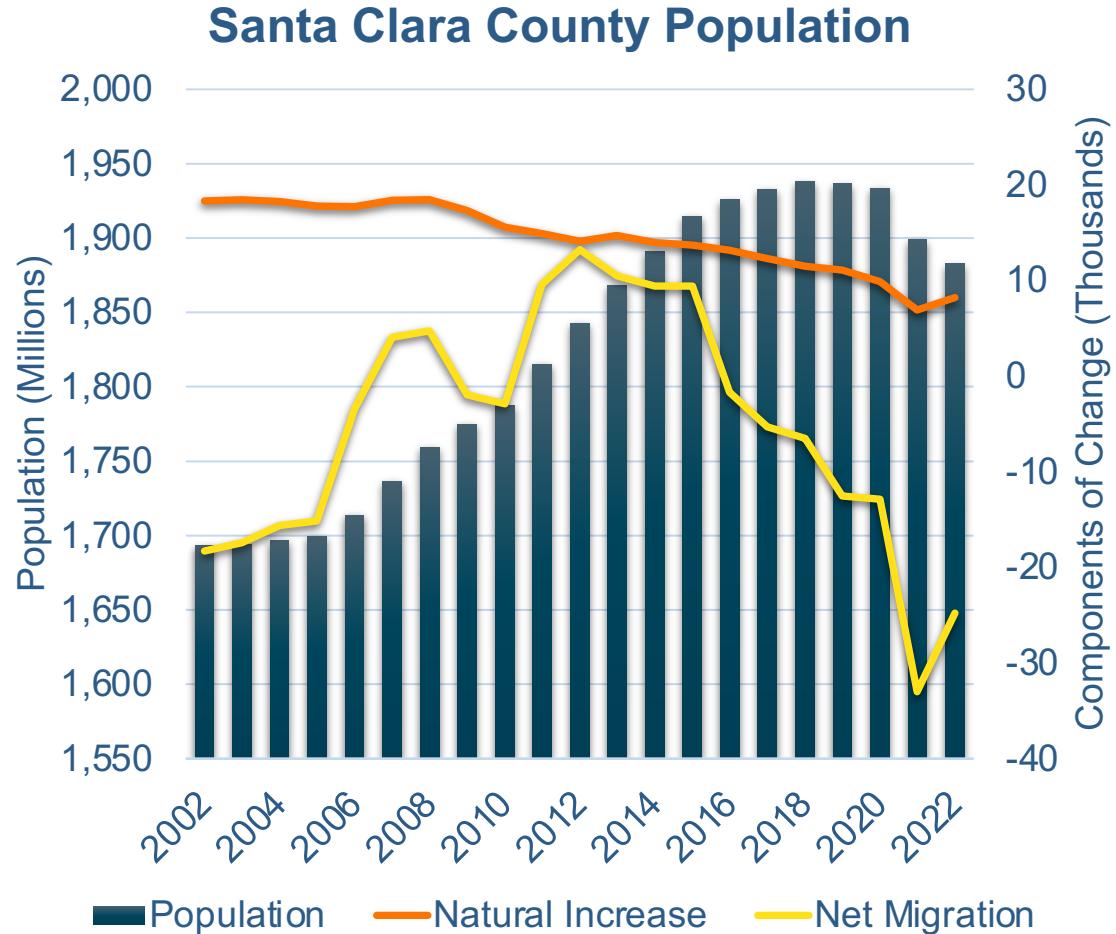
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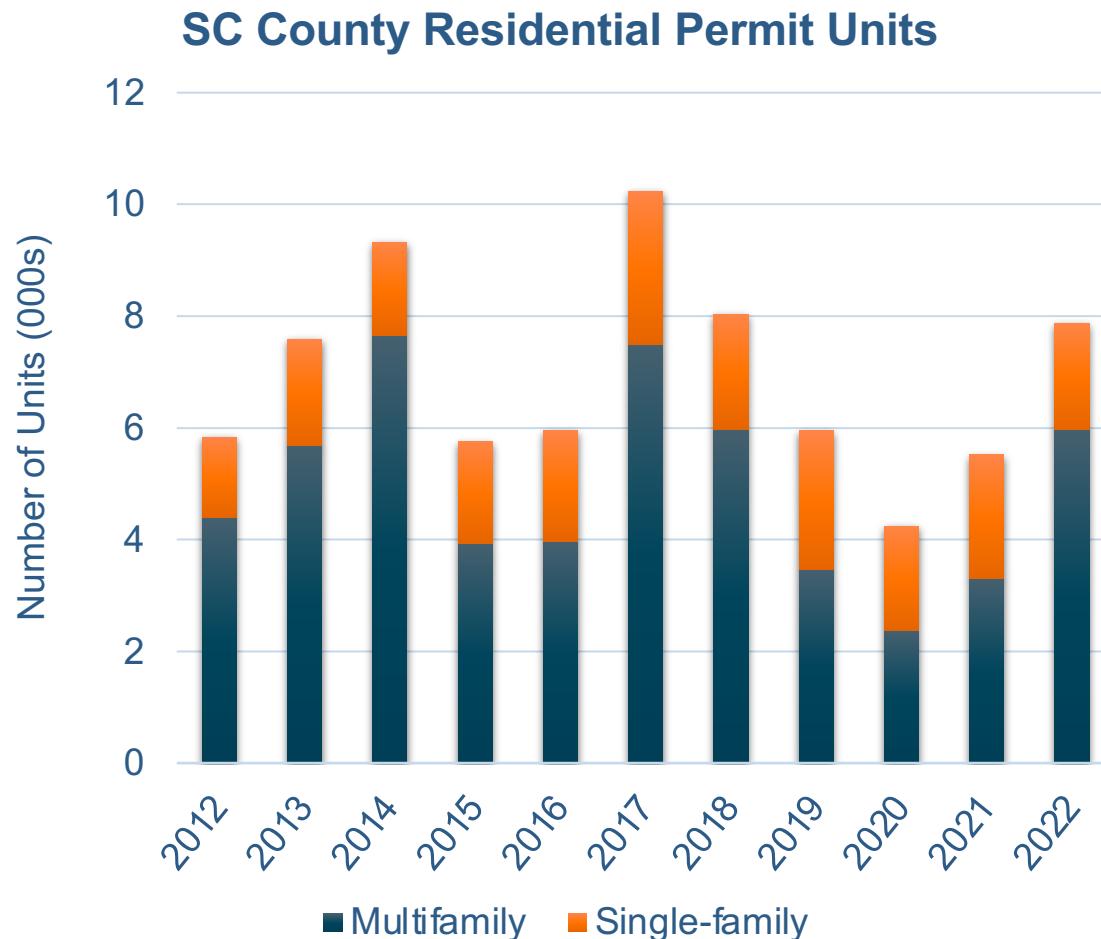
Bay Area Residential Rents & Vacancies



Santa Clara County Population Trends



Santa Clara County Residential Permits



Counties	Single-family Permits		Multifamily Permits	
	2022	1-Yr Chg	2022	1-Yr Chg
Santa Clara	1,585	-189	6,041	2,900
San Francisco	299	164	5,966	3,150
Sacramento	3,834	-345	4,756	2,490
Alameda	1,147	-381	3,285	-794
Contra Costa	1,612	-595	918	-783

What goes up, will come down... eventually

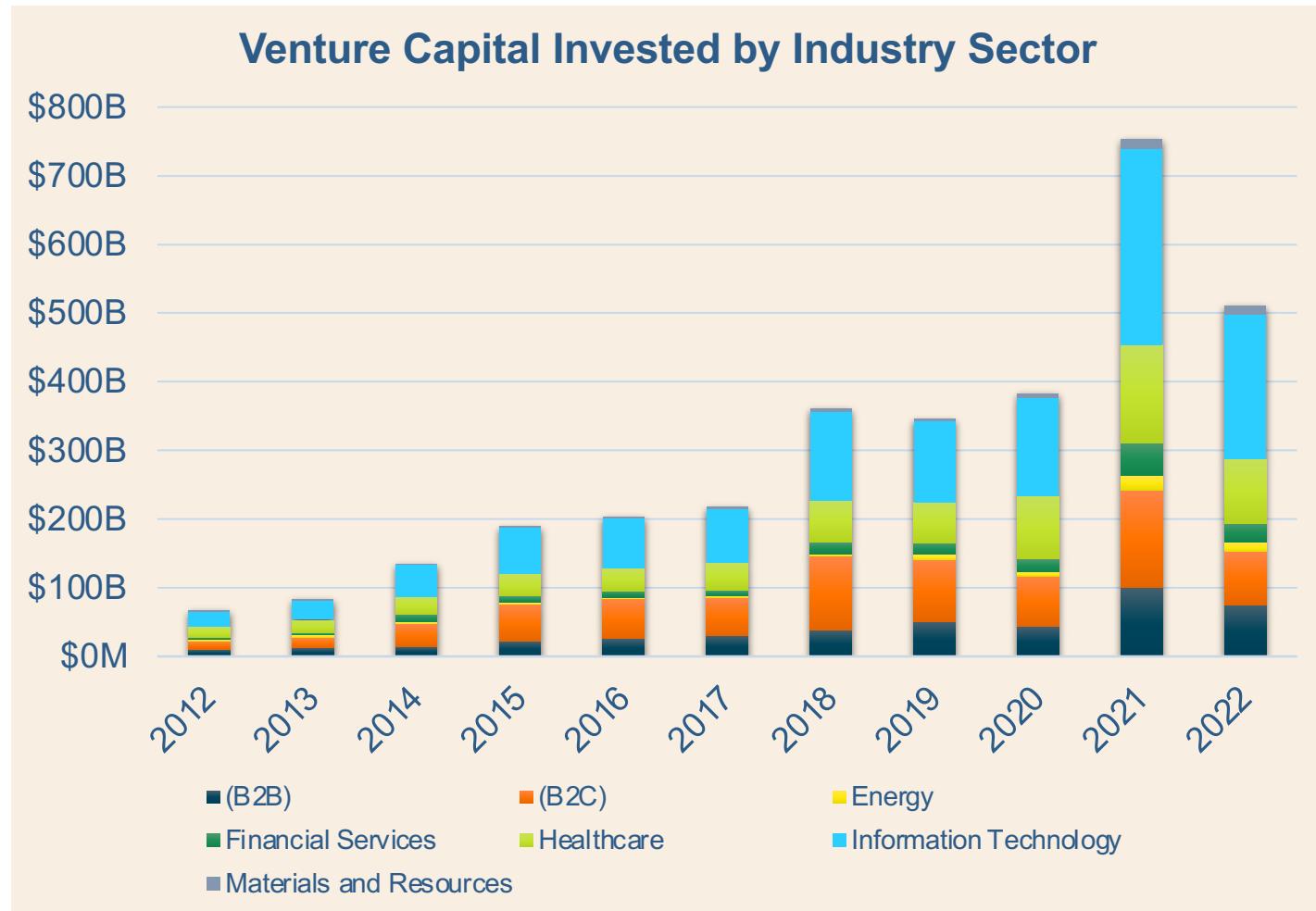


Nasdaq Composite



Shiller CAPE P/E Ratio

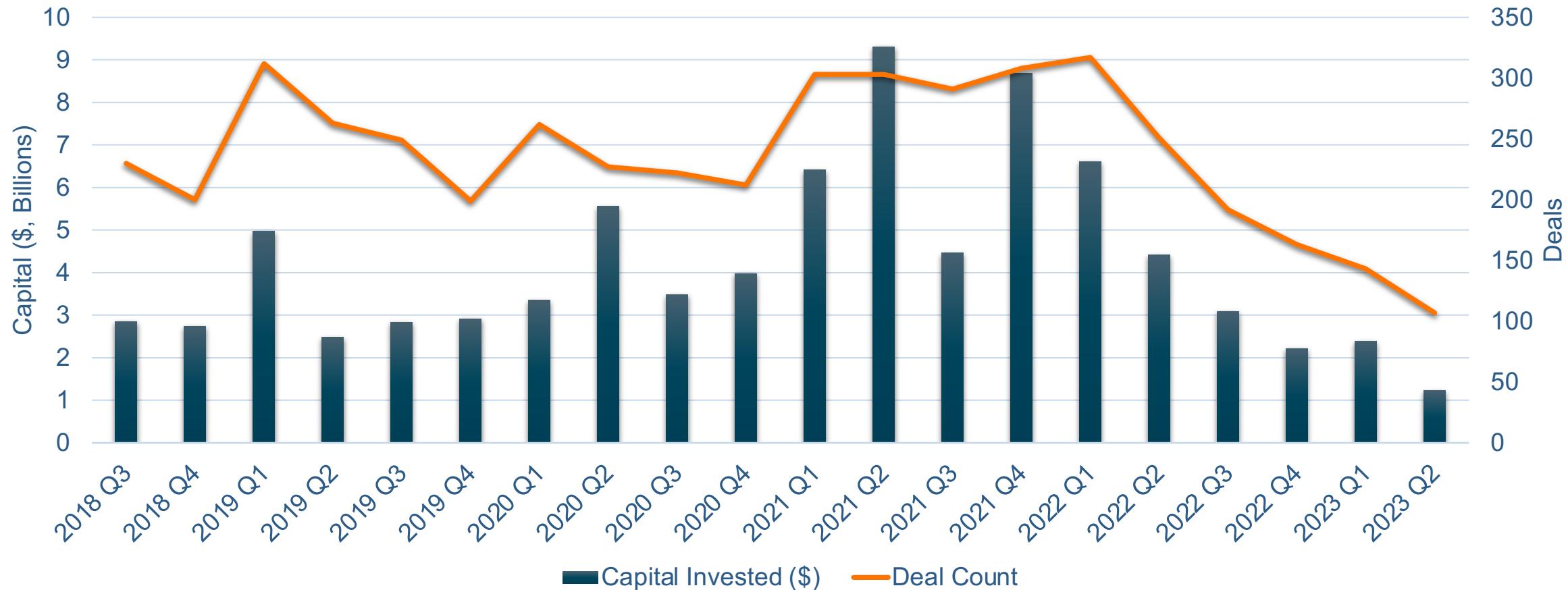




VC Keeps Falling – SC County VC Quarterly



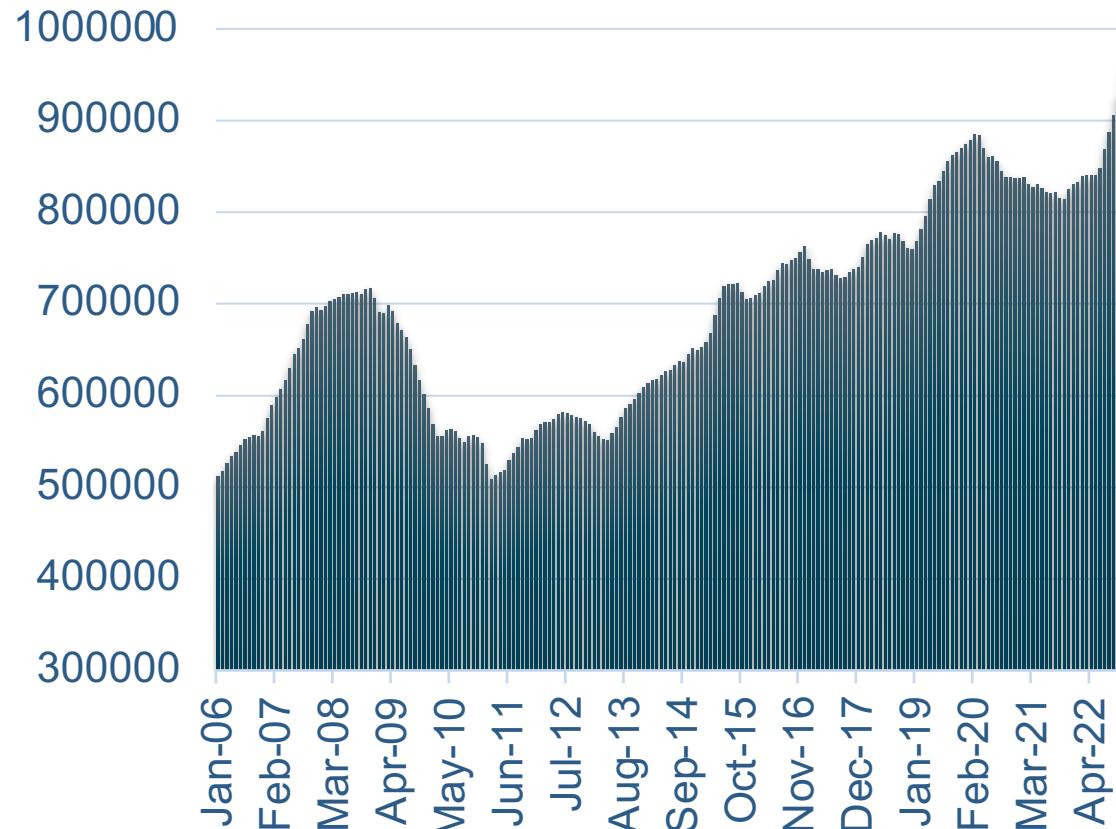
Capital Invested and Number of Deals



Non-Res Main Street / Wall Street

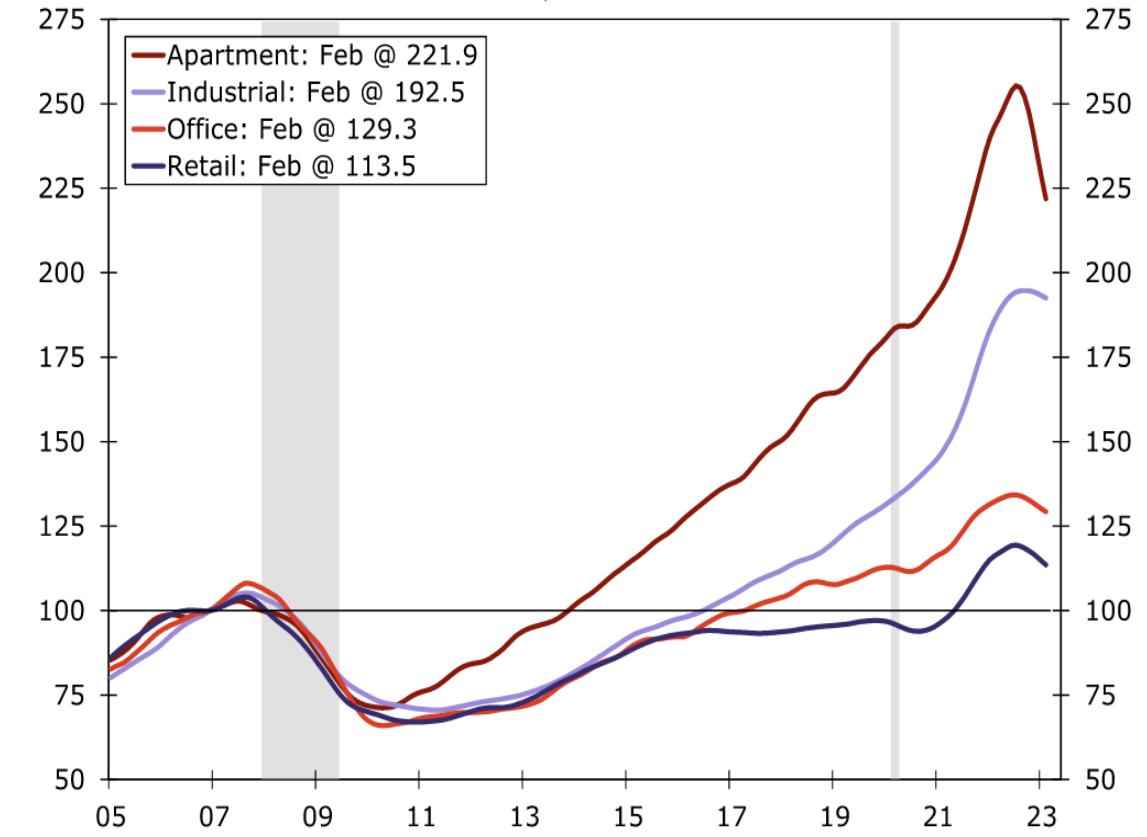


National Non-Res Construction Spending



Commercial Property Price Index

Index, 100=2006



Source: MSCI Real Capital Analytics and Wells Fargo Economics

Nonresidential Rents and Vacancies

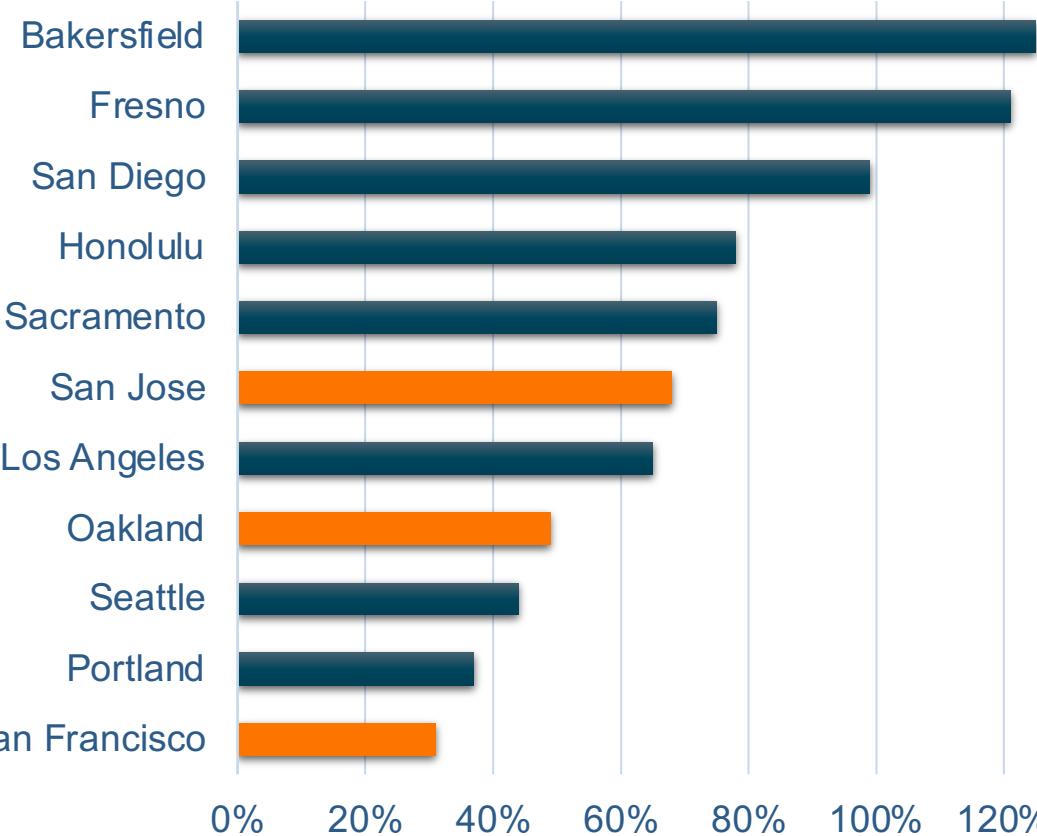


Office	Cost of Rent		Vacancy Rate	
	Q1-23 (\$)	1-Yr % Gr	Q1-23 (%)	1-Yr Chg
Sacramento	28.0	1.0	20.6	1.4
San Jose	48.3	0.7	20.4	1.1
San Francisco (MD)	64.5	0.4	15.2	1.2
Oakland (MD)	35.1	0.0	17.8	0.6
Retail				
San Jose	38.1	0.9	5.8	0.3
Sacramento	24.8	0.7	10.4	0.2
San Francisco (MD)	41.0	0.4	5.0	0.1
Oakland (MD)	31.9	0.3	8.7	-0.2
Warehouse/Distribution				
San Francisco (MD)	13.1	14.7	3.9	-0.1
Oakland (MD)	8.6	13.6	3.0	-2.3
Sacramento	6.2	10.7	4.7	-1.0
San Jose	10.1	9.1	3.0	-2.7

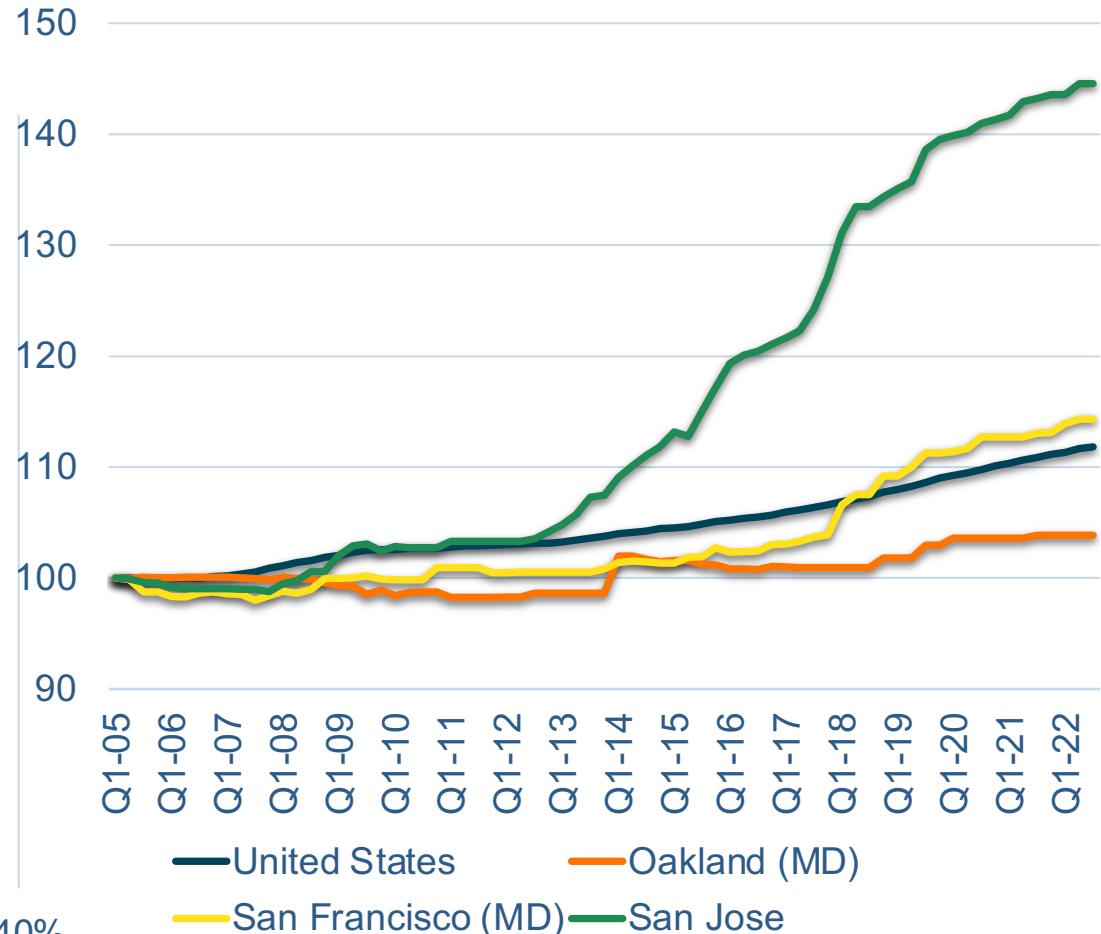
Where are the People?



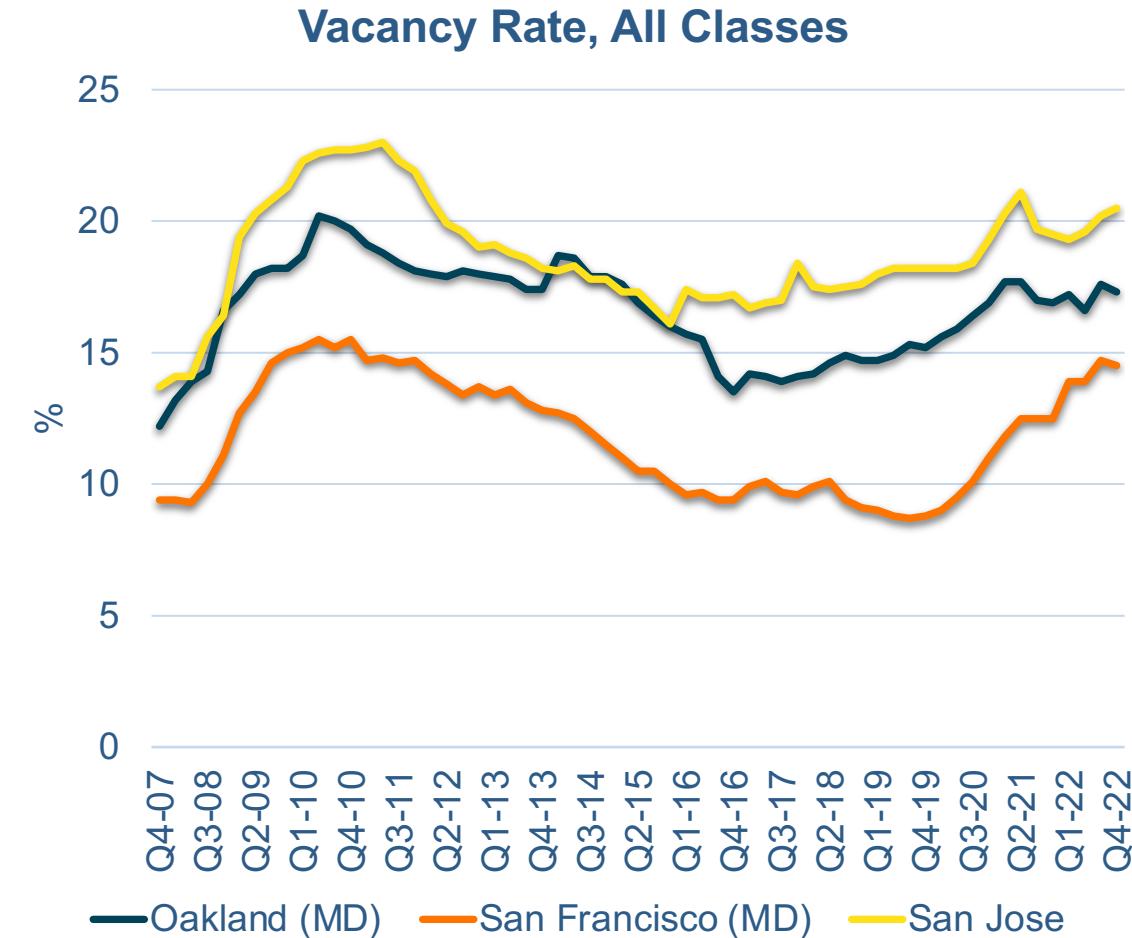
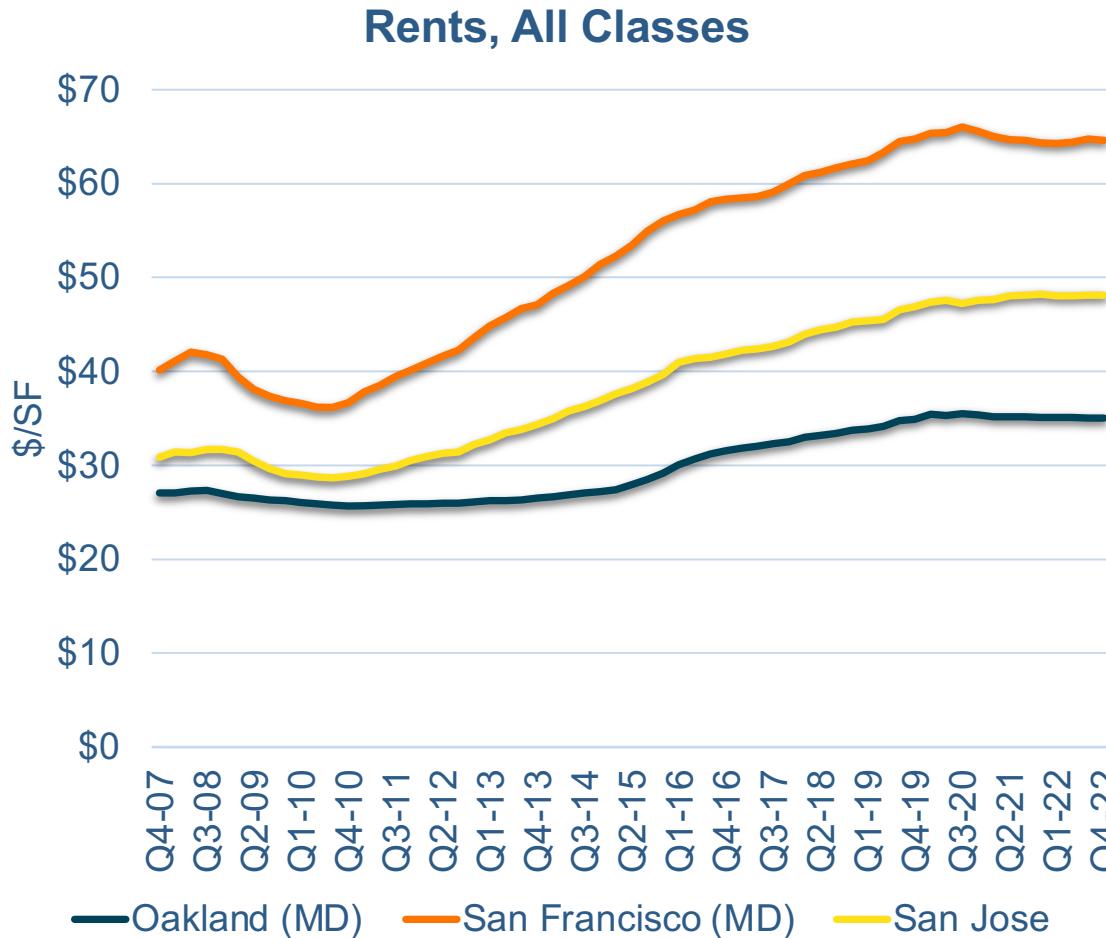
People Downtown; Sep-Nov 2019 vs 2022,
Pacific Cities



Indexed Square Feet of Office Space



Bay Area Office Deep Dive Cntd.

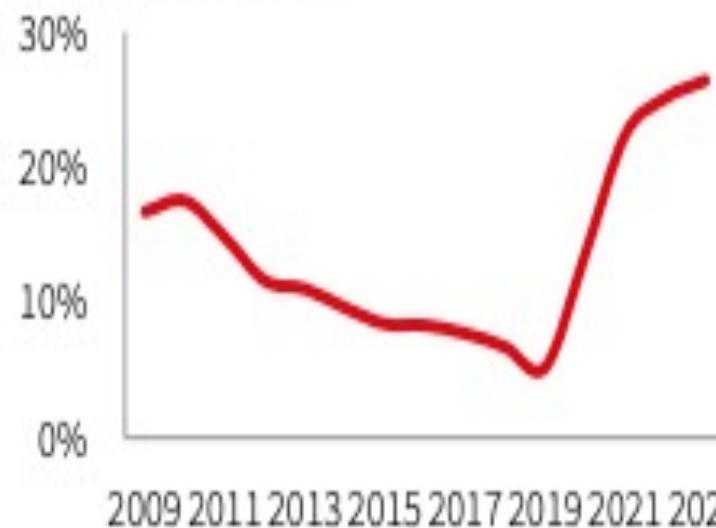


Bay Area Office w/ Shadow Space (JLL)



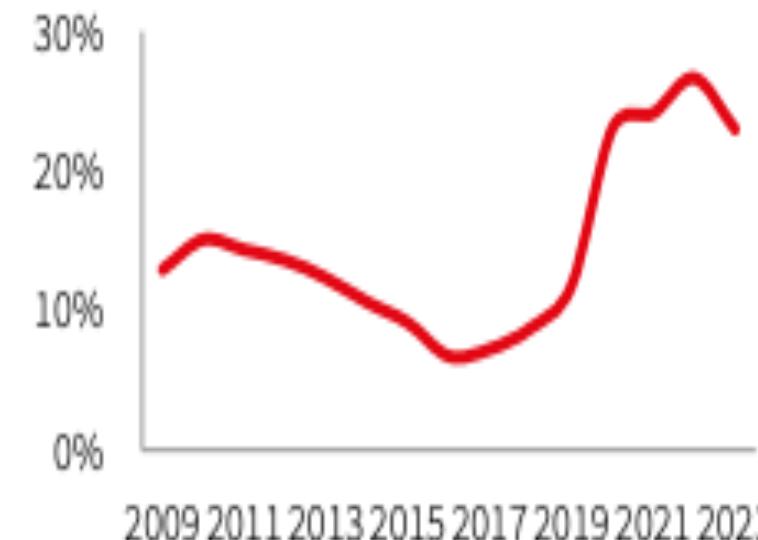
San Francisco

Total vacancy (%)



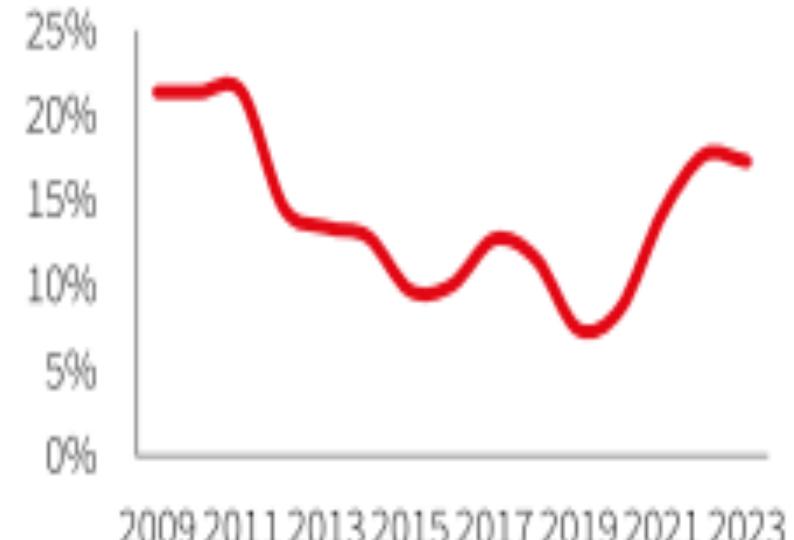
Oakland

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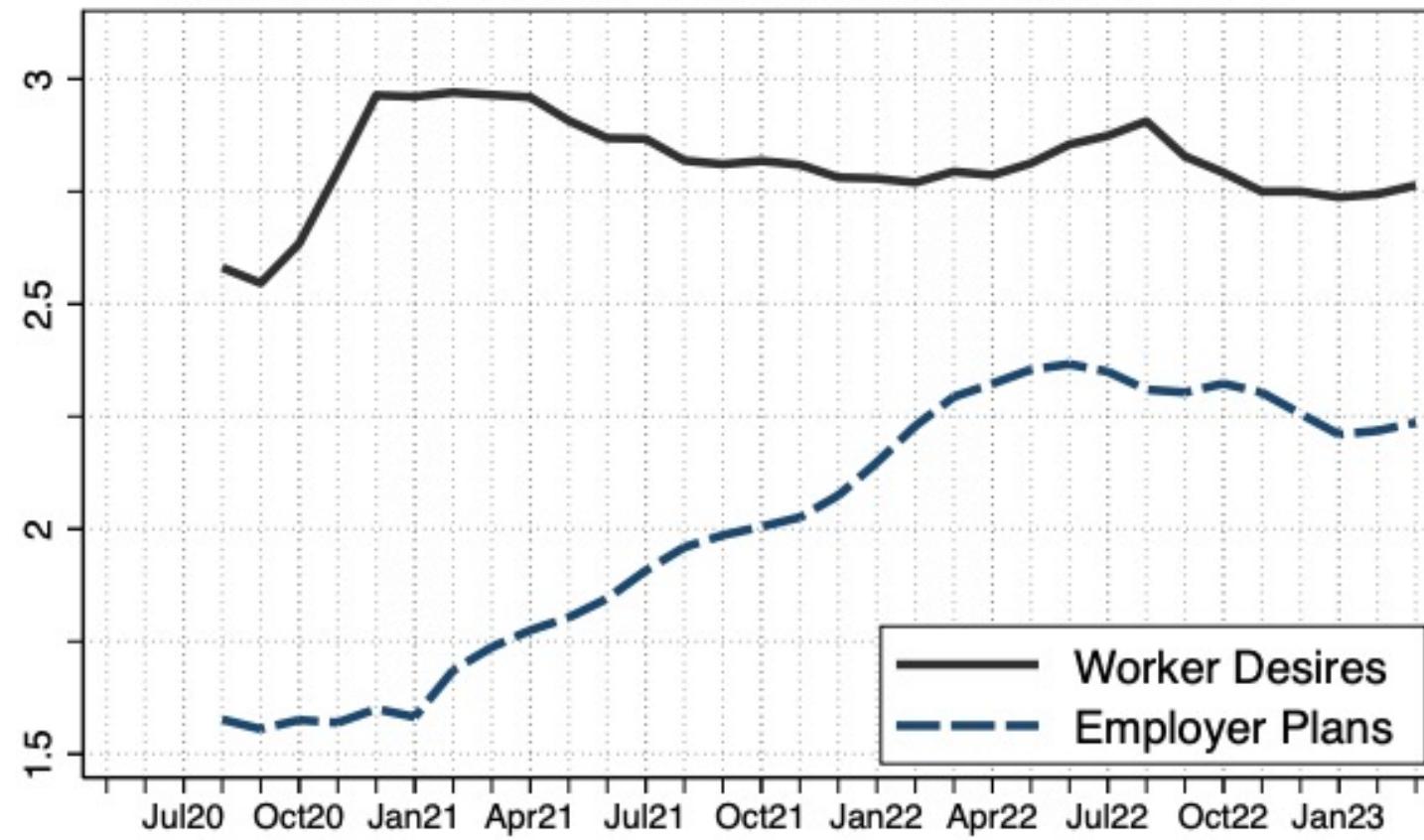
Silicon Valley

Total vacancy (%)





Average Days per Week Working From Home After the Pandemic Ends: Workers Able to WFH

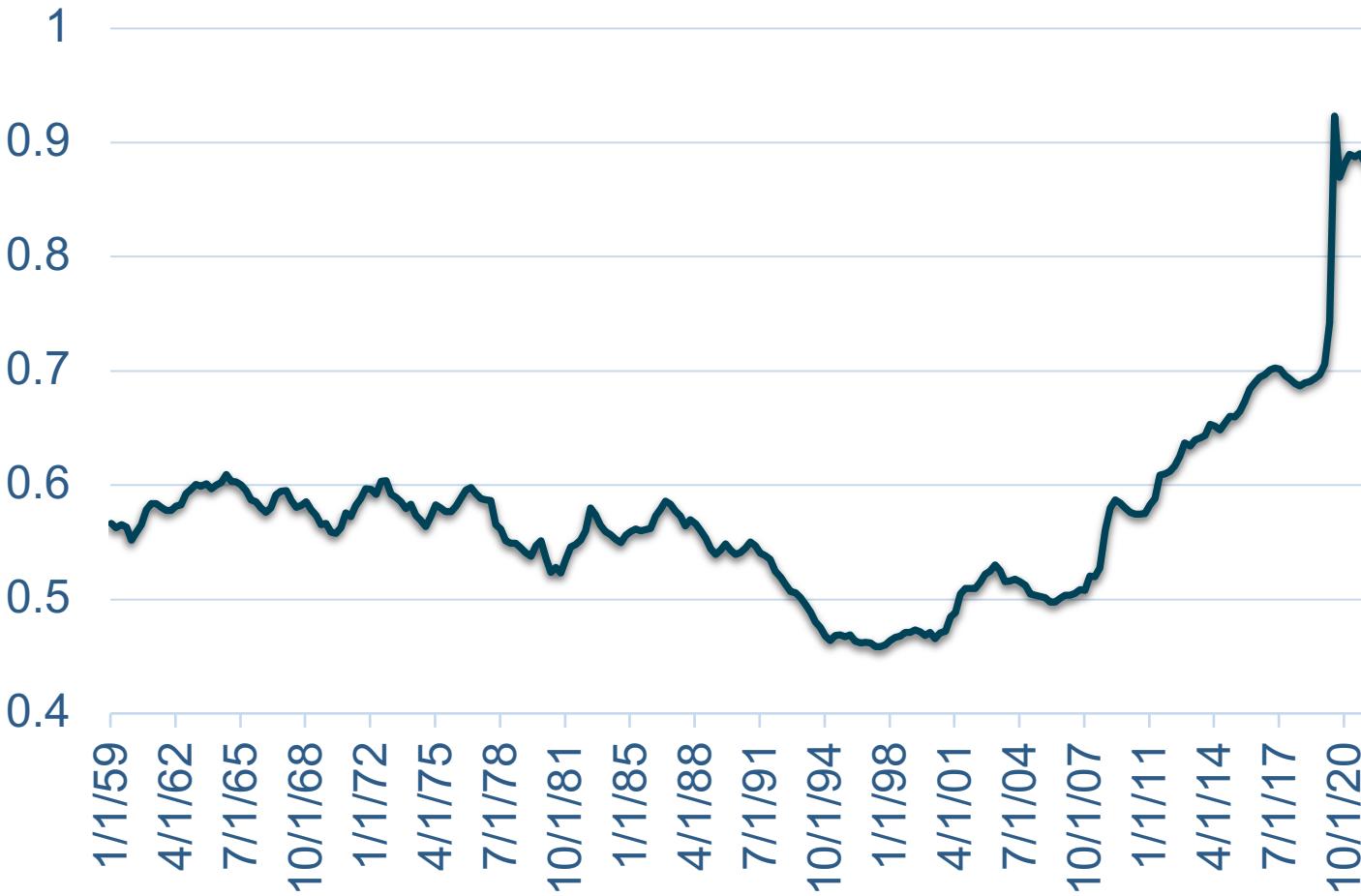


Sample: Workers able to work from home

How much farther can inflation go?



Unit Money Supply



} 8% to 13%
increase in P
to offset M2
(with little real
growth)

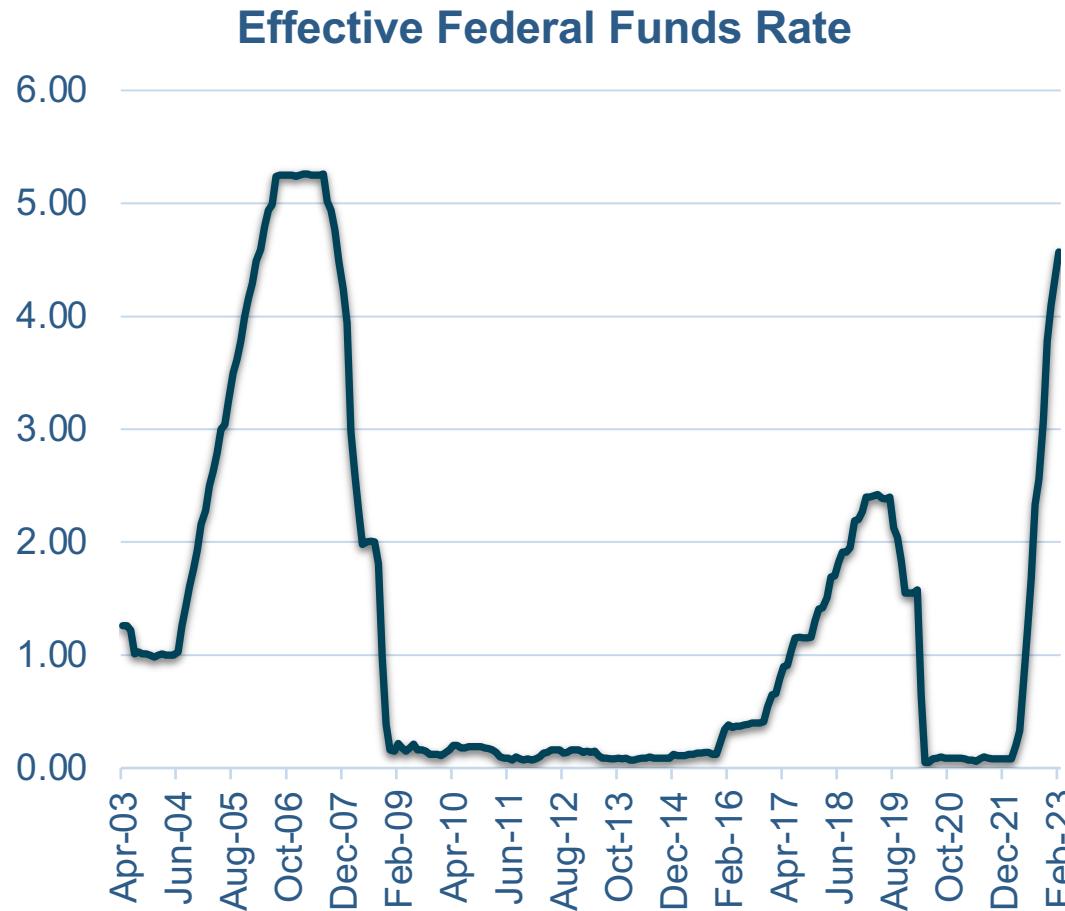
2 Year Inflation Scenarios

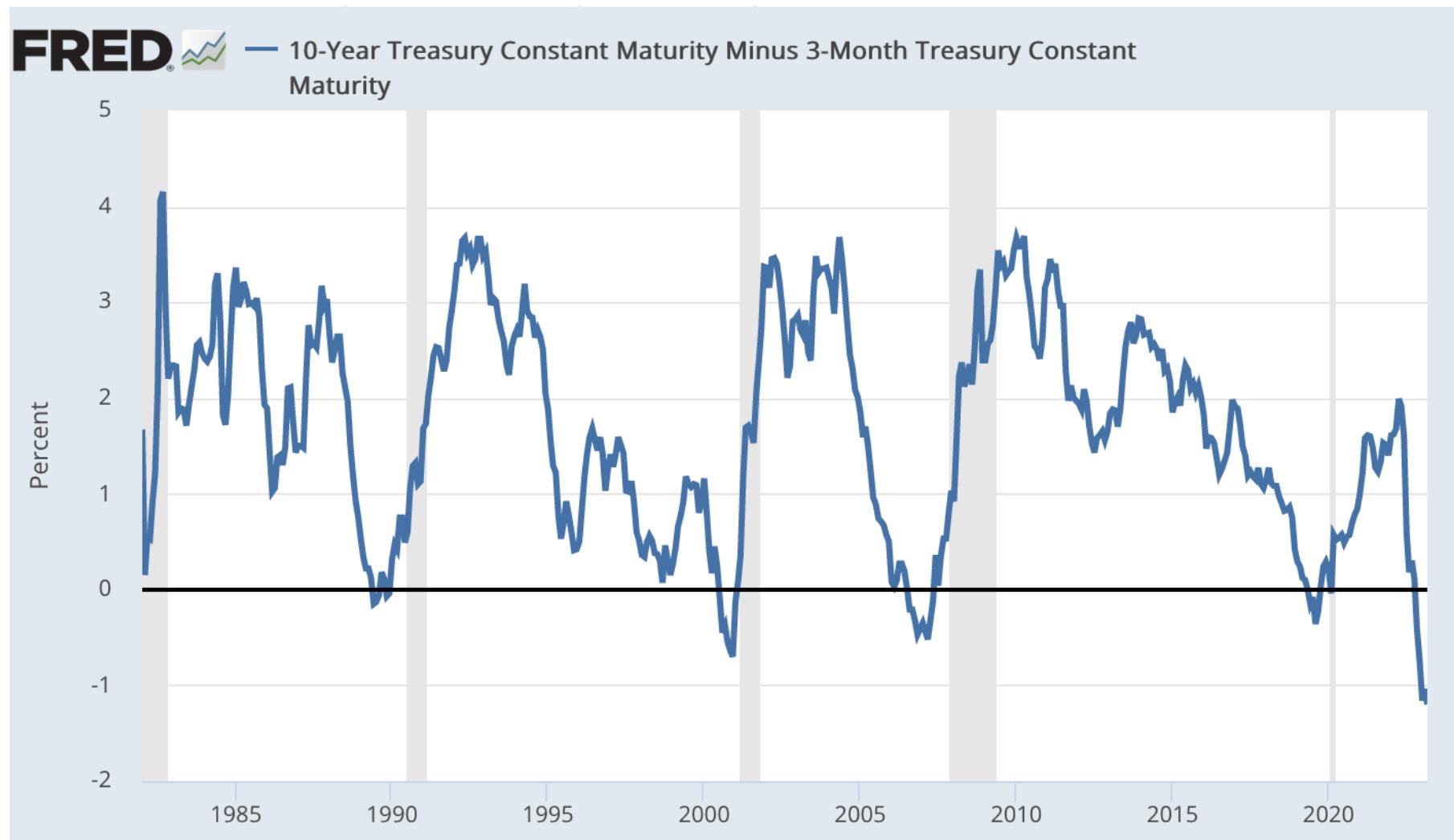
To Date	Target UMS	Weak QT	Strong QT
M2	32.5%	0.75	-0.7%
Real Growth	5.0%	0.70	6.2%
Inflation	13.6%	0.65	13.7%
Remainder	14.0%	0.60	21.1%
			16.1%

The Fed Response



Changing the pace of price adjustment, not the scale of it...

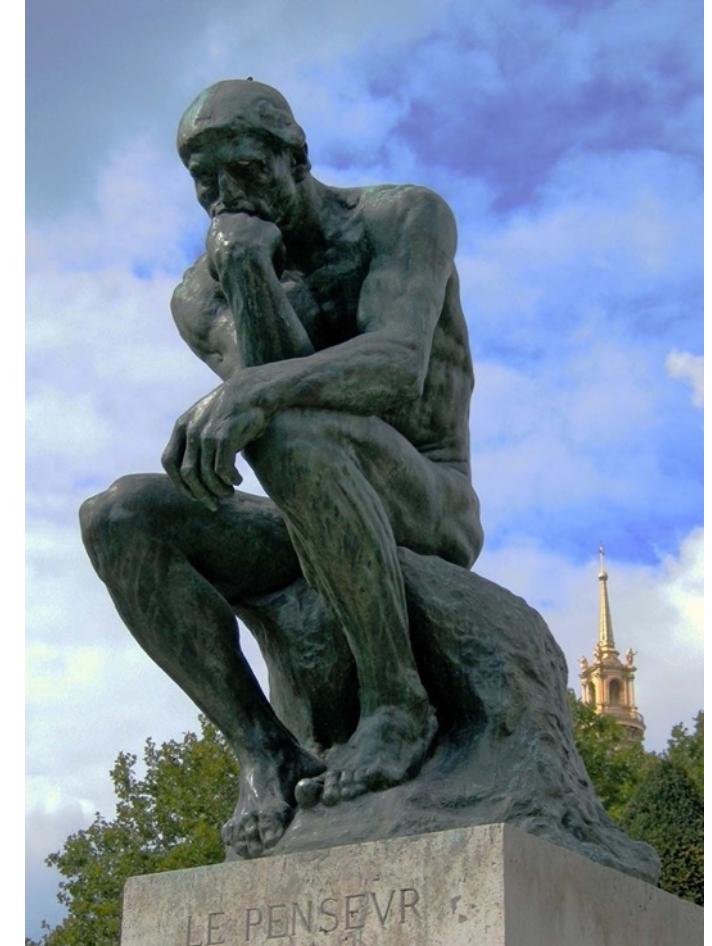




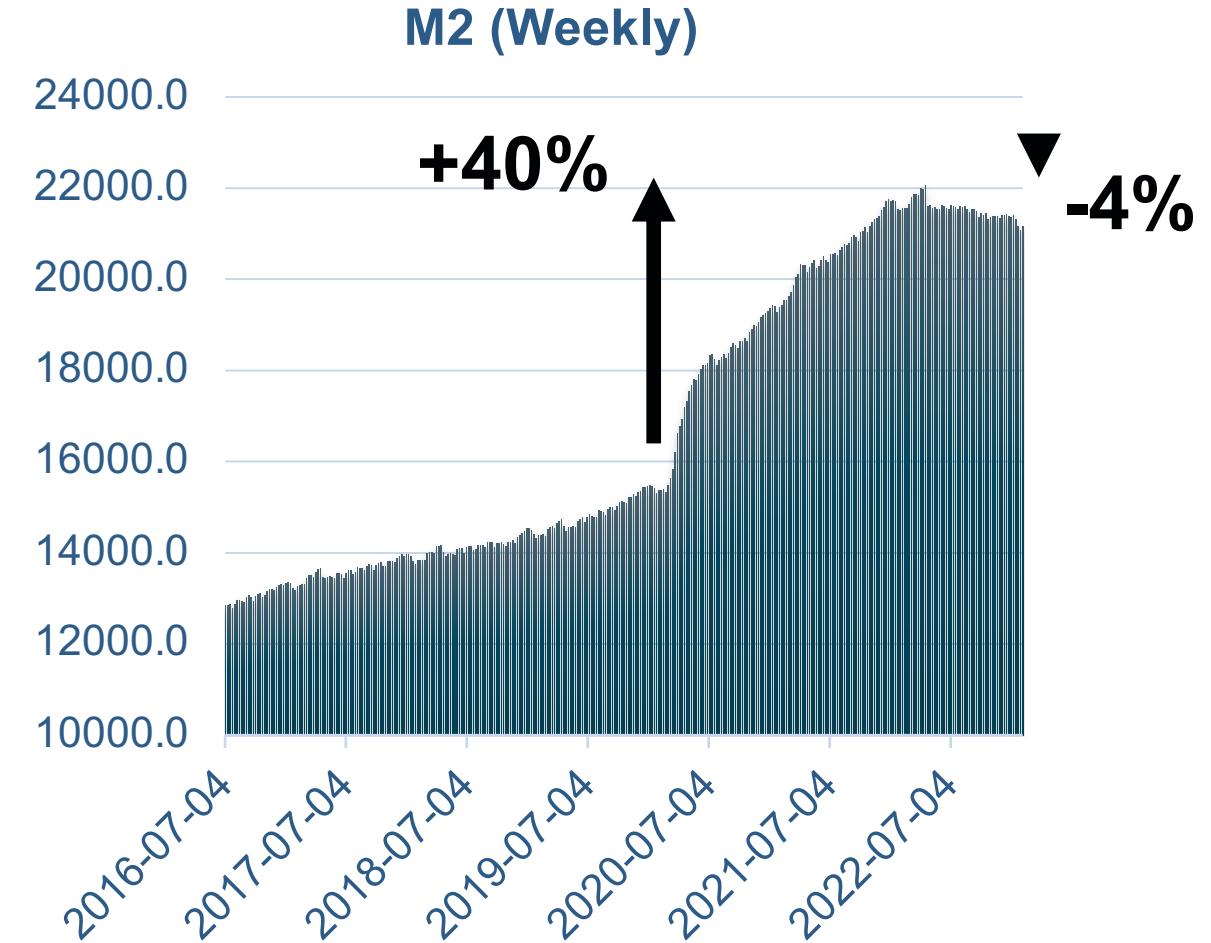
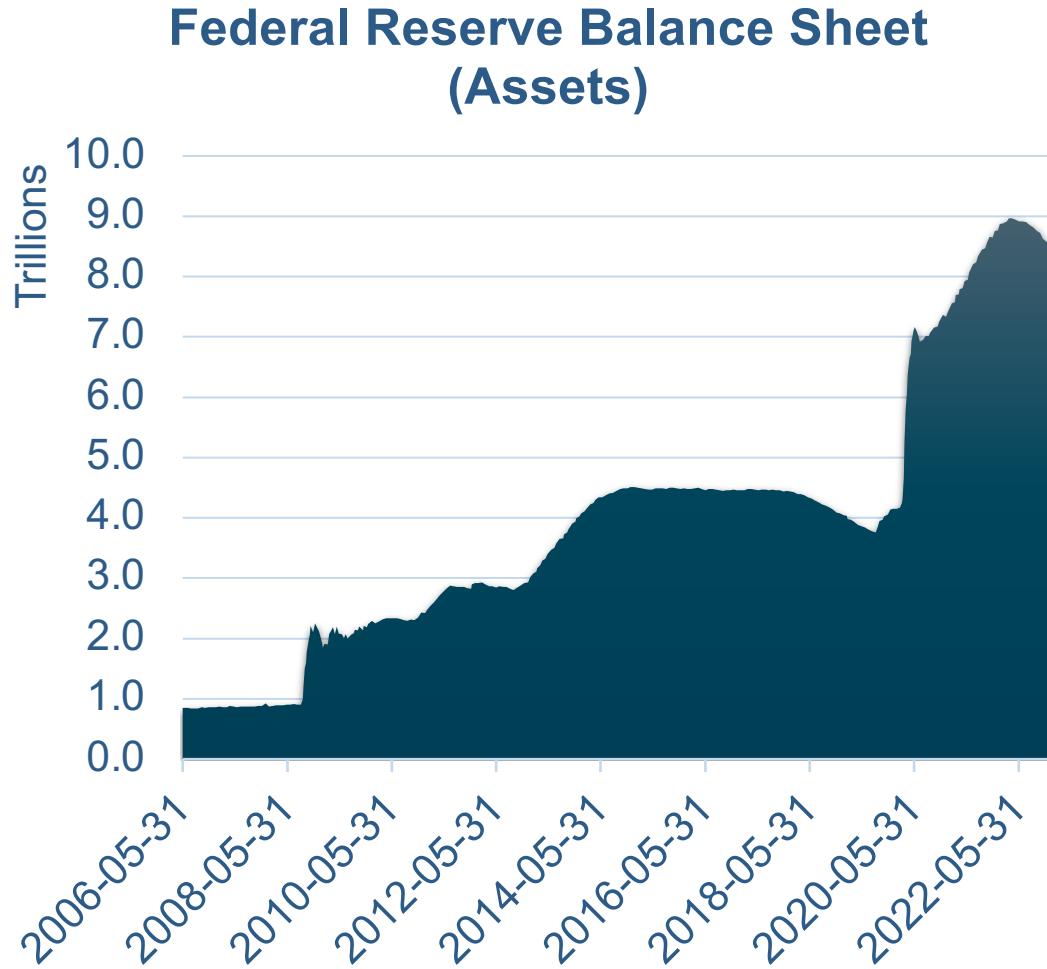
Some questions to keep you up tonight



- Does free will truly exist?
- Why is there a "d" in "fridge" but not in "refrigerator"?
- Can an atheist get insurance to cover acts of God?
- If the Fed inverts the yield curve and the economy is otherwise fine, will it cause a recession?



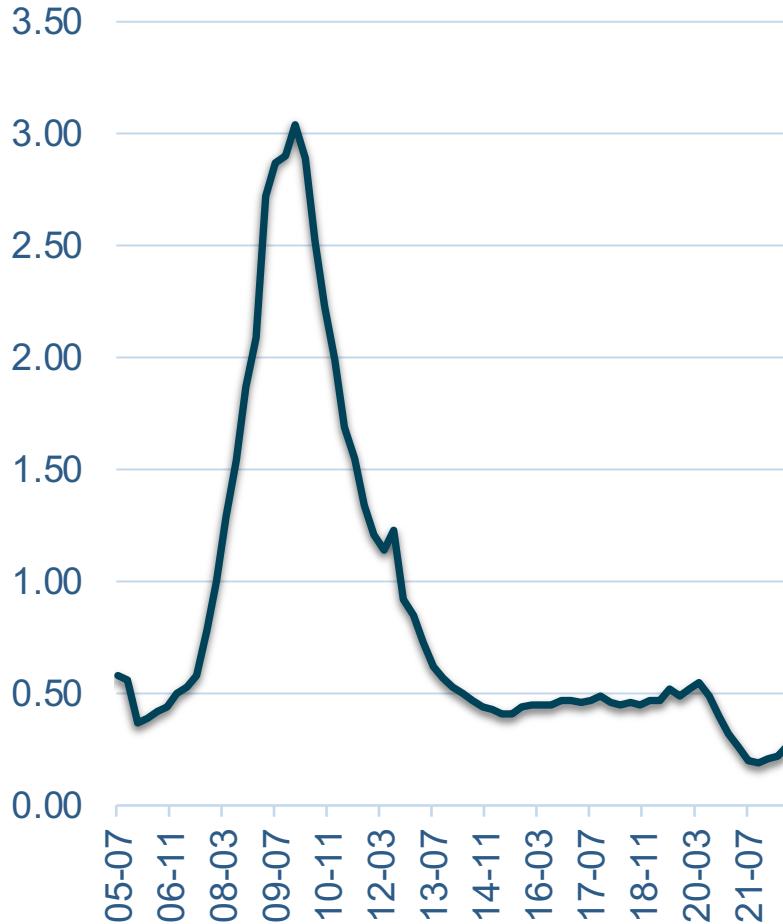
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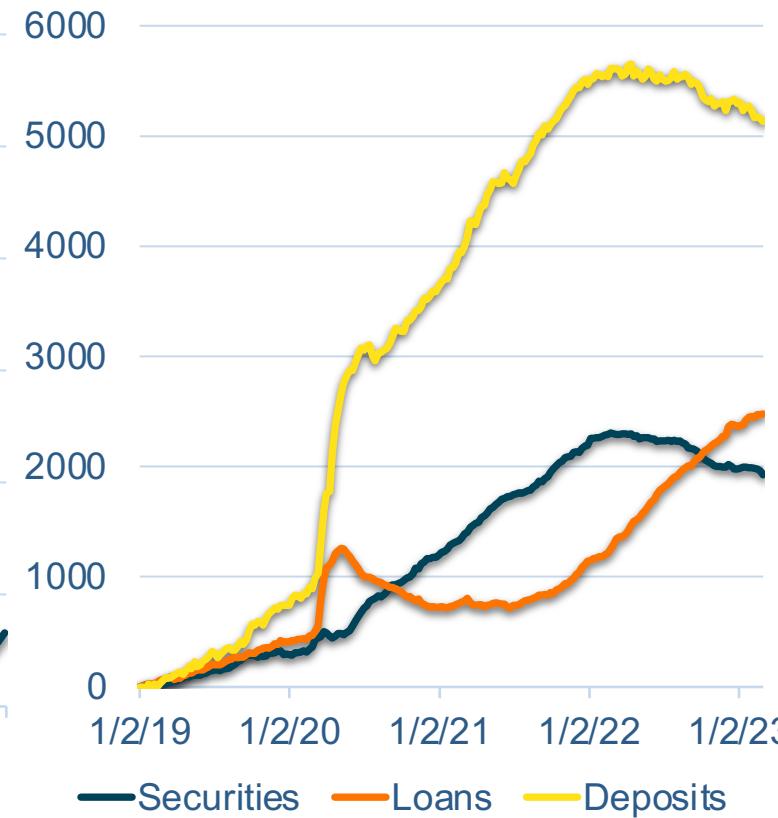
The Banking Crisis



Bank Charge Off Rate



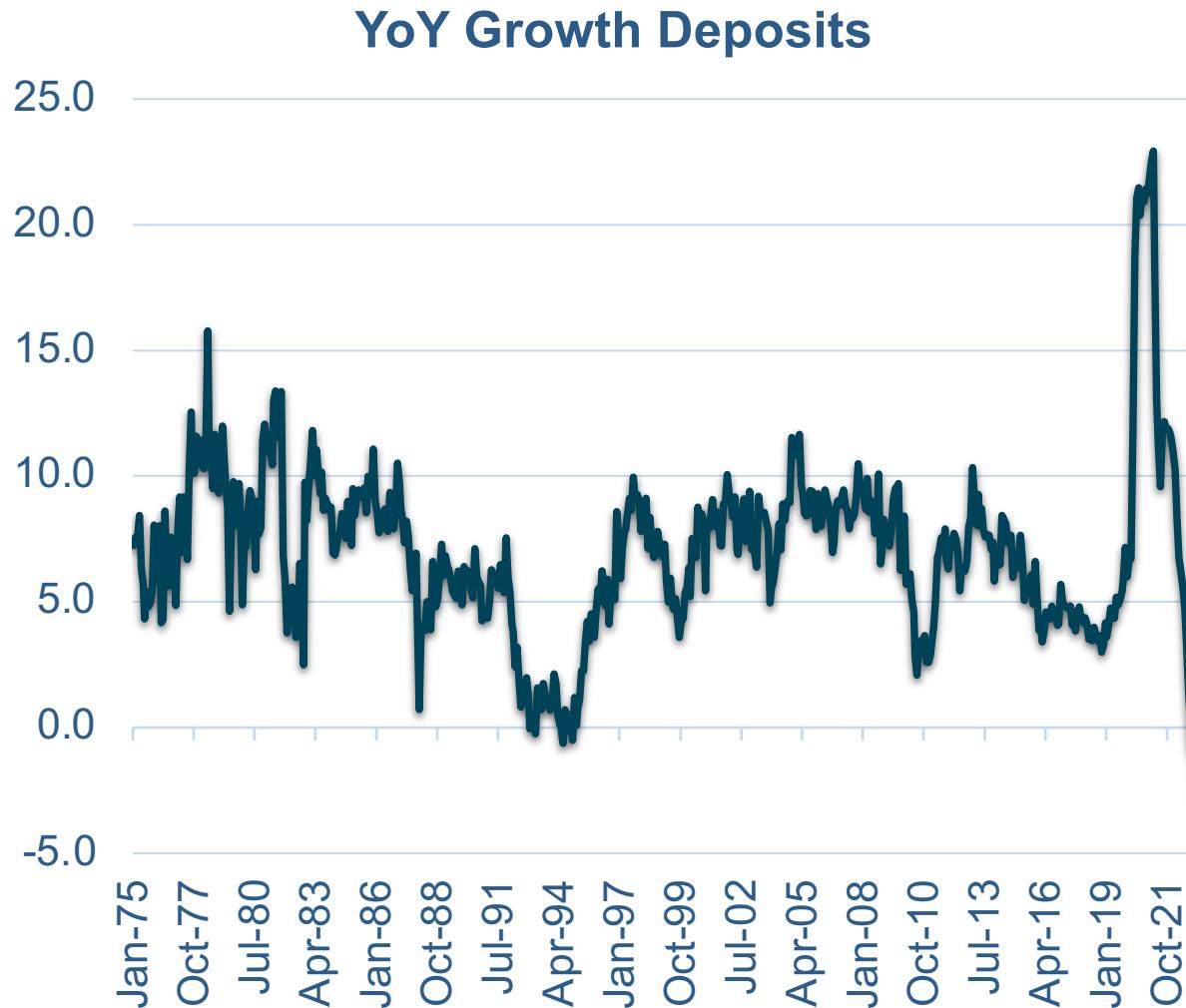
**Bank Assets and Liabilities
(\$Billions, Change from Jan 2019)**



Commercial Bank Balance Sheets

	4/7/21	8/24/22	5/3/23
Securities	5017.0	5728.1	5227.7
	711.0	-500.3	
	14.2%	-8.7%	
Loans	10355.2	11609.3	12127.8
	1254.1	518.5	
	12.1%	4.5%	
Deposits	16780.0	18033.3	17150.0
	1253.3	-883.2	
	7.5%	-4.9%	
Reserves	1407.8	695.9	-205.5

Fed Policy



- *Conducting the nation's monetary policy ... in pursuit of full employment and stable prices.*
- *Supervising and regulating banks ... to ensure the safety and soundness of the nation's banking and financial system.*

Error #1: Panic over full employment has negatively impacted price stability

Error #2: Panic over price stability has negatively impacted the banking system



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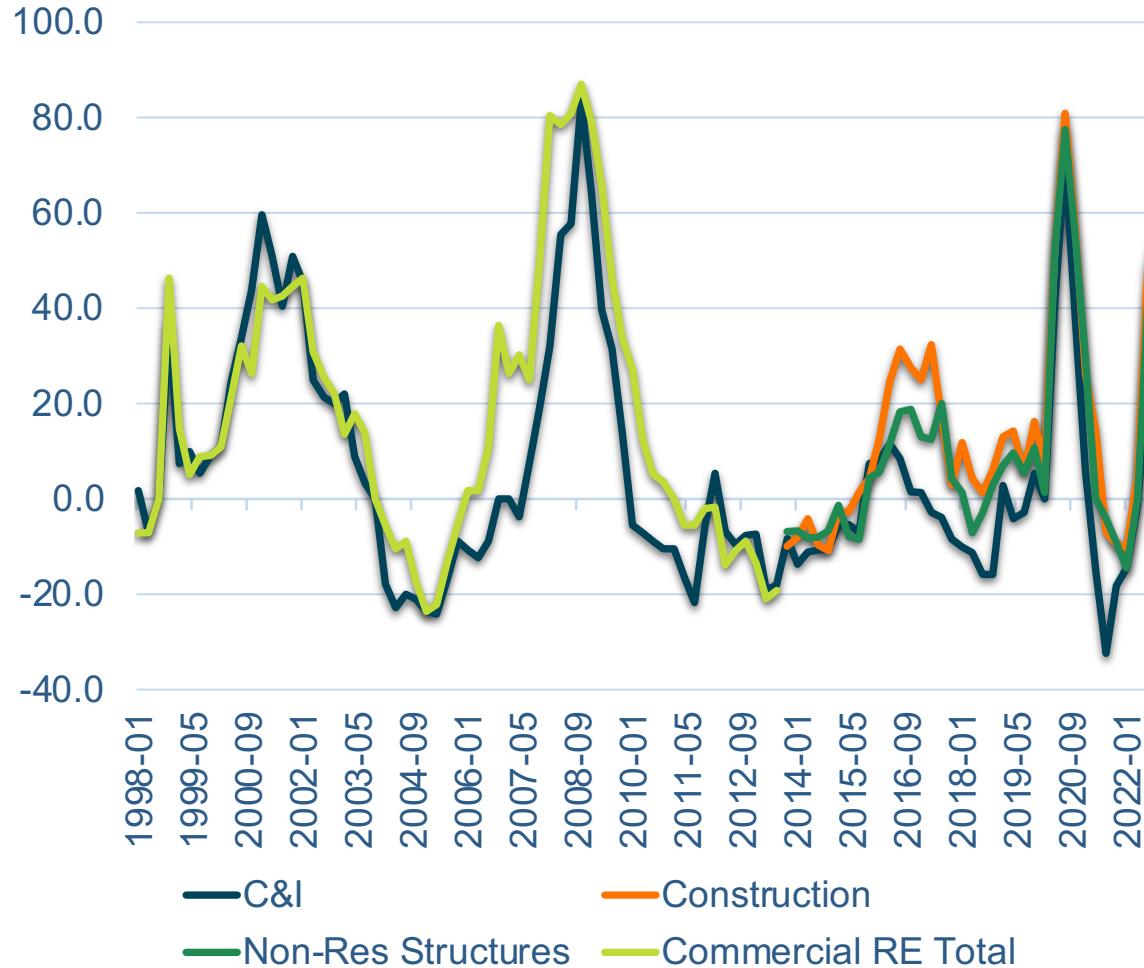
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Top bank regulator to testify Tuesday alongside other officials

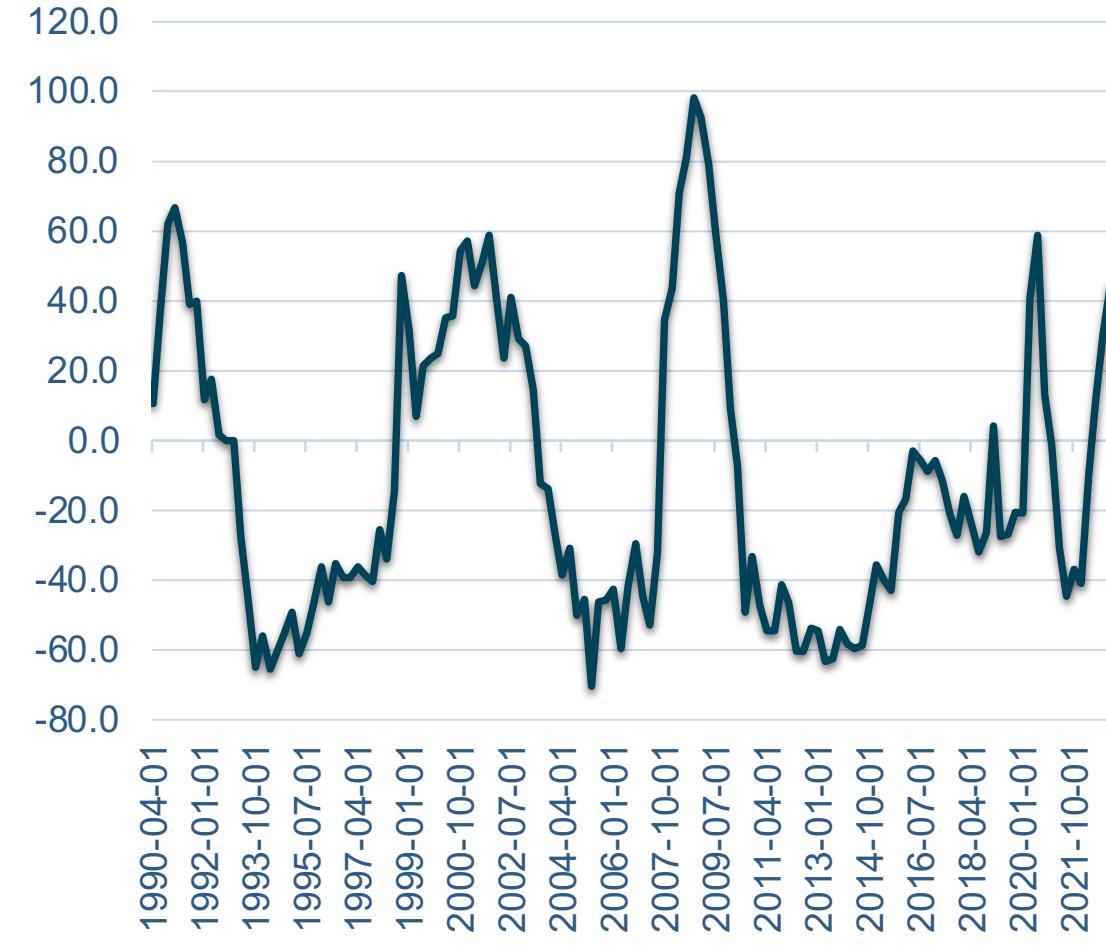
The impact on credit...



Net Percent of Banks Tightening Standard



Net Percent Increasing Spreads

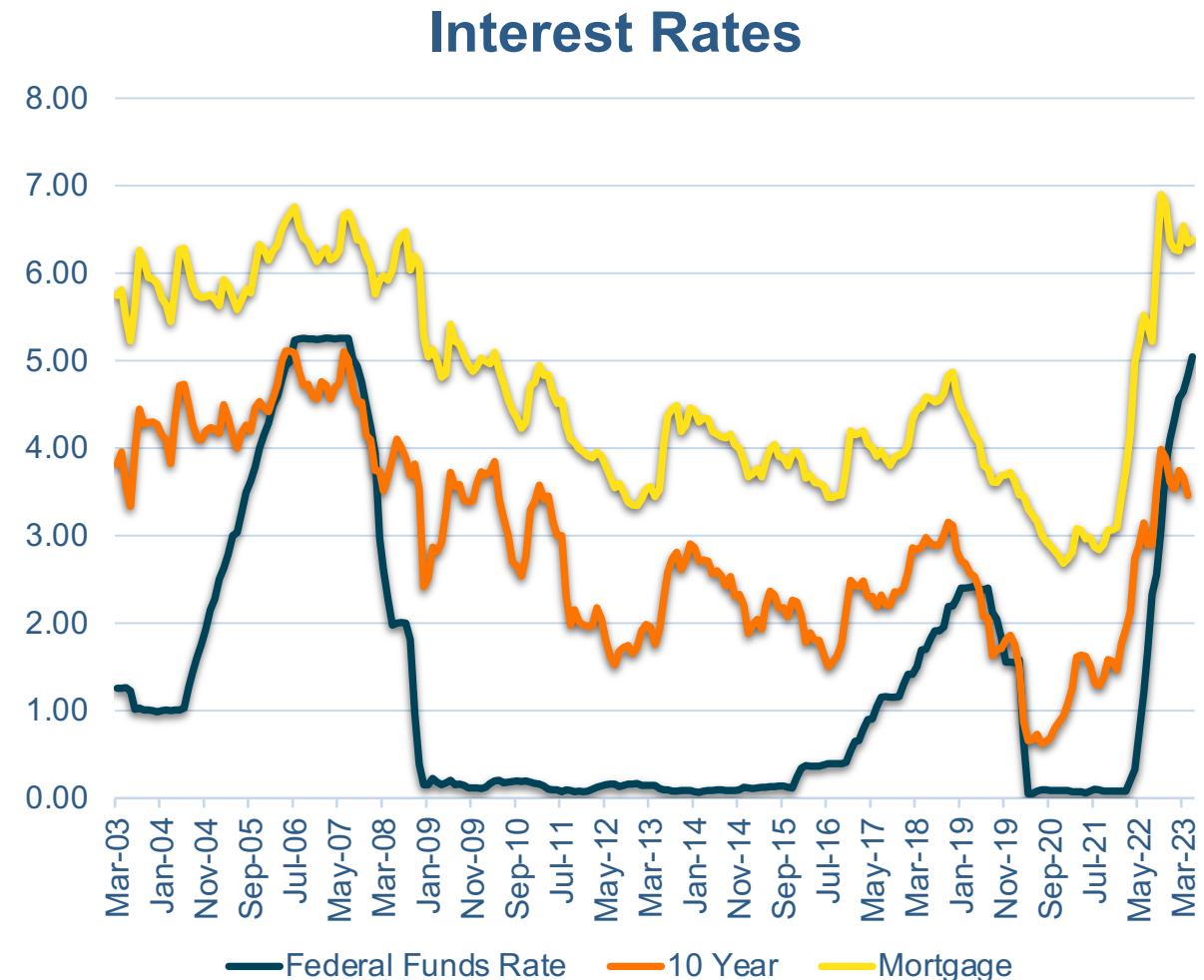


Prepare for Un-Inversion



Fed Minutes May 2023

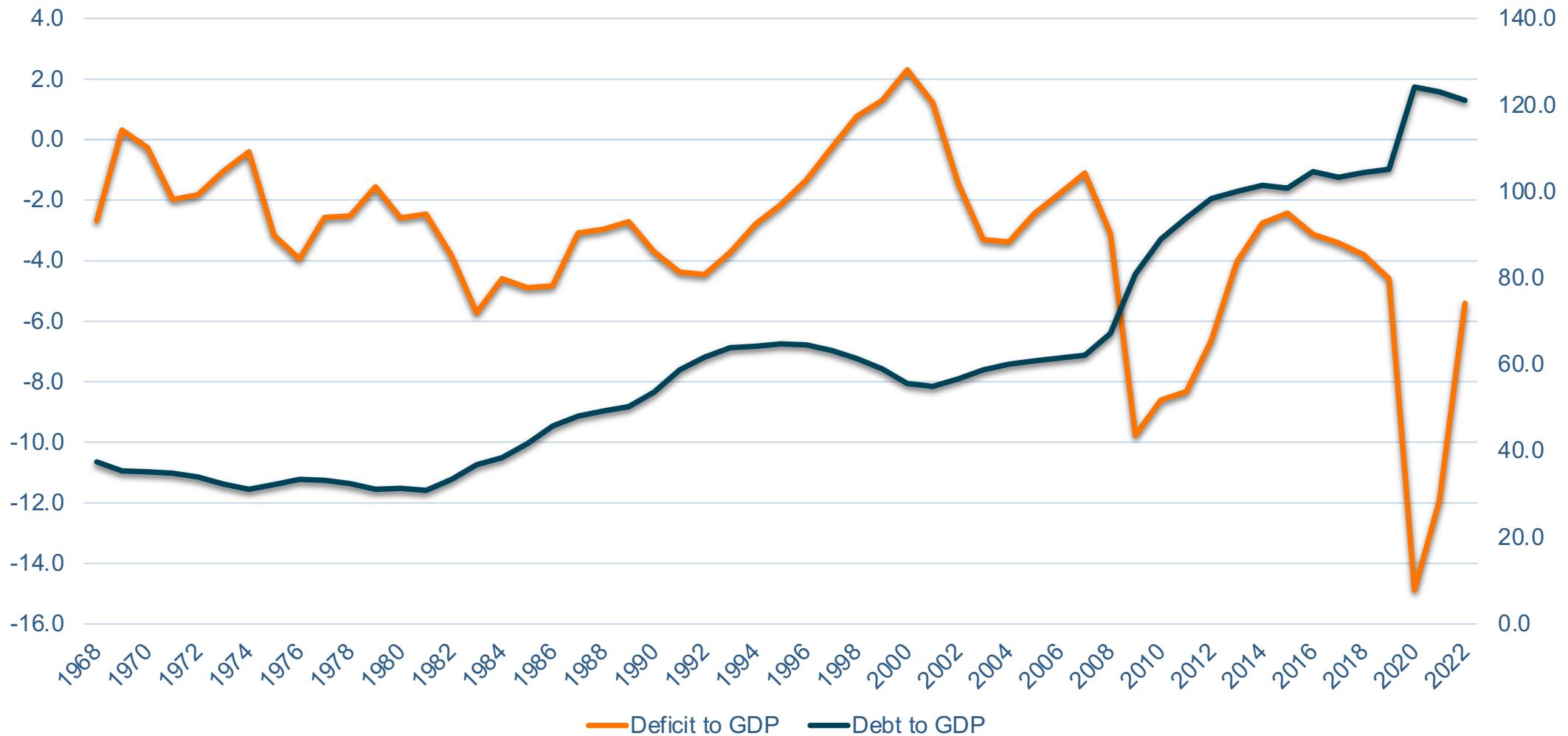
- “In support of these goals, the Committee decided to raise the target range for the federal funds rate to 5 to 5-1/4 percent.”
- “In addition, the Committee ***will continue reducing its holdings of Treasury securities and agency debt and agency mortgage-backed securities***, as described in its previously announced plans.”



The Federal Situation

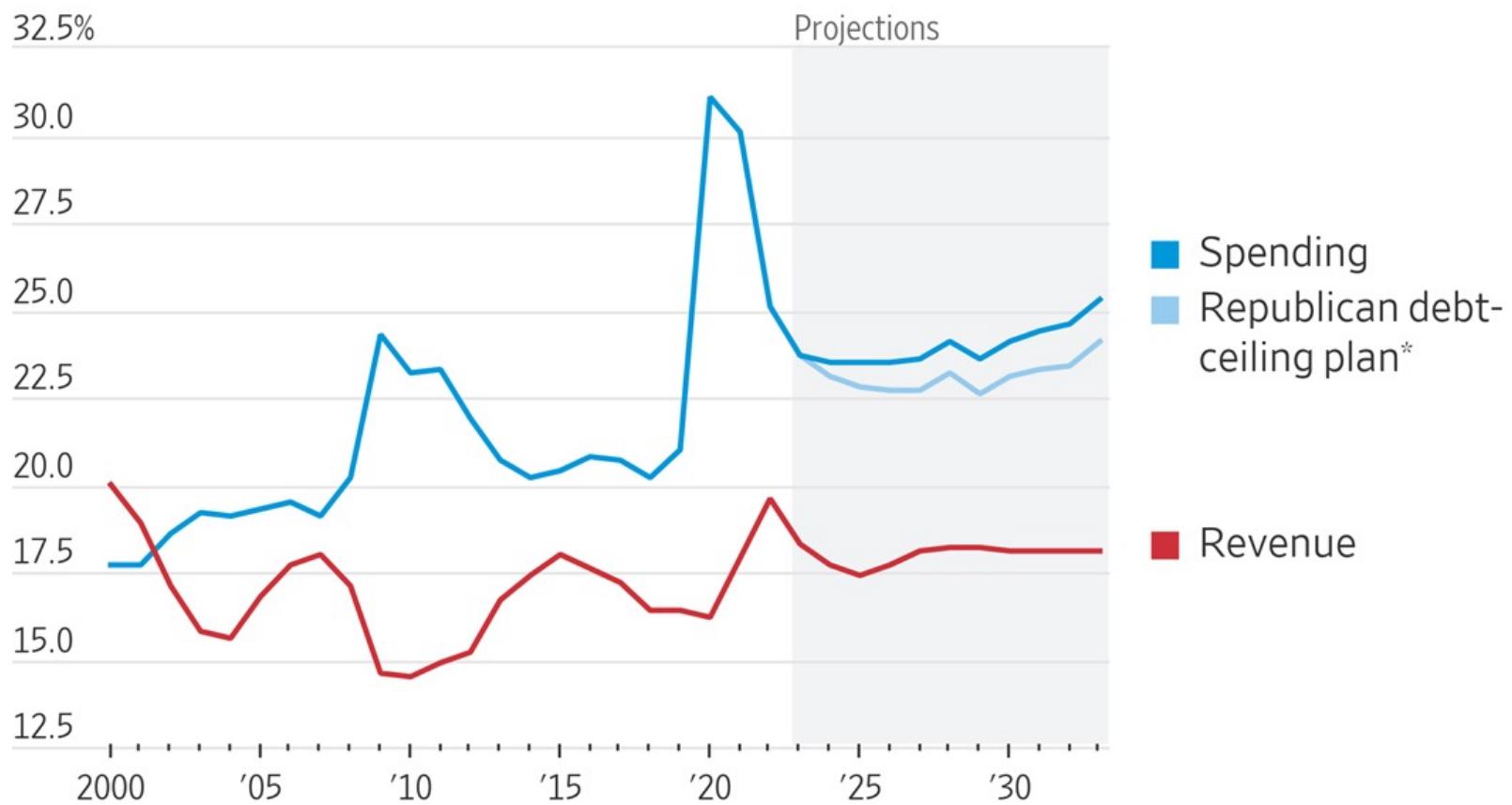


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Federal revenue and spending as share of GDP



*Excludes repeal of student loan cancelation and renewable energy tax credits.

Source: Congressional Budget Office



Los Angeles Times

How Newsom plans to offset California's \$31.5-billion deficit

California's estimated \$31.5-billion budget deficit is forcing Gov. Gavin Newsom to begin reining in his progressive policy agenda,...



So where are we heading?



- The Narrative: A recession is nigh!
 - Economy already in crisis due to ... (pick your favorite political boogie man)
 - Inflation is hurting consumers, real estate collapse driven by mortgage rate hikes
 - The banking failures are a sign of the rot
- The Reality: A Main Street recession unlikely in near term
 - Inflation / rising rates are the consequences of excessive stimulus
 - No major structural imbalances in the economy
 - Asset prices will continue to deflate, yet fundamentals remain strong
 - Consumers / business investment should offset resultant weakness real estate, finance
- The Real Worries
 - Collapse in filtering will intensify housing shortages
 - Labor shortages are now endemic
 - Public deficit challenges are real
 - The potential (and pointless) bank credit crisis that *could* cause a recession
 - The ongoing gap between the narrative and the reality

The Problem of Narratives...



It's easier **to fool people
than to convince them
that they **have been fooled**.**

– Mark Twain



The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie -- deliberate, contrived, and dishonest -- but the myth -- persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic.

— John F. Kennedy





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