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# Social Narratives, Economic Realities and the Outlook for California Focus on Silicon Valley

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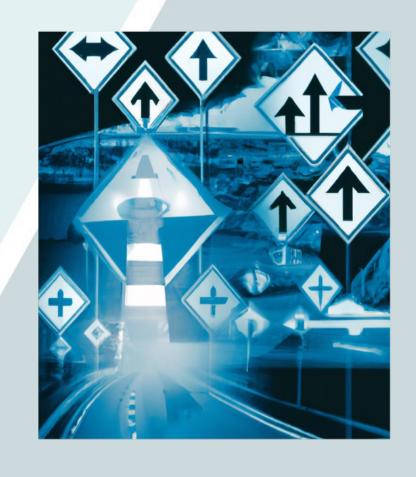
## **Overview**

#### **Beacon Economics**

 Economic research firm founded in 2006 on the basic principle of letting the data drive the narrative

#### **Today's Presentation**

- What we think is happening in our economy
- What is actually happening in the economy
- Understanding how the combination of the two determines the outlook for the economy





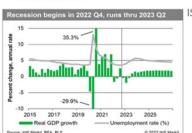
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## The 2023 / 2024 Macro Narrative

#### The Forecast: Recession is Nigh!!!

US Fed meeting decision today: PIMCO warns market is underestimating risk of US recession and rate hikes

Opinion: The US economy will likely enter a recession soon



Why a Soft Landing Could Prove Elusive

On the eve of recessions in 1990, 2001 and 2007, many Wall Street economists proclaimed the U.S. was on the cusp of achieving a soft landing, in which interest-rate increases would corral inflation without



OUSING MARKETS

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# Fed Pivot Will Dominate Year of Rate Cuts

- Quarterly outlook on what to expect from monetary policy
- About-turn follows most aggressive tightening in decades

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By TERRY LANE Published January 09, 2024

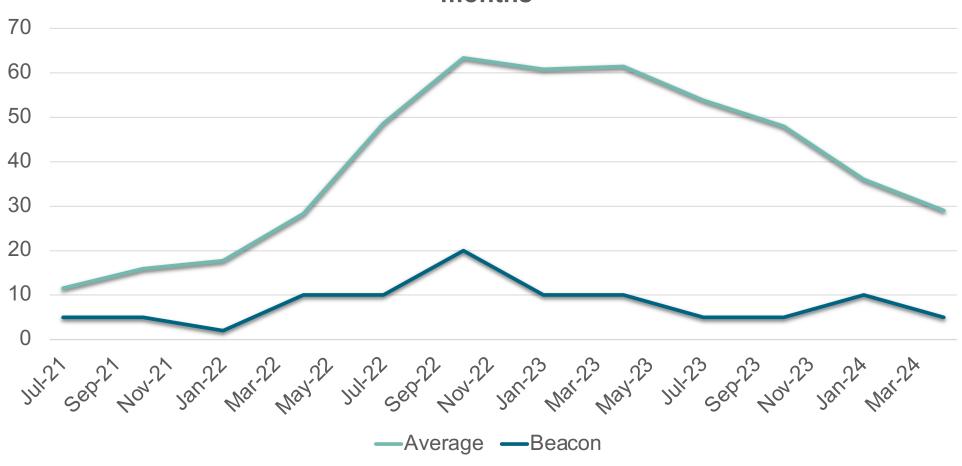


REAL ESTATE

Mortgage demand jumps nearly 10% to start the year, even as interest rates tick up again

## **Beacon's Outlook**

WSJ Recession Probability Forecast
Estimated Probability of US entering a recession in the next 12
months





## **Beacon's Outlook**

### US: never any risk of a "hard landing"

- The Good: economy will continue to expand at a decent pace
- The Bad: interest rates will not be falling soon
- The Ugly: Asset prices, federal deficit driving a spending binge

#### California Economy: Not Dead Yet

- Economy is stronger than the headlines would have you think
- Housing / labor shortages remain dominant issue
- San Jose: Still big in tech, but labor supply constraints are preventing the pivot to new areas for growth

### The Big Issue: false narratives pushing ugly politics

- Competing inaccurate narratives driving partisanship
- Misguided priorities driving poor local policy choices
- Big story of 2024: one very ugly election



# 2023: A solid year for growth

#### **Real GDP Growth SAAR**



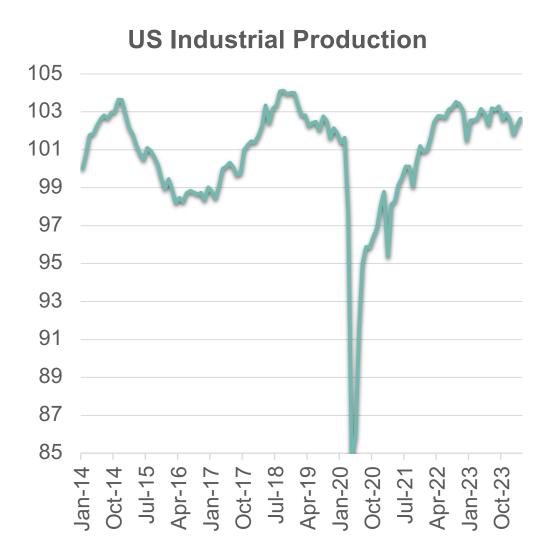
#### **Contributions to Real GDP Growth**

	2019	2022	2023
Gross domestic product	2.50	1.90	2.50
Final Demand	2.54	1.76	2.23
Personal consumption	1.35	1.72	1.49
Durable goods	0.23	-0.02	0.34
Nondurable goods	0.40	0.09	0.13
Services	0.71	1.65	1.02
Fixed investment	0.48	0.24	0.09
Structures	0.08	-0.06	0.36
Equipment	0.06	0.26	-0.01
IPP	0.37	0.48	0.23
Residential	-0.04	-0.44	-0.49
Net exports	-0.12	-0.48	0.58
Exports	0.06	0.76	0.32
Imports	-0.18	-1.24	0.26
Government	0.68	-0.16	0.68



# Q1: Slower output, not demand

Contributions to Real	2024	2023	
Growth	Q1	Avg	
GDP	1.60	3.15	-1.55
Final Demand	2.81	3.29	-0.48
Consumer Services	1.78	1.10	0.68
Residential	0.52	0.02	0.51
Inv Equipment	0.10	-0.03	0.13
Inv IPP	0.29	0.17	0.12
Change inventories	-0.35	-0.36	0.01
Exports	0.10	0.20	-0.10
Consumer Nondurables	0.00	0.30	-0.30
<b>Consumer Durables</b>	-0.09	0.46	-0.55
Government	0.21	0.79	-0.58
Imports	-0.96	0.02	-0.98



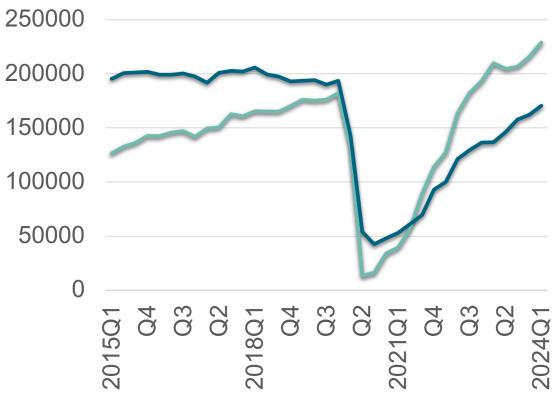


#### Evolution of Atlanta Fed GDPNow real GDP estimate for 2024: Q2 Quarterly percent change (SAAR) Atlanta Fed **GDPNow** estimate 5 3 2 Range of top 10 Blue Chip consensus and bottom 10 1 average forecasts 0 25-Apr 3-May 11-May 19-May 27-May 4-Jun -1 17-Apr 9-Apr 1-Apr 24-Mar Date of forecast



# Americans having fun!!

#### **Global Travel: Real Spending**



- —Foreign travel by U.S. residents
- —Expenditures in U.S. by nonresidents

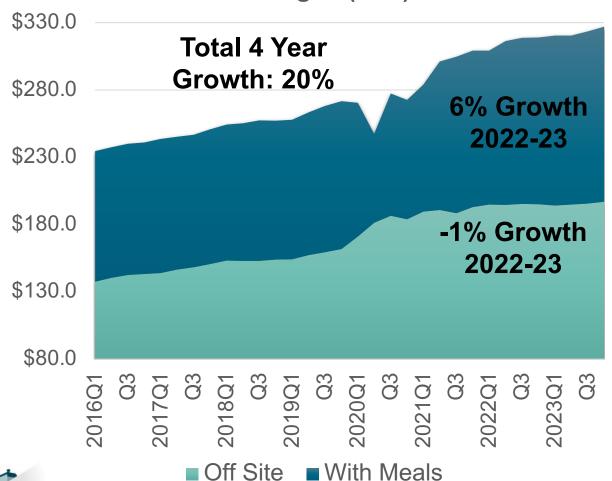
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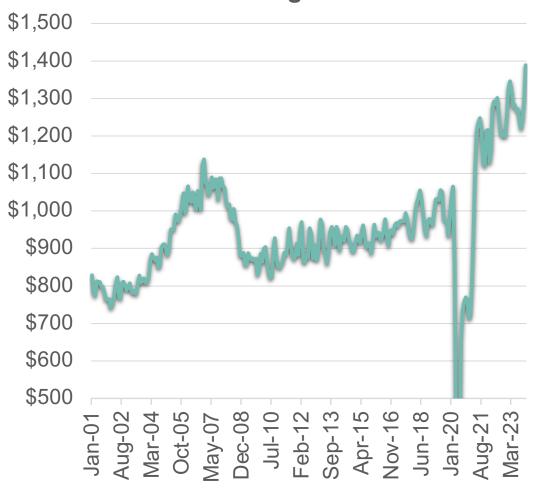


# The New "Roaring 20's"?



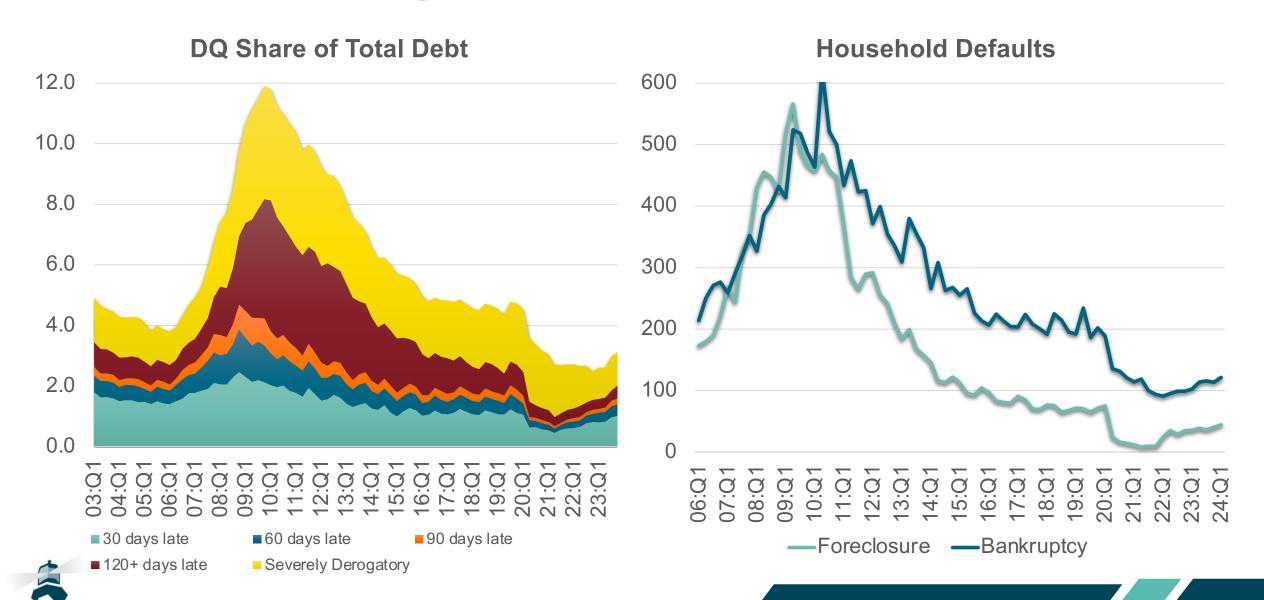


#### **Nevada Gaming Revenues**

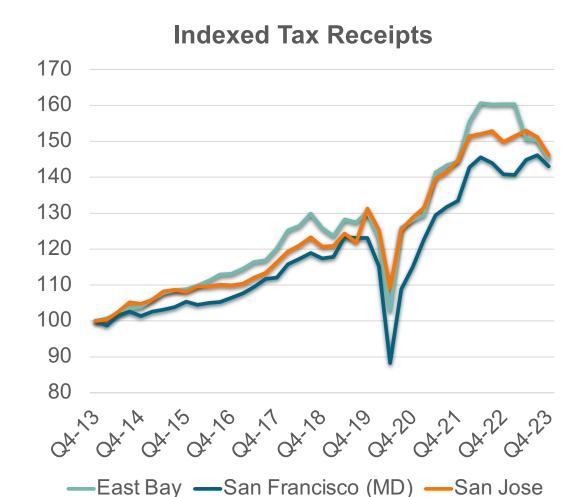




# Little topline financial distress



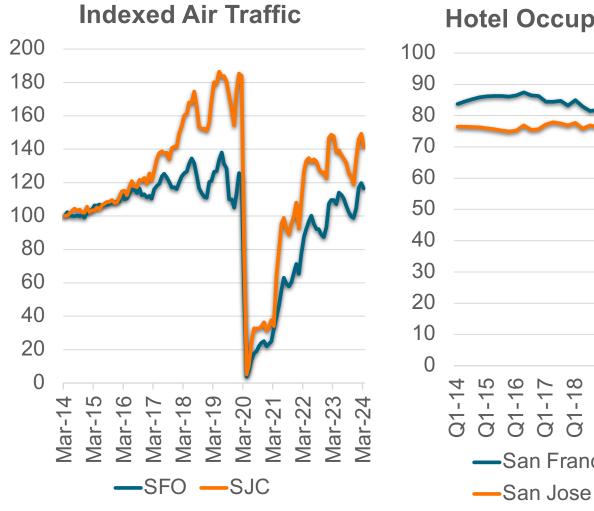
# **Bay Region Sales Tax Receipts**



Metro	Q4-23 (\$, 000s)	1-Year Chg. (%)	Chg. Since Q4-19 (%)
California	2,280,224	-2.2	22.4
Fresno	59,394	-3.5	38.7
Los Angeles	519,844	-2.2	16.5
Modesto	32,005	-2.8	27.8
East Bay	153,823	-9.5	12.3
San Francisco	71,450	1.6	16.2
San Jose	142,400	-2.4	14.3
Stockton	60,288	1.7	61.4



## Consumer, not Business Travel

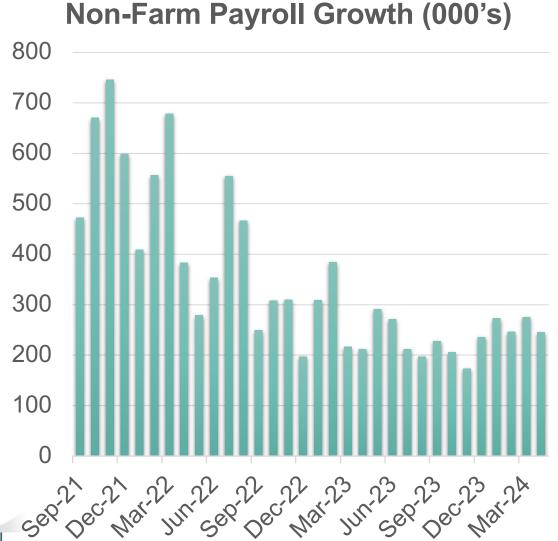




Location	RevPAR Q1-24 (\$)	1-Yr Change (%)	Change since Q4-19 (%)
Boston	164.14	11.6	27.9
Las Vegas	124.68	-21.9	88.1
Los Angeles	148.58	9.7	13.6
New York	230.22	4.2	18.0
Oakland	94.69	-0.6	-20.9
Phoenix	113.62	-5.1	18.9
San Diego	146.38	-1.4	31.4
San Francisco	143.78	2.3	-22.9
San Jose	113.19	11.7	-20.3
Seattle	124.16	11.3	12.6



# Labor Markets: Cooler, but still tight



# Job Opening / Unemployed Worker



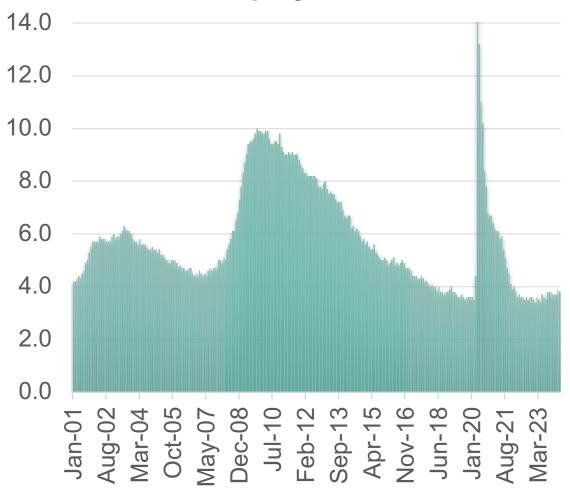


# Tight market, rising wages





#### **US Unemployment Rate**





# **Local Employment**

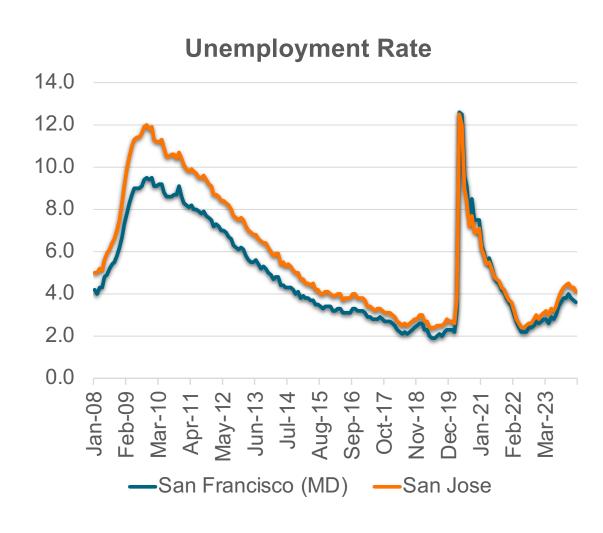
#### **San Jose Payroll Employment**



Industry	Mar-24	1 Yr Gr	5 Yr Ch
Total Nonfarm	1162.2	0.2%	18.3
Health Care	154.3	6.8%	25.1
Prof Sci Tech	168	-1.9%	5.2
Manufacturing	176.4	-2.2%	4.1
Government	100.6	3.5%	3.1
Admin Support	65.1	3.2%	2.8
Logistics	18	-2.7%	2.2
Education	50.6	4.1%	1.7
Financial Activities	37.7	-0.8%	0.7
NR/Construction	52.6	-2.0%	-0.3
Management	14.4	6.7%	-1.4
Leisure Hospitality	104.3	1.9%	-2.5
Other Services	26	-1.5%	-3.1
Wholesale Trade	28.3	-3.4%	-3.6
Information	92.2	-7.4%	-5.2
Retail Trade	73.9	0.0%	-10.3



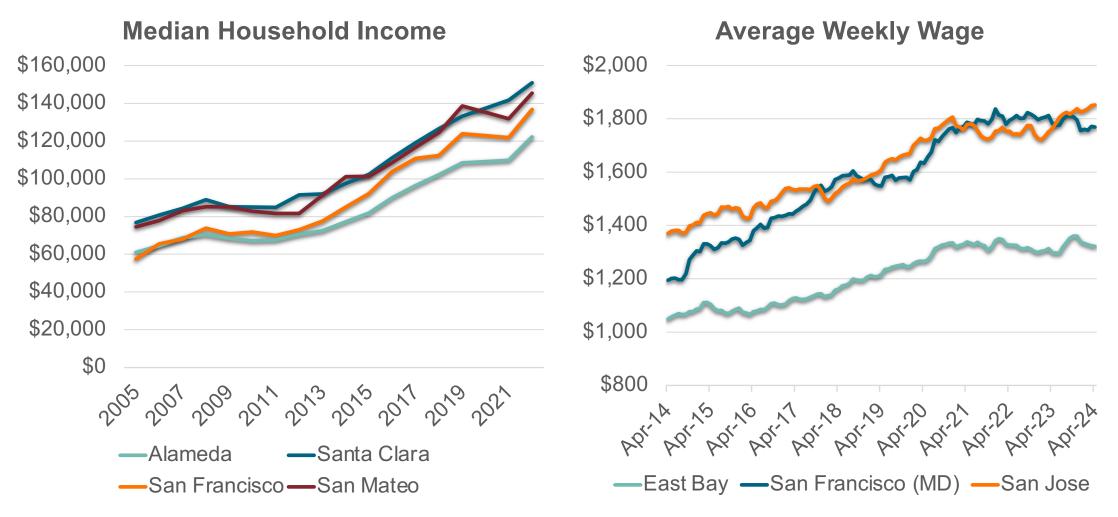
# **Local Unemployment**



Company	Layoffs 7/1/2023 to 5/15/2024
Broadcom Inc.	1,267
Cisco Systems, Inc.	973
Tesla, Inc.	858
Jabil Inc.	643
Apple Inc.	614
Intel Corporation	517
LinkedIn Corporation	506
BILL Operations, LLC	468
Surefox North America Inc	386
PayPal	311
eBay Inc.	261

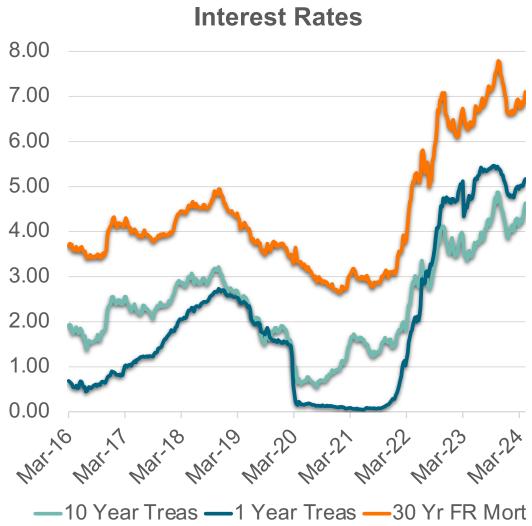


## **Local Incomes**





# Rates up up, but investment Up

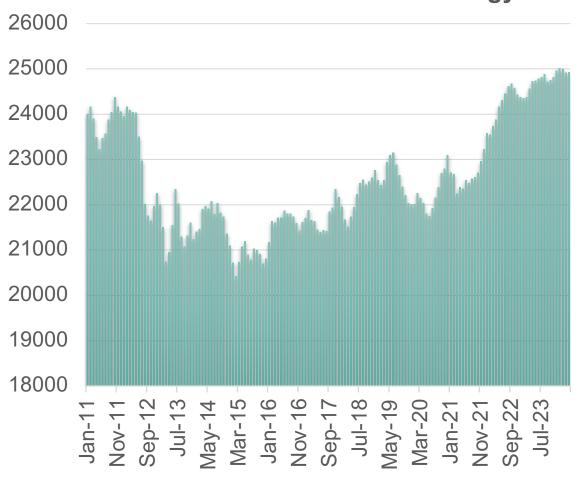


Real Fixed Investment	Ch From Q4 19	Ch From Q4 23
Private fixed investment	7.4%	3.6%
Manufacturing Str.	99.2%	73.9%
Software	52.8%	7.8%
Research Development	15.7%	-0.1%
Information equip	14.3%	-0.9%
IPP	1.9%	-0.5%
Industrial equipment	0.9%	-1.7%
Residential Str.	-3.5%	0.4%
Commercial health care Str.	-9.4%	5.2%
Transportation equipment	-11.6%	2.8%
Mining, shafts, wells	-12.8%	-11.6%



# IT Industry: Shifting to Distribution

#### **New Orders: Information Technology**



#### Index of Real Value Added by Tech Sector

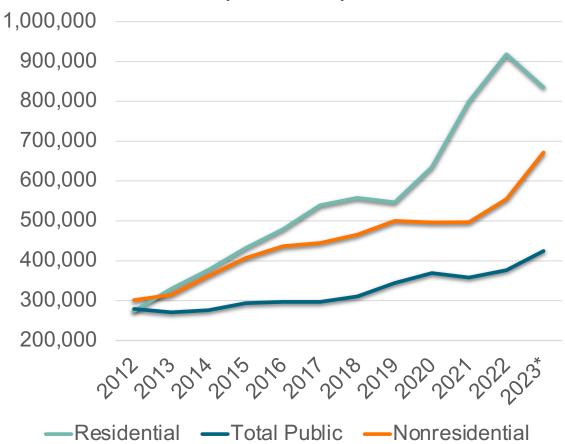


- —Computer / electronic prod Manu
- —Data processing, internet services
- —Computer systems design



## The Construction Industry



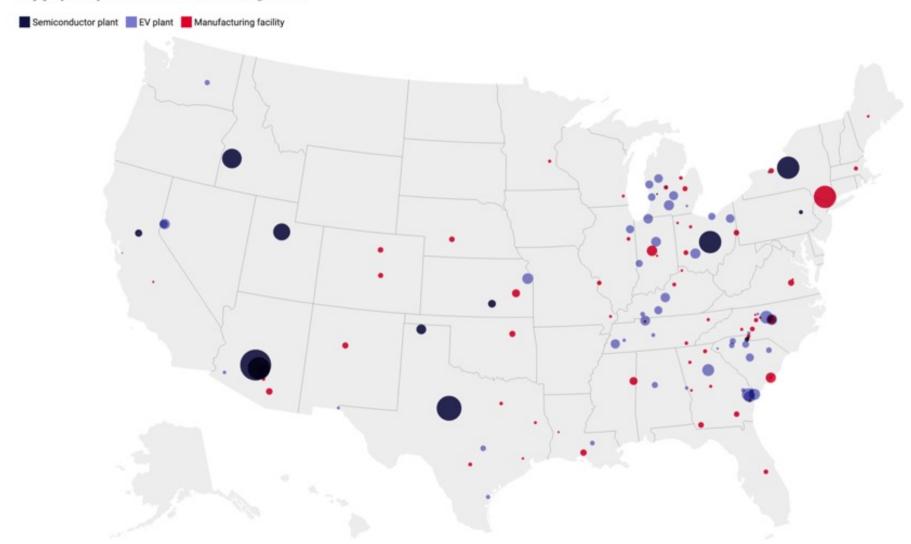


			5 Yr Avg
	2023*	1 Year	Gr
Private			
Manufacturing	198,237	73.7%	22.5%
Commercial	127,073	8.4%	8.9%
Power	103,488	3.5%	1.9%
Office	84,241	7.3%	4.7%
Health care	49,136	13.3%	7.7%
Communication	24,515	1.5%	0.2%
Lodging	24,228	25.5%	-4.5%
Educational	22,152	16.6%	-0.2%
Transportation	20,136	15.8%	2.4%
Public			
Highway and street	130,769	15.4%	7.4%
Educational	88,867	7.0%	2.4%
Transportation	43,622	5.5%	4.3%
Sewage waste	39,201	22.7%	10.8%
Water supply	25,841	13.9%	11.2%



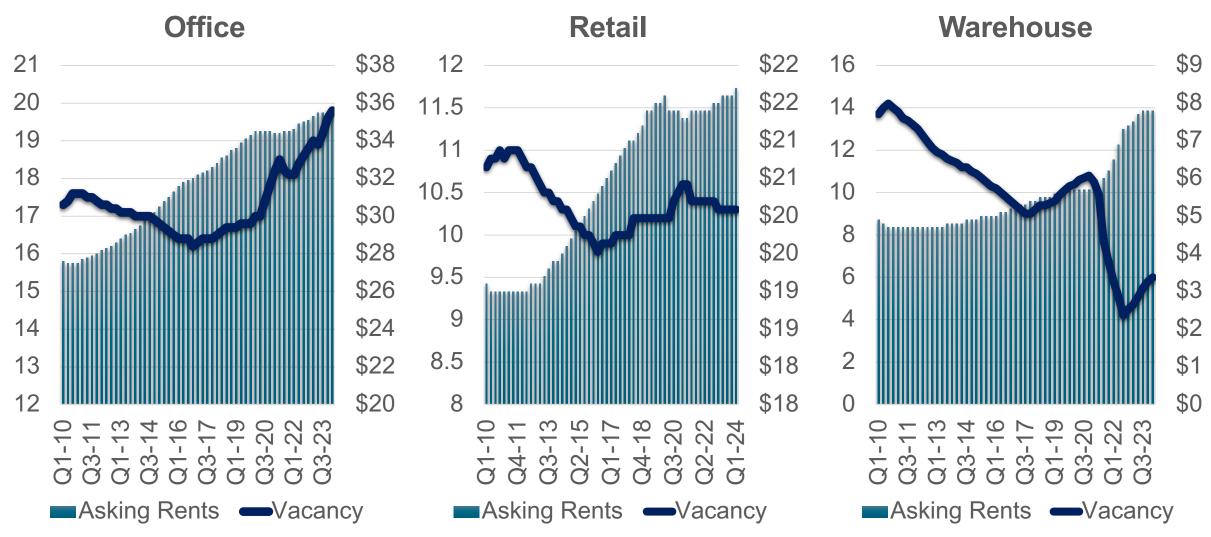
#### Manufacturing construction surges across US

Top projects by value and location since August 2022





## **Commercial Trends**





# **Downtown Activity**



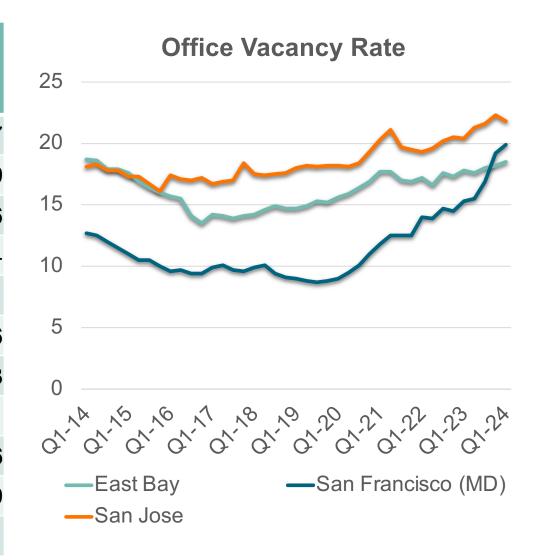


Location	Downtown Recovery Rankings
Las Vegas	102.6%
San Jose	96.5%
Bakersfield	94.6%
Tucson	91.2%
Phoenix	89.2%
Los Angeles	83.2%
San Diego	79.6%
Oakland	74.4%
Austin	72.6%
Fresno	71.8%
San Francisco	67.3%
Sacramento	65.7%
Seattle	56.5%



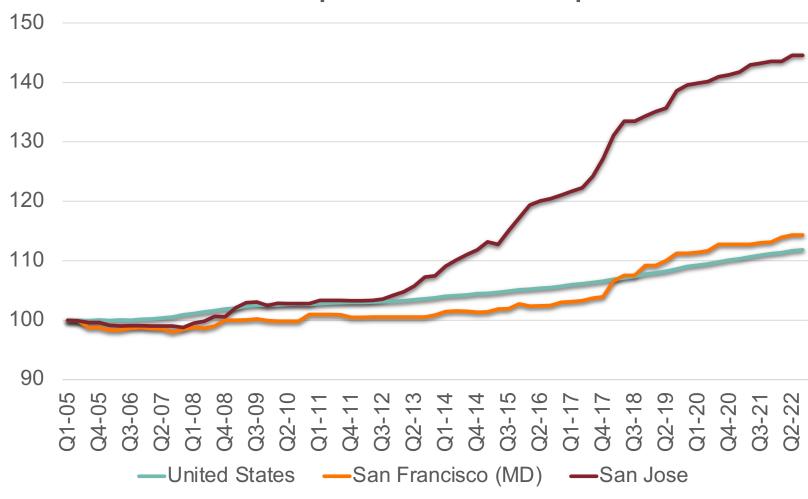
## **Office Markets**

Metro	Q1-24 (%)	1-Yr Change (pp)	Change since Q4-19 (pp)
Austin	25.0	1.8	11.7
Boston	17.8	1.4	4.9
Dallas	25.7	1.1	2.6
District of Columbia	16.1	1.1	3.4
Modesto	12.4	-1.0	-6.1
New York Metro	12.8	0.4	4.6
Oakland (MD)	18.5	0.7	3.3
San Francisco (MD)	19.9	4.6	11.1
San Jose	21.8	1.4	3.6
Seattle	16.6	0.4	5.9
Stockton	22.0	-1.2	-2.1





#### **Indexed Square Feet of Office Space**

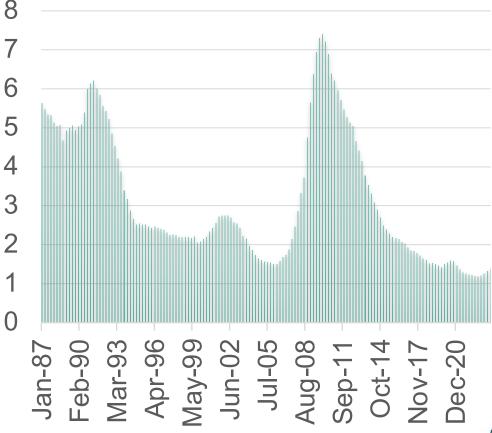




## **Commercial Loan Portfolios**

Delinquency Rates by Loan	United States		
Туре	Q4-21	Q4-23	
Total loans & leases	1.3	1.4	
Real Estate Loans	1.6	1.4	
Construction and land development	0.8	0.8	
Multifamily residential real estate	0.4	0.6	
1-4 family residential	2.4	1.8	
Commercial and industrial loans	1.1	1.0	
Loans to individuals	1.6	2.8	
Automobile loans	2.1	3.4	
Credit cards	1.6	3.2	
Other loans to individuals	1.4	1.4	
Total other loans and leases	0.5	0.3	

# Loan Delinquencies as % of Total Loans





## A Frozen Housing Market, yet...

#### **Existing Home Sales (Th, SAAR)**

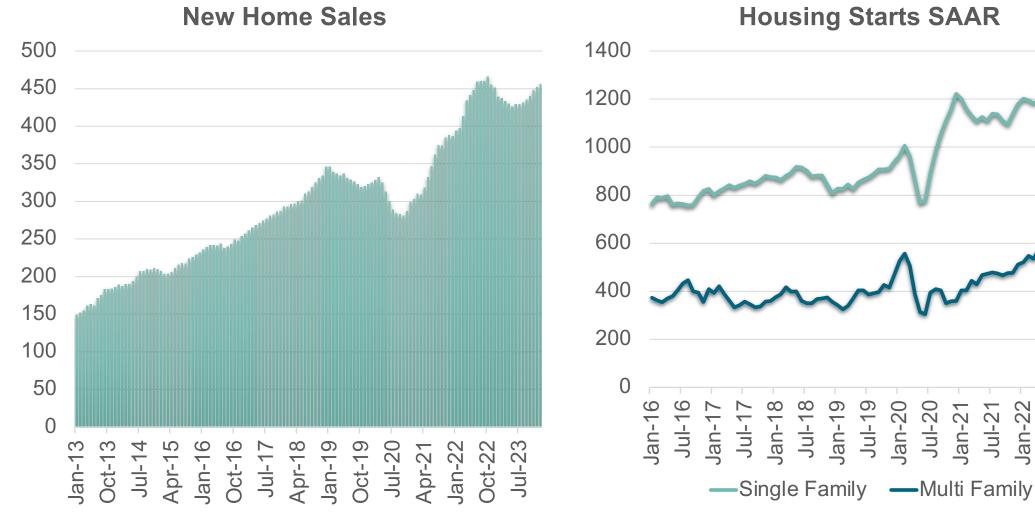


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## **U.S. New Home Sales**



Jul-20

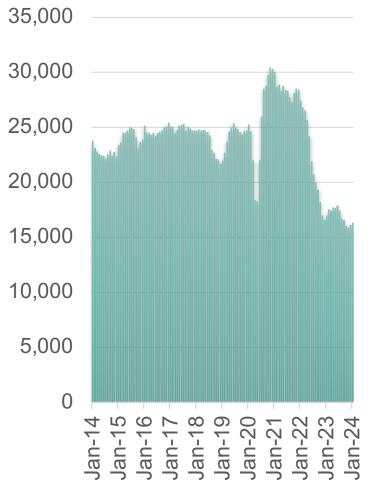
Jul-21

Jan-22

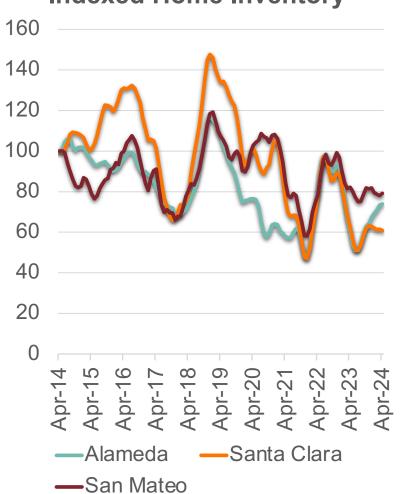


## **Home Sales**

#### **California Home Sales**



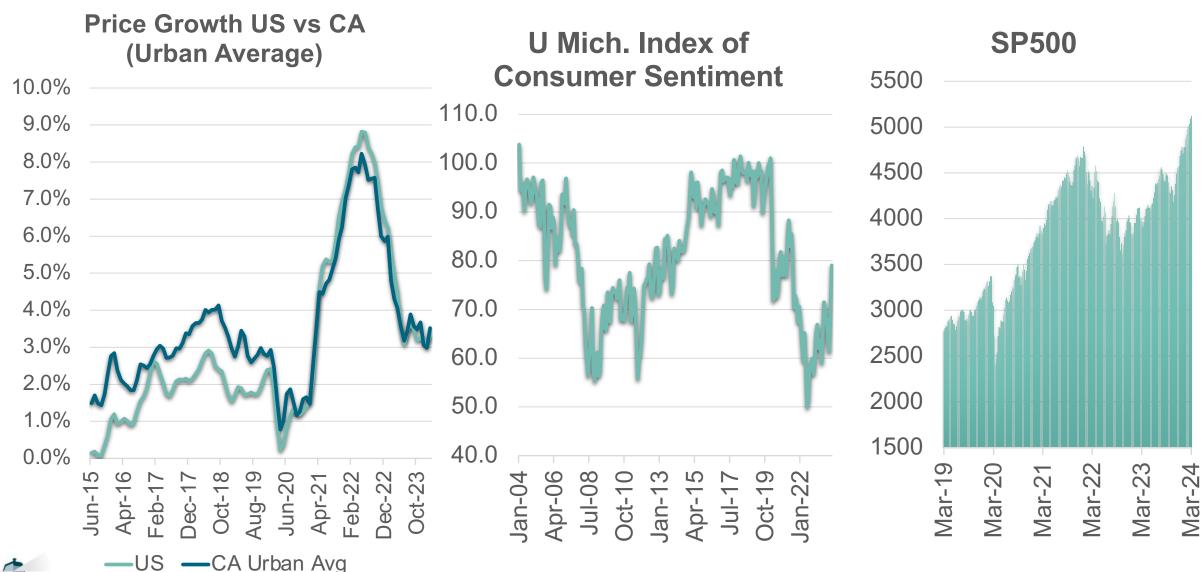
#### **Indexed Home Inventory**



Location	Jan-24 Median Home Price (\$000s)	1-Year Chg. (%)	Chg. since Feb-20 (%)
California	820.7	7.8	38.7
Fresno MSA	407.9	3.3	40.1
Inland Empire	571.5	4.6	44.0
Los Angeles MSA	932.2	7.1	34.5
Sacramento MSA	587.2	5.8	34.3
San Diego MSA	988.5	9.7	44.7
San Francisco MSA	1,778.0	4.7	10.5
San Jose MSA	1,745.5	16.3	36.0



# **Slowing Inflation / Rising Confidence**





## **Beware the Narrative**

The Positive Value of Bitcoin

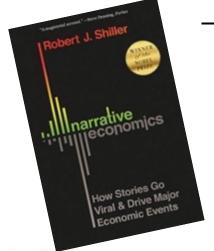
Ticketmaster fees are too high

The Unsustainable Federal Deficit



- ✓ Narratives skewing interpretations of economic news
- ✓ Narratives at the root of economic bubbles
- ✓ Narratives driving bad policy choices

"We need to incorporate the contagion of narratives into economic theory. Otherwise, we remain blind to a very real ... mechanism for economic change.."



—R. Shiller, <u>Narrative Economics</u>

"It isn't what we don't know that gives us trouble, it's what we know that ain't so."

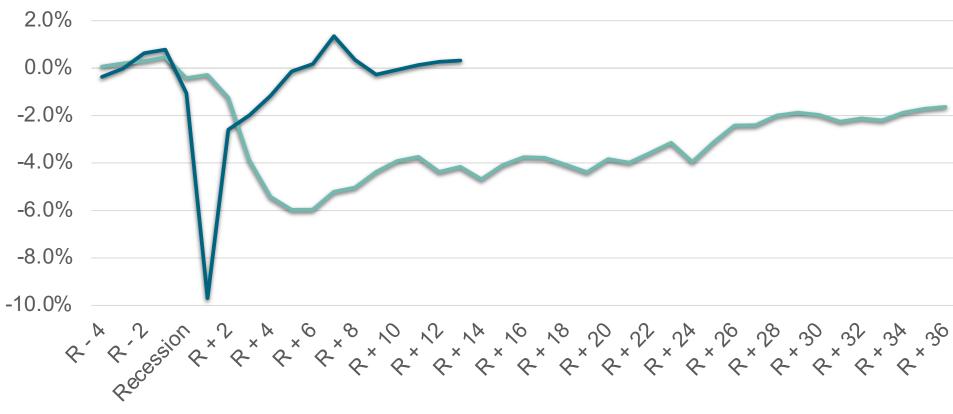
- Will Rogers





## The Pandemic Over-reaction

**Output Gap (Real GDP - Potential GDP)** 



**Quarters Around Recession Start** 

—Great Recession —Pandemic



**Actual Lost GDP: \$1.2 Trillion** 

Fiscal Stimulus: \$6 Tr (\$5 Tr QE)

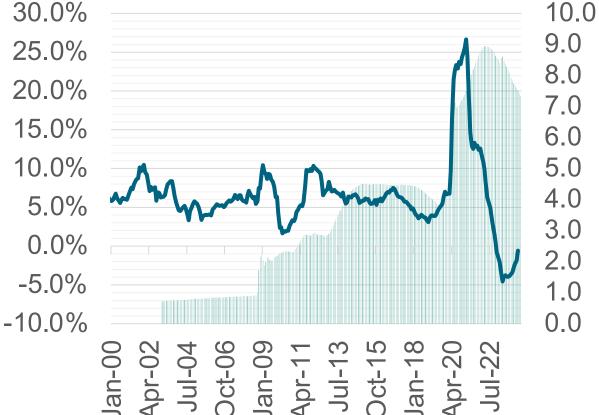
\$50,000 in stimulus / household



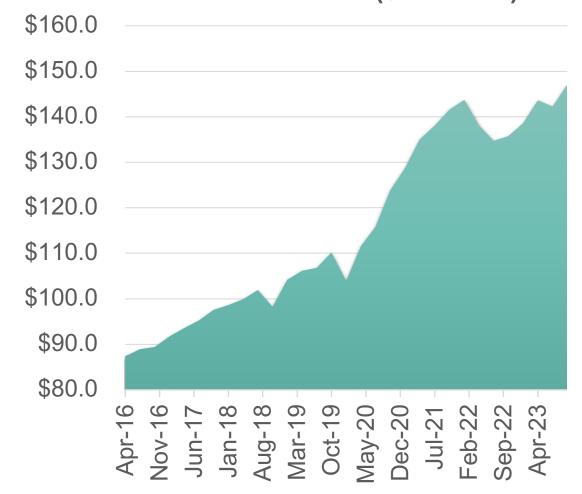
## **Money and Wealth**







#### **Household Net Worth (\$Trillions)**





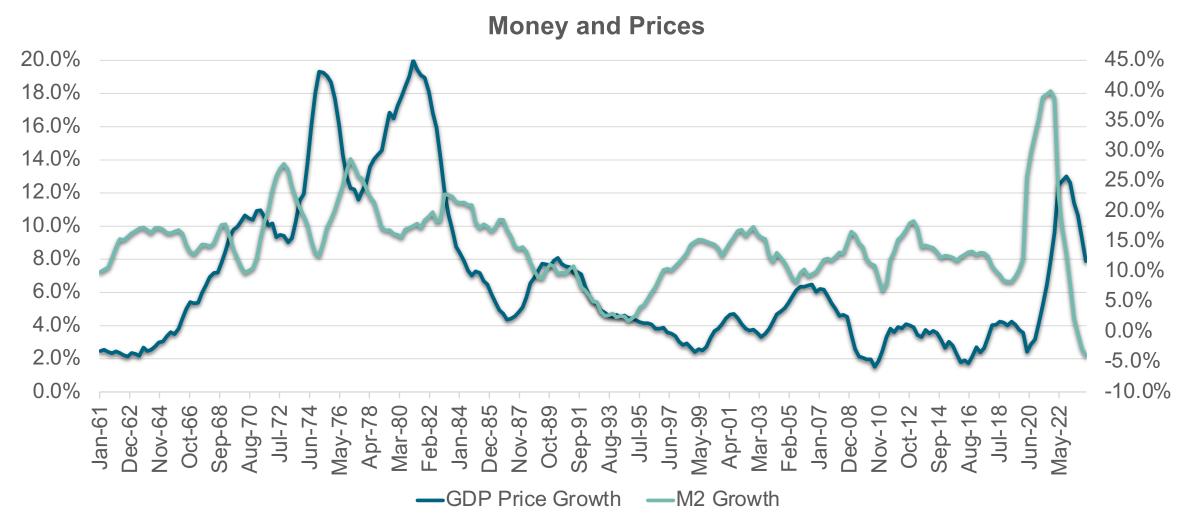
# **Consumer Spending Boom**

<b>Increase in Nominal Consumer</b>	2023	
<b>Spending 2020Q1-2023Q1</b>	Q1	
Air transportation	\$180,330	85.4%
New domestic light trucks	\$291,389	68.9%
Foreign travel by U.S. residents	\$223,121	66.2%
Sporting equipment, supplies, guns	\$121,838	54.2%
Pleasure boats, aircraft	\$79,264	53.2%
Video, audio, photographic, and IT Eq	\$398,810	50.5%
Live entertainment, excluding sports	\$48,084	49.9%
Food services	\$1,142,151	42.7%
Household utilities	\$439,859	30.2%
Food for off-premises consumption	\$1,430,619	22.2%
Rental of tenant-occupied housing	\$626,179	20.0%
Pharmaceutical and other medical	\$608,061	16.9%
Child care	\$56,159	16.8%
Legal services	\$123,972	10.2%
Medical care and hospitalization	\$206,285	8.3%





## **Excess Money + Demand = Inflation**



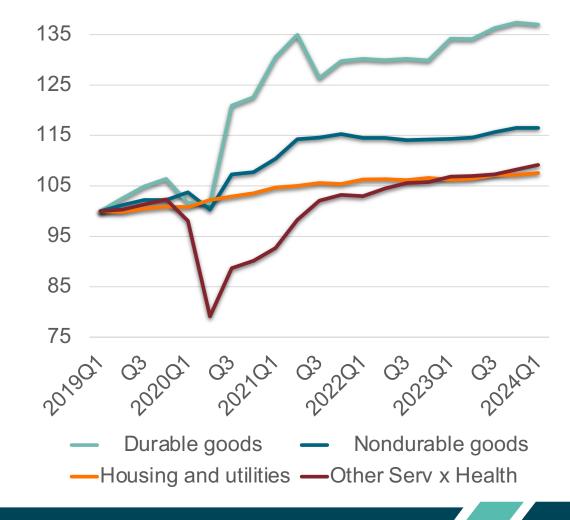


# Inflation Settling Down, Not Spending

# Year on Year Growth Prices (GDP Basis)

	21-22	22-23	23-24
Gross domestic product	6.9%	5.3%	2.5%
Personal consumption	6.6%	5.0%	2.6%
Goods	9.7%	3.3%	-0.2%
Services	5.0%	5.9%	4.0%
Fixed investment	7.3%	5.9%	1.3%
Structures	12.9%	11.5%	0.1%
Equipment	3.9%	6.9%	1.6%
Intellectual property	1.5%	2.0%	1.2%
Residential	15.1%	6.3%	2.1%

#### **Index Real Consumer Spending**



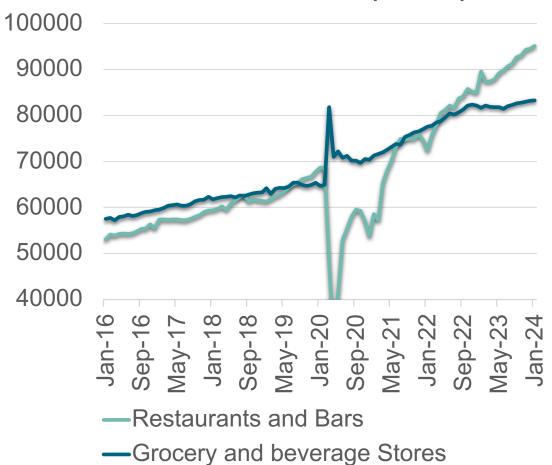


# **Shifting Nominal Spending**

#### **Contributions to Nominal Spending Growth**

	21-22	22-23	23-24
Housing and utilities	10.2%	19.9%	23.2%
Financial serv insurance	2.2%	4.4%	10.9%
Food services accom.	13.6%	14.5%	9.3%
Recreation services	7.3%	5.6%	5.1%
Food and beverages	5.9%	6.2%	4.1%
Transportation services	8.7%	5.5%	3.9%
Recreational goods veh	3.9%	1.2%	3.3%
Clothing and footwear	3.0%	2.1%	1.2%
Furnishings	1.8%	1.0%	-0.4%
Gasoline energy goods	9.4%	-1.9%	-1.2%
Motor vehicles and parts	3.5%	3.3%	-4.4%

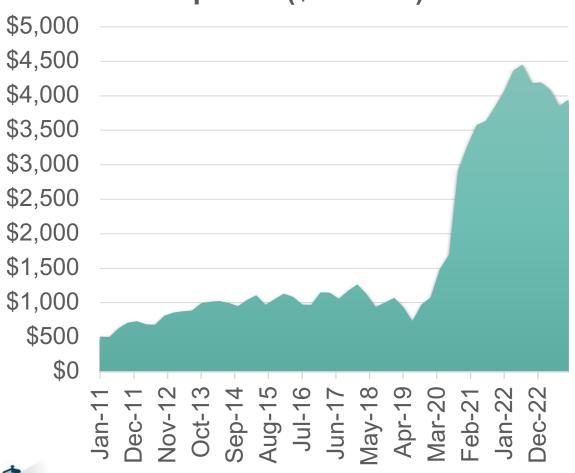
#### **Nominal Retail Sales (SAAR)**





## **Outlook for Consumers: Still Good**

# US Household Checkable Deposits (\$Billions)

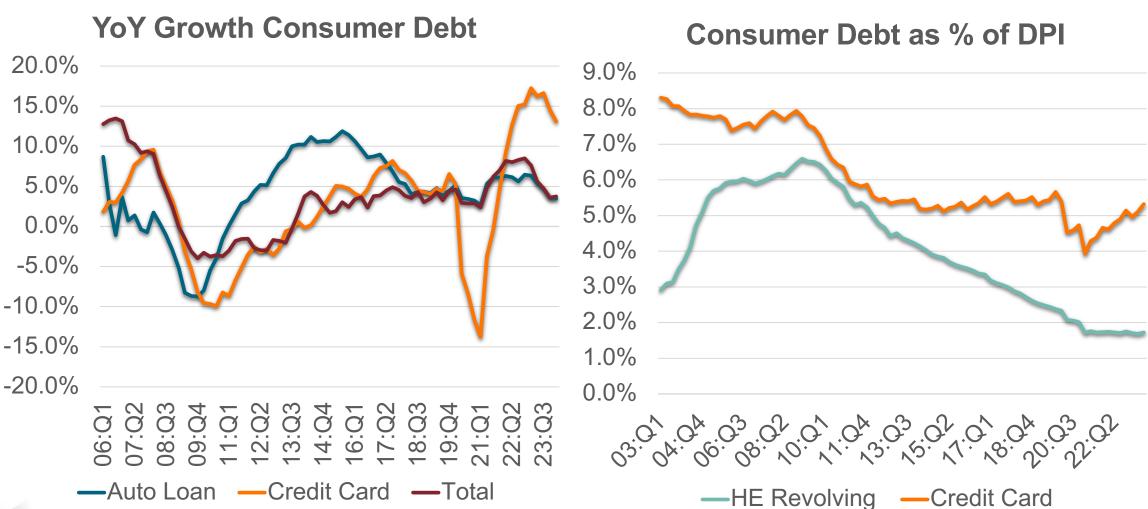


# Household Debt Service Ration as % DPI (Fed Est.)





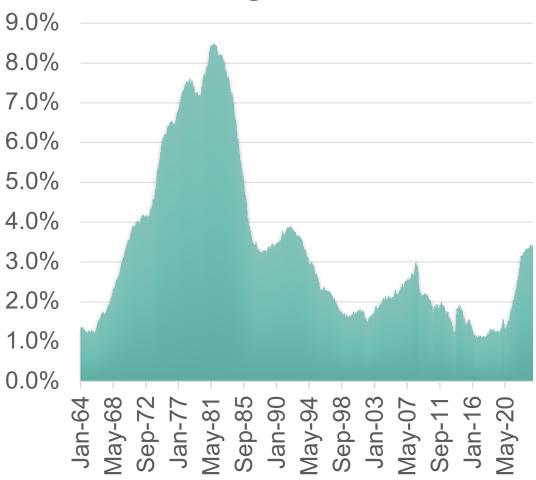
# Consumer Debt Levels: Not a problem... not yet at least





# The Longer Run Context





# 10 Year Treasury Real Interest Rate Cleveland Fed Estimate





### The narrative on inflation

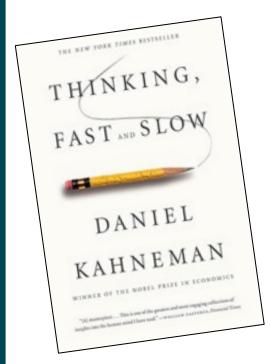
85% of Americans Are Feeling Impact of Inflation in Day-to-Day Lives, Finds New Survey

NEWS PROVIDED BY L.E.K. Consulting → 05 Dec, 2022, 09:30 ET

- About 90% of Americans said that inflation has had an impact on their spending over the past year when it comes
  to food and beverage, including 54% who said the impact has been significant.
- A similar number 88% said inflation has impacted their spending at restaurants.
- About 89% said inflation has had an impact on their motor vehicle spending, such as gasoline including 56% who said it's had a significant impact.
- Eighty-six percent said inflation has impacted their spending on travel over the past year (45% said significantly).



# How do narratives go astray?



"People have two modes of thought: "System 1" is fast, instinctive and emotional; "System 2" is slower, more deliberative, and more logical."

"System 1 is gullible and biased to believe, System 2 is in charge of doubting and unbelieving, but System 2 is sometimes busy, and often lazy"

— D. Kahneman, *Thinking Fast and Slow* 

**Some Examples of Cognitive Biases** 

Anchoring bias Apophenia Availability heuristic Cognitive dissonance Confirmation bias Egocentric bias Extension neglect False priors Framing effect Logical fallacy Prospect theory Self-assessment Truth judgment

Are the horizontal lines parallel?

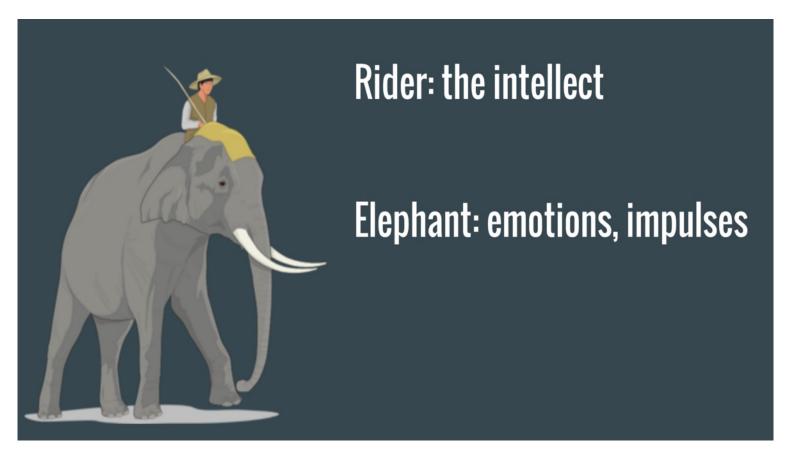


# We don't think as much as we think we think.





# The Elephant and the Rider



The rider has only the illusion of control..

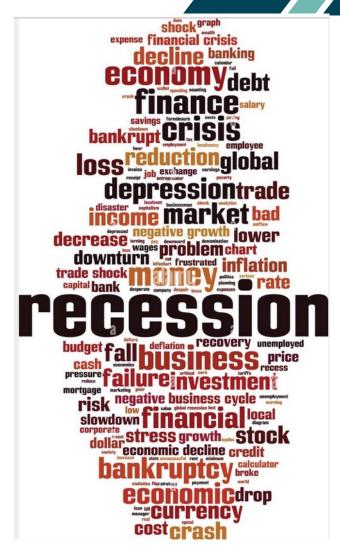
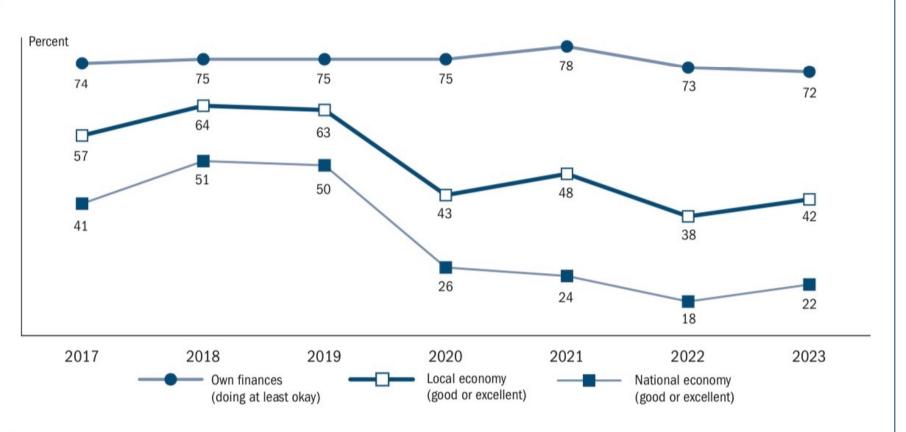
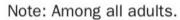




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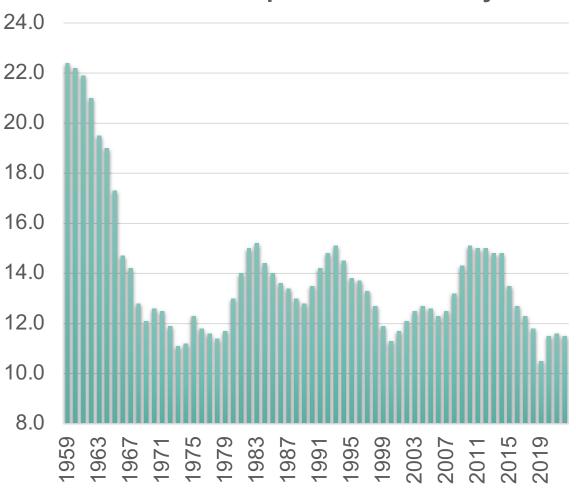
# Lower paid workers seeing more gains





- —Lowest quartile of wage distribution
- —Highest quartile of wage distribution

#### **Share of US Population in Poverty**





# Global inequality at lowest level in nearly 150 years



#### Estimated Gini global income inequality index



Data: Branko Milanovic; Chart: Axios Visuals



# Long Run Issue: Labor Supply, not Consumer Demand

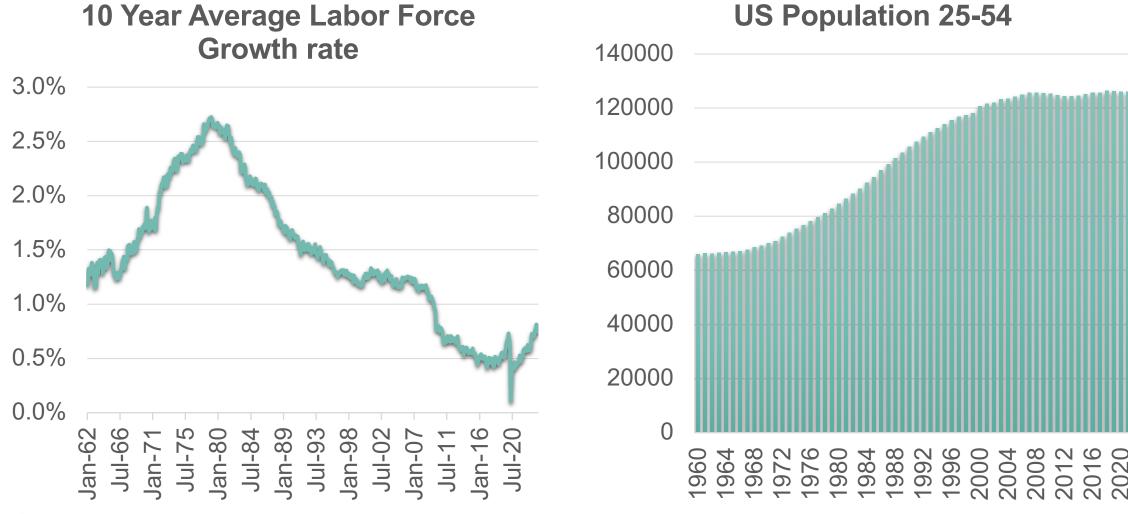
#### **Job Opening / Unemployed Worker**



#### **Participation Rate Ages 25-54**



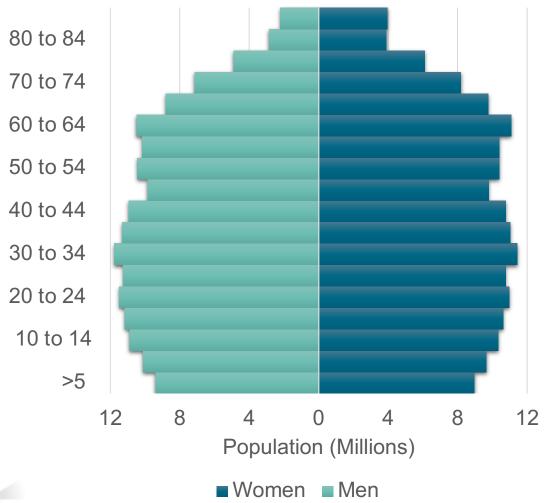
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# **Labor Supply Issues**



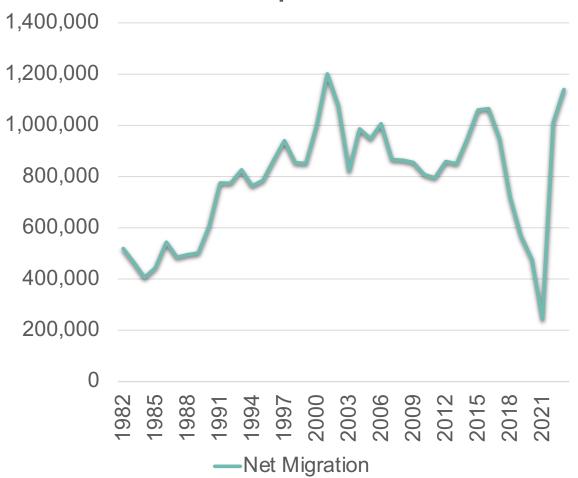


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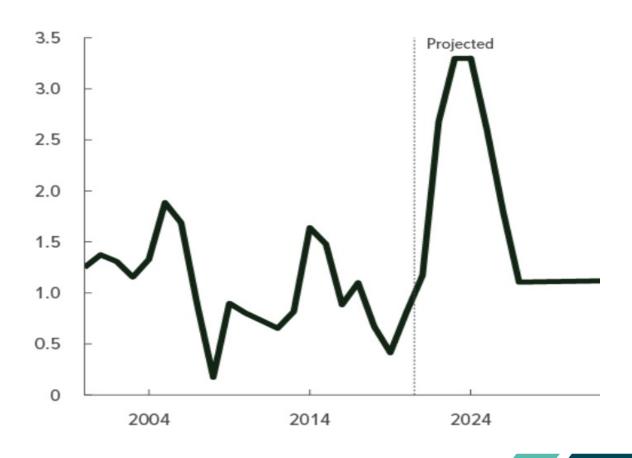
# **Migration**





#### **Net Immigration**

Millions of people





# The economy is roaring. Immigration is a key reason.

Momentum in the job market picked up aggressively over the past year — all while Washington is deadlocked on a border deal

By Rachel Siegel, Lauren Kaori Gurley and Meryl Kornfield

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# The Massive Immigration Wave Hitting America's Classrooms

In Stoughton, Mass., students arrive with traumatic pasts and little English

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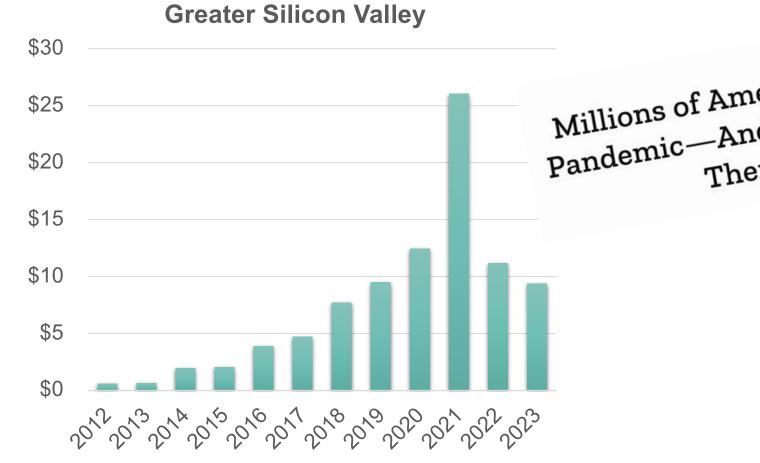
Figure 8: Increase in Average Annual Growth Rate With Estimated Policy Shifts

Policy Change	<b>Boost in Annual Growth</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	
	Rate	Ву	
Enact immigration reform to increase number of workers	0.3%	CBO	
Reform the income tax code	0.05% - 0.3%	JCT, Treasury	
Increase the Social Security retirement ages by two years	0.15%	CBO	
Reduce deficits by \$4 trillion over ten years	0.1%	CBO	
Expand energy production at level of shale boom*	0.09%	CBO	
Repeal the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare")	0.08%	CBO	
Ratify the Trans-Pacific Partnership	0.01%	U.S. ITC	
Increase public investment in infrastructure, education, and research by \$400 billion	0 - 0.01%	CBO	



# The Al Narrative vs Reality

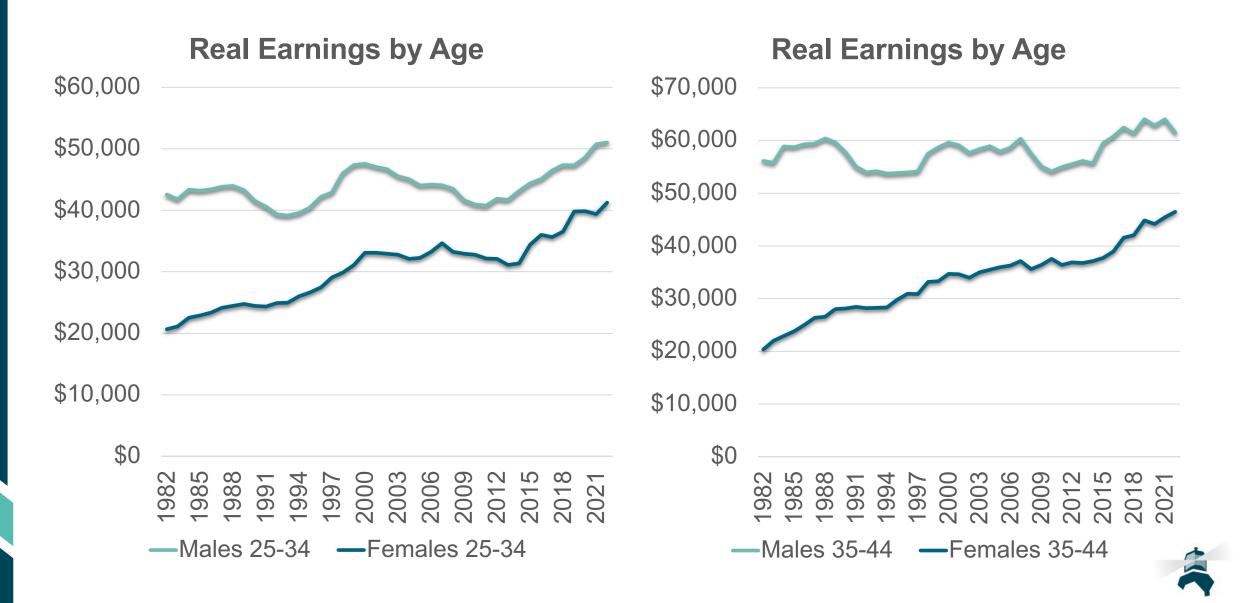




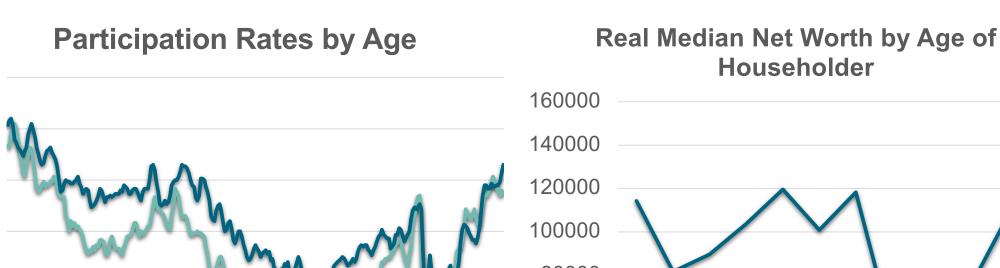


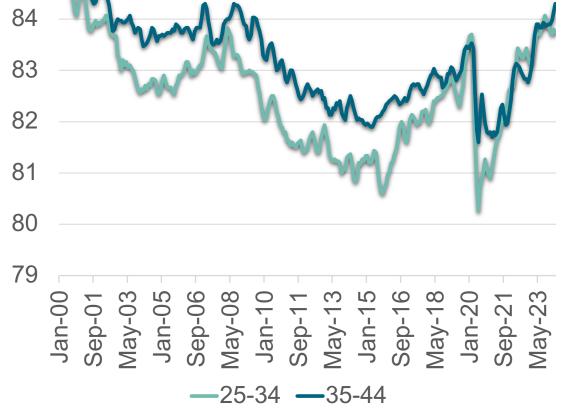


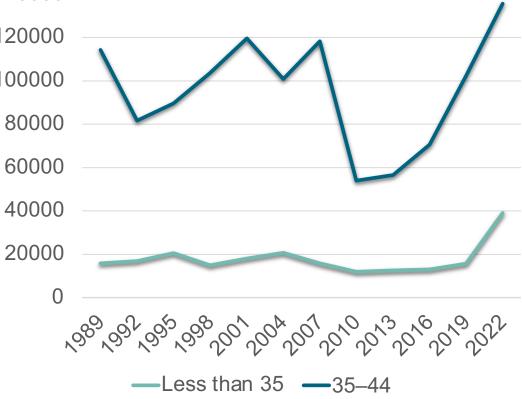
### What about Millennials and Gen Z?



# **Employment and Wealth**

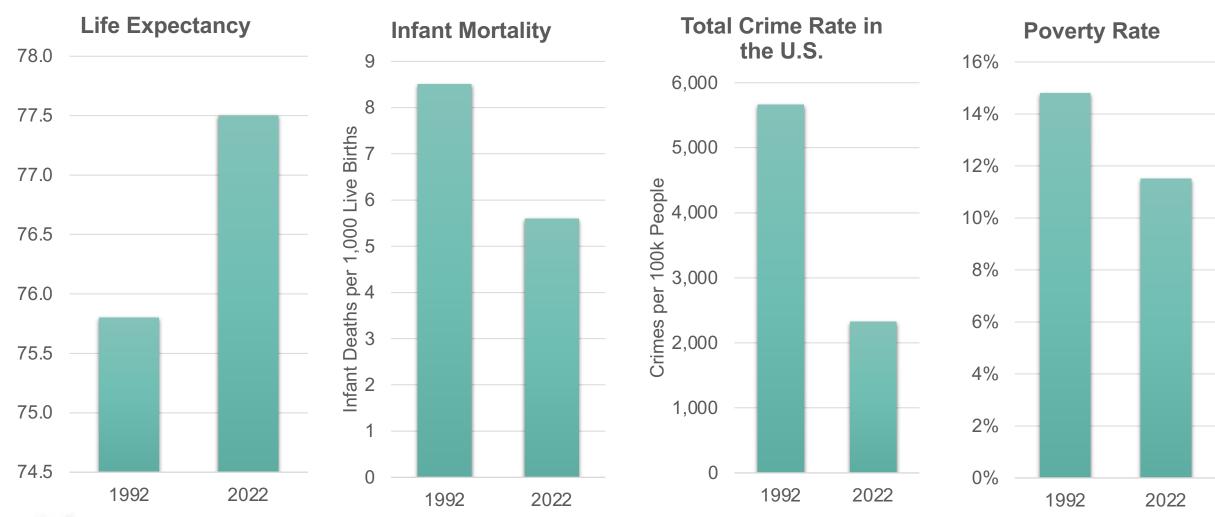








# Other Quality of Life Metrics





### Whither the Golden State?

From the Right: California is a failing economy!

From the Left: California is failing its people!

From the Governor: We're doing just fine, thank you very much!



California Jobs First: State Launches First-of-its-Kind Council to Create Thousands of More Jobs Across All Regions

Published: Mar 08, 2024

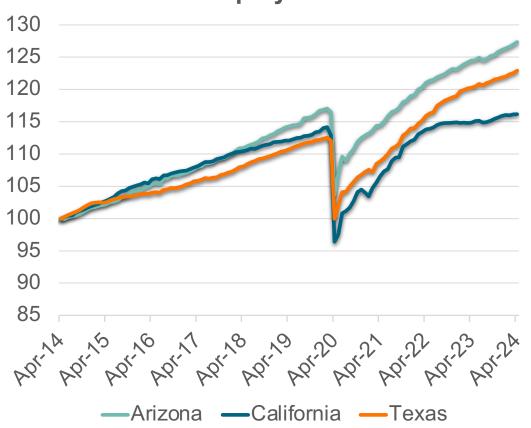


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# Regional Employment



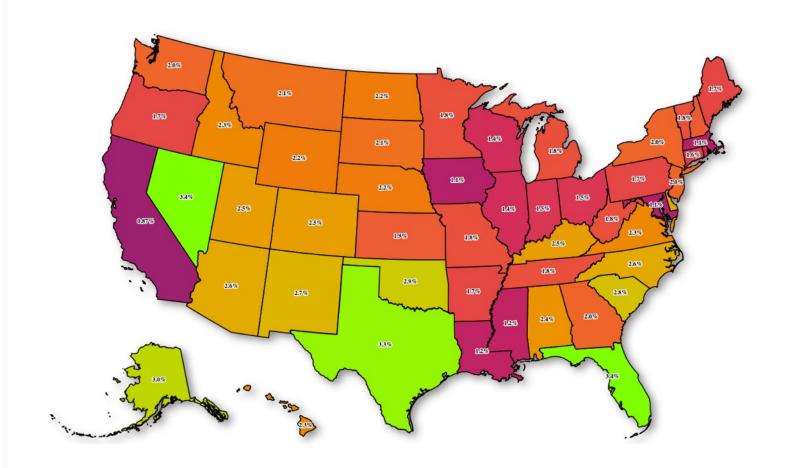


Location	Mar-24 Emplt (000s)	1-Year Chg. (%)	Chg. since Feb-20 (%)
Austin	1,355.5	2.2	15.8
Dallas	4,275.7	1.5	10.2
Denver	1,630.5	0.4	4.8
Houston	3,425.9	2.0	7.0
Inland Empire	1,695.7	1.5	6.1
Las Vegas	1,153.7	3.3	9.5
Los Angeles (MD)	4,568.2	0.3	-1.3
Miami	2,952.5	2.3	7.2
Orange County (MD)	1,698.5	1.5	0.5
Orlando	1,482.2	1.9	9.7
Phoenix	2,443.1	2.2	9.5
Sacramento	1,093.6	2.7	5.4
San Diego	1,559.7	0.8	2.4
San Francisco (MD)	1,162.1	-1.1	-3.7



#### Who's hiring?

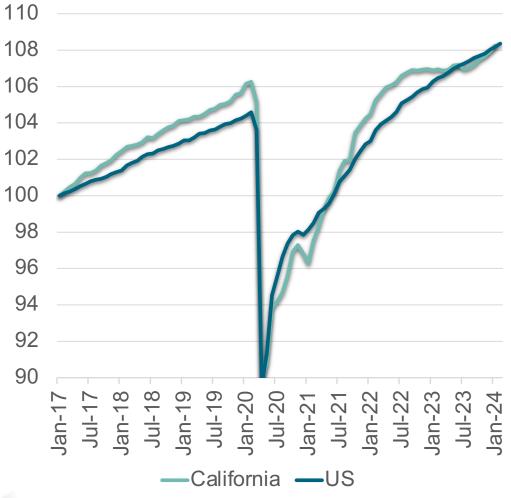
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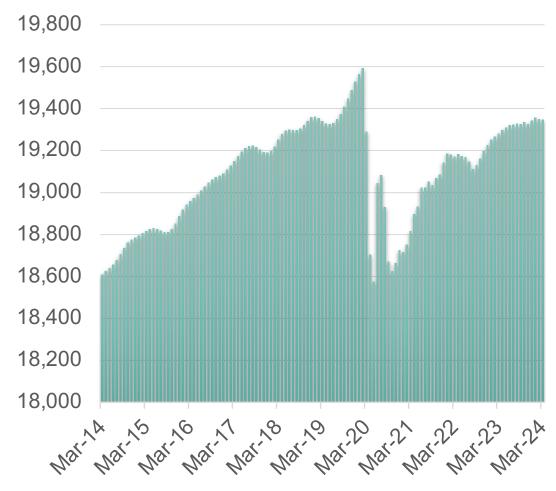


### **State Labor Markets**





#### **California Labor Force**

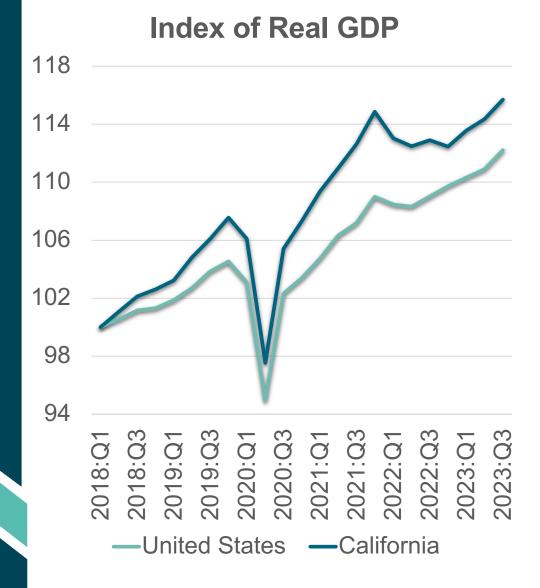




	24-Jan 20-24
Civilian Labor Force	19,357 -1.10%
Total Nonfarm	18,007 2.00%

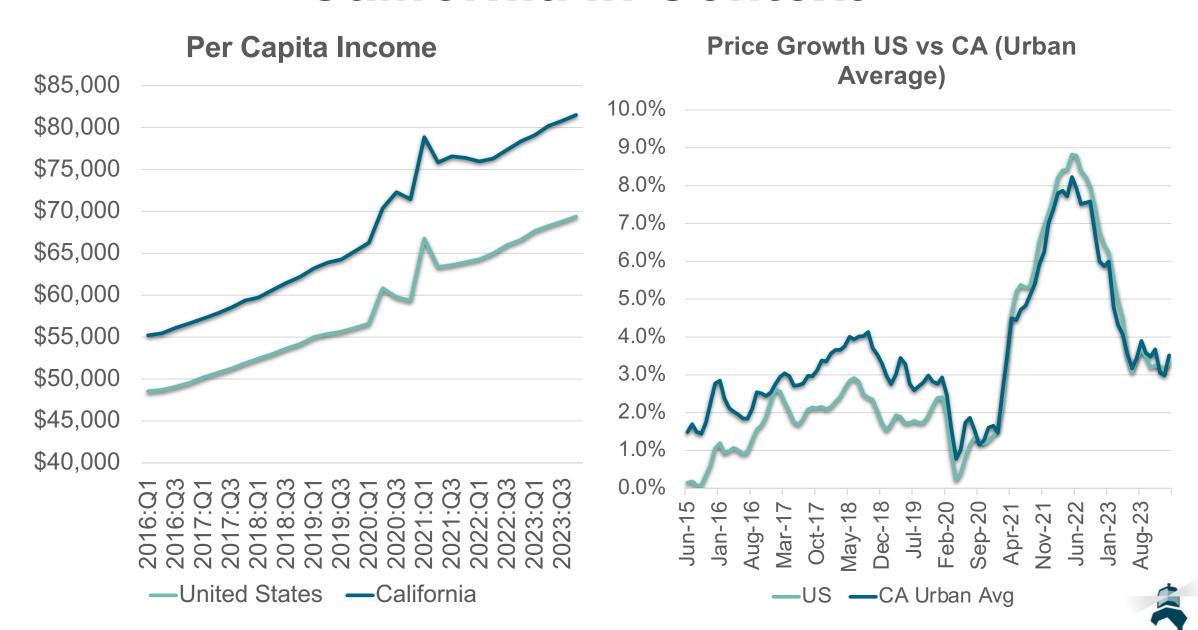


## The California Economy

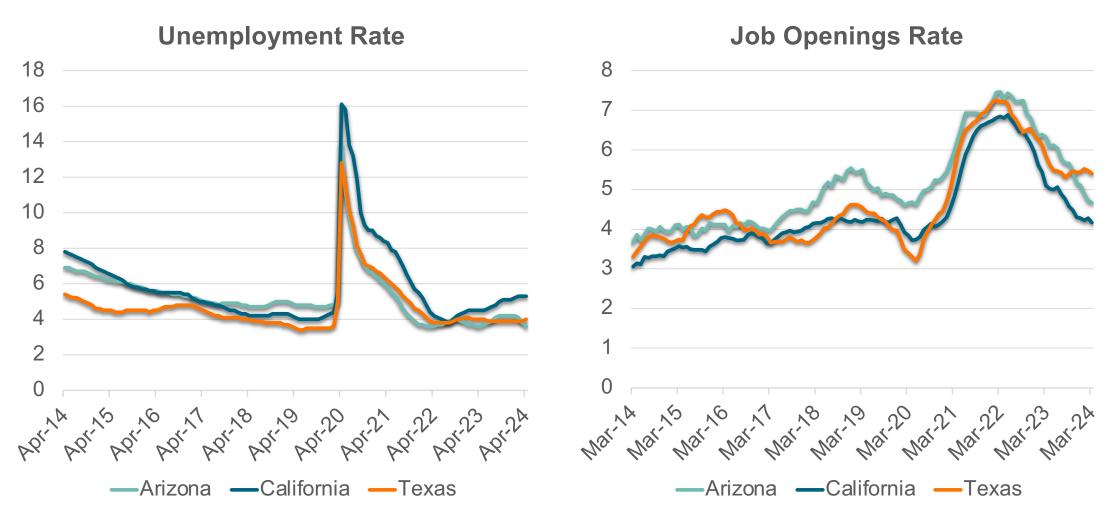


	1 Year		5 Year
Real GDP Growth	CA	CA-US	CA CA-US
All industry total	3.7%	0.6%	13.6% 1.9%
Durable goods manu	6.1%	3.3%	23.7% 15.1%
Information	9.9%	4.2%	58.0% 8.1%
Finance and insurance	7.0%	5.6%	15.7% 7.7%
Logistics	2.1%	-2.6%	19.9% 7.3%
Healthcare social	2.6%	-2.7%	19.9% 3.6%
Professional, scientific	5.1%	0.9%	34.0% 1.4%
Retail trade	8.3%	-1.4%	10.8% 0.1%
Government	3.5%	1.6%	2.0% -1.8%
Administrative support	-5.9%	-3.7%	9.1% -2.4%
Real estate	0.6%	-0.7%	11.3% -3.2%
Other services	-0.7%	1.9%	<b>-9.2%</b> -4.1%
Accommodation food	-1.2%	-2.8%	-1.4% -4.9%
Construction	4.8%	-2.7%	<b>-7.9% -7.8%</b>
Agriculture	14.2%	9.0%	-14.9% -11.2%
Nondurable goods	1.5%	-2.8%	-11.3% -13.4%

## **California in Context**



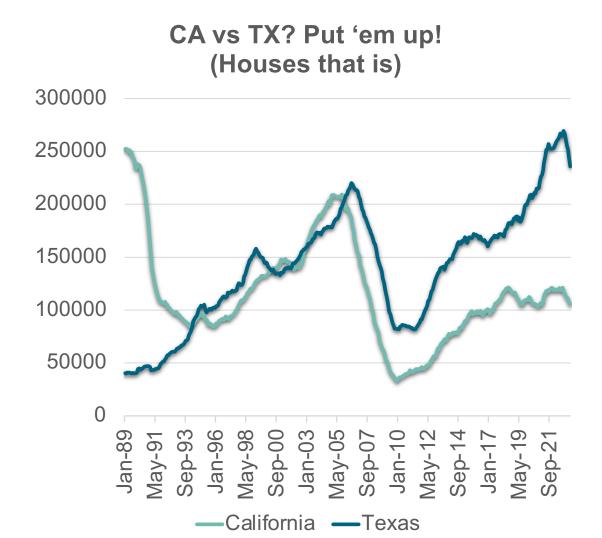
# **Unemployment and Job Openings**





# State Labor Supply & Housing

	02-12	12-22	Rank
Utah	14.3%	29.3%	1
Idaho	12.6%	23.1%	2
Arizona	13.8%	18.4%	3
Colorado	12.3%	16.4%	4
Texas	17.7%	16.0%	5
Florida	16.0%	15.3%	6
Washington	11.9%	15.0%	7
Nevada	20.5%	13.4%	8
Nebraska	6.3%	4.6%	24
Minnesota	2.7%	4.3%	25
California	7.2%	4.1%	26
Hawaii	8.1%	4.0%	27
New Jersey	5.3%	3.6%	28
Vermont	3.1%	-3.3%	48
Maine	3.3%	-3.7%	49
Wyoming	12.7%	-3.9%	50
Mississippi	3.1%	-6.0%	51



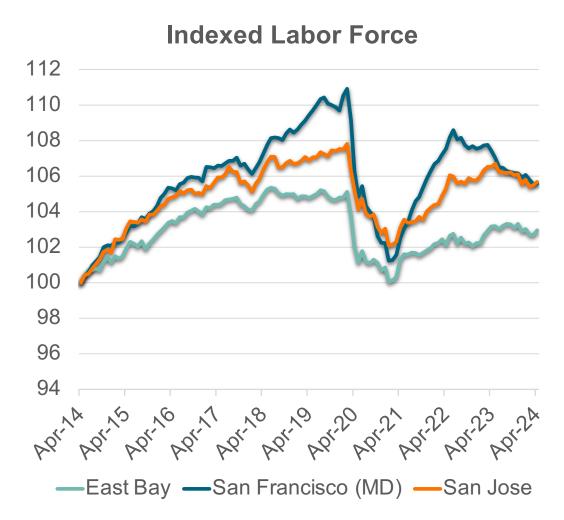


## **State Growth: LF = Jobs**

	Payrolls Jan-24	5 Year Change	Labor Force Jan-24	5 Year Change
California	18007	3.9%	19357.4	0.0%
Stockton	279.0	14.3%	350.0	6.7%
Inland Empire	1694.6	10.8%	2174.6	5.5%
Fresno	392.9	9.3%	465.4	3.0%
Bakersfield	294.0	9.2%	399.4	2.3%
Modesto	194.6	8.1%	249.5	2.7%
Sacramento	1092.7	7.7%	1141.2	3.8%
San Diego	1562.5	4.4%	1601.3	1.0%
Ventura	317.9	2.6%	415.3	-1.9%
Orange County (MD)	1698.8	2.1%	1594.4	-1.4%
San Jose	1161.8	1.9%	1067.4	-1.0%
Oakland (MD)	1196.6	1.0%	1378.0	-1.7%
Los Angeles (MD)	4587.6	0.8%	5010.9	-2.0%
Santa Rosa	209.4	0.6%	251.7	-2.5%
San Francisco (MD)	1170.8	0.4%	1007.3	-2.0%



## **Local Labor Force**

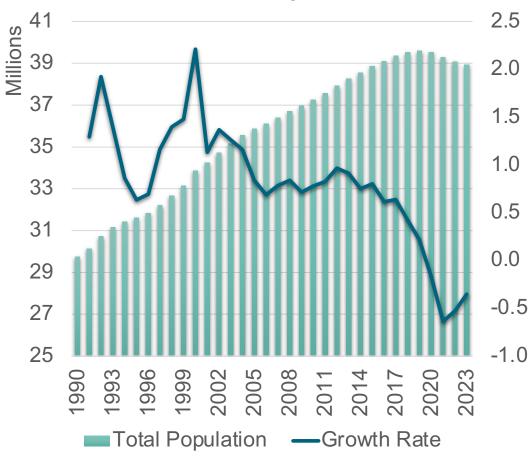


Location	Apr-24 LF (000s)	1-Year Chg. (%)	Chg. since Feb-20 (%)
Los Angeles (MD)	4,993.5	-0.6	-5.4
Modesto	248.8	2.5	1.9
New York City (MD)	7,299.1	0.2	-1.5
Oakland (MD)	1,372.4	-0.2	-2.4
Salt Lake City	732.8	0.7	6.7
San Francisco (MD)	997.5	-2.1	-5.0
San Jose	1,064.3	-1.0	-2.2
Seattle	2,237.0	-0.7	0.4
Stockton	349.0	1.3	4.9



# California's Population Decline



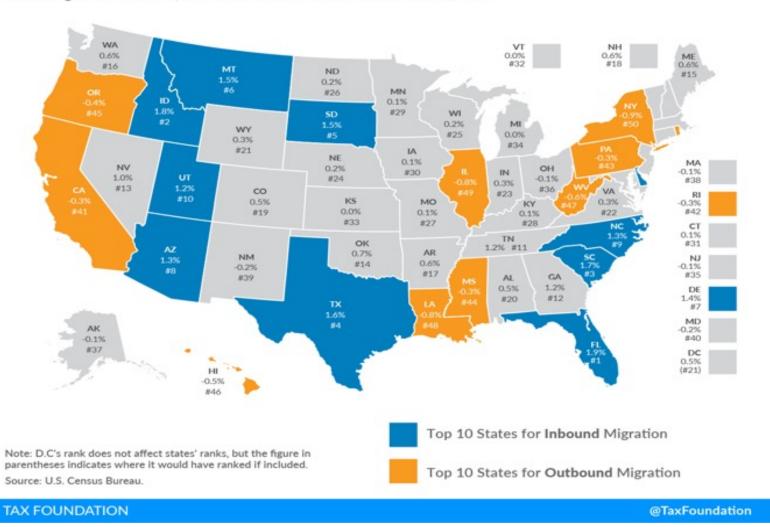


County	2023 Population	1-Year Change (%)	10-Year Change (%)
California	38,940,231	-0.4	1.8
Los Angeles	9,761,210	-0.7	-2.6
San Diego	3,269,755	-0.2	2.2
Orange	3,137,164	-0.5	1.1
Riverside	2,439,234	0.3	7.5
San Bernardino	2,182,056	0.1	4.7
Santa Clara	1,886,079	-0.3	1.2
Alameda	1,636,194	-0.5	4.2
Sacramento	1,572,453	-0.1	8.1
Contra Costa	1,147,653	-0.4	5.7
Fresno	1,011,499	0.2	5.7
Kern	907,476	-0.1	5.0
San Francisco	831,703	-0.6	-1.5
Ventura	825,653	-0.7	-1.8
San Joaquin	786,145	0.4	11.6
San Mateo	737,644	-0.4	-1.3



#### State Population Change in 2022

State Migration Patterns, from Most Inbound to Most Outbound, 2022



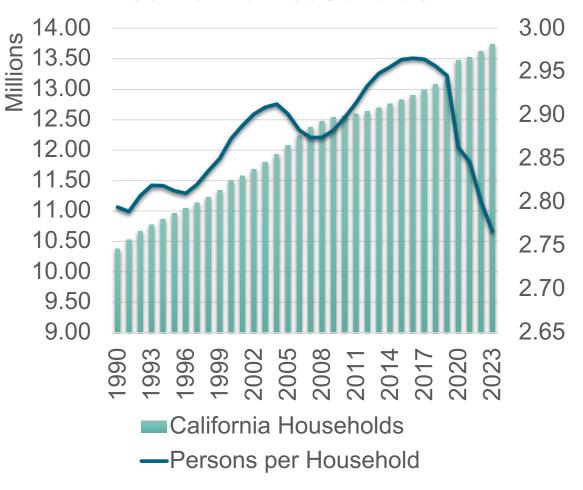


### "Fleeing"?

#### **CA Housing Vacancy Rates (HVS)**



#### California Households





### California Skill Shifts

### Net Migration by Educational Attainment (Total from 2019-2022)

Education	AZ	CA	СО
Net Migration	109,116	-71,099	109,061
Less Than HS	-64,750	-185,830	-17,652
HS Grad	32,261	-39,856	-13,481
Some College	-32,376	-352,870	-39,336
BA	101,014	166,445	120,066
Grad	72,967	341,012	59,464

California Educational Attainment	2022 Labor Force	10-Year Change (%)
Less than HS	1,959,233	-17.2
HS Graduate	3,155,868	6.1
Some College	4,417,887	-7.9
Bachelor's Degree or +	6,849,482	26.2

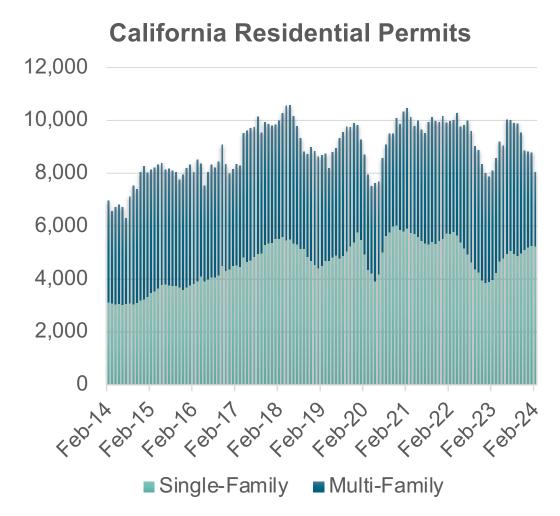


### **Shifting Population**

California Educational Attainment	2022 Labor Force	10-Year Chg. %)	California Population by Age	Population	10-Year Change (%)
Less than HS	1,959,233	-17.2	Under 25	12,162,569	-8.3
HS Graduate	3,155,868	6.1	25 to 44	11,139,847	4.6
Some College	4,417,887	-7.9	45 to 64	9,568,024	0.4
Bachelor's +	6,849,482	26.2	65 and over	6,158,902	33.9



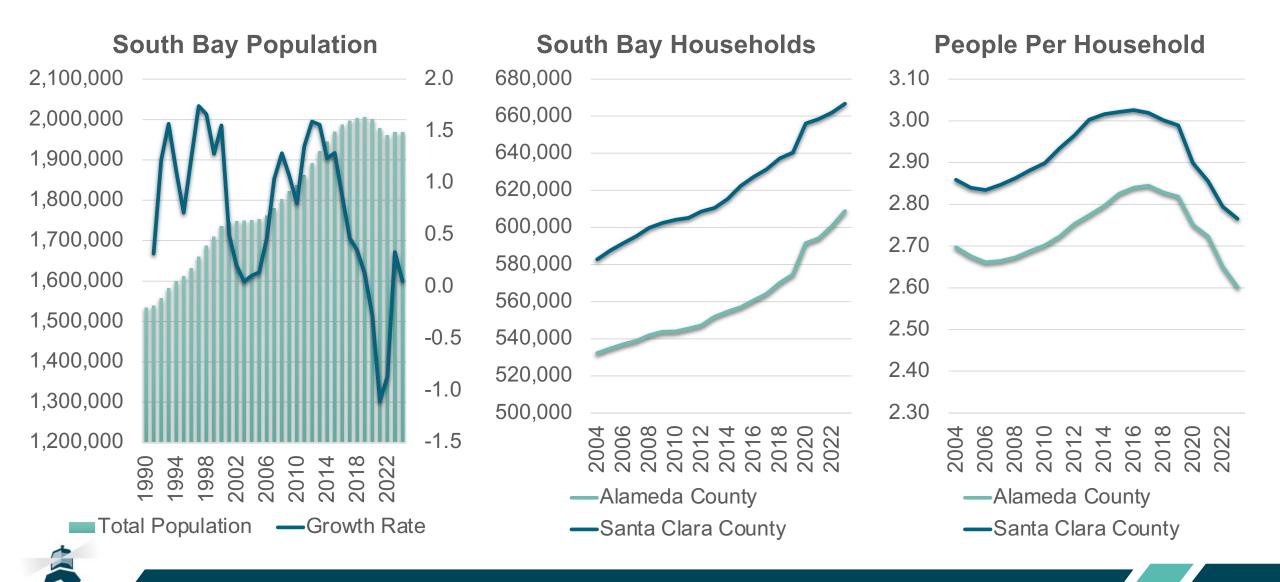
### **Housing Supply**



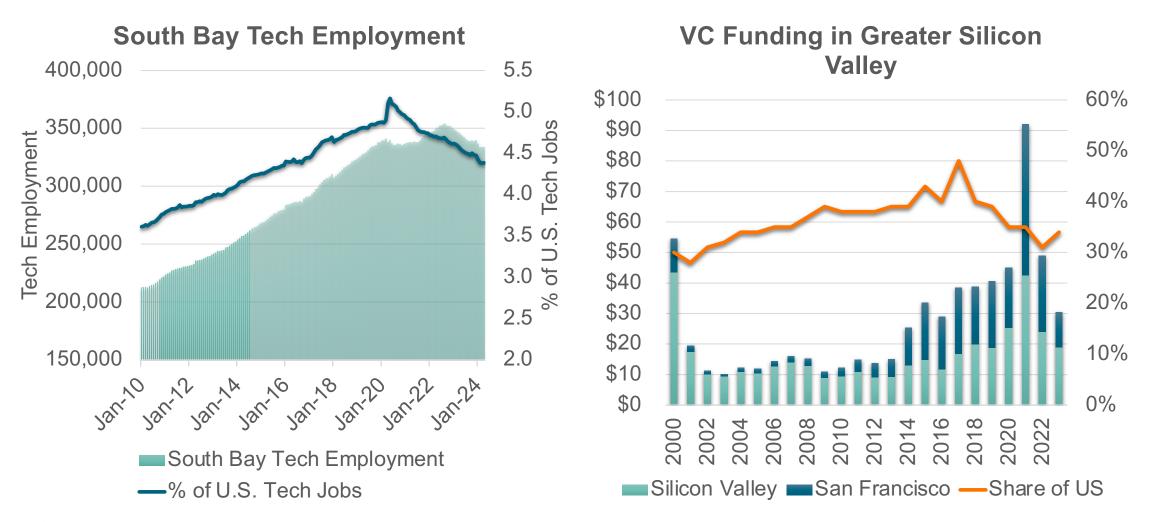
2023 Permits (Units)	1-Year Chg. (%)	Chg. since 2019 (%)
56,655	-6.0	-4.3
2,266	-4.0	7.9
10,861	-8.1	1.3
11,574	8.0	29.5
7,945	-2.6	11.2
2,879	-17.4	-2.6
3,197	-7.9	-19.8
2,283	-25.1	-10.6
53,052	0.4	4.6
1,314	84.6	18.9
7,588	102.3	75.8
17,395	-15.3	-17.5
3,734	53.3	70.0
8,065	36.1	62.9
4,935	-38.4	-48.2
4,426	50.0	-3.0
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### **Regional Population**



### **Tech Employment**





### Tech Growth by Region

Tech Job Growth	% Change in Tech Emp. from Feb-20
United States	4.5
California	1.6
Austin	20.4
Dallas (MD)	13.4
Durham	9.6
Huntsville	13.8
Oakland (MD)	-0.5
Salt Lake City	9.7
San Francisco	-2.5
San Jose	-1.3

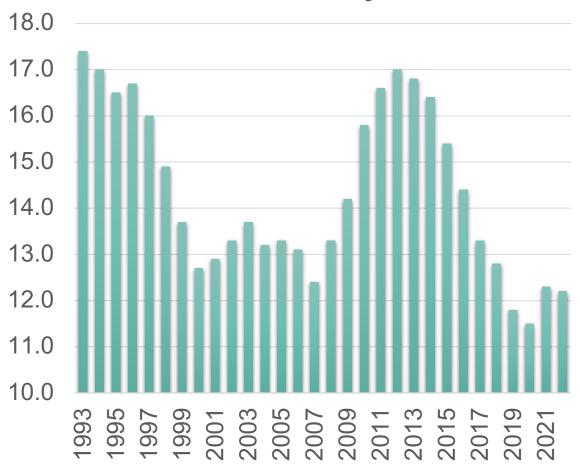
Weekly Wages	Apr-24 Avg Weekly Wage (\$)	Chg. since Feb-20 (%)
Austin	1,196	7.7
Boston	1,440	9.1
Chicago	1,126	5.2
Dallas	1,227	13.8
Denver	1,400	19.3
East Bay	1,315	2.7
Los Angeles (MD)	1,306	12.1
New York City	1,371	4.5
Salt Lake City	1,281	19.8
San Francisco	1,772	6.4
San Jose	1,842	5.5
Seattle	1,429	2.2

Median Home Prices	Apr-24 Median (\$000s)	Chg. since Feb-20 (%)
California	843.4	42.4
Fresno MSA	411.6	41.3
Inland Empire	581.8	46.6
Los Angeles	946.8	36.5
Sacramento	585.1	33.8
San Diego	1,024.3	49.6
San Fran	1,795.3	11.4
San Jose	1,791.9	39.5
Stockton	541.5	35.3

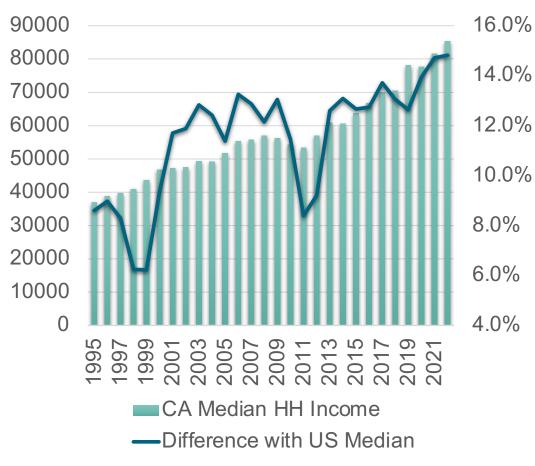


### California Worker Earnings





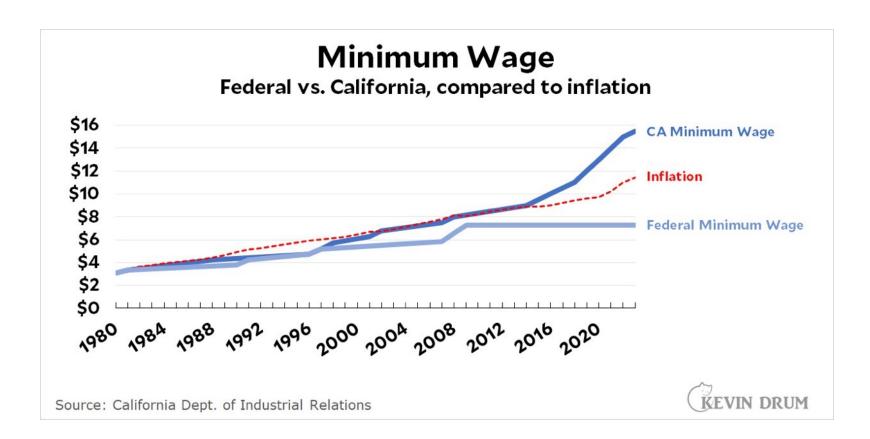
#### California Household Incomes





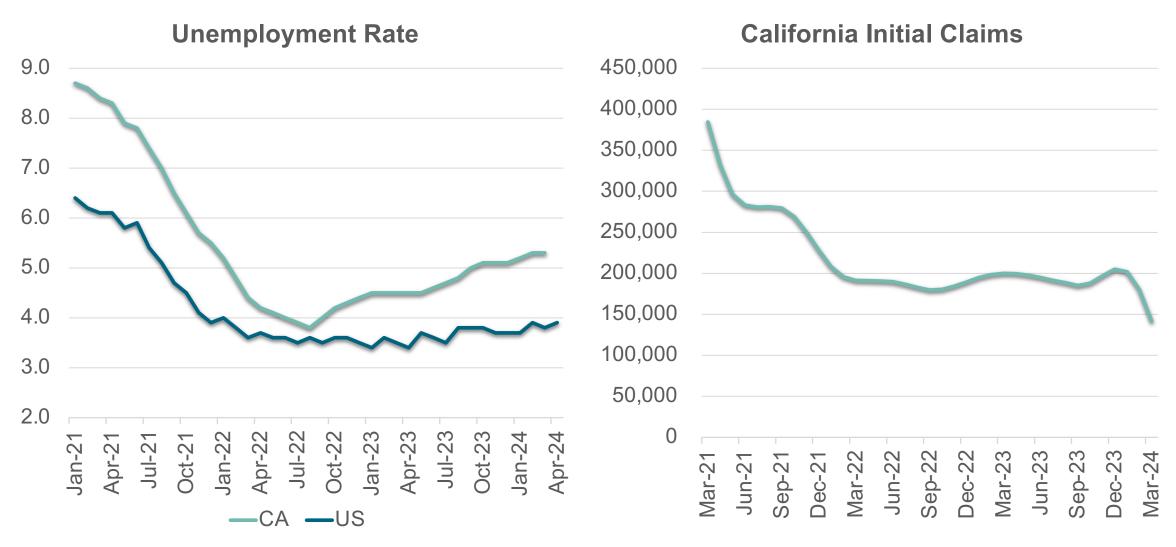
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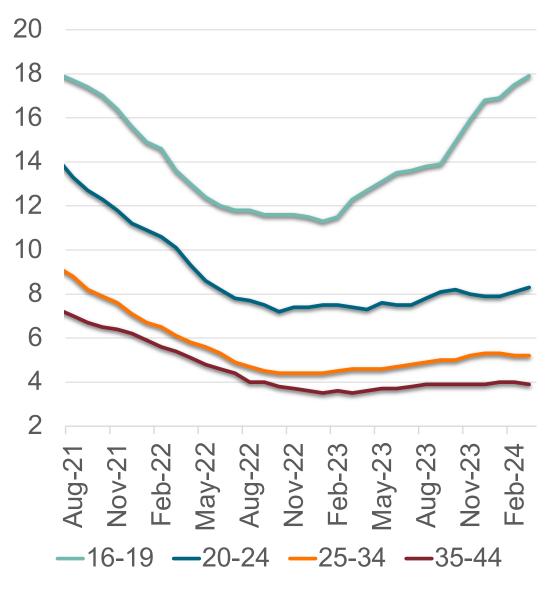


### **Initial Claims and Unemployment**





### **CA Unemployment by Age**



### Employment by Industry 24 and Under CA 2022

	Industry Name	Employ
722	Food Services and Drinking Places	490,631
611	Educational Services	170,385
541	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	106,437
23	Construction	100,539
445	Food and Beverage Stores	96,982
621	Ambulatory Health Care Services	89,140
452	General Merchandise Stores	81,870
561	Administrative and Support Services	76,108
713	Amusement, Gambling, and Recreation Industries	72,919
448	Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	70,249
624	Social Assistance	45,481
493	Warehousing and Storage	39,901
454	Nonstore Retailers	39,311
492	Couriers and Messengers	35,216





### **Affordability**

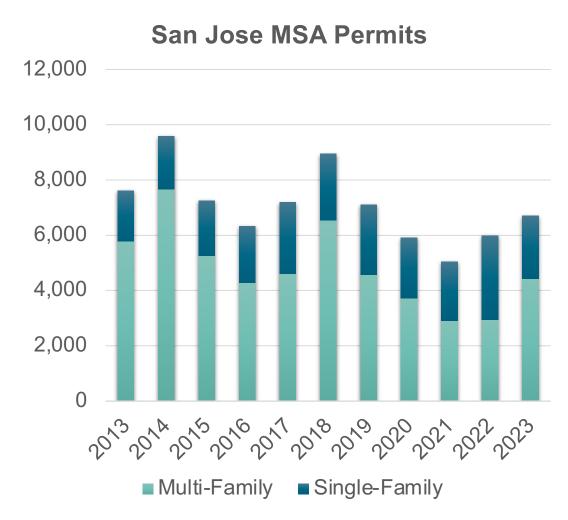
Share Cost Burdened: Renters	2017	2022
United States	49.5	51.9
California	55.2	56.0
Fresno	55.7	56.4
Los Angeles	57.8	58.2
Modesto	49.9	57.5
Inland Empire	58.5	60.2
Sacramento	55.1	59.1
San Diego	57.2	58.3
San Francisco MSA	46.7	48.9
San Jose	47.1	45.7
Santa Cruz	60.0	56.2
Stockton	56.8	52.7







### **Residential Permits**



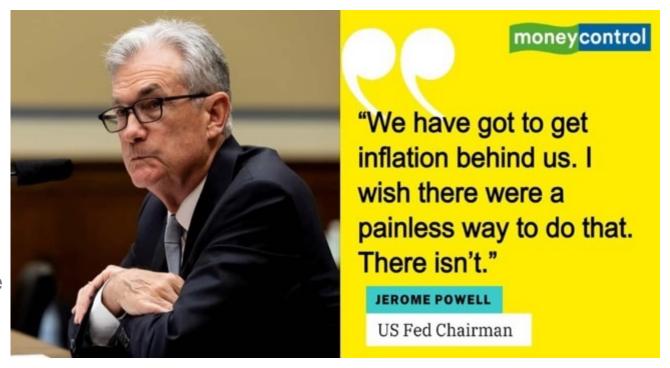
Location	2023 SF Permits (Units)	1-Year Chg. (%)	Chg. since 2019 (%)
Single-Family			
California	56,655	-6.0	-4.3
Inland Empire	10,861	-8.1	1.3
Los Angeles	11,574	8.0	29.5
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<b>Multi-Family</b>			
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Inland Empire	7,588	102.3	75.8
Los Angeles	17,395	-15.3	-17.5
Sacramento	3,734	53.3	70.0
San Francisco	4,935	-38.4	-48.2
San Jose	4,426	50.0	-3.0
Stockton	219	-68.2	-34.4



### **Narratives of Fed Policy?**

## The Federal Reserve Narrative

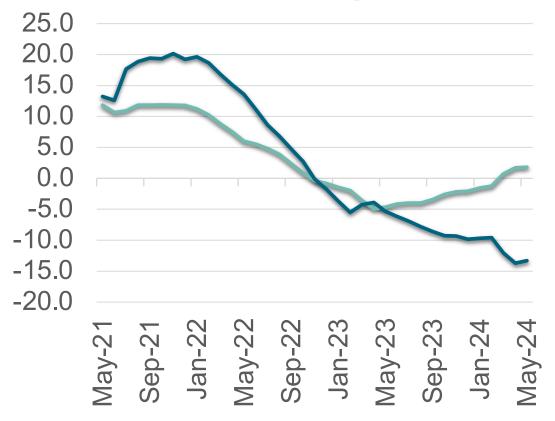
- US inflation due to some exogenous shock
- Inflation is now being driven by inflation expectations
- Inflation is causing substantial harm to American households
- The Fed must fight inflation and it is worth the loss of some jobs / higher unemployment



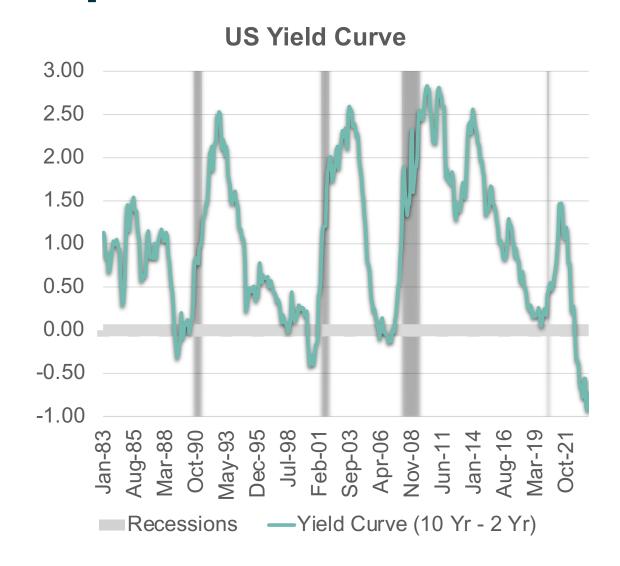


### The Fed Response





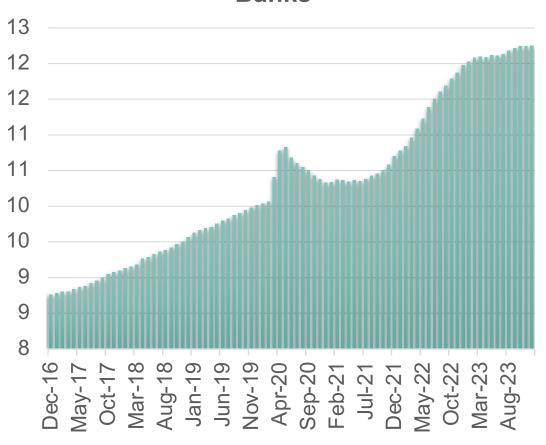
- —YoY Growth Commercial Bank Deposits
- —YoY Growth Federal Reserve Assets



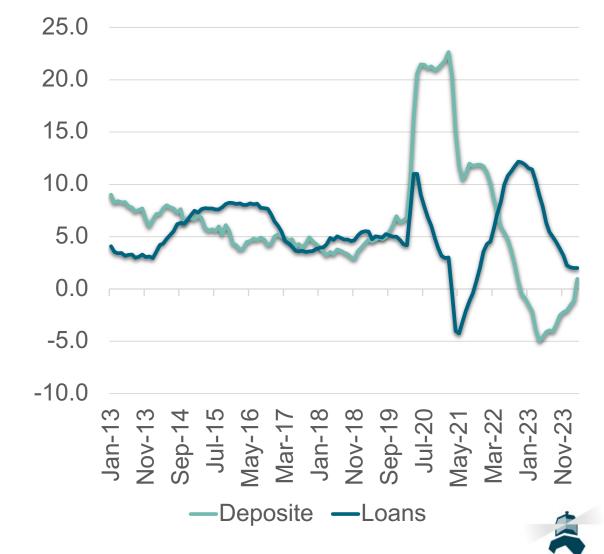


### **Banking Sector: Remaining Solid**

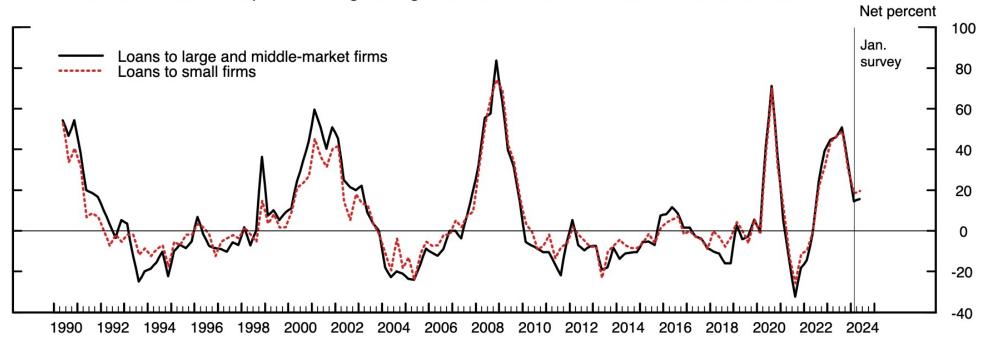
### Loans and Leases: All Commercial Banks



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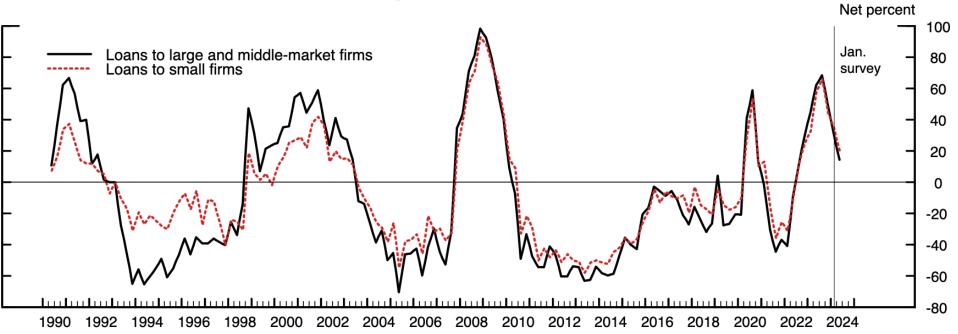


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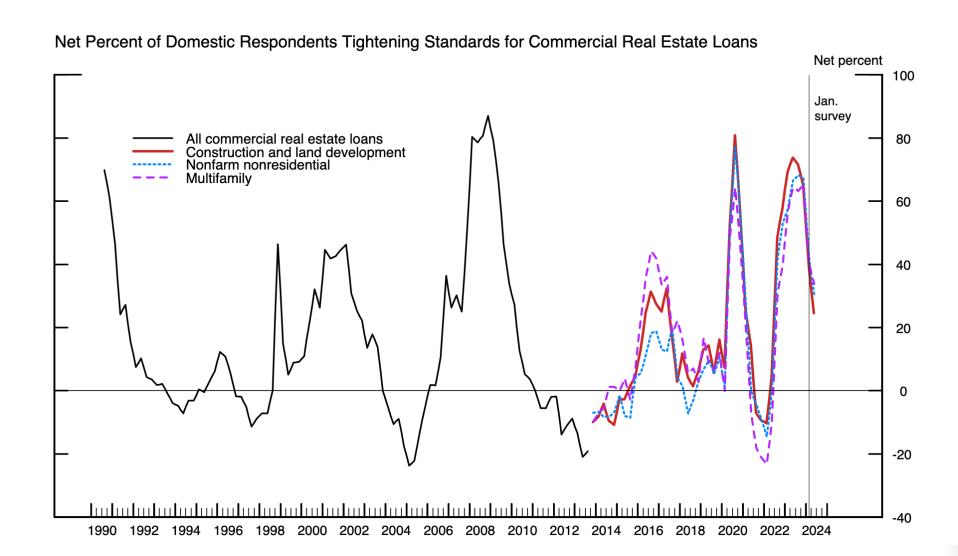




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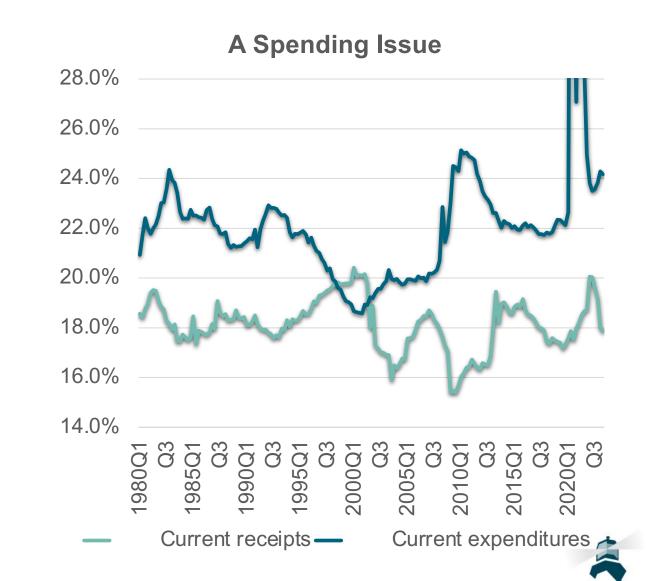


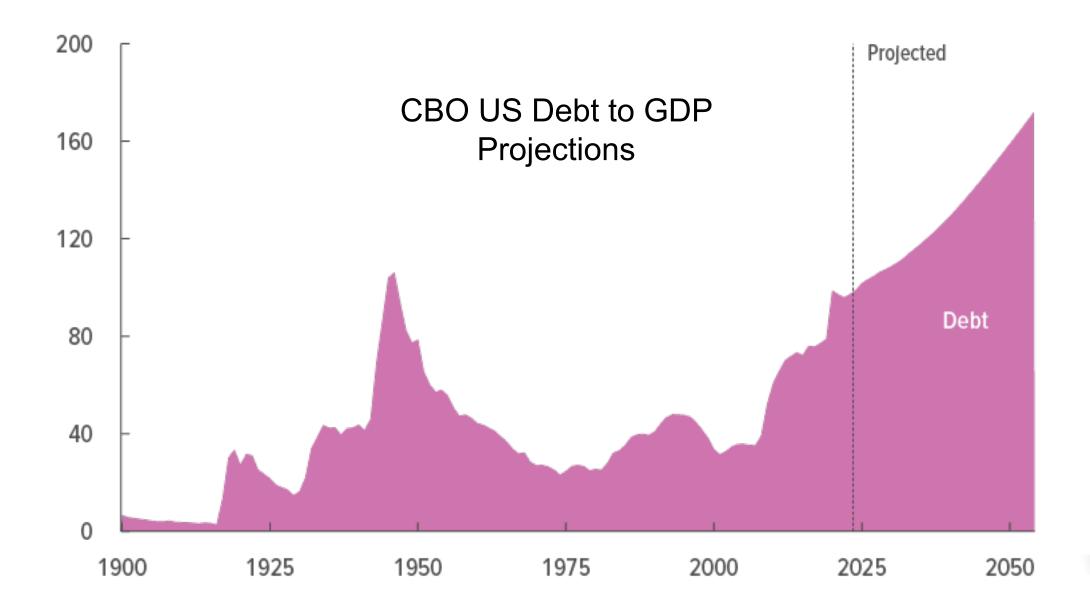


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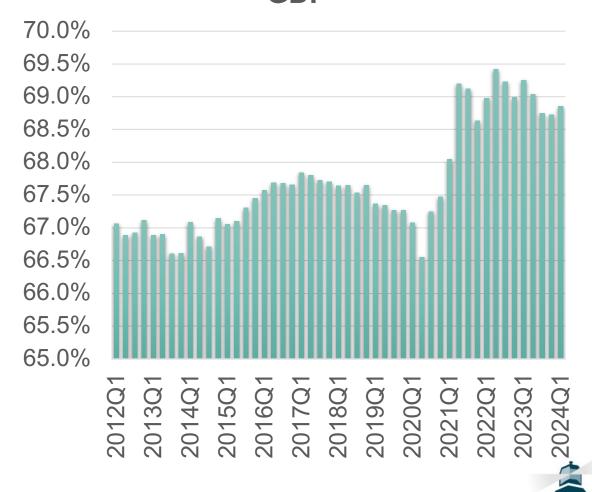


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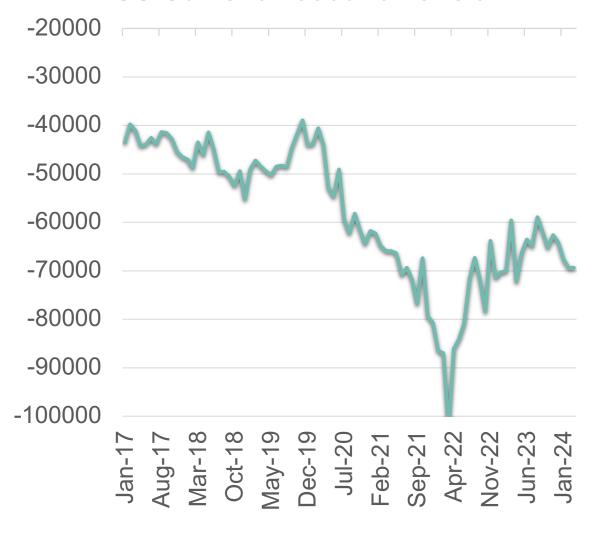


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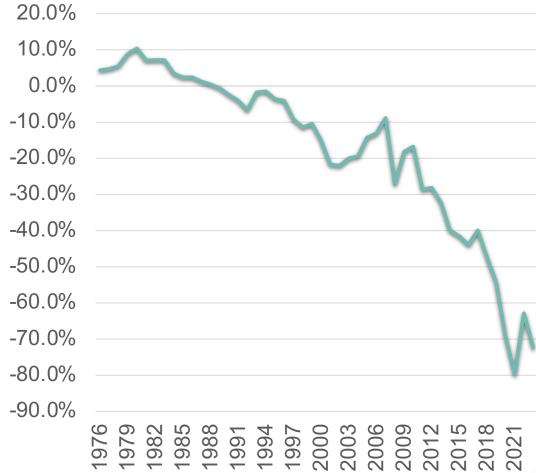


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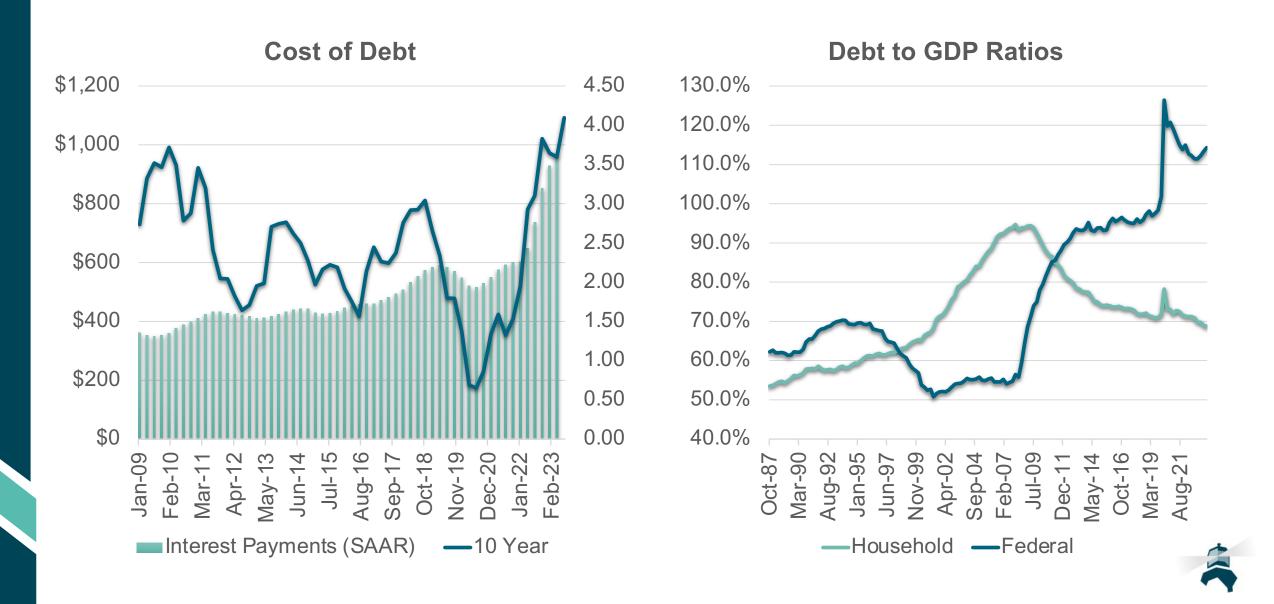




### US Net Investment Position as % US GDP



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### Out of the Woods?

#### We were never in the woods.

- Excess demand causes inflation, not recessions
- Higher rates offset by high liquidity, low private debt levels
- Consumer demand will remain strong keep US going

#### California: Missing the point

- Housing Supply not affordability
- Revenue reform not higher taxes
- Upskill workers, not up pay

#### Housing: Demand v liquidity

- Market will move into equilibrium slowly
- Cool, not collapse

#### The real issue?

- The narrative is running amuck
- Political chaos in its wake





### **Final Thoughts**

## California needs to increase housing supply

- Market rate as much as affordable
- Re-zoning, reduction in local fees, building code over-reach
- Incentives vs punishment
- MF needed everywhere-not just cities

## Urban areas have too much office, not enough Housing

- The lack of crisis is a crisis
- Don't want dead zones—adaptive reuse
- Suburban may have too much industrial

#### **Incomes and Inequality**

- Things are better, but more help is needs
- Upskill, not up-pay
- Teaching Anti-fragility

#### San Jose and Tech

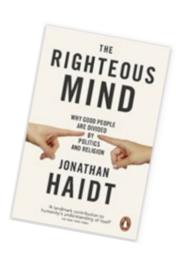
- Labor and housing costs diminish areas competitiveness
- Stickiness preventing pivot to new areas
- Area needs to lean in on labor force growth to attract entrepreneurs
- Al is not a game-changer, impact on Bay will be felt when Al is built into broader system



### **Sticky Narratives**

"People can believe pretty much whatever they want to believe about moral and political issues, as long as some other people near them believe it, so you have to focus on indirect methods to change what people want to believe.

— Jonathan Haidt, *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* 





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