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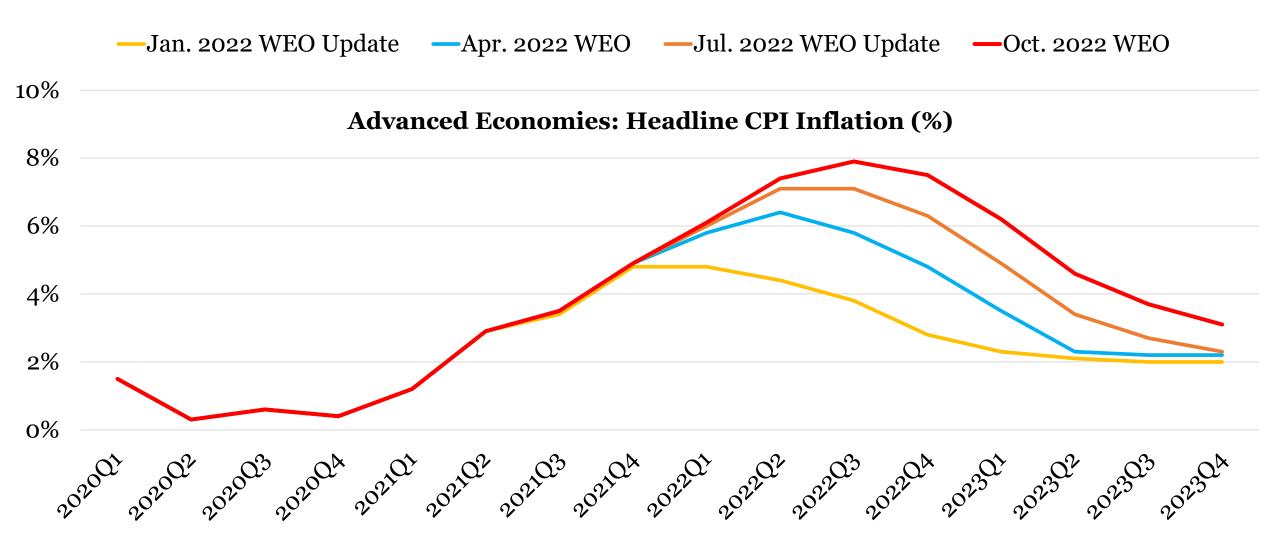
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# 2022: A Look Back



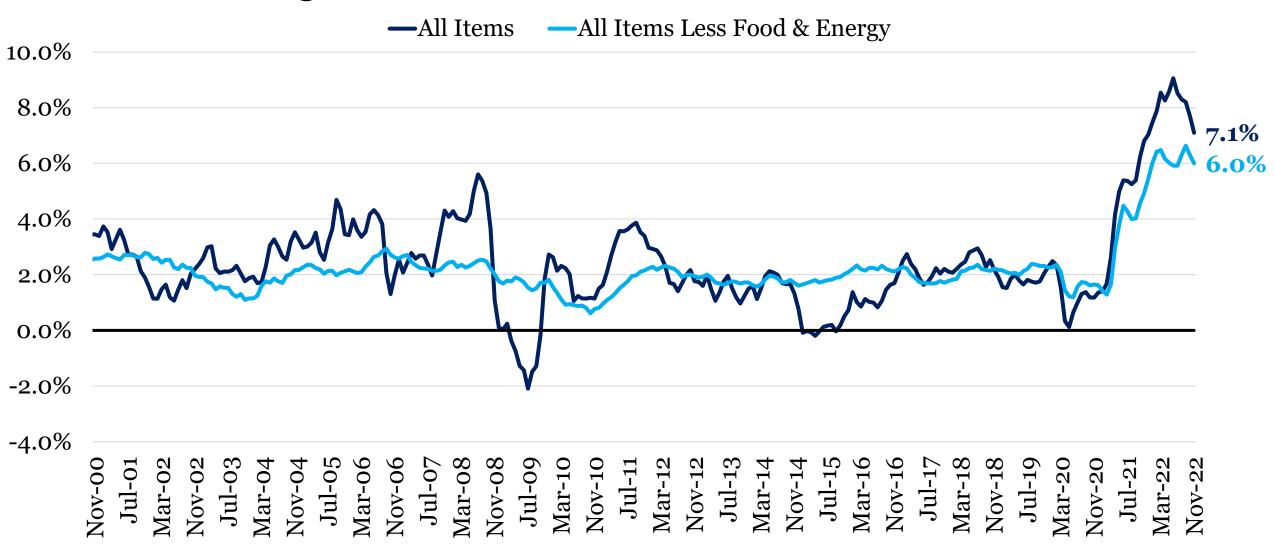
#### Global Inflation Forecasts: Serial Upside Surprises





#### U.S. Consumer Price Index (NSA)

12-Month % Change, 2000 – November 2022

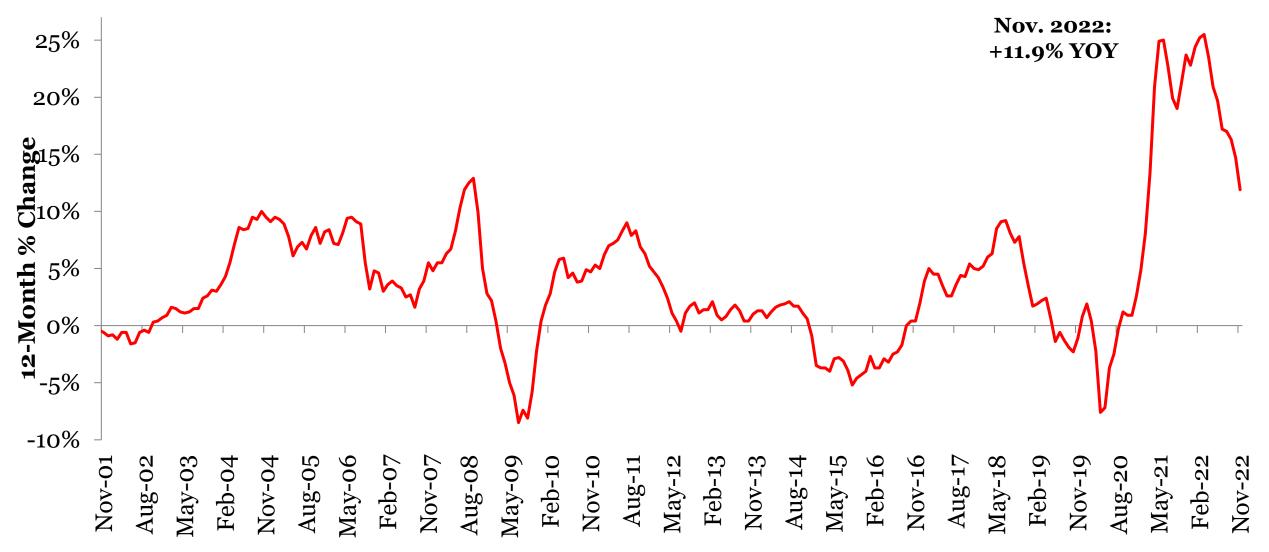




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#### **Inputs to Construction PPI**

12-Month % Change, 2001 – November 2022





#### A Statement is Not Enough

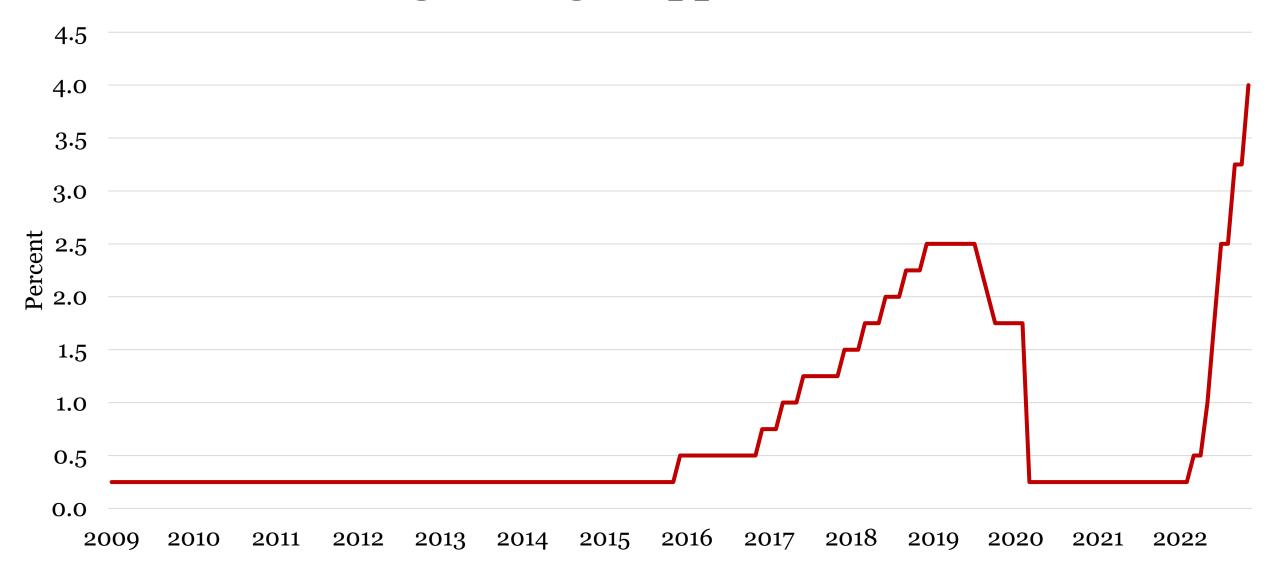
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  (FOMC Statement, June 2021)
- "...Inflation has risen, largely reflecting transitory factors..." (FOMC Statement, July 2021)
- "...Inflation is elevated, largely reflecting transitory factors..." (FOMC Statement, September 2021)
- "...Inflation is 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)



#### Federal Funds Target Range, Upper Limit



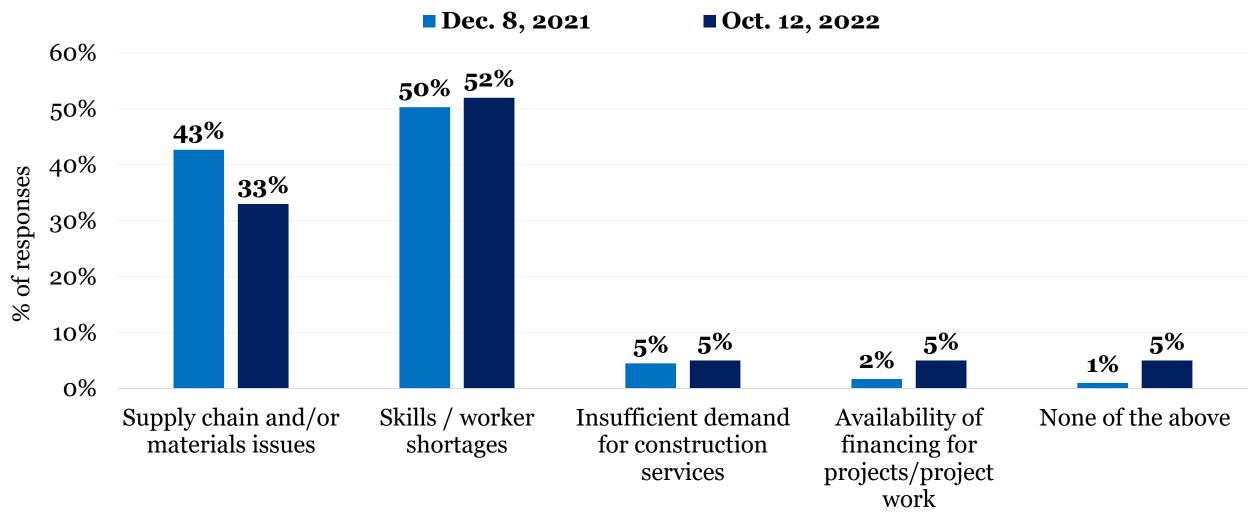


# POLL: Which of these is the leading challenge for your company today?

- Supply chain and/or materials issues
- Skills/worker shortages
- Insufficient demand for construction services
- Availability of financing for projects/project work
- None of the above



# CE Webinar Audience Poll Results: "Which of these is the leading challenge for your company today?"

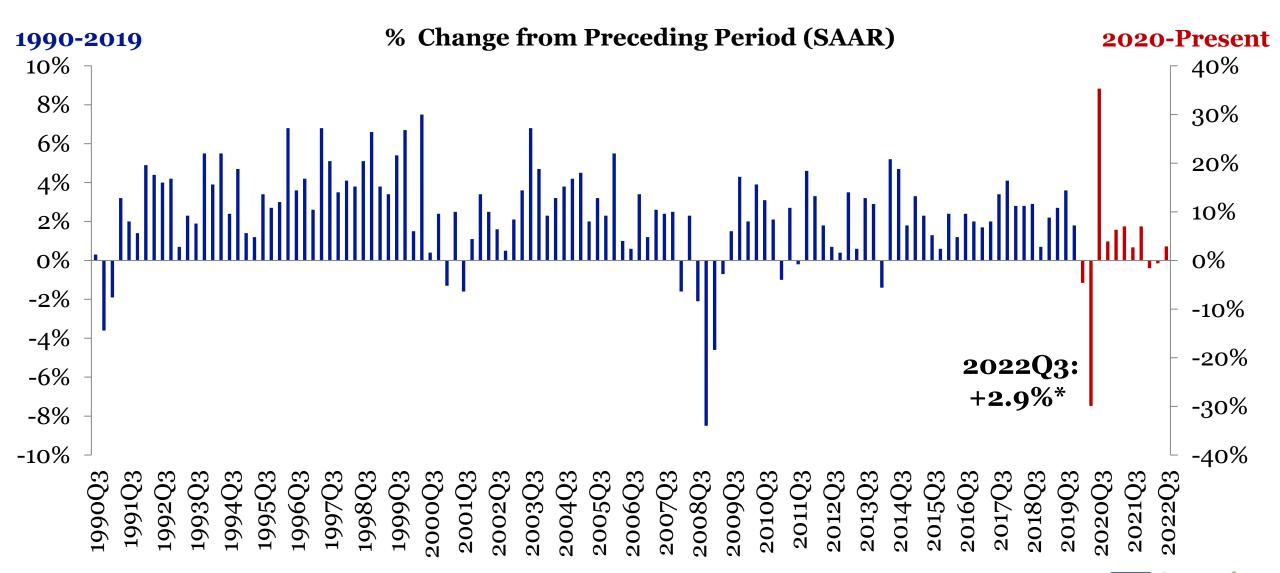




# Economic Update

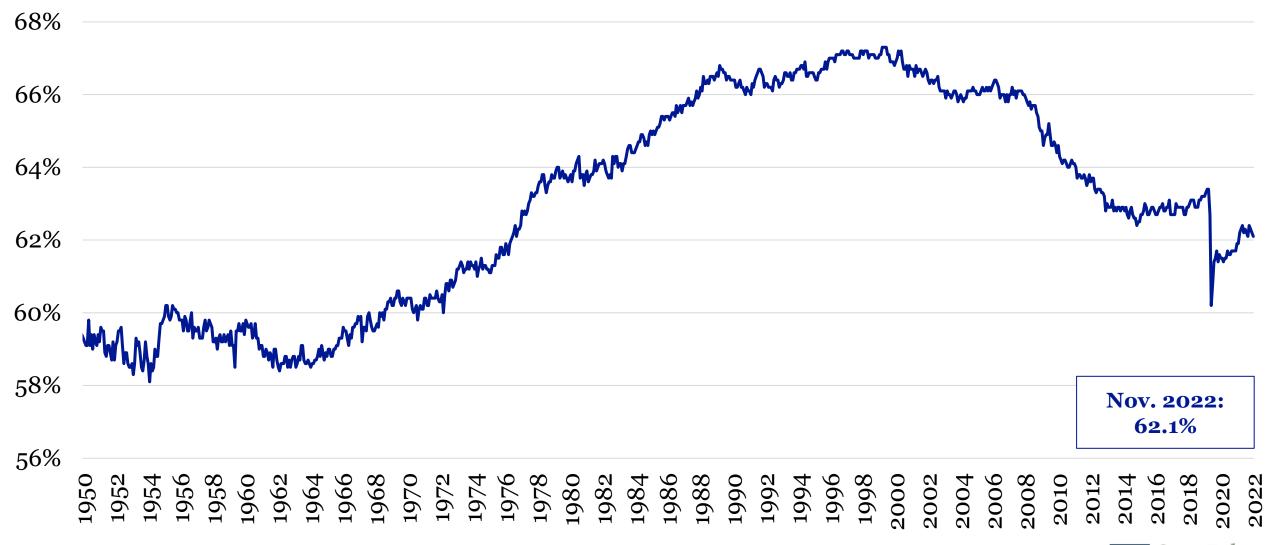


#### U.S. Gross Domestic Product, 1990-2022Q3



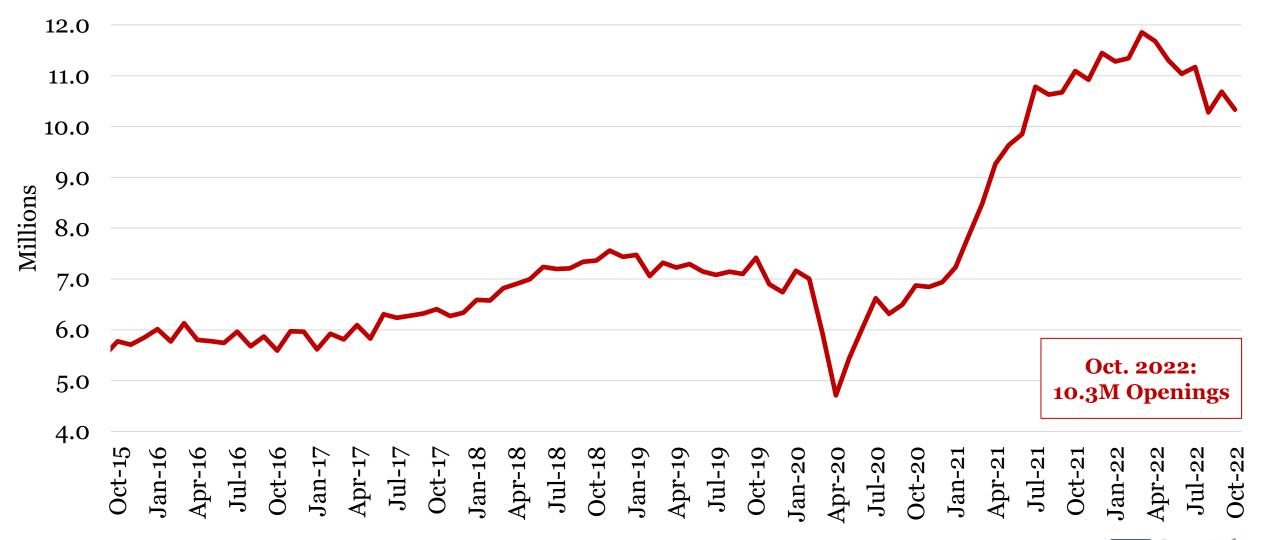


#### U.S. Labor Force Participation Rate, 1950 – November 2022





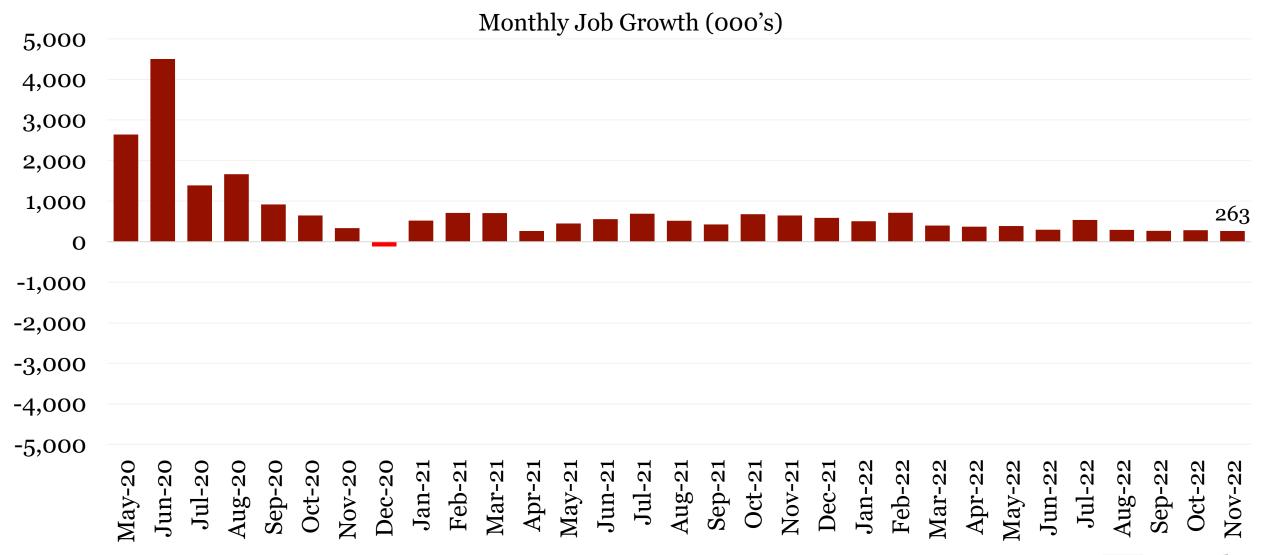
#### U.S. Job Openings, 2015 – October 2022





#### Net Change in U.S. Jobs

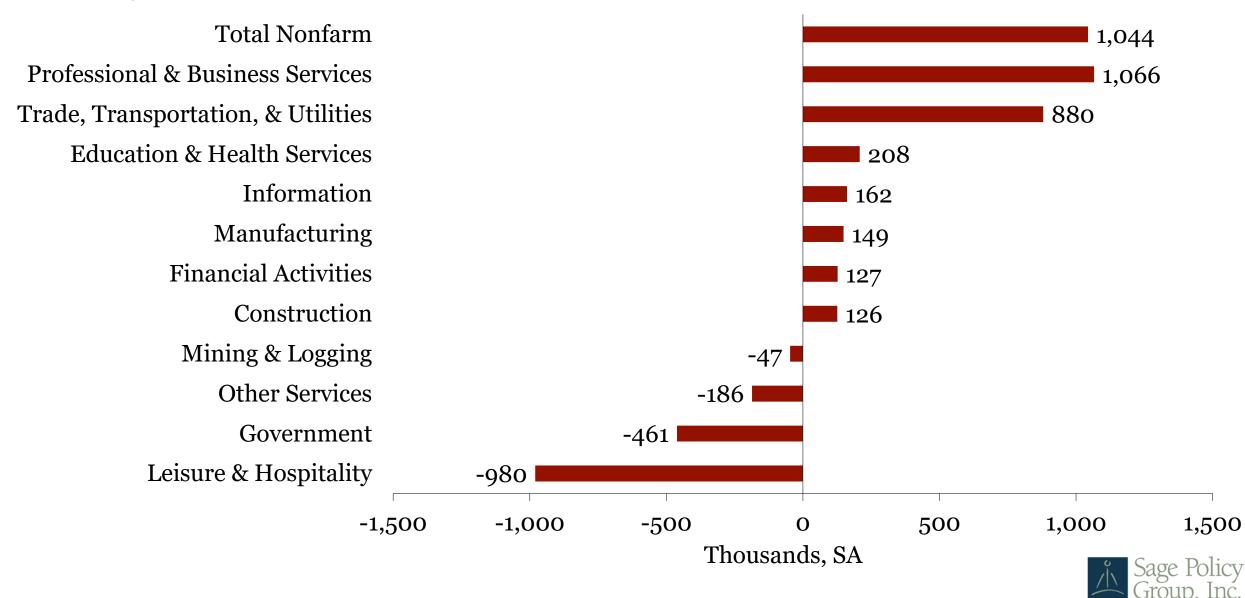
May 2020 – November 2022





#### U.S. Nonfarm Employment by Industry Sector

February 2020 v. November 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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

#### October 2022

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Rank	MSA	%	Rank	MSA	%
1	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	1.7	13	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	3.4
2	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	2.3	13	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilm., PA-NJ-DE-MD	3.4
3	San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, CA	2.6	15	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	3.5
3	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	2.6	15	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	3.5
5	St. Louis, MO-IL	2.7	15	San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	3.5
6	Boston-Cambridge-Nashua, MA-NH	2.8	18	Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC	3.7
6	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	2.8	18	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	3.7
8	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA	2.9	18	Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	3.7
9	San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	3.2	21	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	3.9
10	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	3.3	22	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	4.0
10	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	3.3	22	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	4.0
10	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	3.3	24	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	4.1
			25	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	4.3

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



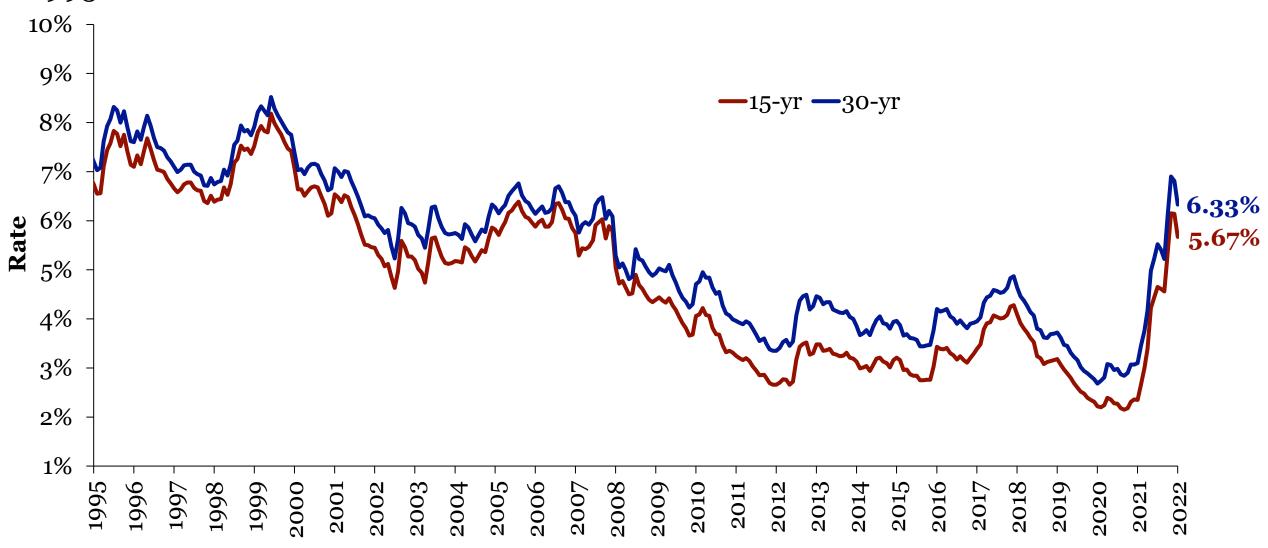
#### The Pain of Price Stability

"While higher interest rates, slower growth, and softer labor market conditions will bring down inflation, they will also bring some pain to households and businesses. These are the unfortunate costs of reducing inflation. But a failure to restore price stability would mean far greater pain." (FOMC Chair Jerome Powell, August 2022)



#### 15-Year & 30-Year Fixed Mortgage Rates

1995 – December 2022\*



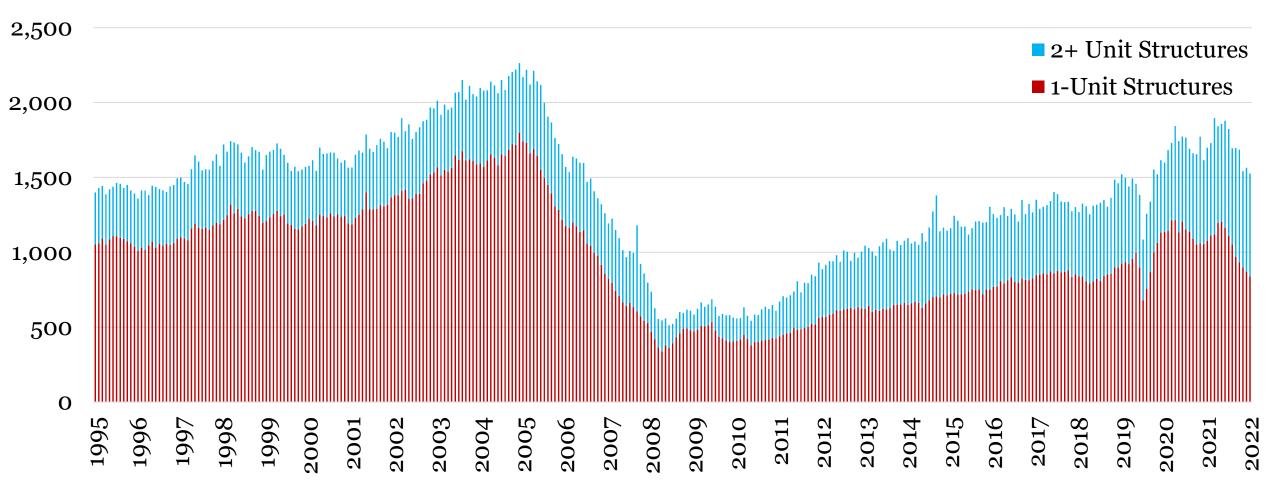
\*Week ending 12/8/2022



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

1995 – October 2022

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

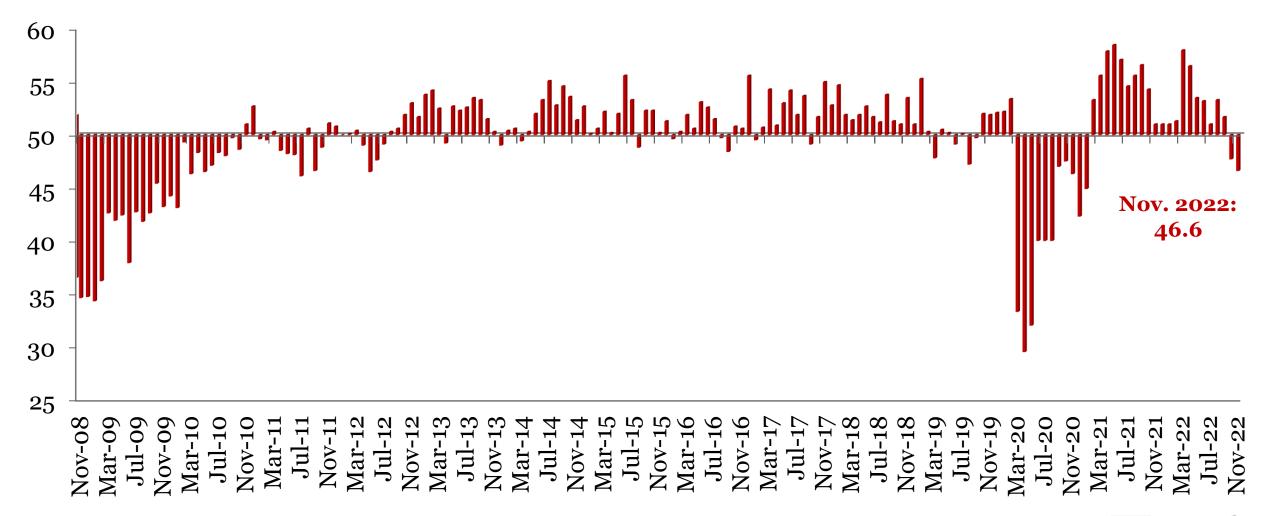




Source: U.S. Census Bureau

#### **Architecture Billings Index**

2008 – November 2022

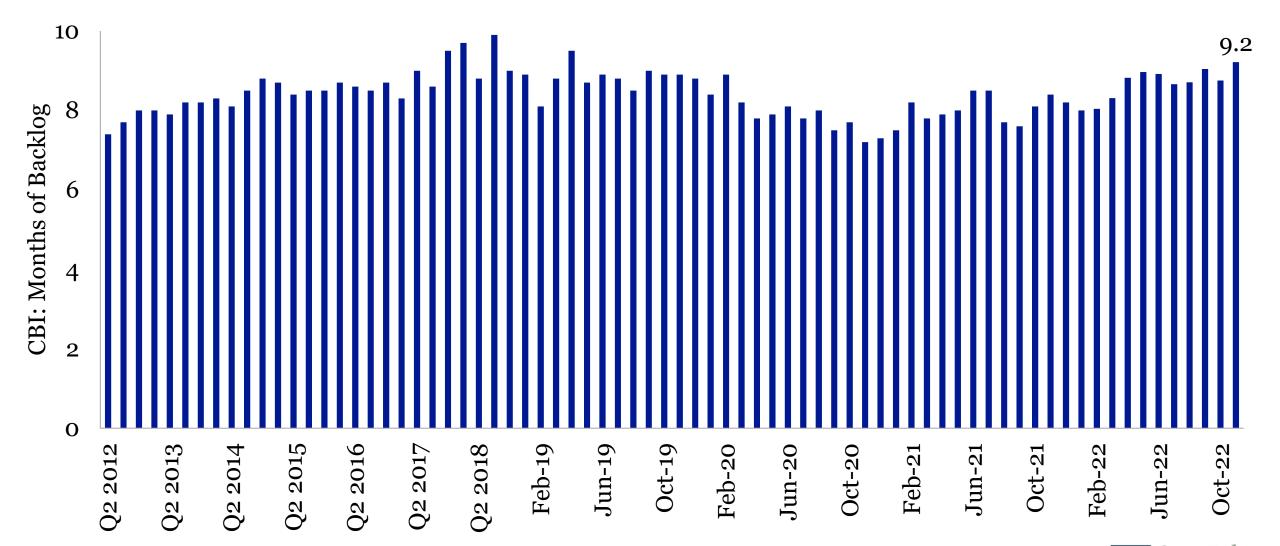




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#### **ABC Construction Backlog Indicator**

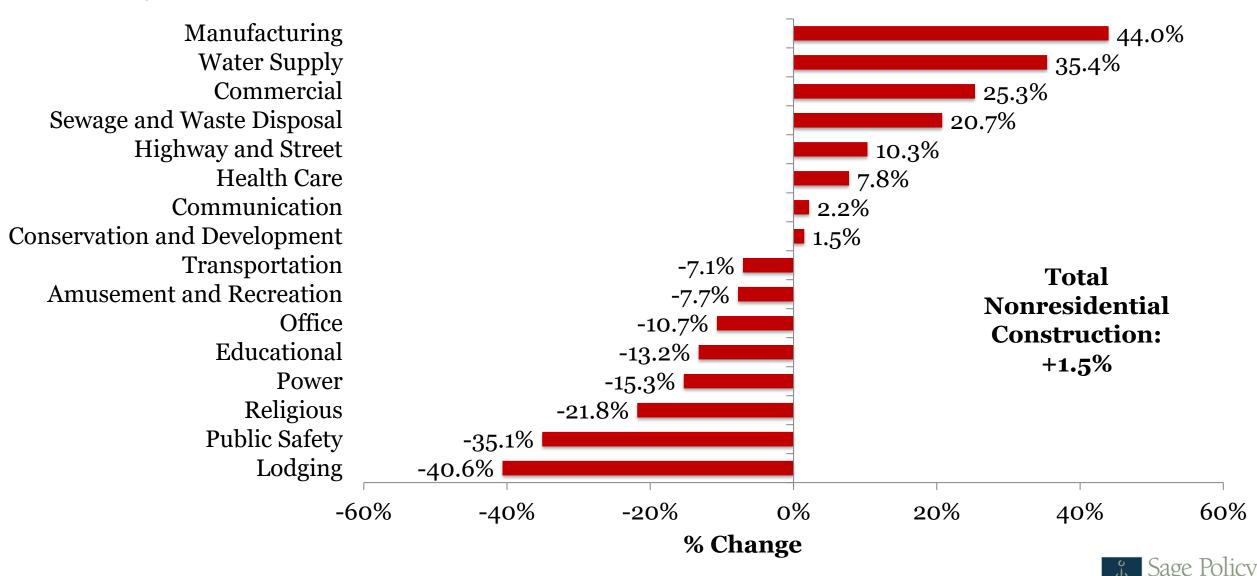
2012 – November 2022





#### **Nonresidential Construction Spending by Subsector**

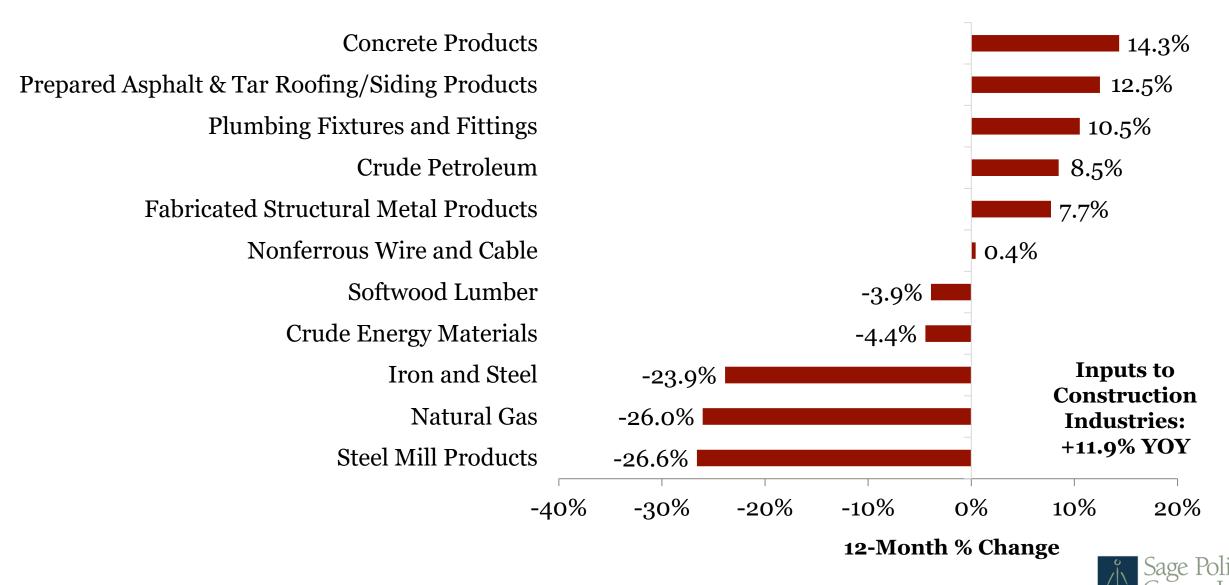
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau

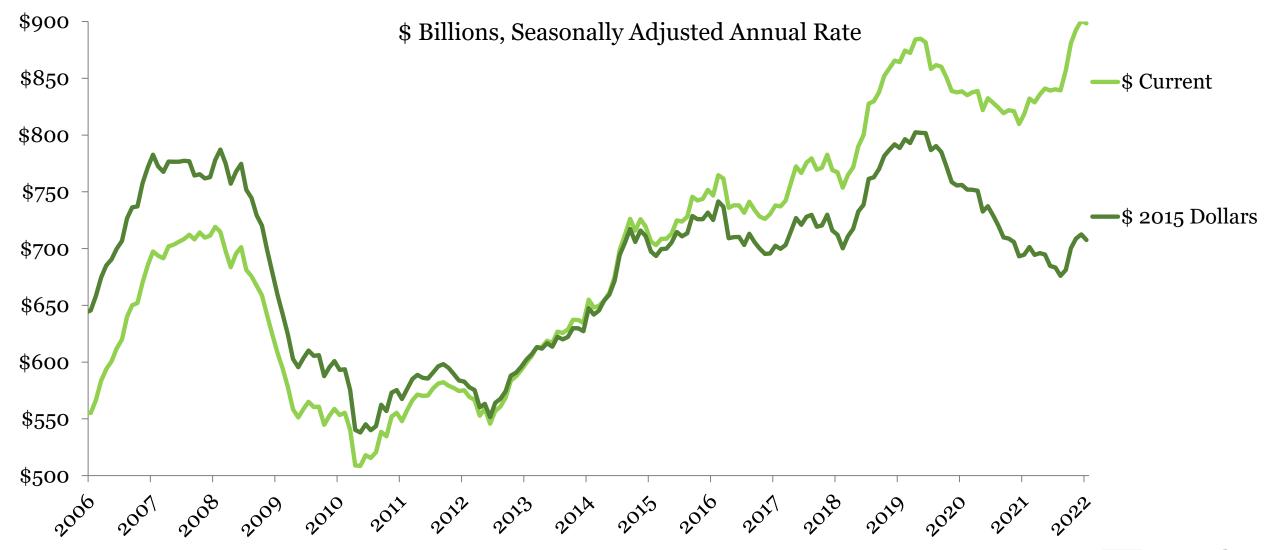
#### **Construction Materials PPI**

12-Month % Change as of November 2022



#### **Total Nonresidential Construction Spending**

Current/Constant Dollars, 2006 – 2022





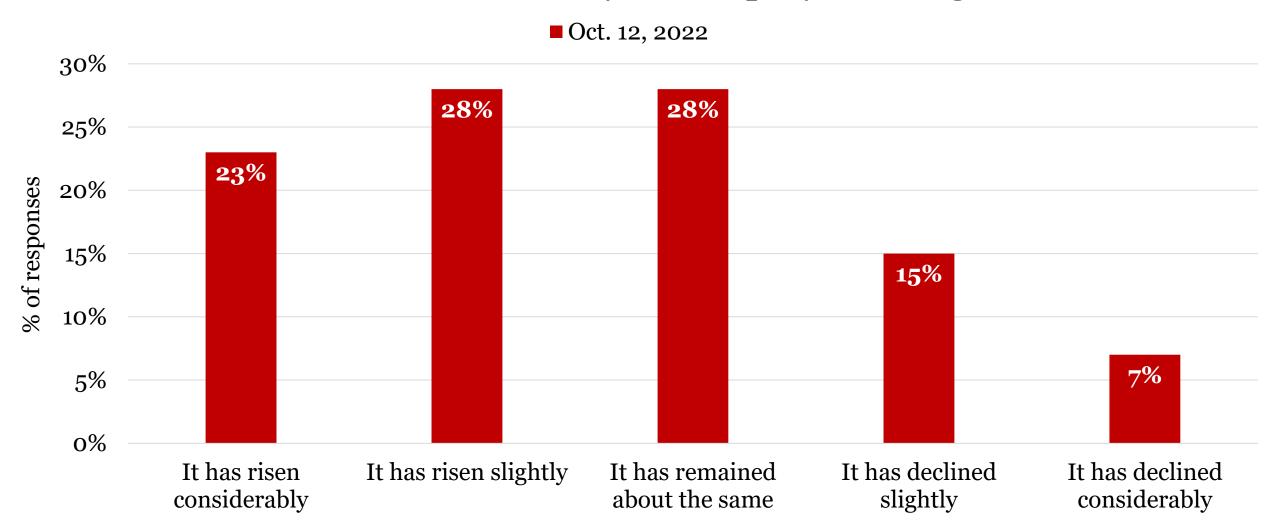
# Over the last three months, how has your company's backlog fared?

- It has risen considerably
- It has risen slightly
- It has remained about the same
- It has declined slightly
- It has declined considerably



#### **CE Webinar Audience Poll Results:**

"Over the last three months, how has your company's backlog fared?"



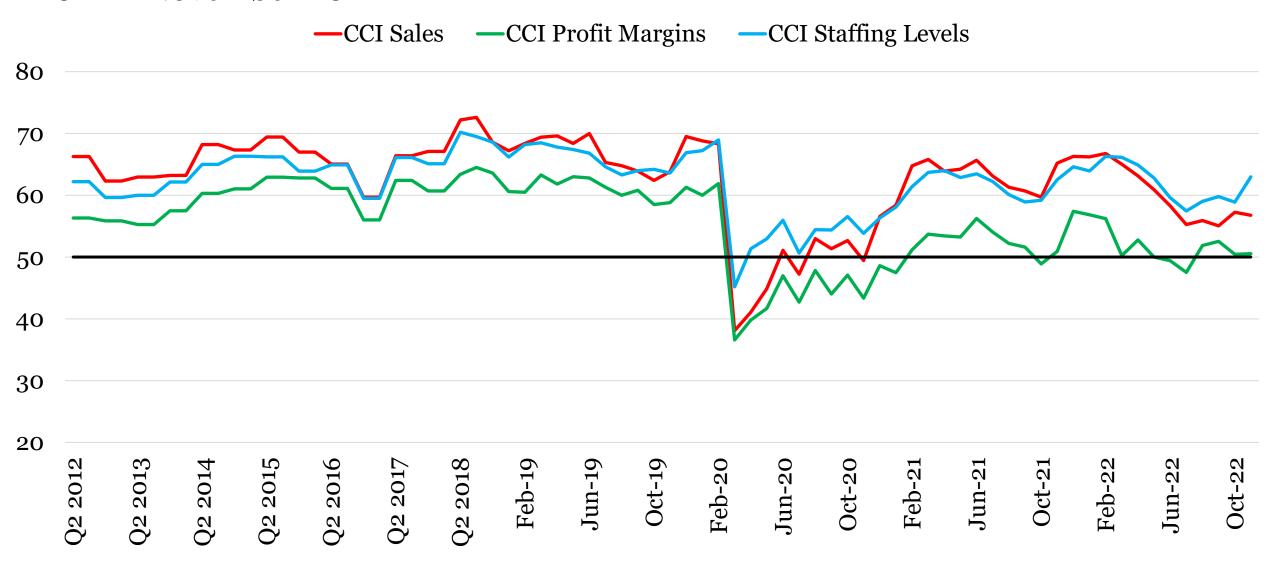


## 2023: A Look Ahead



#### **ABC Construction Confidence Index**

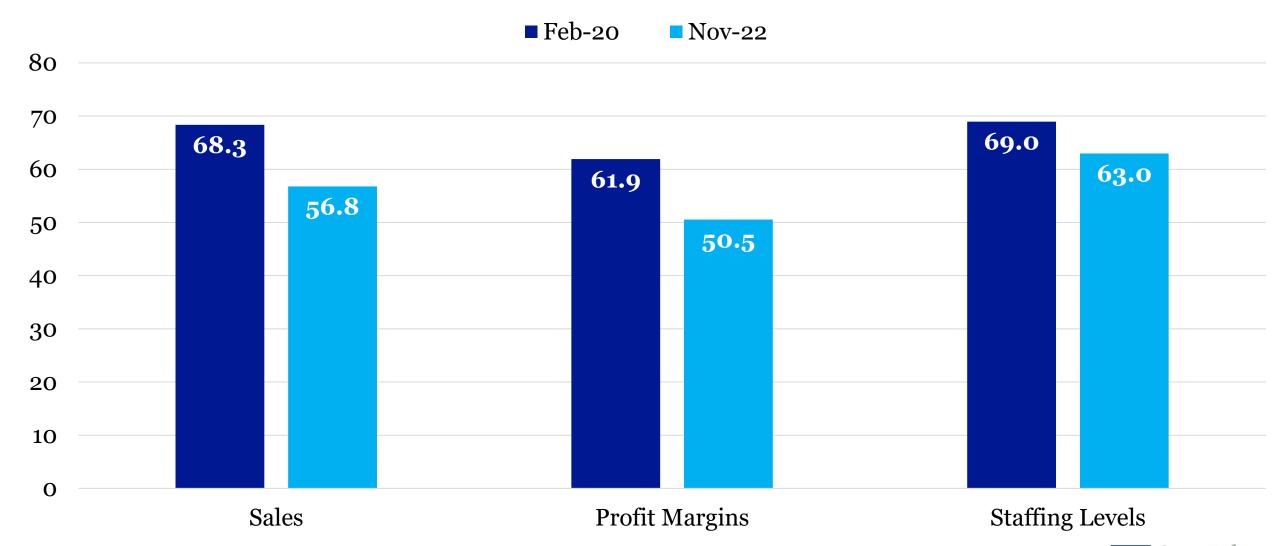
2012 – November 2022





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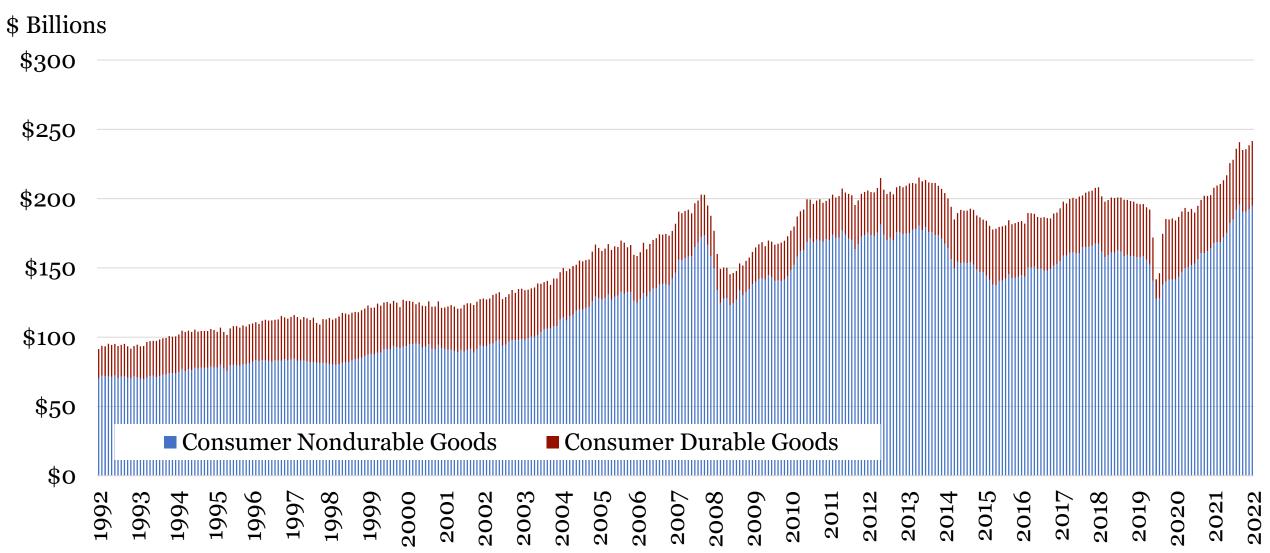
February 2020 v. November 2022





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

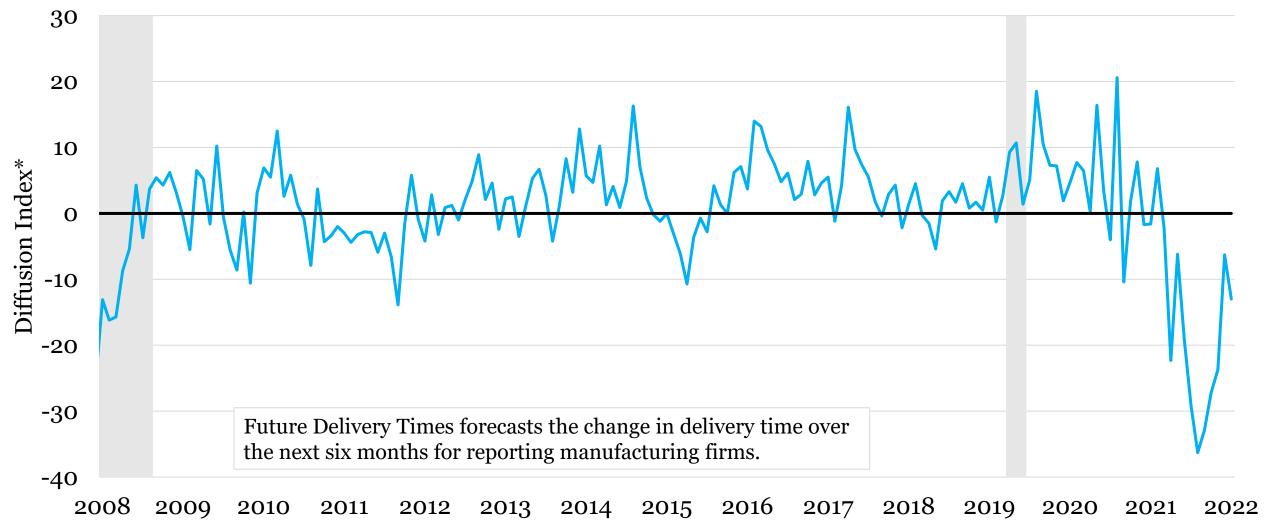
1992 – October 2022





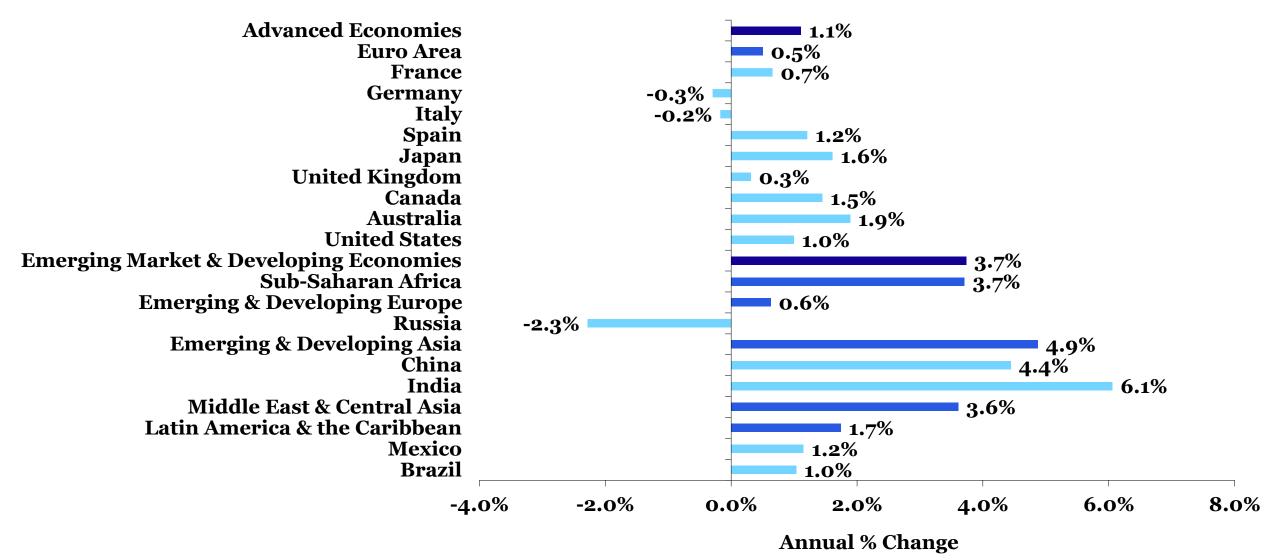
#### Philly Fed Manufacturing Business Outlook Survey

Future Delivery Times, 2008 – November 2022





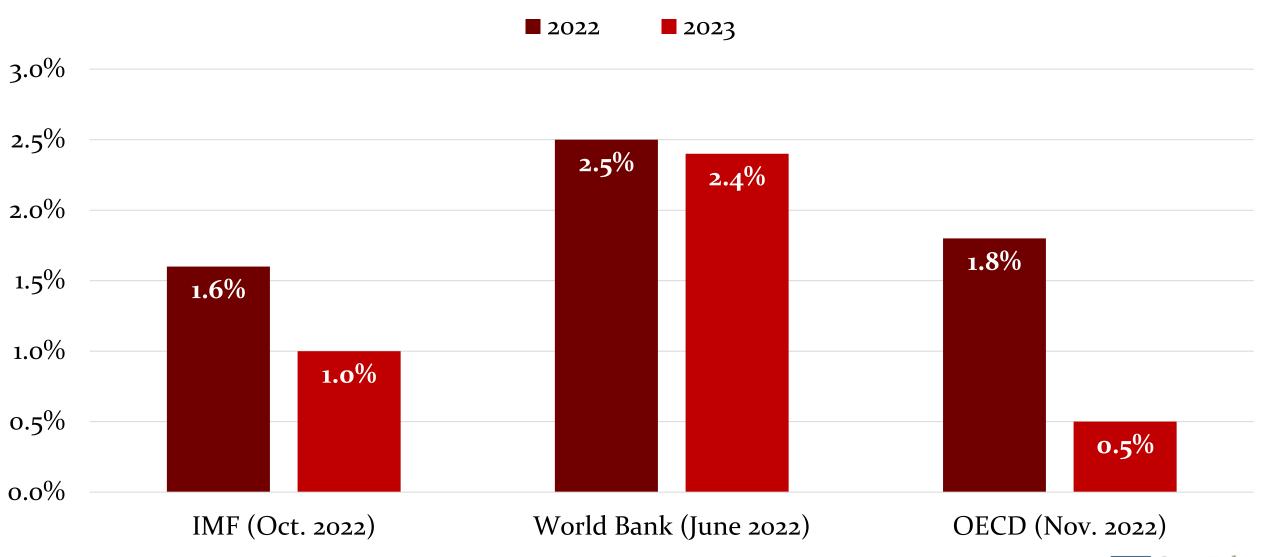
#### Projected Growth in Output by Select Global Areas, 2023



2023 Global Output Growth Forecast: +2.7%



#### **Major Economic Forecasts for U.S. GDP Growth**





Source: IMF; OECD; World Bank

#### **POLL:**

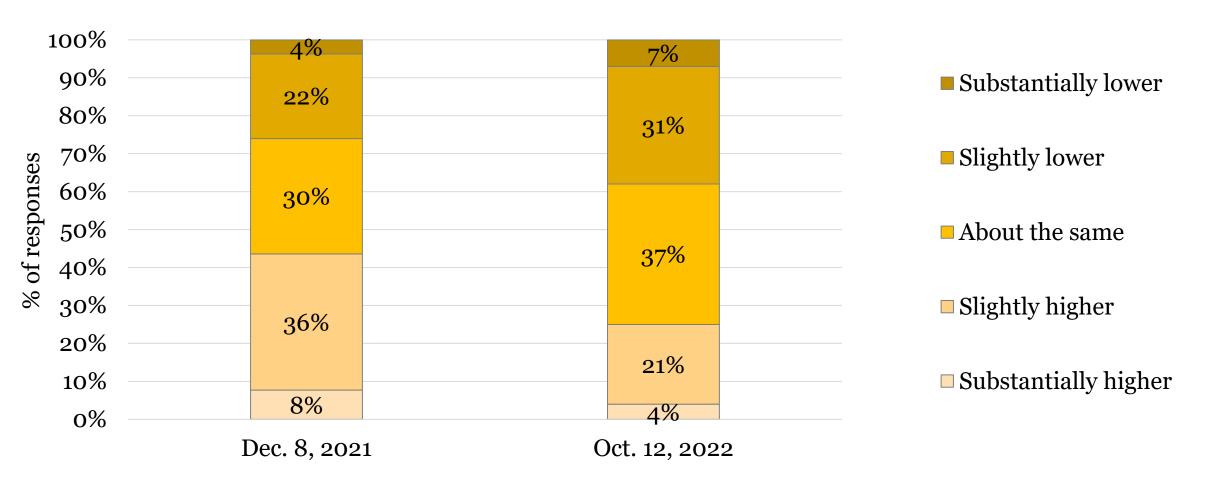
Where do you expect your company's profit margins to be a year from now?

- Substantially higher
- Slightly higher
- About the same
- Slightly lower
- Substantially lower



#### **CE Webinar Audience Poll Results:**

"Where do you expect your company's profit margins to be a year from now?"





#### **Looking Ahead**

- This will be a year of growth, but 2023 will 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.



#### Q&A

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