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# US Housing Outlook: High mortgage rates slowing demand. But housing supply remains very low.

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## Why is housing still doing well despite higher mortgage rates?

- 1. Low housing supply
- 2. Decent job growth
- 3. Robust wage growth
- 4. Still some excess savings left

Source: Apollo Chief Economist

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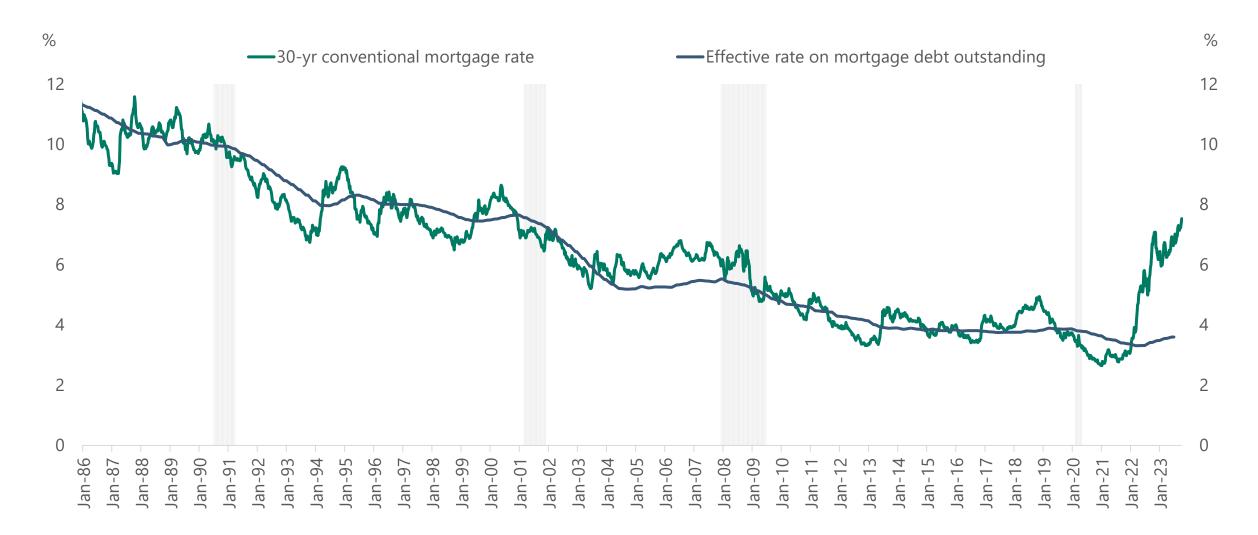
Leading indicators of the housing market

#### 30-year mortgage rates now at 7.8%

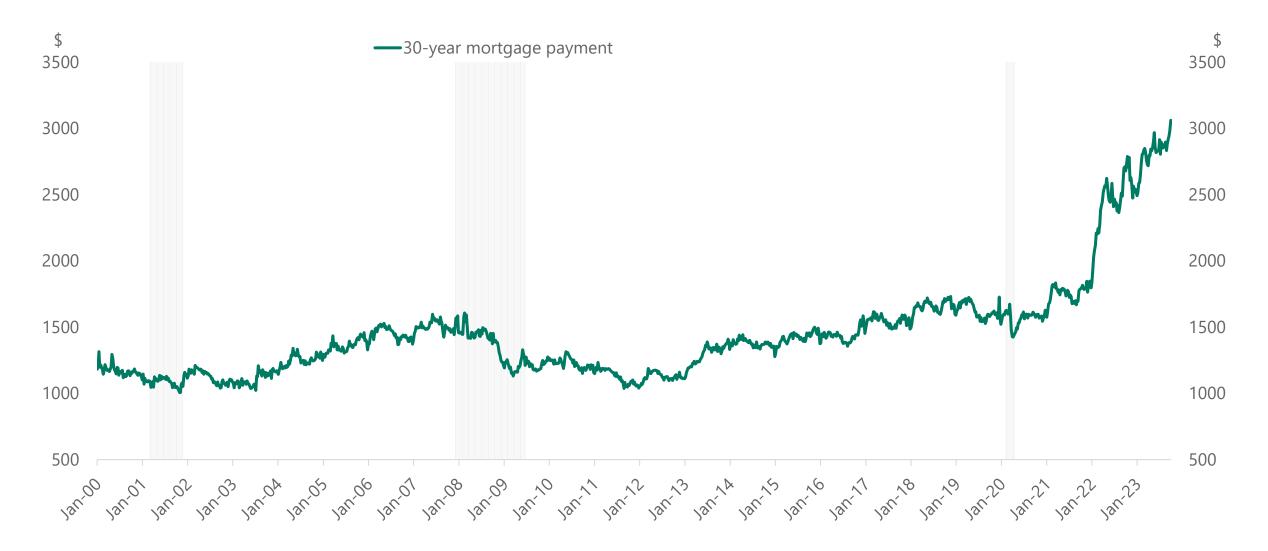


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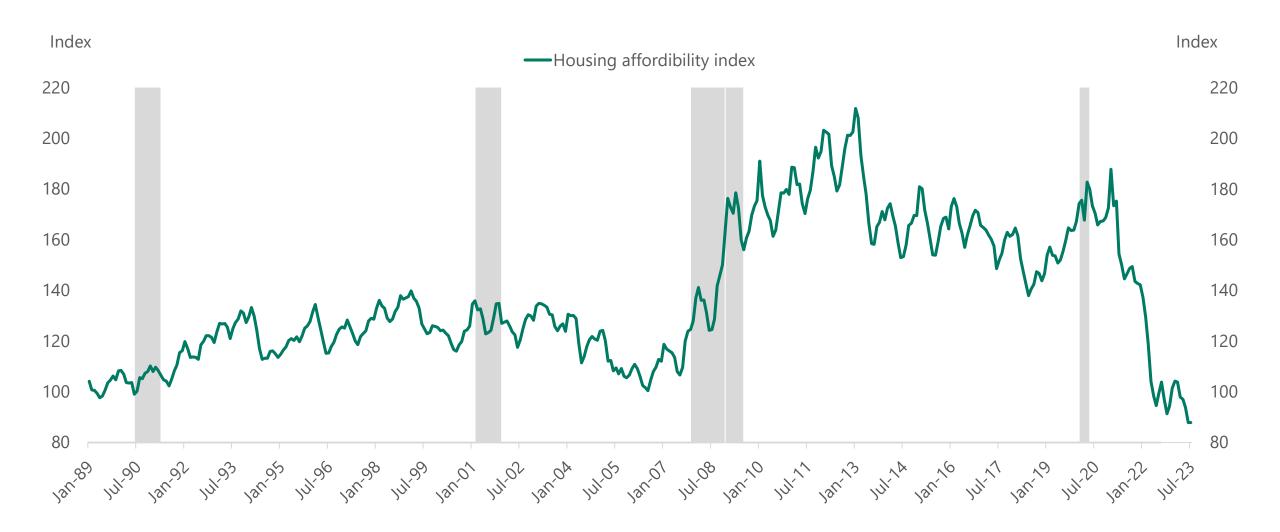
#### Effective outstanding mortgage rate is 3.6%



#### Monthly mortgage payment on a new mortgage has basically doubled since 2021

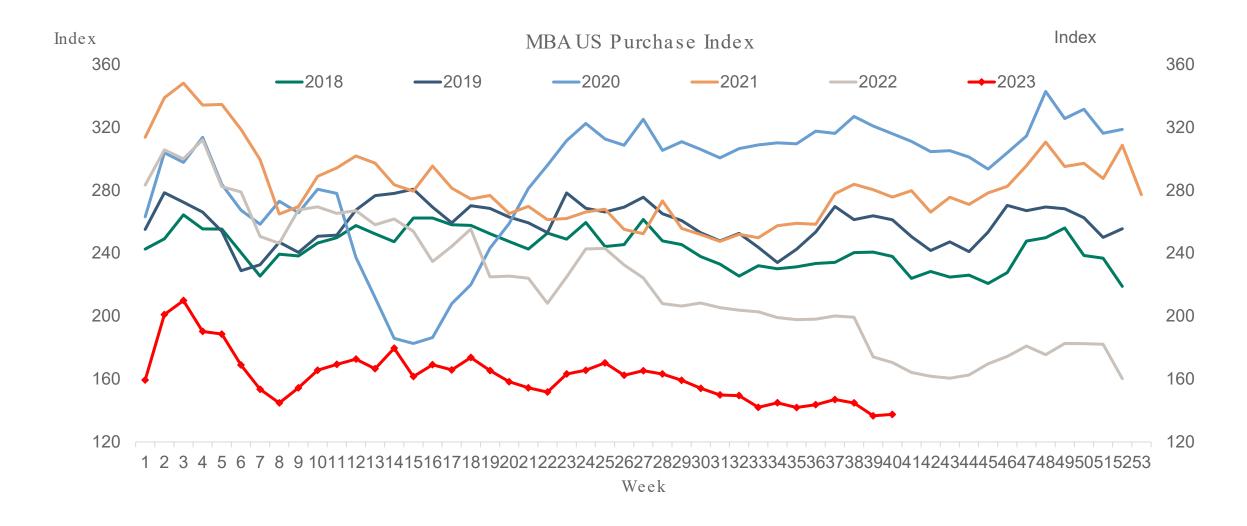


#### Housing affordability below 2007 levels

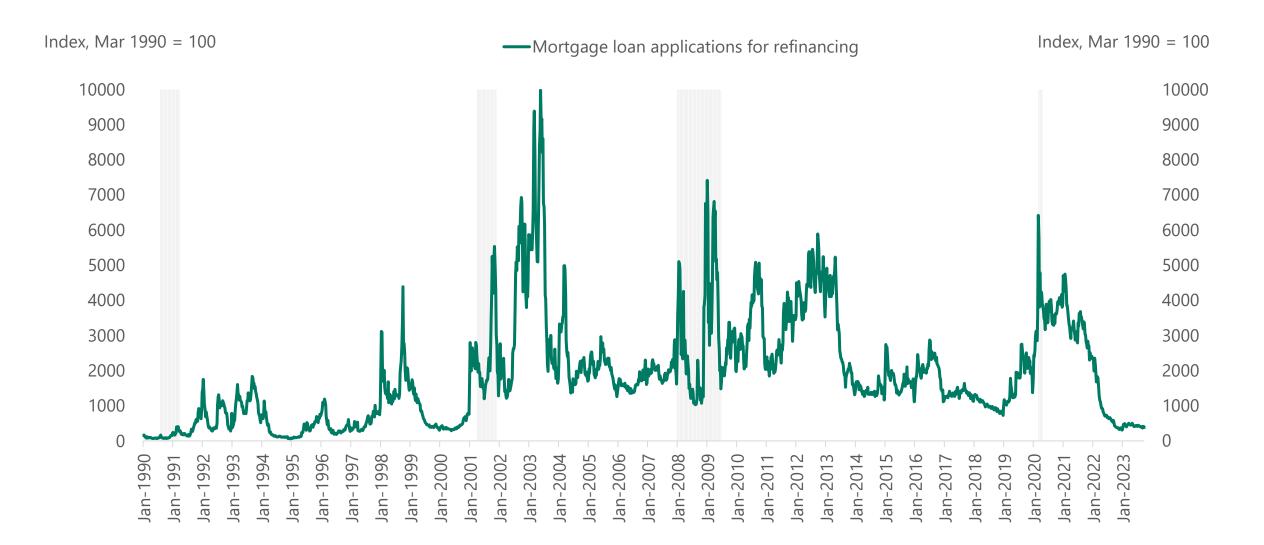


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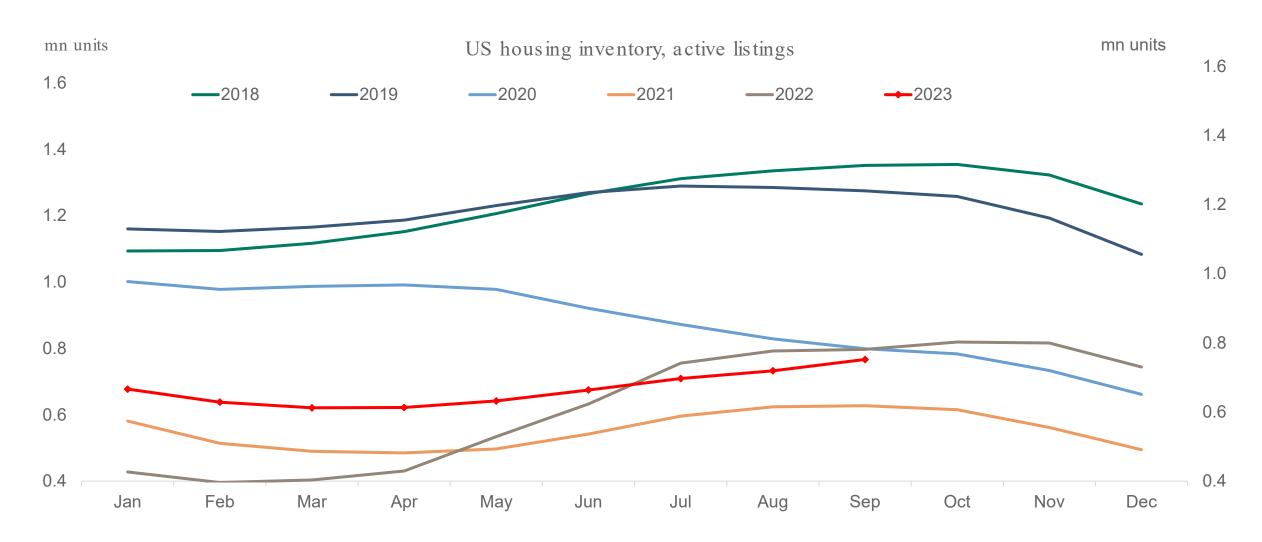
#### Mortgage purchase applications very weak because of high mortgage rates



#### Record-low number of homeowners are refinancing their mortgage at the moment



#### Very low inventory of homes for sale



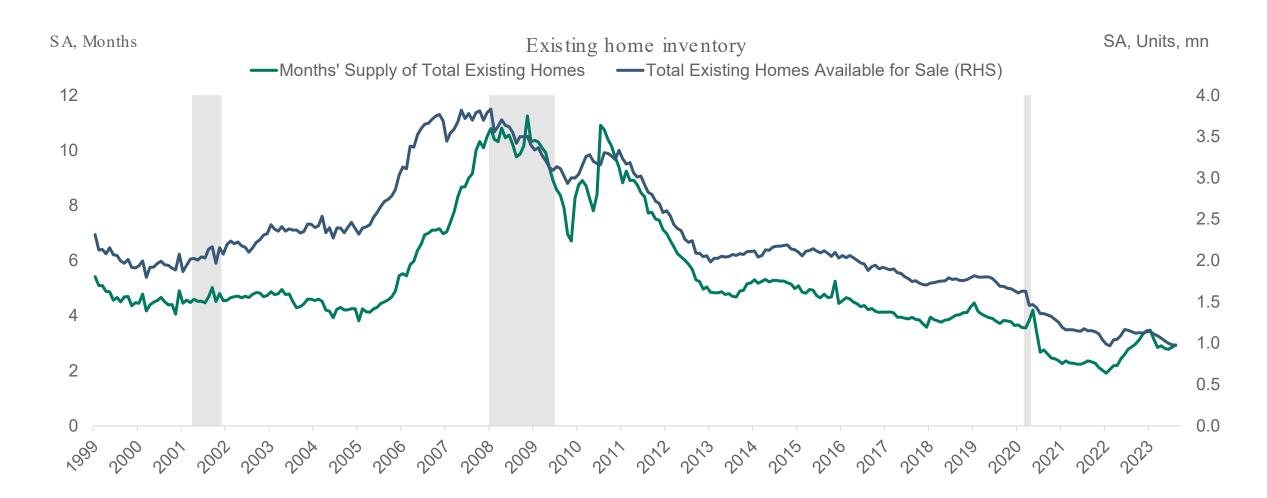
Source: Realtor.com, Apollo Chief Economist

## Fewer people listing their home for sale at the moment

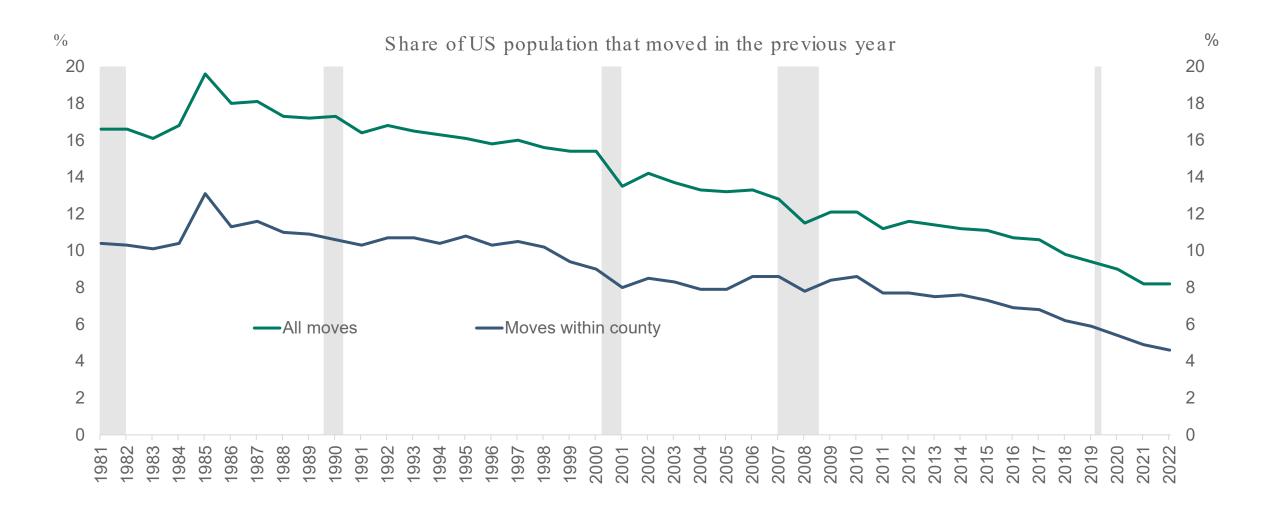


Source: Redfin, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist.

# Homesellers don't want to sell their house and get new mortgage: The stock of total existing homes for sale moving down

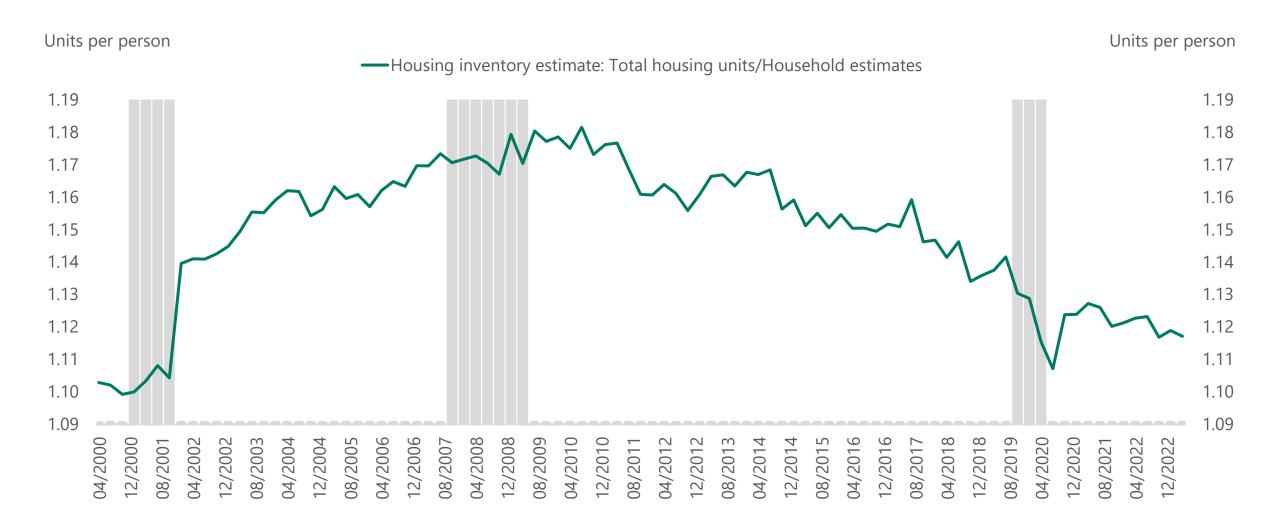


#### Structural decline in the share of the US population moving to a new address



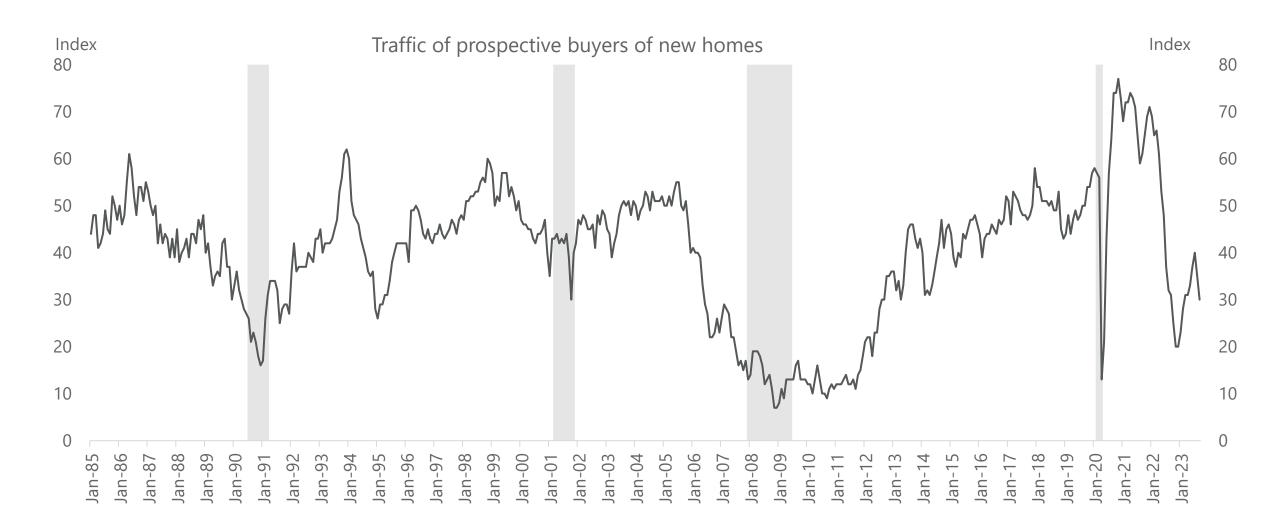
Source: Census CPS, Apollo Chief economist

#### The total housing inventory per person continues to decline

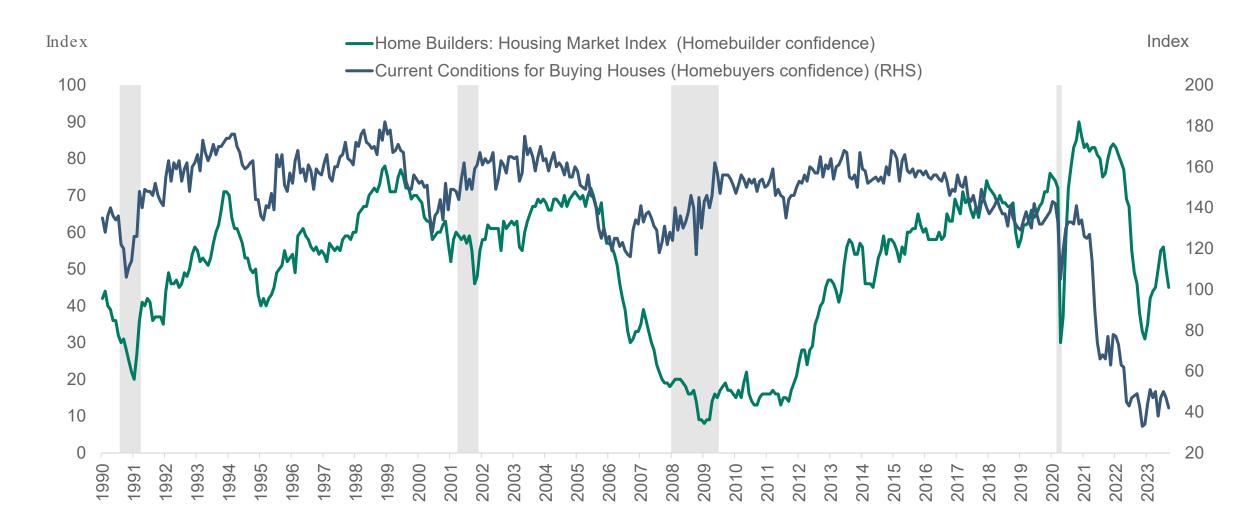


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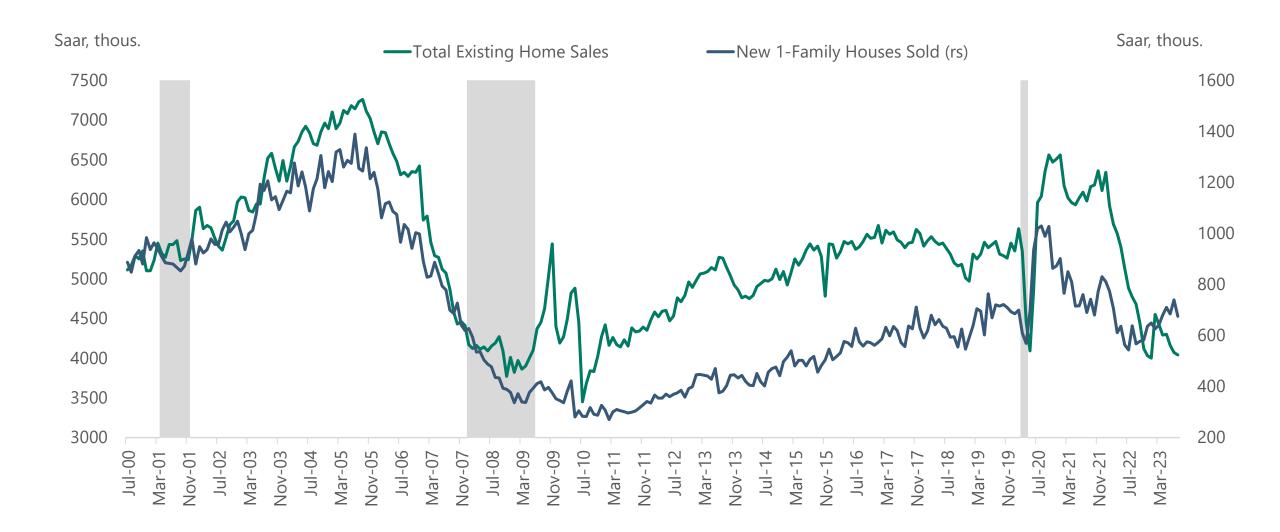
#### Traffic of prospective homebuyers negatively impacted by higher mortgage rates



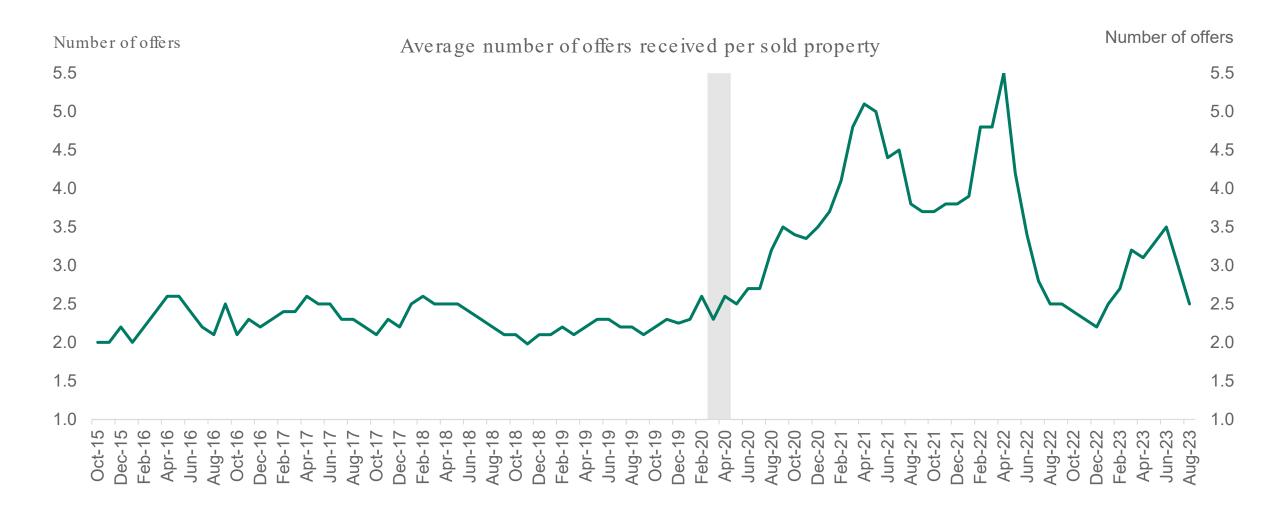
# Higher mortgage rates also having a negative impact on homebuyer and homebuilder confidence



#### Existing home sales negatively impacted by higher mortgage rates

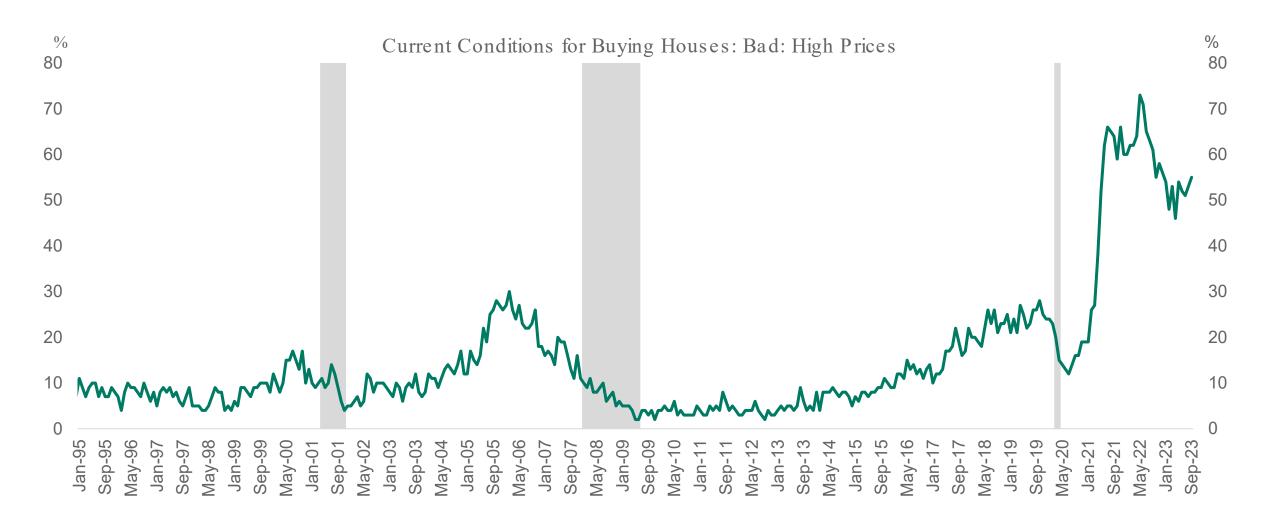


#### Fewer bidding wars recently because of higher mortgage rates



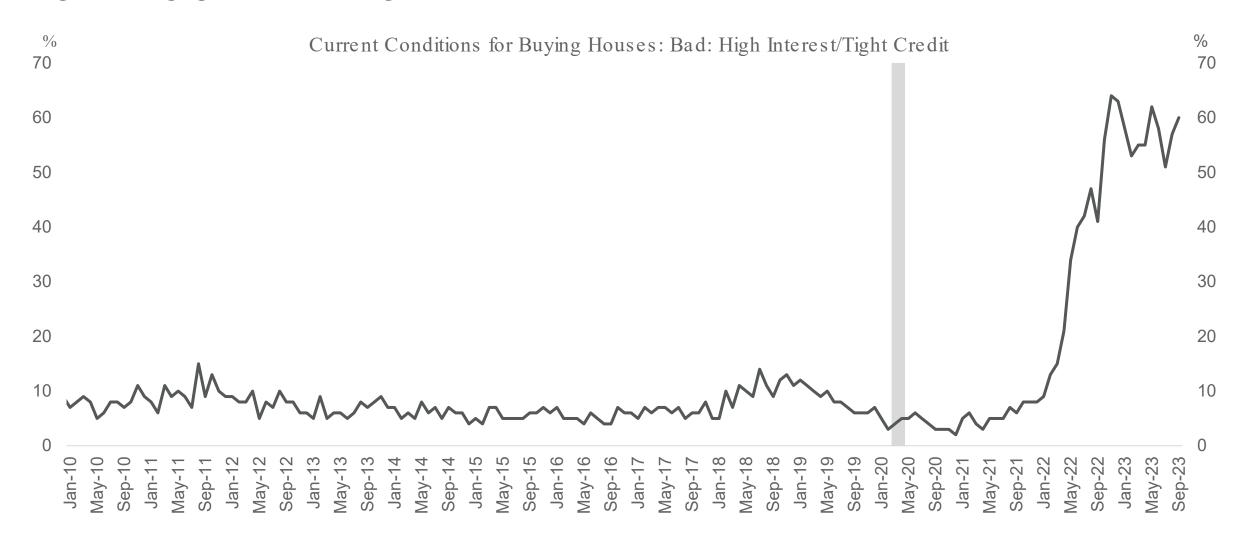
Source: NAR, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Homebuyer sentiment deteriorating again



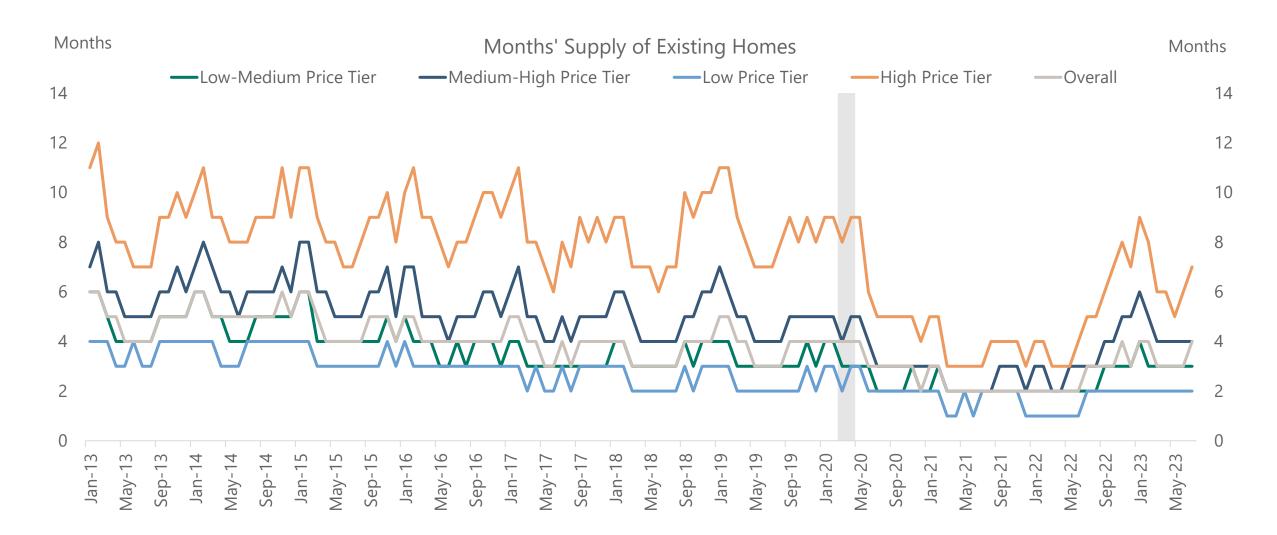
Source: University of Michigan, Apollo Chief Economist

60% of consumers are saying that this is a bad time to buy a house because of high mortgage rates and tight credit

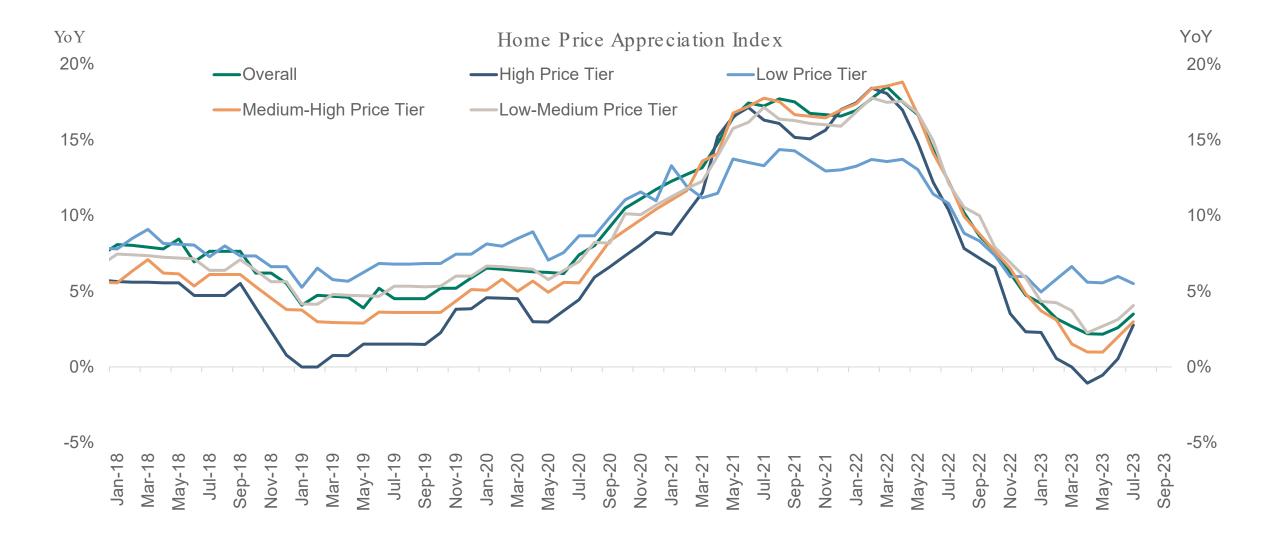


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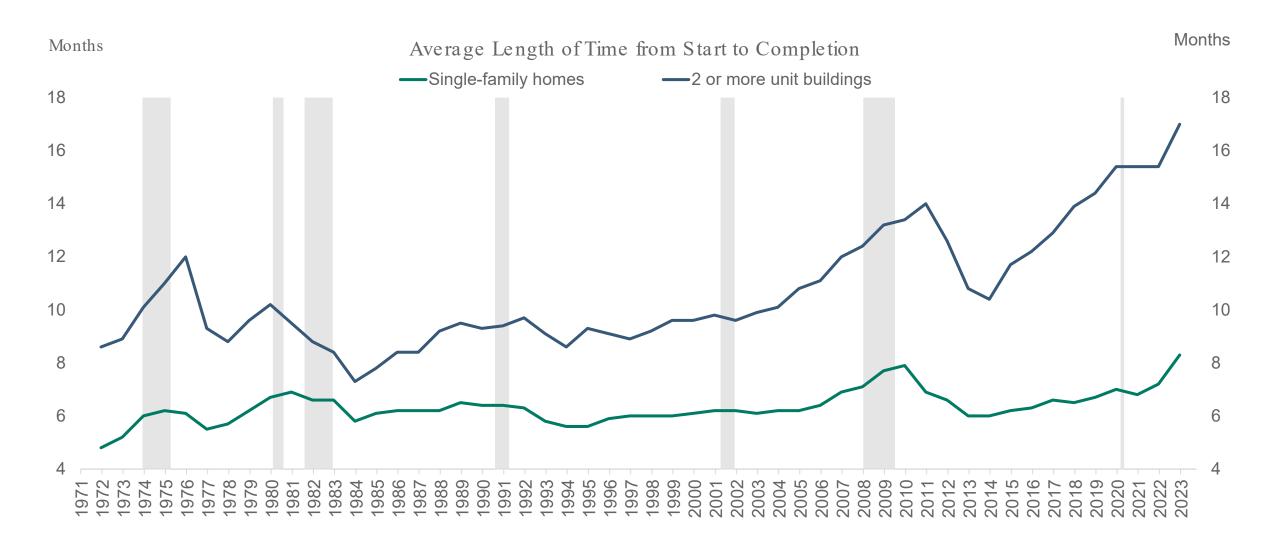
#### Inventory of expensive homes rising in recent months



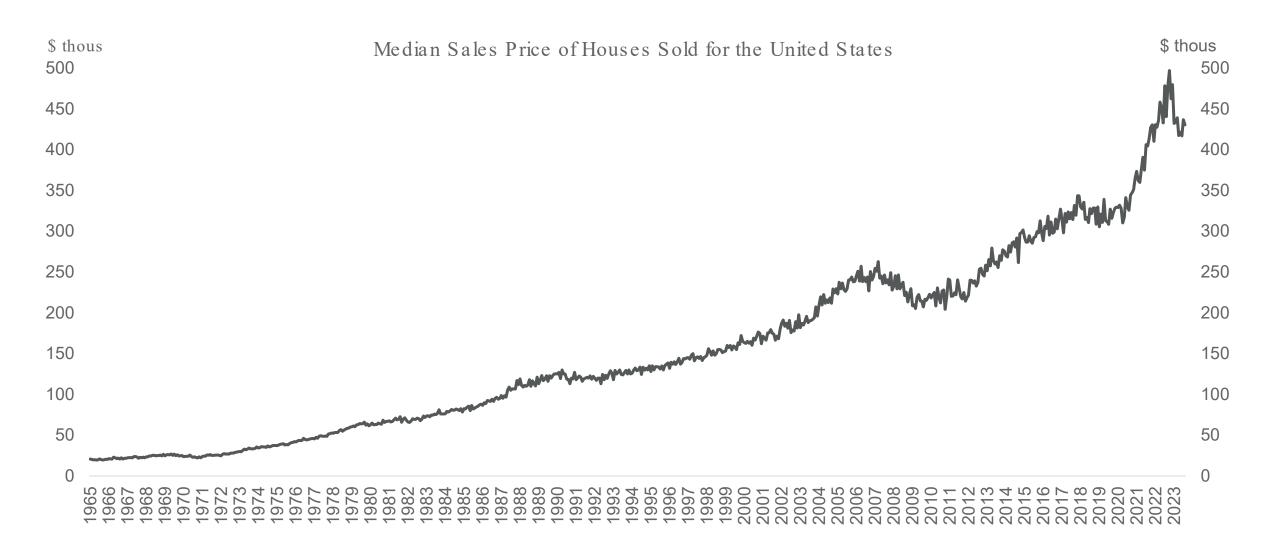
#### Higher mortgage rates not yet weighing on home price inflation



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

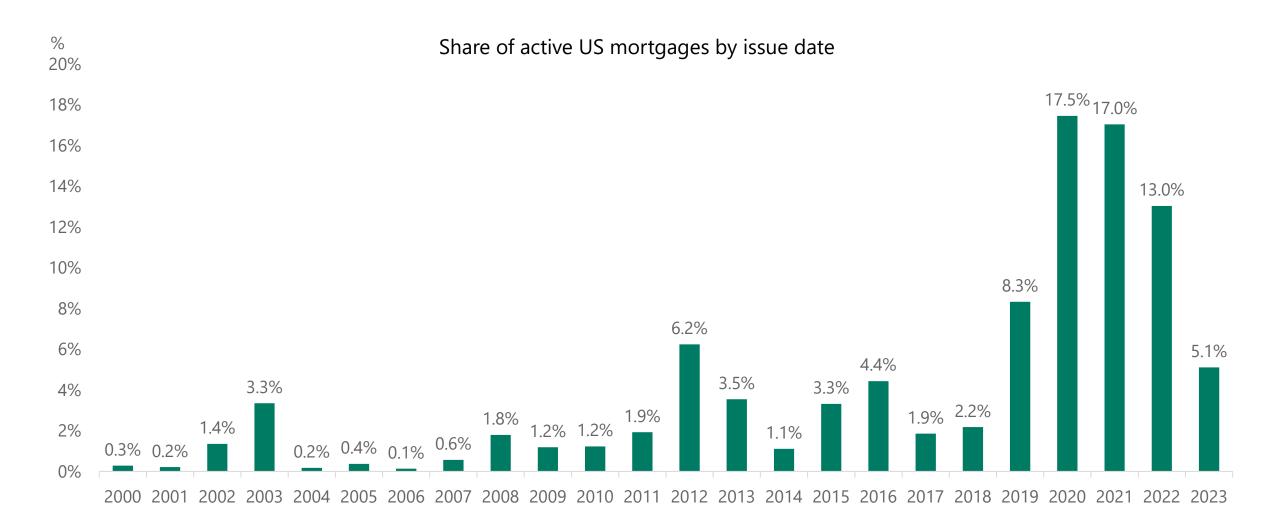


#### Median home sales price now \$430K

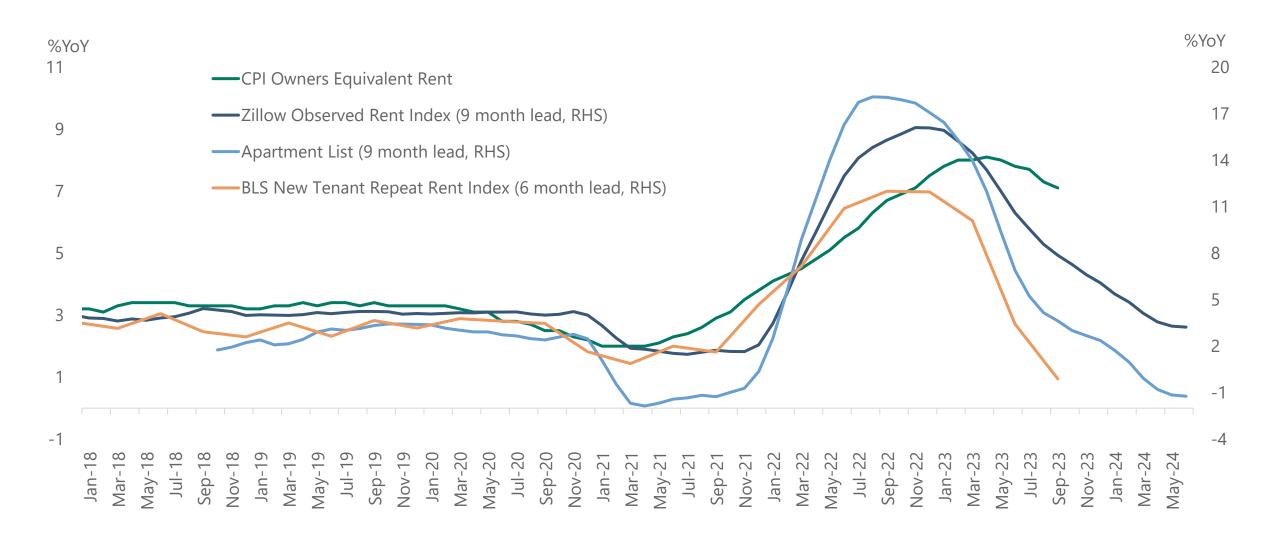


Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

#### 63% of all mortgages outstanding were issued after 2018



#### Housing inflation likely to continue to decline

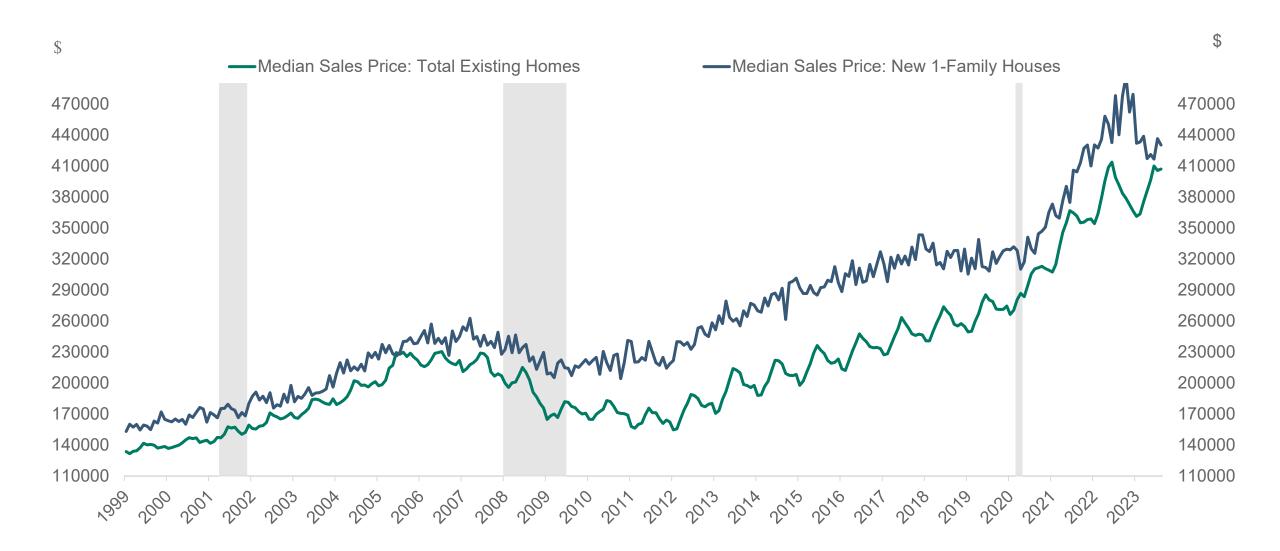


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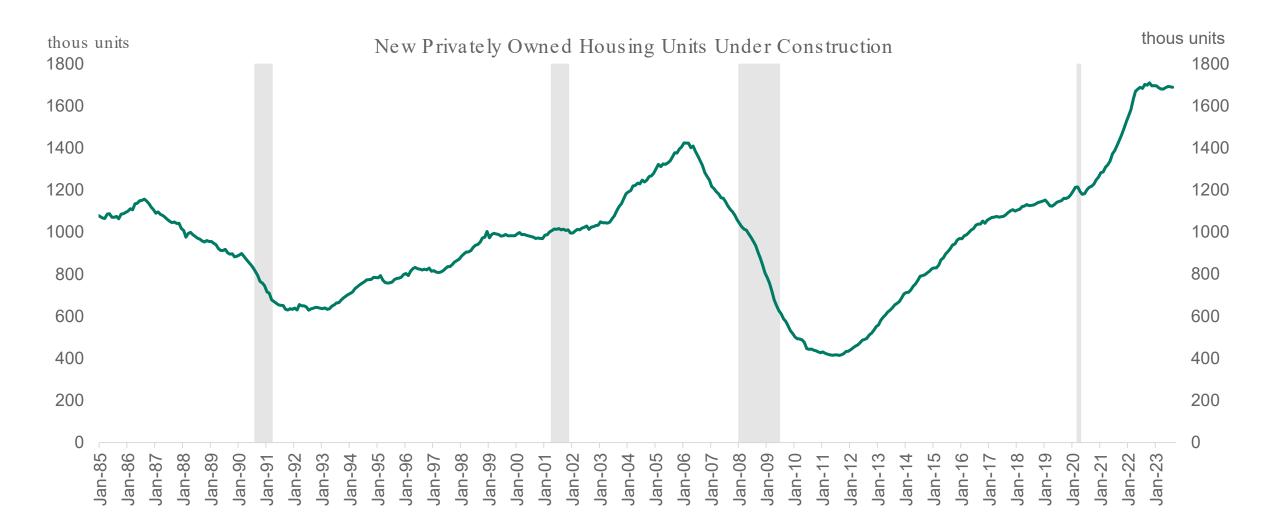
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New versus existing homes

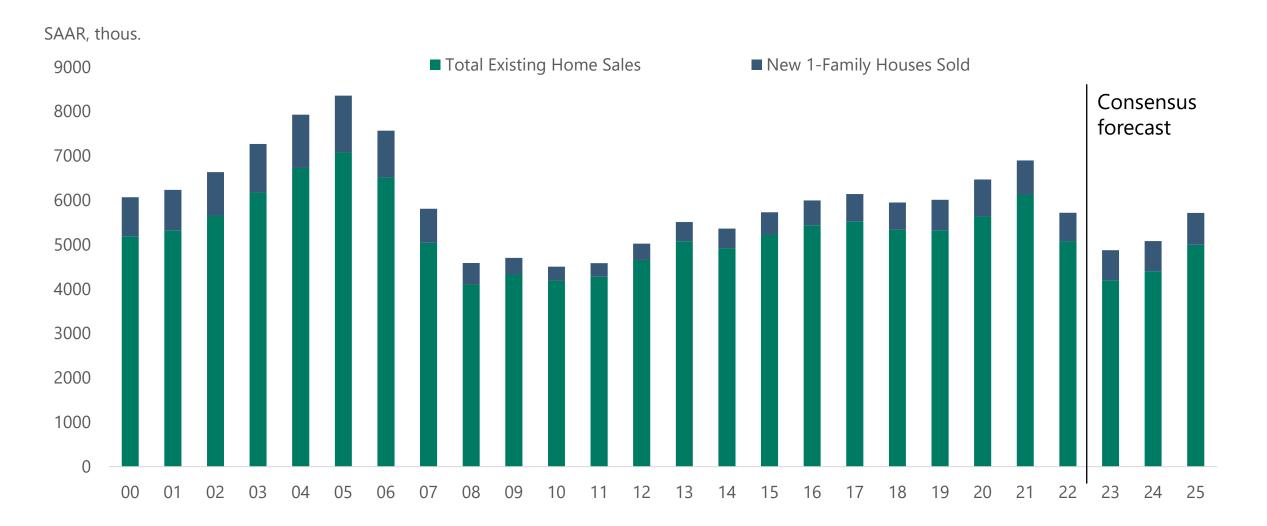
#### House prices are down a bit for new homes but up for existing homes



## New privately owned housing units under construction starting to peak



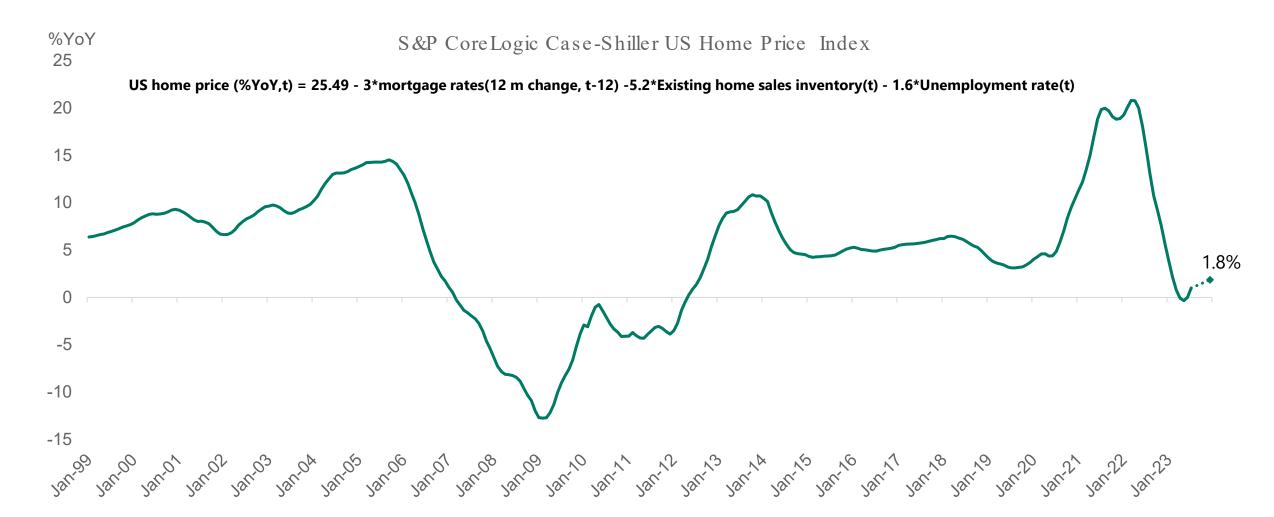
#### Consensus is forecasting a modest rebound in home sales



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Our US house price model

US house price model: High mortgage rates pushing home prices down. Low inventory pushing home prices higher.

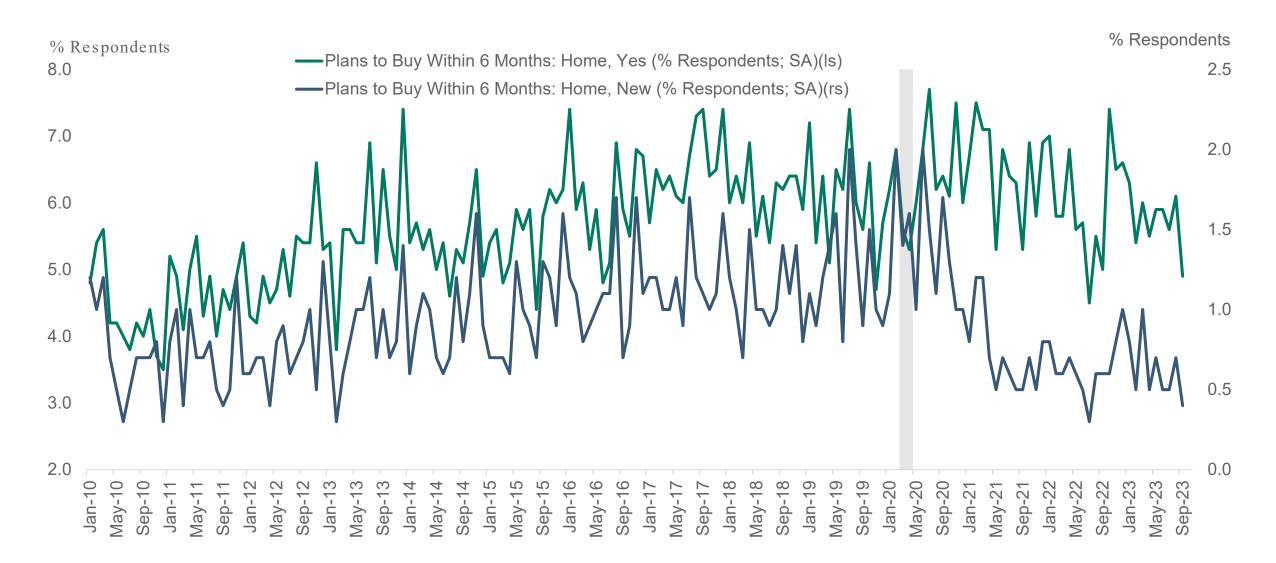


Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

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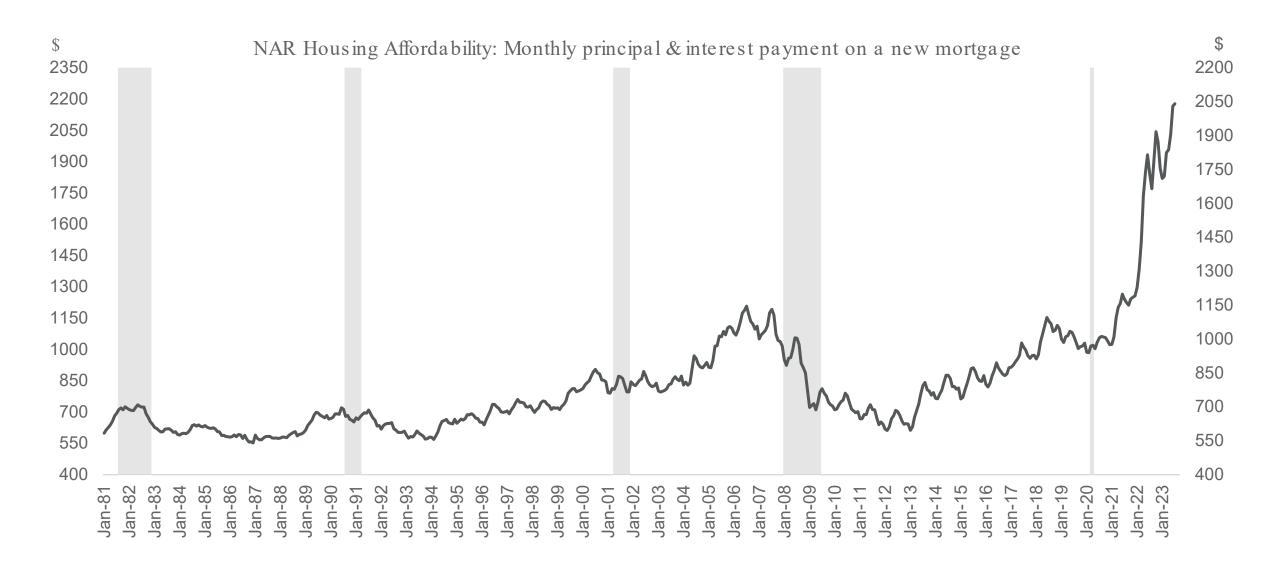
1) Housing Demand: Higher mortgage rates and high home prices slowing demand

#### Home buying plans stable despite high mortgage rates



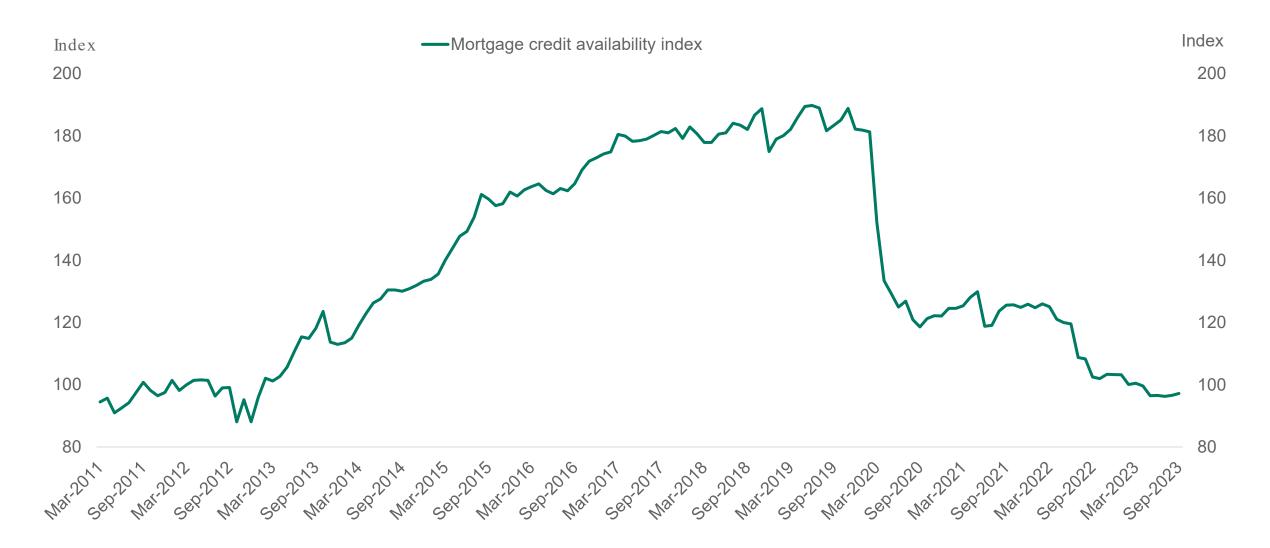
Source: Conference Board, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Monthly mortgage payments on new mortgages have doubled since 2021

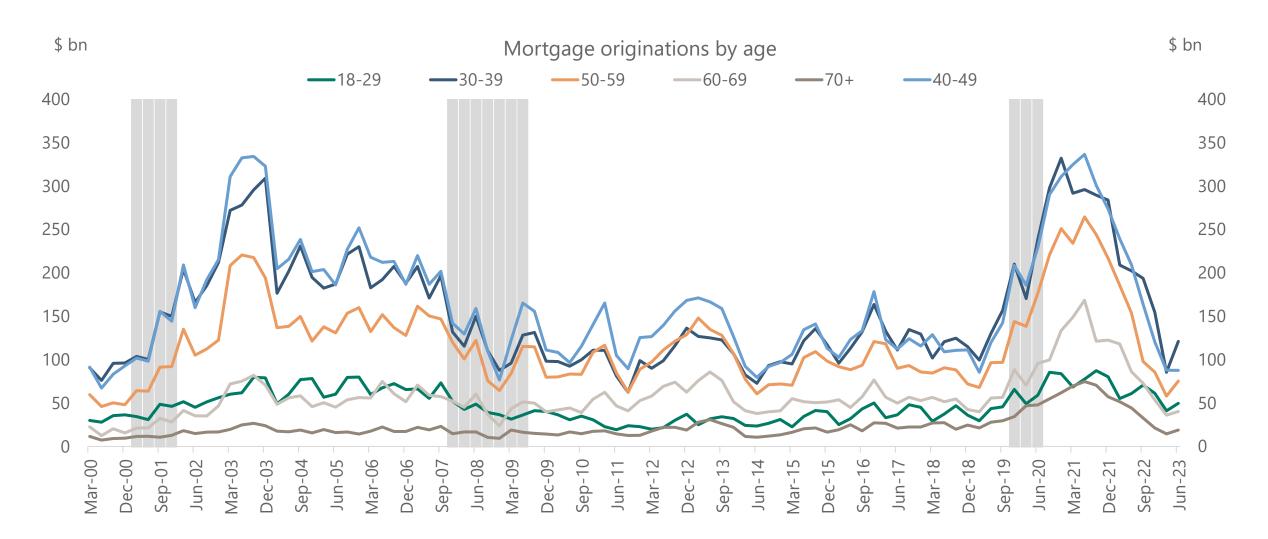


Source: NAR, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

## Availability of mortgage credit continues to tighten

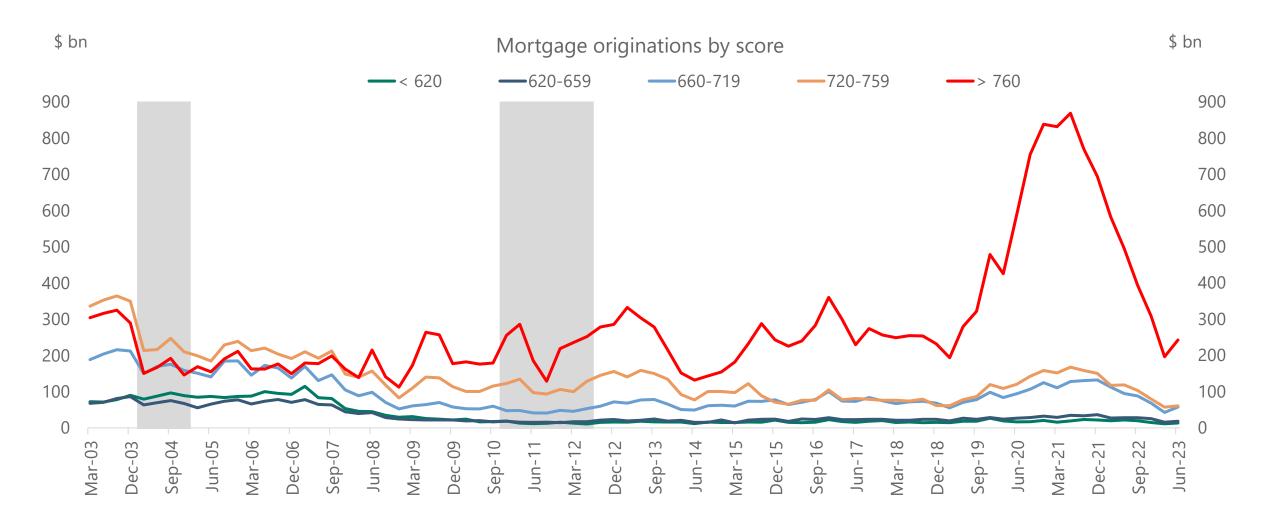


#### Mortgage originations back at pre-pandemic levels



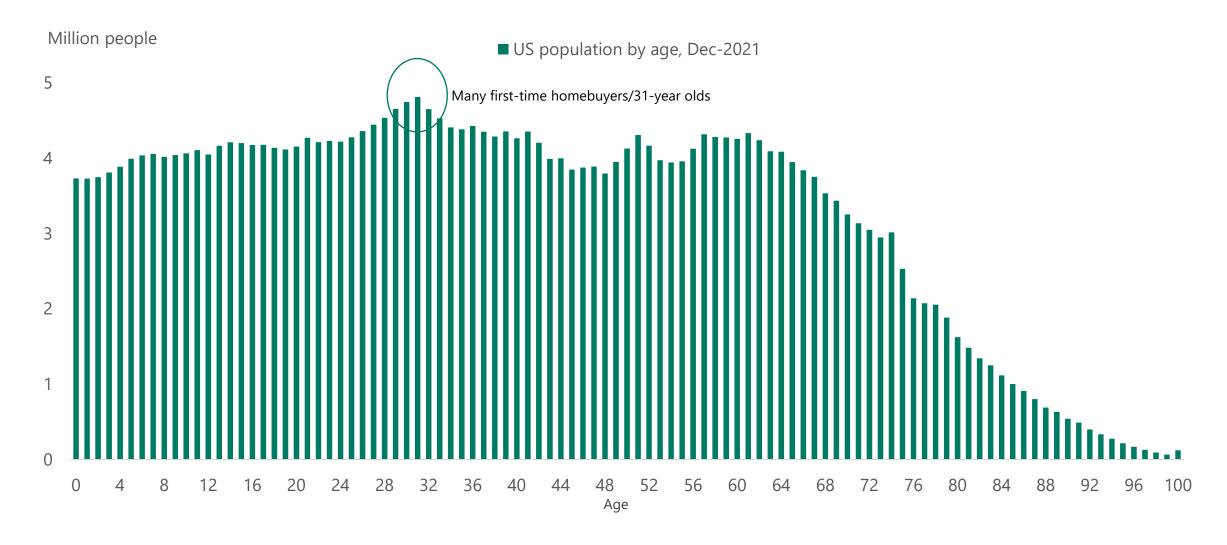
Source: NY Fed, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

## Mortgage originations normalizing for households with high credit scores



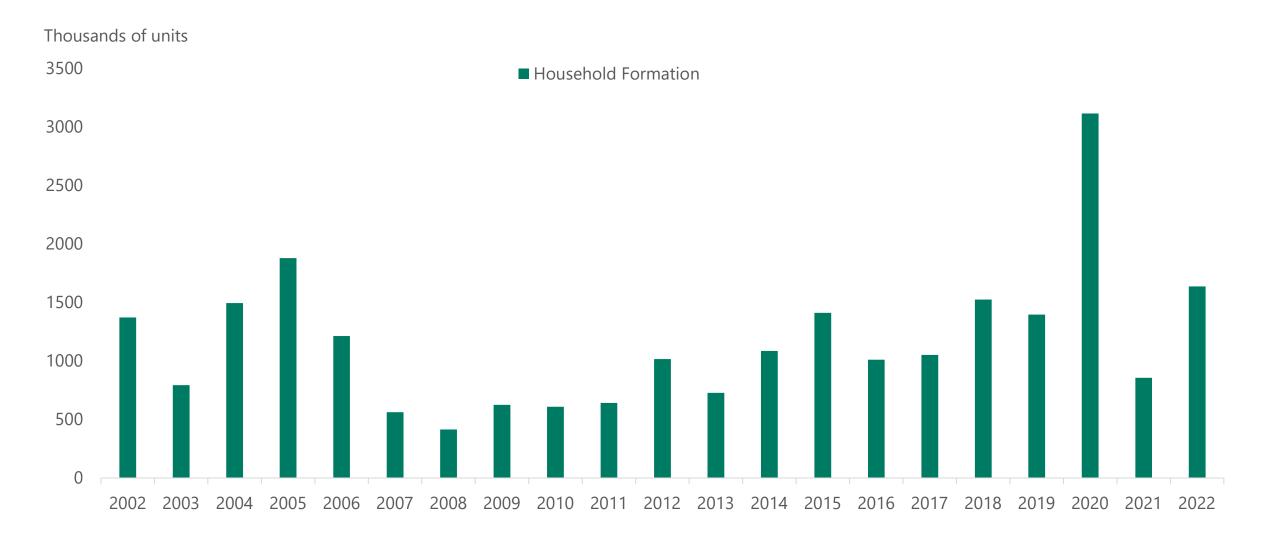
Source: NY Fed, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 39

# Demographics are a tailwind to housing demand



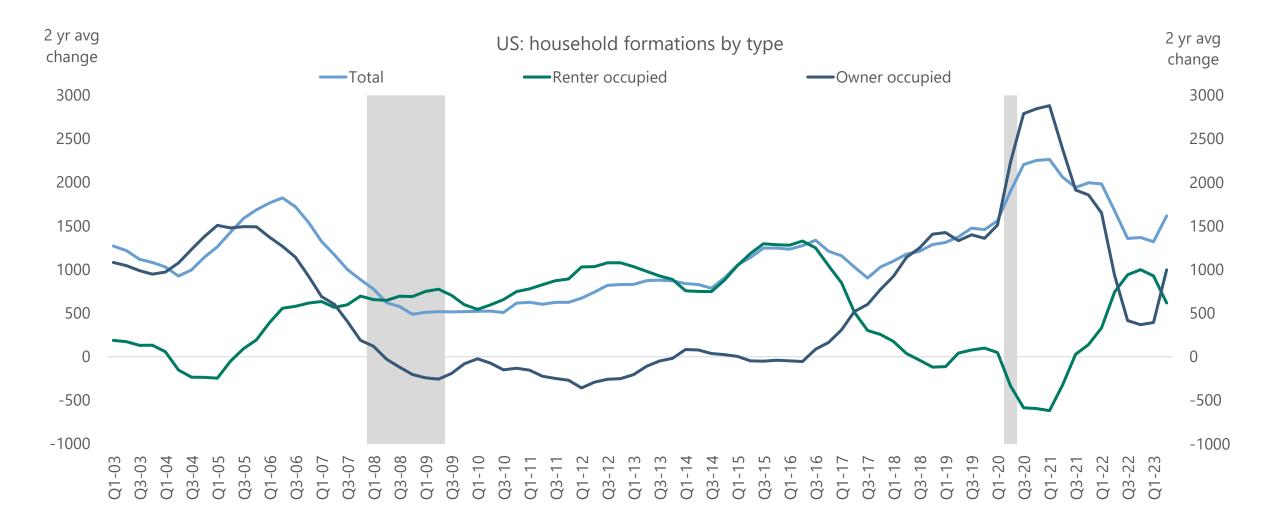
Source: UN, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist 40

# Rebounding household formation is a tailwind to housing



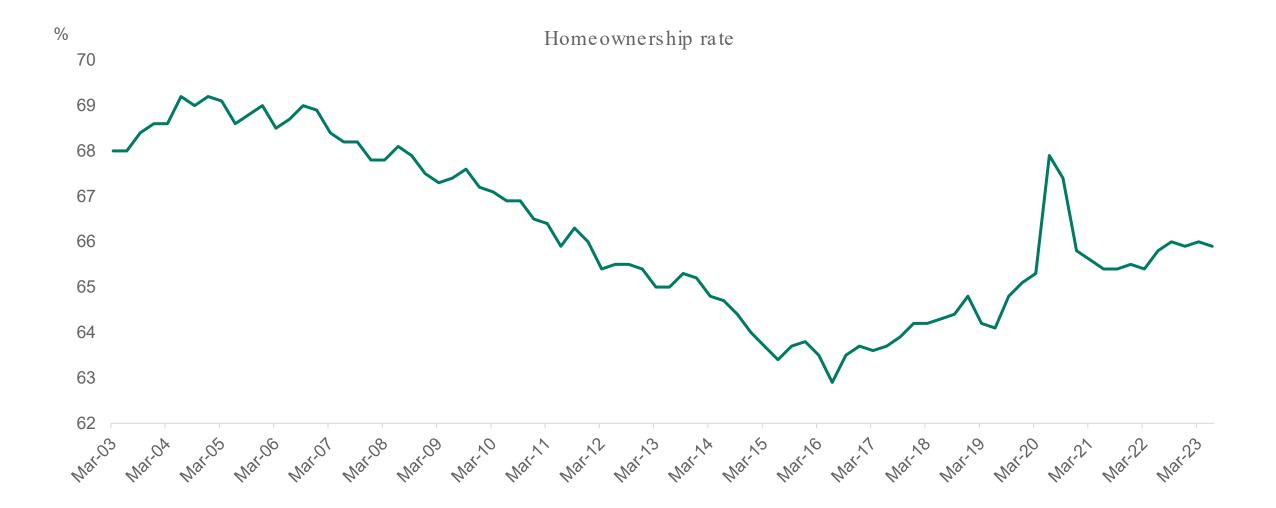
Source: Census Bureau, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

#### A rise in the number of renters recently



Source: Census Bureau, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

## Homeownership rate moving sideways



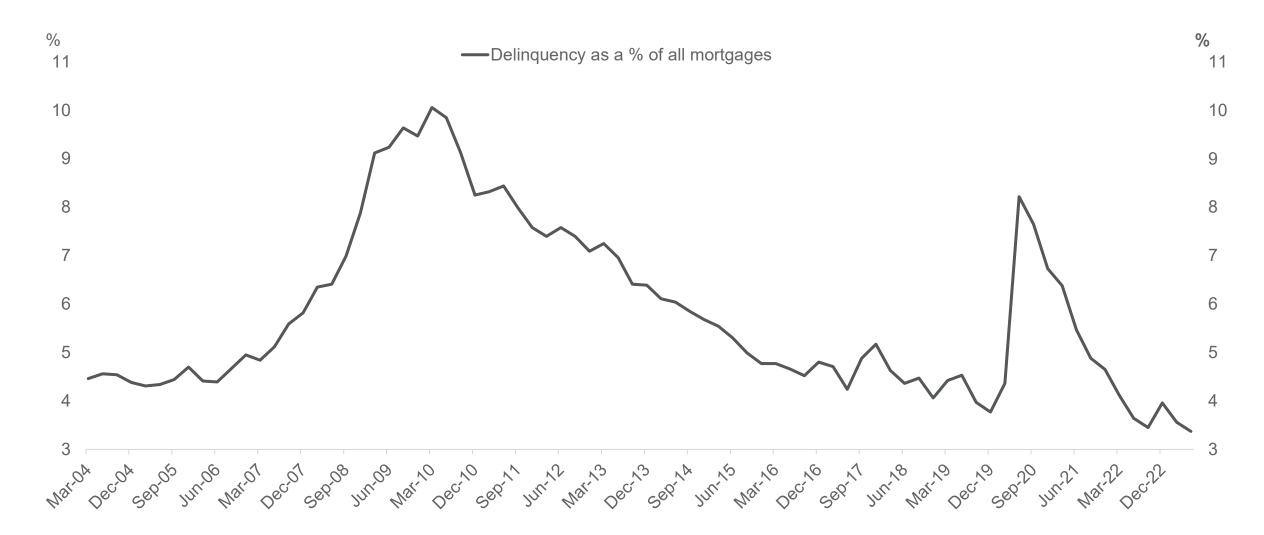
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 43

## Low unemployment is a tailwind to housing demand



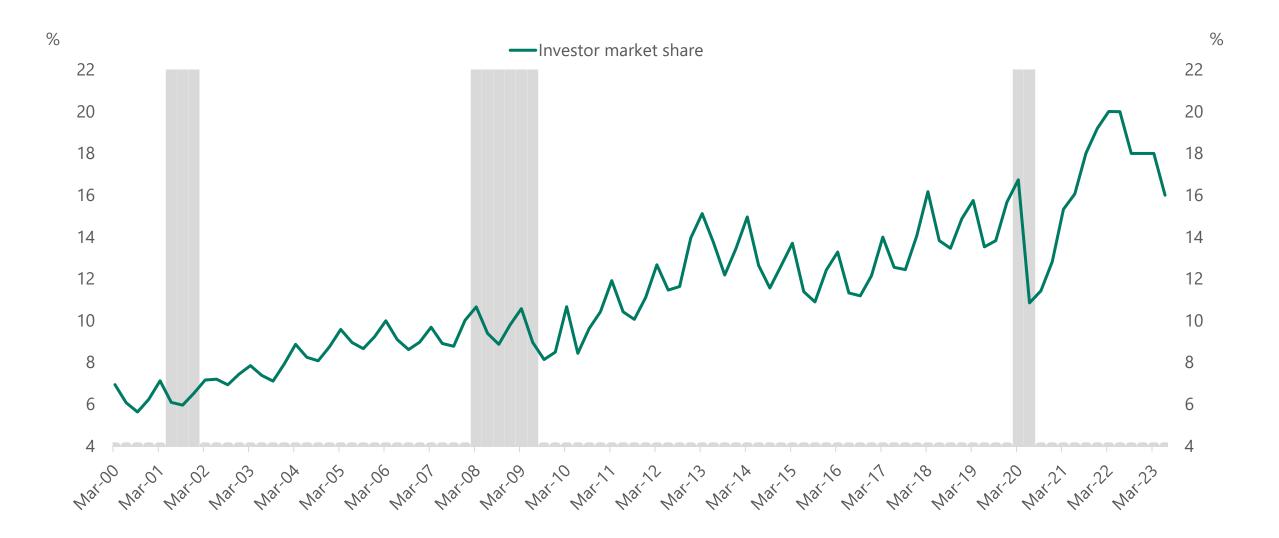
Source: BLS, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

## Very few delinquent mortgages

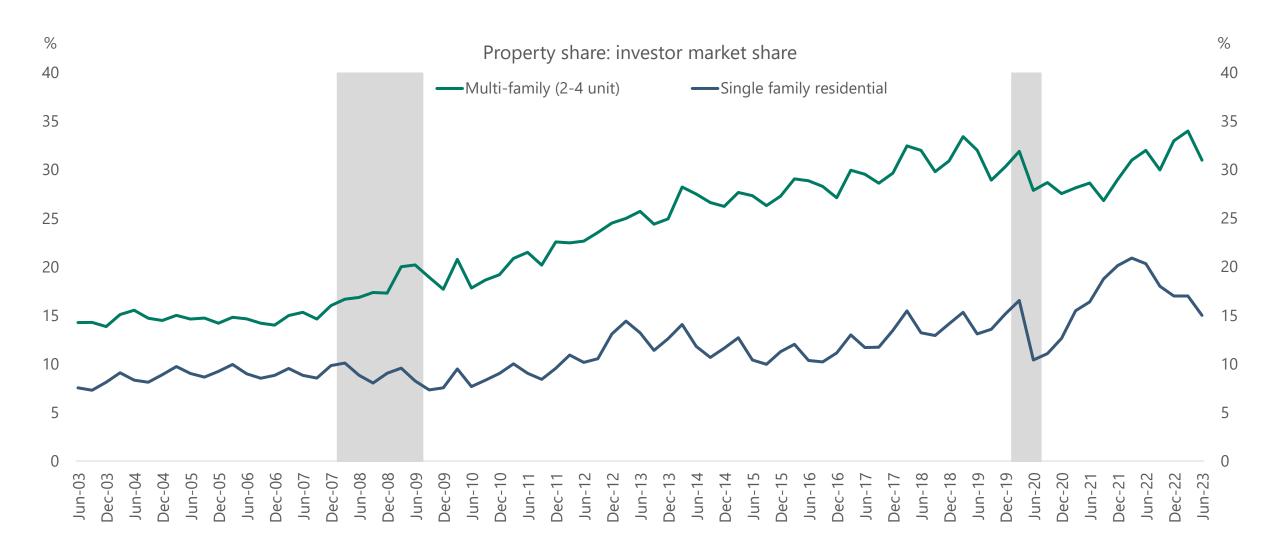


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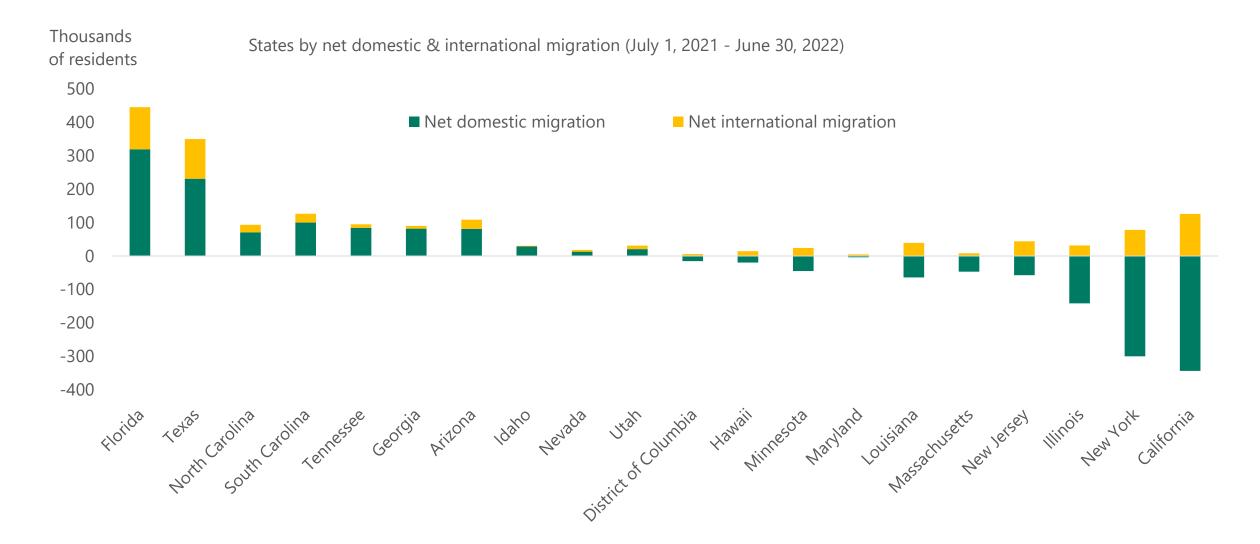
# Investors accounting for 16% of all home purchases



## Investor share of single-family is trending lower

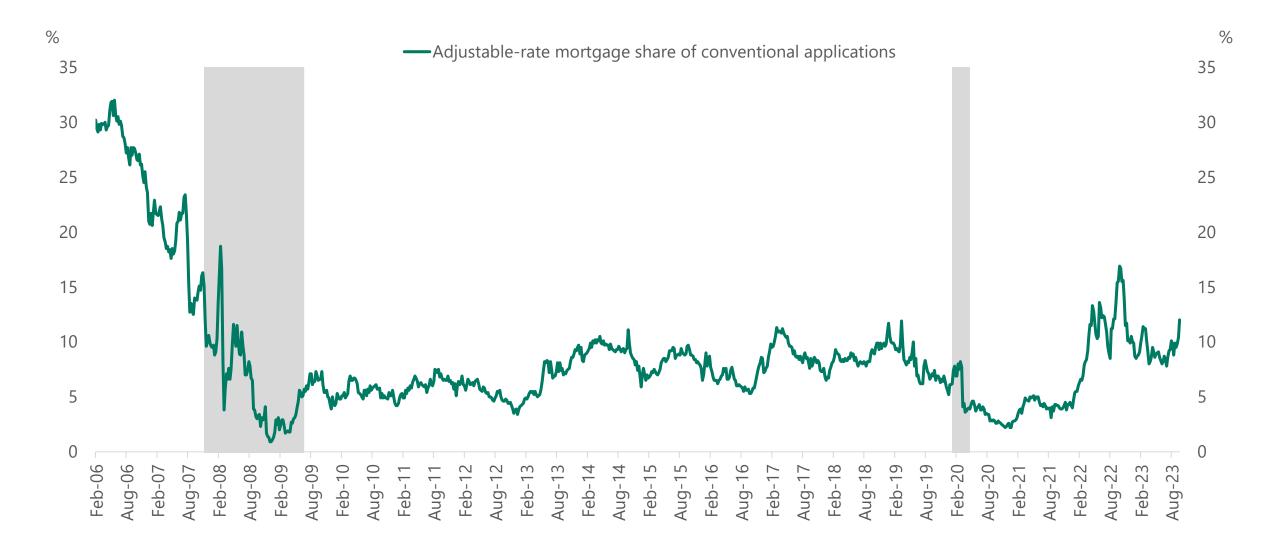


# Migration out of California and migration into Florida during the pandemic



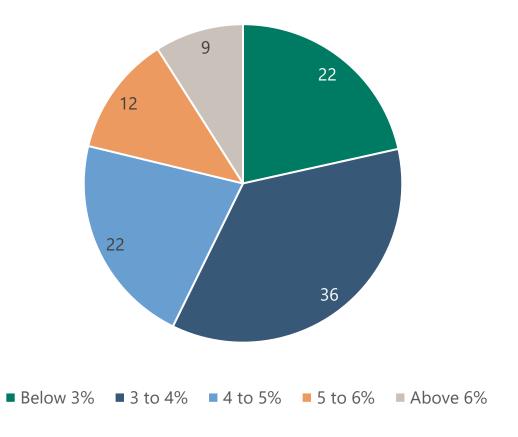
Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

# ARM share of total mortgage applications at 12%



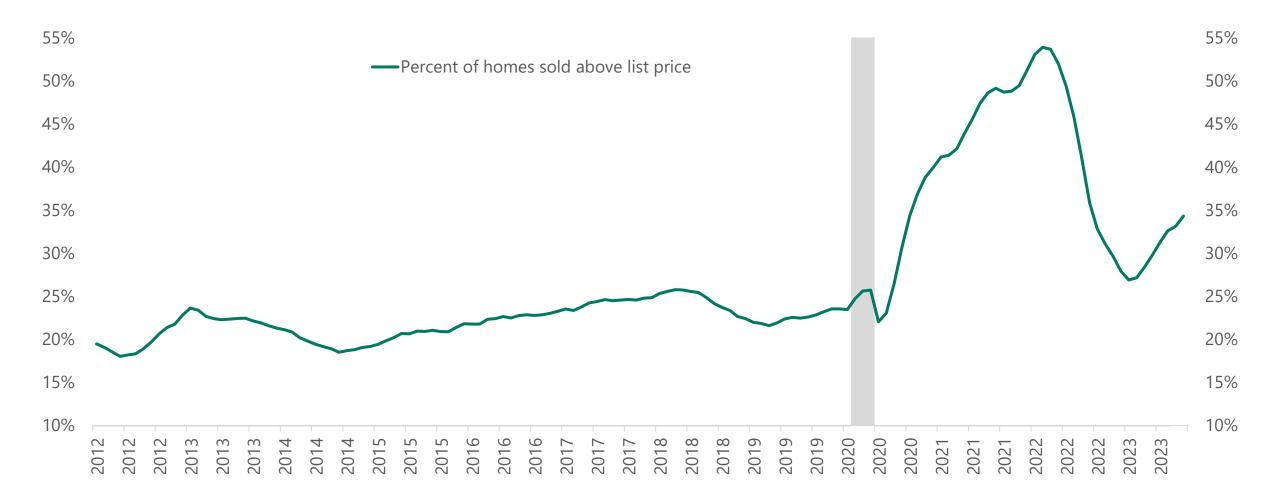
# Share of mortgages outstanding by interest rate

Share of mortgages outstanding by interest rate at origination by count, 2023 Q2



Source: FHFA, Apollo Chief Economist

## Housing demand: 34% of homes sold above their list price

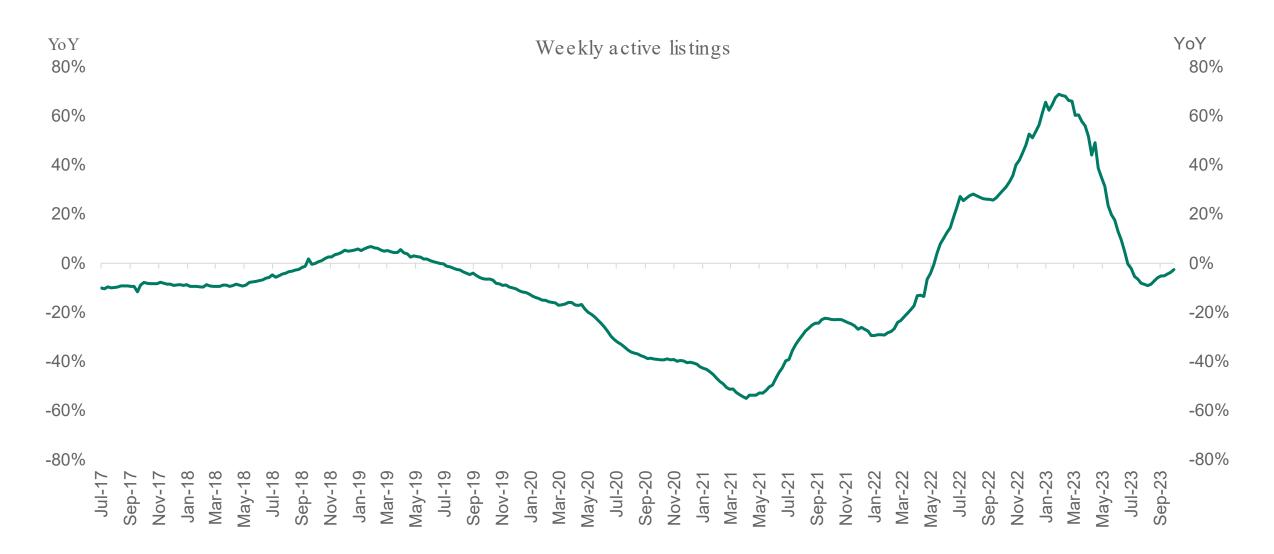


Source: Redfin, Apollo Chief Economist

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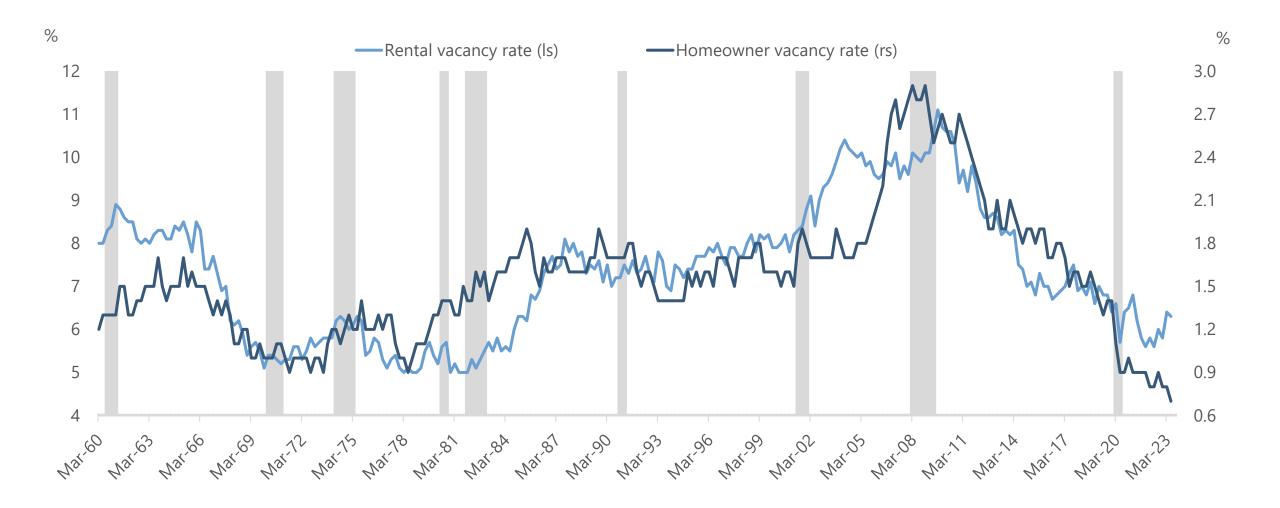
2) Housing Supply: Housing supply is low, construction coming down from record-high levels

#### Low inventory of homes for sale



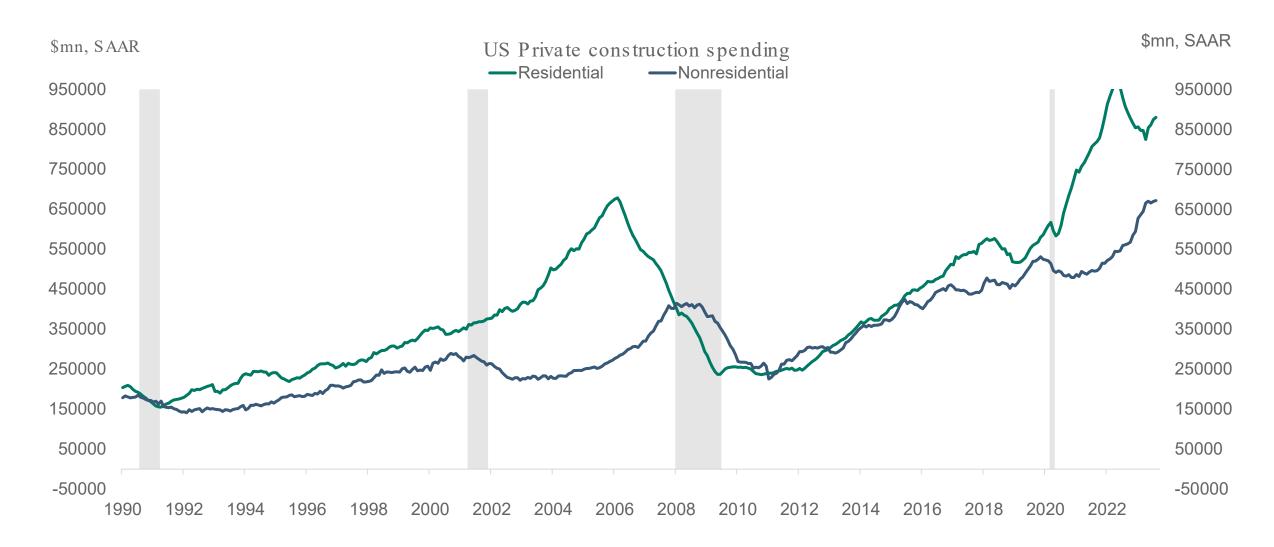
Source: Realtor.com, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Homeowner vacancy rate is at historical low level



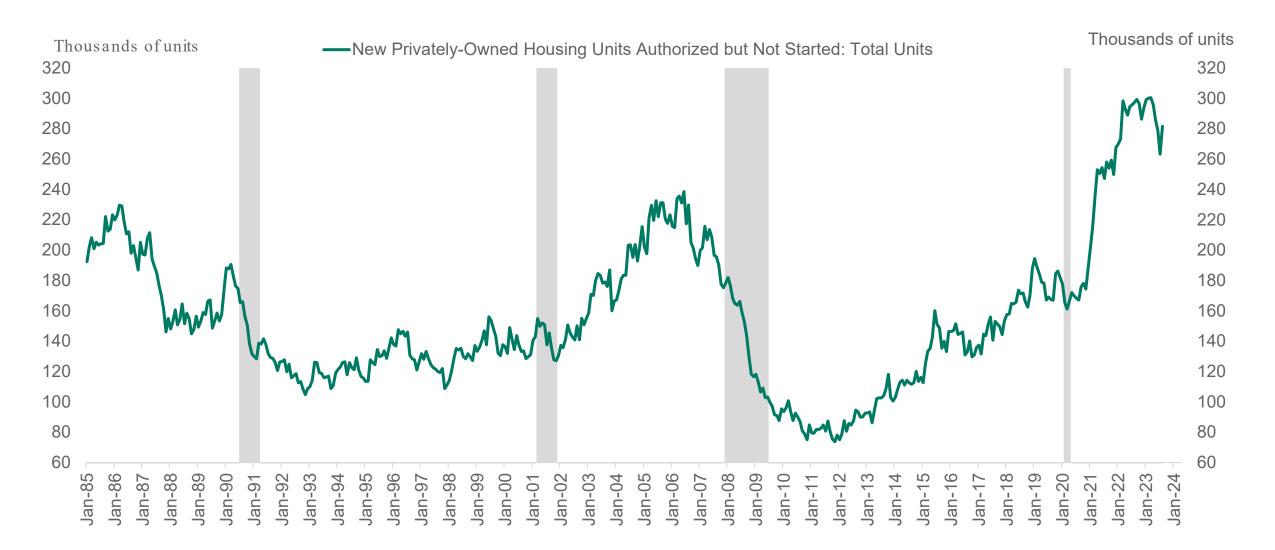
Source: Census Bureau, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

## Residential construction spending starting to rise again



Source: Census, Apollo Chief Economist

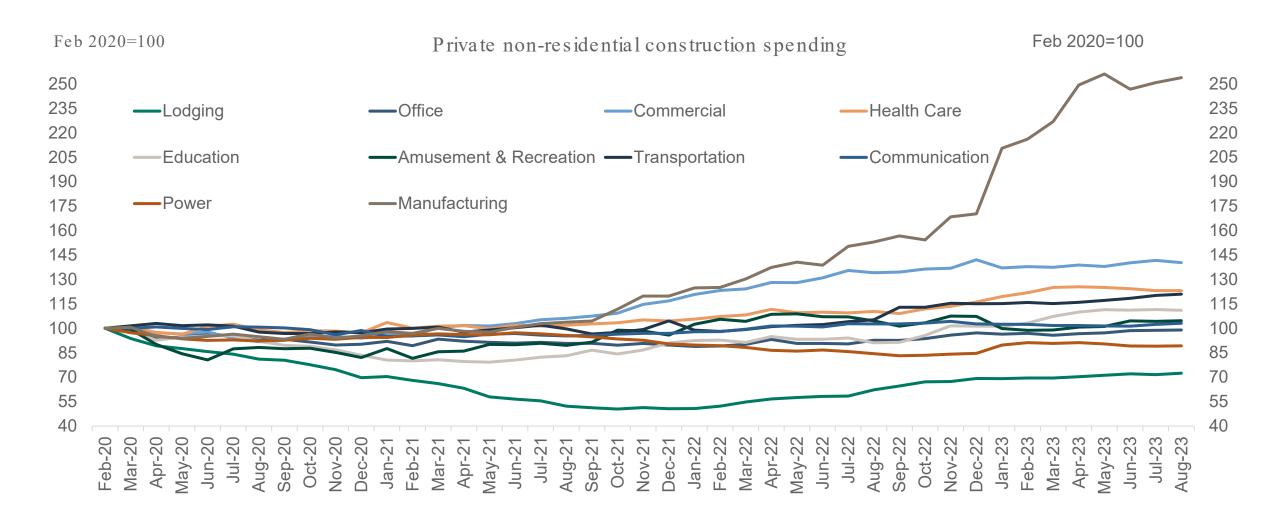
#### New housing units authorized but not started



Source: FRED, Apollo Chief Economist 56

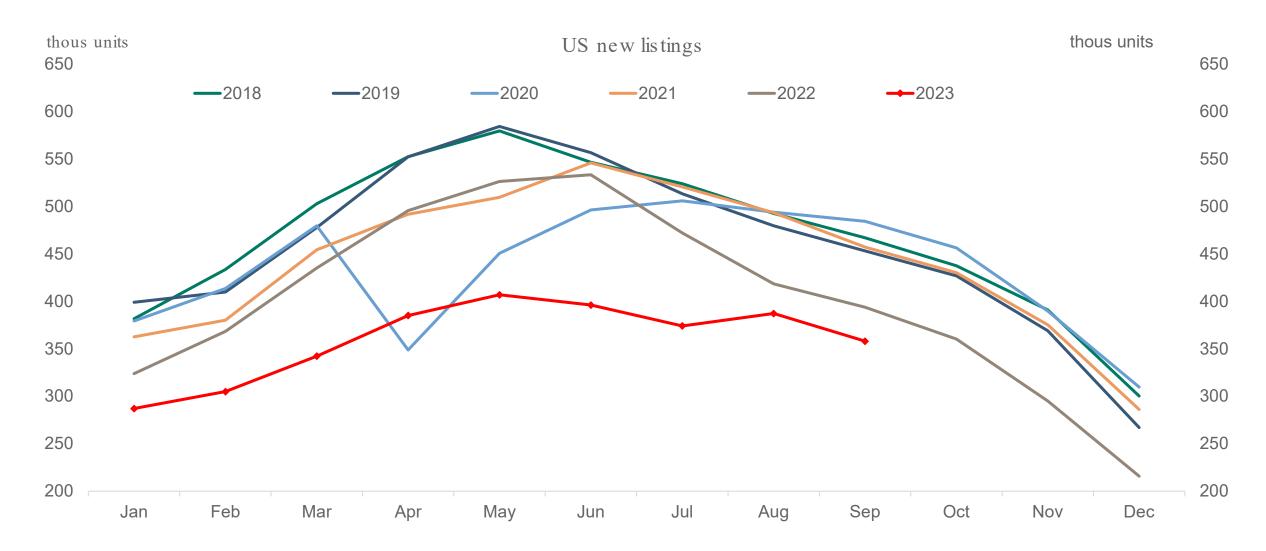
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# The biggest increase in non-residential construction has been in manufacturing



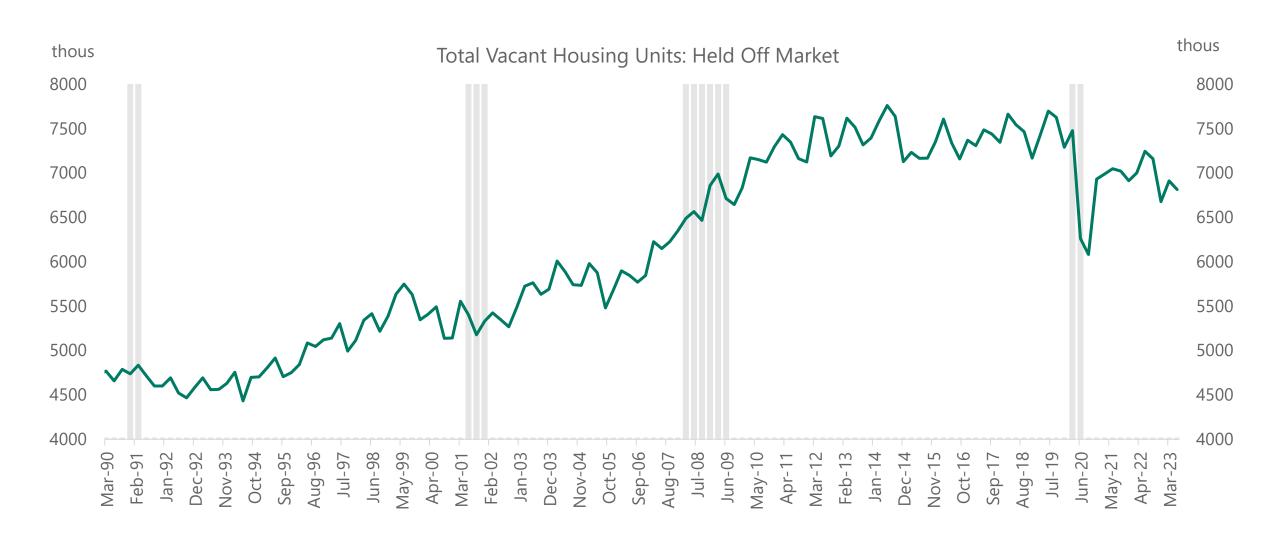
Source: Census, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

## Newly listed homes very low

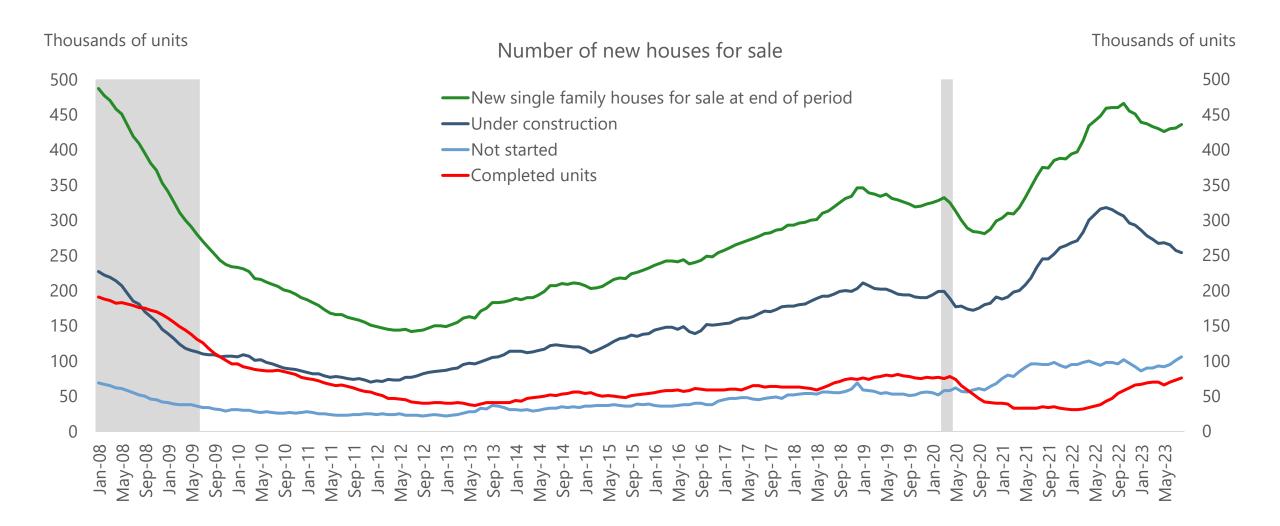


Source: Realtor.com. Apollo Chief Economist

## Vacant housing units held off market coming down



#### Decline in the number of new houses for sale under construction



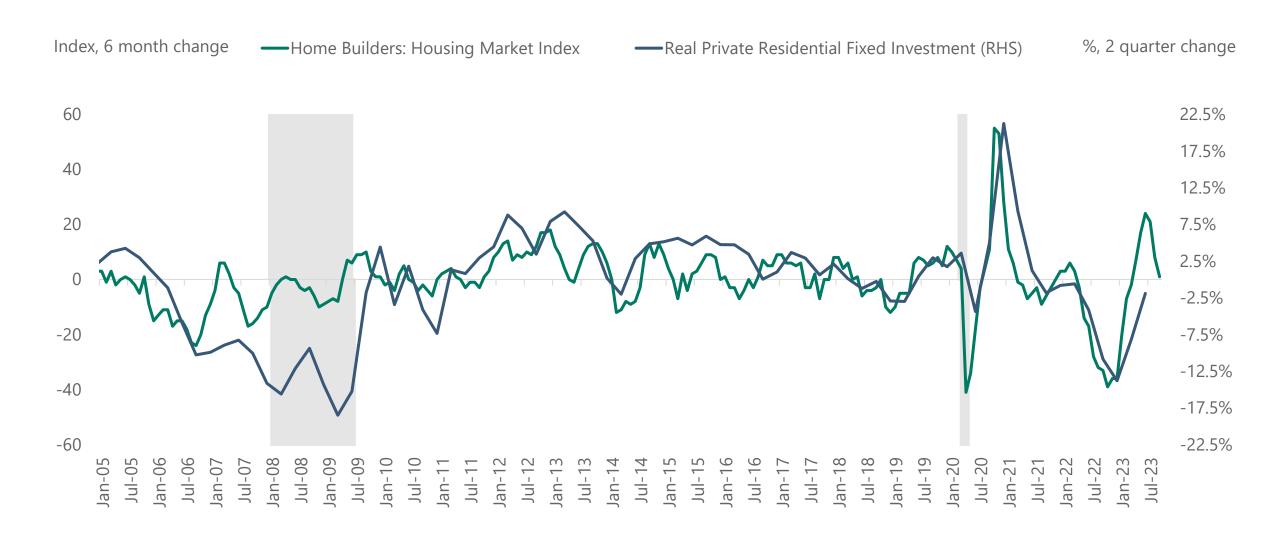
Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

## Housing starts high despite low affordability



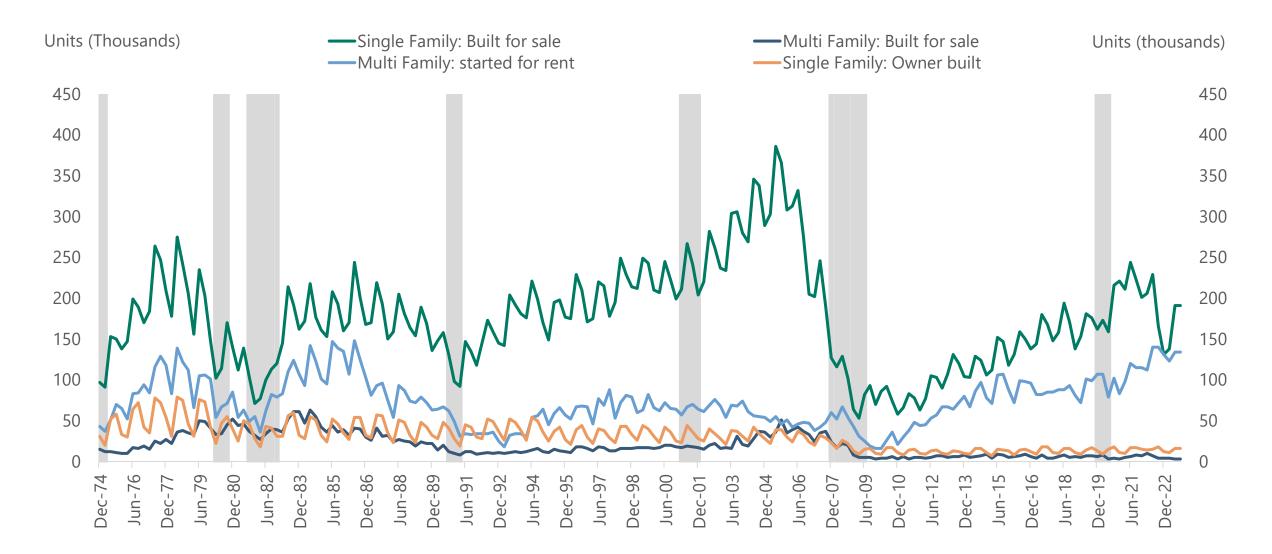
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

## Homebuilder confidence highly correlated with residential investment



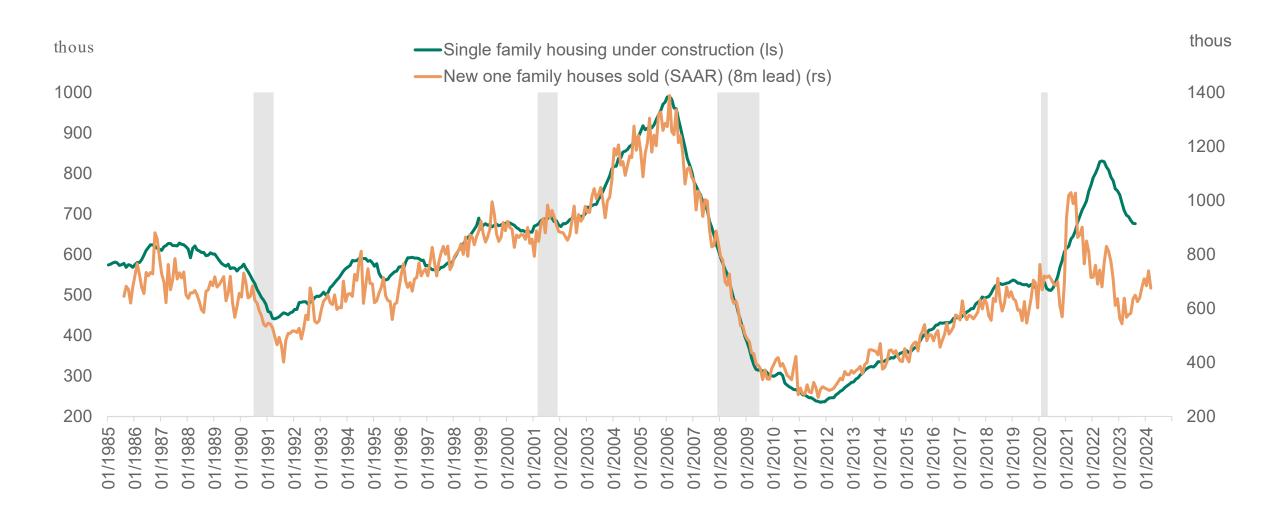
Source: BEA, NAHB, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist 62

#### Intent of housing starts

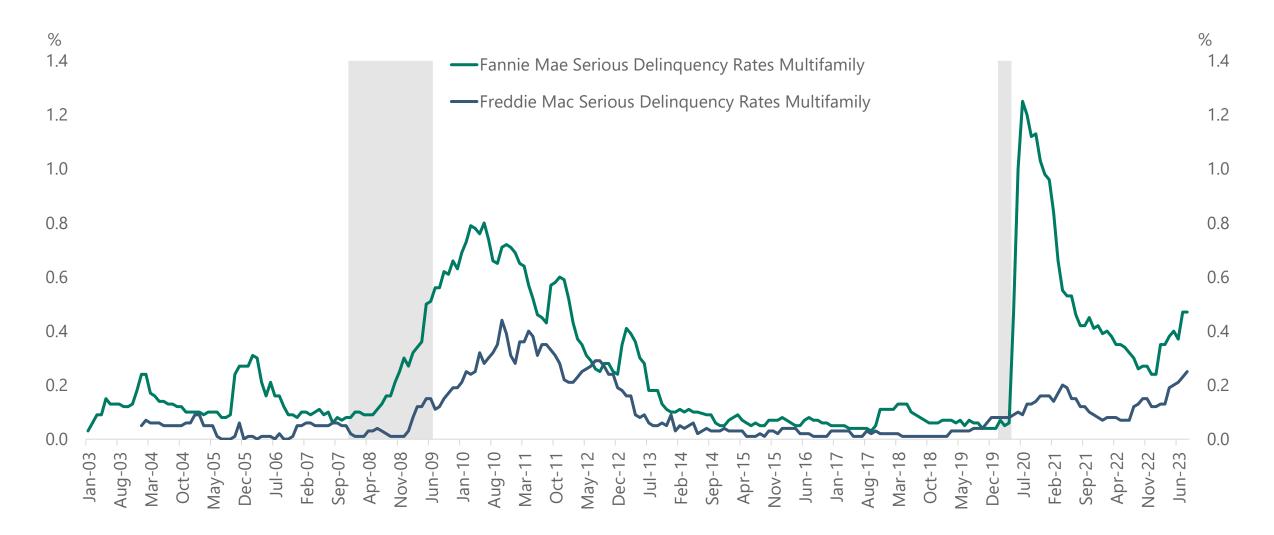


Source: US Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

## Some disconnect between housing under construction and new homes sold



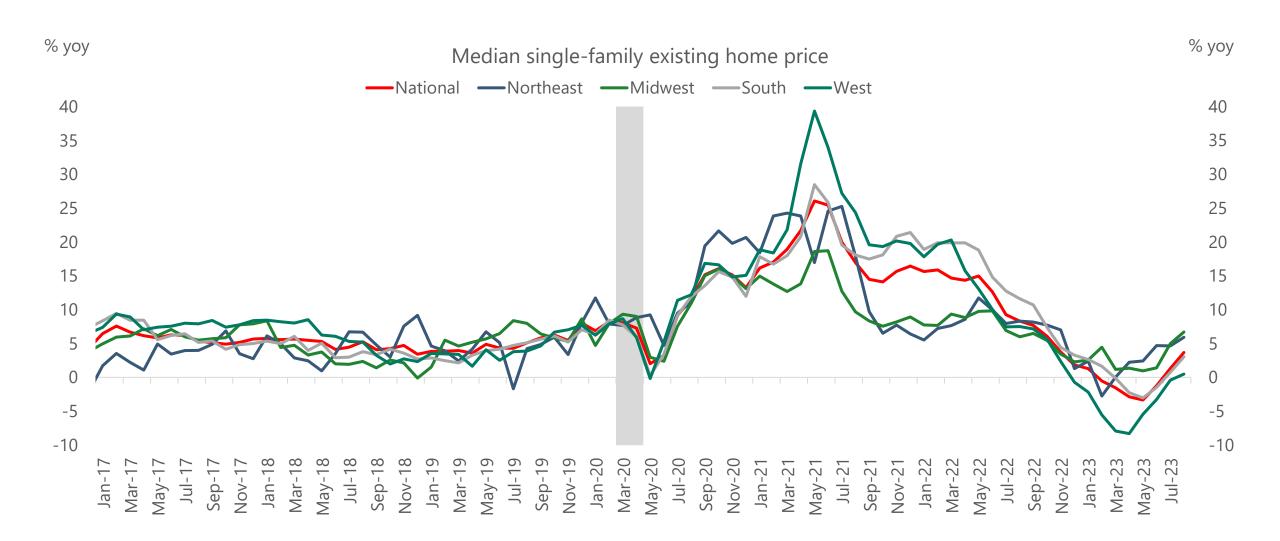
#### Multifamily delinquencies rising



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 65

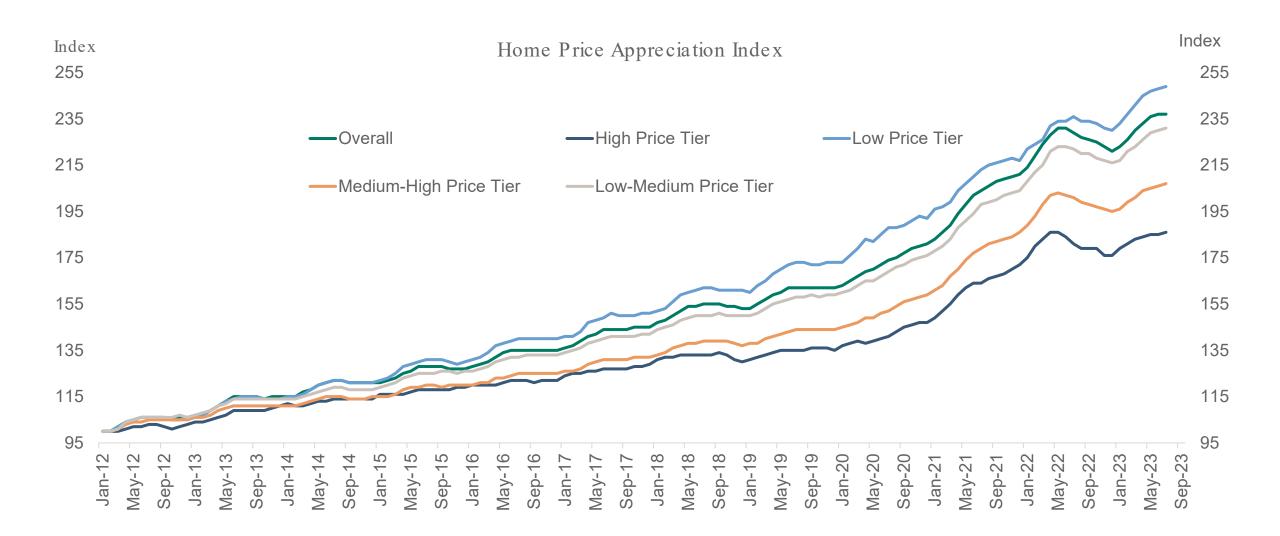
3) House Prices: Home price inflation not yet impacted by higher mortgage rates

## Higher mortgage rates will weigh on home prices

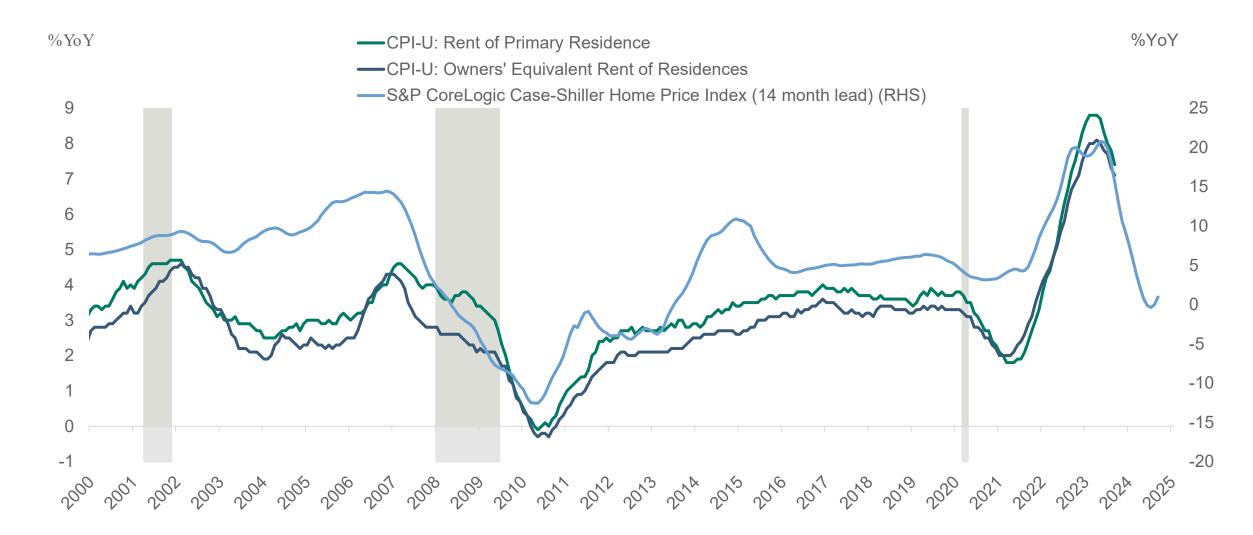


Source: NAR, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

#### House price inflation stabilizing across price tiers

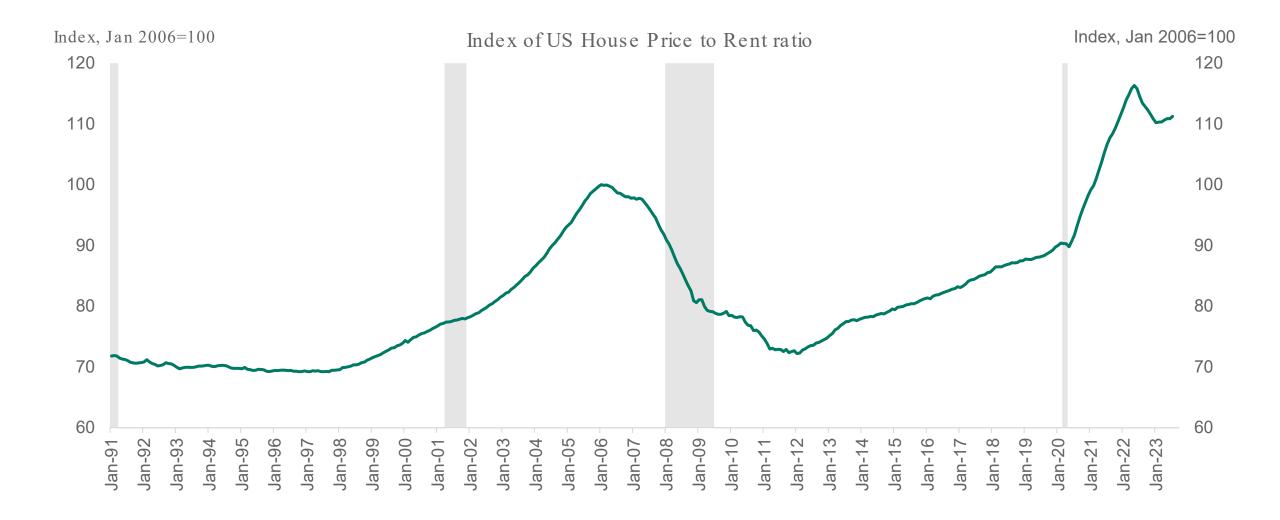


#### Home price inflation has peaked

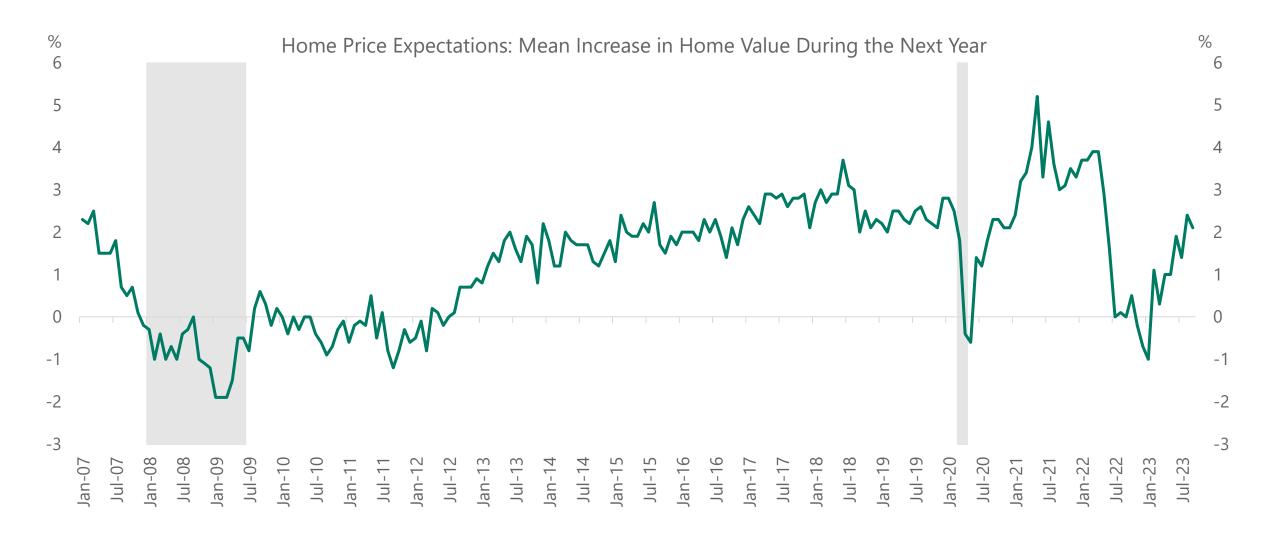


Source: Haver Analytics, BLS, S&P, Apollo Chief Economist

## Home price to rent ratio significantly above 2006 levels

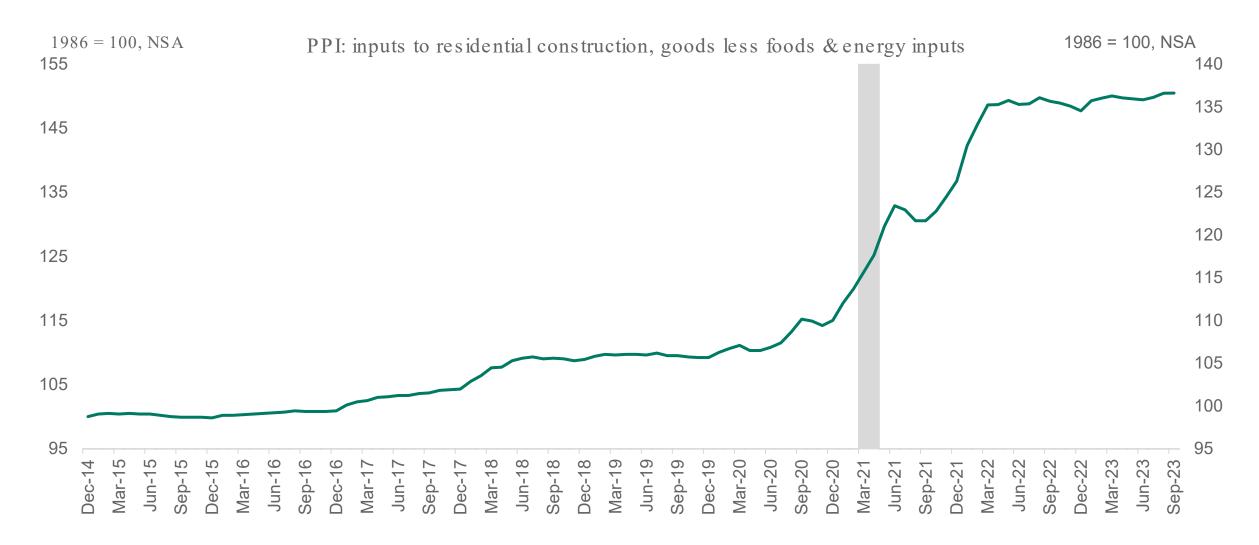


# Steady increase in consumers' expectations to home price inflation



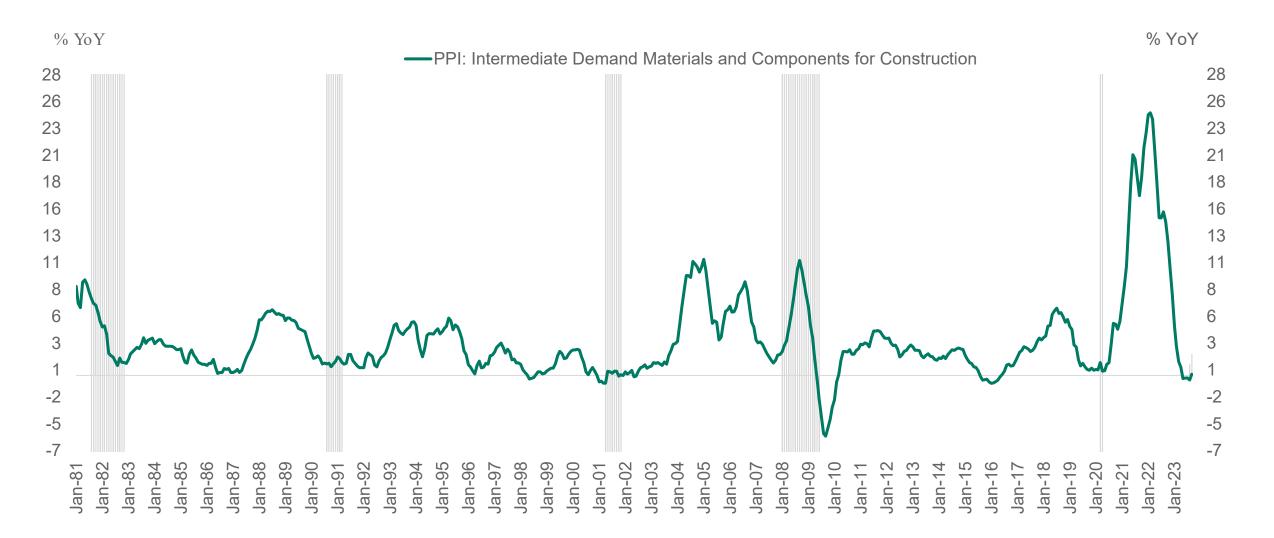
4) Housing Outlook: High mortgage rates, high home prices, strong supply pipeline, and high building costs are risks to this housing cycle

## Housing construction costs are high



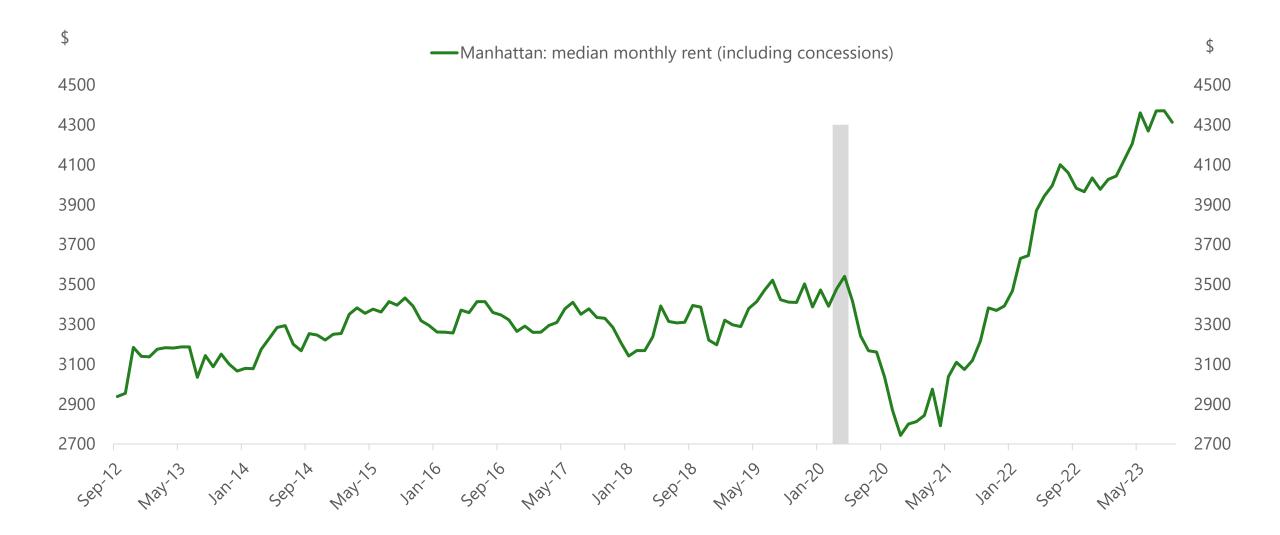
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Apollo Chief Economist

## Inflation in input costs for home builders declining

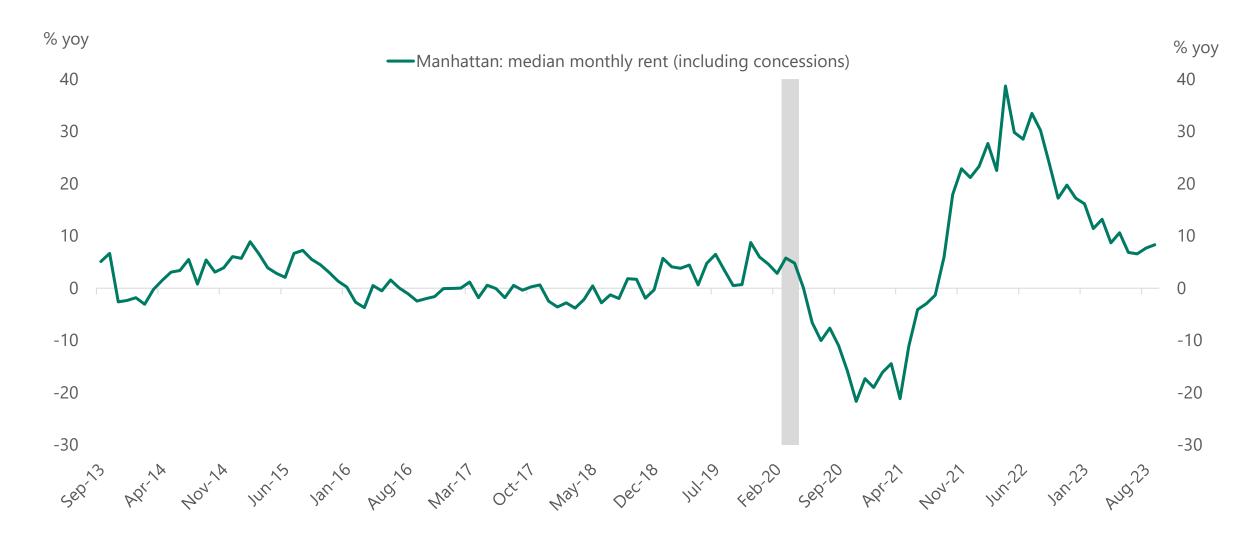


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## Manhattan median rent near all-time highs at \$4312 in September 2023

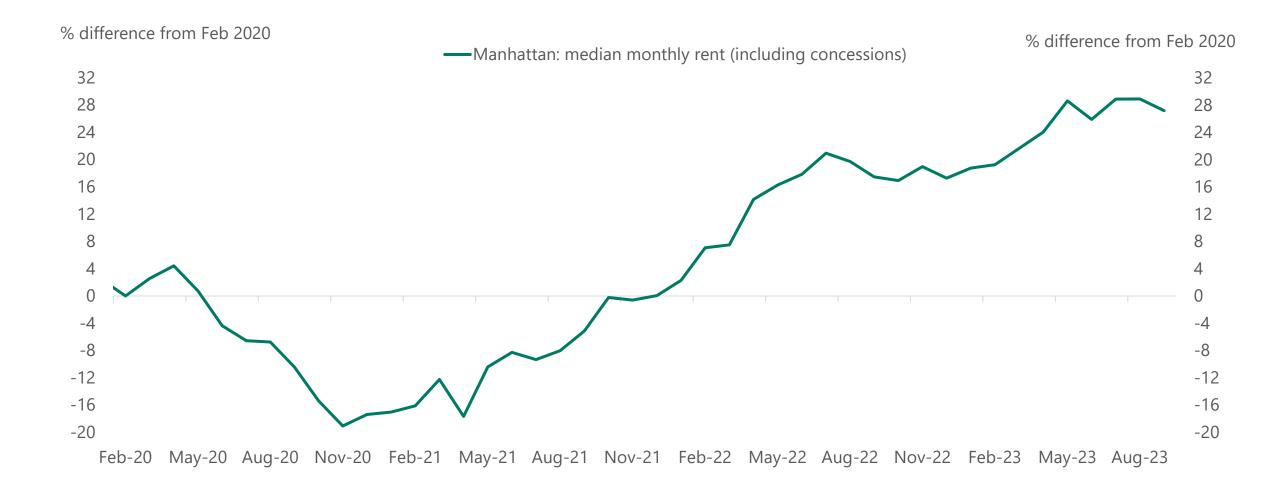


# Manhattan rent growth slowing



Source: Elliman, Apollo Chief Economist

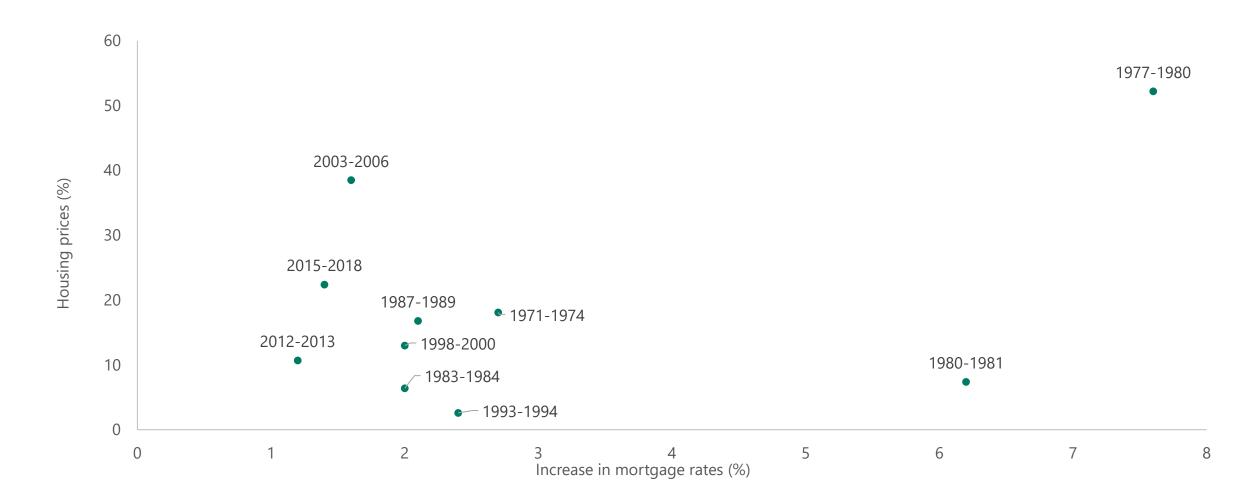
#### Manhattan rents above pre-pandemic levels



Source: Elliman, Apollo Chief Economist

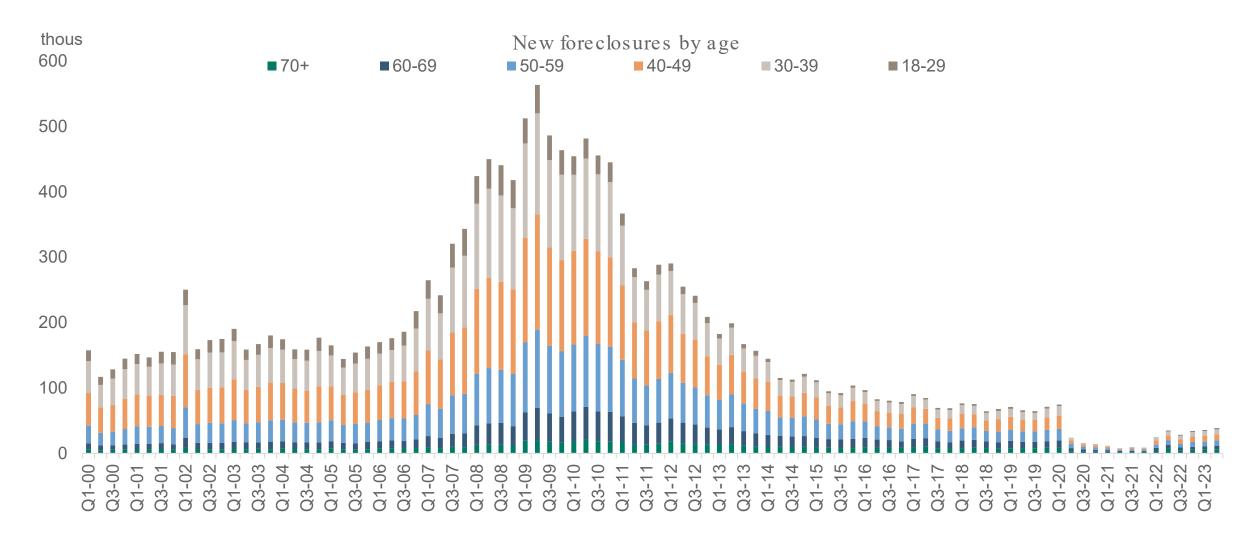
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# Rising mortgage rates generally associated with lower home price inflation

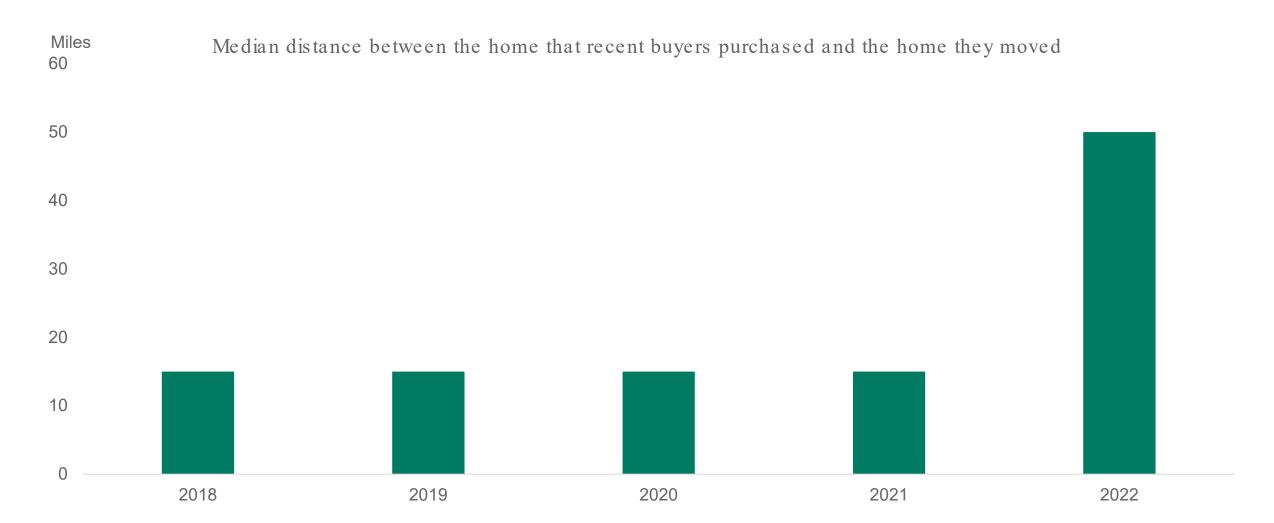


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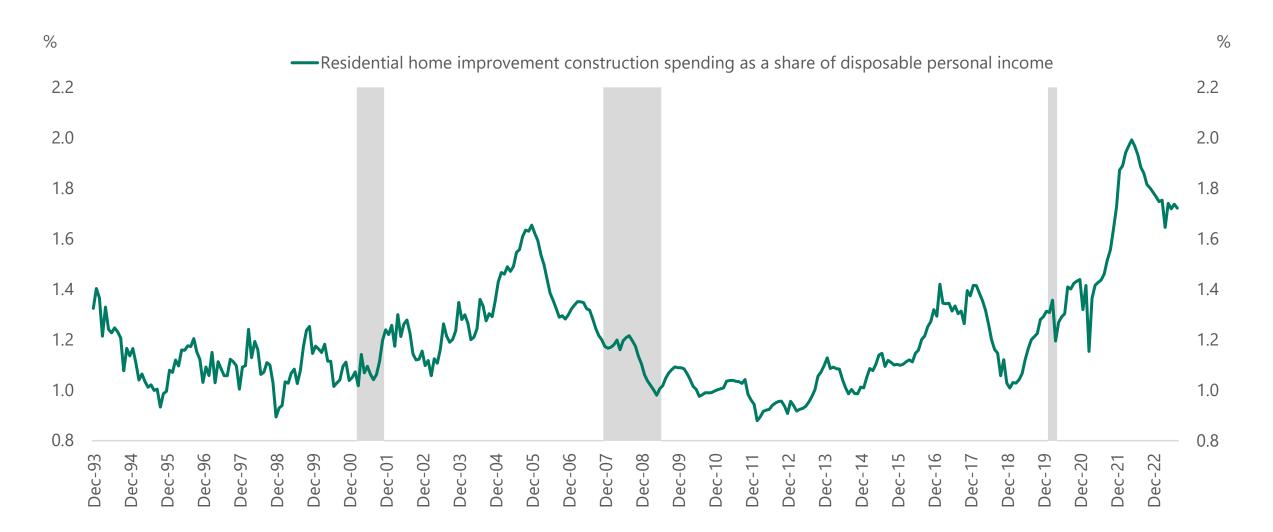
#### New foreclosures, by age of homeowner



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



# Home improvement spending remains at high levels



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

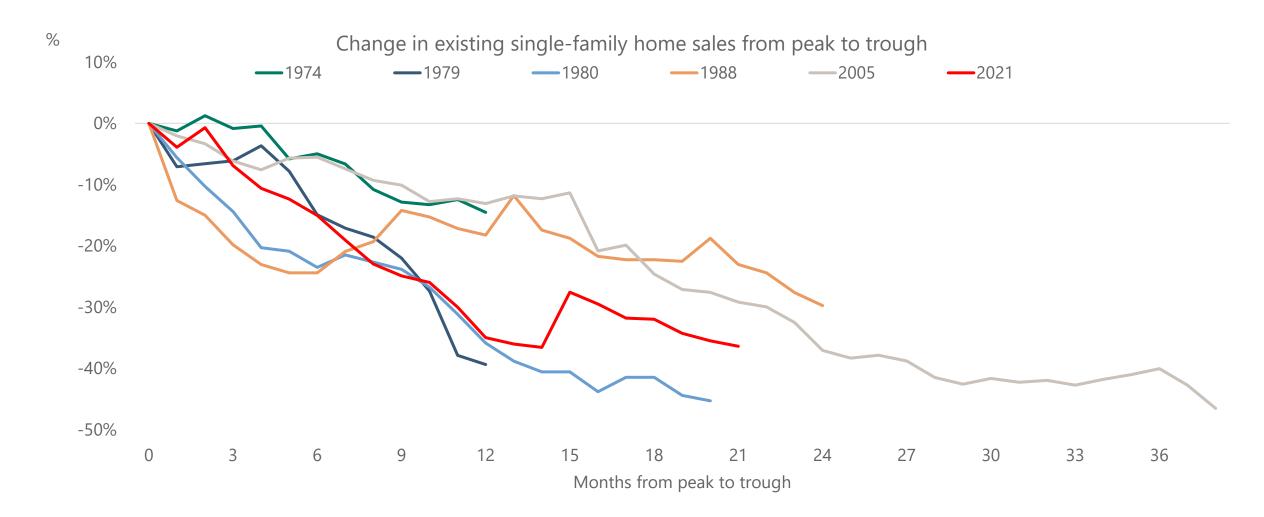


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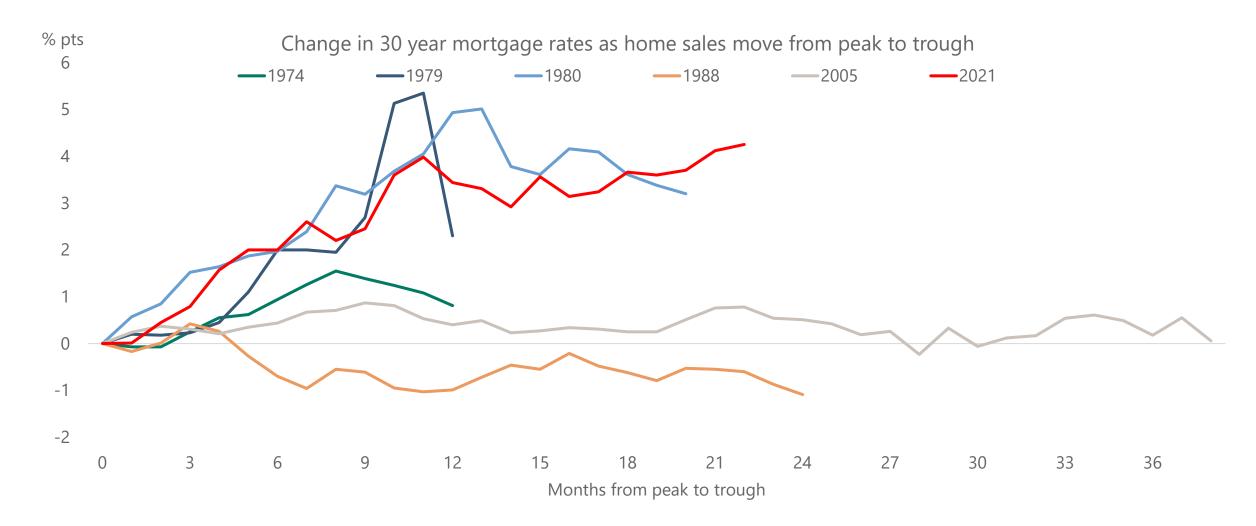
Comparing the current housing slowdown to previous housing slowdowns

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

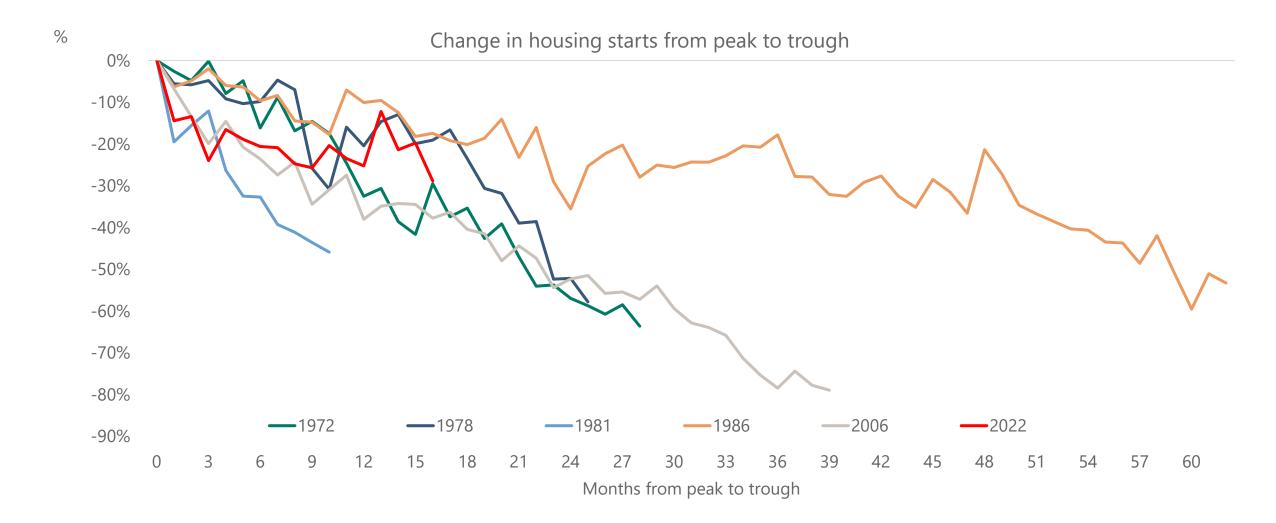


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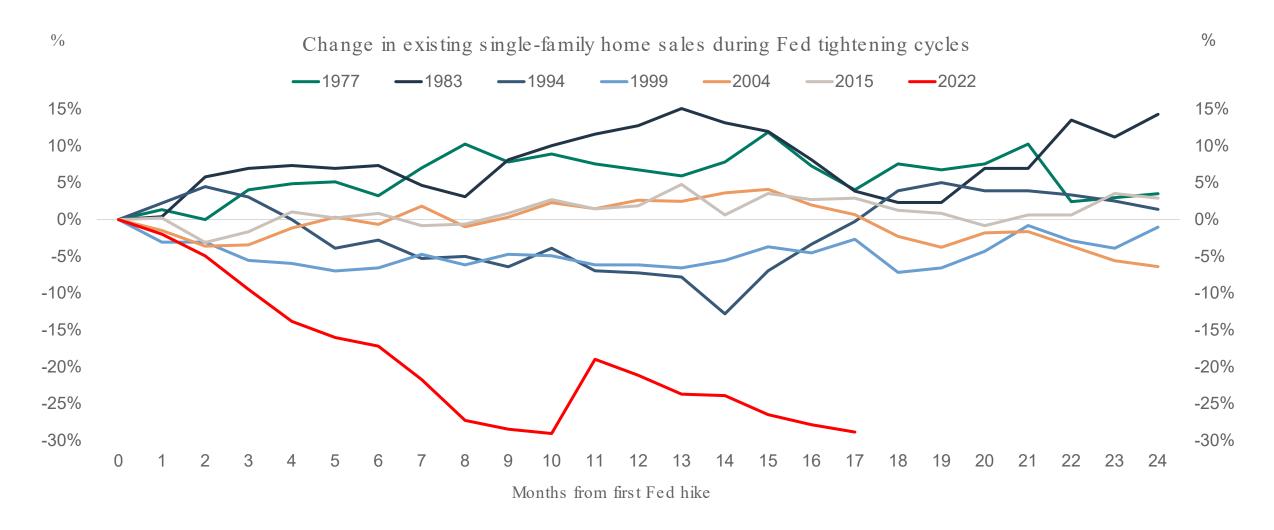
The current rise in mortgage rates is similar to what we saw during the Volcker disinflation



## The current decline in housing starts follows the pattern of previous slowdowns



## This is the fastest Fed-driven housing slowdown on record



Source: NAR, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist



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