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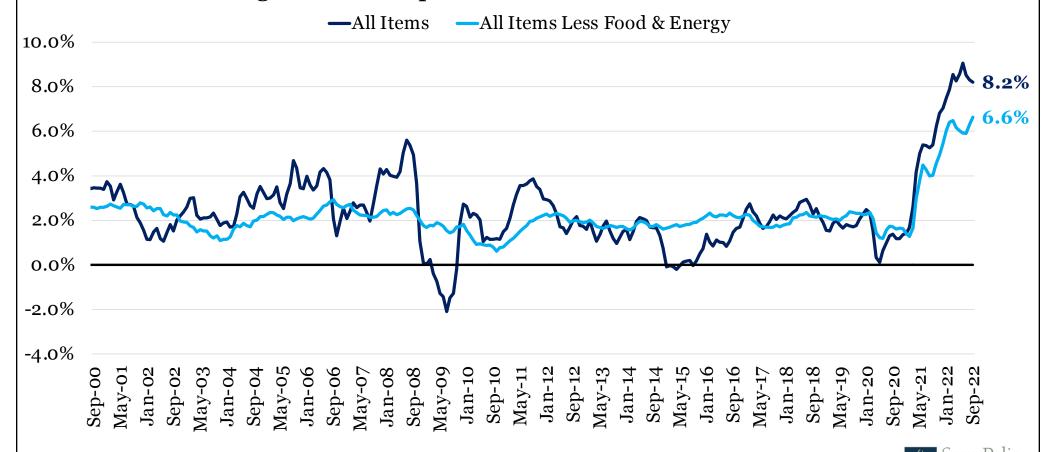


# 2021 – Specter of Inflation



#### **U.S. Consumer Price Index**

12-Month % Change, 2000 – September 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### A Statement is Not Enough

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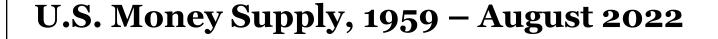
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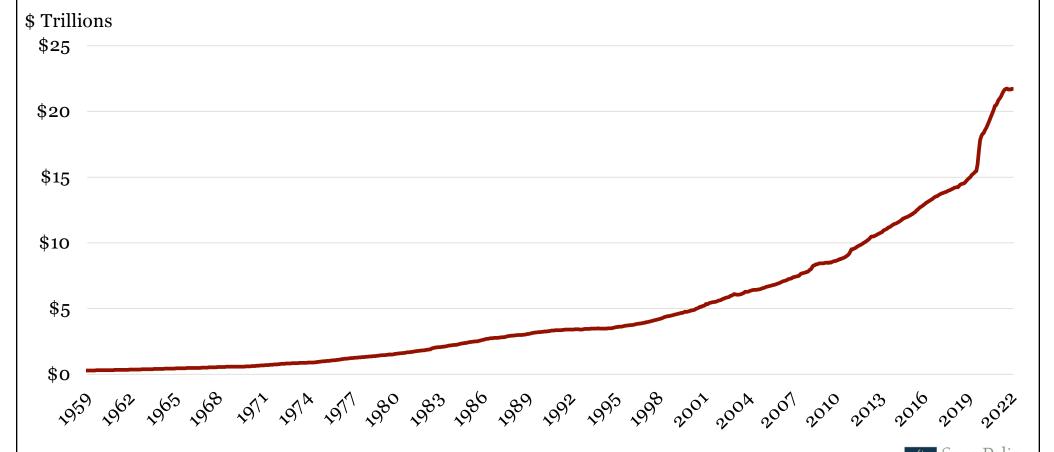
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"...Inflation is elevated, largely reflecting factors that are expected to be transitory..." (FOMC Statement, November 2021) "Supply and demand imbalances related to the pandemic and the reopening of the economy have continued to contribute to elevated levels of inflation." (FOMC Statement, December 2021)

"...These problems have been larger and longer lasting than anticipated, exacerbated by waves of the virus. As a result, overall inflation is running well above our 2 percent longer-run goal and will likely continue to do so well into next year." (FOMC Chair Jerome Powell, December 2021)



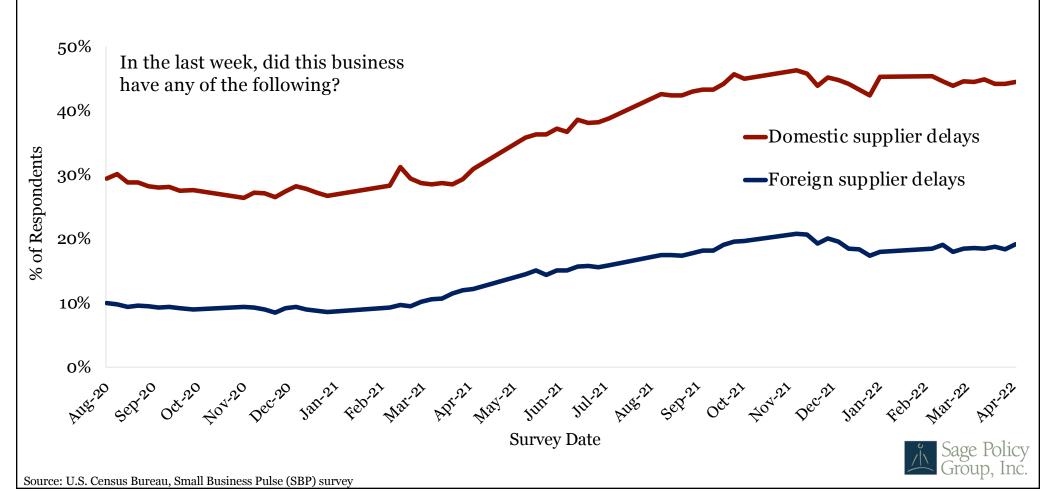




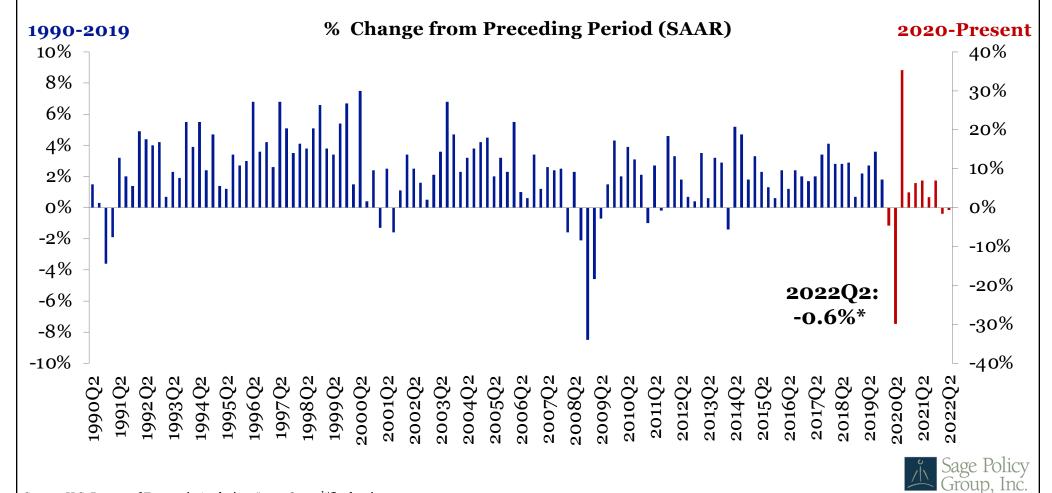
Source: Federal Reserve

### **U.S. Supply Chain Disruptions & Supplier Delays**

Census Bureau Small Business Pulse (SBP) Survey







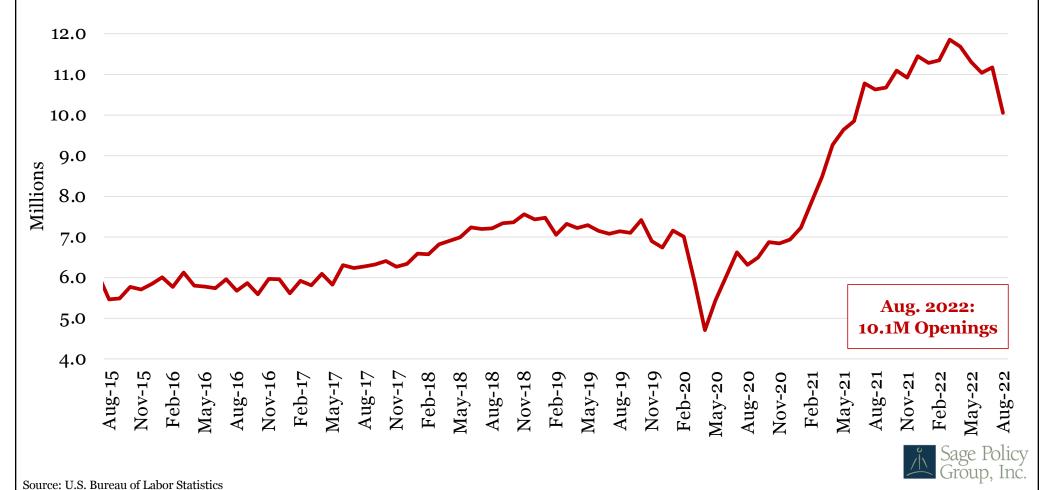
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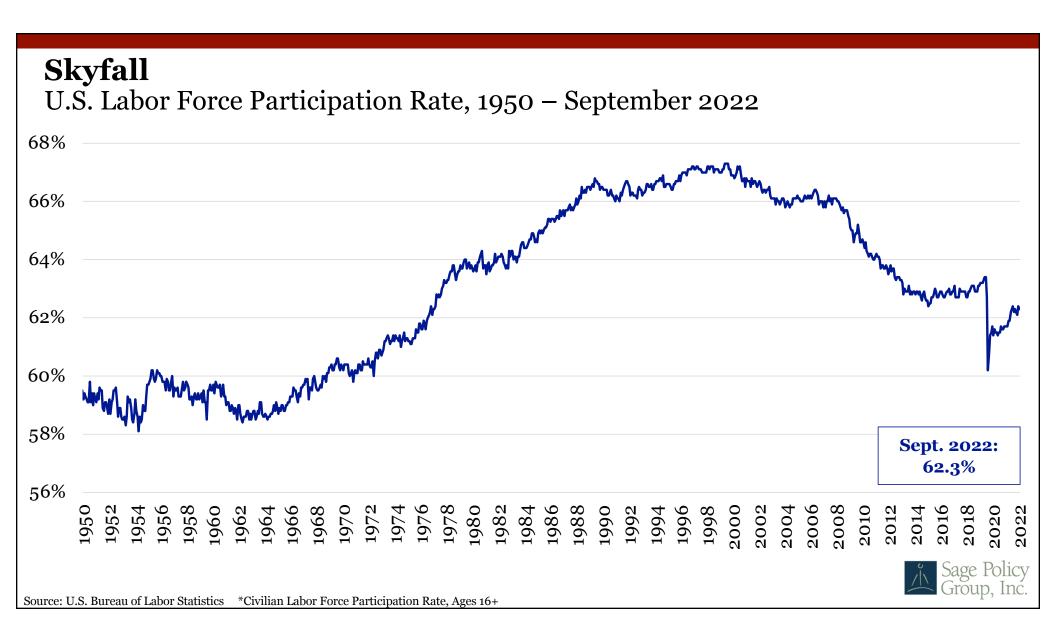
# The Employer Who Loved Me



#### **Work Another Day**

U.S. Job Openings, 2015 – August 2022





#### A View to a Remote Worker

**GoodHire's** survey of 3,500 Americans found that:

- 68% of Americans would choose remote work options over in-office work;
- 45% would either quit their job or begin searching for a new one if their employer required them to return to their office full-time;
- 74% of Americans believe that companies not offering remote working arrangements will lose major talent in the workforce.

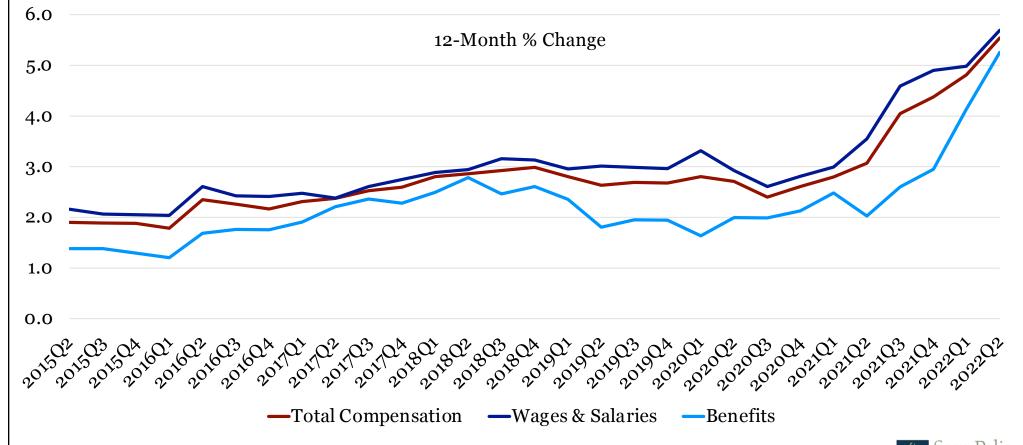
**Ipsos'** survey of more than 12,000 people across 29 countries found that two-thirds of working adults surveyed say that:

- They are more productive with a flexible work schedule (65%);
- They want flexibility in the amount of time they go into the office (64%);
- When COVID restrictions are no longer in effect, employers should be more flexible in terms of requiring employees to go to an office (66%).



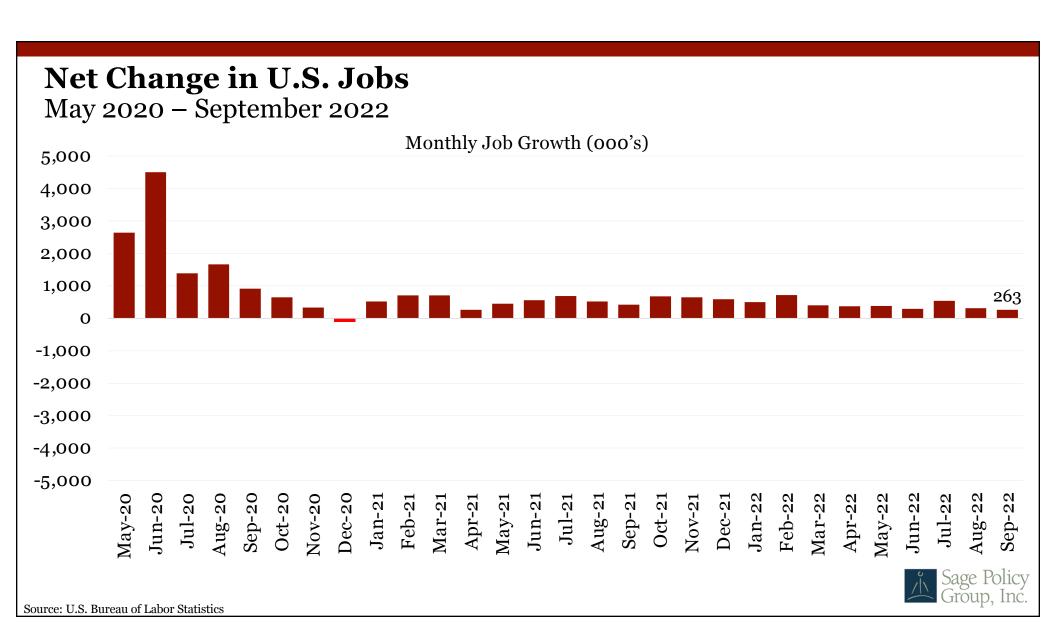
#### License to be Paid

Employment Cost Index, Private Sector Workers, 2015 – 2022



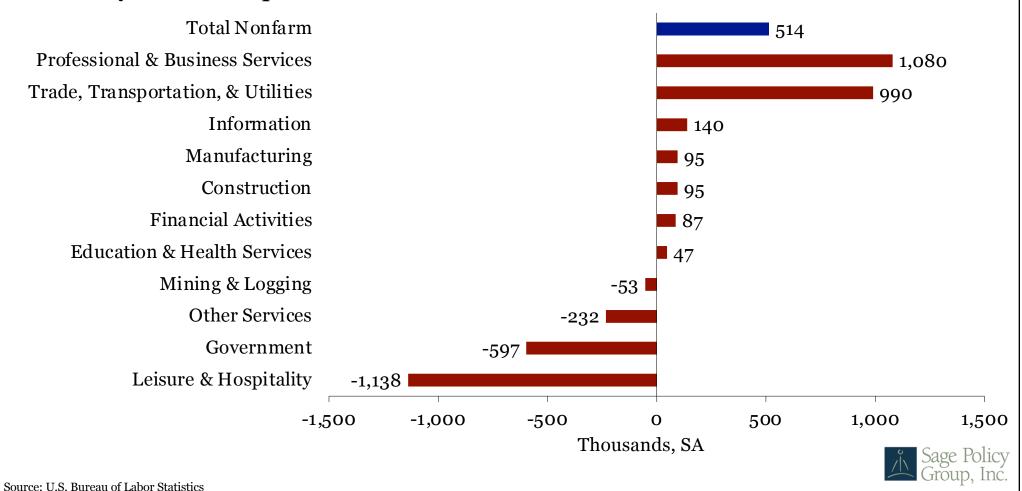


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics





February 2020 v. September 2022



#### **Employment Growth, 25 Largest Metros**

February 2020 v. September 2022 Percent Change

Rank	MSA	%	Rank	MSA	%
1	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	7.6%	13	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	1.0%
2	Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	5.3%	15	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	0.7%
3	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	4.9%	16	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilm., PA-NJ-DE-MD	0.4%
4	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	4.7%	17	Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH	0.2%
5	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	4.4%	18	San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	0.0%
6	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	4.0%	19	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	-0.2%
7	San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	3.5%	20	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	-0.4%
8	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	2.9%	21	St. Louis, MO-IL	-0.5%
9	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	2.8%	22	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	-0.9%
10	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	1.9%			
11	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	1.6%	23	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	-1.3%
12	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	1.2%	23	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	-1.3%
13	Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	1.0%	25	San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	-1.8%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Employment Statistics (CES) Survey. Note: data are not seasonally adjusted.

U.S. % Change 2/2020 v. 9/2022: +0.3%



#### **Unemployment Rates, 25 Largest Metros**

August 2022

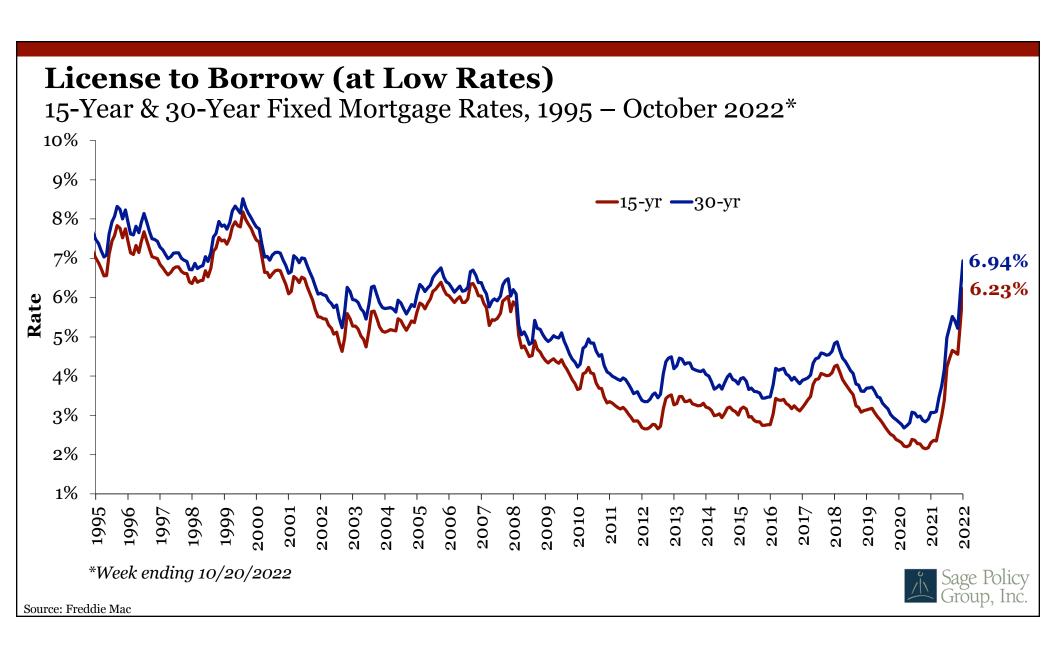
Rank	MSA	%	Rank	MSA	%
1	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	2.1	14	Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	3.6
2	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	2.6		Washington-Arlington-Alexandria,	2.6
3	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	2.7	14	DC-VA-MD-WV	3.6
4	San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	2.8	16	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	3.7
5	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	2.9	17	San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	3.8
6	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	3.0	18	Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	4.0
7	Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH	3.2	19	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	4.2
8	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	3.3	20	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	4.3
8	St. Louis, MO-IL	3.3	21	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	4.5
10	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	3.4	21	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilm., PA-NJ-DE-MD	4.5
10	San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	3.4	23	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	4.6
12	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	3.5	24	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	4.8
12	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	3.5	25	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	4.9

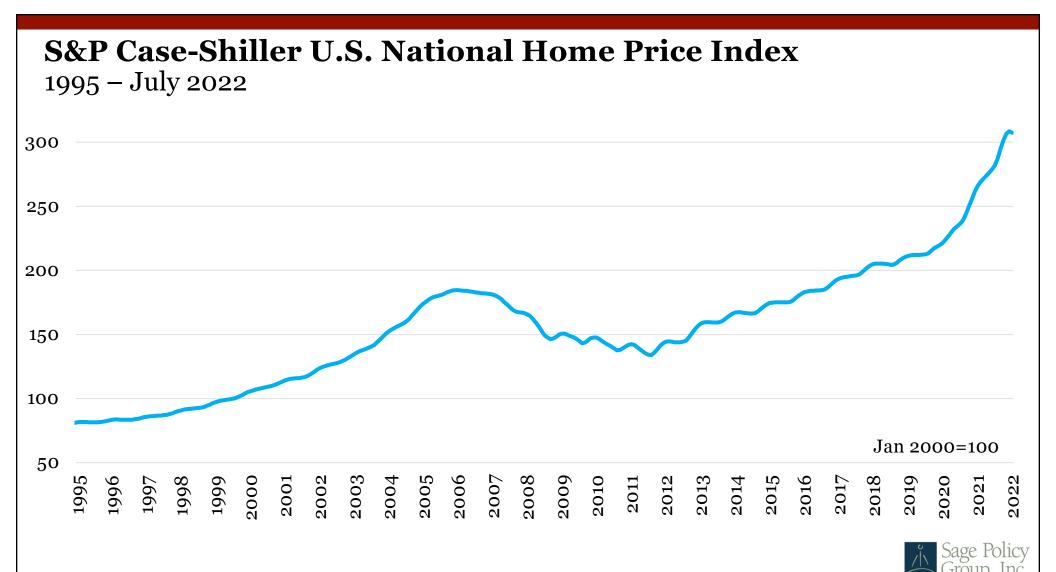
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. Note: data are not seasonally adjusted. U.S. Unemployment Rate Aug.: 3.7% | Sept.: 3.5%



## Quantum of Construction



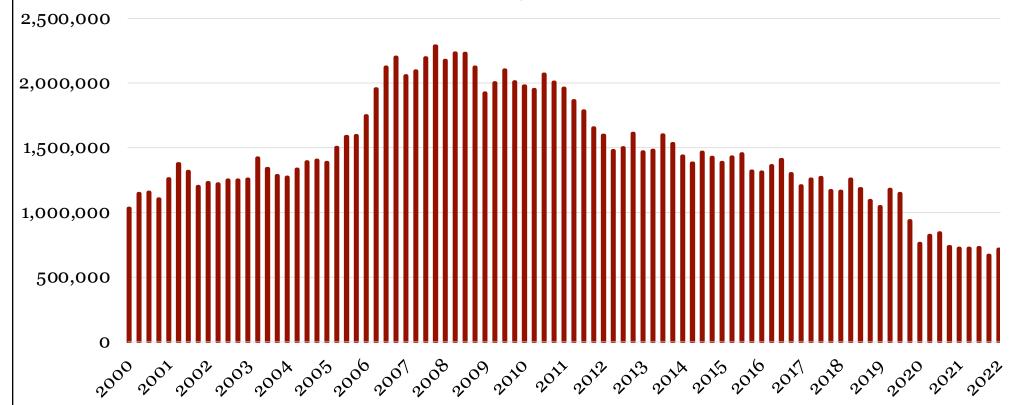




Source: Standard & Poor's

## **Inventory of Unsold Homes: Vacant Housing Units for Sale\*** 2000 – 2022Q2

Vacant Housing Units for Sale



\*Units for sale only, excludes units both for rent and sale

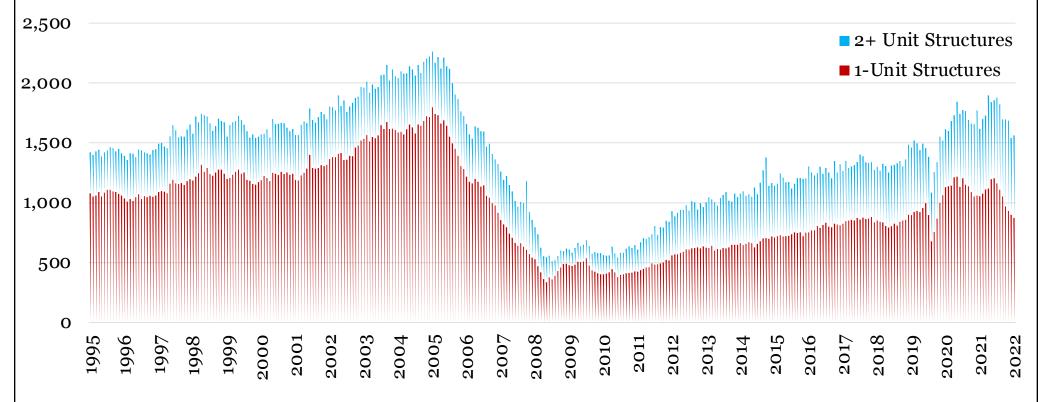
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



#### **U.S. Residential Building Permits**

1995 – September 2022

Building Permits (000's of Units), Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate

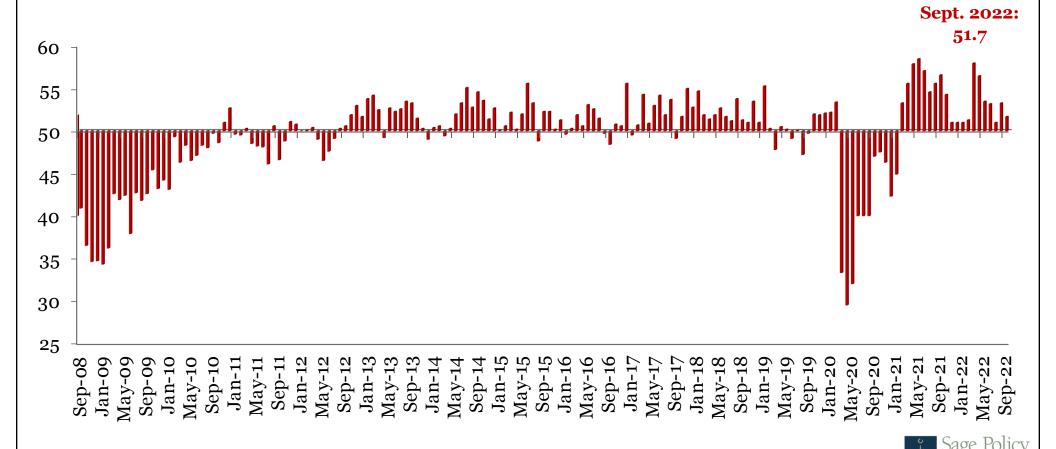




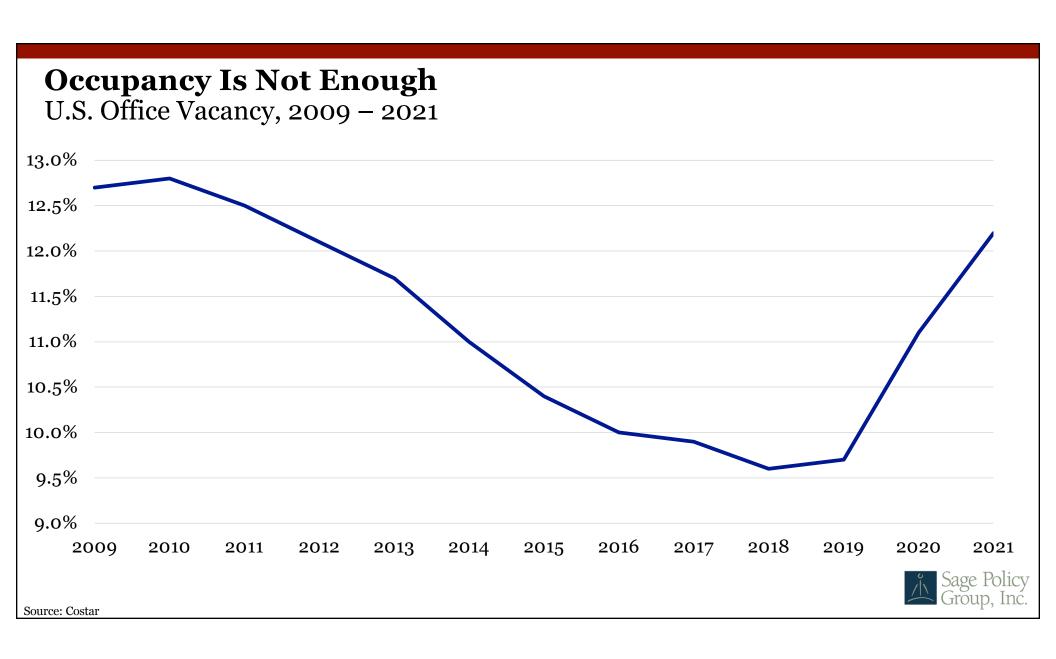
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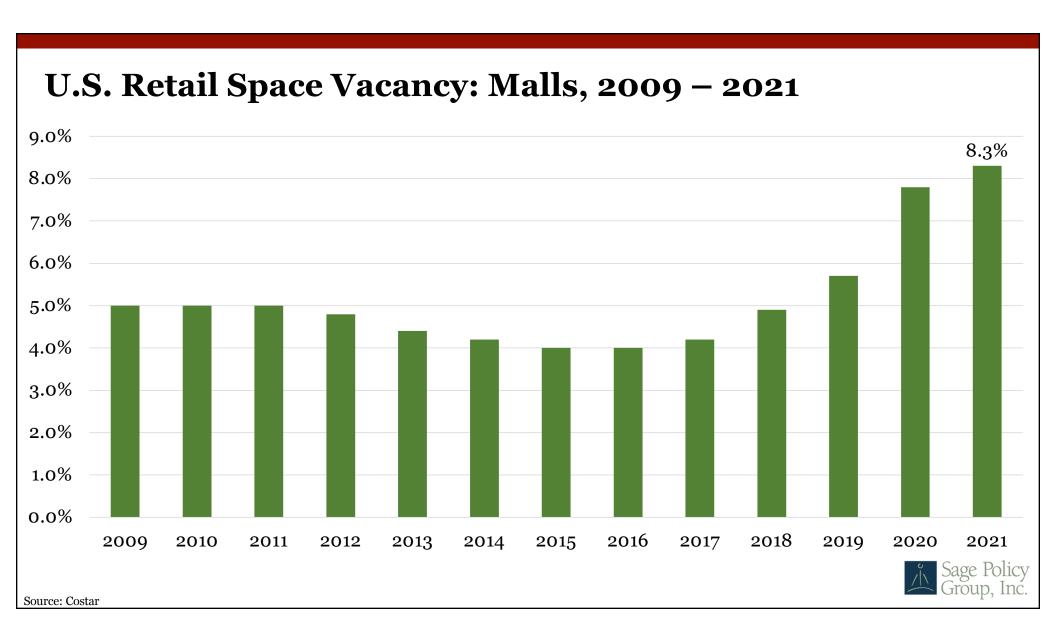
#### **Architecture Billings Index**

2008 – September 2022

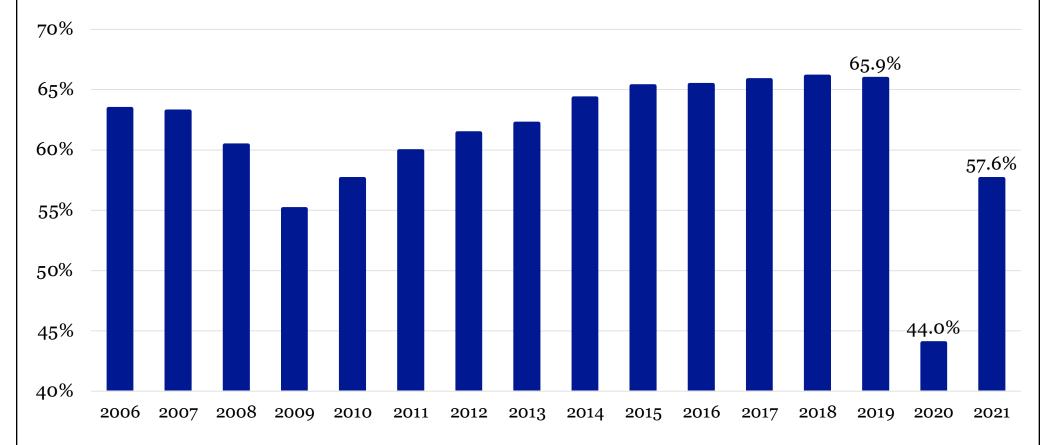


Source: The American Institute of Architects









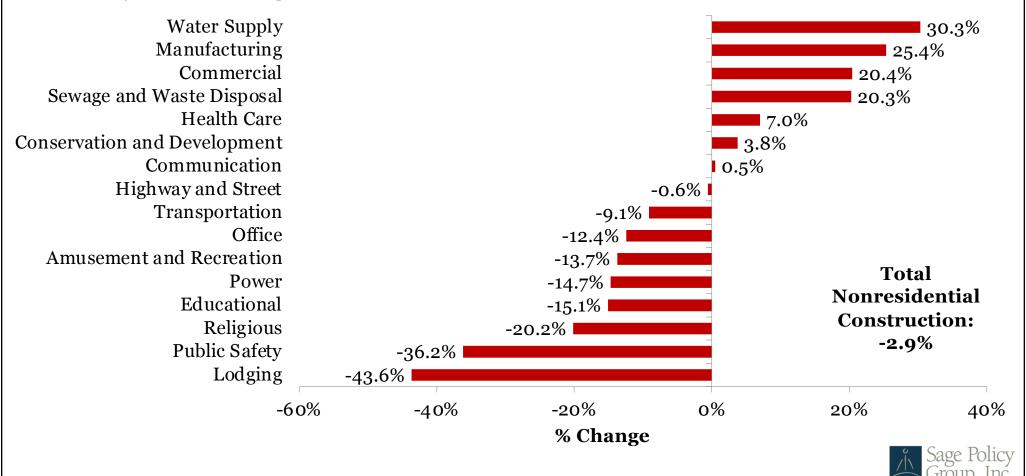
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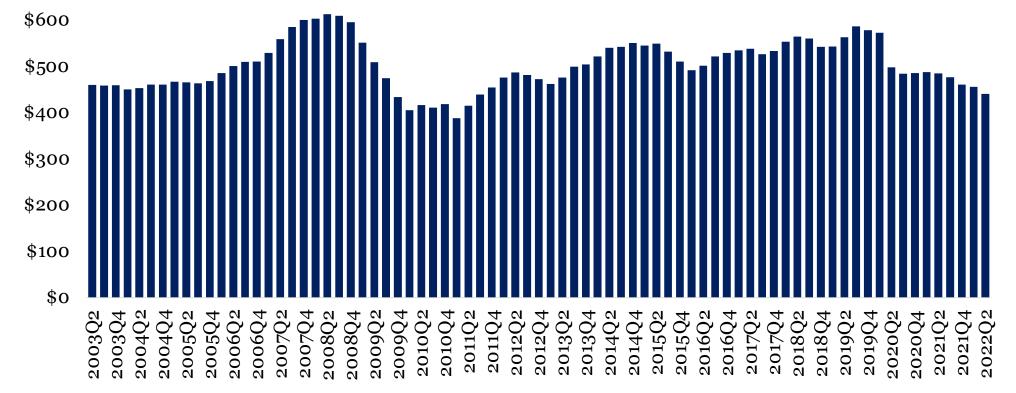
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



#### U.S. GDP: Nonresidential Fixed Investment in Structures

2003 – 2022Q2\*

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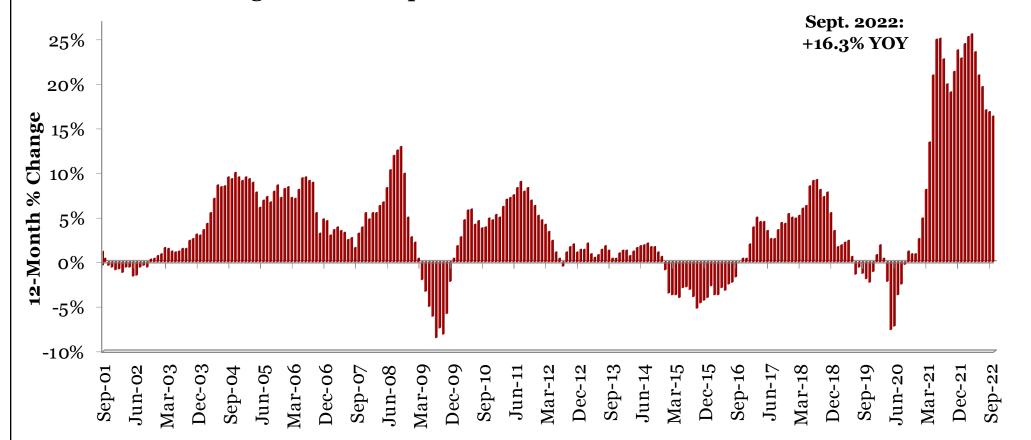




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#### **Inputs to Construction PPI**

12-Month % Change, 2001 – September 2022

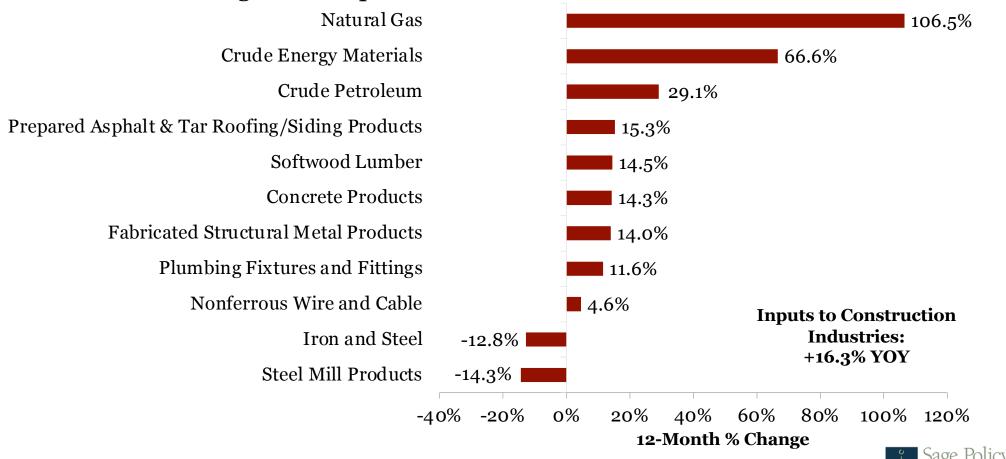


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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Note: Data are not seasonally adjusted



12-Month % Change as of September 2022



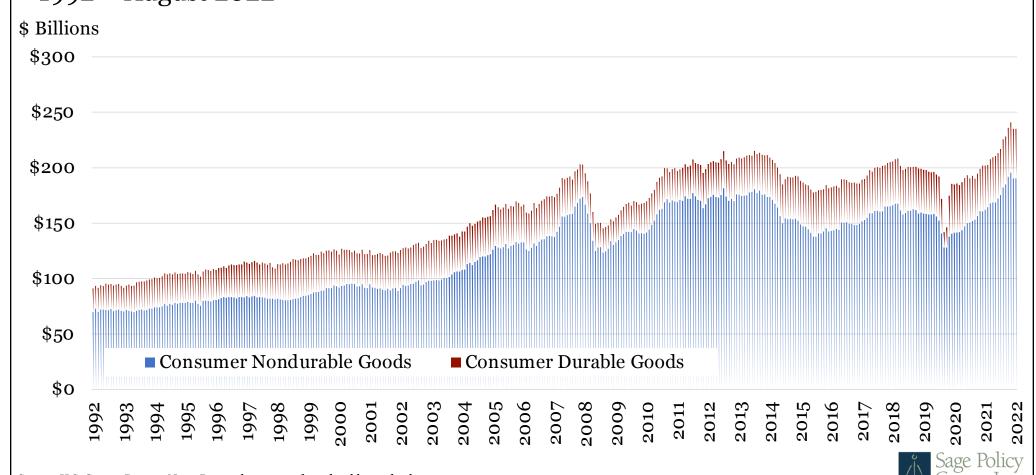
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## U.S. Manufacturers' New Orders: Consumer Goods

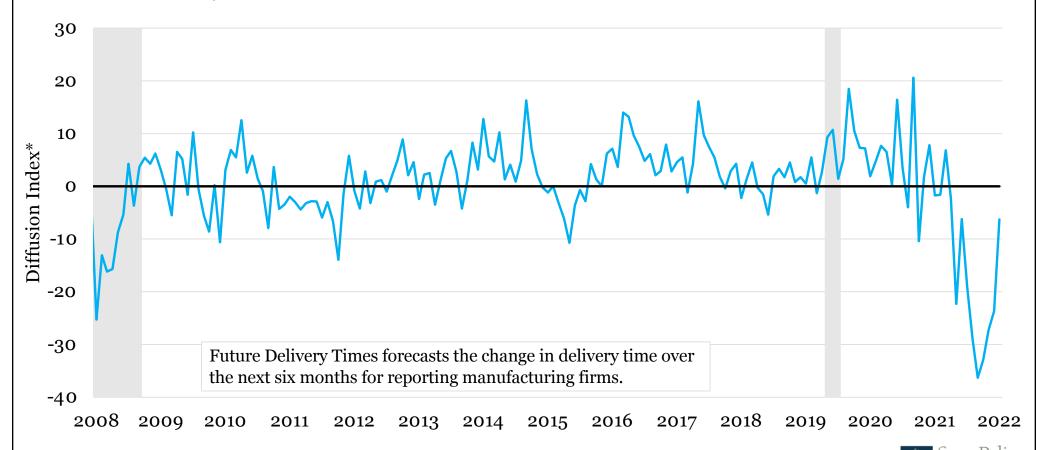
1992 – August 2022



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Note: Due to the nature of nondurable goods, the reporting figure for both their Shipments and New Orders will be identical.



Future Delivery Times, 2008 – October 2022

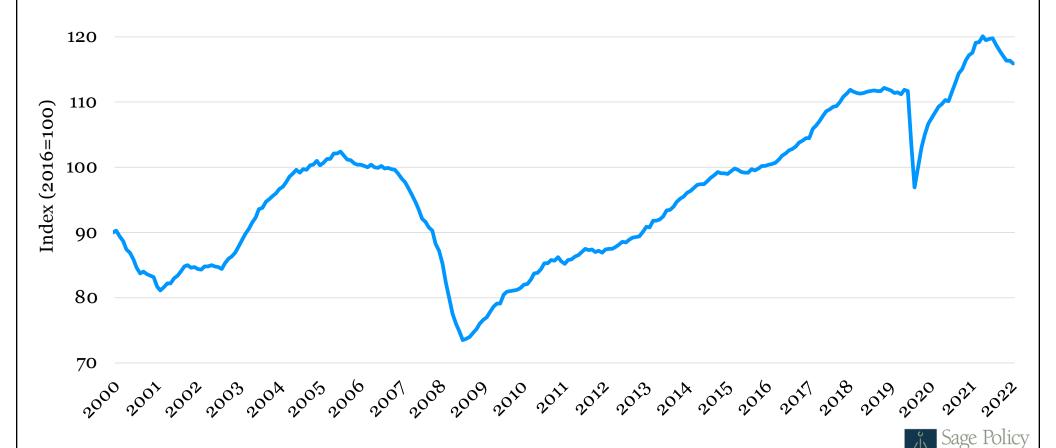


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia \*The diffusion index is calculated by taking the percent reporting increases and subtracting the percentage reporting decreases.

U.S. recessions

## Conference Board: U.S. Leading Economic Index

2000 – September 2022



Source: The Conference Board

### You Only Forecast Twice



- This will be a year of growth, but 2023 could be very different.
- The economy will remain unbalanced, with supply struggling to keep up with demand Ukraine/Russia and Omicron/China/Europe hampering recovery.
- Along with rising wages amidst the Great Resignation, that translates into higher-than-average economywide inflation in 2022 & 2023 (stagflation, anyone?).
- Yes, I'm an economist, so I am forecasting interest rates to increase.

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