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Current Economic Conditions

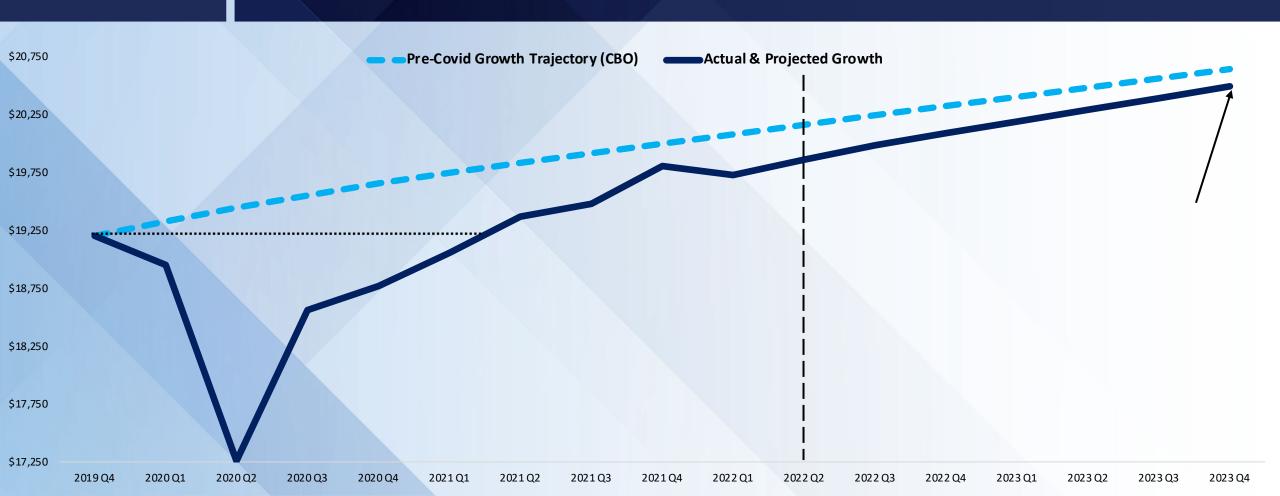


The Economy Contracted in Q1 – Rest of 2022 Looking Better



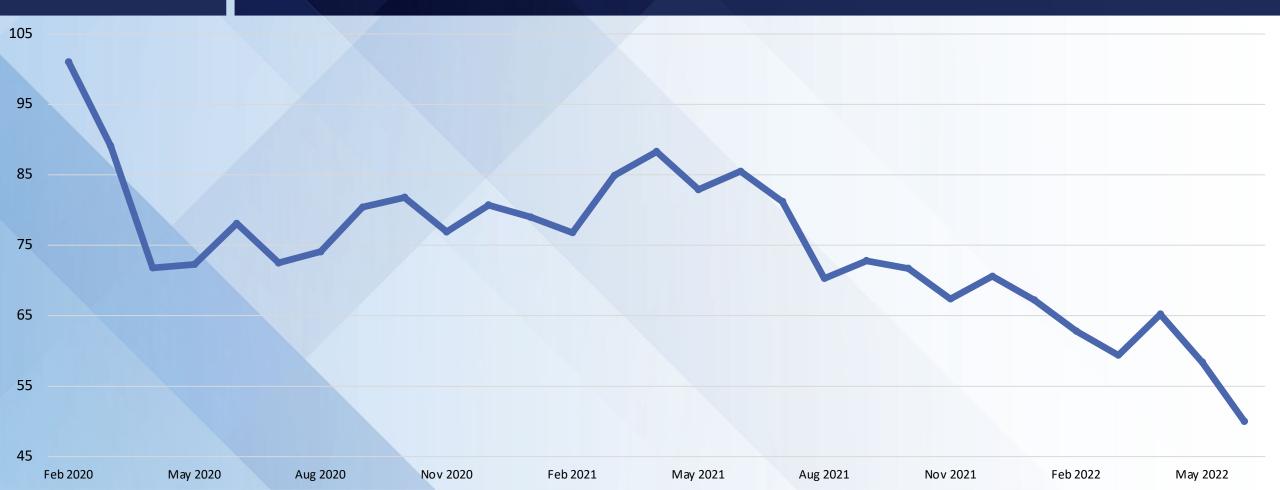


Economic Policy Division Economy Still Below Pre-Covid Trajectory



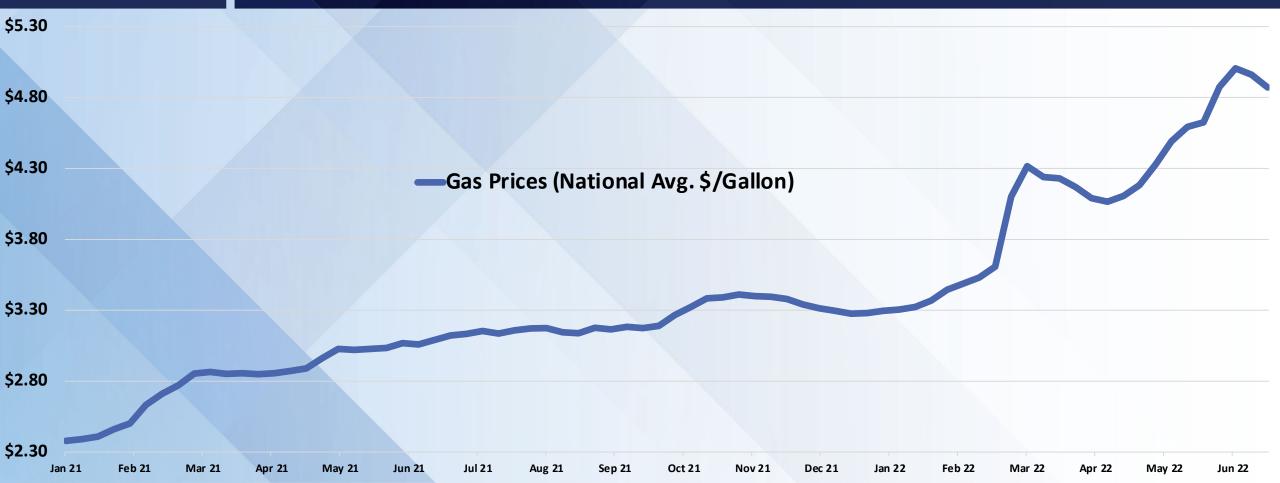


Consumer Sentiment Plummeting - Lowest <u>EVER</u> in June





Gas Prices Rising Since President Biden Took Office (\$5.00/Gallon as of June 27)





Supply Chain Issues are Finally Easing

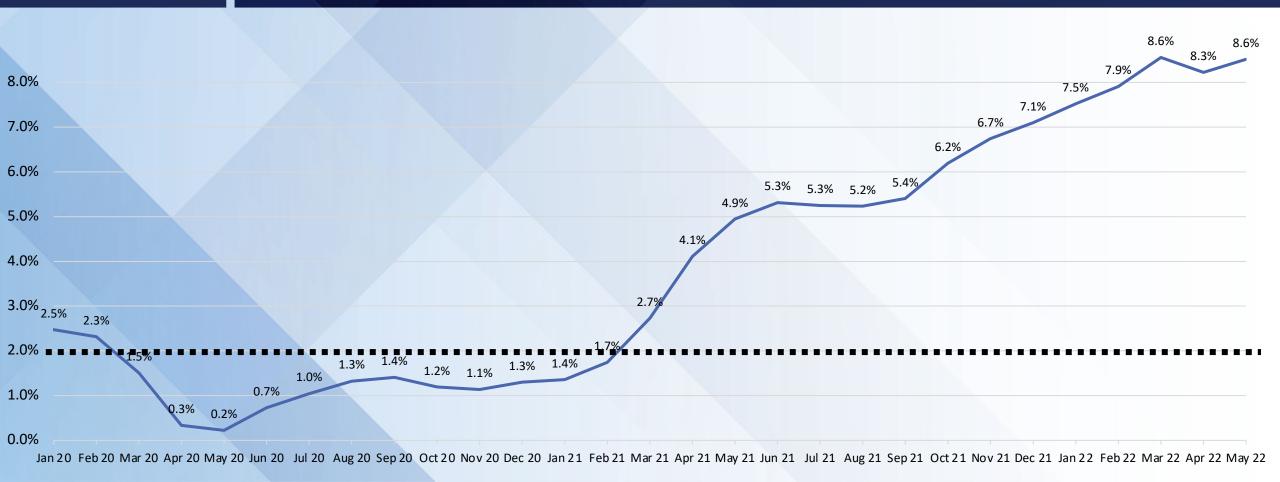




Inflation



Consumer Prices Rose 8.6% Annually in May





Inflation was 6.3% in May





Wages are Growing – But Inflation is Outpacing





Federal Reserve's Balance Sheet Needs to Shrink to Bring Down Inflation





Inflation Expectations Remain Moderate





Interest Rates



Average 30 Year Fixed Mortgage Rate Rising Rapidly



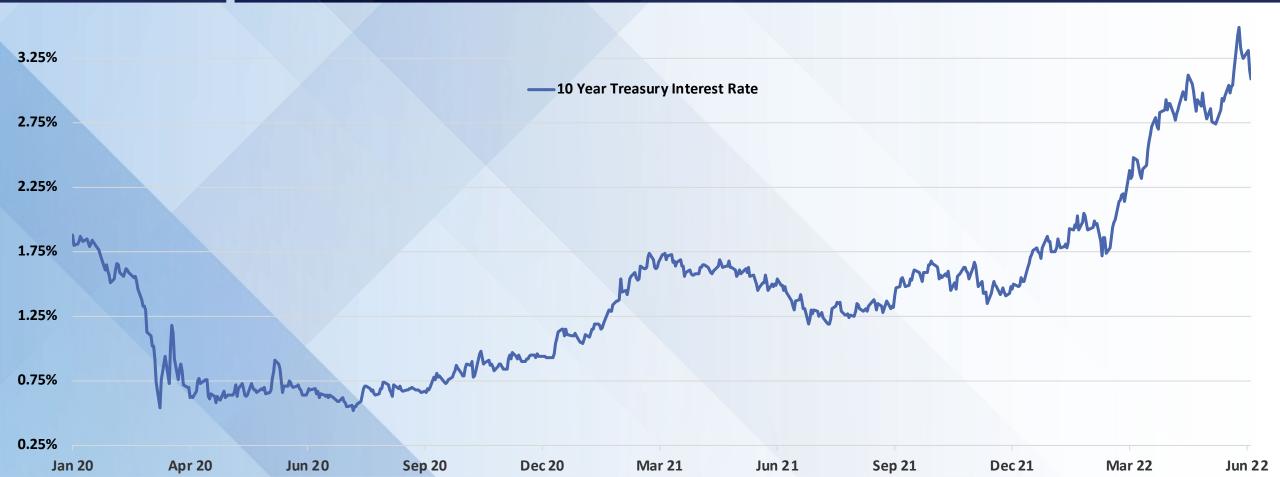


Borrowing Costs for BusinessesClimbing Quickly





Rising Treasury Rates Bad for Government Spending, Good for Savings Accounts





Job Market



Job Openings <u>5.5 Million</u> More than Unemployed Workers





The Economy Added 390,000 Jobs in May - the Gap Is Shrinking





Income, Savings and Consumption

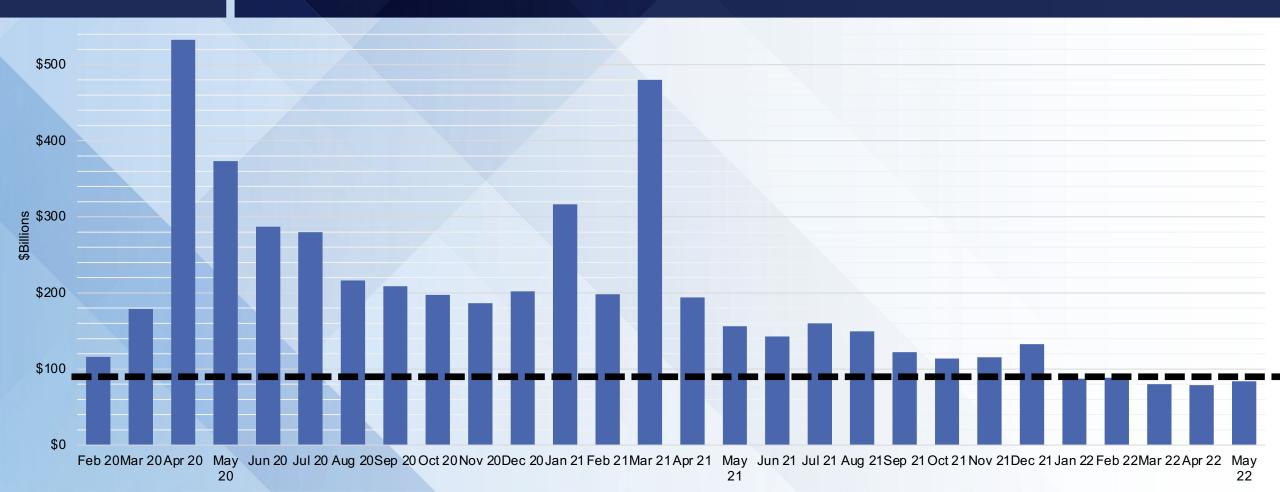


Real Income Fell in May – Salaries and Wages Down too





Savings Coming Down After Pandemic Explosion





Consumption Rose 0.2% in May – Below 0.6% Inflation





Retail Sales Fell in May – First Decline in 2022





Business Surveys Data

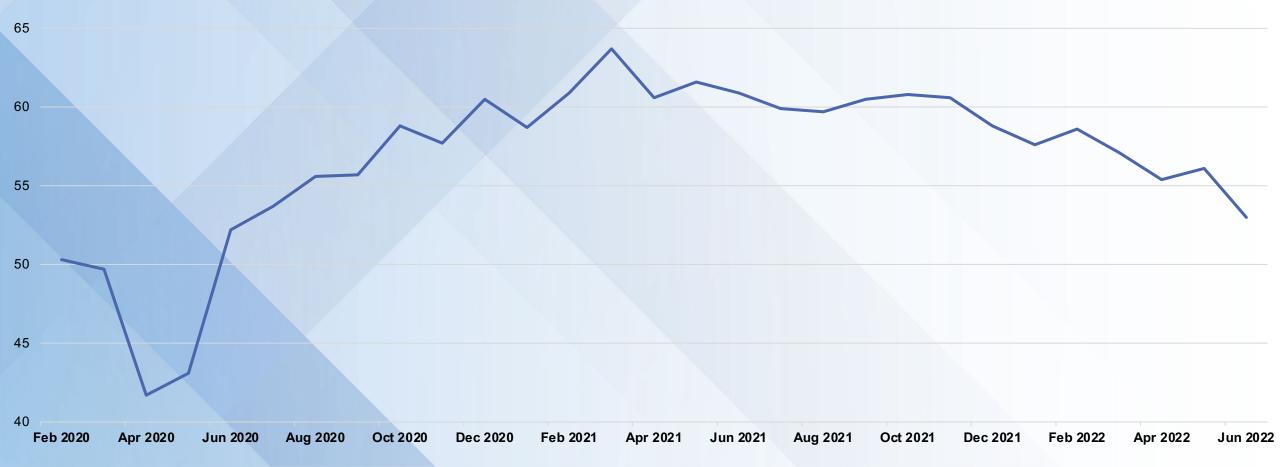


Small Business Optimism Down in May





Manufacturing Sentiment Well Above Pre-Pandemic Level





Services Optimism Fell in May

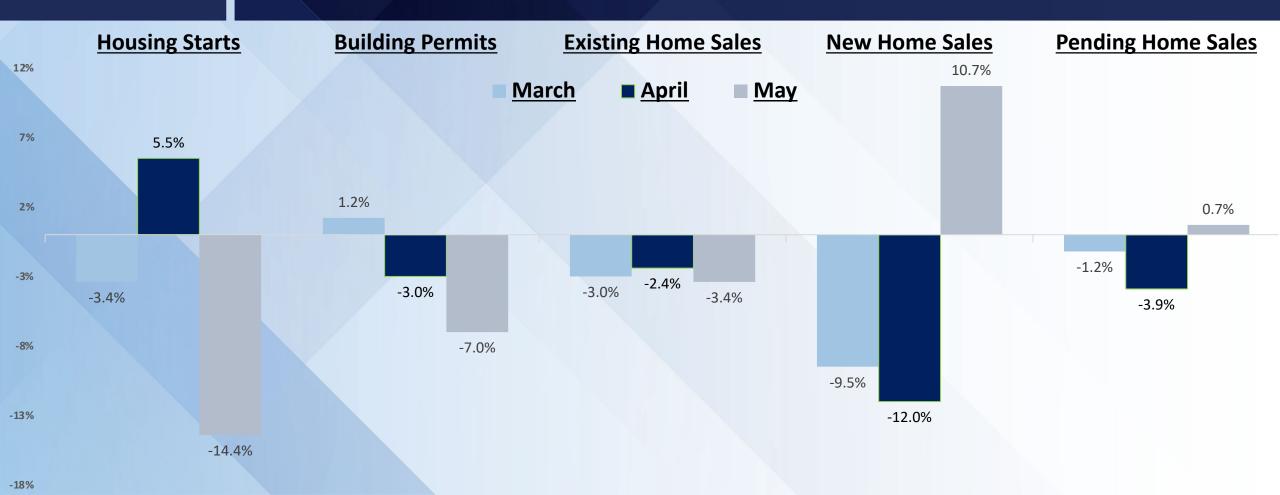




Housing and Government Finance



Housing Market is Slowing





Home Prices Were Still Soaring as of April





COVID-19 Relief Has Accelerated Our Debt Problem

