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# Slowdown Watch: Daily and weekly indicators for the US economy

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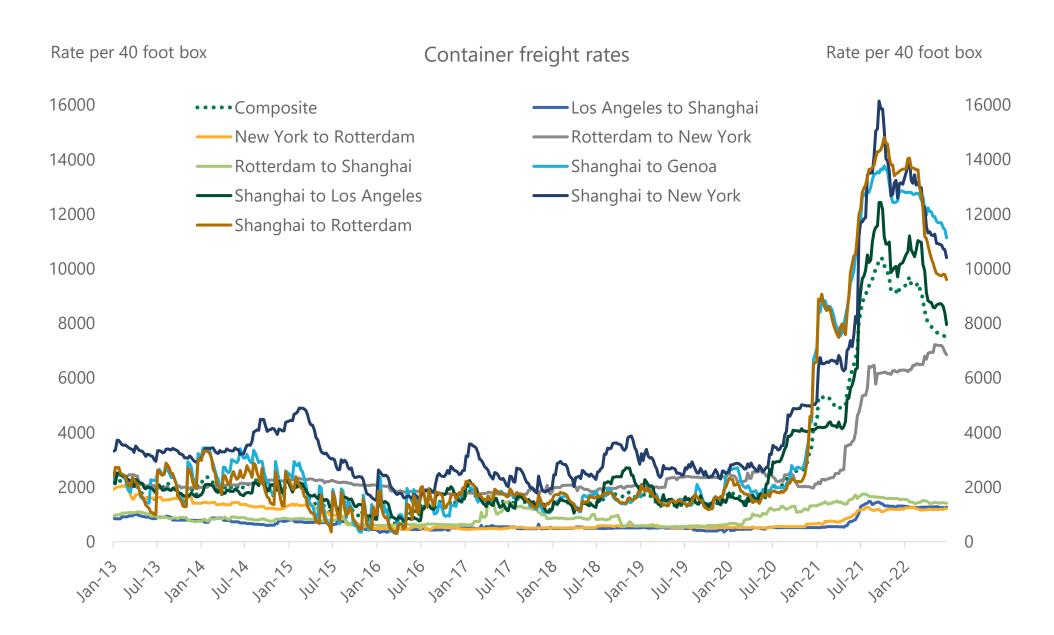
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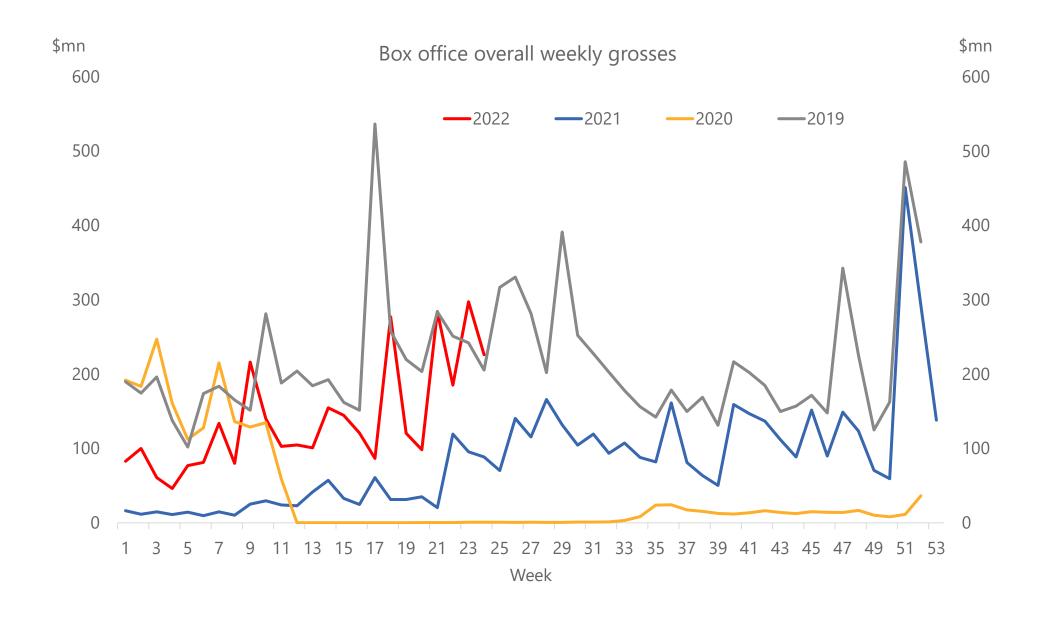
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## Container freight rates falling: Inflation pressures are easing



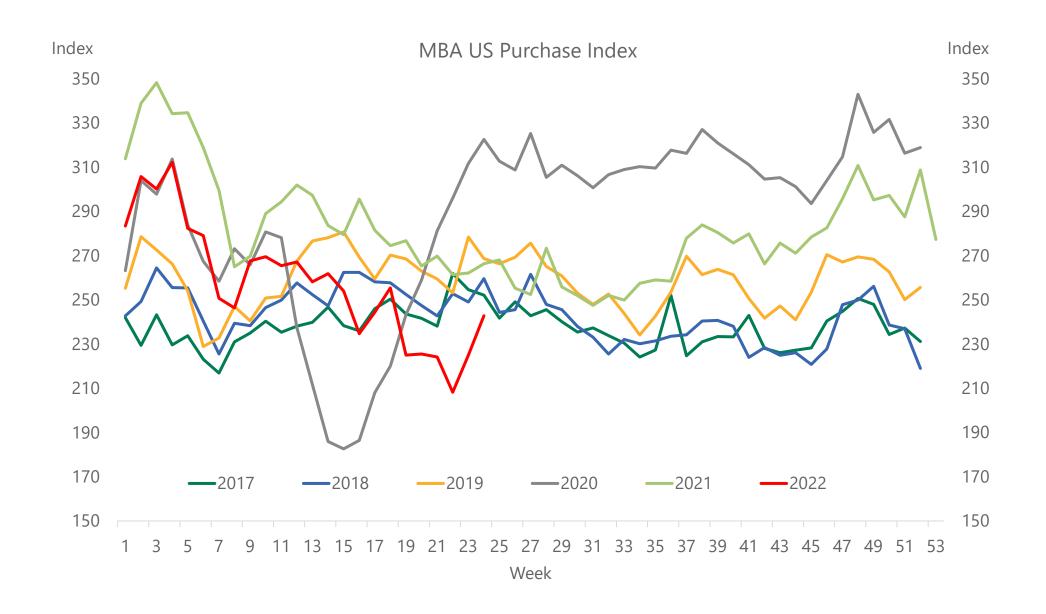


## From Top Gun to Jurassic World: Movie theatre visits trending higher



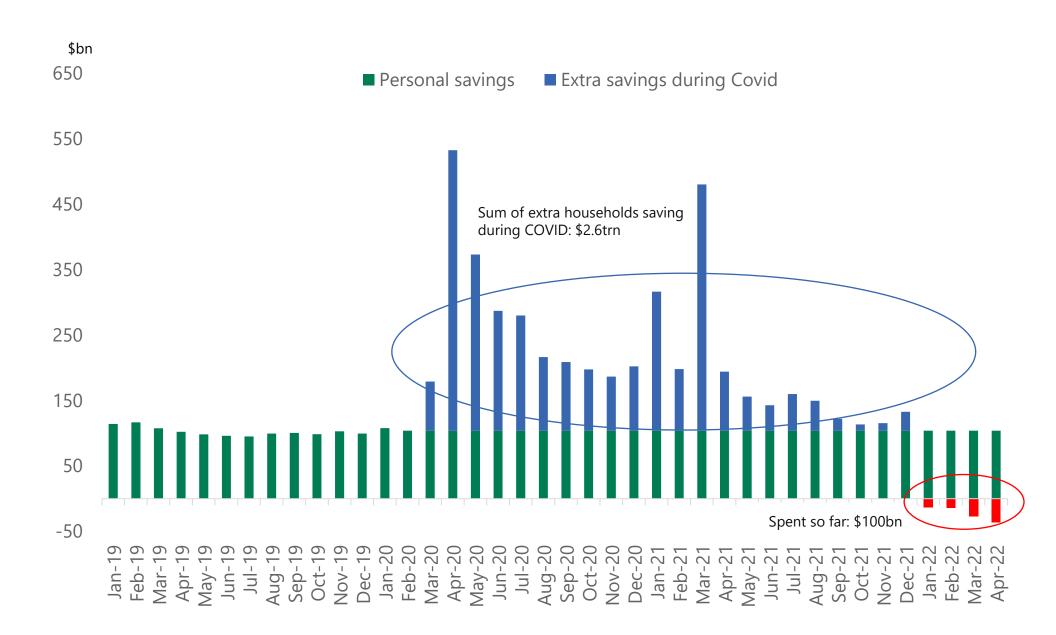
Source: Boxofficemojo.com, Apollo Chief Ecoomist

## Weekly mortgage purchase applications increased this week

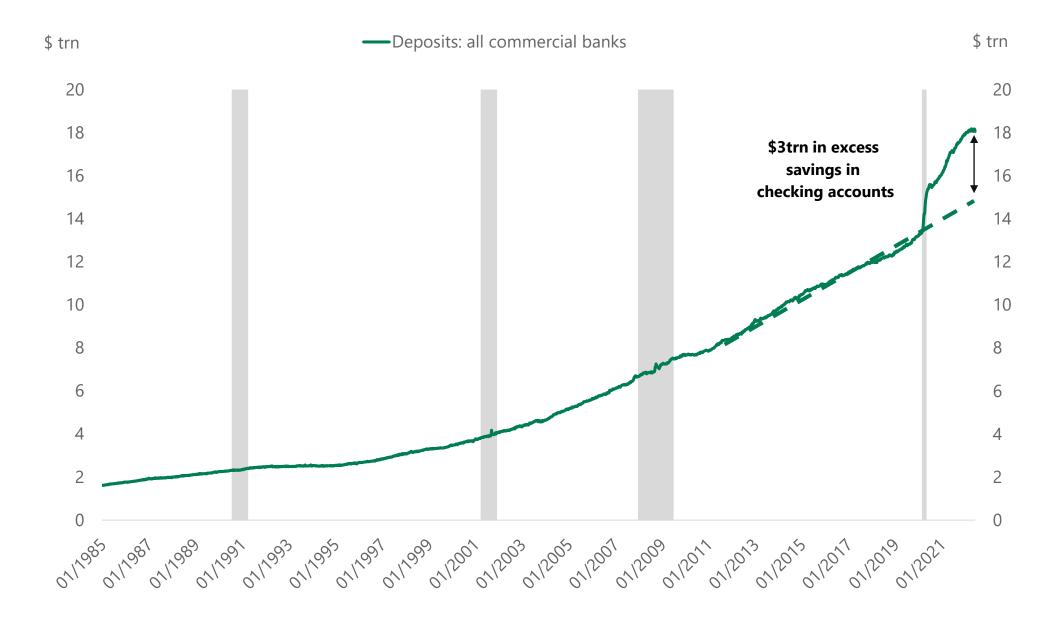


Source: Mortgage Bankers Association, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

## Households have \$2.5trn in excess dry powder, saved during the pandemic

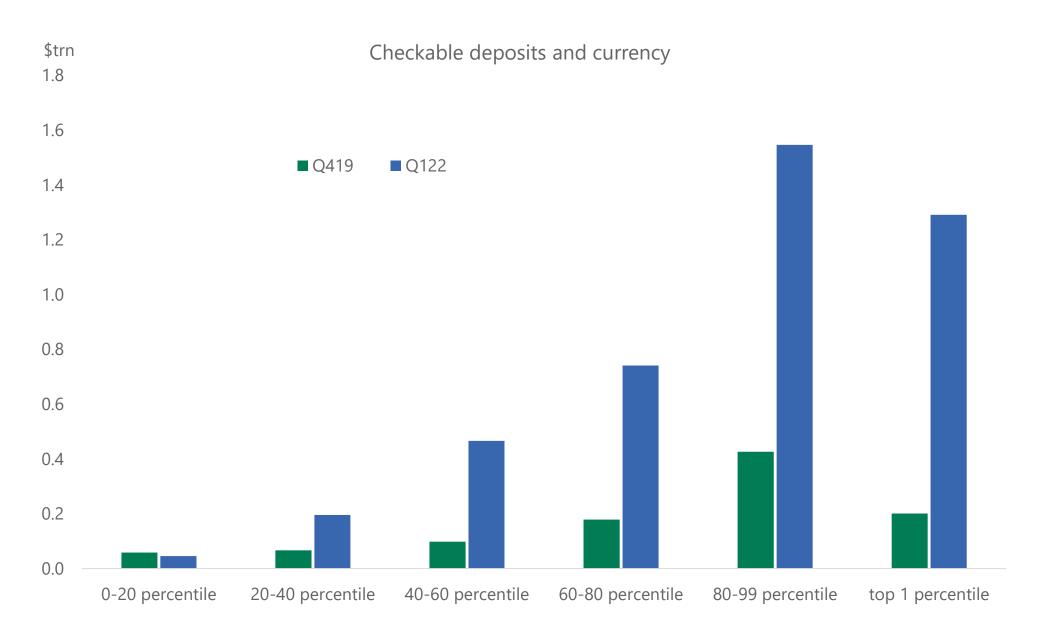


## Record-high level of deposits at commercial banks



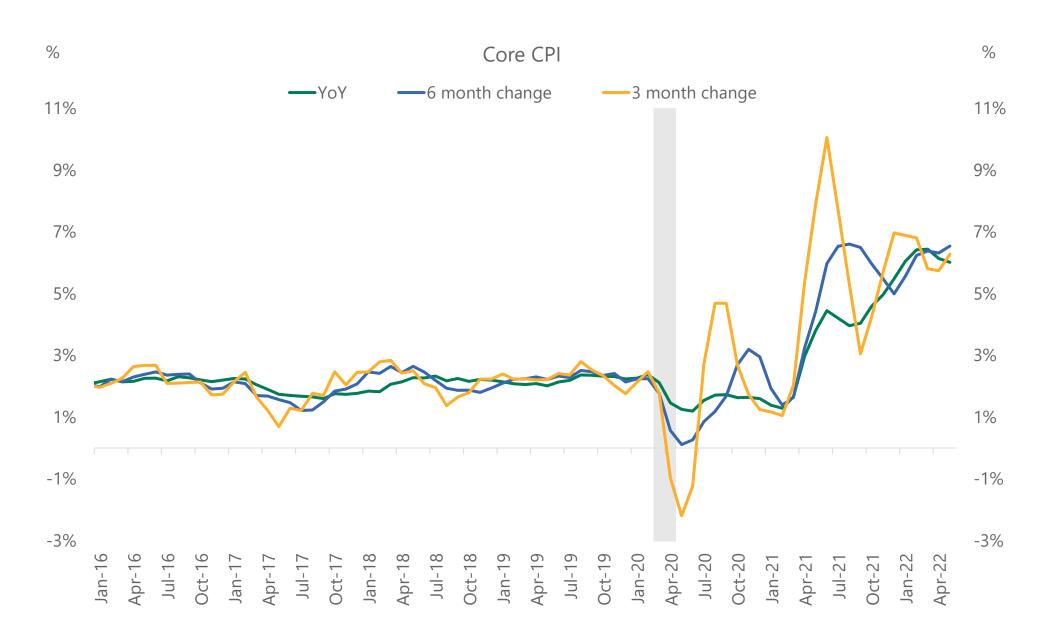
Source: FRB, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

## Household savings across different income groups



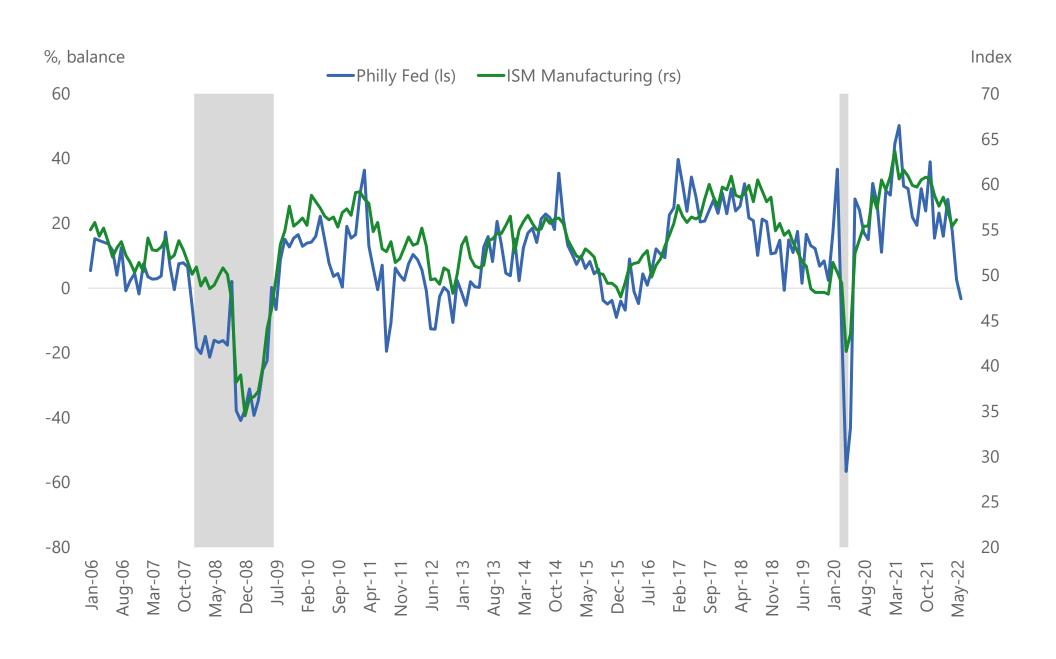
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## 3- and 6-month change in core inflation is rising



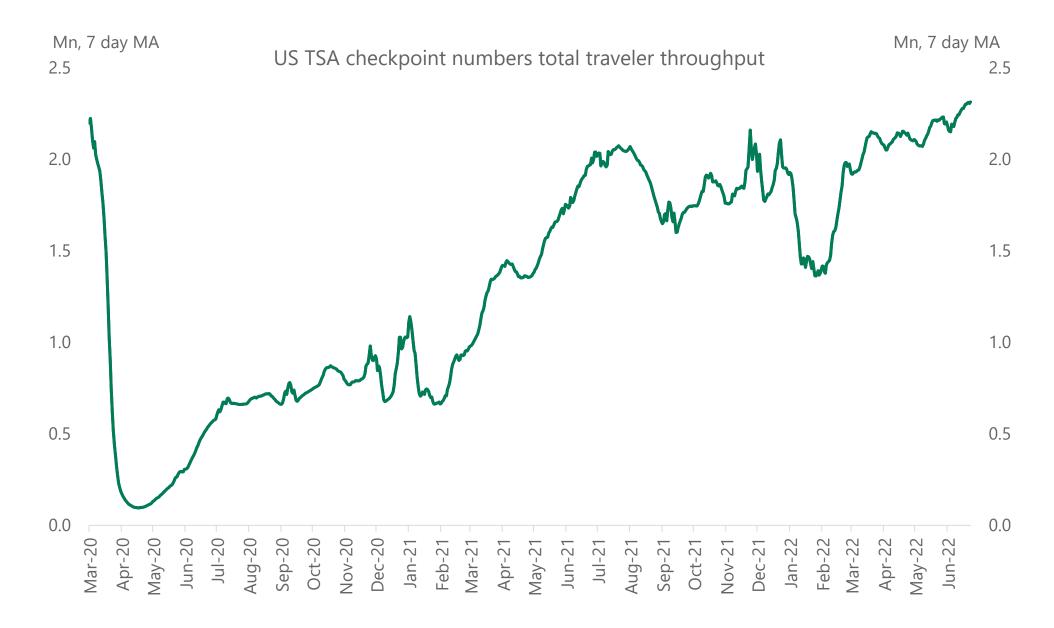
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## Manufacturing slowdown is coming

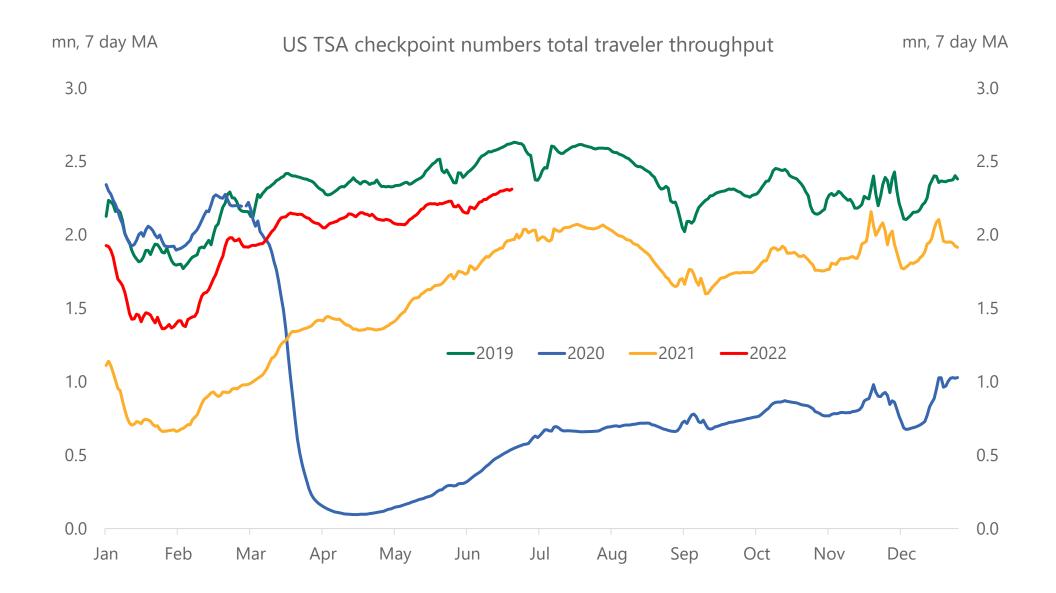


# Daily economic indicators

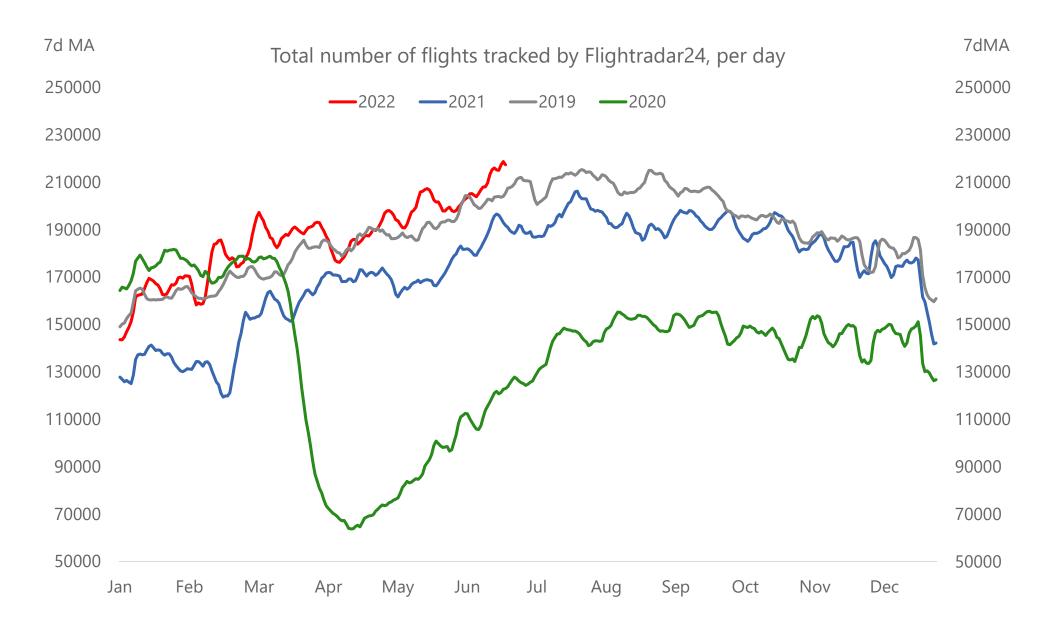
## US air travel is strong



#### US air travel near 2019 levels

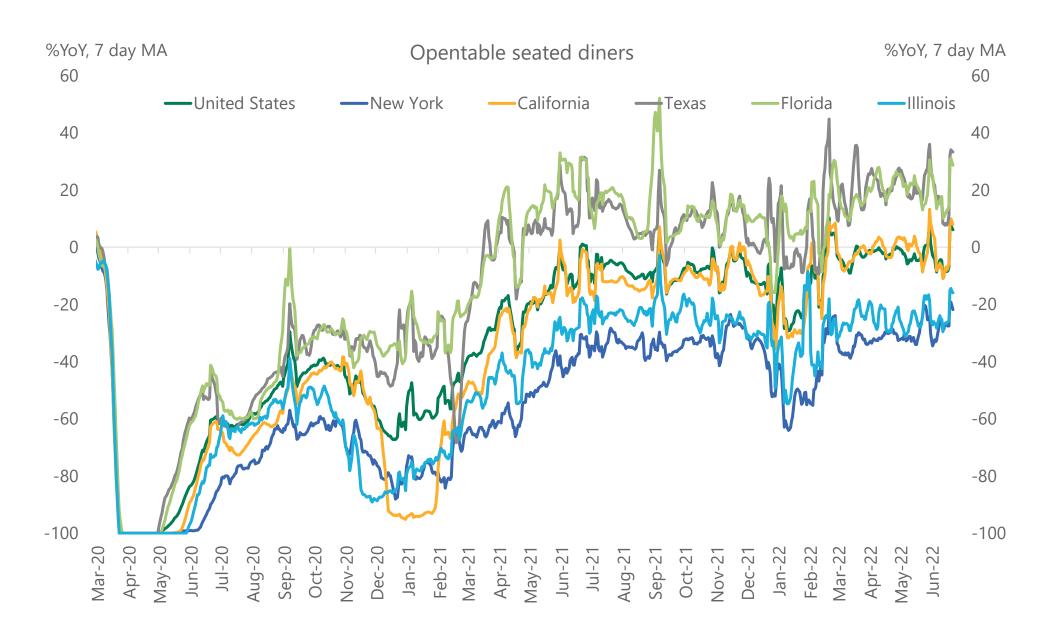


## Record high total number of flights around the world



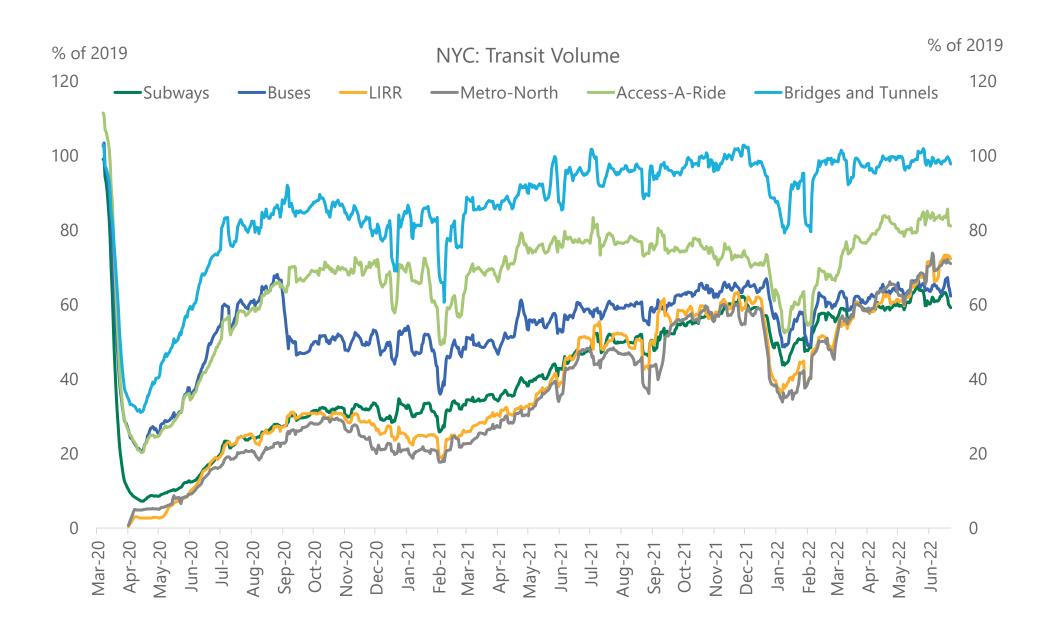
Source: Flightradar24.com, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Restaurant bookings strong



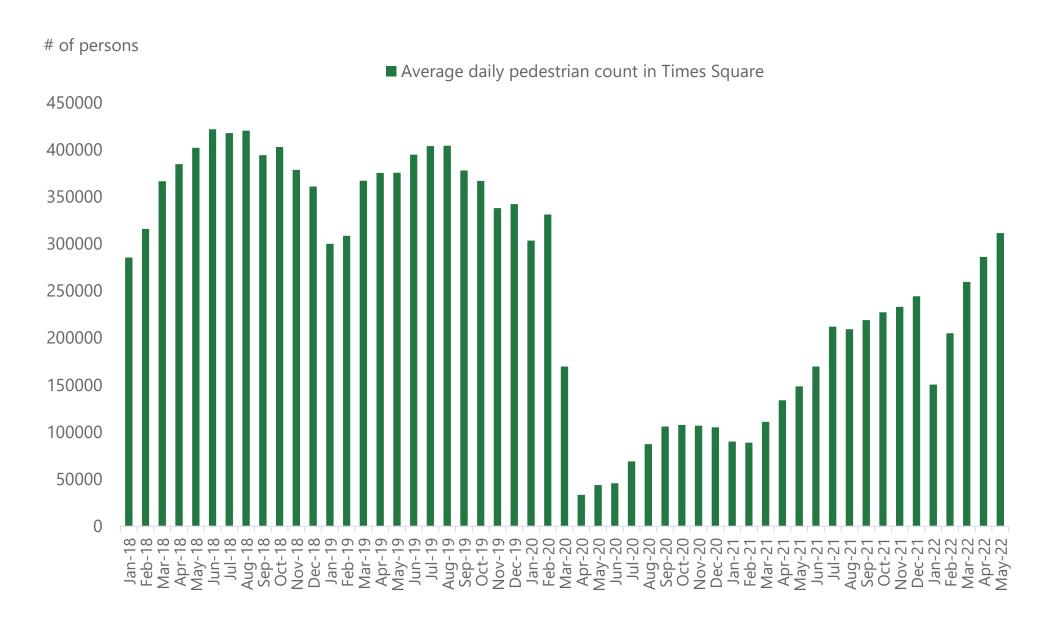
Source: OpenTable, Apollo Chief Economist

## NYC mobility indicators improving



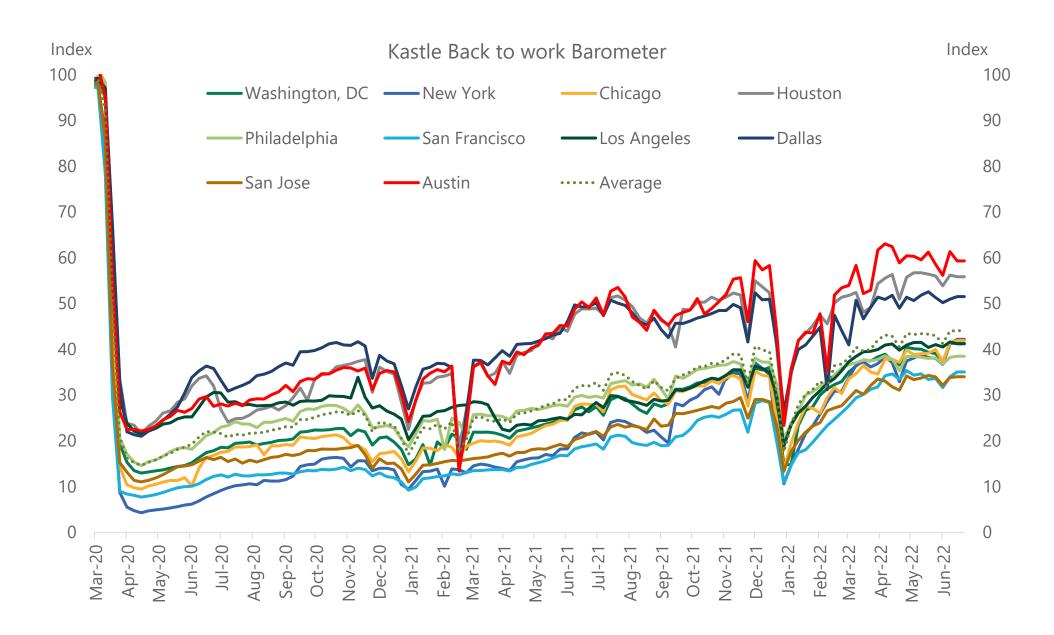
Source: MTA, Apollo Chief Economist

## Average daily pedestrian count in Times Square: Now 94% of pre-pandemic levels

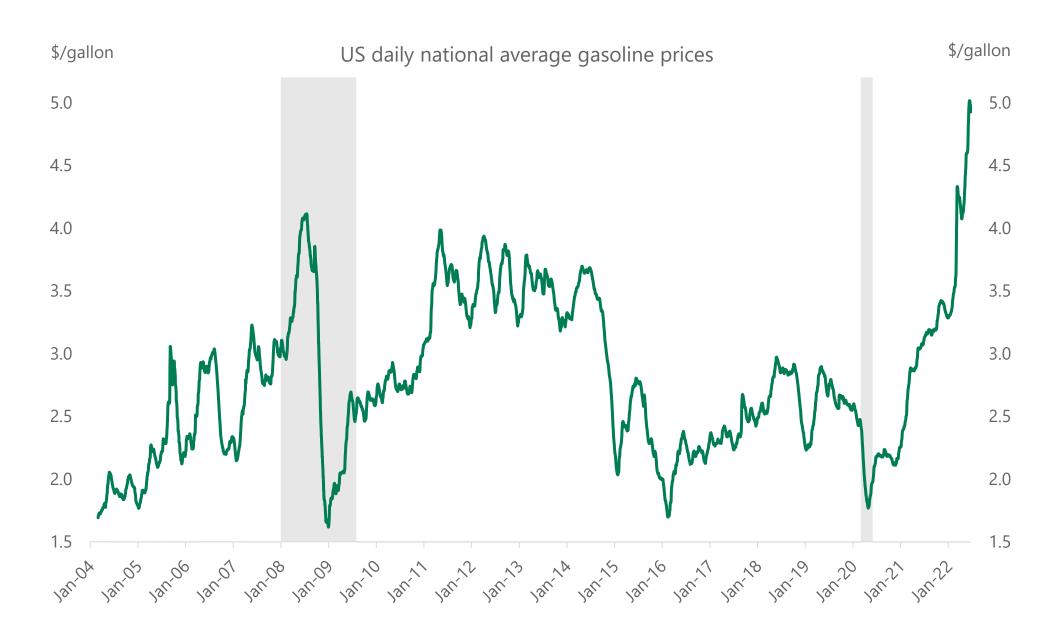


Source: timessquarenyc.com, Apollo Chief Economist

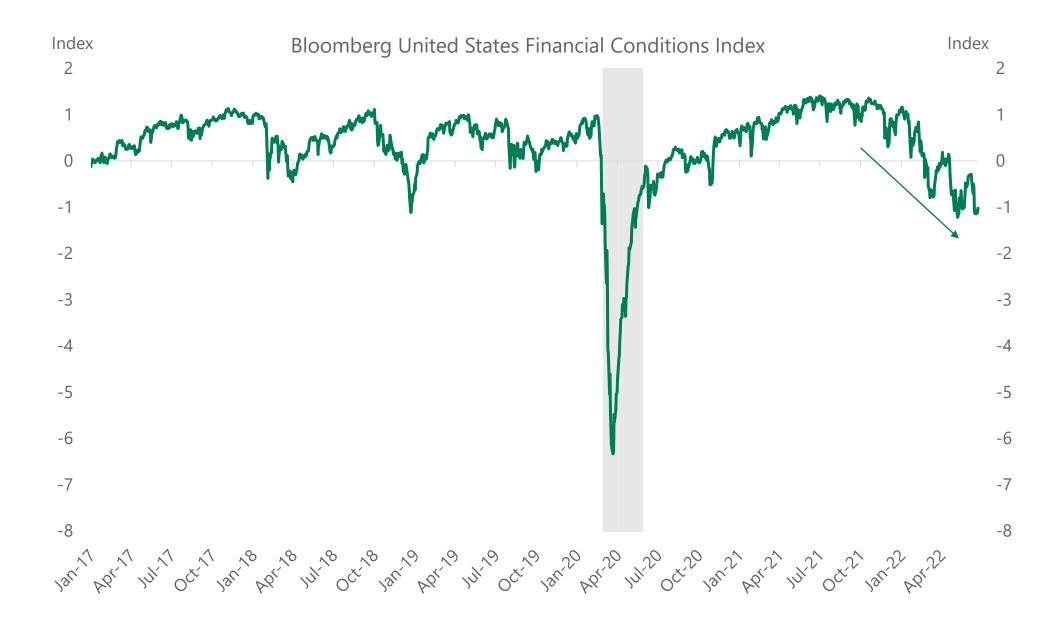
## New York City: Office use 41% of pre-pandemic levels



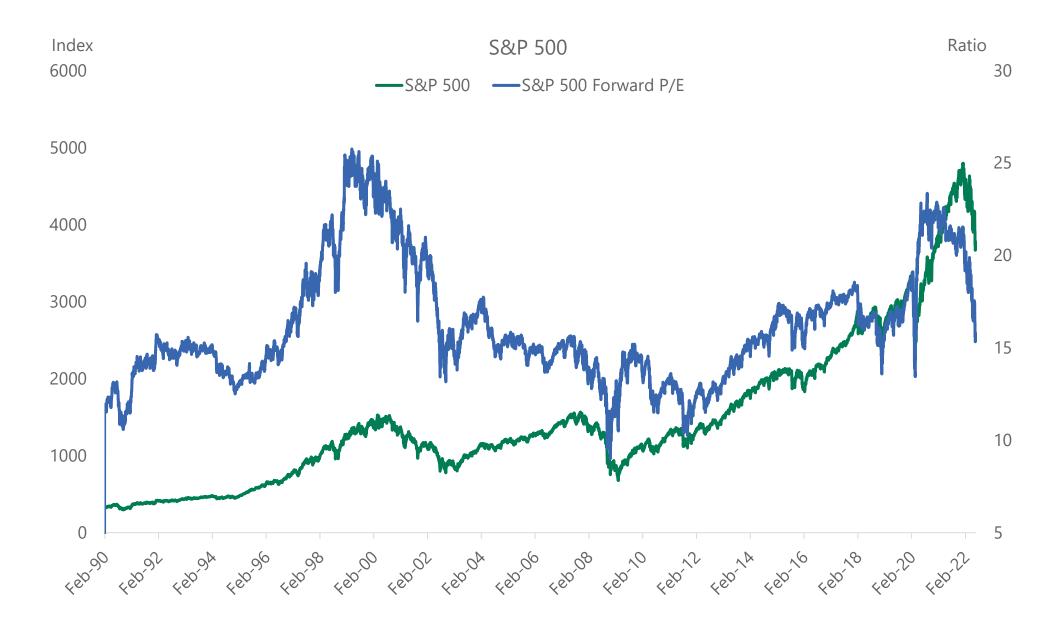
## US retail gas price at record-high levels: \$5 per gallon



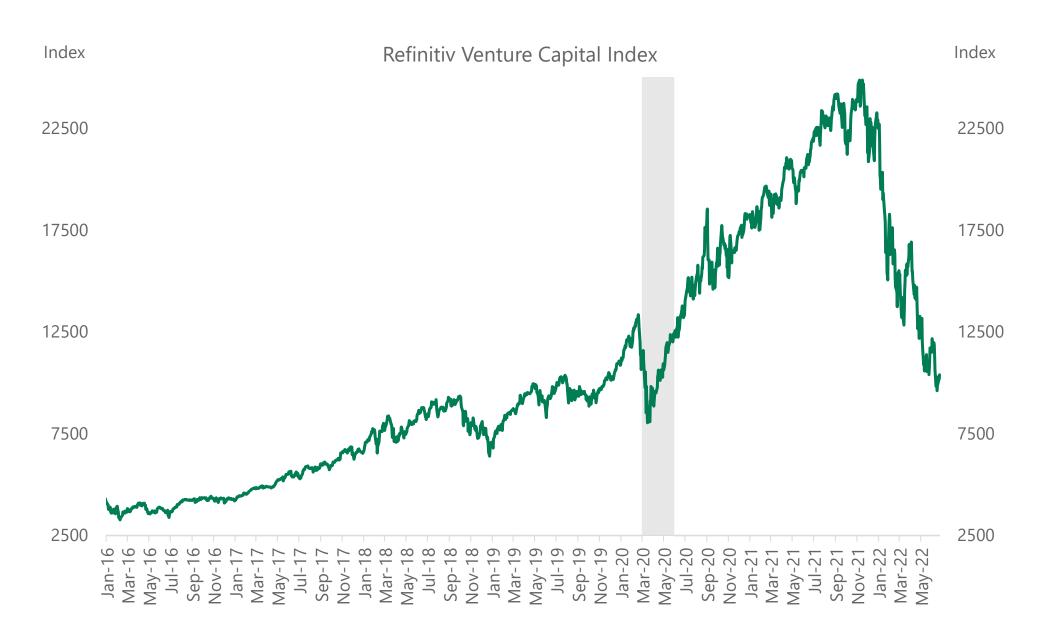
## Financial conditions tightening



## S&P500 P/E ratio is lower



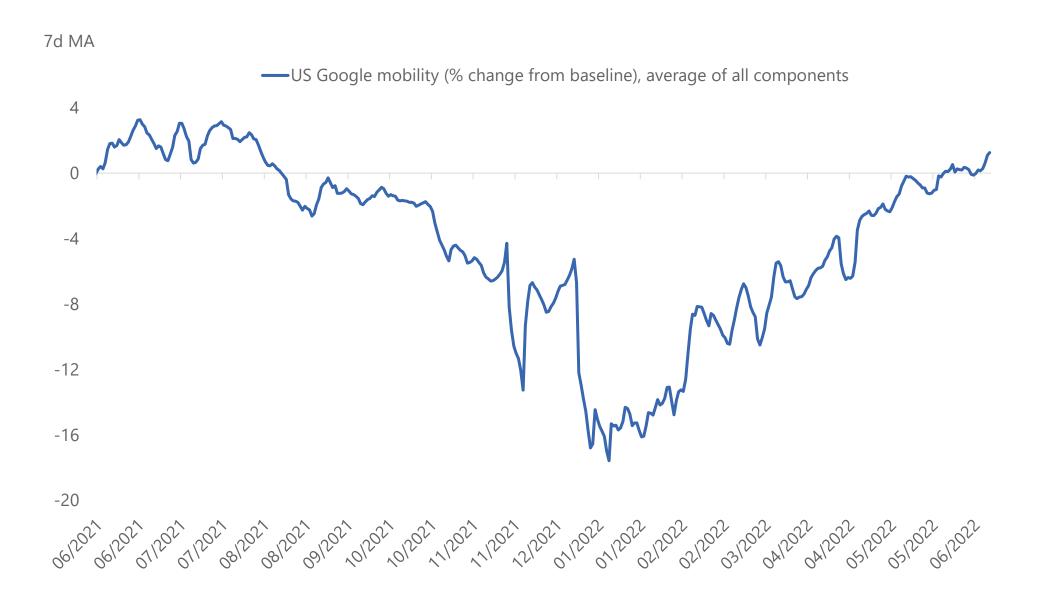
## US venture capital valuations down more than 60% from the peak



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief economist. Note: The Thomson Reuters Venture Capital Index is designed to measure the value of the US-based venture capital private company universe in which venture capital funds invest.

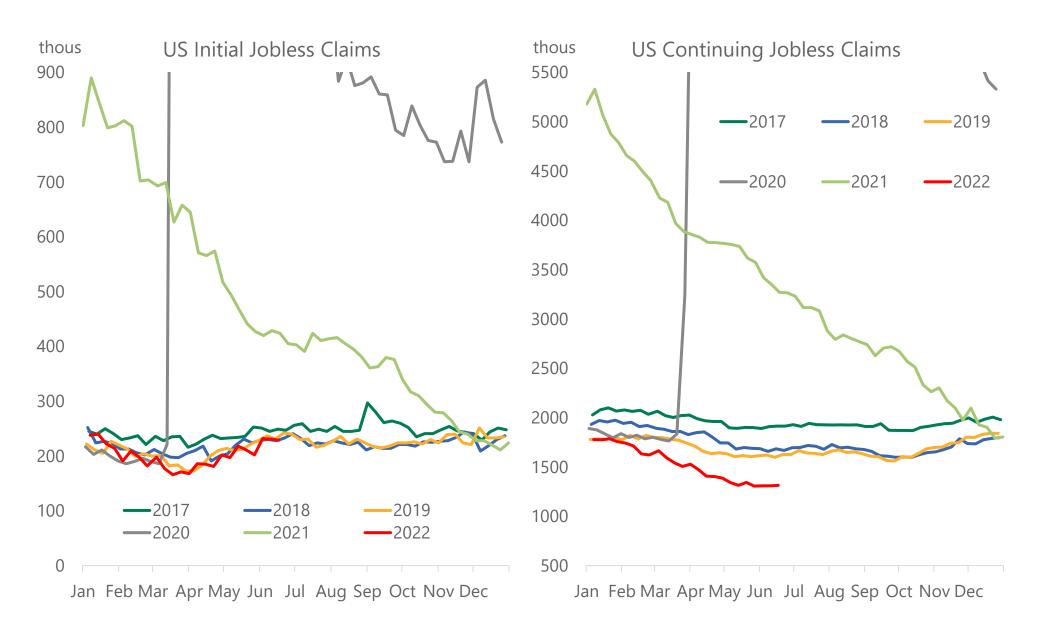
Weekly economic indicators

#### The economy is reopening: US nationwide consumer mobility above 2019 levels

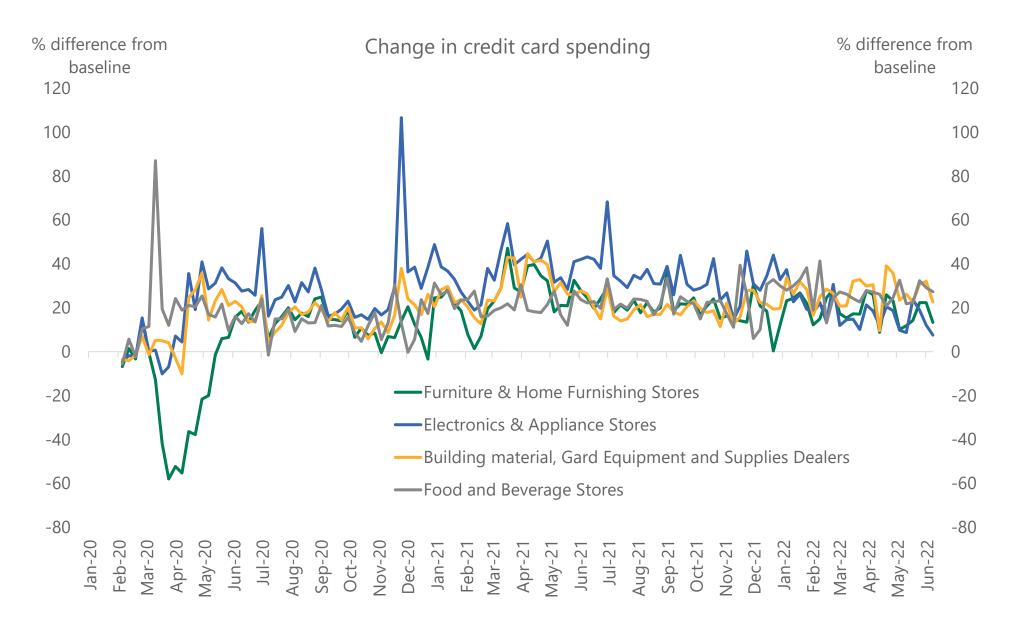


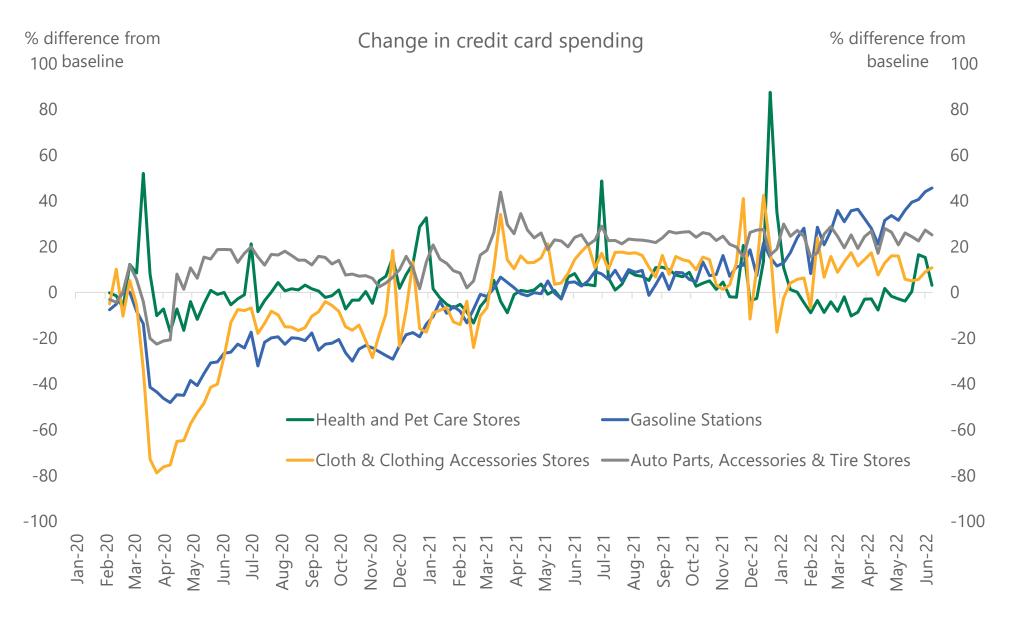
Source: Google mobility reports, Apollo Chief Economist

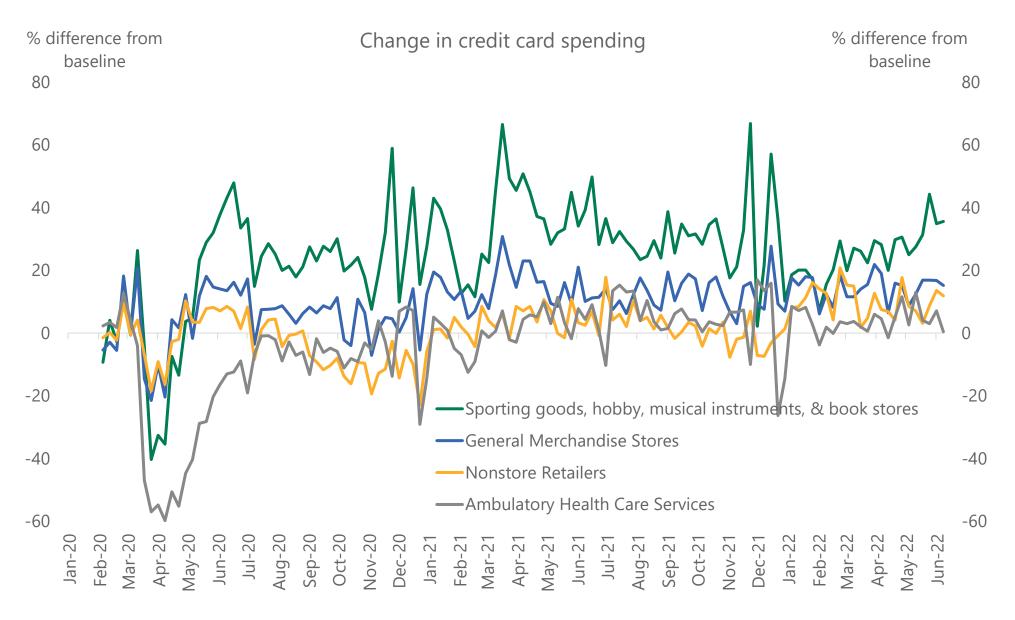
## Jobless claims declined this week

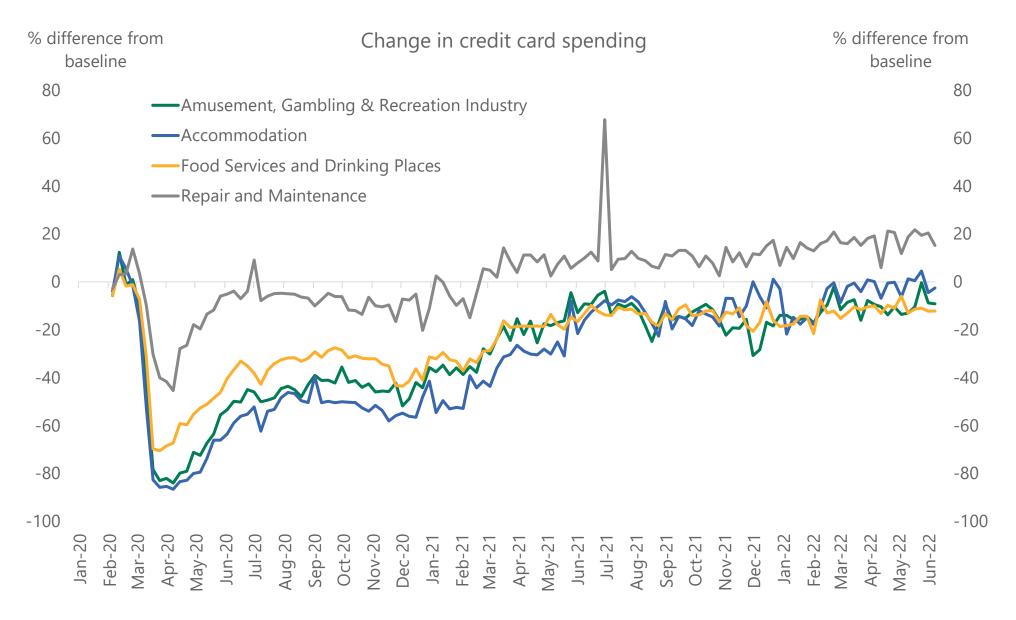


Source: Department of labor, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

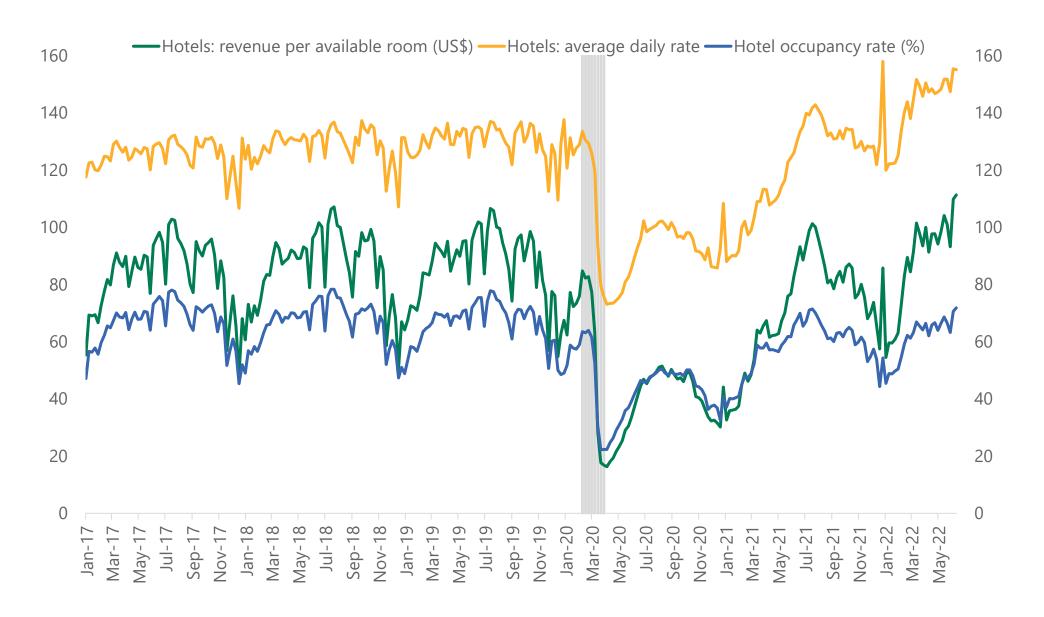






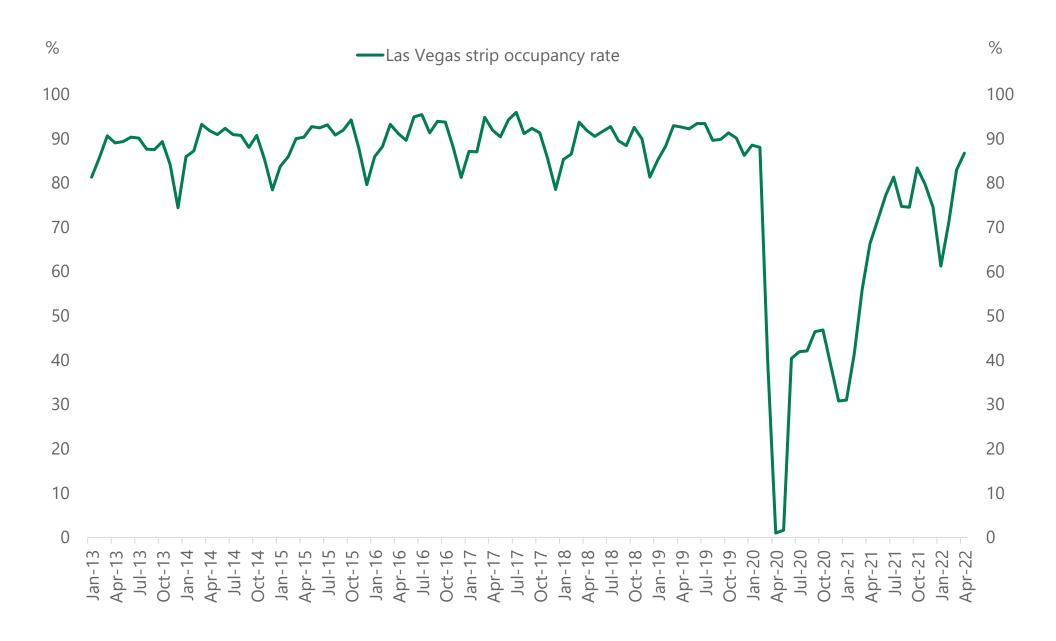


## Weekly data for hotel demand still strong

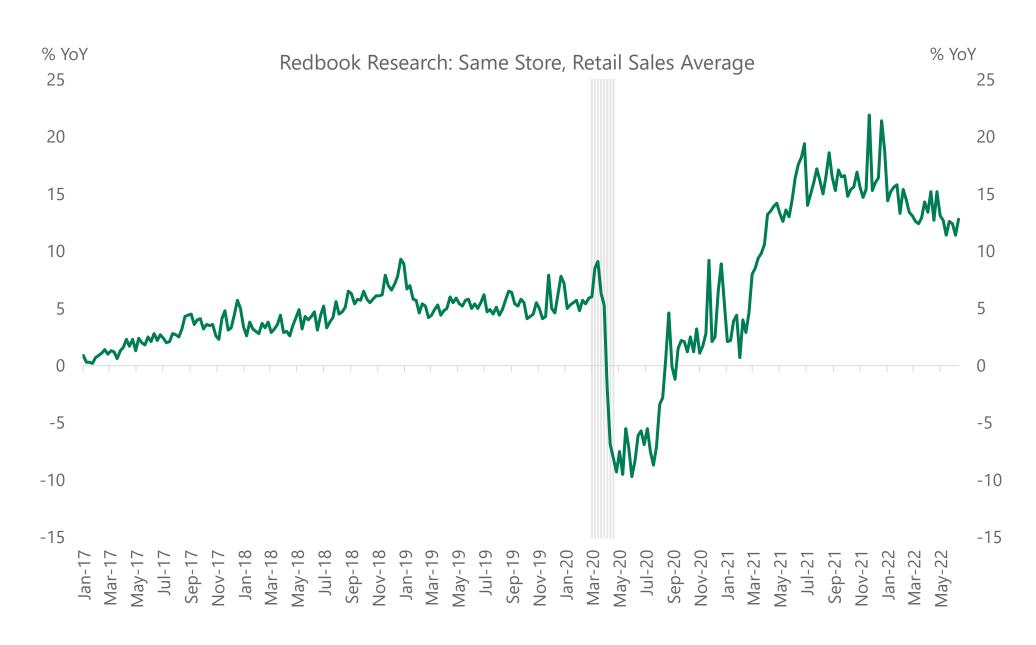


Source: STR, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

## Las Vegas occupancy rate at pre-pandemic level



#### Slowdown in same-store retail sales consistent with shift from goods to services



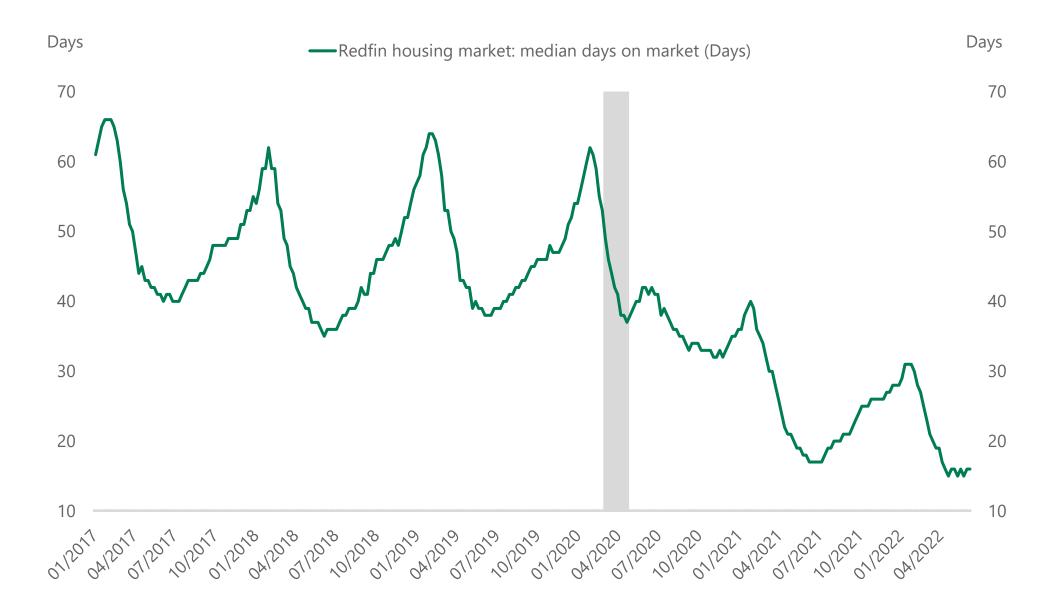
Source: Redbook, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

## Weekly housing inventory starting to trend higher



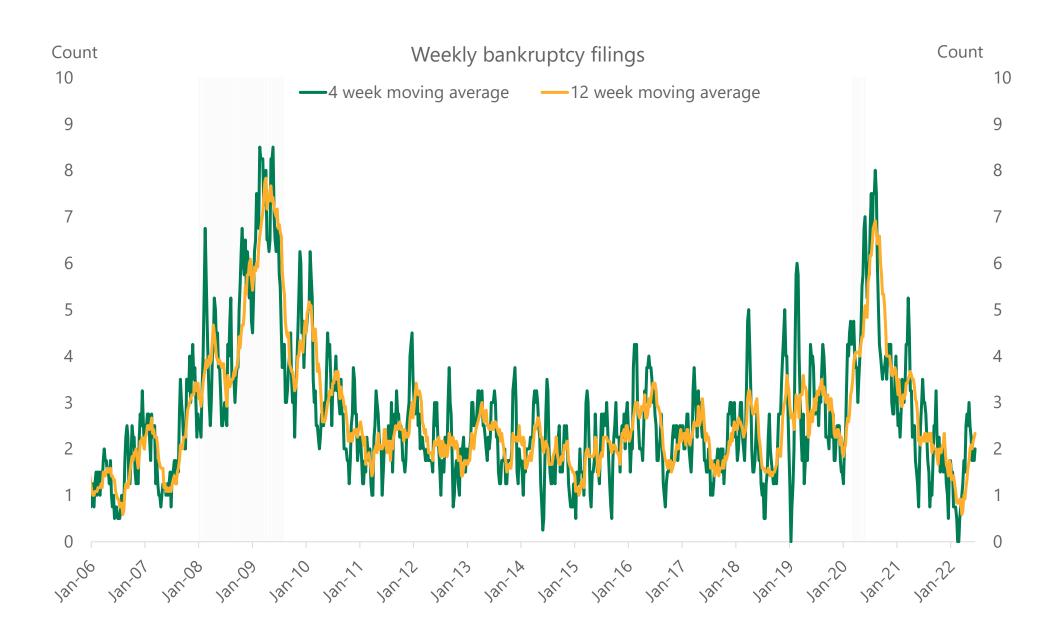
Source: Redfin, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

## Homes typically sold in 16 days compared to 61 days before pandemic



Source: Redfin, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

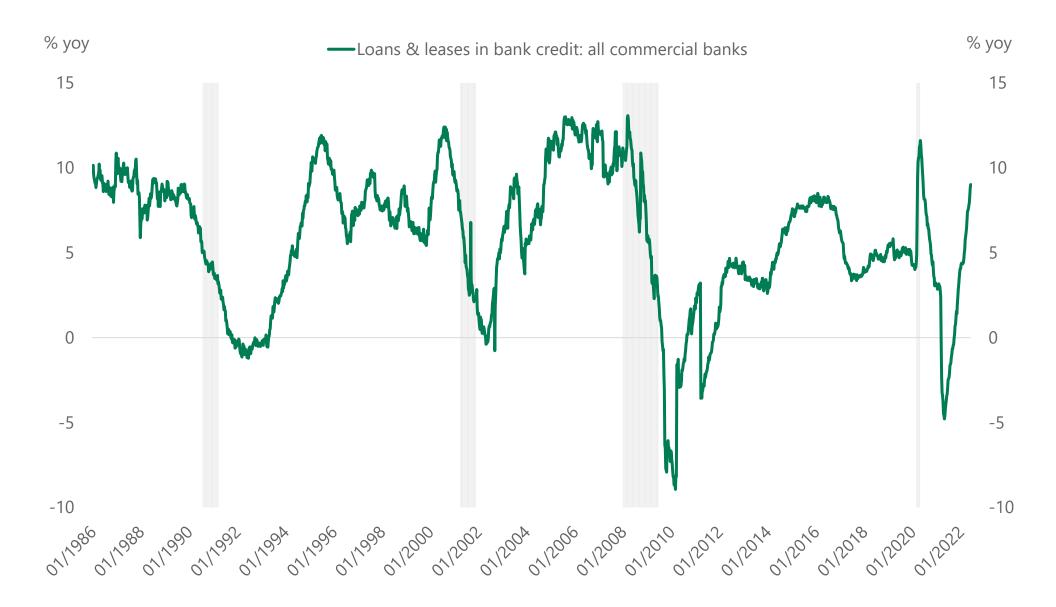
## Bankruptcy filings stabilizing at normal levels



Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Filings are for companies with more than \$50mn in liabilities. For week ending on Thursday

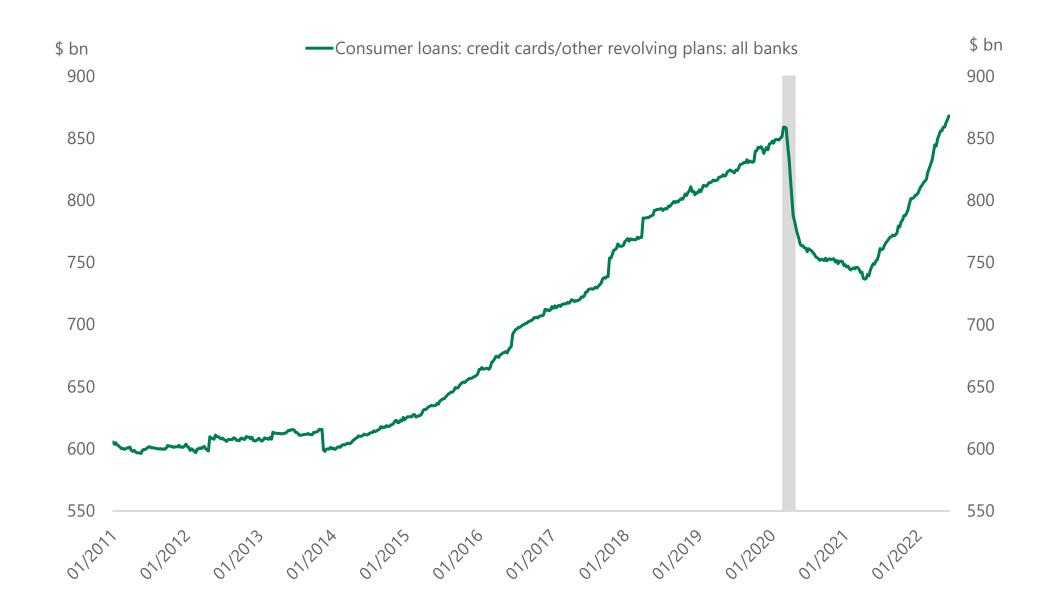


## Banks' weekly loan growth is still strong



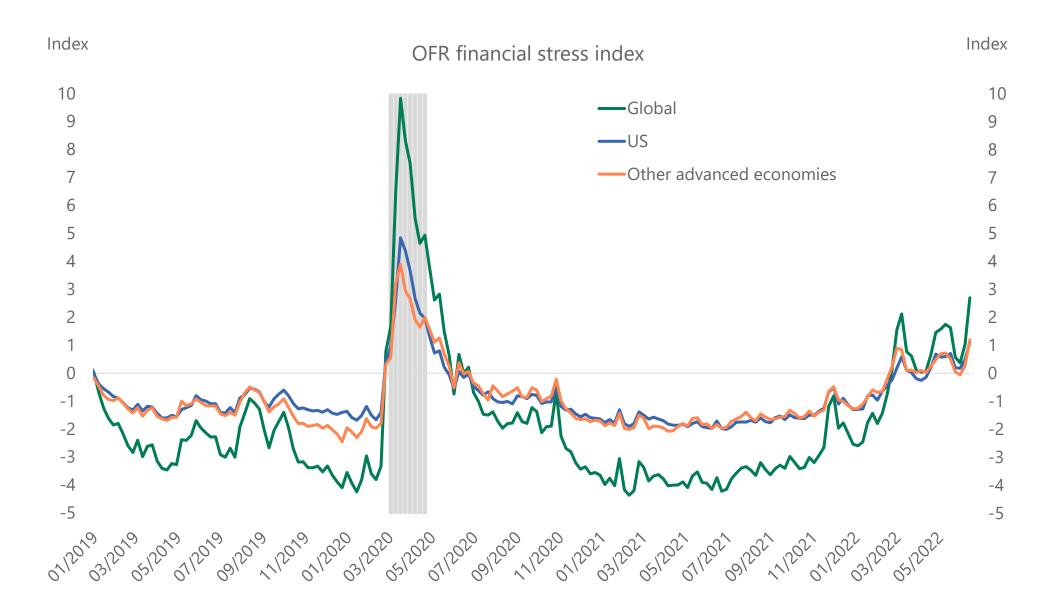
Source: FRB, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

## Weekly credit card debt is rising as the economy re-opens



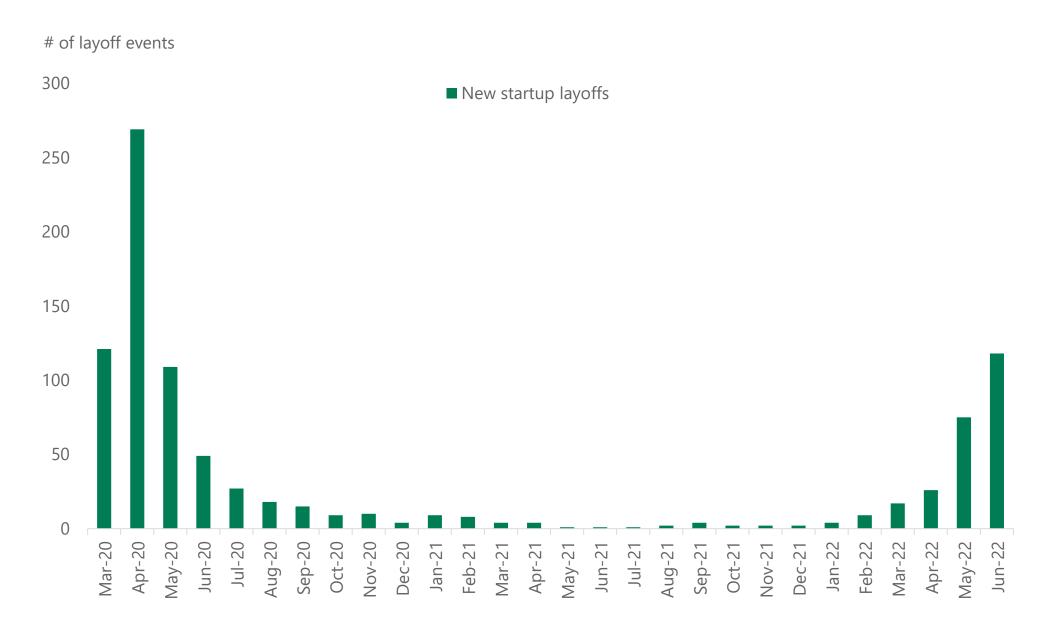
Source: FRB, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Stress in financial markets still relatively limited



Source: Office for Financial Research, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist (Note: The OFR Financial Stress Index (OFR FSI) is a daily market-based snapshot of stress in global financial markets. It is constructed from 33 financial market variables, such as yield spreads, valuation measures, and interest rates. The OFR FSI is positive when stress levels are above average, and negative when stress levels are below average.)

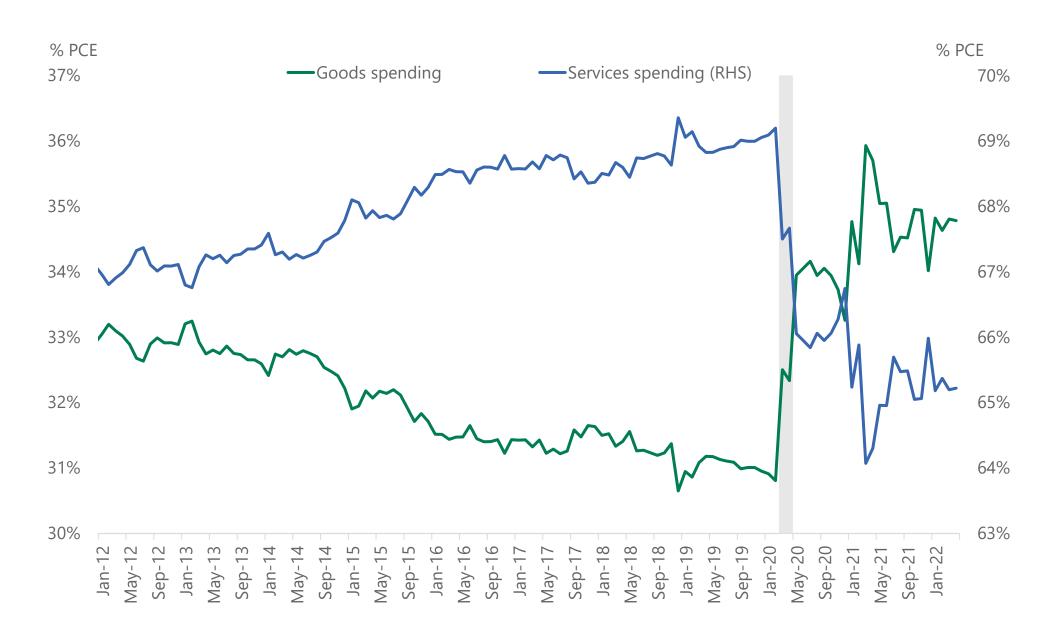
## Rising number of layoffs at tech startups



Source: Layoffs.fyi, Apollo Chief Economist. Note: Top 5 sectors that account for layoffs in May 2022: Transportation, Food, Travel, Finance, and Real Estate.



## Shift from goods to services coming in US consumer spending



Source: BEA, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

## Heatmap for the US economy and US financial markets

		Dec-19	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22	Latest
ECONOMIC CYCLE	Inflation (% YoY)	2.3	1.5	0.6	1.4	1.4	2.6	5.4	5.4	7.0	8.5	8.6
	Core Inflation (% YoY)	2.3	2.1	1.2	1.7	1.6	1.6	4.5	4.0	5.5	6.5	6.0
	Economic Growth (% YoY)	2.6	0.6	-9.1	-2.9	-2.3	0.5	12.2	4.9	5.5	3.5	3.5
	New Home sales (000s)	688.0	610.0	922.0	991.0	871.0	881.0	714.0	732.0	839.0	709.0	591.0
	Consumer Sentiment	99.3	89.1	78.1	80.4	80.7	84.9	85.5	72.8	70.6	59.4	50.2
	Inventory to sales ratio (retailers)	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
	ISM Manufacturing PMI	47.9	49.1	52.4	55.4	60.5	63.7	60.9	60.5	58.8	57.1	56.1
	Homebuilder sentiment	76	72	58	83	86	82	81	76	84	79	67
	Unemployment rate (%)	3.6	4.4	11.0	7.9	6.7	6.0	5.9	4.7	3.9	3.6	3.6
	Average hourly wage (% YoY)	2.9	3.6	5.1	4.8	5.5	4.4	4.0	4.8	4.9	5.6	5.2
	JOLTS Quits rate (%)	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9
	Jobless claims	238.0	2316.8	1490.3	851.8	836.8	669.3	419.5	370.0	221.8	178.0	207.0
MARKET CYCLE	S&P 500 Forward P/E ratio	18.3	16.3	21.7	21.5	22.7	21.9	21.3	20.1	21.4	19.4	15.7
	IG Spread (bps)	101	305	160	144	103	97	86	89	98	122	154
	HY Spread (bps)	360	877	644.0	541	386	336.0	304	315	310	343	532
	Yield curve (bps)	31	22	65	59	84	154	144	129	139	193	242
	10 year yield	1.92	0.67	0.66	0.69	0.92	1.74	1.47	1.49	1.51	2.34	3.11
	VIX	13.8	53.5	30.4	26.4	22.8	19.4	15.8	23.1	17.2	20.6	29.2
	MOVE Index	58.3	83.9	54.1	39.2	49.0	71.3	57.3	61.1	77.1	106.9	129.9
	M&A Transaction value (\$bn)	483.2	365.0	155.9	557.8	762.8	716.0	929.7	859.7	850.1	714.6	714.6
	S&P 500 buybacks (\$bn)	181.6	198.7	88.7	101.8	130.6	178.1	198.8	234.6	270.1	270.1	270.1
	IPO volume (\$bn, 3 month sum) SPAC volume (\$bn, 3 month	12.2	23.0	29.3	65.5	65.7	155.0	49.8	40.0	54.2	6.9	3.6
	sum)	3.8	5.9	11.9	40.4	39.3	113.4	15.1	14.1	22.7	4.6	2.9

Source: Apollo Chief Economist. Colours based on deviation from mean. Green = mean +/- 0.5 stddev; Yellow = +/- 0.5 to 1 stddev,; Red = +/- 1 stdev. For PMI>50 is red and less than 50 is green. Consumer sentiment and MOVE > mean is red and < mean is green and for jobless claims vice-versa. Data starts in 2010.



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Torsten Slok joined Apollo in August 2020 as Chief Economist and he leads Apollo's macroeconomic and market analysis across the platform.

Prior to joining, Mr. Slok worked for 15 years as Chief Economist at Deutsche Bank where his team was top ranked in the annual Institutional Investor survey for a decade, including #1 in 2019. Prior to joining Deutsche Bank Mr. Slok worked at the IMF in Washington, DC and at the OECD in Paris.

Mr. Slok has a Ph.D in Economics and has studied at the University of Copenhagen and Princeton University.