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Outlook for US regional banks: Credit growth slowing and credit conditions deteriorating

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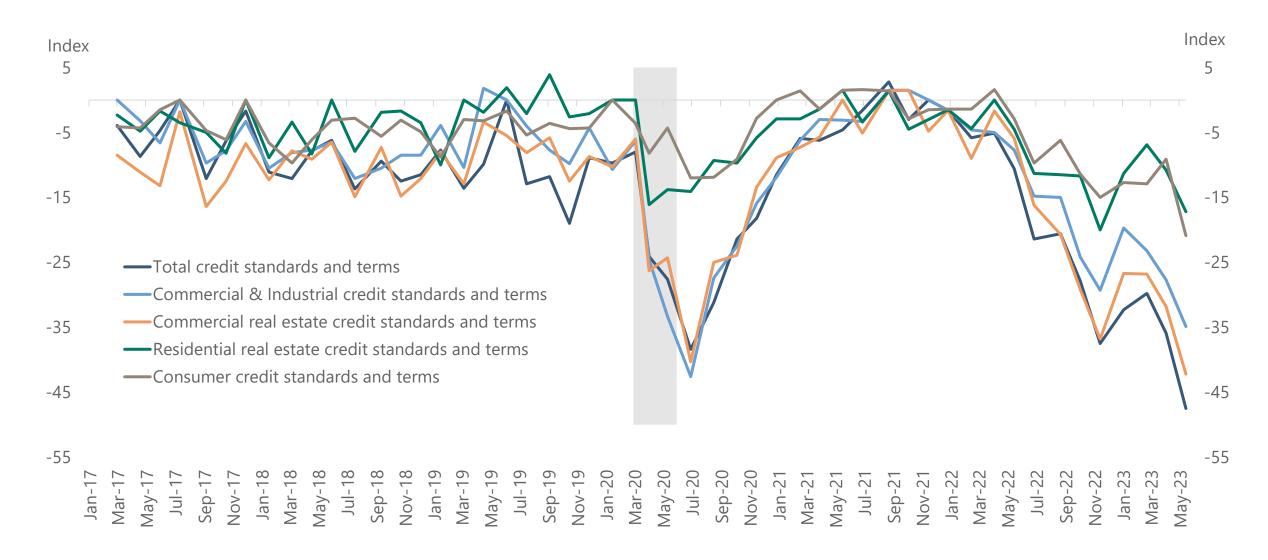
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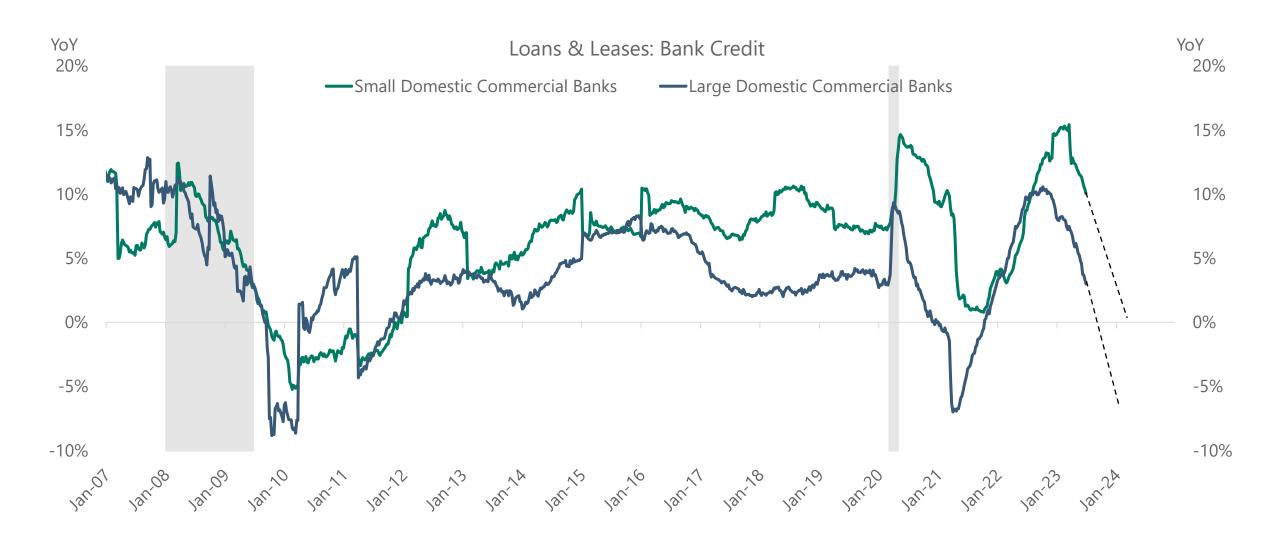
Overview:

Credit growth slowing and credit conditions deteriorating

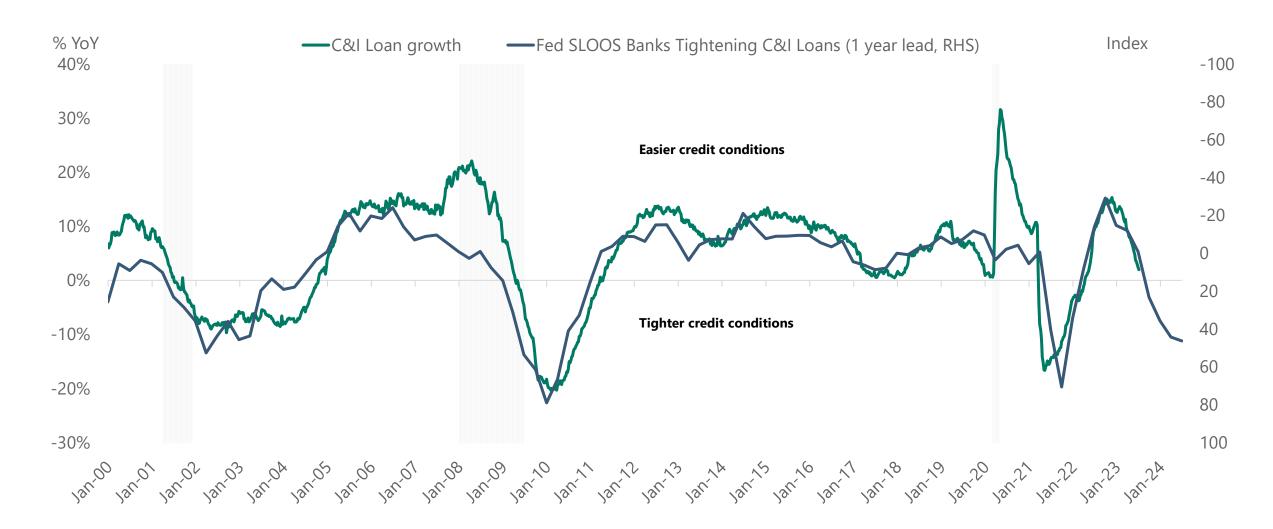
Monthly Fed data for credit standards continue to deteriorate. Near 2020 levels



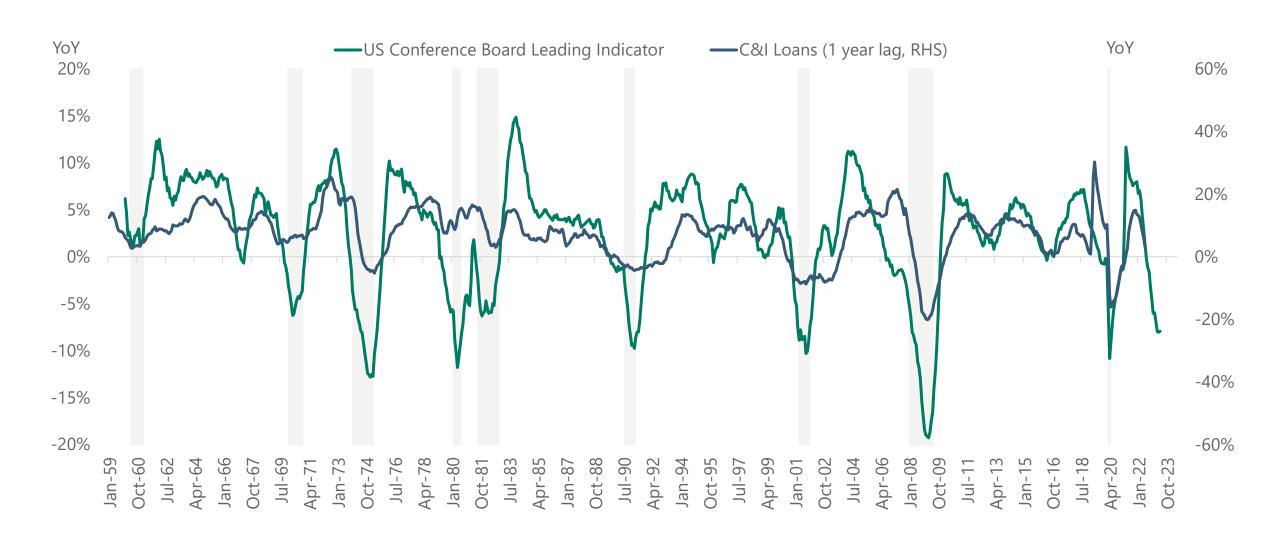
Small and large bank lending growth slowing rapidly



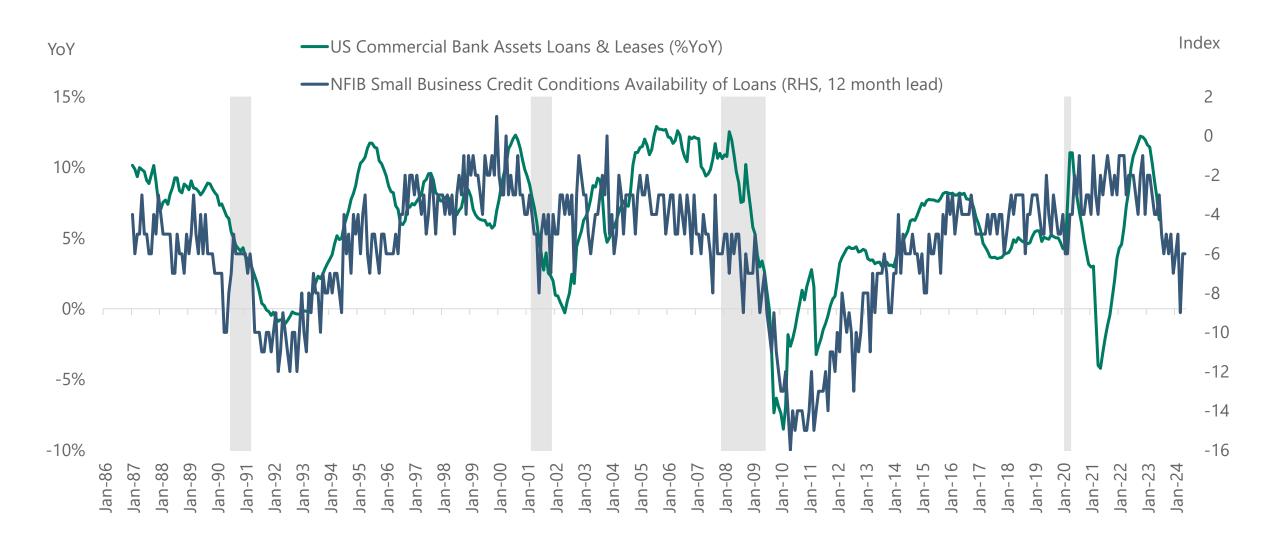
Bank lending will shrink significantly over the coming quarters



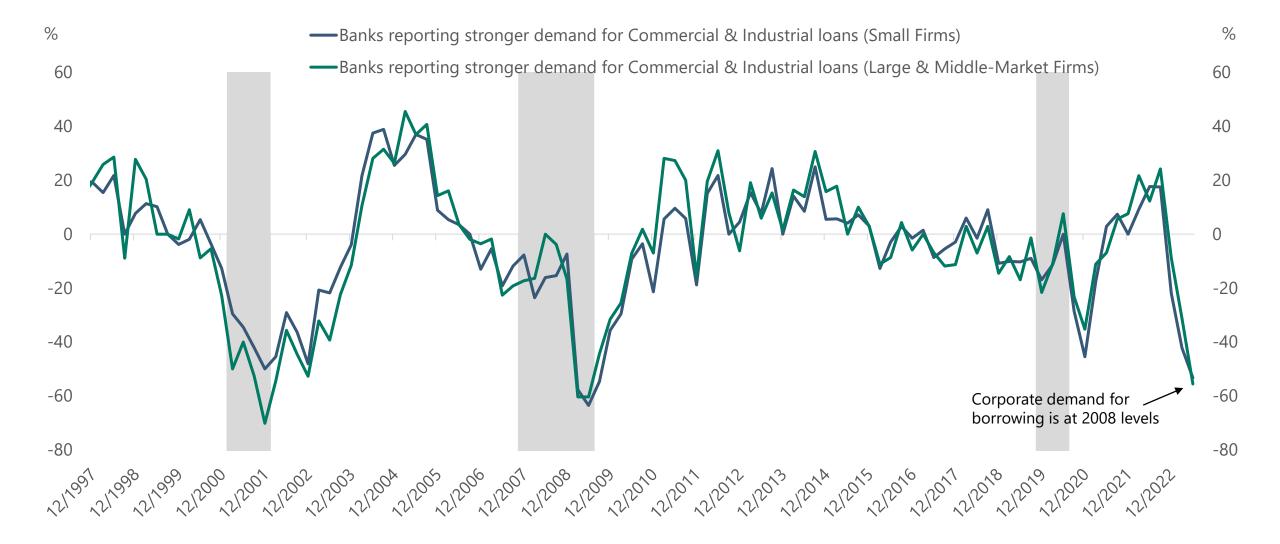
Tighter credit conditions dragging down the economy



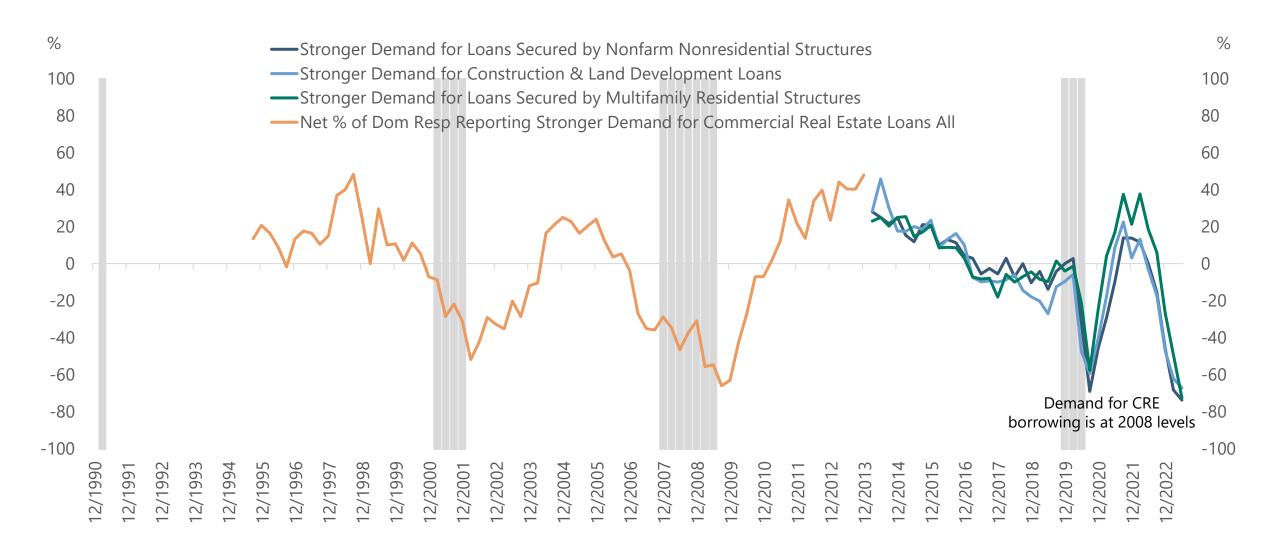
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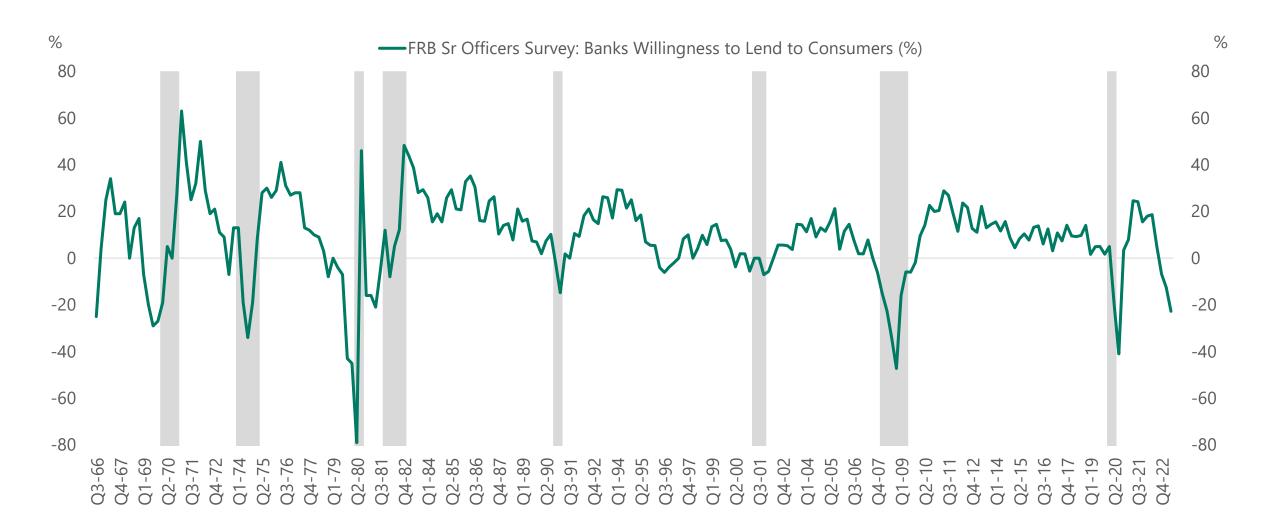
Demand for corporate loans is at 2008 levels



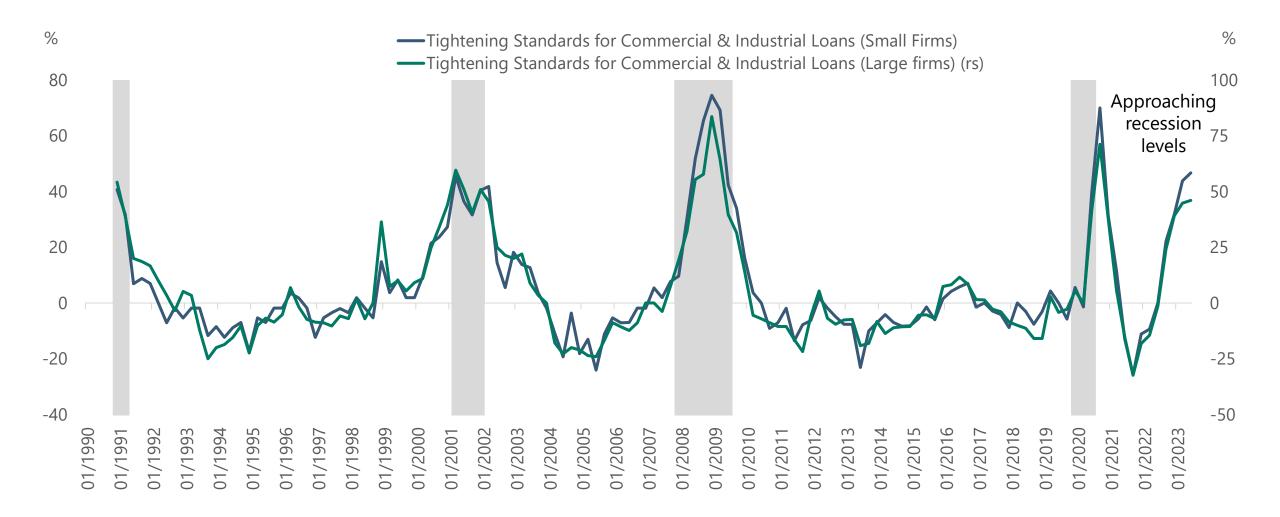
Demand for commercial real estate loans is at 2008 levels



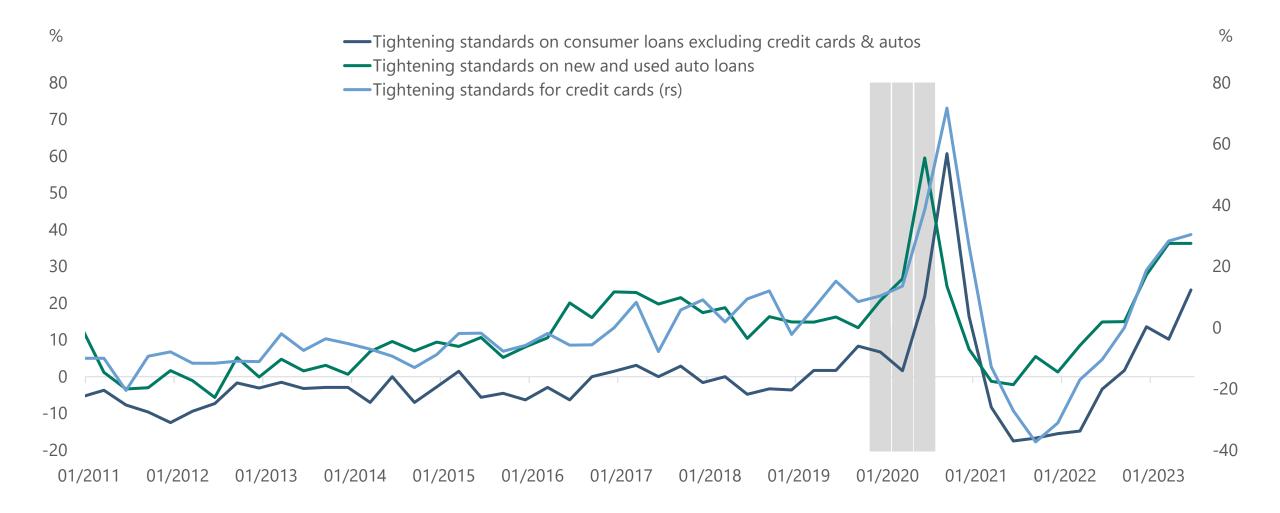
Banks' willingness to lend to customers approaching 2008 levels



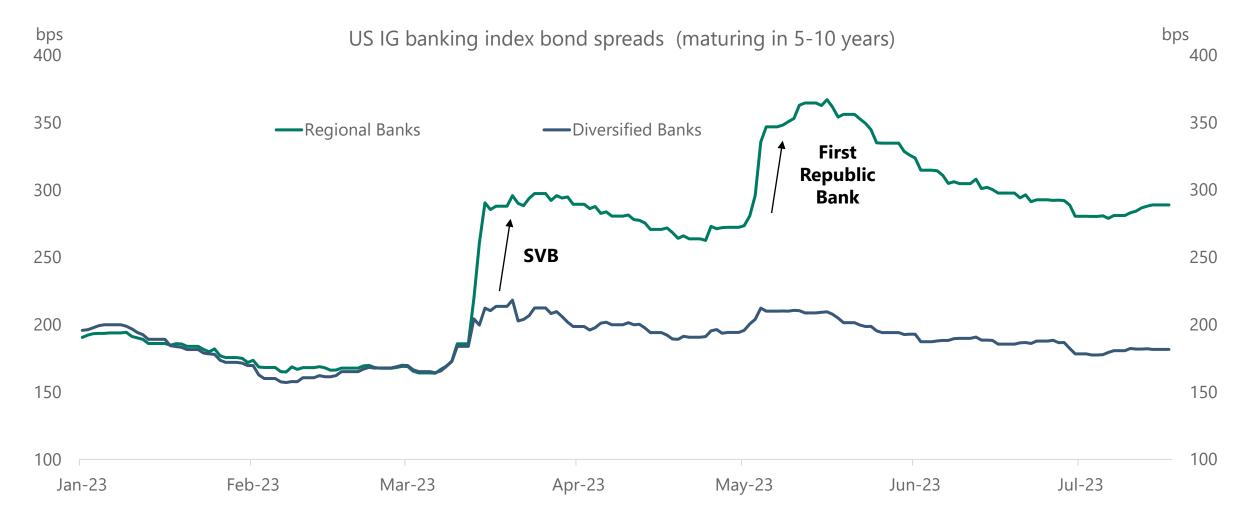
Banks are tightening lending standards significantly, near 2008 levels



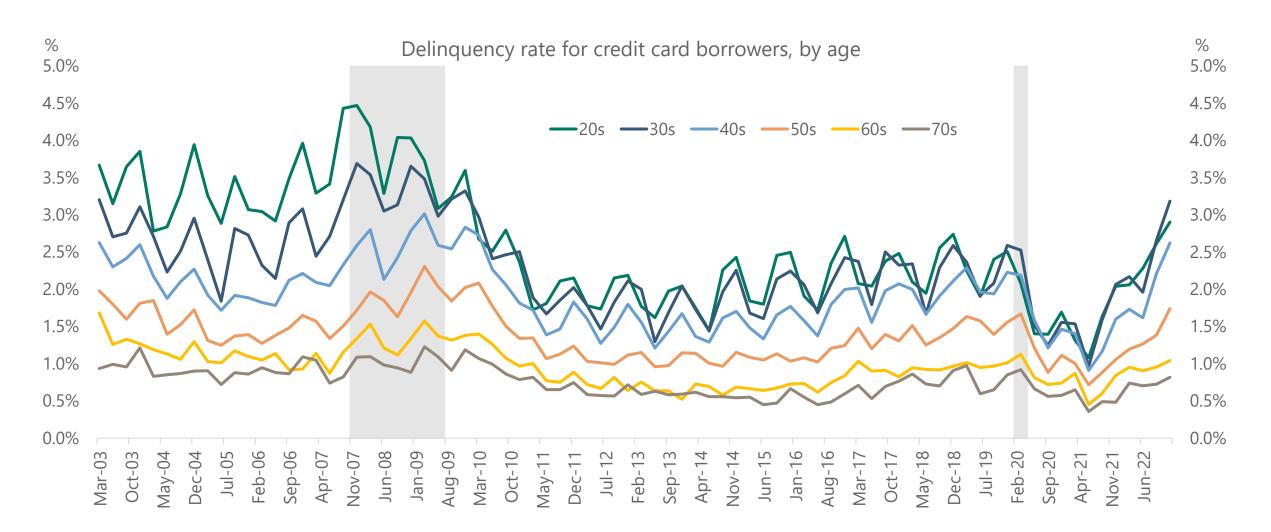
Lending standards are tightening for consumers, approaching 2008 levels



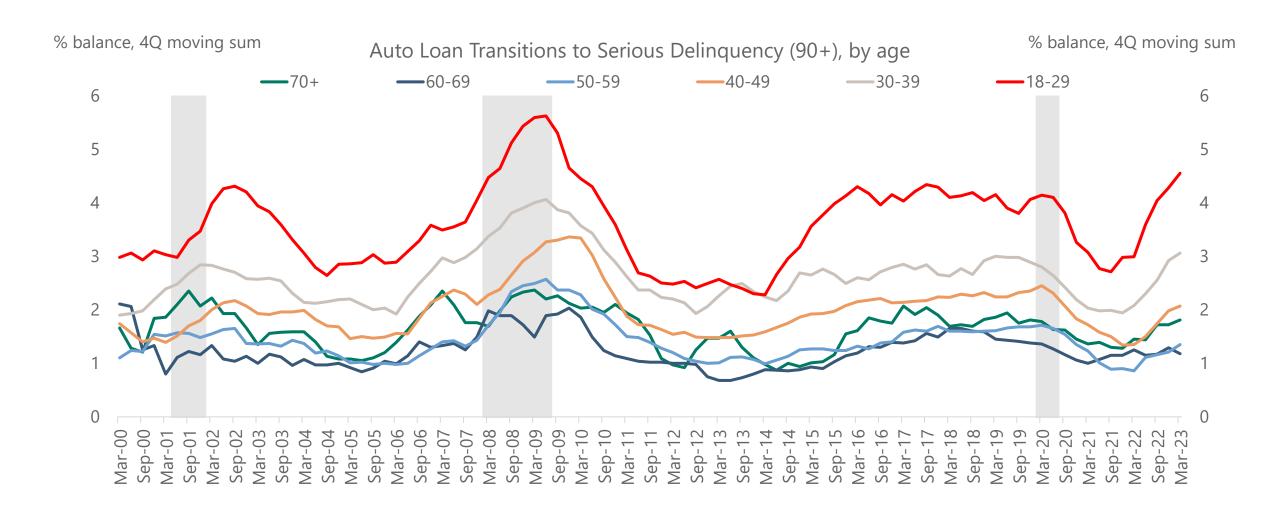
SVB and FRC lifted funding costs for banks permanently



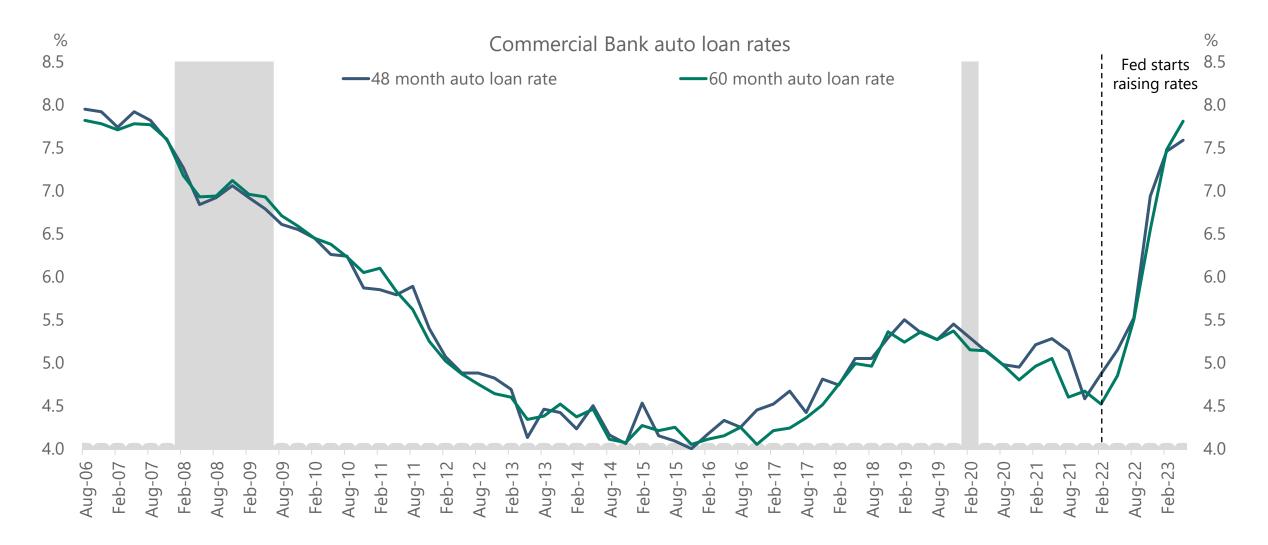
Credit card delinquency rates at 2008 levels



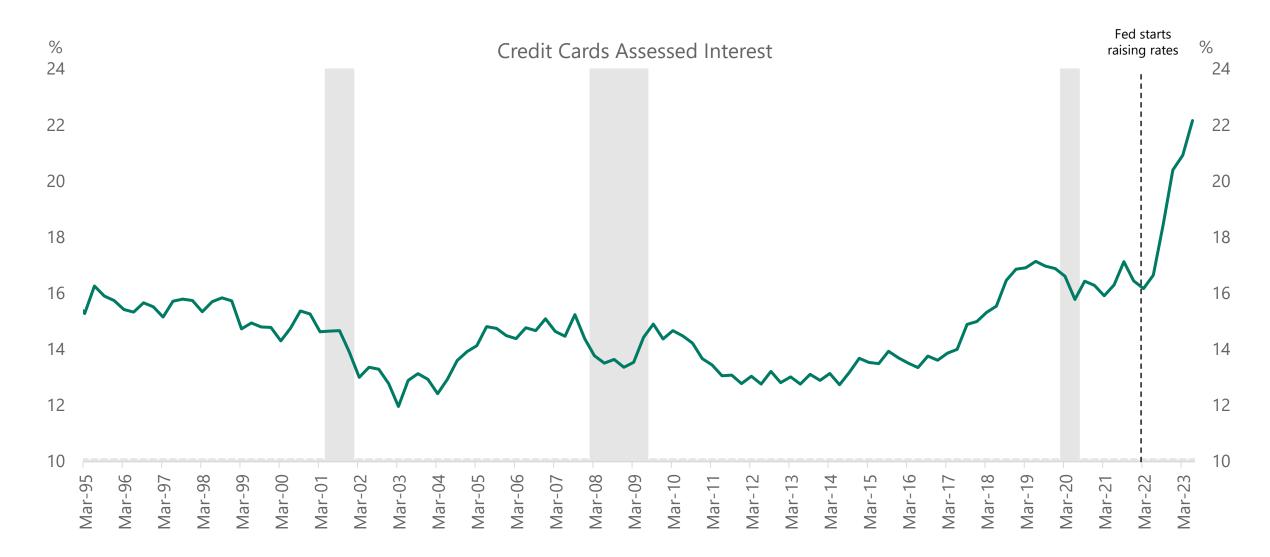
Auto loan transitions to serious delinquency approaching 2008 levels



Interest rate on auto loans

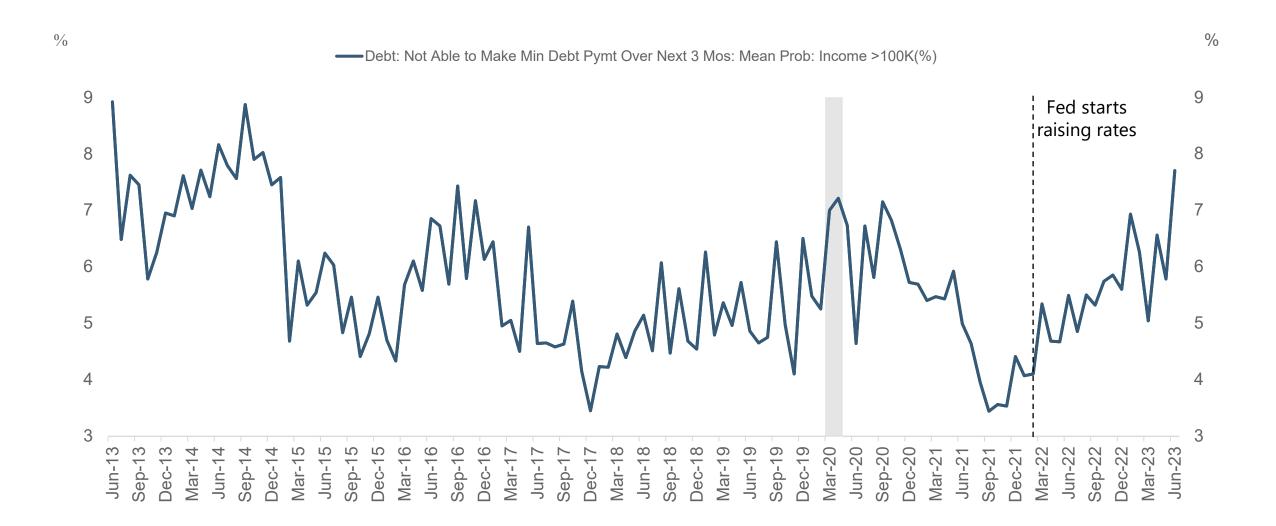


Interest rate on credit cards

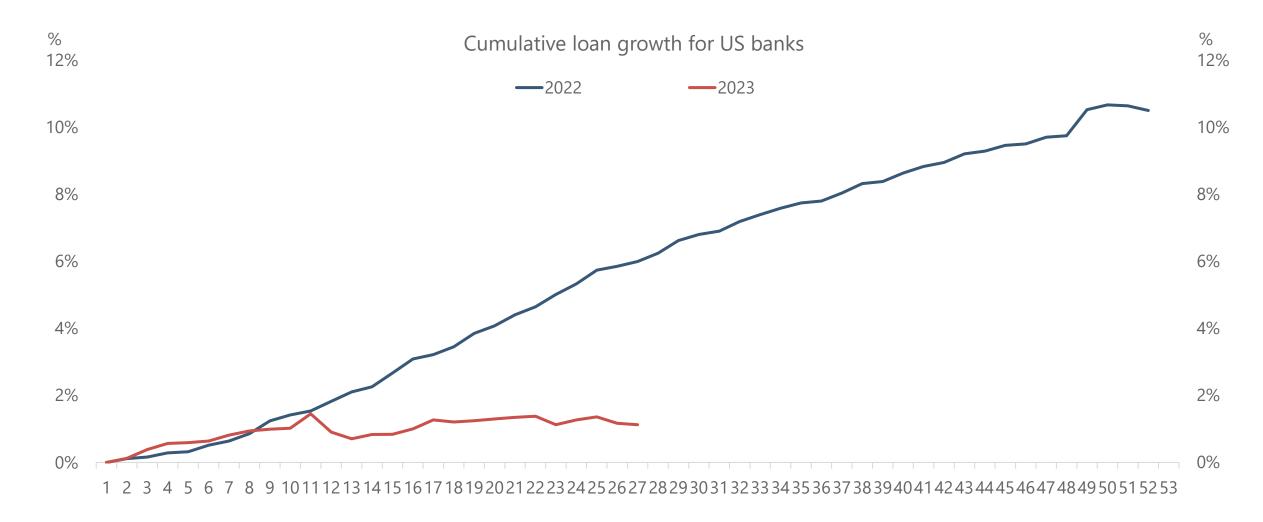


Source: FRB, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

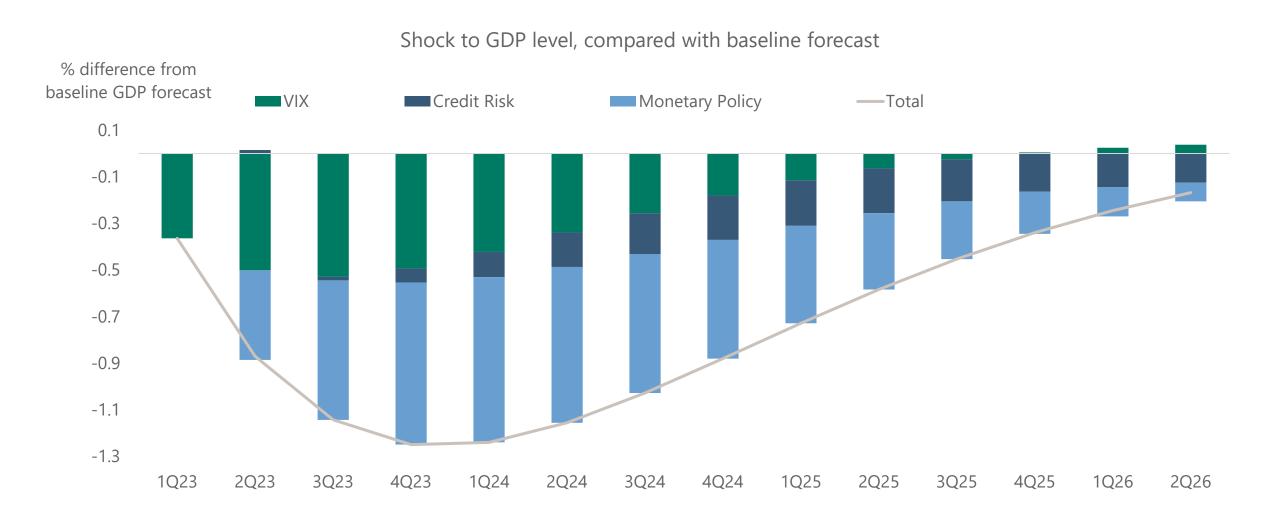
Higher income households starting to worry about whether they can make minimum debt payments



Loan growth is dramatically weaker than in 2022

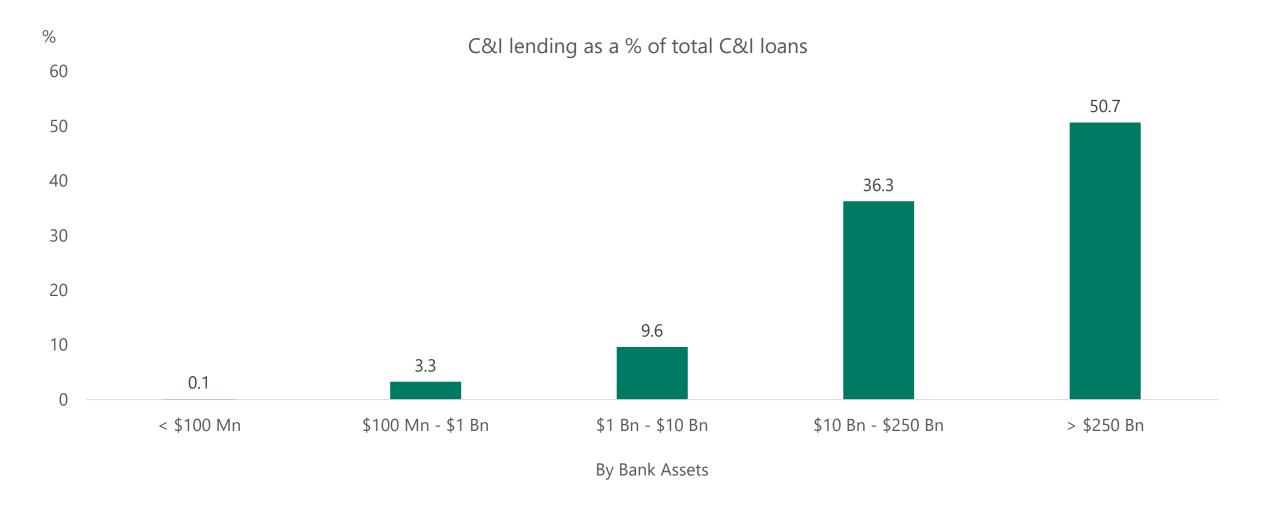


Impact of the regional banking crisis on GDP



Small banks lend to small businesses

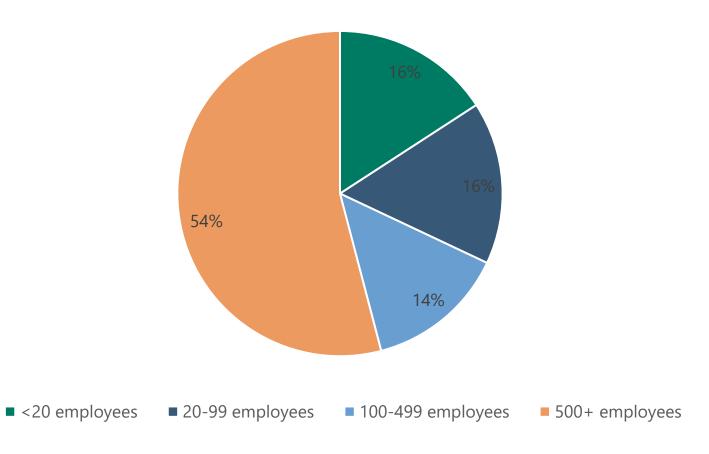
Banks with less than \$250bn in assets account for 50% of commercial and industrial lending



Source: FDIC, Apollo Chief Economist. Data as of Q3 2022

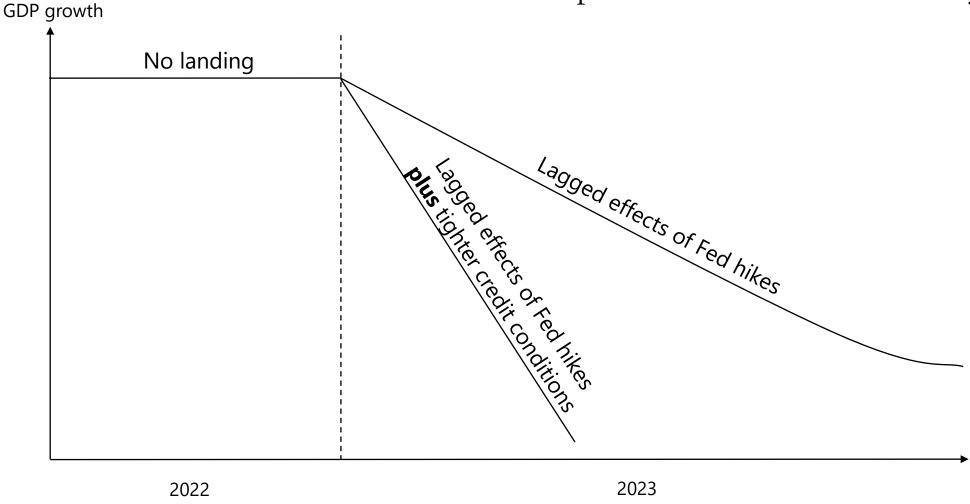
Half of US employment is in firms with fewer than 500 employees

Share of total employment by employment size of the firm, 2020



Source: Census, Apollo Chief Economist

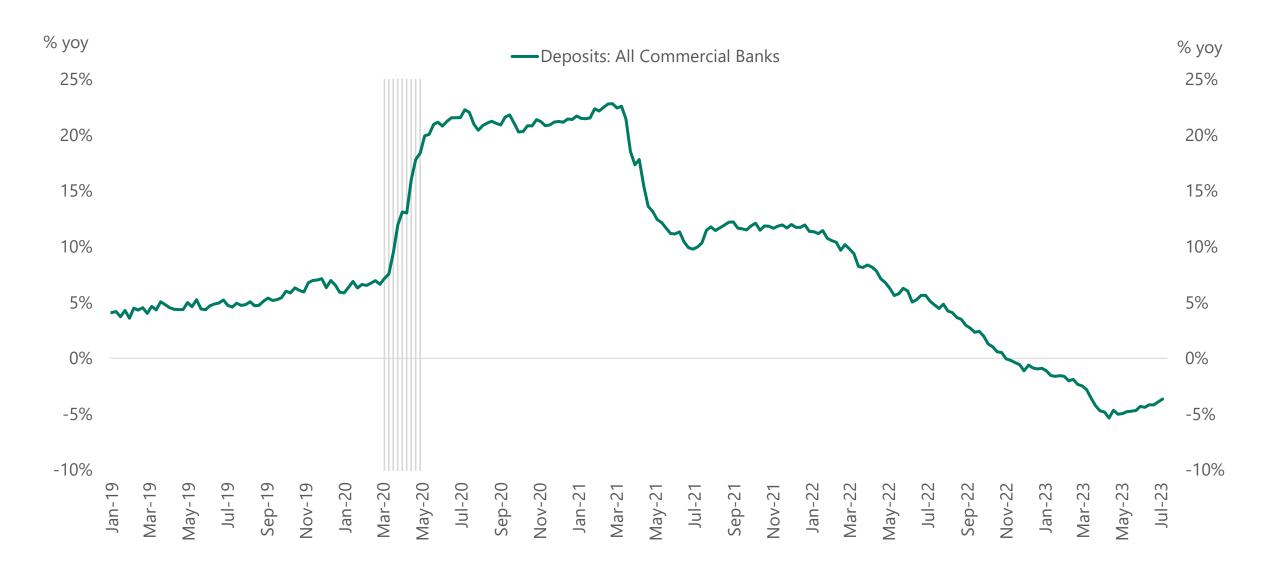
Lagged effects of Fed hikes combined with tighter credit conditions will create a sharper slowdown in the economy



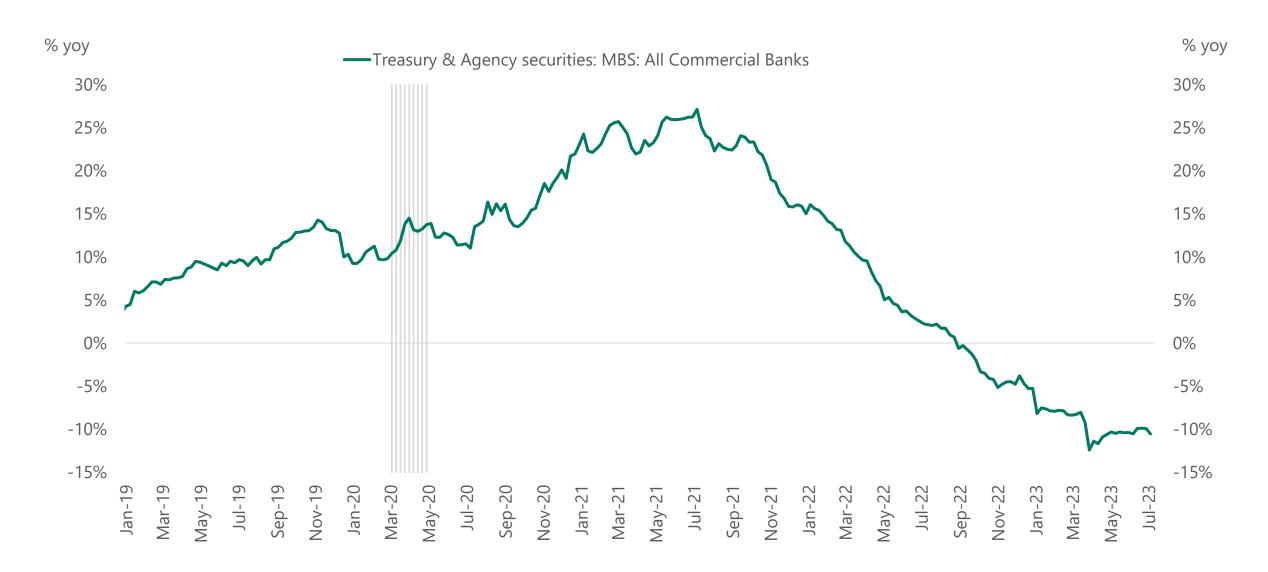
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What is the banking sector response to the SVB collapse and associated deposit outflows? Cutting lending and selling mortgages

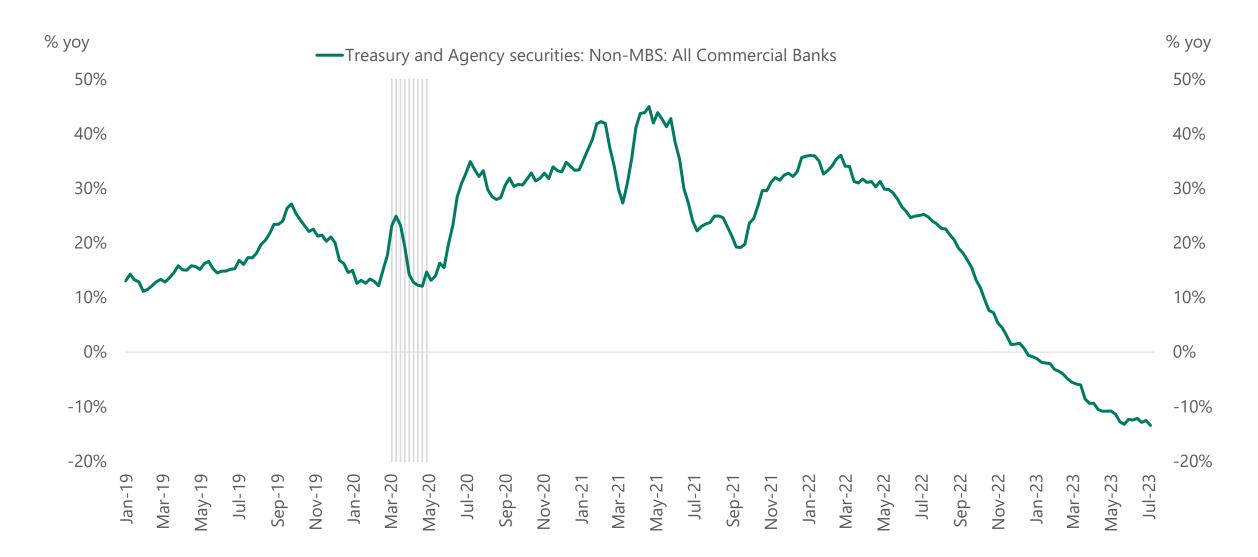
Negative growth in deposits



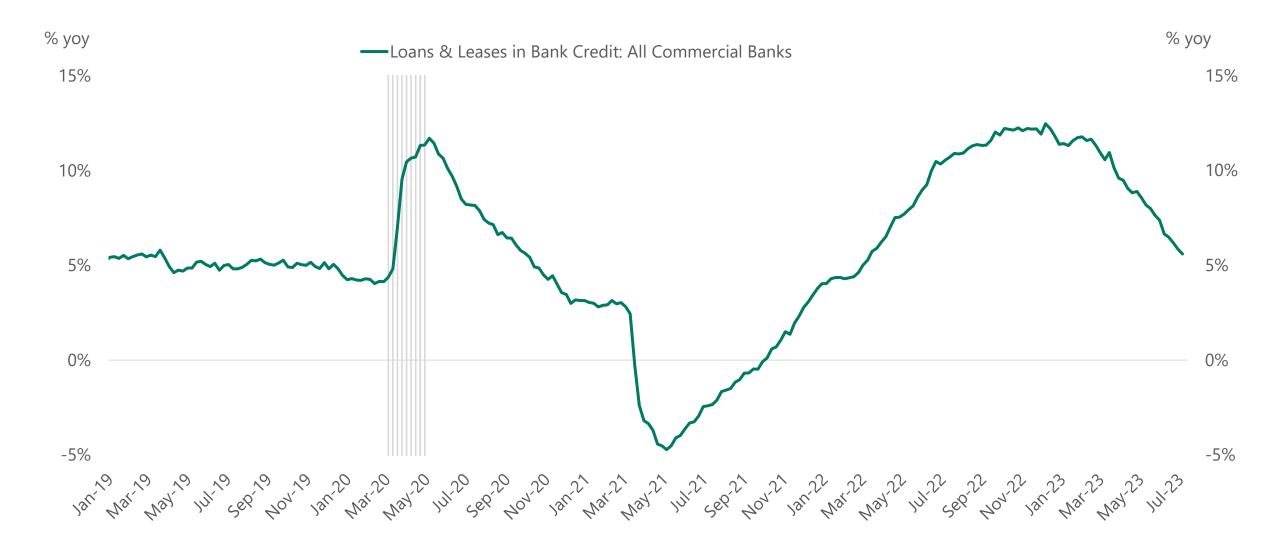
Negative growth in bank holdings of mortgages



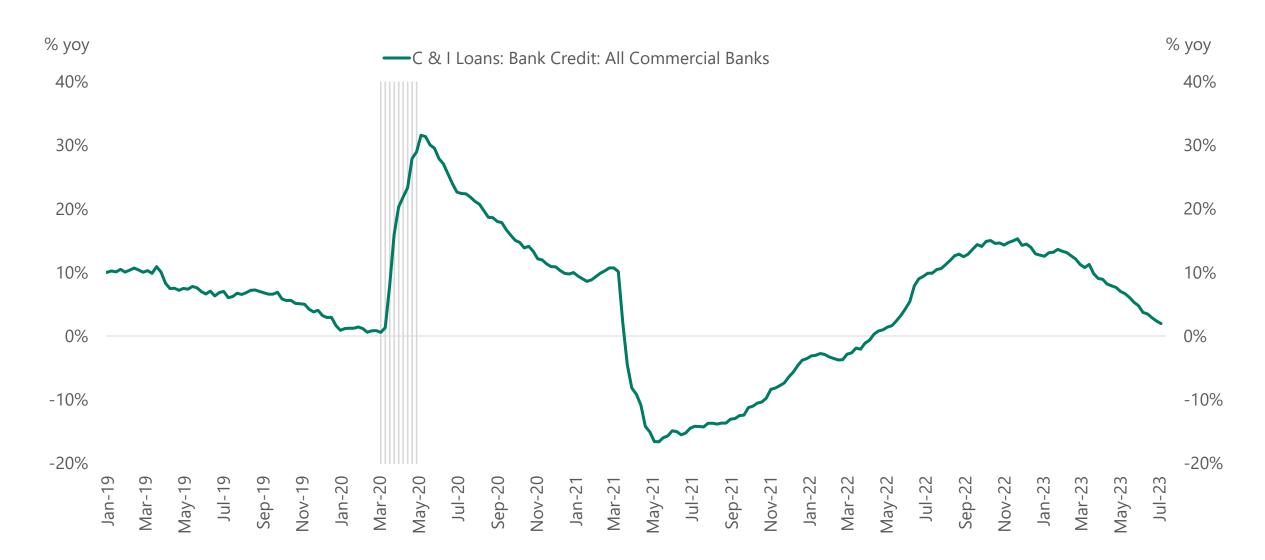
Growth in bank holdings of Treasuries



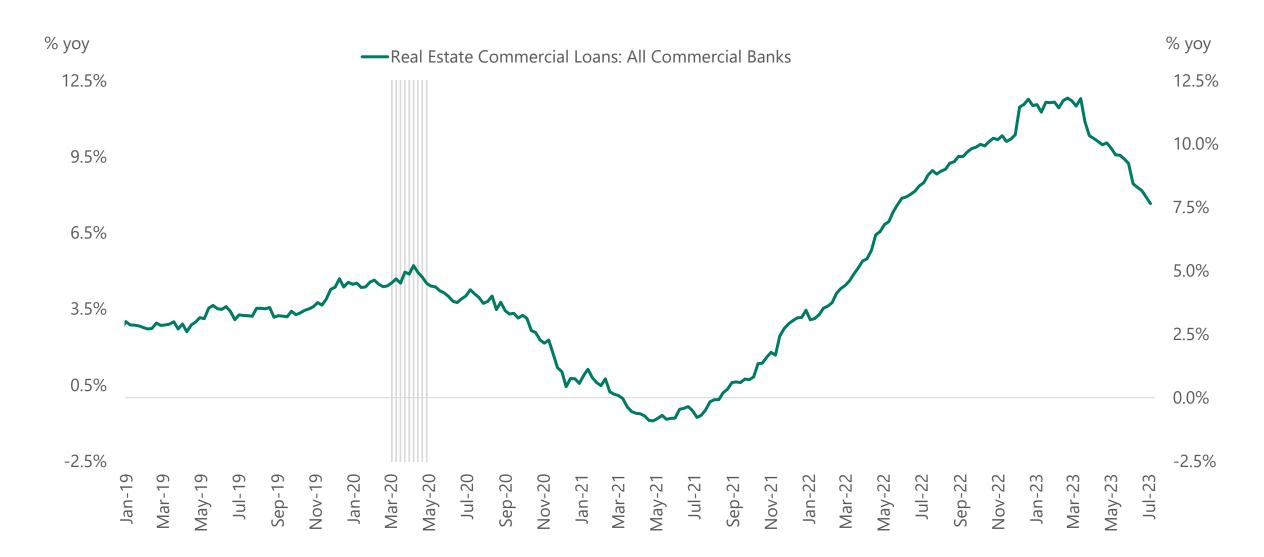
Some decline in bank lending growth



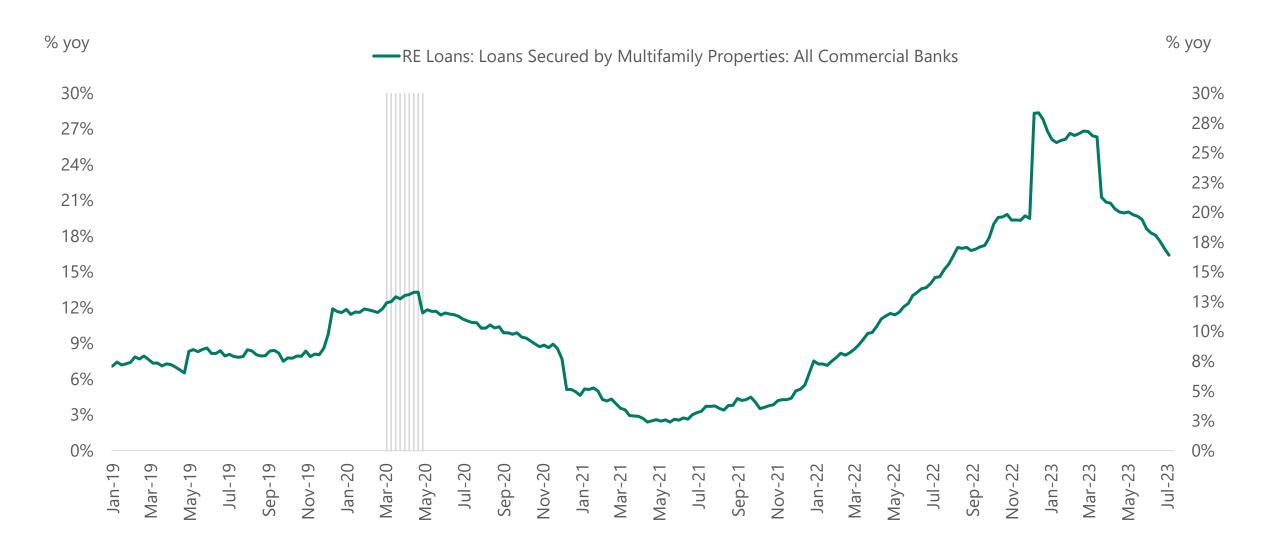
Decline in growth in lending to corporates



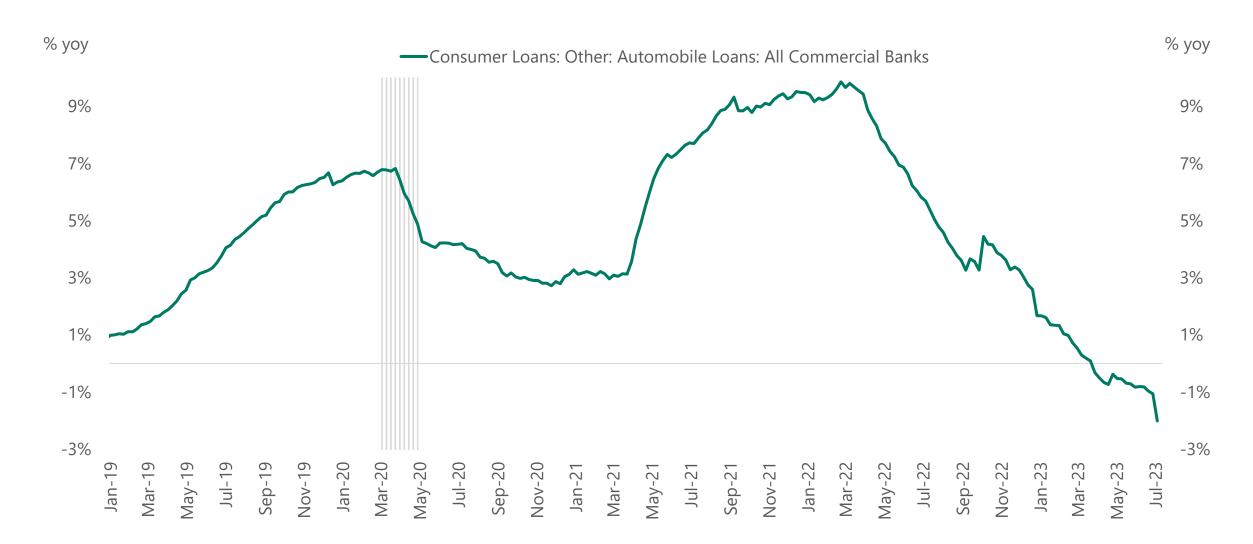
Decline in growth in real estate lending



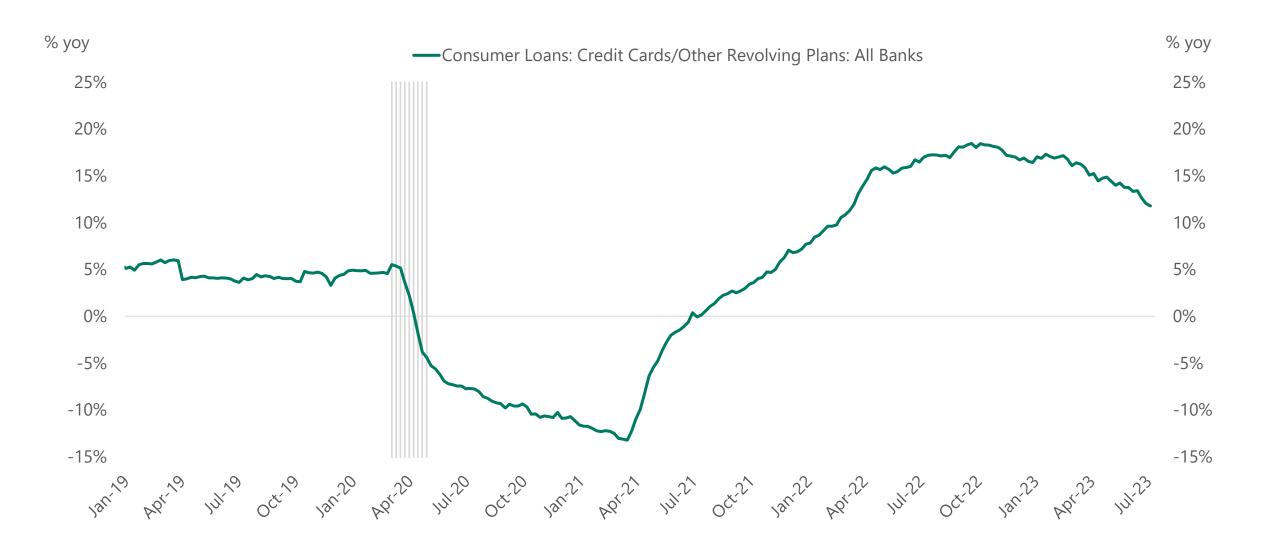
Decline in growth in lending to multifamily construction



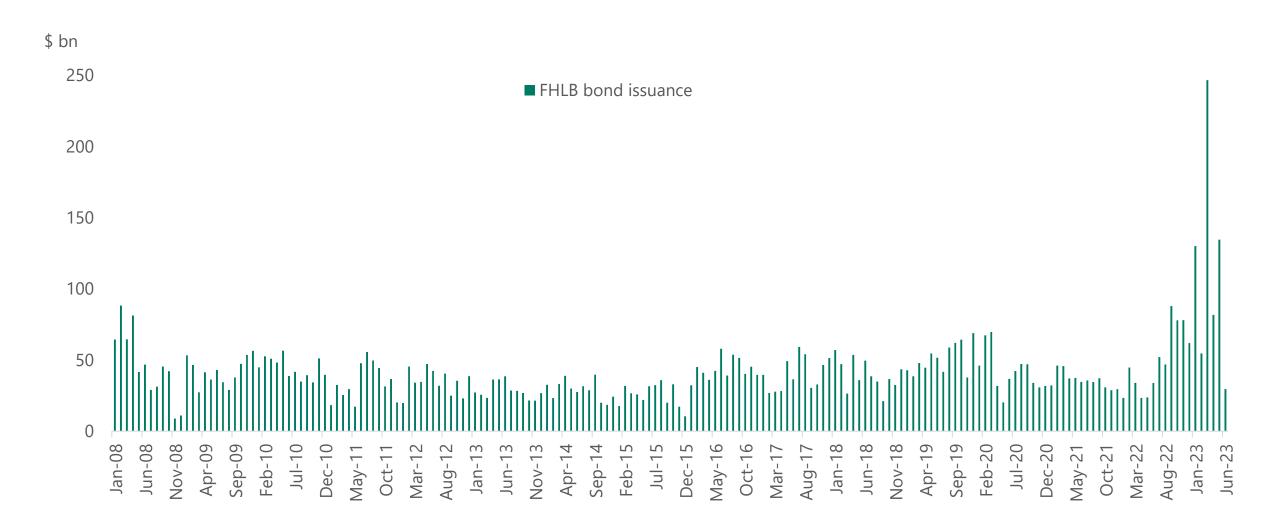
Negative growth in auto loan lending



Some decline in growth in credit card lending



The FHLB system remains elevated



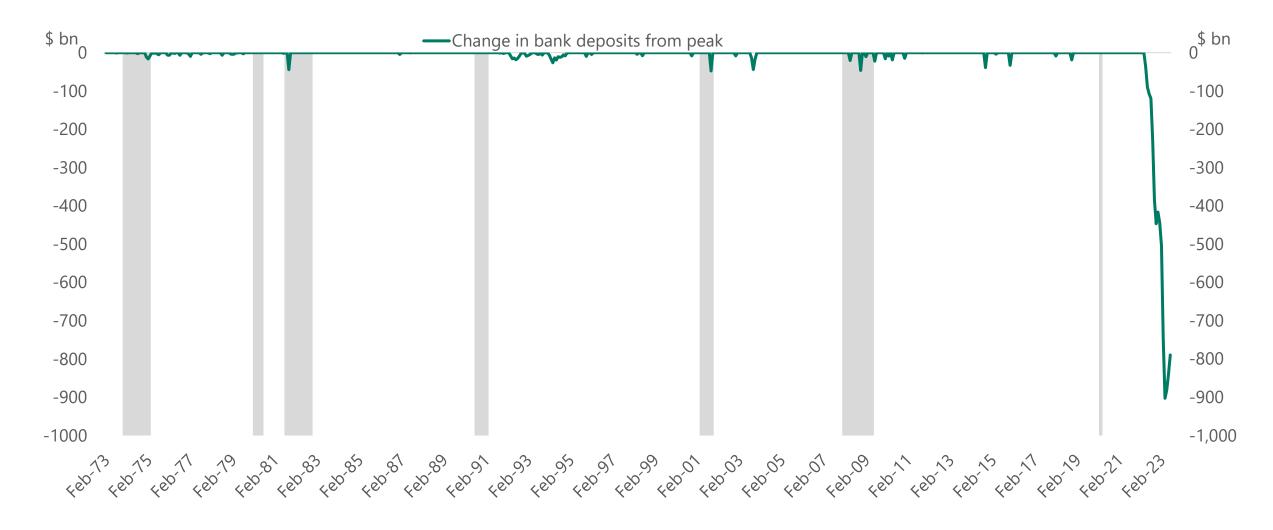
Source: FHLB, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist.

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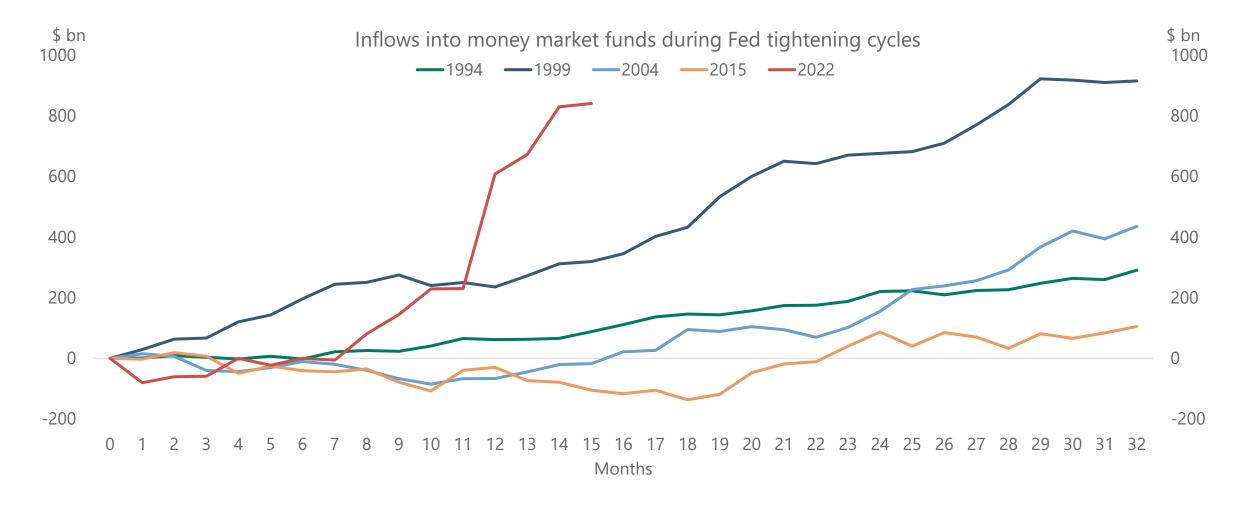
Bank funding pressures:

Deposits and market-based measures

\$789bn in deposits have left the banks since the Fed began to raise interest rates

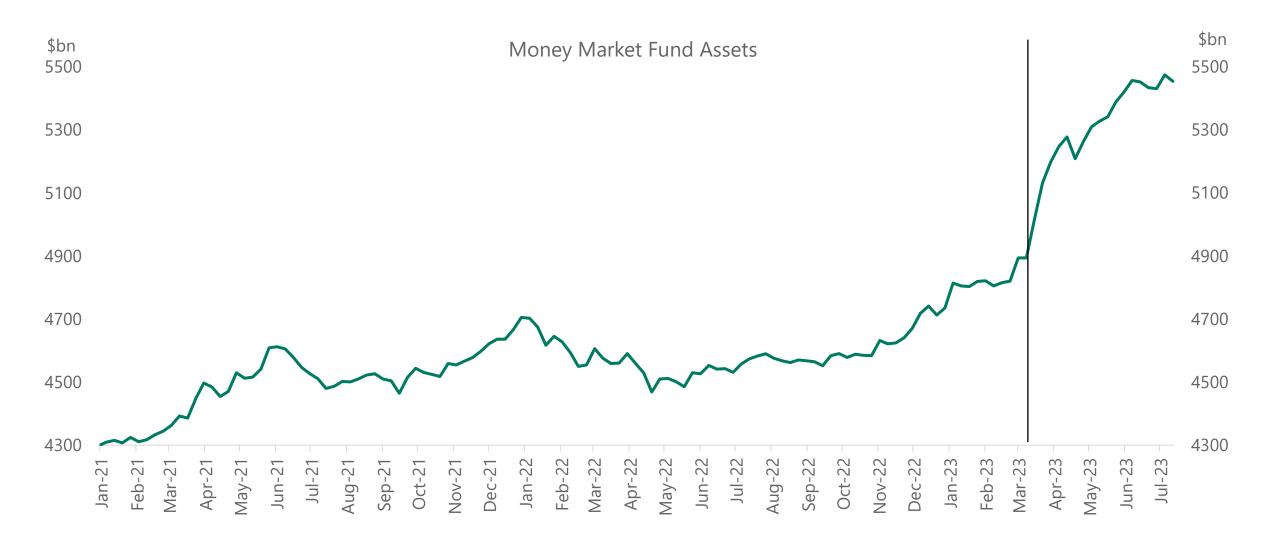


\$840bn inflows into money market funds during this Fed hiking cycle

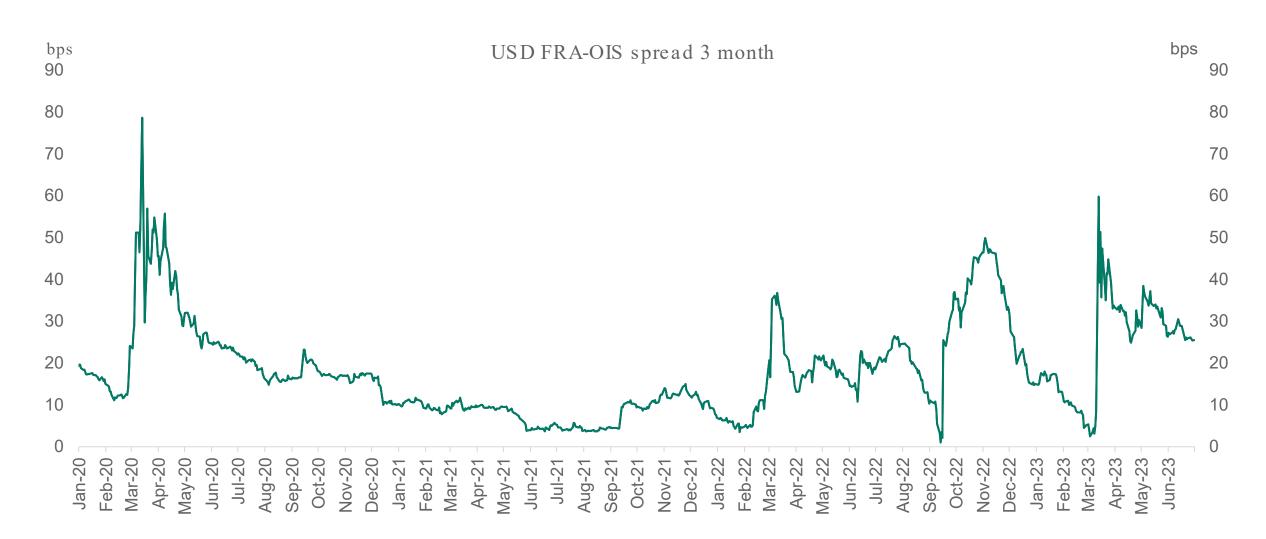


Source: FRB, ICI, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist.

\$500bn has been moved into money market funds since SVB went under

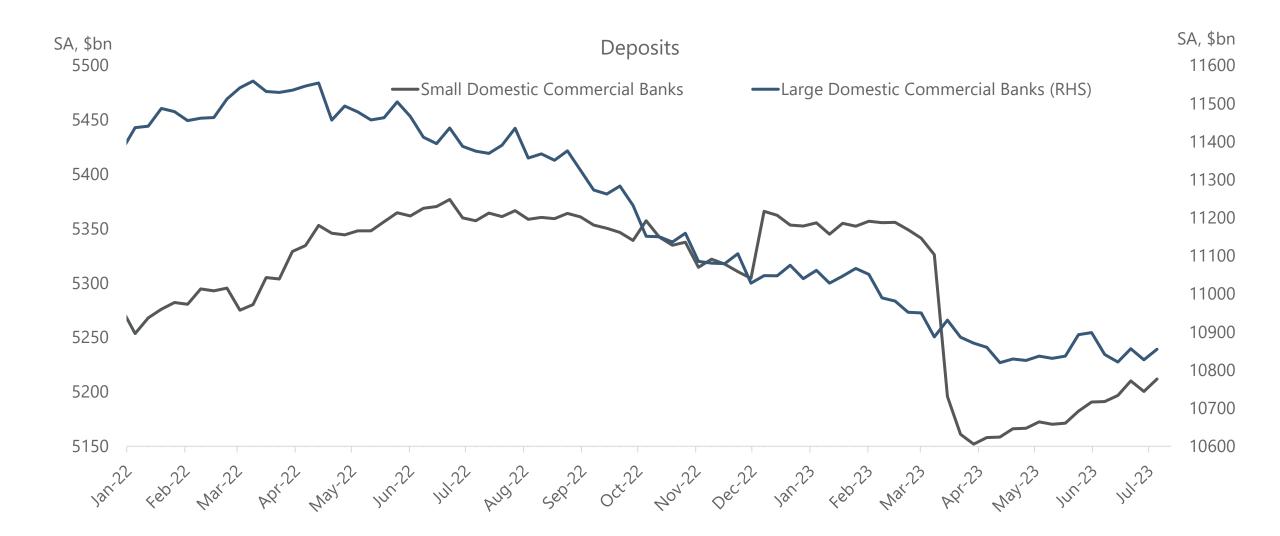


FRA-OIS spread

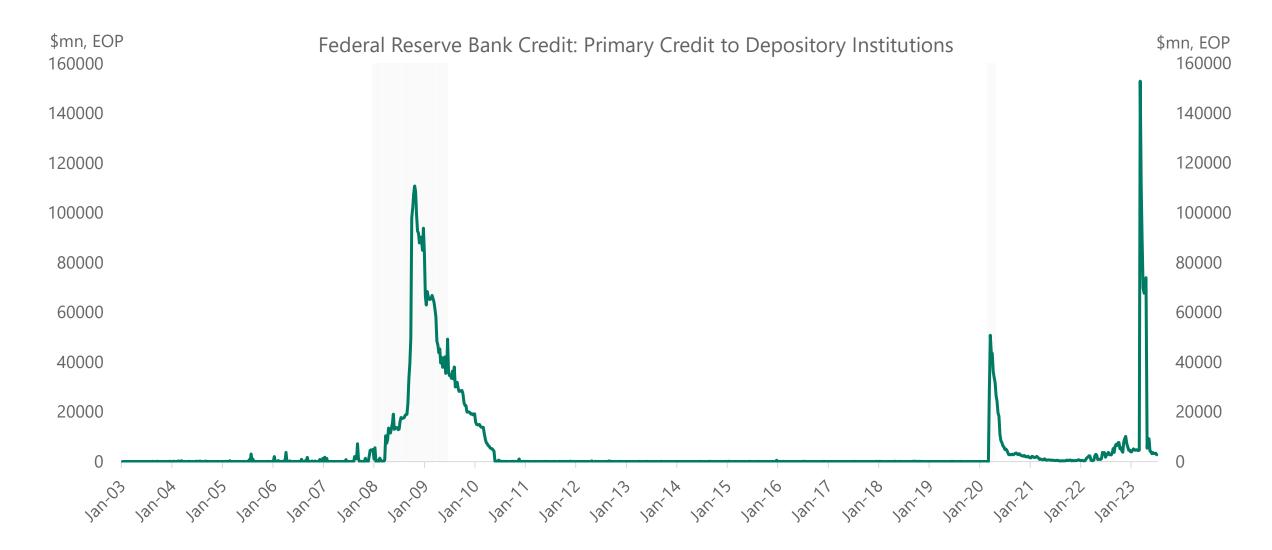


Source: Bloomberg. Note: Ticker used USFOSC1 BGN Currency. As of March 24, 2023.

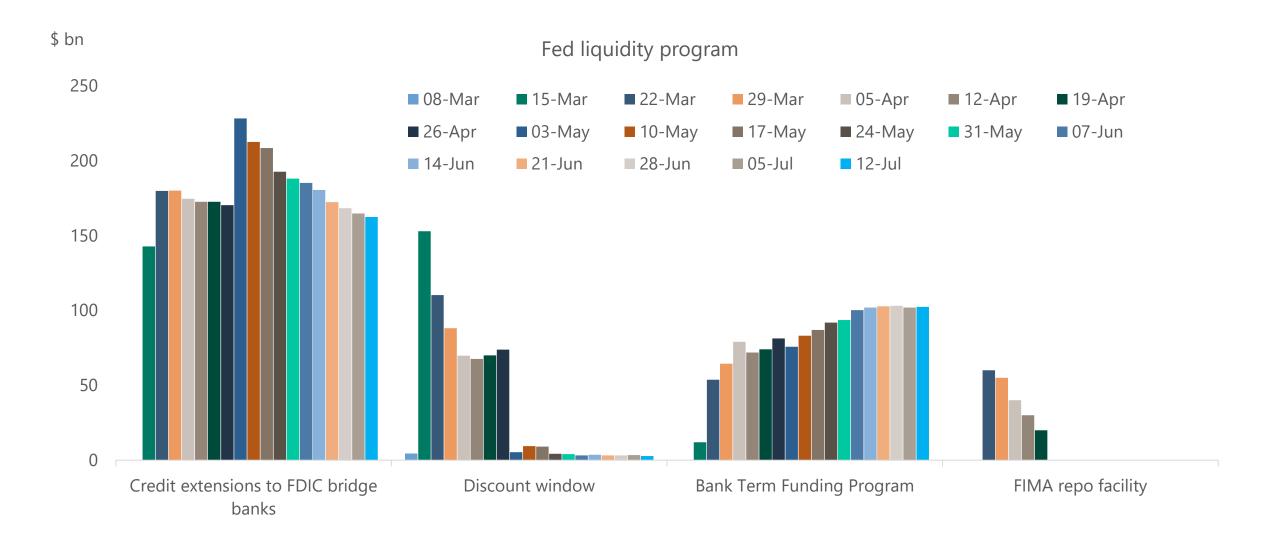
Deposits stabilizing in small and large banks



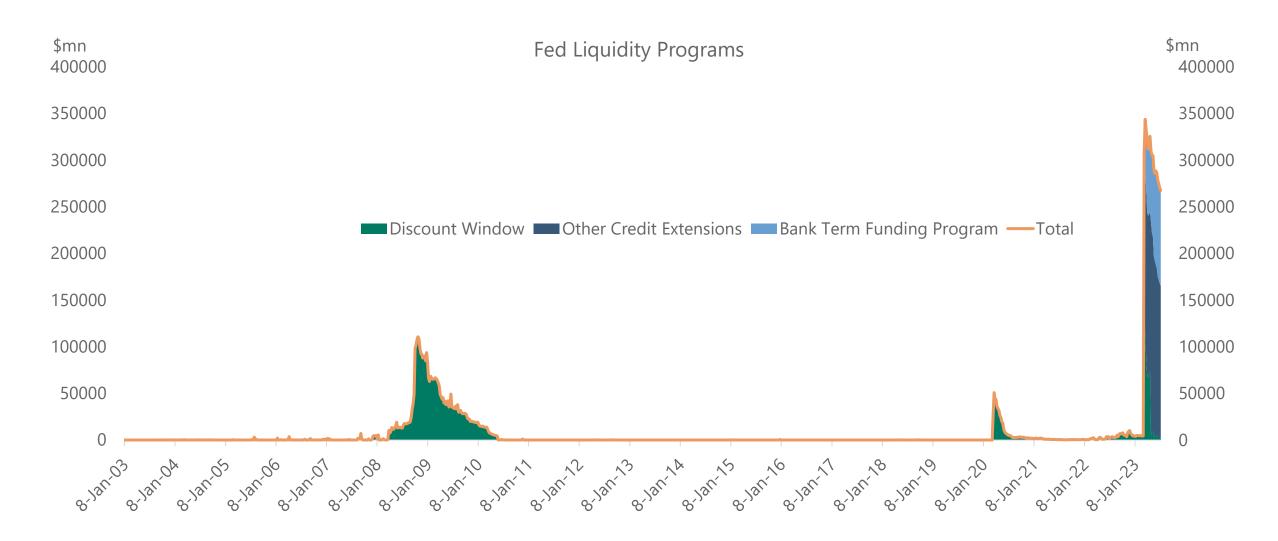
Fed Discount Window borrowing higher than in 2008



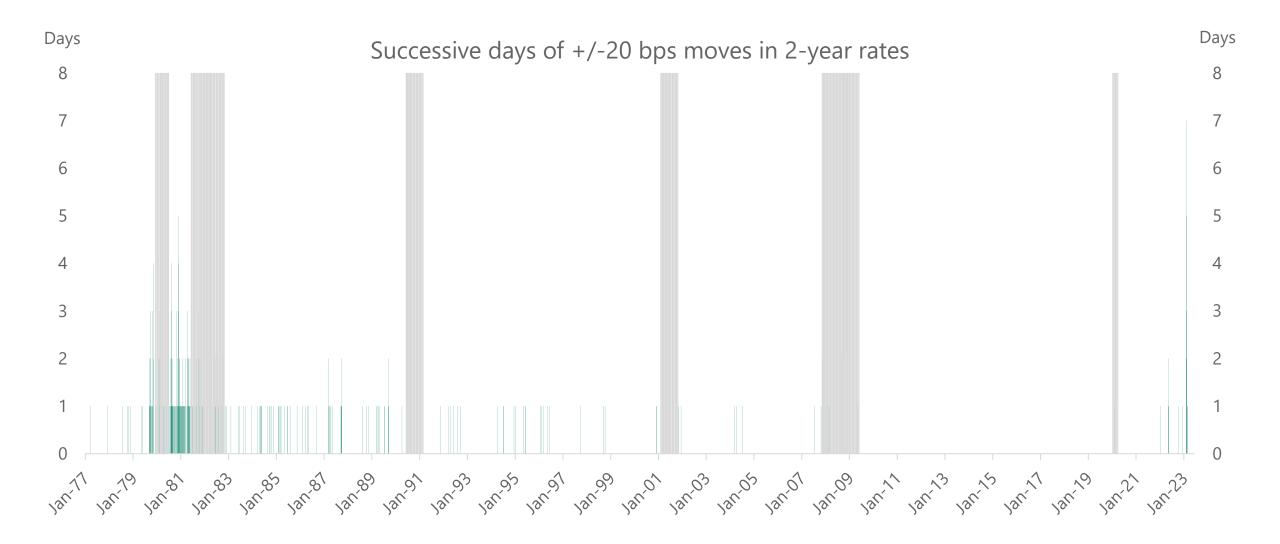
Fed liquidity programs



Fed liquidity borrowing higher than in 2008



Record-high volatility in fixed income markets



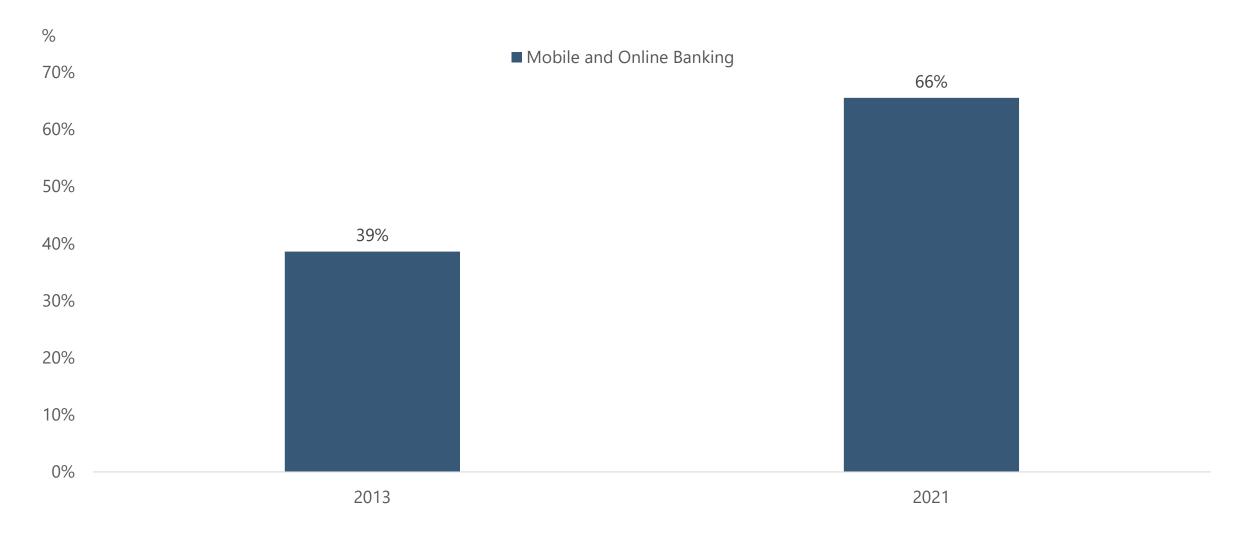
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 4

SOFR spreads currently pricing aggressive Fed cuts in 2024

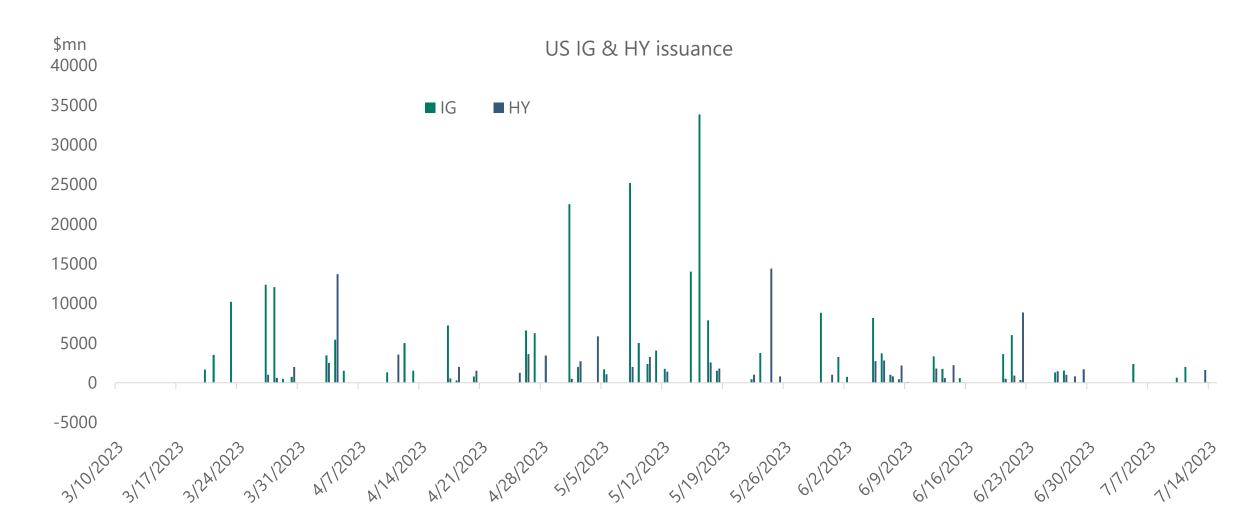


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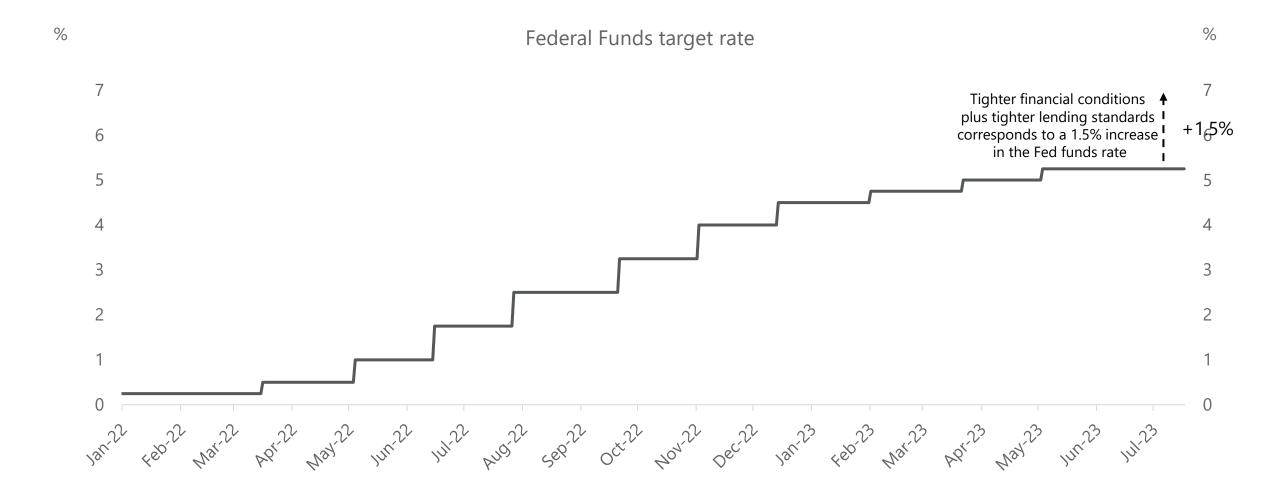
Primary method of bank account access: More and more households use mobile and online banking



IG and HY primary issuance coming back



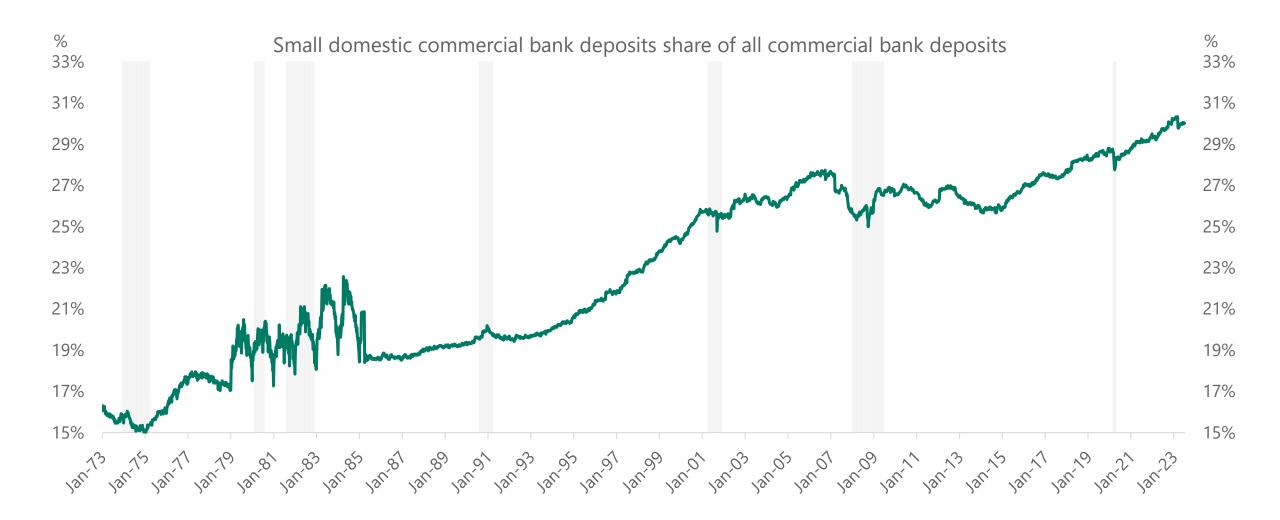
The Fed funds rate effectively pushed 1.5%-points higher after SVB because of tighter financial conditions combined with tighter lending standards



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What is happening with deposits in regional banks?

Small banks account for about 1/3 of total deposits in the banking sector and the share has been rising since the 2008 financial crisis

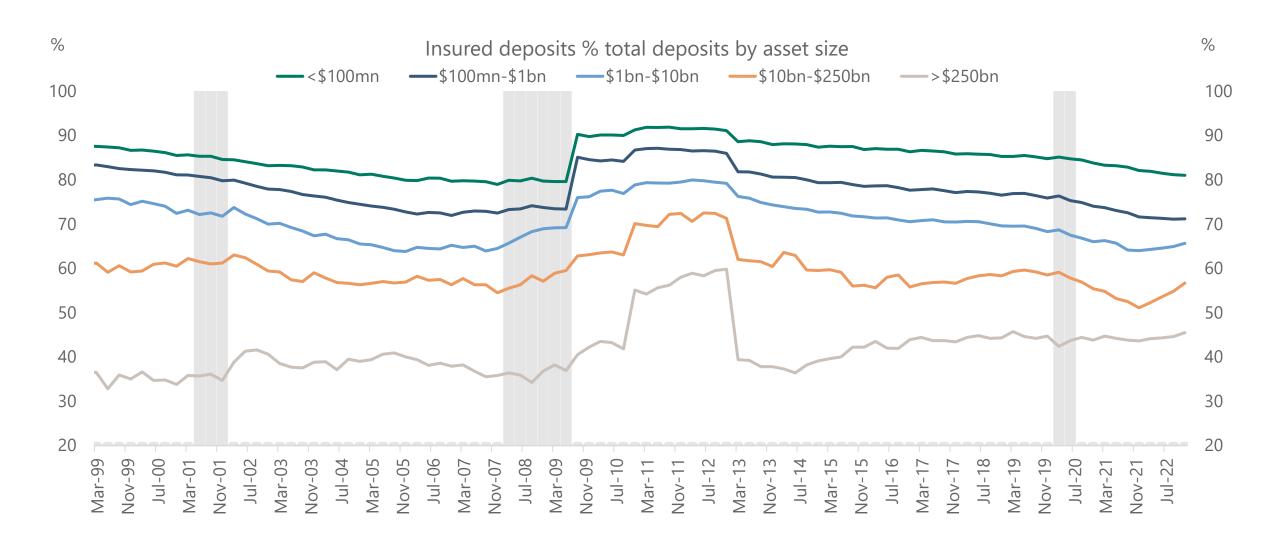


Share of total bank deposits that are uninsured: 40%

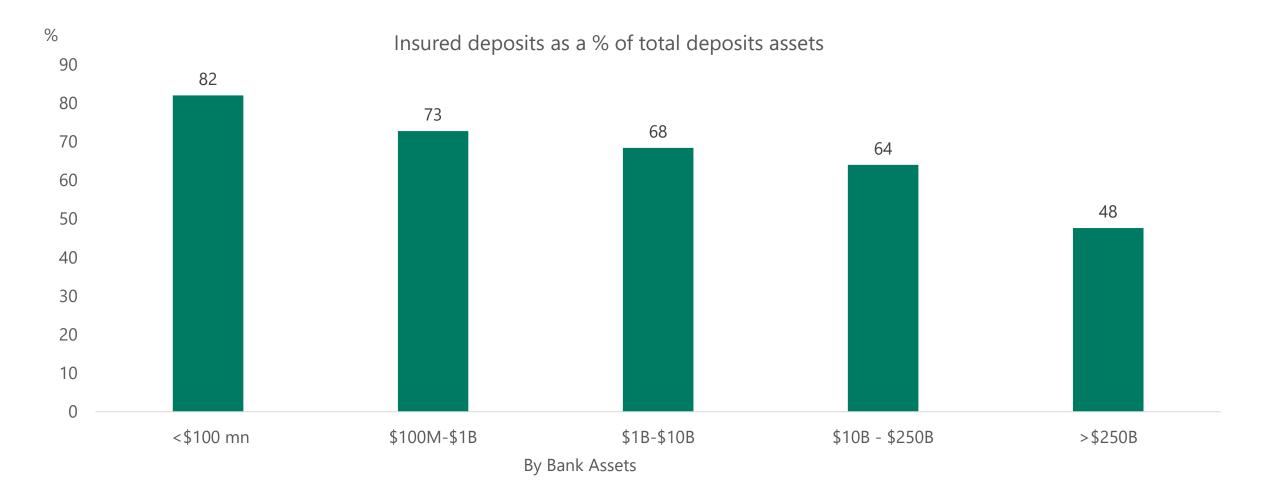


Source: FDIC, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist.

Share of insured deposits, by bank size

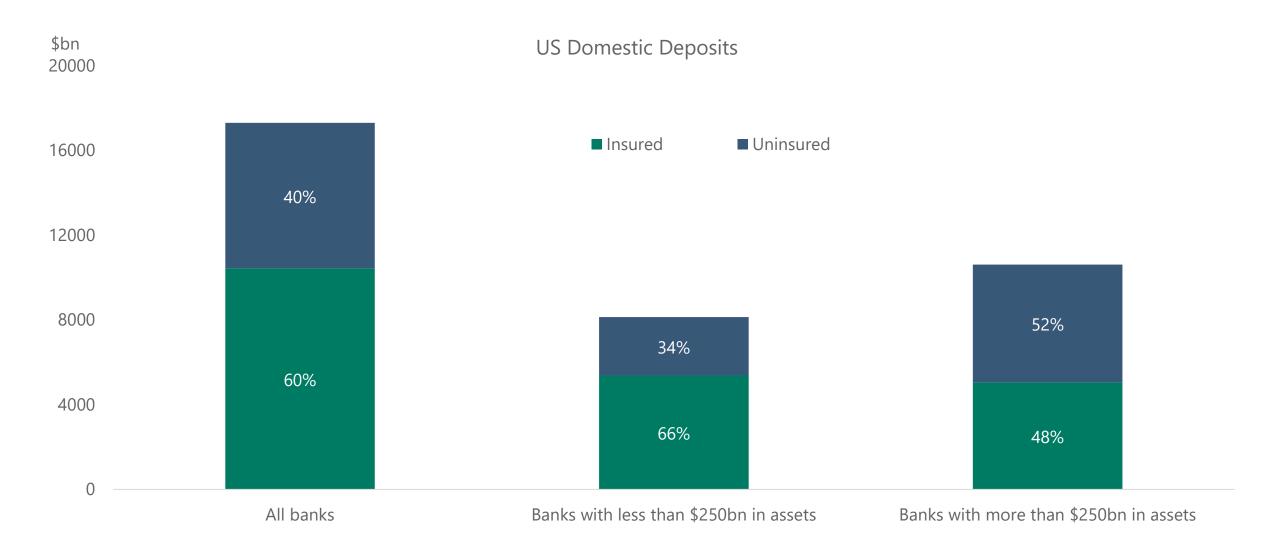


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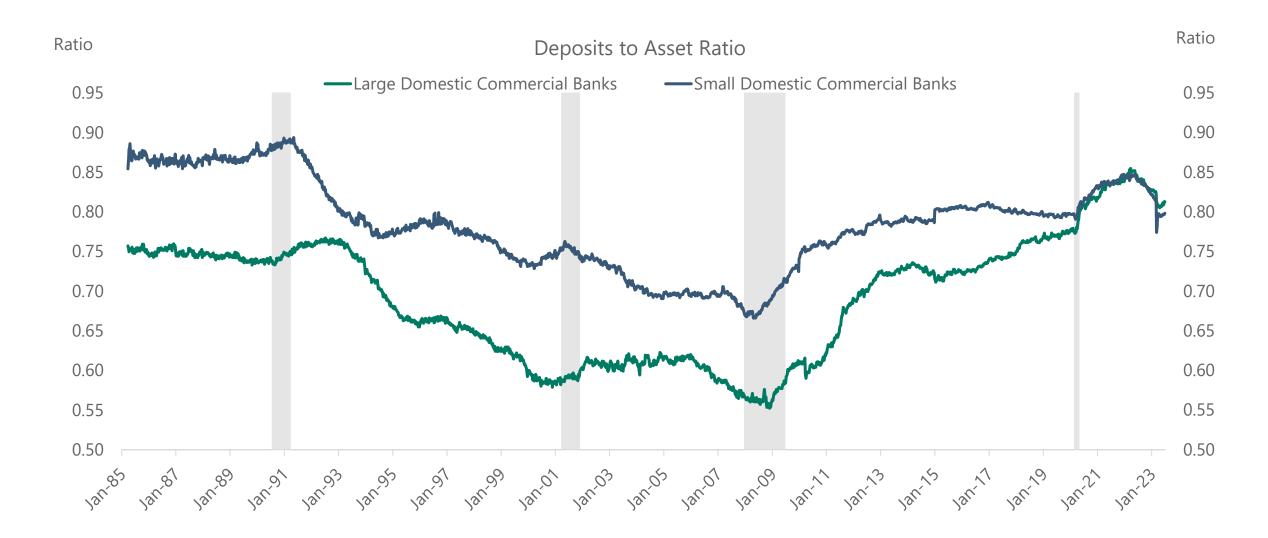
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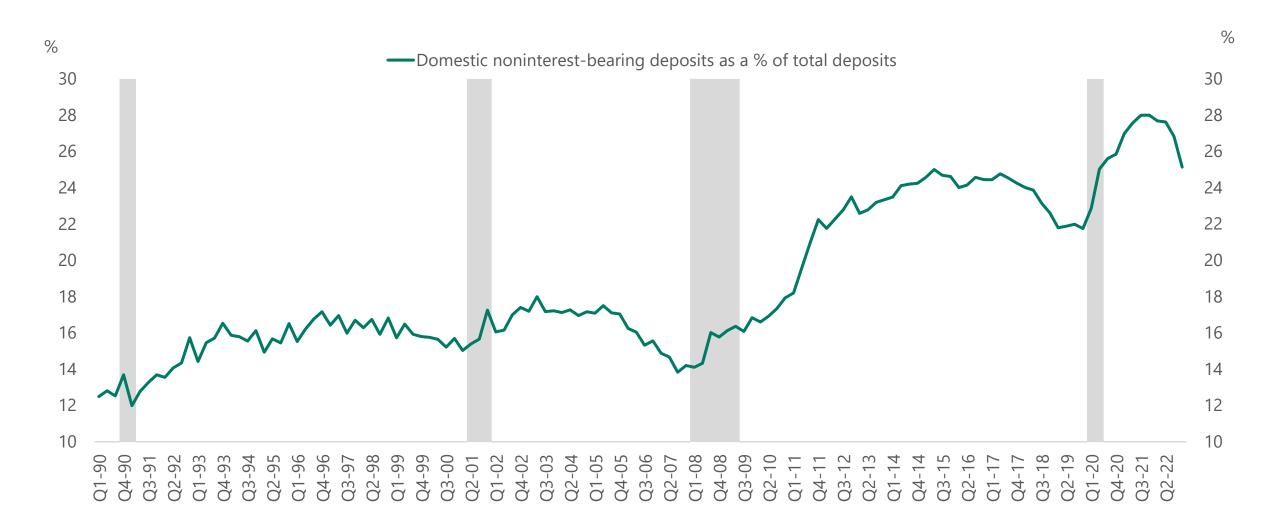


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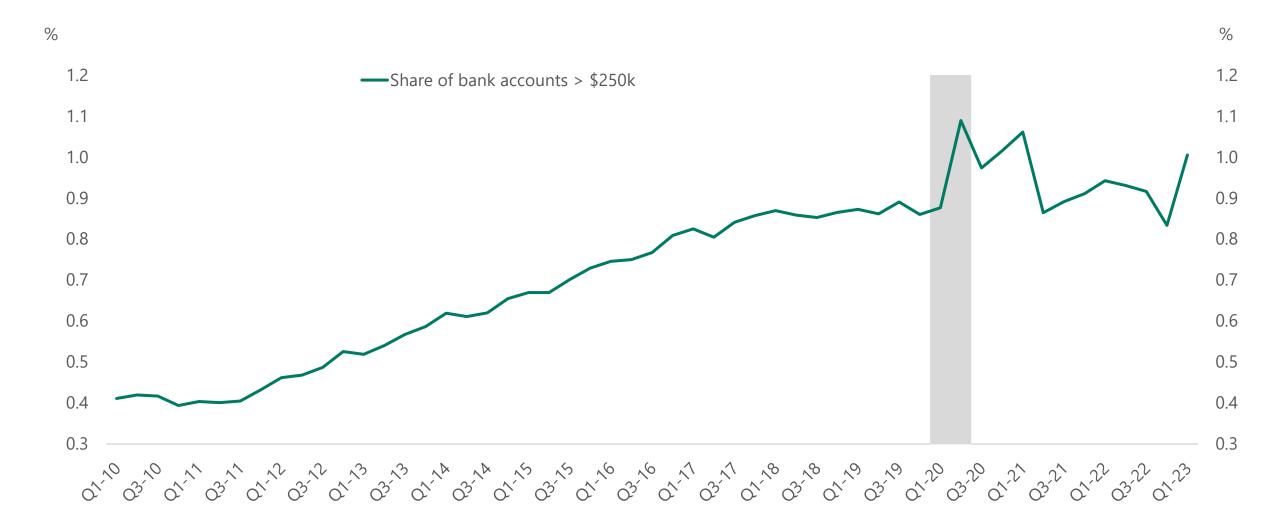
Deposit to asset ratio for large and small banks



The share of bank deposits paying zero interest rate is declining



Less than 1% of bank accounts have a balance higher than \$250k

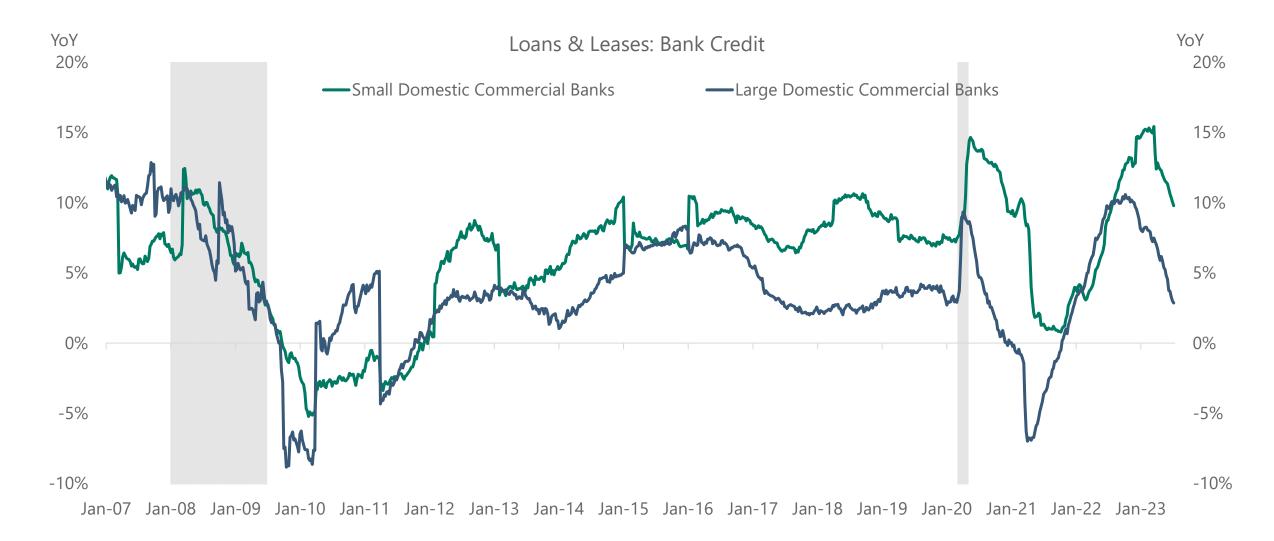


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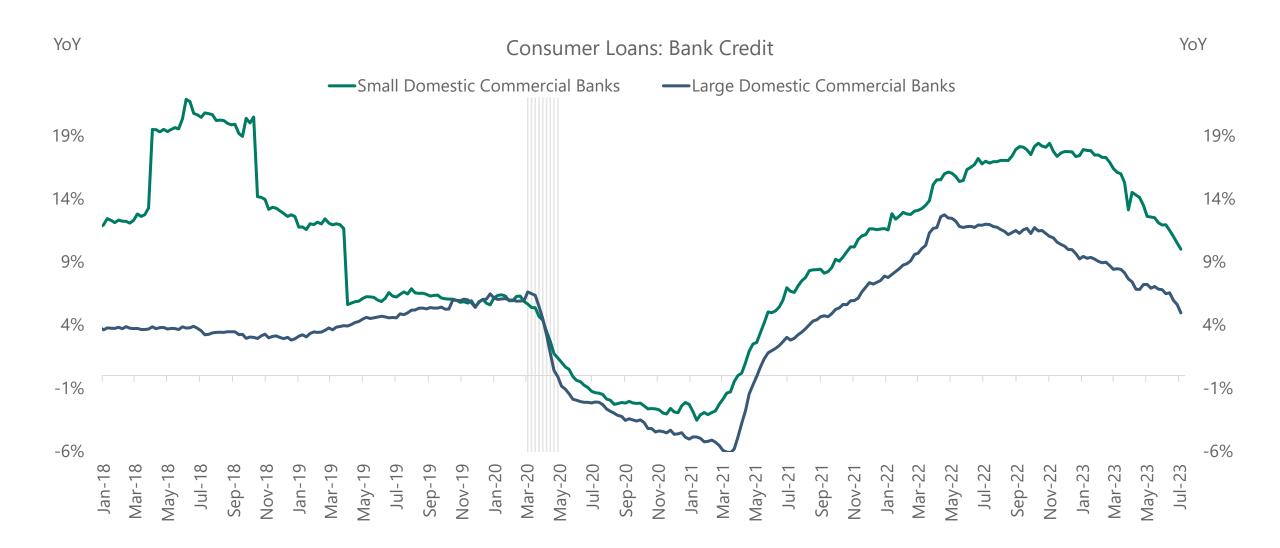
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Weekly data for bank lending by small and large banks

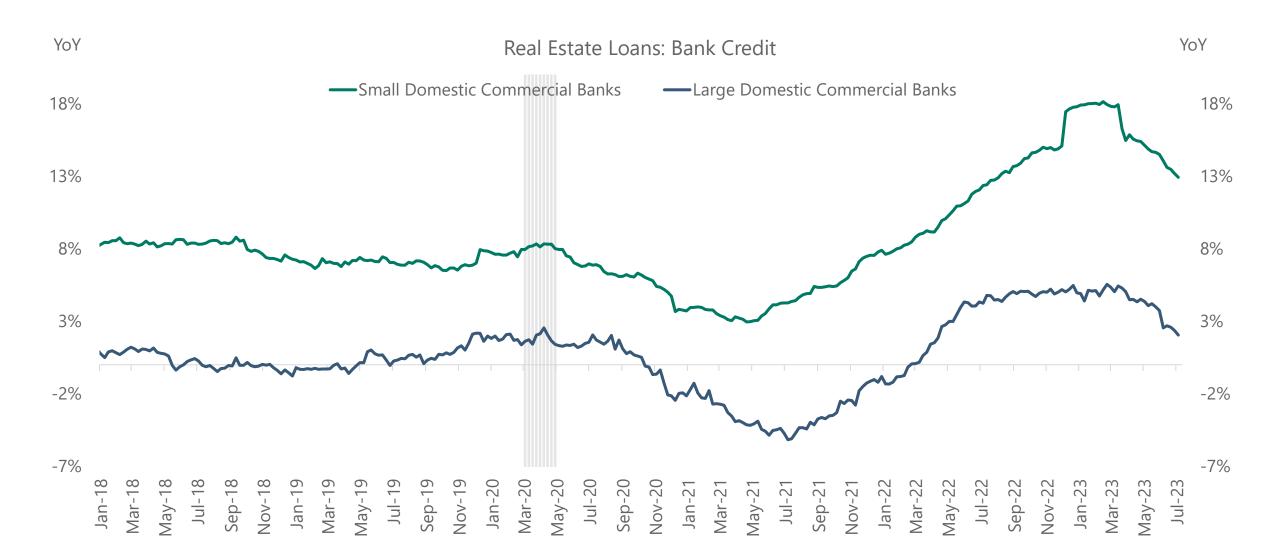
Divergence between small bank and large bank lending growth over the past year



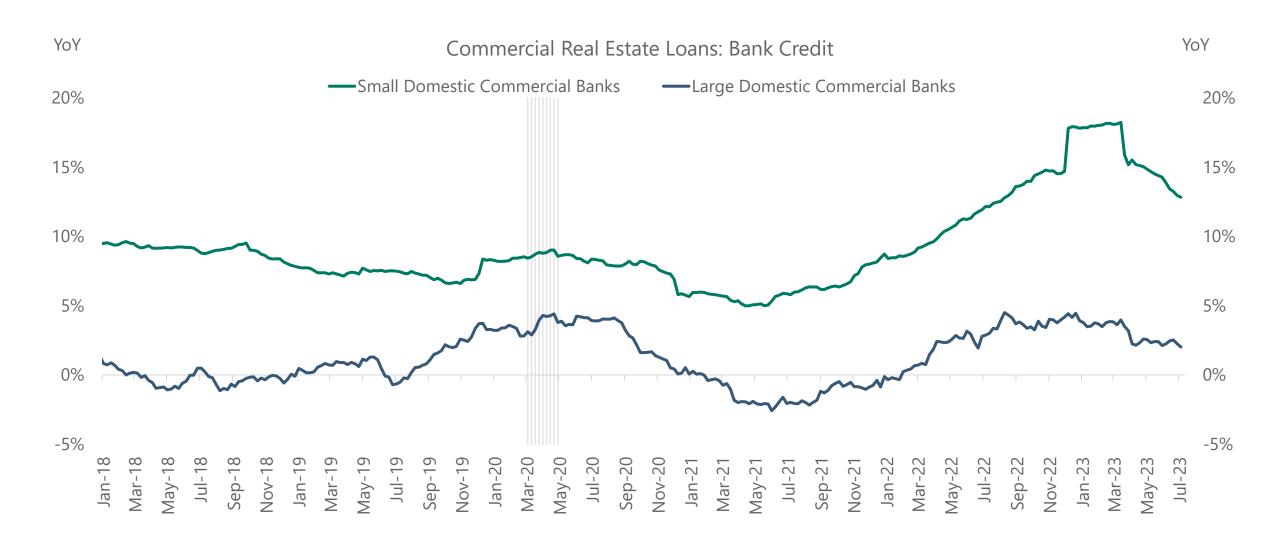
Lending to consumers is slowing for both small and large banks



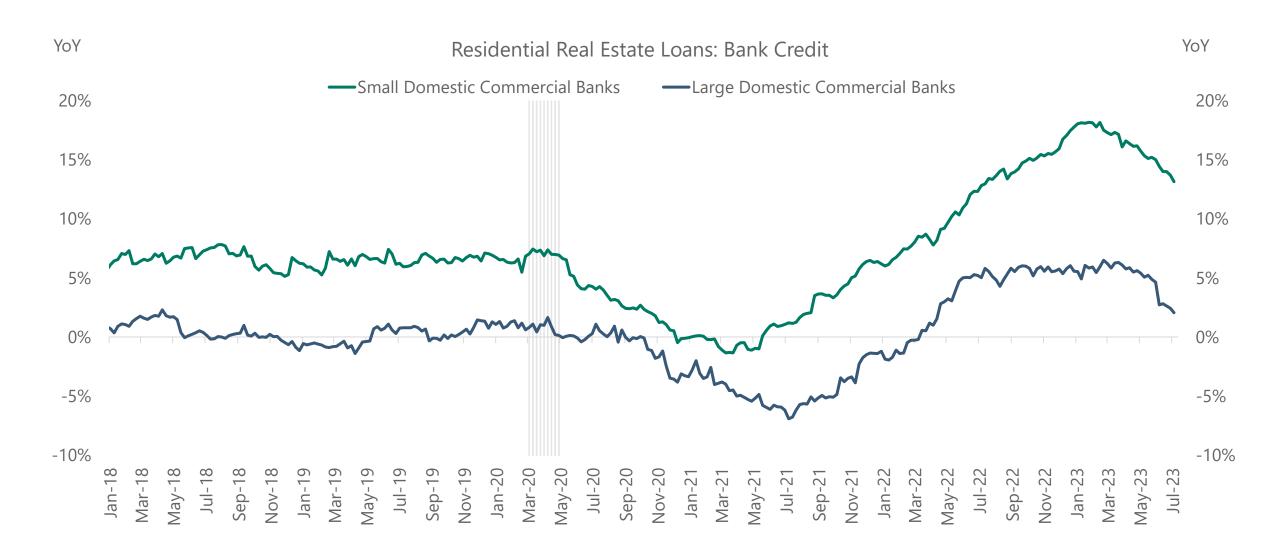
Real estate lending is slowing for both small and large banks



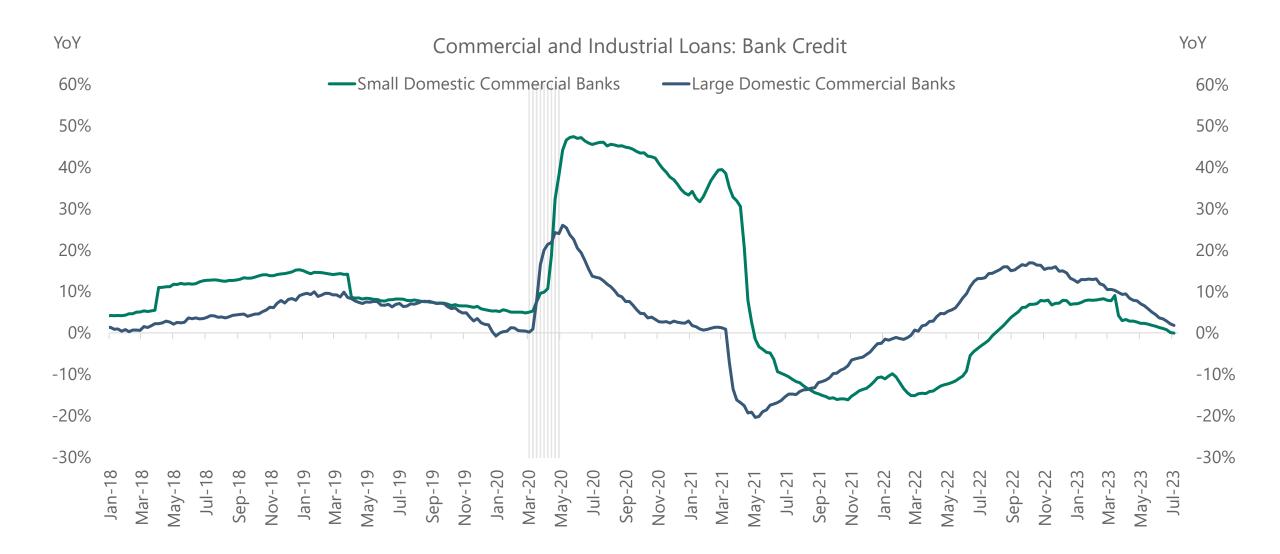
Commercial real estate lending is slowing for both small and large banks



Residential real estate lending is slowing for both small and large banks



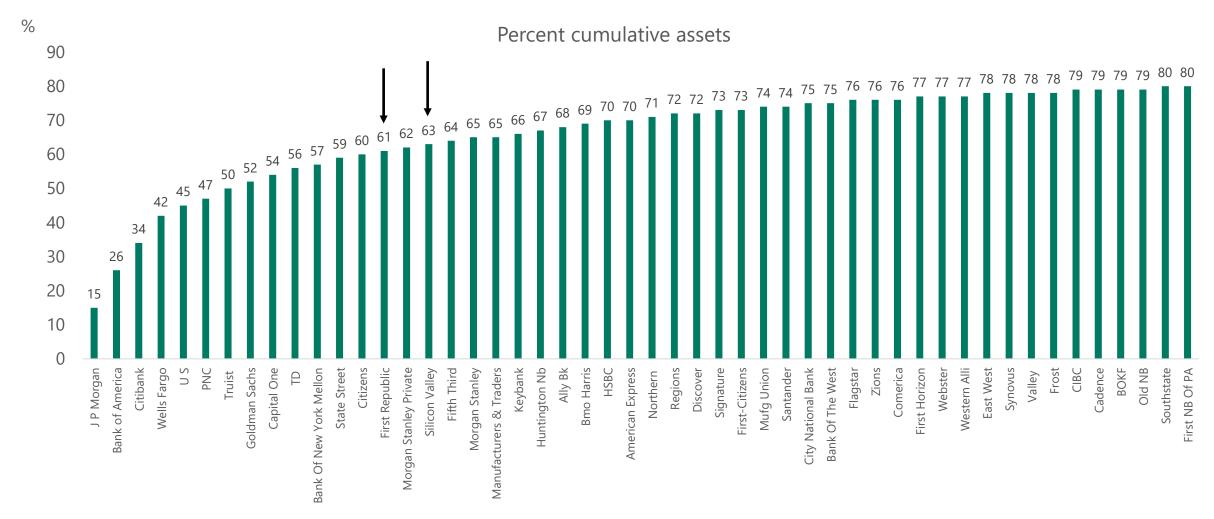
Lending to corporates is slowing for both small and large banks



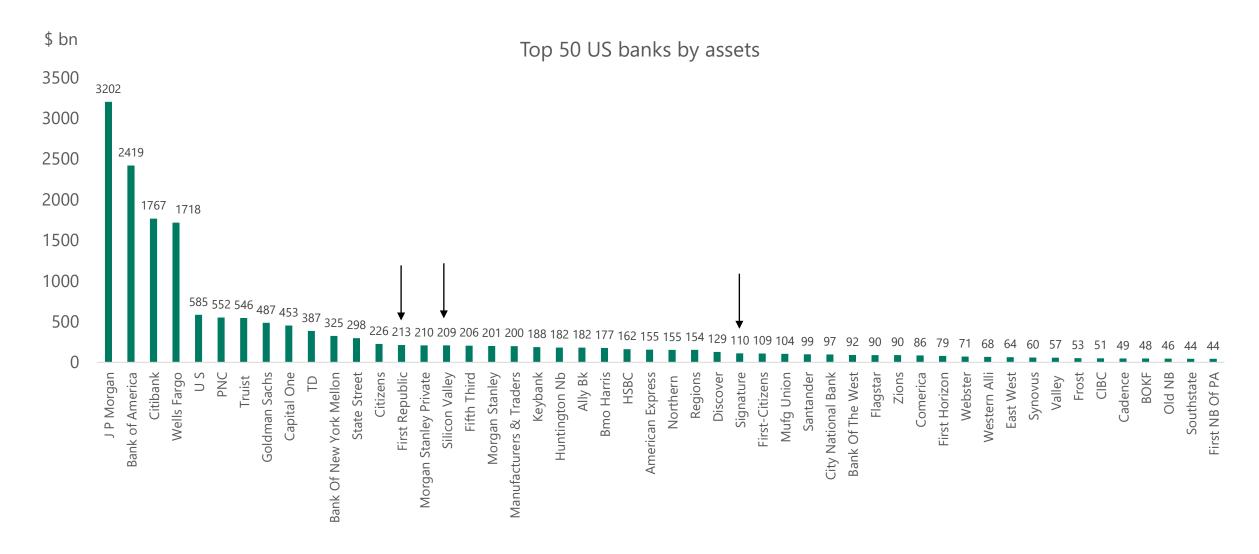
US banks by asset size:

The importance of regional banks for the US economy

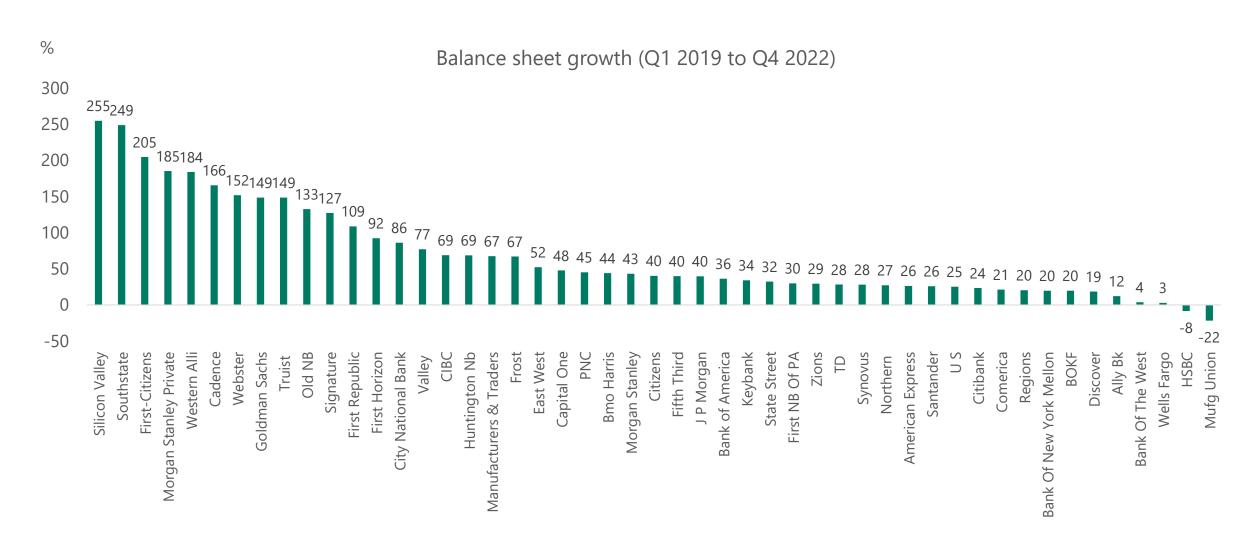
Tighter credit conditions are coming: Banks "to the right" of SVB are likely to start reorganizing their balance sheets



Top 50 US banks by assets

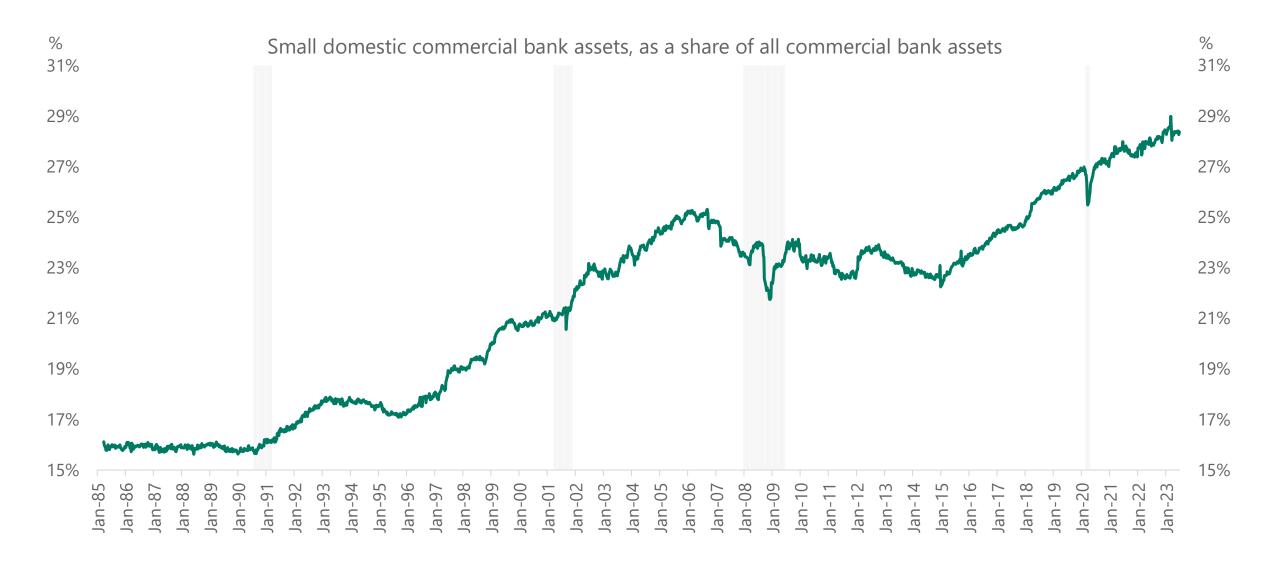


Balance sheet growth of US banks, ranked by fastest growth in percent

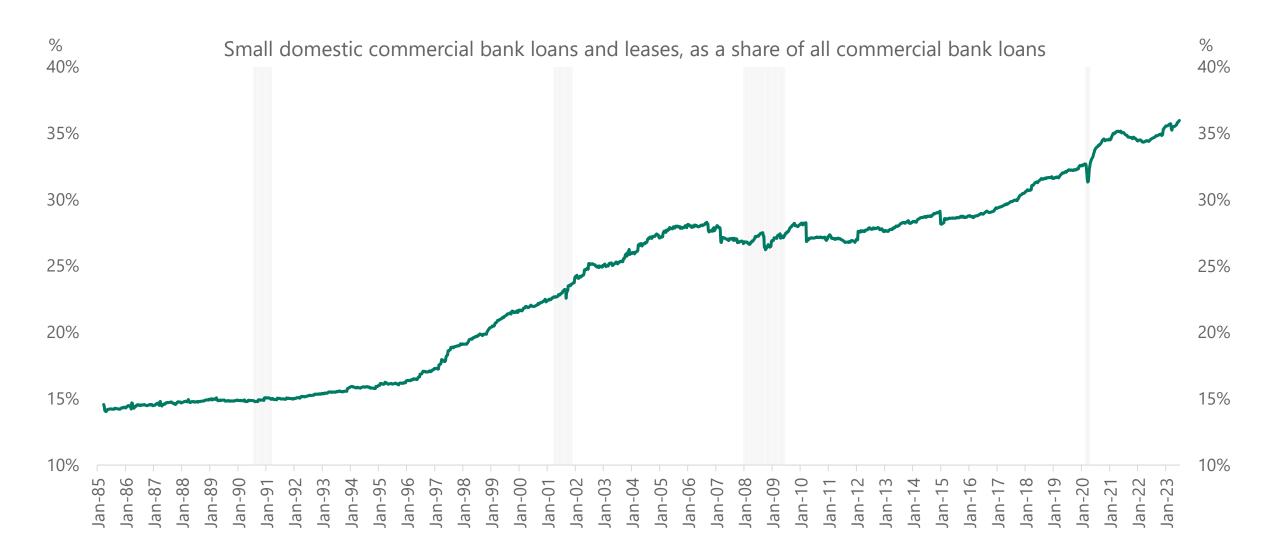


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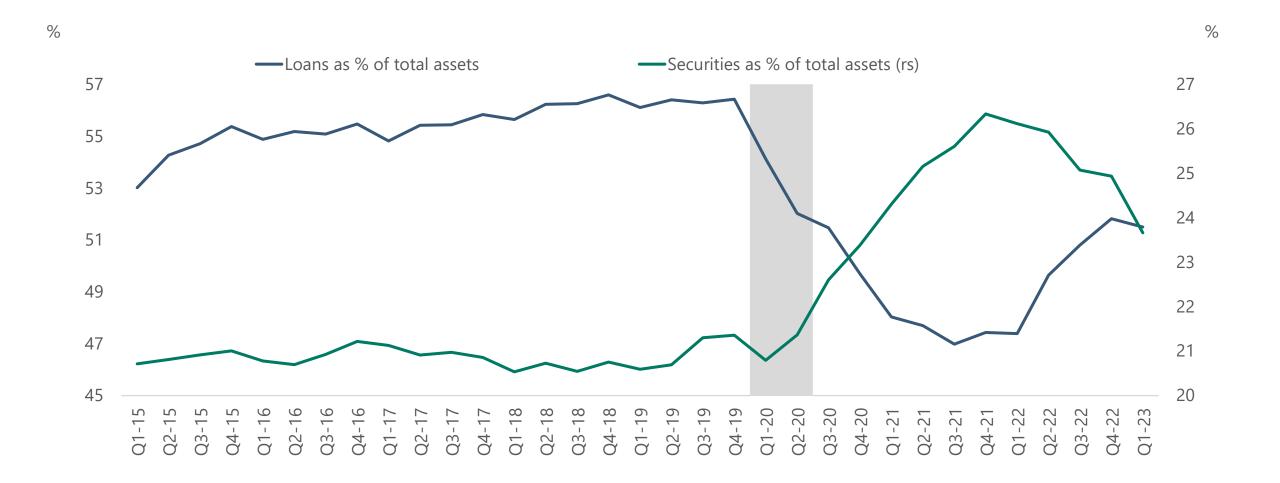
Small bank assets as a share of total banking sector assets



Share of lending by smaller banks

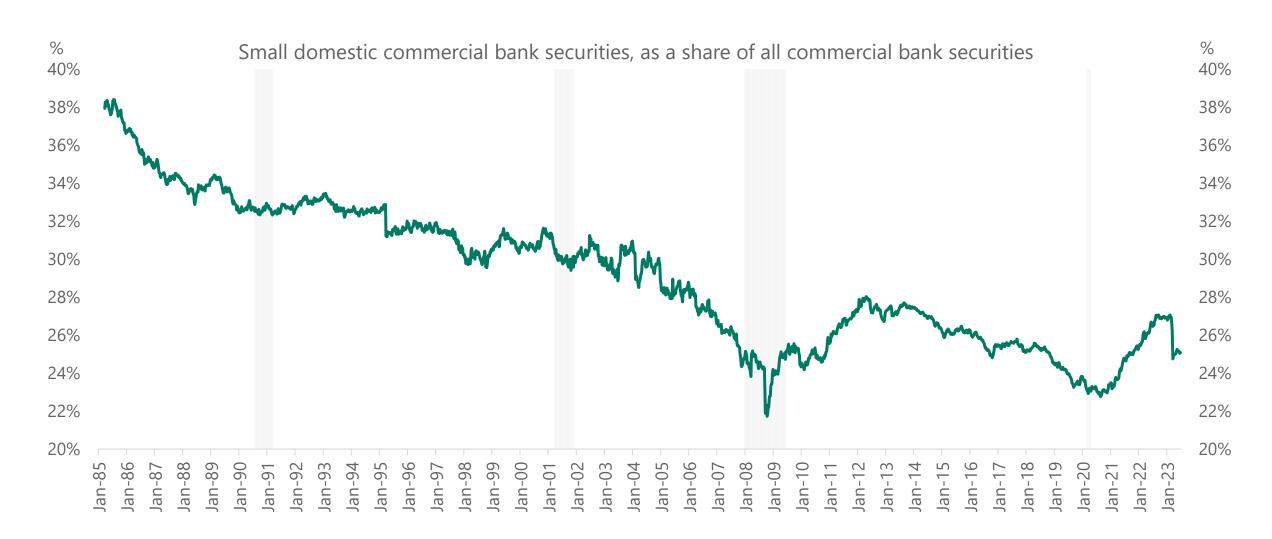


During the pandemic, banks shifted from lending to holding securities

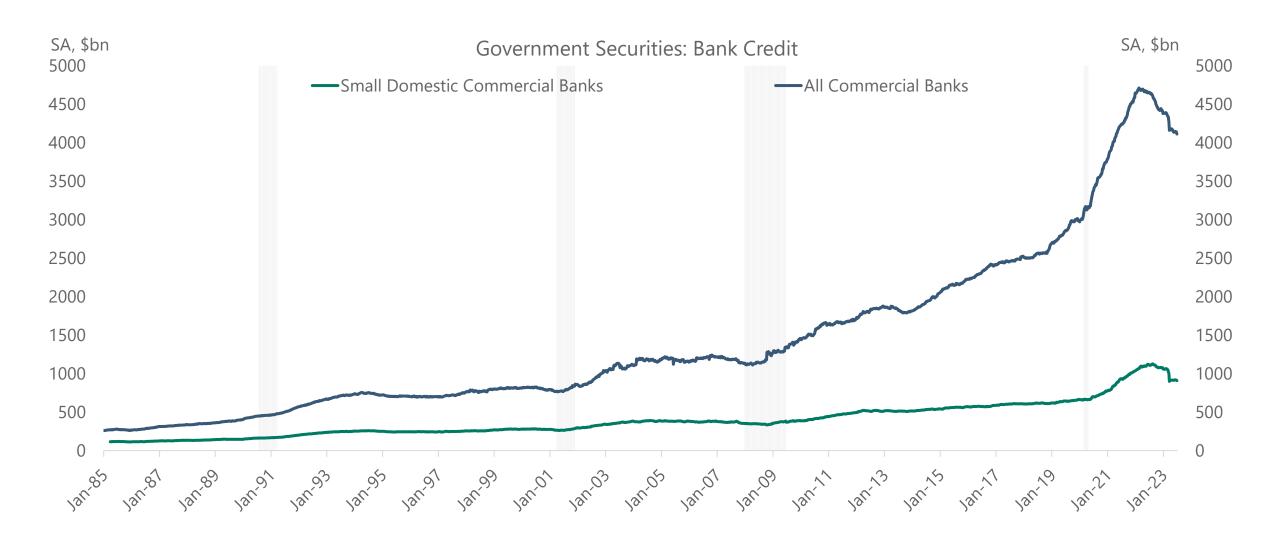


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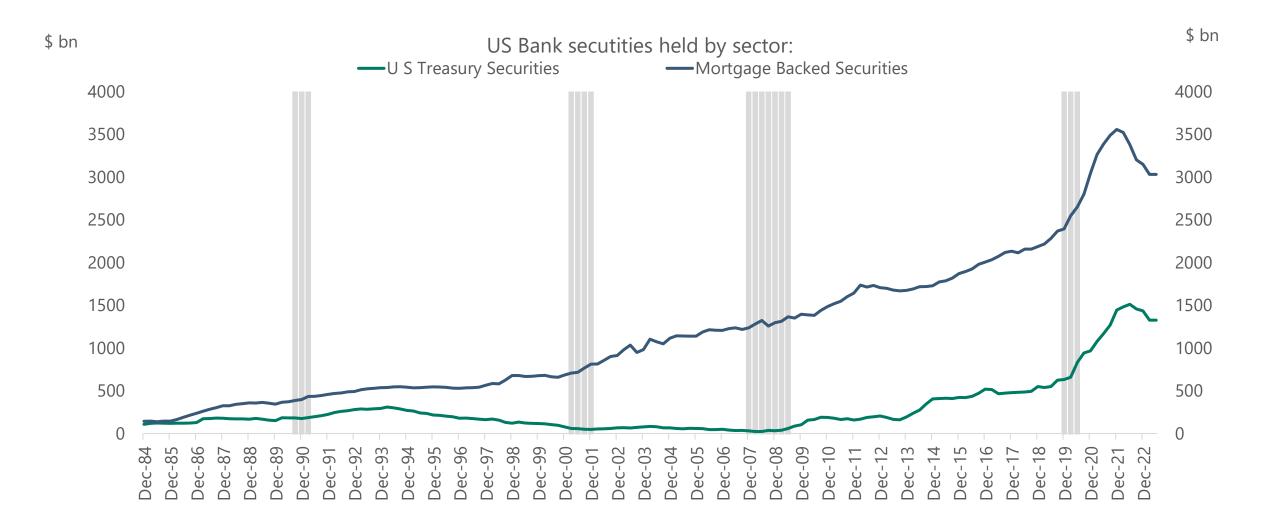
Share of securities in the banking sector held by small banks



Small banks hold about \$1trn in Treasuries

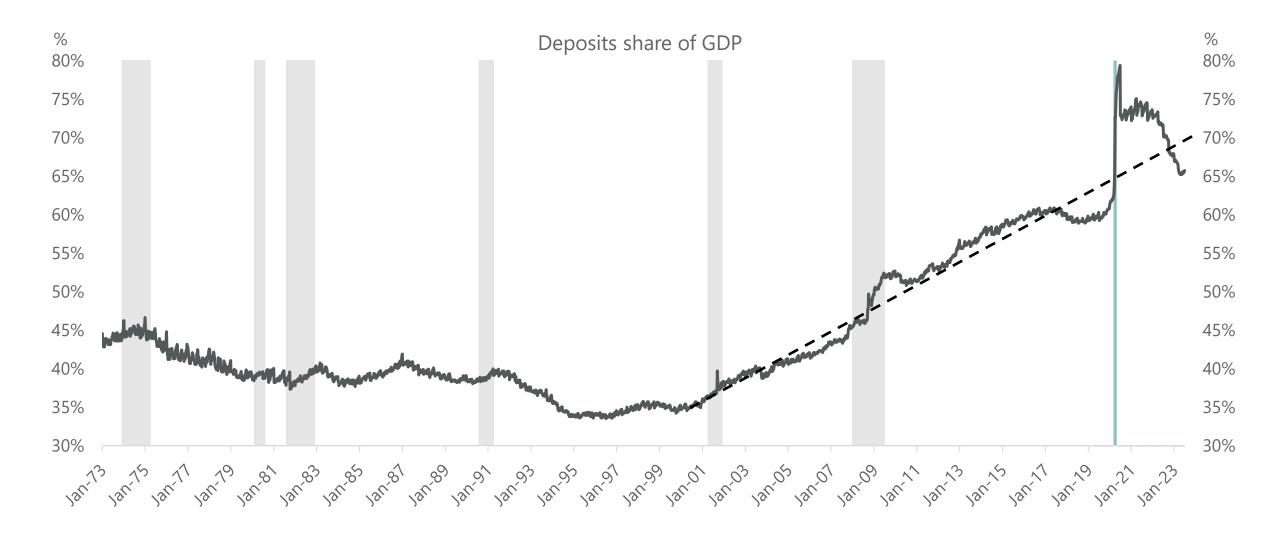


Securities held by FDIC-insured banks



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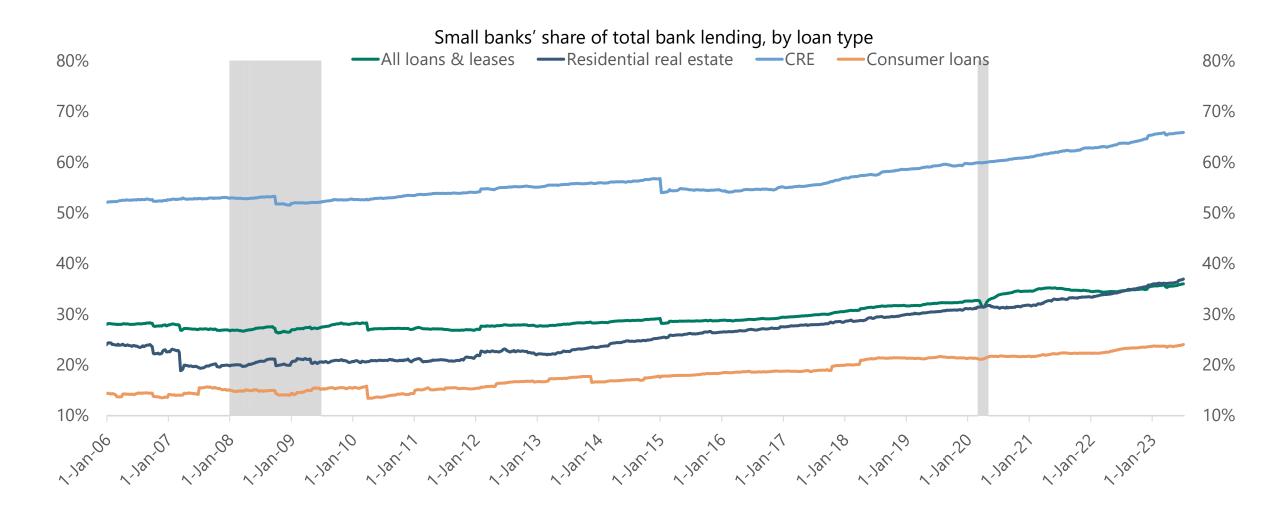
Deposits as a share of GDP now below trend



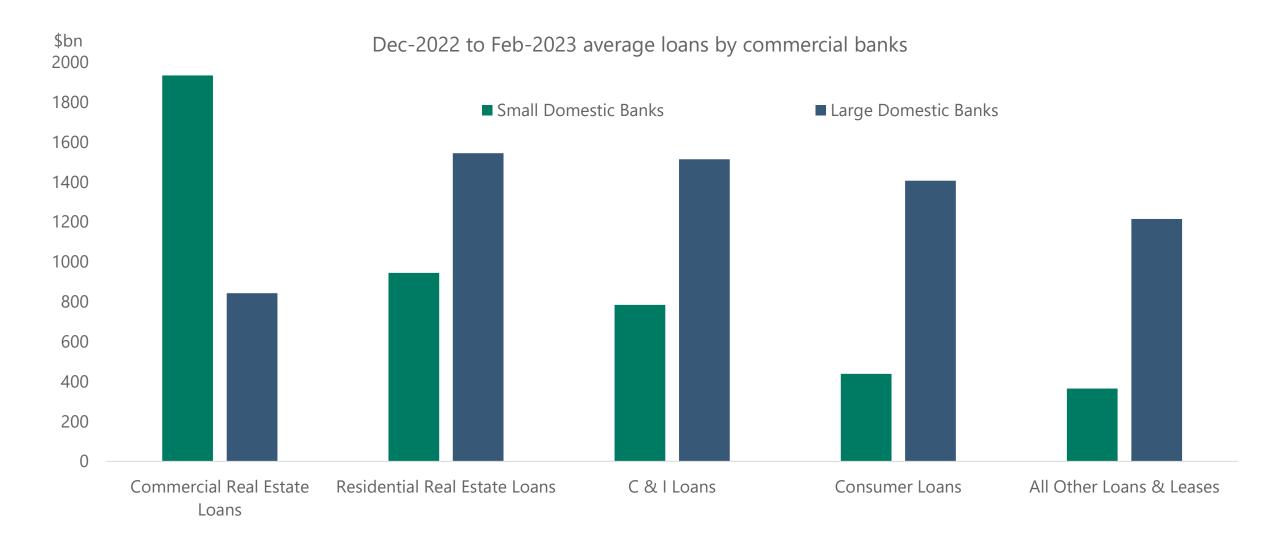
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Regional banks' asset concentration in CRE

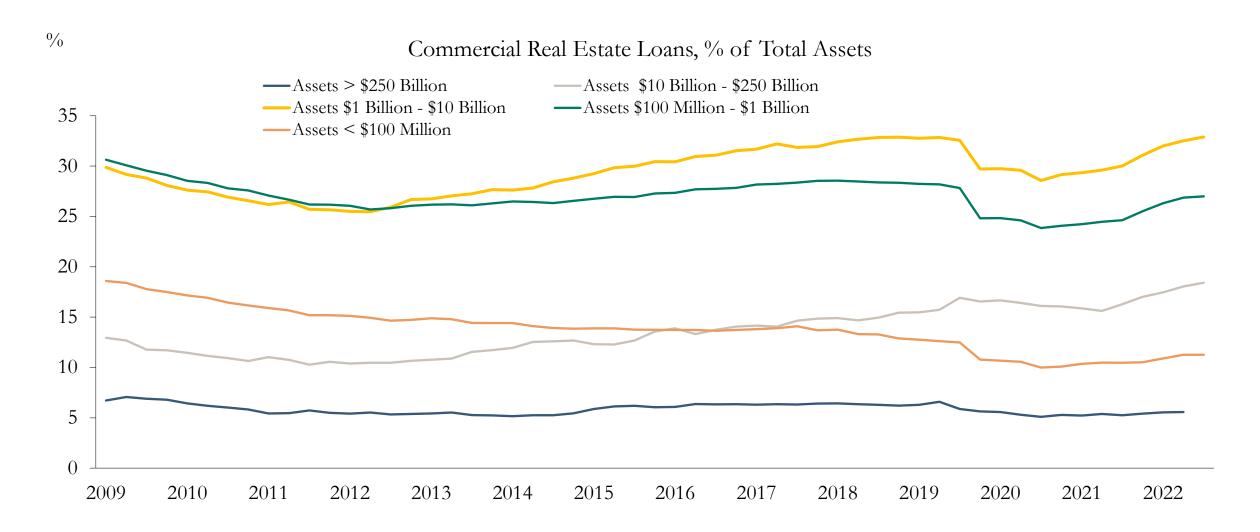
Small banks account for almost 70% of all commercial real estate loans outstanding



High concentration of commercial real estate in small banks

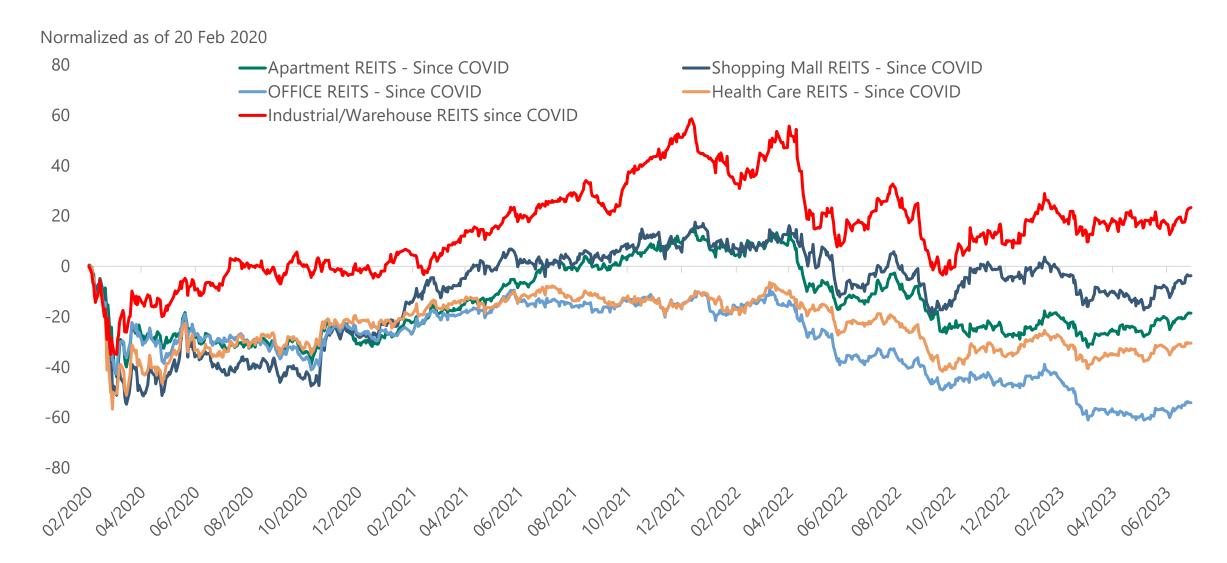


Banks with total assets between \$100mn and \$10bn are more exposed to CRE loans



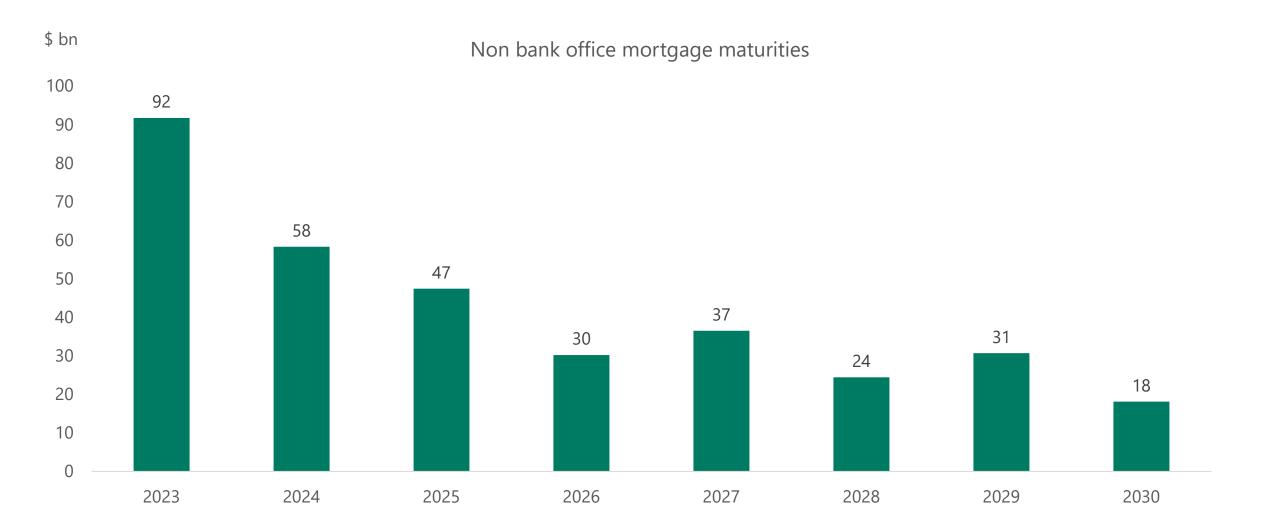
Source: FDIC, Apollo Chief Economist.

Where are the problems in CRE?



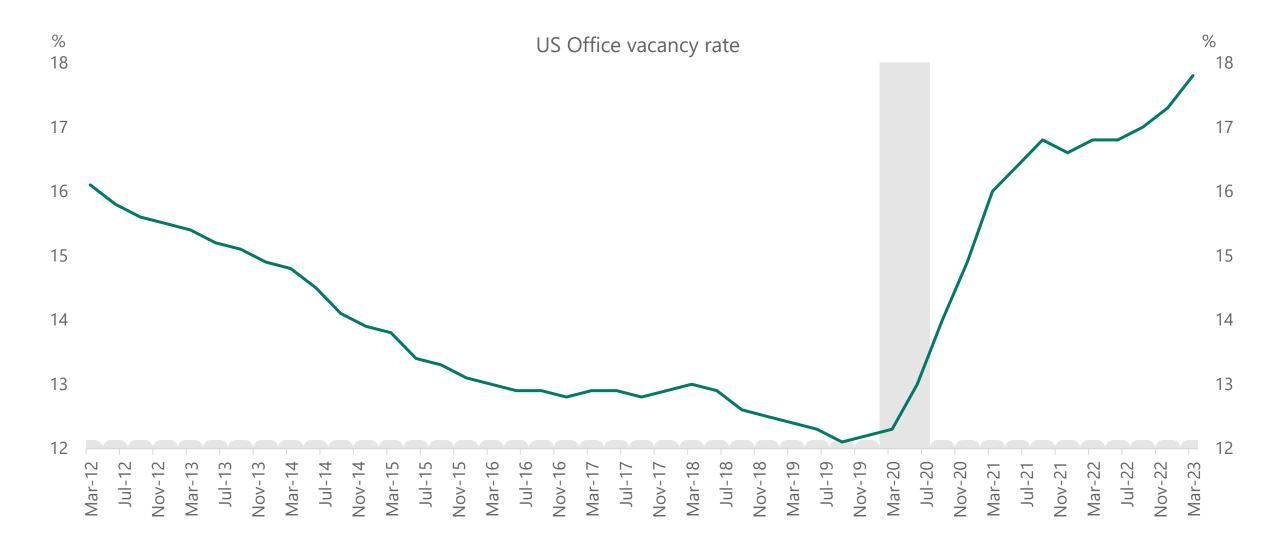
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

Nearly \$92 bn of nonbank office debt is set to mature this year



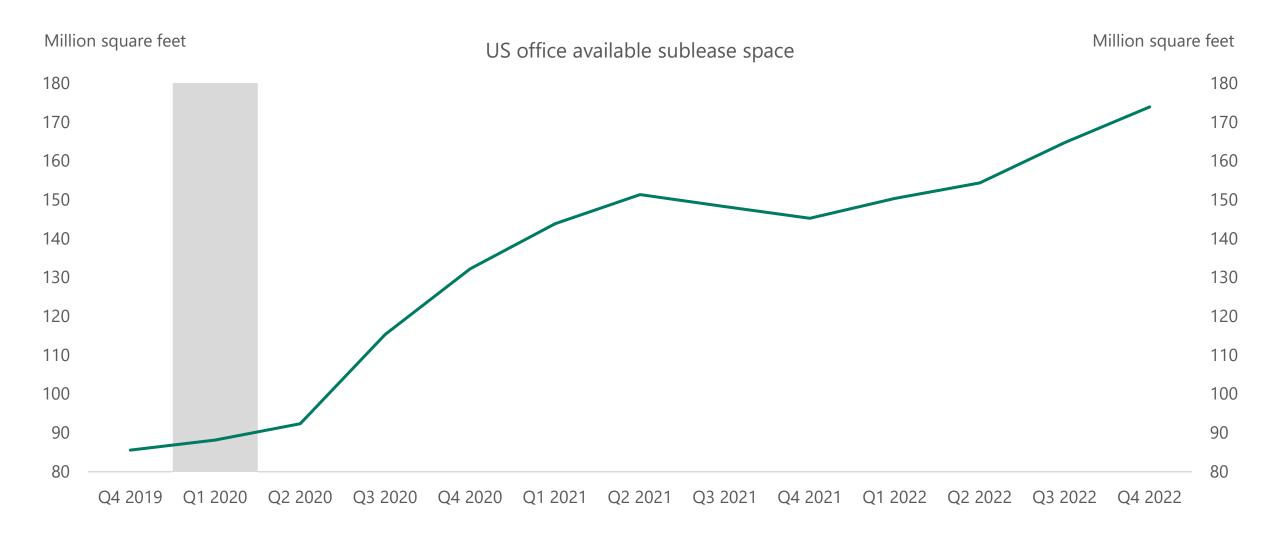
Source: MBA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 83

US Office vacancy rate rising



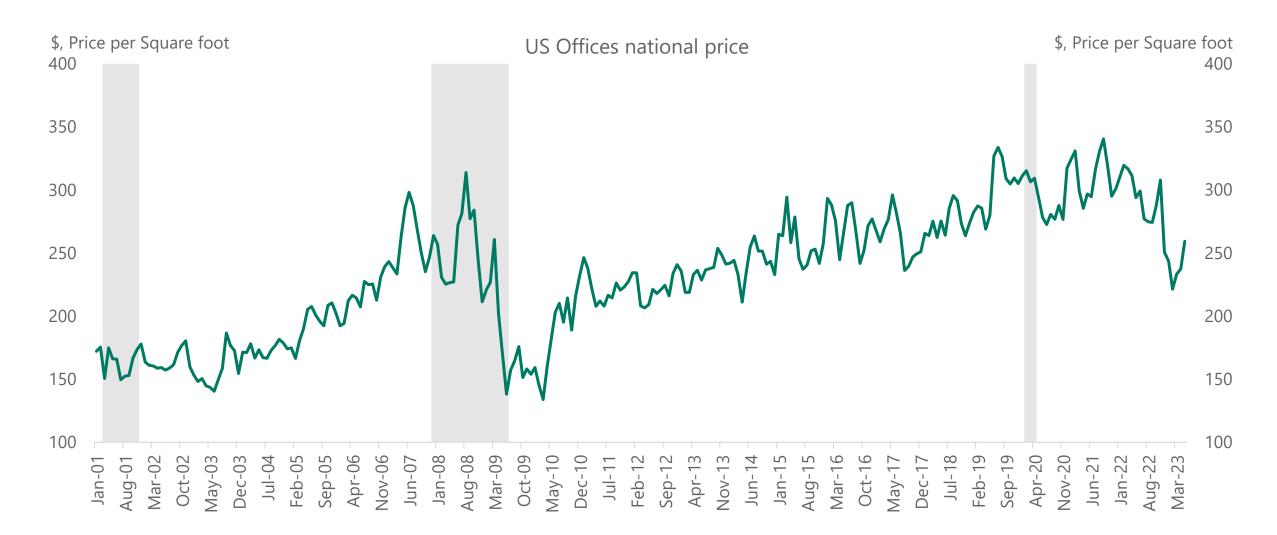
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Available US office space rising



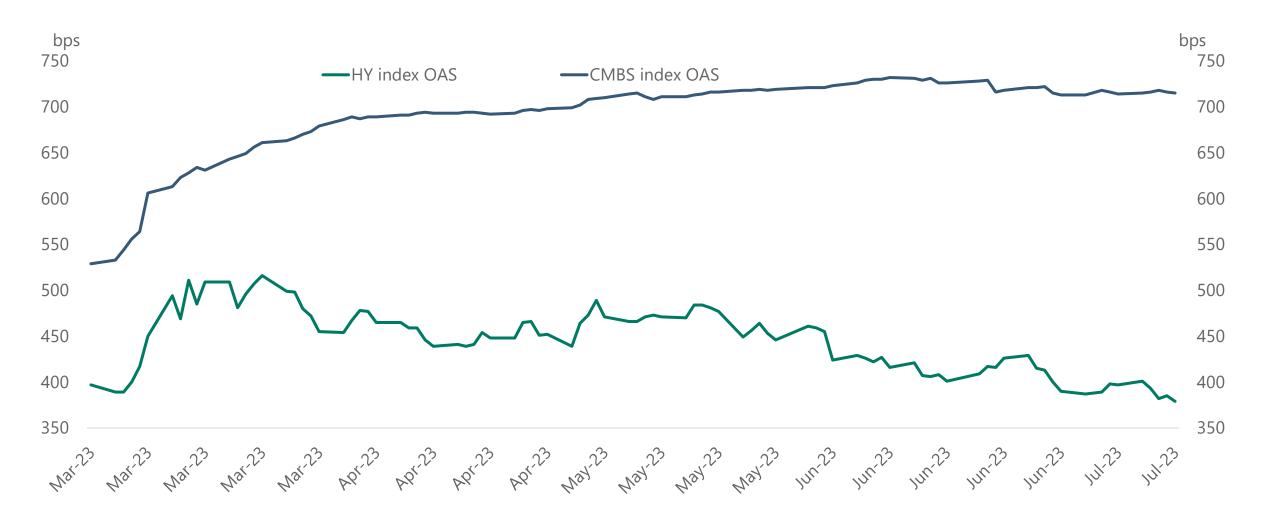
Source: Savills US Markets, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist.

Price per square foot for US offices falling

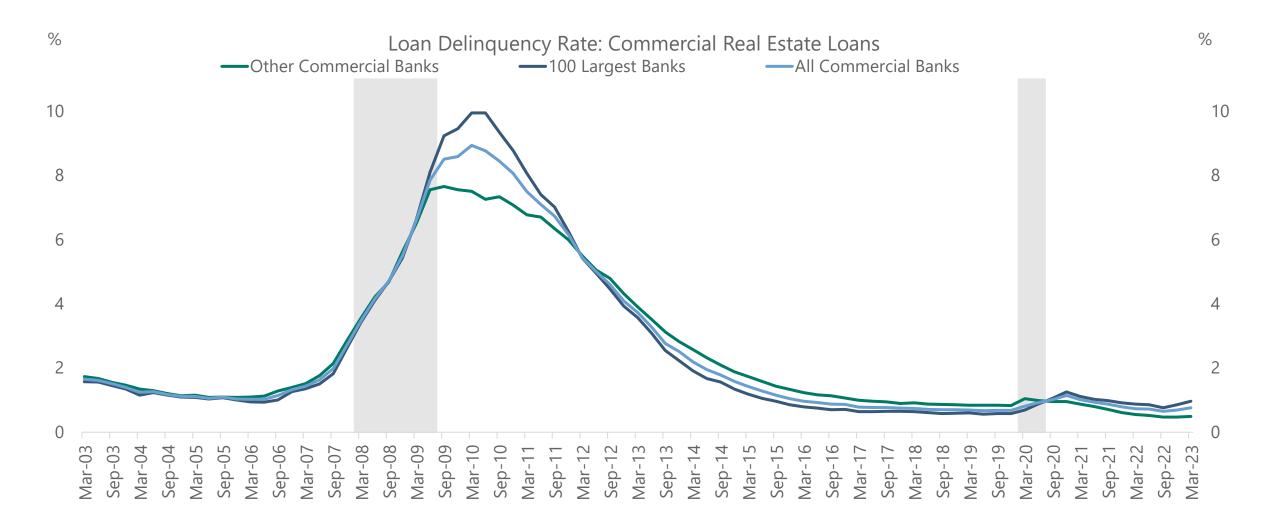


Source: RCA, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

CMBS spreads compared with HY spreads

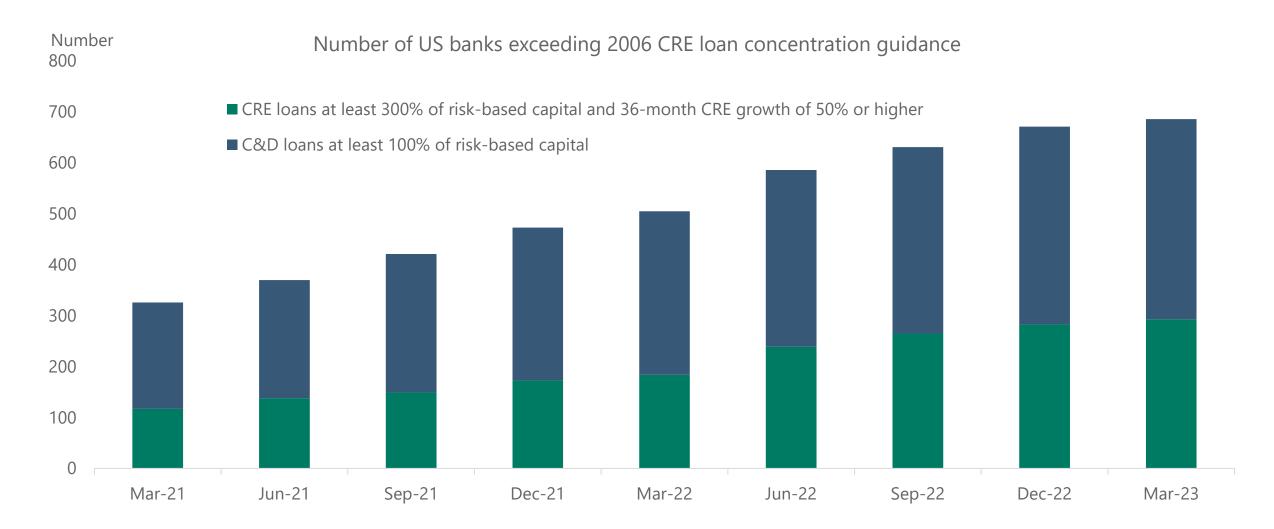


CRE delinquency rate



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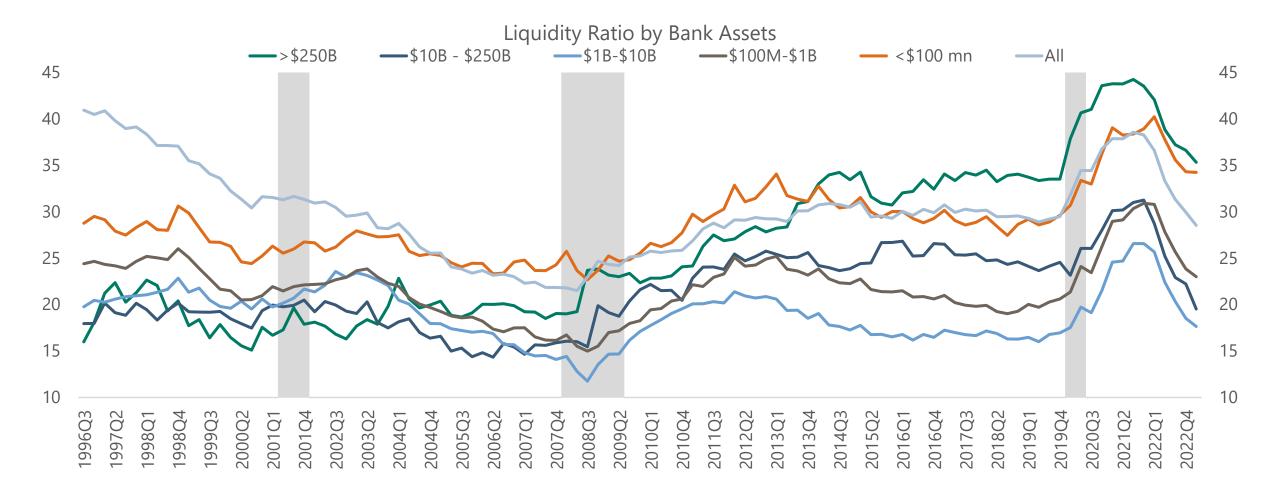
Number of banks with CRE exposure rising



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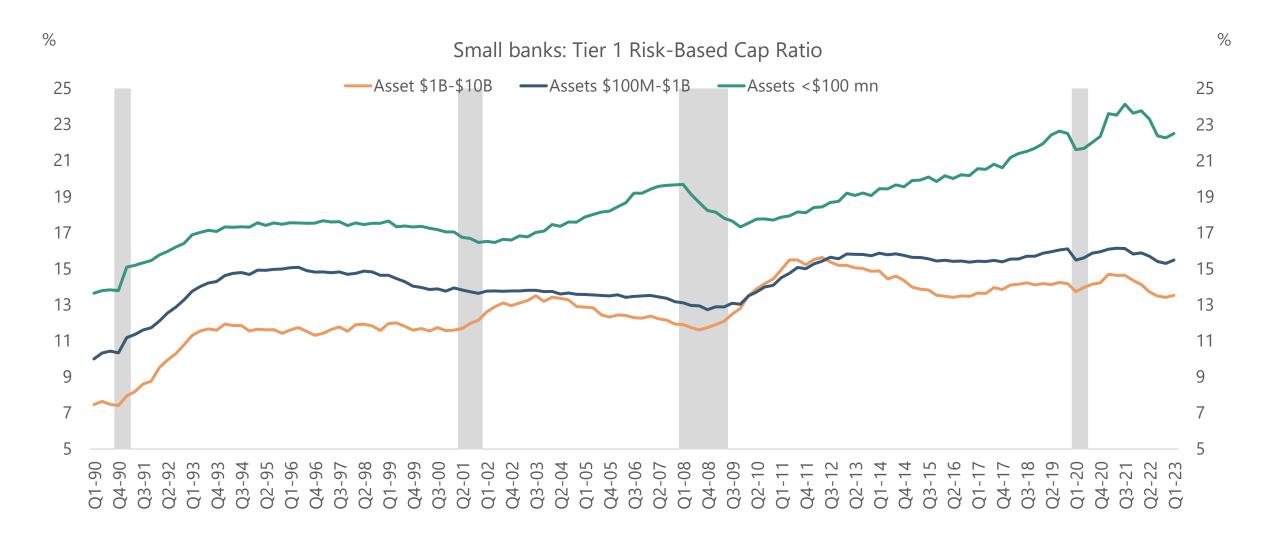
Measures of banking sector liquidity and capital ratios

Liquidity ratio, by bank assets: Banks from \$1bn to \$10bn have the least liquidity

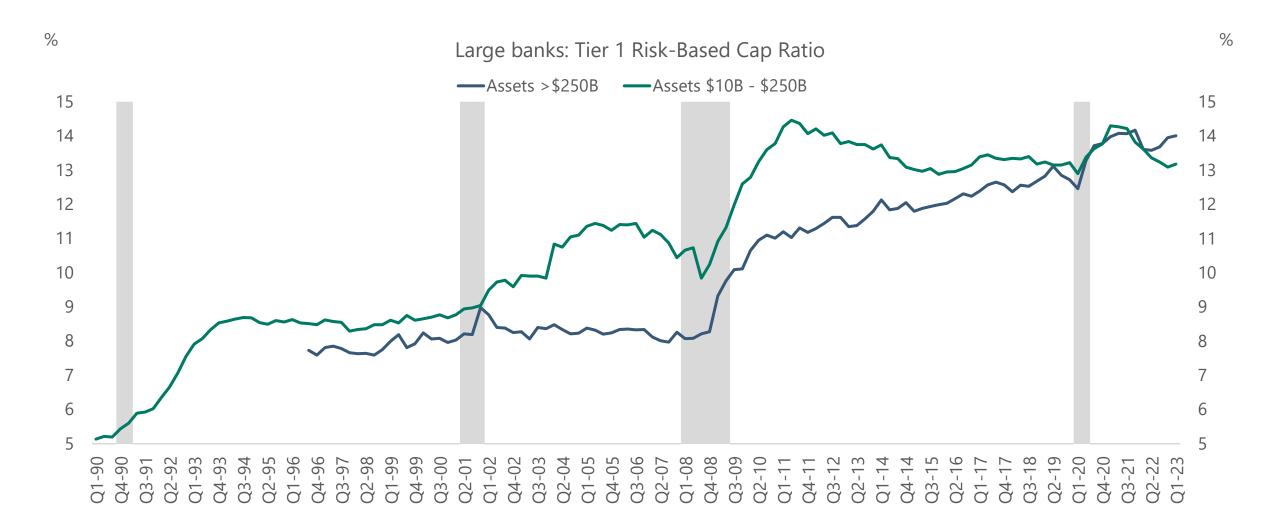


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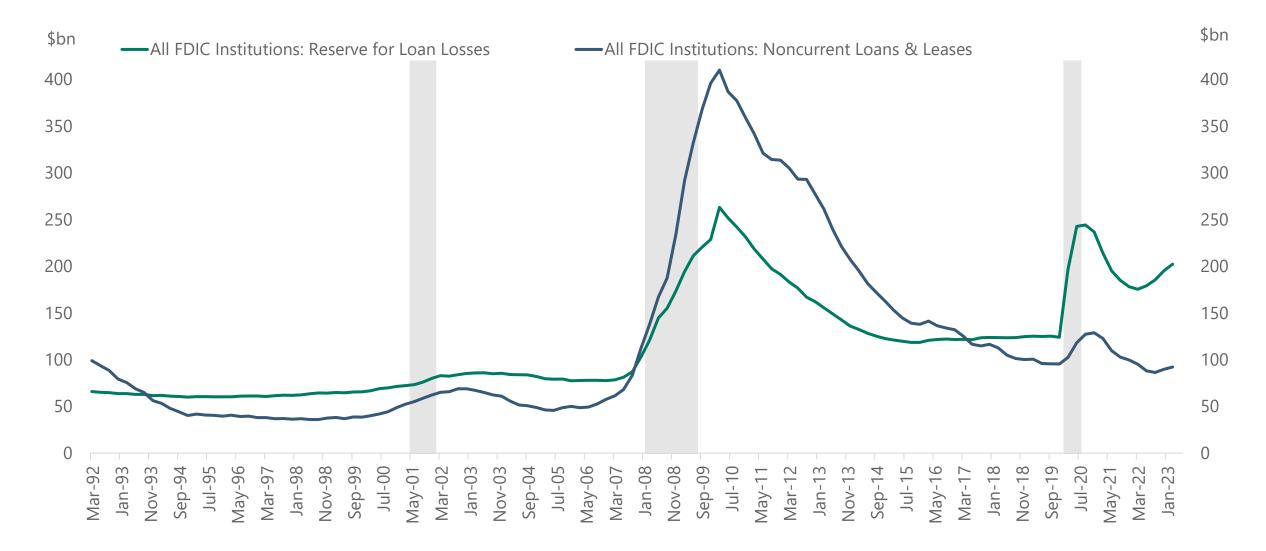
Tier-1 risk-based capital ratio for banks, by size



Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio for larger banks

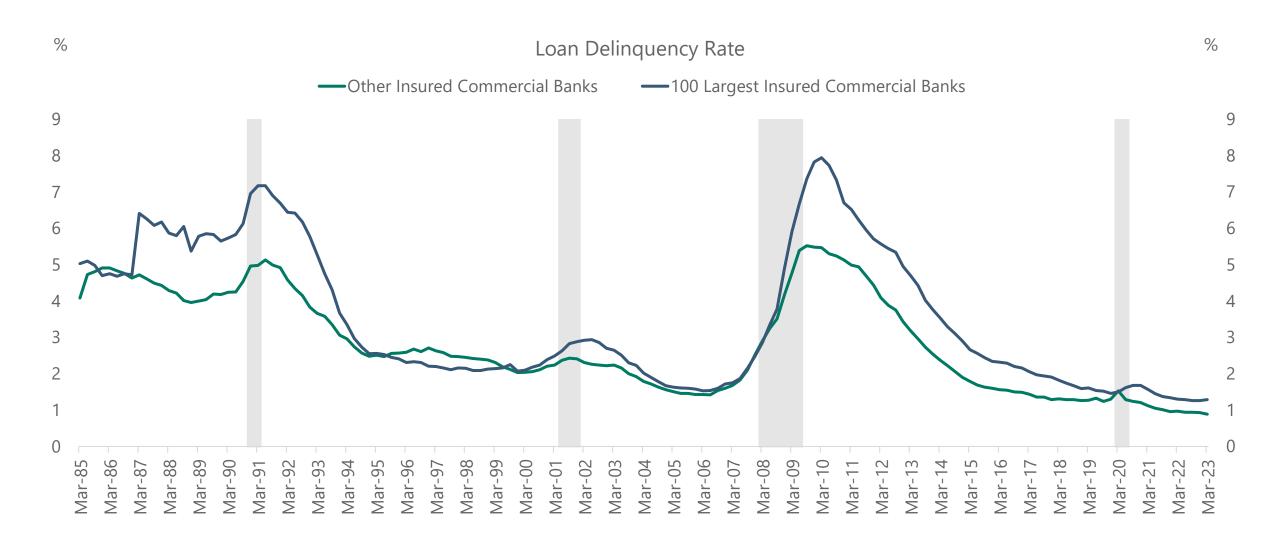


Reserves for loan losses

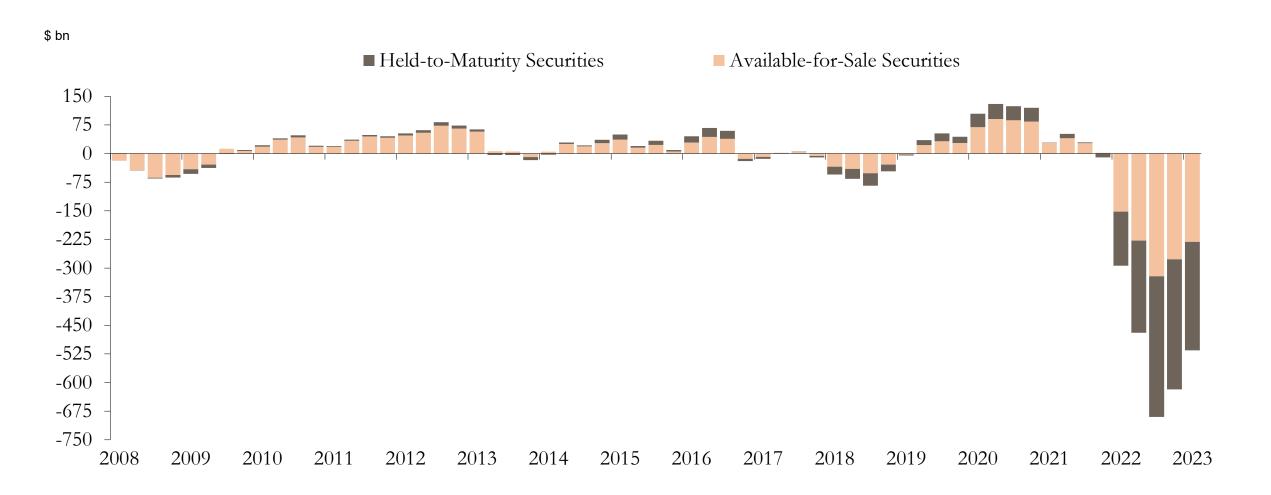


Source: FDIC, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist.

Loan delinquency rates for large and small banks



Unrealized Gains (Losses) on investment securities for banks, as of 2023Q1

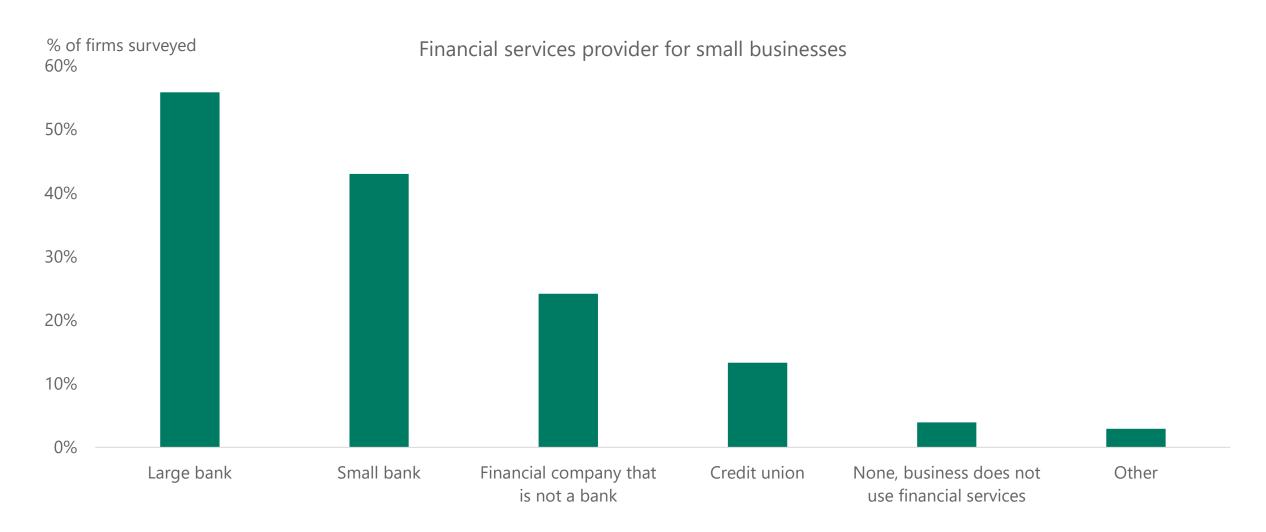


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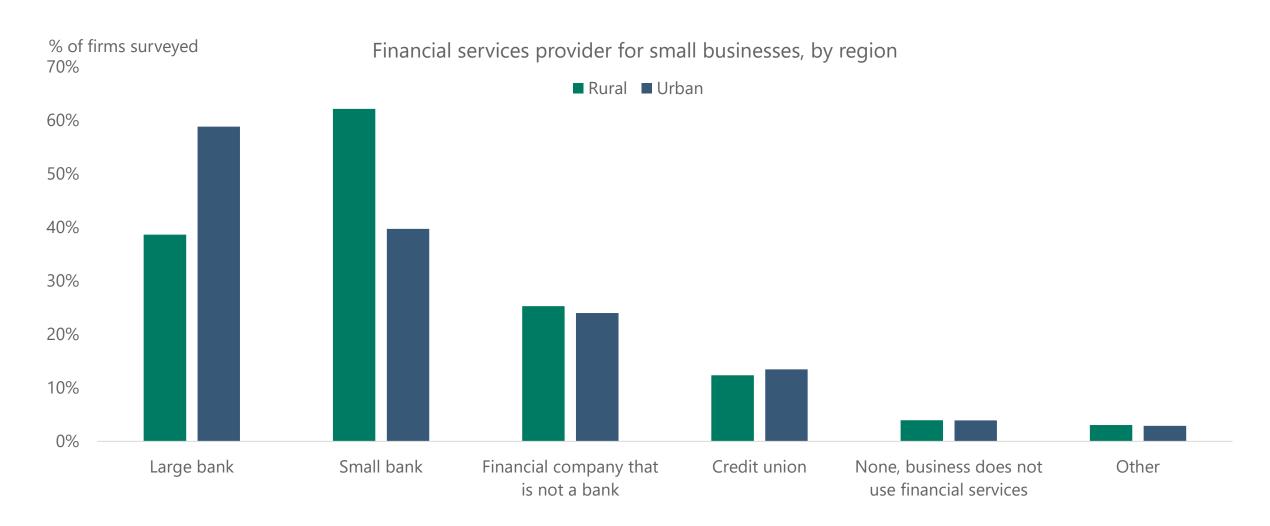
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Sources of financing for small businesses

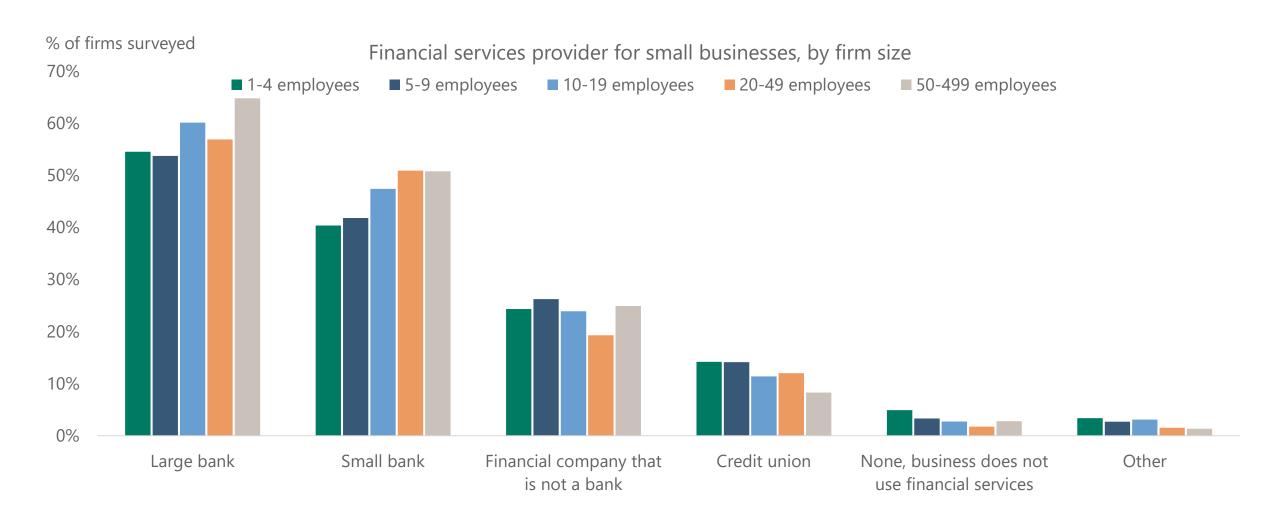
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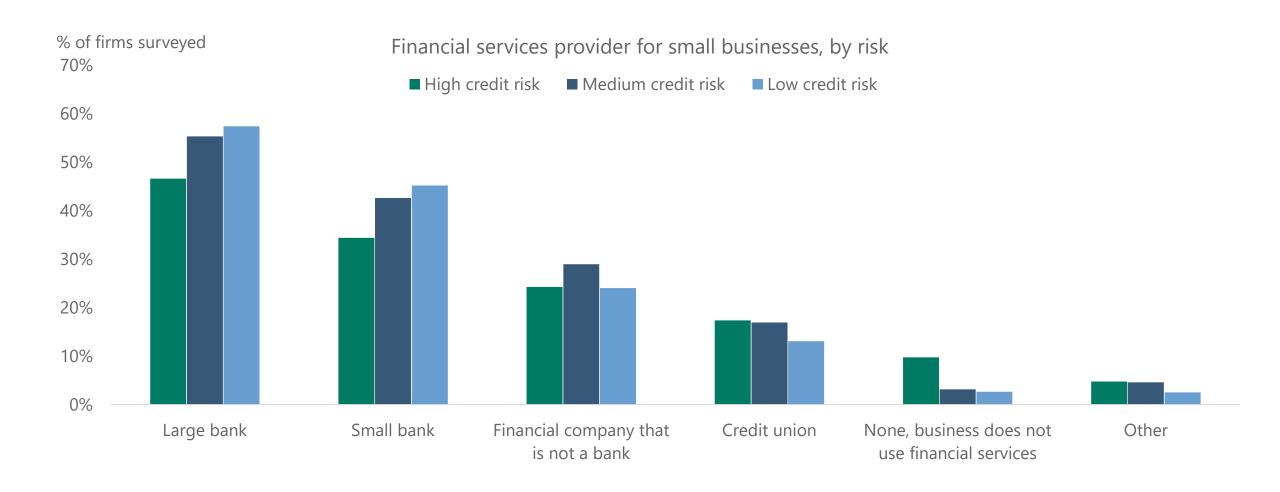
Small banks provide 60% of lending for small businesses in rural areas and 40% in urban areas



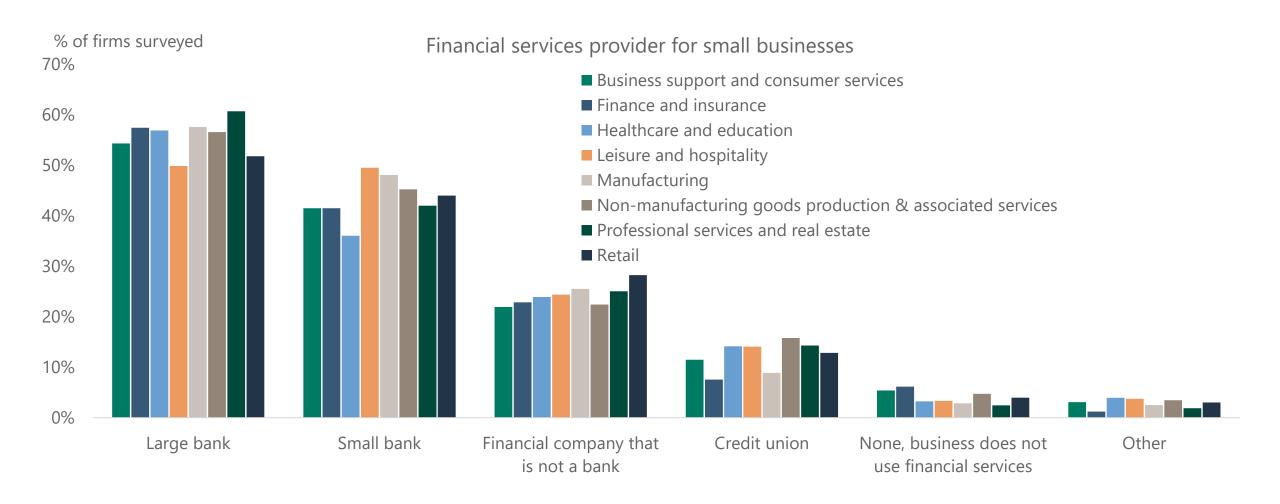
Sources of financing for small businesses, by firm size



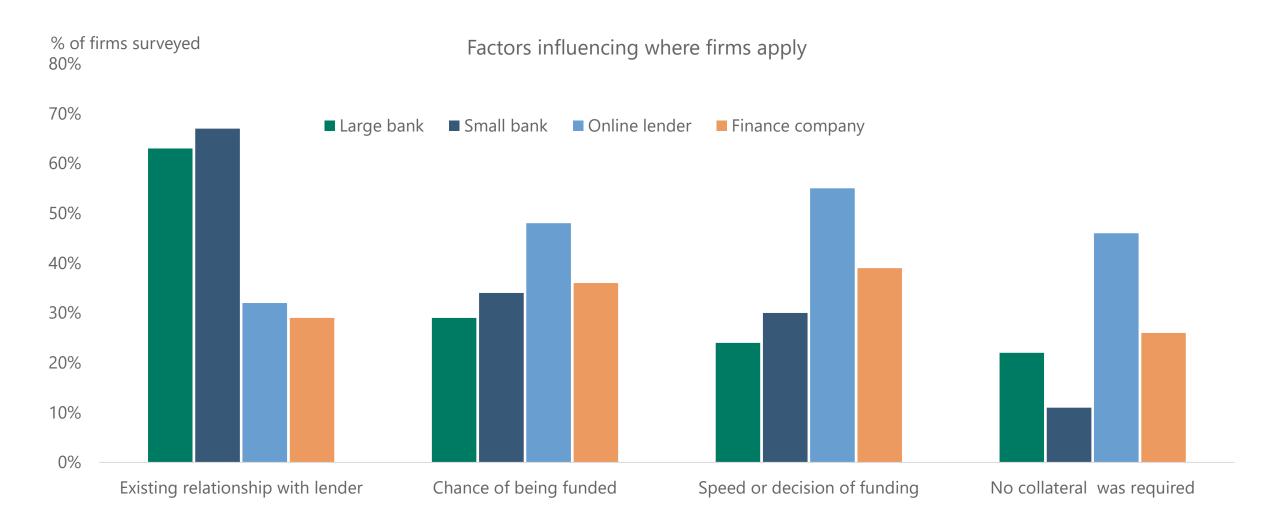
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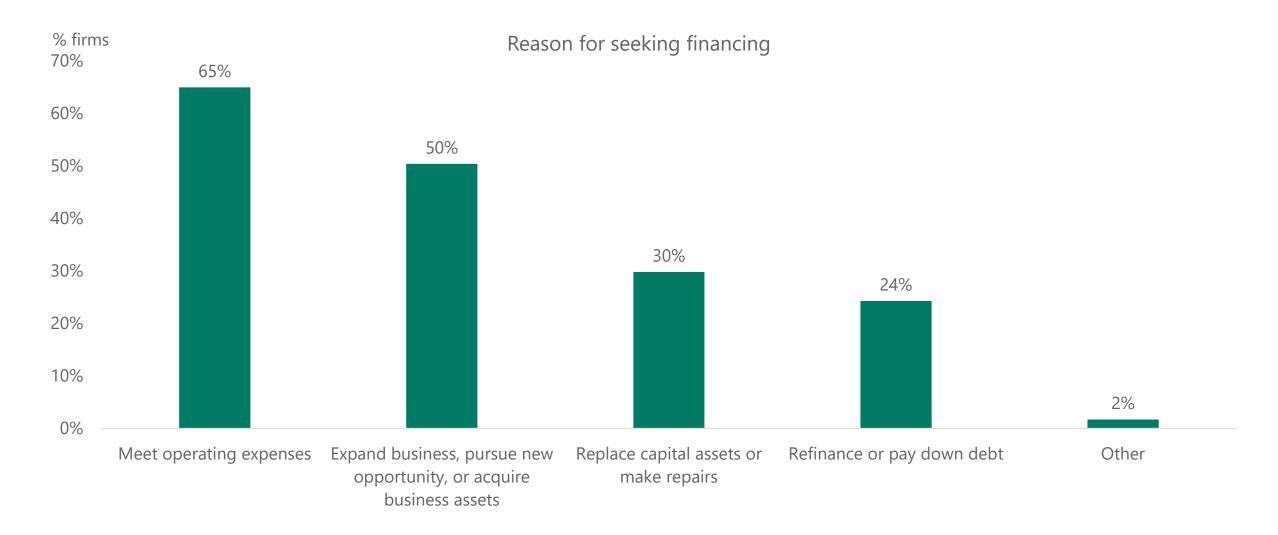
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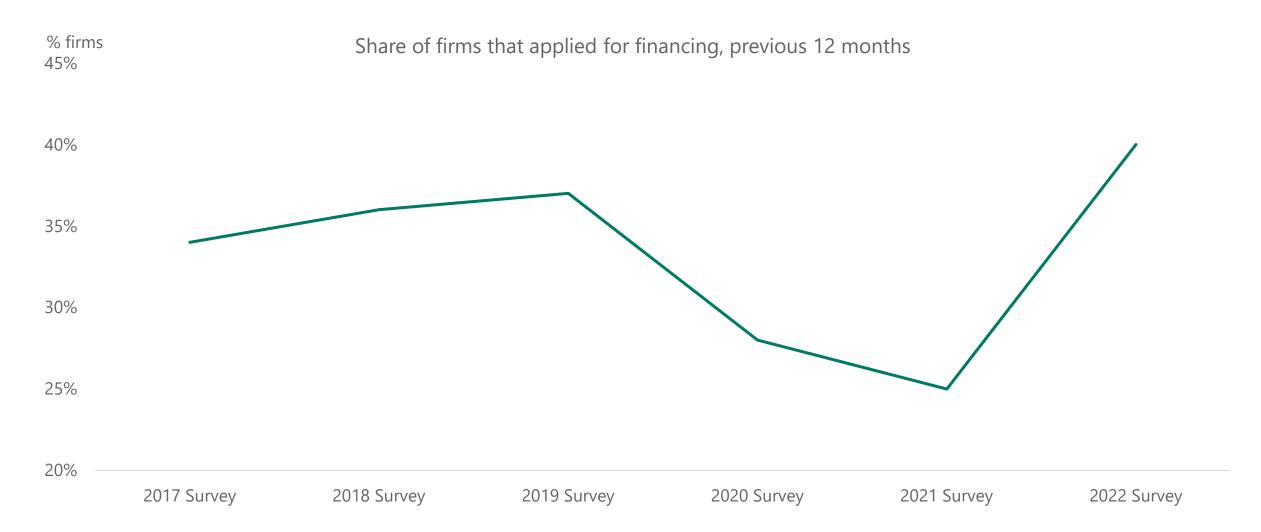
Factors influencing where small businesses apply for a loan. Relationship is important for small bank lending



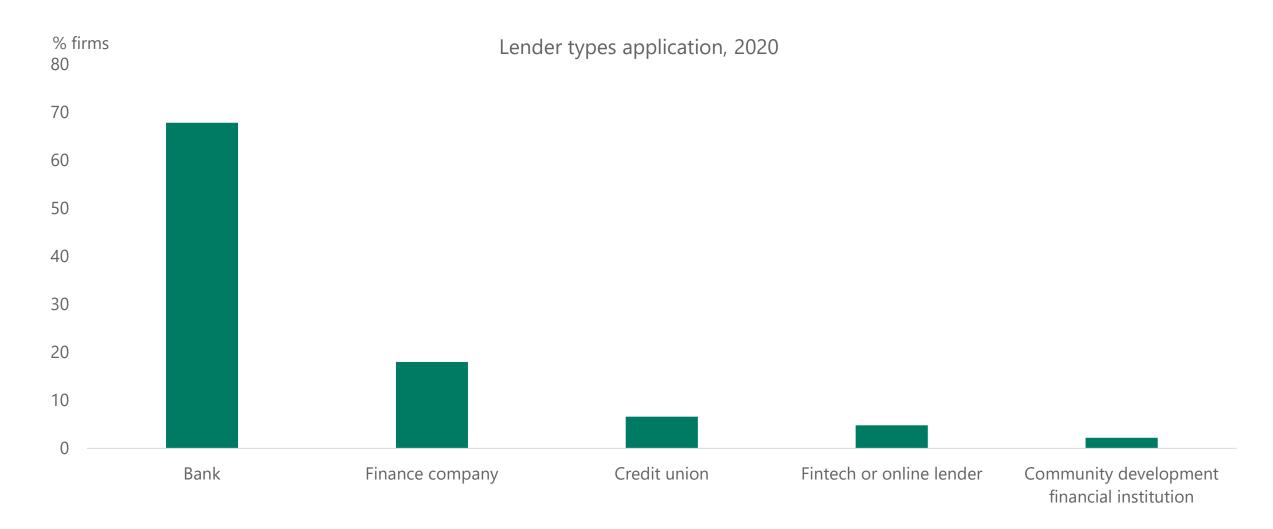
Purpose of seeking financing for small businesses



40% of small firms have applied for financing in the past 12 months



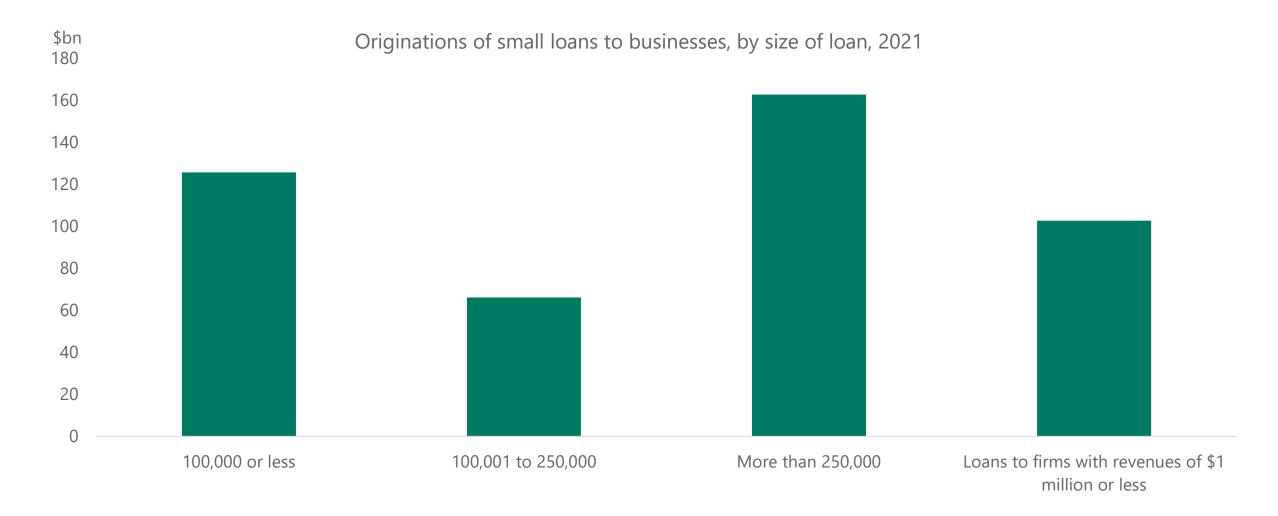
Banks are the most important source of financing for small businesses



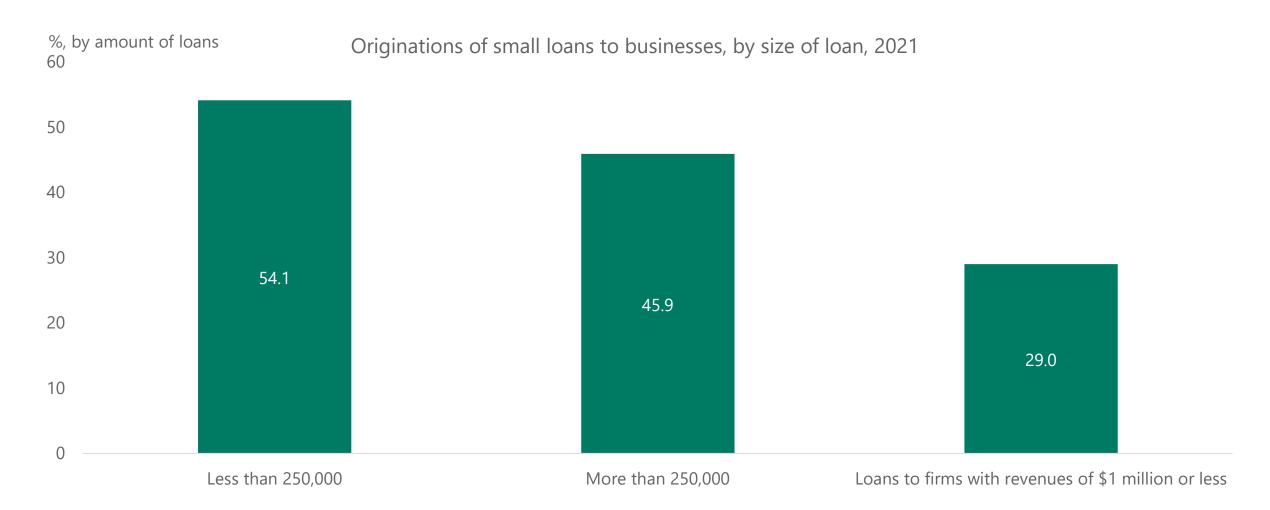
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Small business loans

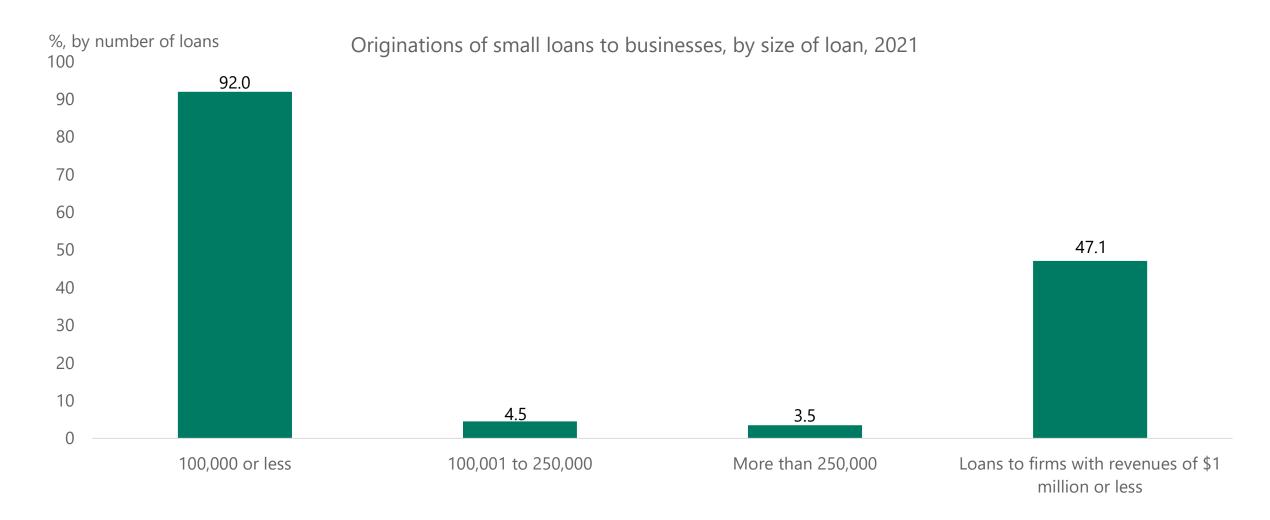
Size of small loans to businesses



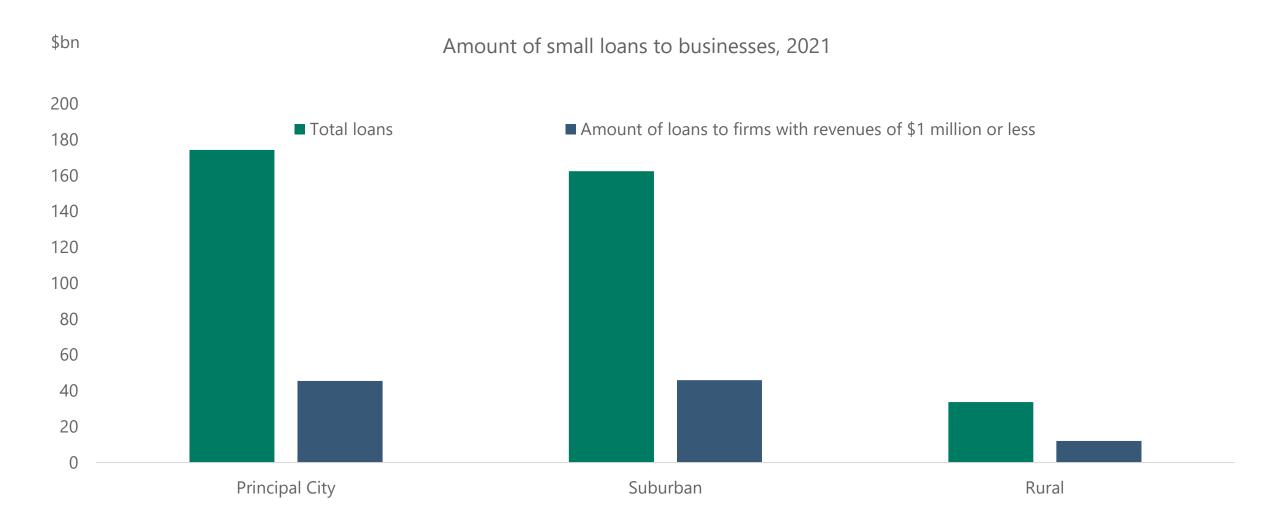
Share of loans to small businesses, by loan size



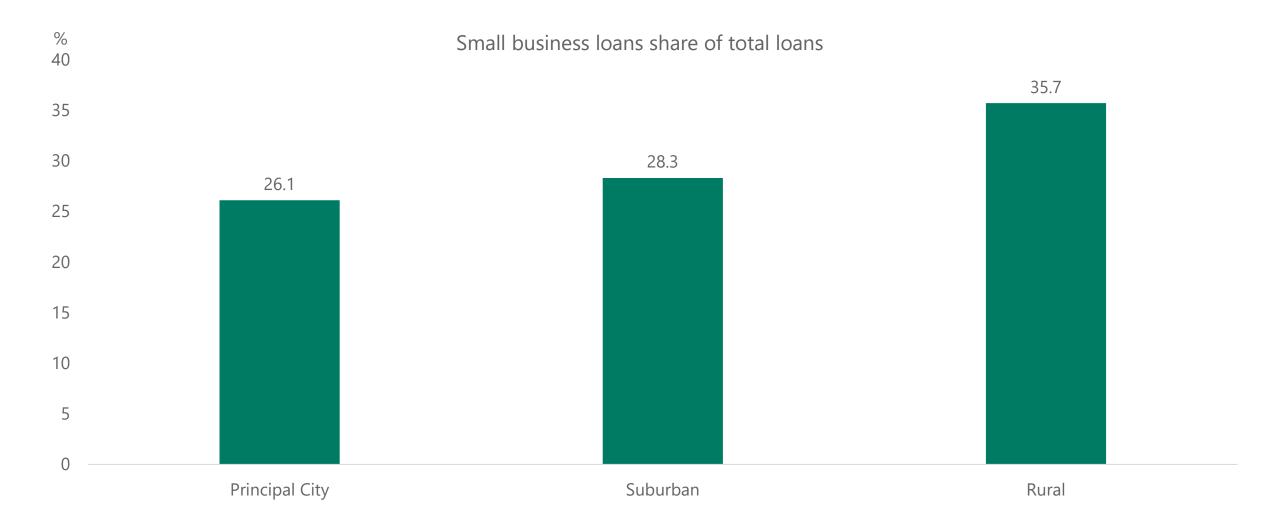
92% of all loans to small businesses in the US are less than \$100,000



Total loans vs loans to small businesses by neighborhood characteristic



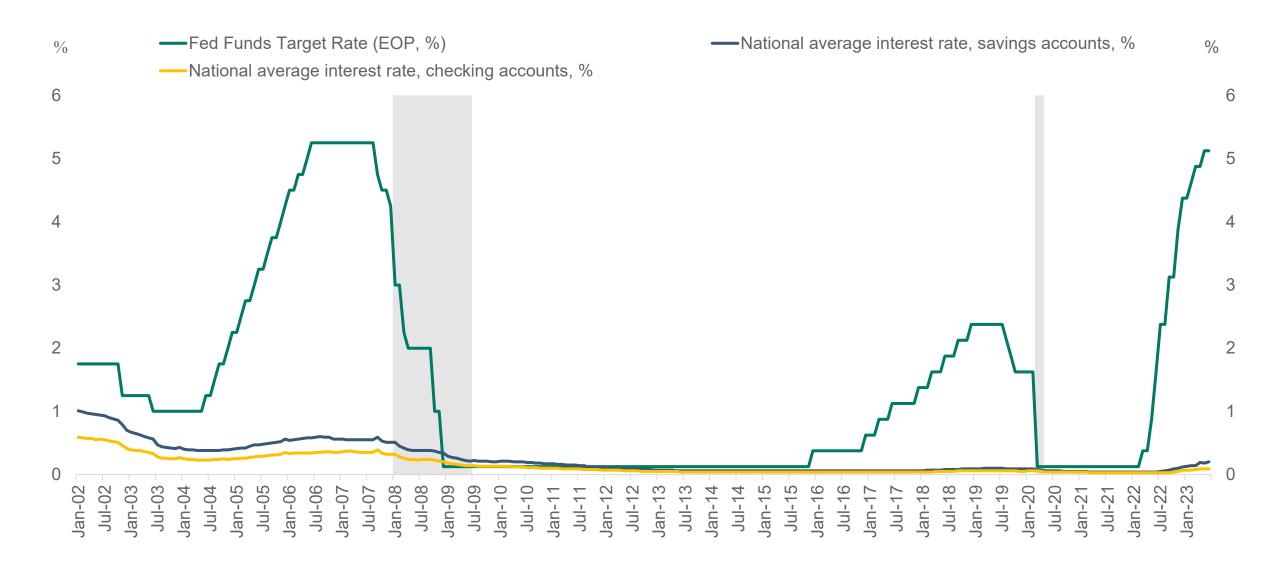
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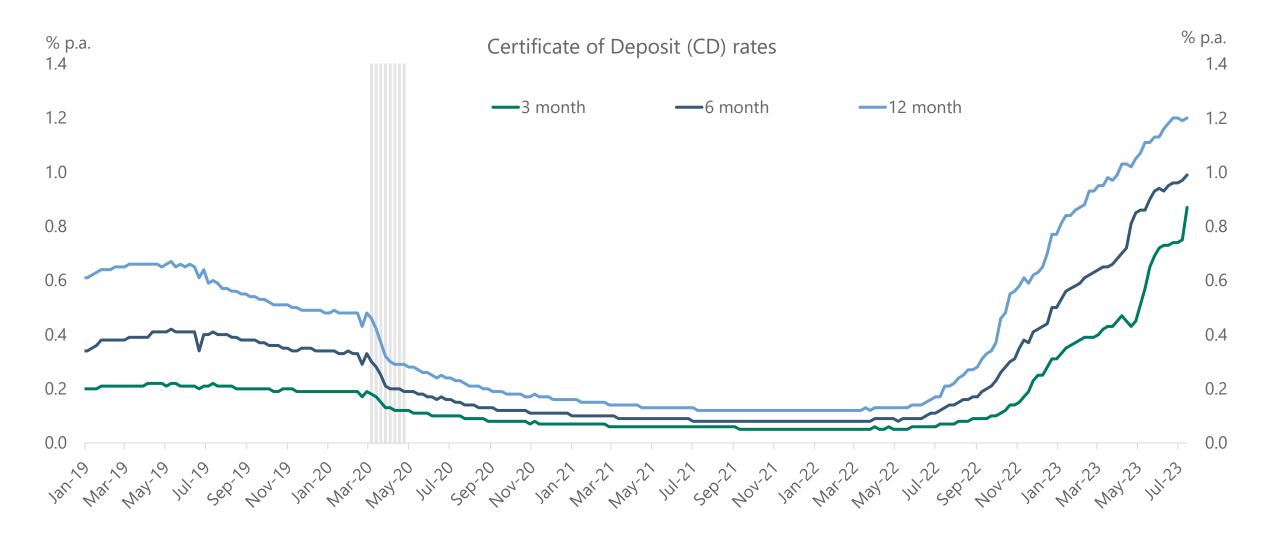
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Fed funds rate versus national average interest rate on checking accounts and CDs

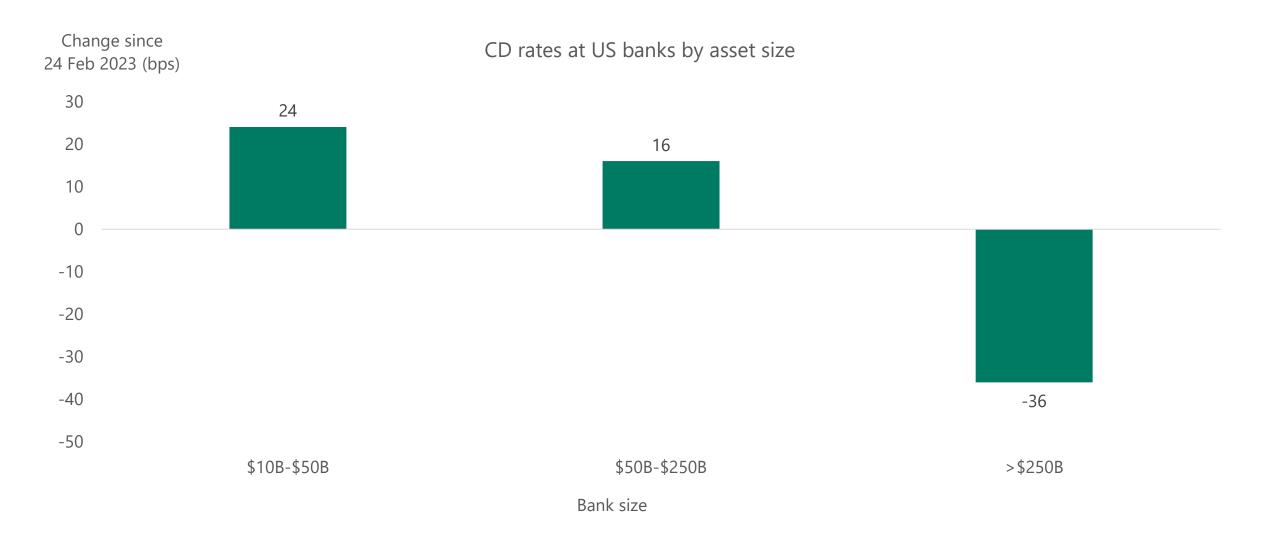
Interest rate on checking accounts versus the Fed funds rate



CD rates have slowly increased as the Fed has raised interest rates

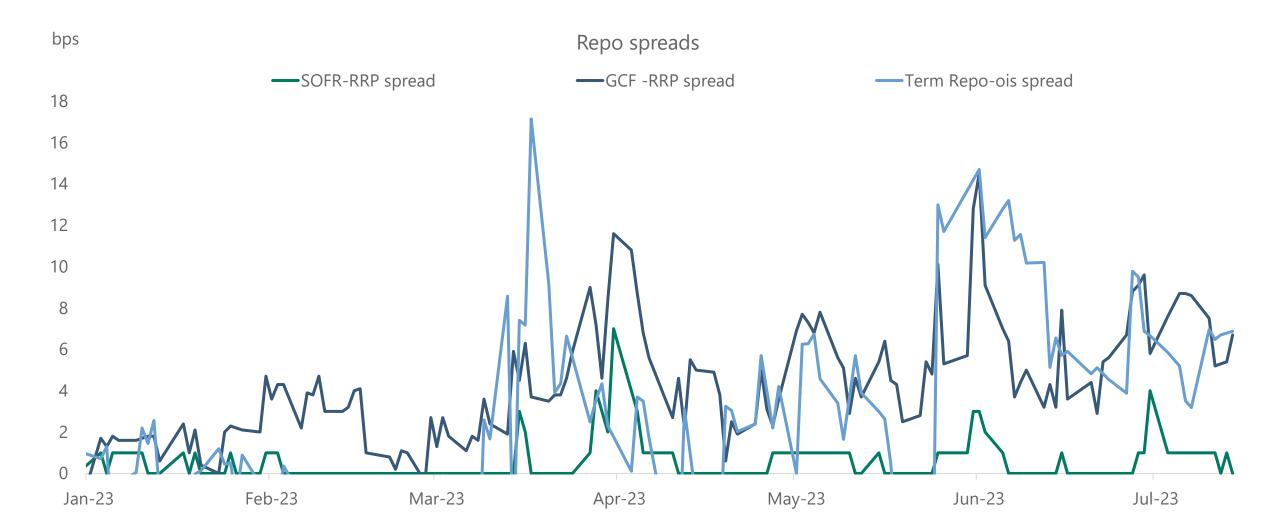


After SVB: Change in 3-month CD rates at US banks, by size of bank



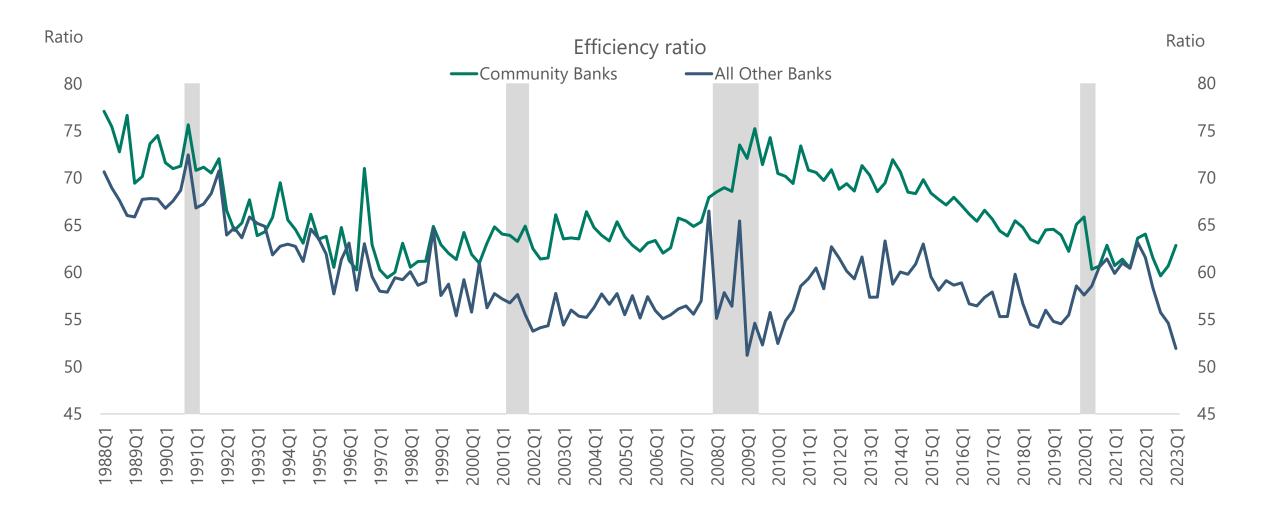
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Monitoring repo spreads for stresses in money markets

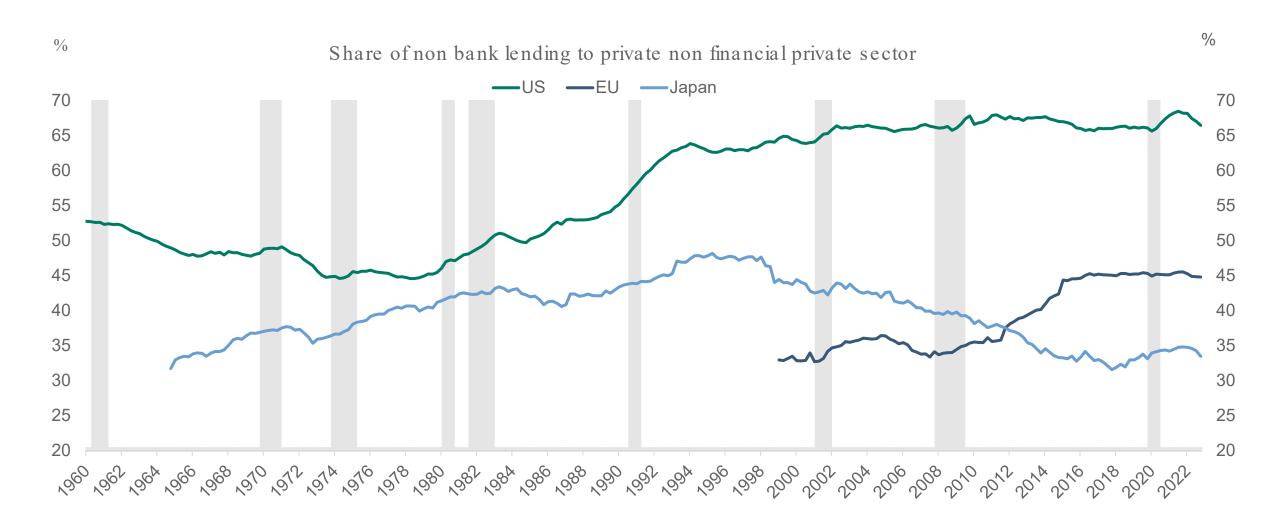


Source: Haver Analytics, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

The average efficiency ratio for community banks is around 63% compared with 52% for noncommunity banks.

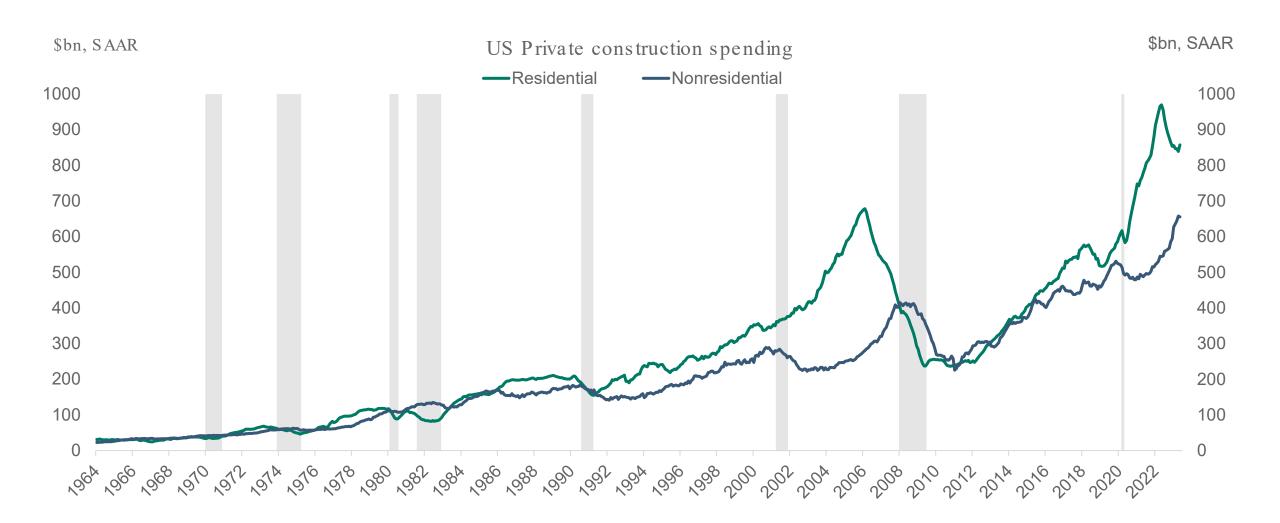


Share of bank lending lower in the US

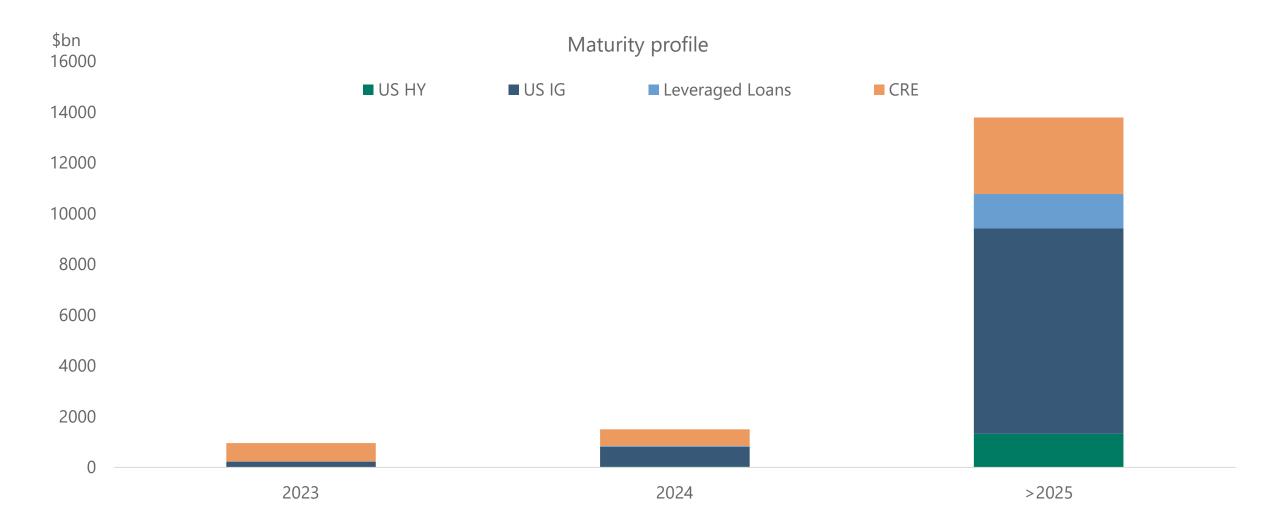


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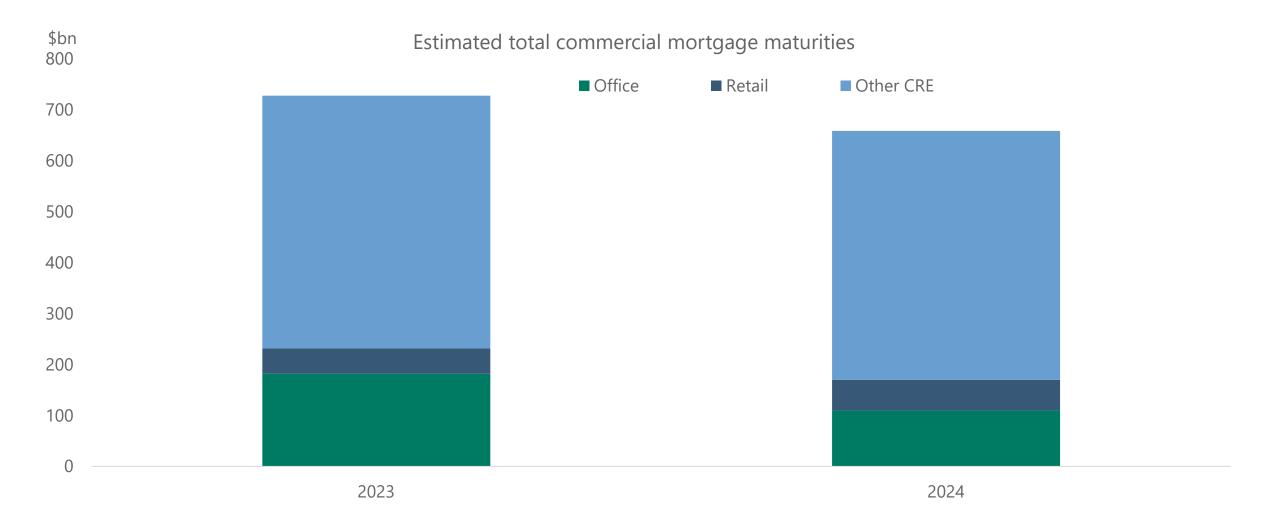
Residential construction spending elevated



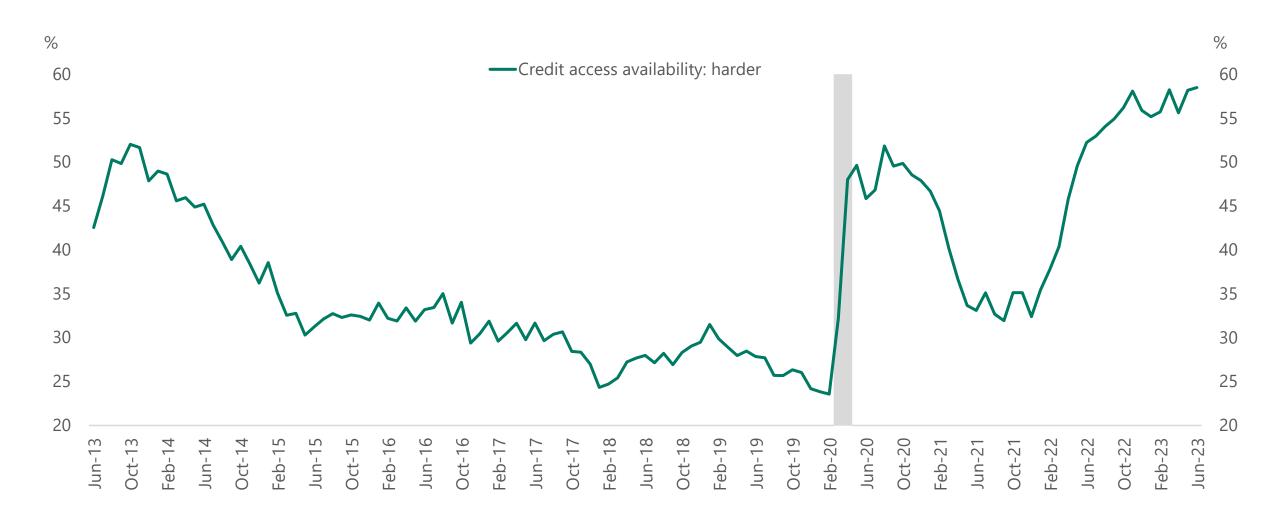
Maturity profile for US fixed income



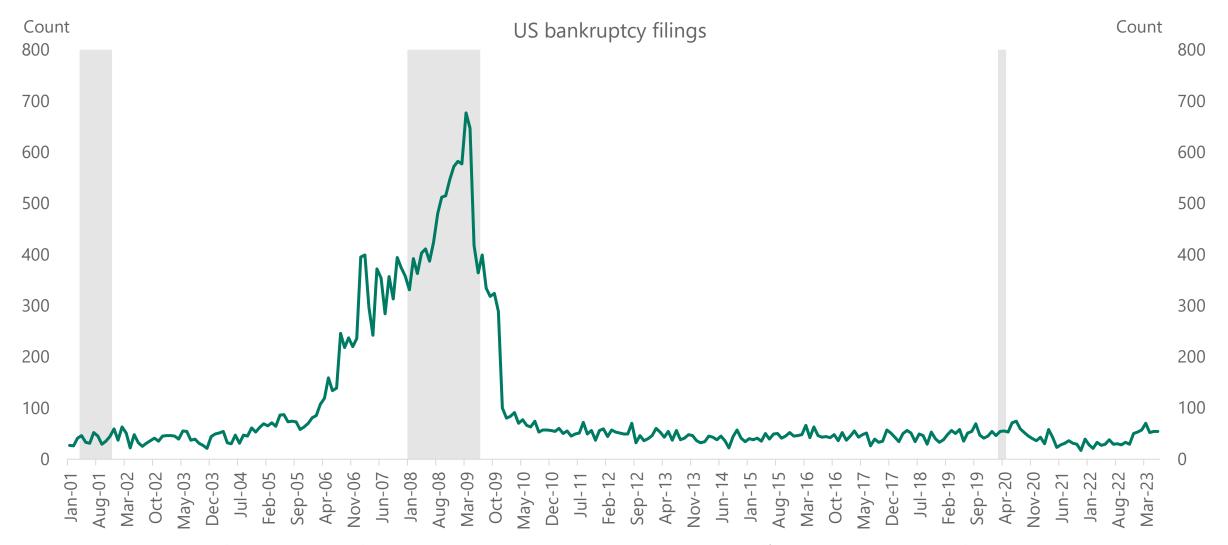
CRE maturity profile



The share of households reporting it is harder to obtain credit than one year ago

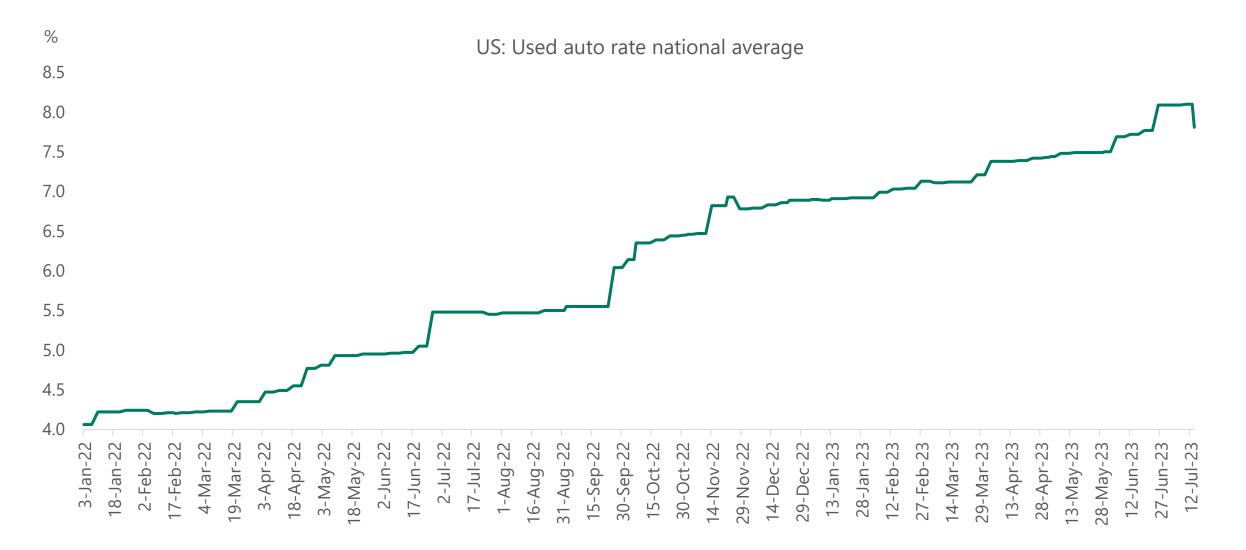


Bankruptcy filings



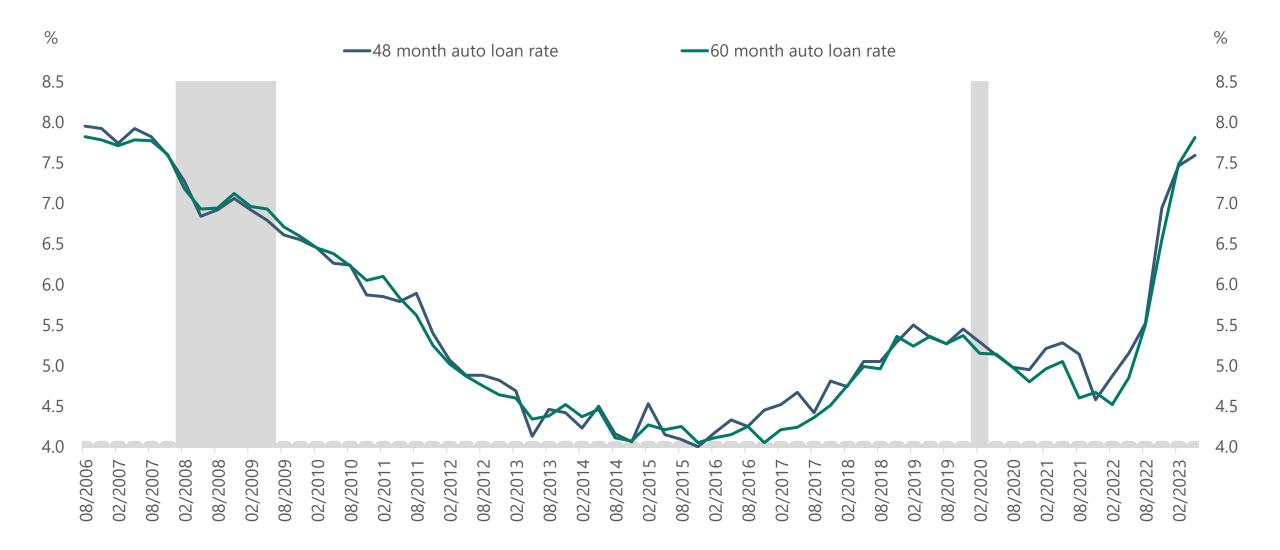
Source: S&P Capital IQ, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Bankruptcy figures include public companies or private companies with public debt with a minimum of \$2 million in assets or liabilities at the time of filing, in addition to private companies with at least \$10 million in assets or liabilities.

Interest rate on auto loans



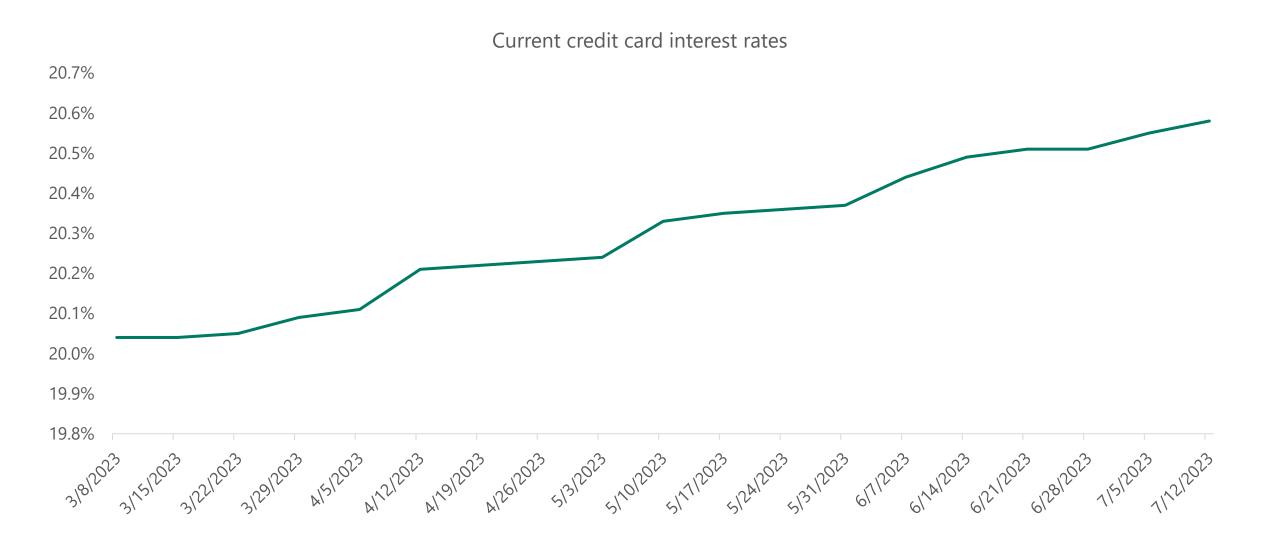
Source: Bankrate.com, Apollo Chief Economist

Commercial Bank auto loan rates highest since 2008



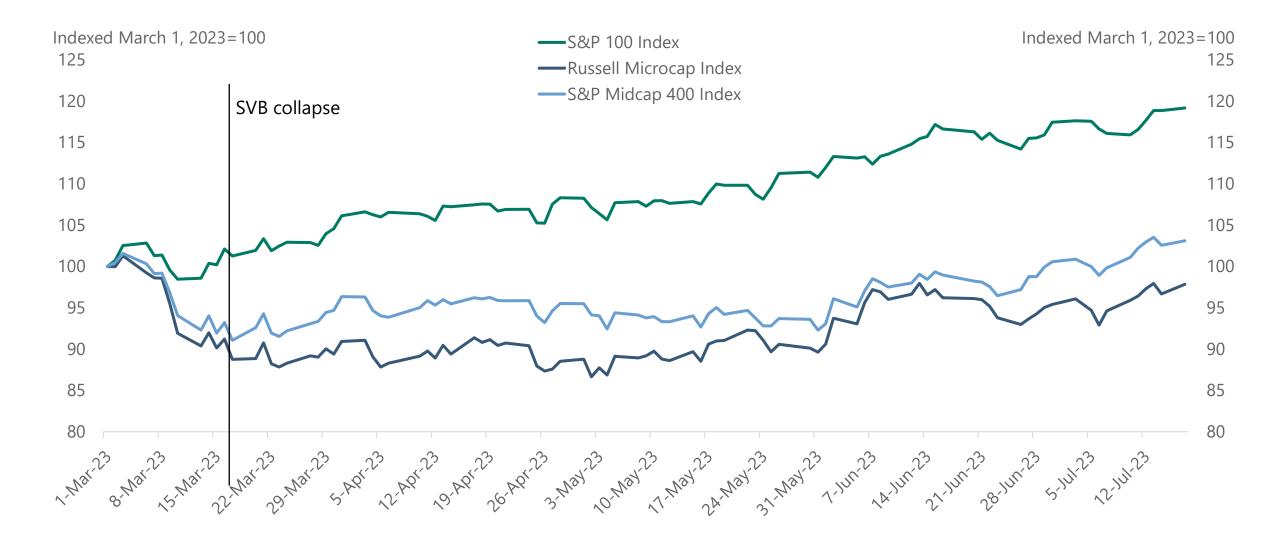
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Interest rate on credit cards



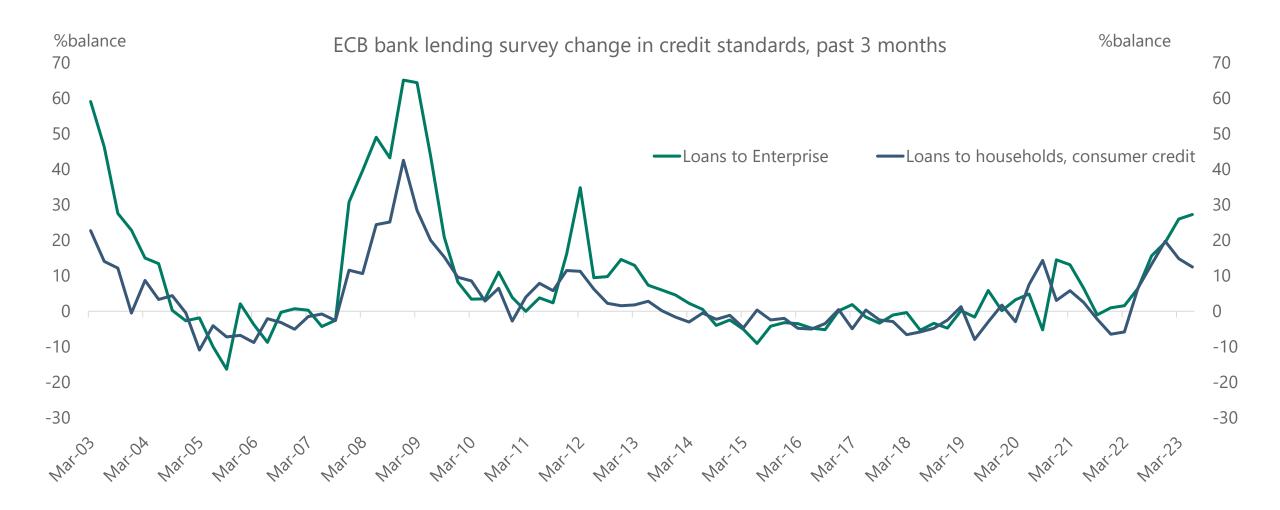
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Banking crisis having negative impact on small and medium-sized companies



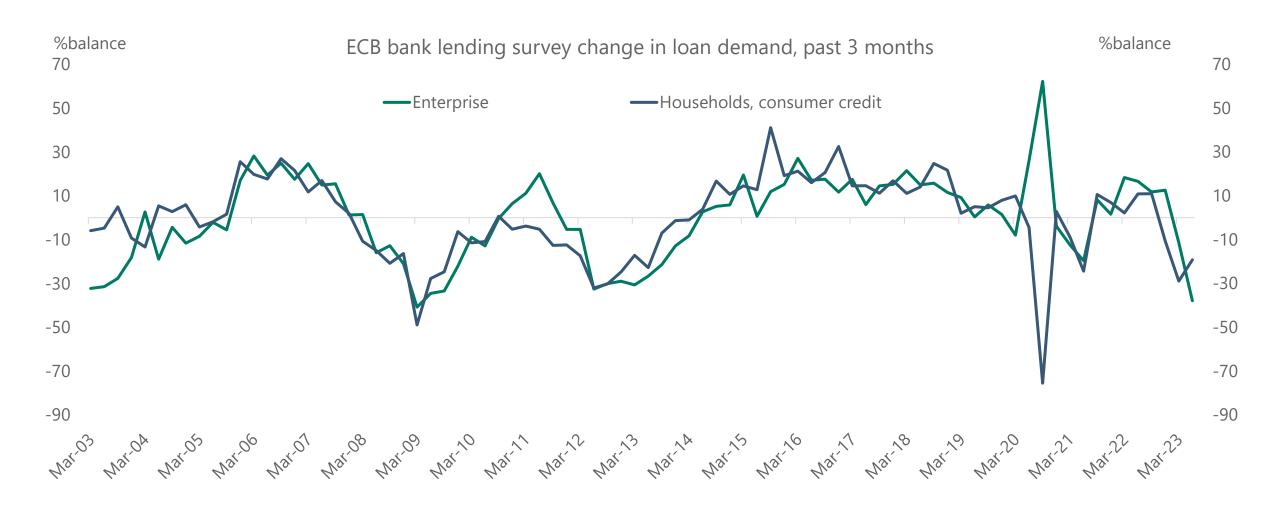
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 128

Euro Area credit conditions tightening



Source: ECB Bank Lending Survey, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

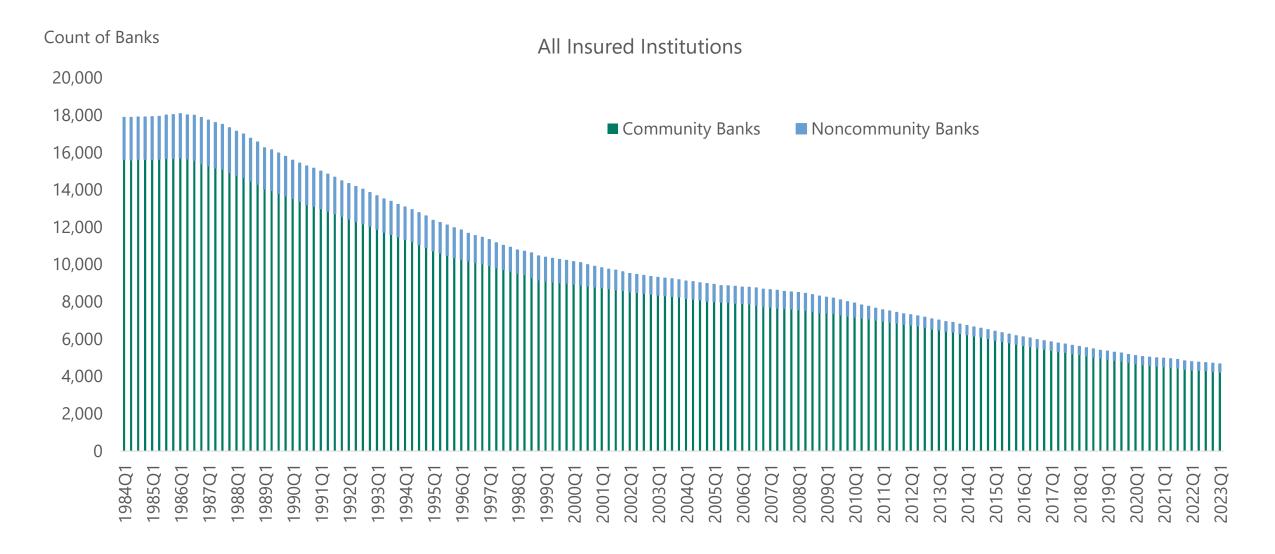
Euro Area loan demand falling



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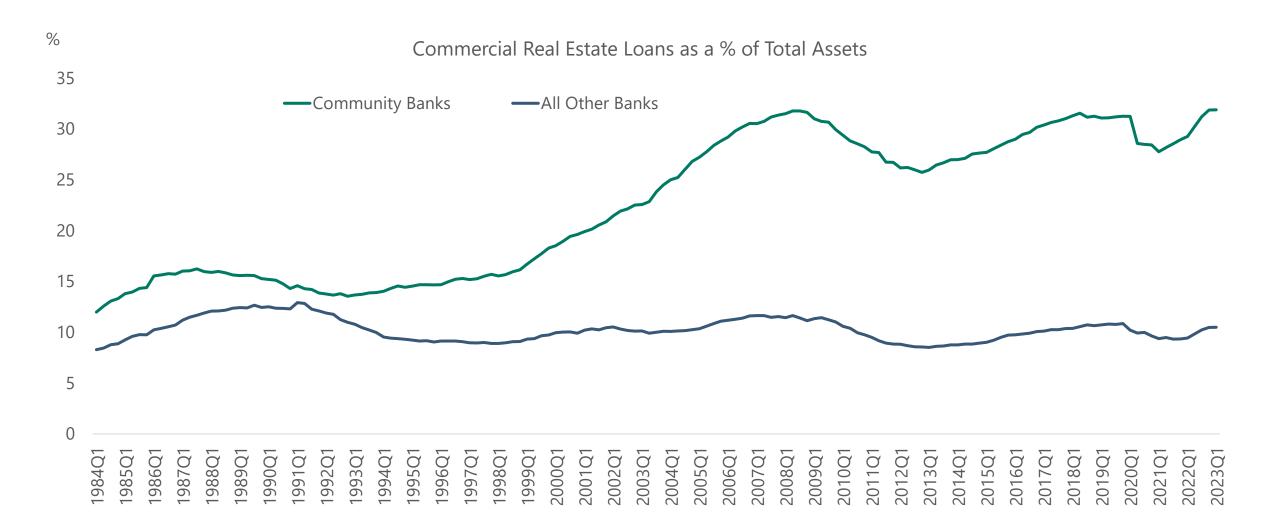
Community banks

90% of all banks in the US are community banks



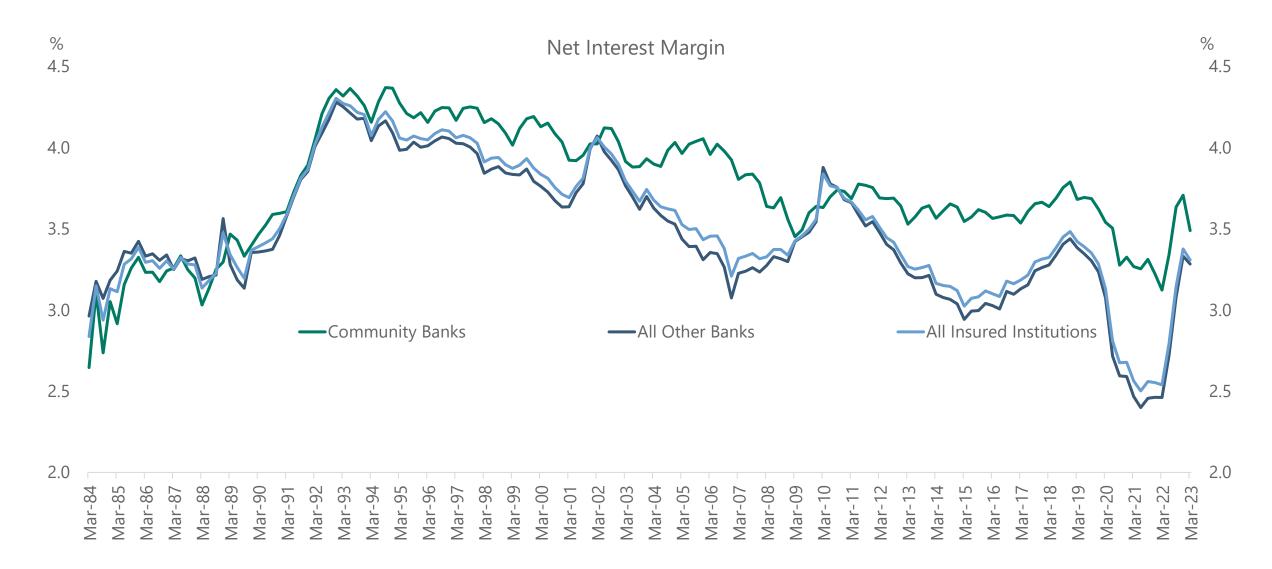
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CRE loans make up a significant share of community banks' assets



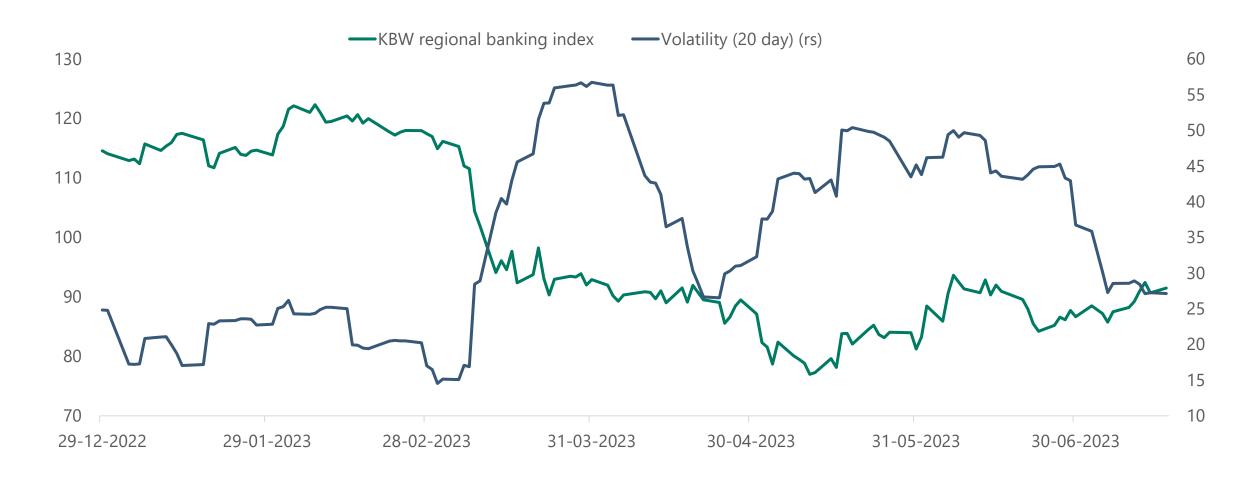
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Net interest margin higher for community banks



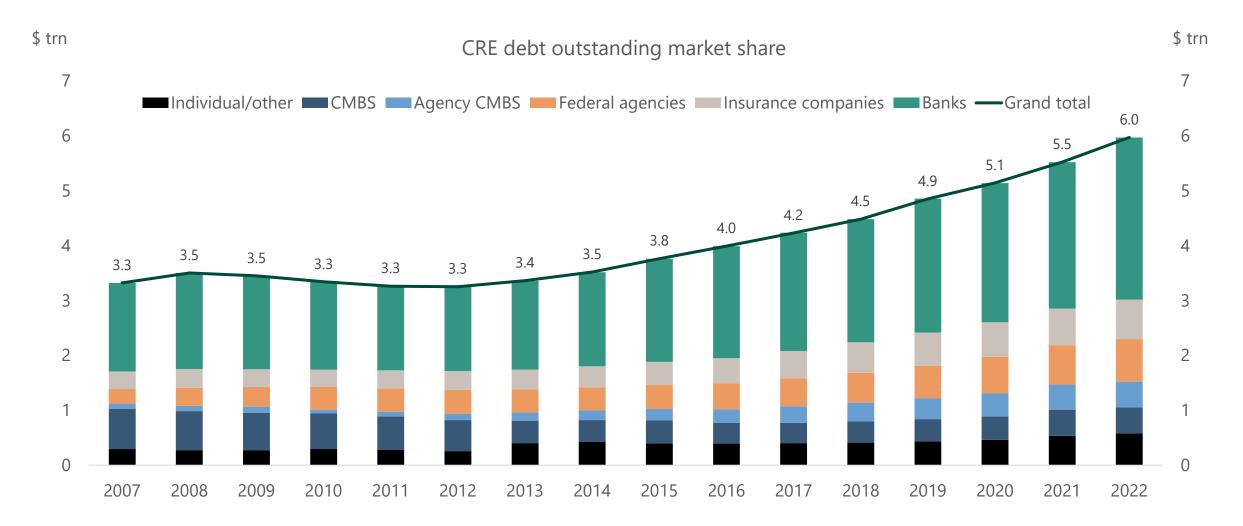
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Regional Bank volatility declined

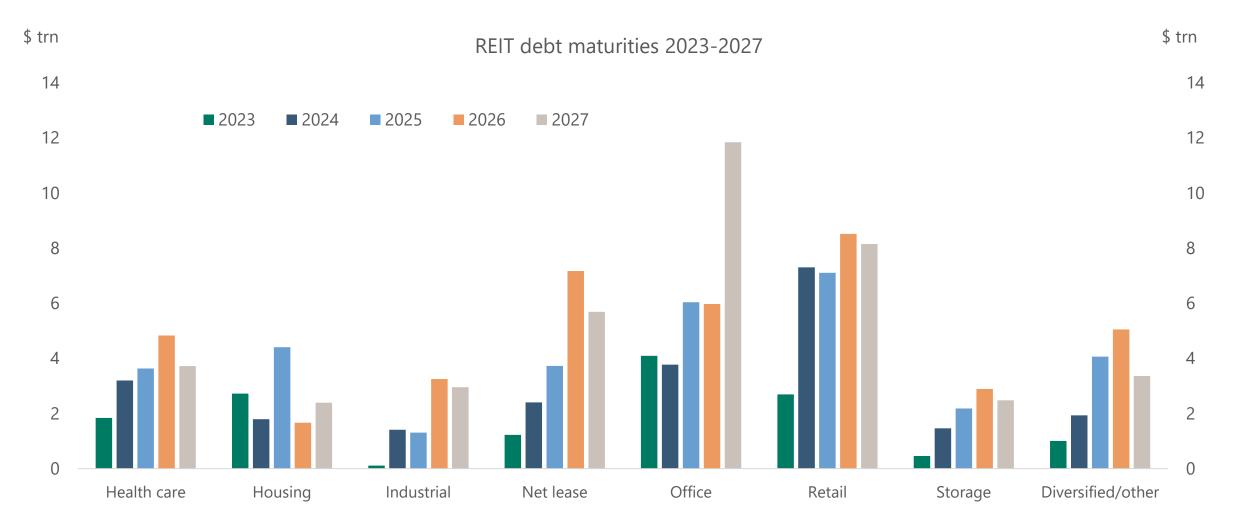


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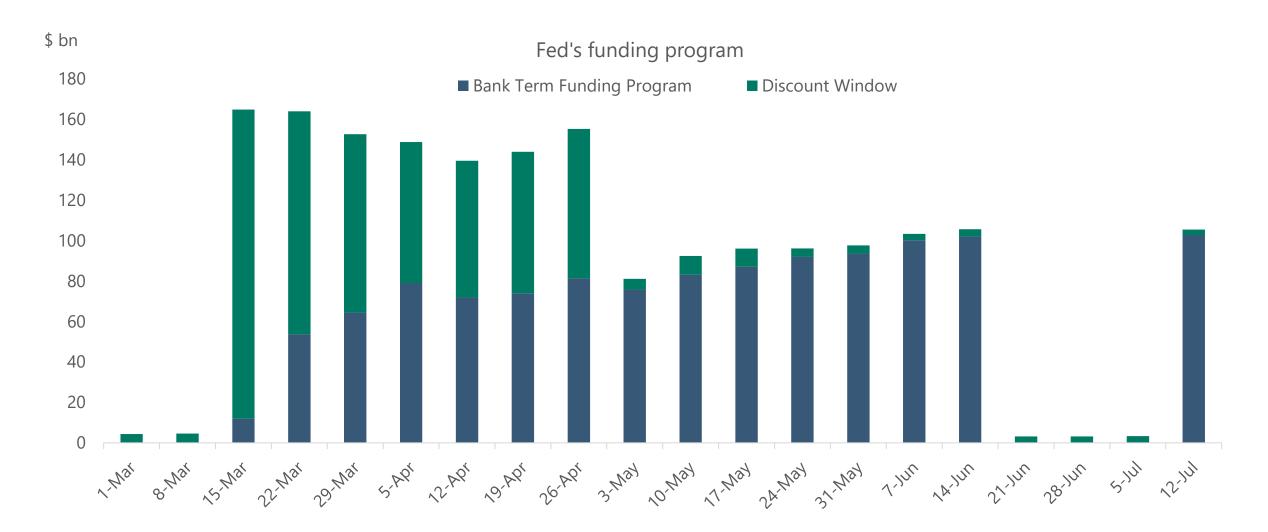
US banks account for the bulk of CRE lending



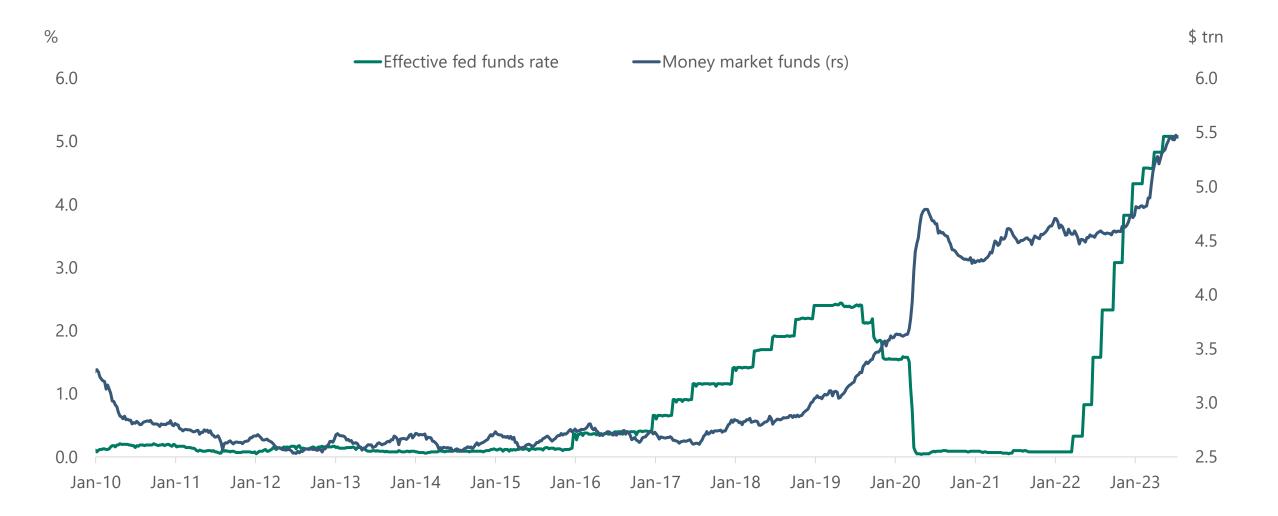
U.S. REITs hold approximately \$14 billion of debt maturing this year



Increased borrowing through the Bank Term Funding Program

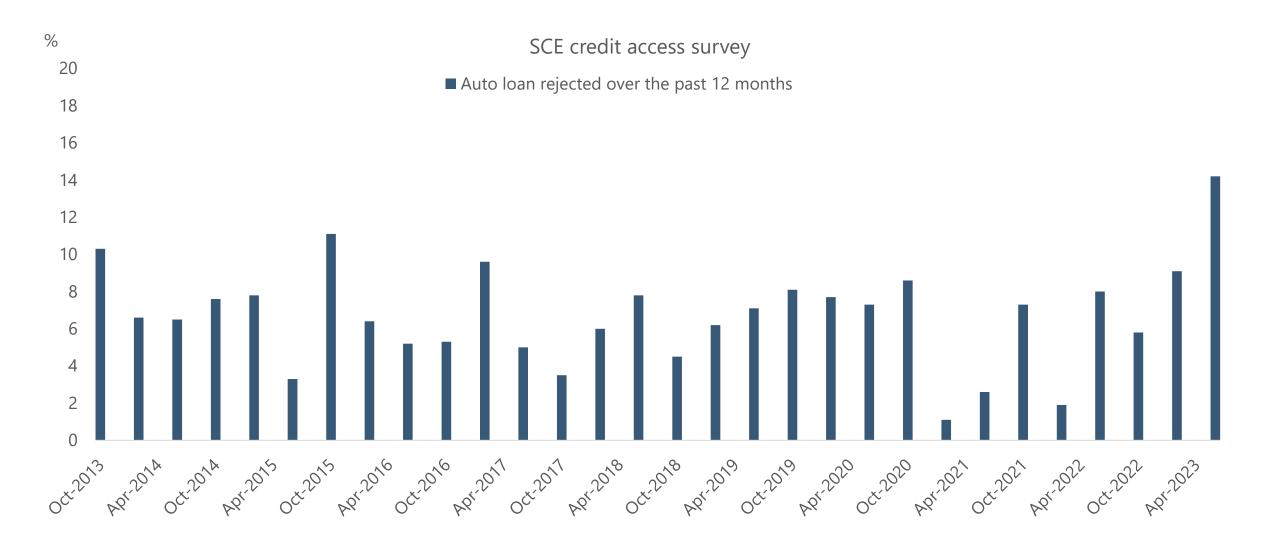


Money market funds during the current tightening cycle



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Auto loan rejection rate over the past 12 months



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