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# US Housing Outlook:

Housing recovery continues, driven by low supply and pent-up demand boosted by mortgage rates coming down from the 8% peak

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#### A housing recovery has started driven by:

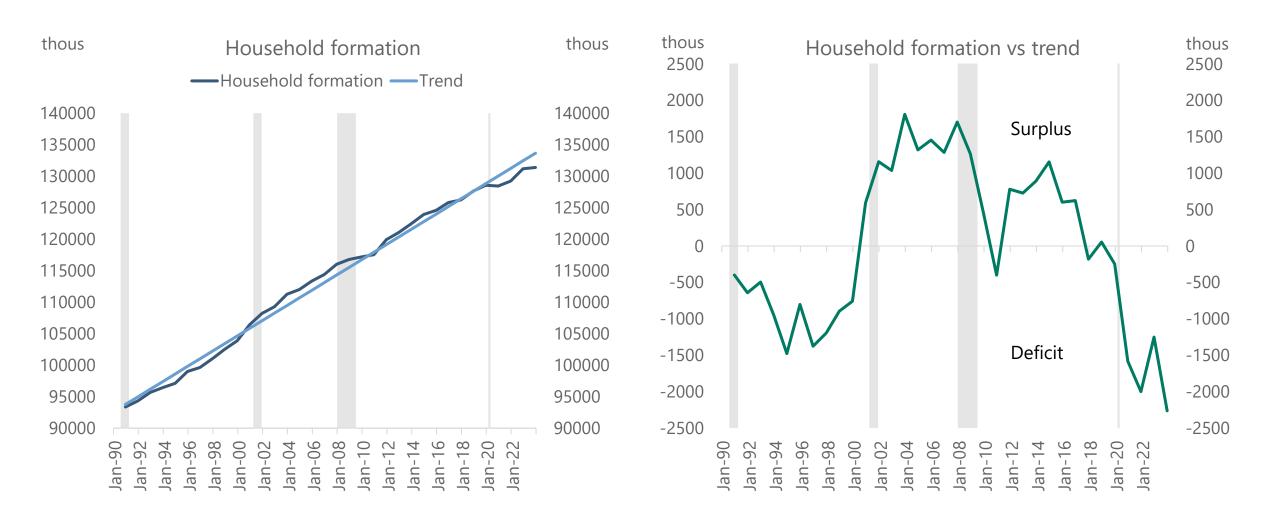
- 1. Low housing supply
- 2. Pent-up demand boosted by lower mortgage rates
- 3. Decent job growth
- 4. Robust wage growth
- 5. Still some excess savings left for households

Source: Apollo Chief Economist

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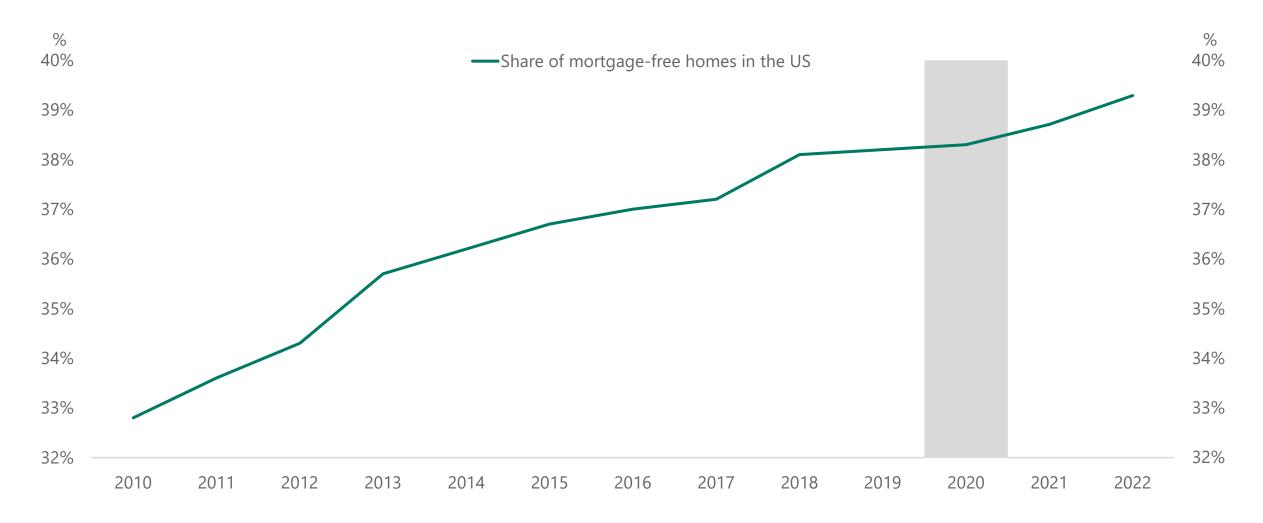
Leading indicators of the housing market

#### US has an estimated deficit of 2.3mn homes



Source: Census, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

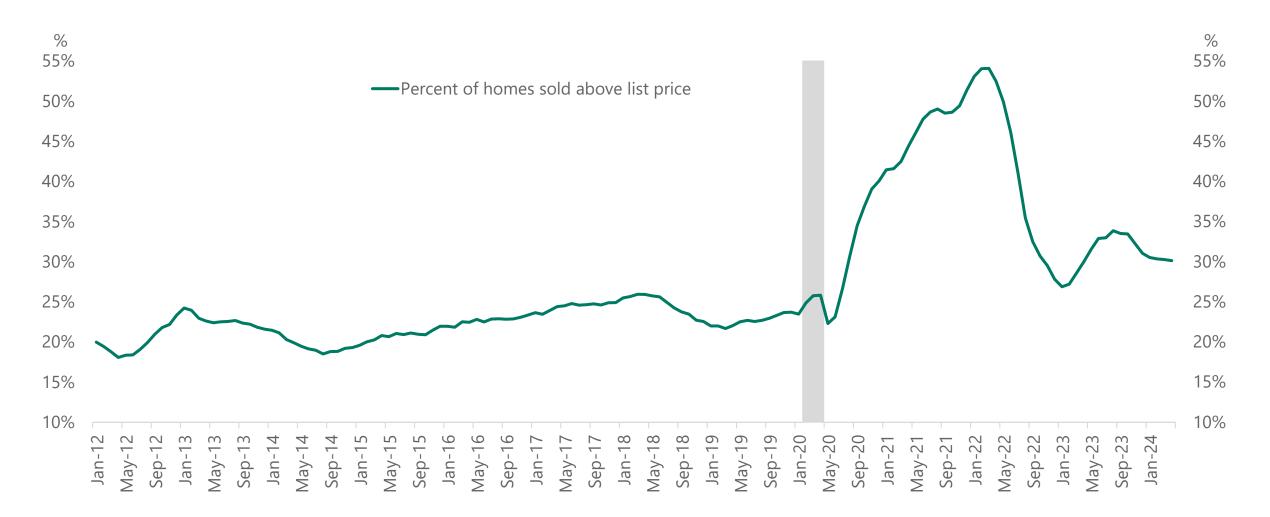
#### Almost 40% of US homes don't have a mortgage



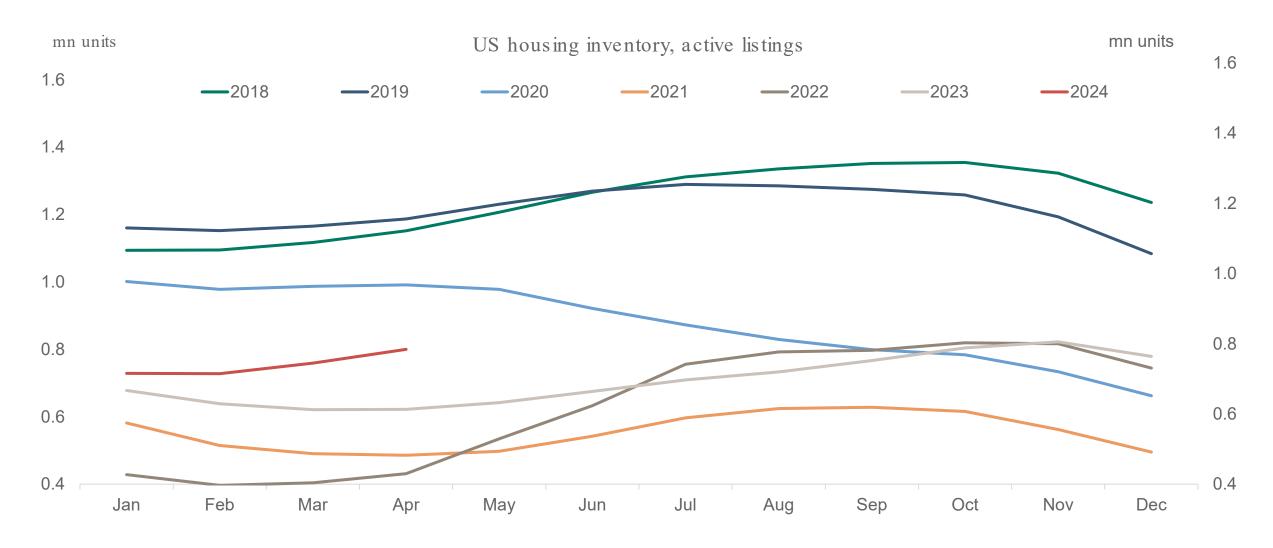
Source: US Census Bureau, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

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#### Despite high mortgage rates, 30% of homes selling above their list price

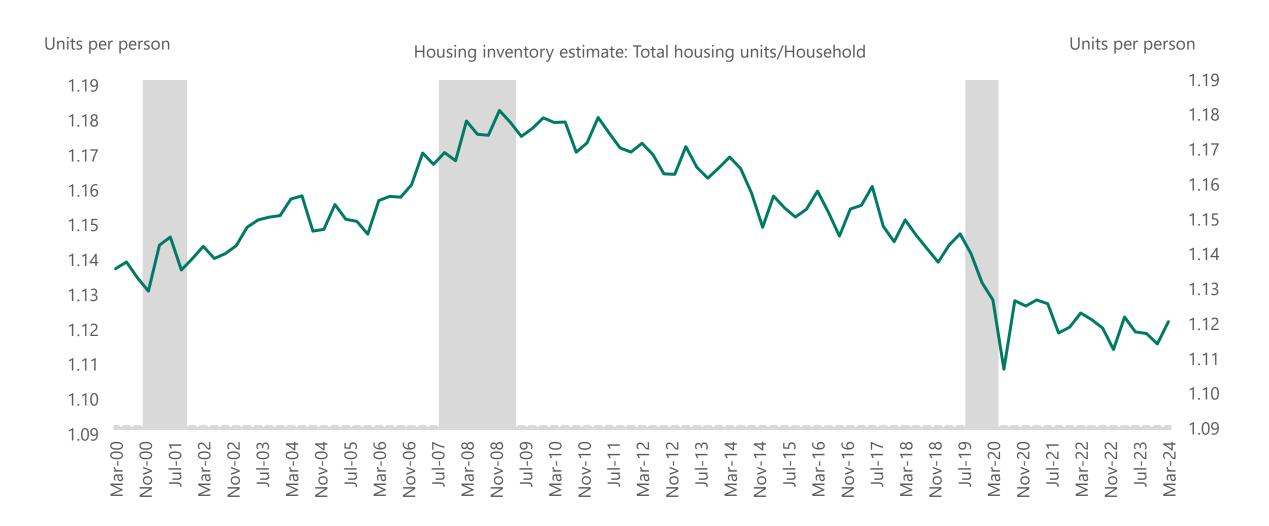


#### Very low inventory of homes for sale



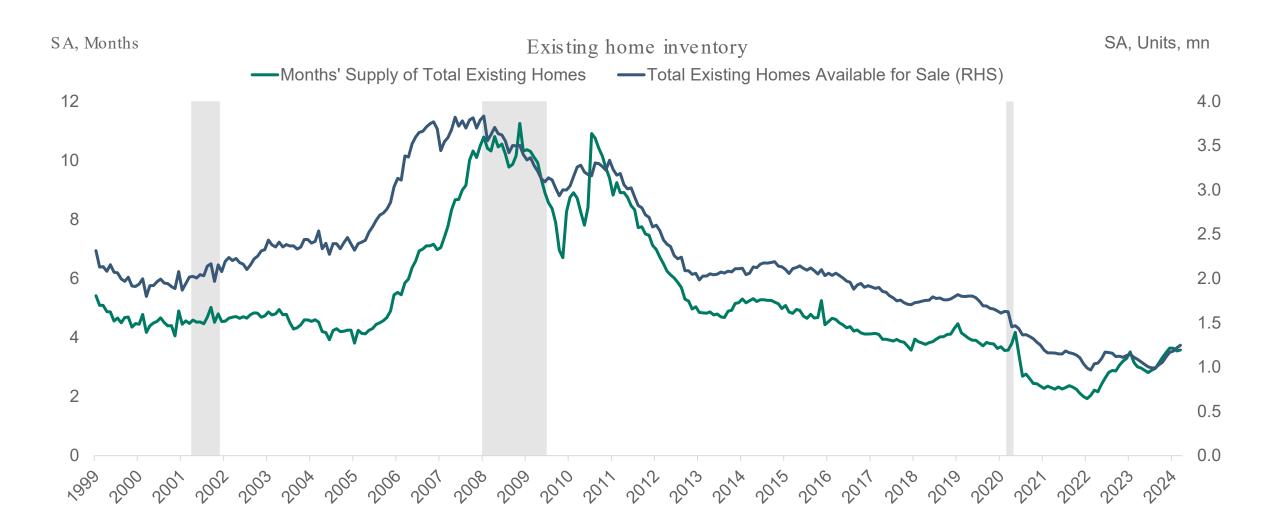
Source: Realtor.com, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Total housing inventory per person very low



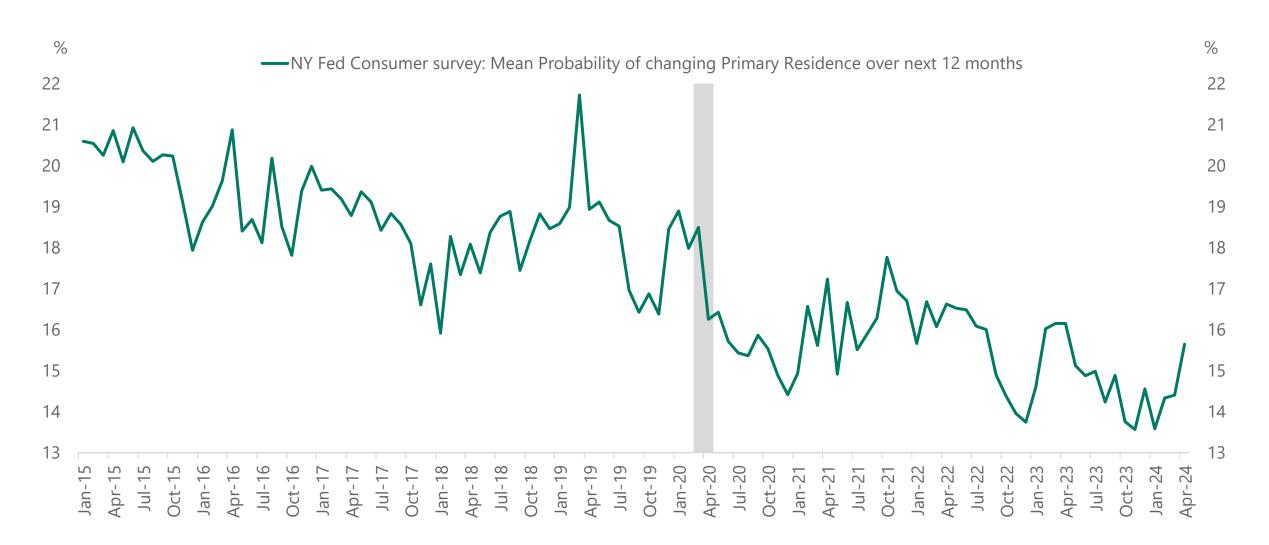
Source: Census Bureau, FRED, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Existing housing inventory very low



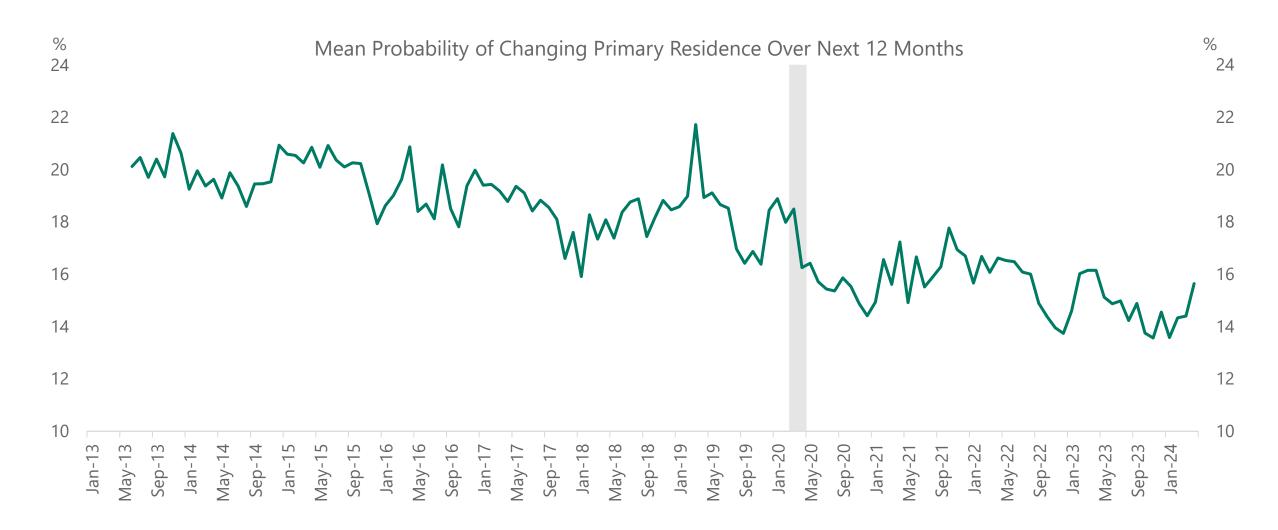
Source: NAR, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Share of households planning to move starting to recover



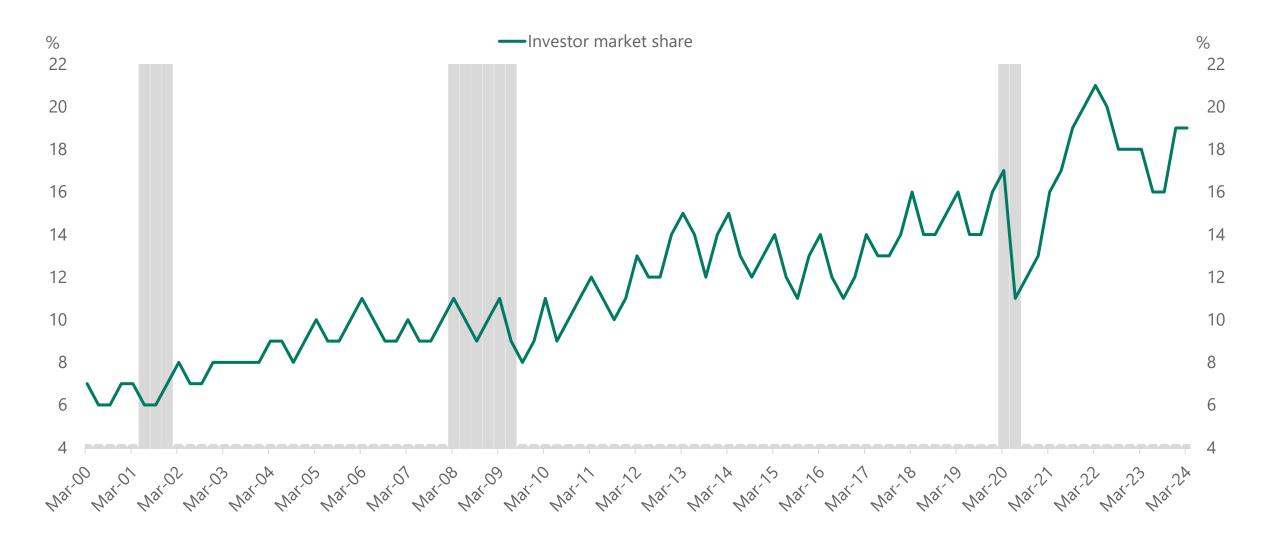
Source: FRB of NY, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Probability of moving residence showing an uptick

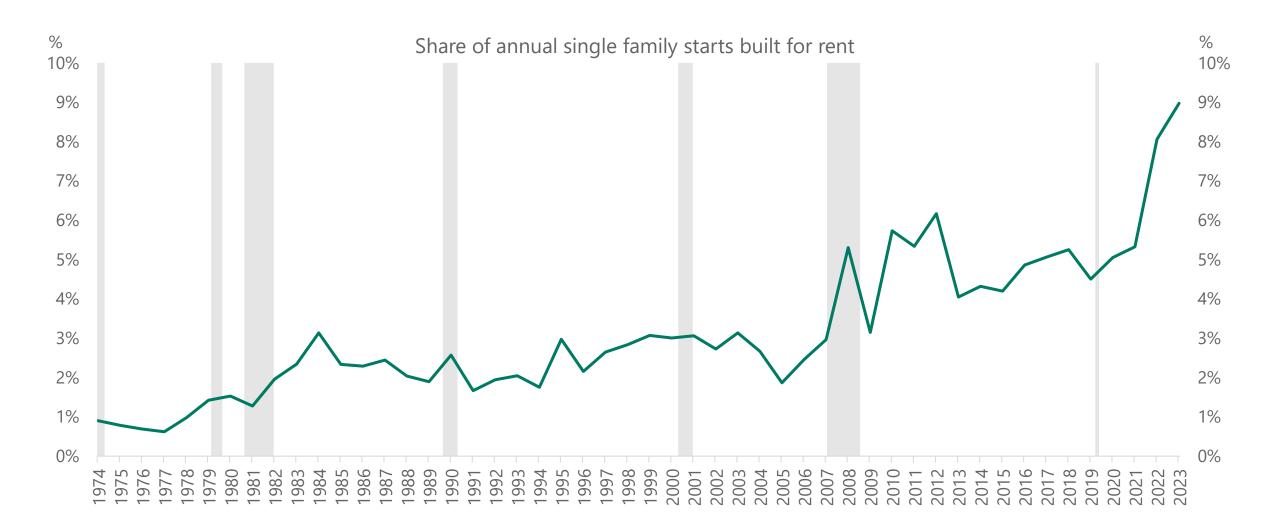


Source: FRBNY, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

#### The investor share of home purchases is rising



#### Share of homes built for rent going up

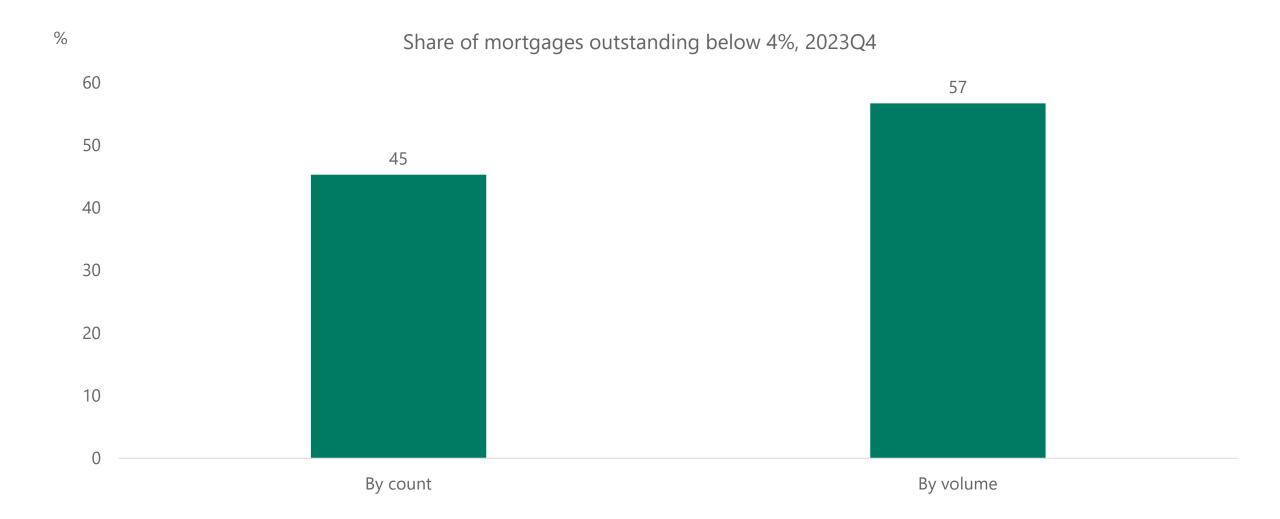


#### Employment in residential construction rebounding



Source: BLS, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

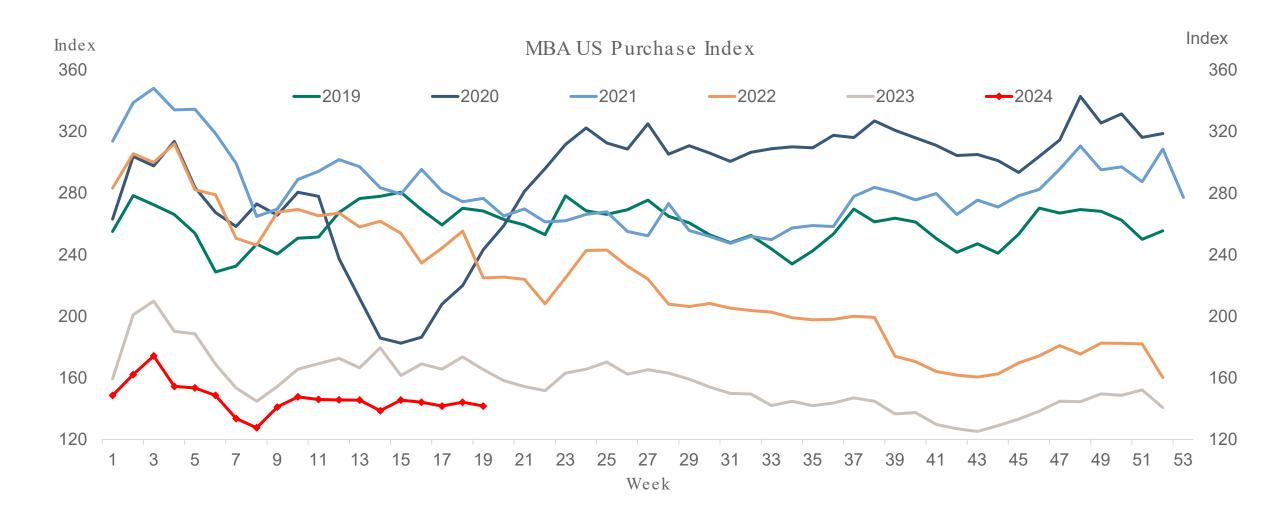
## About half of all mortgages outstanding have an interest rate below 4%



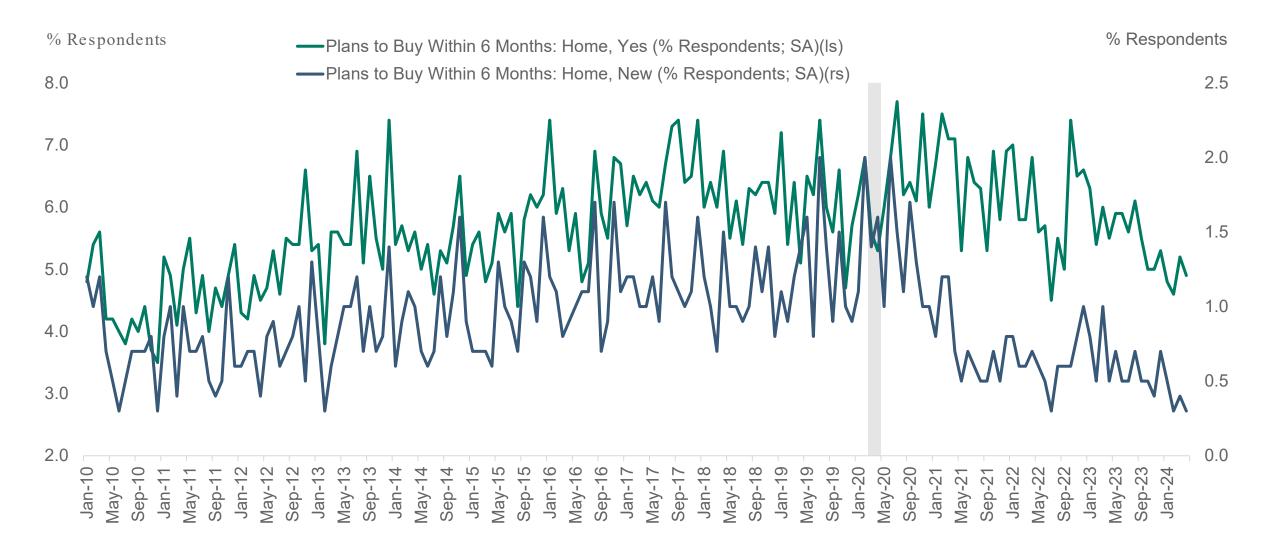
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1) Housing Demand: Higher mortgage rates and high home prices slowing demand

#### Mortgage purchase applications remain much lower than normal

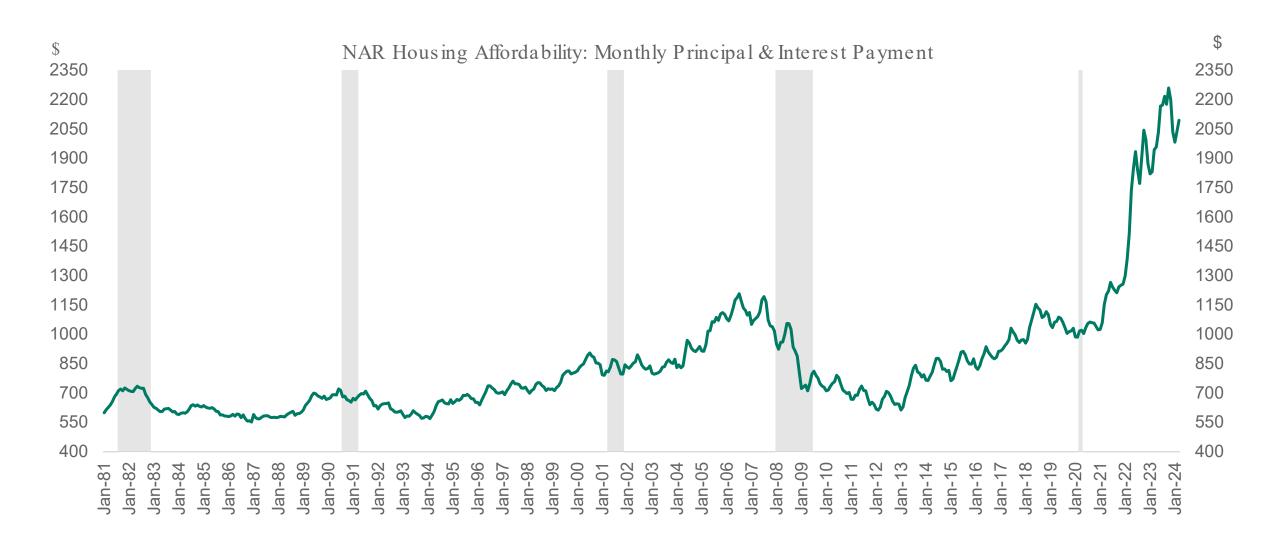


#### Home buying plans



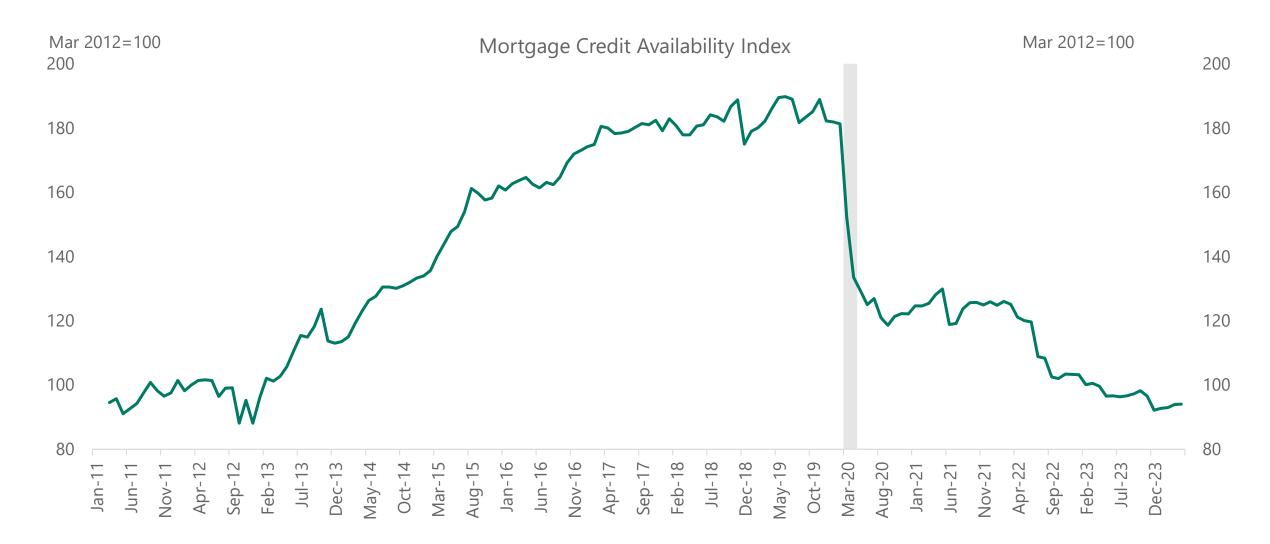
Source: Conference Board, Apollo Chief Economist

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

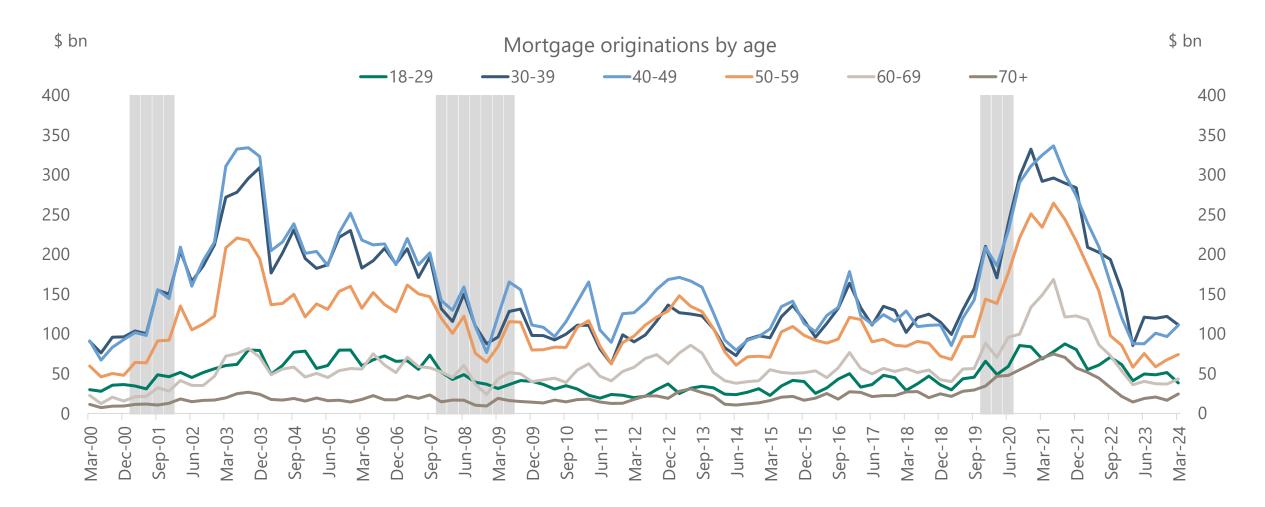


Source: NAR, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Availability of mortgage credit at tight levels

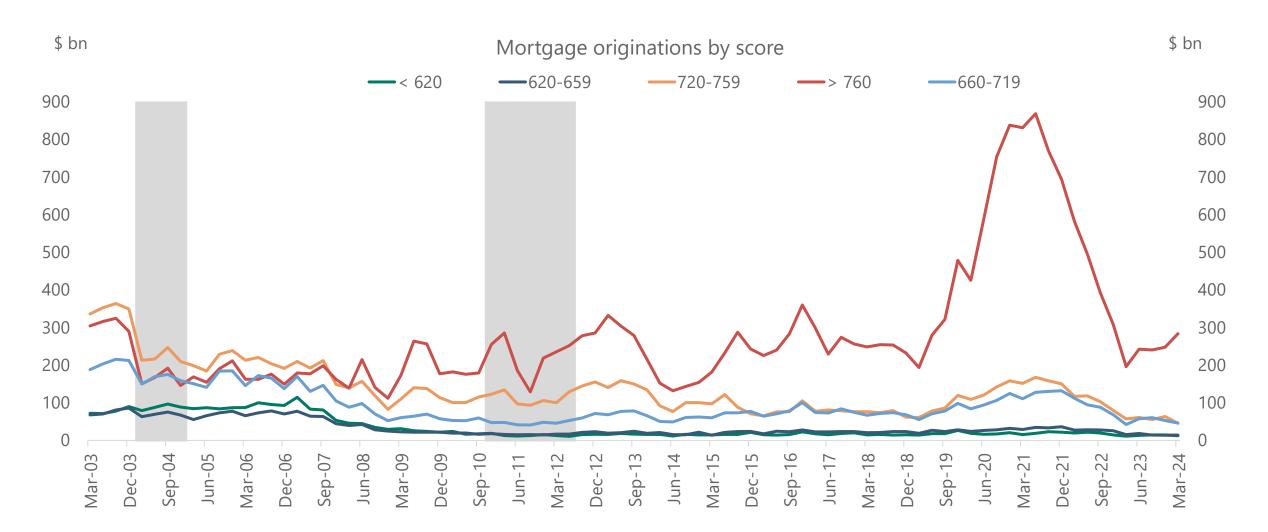


#### Mortgage originations back at pre-pandemic levels



Source: NY Fed, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

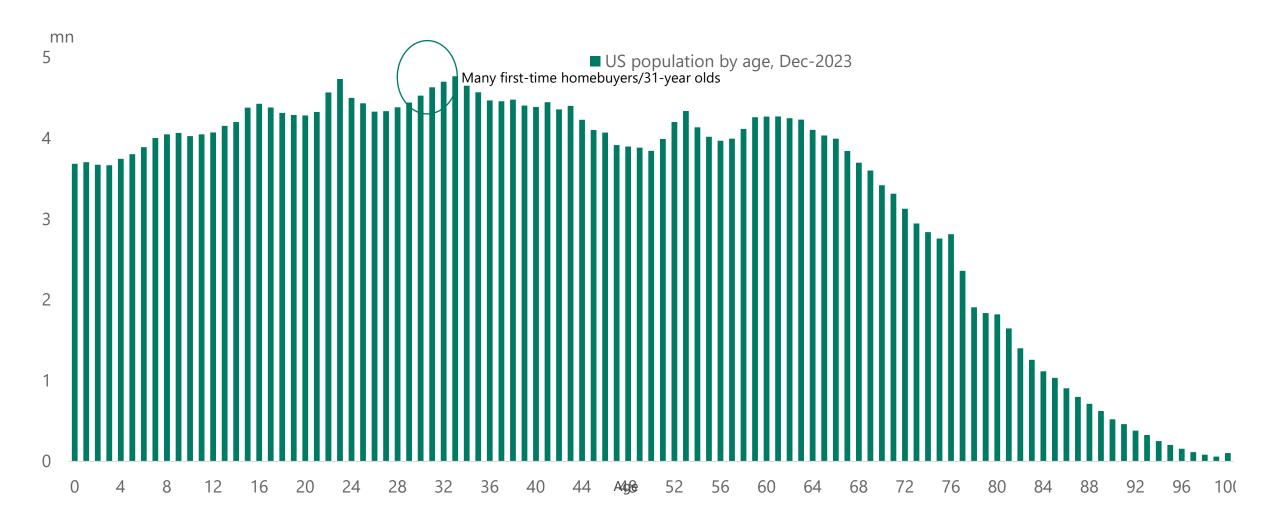
#### Mortgage originations normalizing for households with high credit scores



Source: NY Fed, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

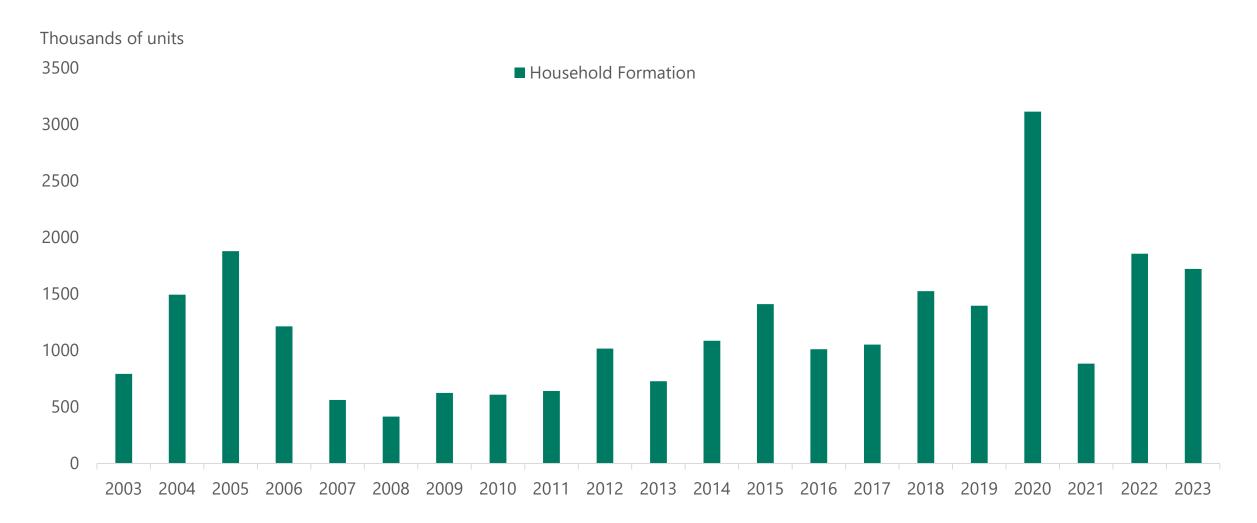
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## Demographics are a tailwind to housing demand



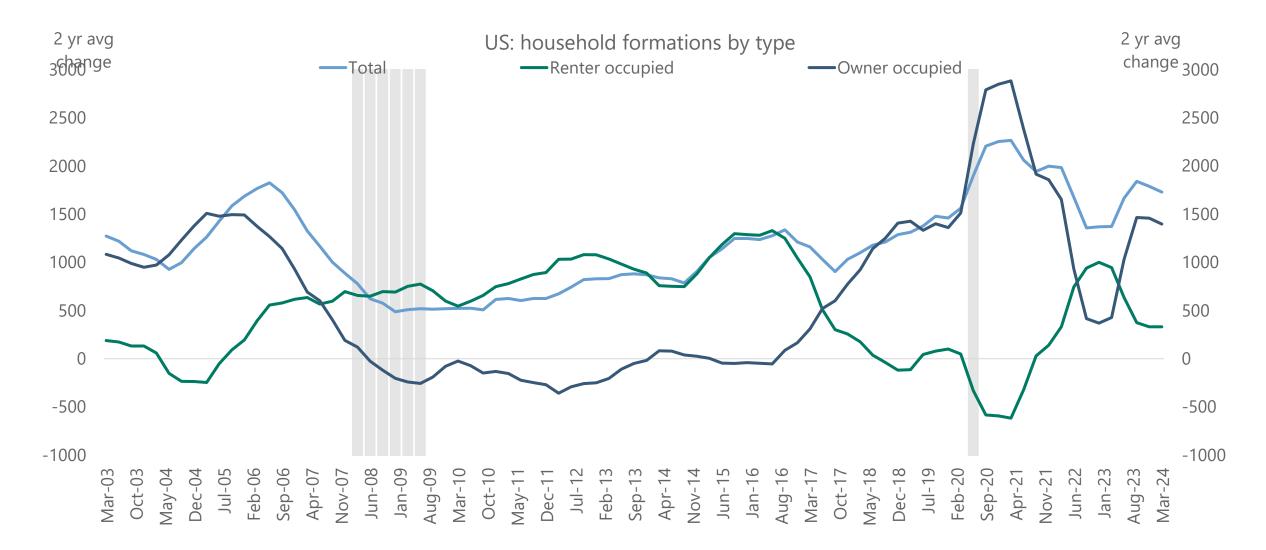
Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Rebounding household formation is a tailwind to housing



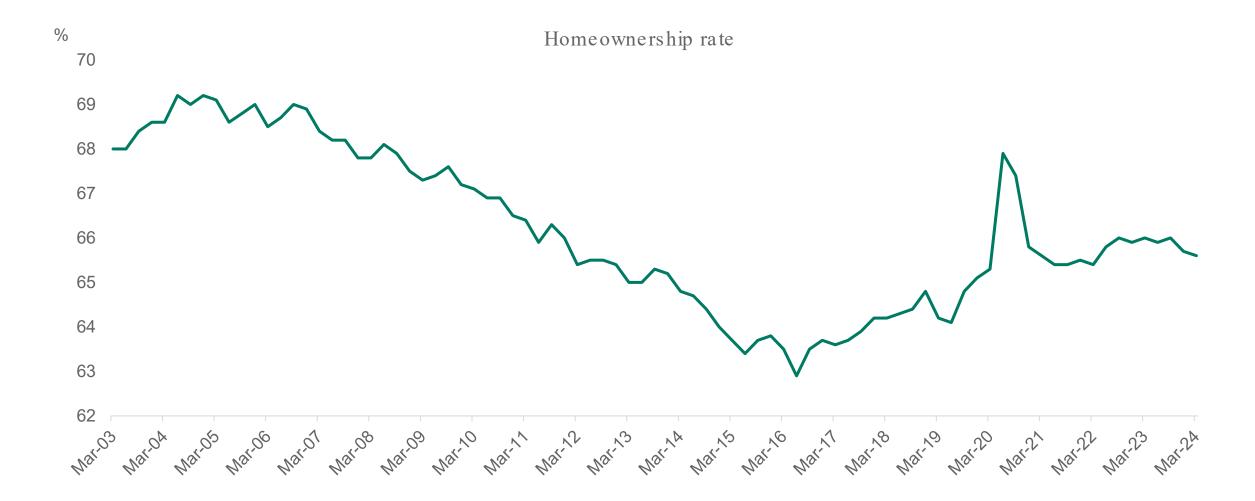
Source: Census Bureau, Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Decline in the number of renters recently



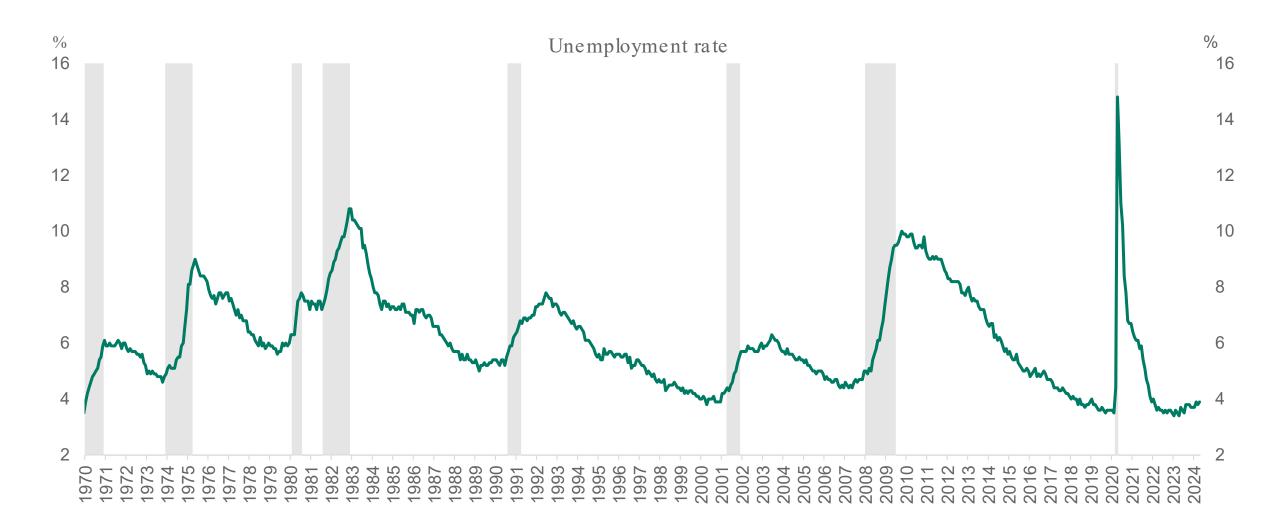
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#### Homeownership rate moving sideways



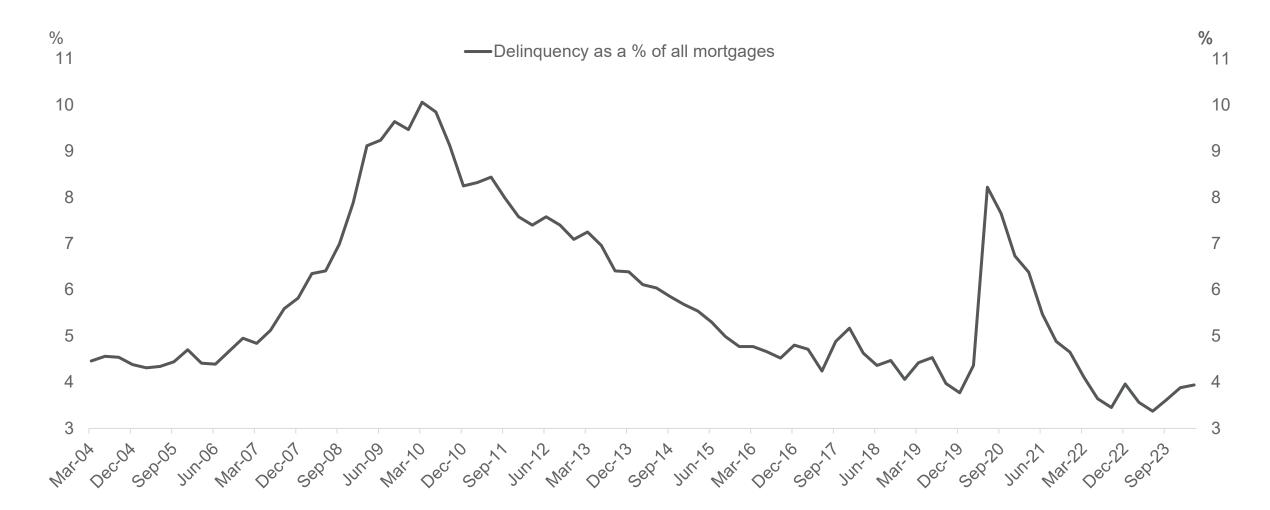
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#### Low unemployment is a tailwind to housing demand



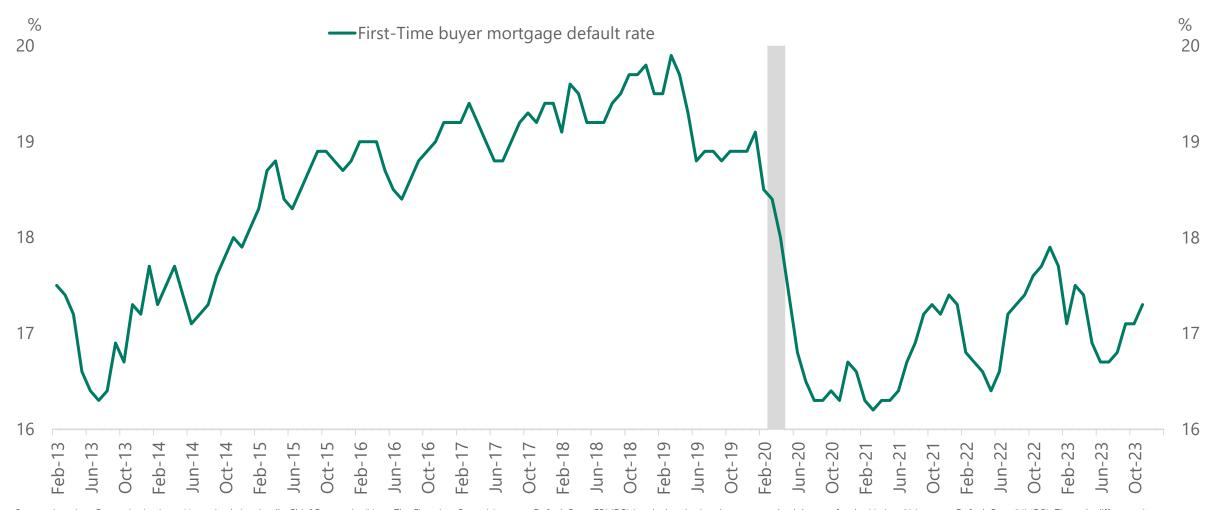
Source: BLS, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Delinquency starting to rise



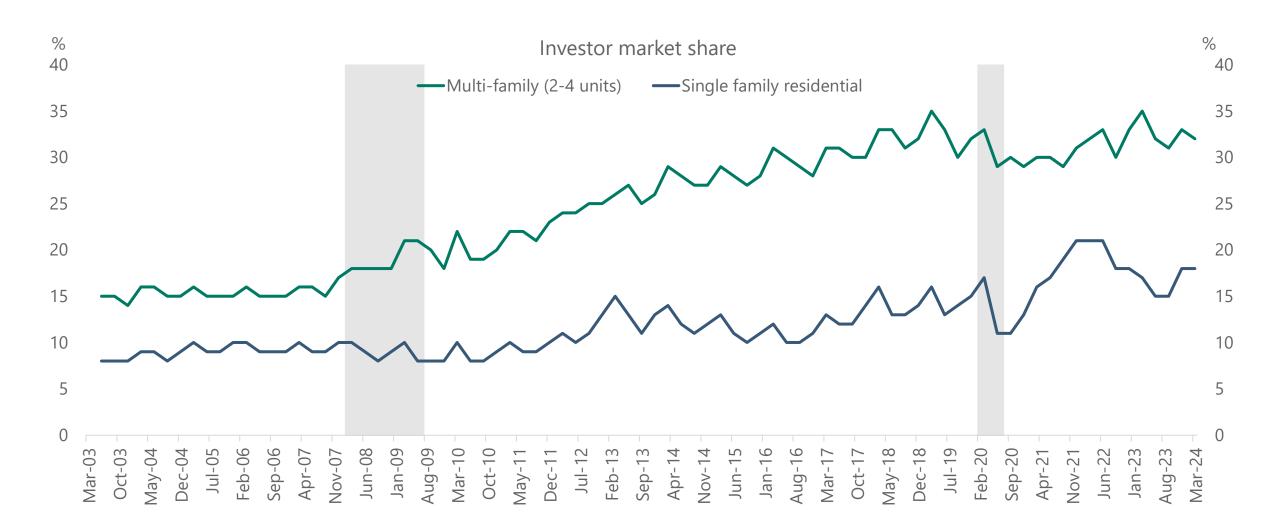
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

#### First time homebuyers are feeling pinch of high interest rates

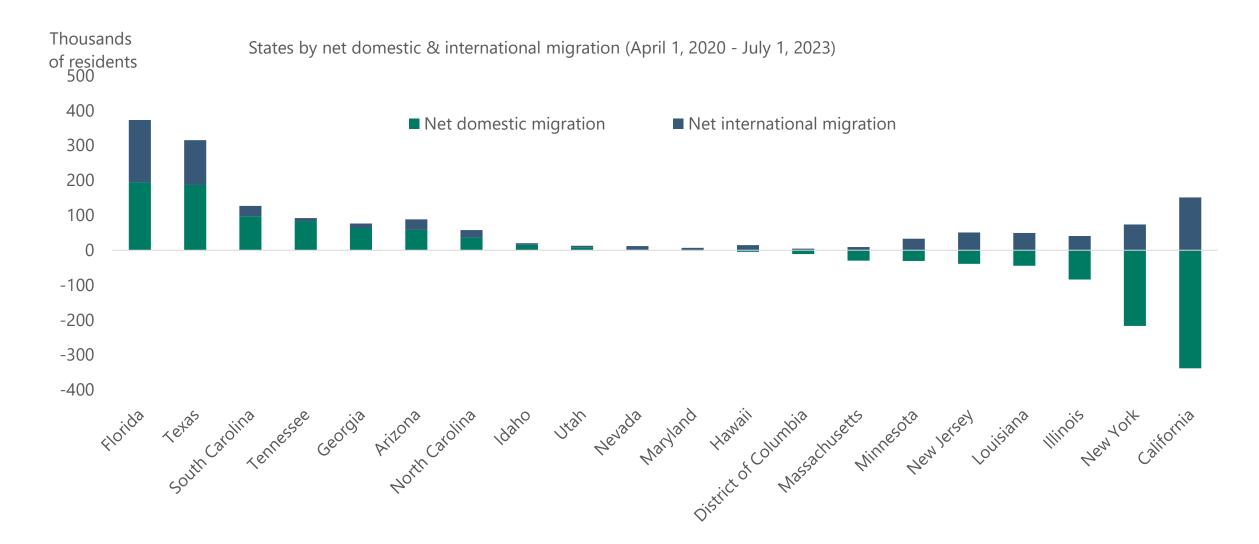


Source: American Enterprise Institute, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist (Note: The First-time Buyer Mortgage Default Rate (FBMDR) is calculated using the same methodology as for the National Mortgage Default Rate (NMDR). The only difference is that the set of included loans is restricted to first-time 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.)

#### Investor share of single-family has trended lower as mortgage rates have increased



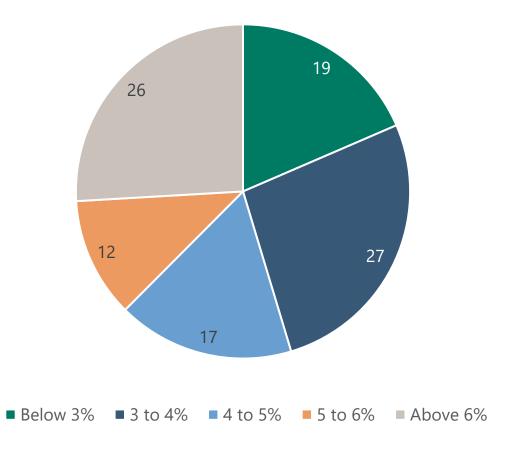
#### Migration out of California and migration into Florida during the pandemic



Source: Census Bureau, Apollo Chief Economist

## Share of mortgages outstanding by interest rate

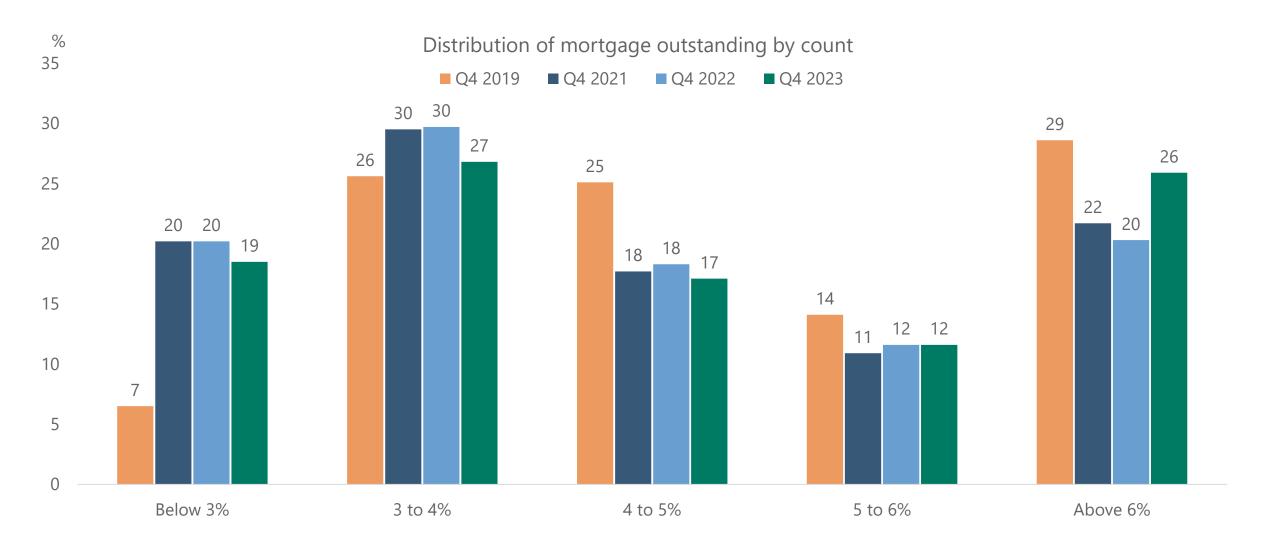
Share of mortgages outstanding by interest rate at origination by count, 2023 Q4



Source: FHFA, Apollo Chief Economist

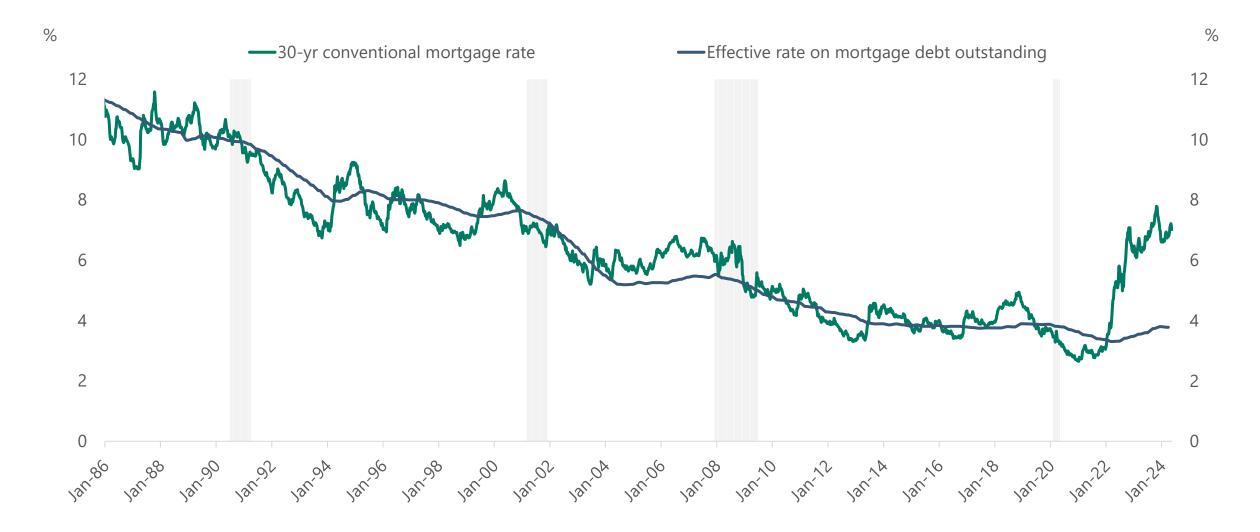
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#### Distribution of interest rates on outstanding mortgages

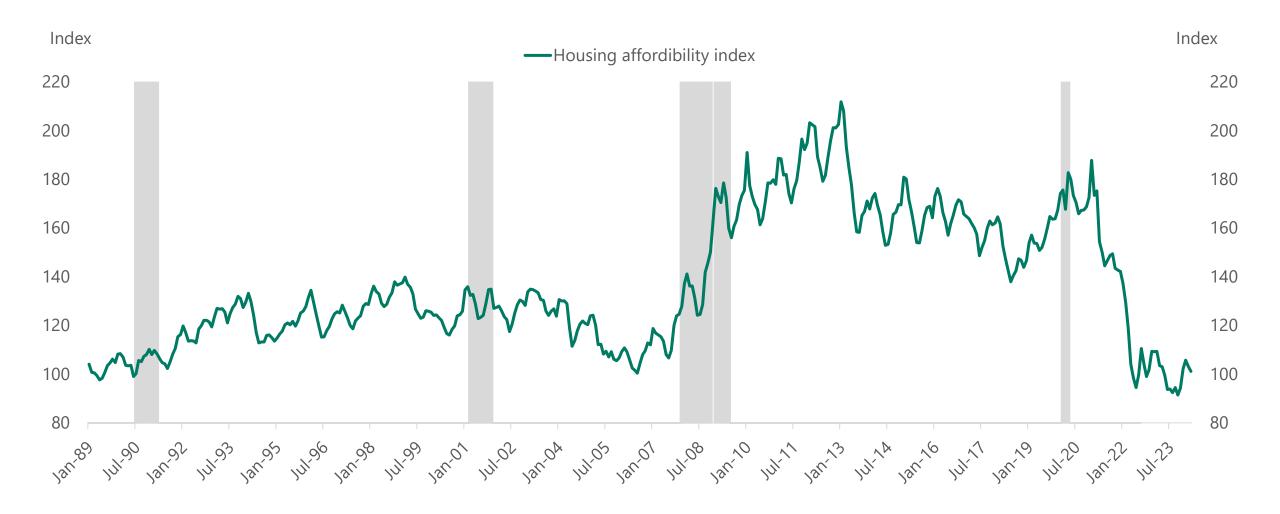


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#### Effective outstanding mortgage rate is 3.8%

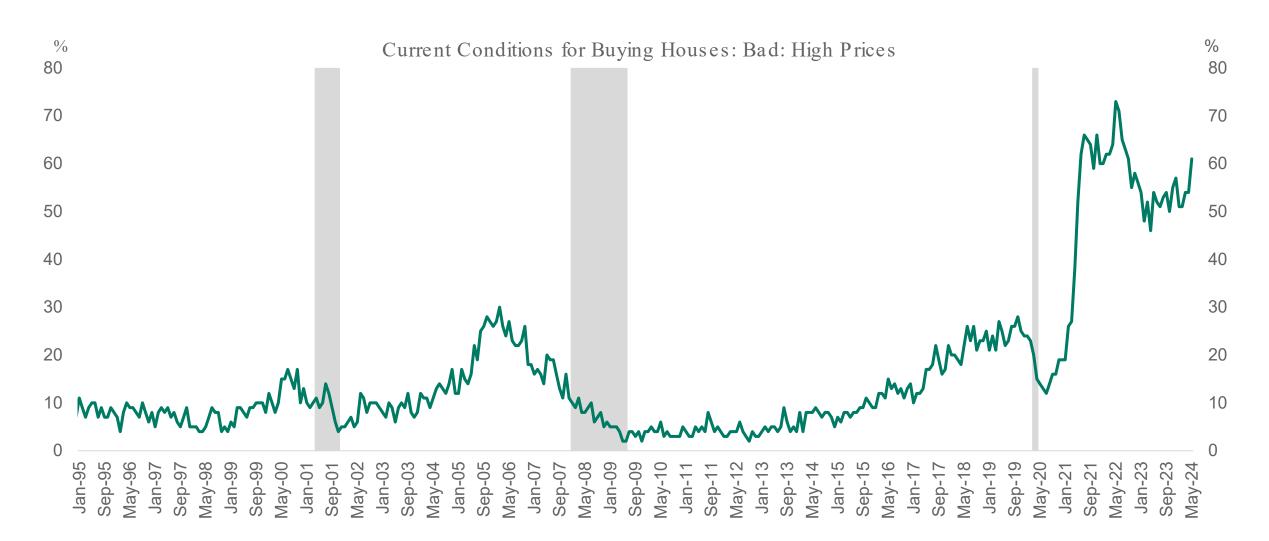


#### Housing affordability near record lows

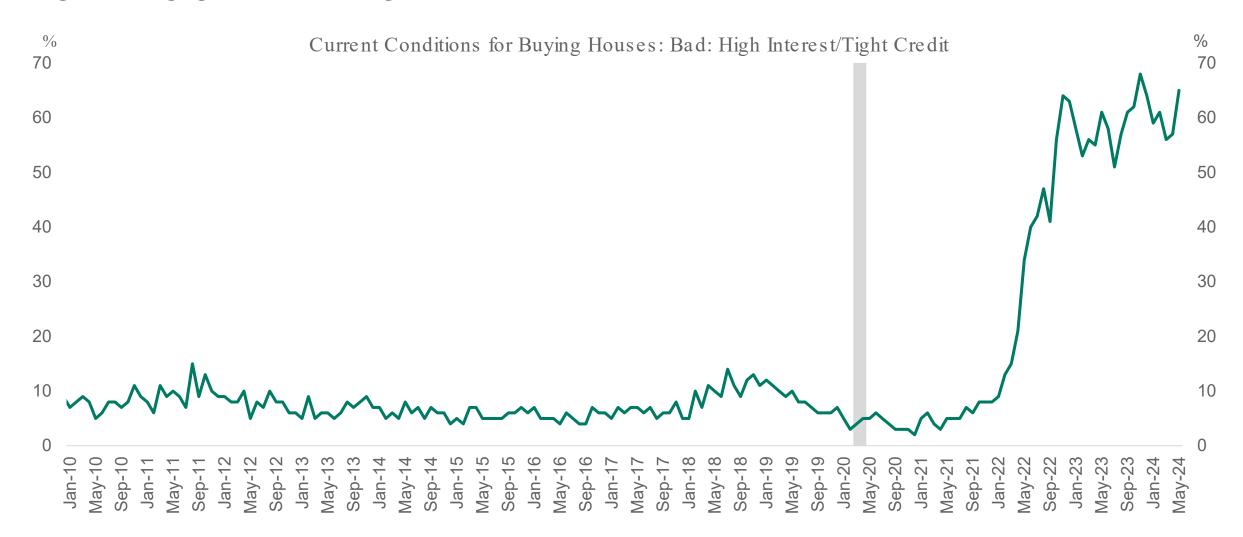


Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 36

## Homebuyer sentiment negatively impacted by high prices

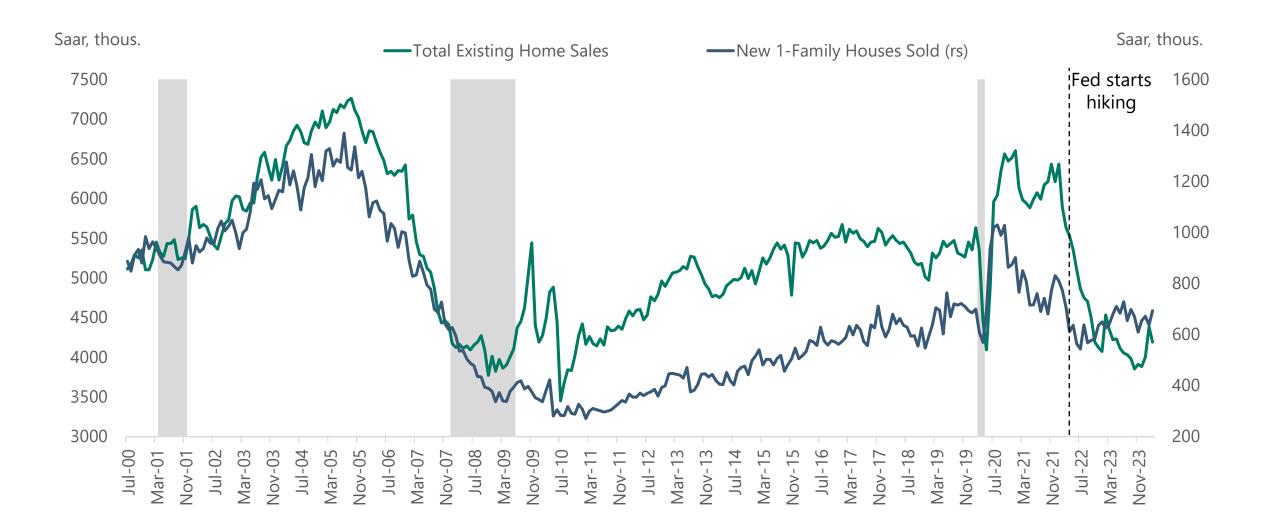


Source: University of Michigan, Apollo Chief Economist 37 65% of consumers are saying that this is a bad time to buy a house because of high mortgage rates and tight credit

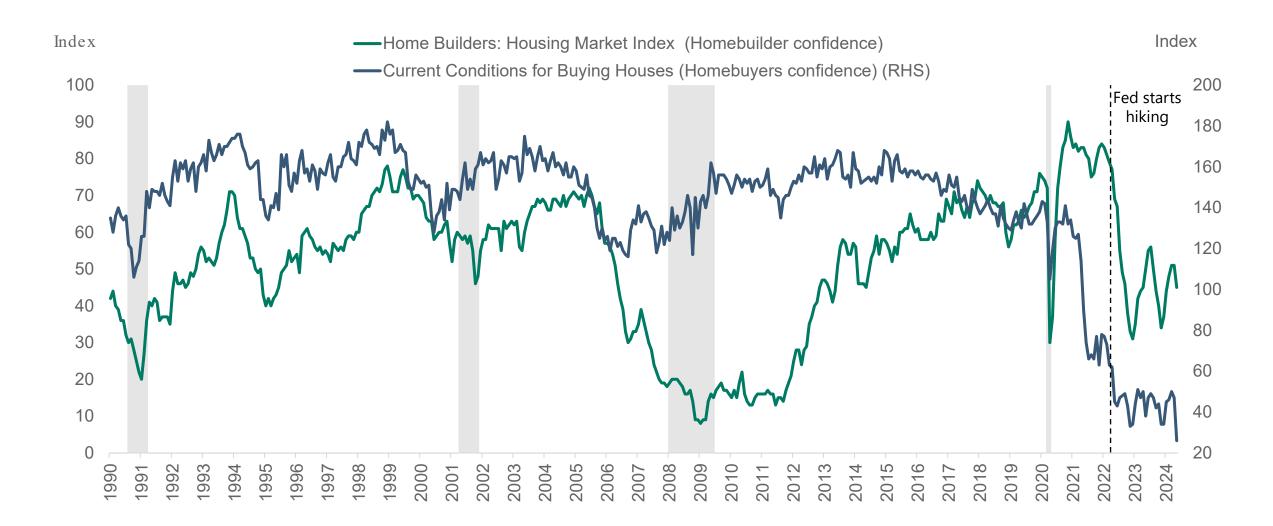


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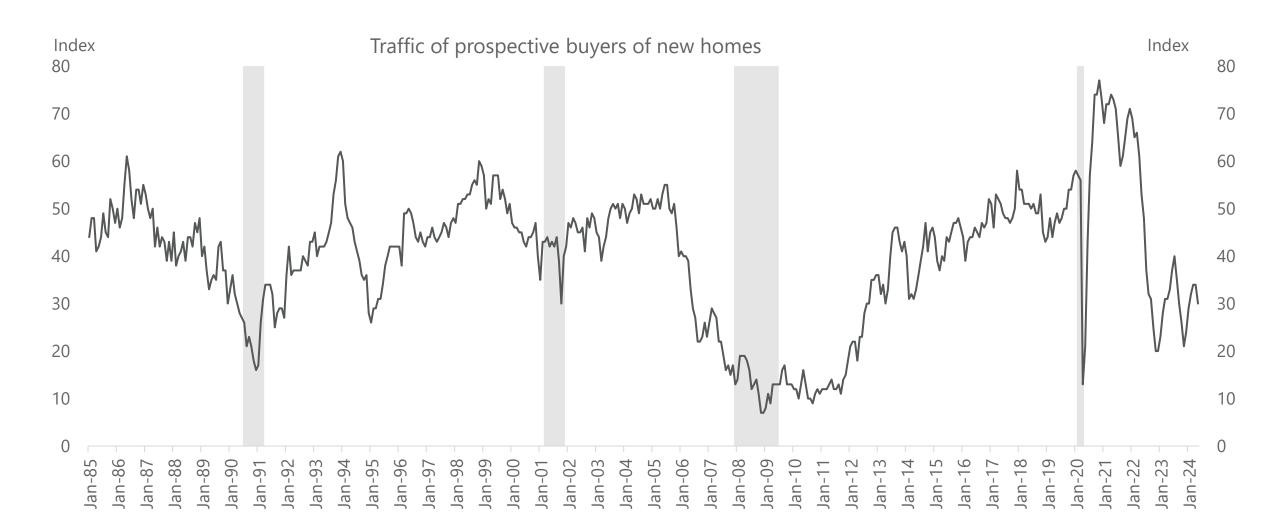
## New and existing home sales lower than normal because of affordability



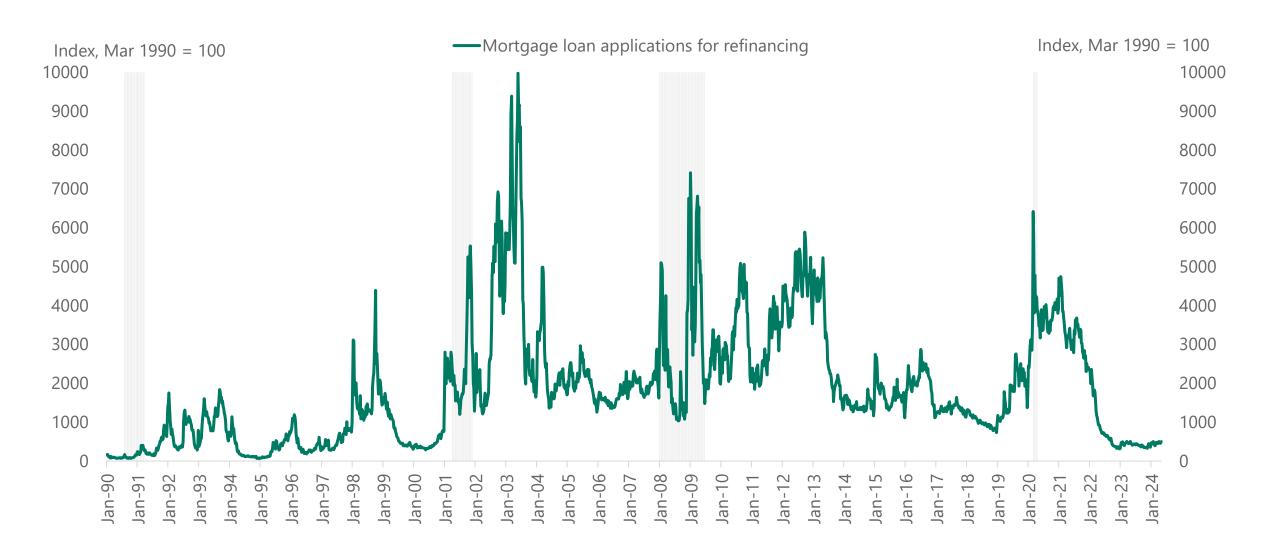
## Homebuyer and homebuilder confidence still depressed because of affordability



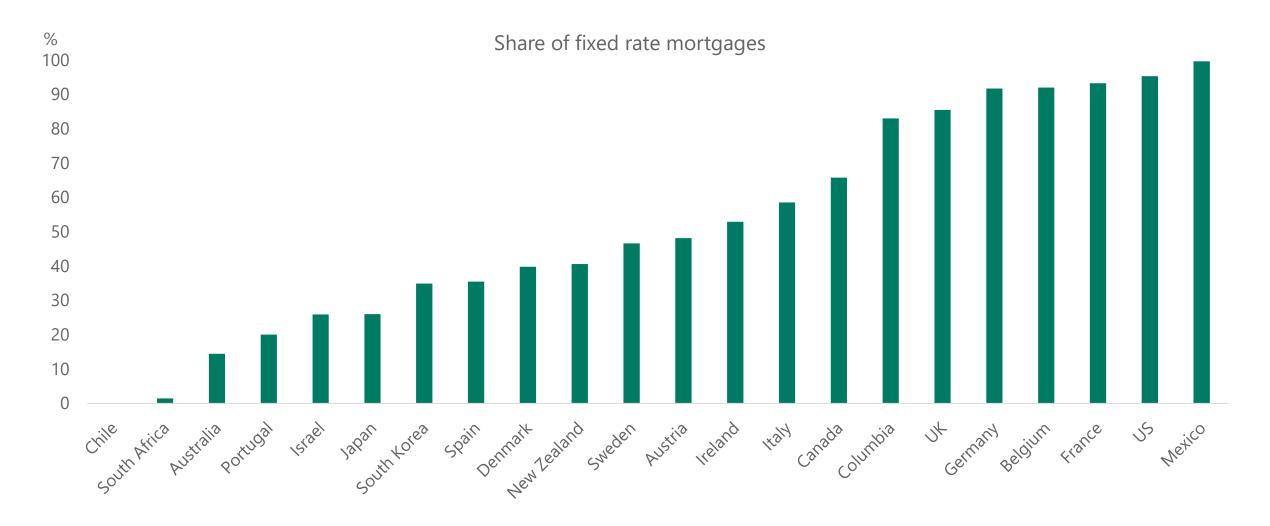
# Traffic of prospective homebuyers lower than normal, likely because of affordability



#### Low number of homeowners are refinancing their mortgage at the moment



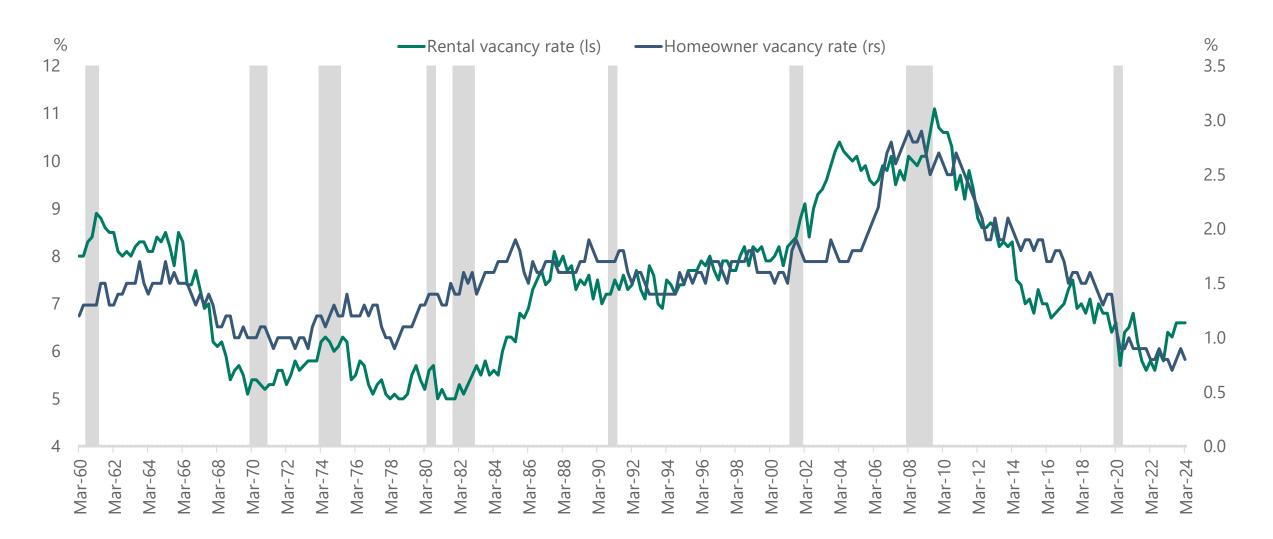
### Share of fixed rate mortgages by country



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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

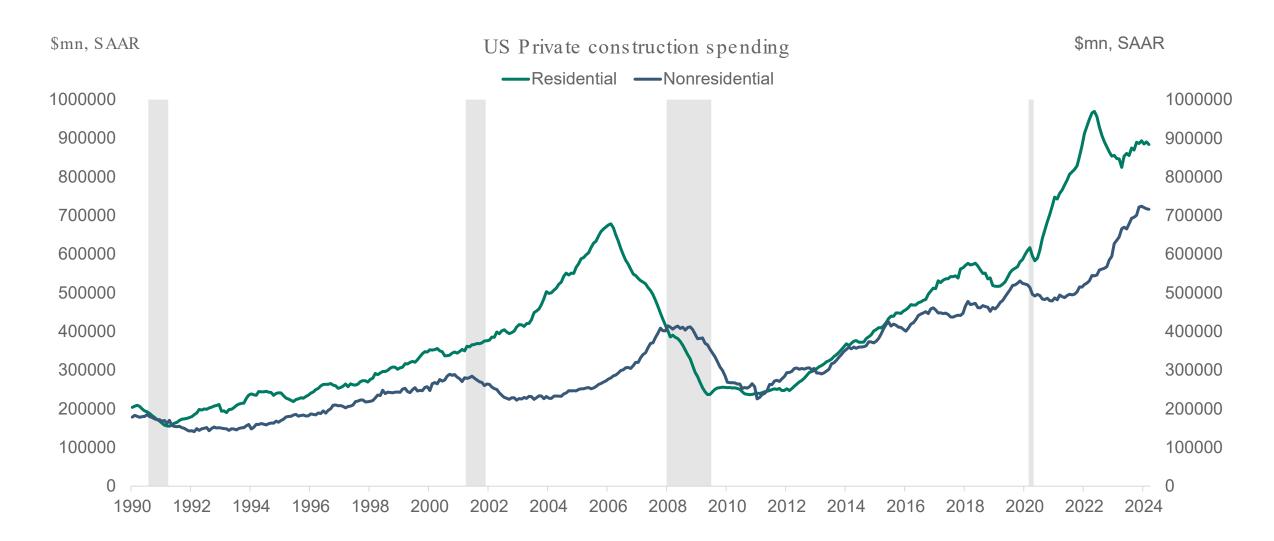


# Listings starting to rise



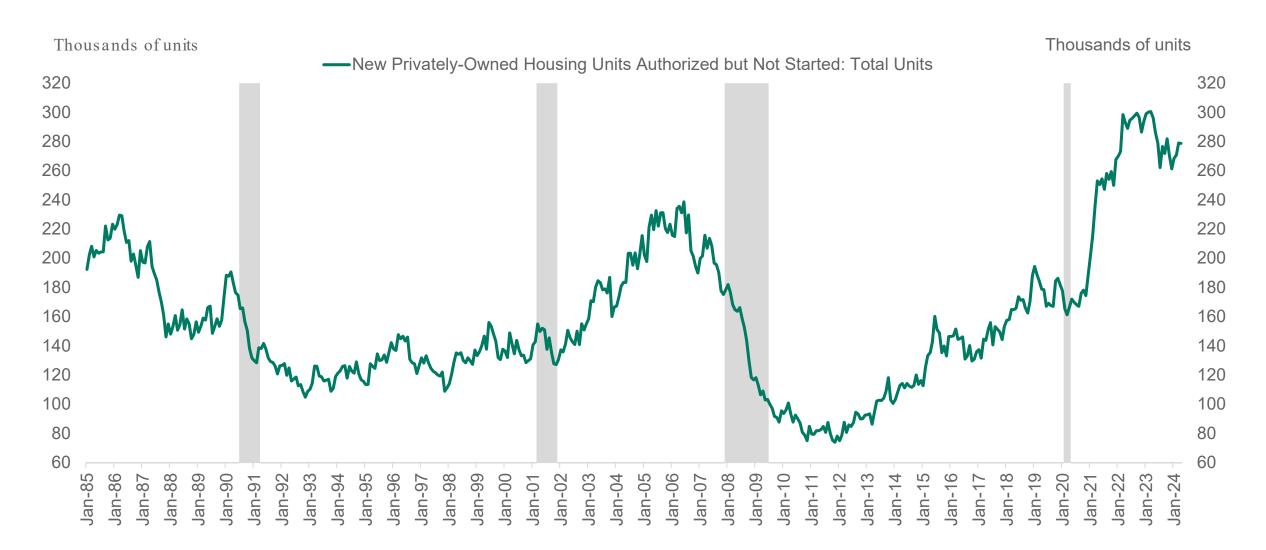
Source: Realtor.com, Apollo Chief Economist 46

### Residential construction spending starting to rise again



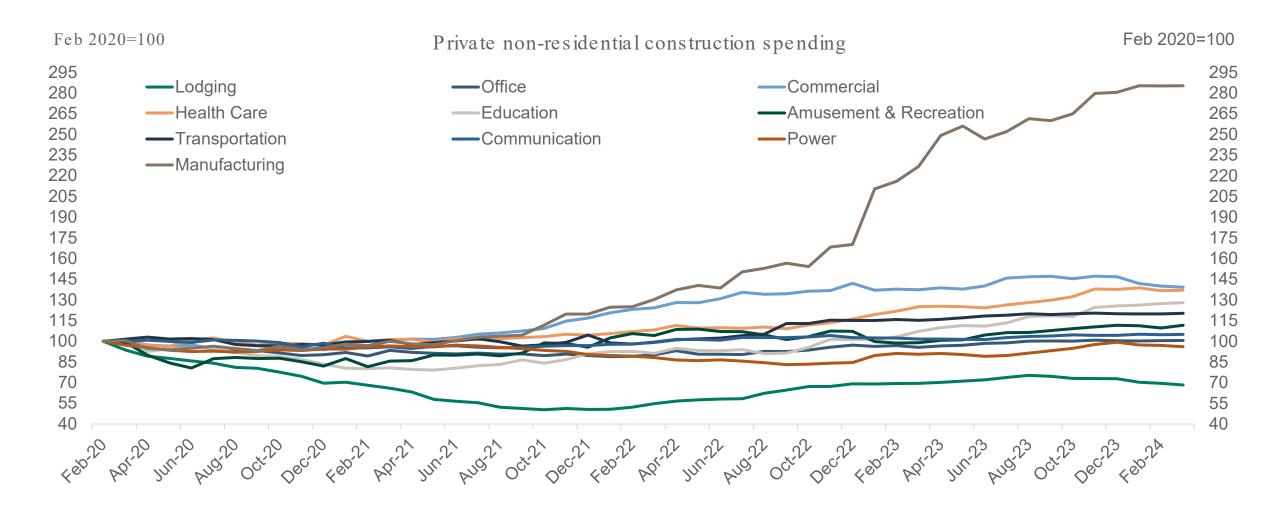
Source: Census, Apollo Chief Economist 47

## New housing units authorized but not started

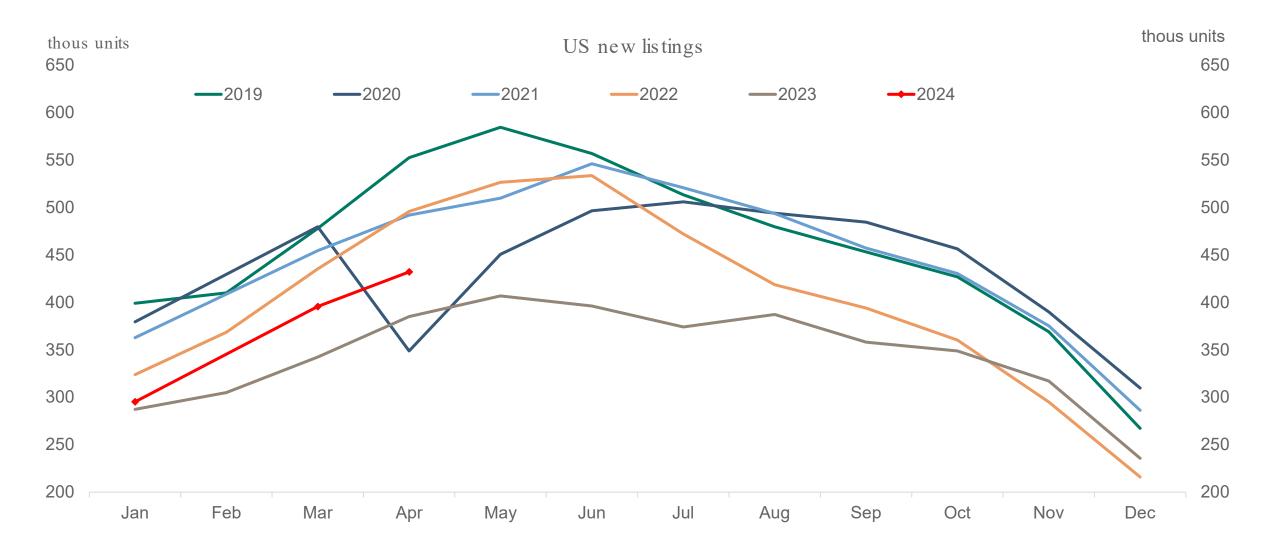


Source: FRED, Apollo Chief Economist

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

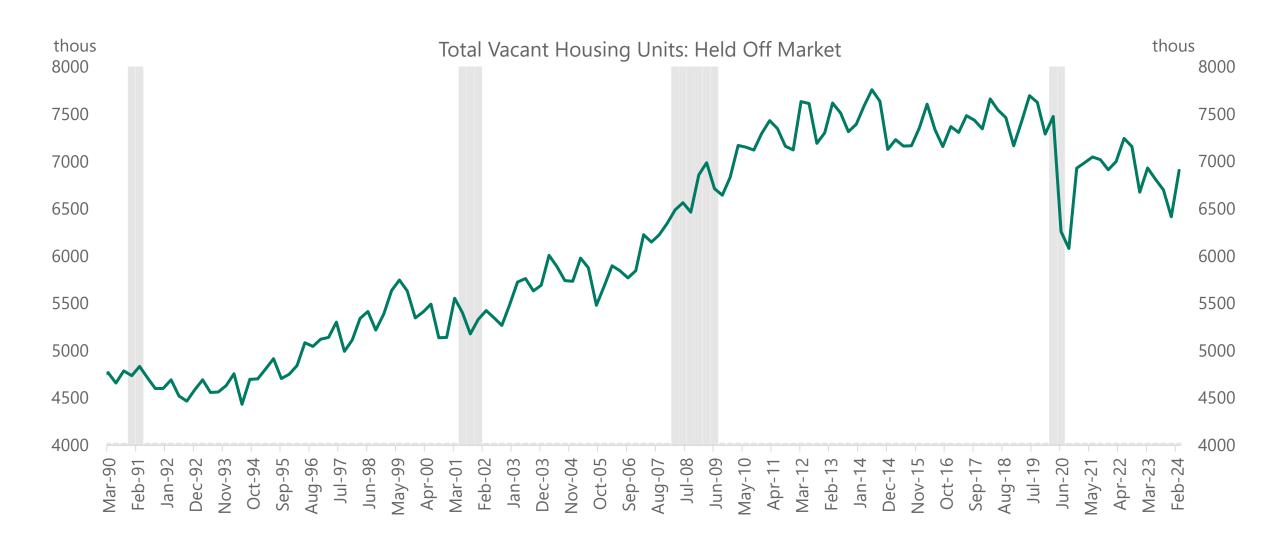


## Newly listed homes lower than normal

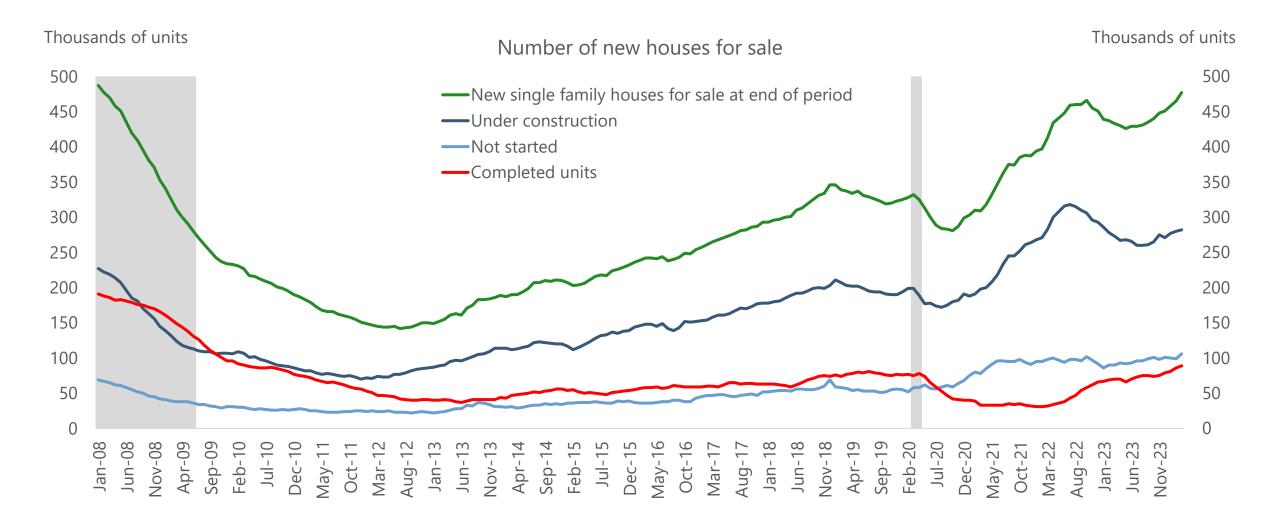


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#### Vacant housing units held off market

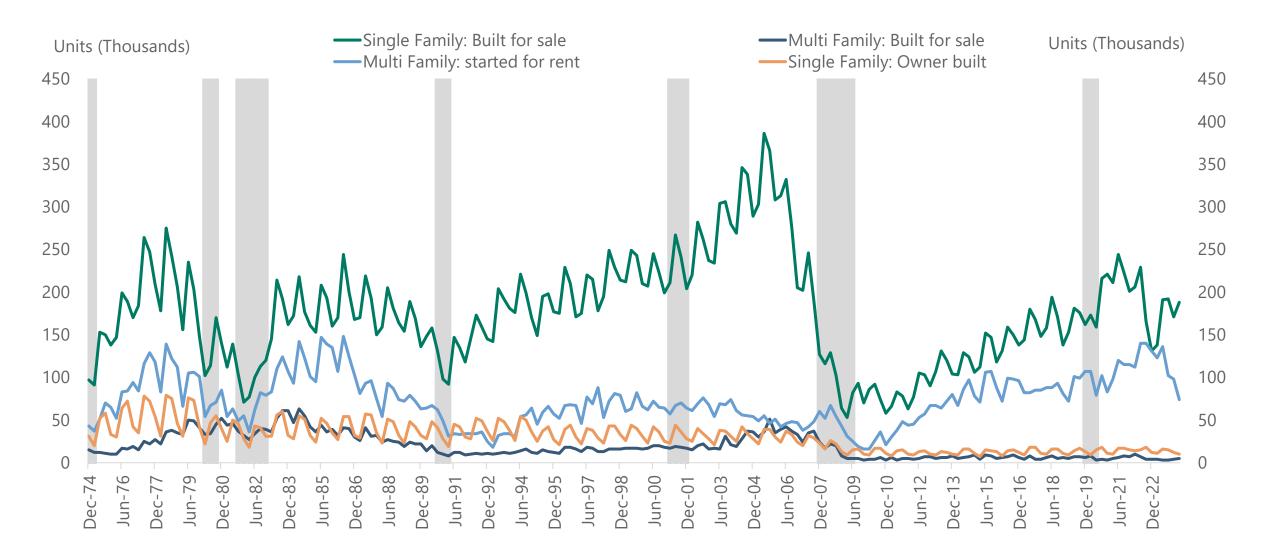


#### Number of new houses for sale



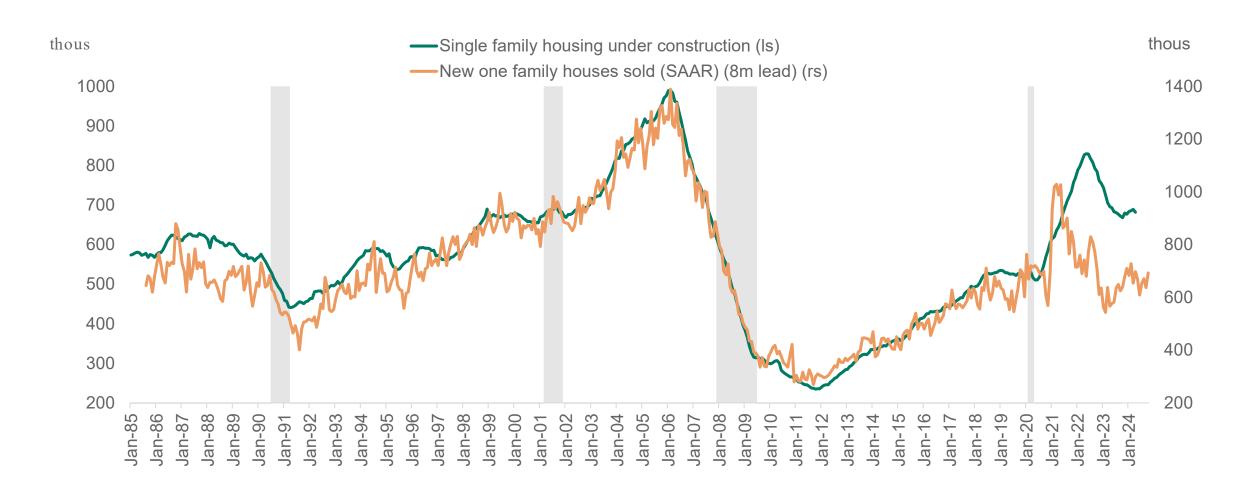
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### Intent of housing starts

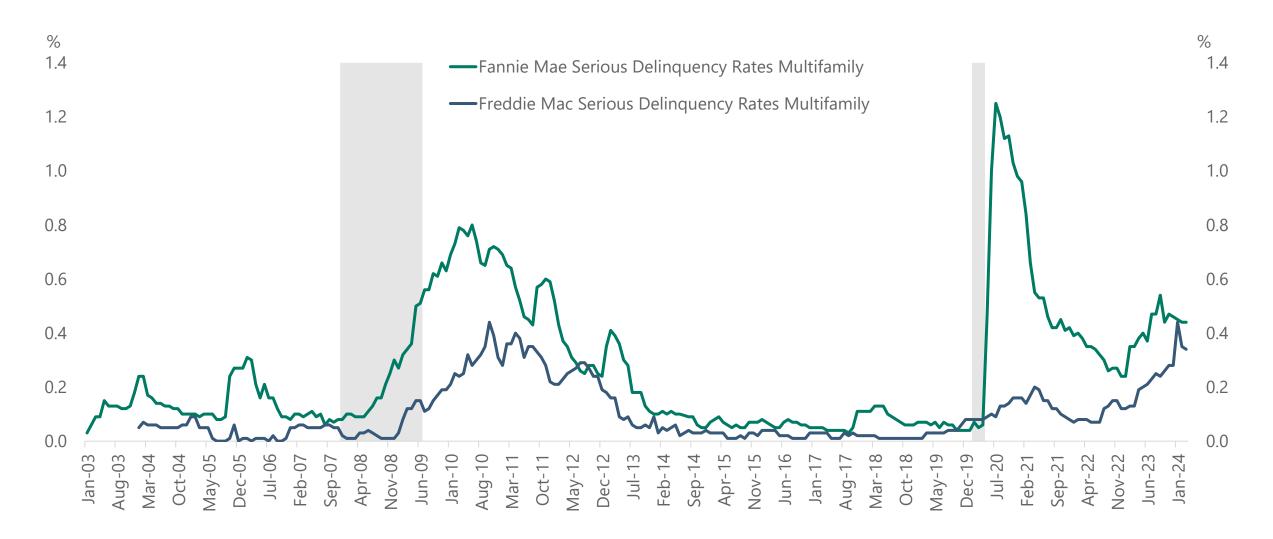


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## Some disconnect between housing under construction and new homes sold

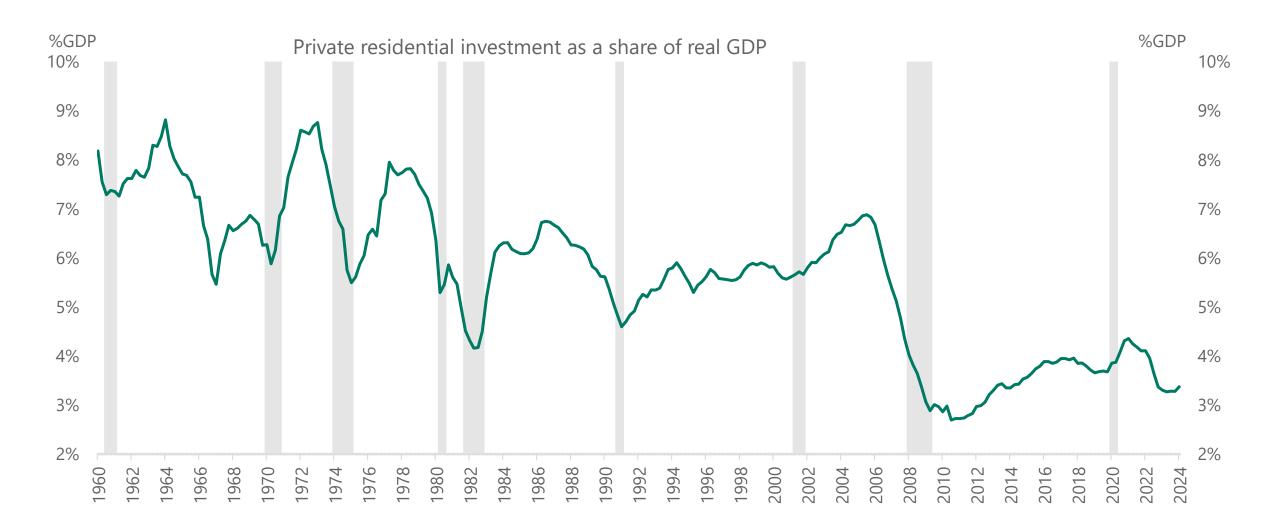


#### Multifamily delinquencies rising



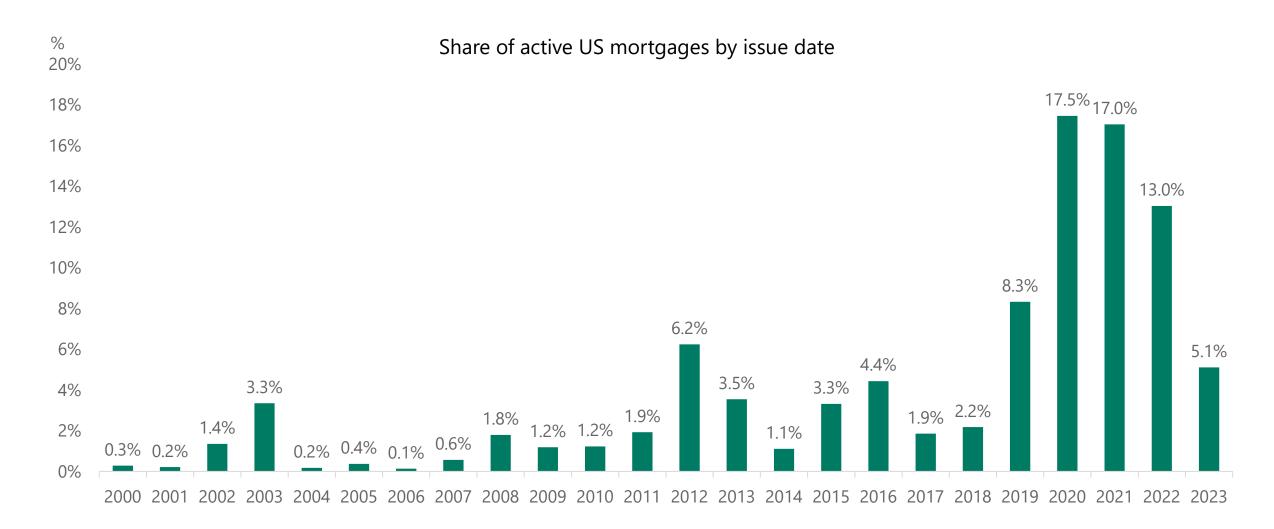
Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 55

#### Residential investment as a share of real GDP declined to 3.3% from 9% in 1964

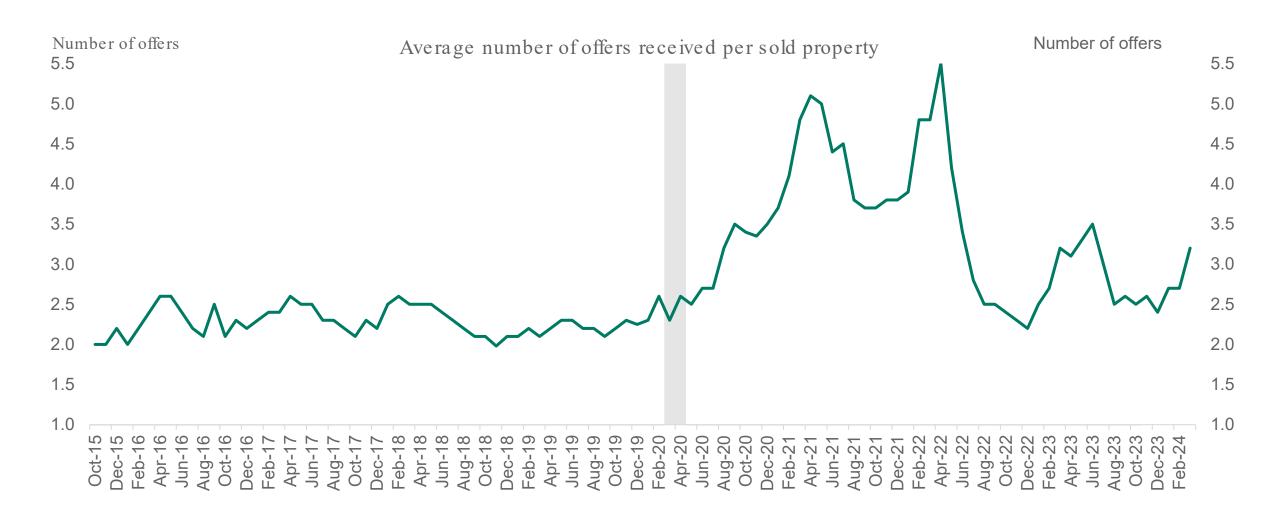


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# 63% of all mortgages outstanding were issued after 2018

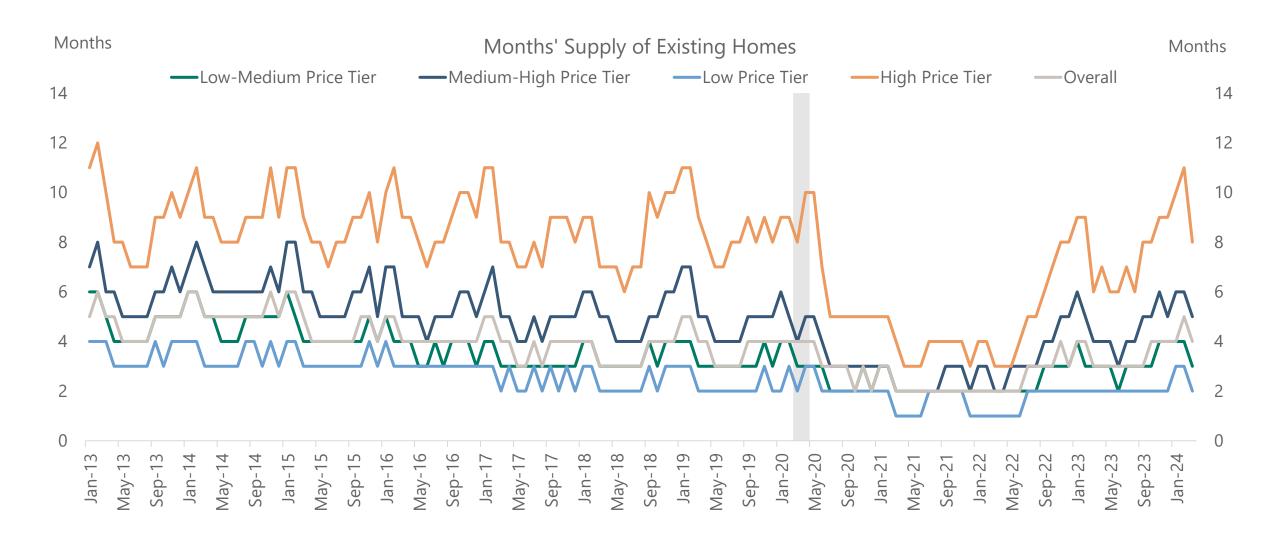


#### Fewer bidding wars recently

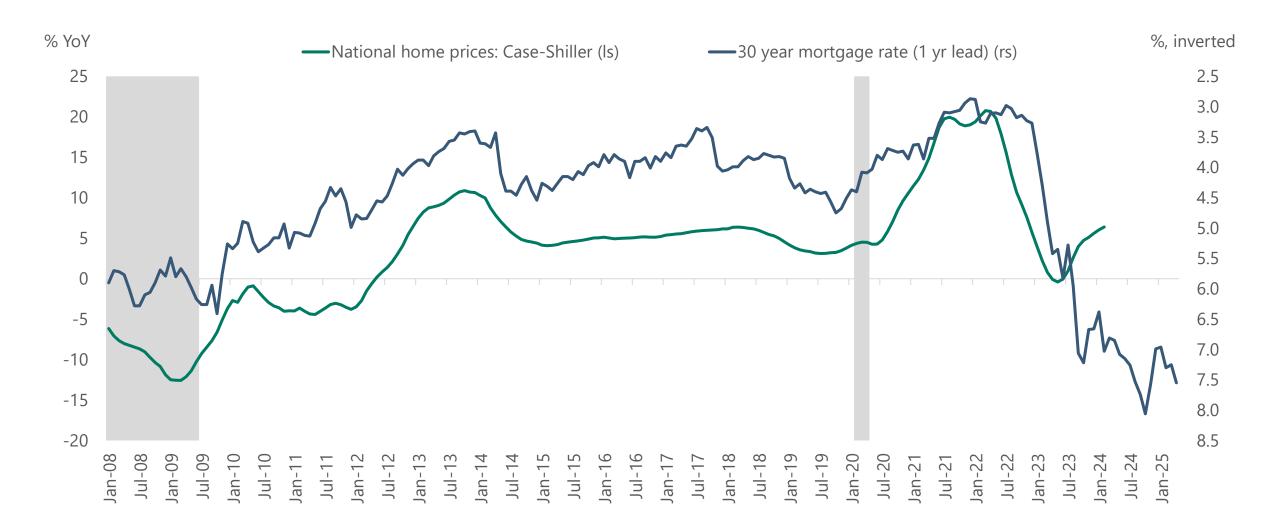


Source: NAR, Apollo Chief Economist

## Seasonal increase in the inventory of homes for sale

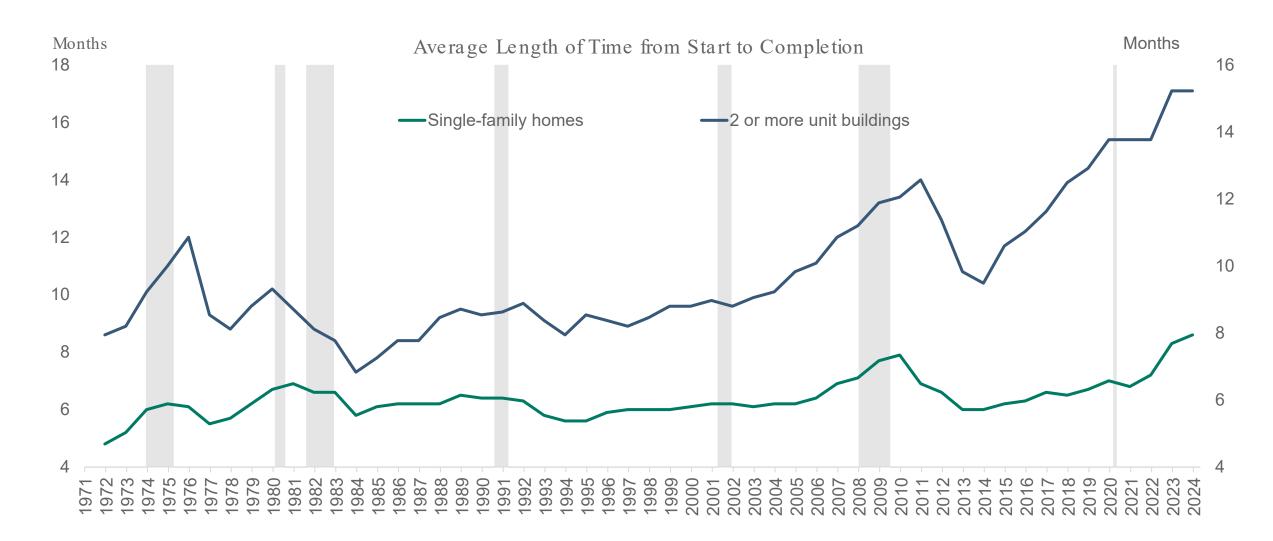


## Disconnect between mortgage rates and home prices

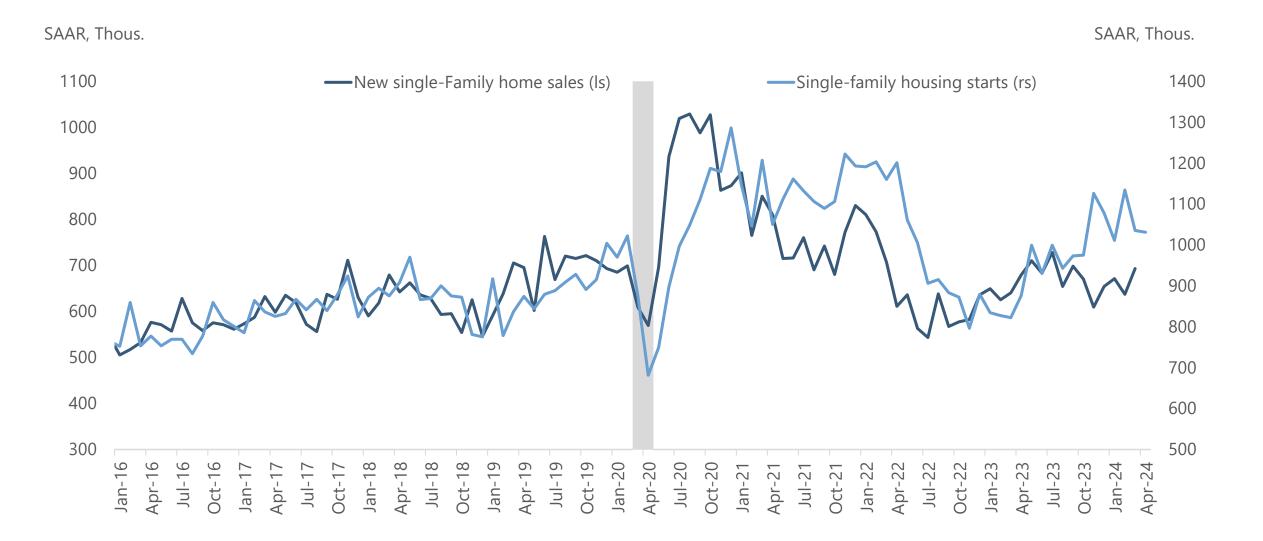


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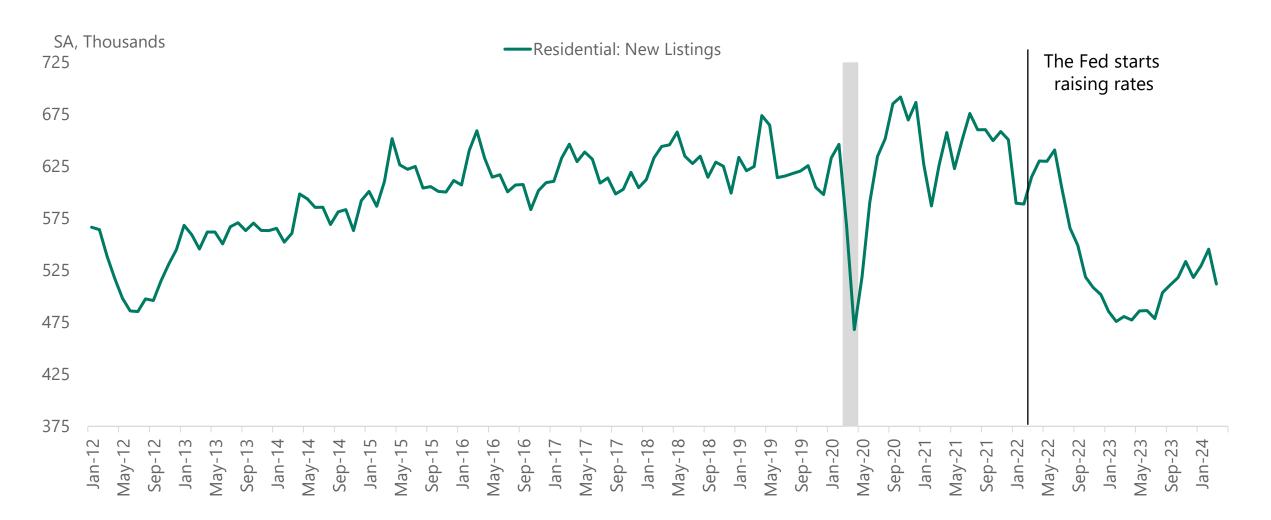
# It currently takes 8 months on average to build a single-family house



#### Rising housing starts points to a rise in new home sales

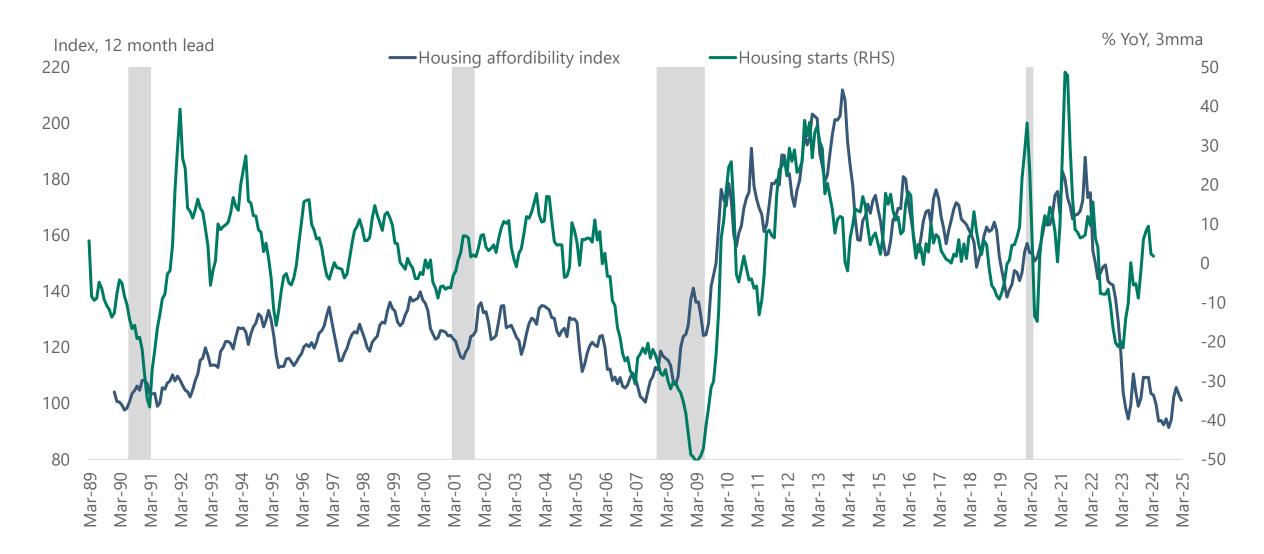


## Housing supply is low: Residential new listings remains low



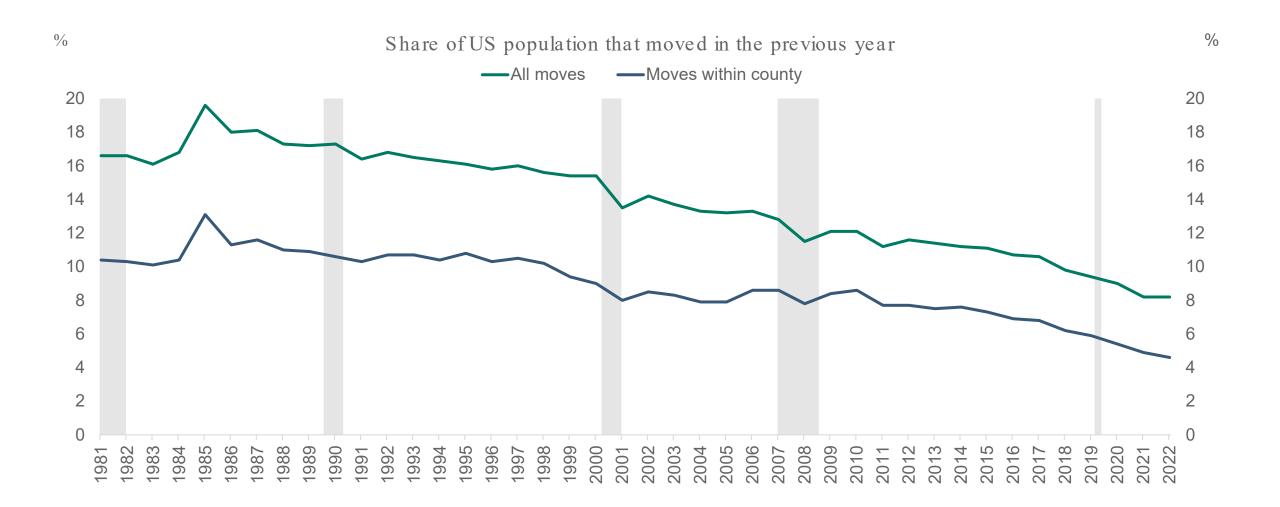
Source: Redfin, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist.

#### Low inventory of homes for sale boosting housing starts despite low affordability

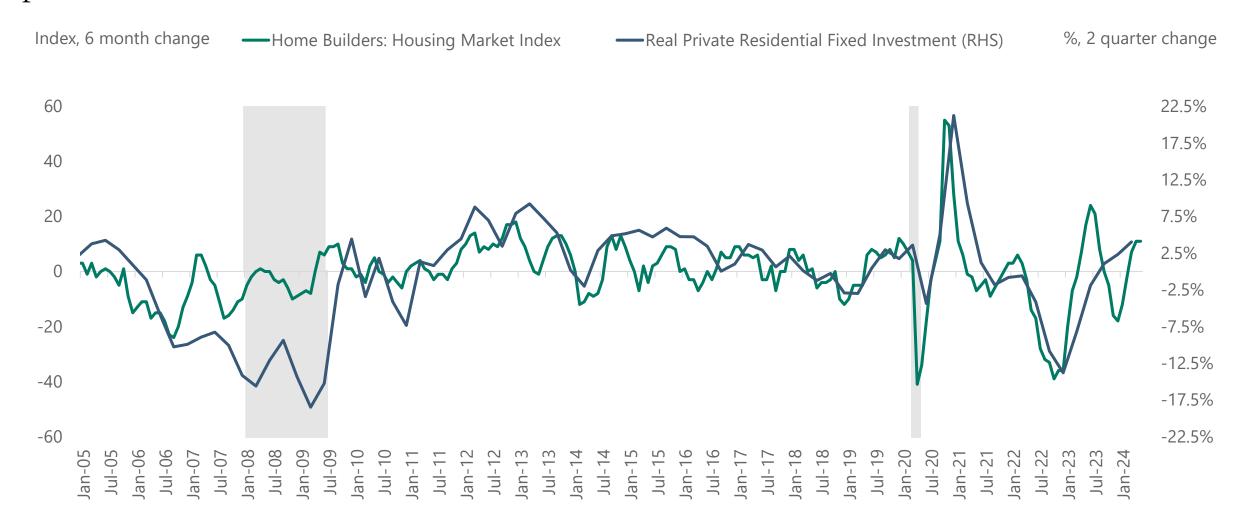


Source: Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist 64

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



Source: Census CPS, Apollo Chief economist 65 If homebuilder confidence rebounds over the coming months because of the Fed pivot, residential investment will also rebound

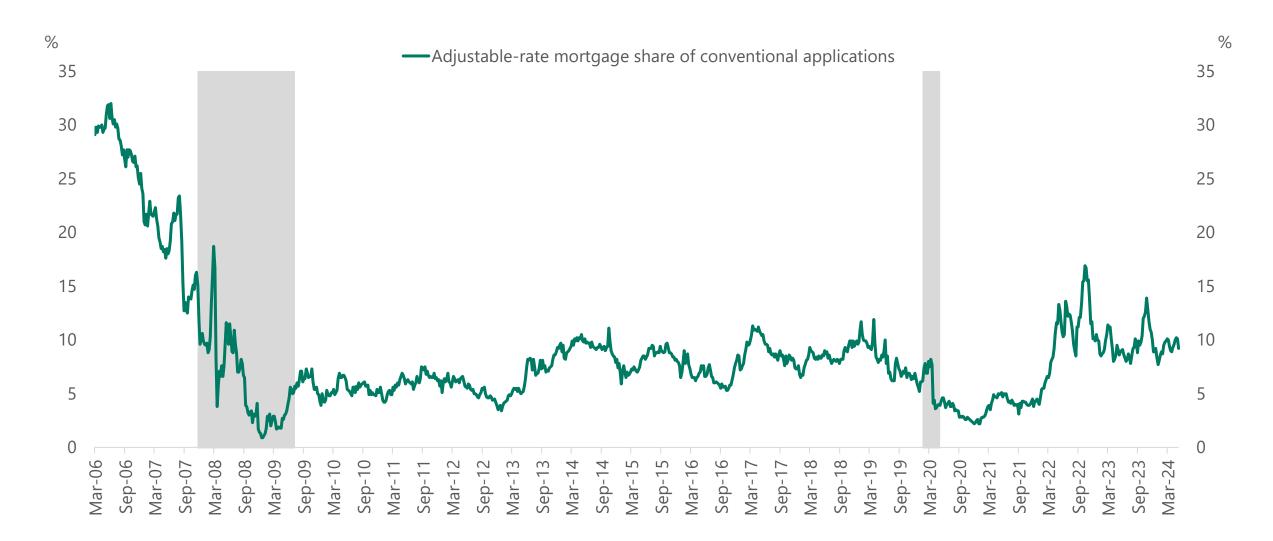


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## Monthly mortgage payment on a new mortgage is around \$3000

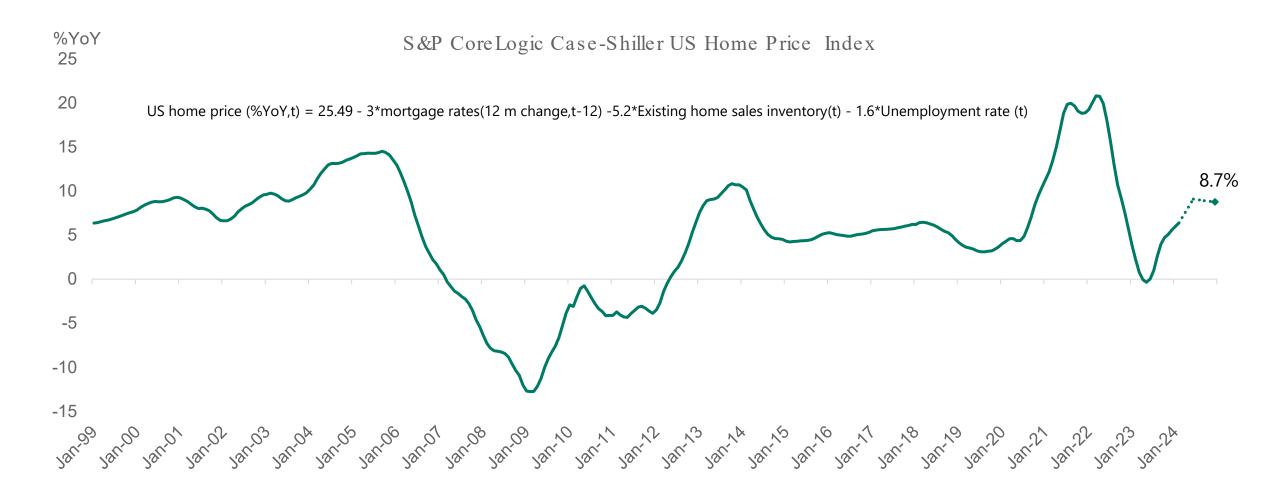


# ARM share of total mortgage applications steady at 10%



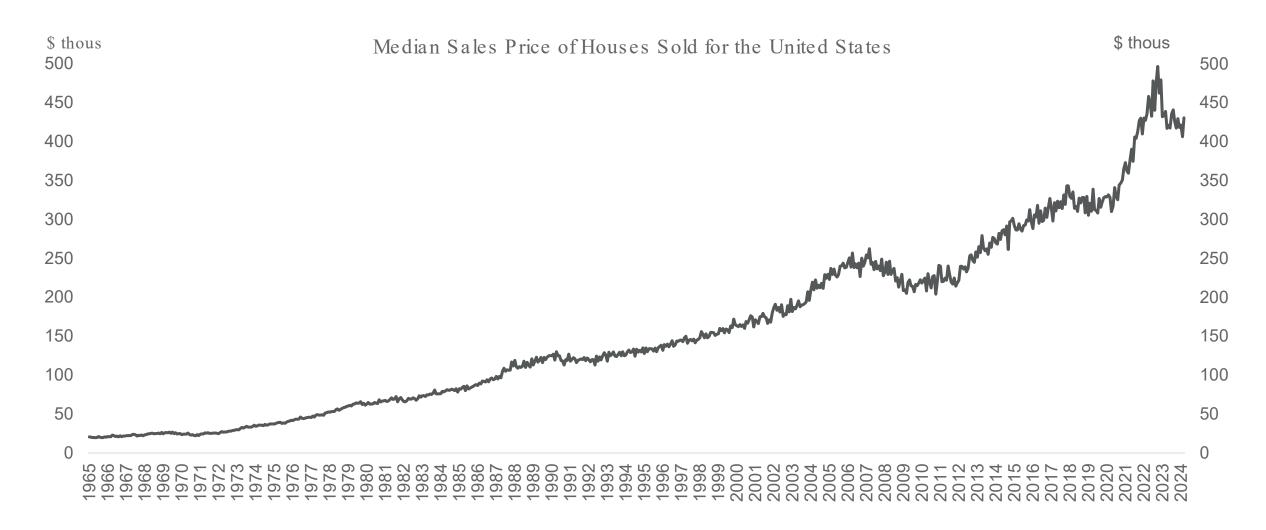
3) House Prices: Home price inflation not yet impacted by higher mortgage rates

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



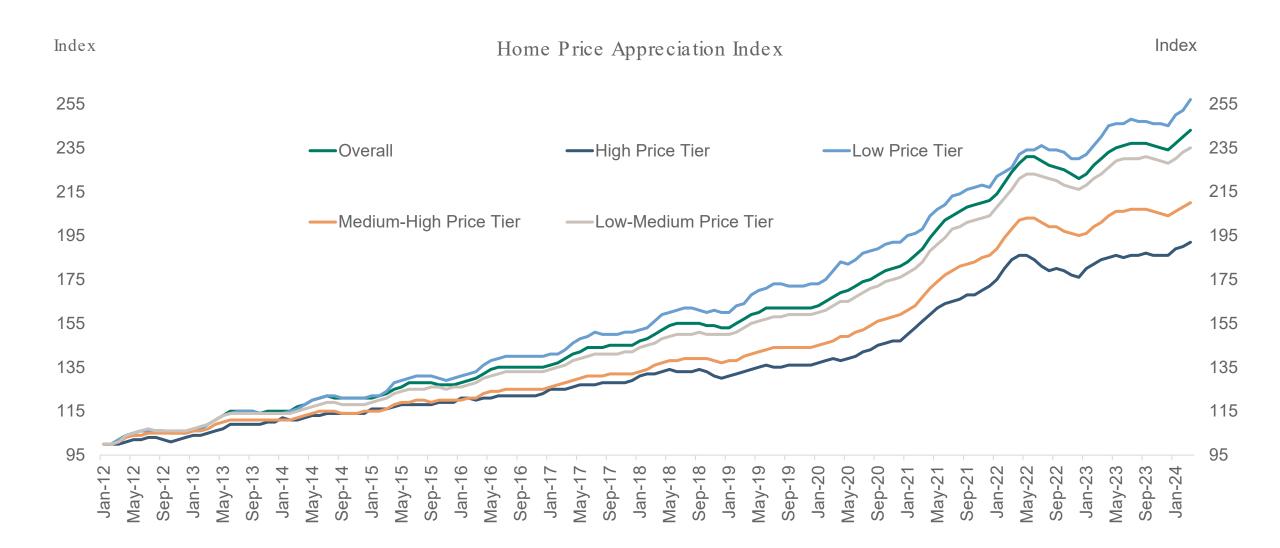
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# Median home sales price now \$430.7K

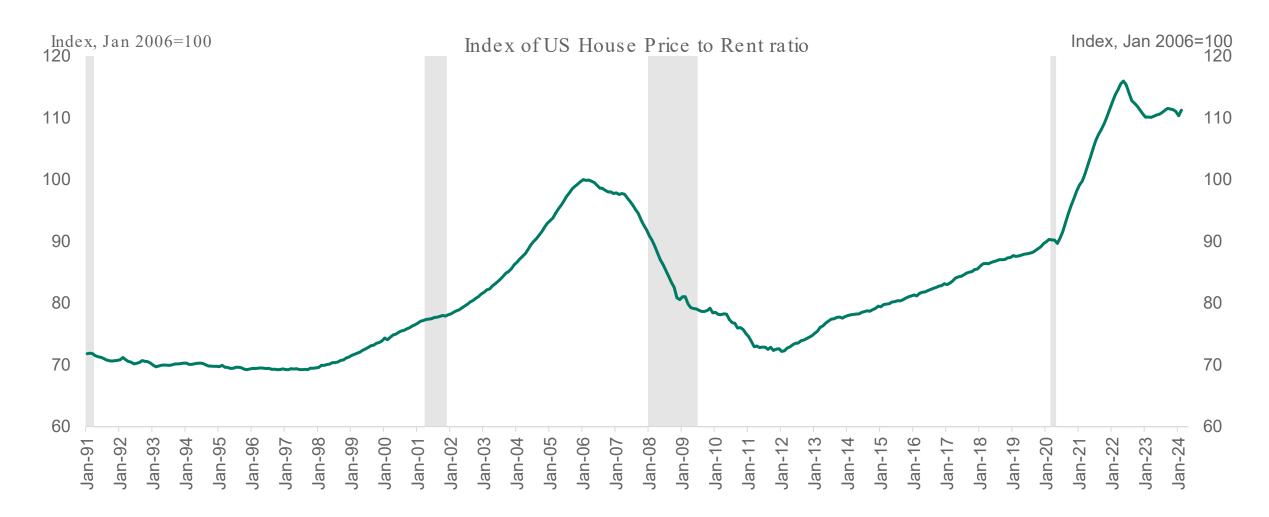


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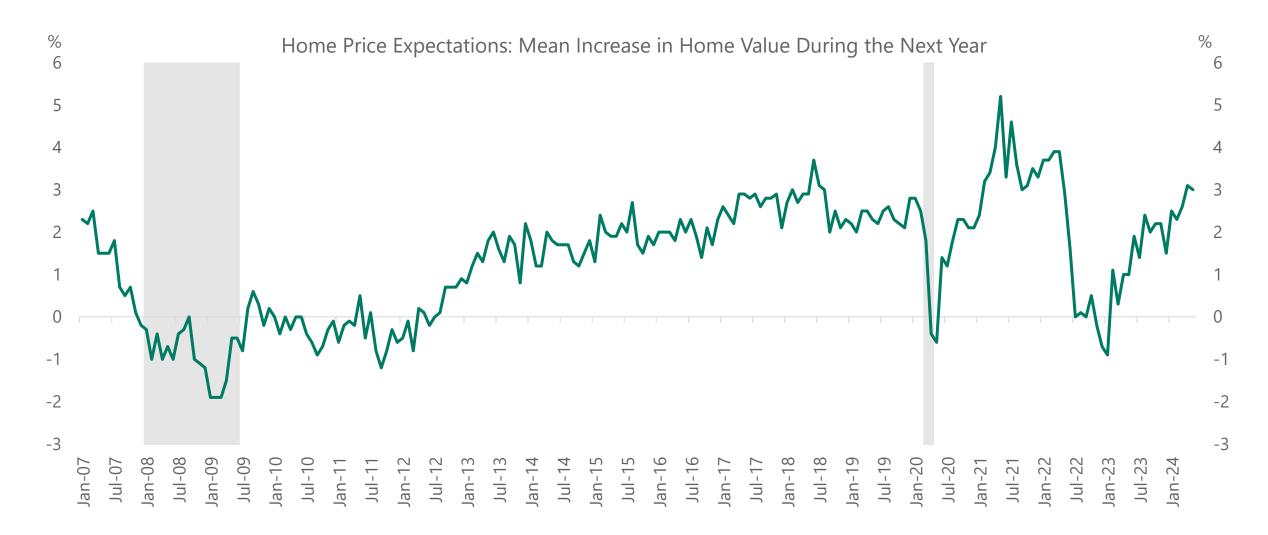
## House price inflation stabilizing across price tiers



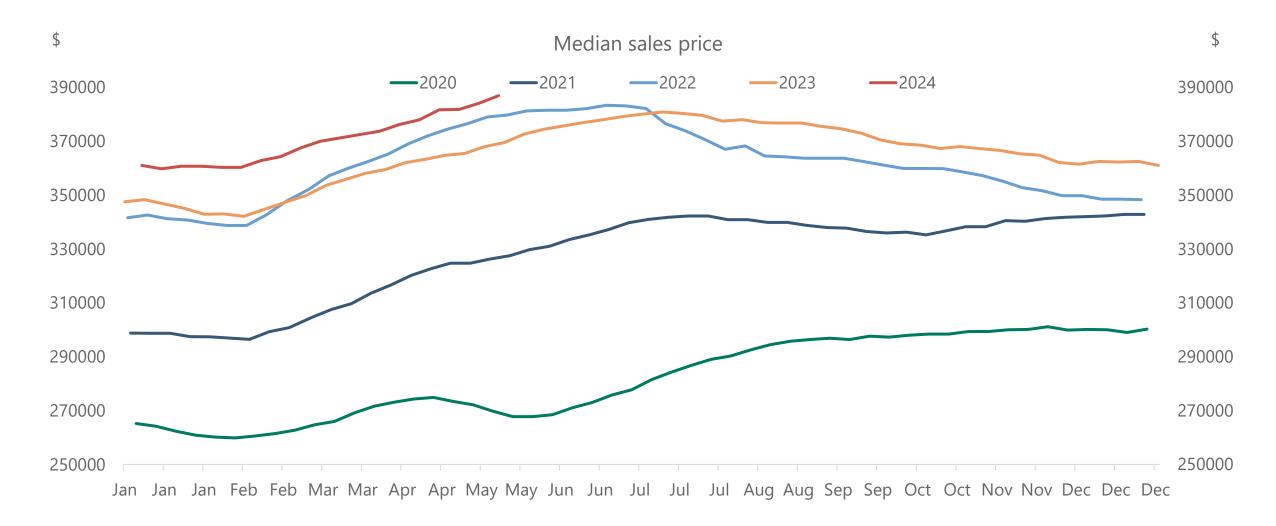
## Home price to rent ratio significantly above 2006 levels



## Consumers' expectations of home price inflation

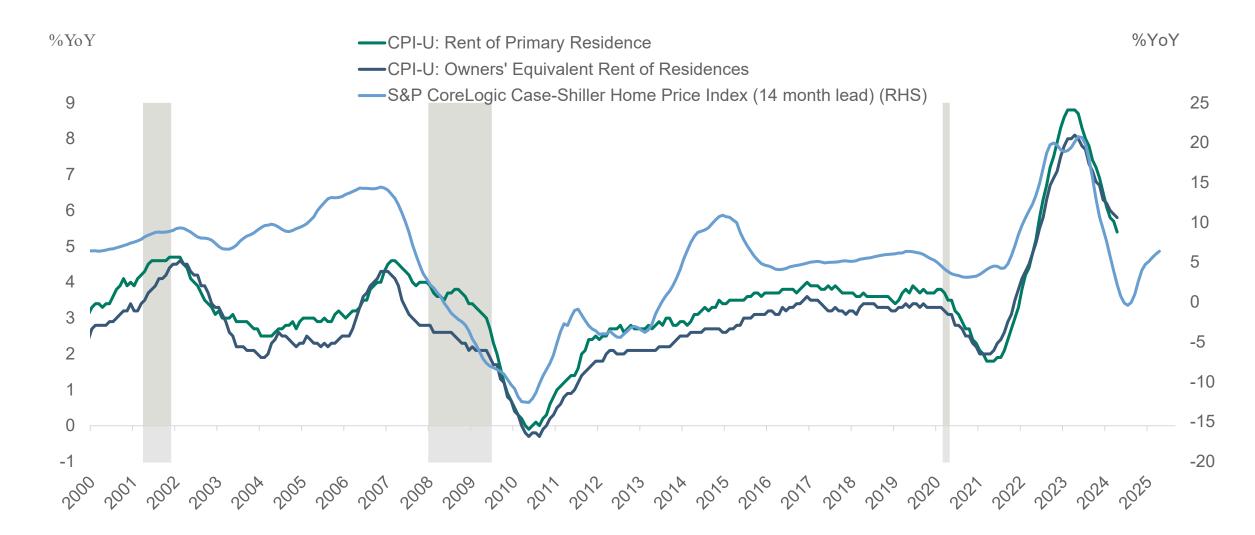


## Median sales price well above last year's levels



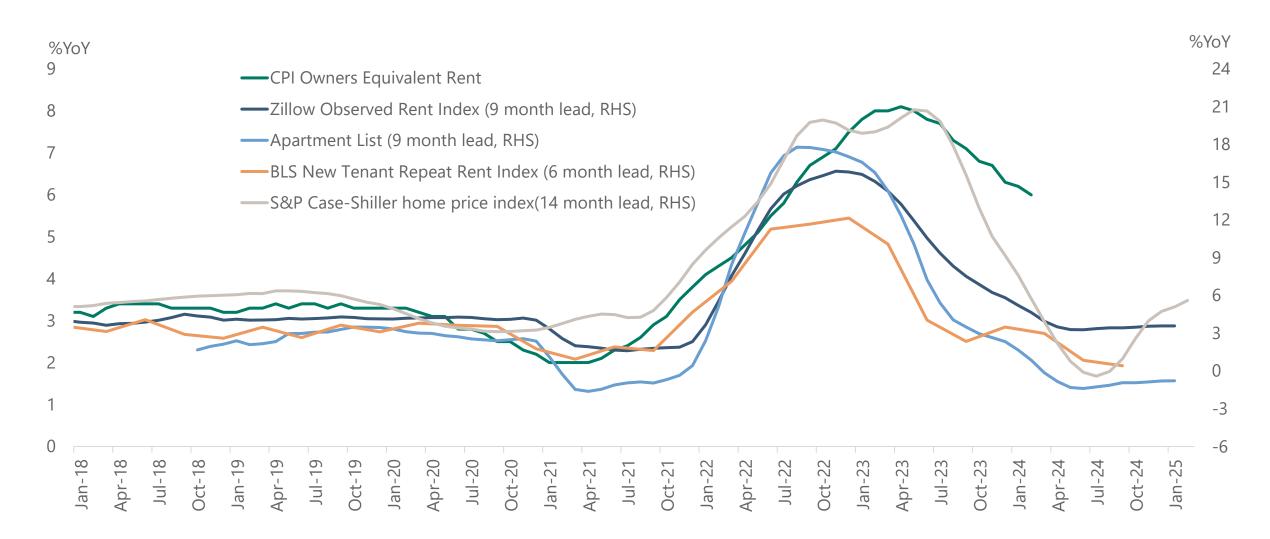
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### Home price inflation rebounding

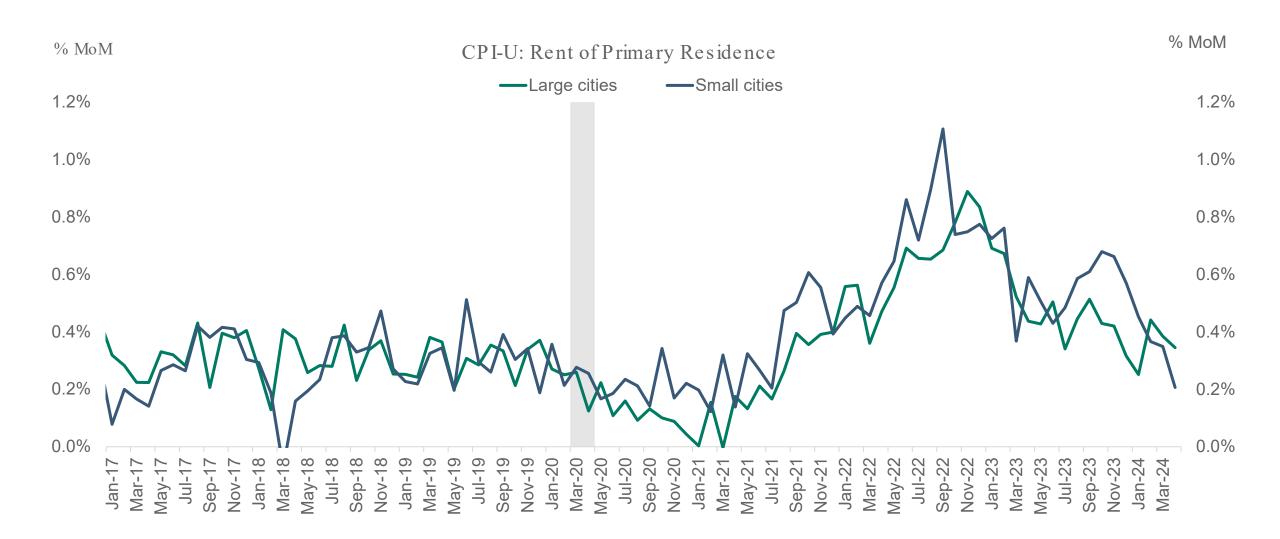


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## Rebound coming in housing inflation

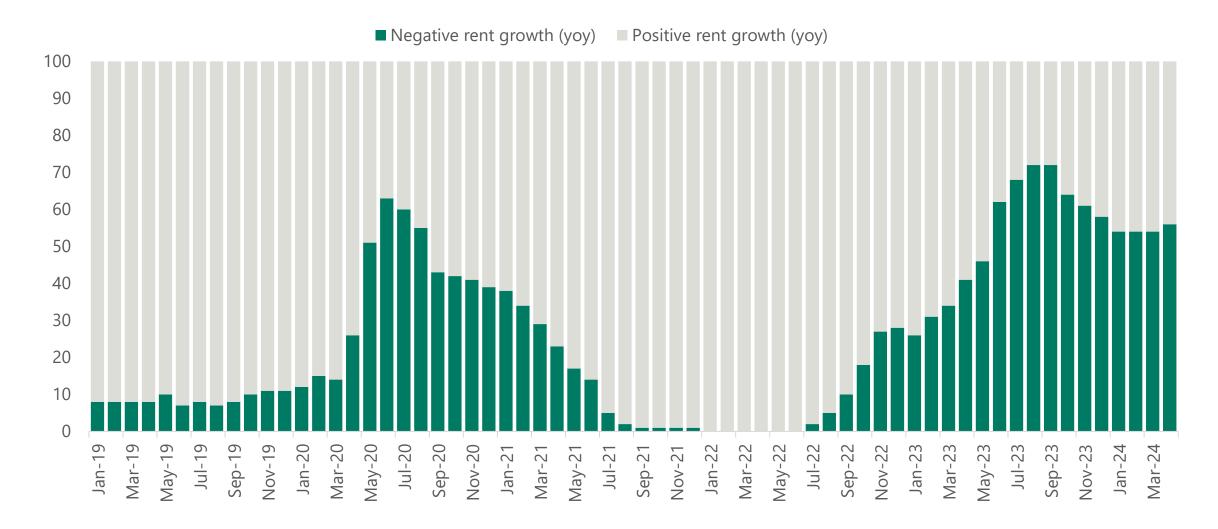


## But rent inflation still trending lower in both small cities and large cities



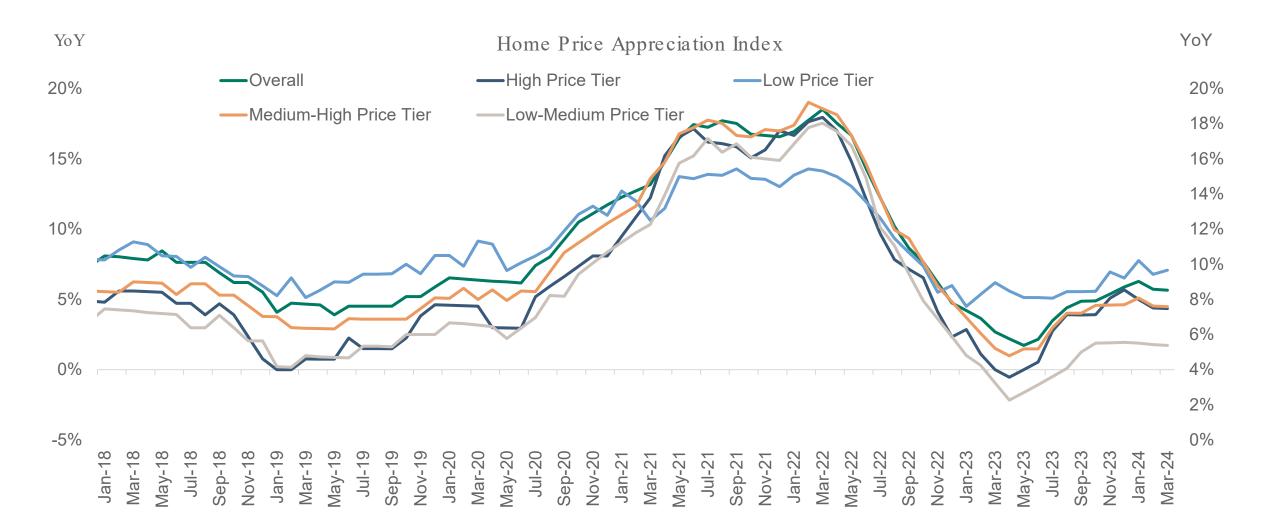
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## 100 largest US cities: Share of cities with positive rent growth high

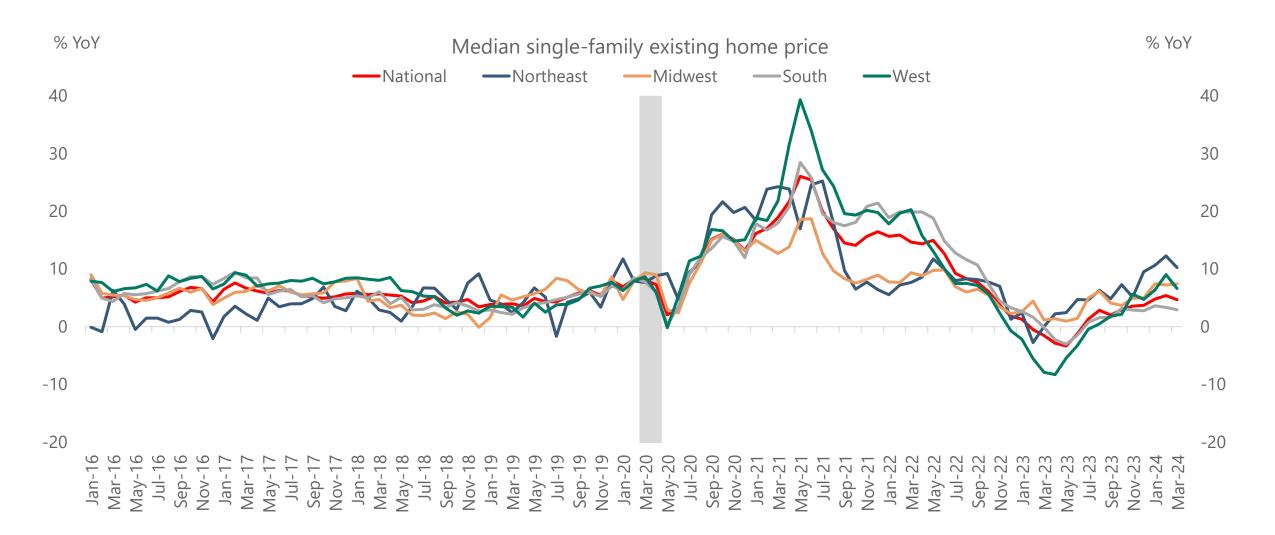


Source: Apartmentlist.com, Apollo Chief Economist

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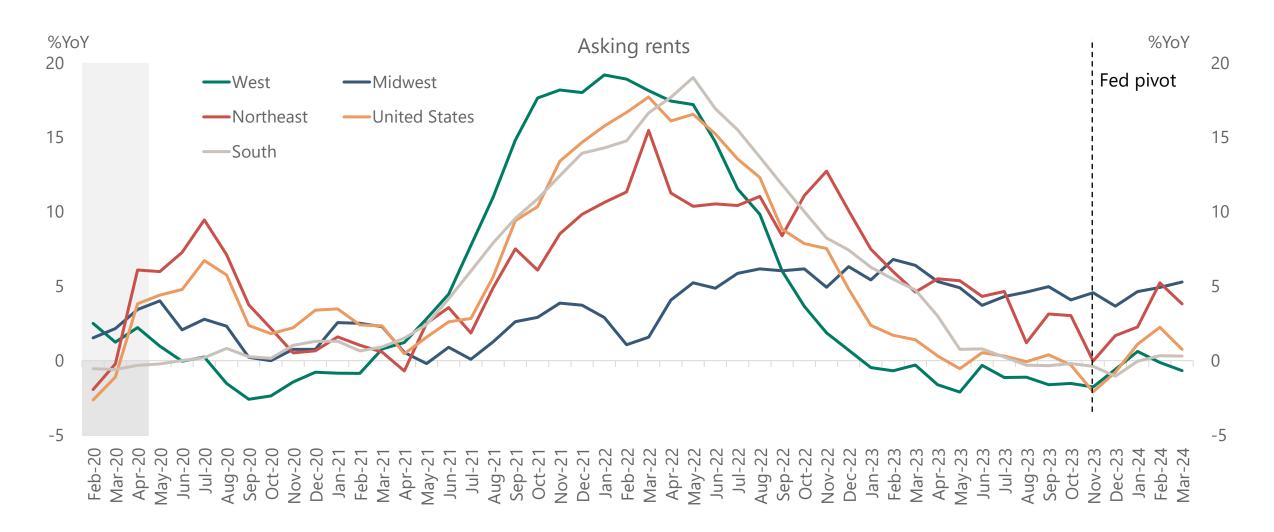


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## Asking rents rising across regions



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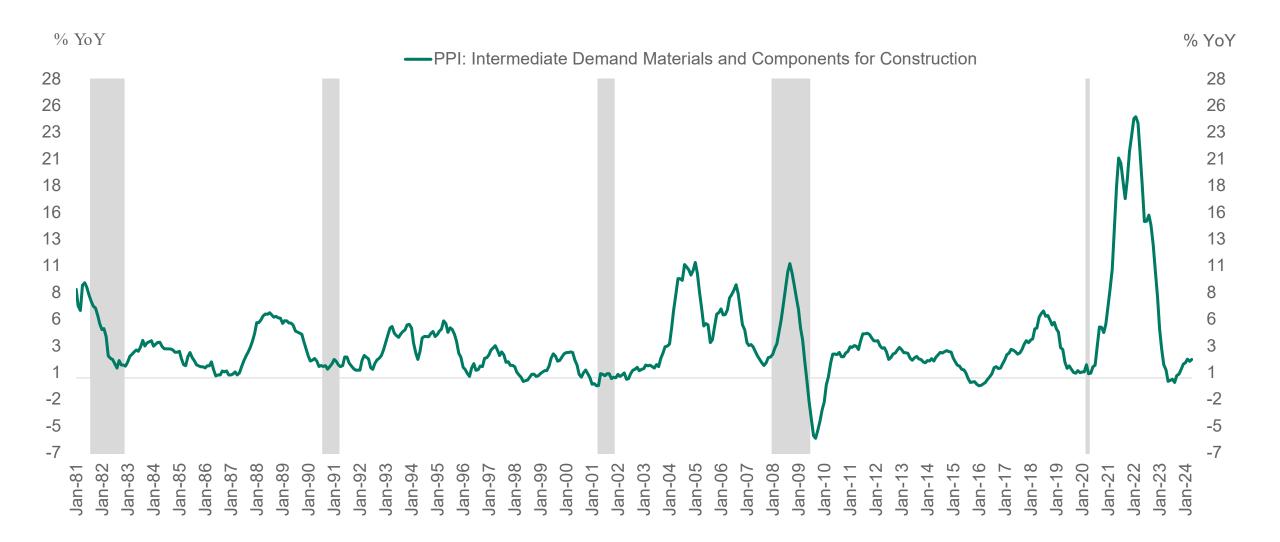
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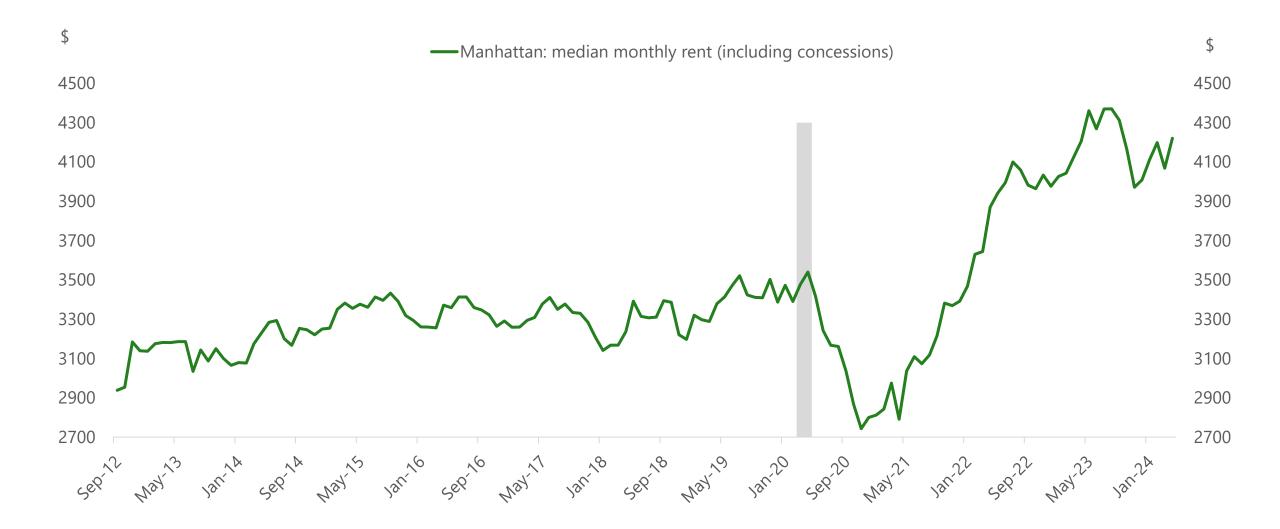
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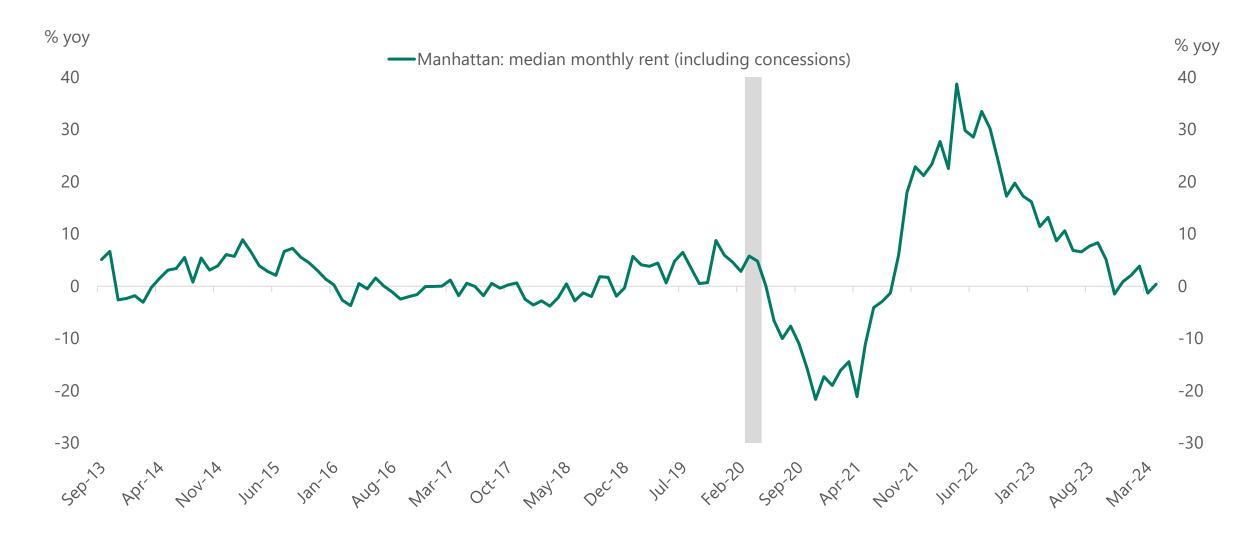
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## Manhattan median rent rose to \$4220 in April 2024



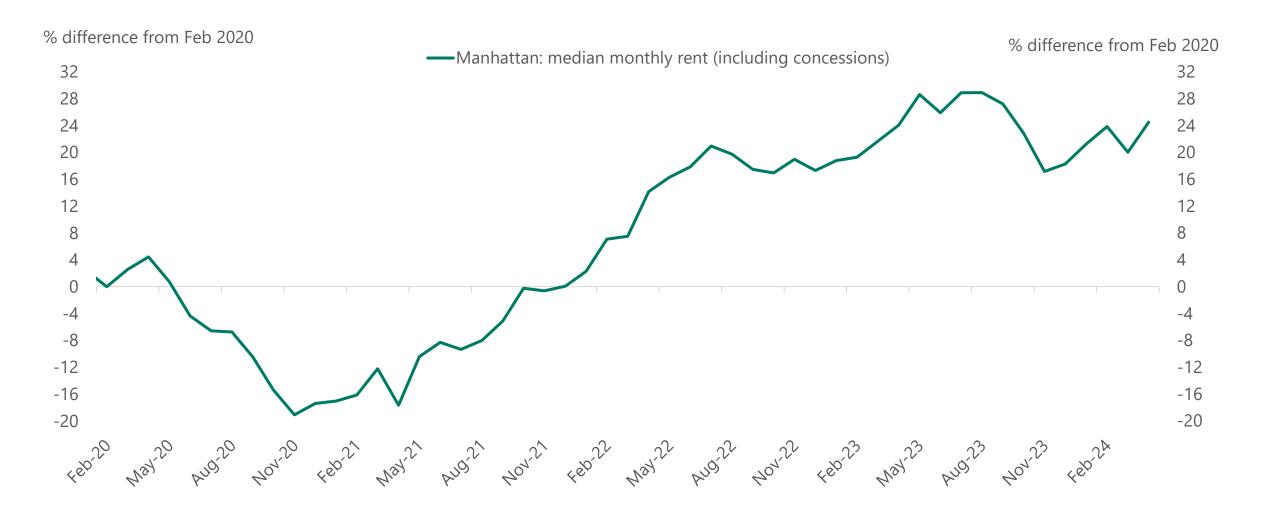
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## Manhattan rent growth slowing



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#### Manhattan rents still above pre-pandemic levels



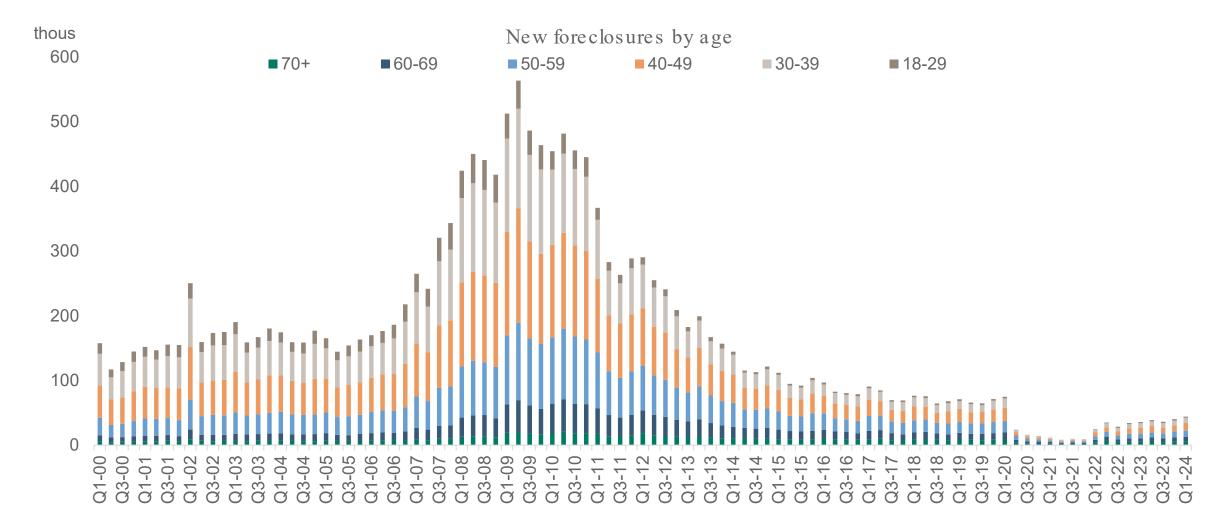
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## Rising mortgage rates generally associated with lower home price inflation

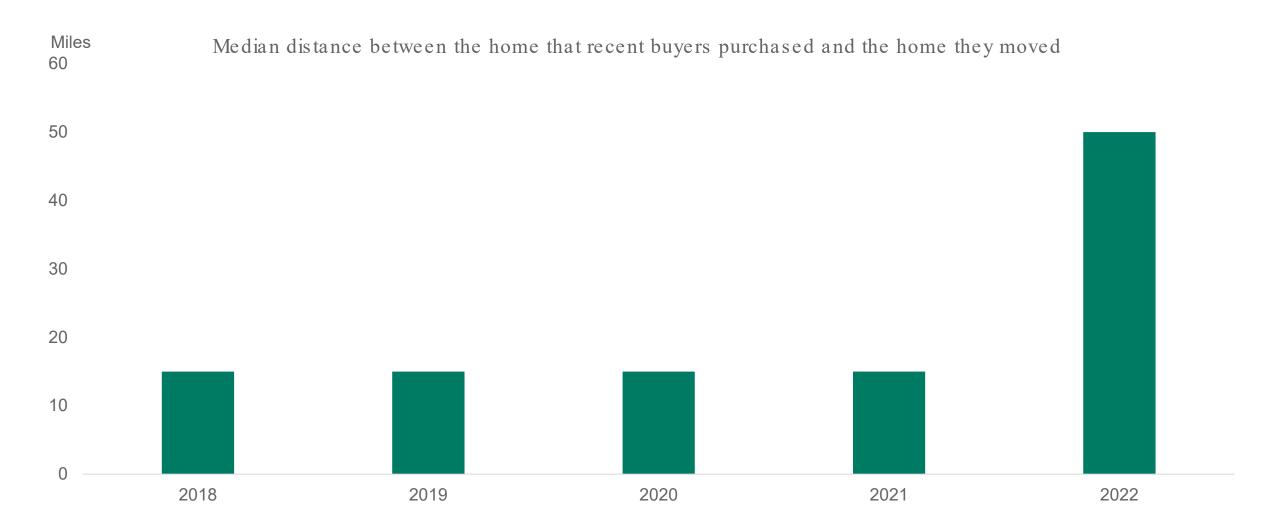


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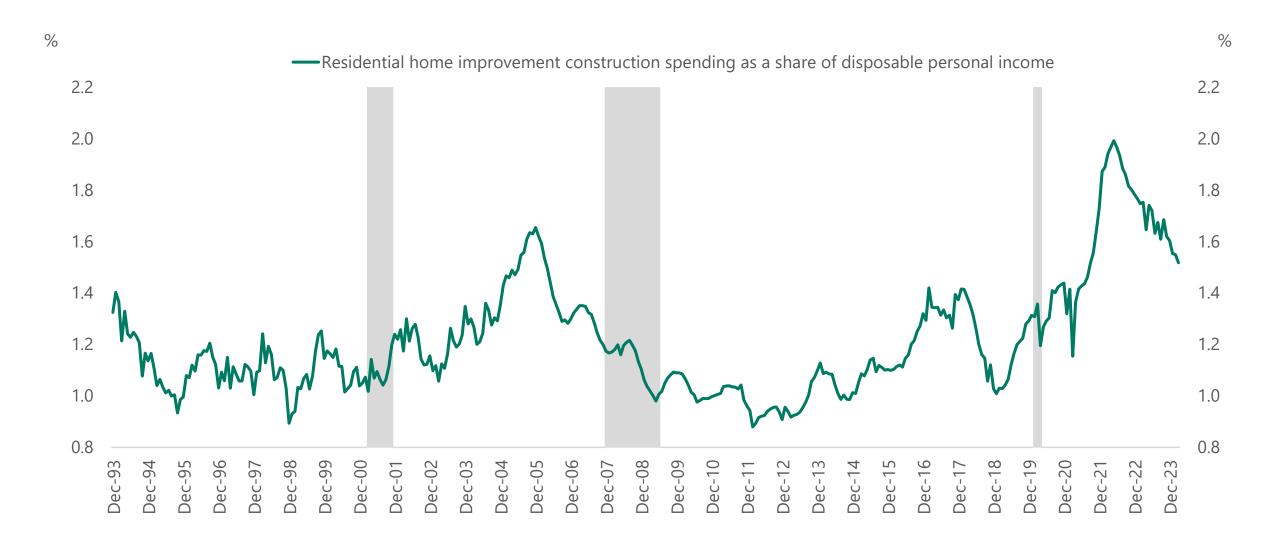
#### New foreclosures, by age of homeowner



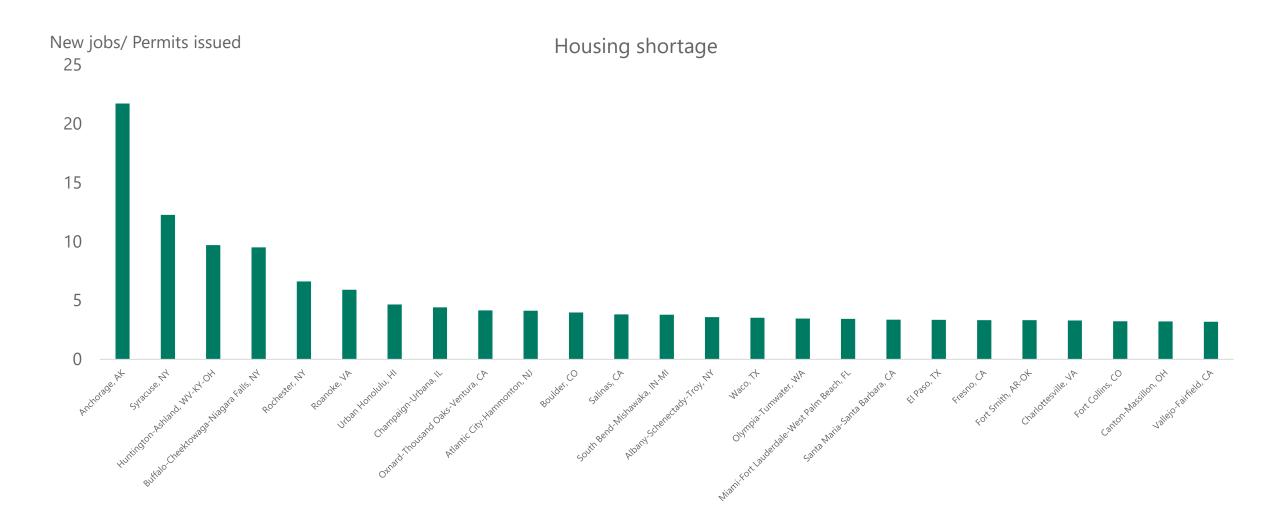
Median distance between the home that recent buyers purchased and the home they moved from at 50 miles in 2022



## Home improvement spending declining



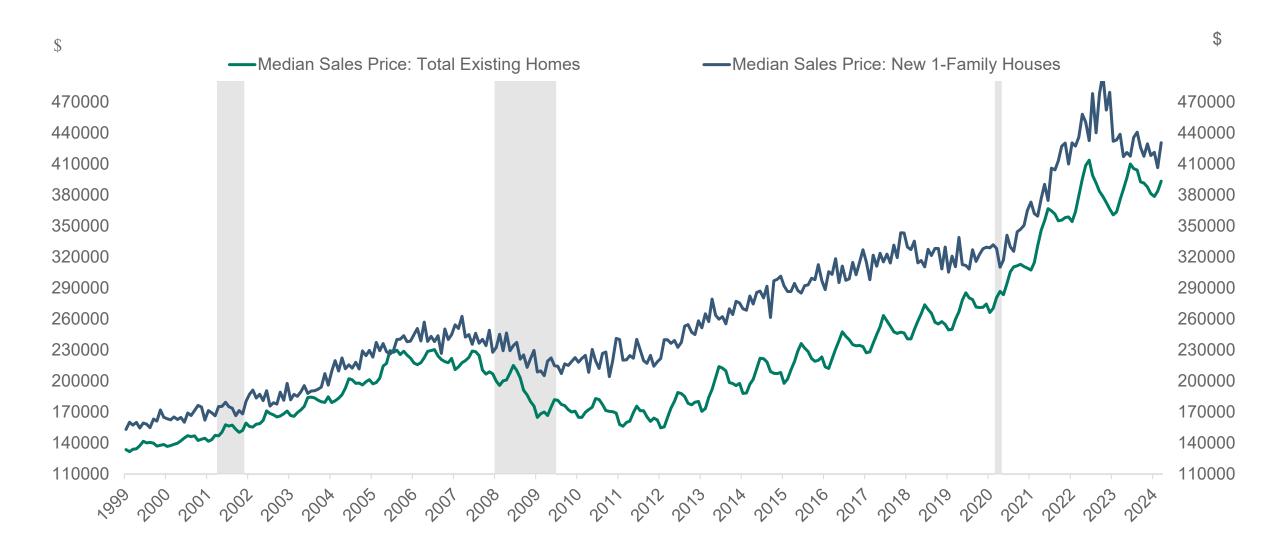
## Areas that need to build more houses to keep up with the increased demand



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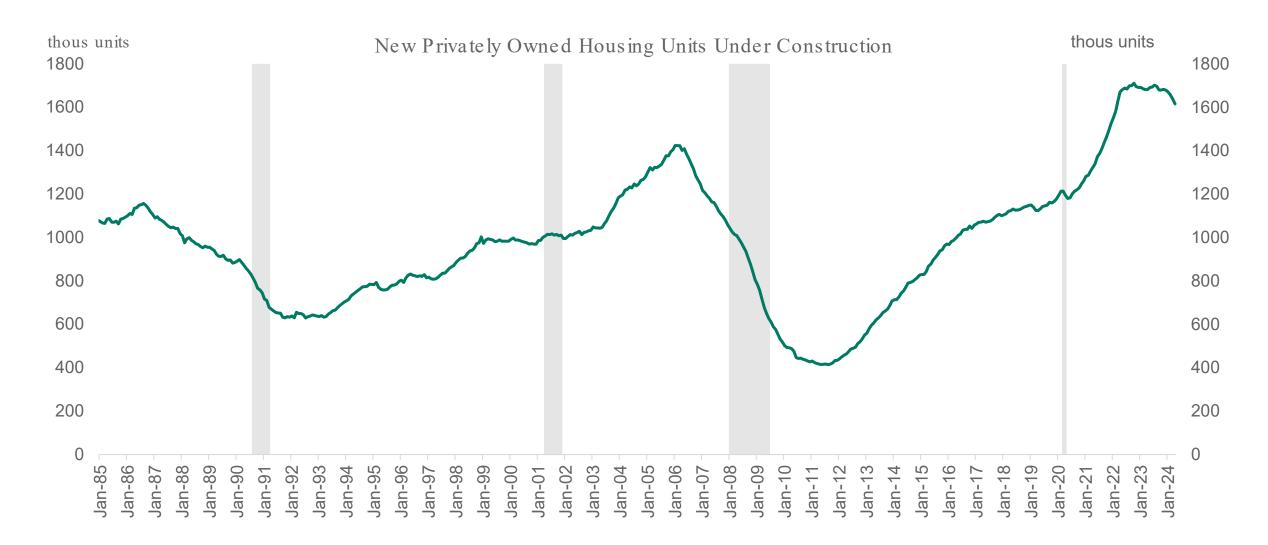
New versus existing homes

#### House prices for new homes and existing homes



Source: Census, Apollo Chief Economist

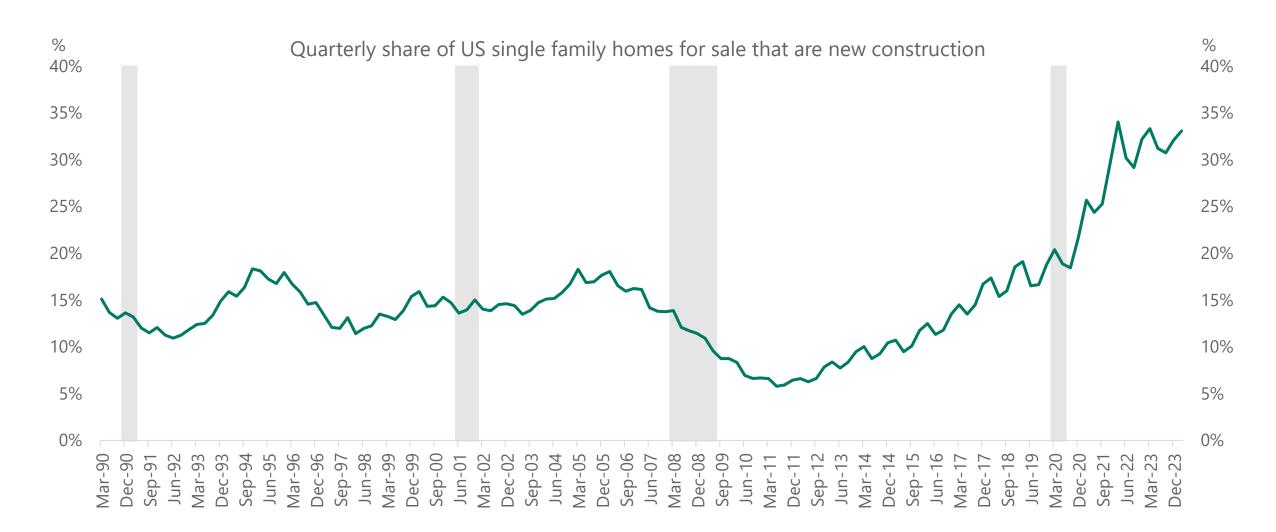
## New privately owned housing units under construction starting to peak



# Consensus is forecasting a modest rebound in home sales

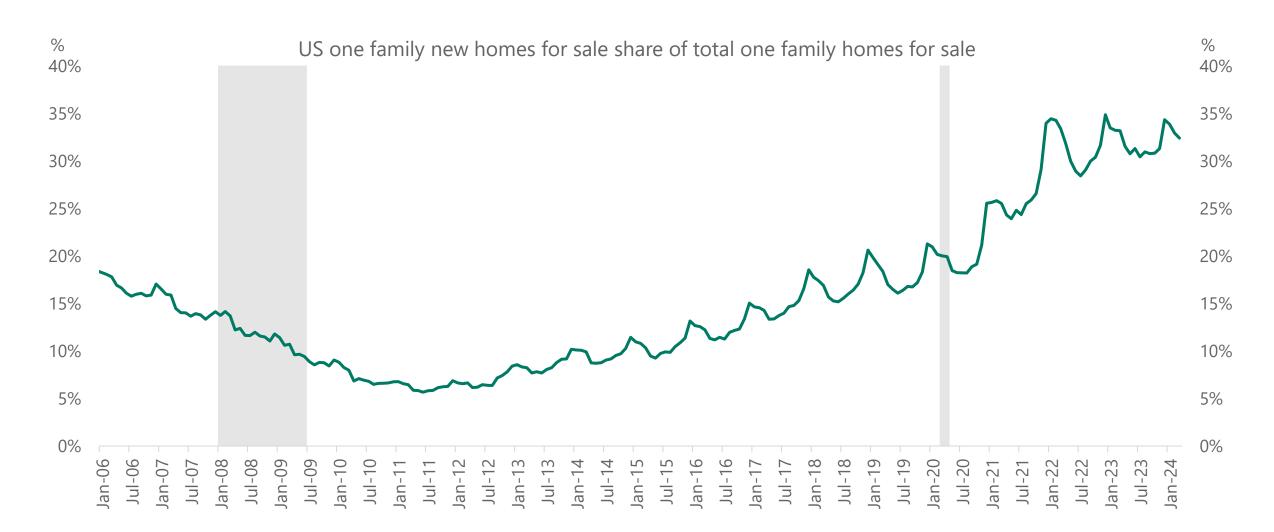


### Share of newly built homes for sale rising



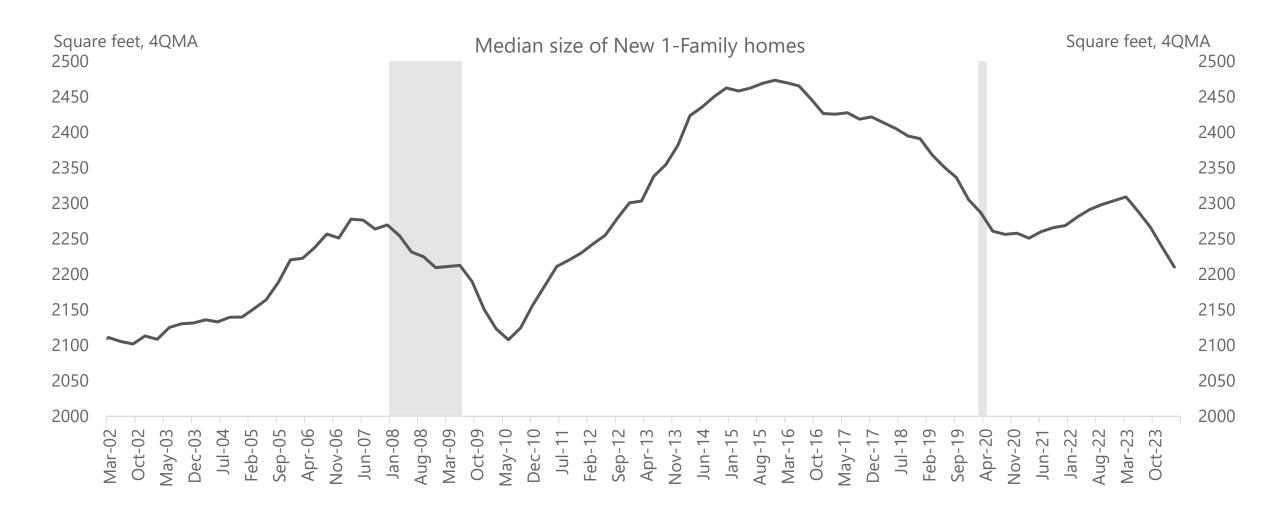
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## Share of new homes for sale rising



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## US homes are getting smaller

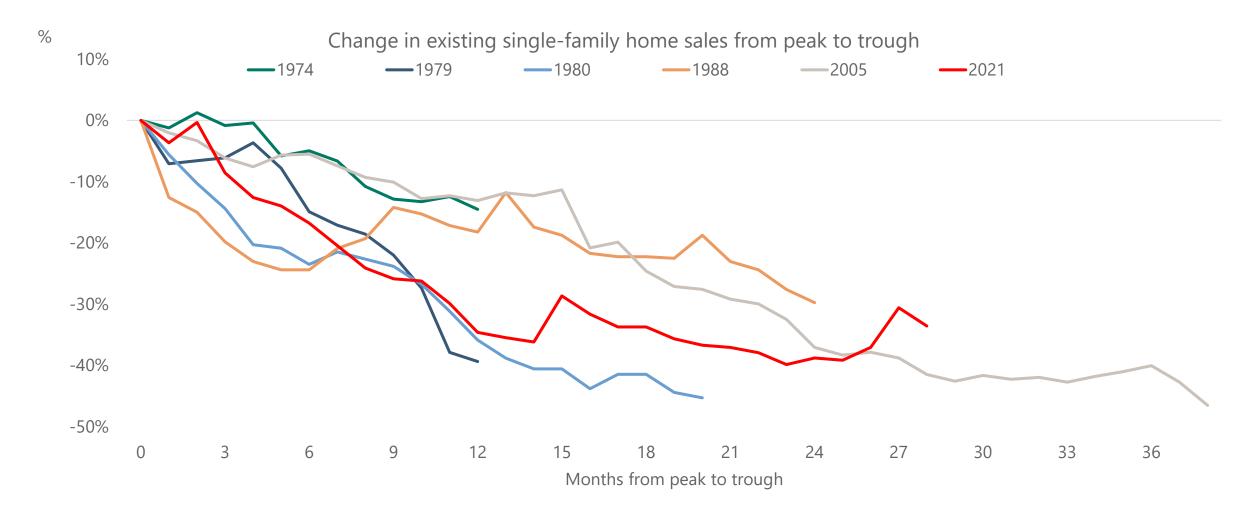


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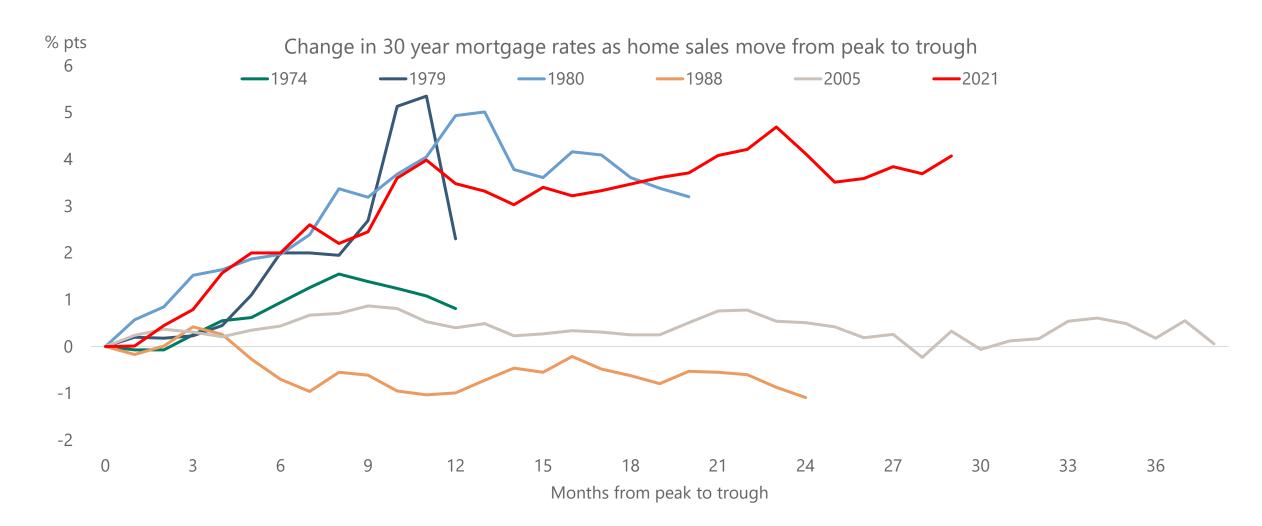
Comparing the current housing slowdown to previous housing slowdowns

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

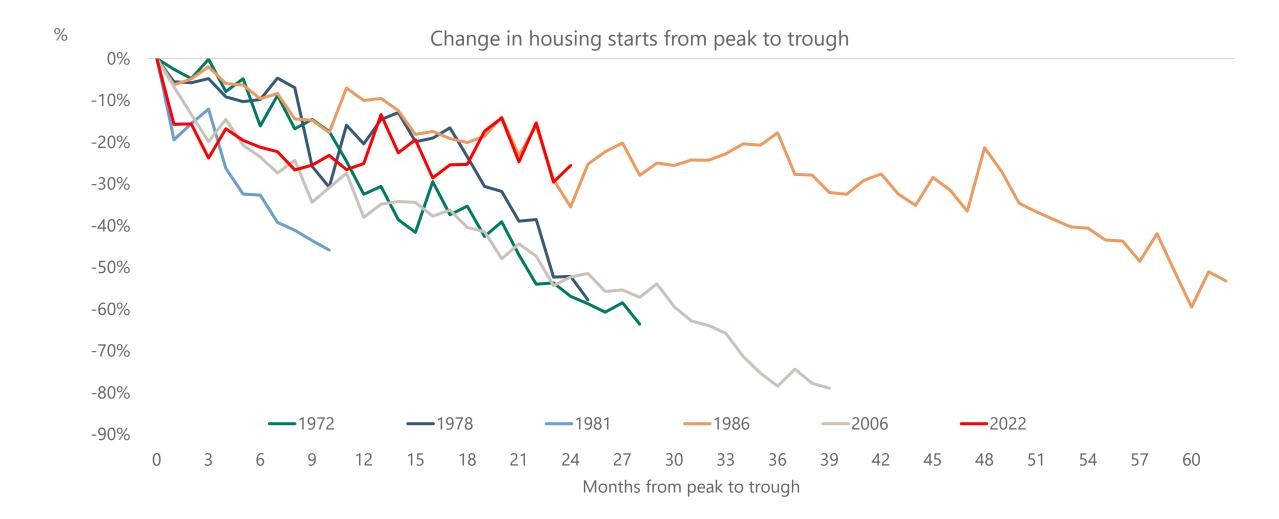


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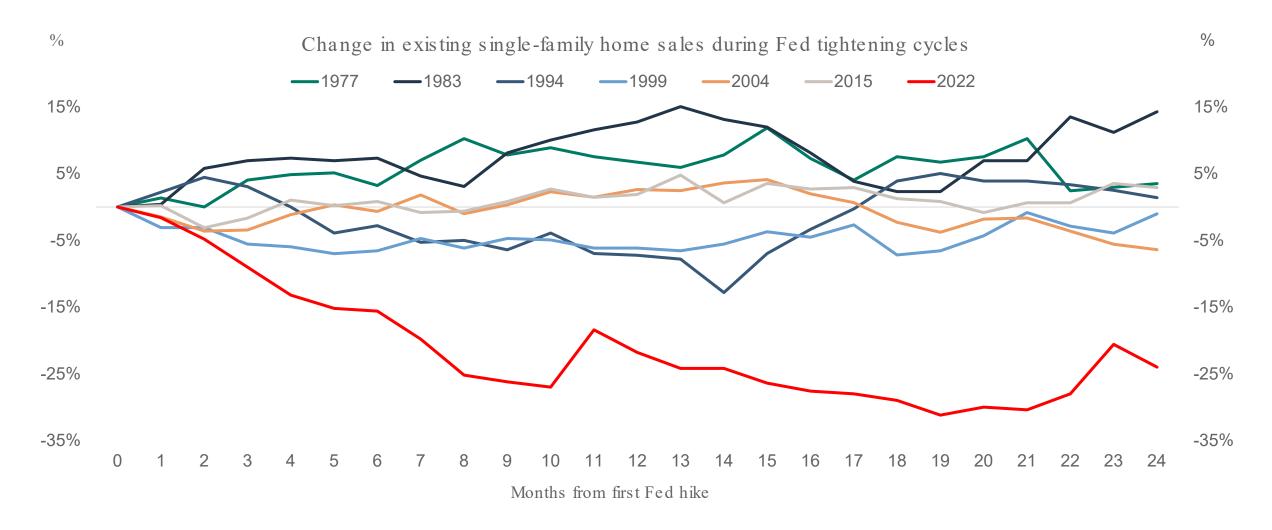
The current rise in mortgage rates is similar to what we saw during the Volcker disinflation



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

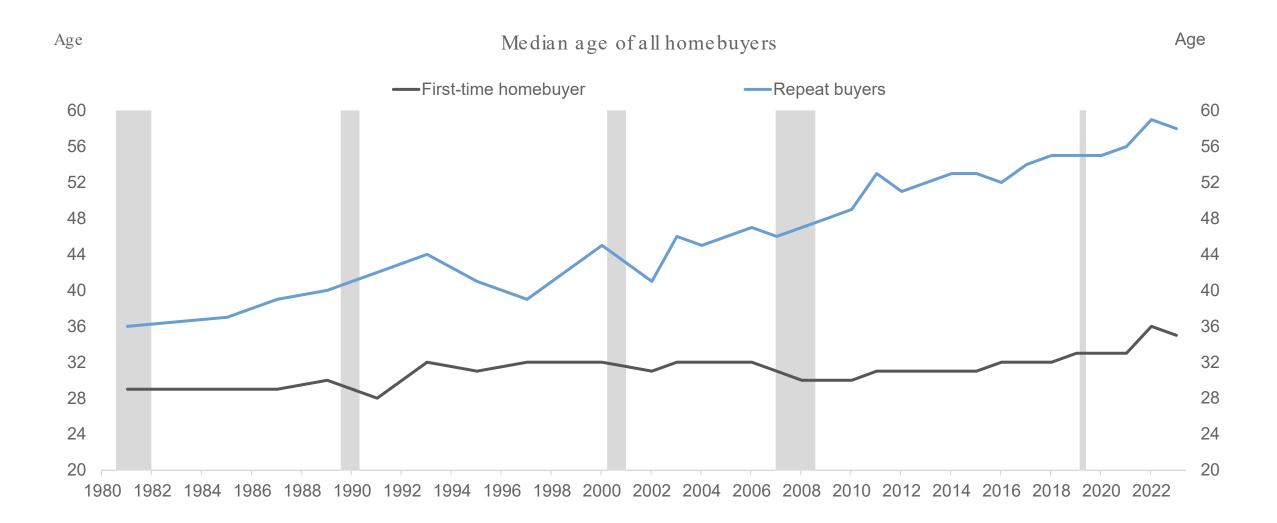


## This is the fastest Fed-driven housing slowdown on record



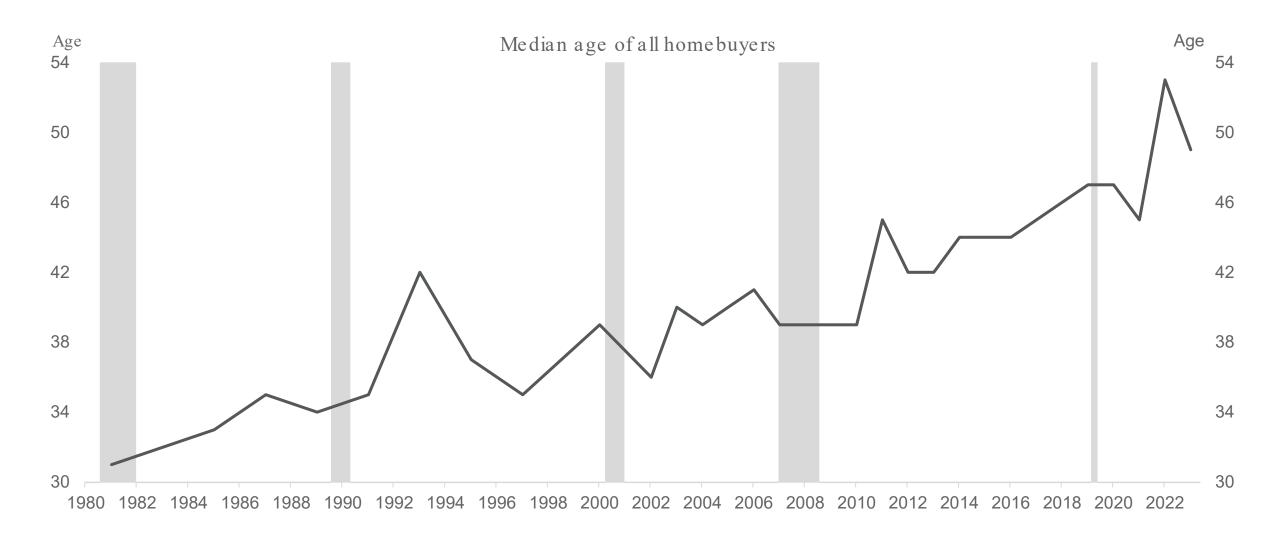
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# Homebuyers are getting older



Source: NAR, Apollo Chief Economist

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

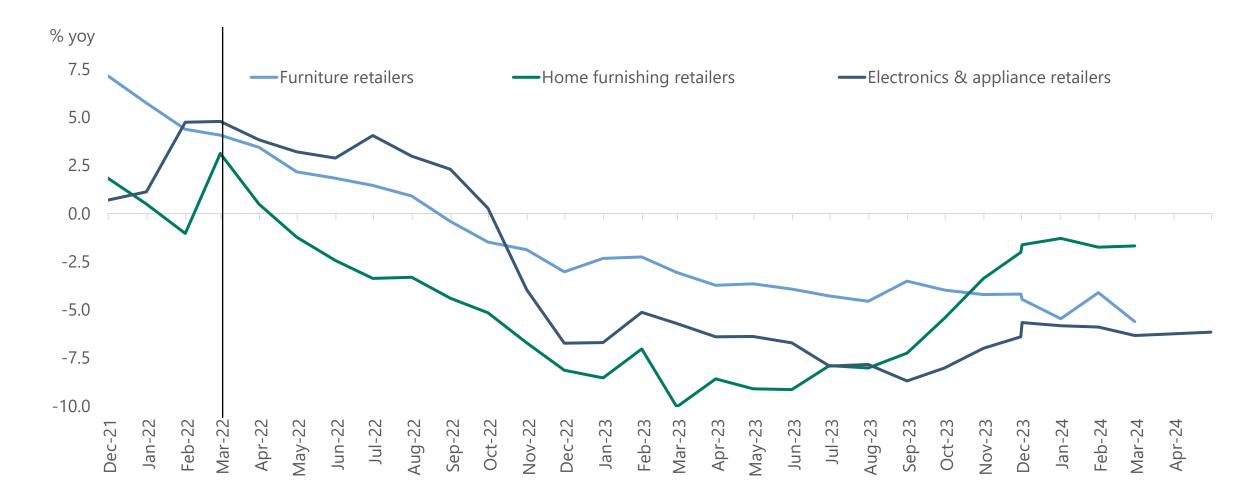


#### Apartment vacancies are back above pre-pandemic levels



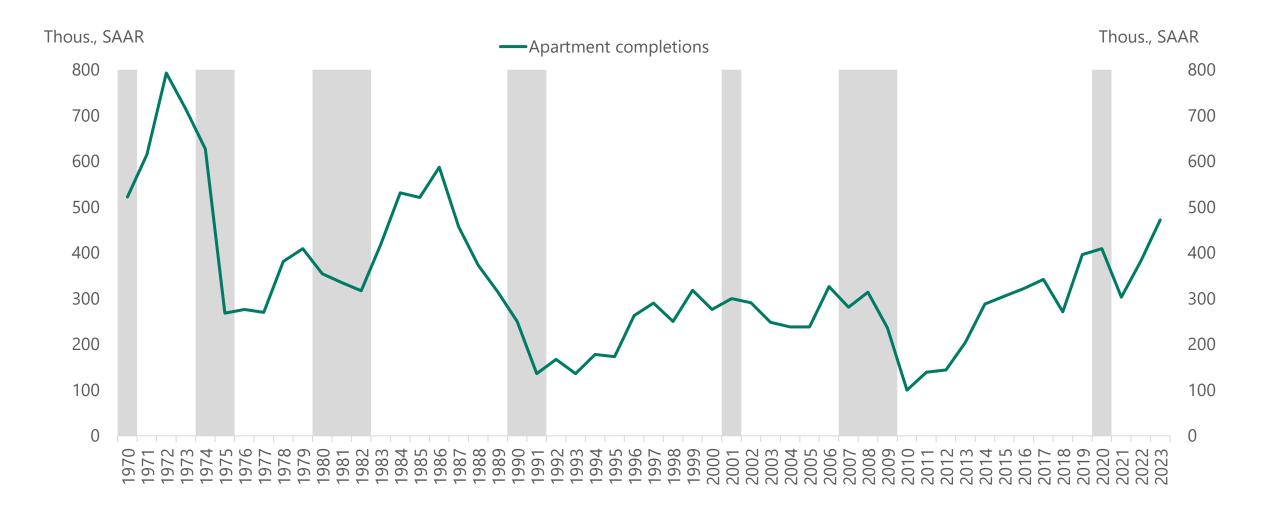
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## When the Fed raised interest rates employment in retail trade declined



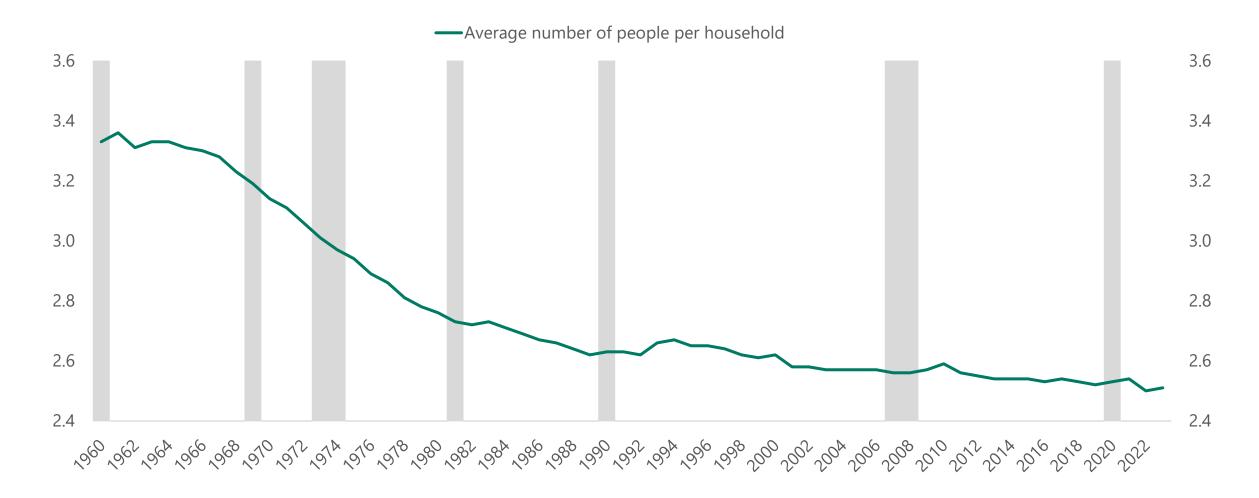
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# US apartment supply increasing



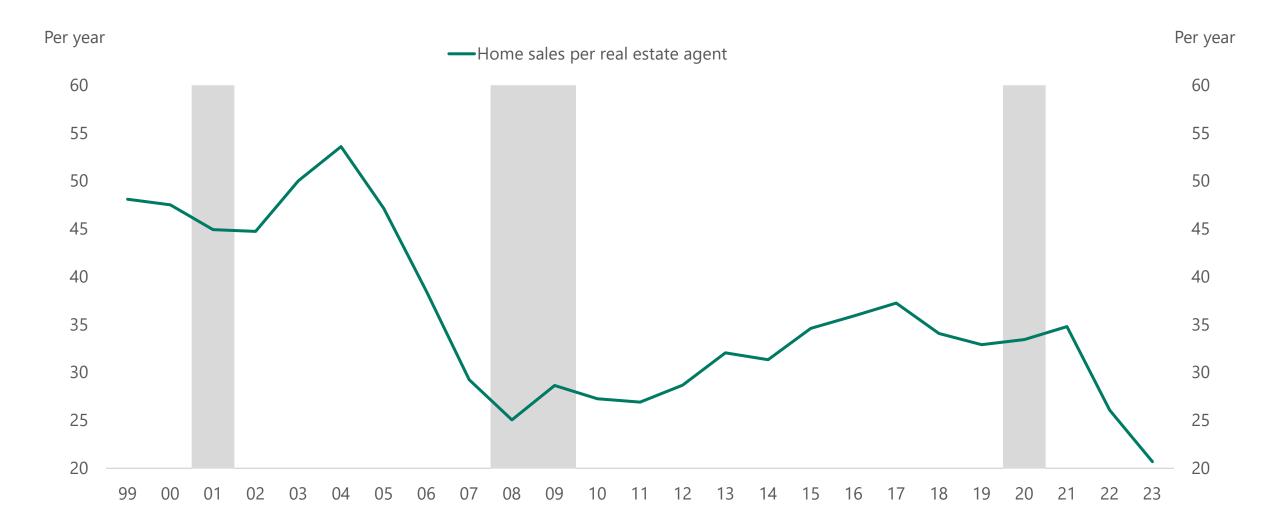
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The average family size in the US has declined from 3.3 in 1960 to 2.5 by 2023.



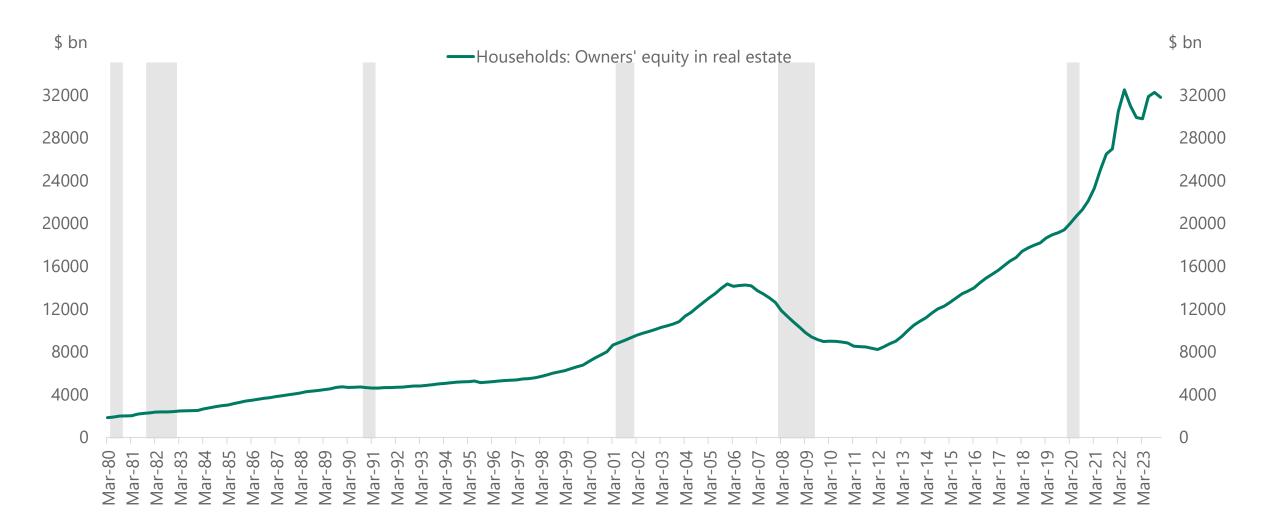
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## Real estate sales agents now face challenges

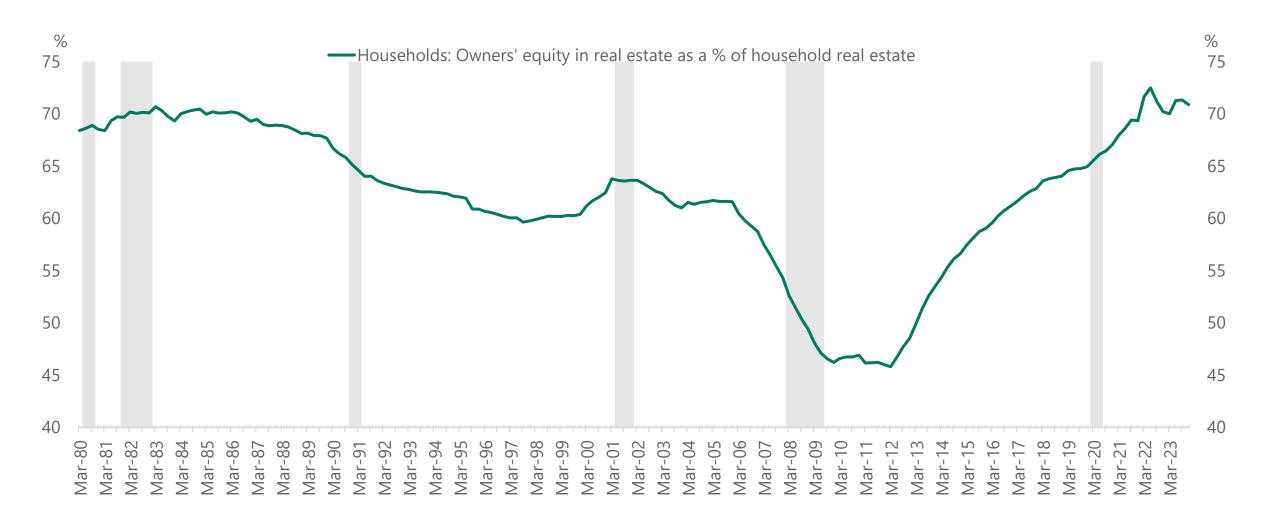


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#### Households equity in real estate rising



## Households equity share in real estate rising





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