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US Housing Outlook:

Housing recovery continues driven by low supply. But housing demand is gradually softening because of high mortgage rates, high home prices, and rising unemployment

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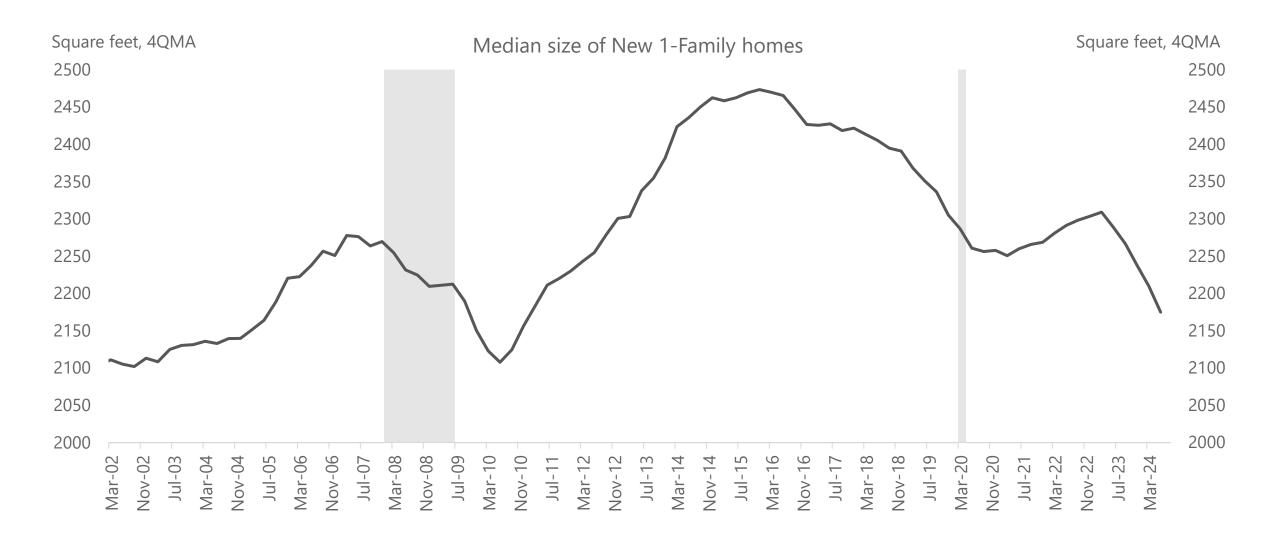


Housing recovery continues, driven by:

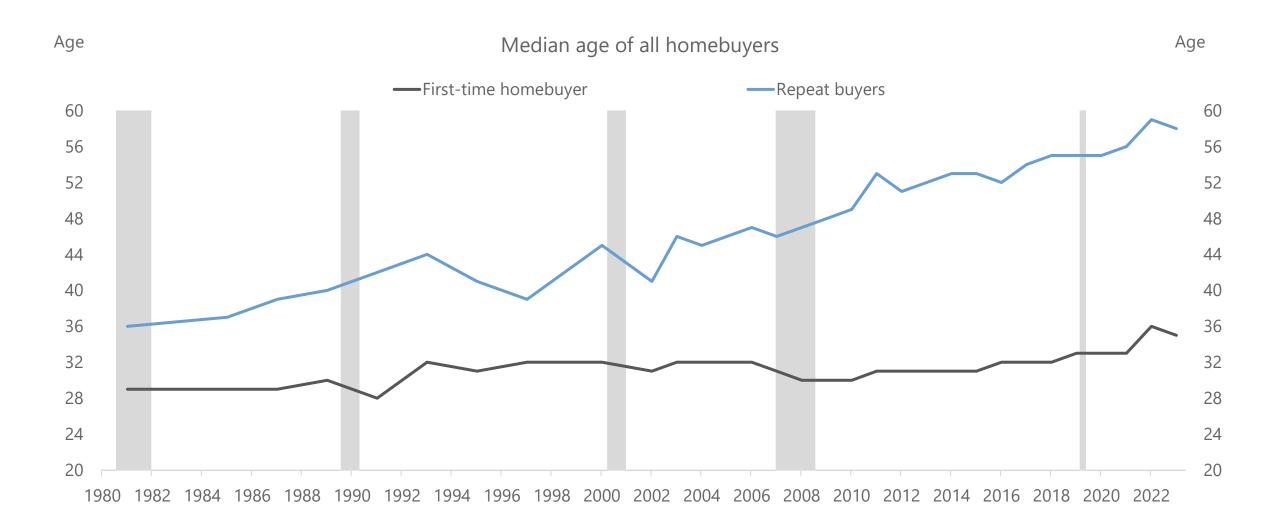
- 1. Low housing supply
- 2. Housing demand dampened by high home prices and high mortgage rates
- 3. Robust job growth but rising unemployment rate
- 4. Robust wage growth
- 5. Household wealth levels and fixed income cash flows high, supporting housing demand

Source: Apollo Chief Economist

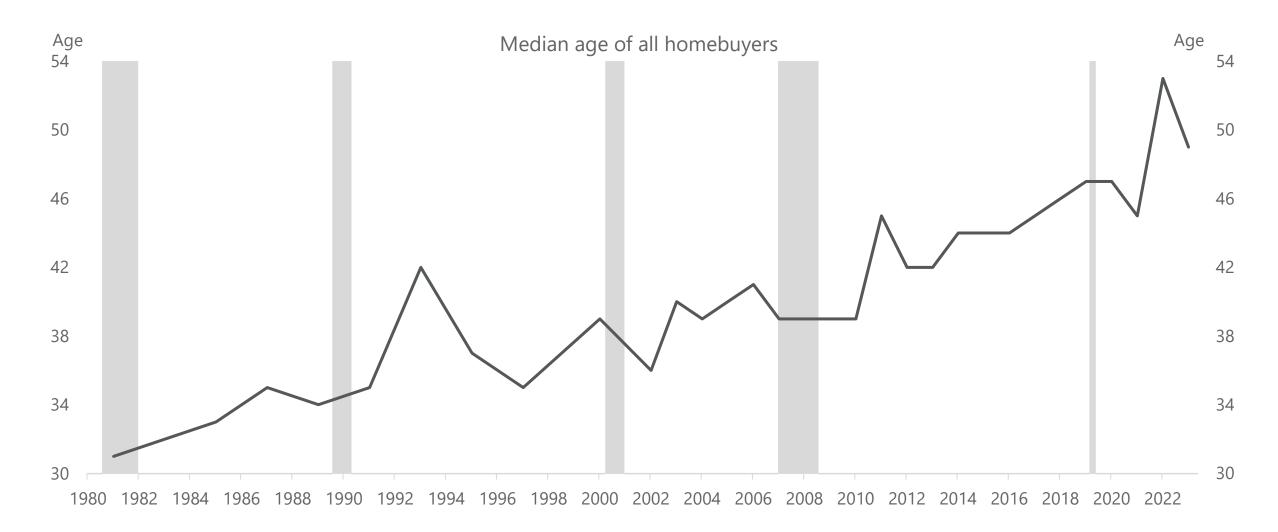
US homes are getting smaller



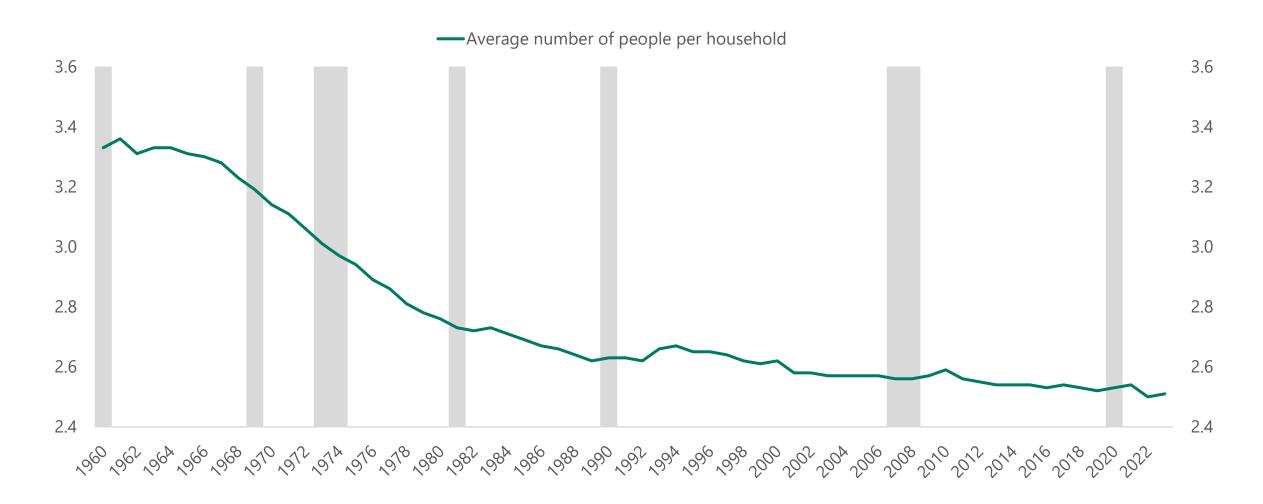
Homebuyers are getting older



The median age of all homebuyers is now 49 years old, up from 31 in 1981



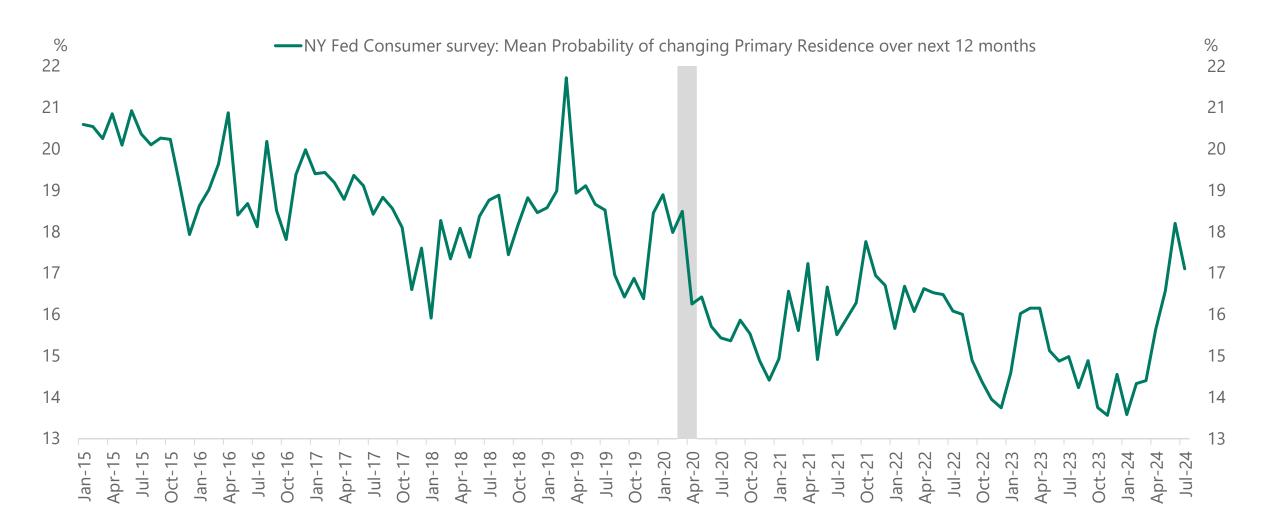
The average family size in the US has declined from 3.3 in 1960 to 2.5 by 2023.



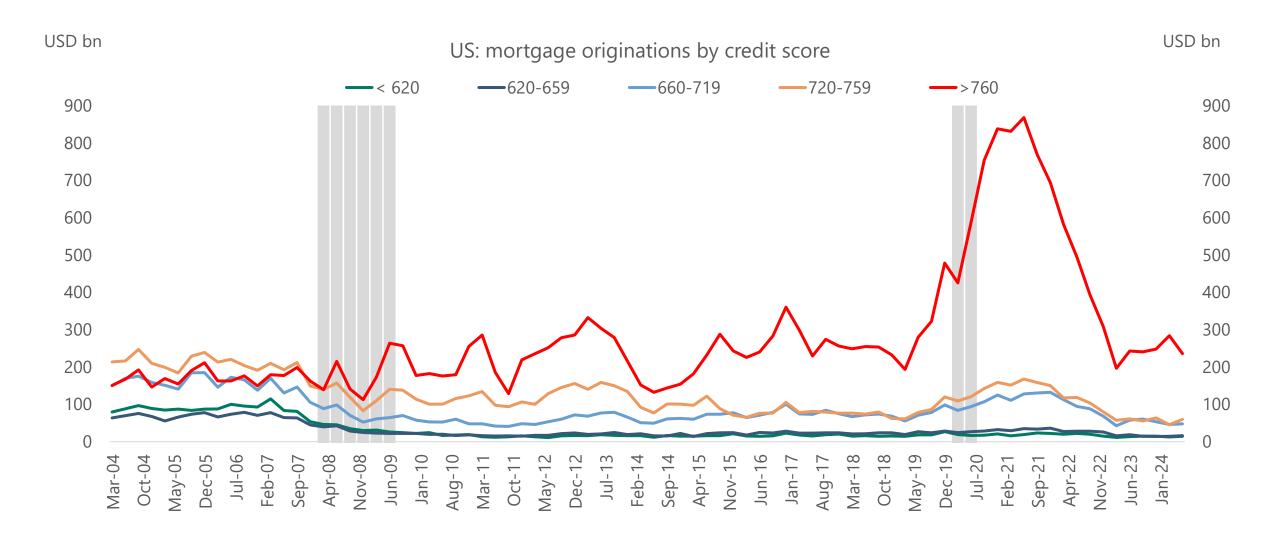
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Leading indicators for the housing market

Share of households planning to move over the next 12 months moved up recently

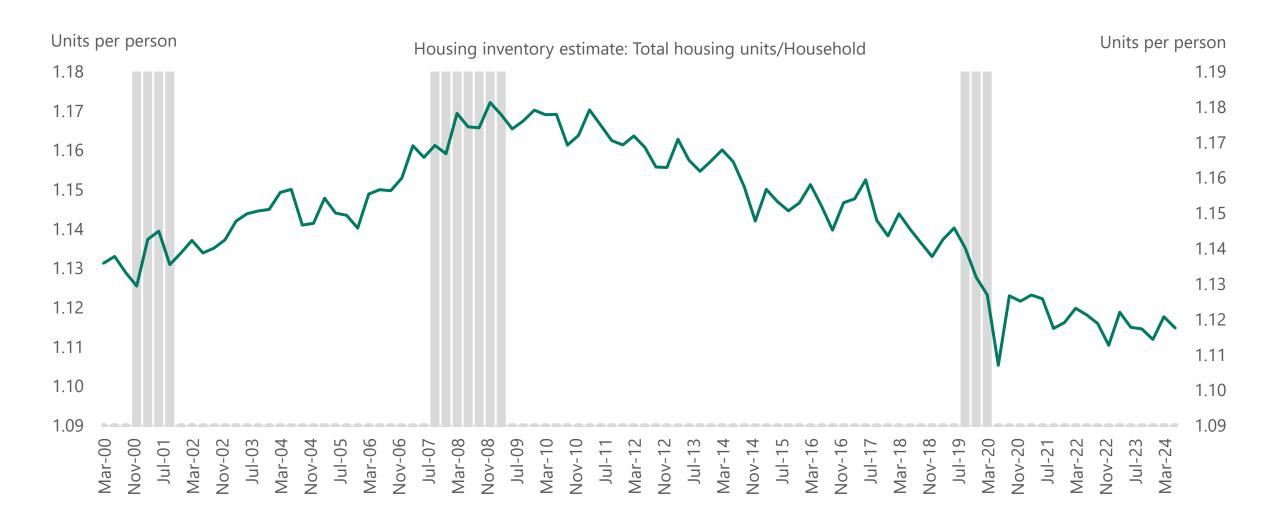


Mortgage originations have normalized for households with high credit scores



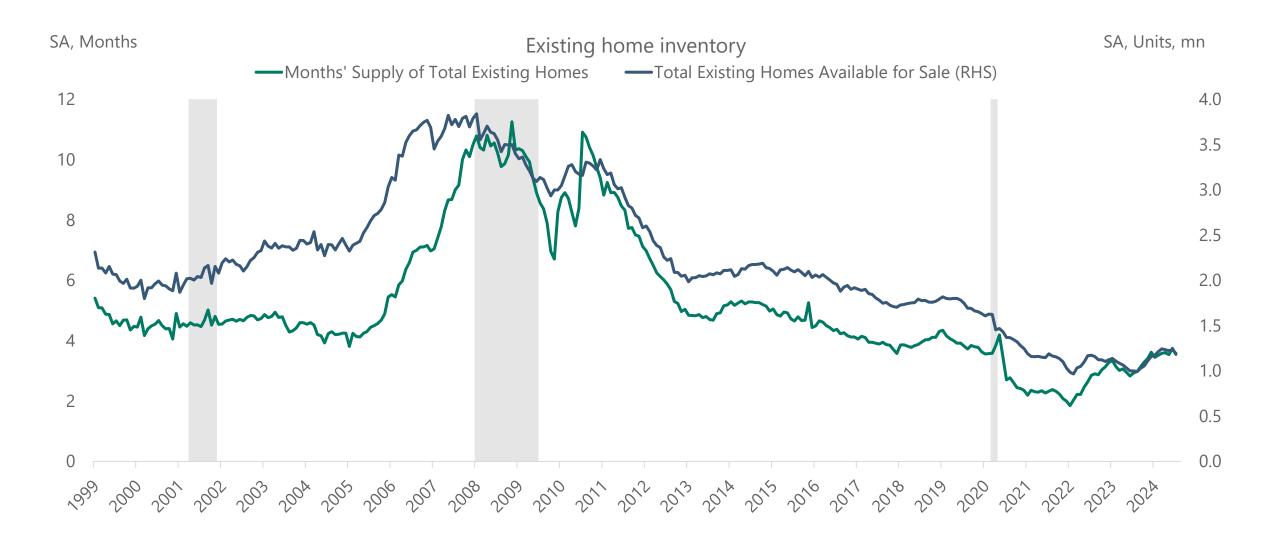
Source: NY Fed, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

Total housing inventory per person very low



Source: Census Bureau, FRED, Apollo Chief Economist

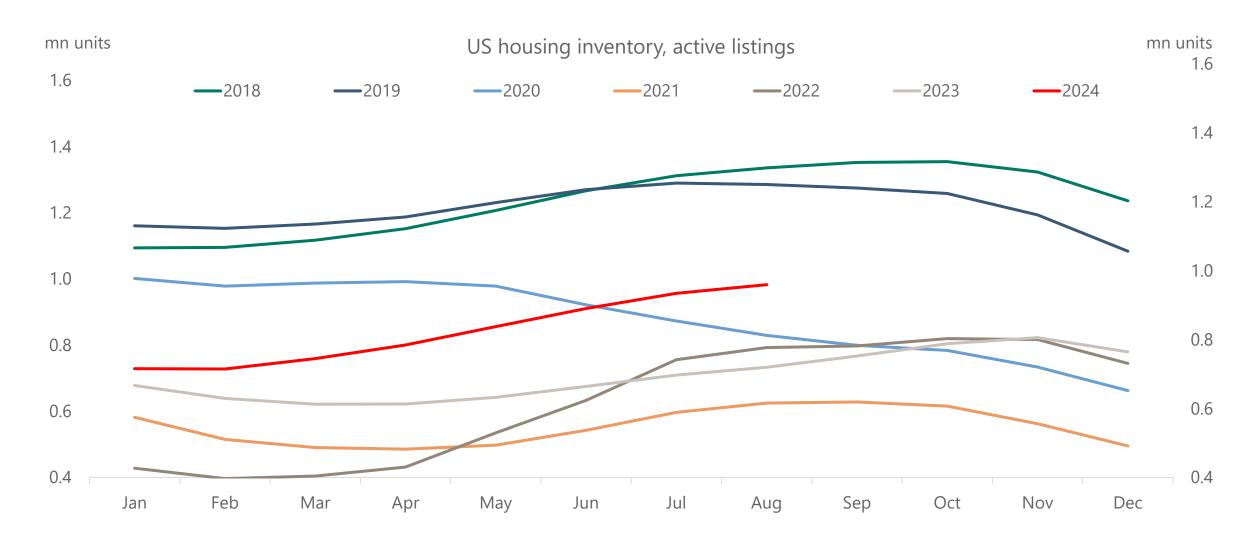
Existing housing inventory very low



Source: NAR, Apollo Chief Economist

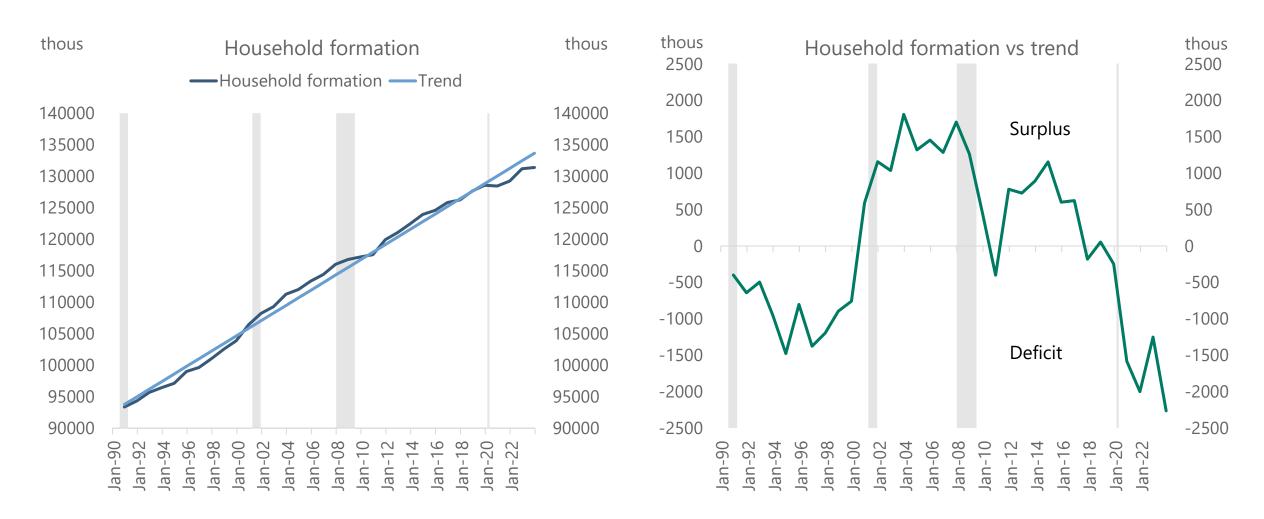
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Low inventory of homes for sale. Has been rising for seasonal reasons.



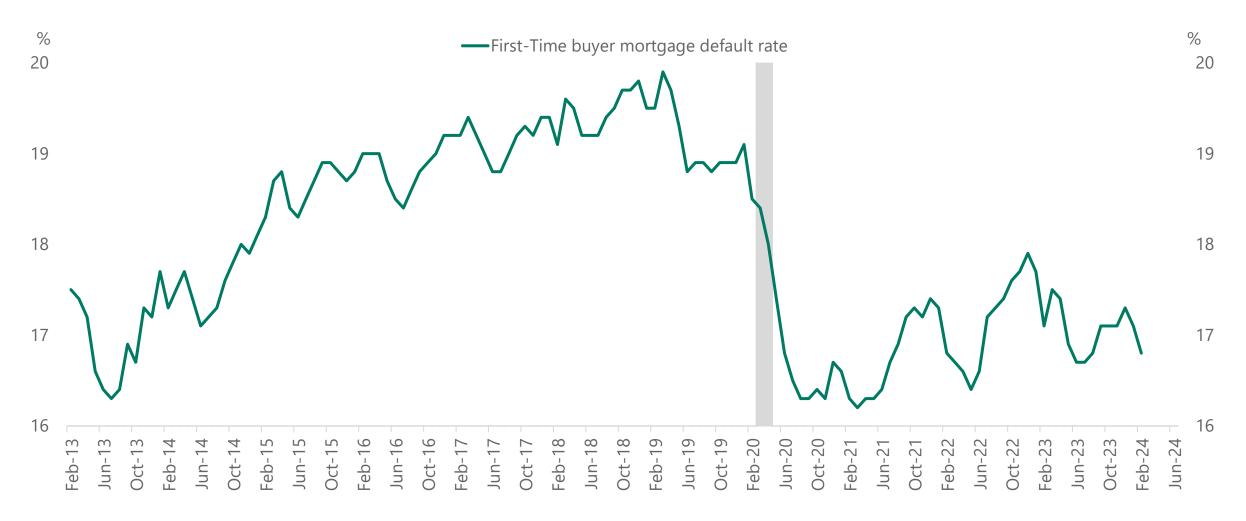
Source: Realtor.com, Apollo Chief Economist

US has an estimated deficit of 2.3mn homes



Source: Census, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

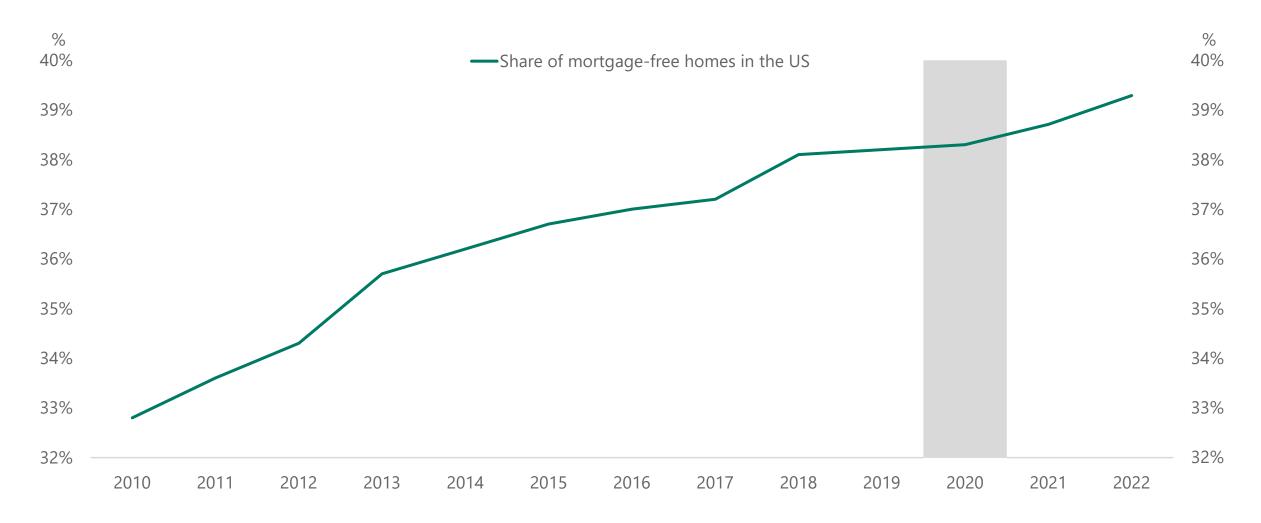
Default rates very low for first-time homebuyers



Source: American Enterprise Institute, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist (Note: The First-time Buyer Mortgage Default Rate (FBMDR) is calculated using the same methodology as for the National Mortgage Default Rate (NMDR). The only difference is that the set of included loans is restricted to first-time buyers. It uses the default experience of loans originated in 2007 as a benchmark to quantify how new mortgage loans would perform if they were hit with a market collapse on par with the recent crisis. The index classifies loans as low-risk, medium-risk, and high-risk.)

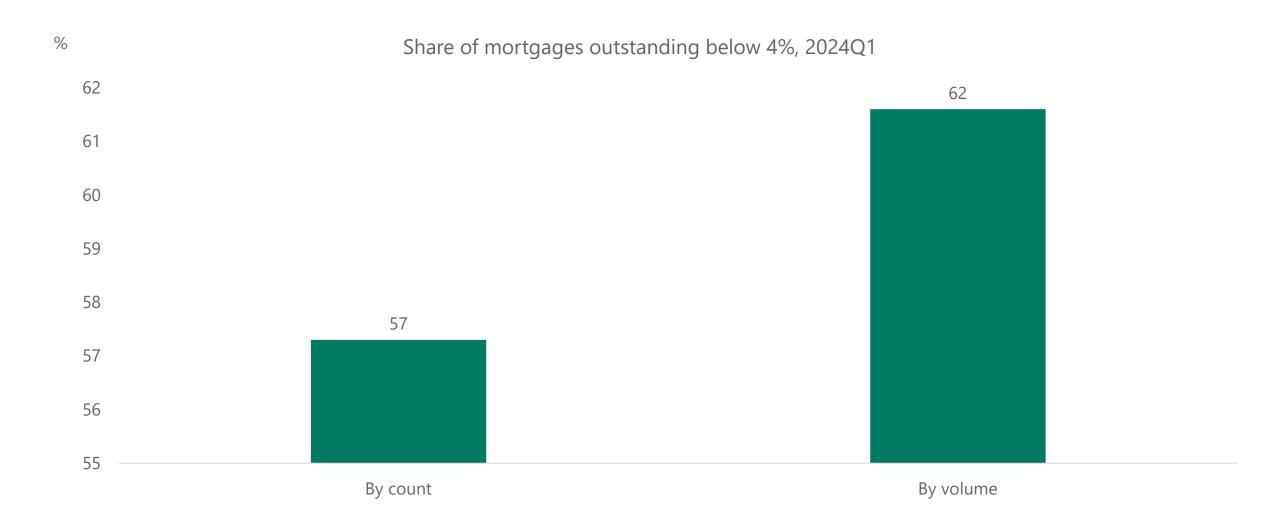
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Almost 40% of US homes don't have a mortgage

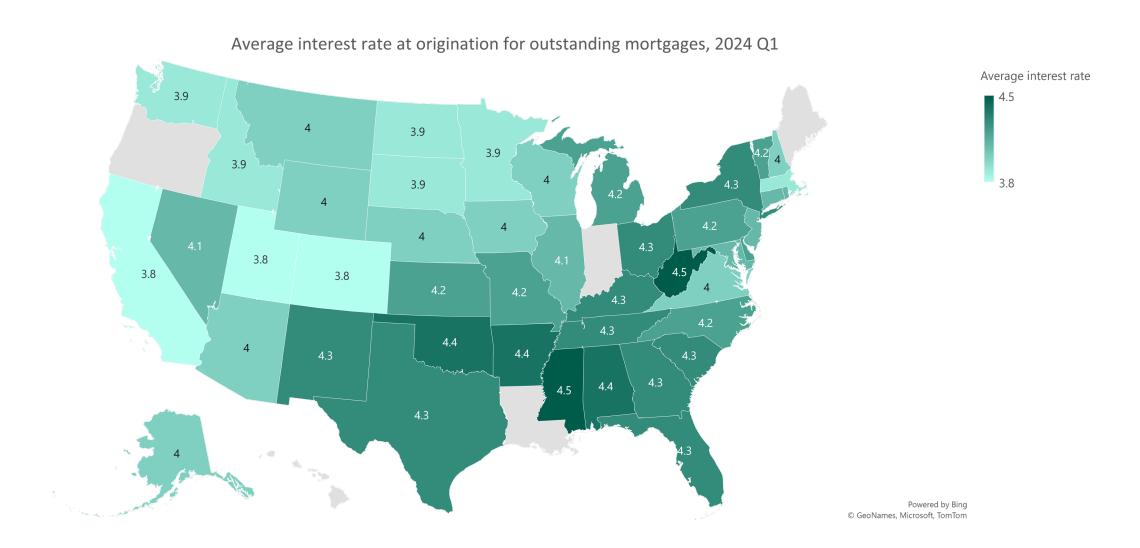


Source: US Census Bureau, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

More than half of all mortgages outstanding have an interest rate below 4%



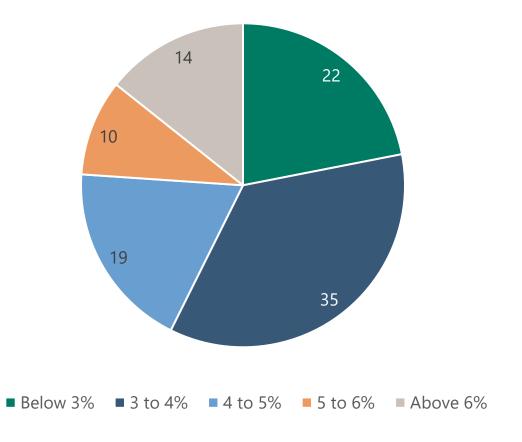
Average interest rate at origination below current levels of 30-year fixed mortgage rate



Source: FHFA, Apollo Chief Economist

Share of mortgages outstanding by interest rate

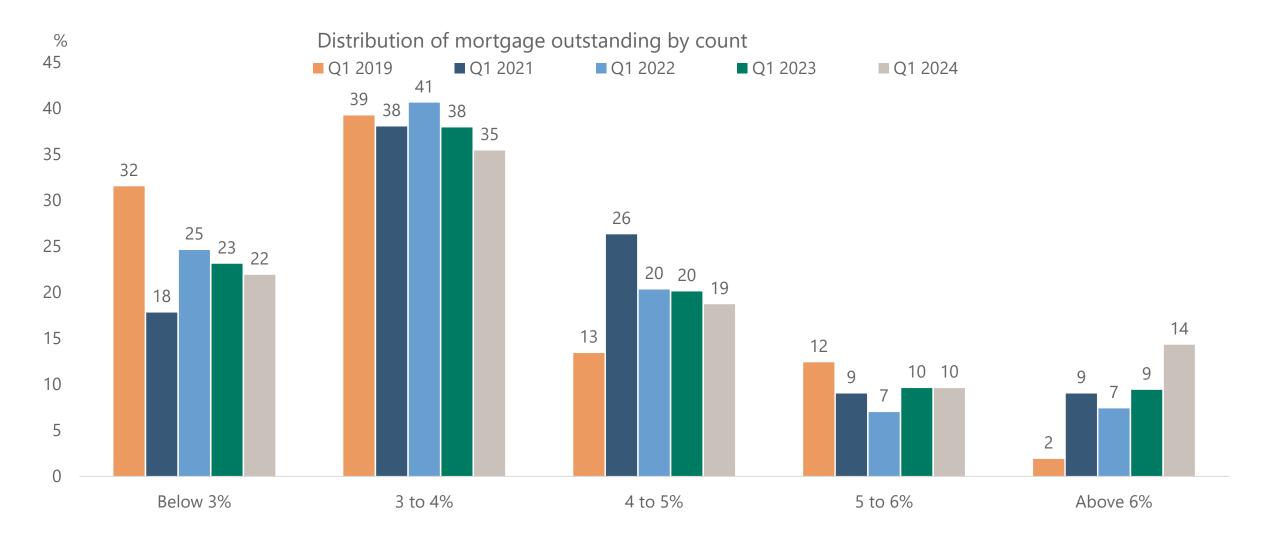
Share of mortgages outstanding by interest rate at origination by count, 2024 Q1



Source: FHFA, Apollo Chief Economist

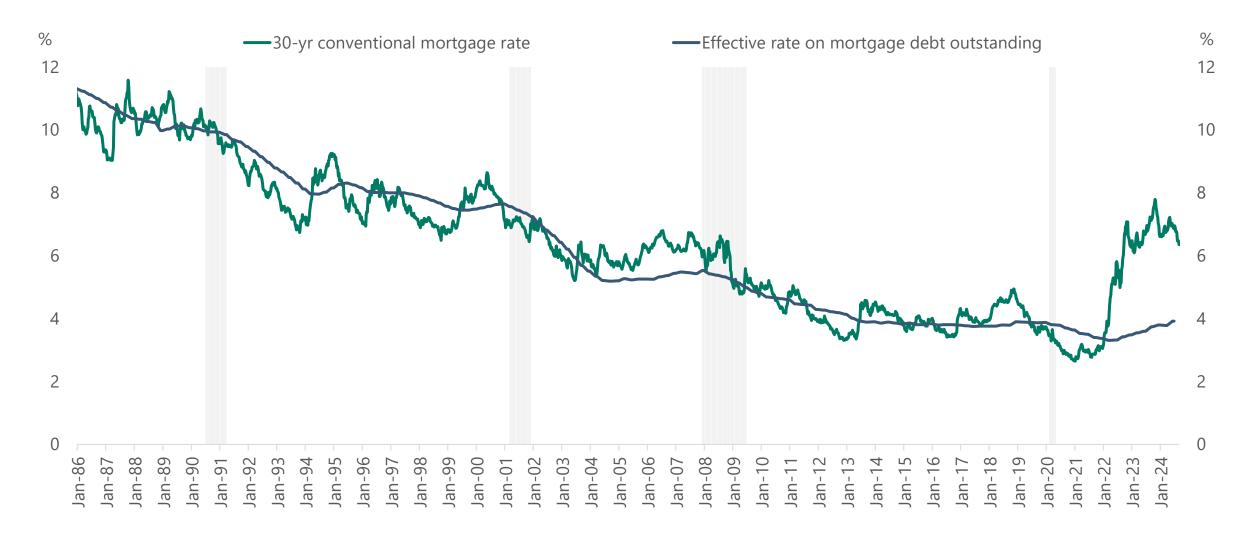
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Distribution of interest rates on outstanding mortgages

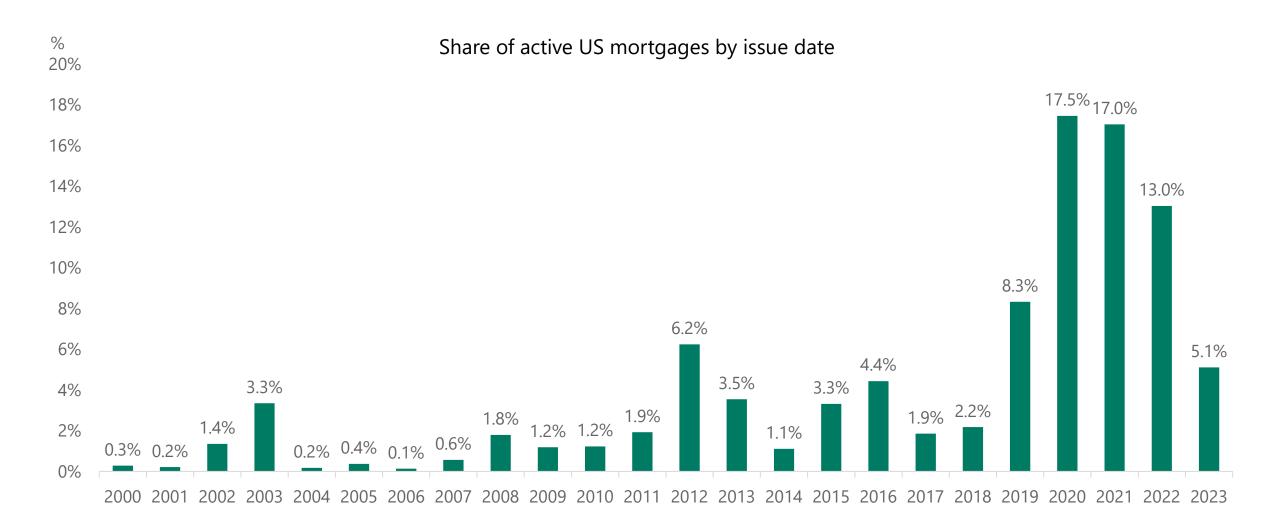


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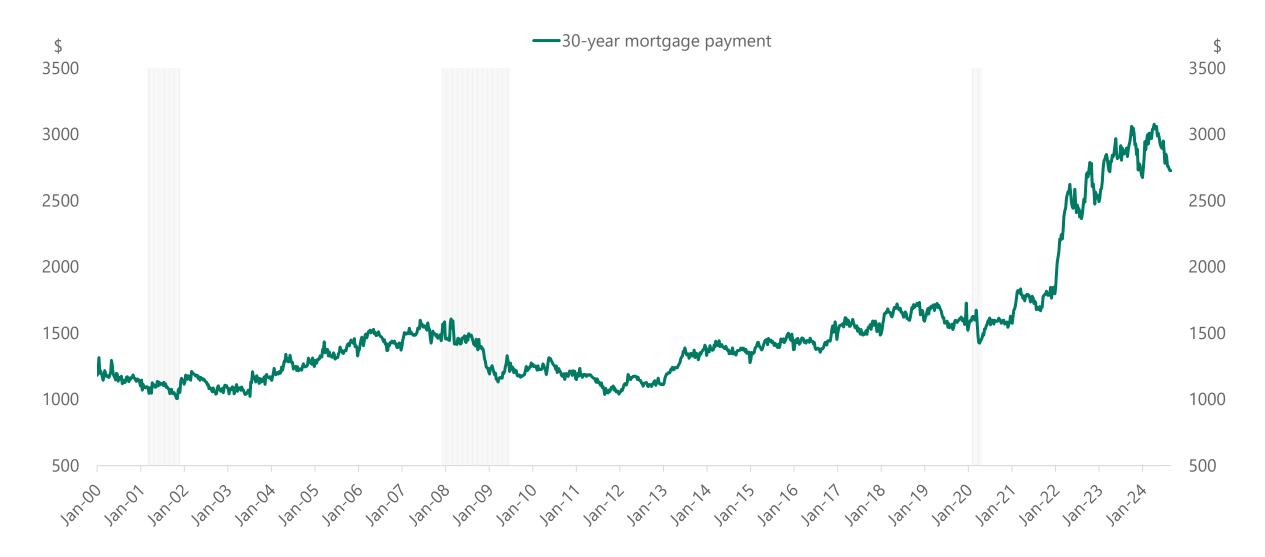
Effective outstanding mortgage rate is 3.9%



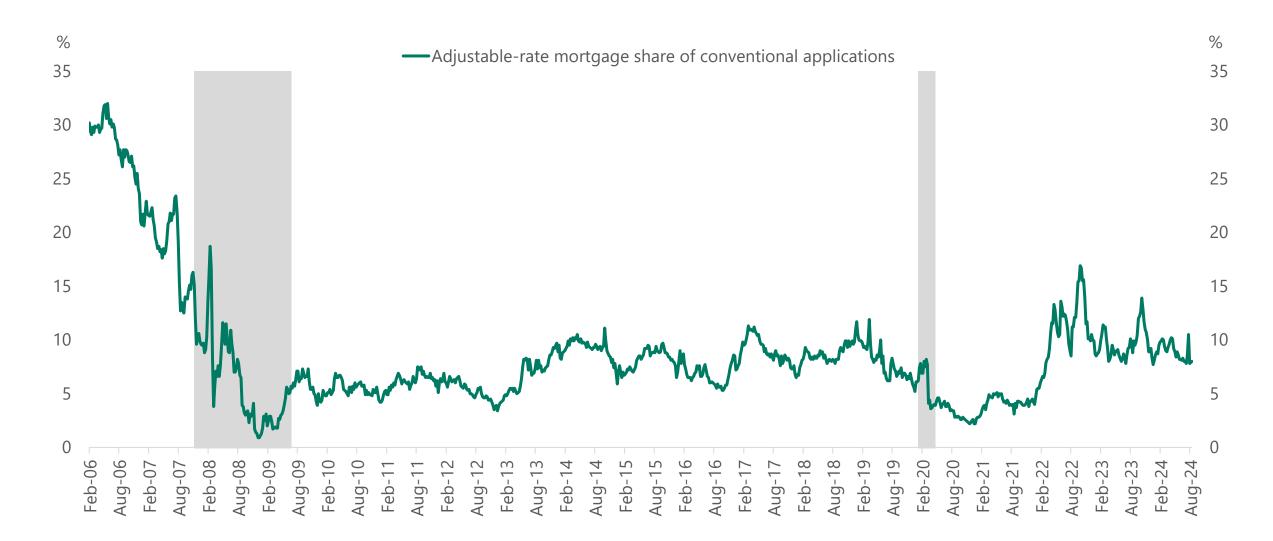
63% of all mortgages outstanding were issued after 2018



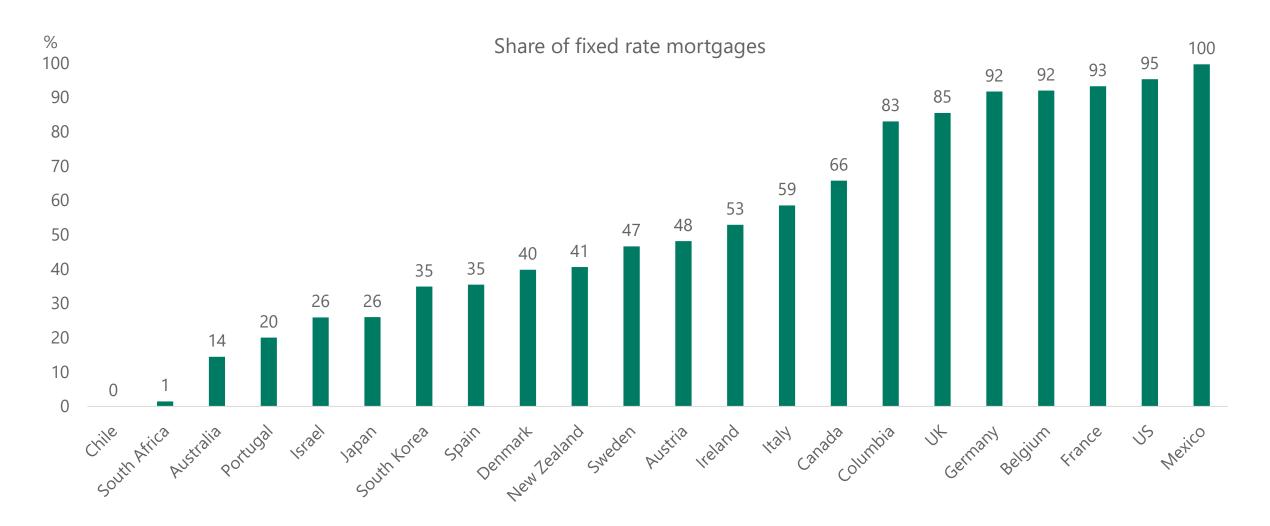
Monthly mortgage payment on a new mortgage has declined to \$2700



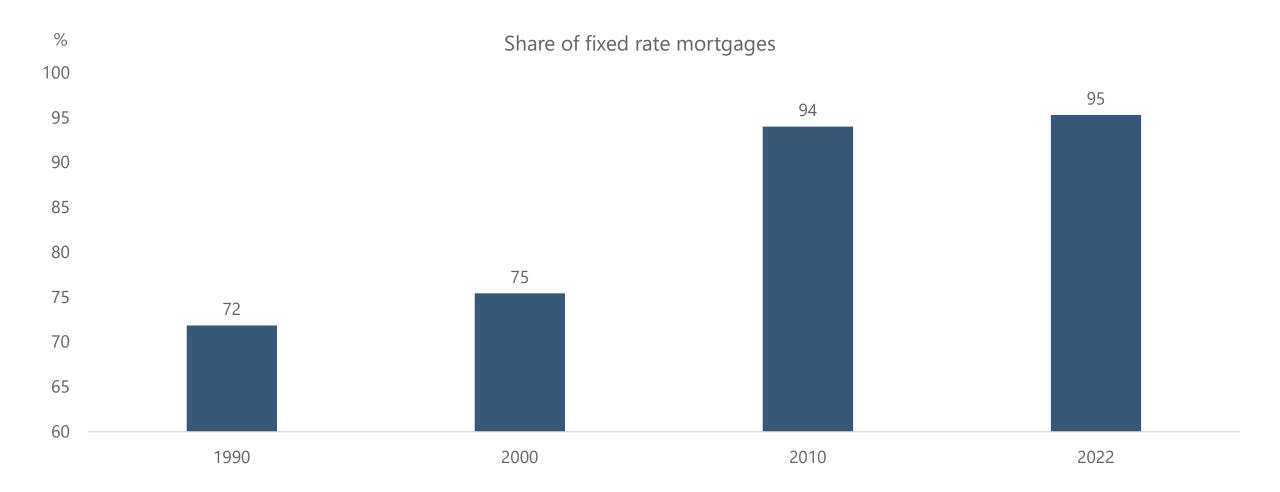
ARM share of total mortgage applications has declined to 8%



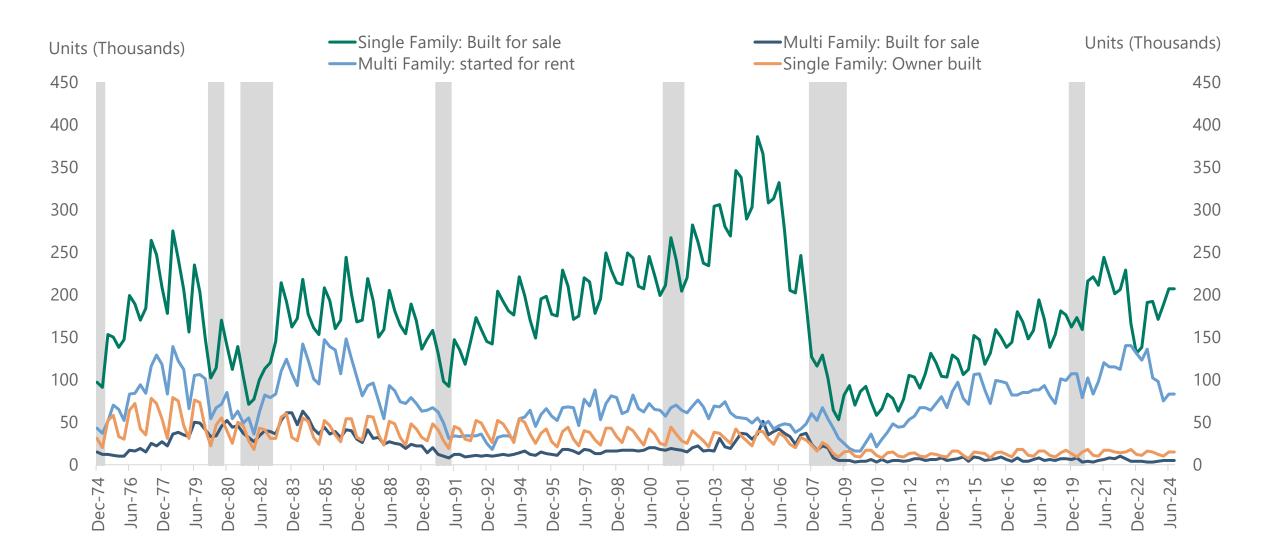
Share of fixed rate mortgages by country



Share of fixed rate mortgages



Intent of housing starts: Multi family for rent declining. Single family for sale rising.

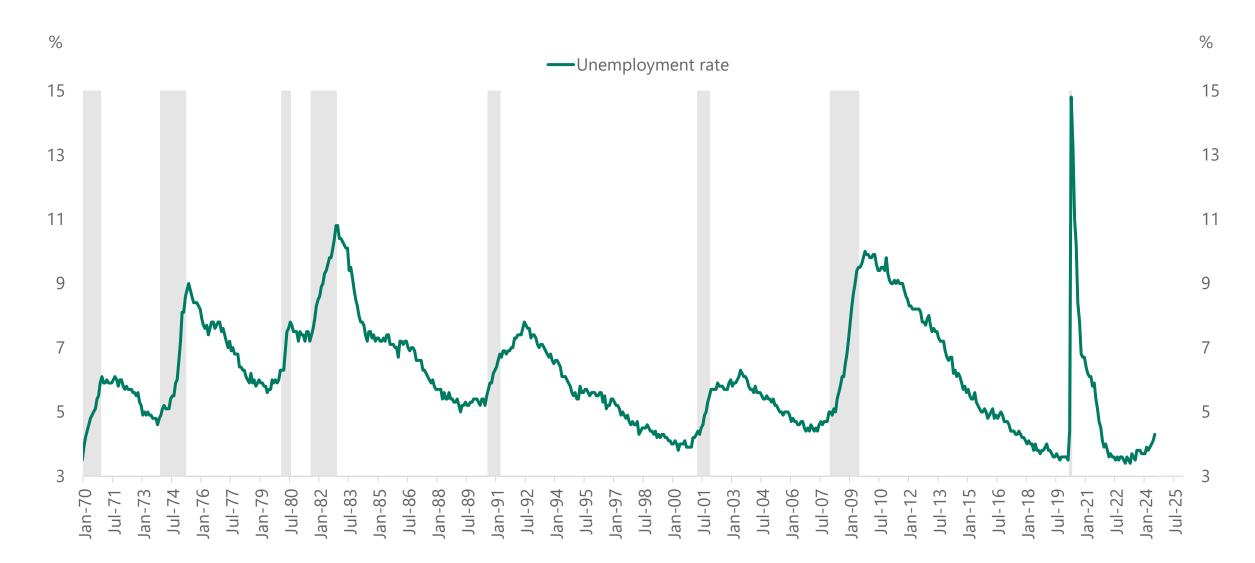


Source: US Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

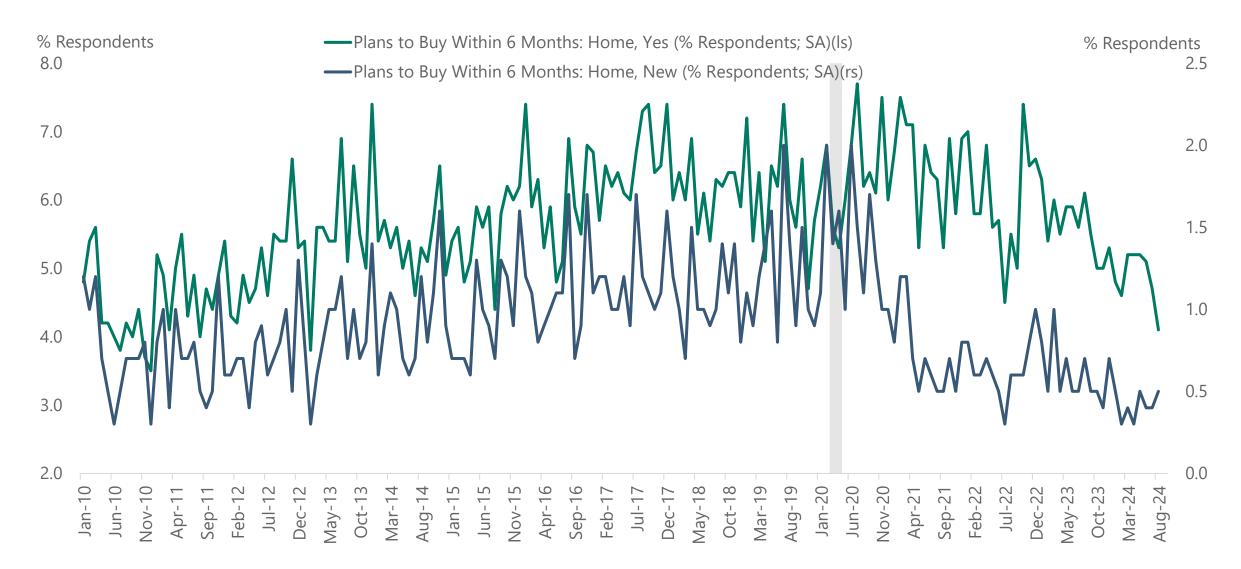
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1) Housing Demand: High mortgage rates, high home prices, and rising unemployment slowing demand

Any additional increase in the unemployment rate could be a risk to housing demand

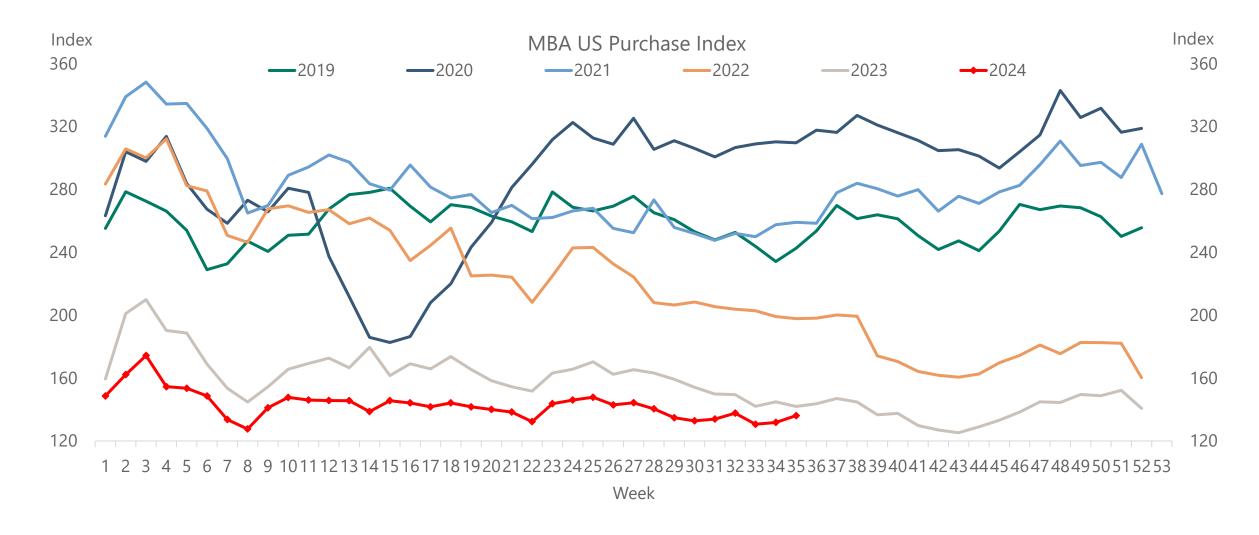


Home buying plans

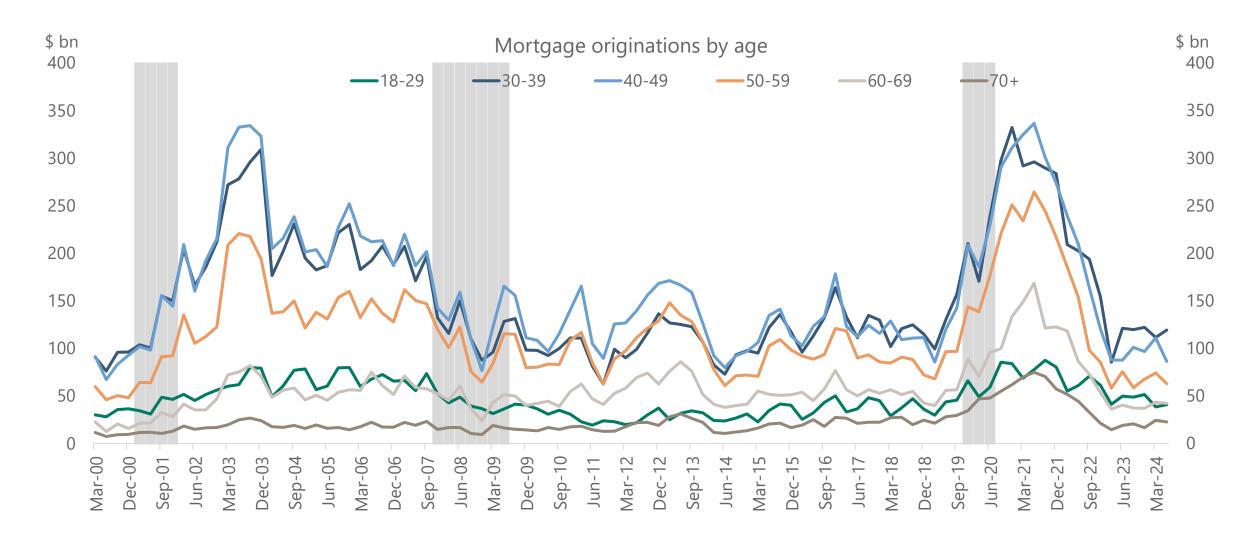


Source: Conference Board, Apollo Chief Economist

Mortgage purchase applications remain much lower than normal



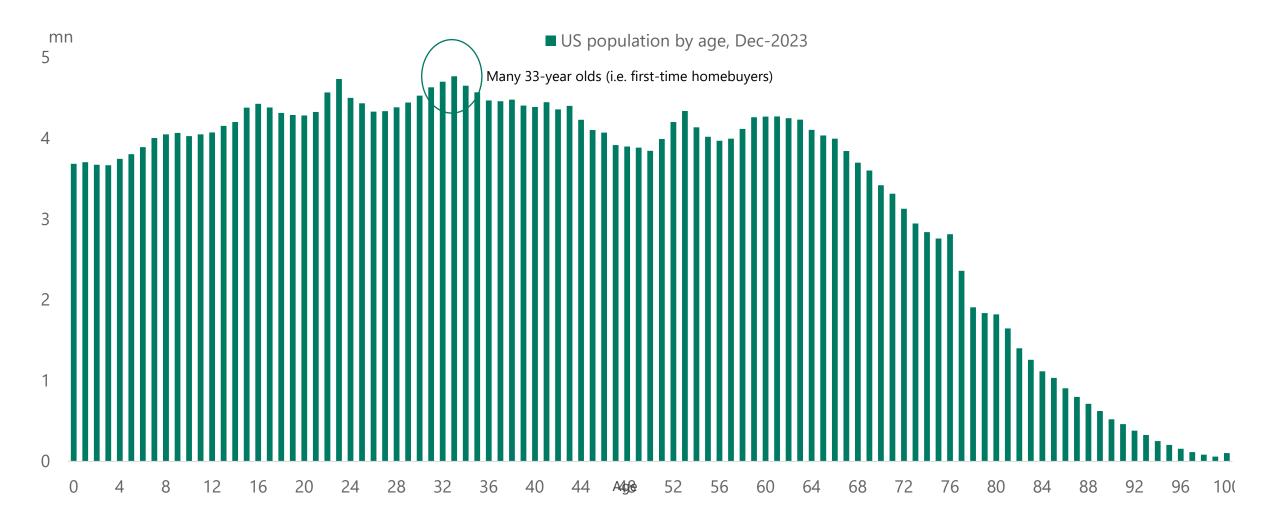
Mortgage originations back at pre-pandemic levels



Source: NY Fed, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

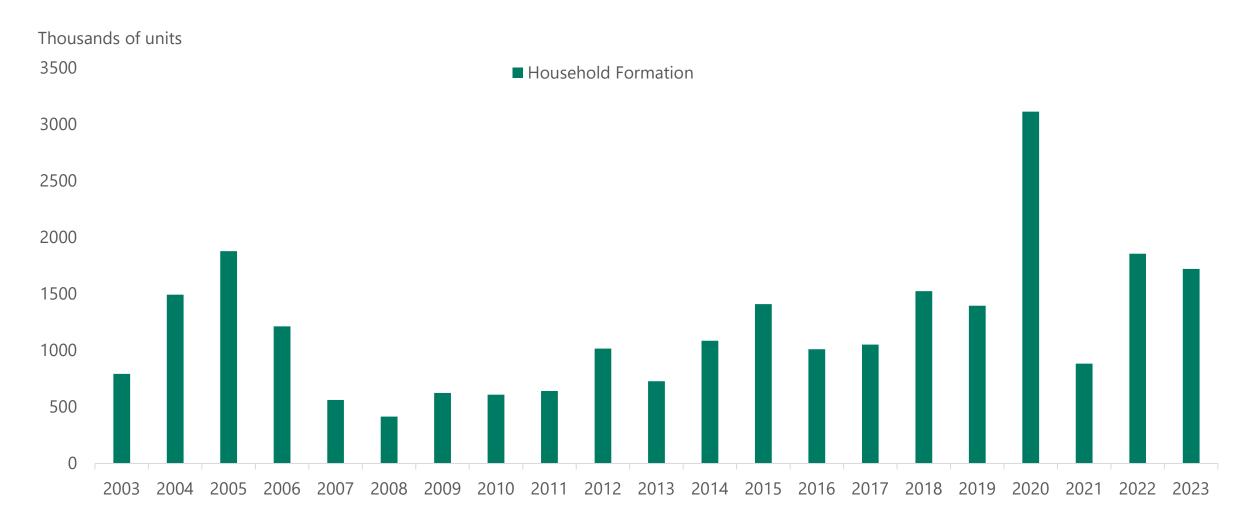
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Demographics are a tailwind to housing demand



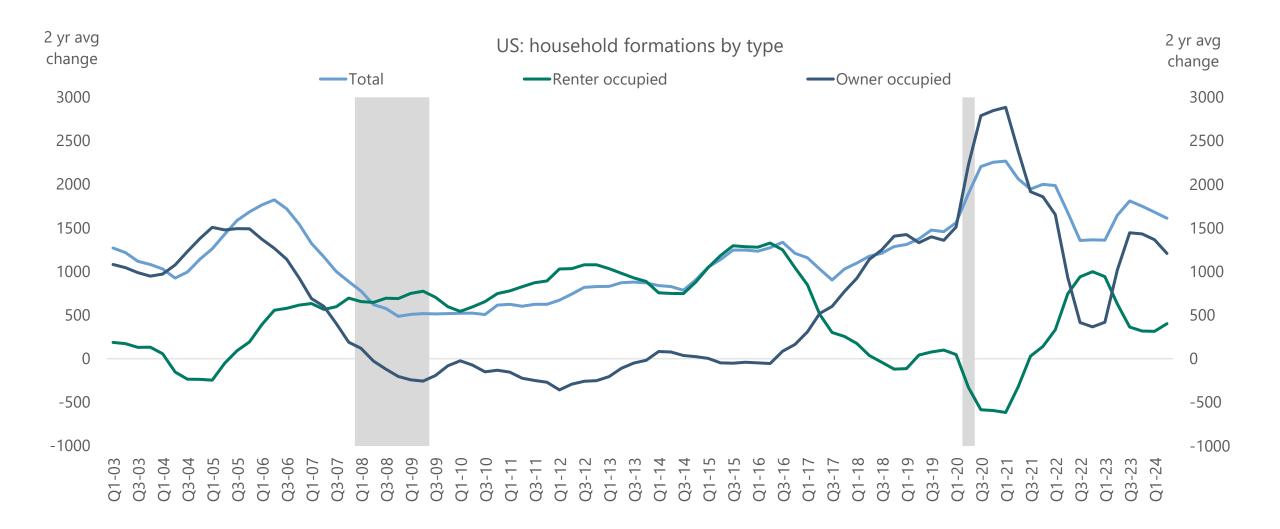
Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

Rebounding household formation is a tailwind to housing



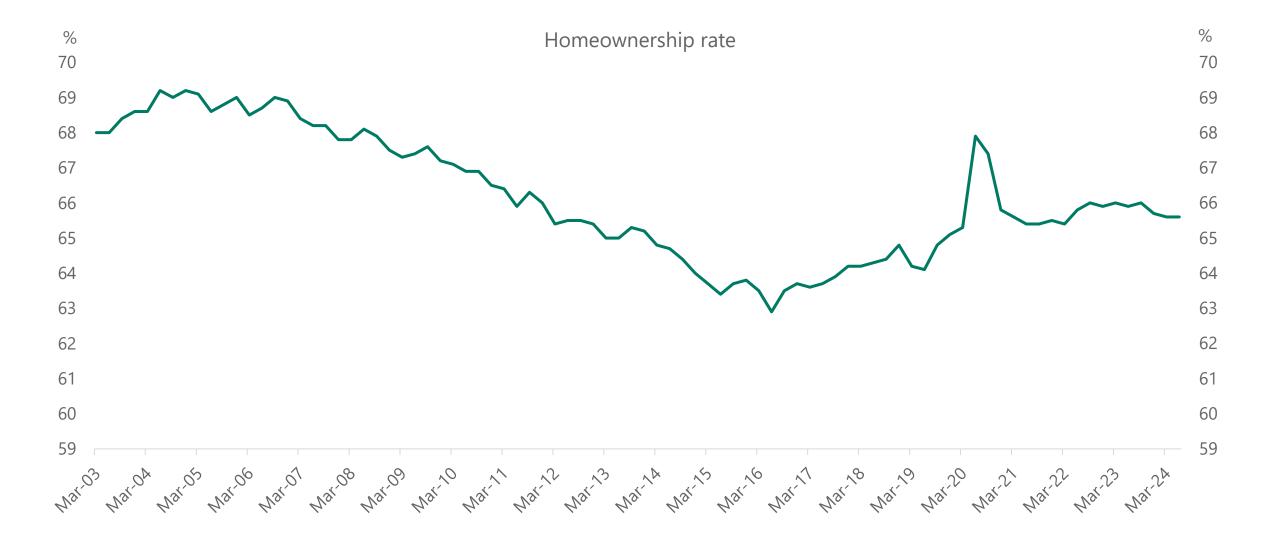
Source: Census Bureau, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

Increase in the number of owner-occupied homes recently



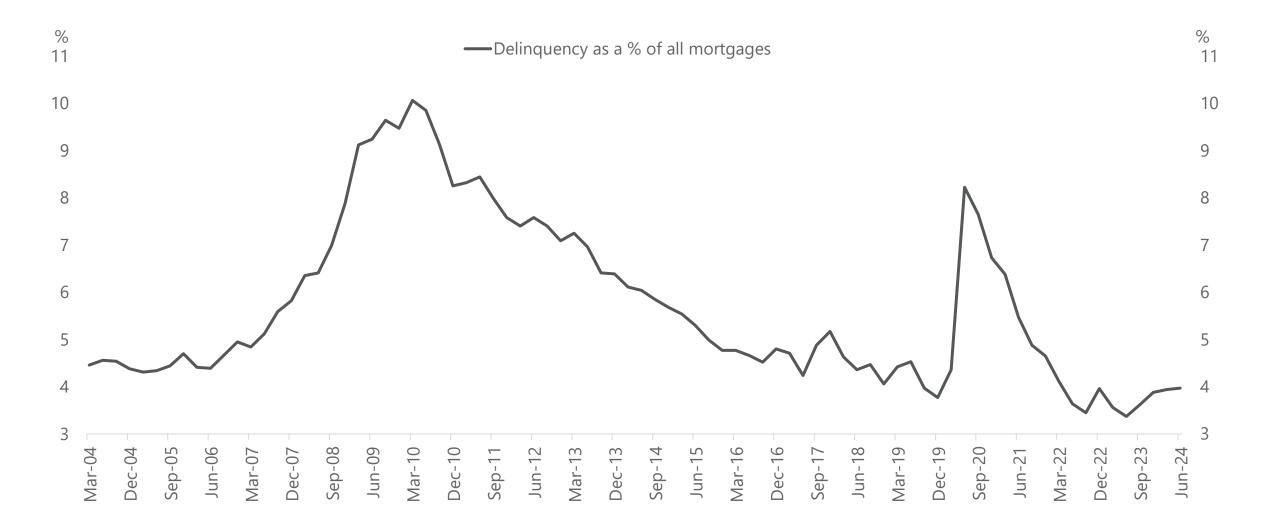
Source: Census Bureau, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist 35

Homeownership rate moving sideways



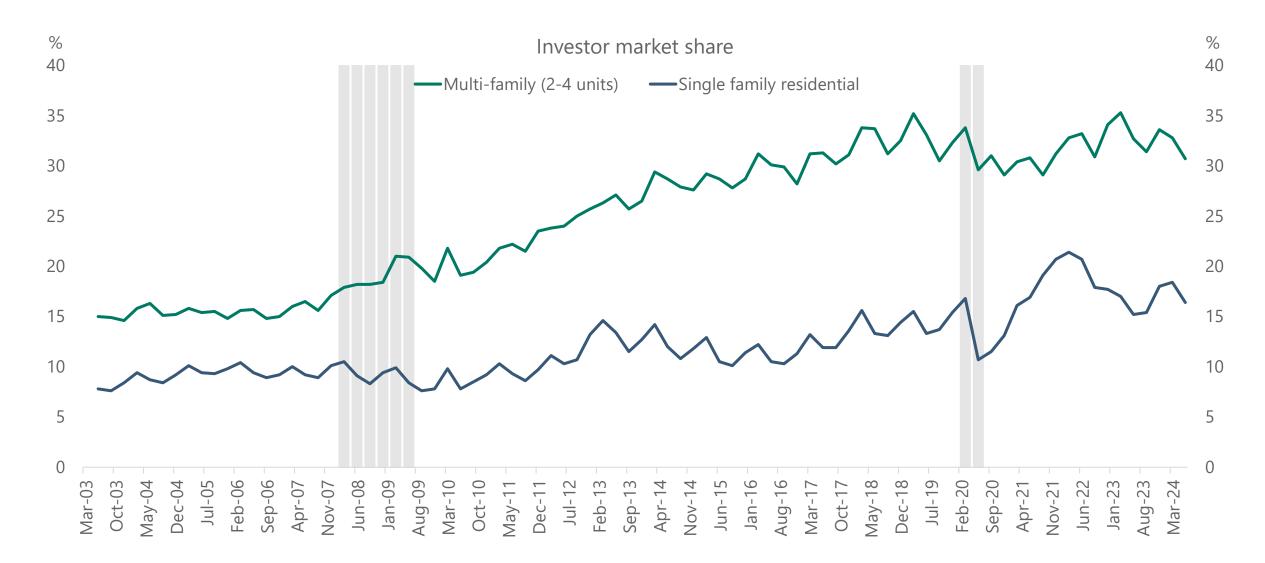
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 36

Delinquency rate for mortgages very low

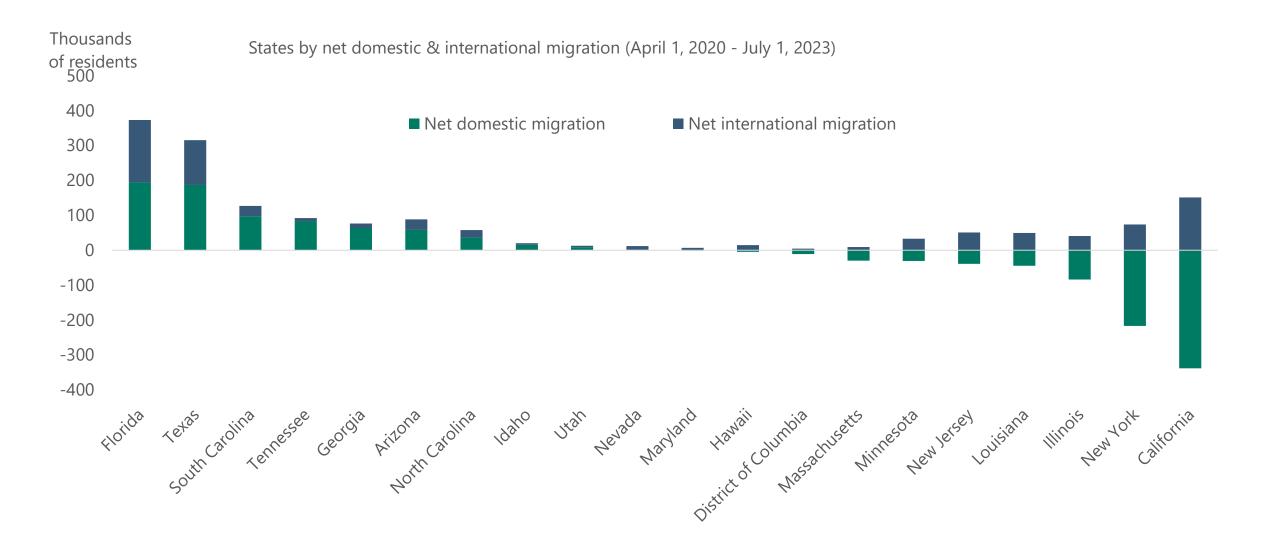


Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

Investor share of single-family is stable

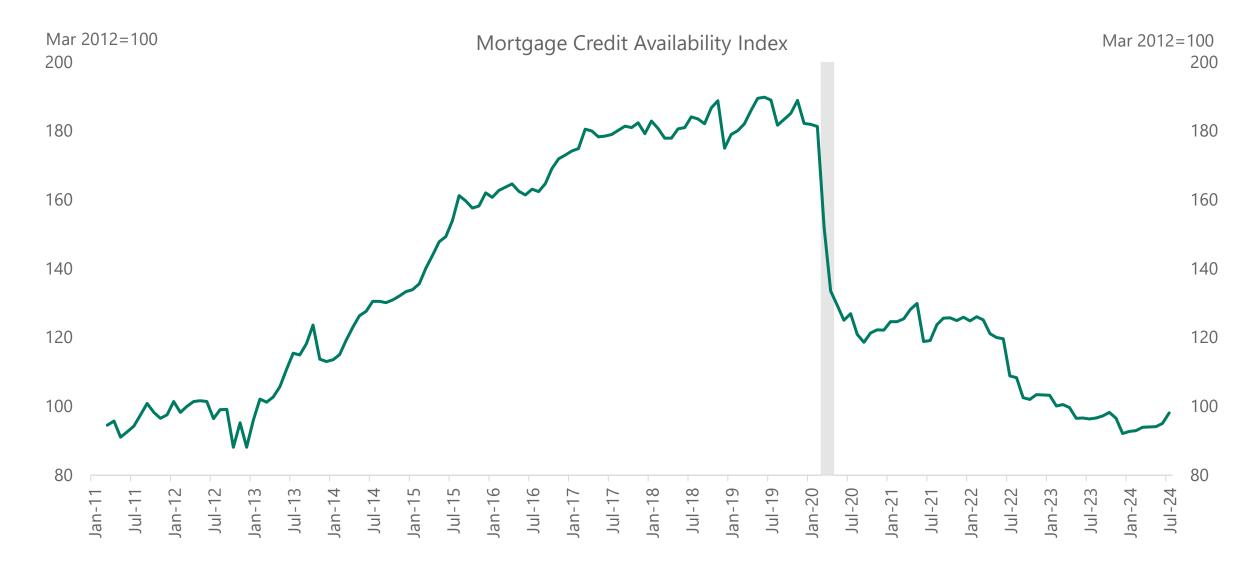


Migration out of California and migration into Florida during the pandemic

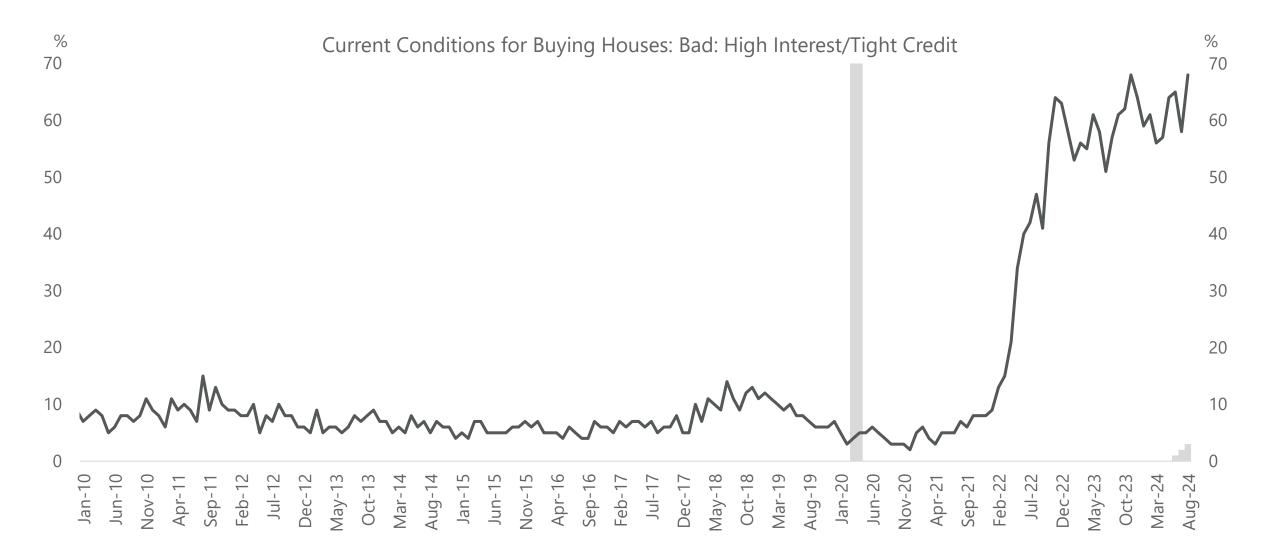


Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

Availability of mortgage credit at tight levels

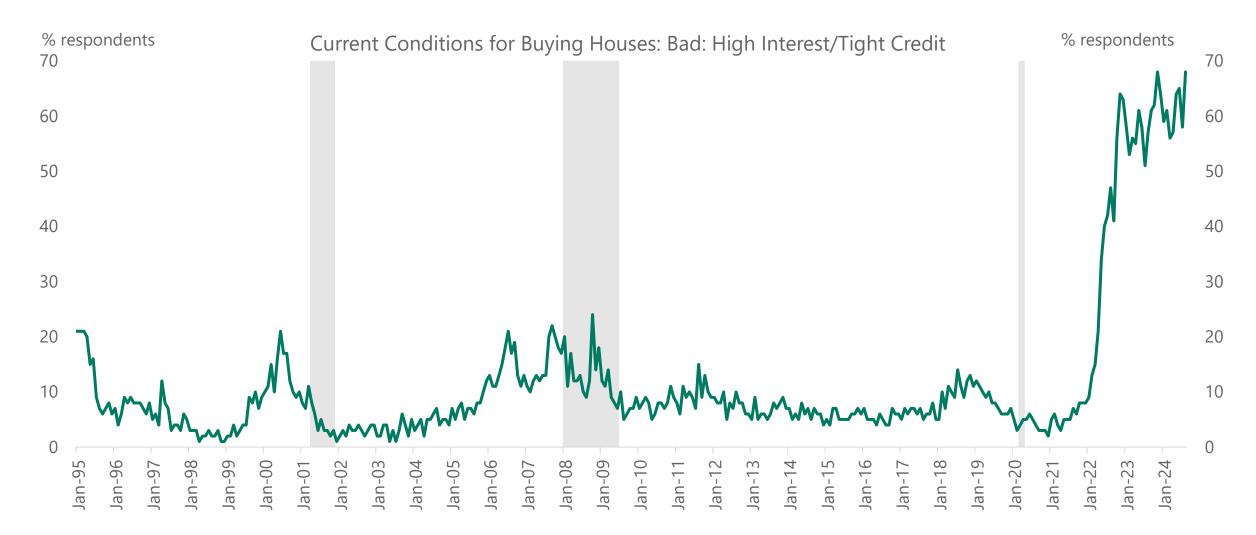


Homebuyer sentiment negatively impacted by high prices



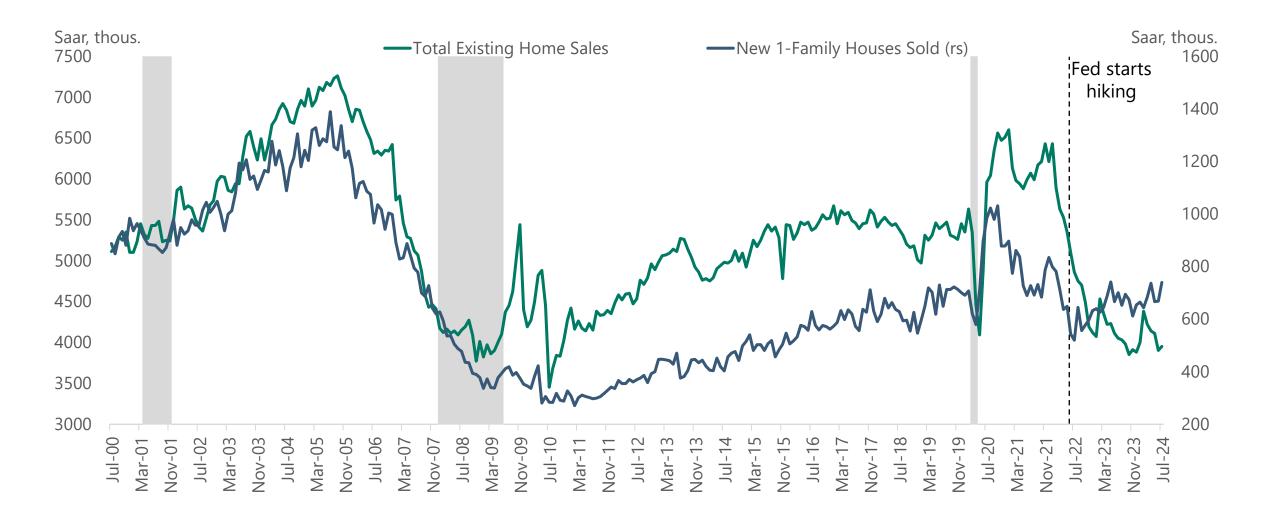
Source: University of Michigan, Apollo Chief Economist 41

68% of consumers are saying that this is a bad time to buy a house because of high mortgage rates and tight credit

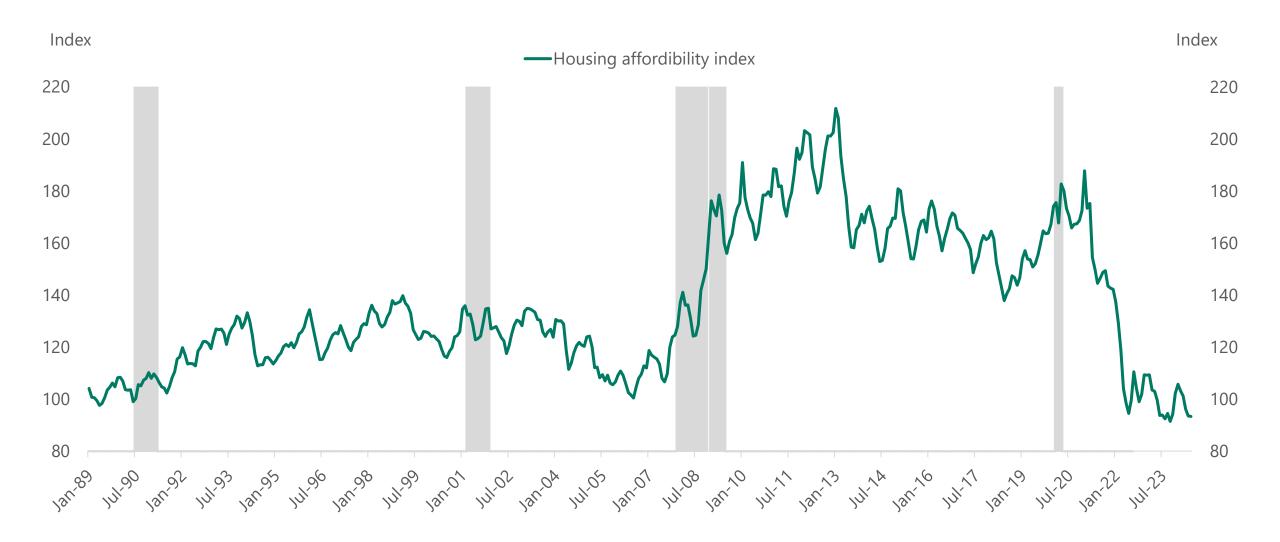


Source: University of Michigan, Apollo Chief Economist 42

New and existing home sales lower than normal because of affordability

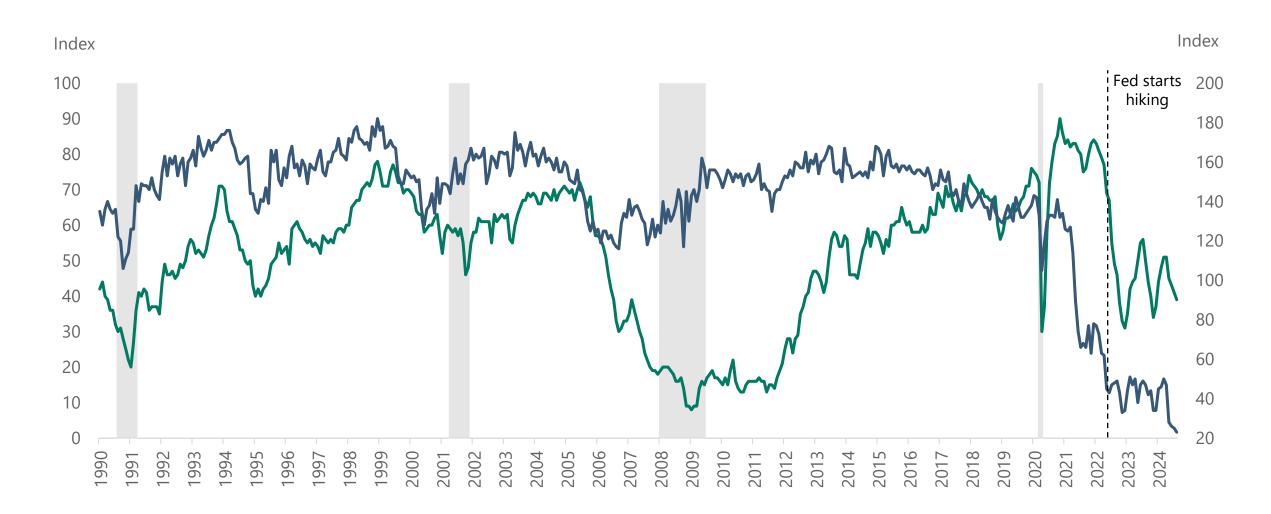


Housing affordability near record lows

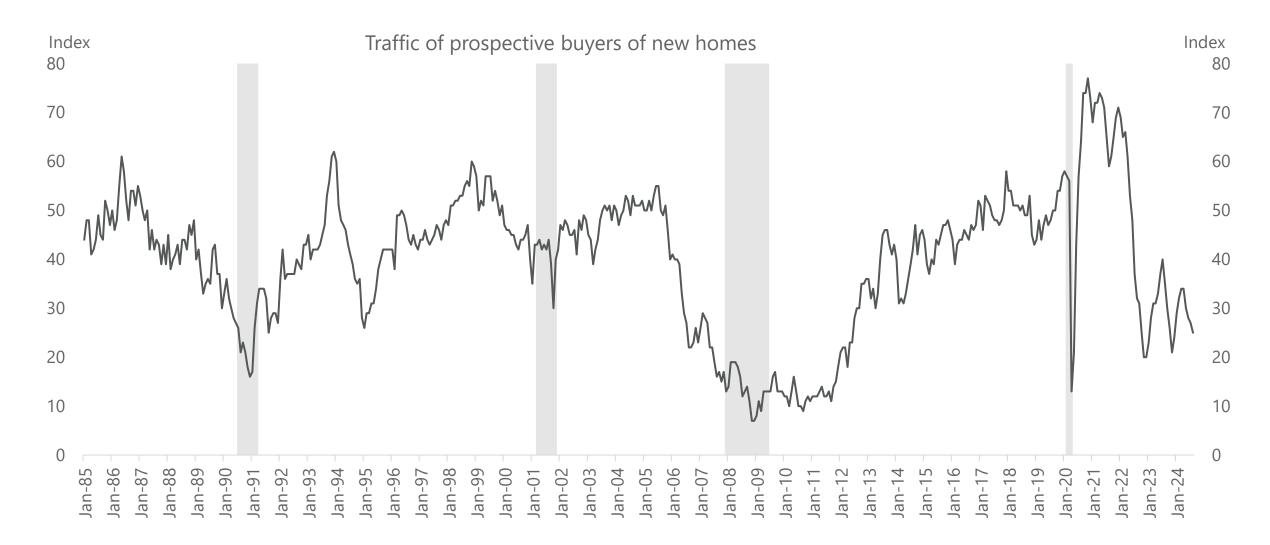


Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 4

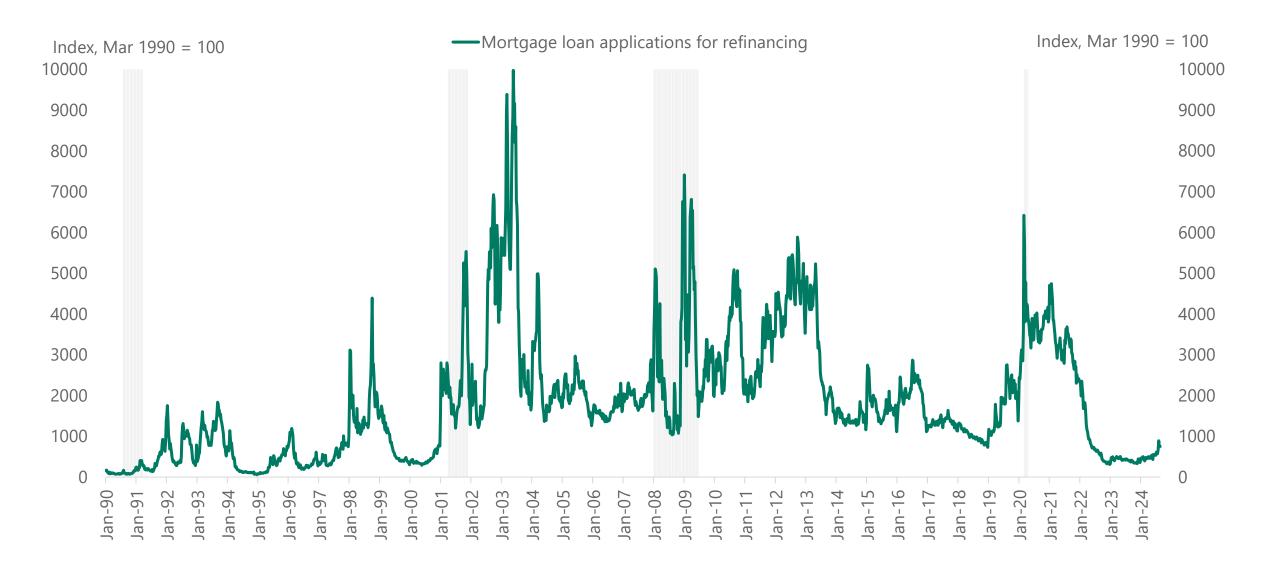
Homebuyer and homebuilder confidence still depressed because of affordability



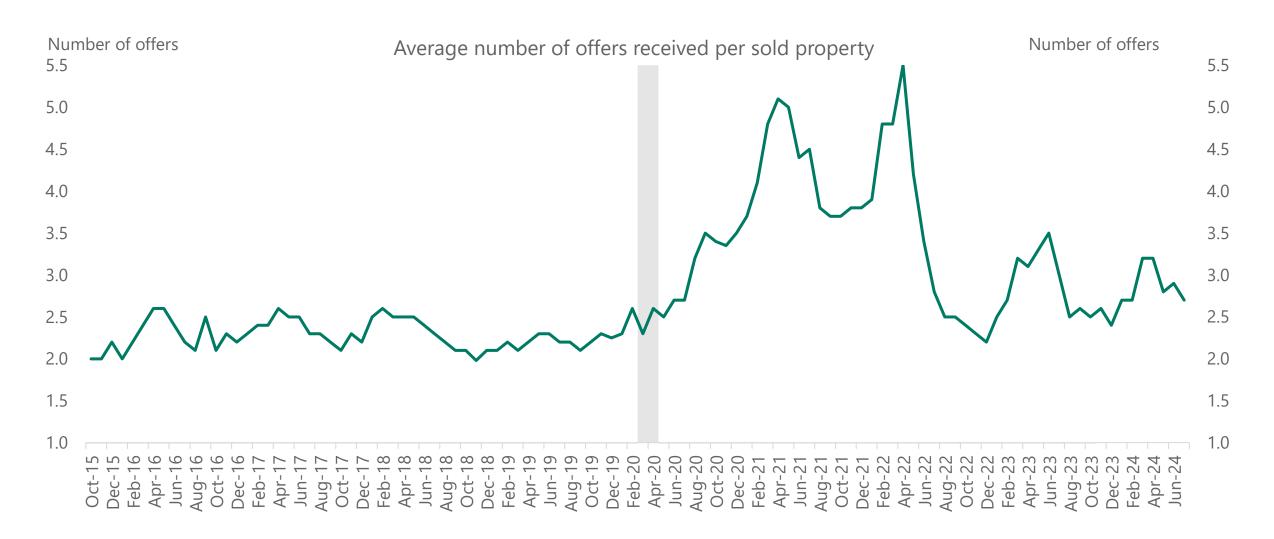
Traffic of prospective homebuyers lower than normal, likely because of affordability



Small increase in the number of homeowners who are refinancing their mortgage



Fewer bidding wars recently

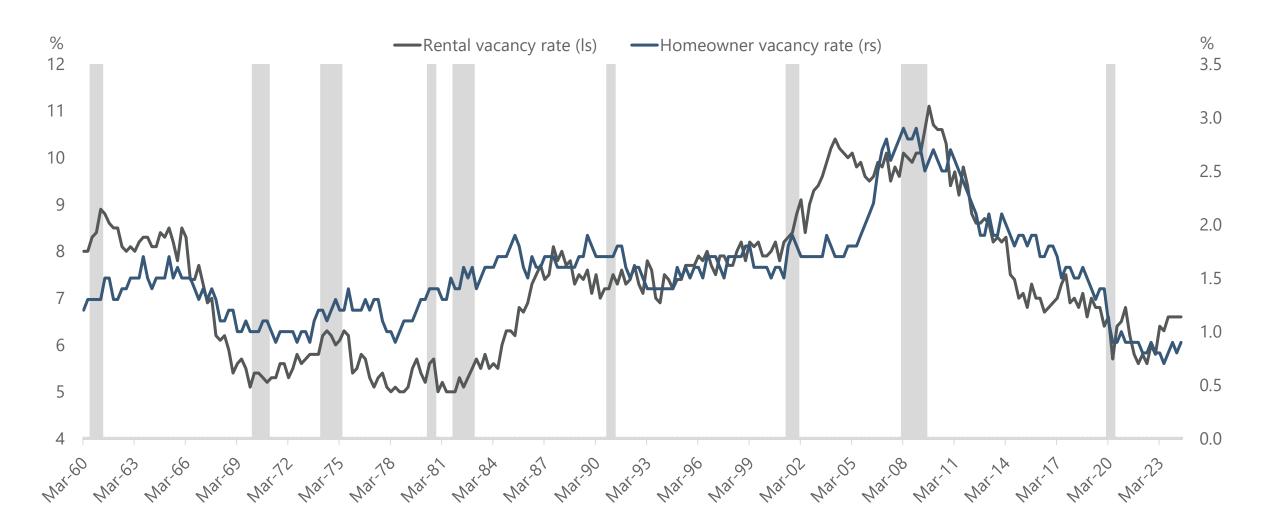


Source: NAR, Apollo Chief Economist

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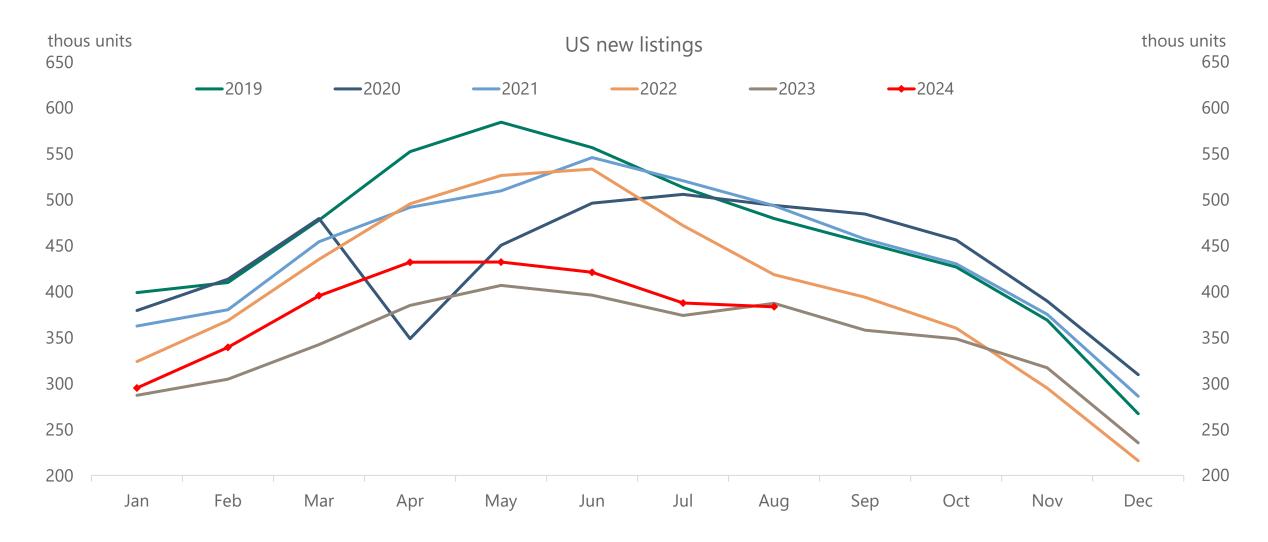
2) Housing Supply: Housing supply is low, construction coming down from record-high levels

Homeowner and rental vacancy rates at very low levels



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Newly listed homes much lower than normal



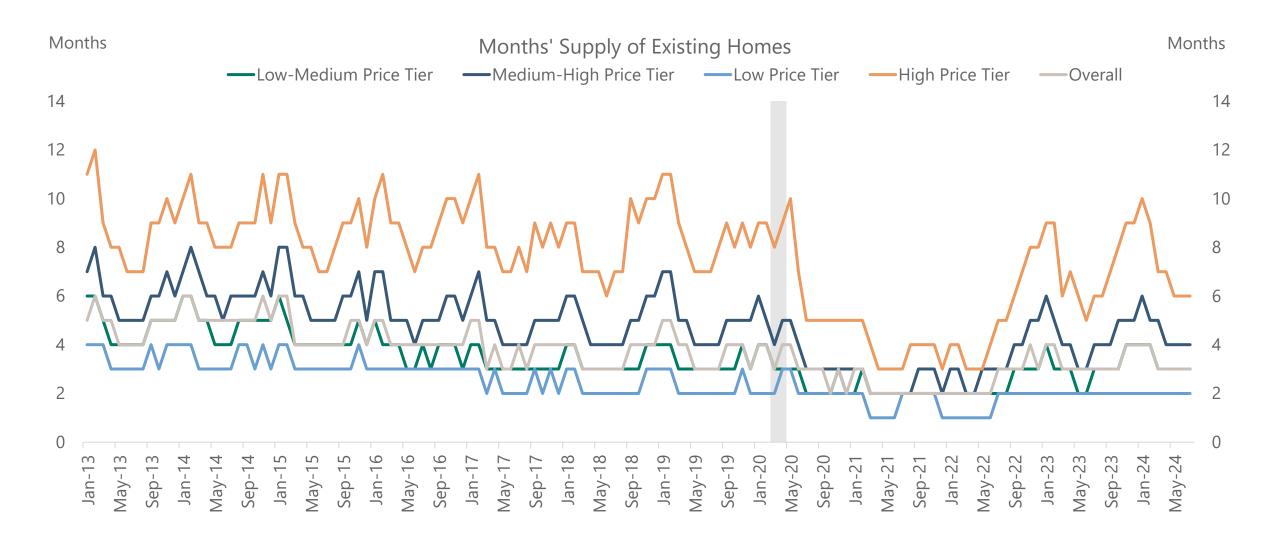
Source: Realtor.com. Apollo Chief Economist

Housing supply is low: Residential new listings remains low

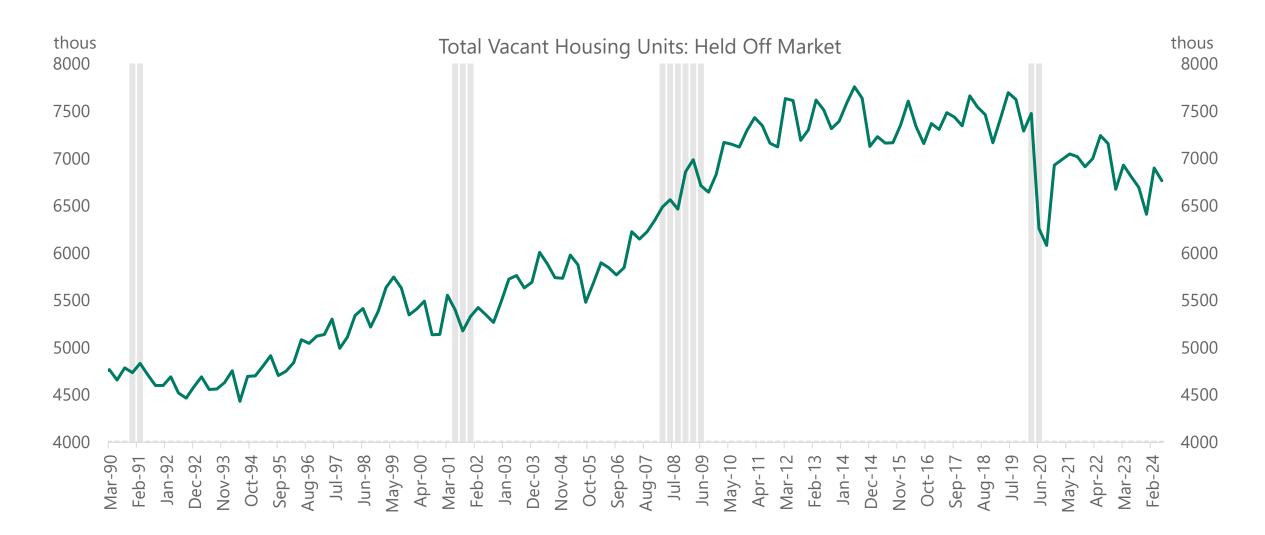


Source: Redfin, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist.

Inventory of existing homes for sale remains low across the price spectrum

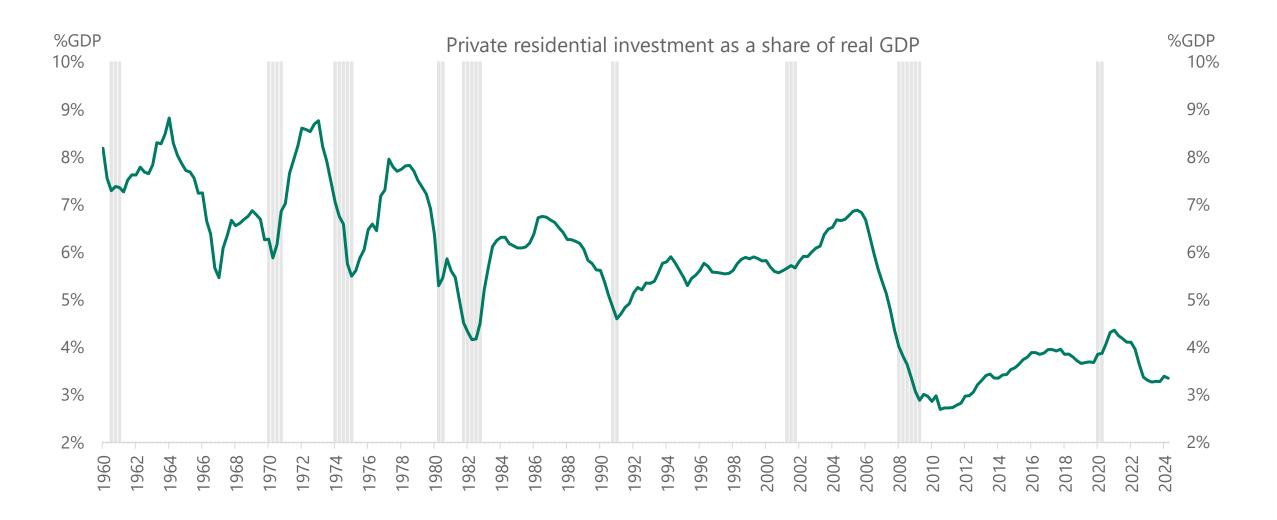


Vacant housing units held off market



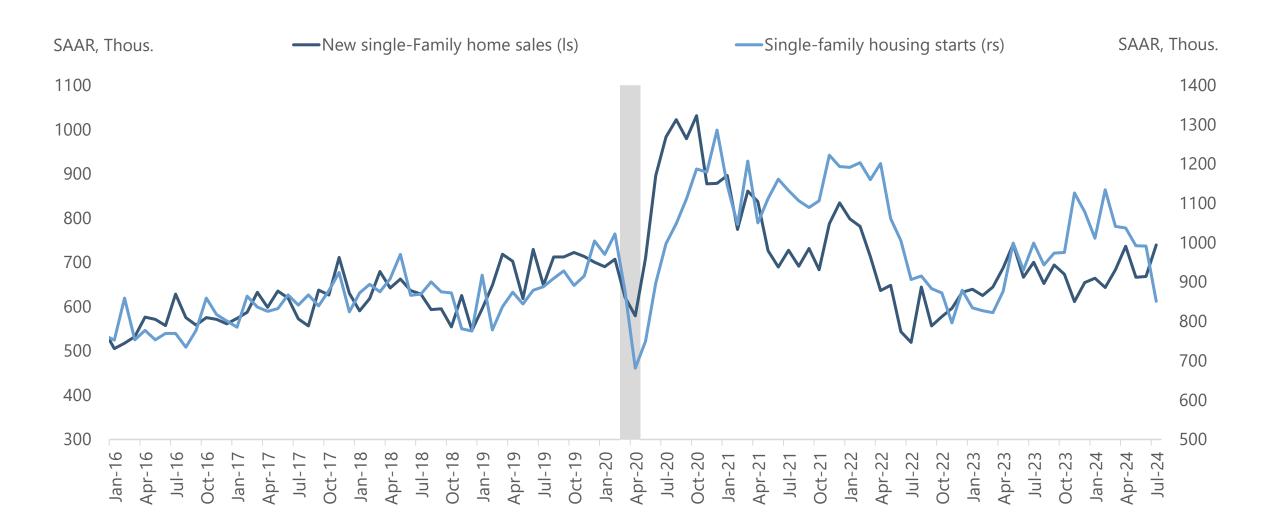
Source: Census Bureau, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

Residential investment as a share of real GDP is very low



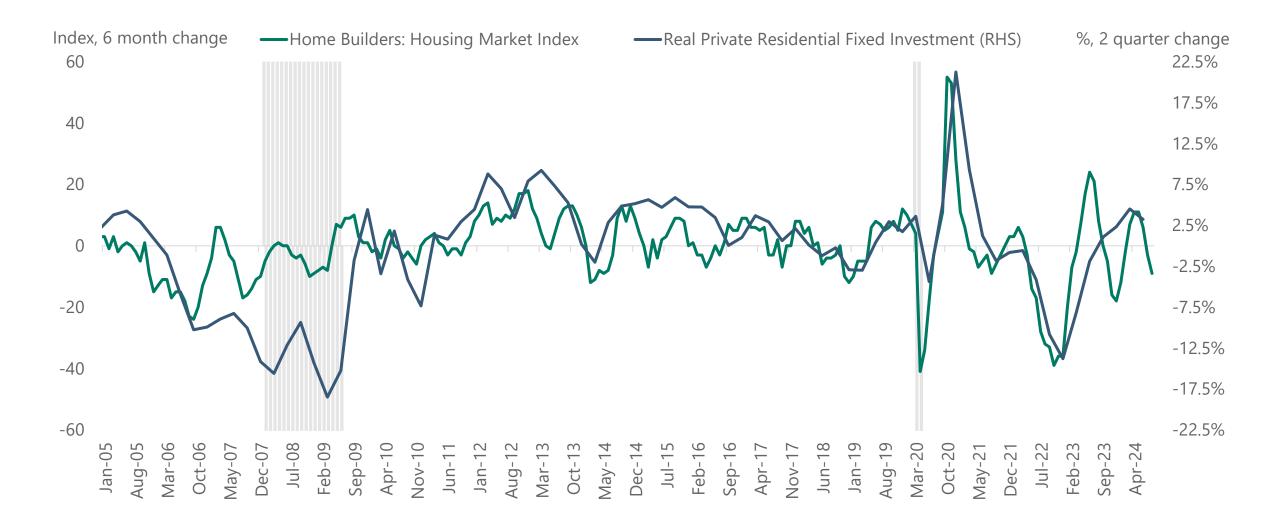
Source: BEA, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

Housing starts show a downward trend



Source: Census Bureau, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

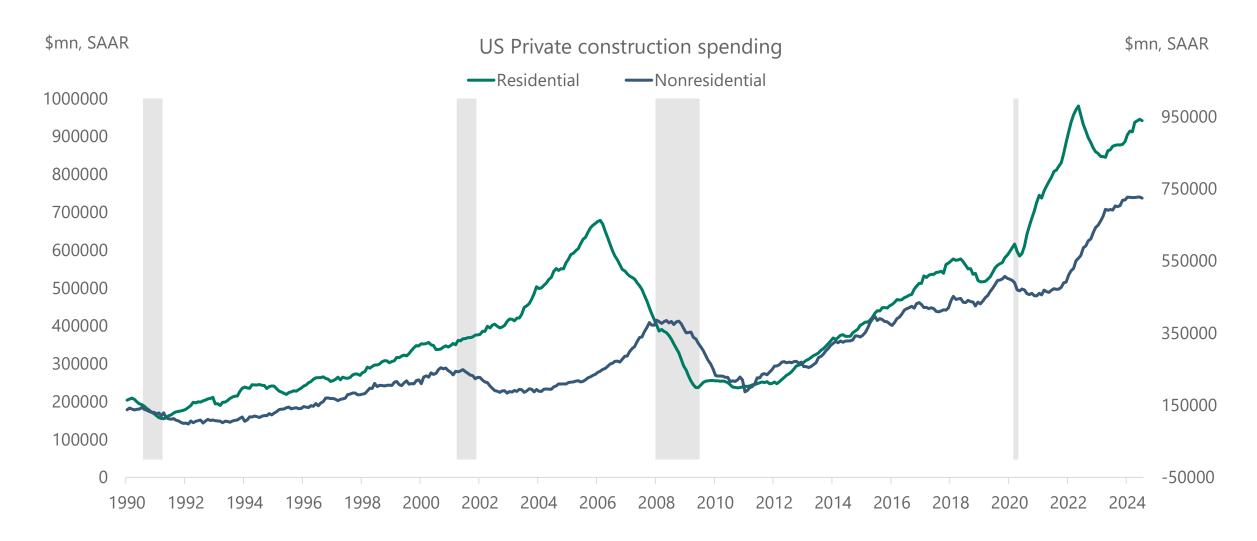
Homebuilder confidence correlated with residential investment



Source: BEA, NAHB, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist 57

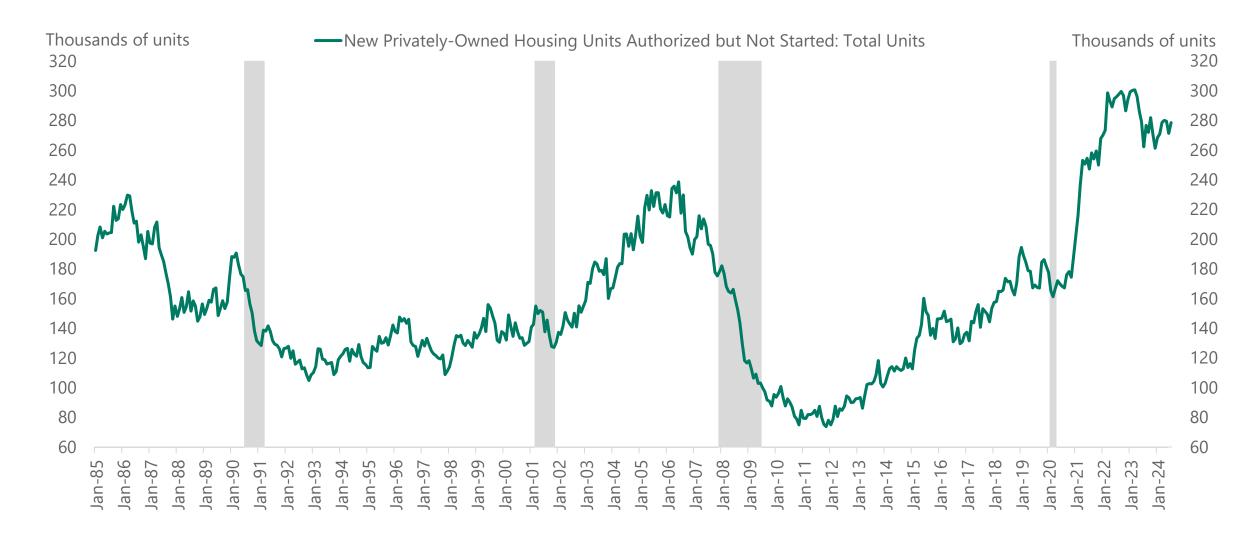
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Residential construction spending starting to rise again



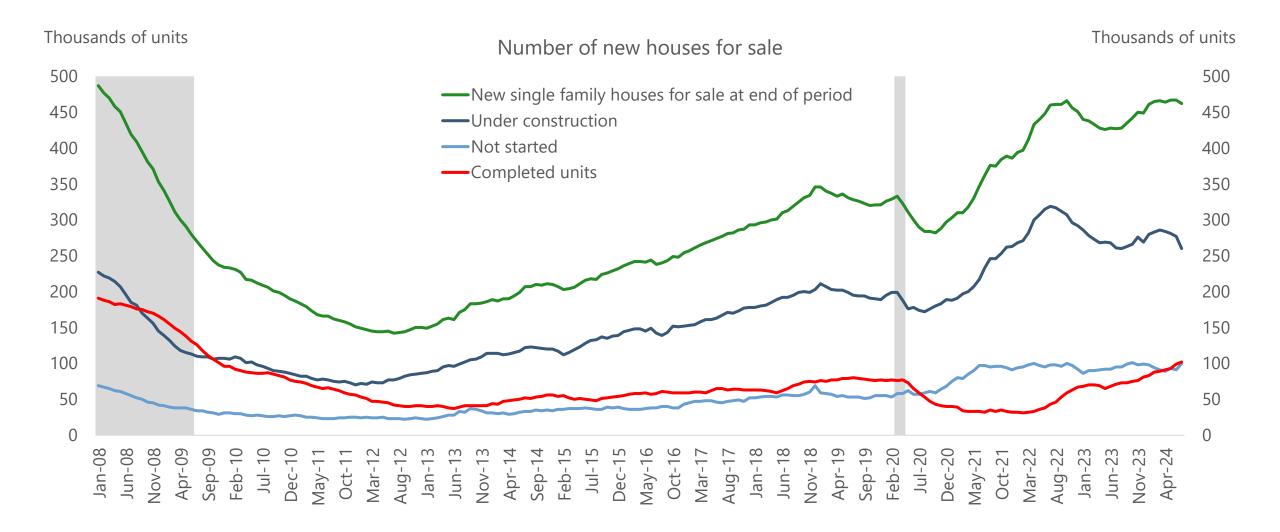
Source: Census, Apollo Chief Economist

New housing units authorized but not started



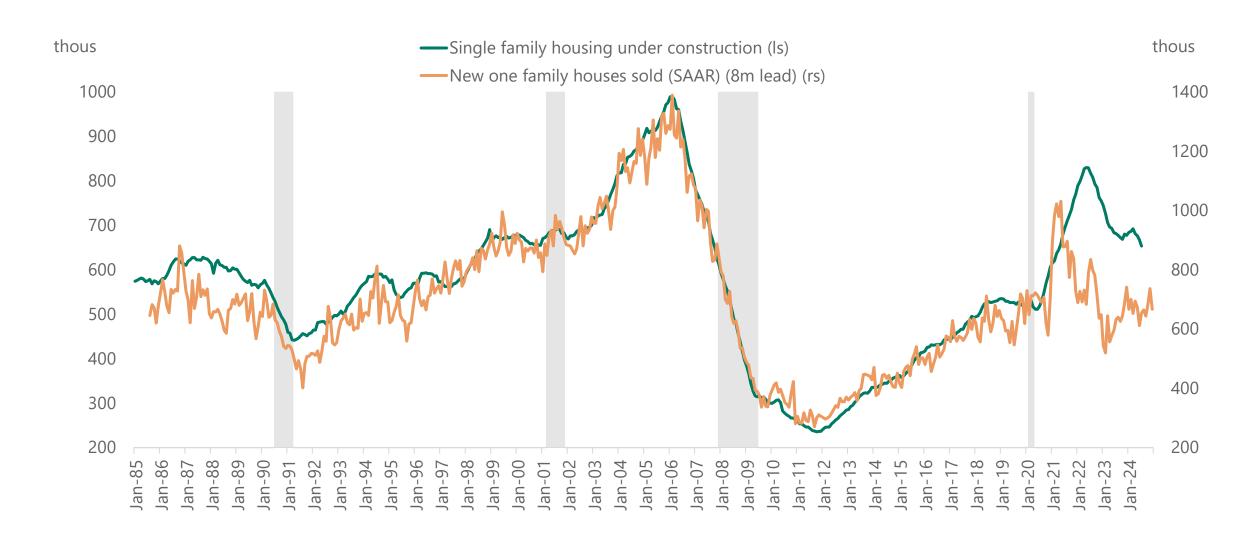
Source: FRED, Apollo Chief Economist

Number of new houses for sale

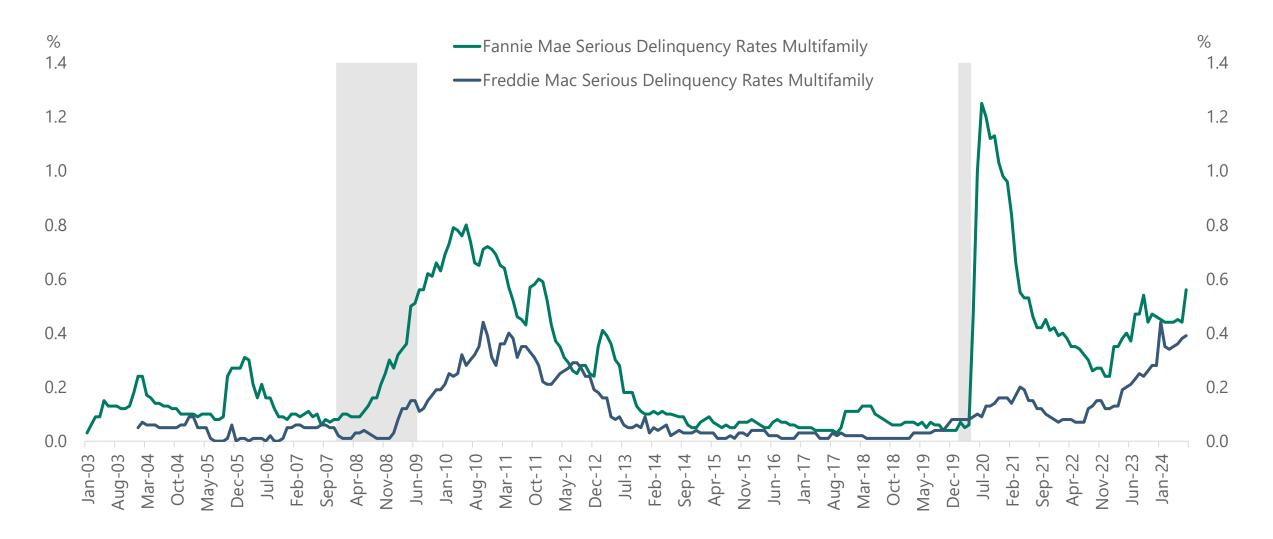


Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist 60

Some disconnect between housing under construction and new homes sold

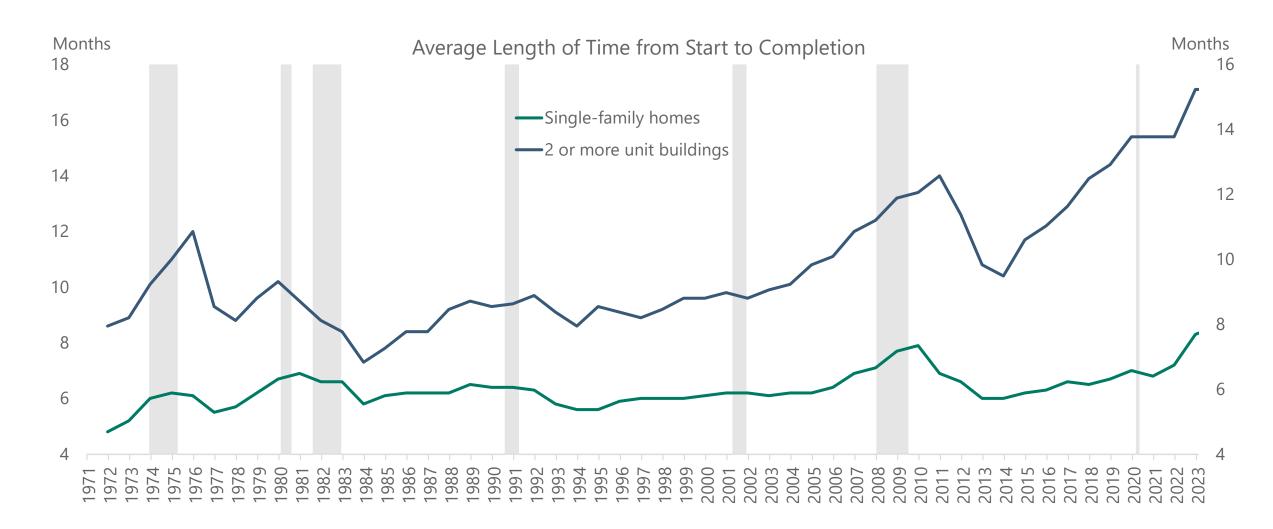


Multifamily delinquencies rising

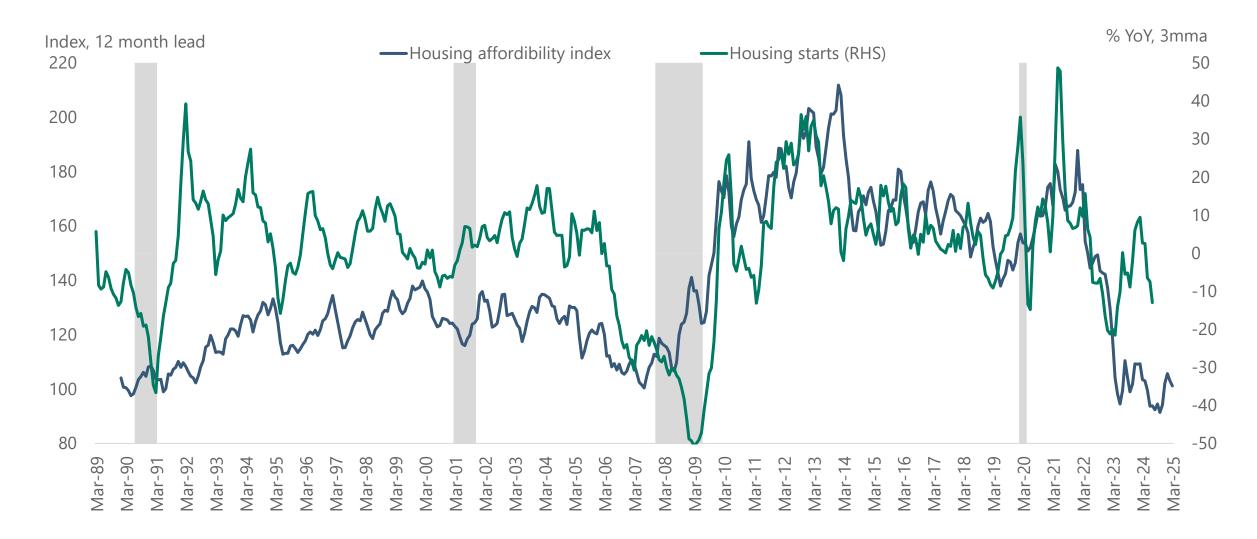


Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 62

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

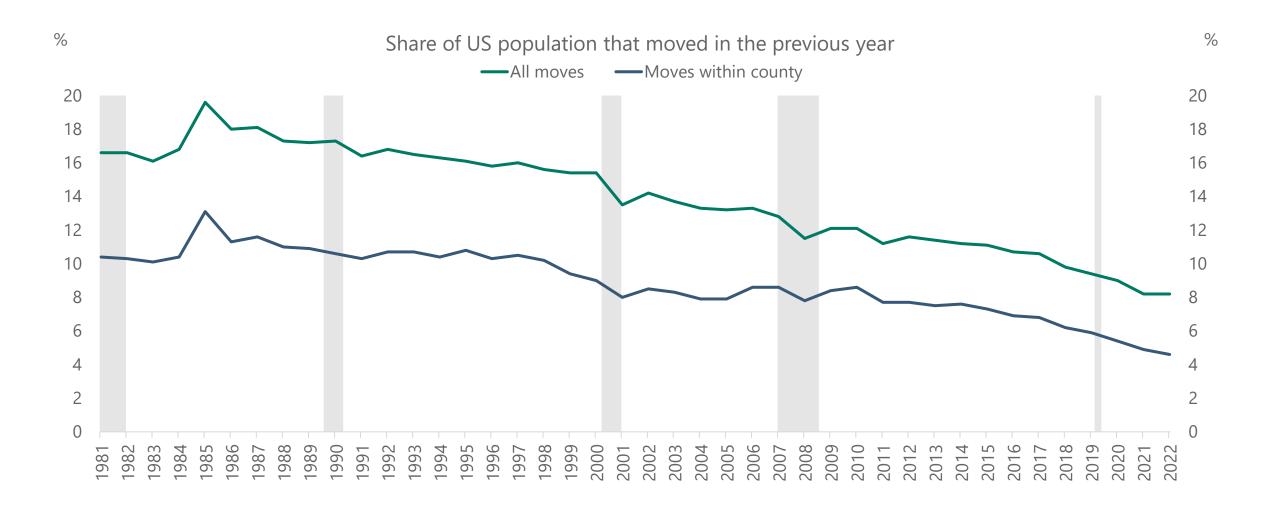


Weak affordability points to coming slowdown in housing starts



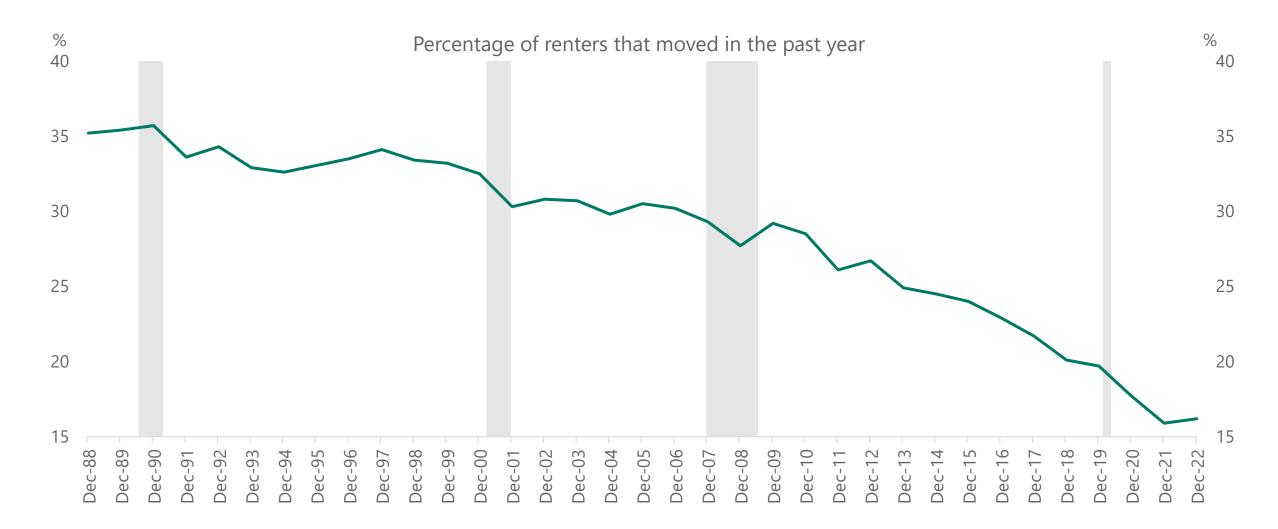
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 64

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



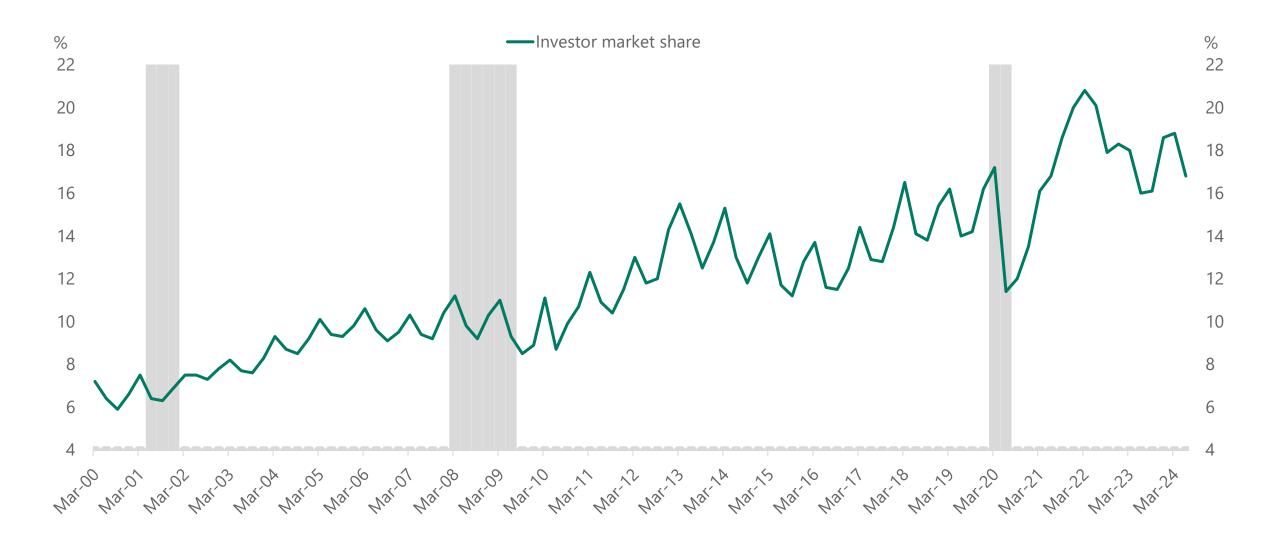
Source: Census CPS, Apollo Chief economist 65

Trend decline in the percentage of renters moving to new apartments or houses



Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist 66

The investor share of home purchases is rising

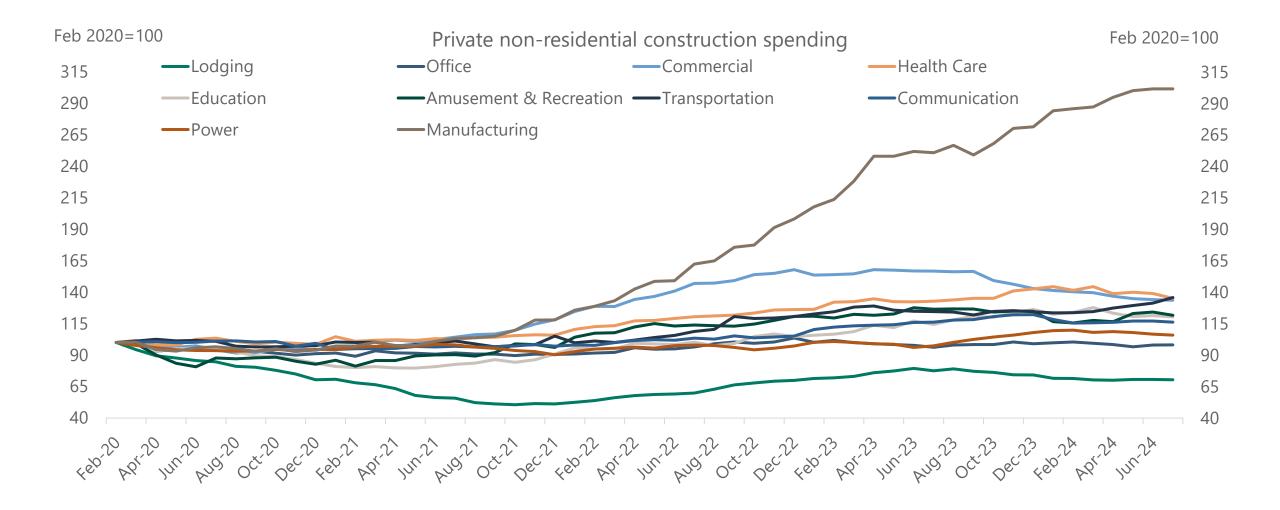


Steady growth in employment in residential construction



Source: BLS, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist 68

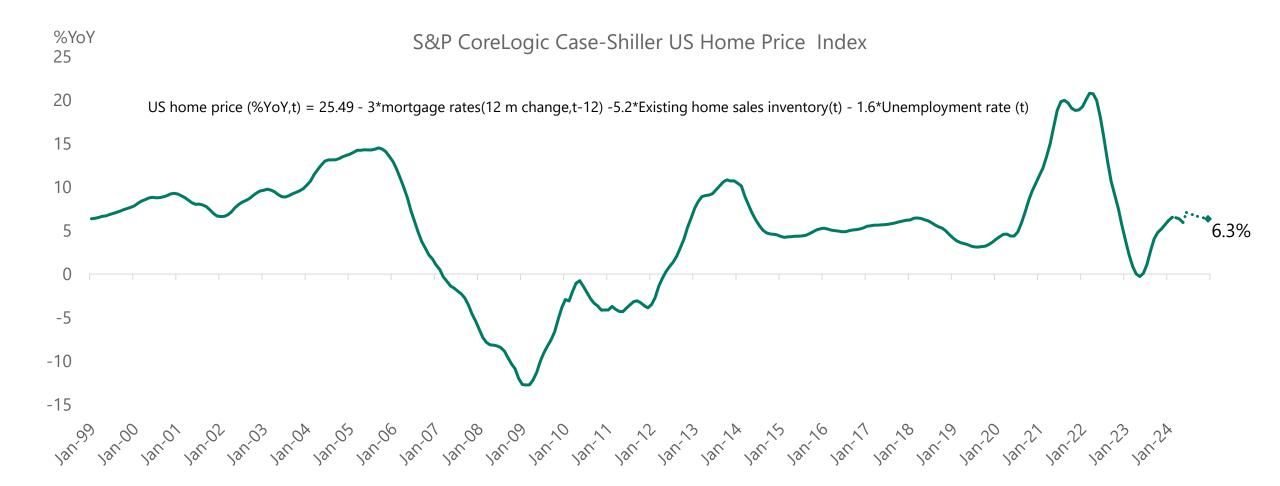
The biggest increase in non-residential construction has been in manufacturing



Source: Census, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

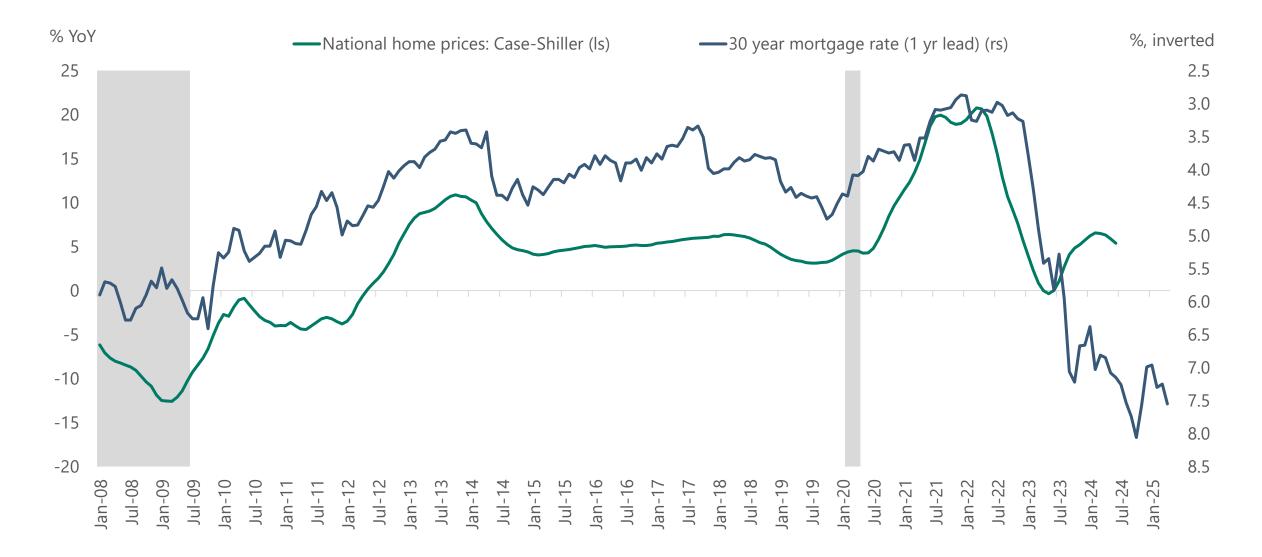
3) House Prices: Home price inflation not yet impacted by higher mortgage rates

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



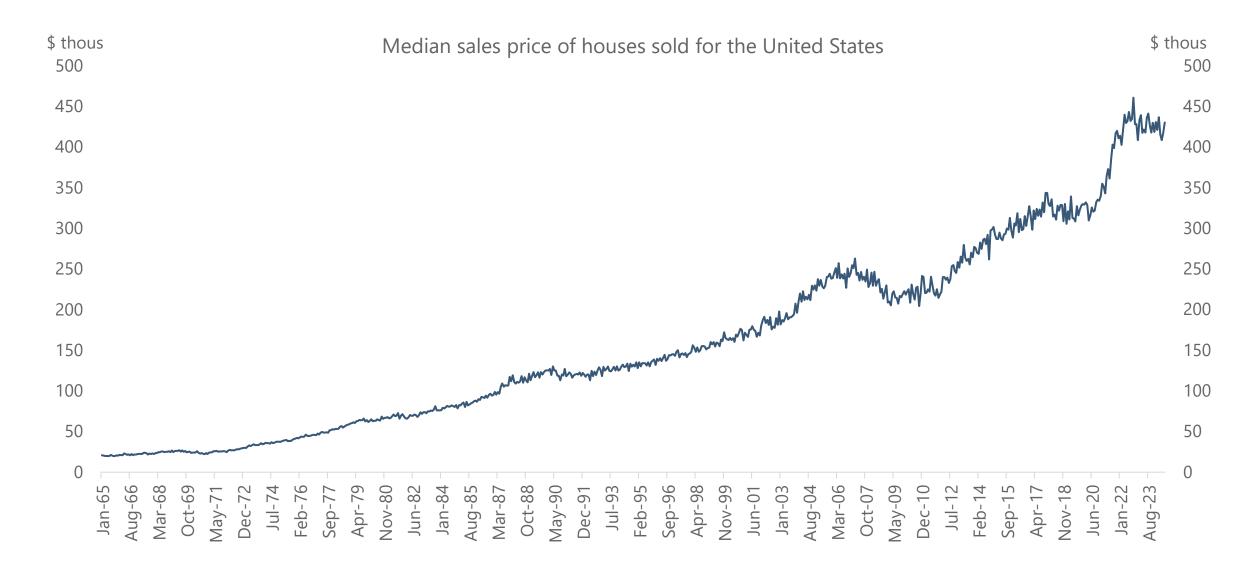
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

Disconnect between mortgage rates and home prices because of low housing supply



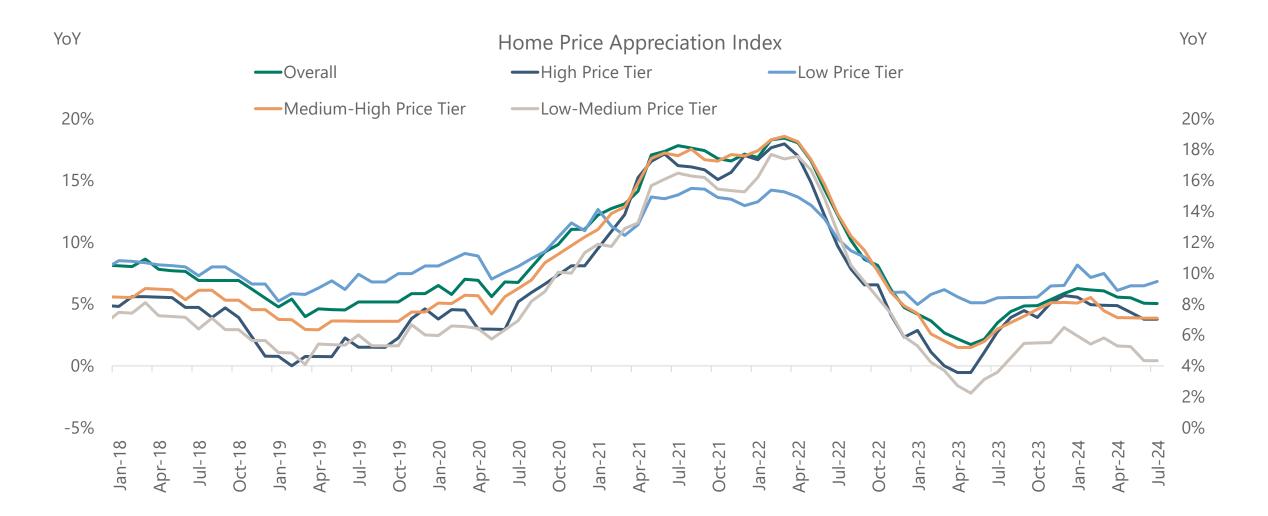
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

Median home sales price now \$430K

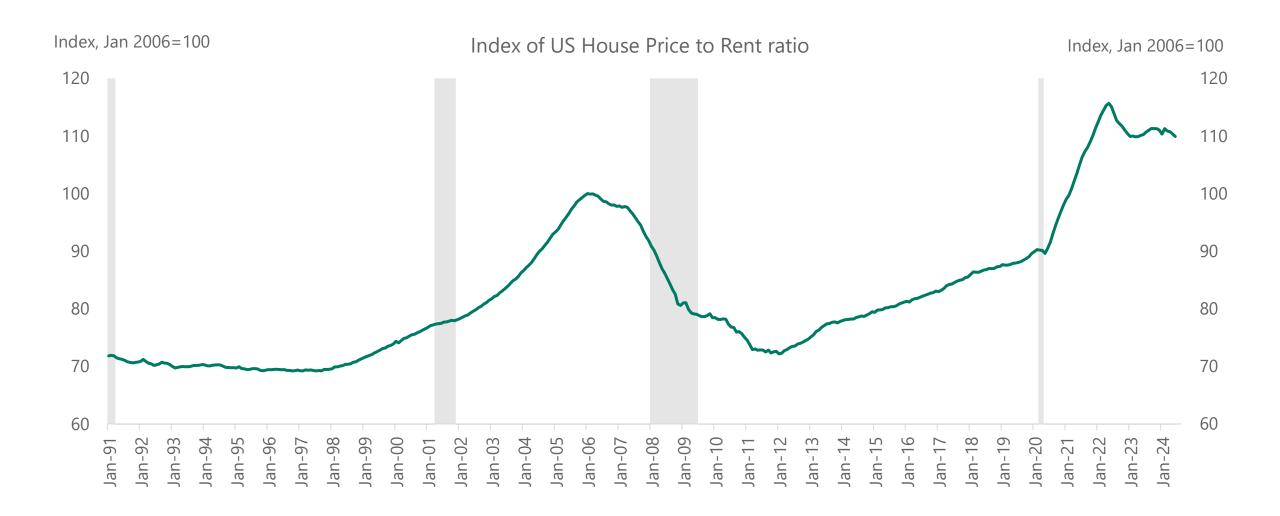


Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist 73

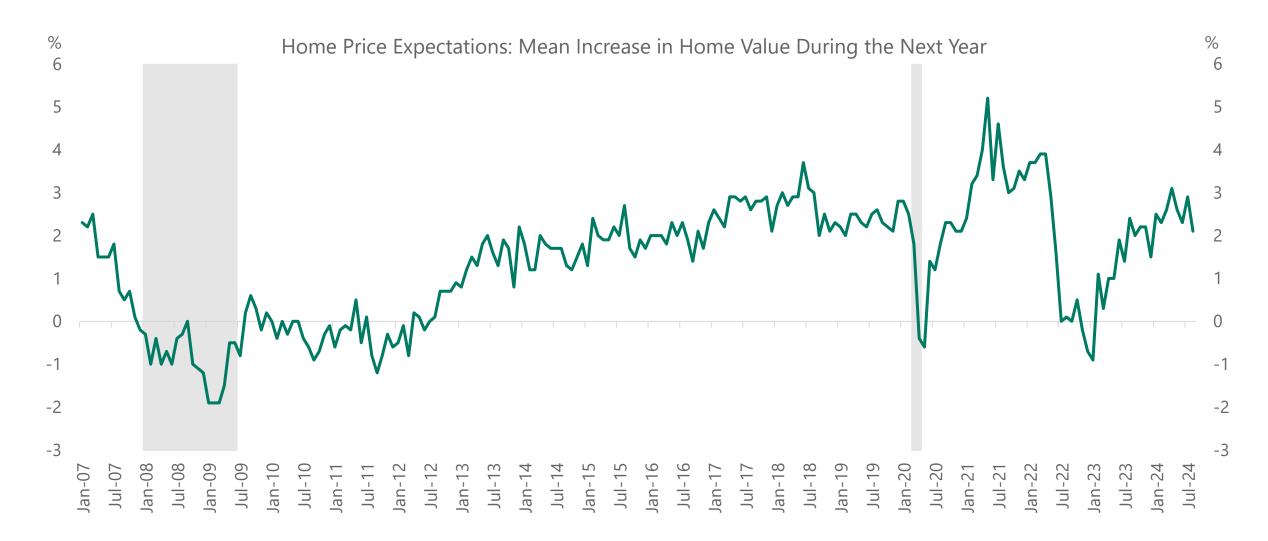
House price inflation rising for low price tiers



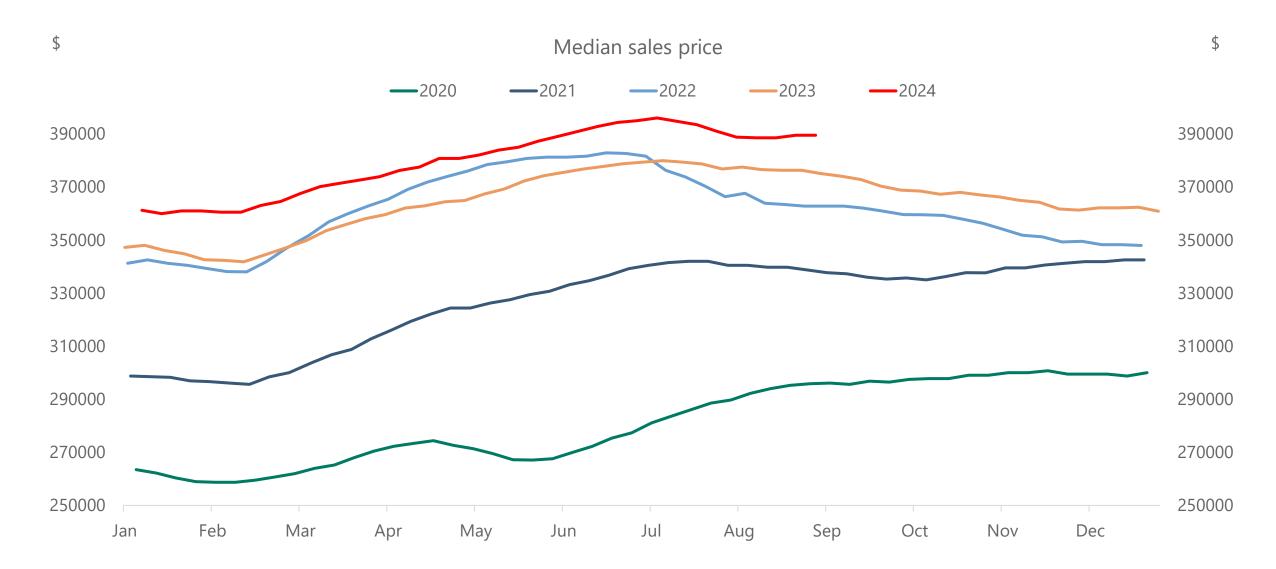
Home price to rent ratio significantly above 2006 levels



Consumers' expectations of home price inflation

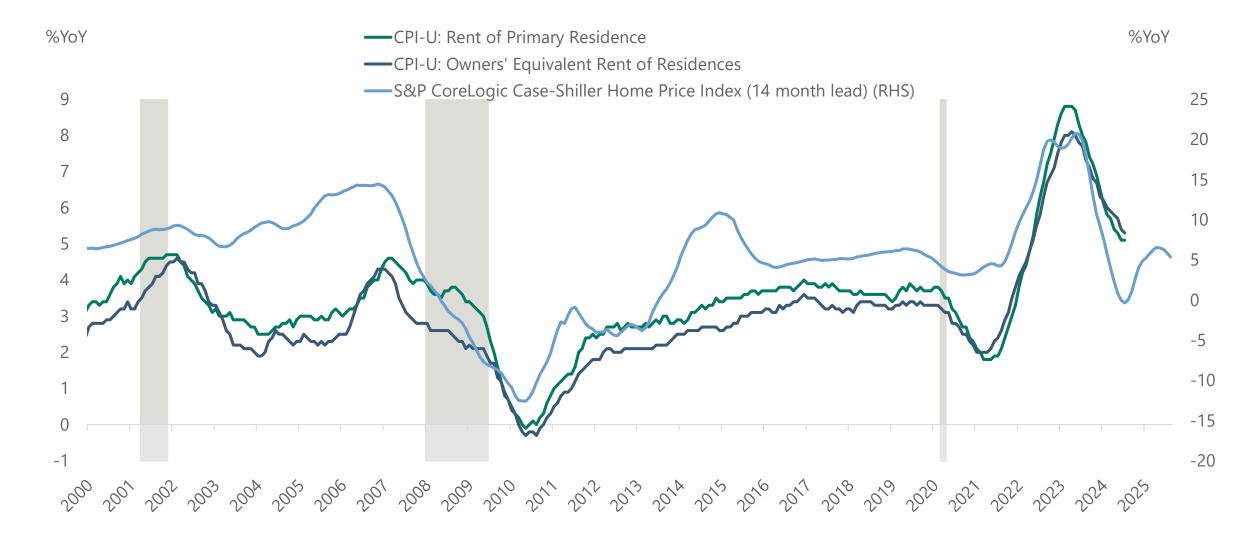


Median sales price well above last year's levels



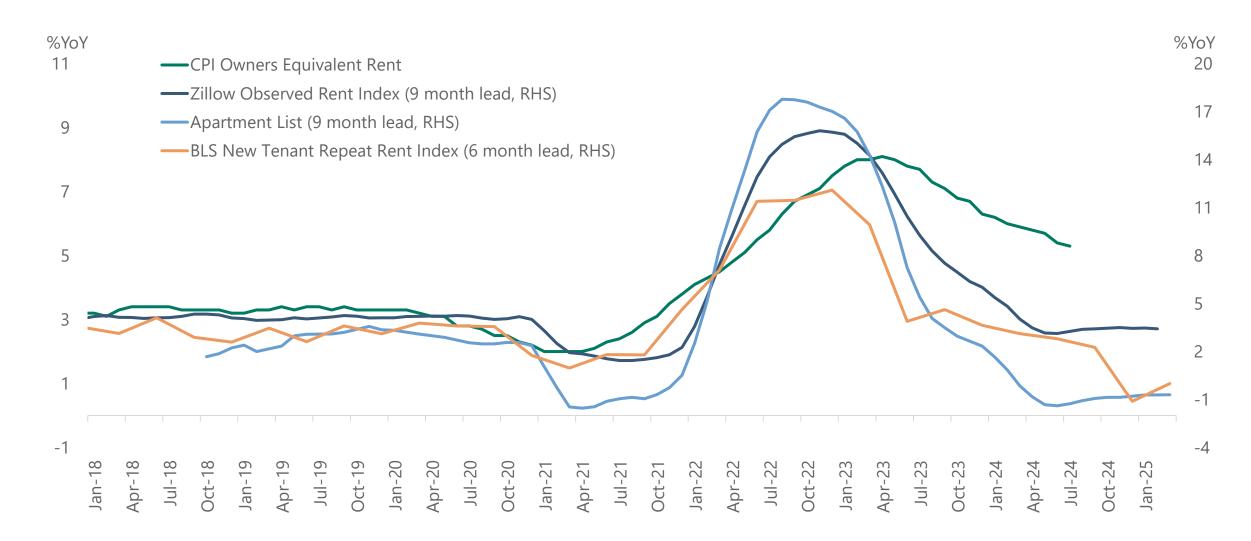
Source: Redfin, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

Rebound coming in housing inflation

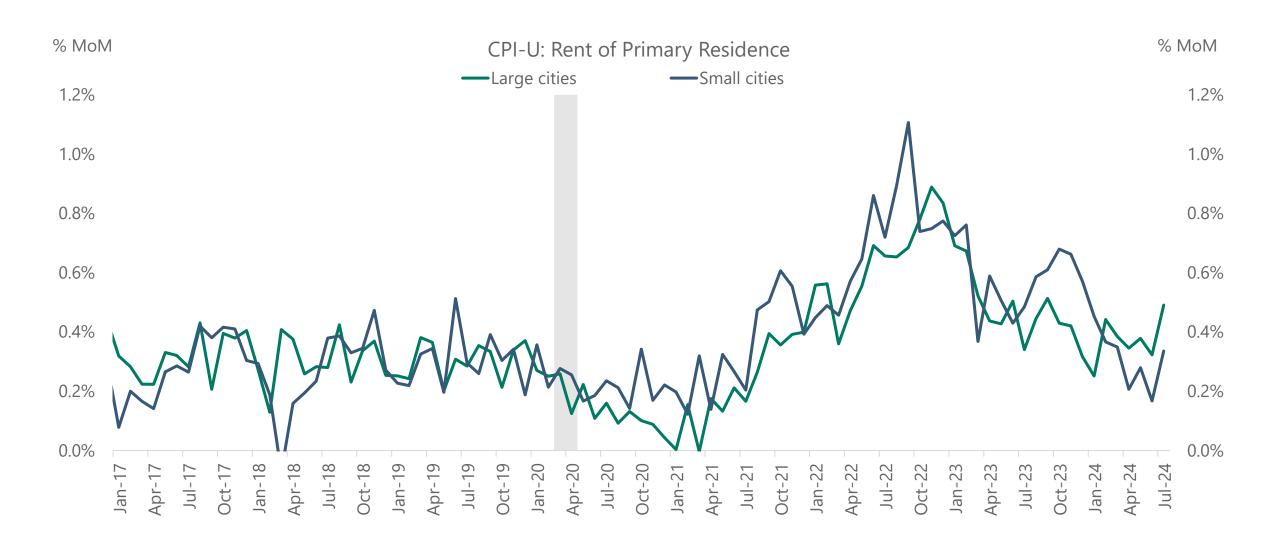


Source: Haver Analytics, BLS, S&P, Apollo Chief Economist

OER housing inflation could begin to move sideways

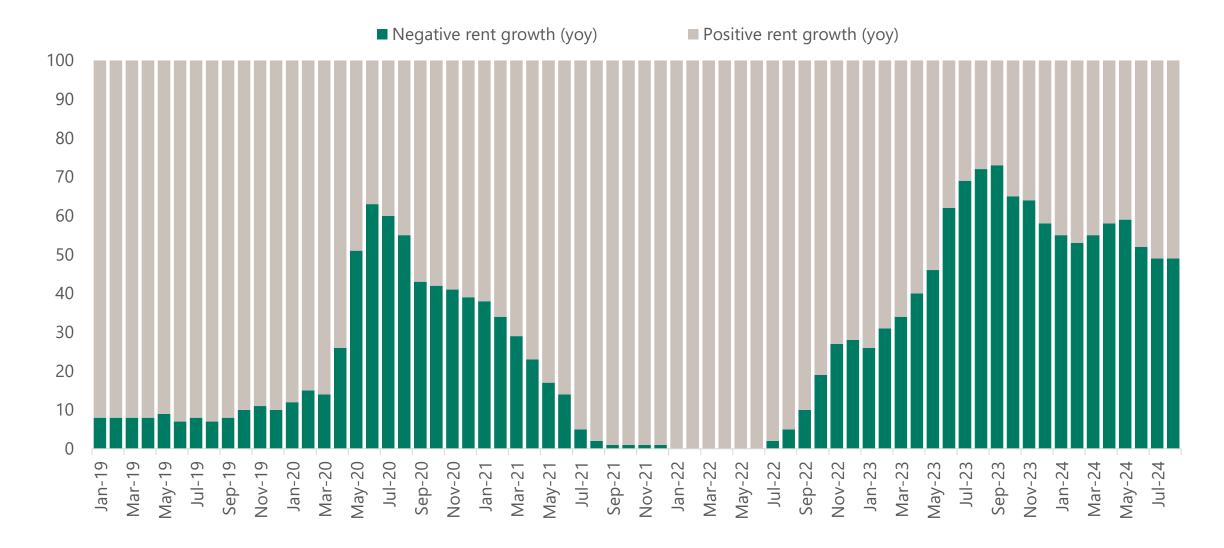


Rent inflation trending higher in both small cities and large cities



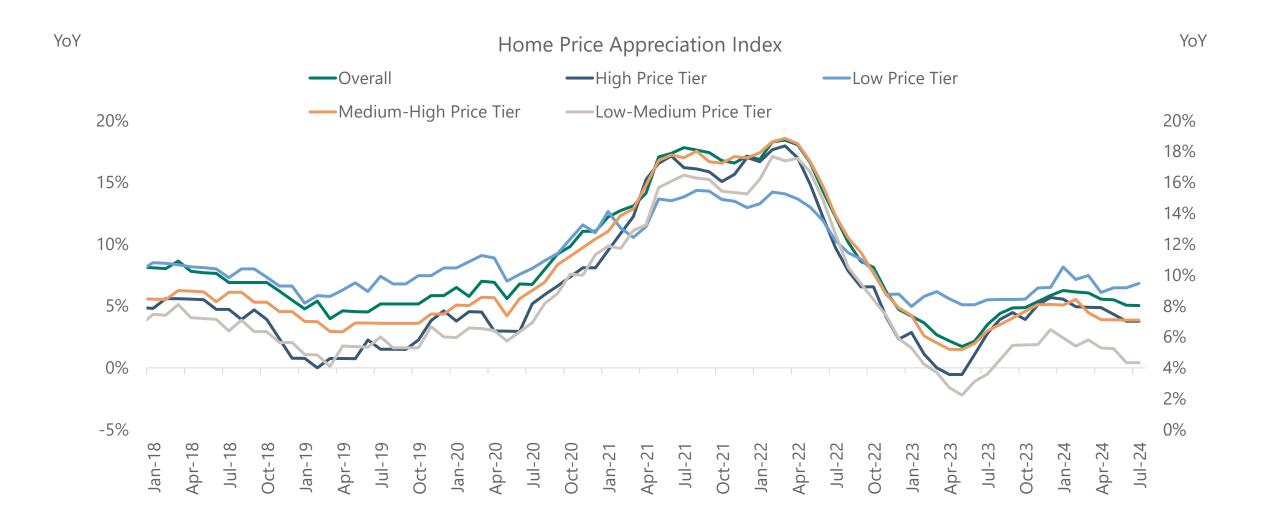
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100 largest US cities: Share of cities with positive rent high

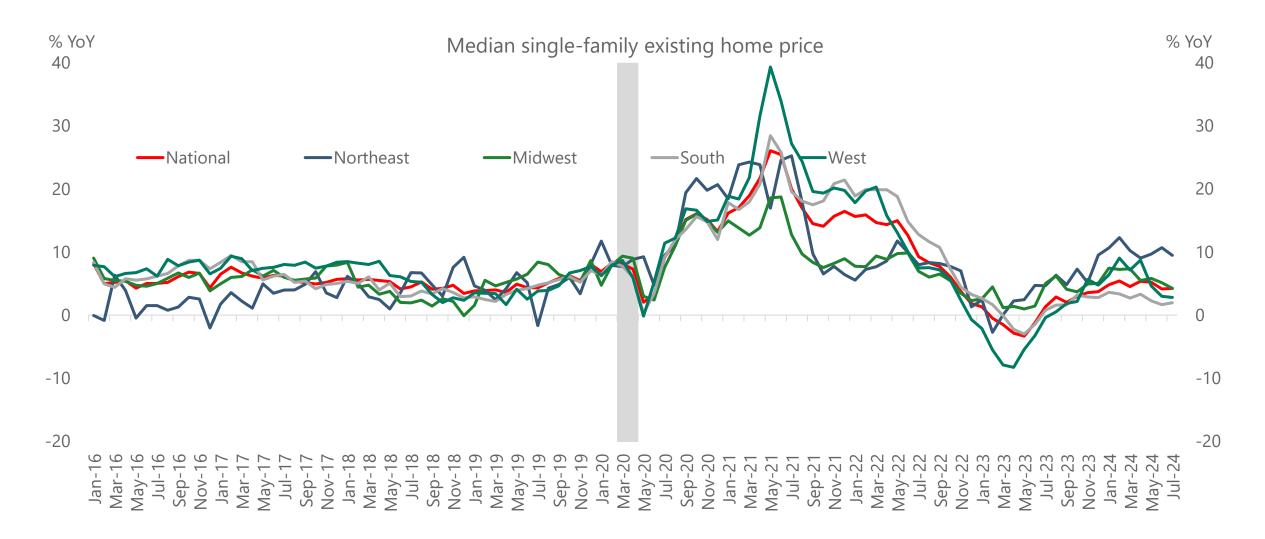


Source: Apartmentlist.com, Apollo Chief Economist

Home price inflation solid because of low inventory of homes for sale

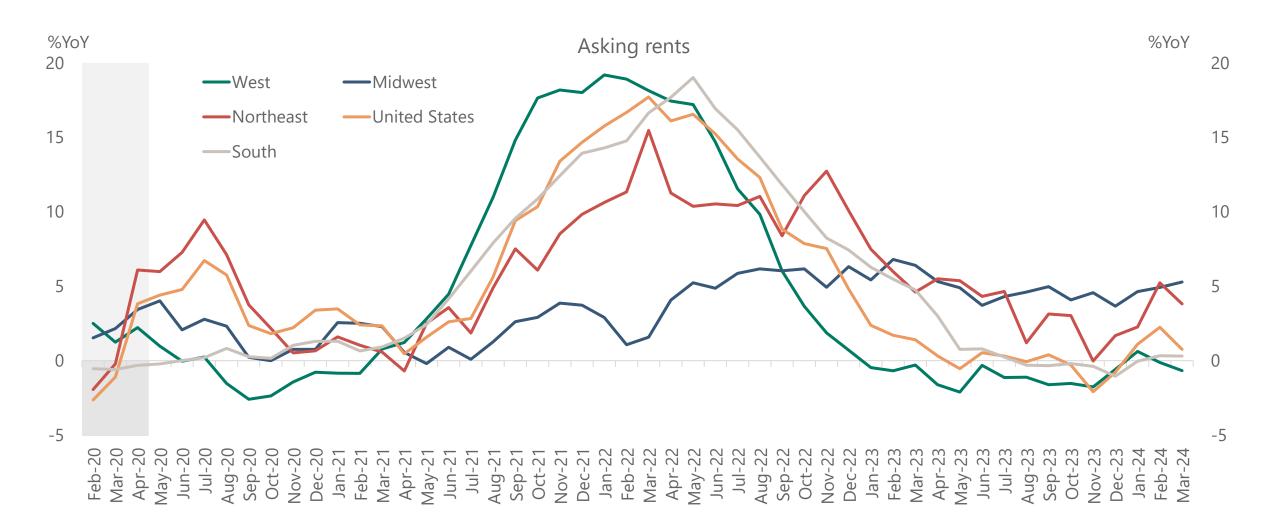


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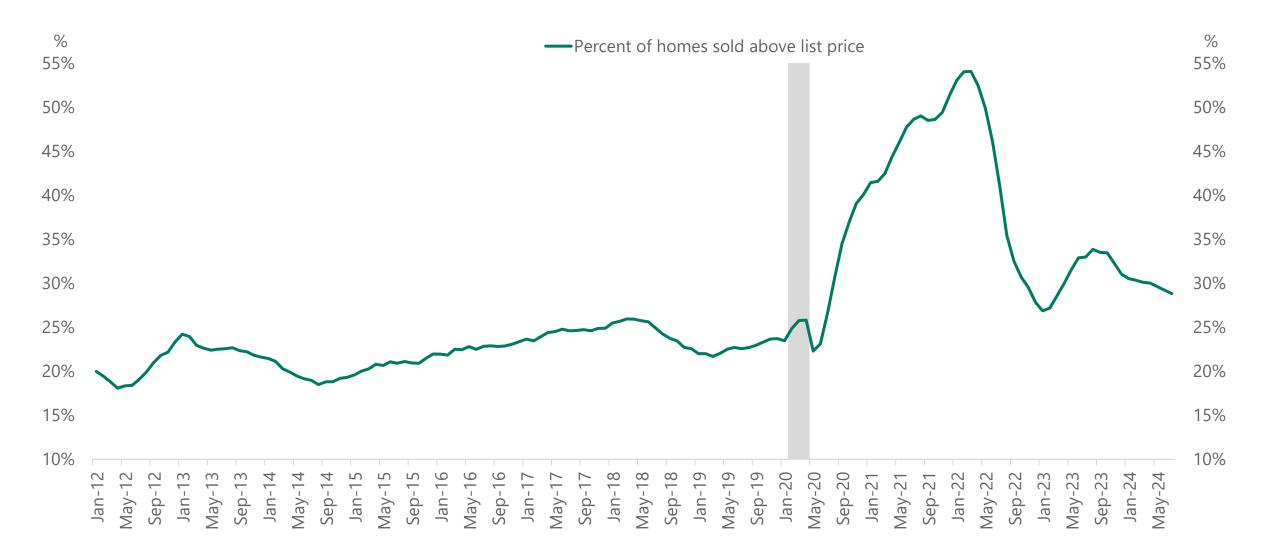
Source: NAR, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

Asking rents rising across regions



Source: Rent.com, Apollo Chief Economist

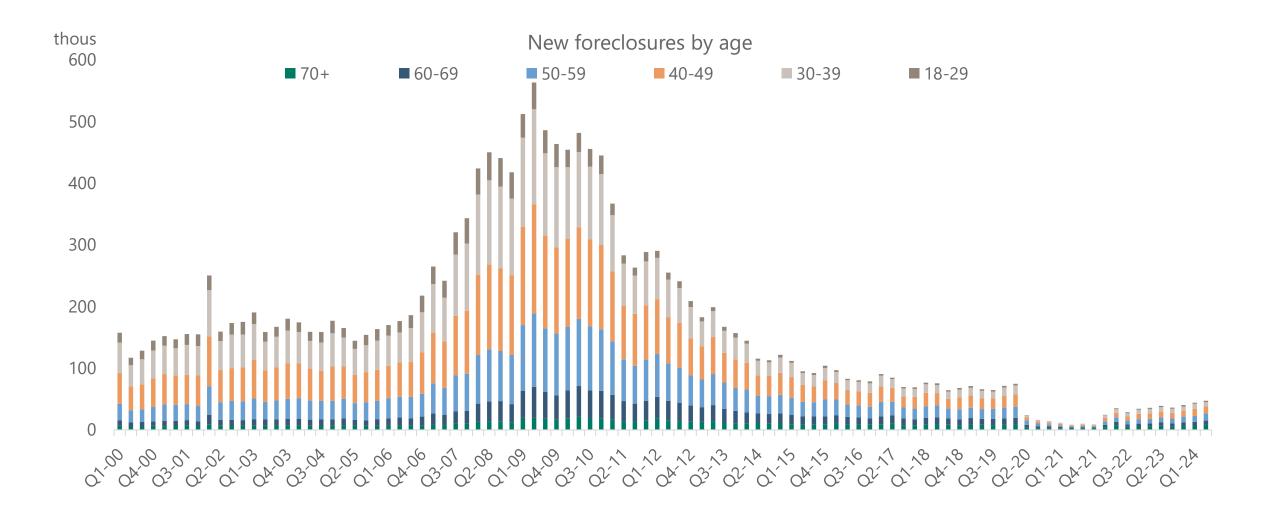
30% of homes selling above their list price



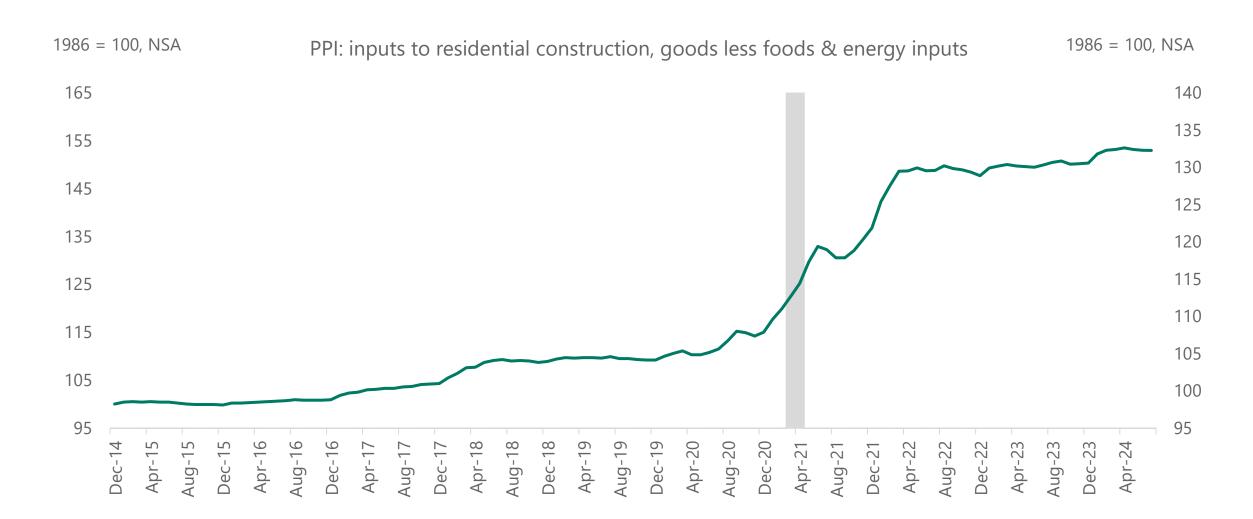
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4) Housing Outlook: High mortgage rates, high home prices, rising unemployment, high construction costs, and strong supply pipeline are risks to this housing cycle

New foreclosures, by age of homeowner

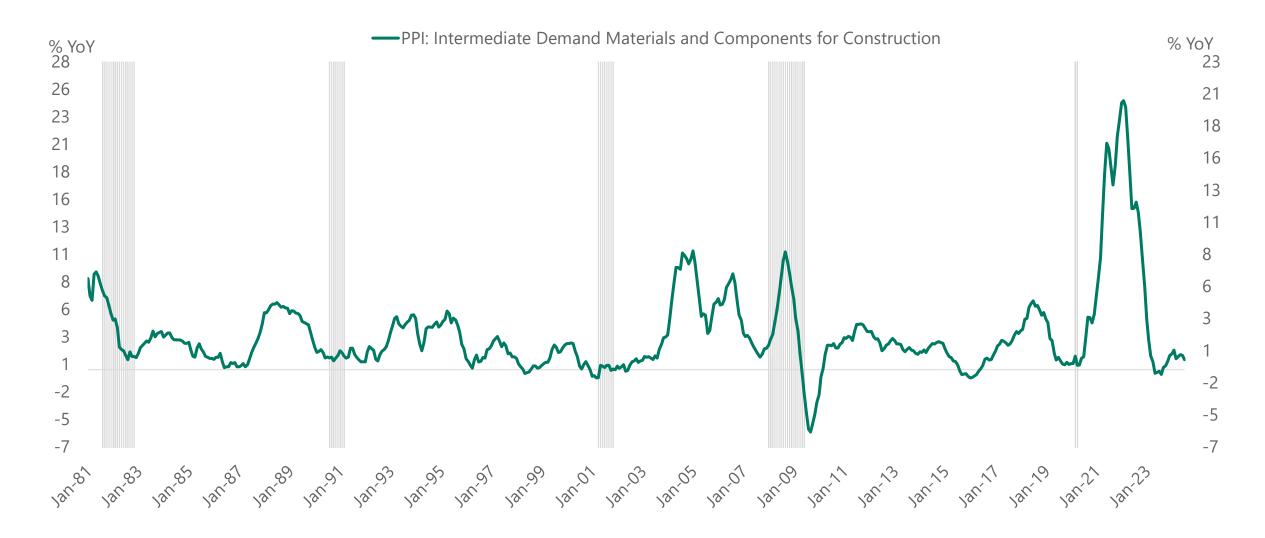


Housing construction costs remain high



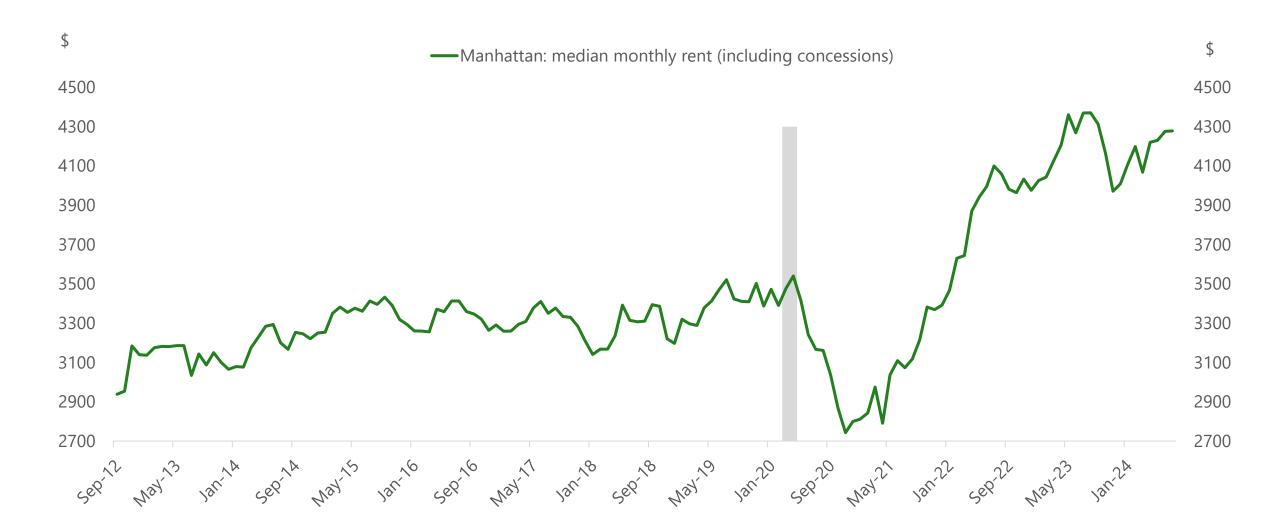
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Inflation in input costs for home builders



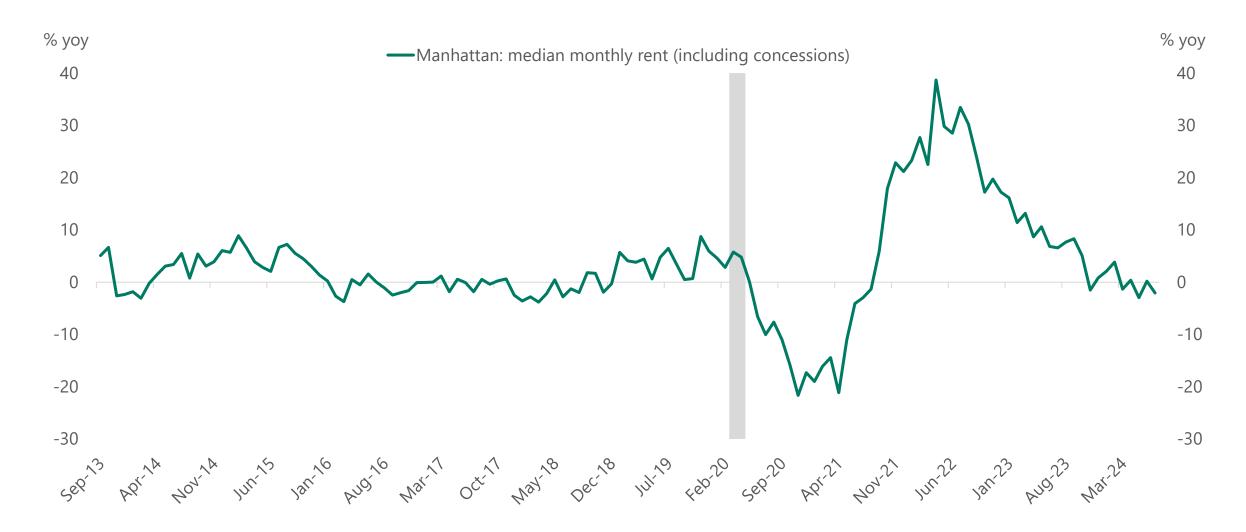
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Manhattan median rent rose to \$4278 in July 2024



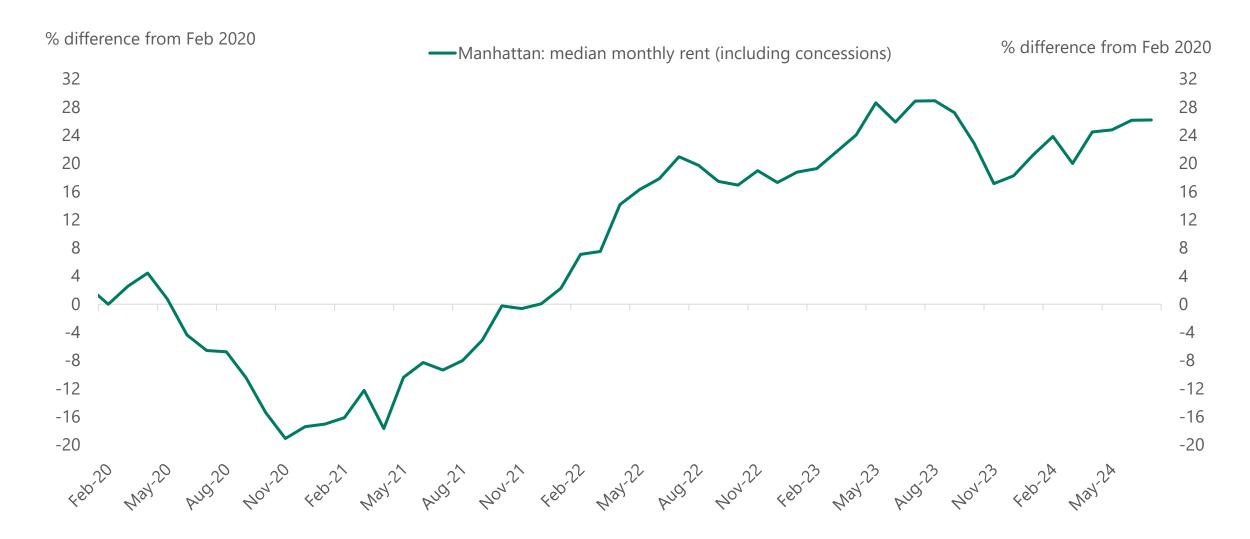
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Manhattan rent growth slowing



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Manhattan rents well above pre-pandemic levels



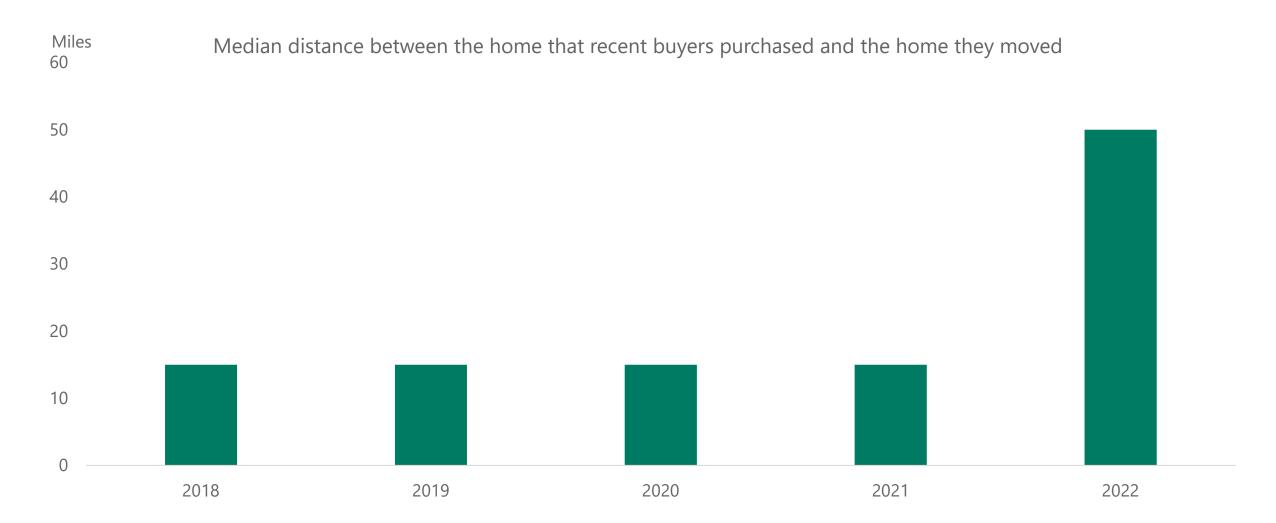
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Rising mortgage rates generally associated with lower home price inflation

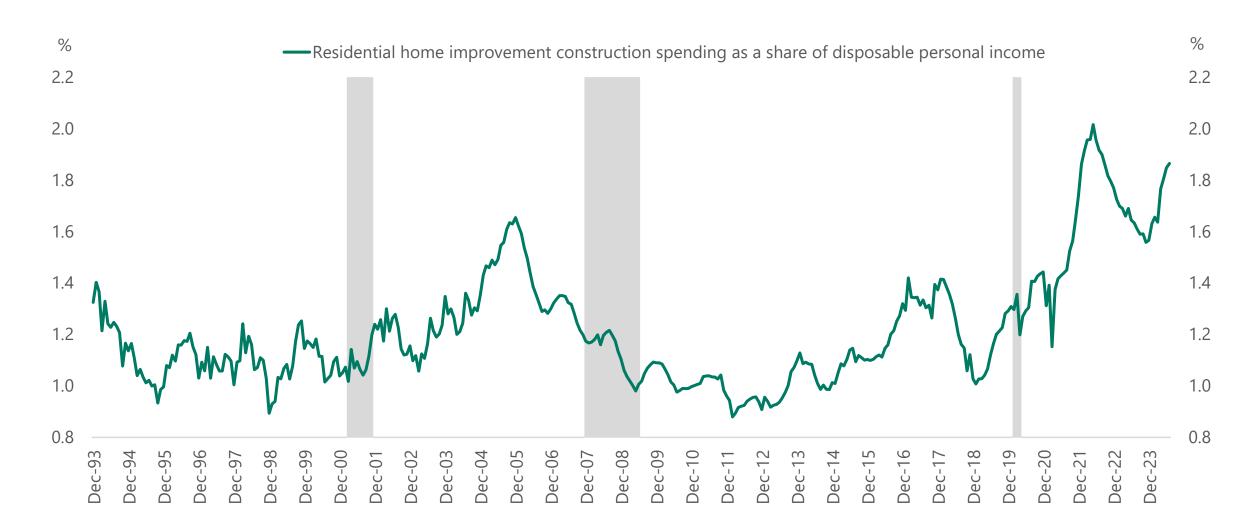


Source: FRED, Apollo Chief Economist

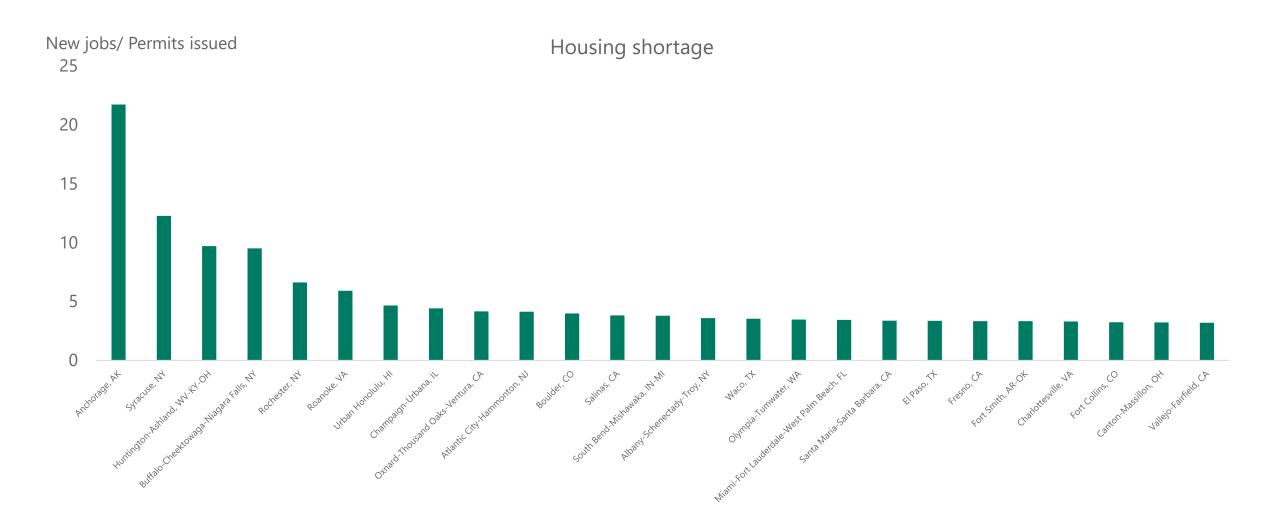
Median distance between the home that recent buyers purchased and the home they moved from at 50 miles in 2022



Home improvement spending remains elevated



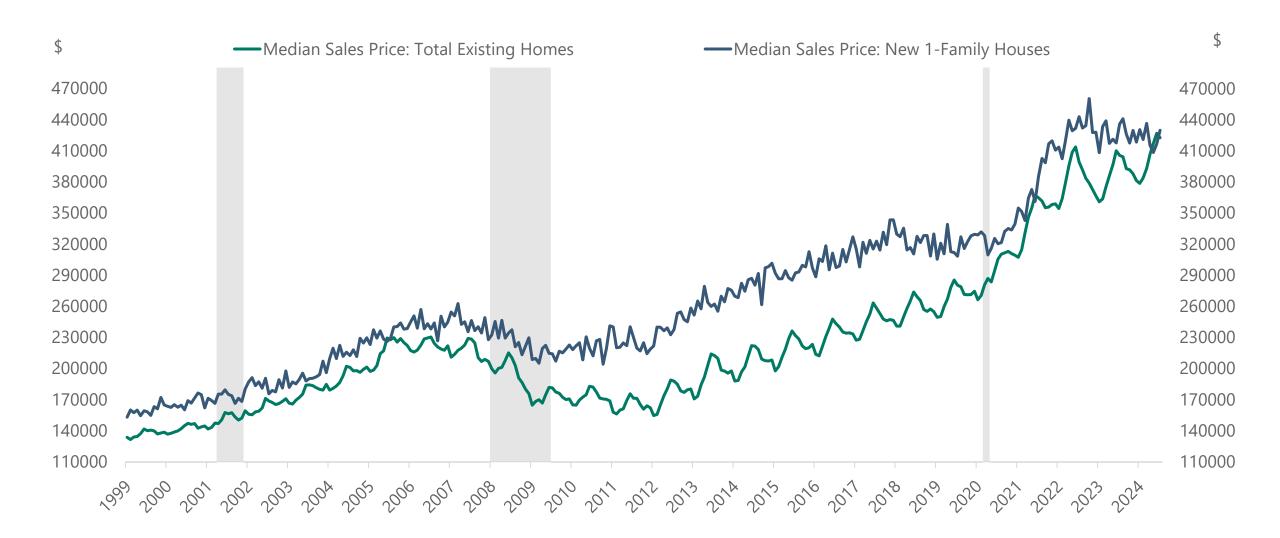
Metropolitan areas that need to build more houses to keep up with the increased demand



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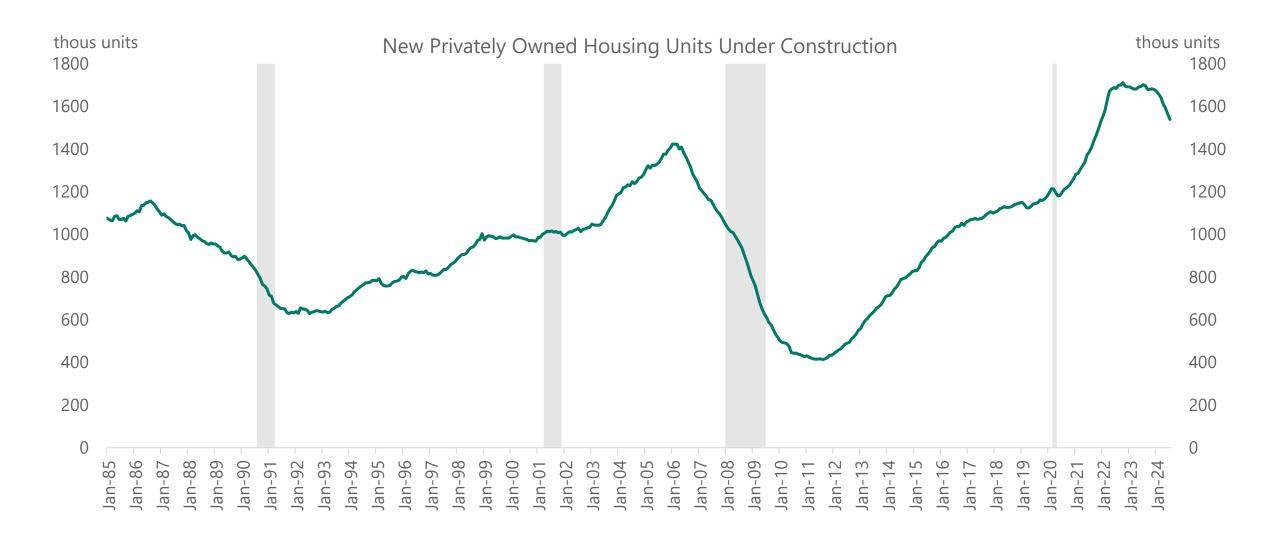
New versus existing homes

House prices for new homes and existing homes



Source: Census, Apollo Chief Economist

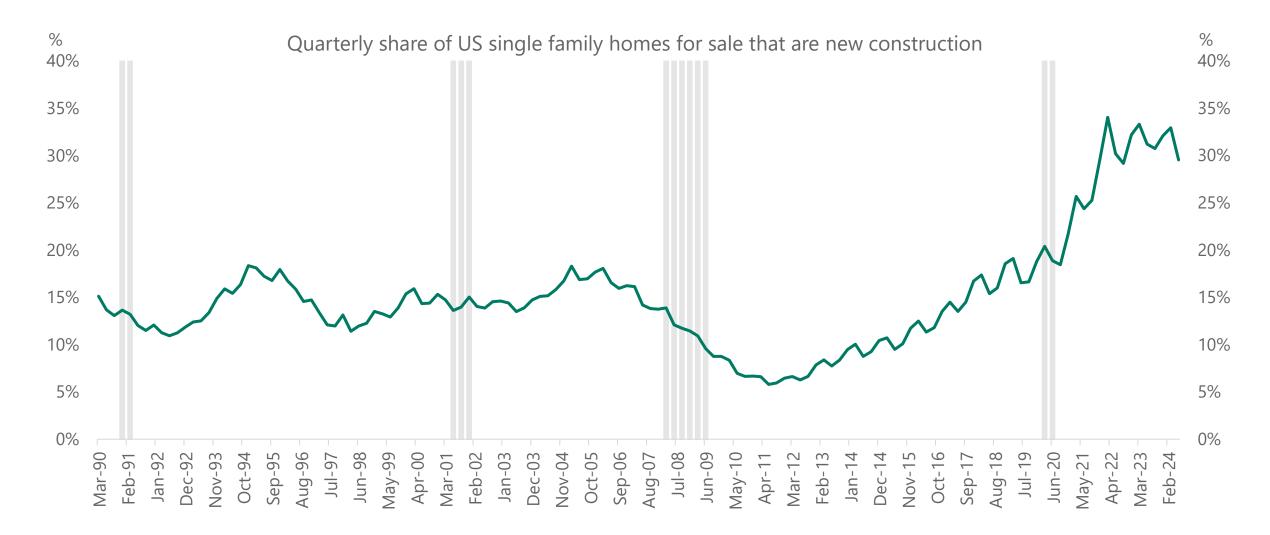
New privately owned housing units under construction starting to peak



Consensus is forecasting a modest rebound in home sales

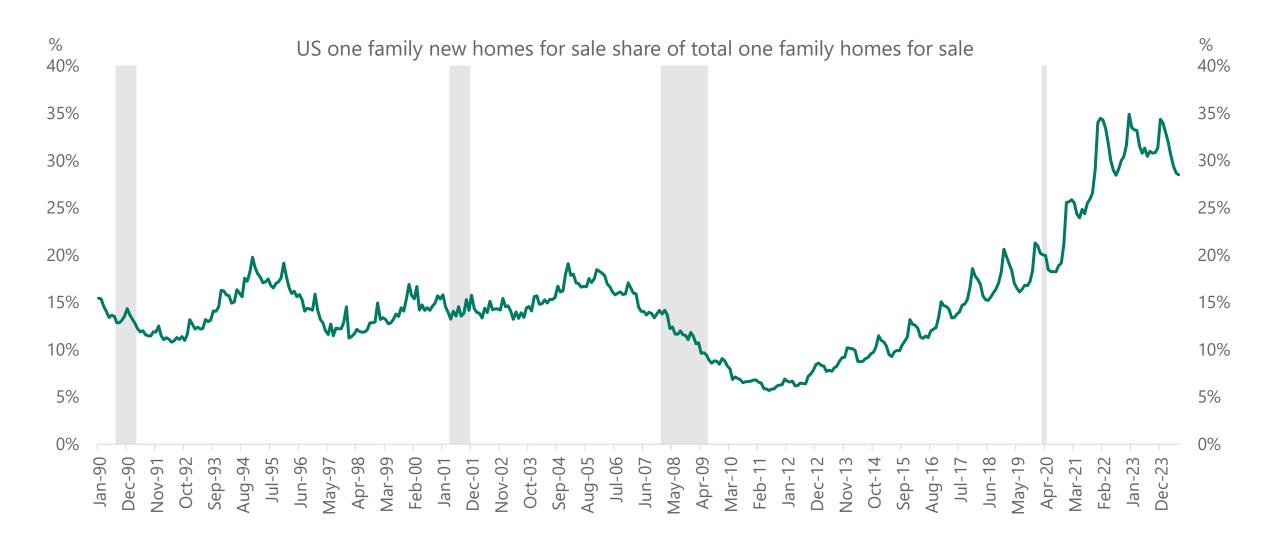


Share of newly built homes for sale



Source: NAR, Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

Share of new homes for sale

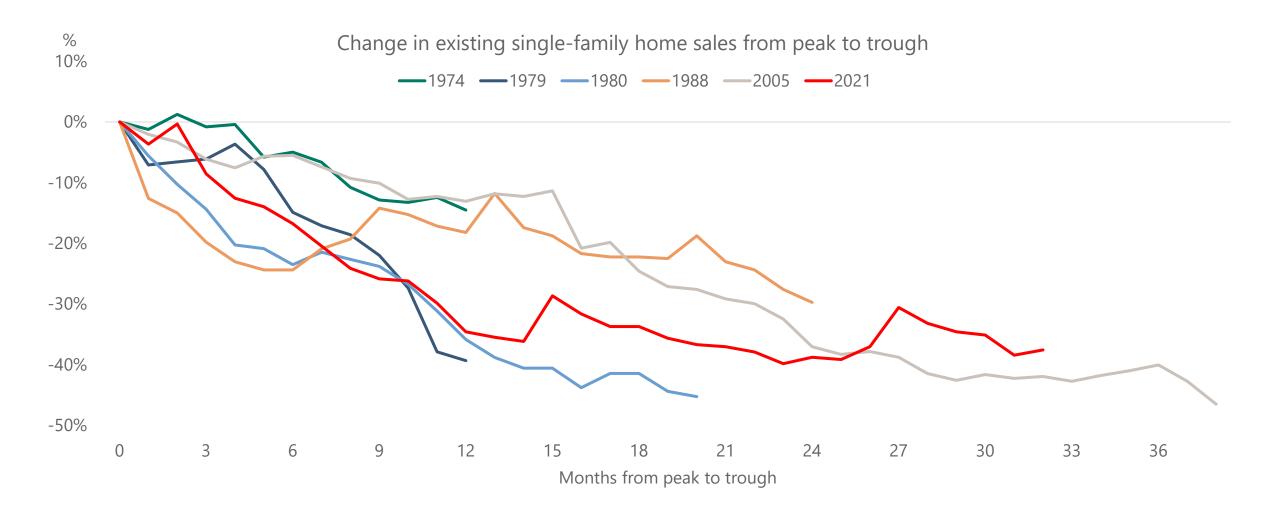


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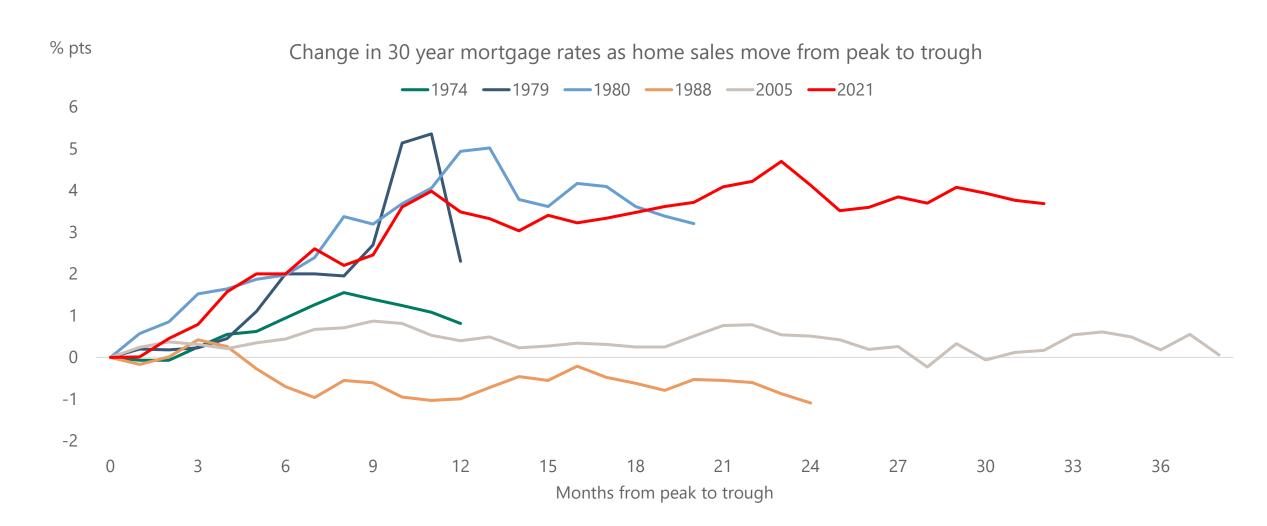
Comparing the current housing slowdown to previous housing slowdowns

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

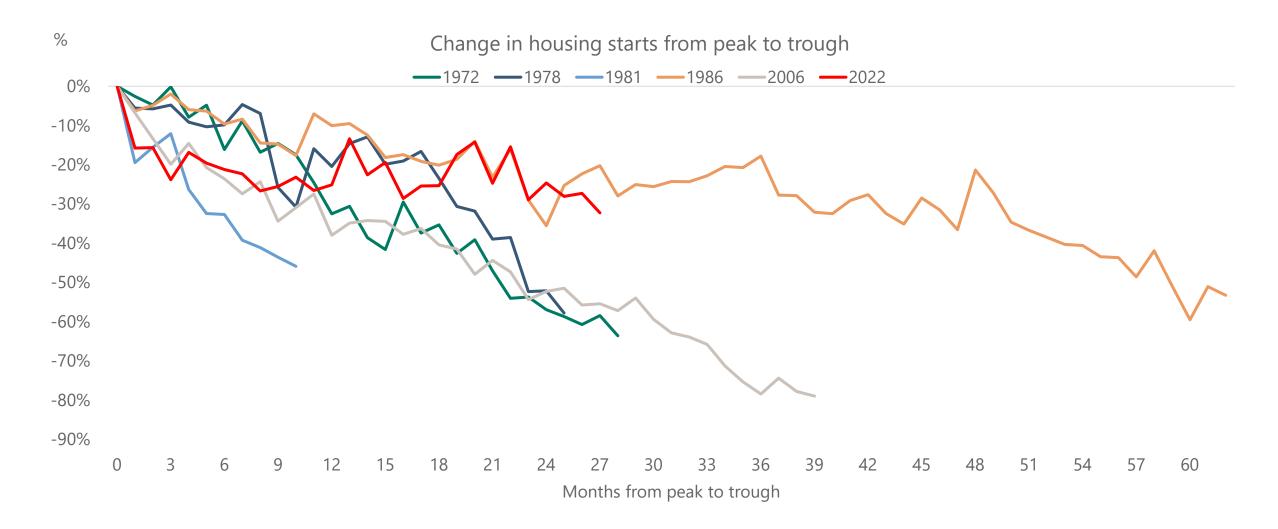


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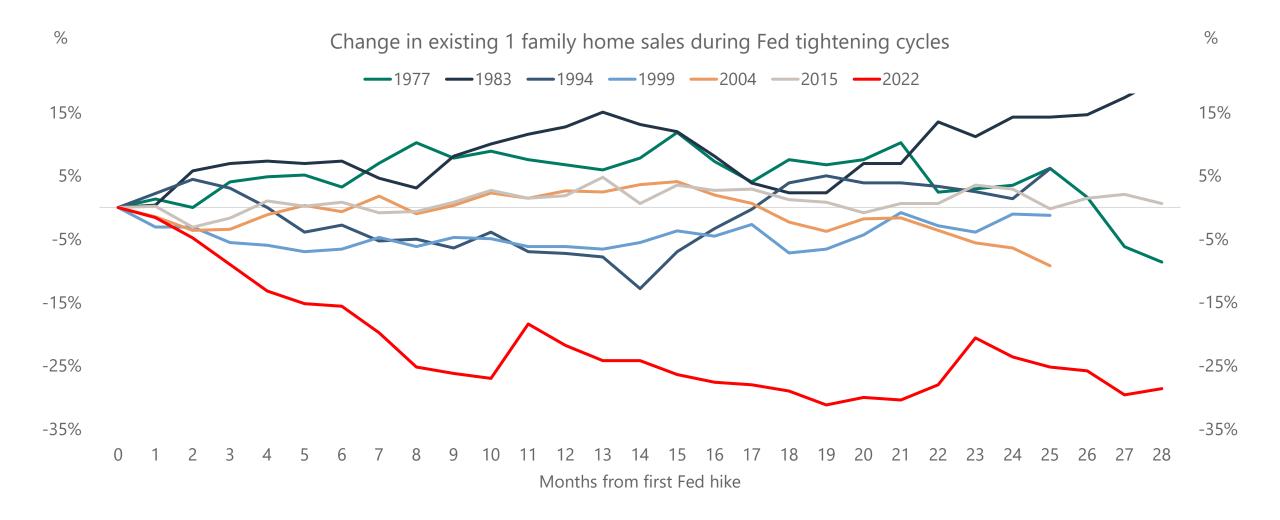


The current decline in housing starts is a bit milder than previous slowdowns



Source: Census Bureau, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

This is the fastest Fed-driven housing slowdown on record



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Apartment vacancies are back above pre-pandemic levels



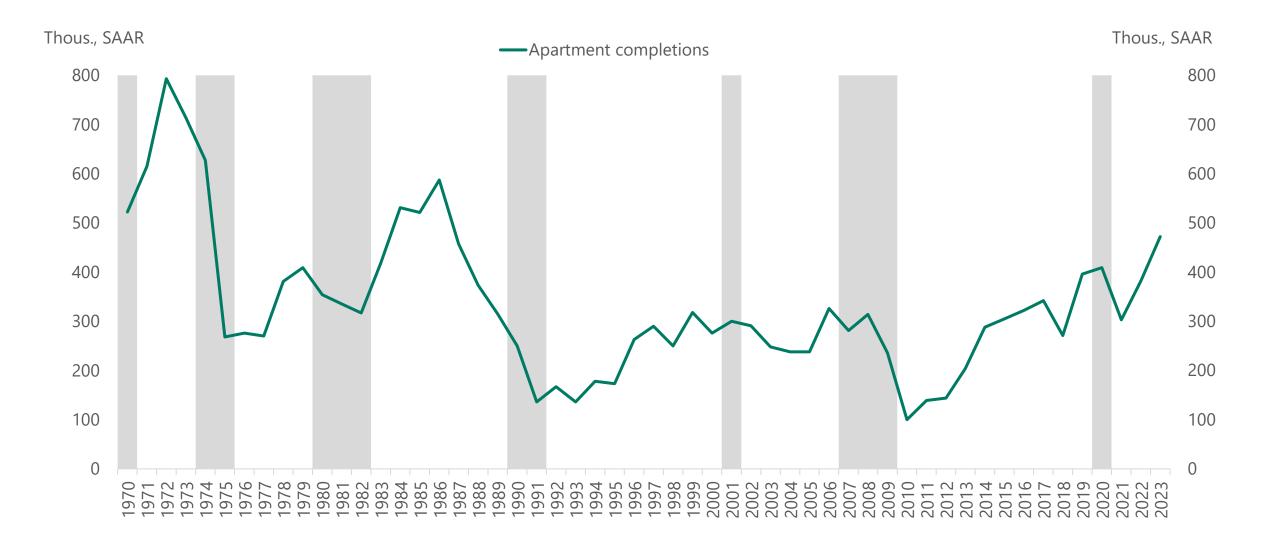
Source: Apartmentlist.com, Apollo Chief Economist

When the Fed raised interest rates employment in retail trade declined

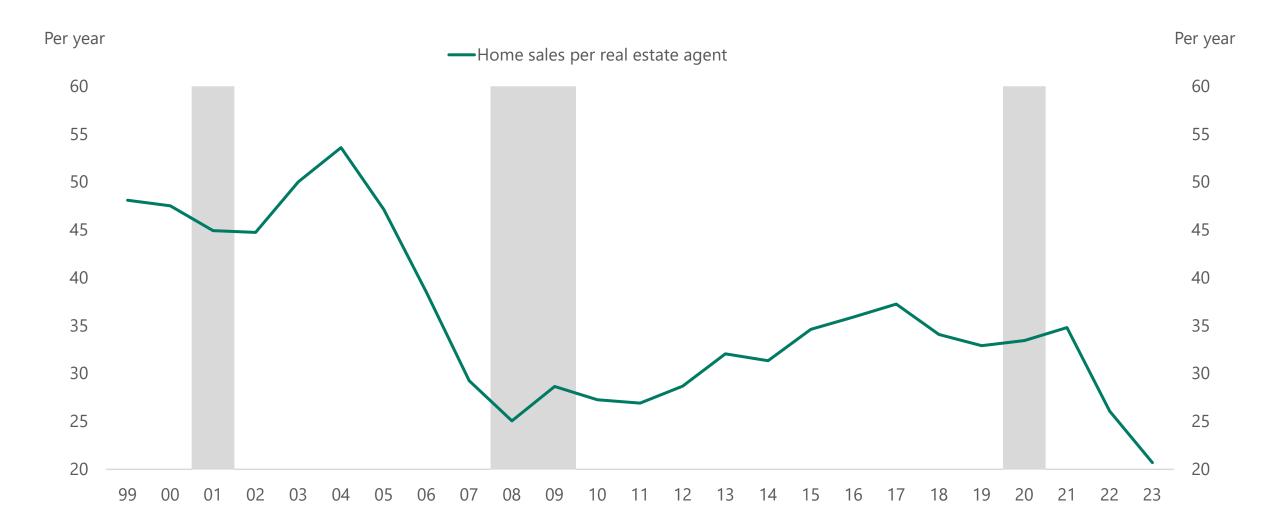


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US apartment supply increasing

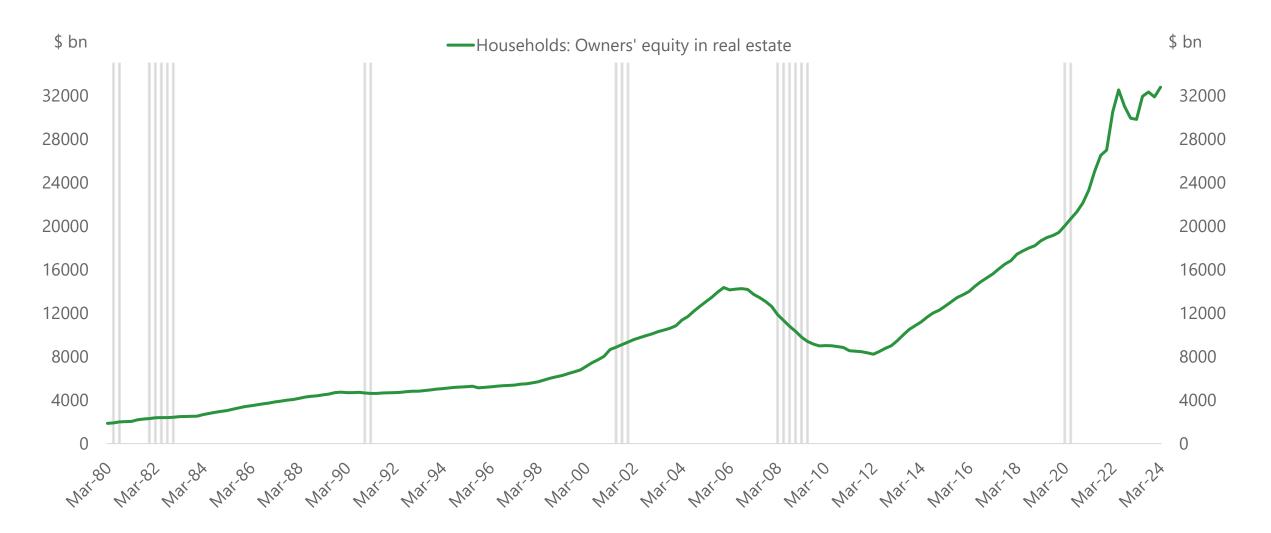


Real estate sales agents face more challenges

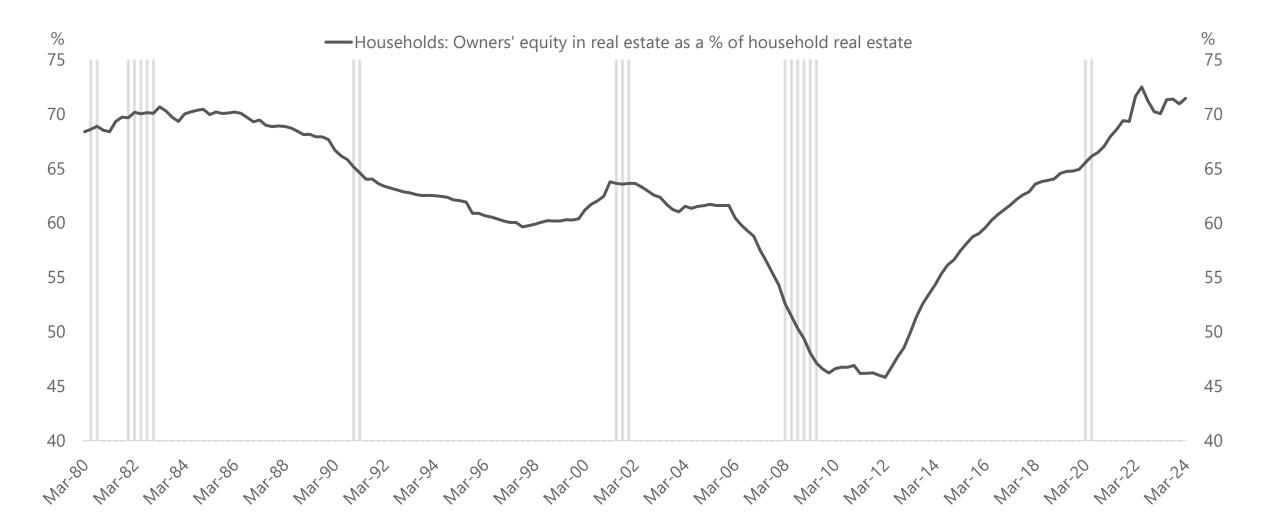


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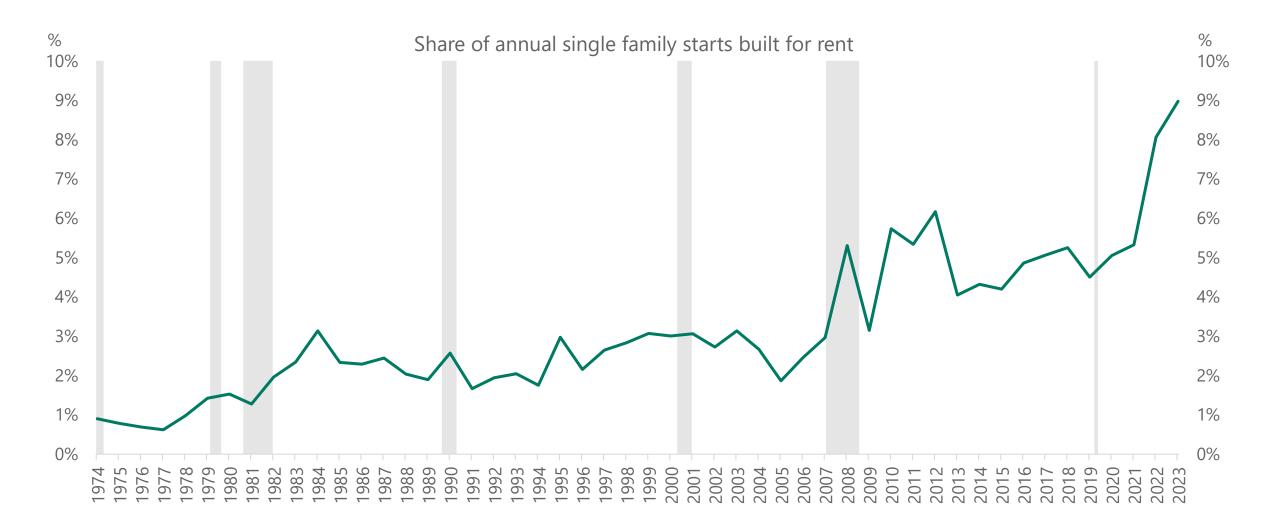
Households' equity in real estate rising



Households' equity share in real estate rising

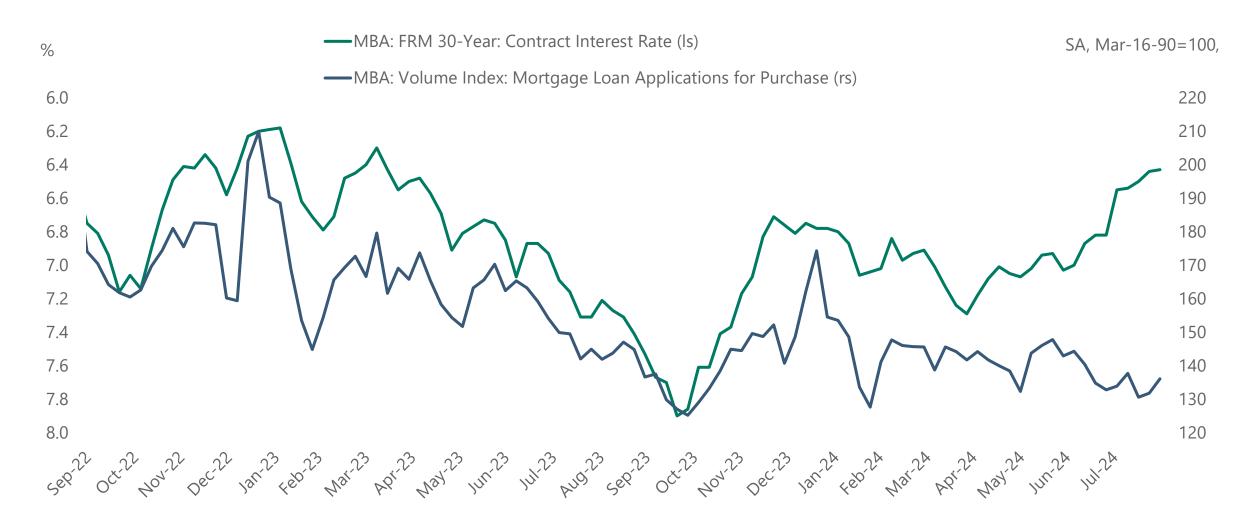


Share of homes built for rent going up



Source: Census Bureau, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

Loan applications remain low



Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: The left scale (Is) is inverted.



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