Higher Rates for Longer

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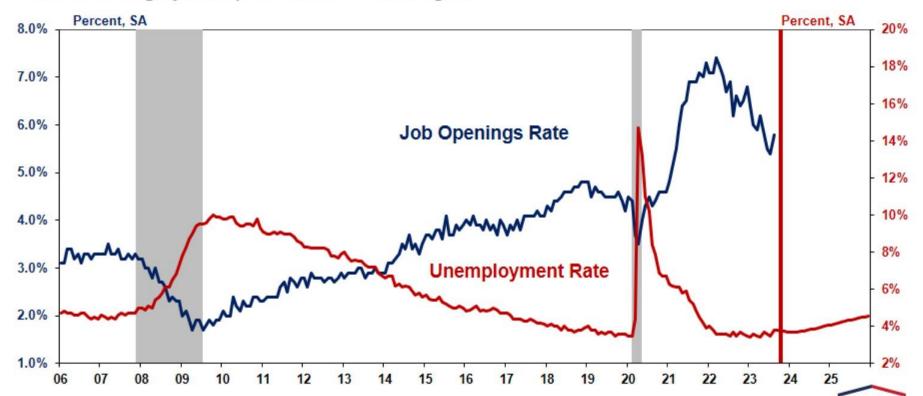


#### GDP – Moderate Growth in 2023 *Soft landing?* Increased 35.3% during the third quarter of 2020 **Annual Growth** Q/Q Percent Change, SAAR LT avg ('58-'07) 3.4% 15% 2020 -2.2% 2021 5.8% 2022 1.9% 10% 2023f 2.4% 2024f 1.6% 2025f 1.3% 5% -5% Dropped 29.9% during the -10% second quarter of 2020



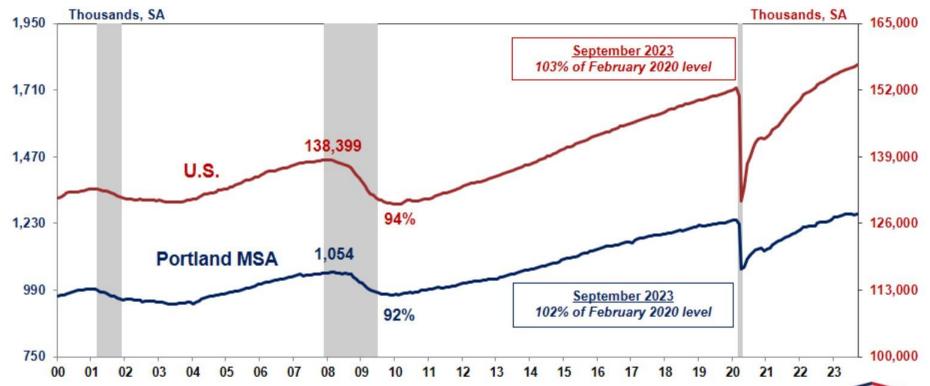
-15%

Job Openings
Increased significantly to 9.6 million in August



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and NAHB forecast.

Payroll Employment
Portland MSA recovered from COVID-19 recession



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)



# Wages Outpacing Productivity Income can only grow with productivity gains







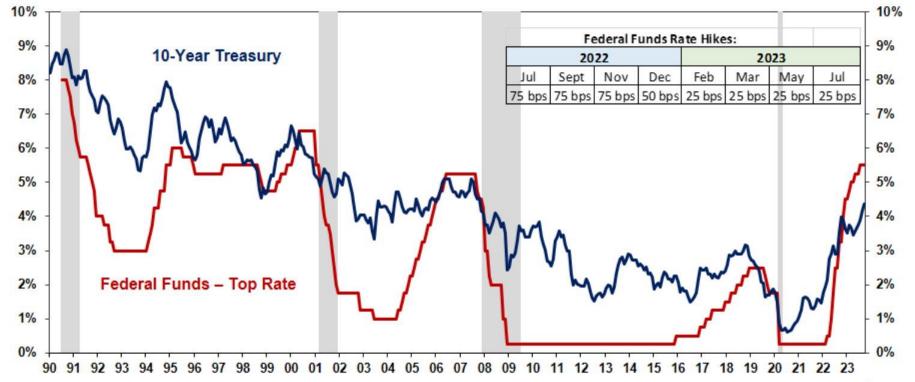
# Consumer Inflation — Headline Rate and Shelter Shelter costs continue to rise despite Fed policy tightening --- "Gimmie Shelter"



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)

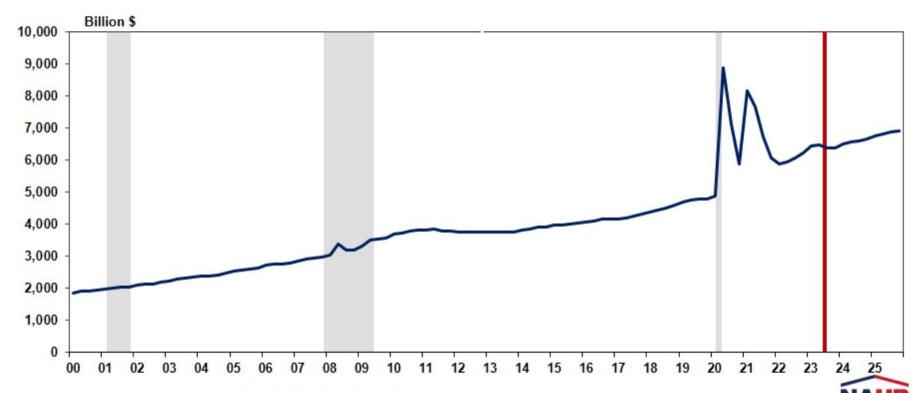


## Monetary Policy Tightening in Response to Inflation The Fed should pause now...



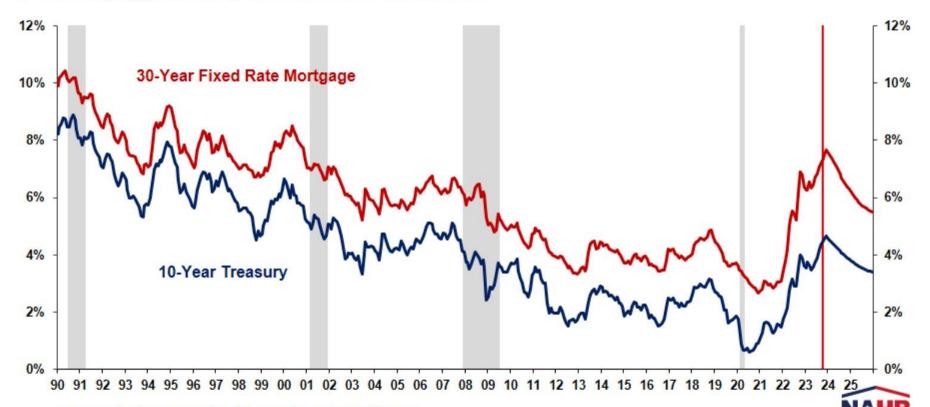


# Historic Expansion for Government Spending Post-covid legislation added to inflation pressure



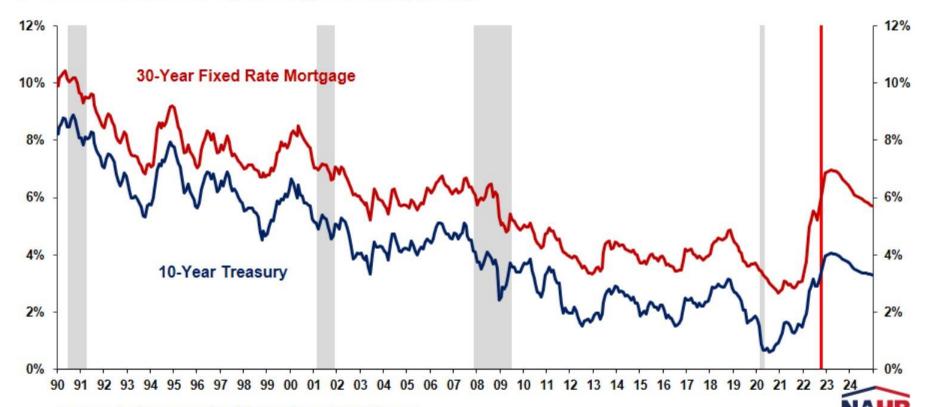
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and NAHB forecast.

# Mortgage Rates Near Cycle Peak Housing affordability at more than decade low



Source: Federal Reserve and Freddie Mac data and NAHB forecast.

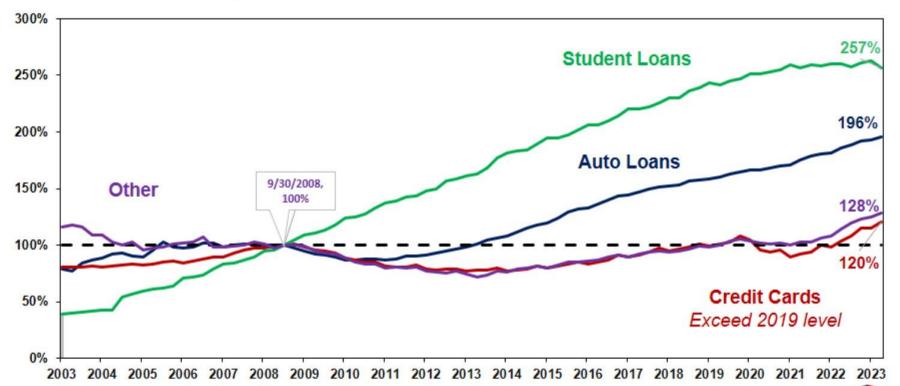
## LAST YEAR: Interest Rates Trending Higher Federal Reserve is tightening monetary policy



Source: Federal Reserve and Freddie Mac data and NAHB forecast.

#### Consumer Debt

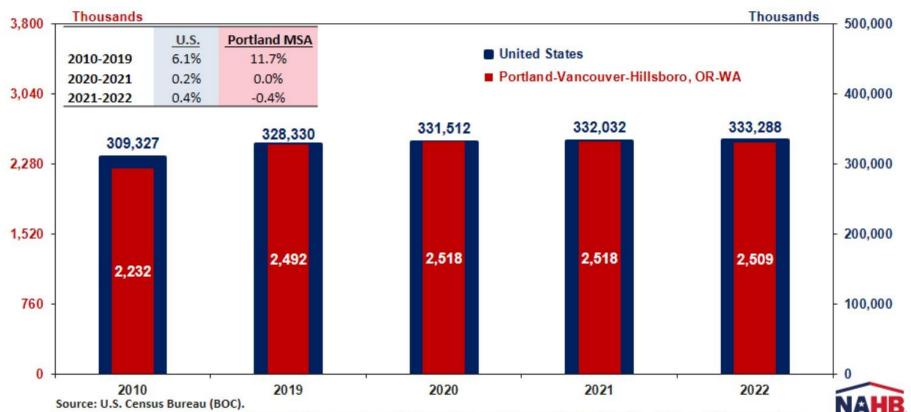
Credit card debt rising



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

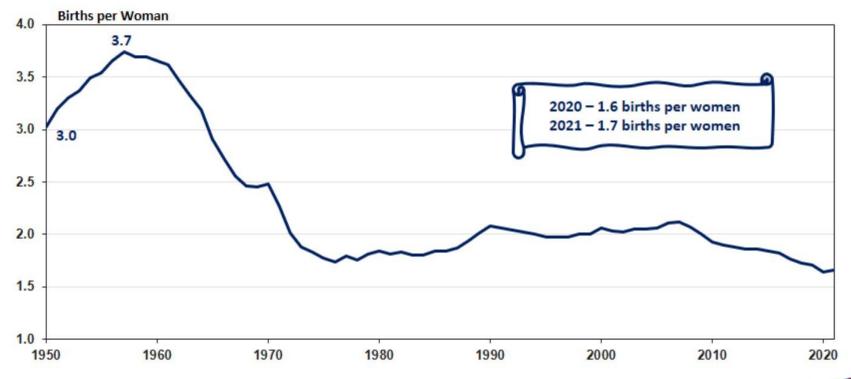


Population Growth
Portland MSA population declining in 2022



Note: 2020 data are updated based on new vintage 2021 population estimates. However, the previous data (2013-2019) have not been revised, so comparisons to previous years are not recommended by Census.

Total Fertility Rate
U.S. fertility rate hit an all-time low in 2020



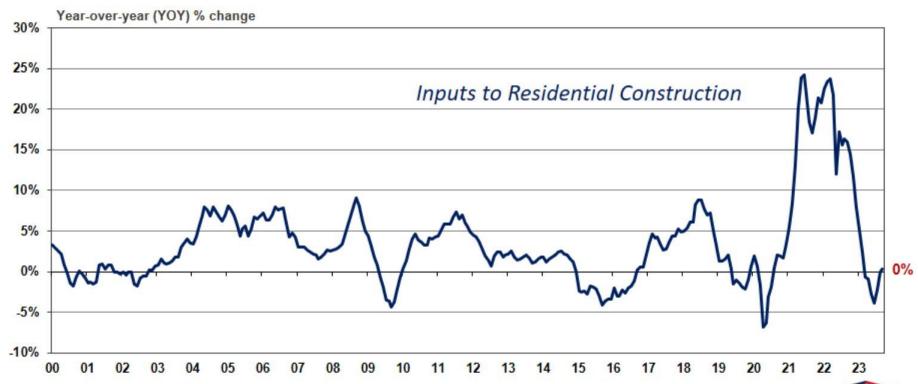








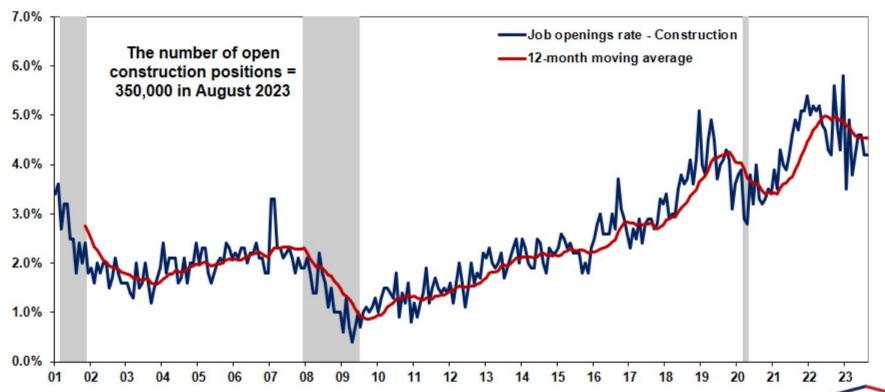
## **Building Materials - Residential Construction Cost**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS): Producer Price Index (PPI)



## Labor – Construction Job Openings Peaked for Cycle? Skilled labor shortage persists; 352,100 net gain for residential construction since Jan 2020

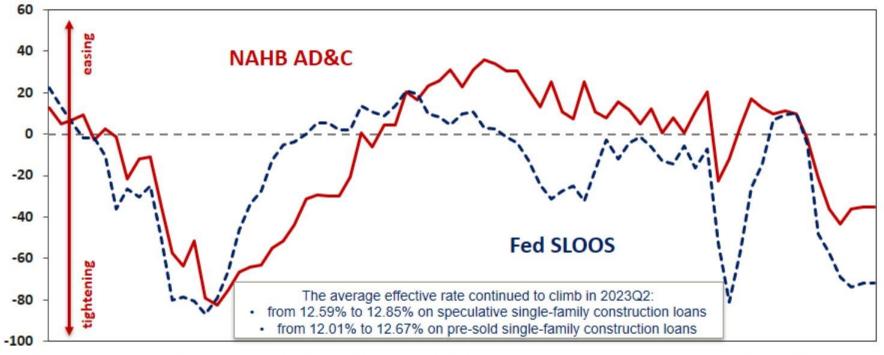


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).



#### Lending – AD&C Loan Conditions

Credit for builders tightens as rates climb



2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Source: NAHB survey; Federal Reserve's Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey (SLOOS)



# Regulatory Costs \$93,870 Per New Home (11% Gain 2016 to 2021) Total effect of building codes, land use, environmental and other rules

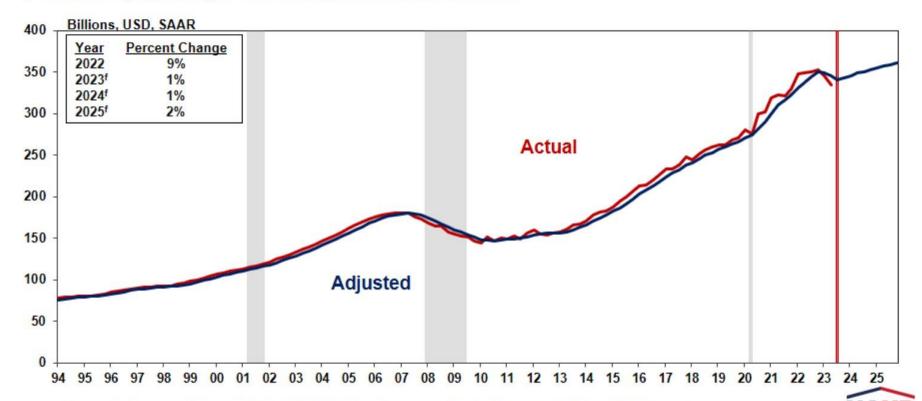


# Construction Outlook





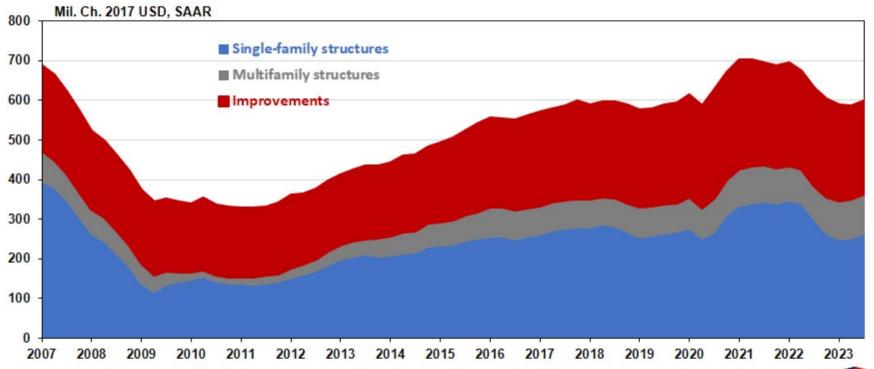
## Residential Remodeling Minor soft patch for home improvement demand



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA): National Income and Product Accounts (NIPA) and NAHB forecast. Note: In the analysis, 1-year moving average is used for adjusted data to smooth the trend.

## Remodeling Gaining Market Share for Residential Construction

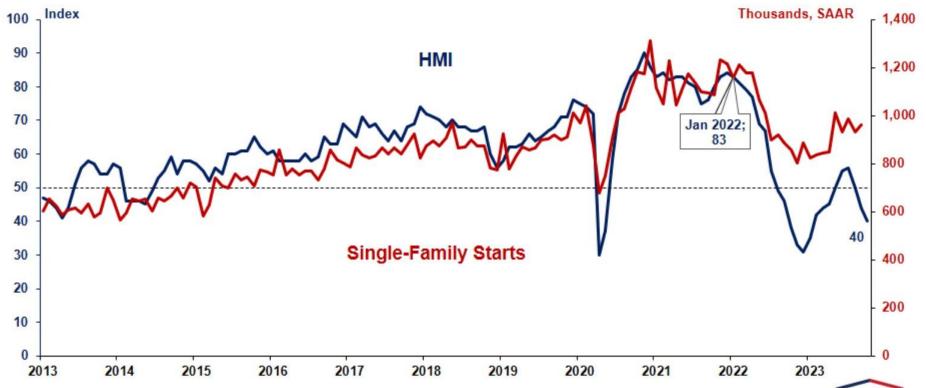
Improvement spending share increased from 33% in 2007 to 39% in 3Q 2023







# NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI) Mortgage rates well above 7% continue to hammer builder confidence



Source: Census Bureau and NAHB/Wells Fargo HMI survey



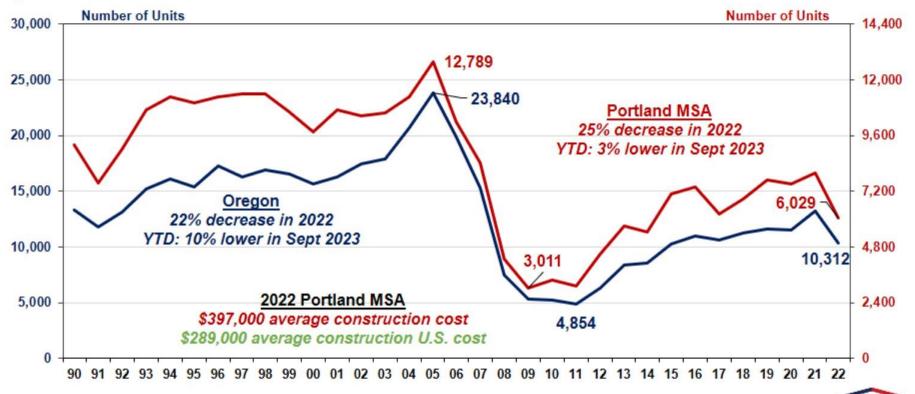
Single-Family Starts
Construction to trend higher in the quarters ahead







## Single-Family Building Permits – Oregon and Portland MSA



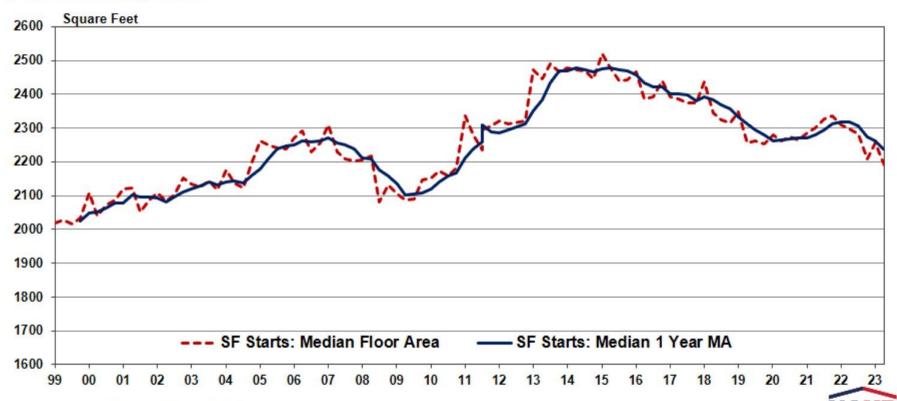
Source: Census Bureau.



## Typical New Home Size

Size trending lower

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC)



### **Multifamily Construction Growing**

Multifamily permit 3-month moving average at lowest point since 2020

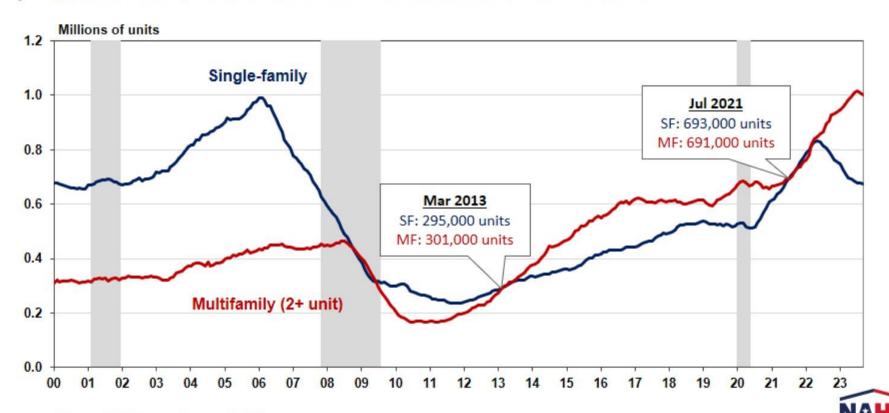


Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC) and NAHB forecast



### Housing Units under Construction

Highest count of apartments under construction since late 1973



Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC)

## Medium-Term Outlook for Residential Construction

- 2024
  - Fed will ease, interest rates will normalize
  - Single-family home building will lead a recovery
  - Demand will return, but supply-side issues will increase
    - Lack of lots
    - AD&C availability
    - Building material constraints
- 2025 through 2030
  - Demographics yield a good runway for home building growth
  - Structural housing deficit will be reduced
  - Single-family home building volumes near or above 1.1 million per year
- 2030 and after
  - Declining demographics weaken multifamily and single-family demand



# Thank you

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