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US Housing Outlook: Housing recovery making inflation more sticky

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Ten facts about the US housing market

- 1. Traffic of prospective homebuyers is rebounding
- 2. Homebuilder and homebuyer confidence are rebounding
- 3. Existing home sales and new home sales are rebounding
- 4. Average number of offers received per sold property is currently 3, up from 2 six months ago
- 5. Housing inventory is very low, about 1/3 of what it was in 2007
- 6. US households move to a new address less than they did 10, 20, and 30 years ago
- 7. The effective mortgage rate for US households at 4% is much lower than a new mortgage at 7%
- 8. 60% of all mortgages outstanding were issued after 2018
- 9. It currently takes 8 months to build a single-family home
- 10. Investors account for 18% of all single-family homes sold, up from 10% in 2006

Source: Apollo Chief Economist 3

Why is housing rebounding despite higher mortgage rates?

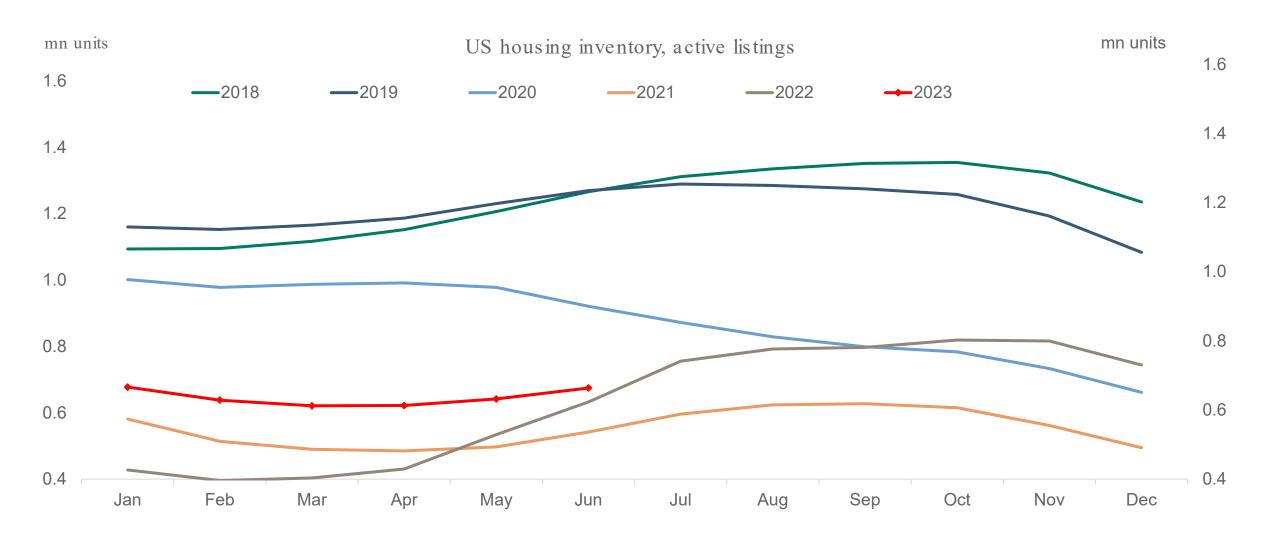
- 1. Low housing supply
- 2. Solid job growth
- 3. Solid wage growth
- 4. Excess savings

Source: Apollo Chief Economist 4

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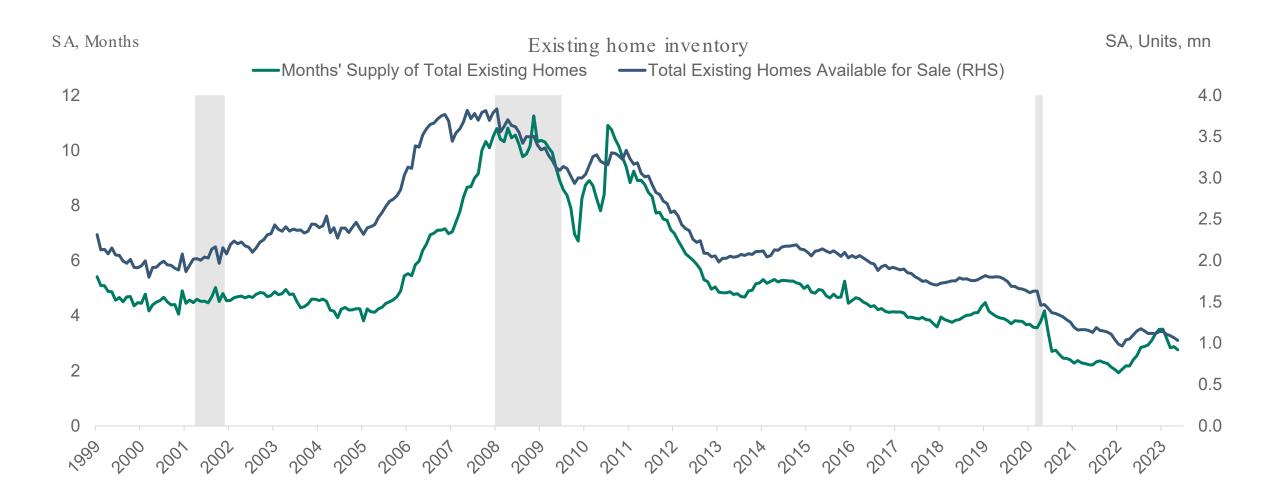
Leading indicators of the housing market

Active listings still at very low levels, very low inventory of homes for sale

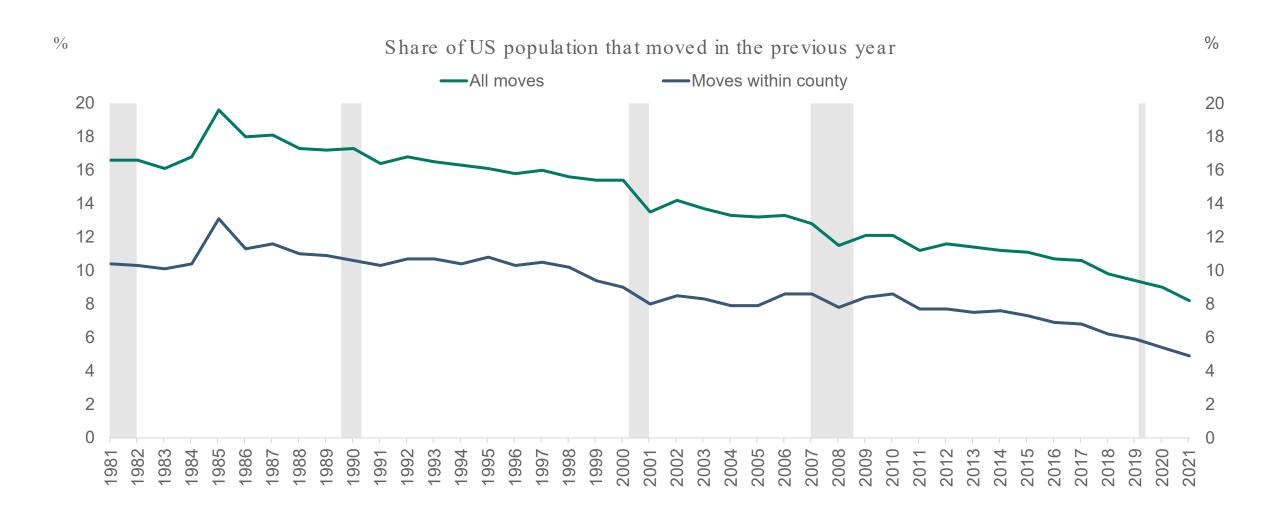


Source: Realtor.com, Apollo Chief Economist

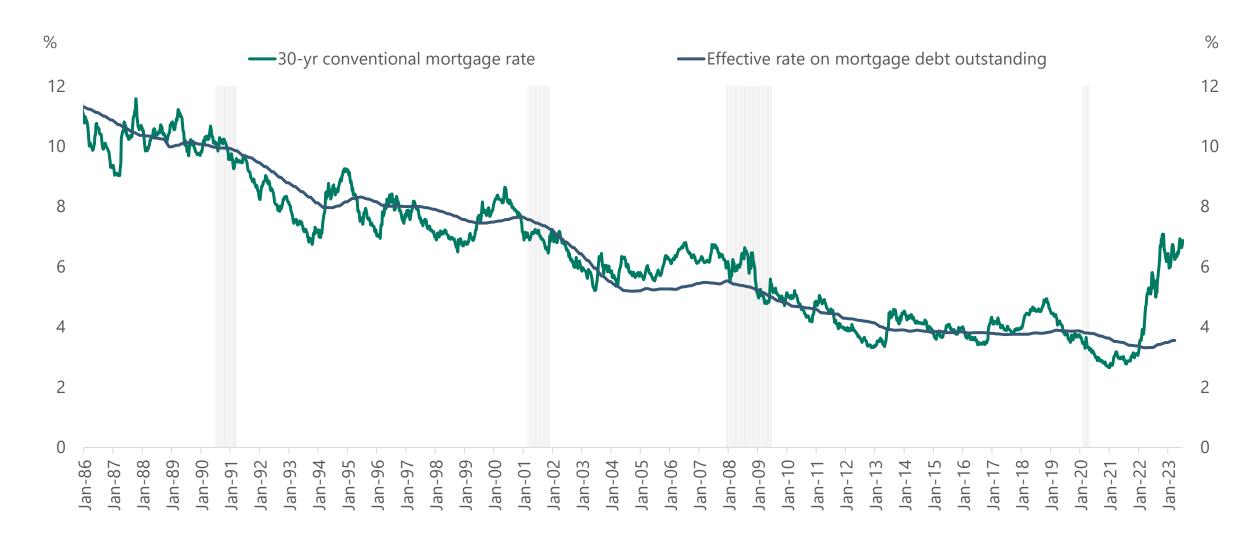
Homesellers don't want to sell their house at a discount: The stock of total existing homes for sale moving down



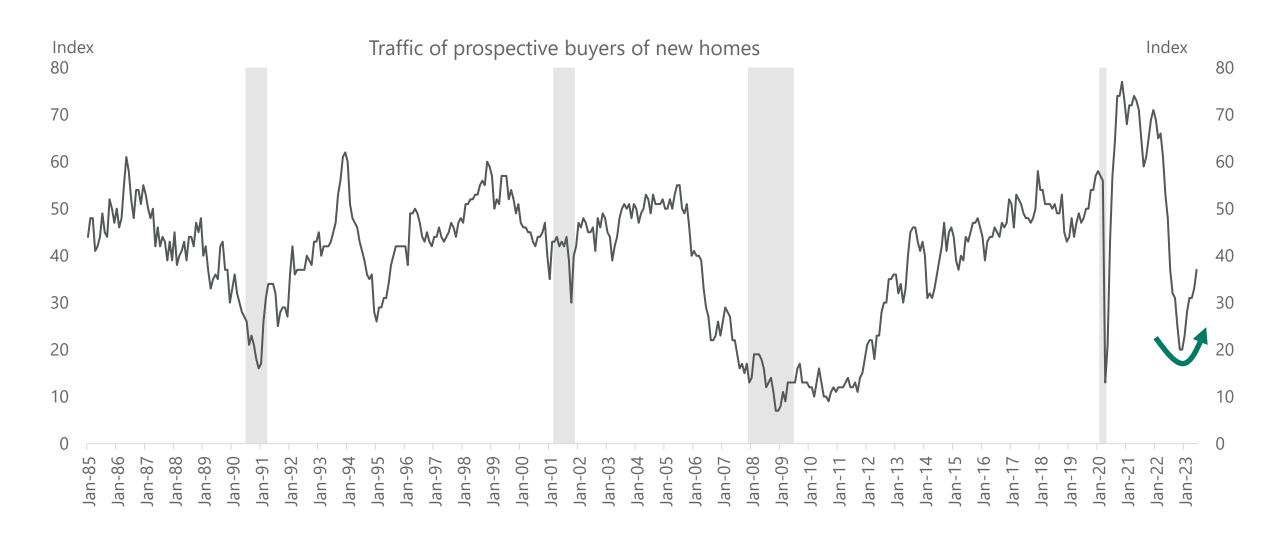
Structural decline in the share of the US population moving to a new address



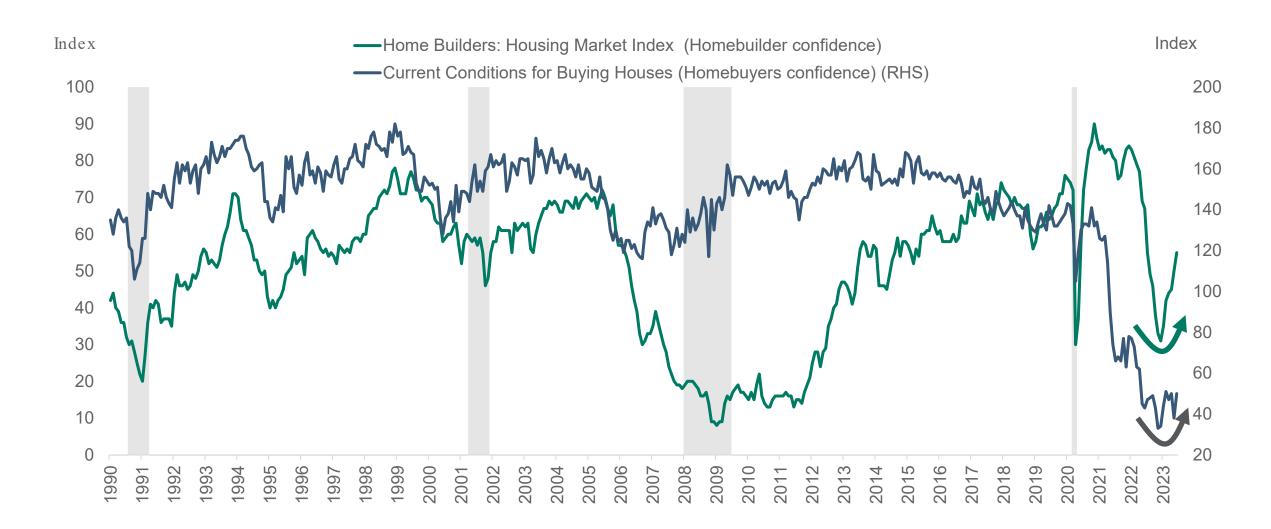
Effective outstanding mortgage rate vs the 30-year mortgage rate on a new mortgage



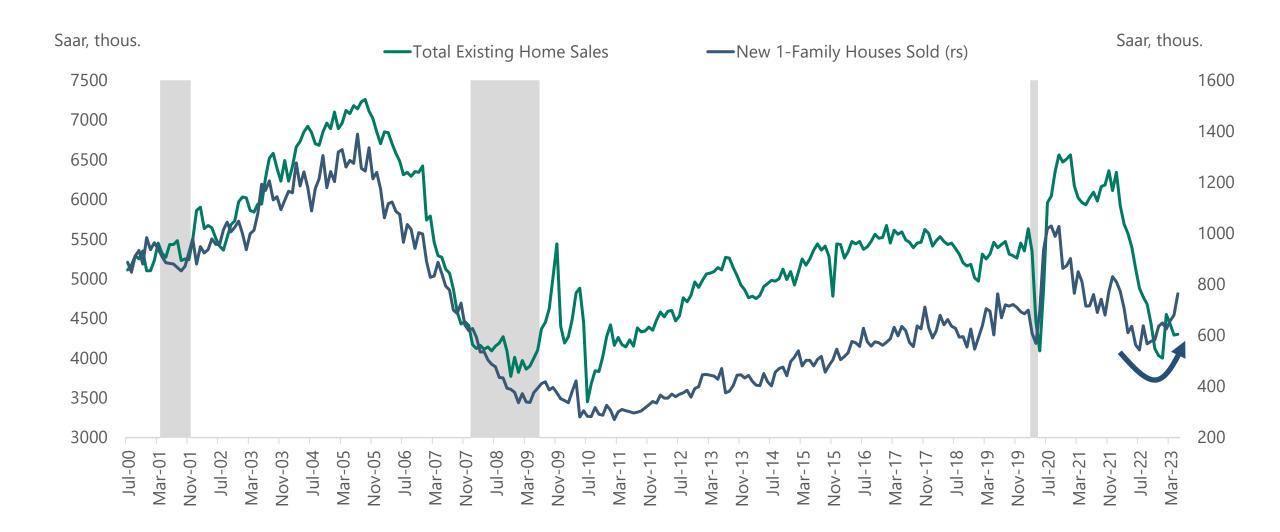
Traffic of prospective homebuyers starting to improve



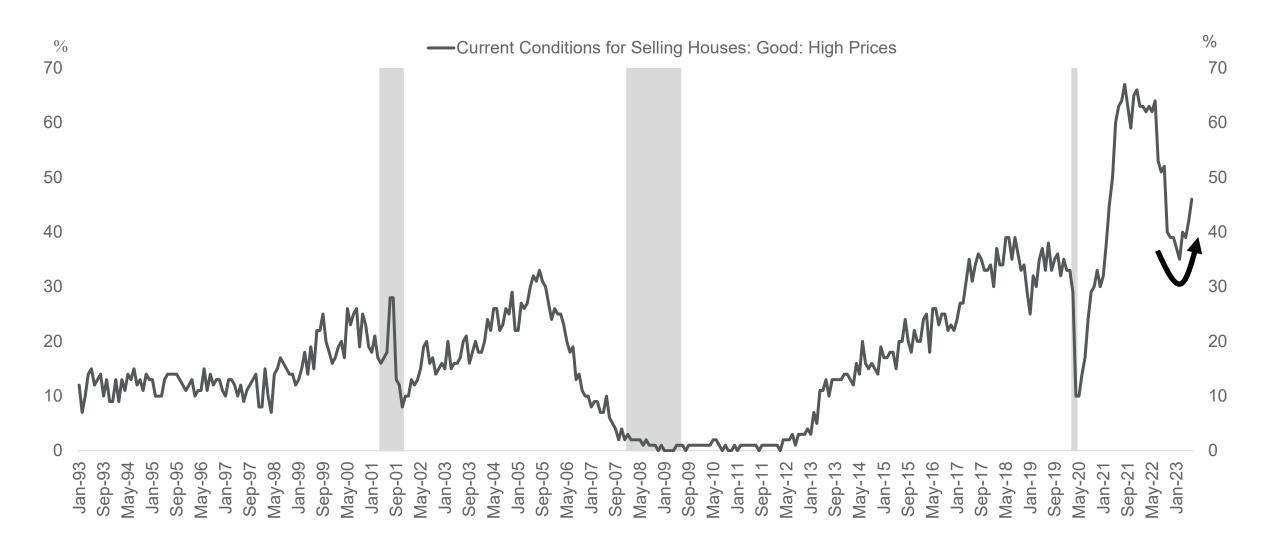
Confidence improving for homebuyers and homebuilders



Home sales starting to recover

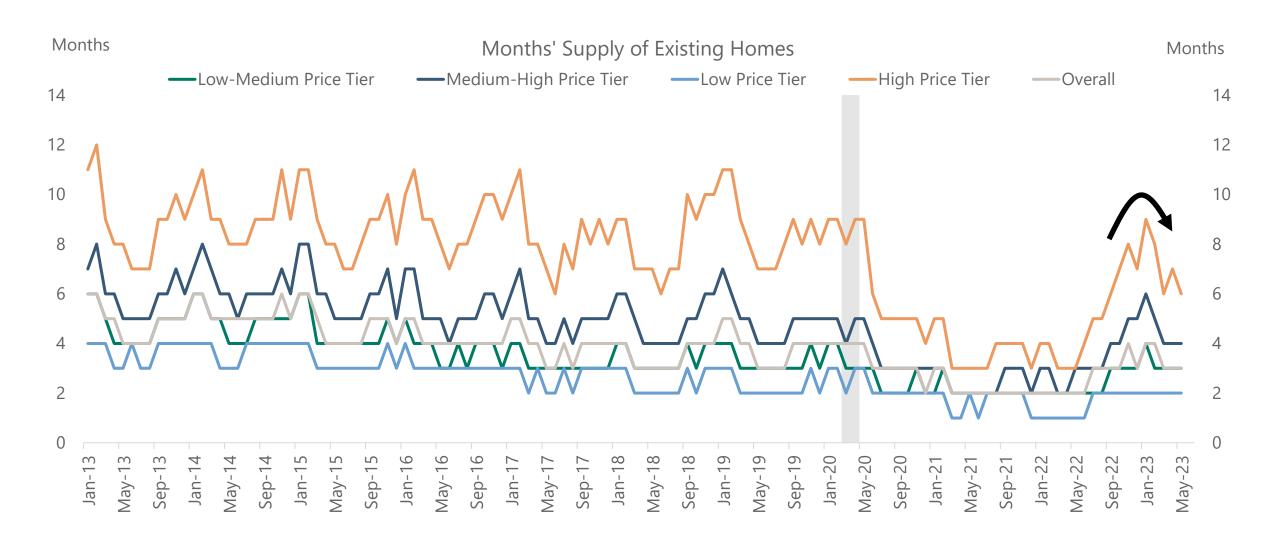


Consumers saying "This is a good time to sell a house" rebounding

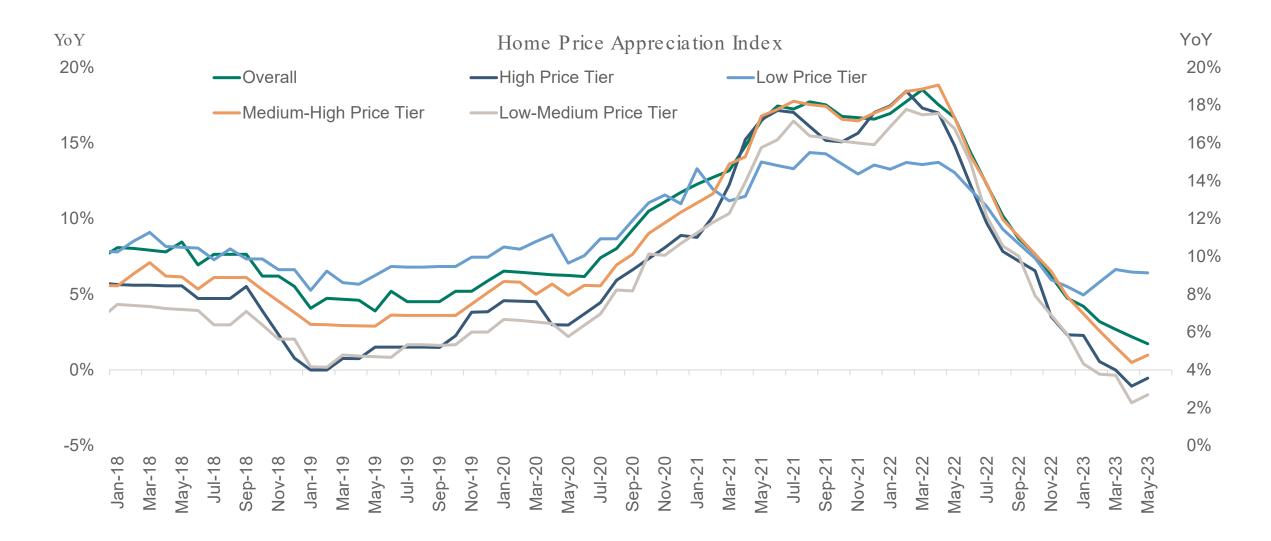


Source: University of Michigan, Apollo Chief Economist

Inventory falling across price tiers

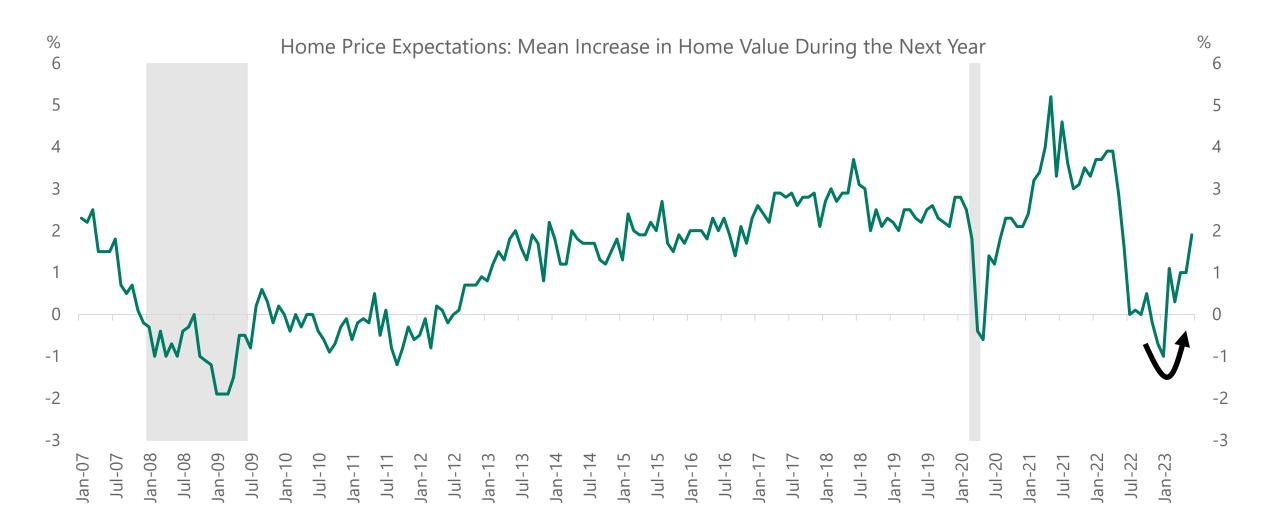


House price inflation stabilizing

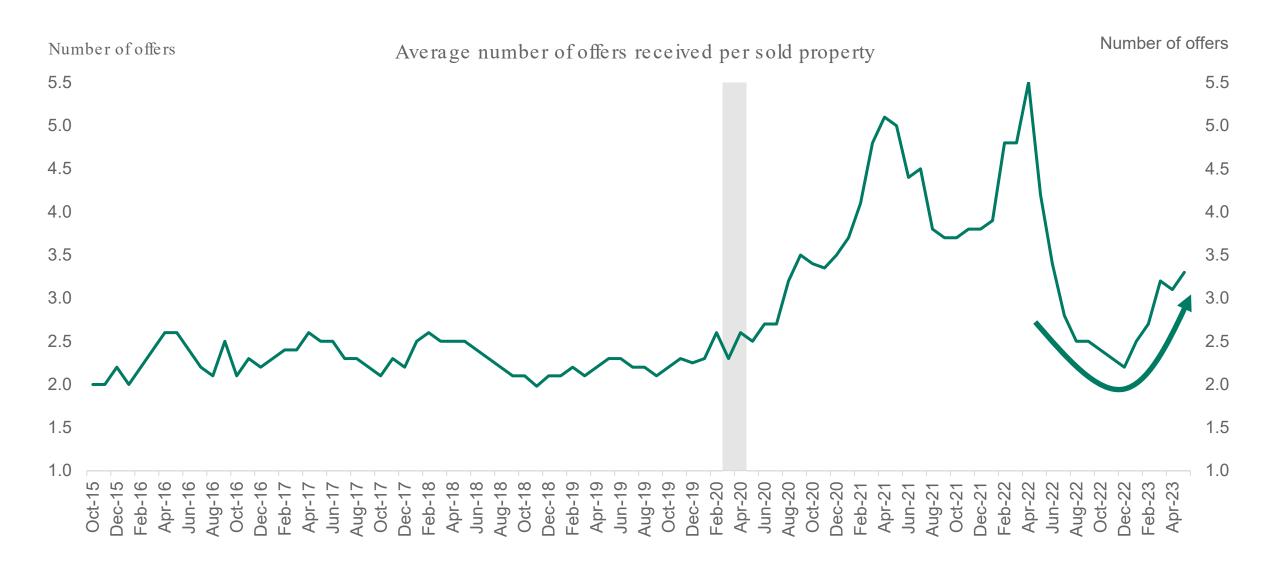


Source: American Enterprise Institute, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

Home price inflation expectations rising

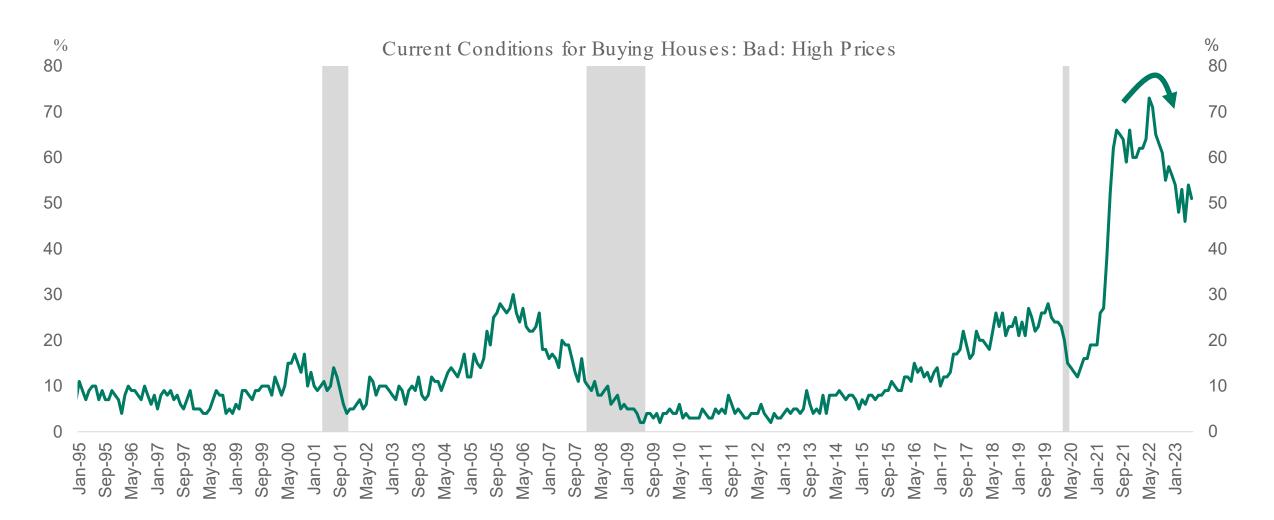


Bidding wars are coming back



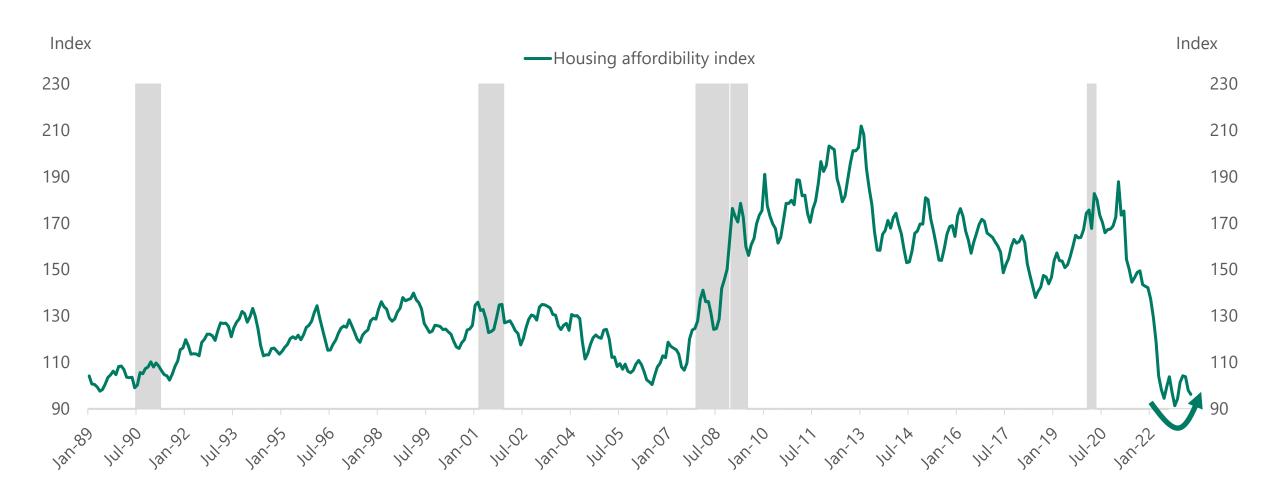
Source: NAR, Apollo Chief Economist

Despite high prices, homebuyer sentiment improving



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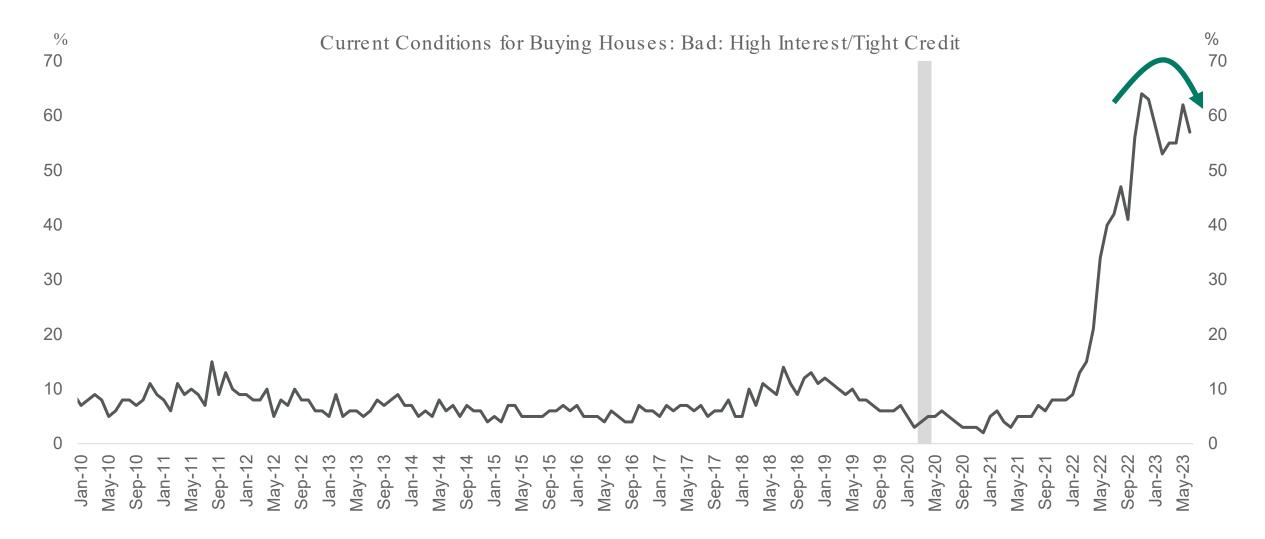
Housing affordability at 2007 levels but starting to bottom



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

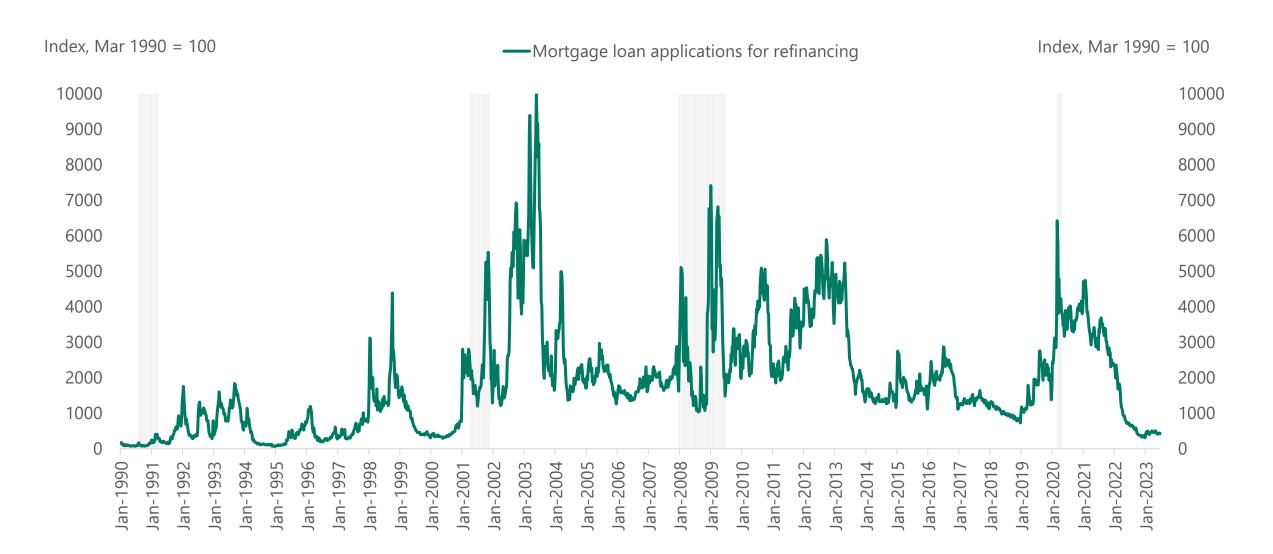
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Homebuyer sentiment about mortgage rates and credit conditions getting better



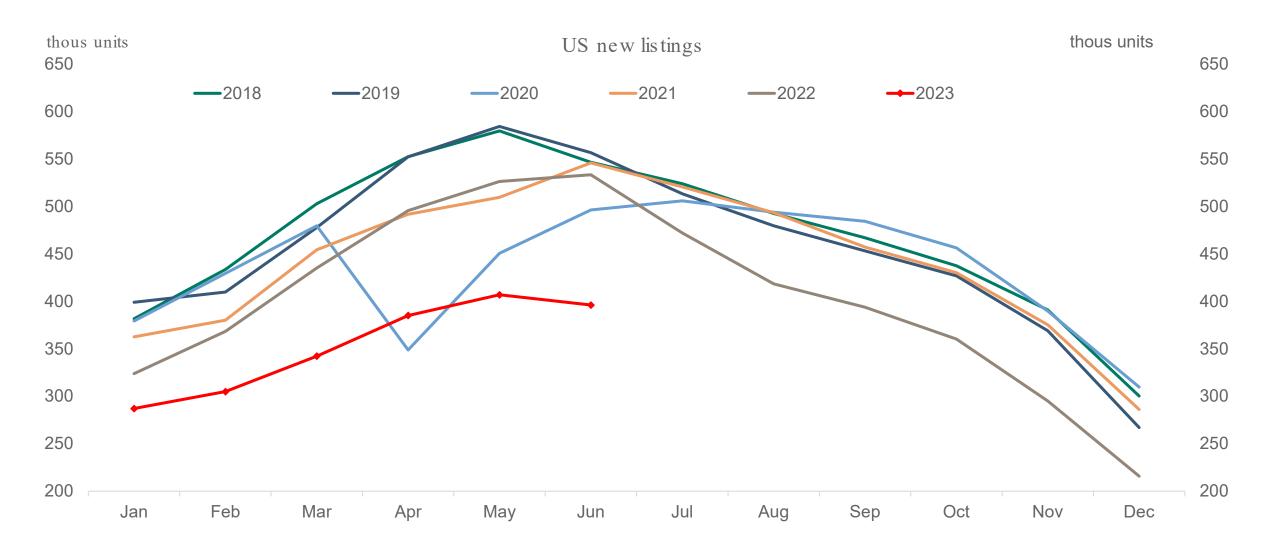
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Mortgage refi applications stabilizing



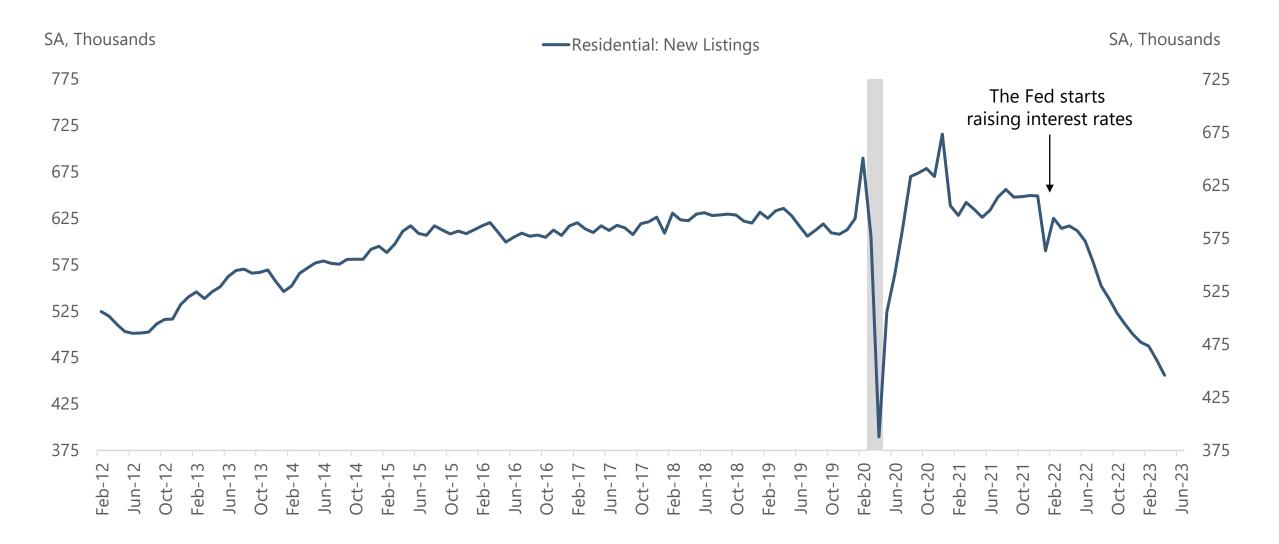
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Newly listed homes very low



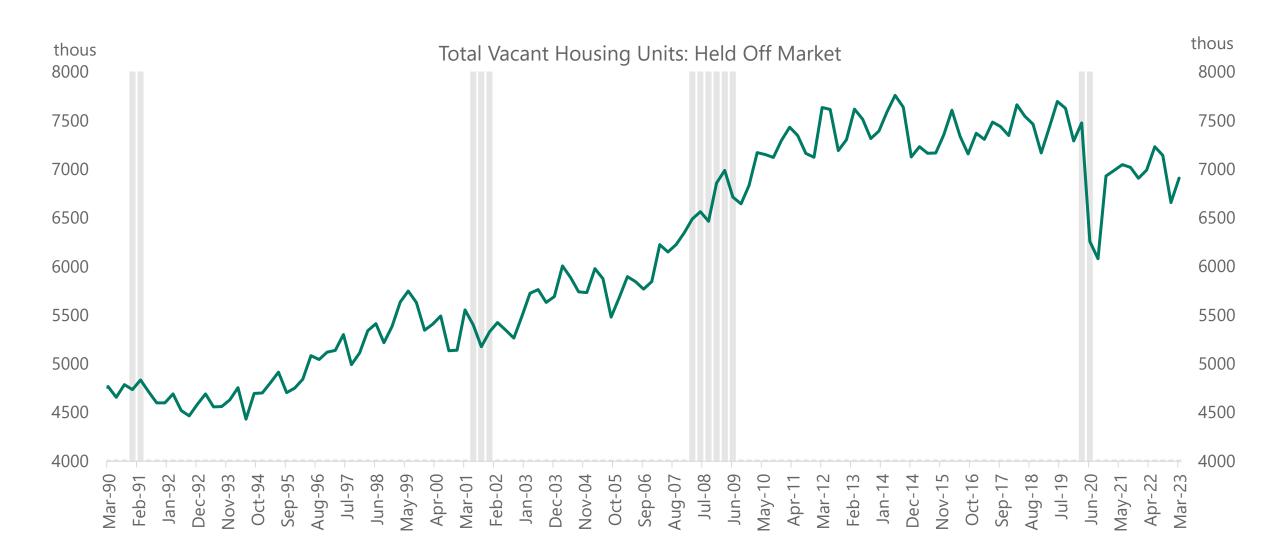
Source: Realtor.com. Apollo Chief Economist

Fewer people listing their home for sale in a down market

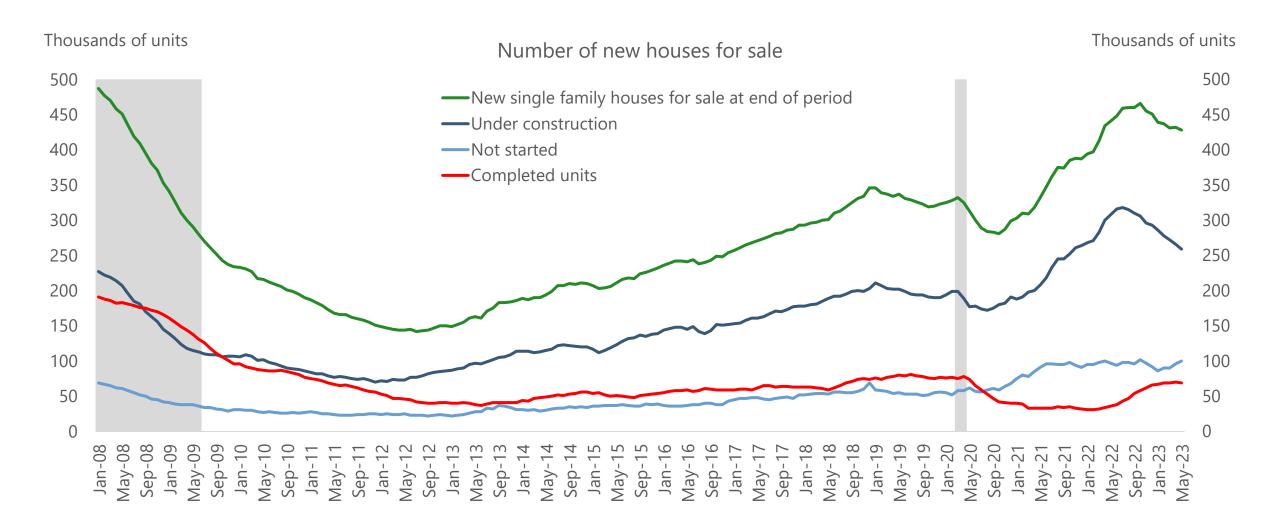


Source: Redfin, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist.

Vacant housing units held off market coming down



New houses for sale under construction is coming down



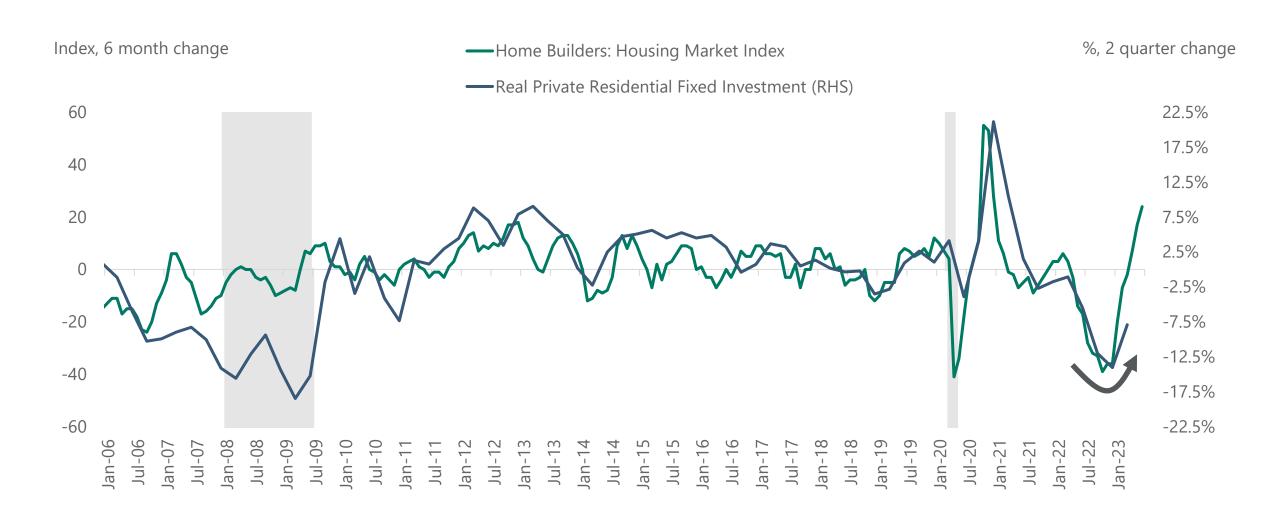
Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

Housing starts also showing signs of bottoming



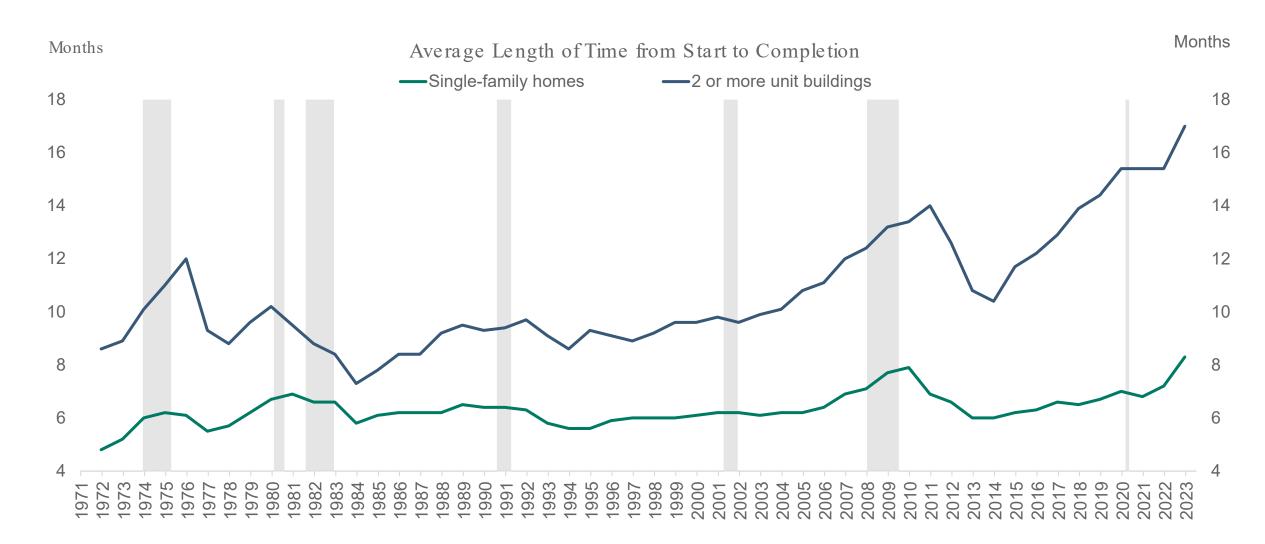
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 26

Upside risks to residential investment

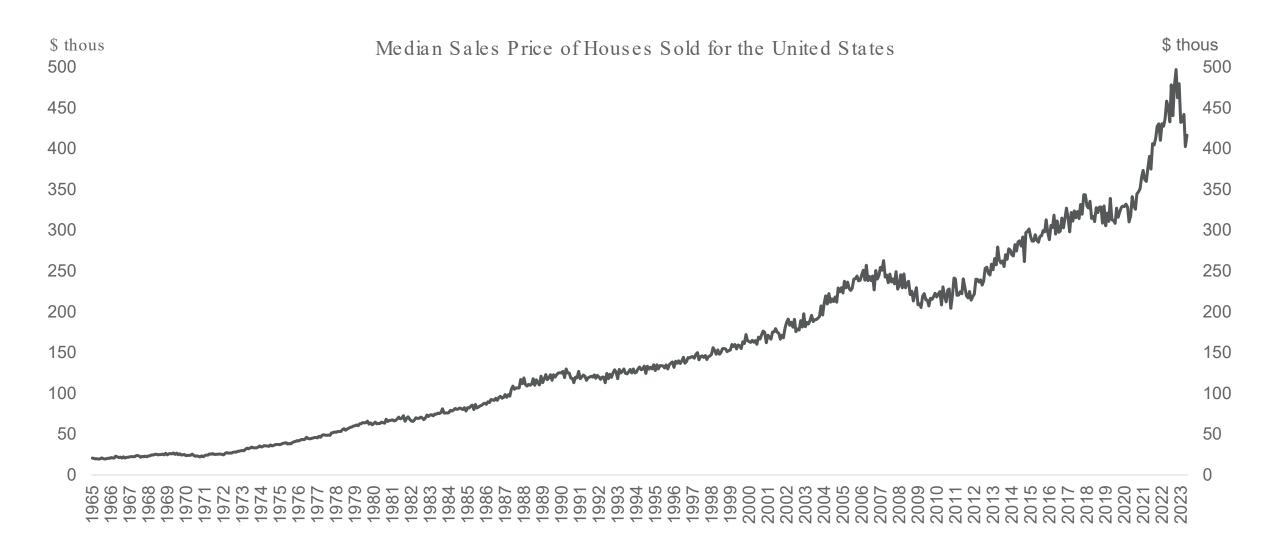


Source: BEA, NAHB, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist 27

It currently takes 8 months on average to build a single-family house

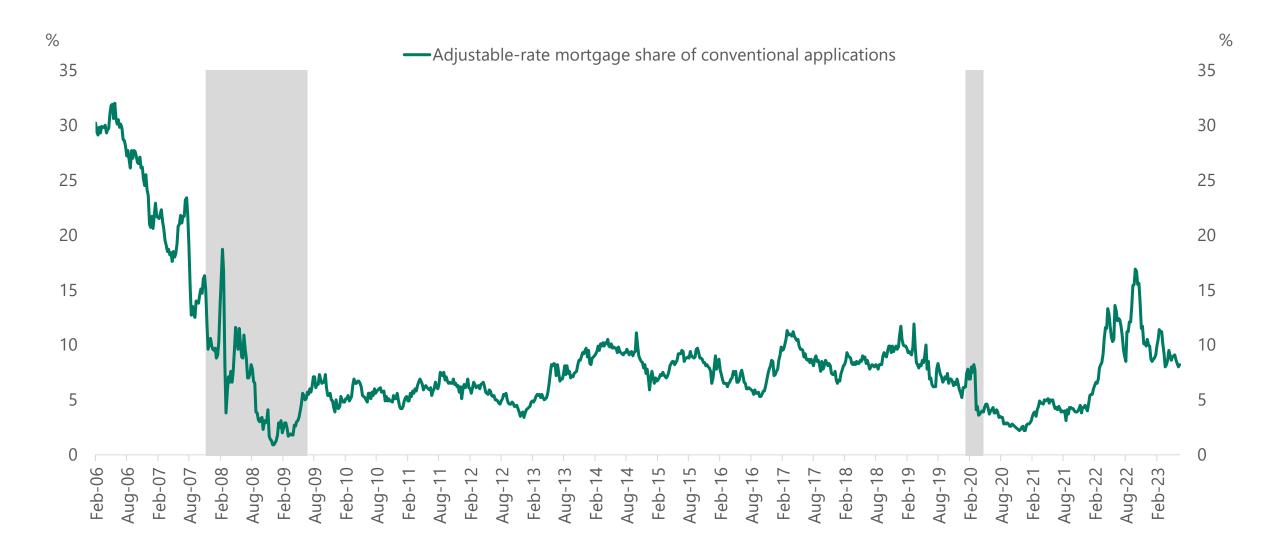


Median home sales price now \$417K



Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

ARM share of total mortgage applications at 8%

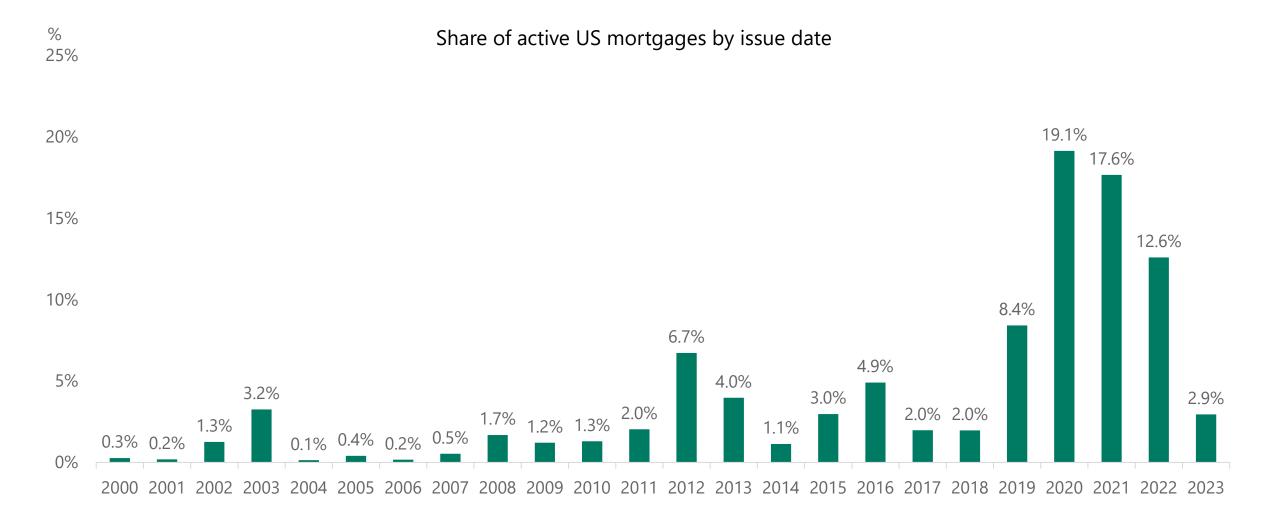


Mortgage rates moving higher

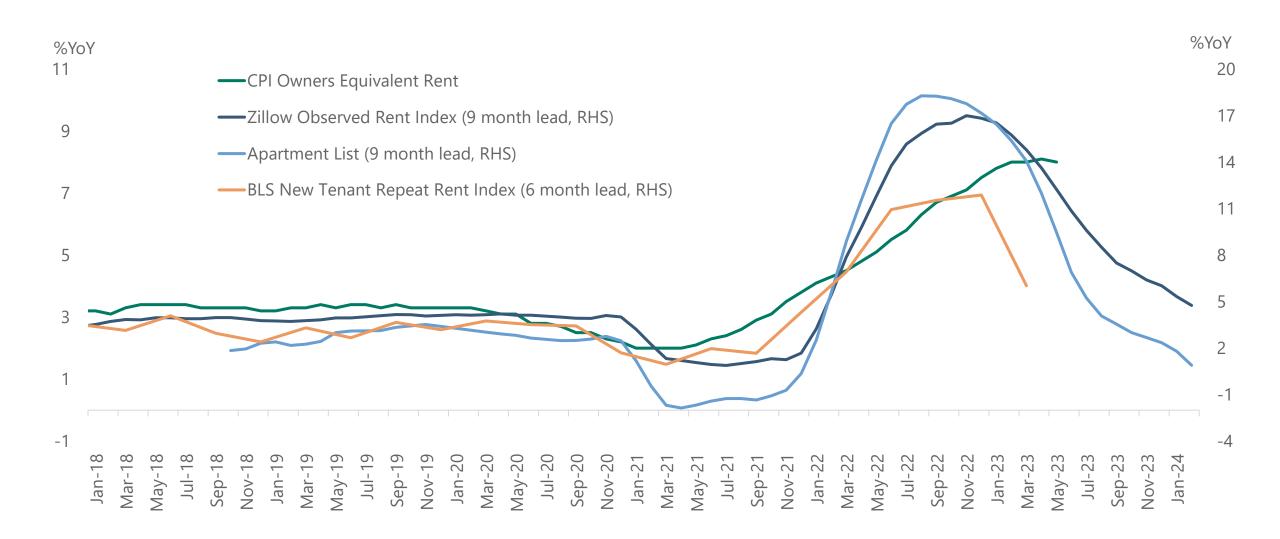


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60% of all mortgages outstanding were issued after 2018



With the housing market recovering, housing inflation will be more sticky

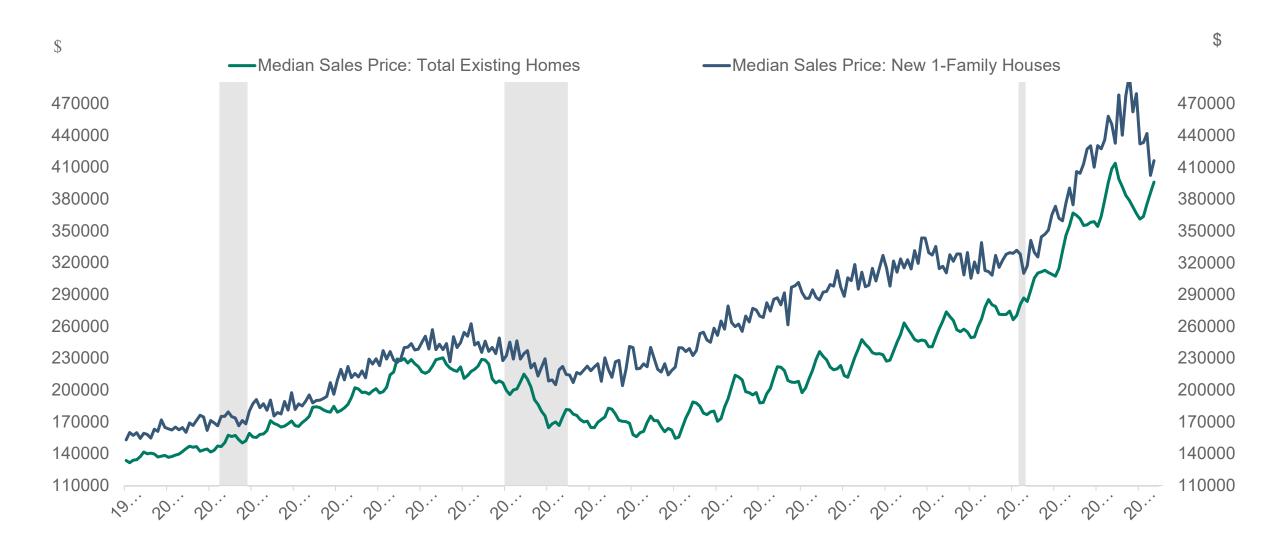


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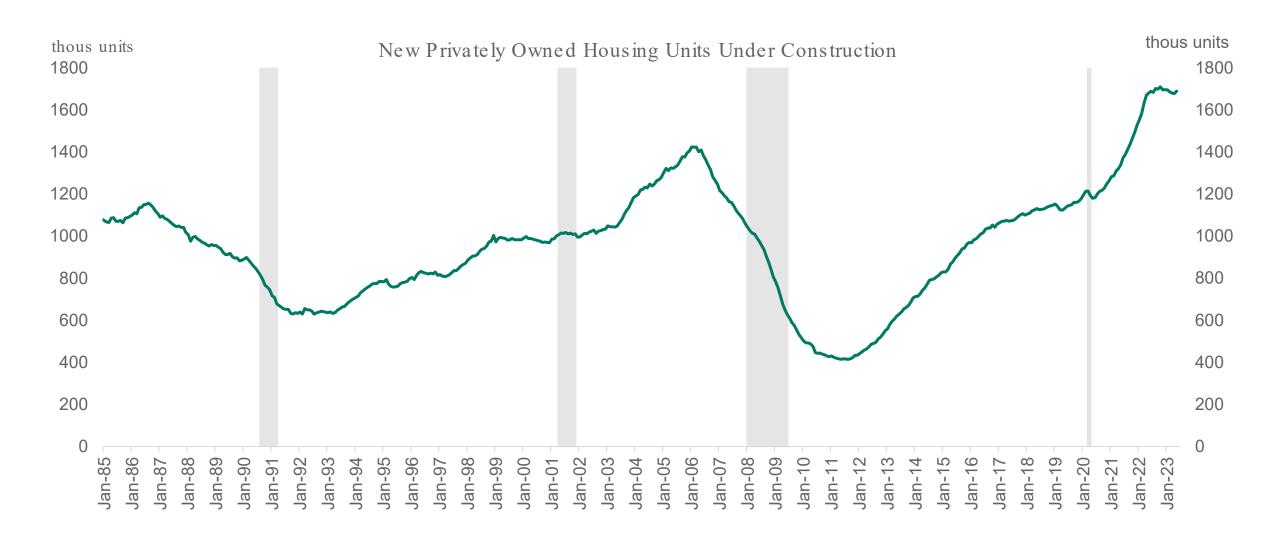
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New versus existing homes

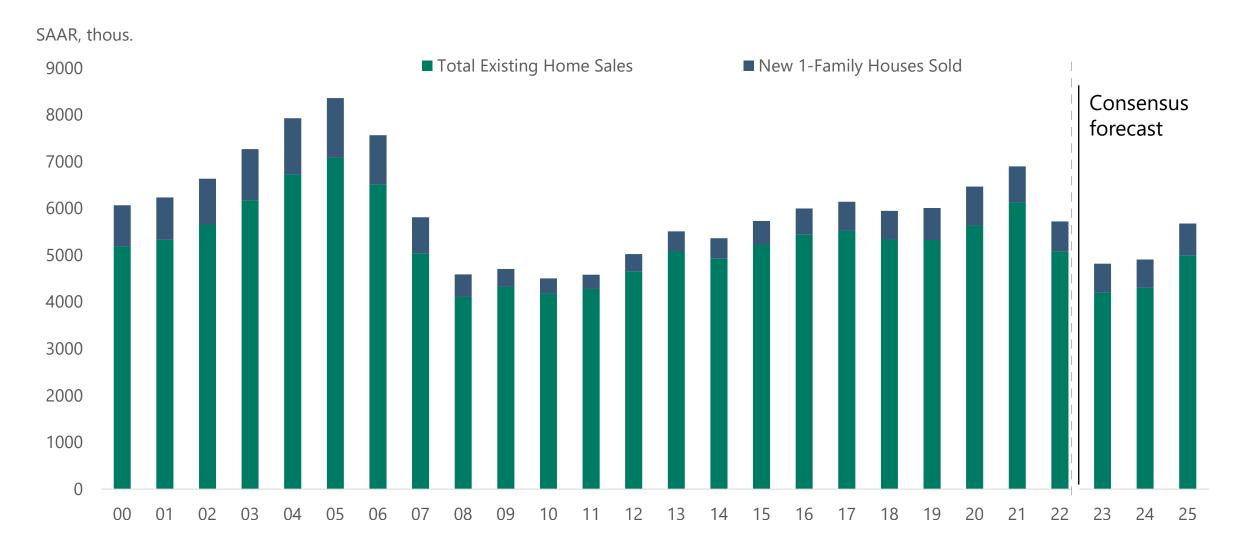
House prices are down a bit for new homes but up for existing homes



New privately owned housing units under construction starting to peak



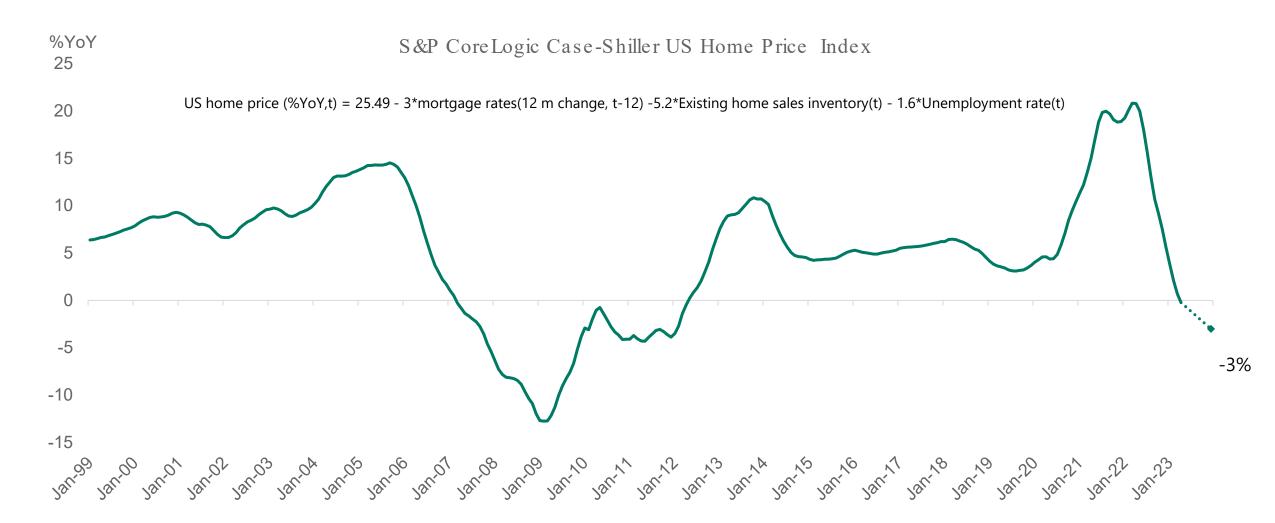
Consensus is forecasting a rebound in home sales



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Our US house price model

US house price model

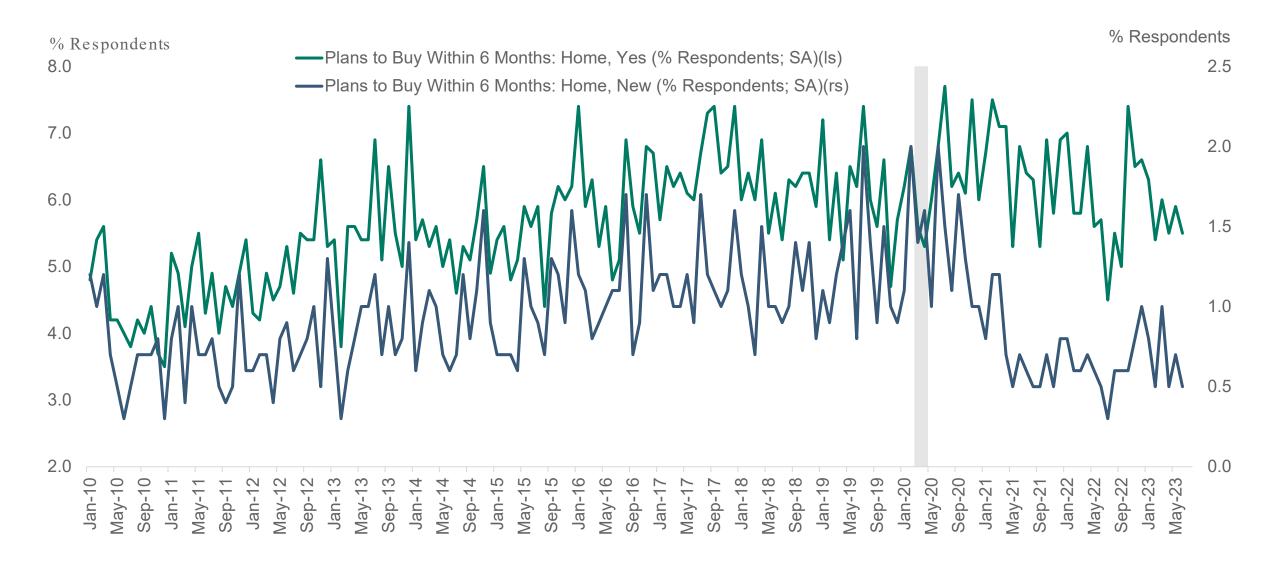


Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

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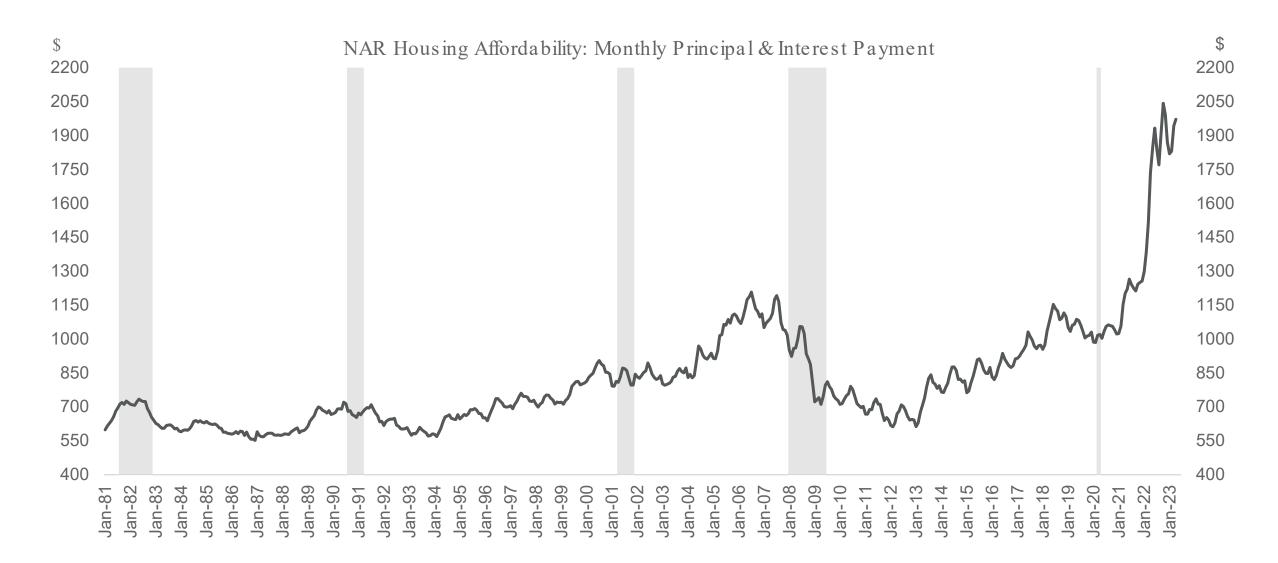
1) Housing Demand: Higher mortgage rates and high home prices slowing demand

Plans to buy a home stabilizing



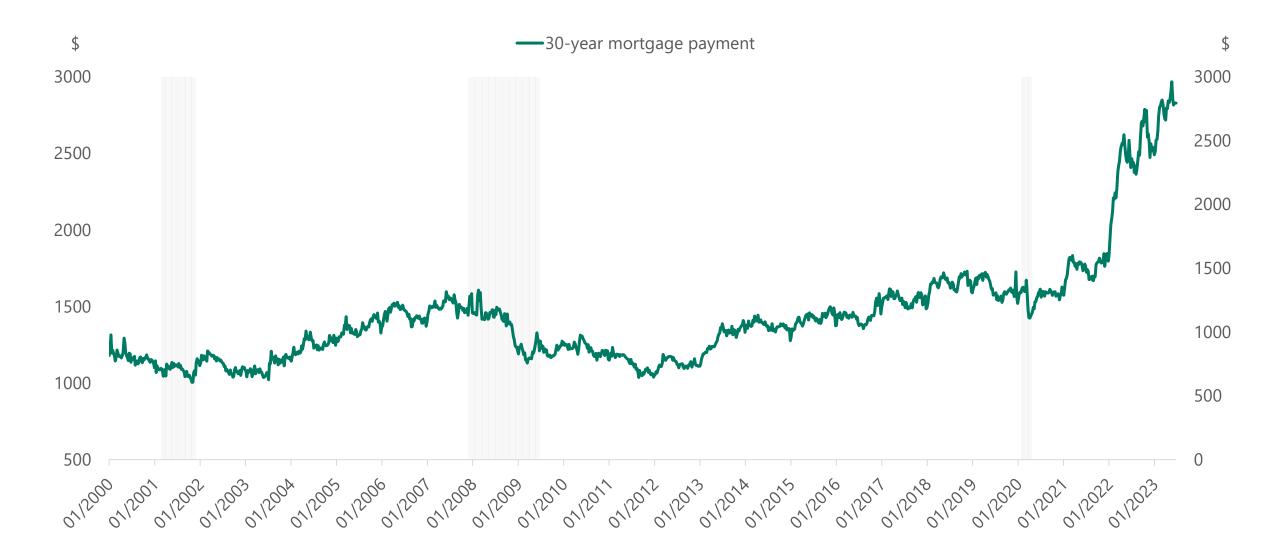
Source: Conference Board, Apollo Chief Economist

Monthly mortgage payments on new mortgages still very high

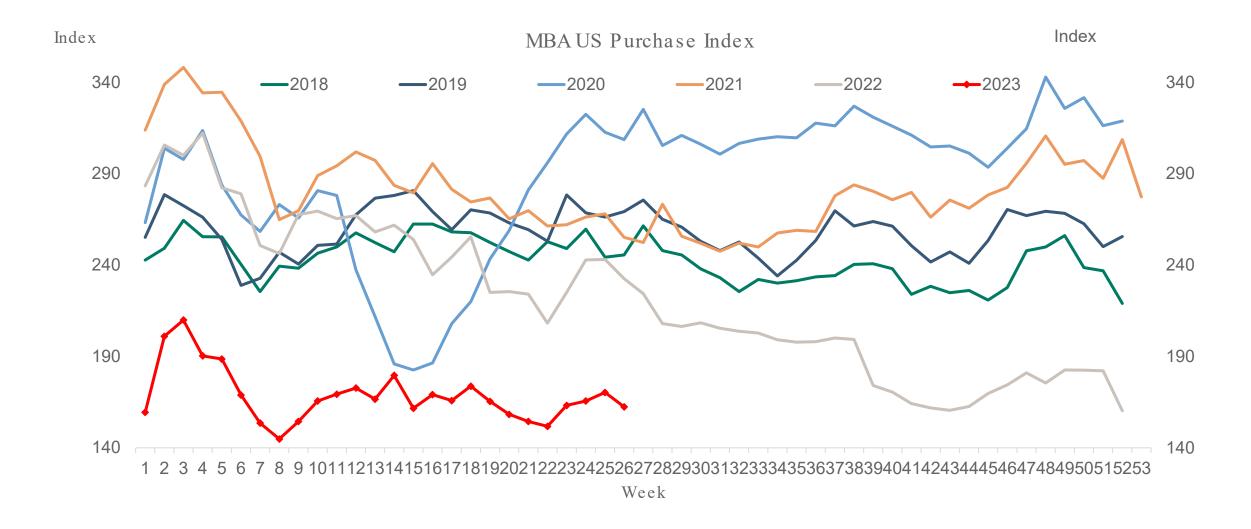


Source: NAR, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist 42

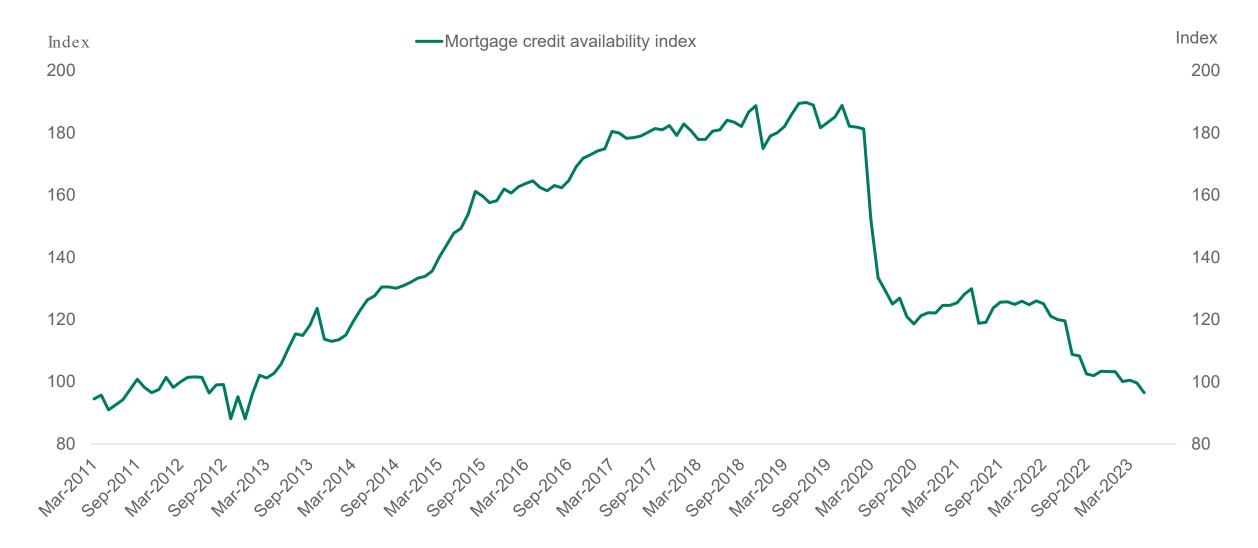
Mortgage payment reached an all time high



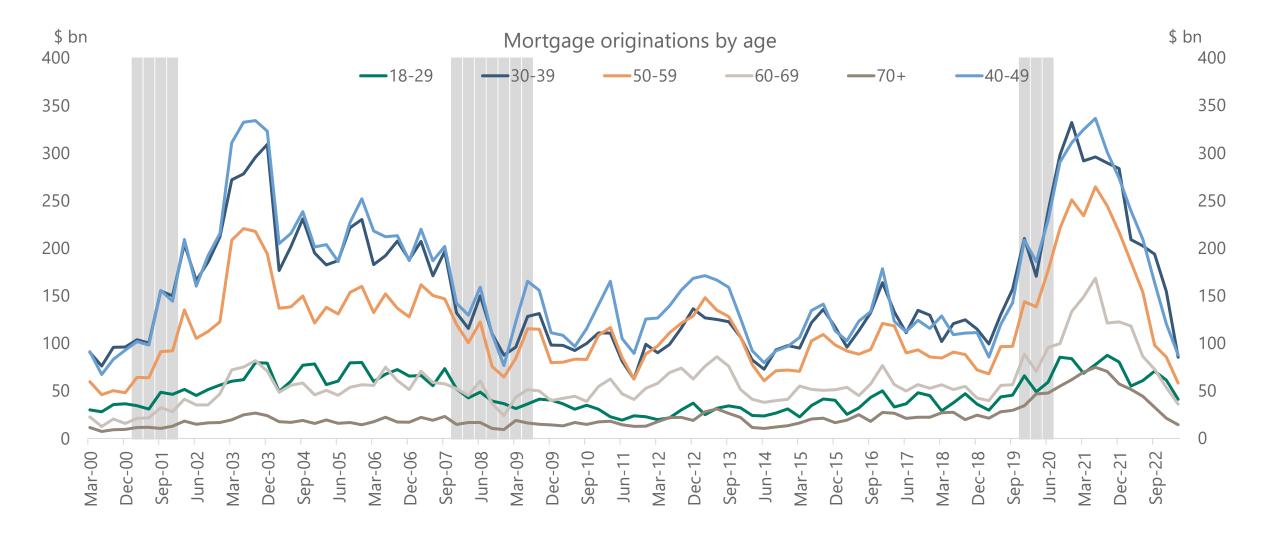
Mortgage purchase applications weaker than usual



Availability of mortgage credit continues to tighten

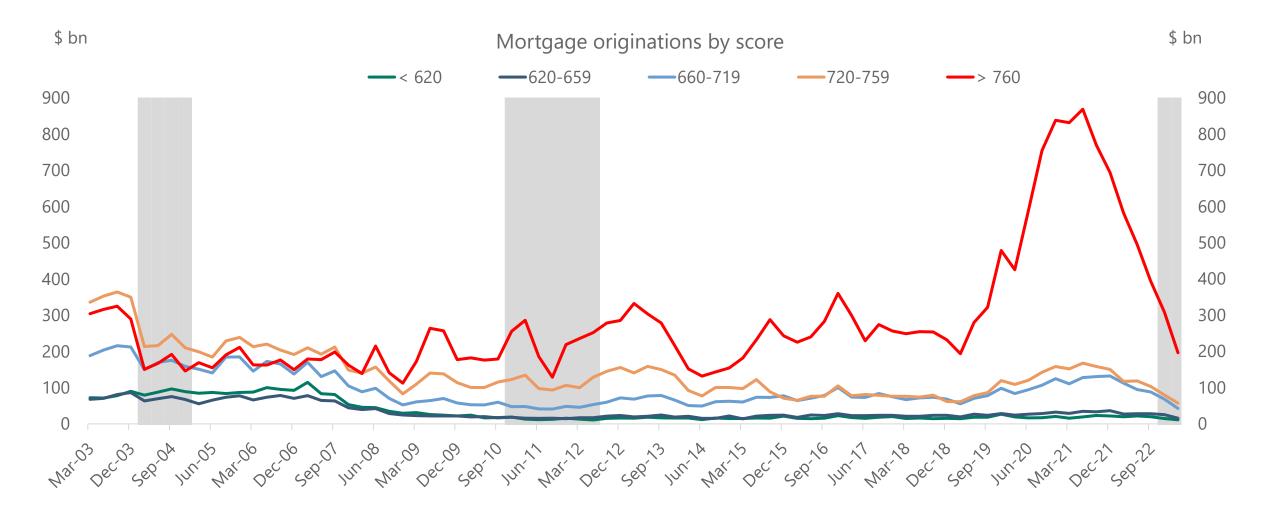


Mortgage originations coming down to pre-pandemic levels



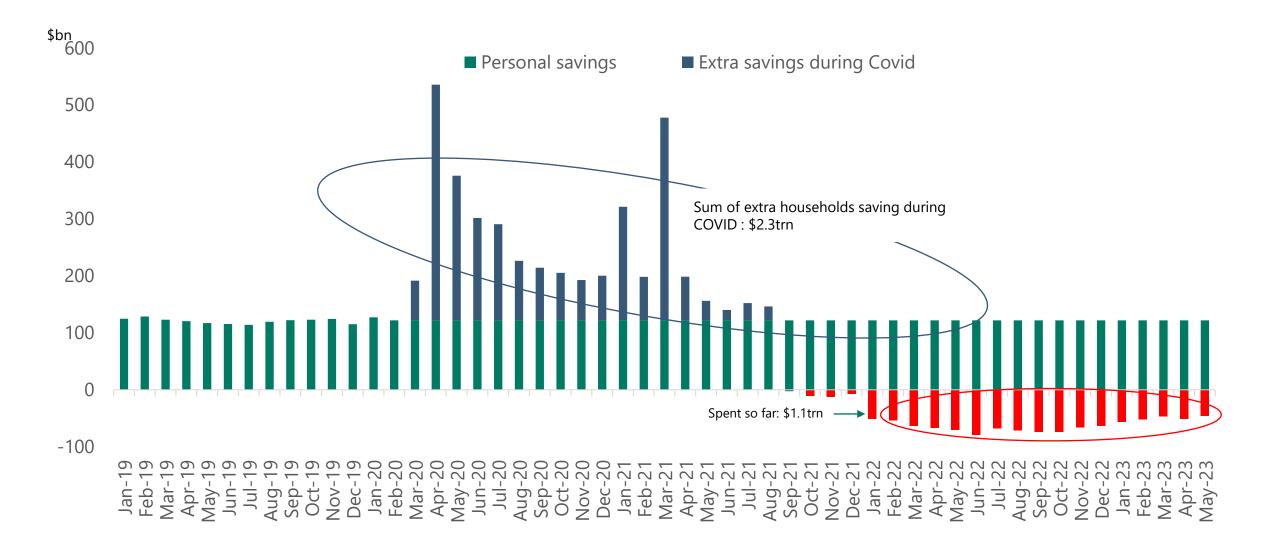
Source: NY Fed, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

Mortgage originations normalizing for households with high credit scores



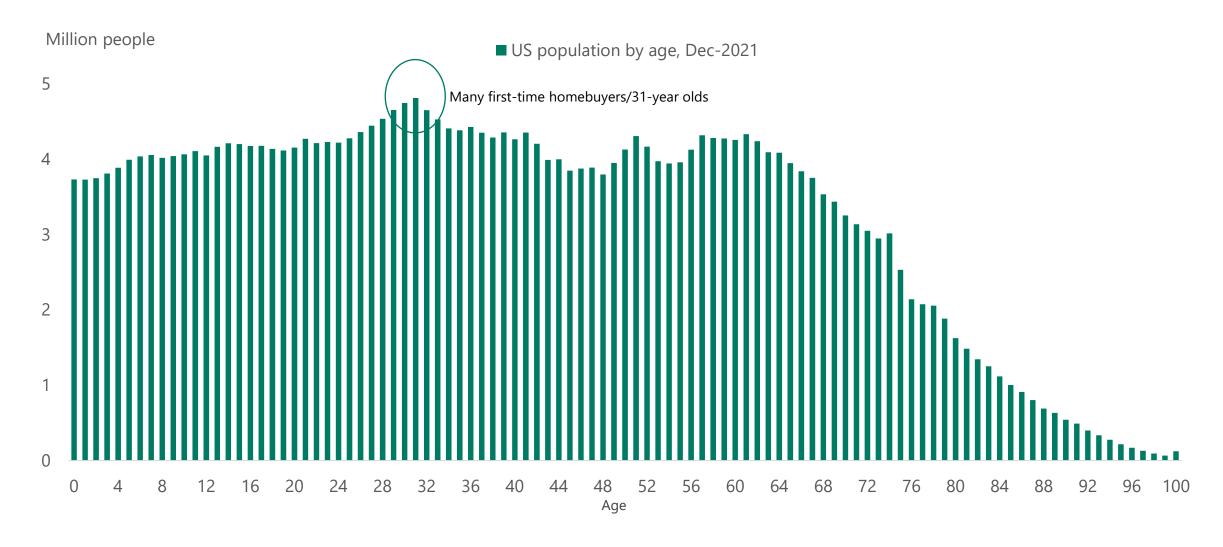
Source: NY Fed, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 47

Households are running down their excess savings, but still about \$1.2tm left



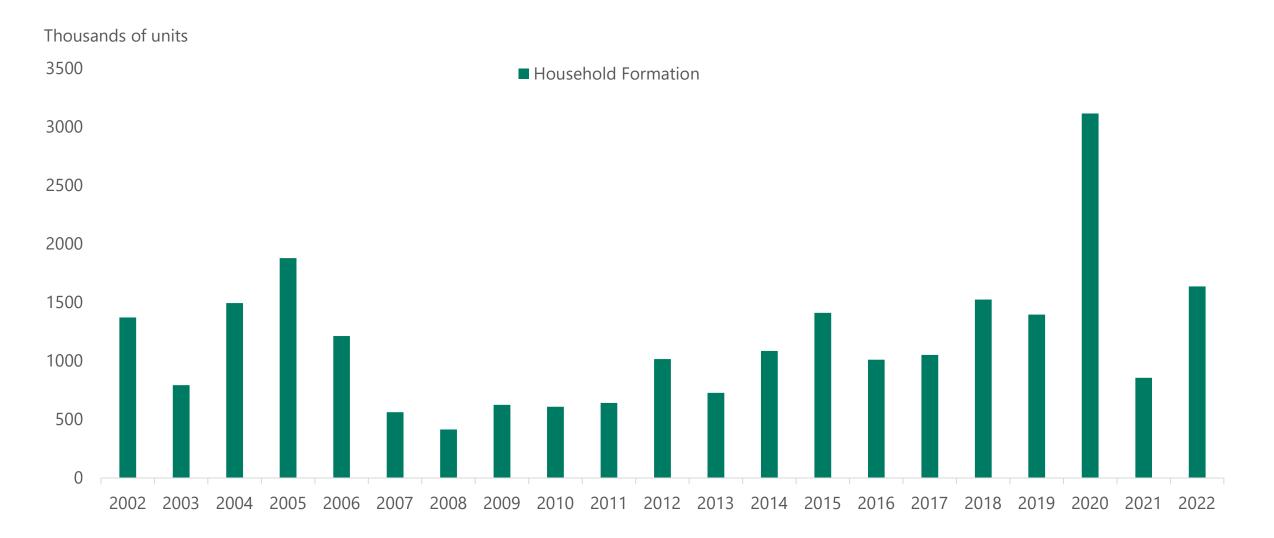
Note: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 48

Demographics are a tailwind to housing demand



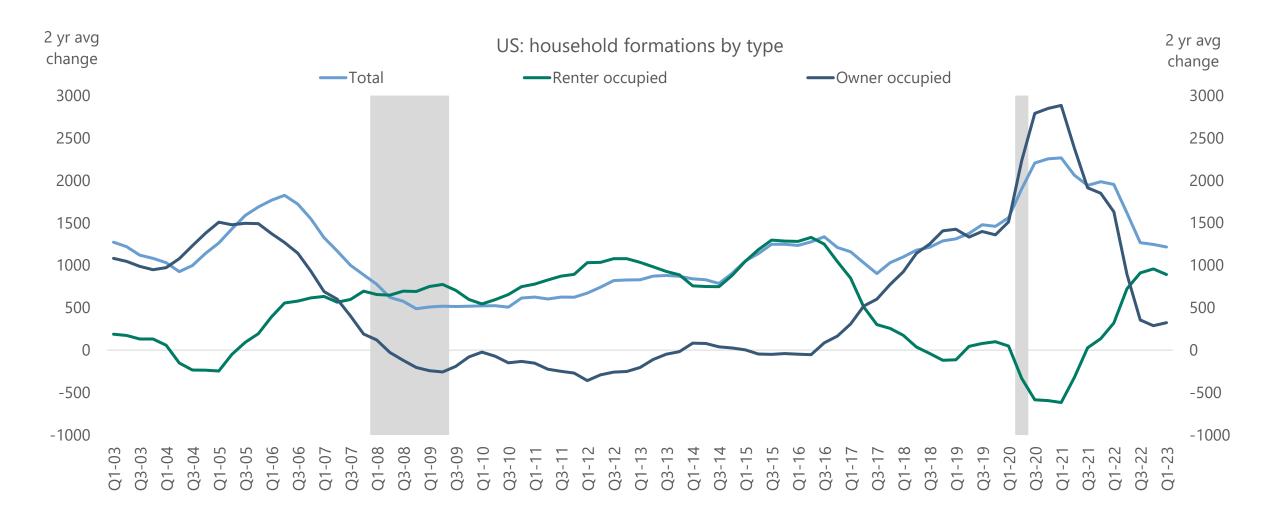
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Household formation rising



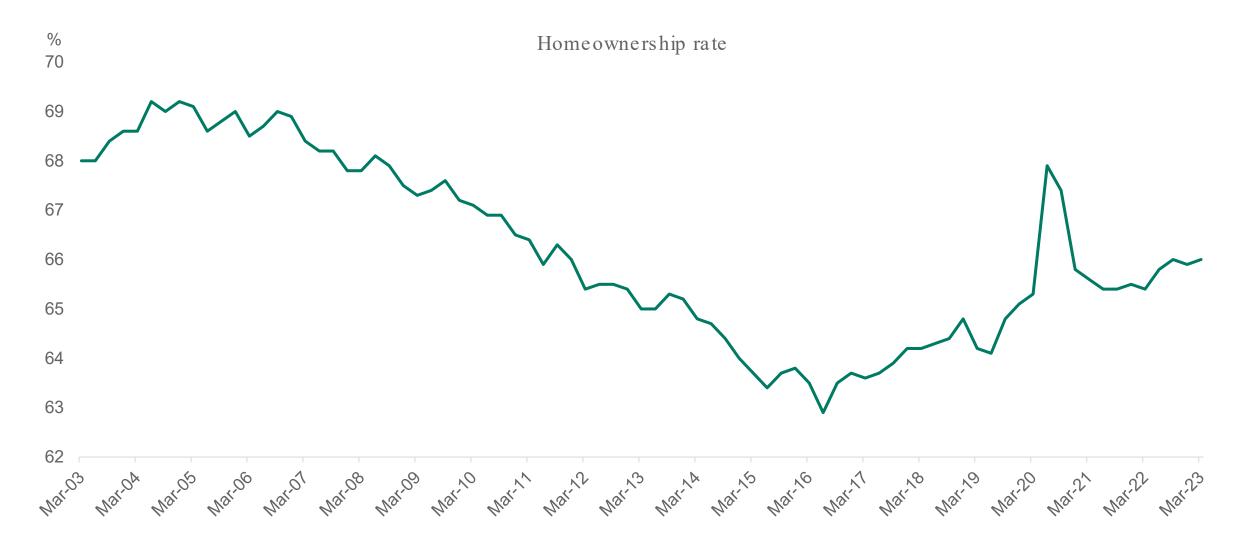
Source: Census Bureau, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

The number of renter occupied housing units getting elevated



Source: Census Bureau, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

Homeownership rate moving gradually higher



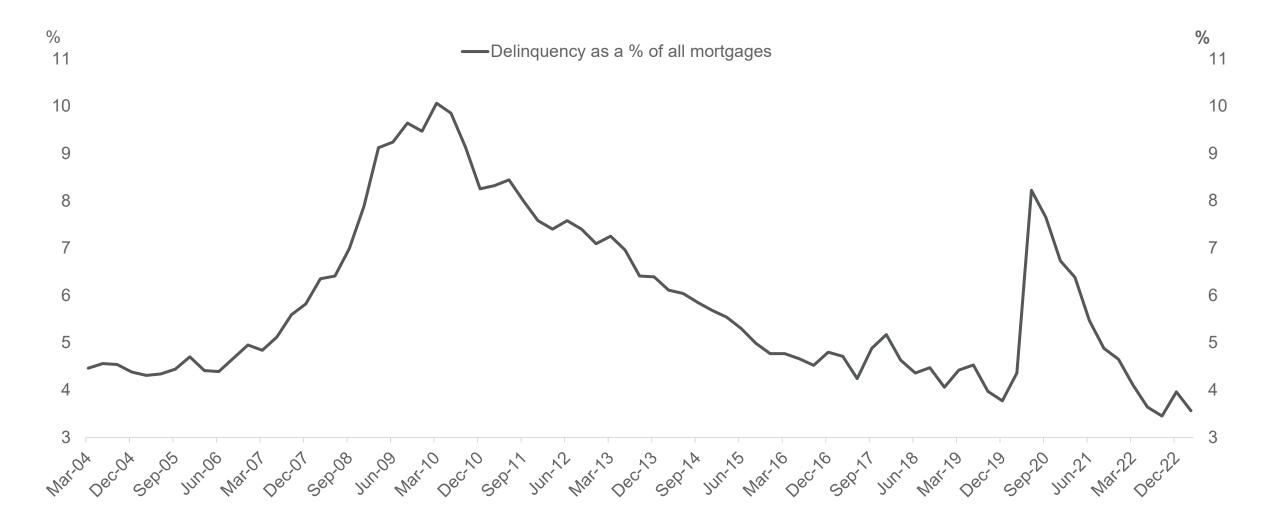
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Low unemployment is a significant tailwind to housing demand



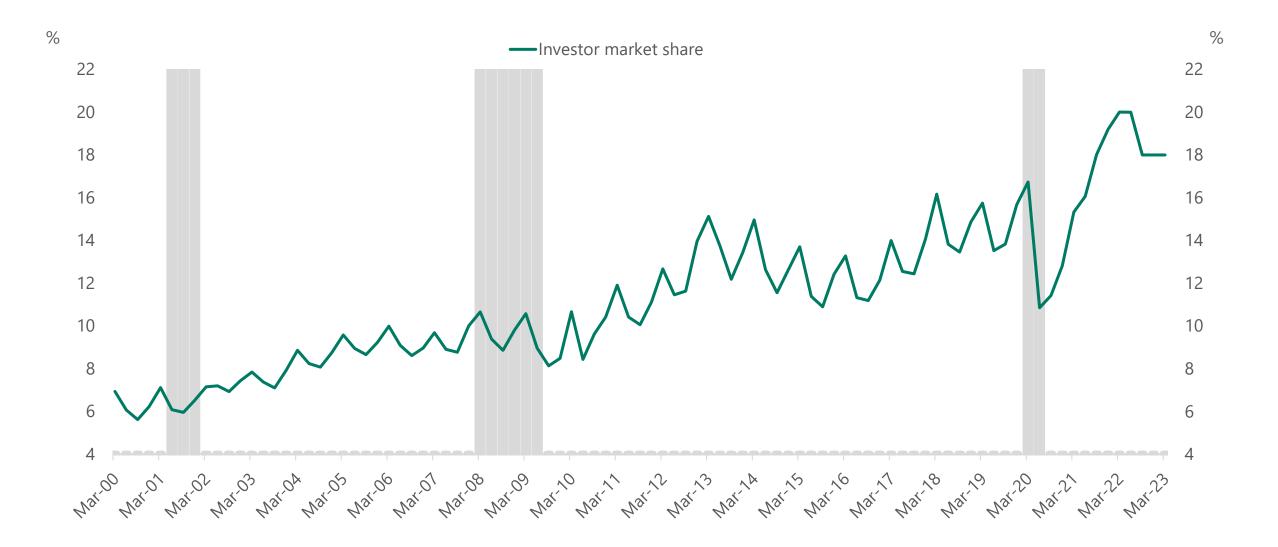
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Delinquent mortgages still low

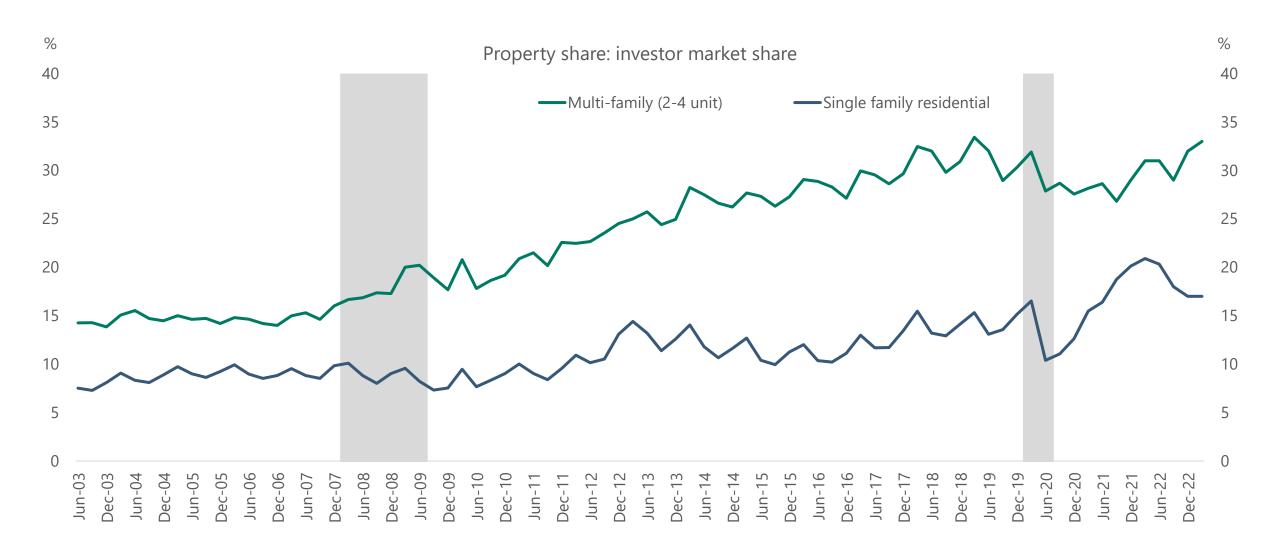


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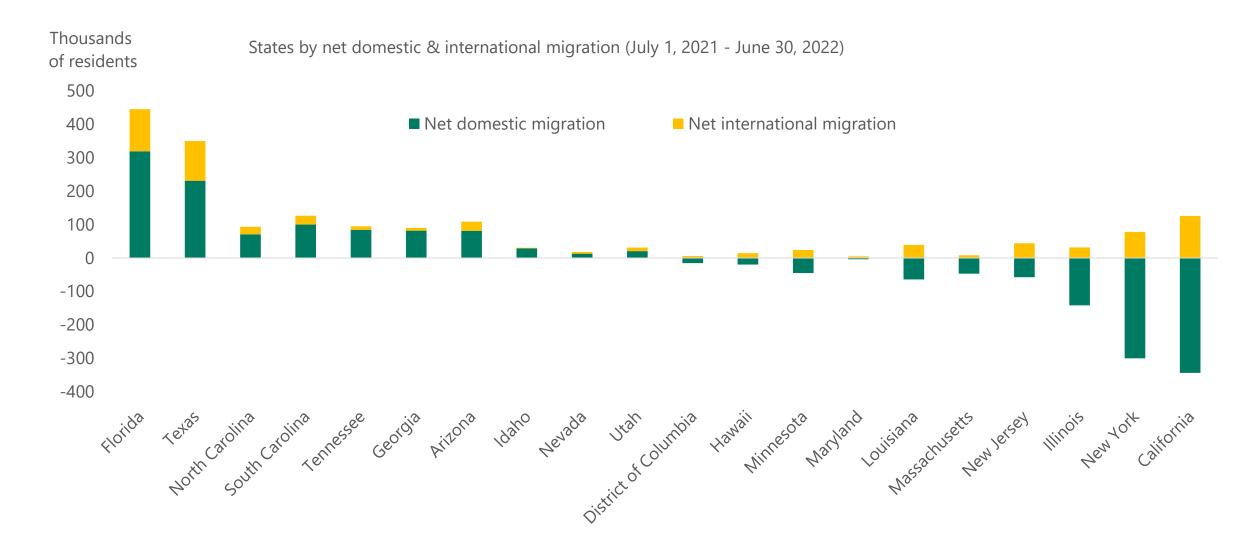
Investors accounting for 18% of all home purchases



Investor share of multi family trending higher



Migration out of California and migration into Florida during the pandemic

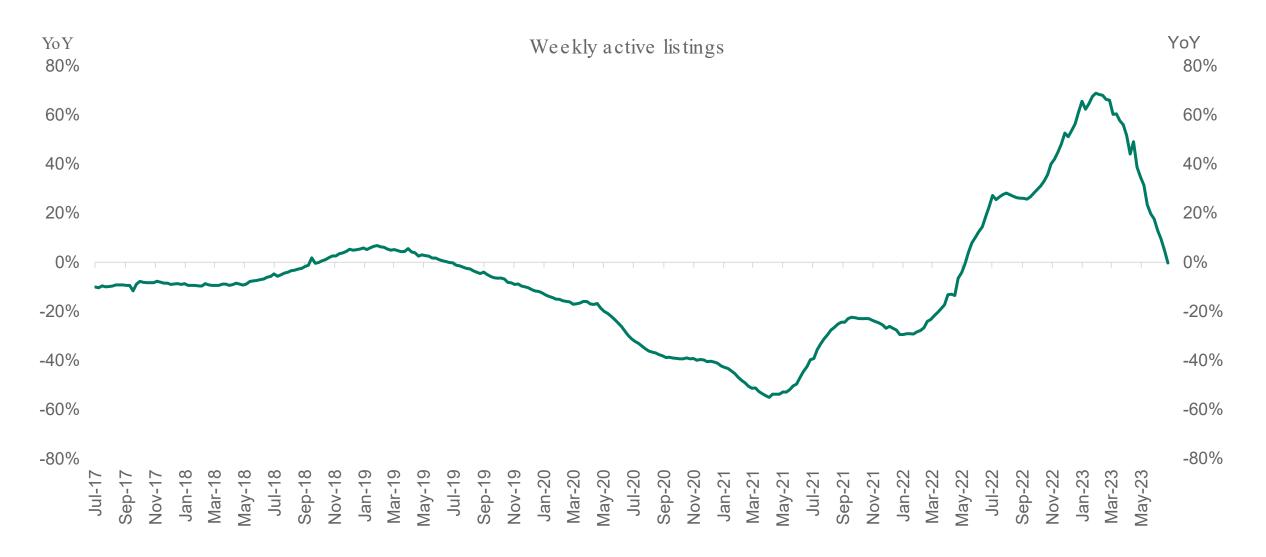


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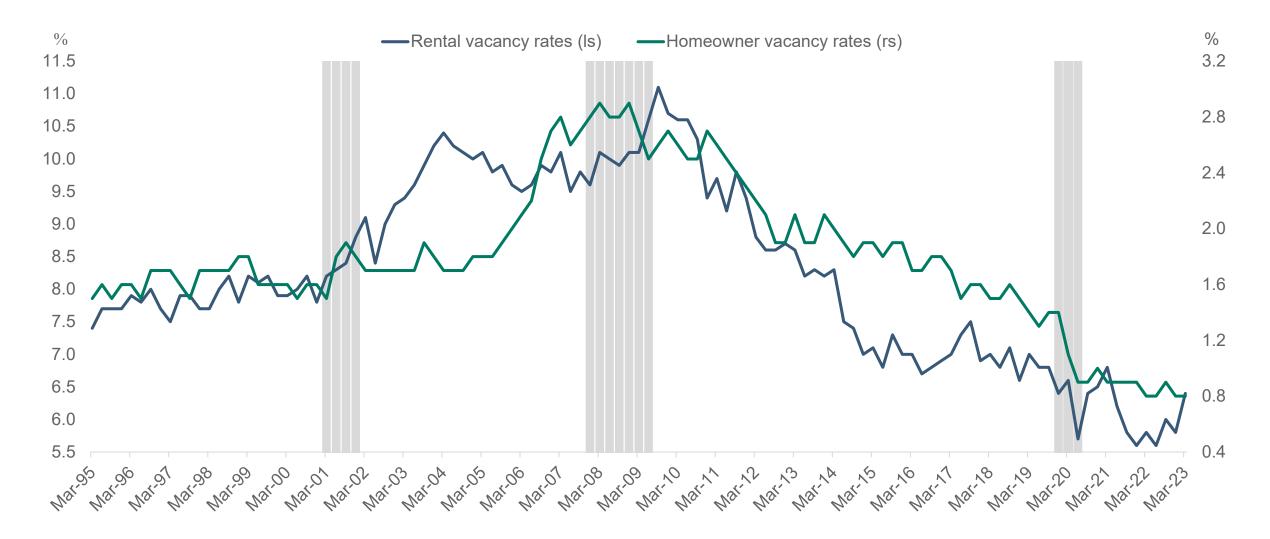
2) Housing Supply: Housing supply is low, construction coming down from record-high levels

US housing inventory falling



Source: Realtor.com, Apollo Chief Economist

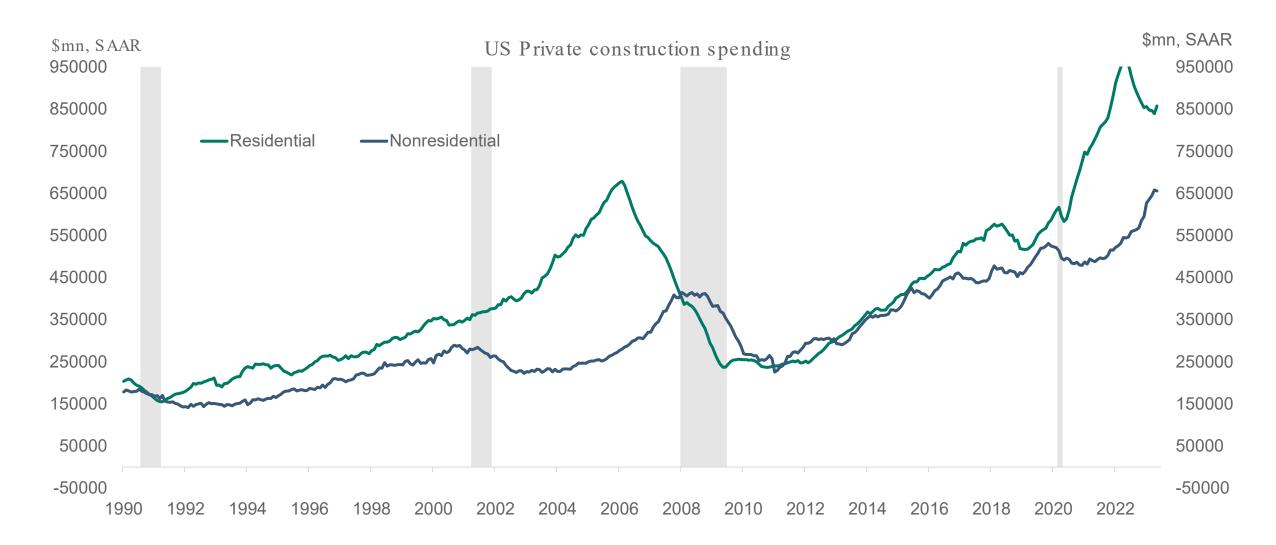
Homeowner and Rental vacancy rates very low



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

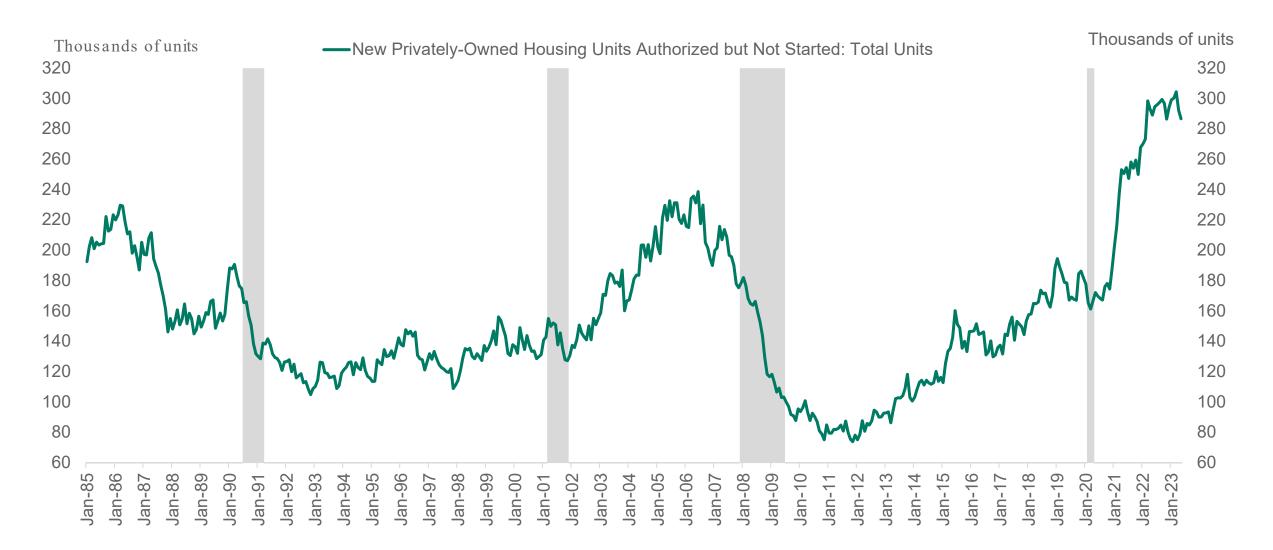
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Residential construction spending coming down from recent peak



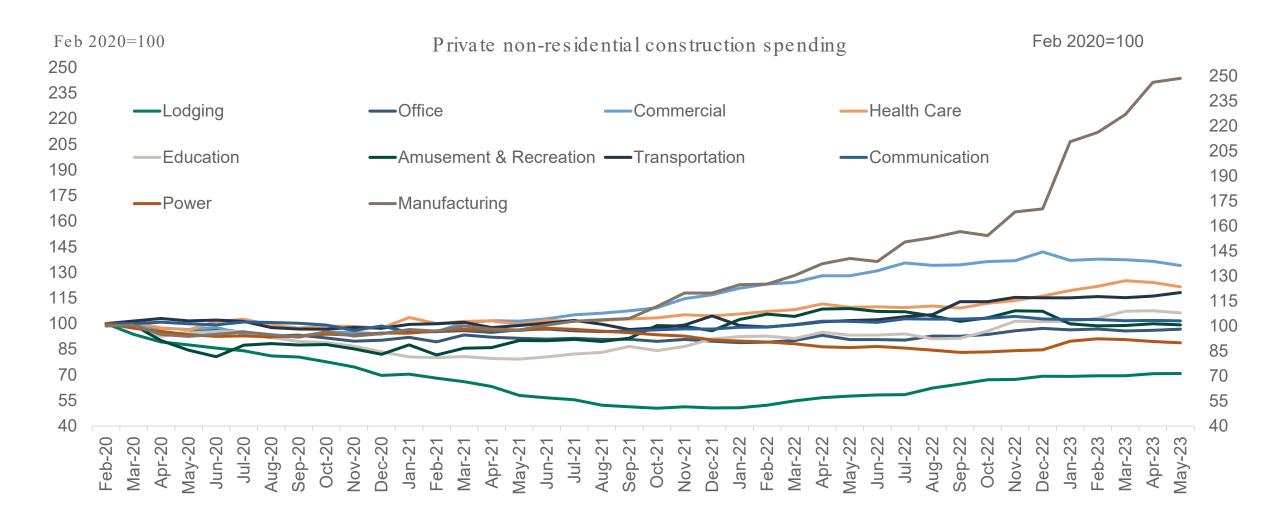
Source: Census, Apollo Chief Economist

New housing units authorized near record highs



Source: FRED, Apollo Chief Economist

The biggest decline in non-residential construction has been in lodging

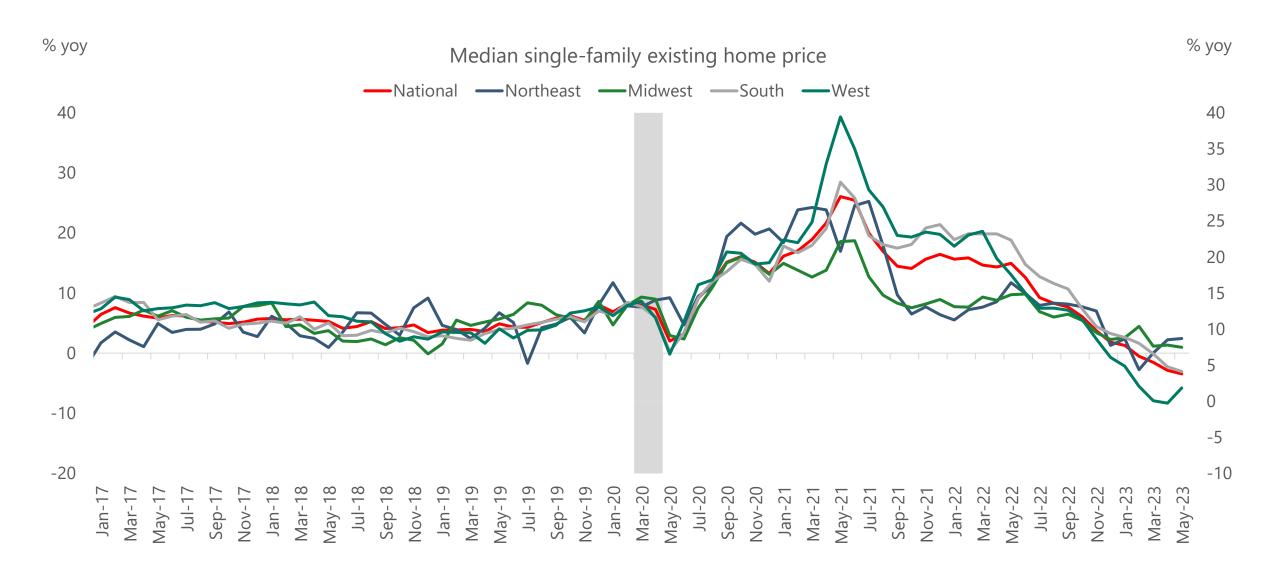


Source: Census, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist 63

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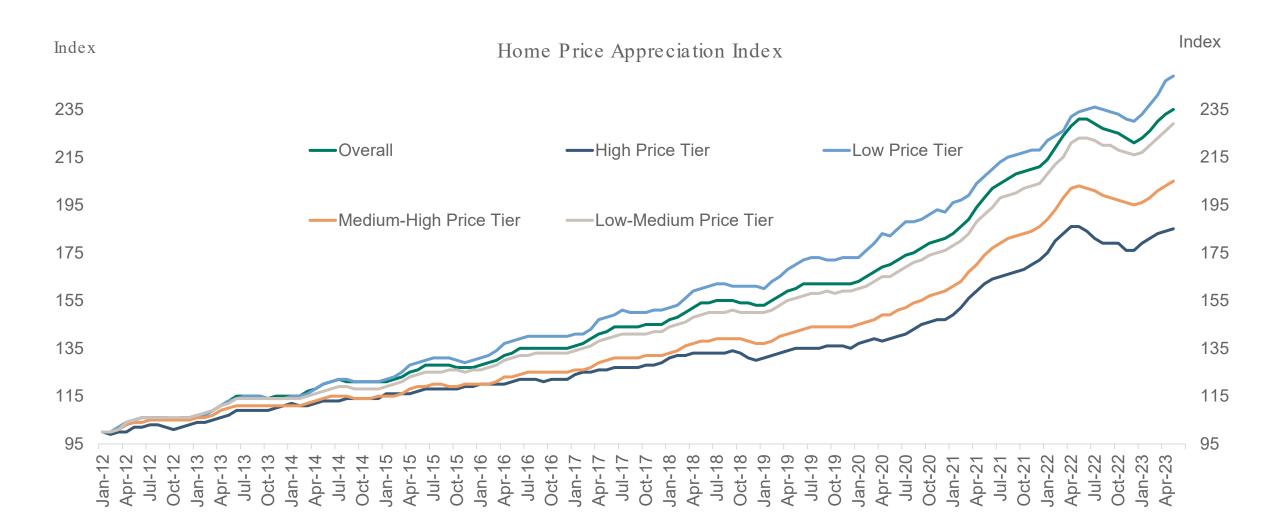
3) House Prices: Home price inflation stabilizing

Home price inflation stabilizing

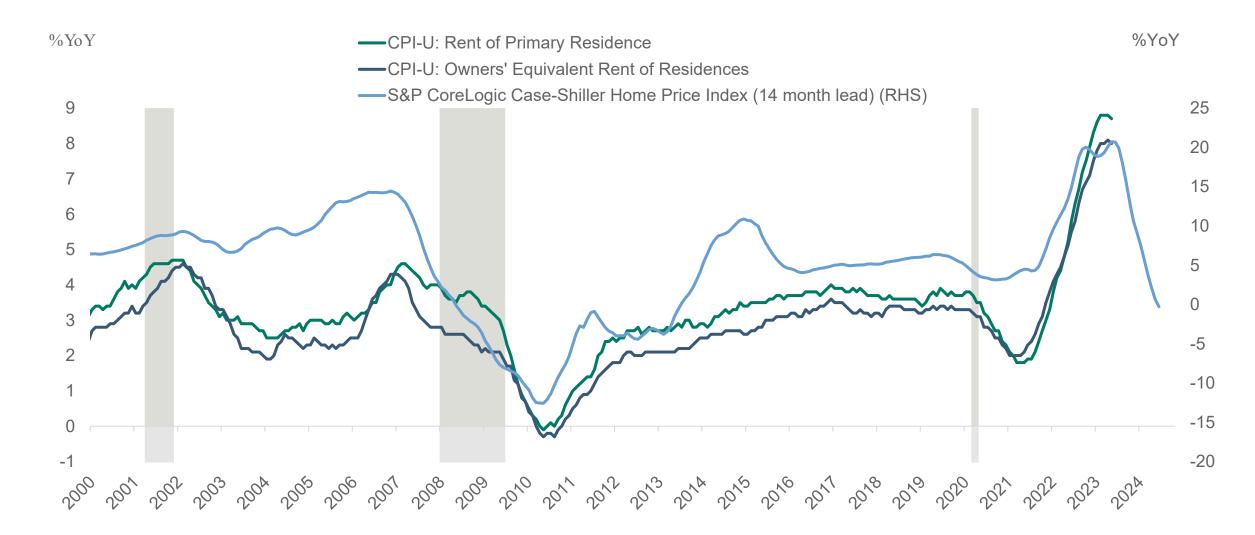


Source: NAR, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

House price inflation slowing across price tiers

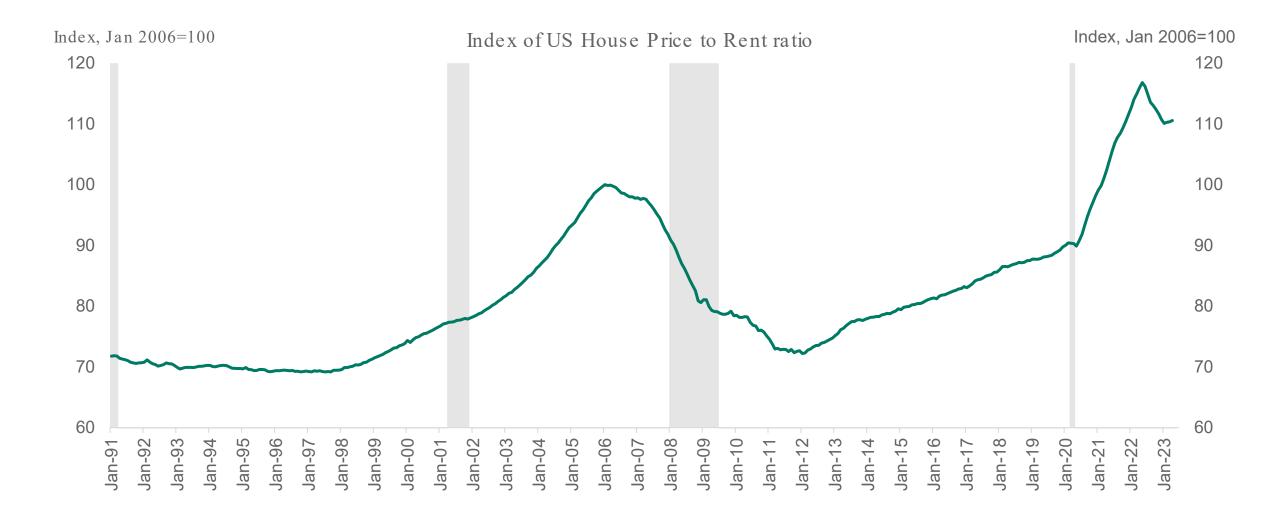


Home price inflation has peaked



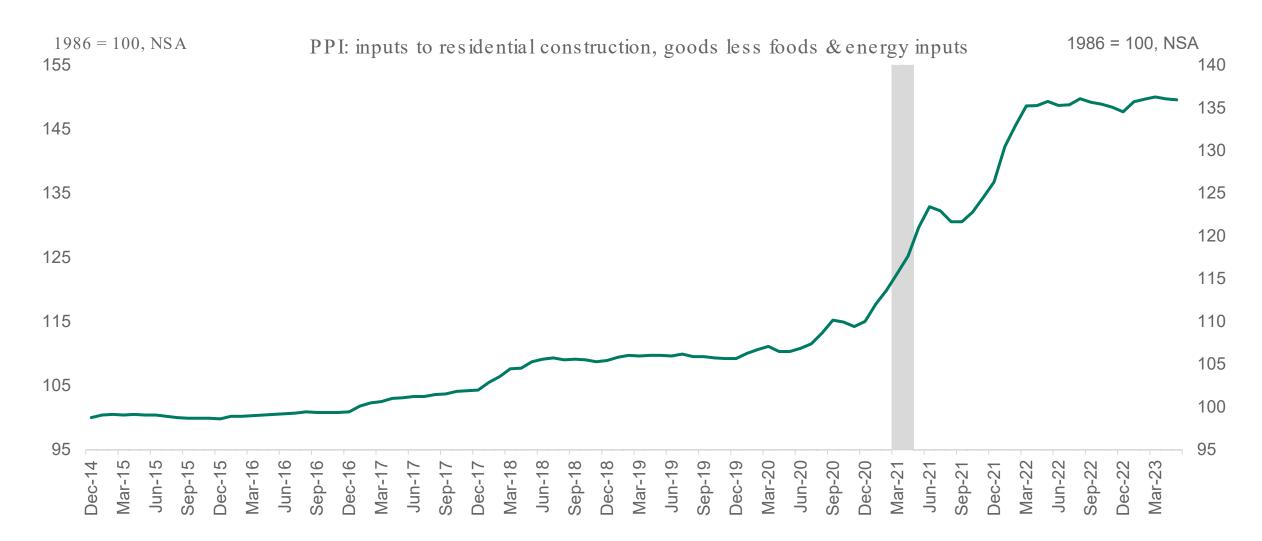
Source: Haver Analytics, BLS, S&P, Apollo Chief Economist 67

Home price to rent ratio significantly above 2006 levels



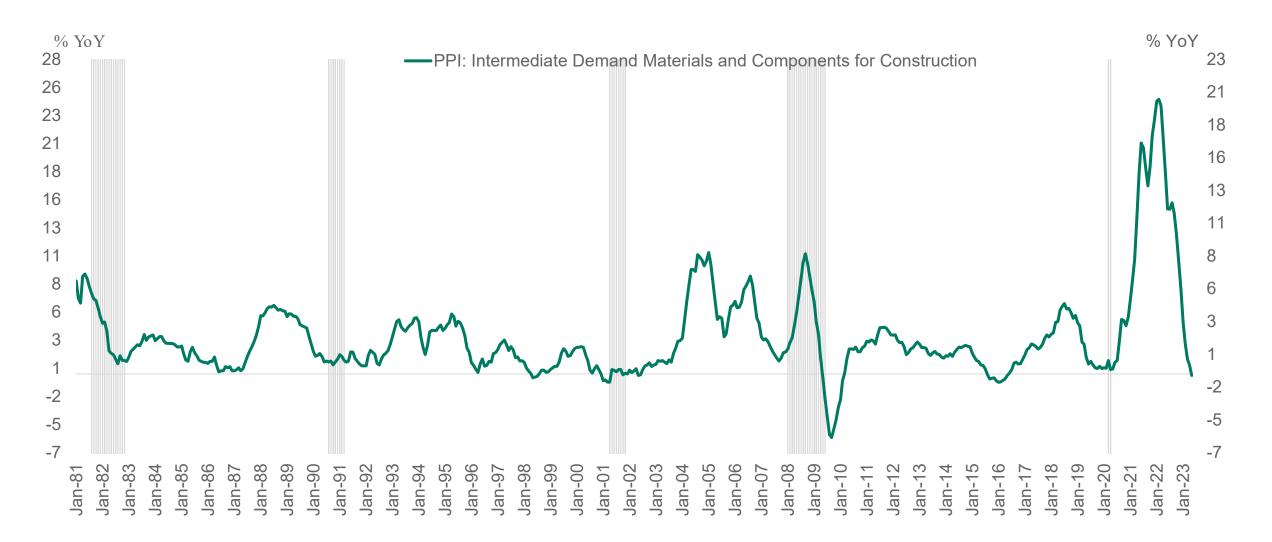
4) Housing Outlook: High mortgage rates, high home prices, strong supply pipeline, and high building costs are risks to this housing cycle

Housing construction costs are high



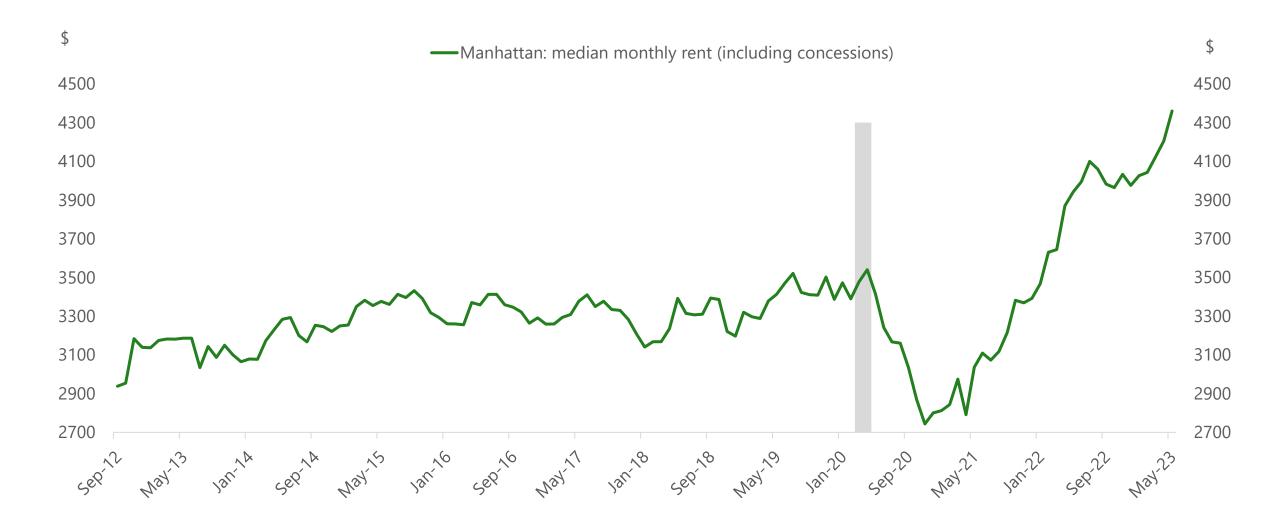
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Apollo Chief Economist

Inflation in input costs for home builders declining



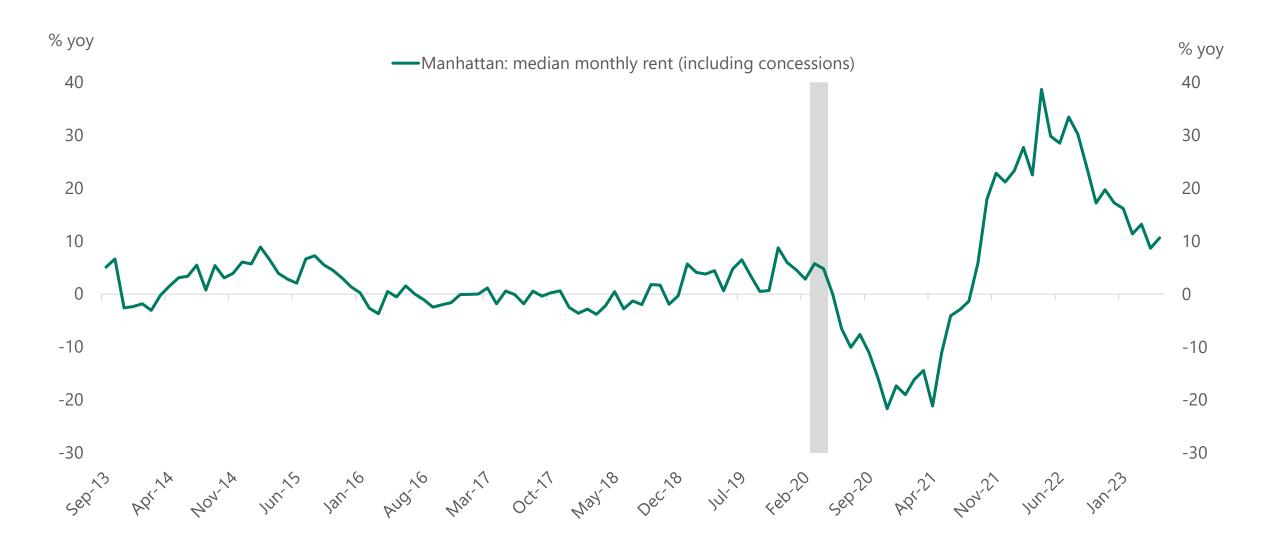
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Manhattan median rent at a new high at \$4360 in May 2023



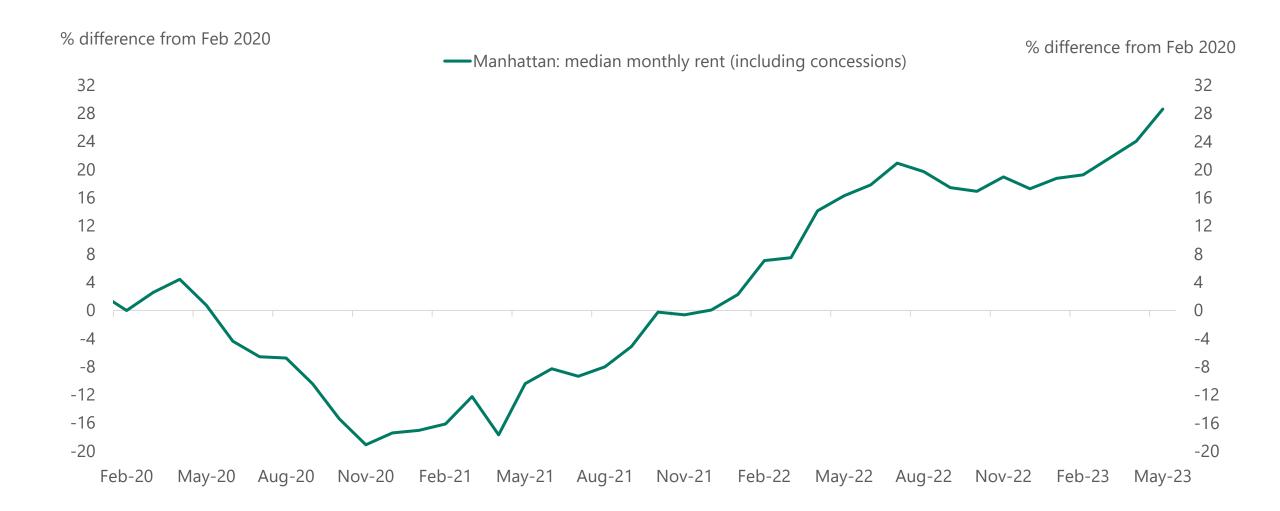
Source: Elliman, Apollo Chief Economist

Manhattan rents up 11% year-over-year



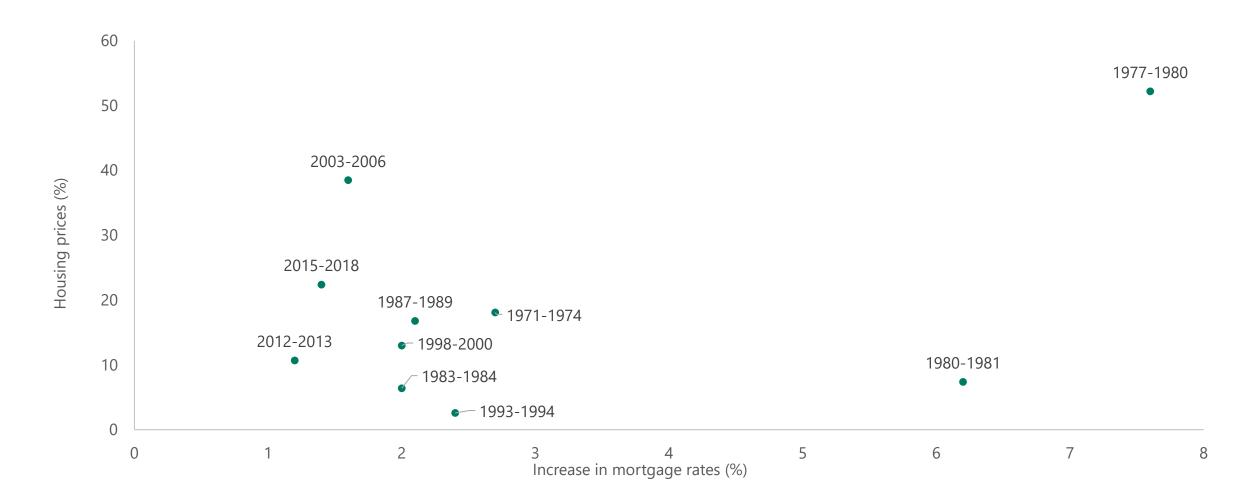
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Manhattan rents above pre-pandemic levels



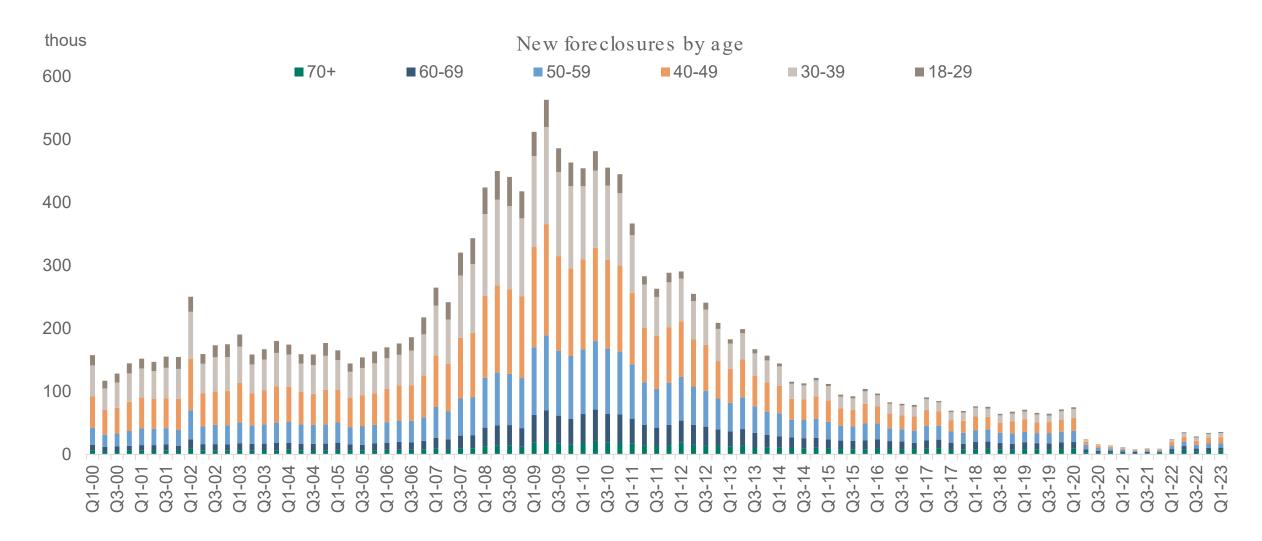
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Rising mortgage rates generally associated with lower home price inflation

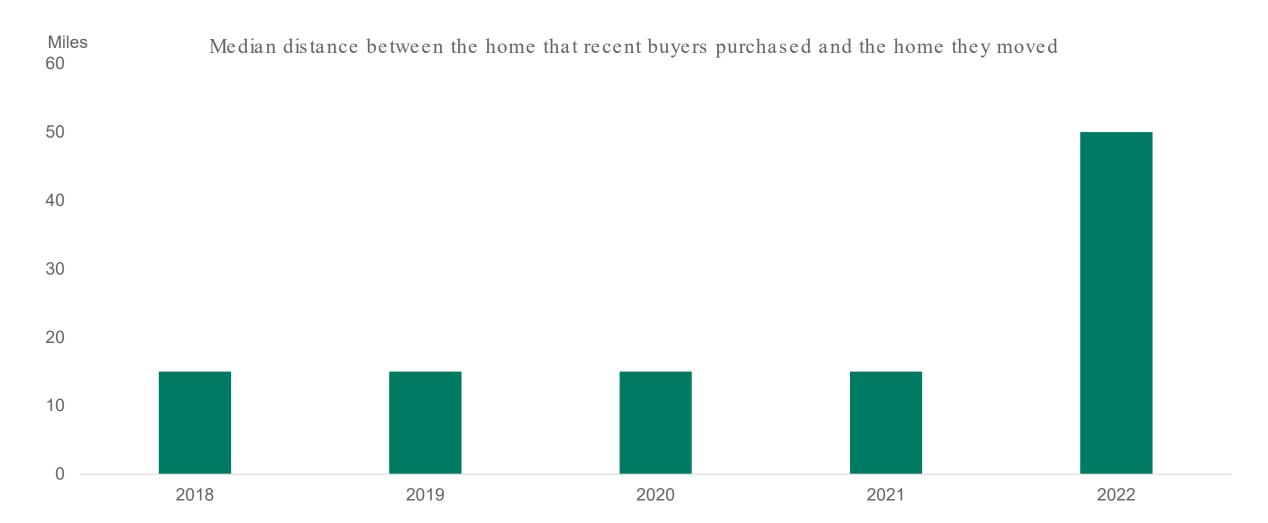


Source: FRED, Apollo Chief Economist

New foreclosures, by age of homeowner

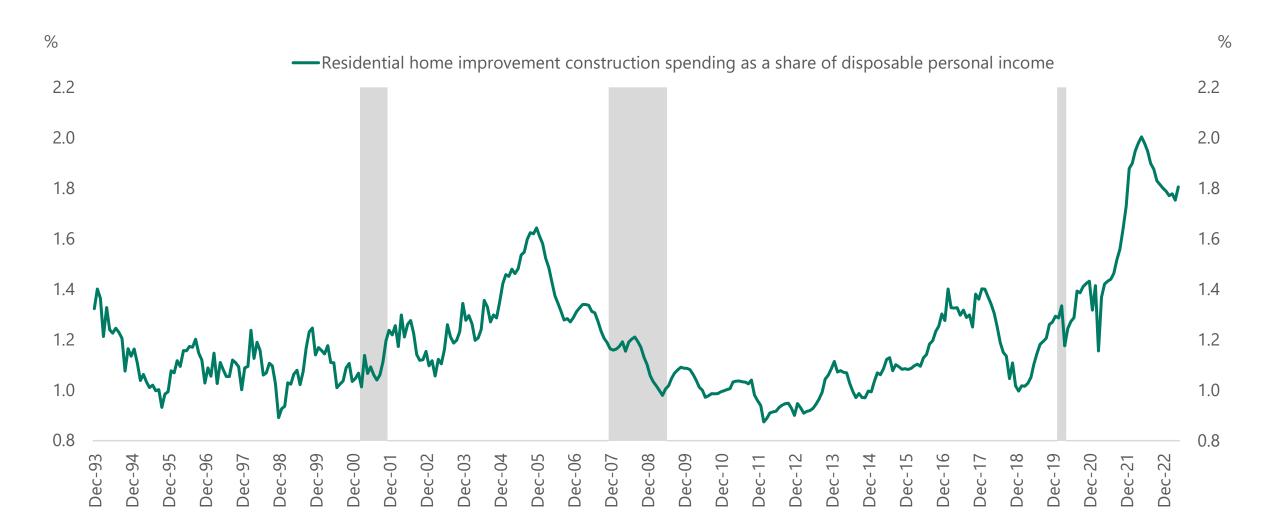


Median distance between the home that recent buyers purchased and the home they moved from at 50 miles in 2022



Source: NAR, Apollo Chief Economist

Home improvement spending near all-time high levels



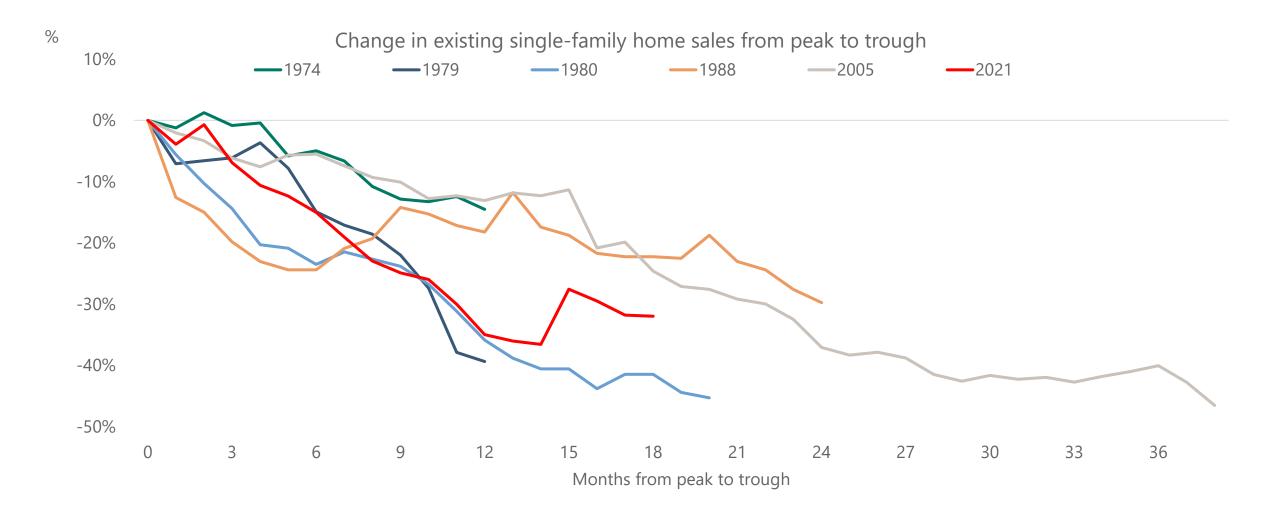
Areas that need to build more houses in order to keep up with the increased demand





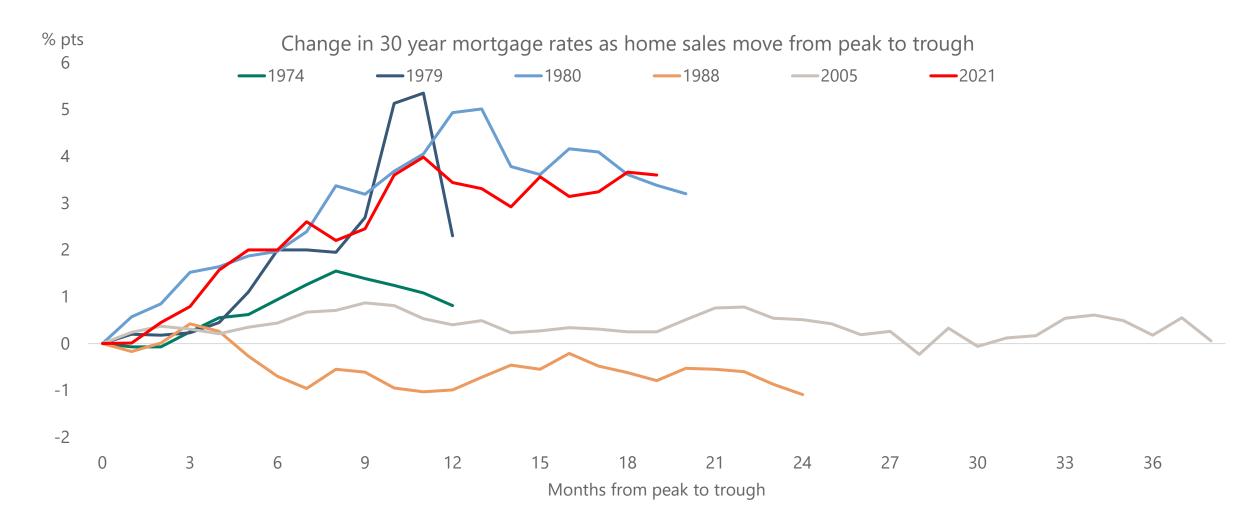
Comparing the current housing slowdown to previous housing slowdowns

The current decline in existing home sales in line with previous housing slowdowns

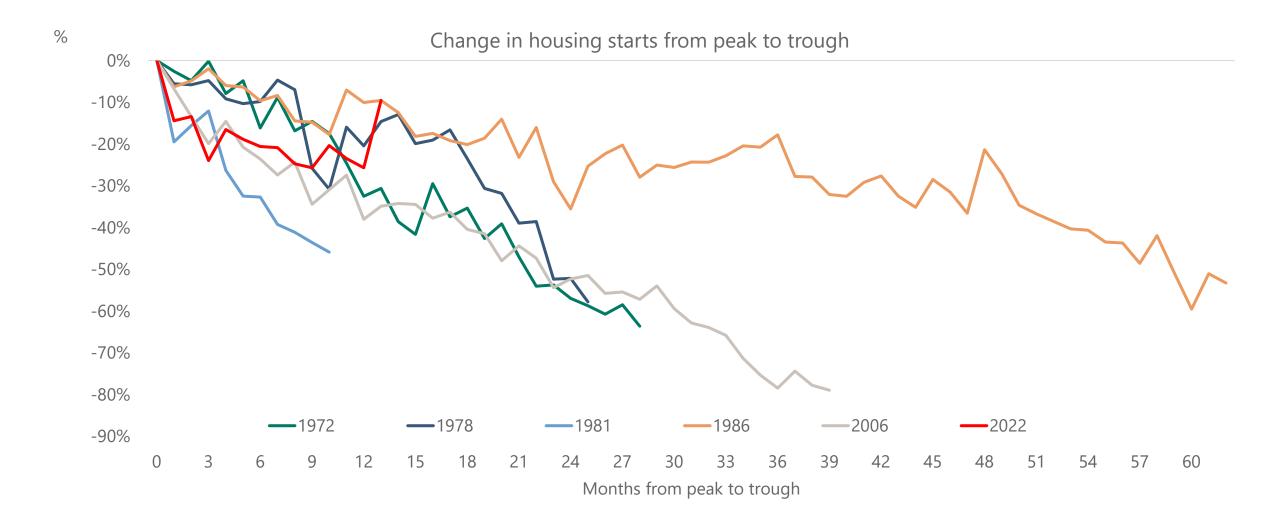


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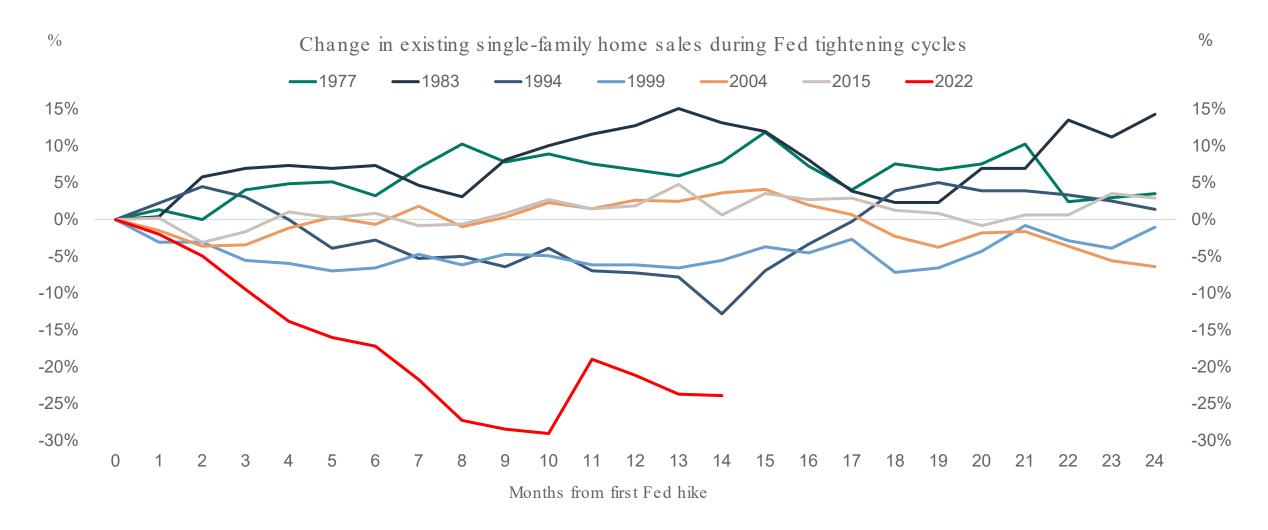
The current rise in mortgage rates is similar to what we saw during the Volcker disinflation



The current decline in housing starts follows pattern of previous slowdowns

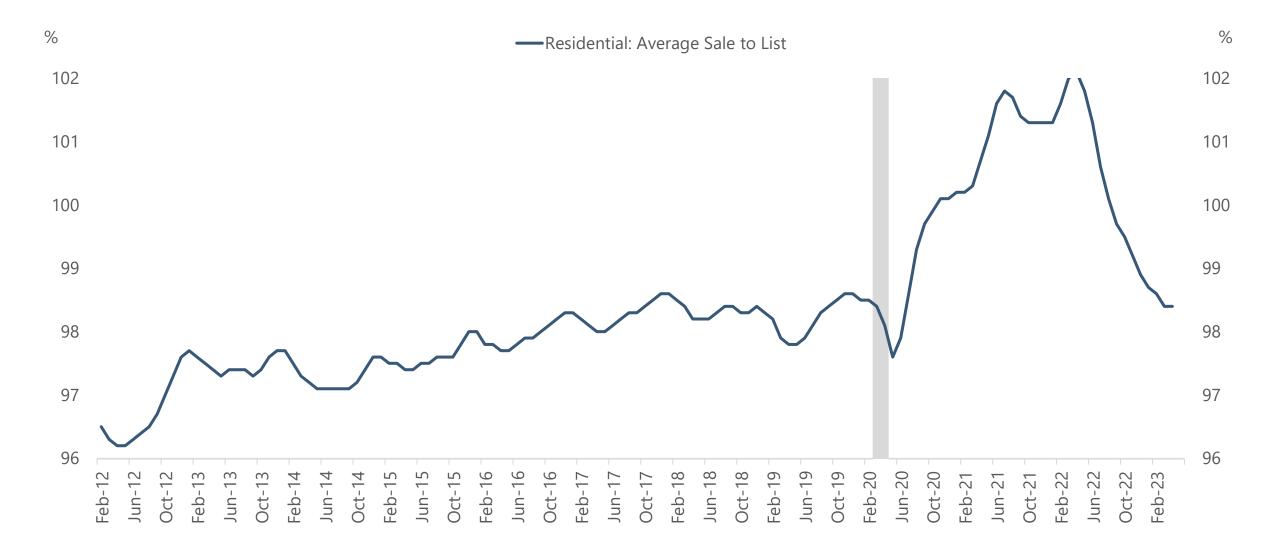


This is the fastest Fed-driven housing slowdown on record

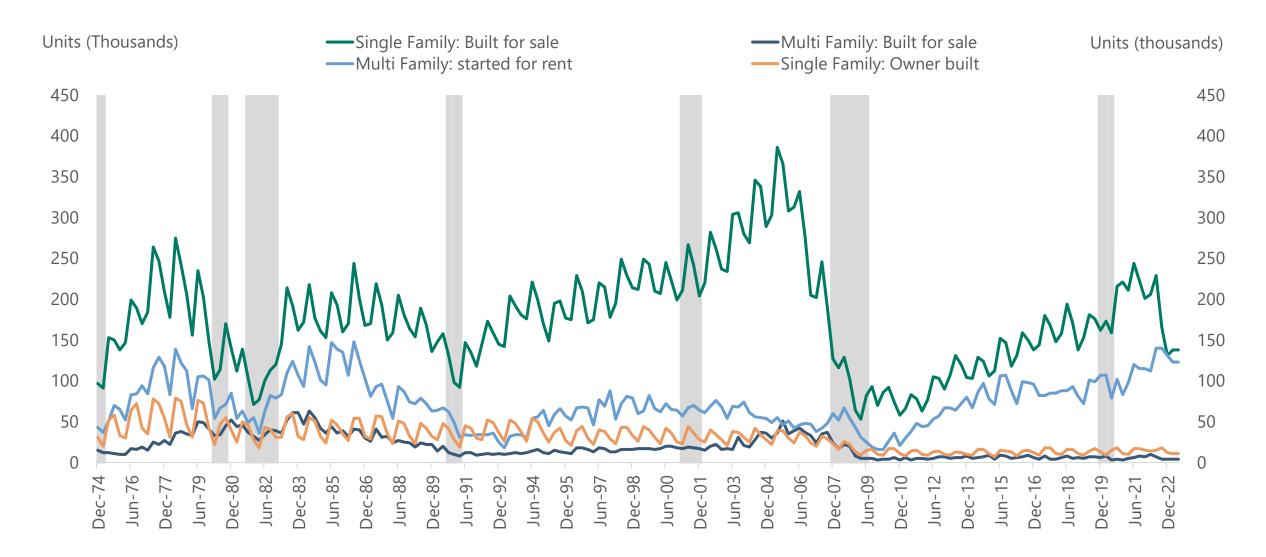


Source: NAR, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

Post Covid, homes were sold for less than the list price



Intent of housing starts



Source: US Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist



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