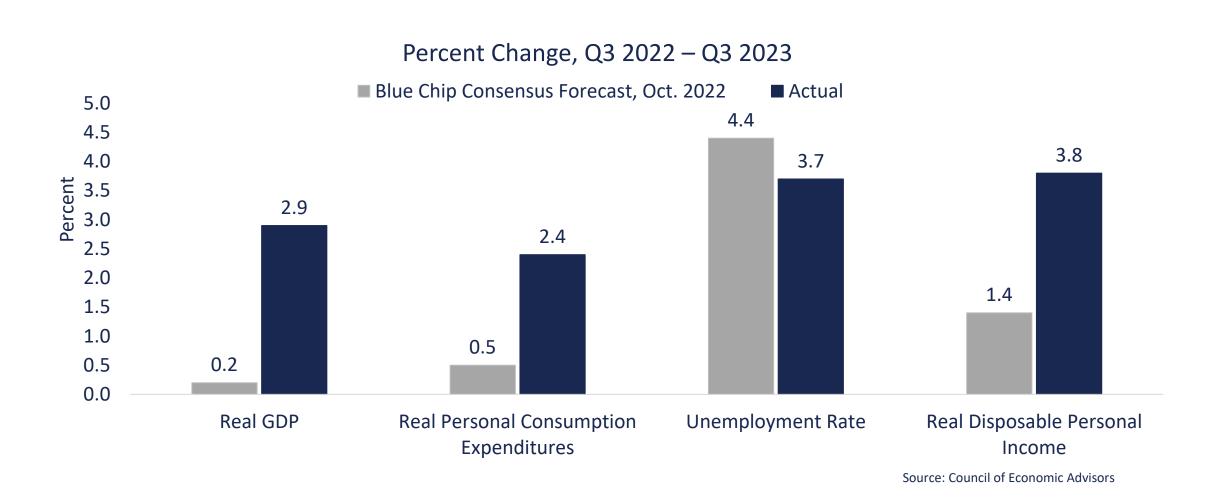
# The Post-Pandemic Economy and Housing Market

**Looking Ahead to 2024** 

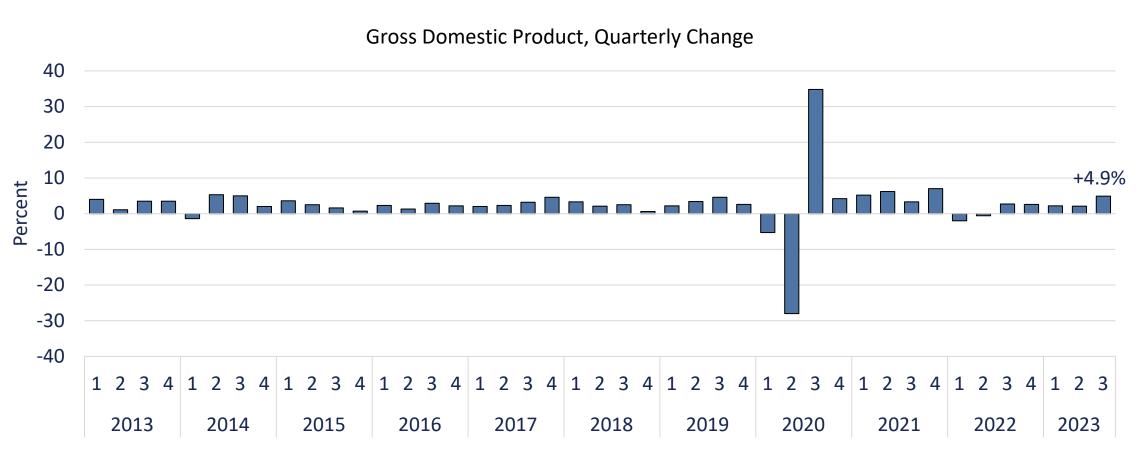
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#### The U.S. economy has been outperforming expectations

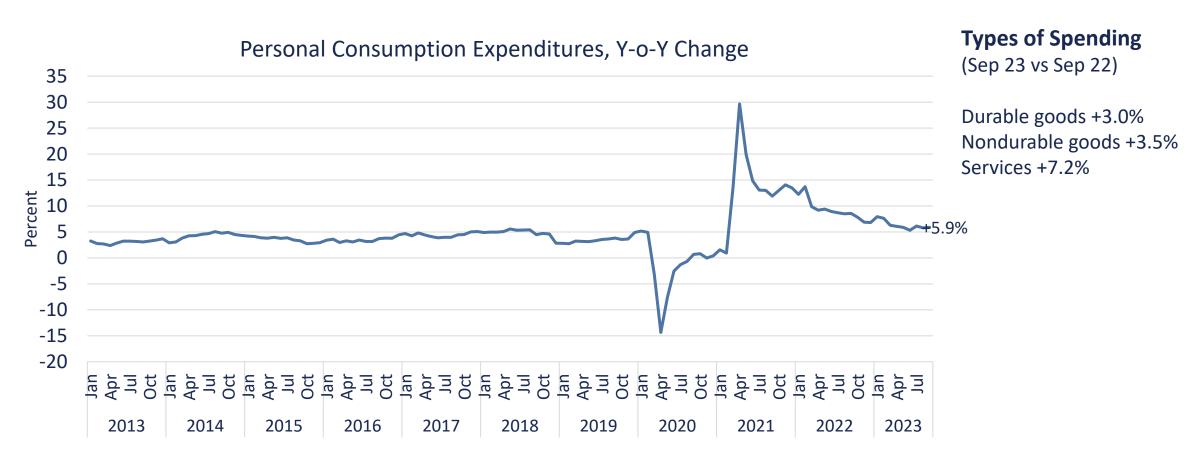


#### Economic growth has been robust despite headwinds



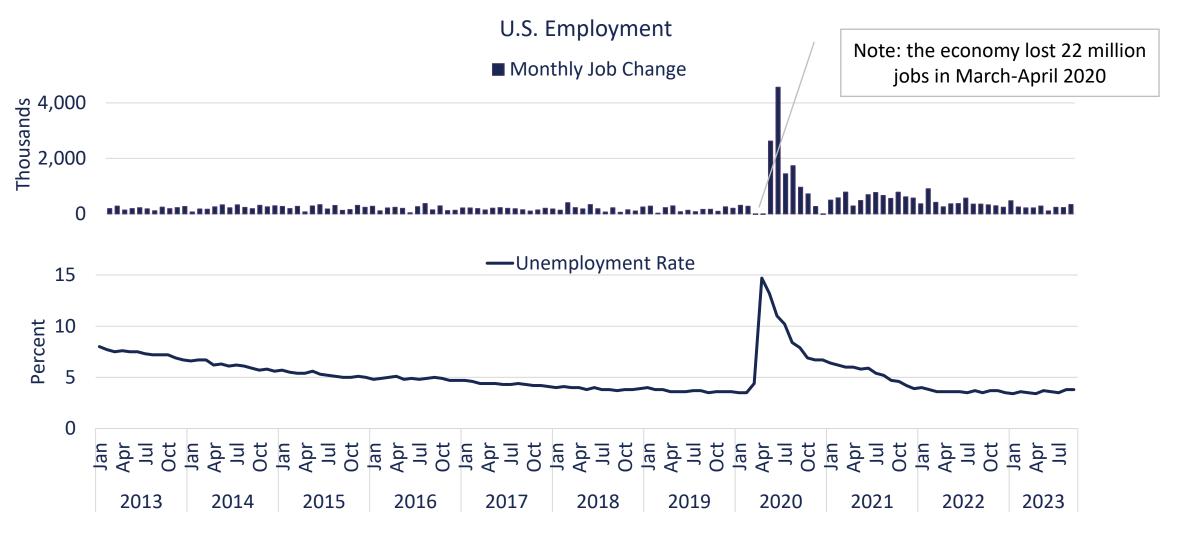
Source: U.S. BEA

#### Consumer spending has been the driver of the economy

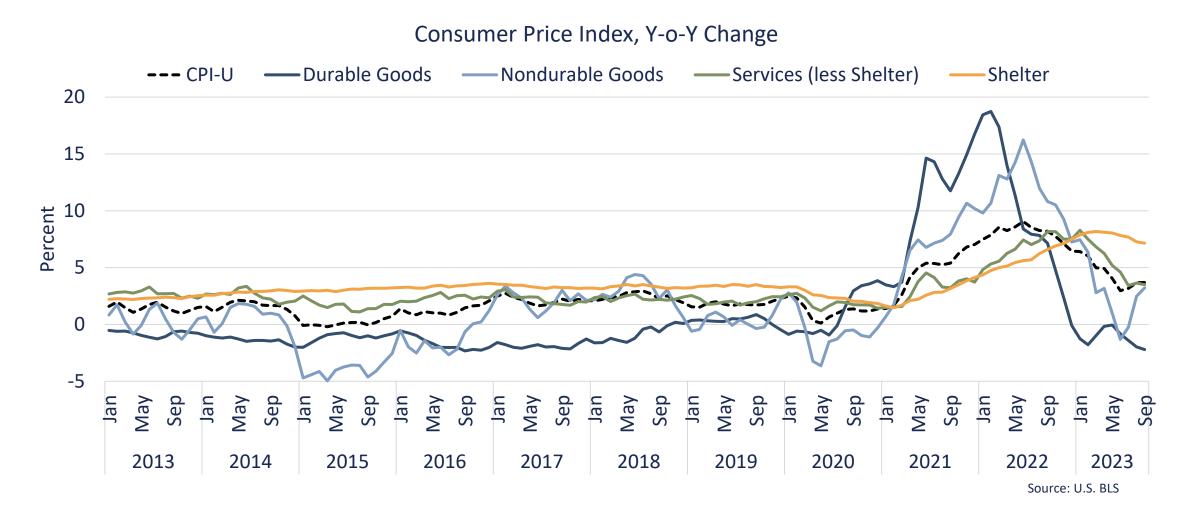


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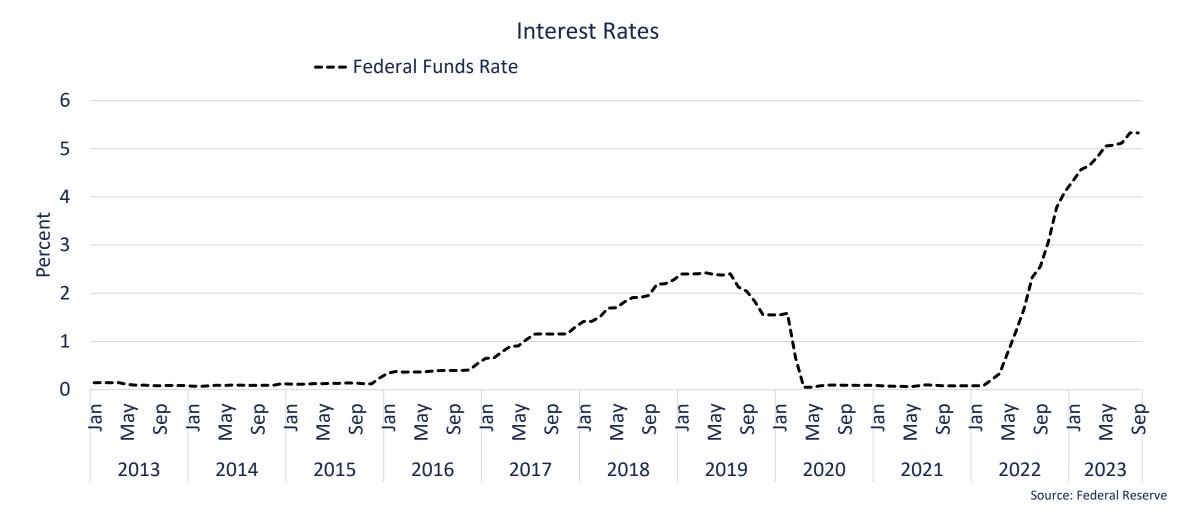
#### The labor market has remained resilient



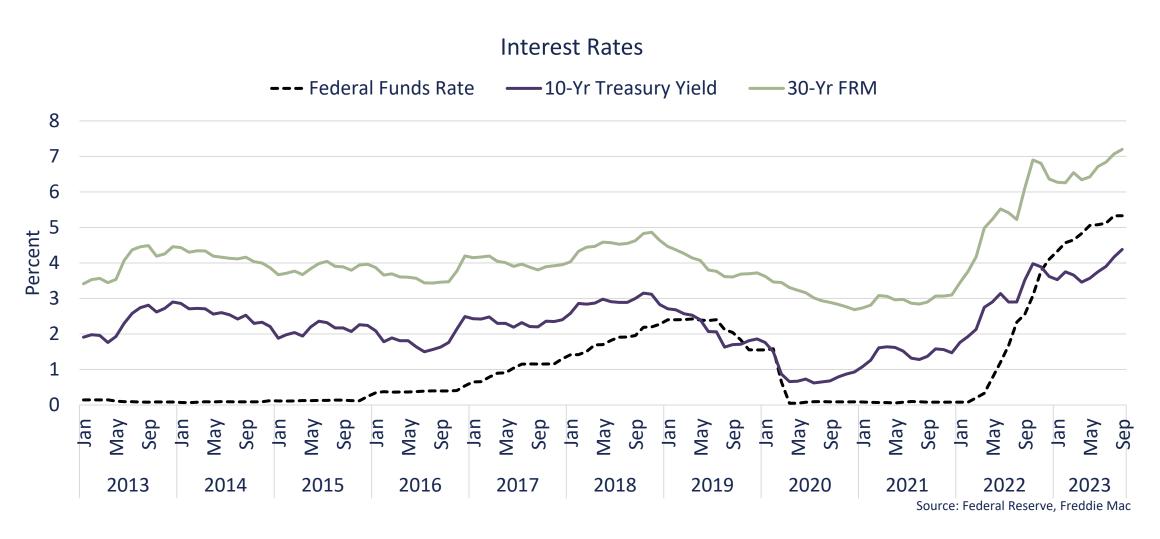
#### Inflation is still elevated, housing is a major reason



### The Fed has raised interest rates 11 times since March 2022 Pausing rate hikes since July



#### Treasury yields and mortgage rates continue to rise



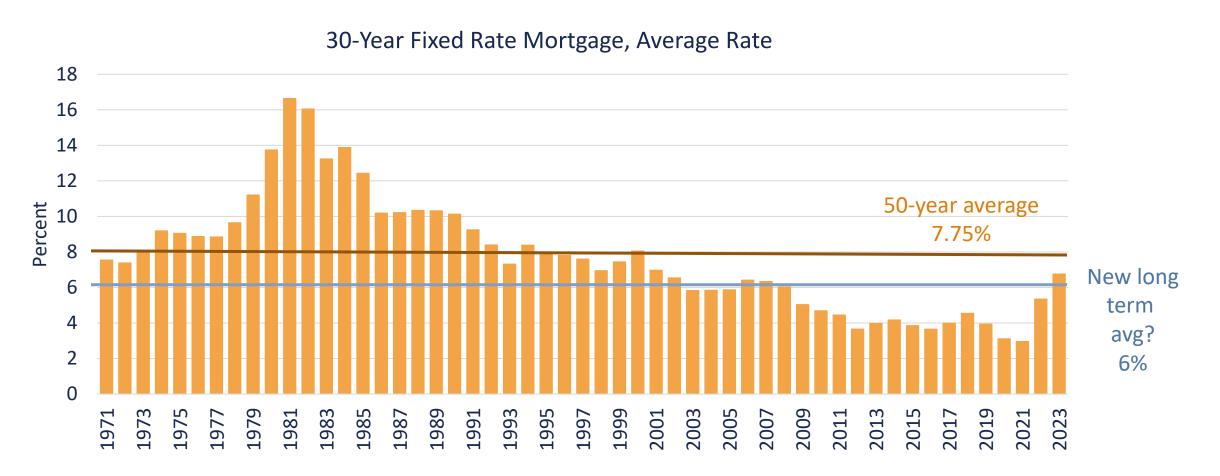


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Interest Rates	Demographics
Inequality	Local Factors
Affordability	Wild Cards

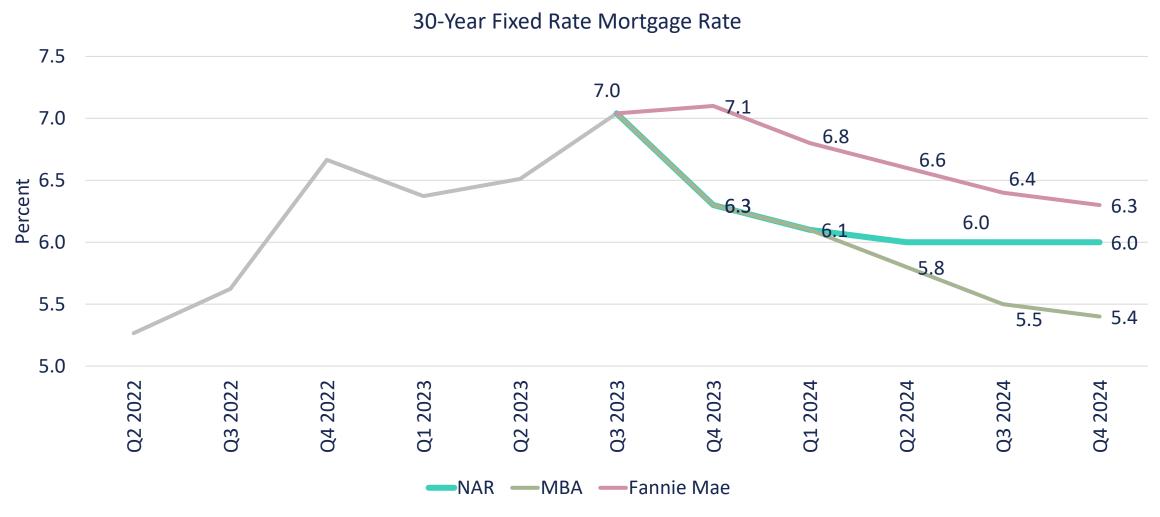
#### **Outlook for Interest Rates**

#### **Higher for Longer**

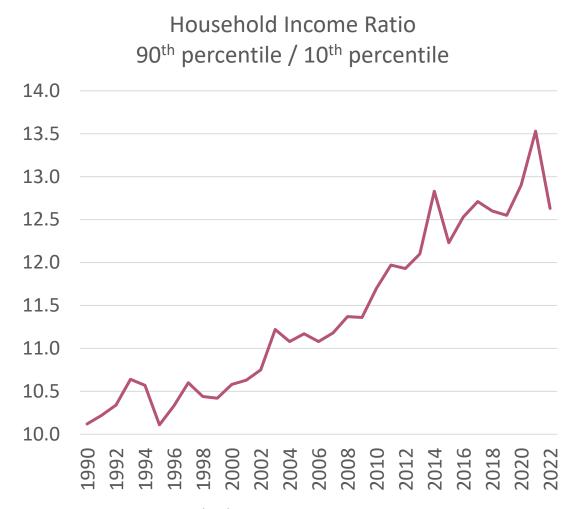


### **Outlook for Mortgage Rates**

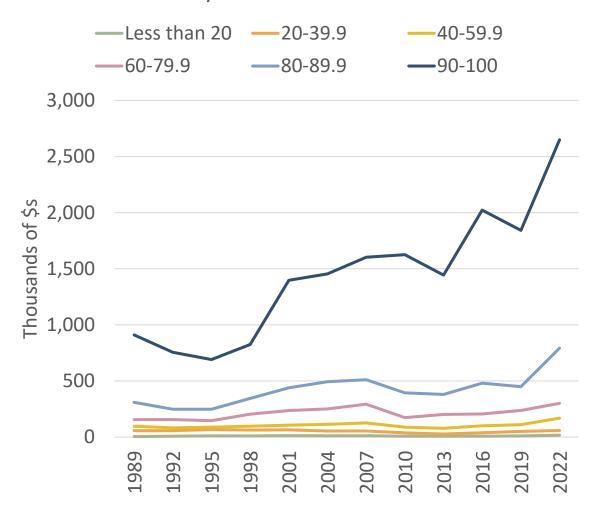
#### **Higher for longer**



#### Income and wealth inequality has worsened



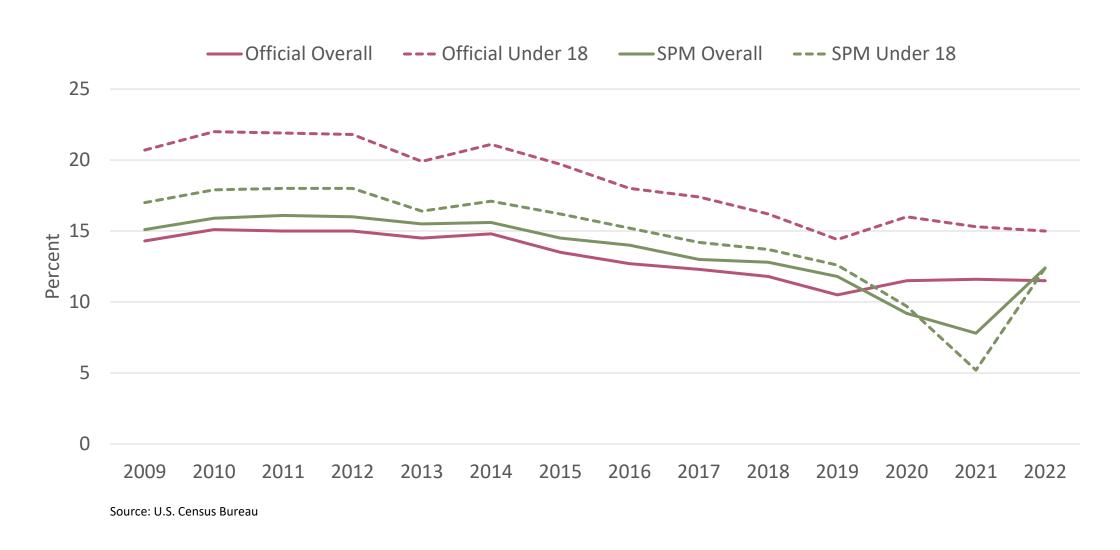
Net Assets by Household Income Percentile



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Federal Reserve

#### Poverty rates improved in 2021

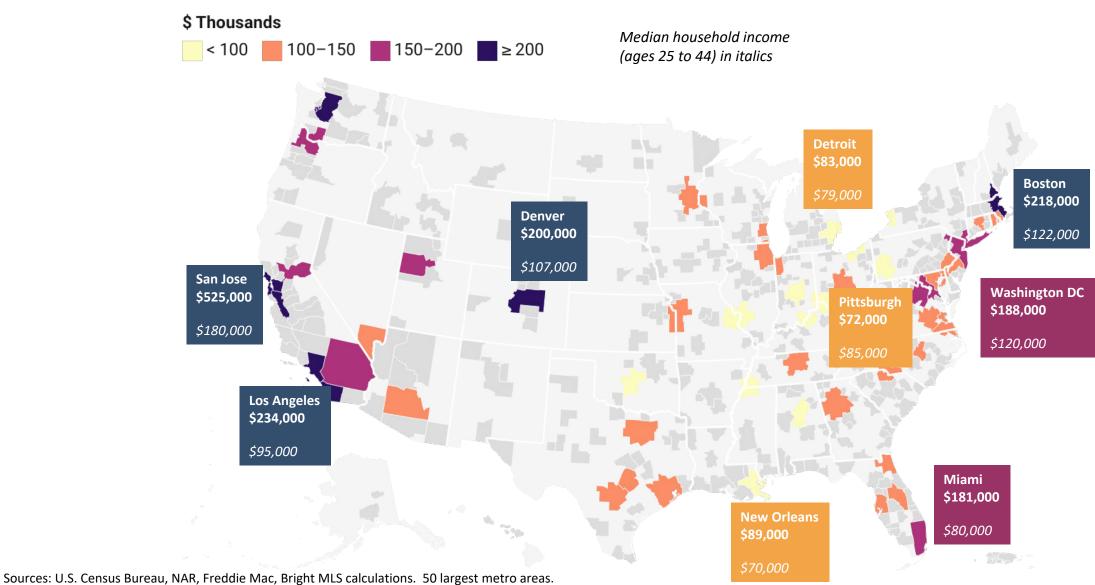
Ending of pandemic-era assistance led to higher poverty in 2022



# Since 2022, there has been greater divergence in wage and rent growth



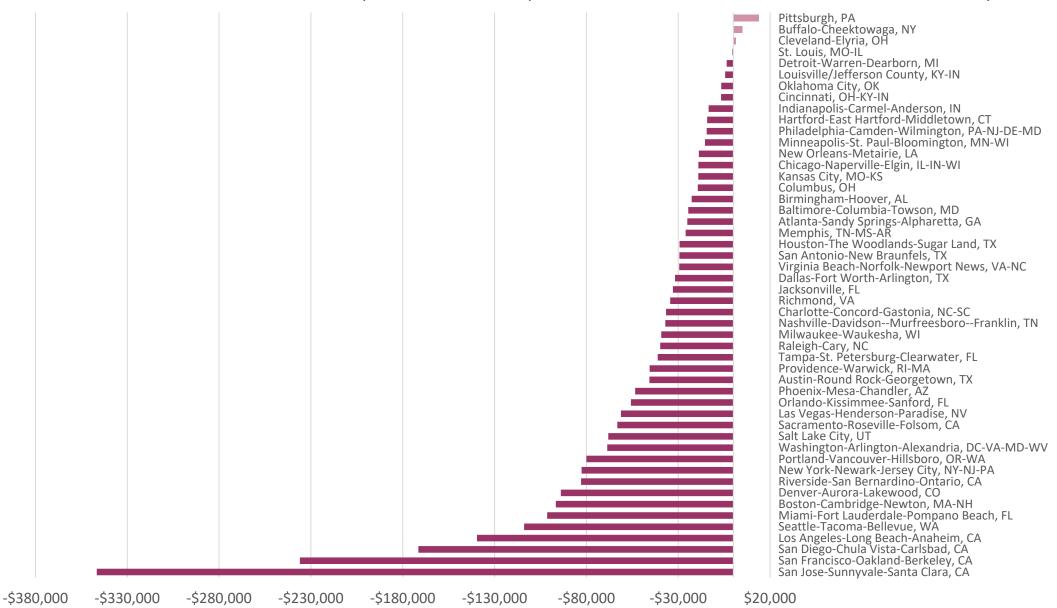
## Household Income Needed to Afford the Median-Priced Single-Family Home (Q2 2023)



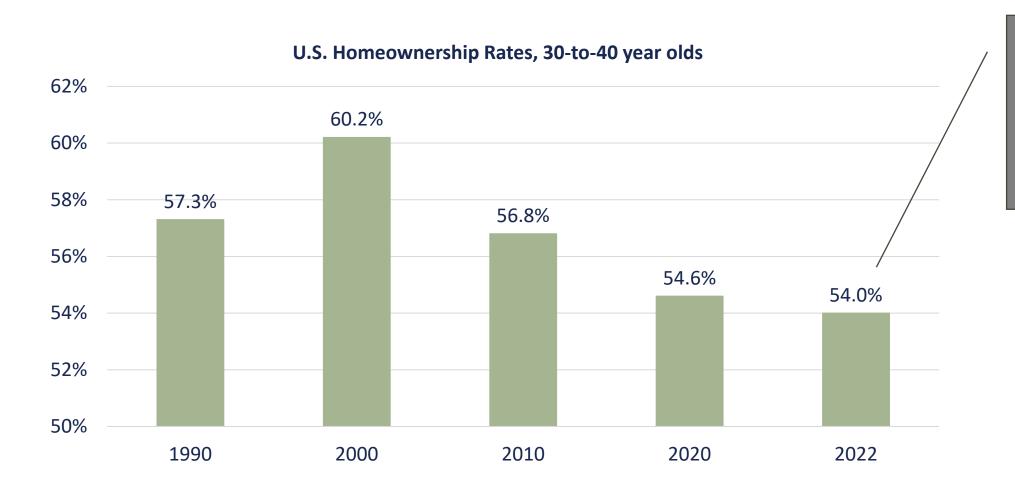
Calculations assume 10% downpayments and a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. Monthly payments include estimates of property taxes and homeowners' insurance. Income needed calculations assume monthly payment is no more than 28% of a household's income.

#### **Affordability Gap**

Difference between the income needed to purchase the median-priced home and the median household income of 25-to-44 year olds

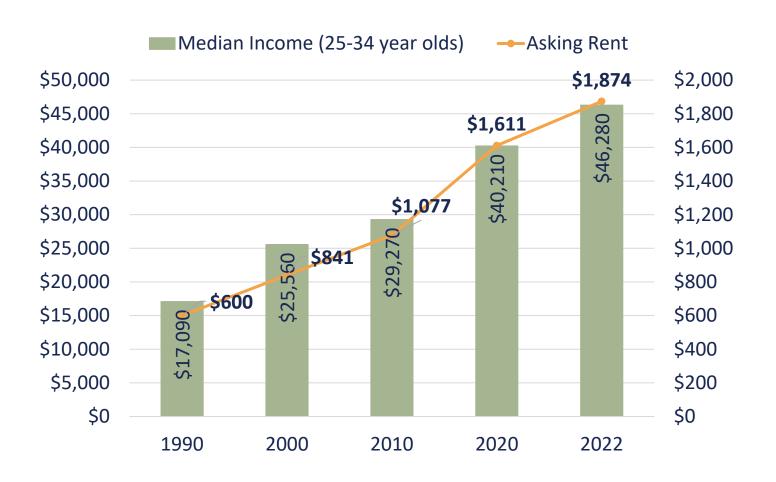


#### There is still pent-up homeownership demand



There would be 740,000 more homeowners if the homeownership rate matched the 1990 level.

#### Pressure on the rental market will be on the rise



Between 2020 and 2022

Incomes ▲ 15% (age 25 to 34)

Rents ▲ 16%

In the majority of markets, it is a better deal to rent than buy

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

#### Older adult population growing much faster than the rest

#### Age Distribution



Between 2022 and 2030

Pop age 65+ ▲ 40%

Pop age 25-34 ▲ 2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

#### Record new apartment construction in some places

More Multifamily Construction in 2023



Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Permits issued for the construction of buildings with 5+ units

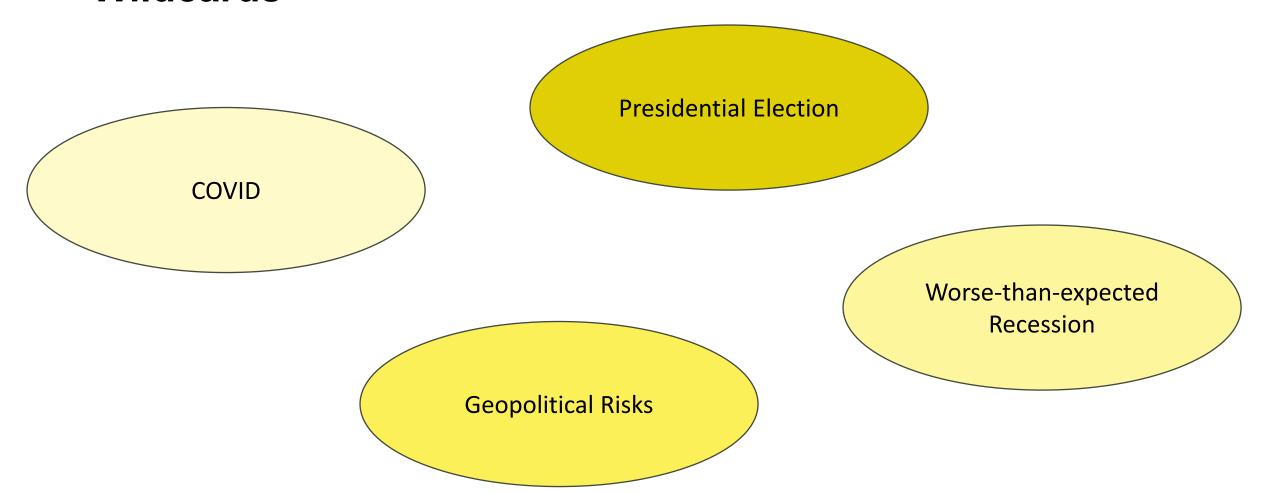
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Last 5 Years

2023

#### **Wildcards**



# Forecasting housing needs in 2024

- Rates "higher for longer"
- Mild recession in H1 2024
- More renters in the market
- Less apartment construction
- Income growth slowing
- Increased demand for senior housing



### Thank you

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