

# Advanced Sales Forum

Seeing the Horizon Clearly
Through Economic
Uncertainty









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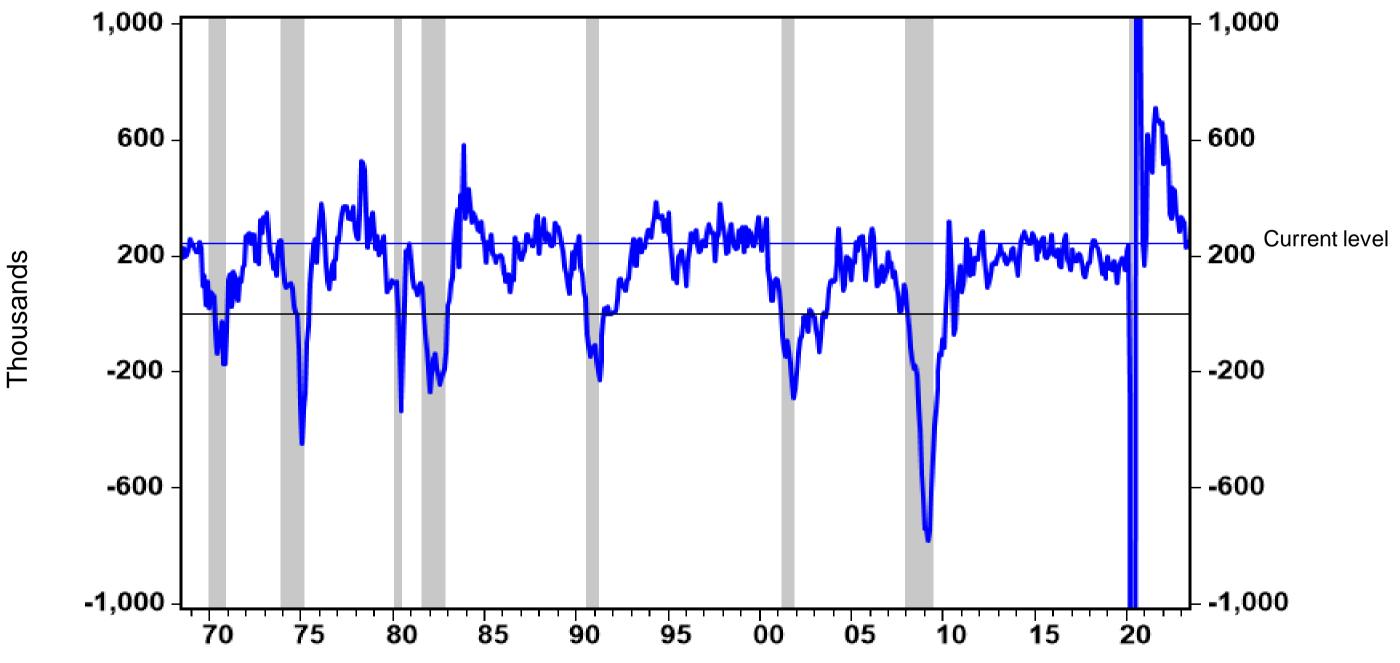
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### Continued strong job gains are holding up growth





Sources: BLS/Haver Analytics; Shaded areas depict recessionary periods

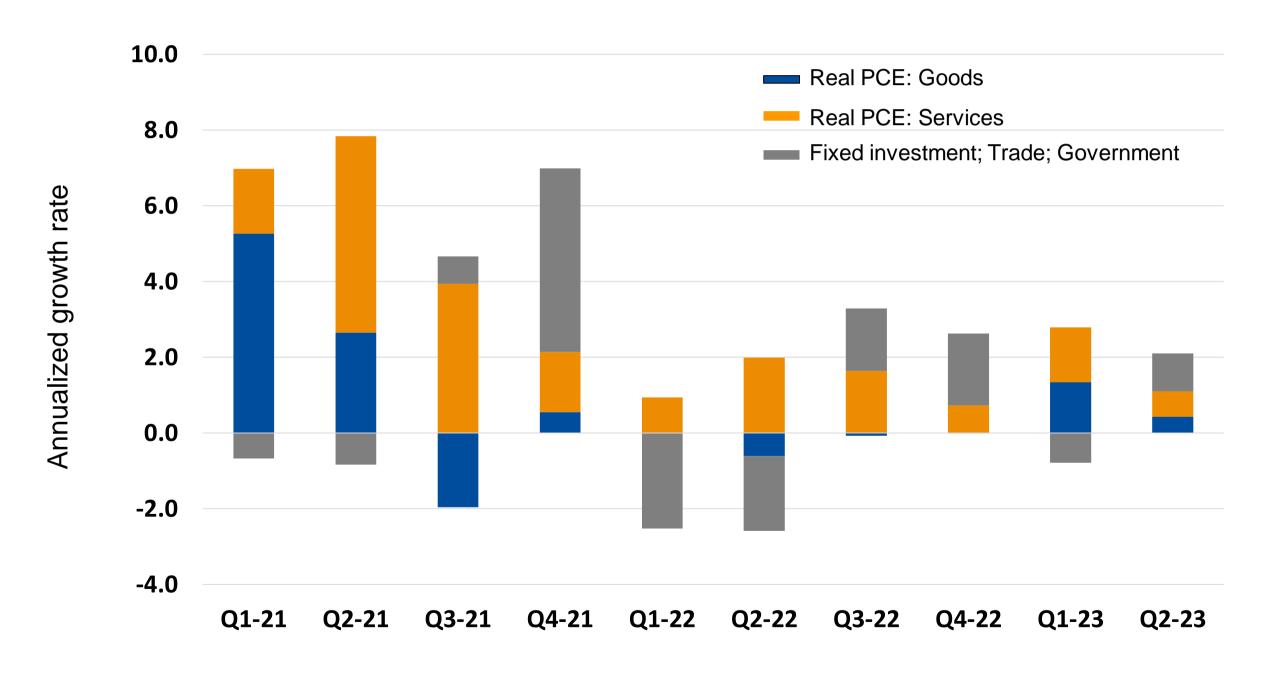




### Consumer activity is extending the expansion







Sources: BEA; Haver Analytics

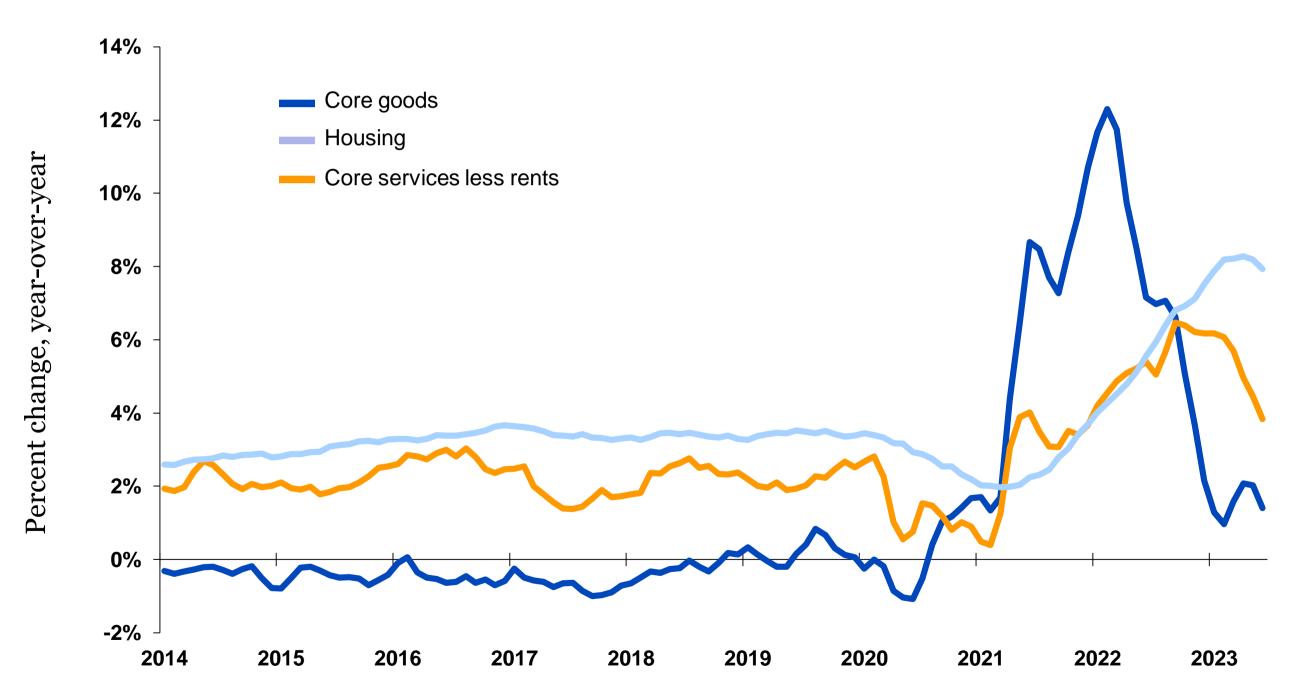




### Housing and services inflation remains high

#### **Consumer inflation breakdown**

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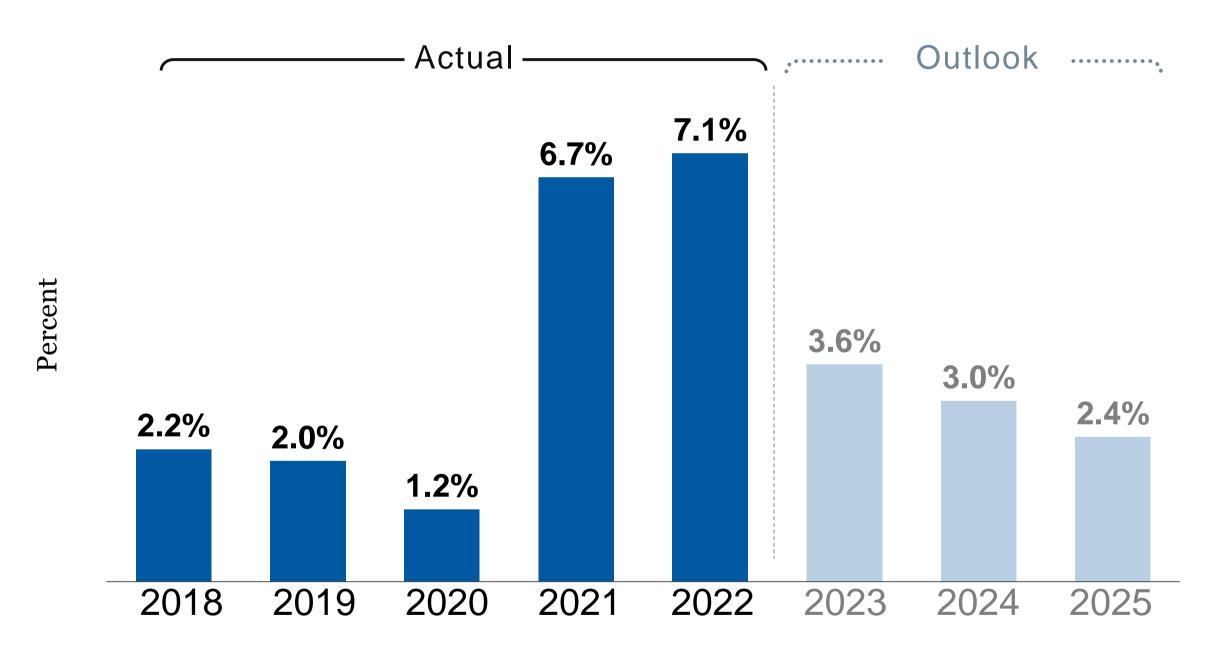
Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Haver Analytics





#### Inflation projected to be elevated into 2024

#### Consumer price index (Q4-to-Q4 change)



Source: BLS; Haver Analytics; Nationwide Economics (outlook)

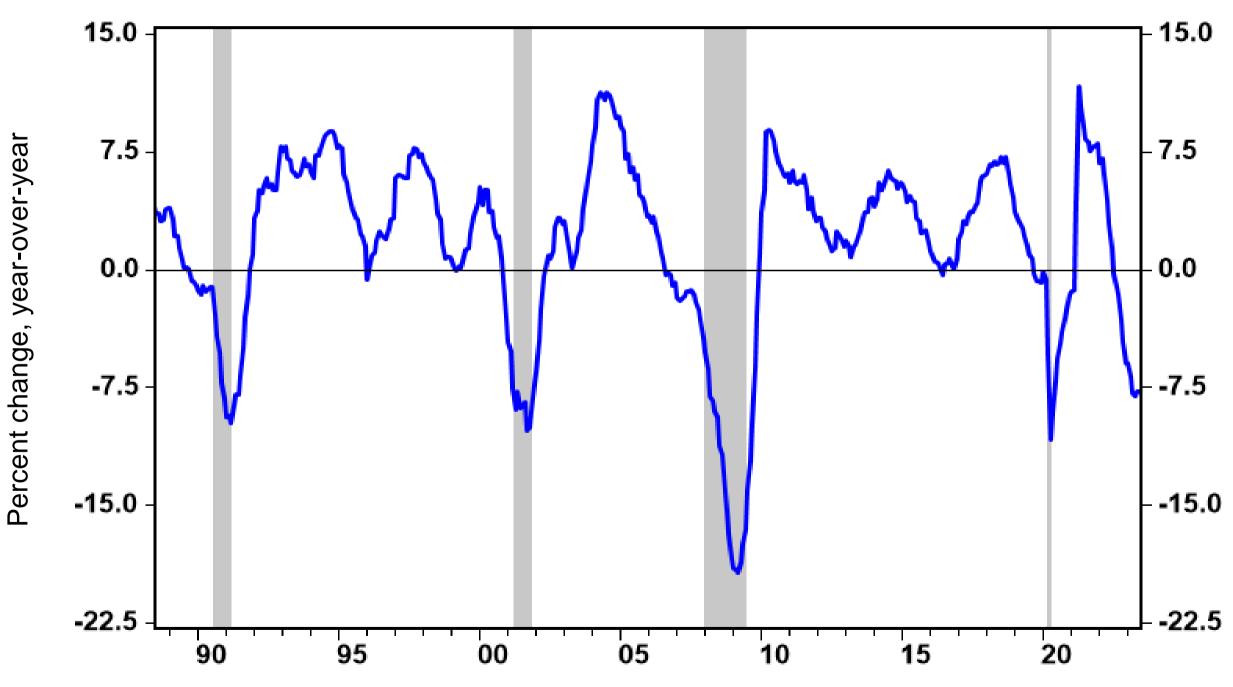




### Leading indicators point to high recession risks



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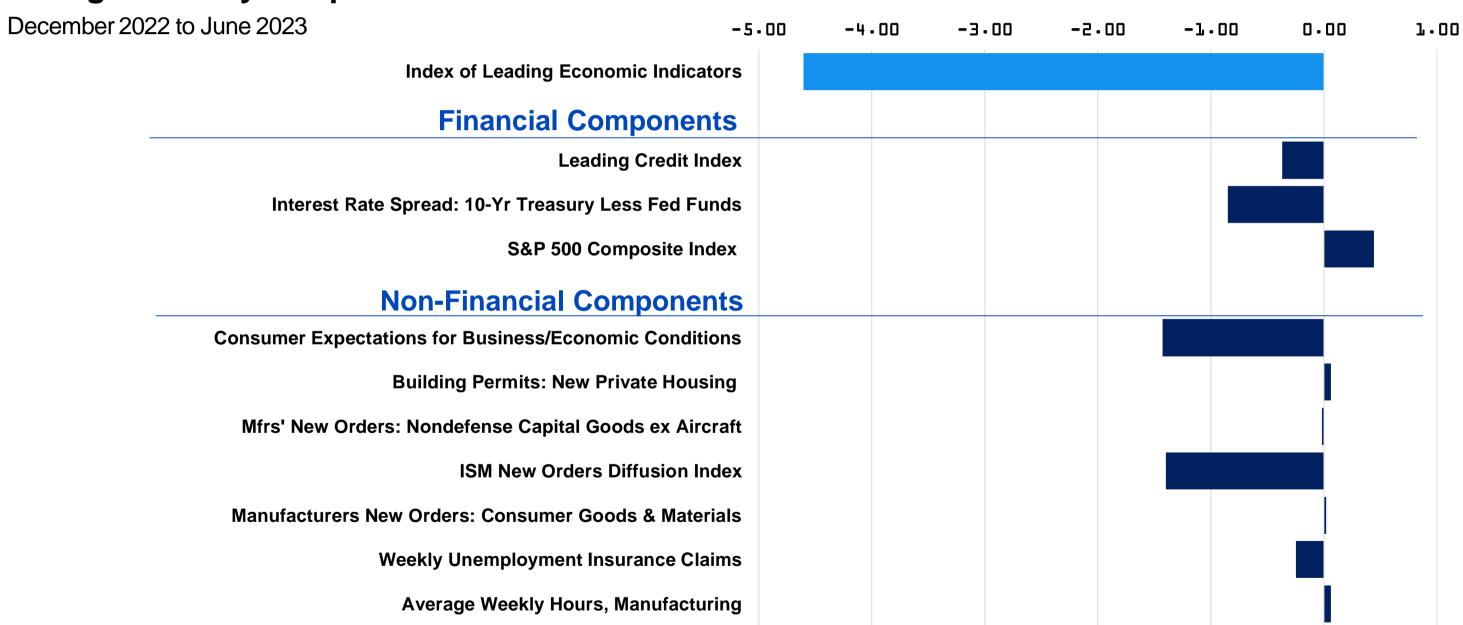
Sources: Conference Board; Haver Analytics; Shaded areas depict recessionary periods





### Widespread deterioration of leading signals

#### Change in LEI by component



Source: Conference Board

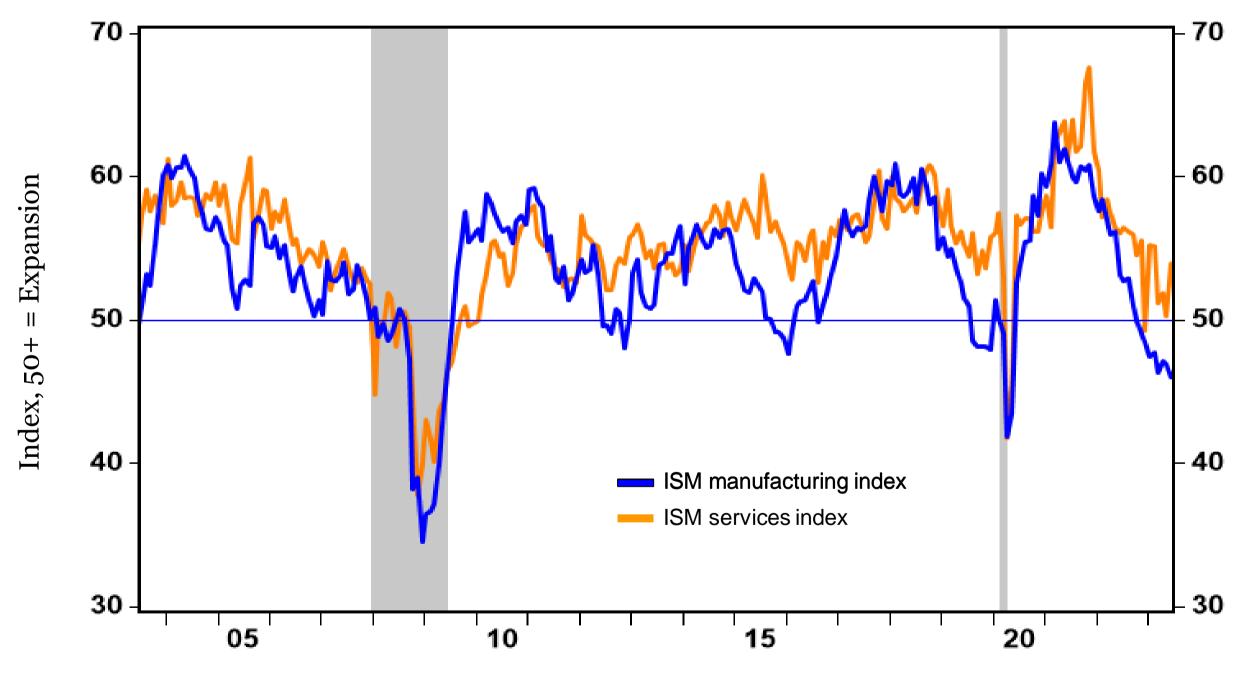




### More key sectors are trending towards contraction

#### **Business surveys**

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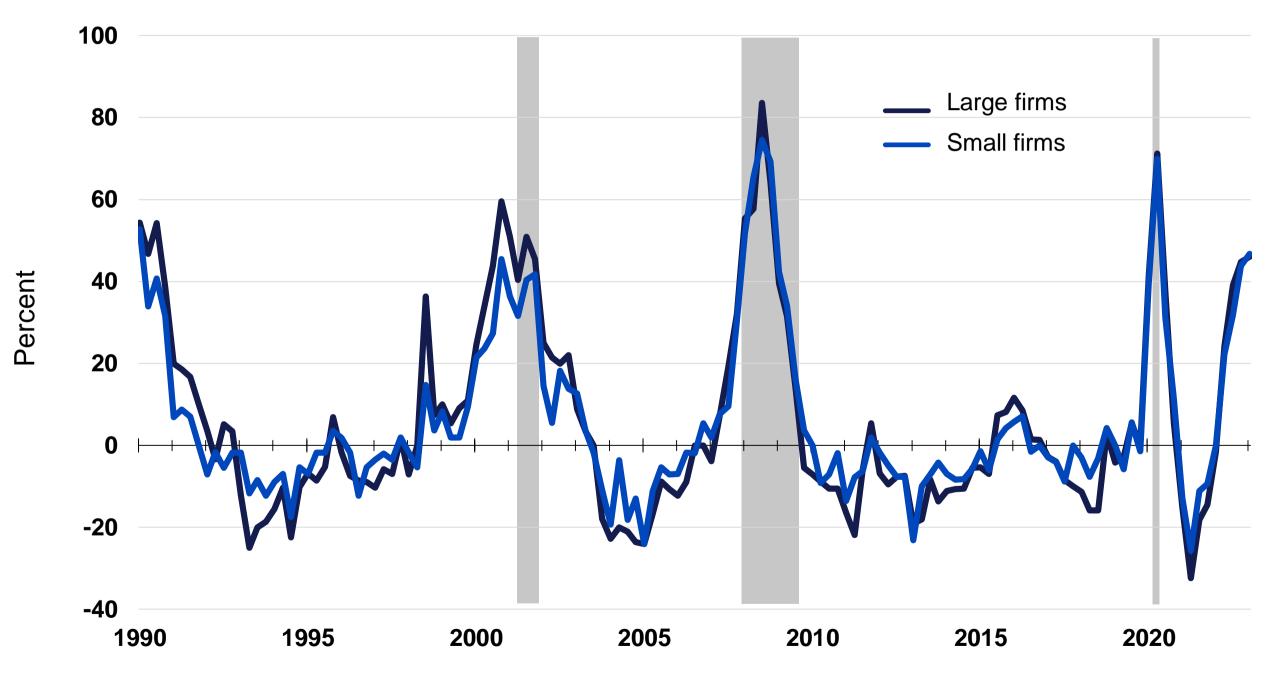
Sources: Institute for Supply Management; Haver Analytics; Shaded areas depict recessionary periods





#### Banking stress creates further downside risk

#### Percentage of banks that are tightening C&I loan standards Q2 2023



Sources: Federal Reserve Board; Haver Analytics; Shaded areas depict recessionary periods

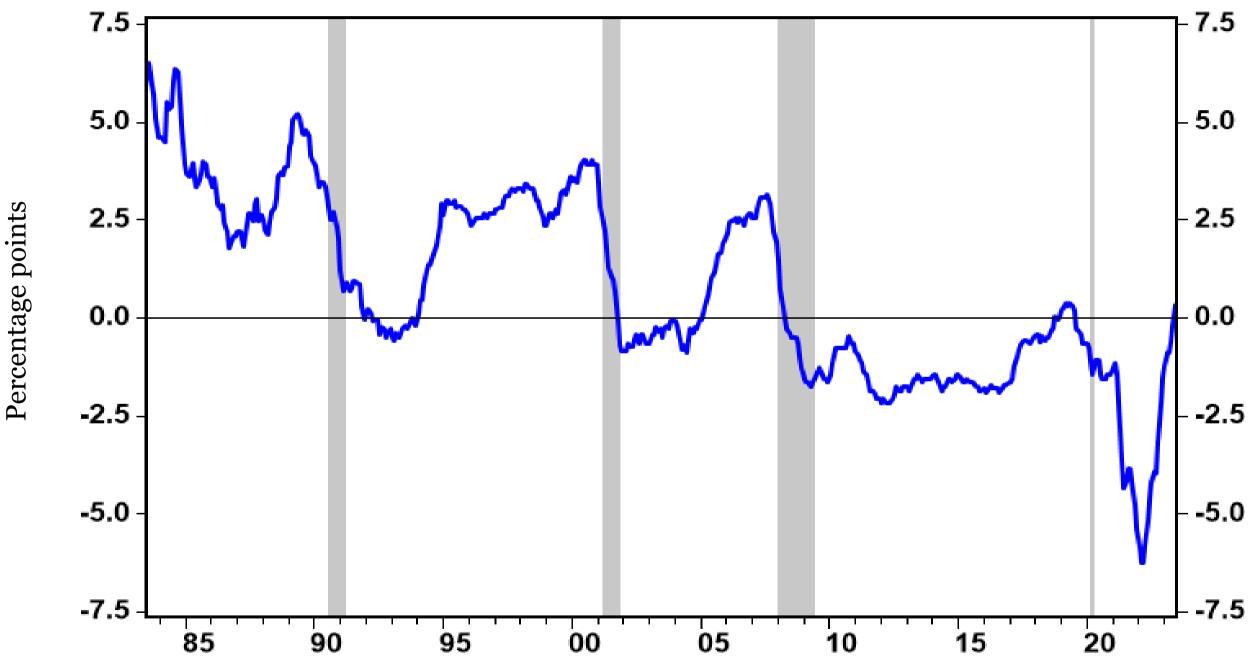




### Monetary policy might not be restrictive yet

#### Fed funds target rate less core CPI inflation

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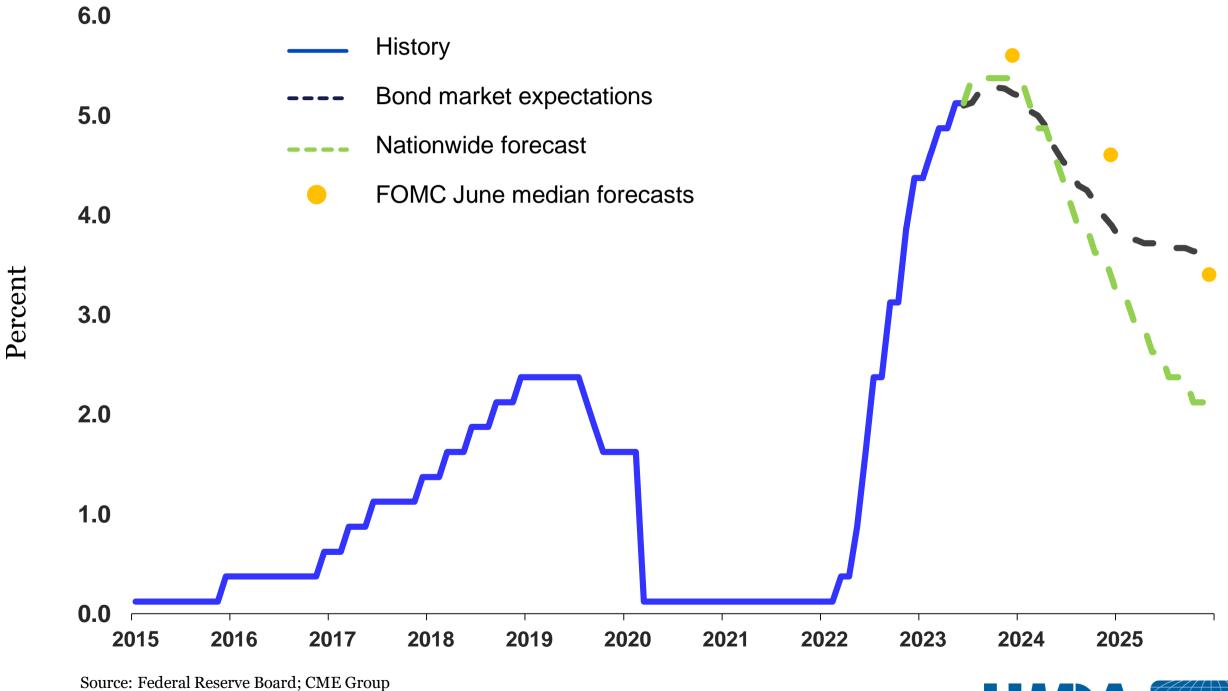
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### Consensus that rates will remain higher into 2024

#### Fed funds rate estimates

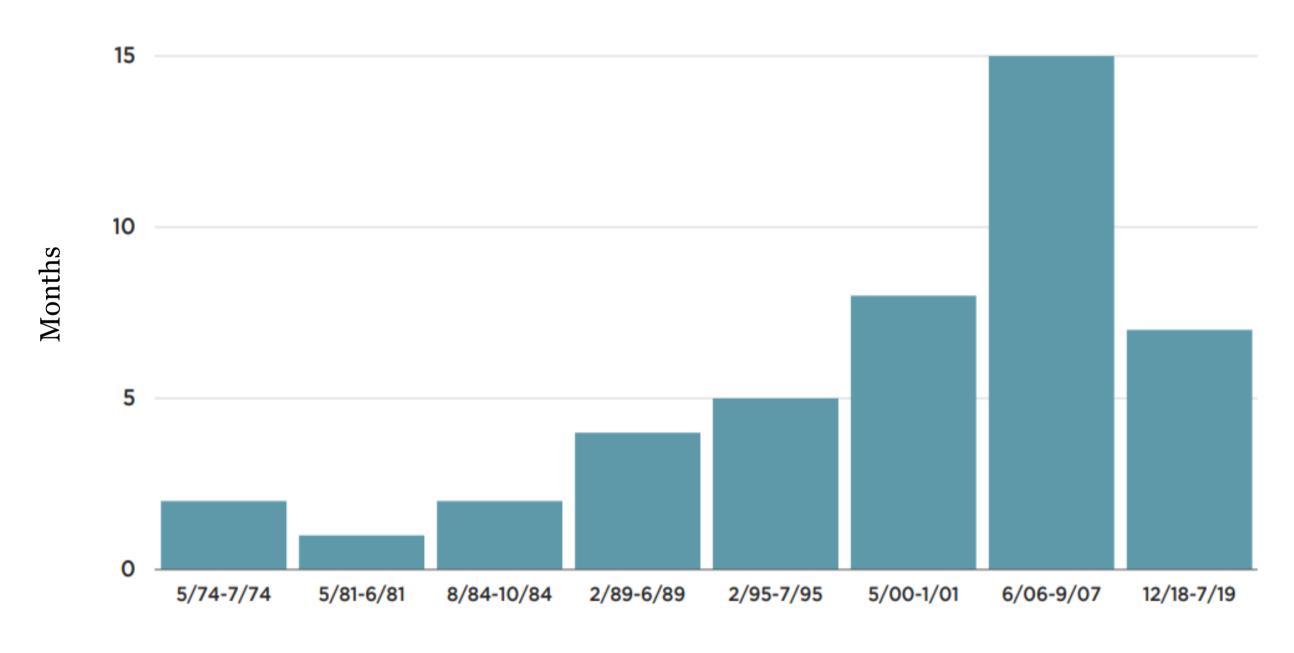






### Usually, a quick pivot from tightening to easing



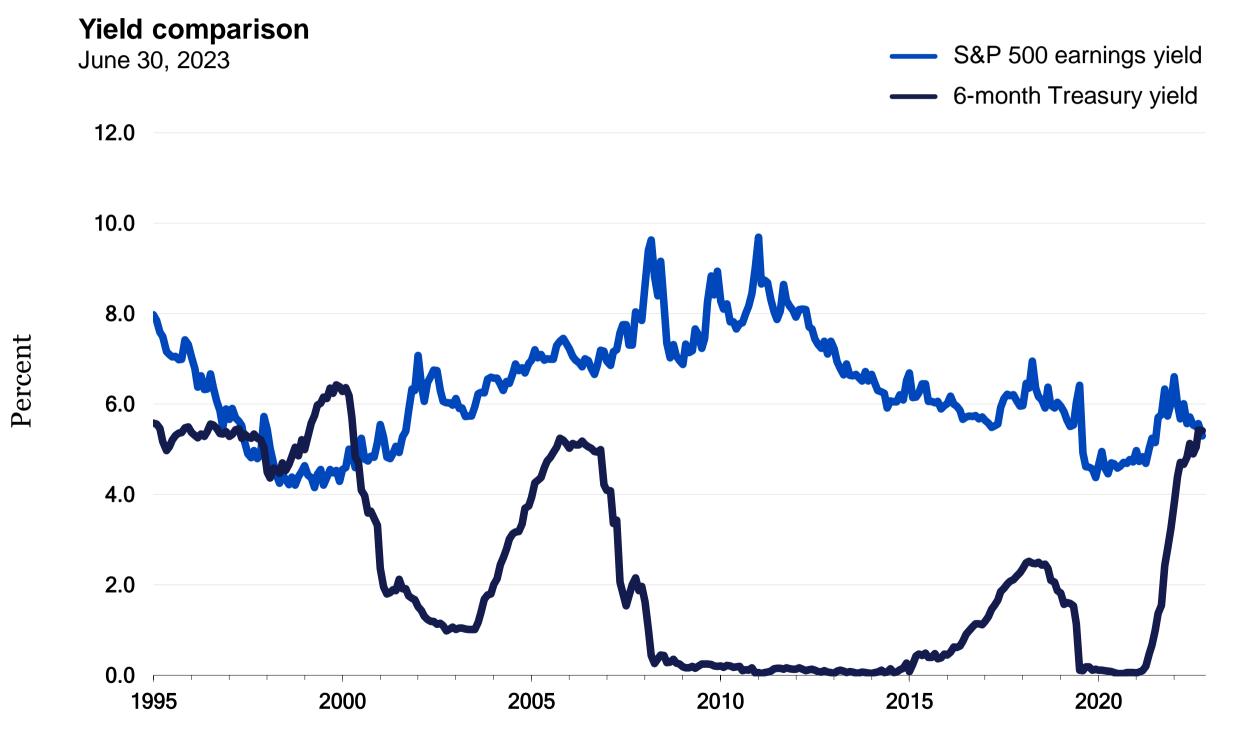


Sources: Federal Reserve Board





### New competition for market yield



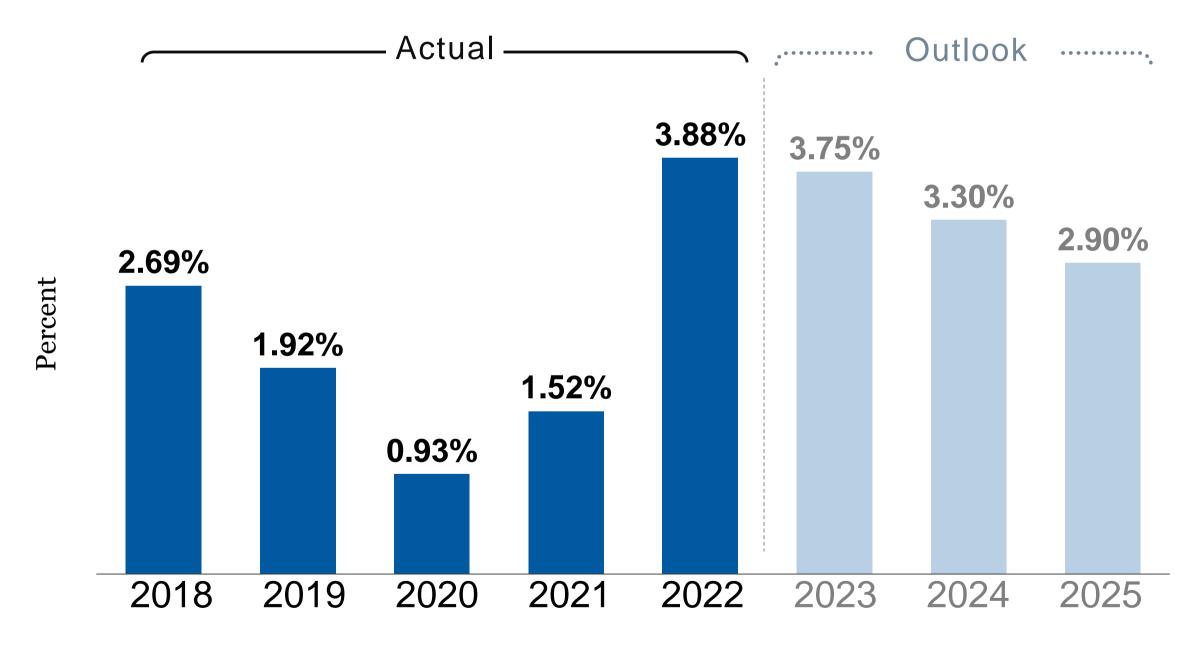




#### Higher lending rates until the Fed starts to ease



#### 10-year Treasury note yield (year-end)

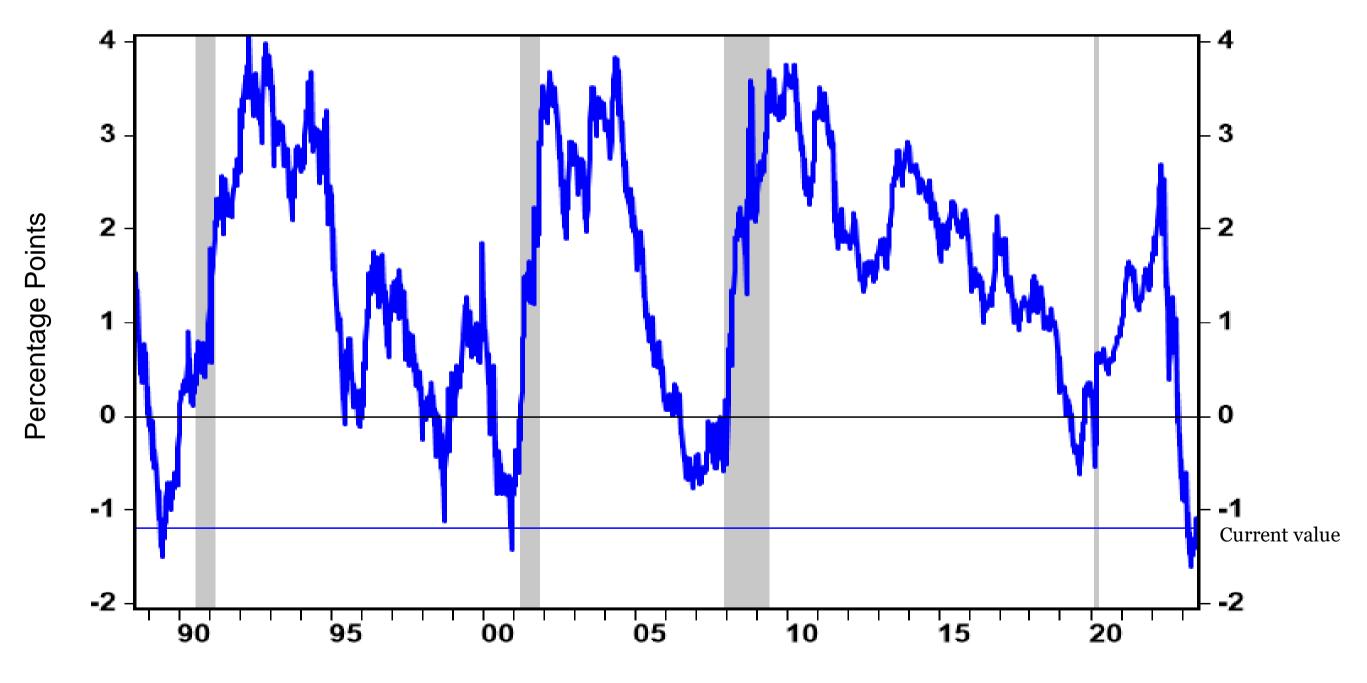






### Inverted yield curve is another recession signal





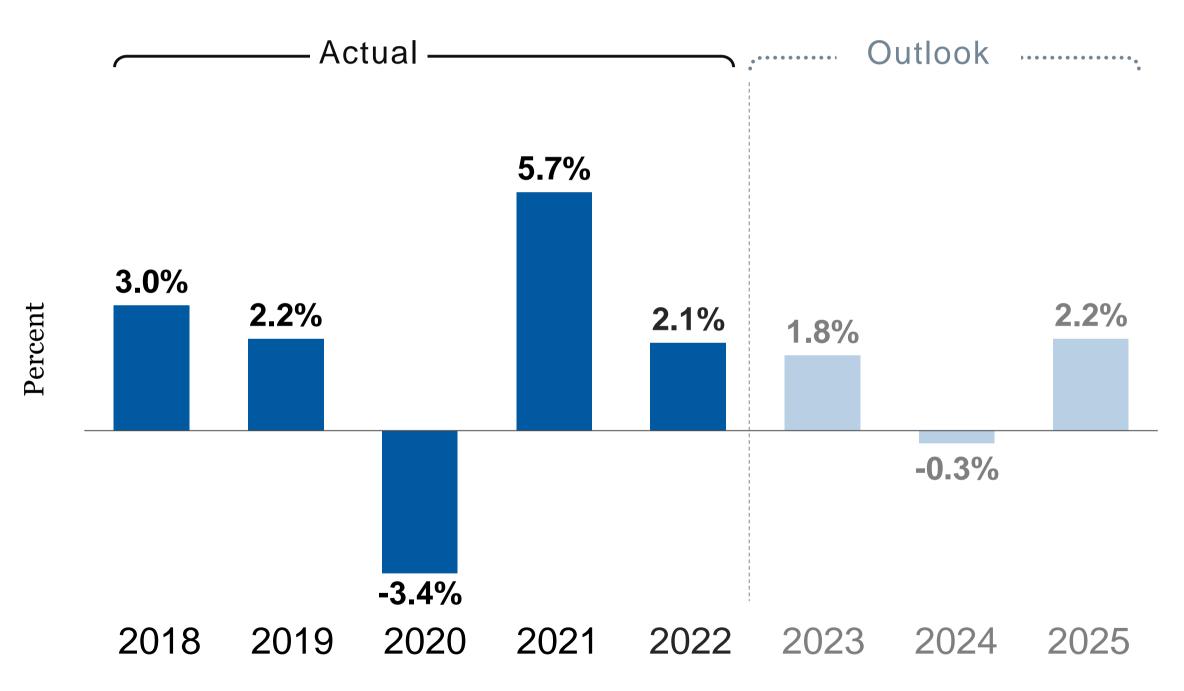
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#### A moderate recession at end of 2023 and into 2024

#### **Real GDP Growth (year-over-year)**



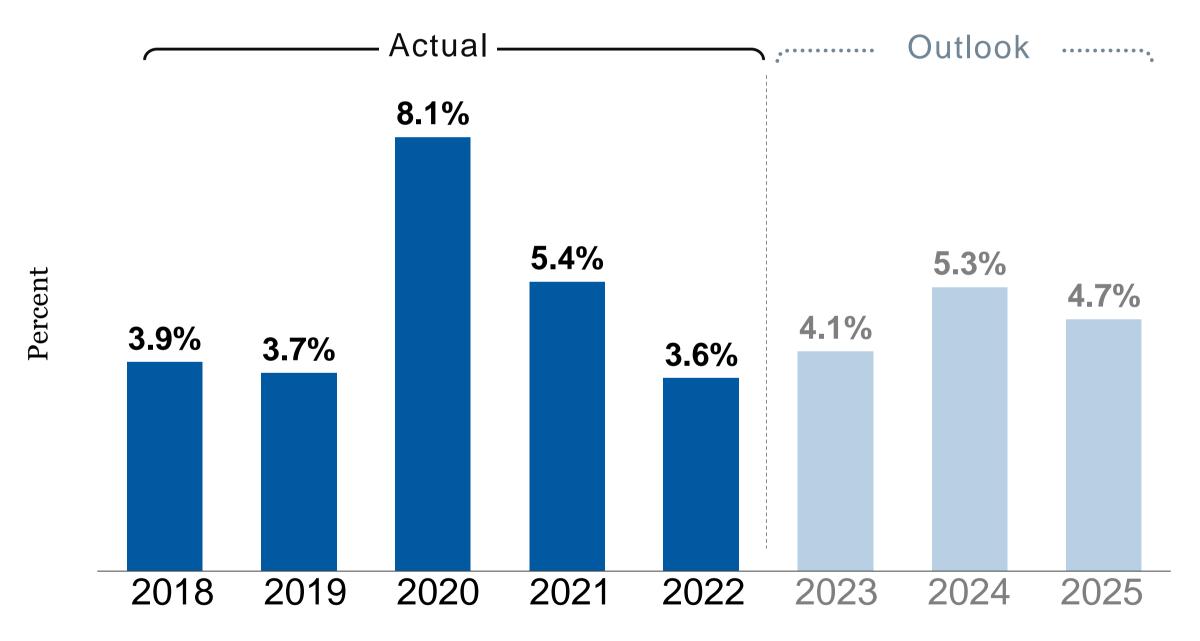
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### Higher unemployment as layoffs build

### Unemployment rate (annual average)





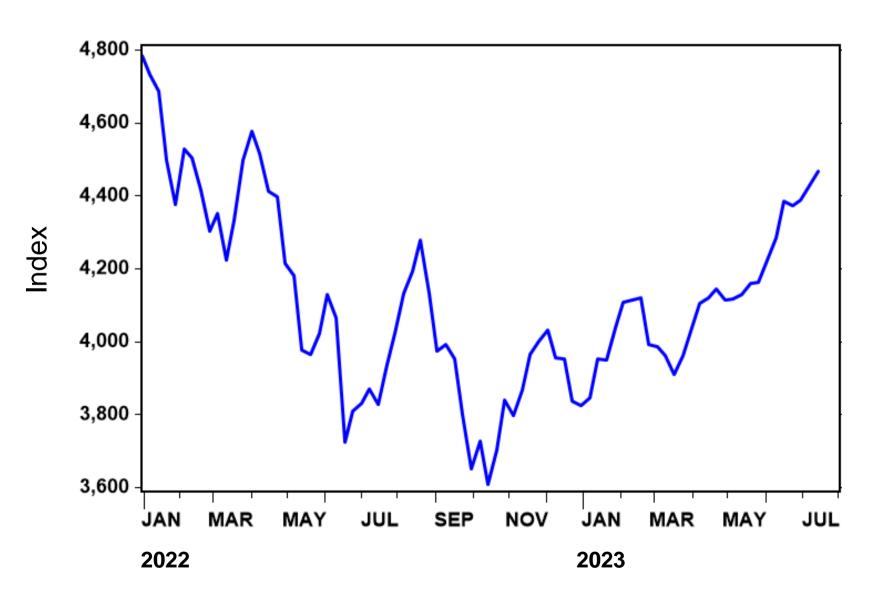


#### Equity markets dependent on the tech sector



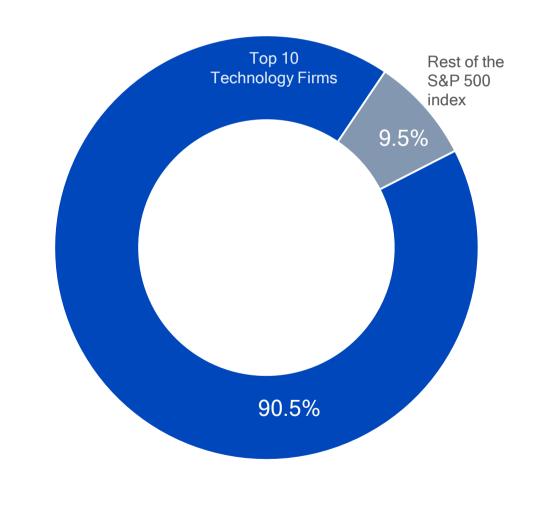
**S&P 500 stock index** 

July 21, 2023



#### Share of S&P 500 Index gain

YTD through July 21, 2023



Sources: Standard & Poor's; Bloomberg

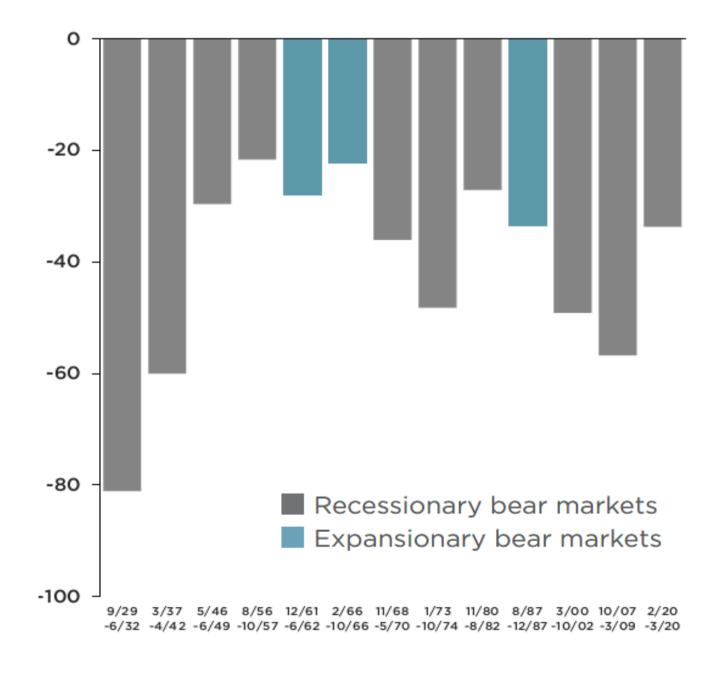




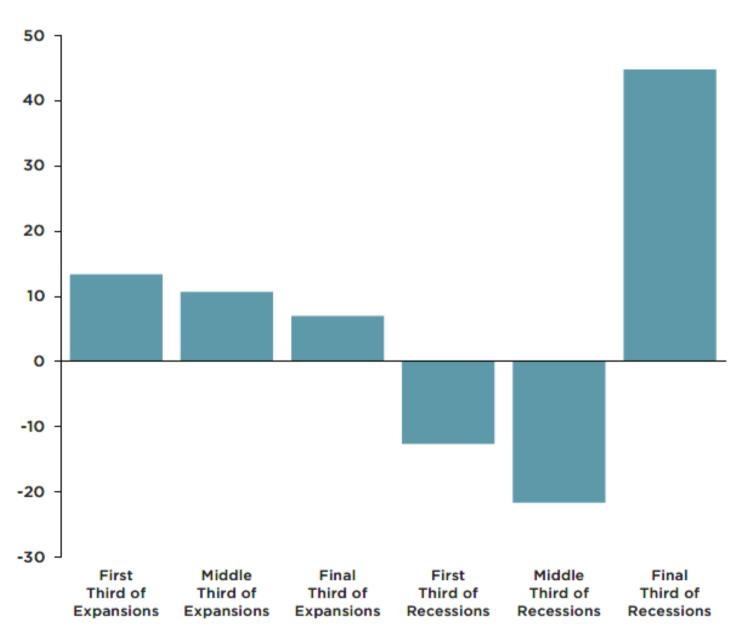
### Stocks typically rise before recessions end







## Median annualized change in the S&P 500 across the business cycle Months









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