



Evolution of CRE & Credit

**Recent Stories from a Loan Review
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Current credit risk industry is facing

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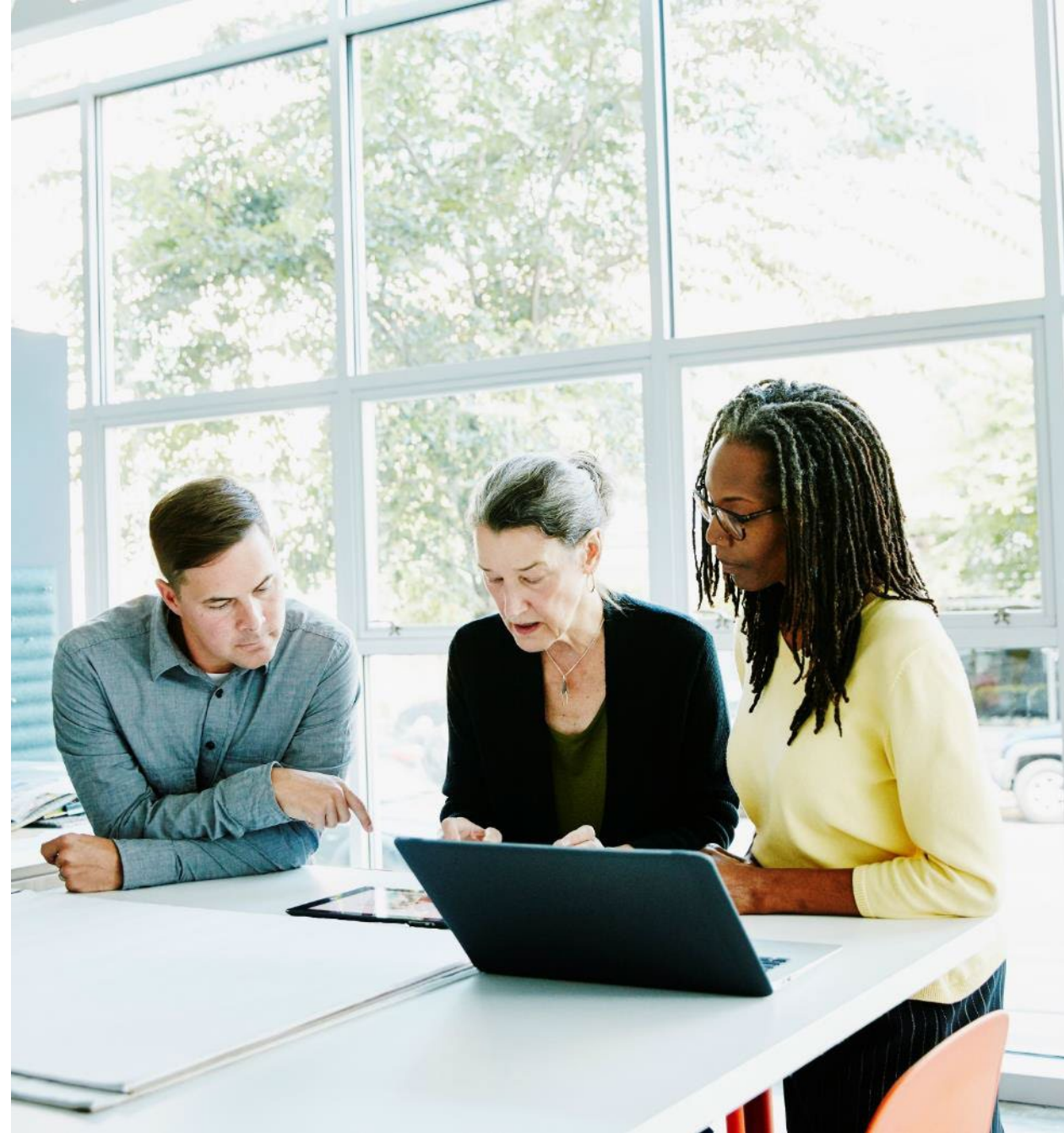
Commercial real estate

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Strategies to monitor and mitigate risks



Current credit risks industry is facing

Where are we at today...

Long Strange Trip Continues

Interest Rates

- Refinance / Rate Reset
- Exit options remain tight
- Rebalancing / Restructures are happening
- Expensive to access equity

Credit/Loan Review Activities

- Risk rating migrations continue
- Foreclosures & hand backs have picked up & spreading
- Continue to have concern for 2017 – 2022 vintage
- Staffing & experience are key at this point in a cycle
- Being critical of problem loan activities
- Being critical of timely financial collection

Credit Demand Down

- Credit box remains tight
- Private debt/capital available – at what price?
- CRE Lenders & those near large Urban taking hard look
 - Some Banks looking to sell participations (may be asked)
 - Some selling assets and / or portfolios

Bank Liquidity

- Stability of funding / funding costs
- Yield curve inversion = expense cuts continue
- Banks looking hard at smartest use of capital (don't make loan)

Recent articles

How banks can plan for commercial property insurance costs



Giulio Camerini, Scott Muyskens
1/16/2024 ↩

Banks can take steps now to address changing property insurance costs to mitigate portfolio and problem loan risks.

- <https://www.crowe.com/insights/how-banks-can-plan-for-commercial-property-insurance-costs>

Managing CRE concentration risk through change



Giulio Camerini, Ben Cayson
3/19/2024 ↩

While the economic environment might change, needing a plan for managing commercial real estate concentration risk does not.

- <https://www.crowe.com/insights/managing-cre-concentration-risk-through-change>

Headlines

U.S. GDP update boost U.S. fourth-quarter economic growth rate to 3.4%

S&P 500 closes at a fresh record; Dow closes just points away from 40,000

U.S. labor market cooling; unemployment rate rises to two year high of 3.9%

Tech layoffs continue unabated in March 2024: Apple, IBM, Dell among IT majors that cut jobs

U.S. inflection ticked higher last month, reversing some recent progress

The Fed's favorite inflation gauge sent mixed signals in February

U.S. inflation means families are spending \$709 more per month than two years ago

A Warning About the Nation's Fiscal Health

U.S. interest payments on its debt are set to exceed defense spending. Should we be worried?

How to succeed in digital and AI transformation

Cities face cutbacks as commercial real estate prices tumble

Credit card delinquencies surged in 2023, indicating "financial stress", New York Fed says

Little change in mortgage application volume, despite lower rates

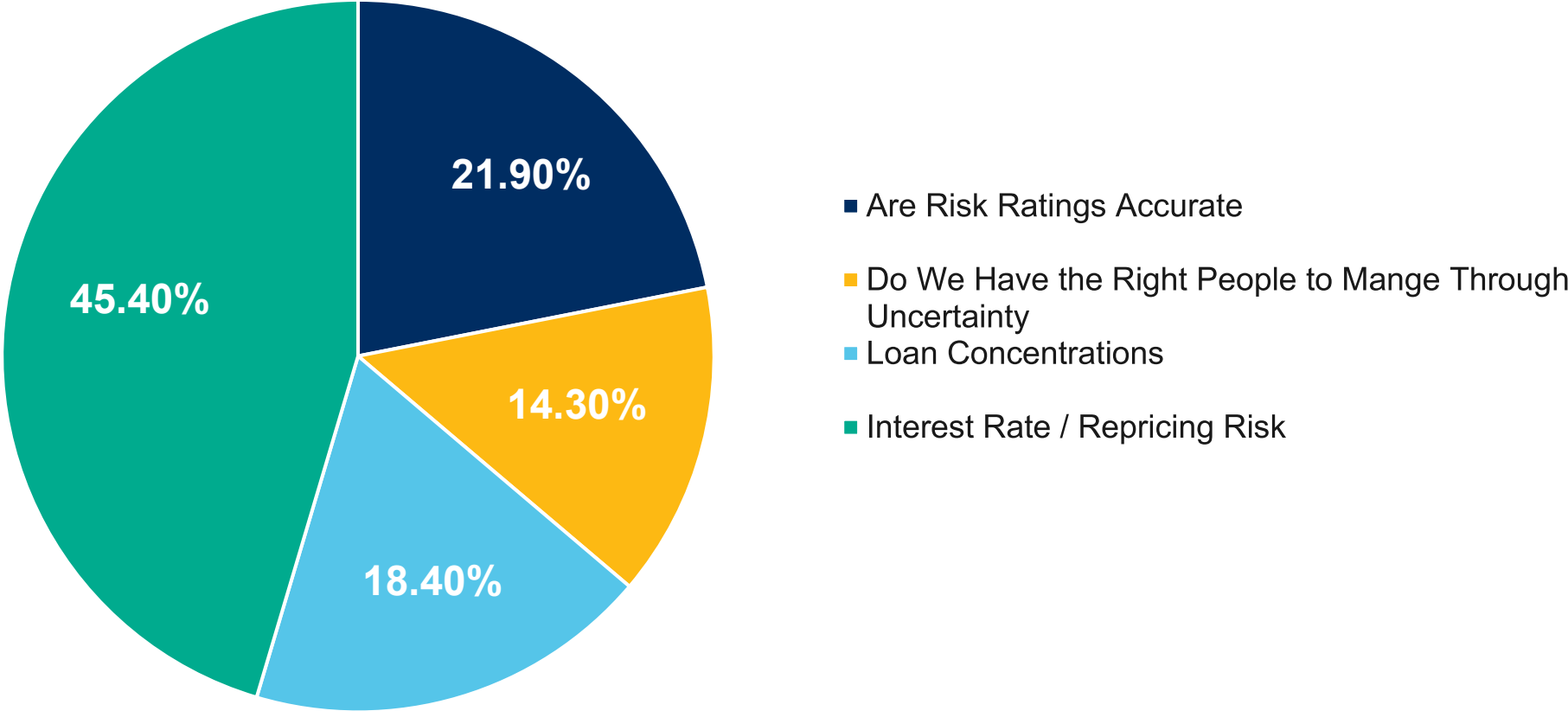
Home prices reach new high in January, Case-Shiller says. Case-Shiller Index: Home Prices on the rise again.

Existing Homes Sales Jump to Highest Level in a Year

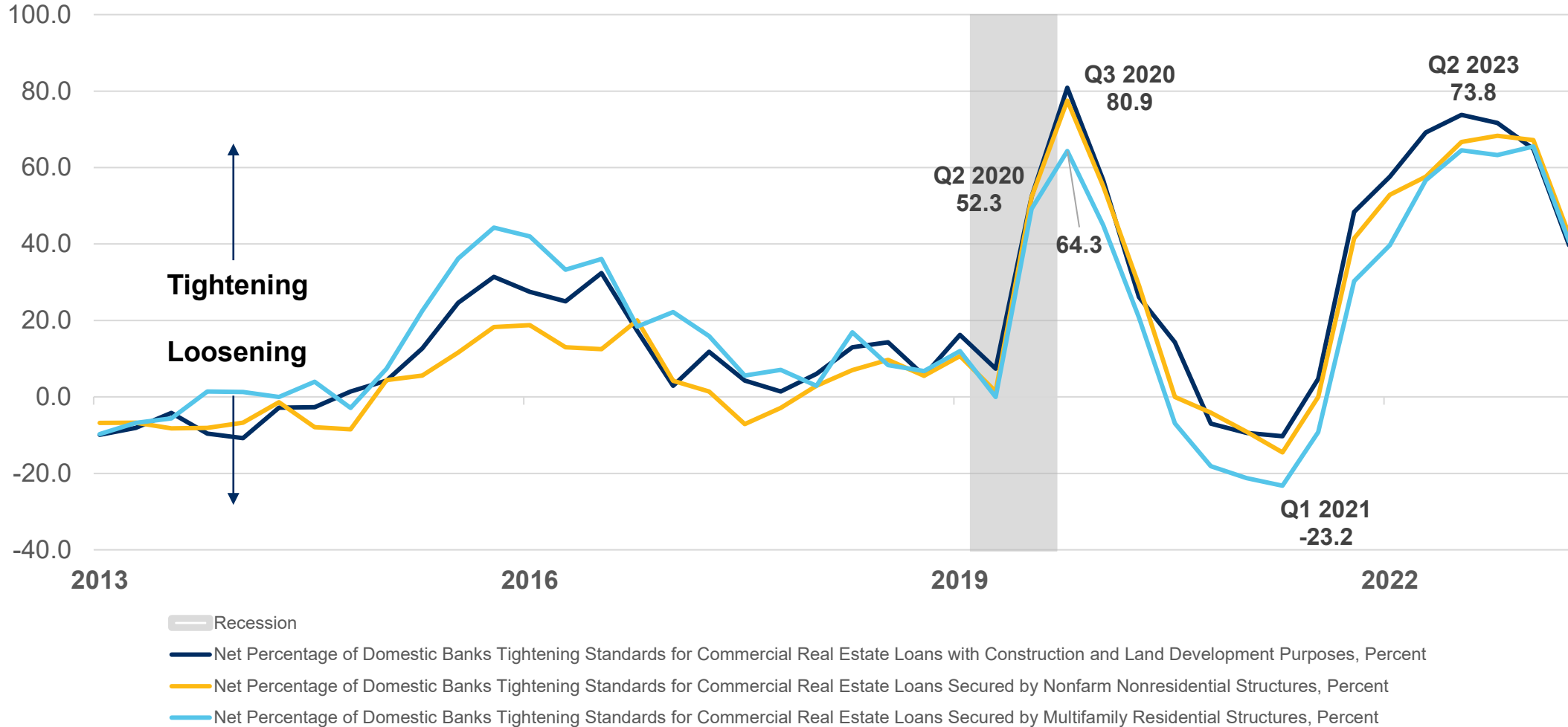
Auto Loan Delinquencies Hit 13-Year High As Monthly Car Payments Get Bigger

Recent Polling Results

What is your largest loan portfolio concern today heading into a period with higher uncertainty?

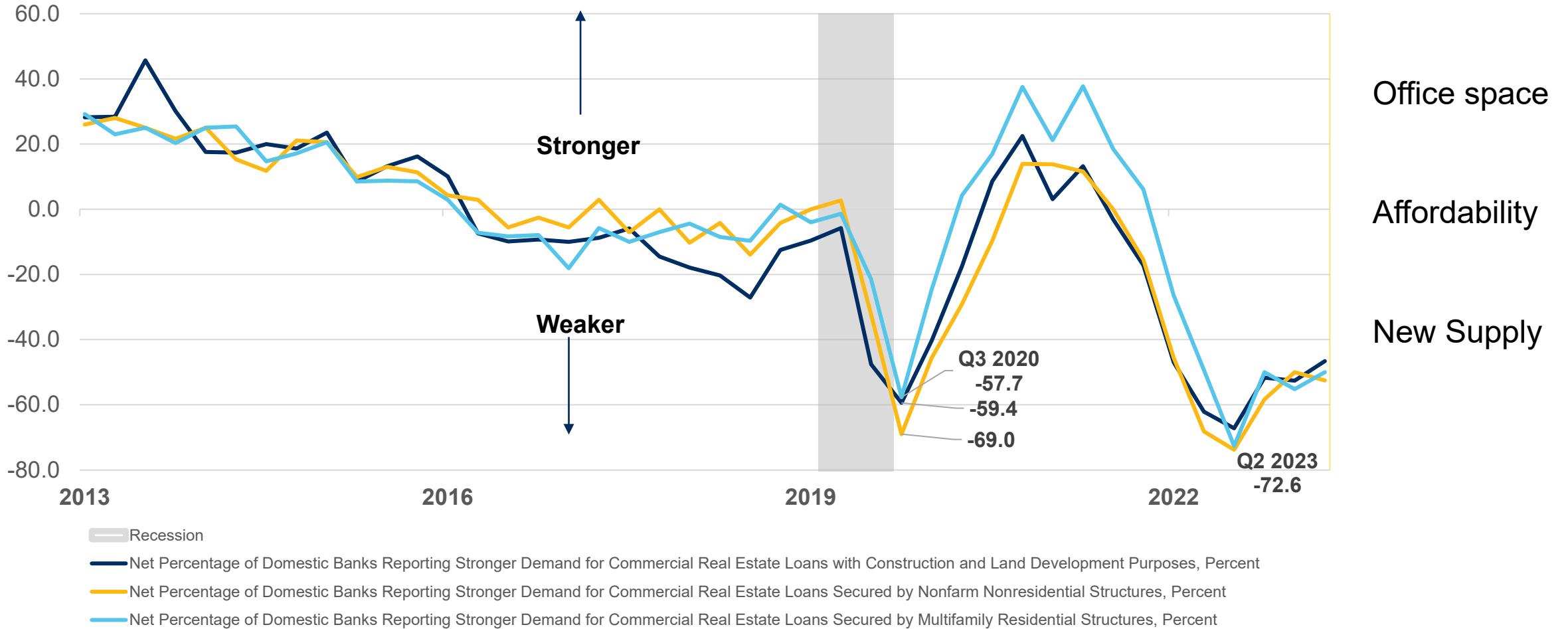


Senior Loan Officer Survey – January 2024



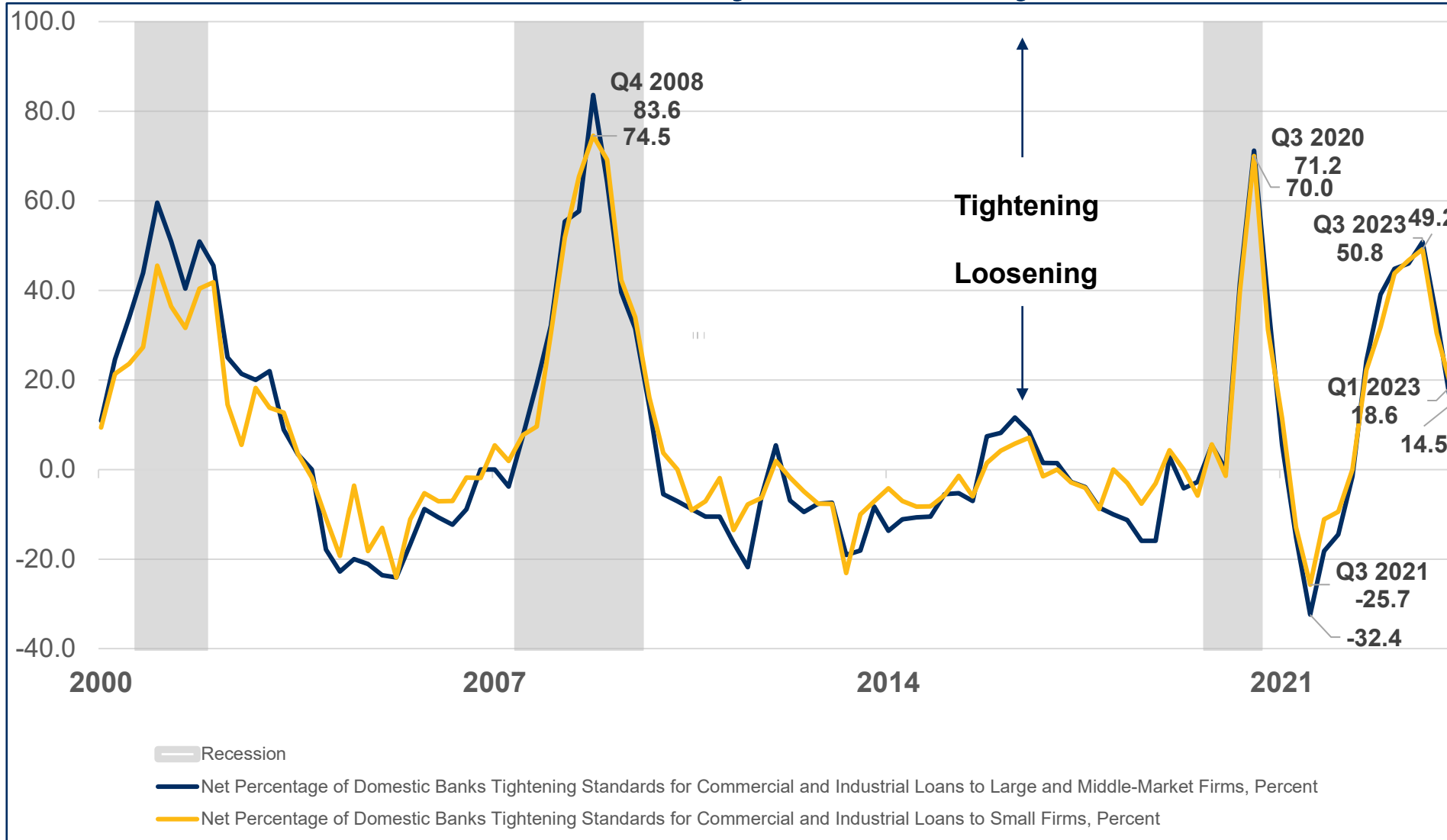
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Less favorable / more uncertain economic outlook

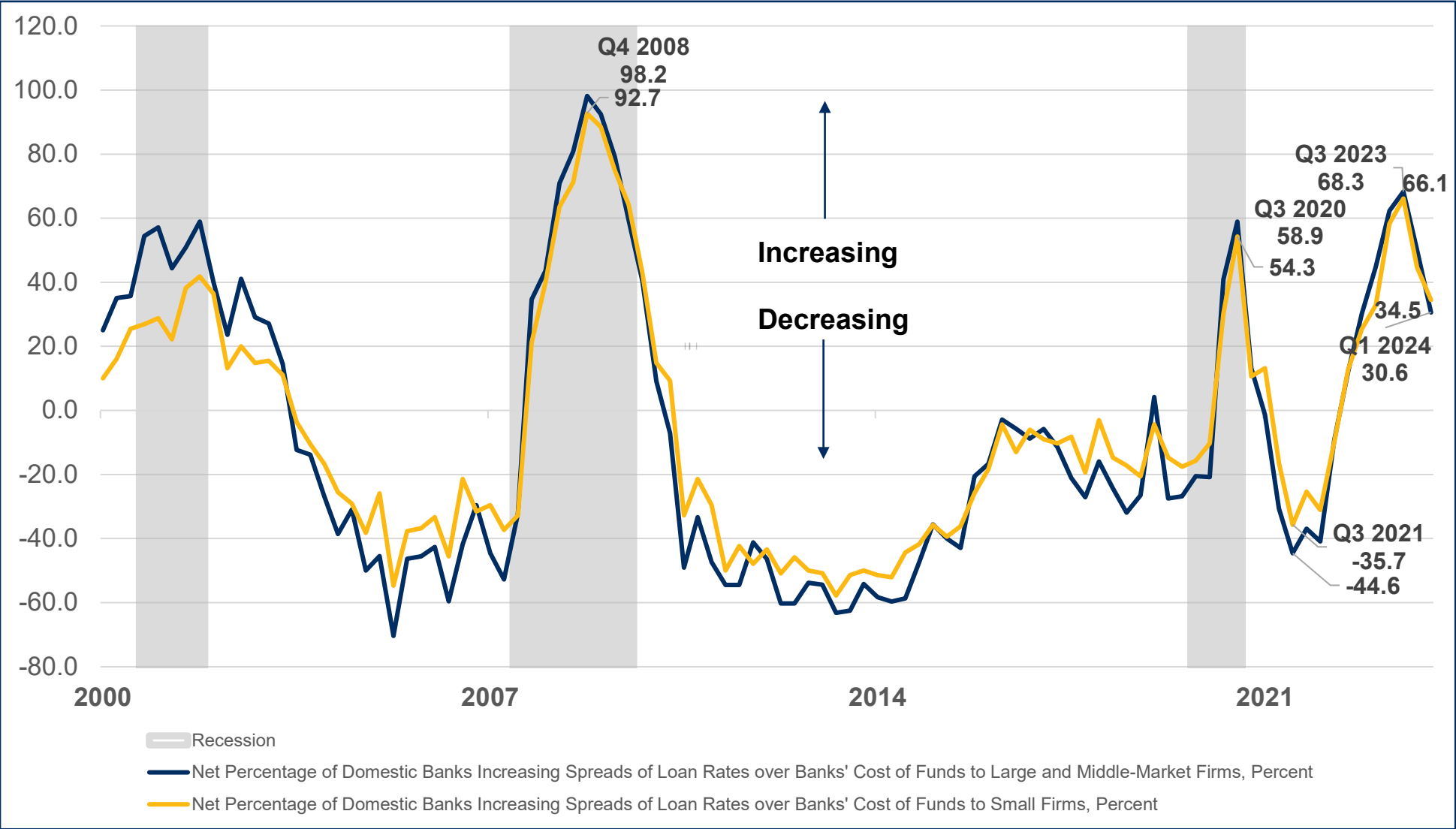
Less aggressive competition (banks and nonbank lenders)

Deterioration in current or expected liquidity position

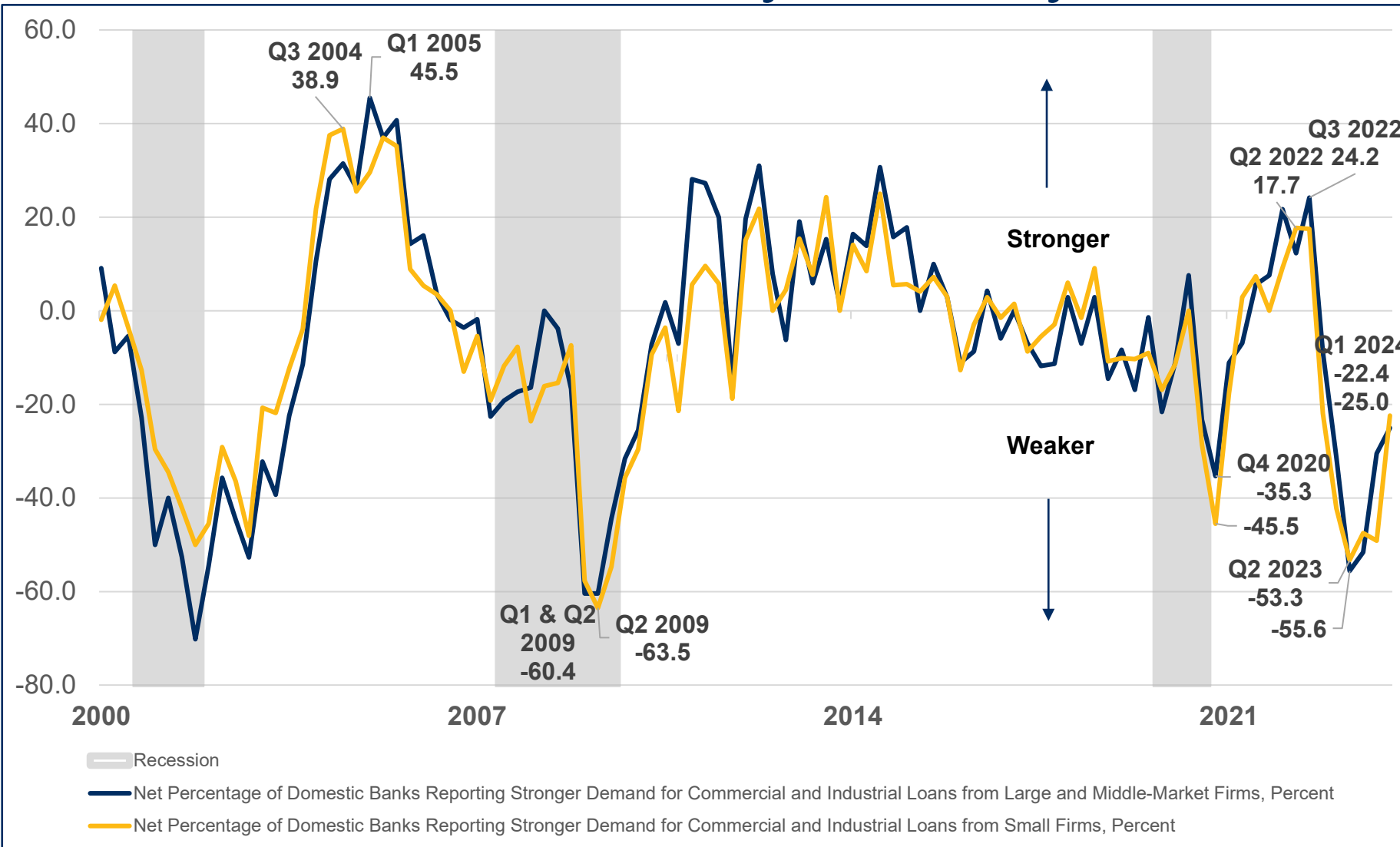
Decreased liquidity in the secondary market

Worsening of industry-specific problems

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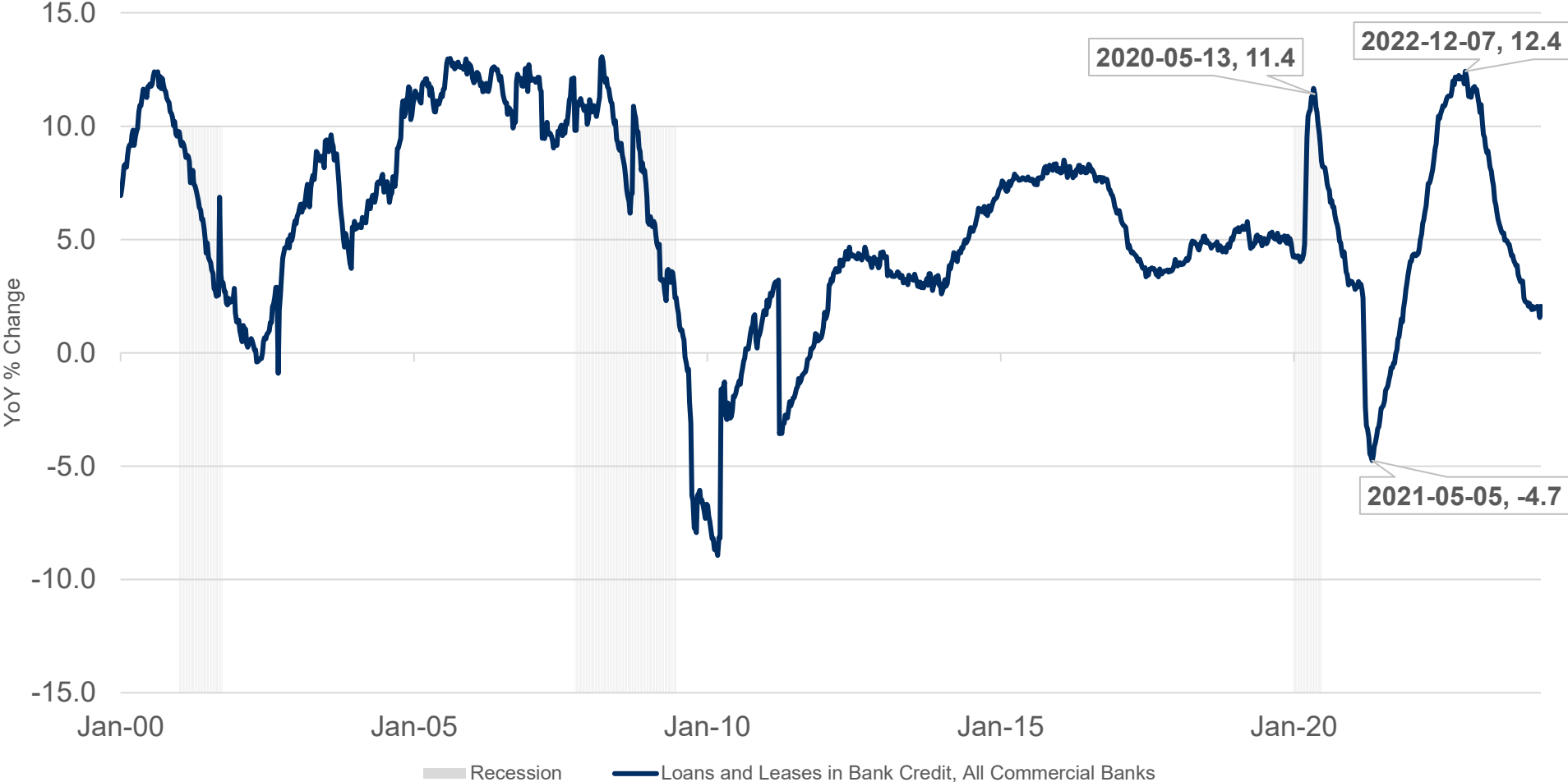


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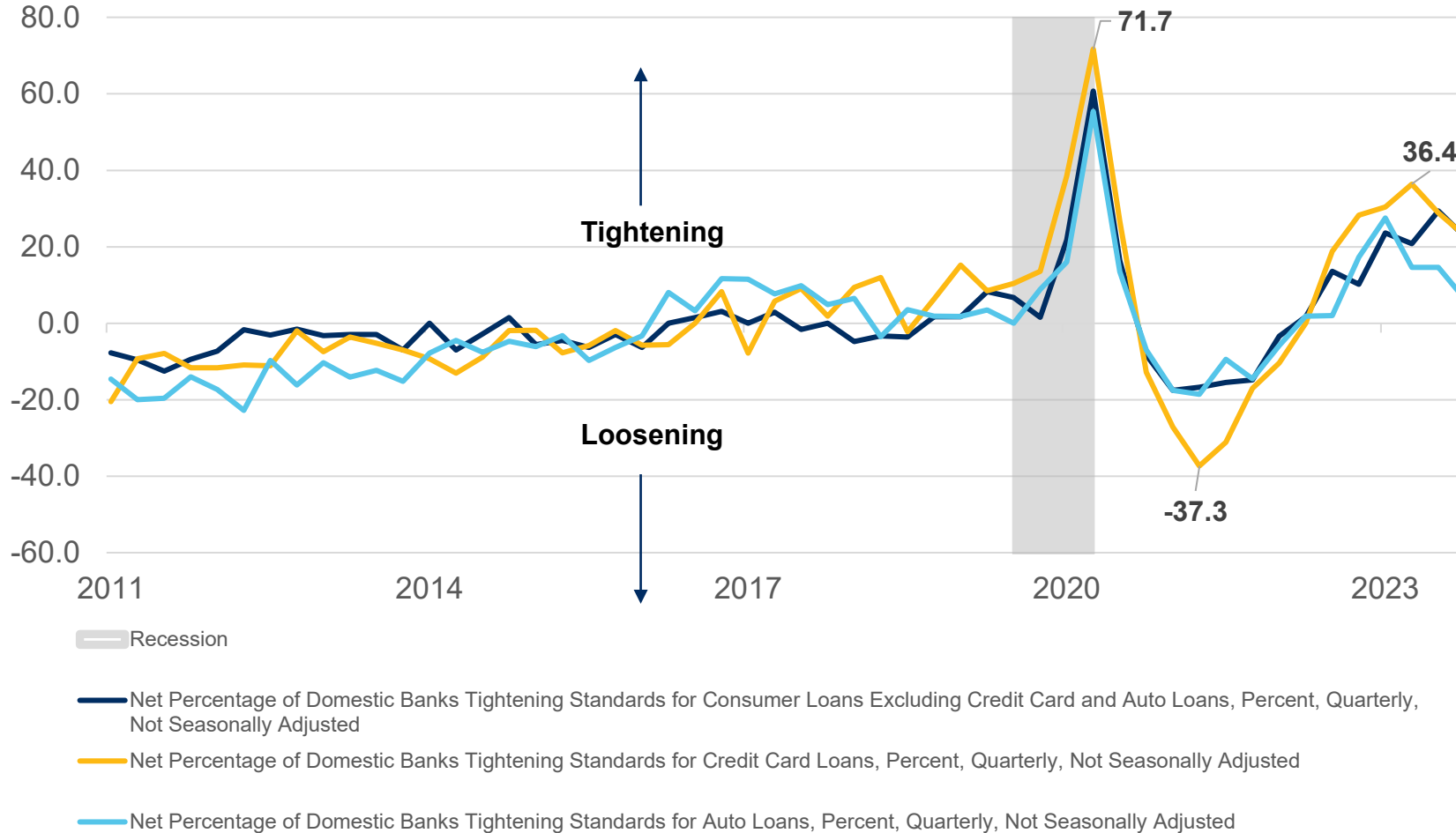


- Increase in interest rates
- Lower spending and investment needs
- Easing in supply chain disruptions
- Less M&A
- Demand expected to pickup in 2024 because of lower interest rates

Loans and Leases in Bank Credit, All Commercial Banks



Senior Loan Officer Survey – January 2024



- Expected deterioration in credit quality
- Reduction in risk tolerance
- Deterioration in the bank's liquidity position
- Increase in funding costs

Data series started in 2011

Shared National Credits – 1st and 3rd Qtr. Reviews

Results - \$6.4 trillion portfolio

Moderate Risk

- Higher Interest Rates
- Compressed margins in some industries
- Declining quality in Technology, Telecom, Media, Health Care and Pharma
- Office weakness – changes in the workplace
- Improving quality in Transportation Services and Entertainment/Recreation (pandemic affected)

Shared National Credits – 1st and 3rd Qtr. Reviews

Go-Forward

- Manage interest rates
- Leverage Lending Risk is High - may lack financial flexibility
 - Approx. 46% of total SNC commitments
 - Disproportionate percentage of special mention (86%) and classified (85%) exposures
 - Risk layering: high leverage, aggressive repayment assumptions, weak covenants, terms that allow borrowers to increase debt (e.g. draw on incremental facilities)
 - Previously strong investor demand led to less restrictive covenants
 - Have not been tested through typical economic cycle
 - Need to stress test and understand potential losses and impact to capital and earnings

Fed Funds Effective Rate

| Fed Meeting Date |
|---------------------------|
| May 1, 2024 |
| June 12, 2024 |
| July 31, 2024 |
| September 18, 2024 |
| November 7, 2024 |
| December 18, 2024 |
| January 29, 2025 |
| March 19, 2025 |

Market Expectations: six rate changes to three to two

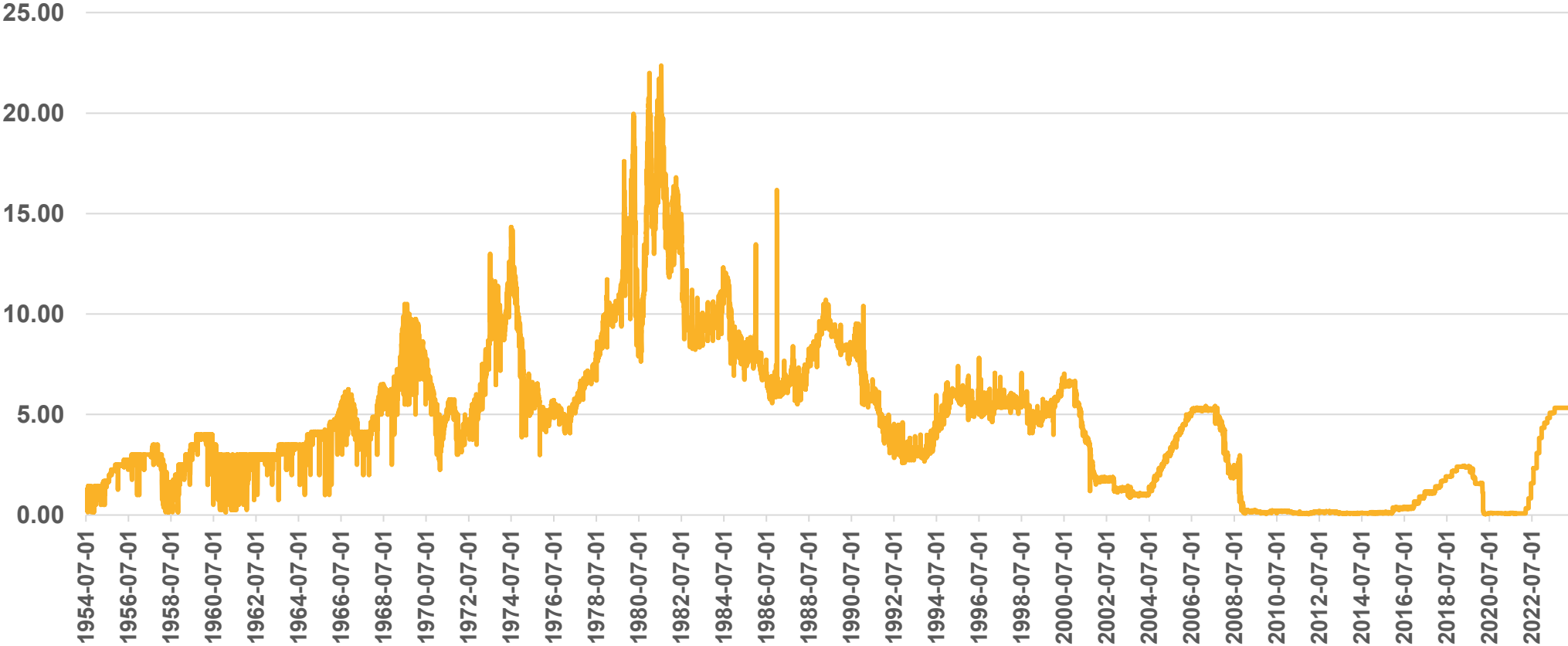
May 2000 –
January 2001:
8 Months

June 2006 –
January 2008:
19 Months

Last Increase:
July 2023



Fed Funds Effective Rate



Home Values and Mortgage Rates

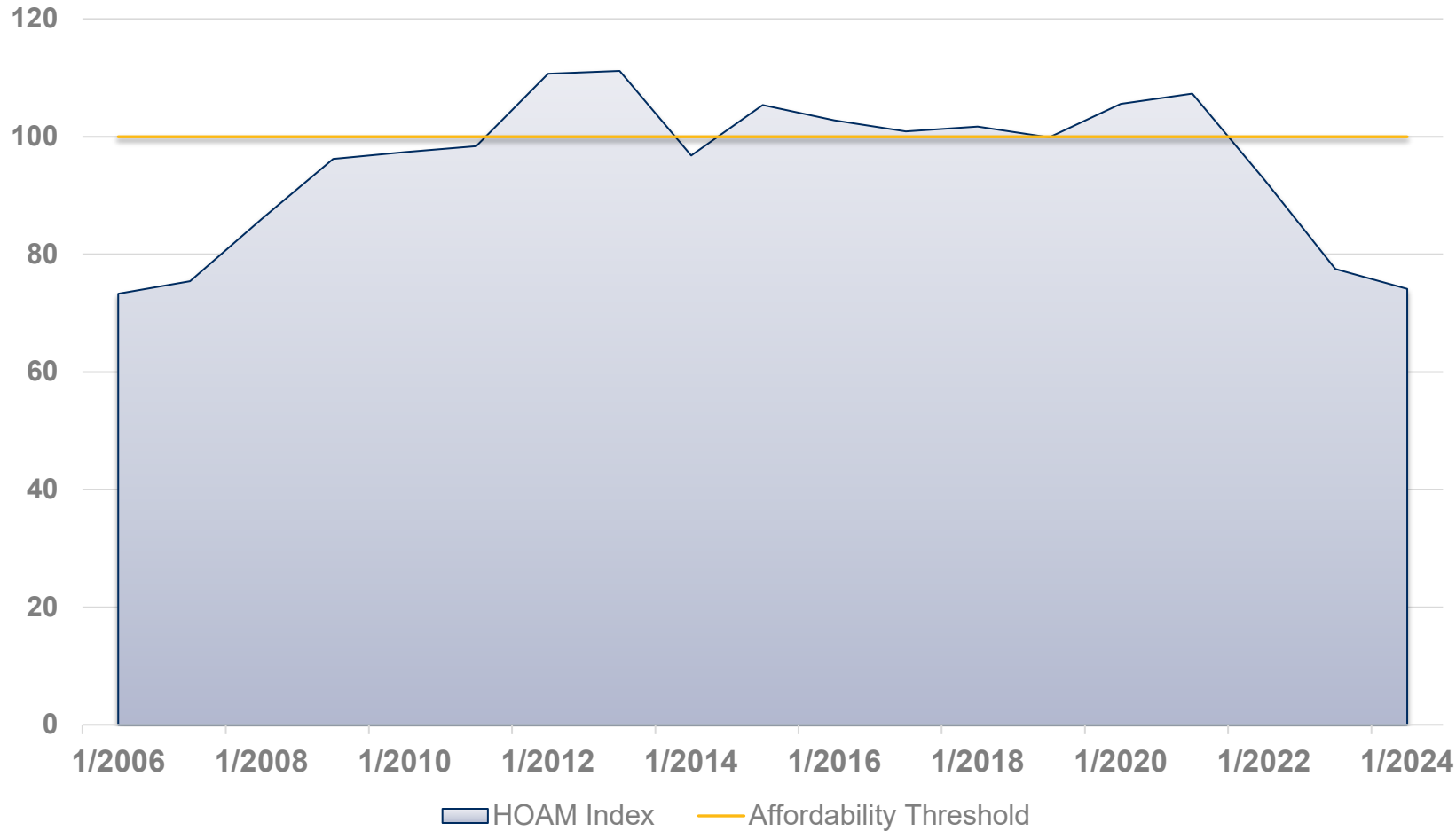


Home
Affordability

Housing
Inventory

3-4% Fixed
Rates

Atlanta Fed: Home Ownership Affordability Index



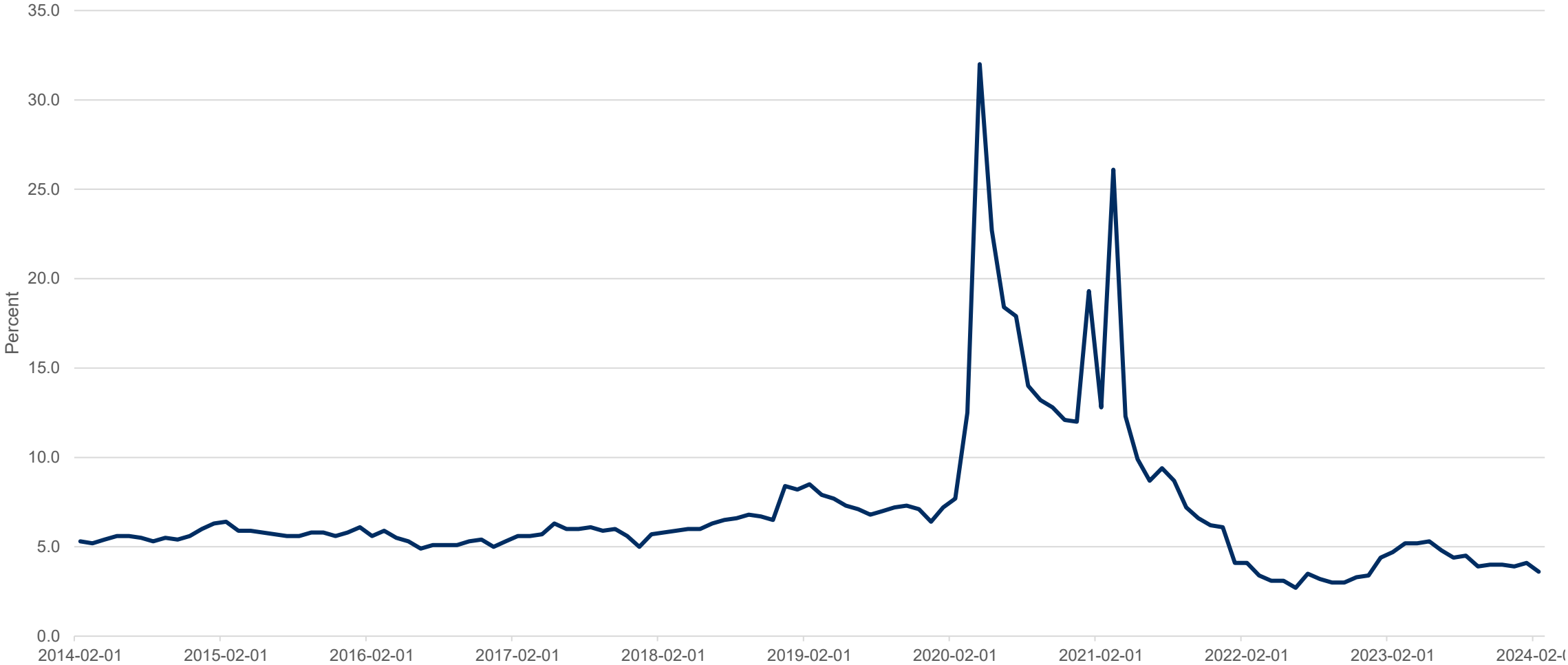
Factors

- Income
- Prices
- Interest rates**
- Taxes
- Insurance

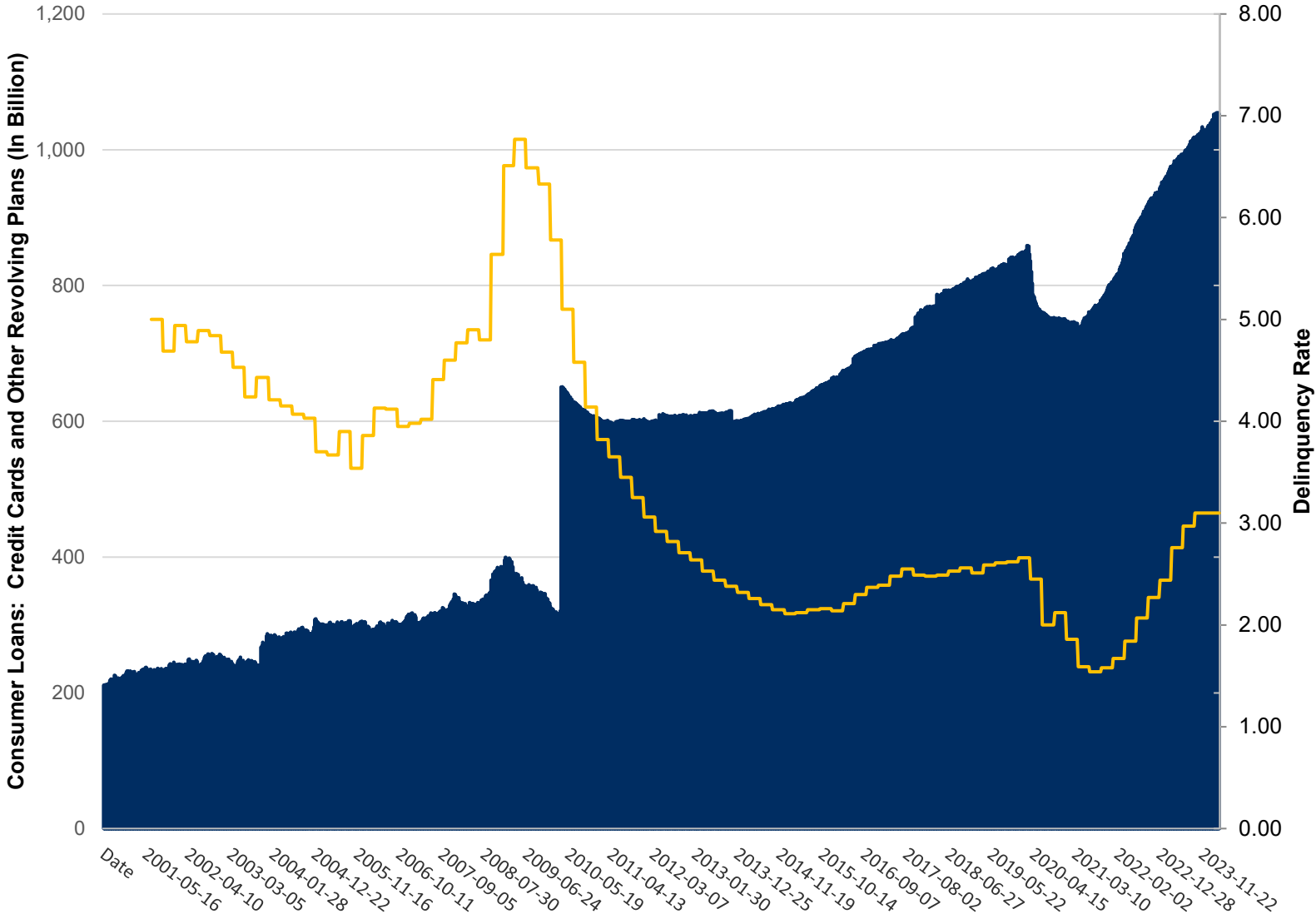
Metro-County Index

- Fresno 65.5
- LA 35.9
- Sacramento 61.5
- San Diego 44.0
- San Fran. 40.4
- San Jose 42.7

Personal Savings Rate



Credit Card and Other Revolving Debt



Commercial Real Estate

Cap Rates – Office Downtown, Class A Stabilized

| Market | H1 2021 | H1 2023 | H2 2023 |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Atlanta | 5.5% - 6.5% | 6.5% - 7.5% | 7.25% - 8.5% |
| Chicago | 5.5% - 6.25% | 7.75% - 8.5% | 8% - 9% |
| Houston | 6.5% - 6.75% | 7.25 - 8.25% | 7.75% - 8.5% |
| Los Angeles | 4.25% - 5.25% | 7% - 7.5% | 7.5% - 8.5% |
| New York | 4.5% - 4.75% | 5.5% - 6.25% | 6% - 6.5% |
| Oakland | 4.5% - 5.5% | 7% - 9% | 8.5% - 10.5% |
| Philadelphia | 6.5% - 7% | 7.5% - 8.5% | 8.25% - 9.25% |
| Sacramento | 6.5% - 7% | 7% - 7.75% | 7% - 8% |
| San Diego | 3.75% - 4.25% | 7% - 7.5% | - |
| San Francisco | 4.75% - 5.25% | 6.5% - 7.5% | 6.75% - 7.75% |
| San Jose | 5.5% - 6.5% | 6.5% - 7.5% | - |
| Seattle | 4.5% - 5% | 6.25% - 7% | 7.75% - 9% |

Moody's
 "Office section set a new vacancy record at 19.8%, up from 19.6% in prior quarter and beating two historic peaks of 19.3% at 1986 and 1991."

\$500,000 NOI
 Value at 5% Cap Rate \$10,000,000
 Value at 7.0% Rate \$7,142,857
 % Change **-28.57%**

Cap Rates – Multifamily Infill, Class A Stabilized

| Market | H1 2021 | H1 2023 | H2 2023 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Atlanta | 3.5% - 3.75% | 4.5% - 5% | 5% - 5.5% |
| CA – Inland Empire | 4.5% - 5% | 4.5% - 5% | 5% - 5.5% |
| Chicago | 4% - 4.75% | 5 – 5.5% | 5.5% - 6% |
| Houston | 3.5% - 4% | 4.25% - 4.75% | 5.25% - 5.75% |
| Los Angeles | 4% - 4.25% | 4.25% - 4.5% | 5% - 5.5% |
| New York | 4.5% - 5% | 4.5% - 4.75% | 5% - 5.5% |
| Oakland | 4.0% - 4.5% | - | 5.5% - 6.5% |
| Philadelphia | 4.75% - 5.25% | 5% - 5.5% | 5.25% - 5.5% |
| Sacramento | 4.5% - 5% | - | - |
| San Diego | 3.75% 4.25% | 4.5% - 4.75% | 4.75% - 5.25% |
| San Francisco | 3.5% - 4% | 4.5% - 5% | 4.5% - 5.5% |
| San Jose | 3.75% - 4.25% | 4.75% - 5.25% | 5% - 5.5% |
| Seattle | 4% - 4.25% | 4% - 4.5% | 4.75% - 5.25% |

Moody's

National vacancy rate of 5.5%

Asking and effective rents are down 1.2% and 1.8% from peak last summer

Cap Rates – Industrial, Class A Stabilized

Moody's
 "...a steady decline in completions, dropping from nearly 58 million square feet in the fourth quarter of last year to just 20.3 million square feet in the first quarter of 2024..."

Vacancy rate of 6.0%, below pre-pandemic rate of 10%+

| Market | H1 2021 | H1 2023 | H2 2023 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Atlanta | 3.25% - 3.75% | 5% - 5.5% | 5.25% - 5.75% |
| Chicago | 4% - 4.25% | 5.5% - 5.75% | 5.5% - 6% |
| CA – Inland Empire | 2.8% - 3.5% | 4.75% - 5.75% | 5.5% - 6% |
| Houston | 3.9% - 4.5% | 5% - 5.25% | 5.5% - 6% |
| Los Angeles | 2.8% - 3.5% | 4.75% - 5.25% | 5.25% - 5.75% |
| New York | 2.9% - 3.25% | 4.5% - 5% | 5.25% - 5.5% |
| Oakland | 2.8% - 3.5% | 4.75% - 5.25% | 5.25% - 5.75% |
| Philadelphia | 3% - 3.35% | 4.75% - 5.25% | 5.5% - 6% |
| Sacramento | 4.0% - 4.5% | 5% - 5.5% | 5.5% - 6% |
| San Diego | 3.5% - 4% | 4.75% - 5.25% | 5.25% - 5.75% |
| San Francisco | 2.8% - 3.5% | - | - |
| San Jose | 3.75% - 4.25% | - | - |
| Seattle | 3.5% - 4% | 4.5% - 5% | 5.25% - 5.75% |

Source: CBRE Cap Rate Survey. Moody's "Q1 2024 Preliminary Trend Announcement", April 1, 2024.

Three Stories: Same Loan

One of Largest Issues Facing Portfolios

1.) 2014 – Actual

Loan Date: 4/18/2014
 Purpose: \$4,515M to purchase retail strip center.
 Terms: **4.20%: 20 Yr. Am**
 Purchase Date: **4/18/2014**
 Purchase Price: **\$6,025M**
 Appraisal Date: **2/22/2014**
 Hard Cash In: **\$1,510M**
 Appraisal Value: **\$6,125M**
 Appraisal Cap Rate: **9%**
 Appraisal As is NOI: **\$551M**
 Loan to Original Cost: **74.9%**
 LTV: **73.7%**
 Original Debt Yield: **12.20%**
 Original DSCR: **1.65x**

Guaranties, Covenants, etc. not part of exercise

Note the speed of decision

Note Hard Cash Fully Extracted

This Org “is and always has been Conservative won't go over 75%”

Note they stayed true to under 75%, but this transaction was much riskier in 2019

2.) 2019 – Actual

Loan Date: 10/20/2019
 Purpose: \$5,440M Cash out (\$1.5MM) refi same
 Terms: **5.86%: 20 Yr. Am**
 Purchase Date: **4/18/2014**
 Purchase Price: **\$6,025M**
 Appraisal Date: **10/15/2019**
 Hard Cash In: **\$10M**
 Appraisal Value: **\$7,775M**
 Appraisal Cap Rate: **7.25%**
 Appraisal As is NOI: **\$562M**
 Loan to Original Cost: **90.3%**
 LTV: **70%**
 Original Debt Yield: **10.3%**
 Original DSCR: **1.22x**

Guaranties, Covenants, etc. not part of exercise

No Policy Exceptions These Two Scenarios

Third Story – Today

3.) 2024 – Mock

What 2024 (5Yr) maturity looks like



| | | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Loan Date: | <u>8/1/2024</u> | |
| Purpose: | Now Maturing \$4,608,000 | |
| Terms: | 8.70% | ↑ 20 Yr. Am |
| Purchase Date: | 4/18/2014 | |
| Purchase Price: | \$6,025M | |
| Current Appraisal Cap Rate: | 8.75% | ↑ |
| Last Appraisal As is NOI: | \$562M | |
| 2023 NOI (100% Lease): | \$521M | ↓ |
| Implied Updated Value: | \$5,954M | ↓ (2023 NOI / CAP): |
| Implied LTV (Maturing / Implied): | 77.39% | ↑ Ⓢ |
| Updated Annual Debt Service: | \$487M | ↑ |
| Updated DSCR New Terms: | 1.07x | ↓ Ⓢ |
| Updated Debt Yield: | 11.31% | |
| Paydown needed to get LTV in policy (75%): | | ~\$142,500 |
| Paydown needed to get DSCR in policy (1.2x): | | ~\$508,000 |

- Cap rate up from 7.25% in 2019 to 8.75%.
- NOI is down due to higher expenses on property (same 100% occupancy).
- If reset to 20-year amortization, DSCR and LTV exception exist without additional paydown.
- If Bank wanted both LTV and DSCR to be in policy \$508M paydown would be needed.

Third Story – What If

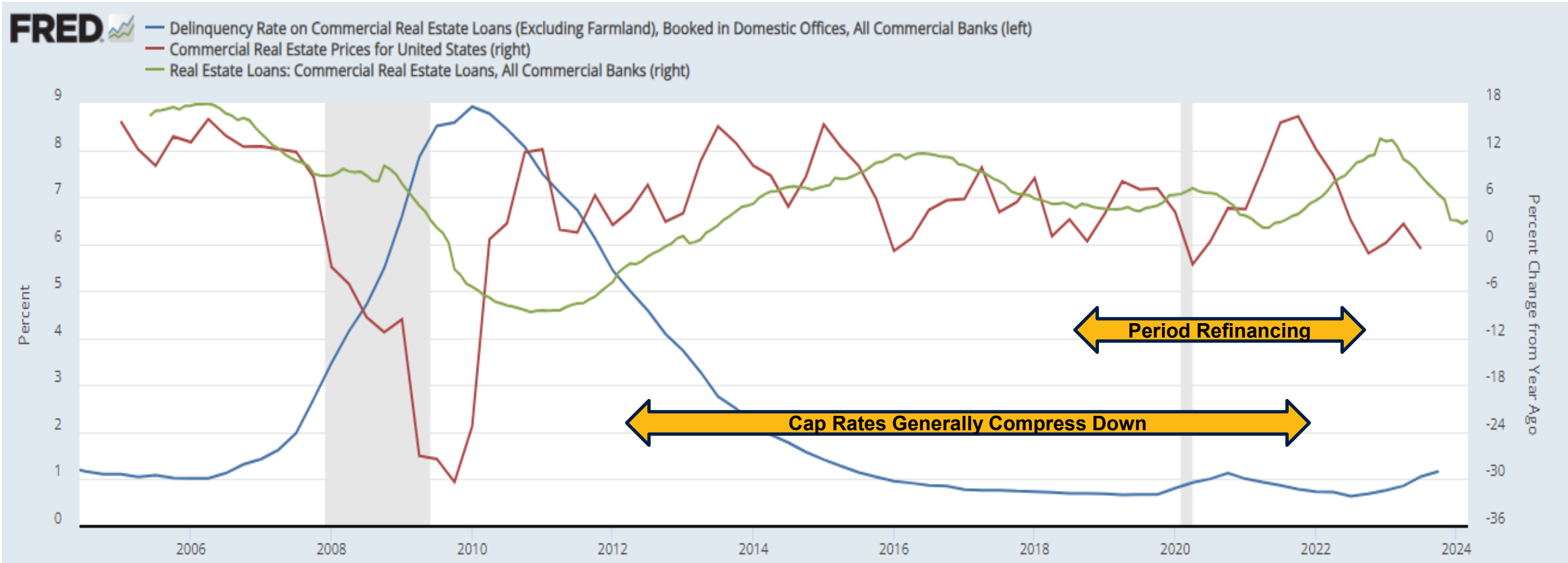
Below scenario looks at:
 What if bank had a 25-year amortization in 2019 and reset to 25-year in 2024?



| | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Loan Date: | <u>8/1/2024</u> | |
| Purpose: | \$4,882,000 Now Maturing | |
| Terms: | 8.70%: ↑ 25 Yr. Am | |
| Purchase Date: | 4/18/2014 | |
| Purchase Price: | \$6,025M | |
| Current Appraisal Cap Rate: | 8.75% ↑ | |
| Last Appraisal As is NOI: | \$562M | |
| 2023 NOI (100% Lease): | \$521M ↓ | |
| Implied Updated Value: | \$5,954M ↓ | (2023 NOI / CAP): |
| Implied LTV (Maturing / Implied): | 82.00% ↑ | ⊘ |
| Updated Annual Debt Service: | \$480M ↑ | |
| Updated DSCR New Terms: | 1.09x ↓ | ⊘ |
| Updated Debt Yield: | 10.67 | |
| Paydown needed to get LTV in policy (75%): | | ~ <u>\$416,500</u> |
| Paydown needed to get DSCR in policy (1.2x): | | ~ <u>\$462,000</u> |

- This shows what happens if the Bank had a 25-year amortization in 2019 instead of 20.
- Also assumes amortization reset at 25 years.
- LTV is of course out of balance more but spreading payments to 25 years makes the DSCR exception less dramatic.

Few Themes to Consider



- Were you lending in rising CRE value environment?

- Were you doing cash outs – non-recourse?

- Assess your approved exceptions.

Multifamily – Key Concerns In One Chart

| Market | Los Angeles | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Loan Date | 8/20/2021 | | | |
| Maturity | 8/20/2024 | | | |
| Amortization Years | 30 | | | |
| Original Fixed Interest | 4.50% | | | |
| Loan Amount | \$4,400,000 | | | |
| <i>* Source: CBRE Cap Rate Survey</i> → | | | | |
| CBRE Cap Survey* | Appraisal 3.75% | Actual 5% | Actual 5.50% | Proforma TBD |
| | 8/10/2021 | 12/31/2022 | 12/31/2023 | 12/31/2024 |
| Revenue | \$438,000 | \$394,000 | \$436,000 | \$443,000 |
| Expenses | \$154,000 | \$164,488 | \$159,695 | \$180,433 |
| NOI | \$284,000 | \$229,512 | \$276,305 | \$262,567 |
| Actual Debt Service (4.5% 30) | \$267,528 | \$267,528 | \$267,528 | \$267,528 |
| Actual DSCR Amortizing | 1.06 | 0.86 | 1.03 | 0.98 |
| Actual Interest Coverage 4.5% | 1.43 | 1.16 | 1.40 | 1.33 |
| Debt Service (Remaining Balance) Stressed to 7.50%;30 | \$369,000 | \$363,000 | \$357,000 | \$351,000 |
| Stressed DSCR Using Rate Reset | 0.77 | 0.63 | 0.77 | 0.75 |
| Cash Flow Shortfall at Stressed Rate | (\$85,000) | (\$133,488) | (\$80,695) | (\$88,433) |
| First Mortgage Debt Remaining | \$4,400,000 | \$4,329,000 | \$4,255,000 | \$4,177,000 |
| Actual Debt Yield | 6.45% | 5.30% | 6.49% | 6.29% |
| Actual Valuation | \$7,000,000 | \$7,000,000 | \$7,000,000 | \$7,000,000 |
| Actual Cap Rate | 4.00% | 4.00% | 4.00% | 4.00% |
| Actual LTV | 62.86% | 61.84% | 60.79% | 59.67% |
| Implied Value Using 5.50 Cap | \$5,163,636 | \$4,172,945 | \$5,023,727 | \$4,773,945 |
| Implied Decline | (\$1,836,364) | (\$2,827,055) | (\$1,976,273) | (\$2,226,055) |
| Implied LTV Using 5.50 Cap | 85.21% | 103.74% | 84.70% | 87.50% |

What Up Against 2024/2025

Items to Consider

- Competition in 2017 through early 2022 led to some pockets of aggressive behavior.
- Many have operated with lower perceived risk compared to other products.
- Nonbank activity has helped to increase activity.
- IO periods for already stabilized properties was / is happening.
- Layered risks: Nonrecourse + DSCR below 1.15x.
- Type of units (luxury, mid-luxury, affordable) need to be considered rather than generalizing with housing shortage comment.
- Think how quickly rental payments evolve (late pay, partial pay, abatement, etc.) in recessions.

Multifamily – Did You Size Deals or did Borrower?

| Market | | What if Deal Was Sized to 8% Debt Yield at Origination | | What if Deal Was Sized to 8% Debt Yield at Origination |
|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Loan Date | 8/20/2021 | | | |
| Maturity | 8/20/2024 | | | |
| Amortization Years | 30 | 30 | | 30 |
| Original Fixed Interest | 4.50% | 4.50% | | 4.50% |
| Loan Amount | \$4,400,000 | \$3,550,000 | | \$3,550,000 |
| Source | Appraisal | Mock Scenario | Proforma | Mock Proforma |
| Date | 8/10/2021 | 8/10/2021 | 12/31/2024 | 12/31/2024 |
| Revenue | \$438,000 | \$438,000 | \$443,000 | \$443,000 |
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| Actual Debt Service (4.5% 30) | \$267,528 | \$216,000 | \$267,528 | \$216,000 |
| DSCR Amortizing Balance @ 4.5% 30 Years | 1.06 | 1.31 | 0.98 | 1.22 |
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| Debt Service (Remaining Balance) Stressed to 7.50%; 30 | \$369,000 | \$298,000 | \$351,000 | \$283,000 |
| Stressed DSCR Using Rate Reset | 0.77 | 0.95 | 0.75 | 0.93 |
| Cash Flow Shortfall at Stressed Rate | (\$85,000) | (\$14,000) | (\$88,433) | (\$20,433) |
| Occupancy | 98% | 98% | 93% | 93% |
| First Mortgage Debt Remaining | \$4,400,000 | \$3,550,000 | \$4,177,000 | \$3,370,000 |
| Actual Debt Yield | 6.45% | 8.00% | 6.29% | 7.79% |
| Actual Valuation | \$7,000,000 | \$7,000,000 | \$7,000,000 | \$7,000,000 |
| Actual Cap Rate | 4.00% | 4.00% | 4.00% | 4.00% |
| Actual LTV | 62.86% | 50.71% | 59.67% | 48.14% |
| Implied Value Using 5.50 Cap | \$5,163,636 | \$5,163,636 | \$4,773,945 | \$4,773,945 |
| Implied Decline | (\$1,836,364) | (\$1,836,364) | (\$2,226,055) | (\$2,226,055) |
| Implied LTV Using 5.50 Cap | 85.21% | 68.75% | 87.50% | 70.59% |

Items to Consider

- Chart shows how deal sized in a more conservative way will refinance cleaner.
- Illustrates the benefit of using debt yield.
- Illustrates why LTV is not a good metric sizing deals especially in higher cost markets.
- Illustrates how those who might have been more aggressive have larger challenges today.

Realities

Rent Acceleration Flat
Expense Hurts

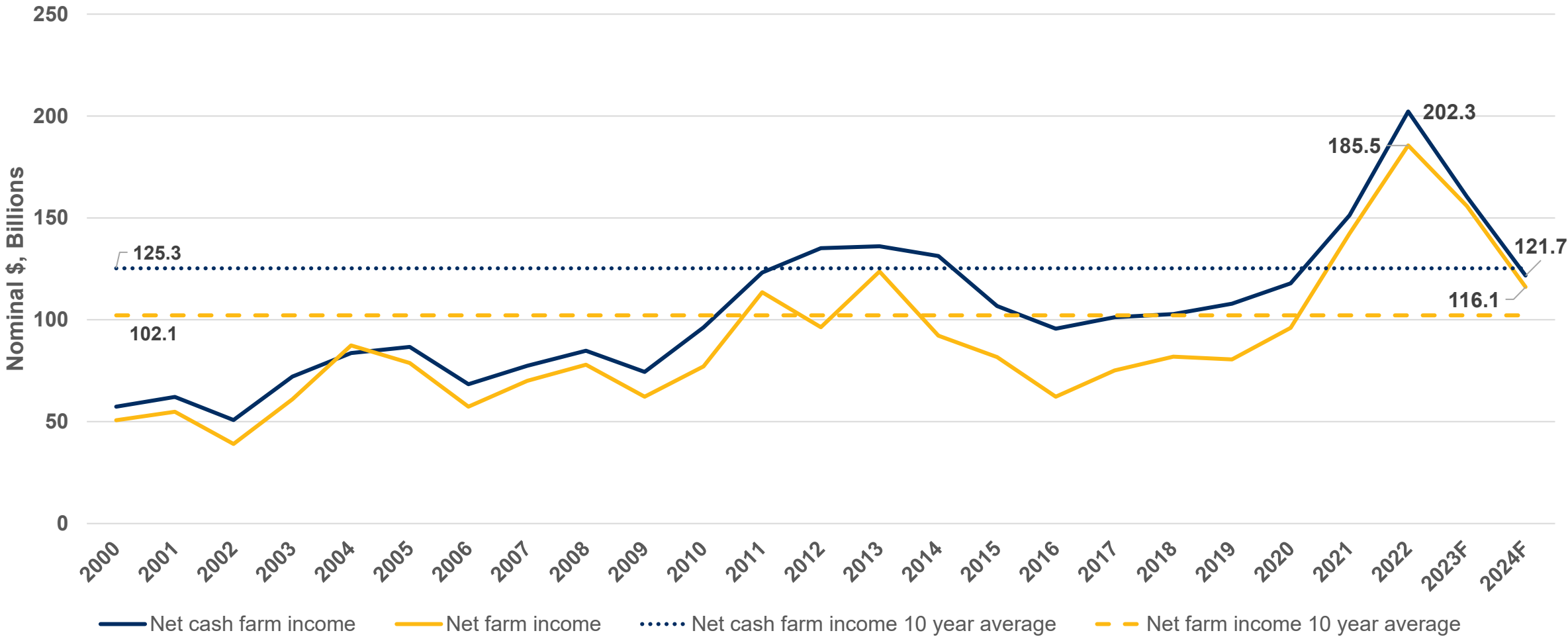
Importance of Sizing

Still not in policy at rate
but more manageable

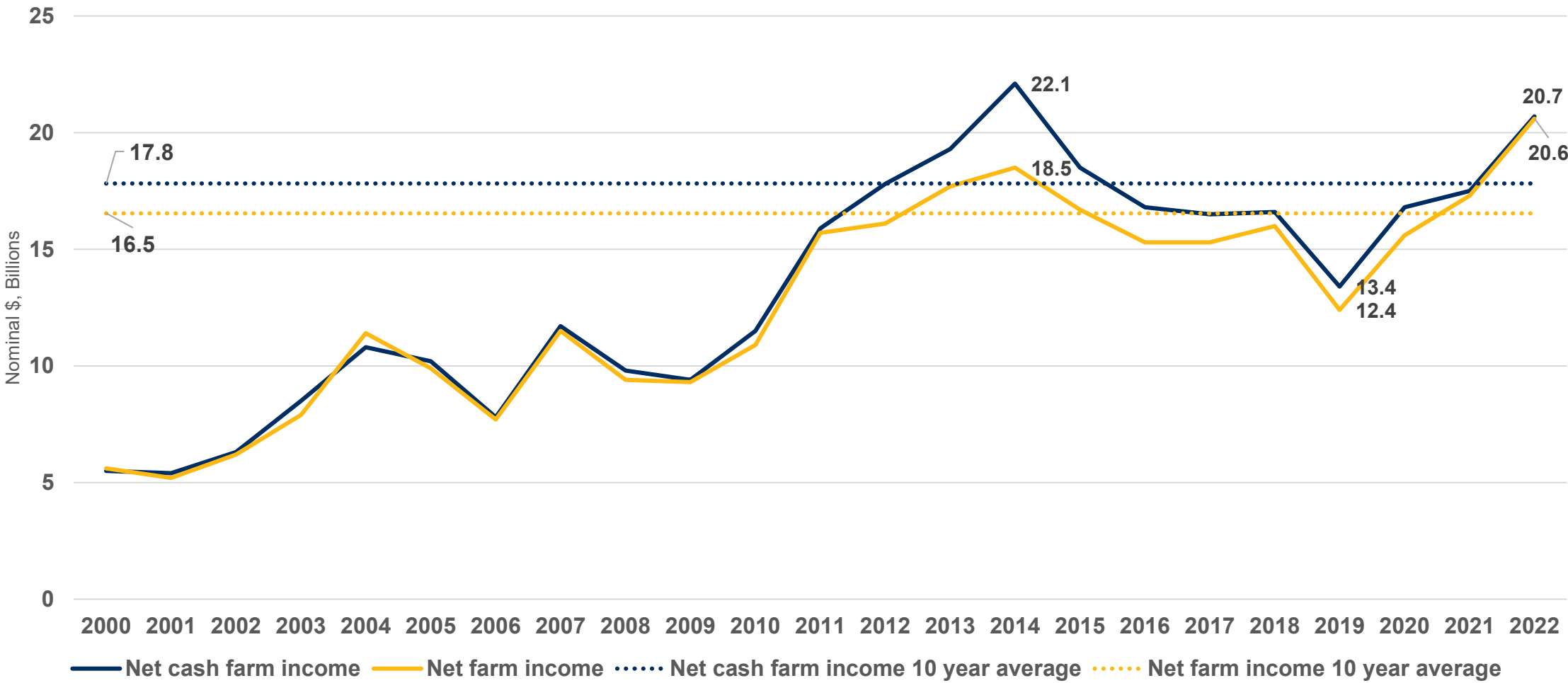
LTV Still in Policy

Agriculture

Farm Sector Profits – U.S.



Farm Sector Profits – California



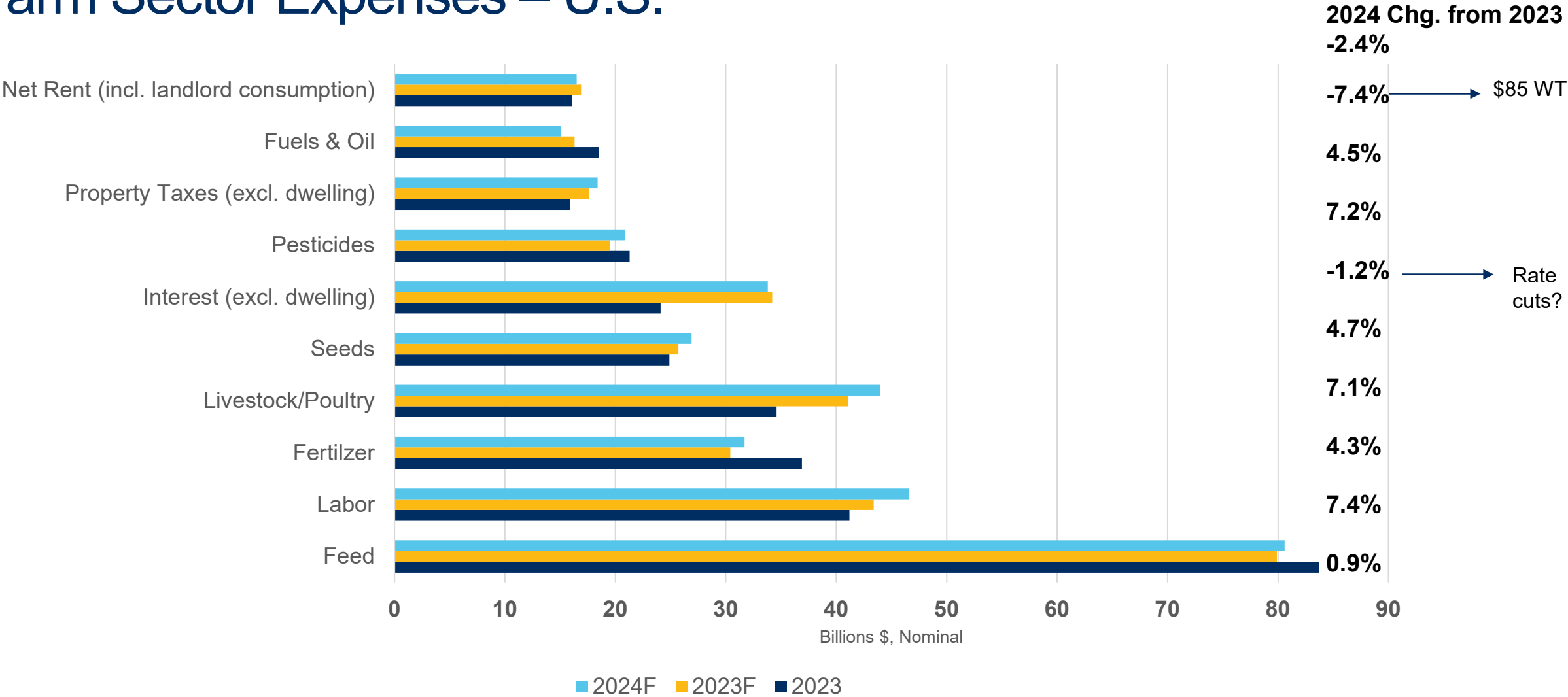
Farm Sector Profits – U.S.

| | 2023F | 2024F | Change |
|---|-------|-------|--------------|
| Cash income statement | | | |
| a. Cash receipts | 506.8 | 485.5 | -21.2 |
| Crops 1/ | 262.4 | 245.7 | -16.7 |
| Animals and products | 244.4 | 239.8 | -4.6 |
| b. Federal Government direct farm program payments 2/ | 12.2 | 10.2 | -1.9 |
| c. Cash farm-related income 3/ | 54.1 | 54.0 | -0.1 |
| d. Gross cash farm income (a+b+c) | 573.0 | 549.8 | -23.3 |
| e. Cash expenses 4/, 5/ | 412.6 | 428.0 | 15.4 |
| f. Net cash farm income (d-e) | 160.4 | 121.7 | -38.7 |
| Farm income statement | | | |
| g. Gross cash farm income (a+b+c) | 573.0 | 549.8 | -23.3 |
| h. Nonmoney income 6/ | 24.6 | 25.5 | 0.8 |
| i. Value of inventory adjustment | -3.5 | -4.0 | -0.5 |
| j. Total gross farm income (g+h+i) | 594.2 | 571.2 | -23.0 |
| k. Total expenses | 438.3 | 455.1 | 16.7 |
| l. Net farm income (j-k) | 155.9 | 116.1 | -39.8 |

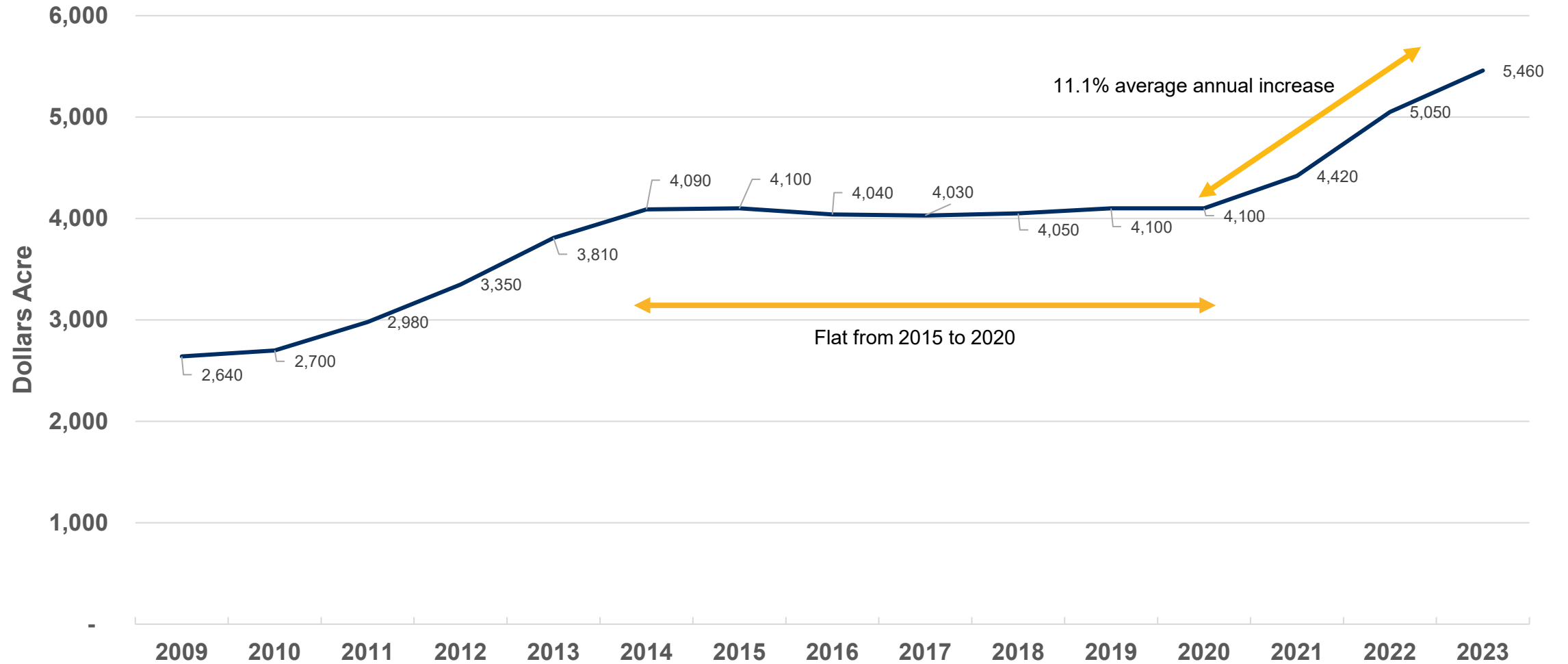
Cash Receipts by Select Commodities

| | 2021 | 2022 | PY % Chg. | 2023 F | PY % Chg. | 2024 F | PY % Chg. |
|-------------------------|------|------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| Cattle & Calves | 72.7 | 86.1 | 18.4% | 99.4 | 15.4% | 97.9 | -1.5% |
| Dairy Products, Milk | 41.8 | 57.3 | 37.1% | 46.4 | -19.0% | 45.5 | -1.9% |
| Chicken Eggs | 8.7 | 19.4 | 123.0% | 14.1 | -27.3% | 12.4 | -12.1% |
| Corn | 71.7 | 87.1 | 21.5% | 78.6 | -9.8% | 67.4 | -14.2% |
| Hay | 8.6 | 10 | 16.3% | 9.6 | -4.0% | 8.8 | -8.3% |
| Soybeans | 49.1 | 61.4 | 25.1% | 57.6 | -6.2% | 51.7 | -10.2% |
| Fruit & Nuts | 30.6 | 26.9 | -12.1% | 26.8 | -0.4% | 27.6 | 3.0% |

Farm Sector Expenses – U.S.

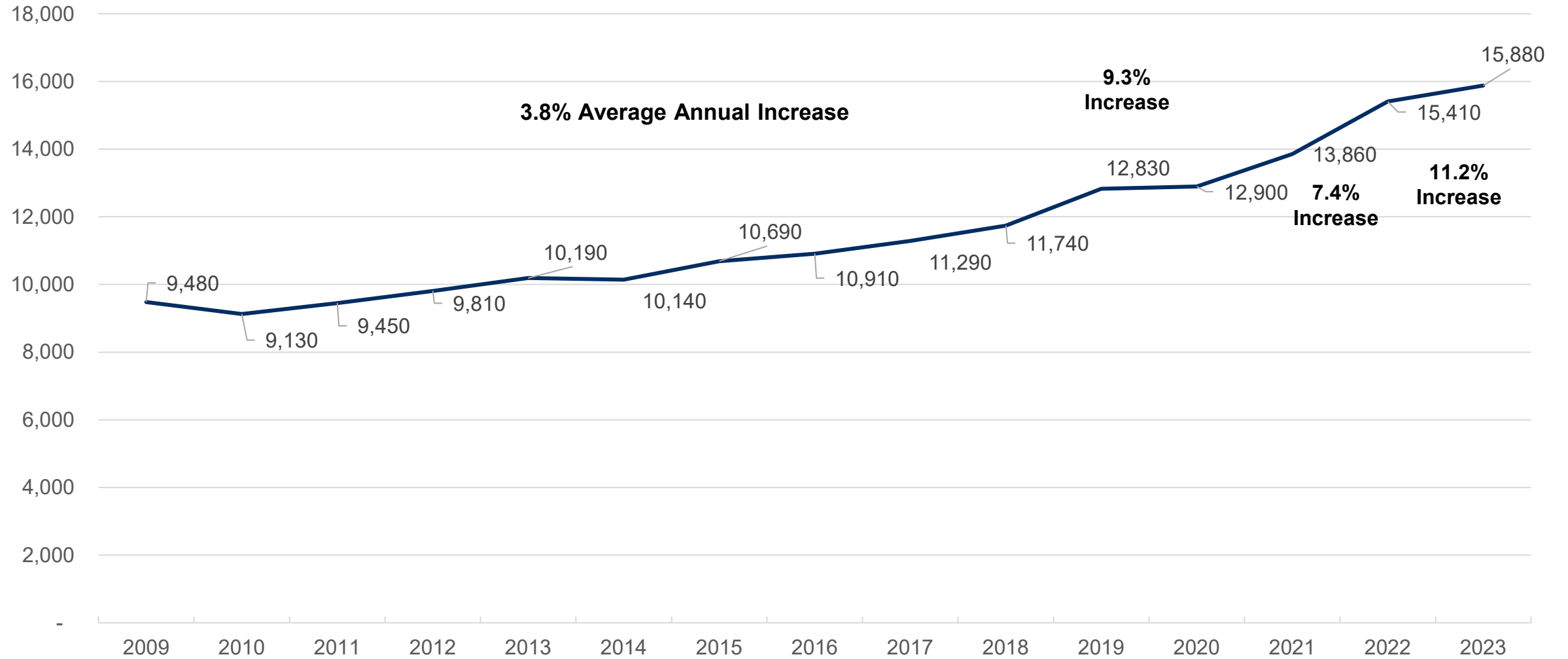


Average Cropland Values – U.S.



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Farm Income and Wealth Statistics

Average Cropland Values – California




Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Farm Income and Wealth Statistics

Strategies to monitor and mitigate risks

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Credit risk is listed first...

Key risk themes



CREDIT RISK is increasing due to higher interest rates, increasing risk in commercial real estate lending, prolonged inflation, declining corporate profitability, and potential for slower economic growth. Key performance indicators are beginning to show signs of borrower stress across asset classes.

Banks should continue to guard against complacency to ensure they maintain the ability to withstand potential future economic challenges.

Commercial Credit

- Commercial credit risk remains moderate and increasing
- Slowing growth is anticipated
- Elevated interest rates continue to have adverse impact on some
- **Heightened risk environment could strain the resources of credit risk review and loan workout functions**
- **Retirements coupled with extended benign credit period has reduced number of bankers with problem loan identification/mitigation experience**
- **Accurate and timely risk ratings are key factor in successful credit risk management**
- CRE – Office sector challenges spreading beyond urban
- CRE – Multifamily sector is under pressure as well

Things for Committees to Consider

What Are Some Items Committee Can Reflect On?

Independent Loan Review

- Now is great time to consider upping game
 - Talk through depth of review (not just grading focus)
 - Ask if you are getting value add comments
 - Are you seeing challenge on grades?
 - What is scoping / risk assessment process?
 - If one visit, is multiple more prudent (fast moving times)
 - Are you getting feedback on problem loans / process?
- Next level process is important if you have a heightened CRE concentration
- Are visual analytics part of the process?

Independent Loan Review (Internal Department)

- Good time for an internal audit (or assessment) of loan review function
- Is staffing right considering how the organization has evolved?

Board / Committee Involvement

- Make sure board / committee of board is allocating proper amount of time to discuss credit metrics, trends, appetite, and other data
- If gaps exist, consider credit risk committee of board

Reporting: Concentration & Other Credit Reports

- MIS should be fluid (ad hoc or new items)
- Now is good time to sit back and reflect on data being presented to committee / board for any gaps
- Get outsider thoughts if needed
- Is the correct amount of economic data being presented
- Any additional policy exception, portfolio metrics, trends, forward-looking items to add

Management

- Do we have right expertise in place for an evolving environment (been through it before, etc.)?

Things for Committees to Consider

What Are Some Items Committee Can Discuss w/ Management?

Portfolio Stress Testing

- If you are not seeing any portfolio stress testing, ask management what they are doing in this area
- If there is none happening, ask how can start to better understand how stress will impact your portfolio
- Is important to get loan level data to observe some good scenarios
- Interest rate is not the only item should stress
- This is an area loan review function might be able to assist as looking thru large sets of data (but this will take more time)
- If have heightened concentrations (compared to peers) should continue to assess / evolve portfolio stress testing

Loan Level Stress / Sensitivity

- Have we reflected on the scenarios we stress at loan level?
- Are we only stressing interest rate?

Liquidity / Deposits

- How is lending / credit helping to increase or stabilize?

Rank Order

- A concept to think about for your largest loans and / or those have higher concern (vintage, exceptions, maturity)
- Organized data is needed and a process

Grading Approach

- Grading approach – definitions, scorecards, models, etc. are important in this environment to reduce subjectivity – ask management how process has evolved over time.
- Given shift in environment, procedures for grading may need to be refreshed – frequency, type of info used, proper consistency, etc.

What Seeing With Valuations

- Talk with management about what they are observing with valuation trends
- If have internal appraisal area, ask them for regular updates on trends specific to your core markets
- Obtain market studies



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