

The Housing and Mortgage Outlook

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\$1.9 Tr Stimulus Forecast to Propel Economic Growth in 2021

2020 was largest annual GDP drop since 1946 when economy shifted from "guns to butter"

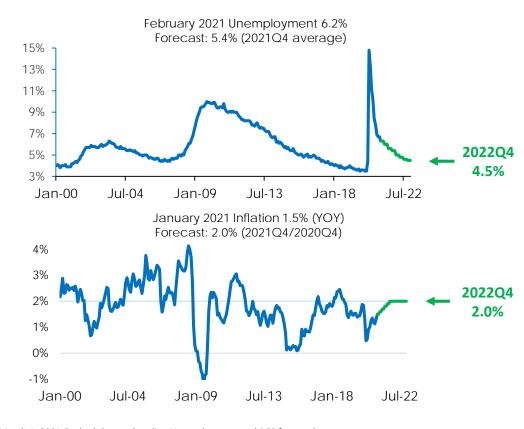






Fed Focus Shifts to Job Creation

- Congressional dual mandate:
 - Maximum employment
 - Price stability
- U.S. Unemployment rate 6.2% (Feb)
 - "Full employment": 4.0-4.5%
 - Bridgeport MNECTA 8.3% (Dec)
- Fed's "price stability" definition:
 - •2% annual (PCE)
 - Avg. inflation 1.8% since 2000
- Fed funds target now 0.00-0.25%

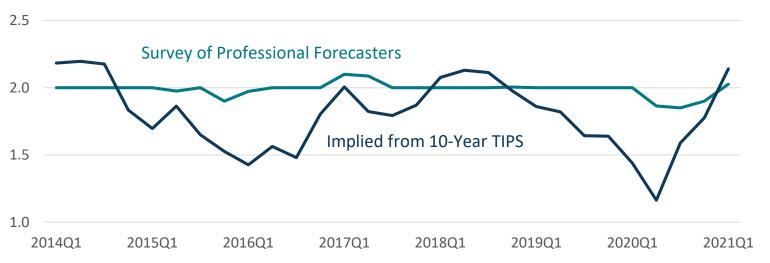




Inflationary Expectations Rose at Beginning of 2021

February TIPS yields imply 2.2% inflation during next 10 years, highest since August 2014

10-Year Inflationary Expectations (percent per year)



Long-term inflation forecast is about 2% per year

- High unemployment implies little wage-cost pressures in next two years
- Assumes inflation expectations remain anchored at 2% per year
- Assumes Fed raises fed funds target by 2024, strengthening US dollar and lowering import prices

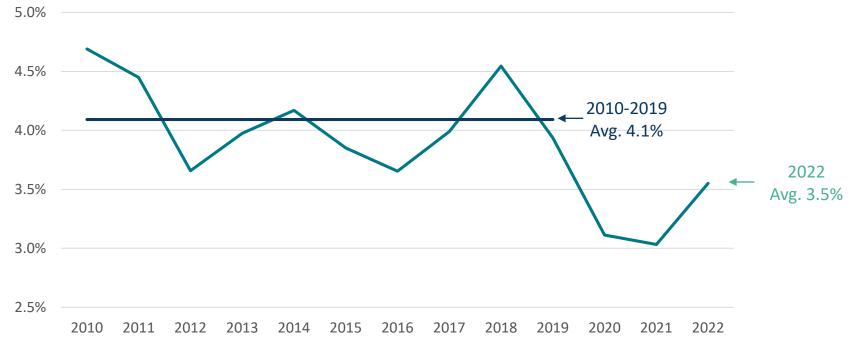
Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Survey of Professional Forecasters (median), Federal Reserve Board, IHS Markit (February 18, 2021)



Mortgage Rates Are Forecast to Remain Low (but Rising)

30-year Fixed-Rate Mortgage is forecast to average 3.0% in 2021 and 3.5% in 2022

30-year Fixed-Rate Mortgage Interest Rate (annual average)

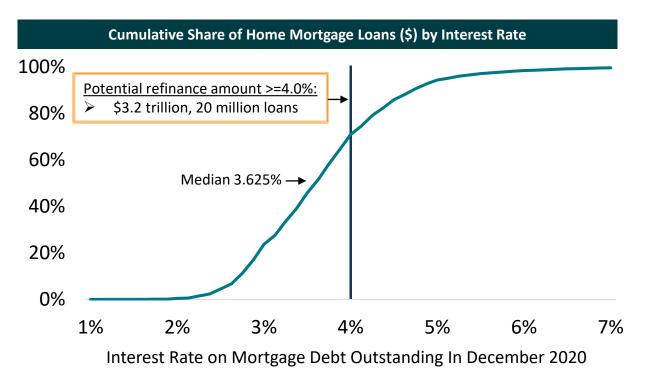


Source: Freddie Mac Primary Mortgage Market Survey® (history), IHS Markit (forecast)



Large Potential Amount of Mortgages Remain to Refinance

February average 30-year FRM was 2.8%, 15-year FRM was 2.2%



For loans with rate >=4%, amount likely to refinance is smaller because of:

- Recent delinquency
- Low balance
- Old loans ('Burnout')
- High DTI

About one-third of loans with rate >=4% are Current & Originated after 2016.

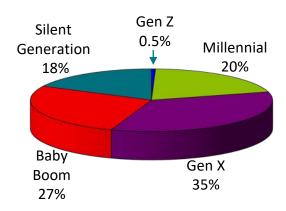
Source: CoreLogic TrueStandings Servicing, all loan terms (December 2020); Federal Reserve Board (Z.1, L.218 Home Mortgages, \$11.0 trillion first-lien as of September 30, 2020); Census Bureau (2018 ACS and 2018 RHFS); Freddie Mac PMMS.



Households Forecast to Grow by 5% in 5 Years

Millennials and Gen Z drive household formations

2018 Share of All Households



128 Million Households in 2018

2018-23 Change in Household Count

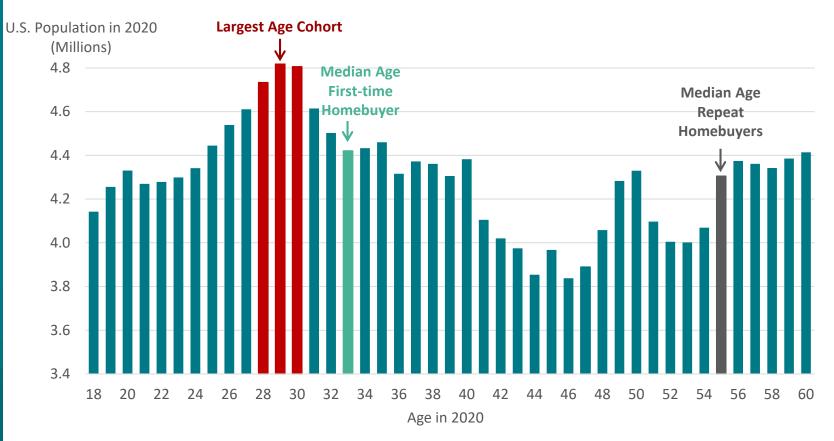
Change in Number of
Households (millions)
5.7
6.4
0.5
-0.8
-5.4
6.3

6.3 Million Increase by 2023

Source: Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies (Updated Household Growth Projections: 2018-2028 and 2028-2038, Daniel McCue, December 2018); cohort labels defined by household age in 2018 as follows: Gen Z 19 or younger; Millennial 20-34; Gen X 35-54; Baby Boom 55-69; Silent Generation 70 or older.

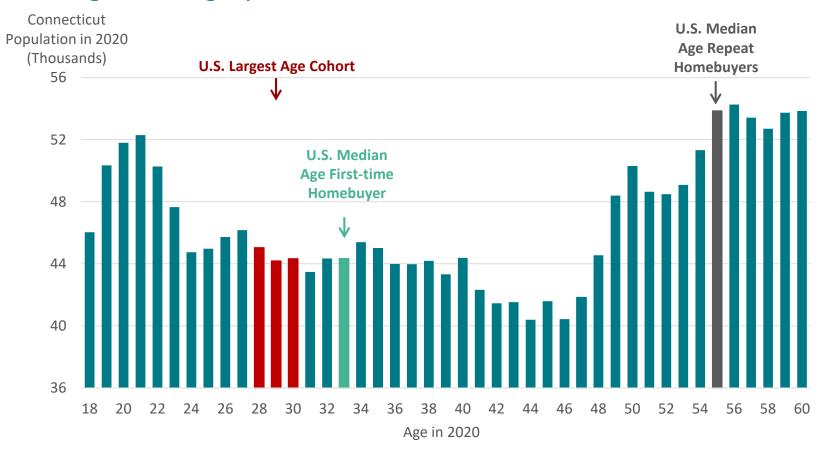


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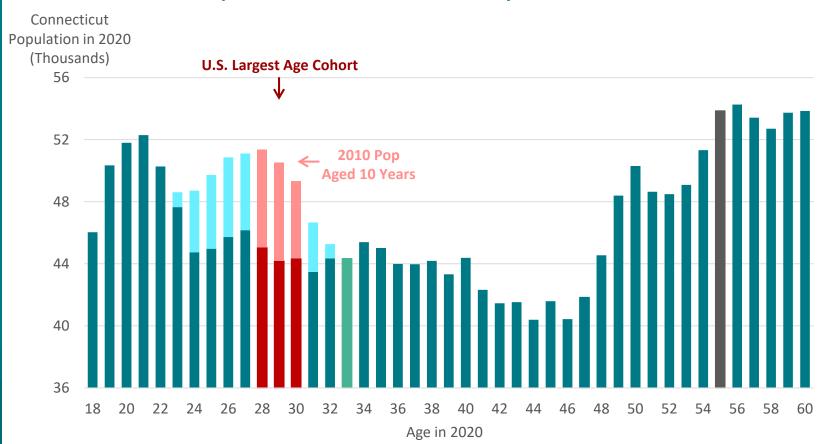


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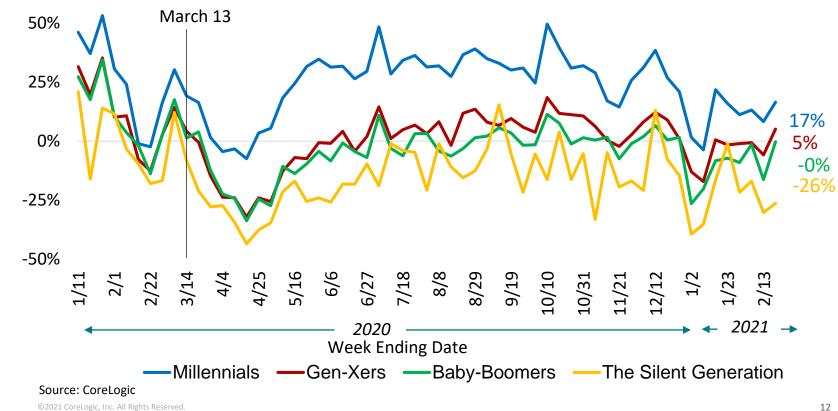
Millennial Population in CT down by 30,000 since 2010





Millennials & Gen X Account for Much of the Buyer Resurgence

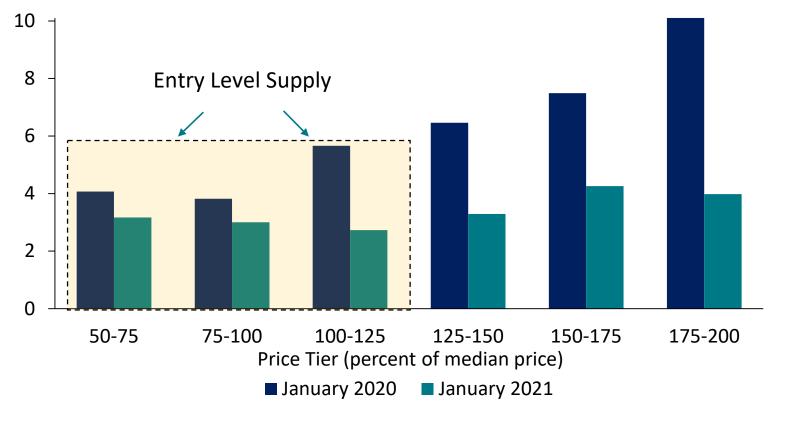
Year-over-year Percent Change in Weekly Home-Purchase Applications





Fairfield County Inventory Tight, Esp. for Entry-Level Buyers

Months' Supply for Sale by Price Tier: Existing Homes



Source: CoreLogic MLS data, January 2021, months' supply was 3.8 months across all price tiers



How Has Pandemic Affected Need for Space?

Survey estimates suggest 20-25% of workers may WFH part- or full-time long term, reducing need for commercial space and increasing need for residential space

- McKinsey Global Institute: "More than 20 percent of the workforce could work remotely three to five days a week as effectively as they could if working from an office. If remote work took hold at that level, that would mean three to four times as many people working from home than before the pandemic..."
- NABE Business Conditions Survey found about 25% of employees may be WFH part- or full-time permanently.

Note: McKinsey Global Institute estimated 22% of workers in the U.S. could work remotely 3-5 days per week without loss of effectiveness, and an additional 17% could work remotely 1-2 days per week without loss of effectiveness ("The Future of Work After COVID-19," February 2021, Exhibit E3). NABE Business Condition Survey reported 89% of firms have instituted partial or full WFH policies during the pandemic; of these firms, about 72% (median) of employees are expected to return to their pre-pandemic working arrangement.

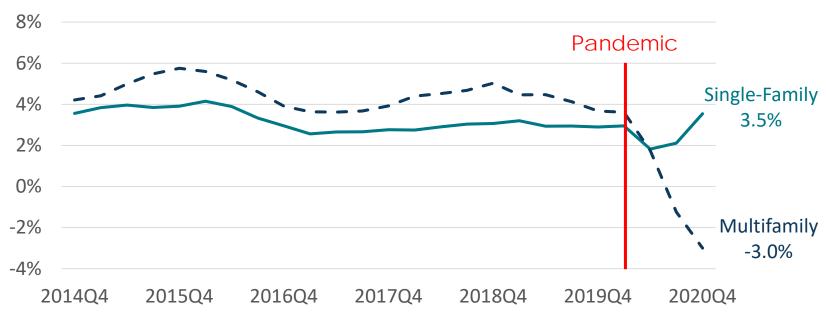
Source: NABE BCS January 2021 (Questions 6 & 8), McKinsey Global Institute "What's Next for Remote Work: An analysis of 2,000 tasks, 800 jobs, and nine countries" (November 2020)



A Shift in Tenant Demand to Low Density Housing?

SF rental vacancy rate down 0.7% points, MF vacancy up 0.7% (2019H2 to 2020H2)





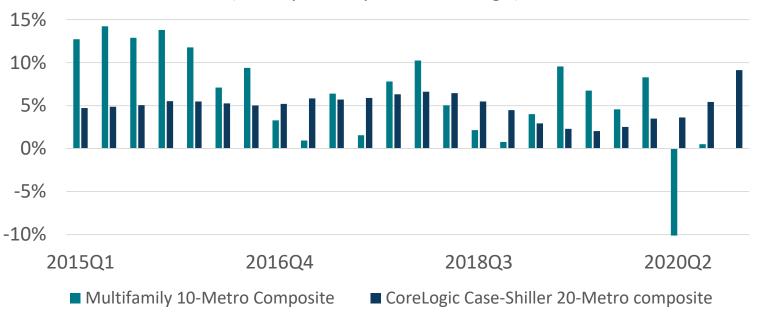
Source: CoreLogic Single-Family Rent Index, Moody's Analytics Reis (Apartment effective rent)



Multifamily Prices Dropped 10% in 2020Q2 (year-over-year)

Multifamily cap rates hit record low in second half of 2020, supporting values

Residential Price Index (four-quarter percent change)

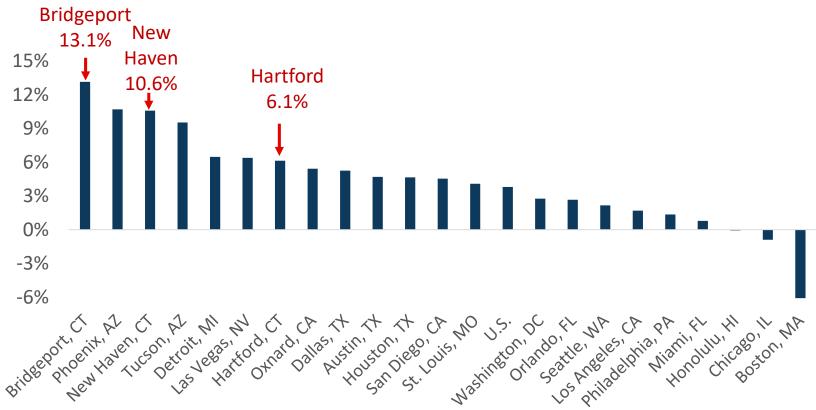


Note: Multifamily Index includes these MSAs: Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Phoenix, Portland, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle Source: CoreLogic Multifamily Price Index, CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-Metro Composite; Census Bureau RHFS; ACLI



Single-family Rents Are Rising Too: U.S. Up 3.8%

Single-Family Rent Growth (annual percent change, December 2020)

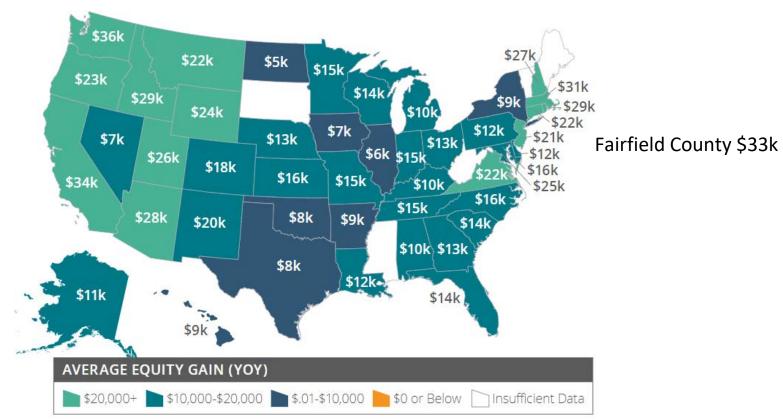


Source: CoreLogic Single-Family Rent Index release February 16, 2021



Average Equity Gain per Homeowner

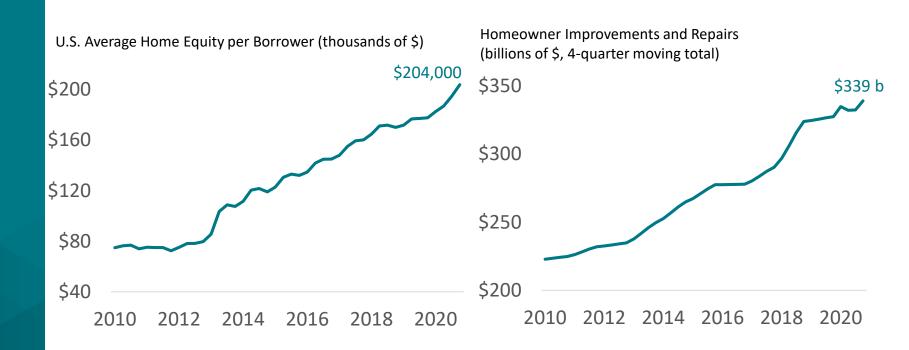
U.S.: \$17,000 per home (September 2019 to September 2020)





Home Equity & SIP Drive Home Improvement Spend

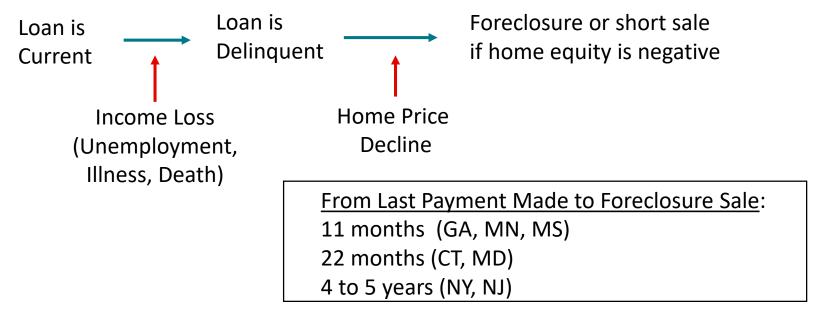
Remodeling expenditures forecast to rise 4% in 2021 to \$352 billion





Current-to-Foreclosure Timelines Vary by State

Double trigger: income loss can cause delinquency, equity loss can lead to distressed sale



Source: CoreLogic, Freddie Mac (Single-Family Seller/Servicer Guide, Exhibit 83, State Foreclosure Timelines)

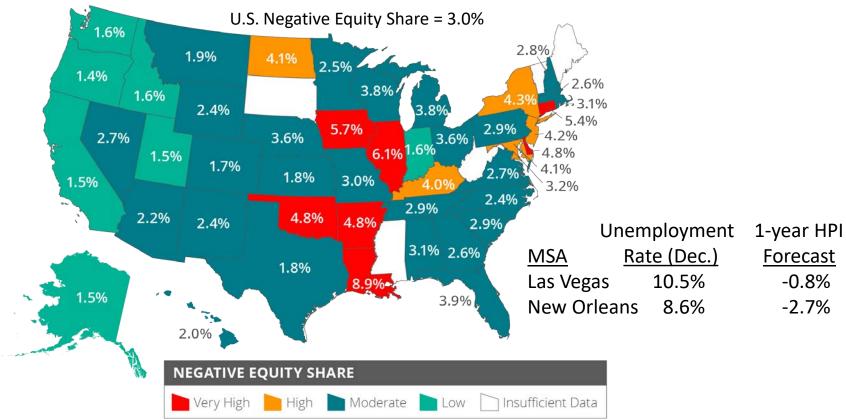
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Job Loss & Home-Price Weakness Spark Delinquencies

Income loss and lack of home equity add to risk of foreclosure or short sale

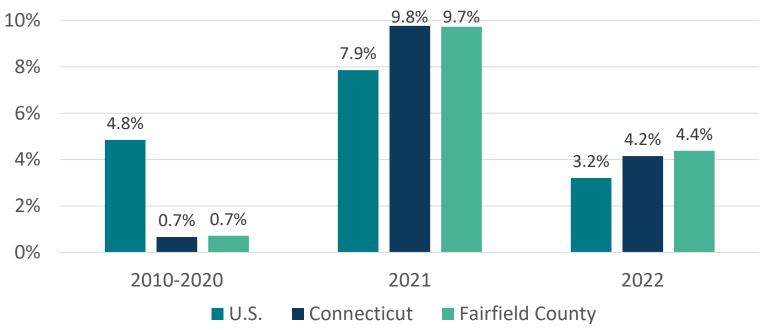




Prices Forecast to Rise, but Slowing Late-2021 and 2022

Fairfield County forecast to outpace national appreciation

CoreLogic Home Price Index Growth (percent change, annual rate)



Source: CoreLogic Home Price Index and Forecast (March 2, 2021 release), compound annual growth rate in annual average ©2021 CoreLogic, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

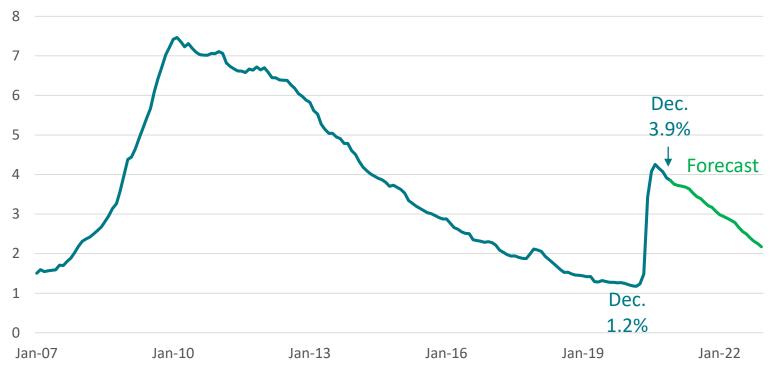
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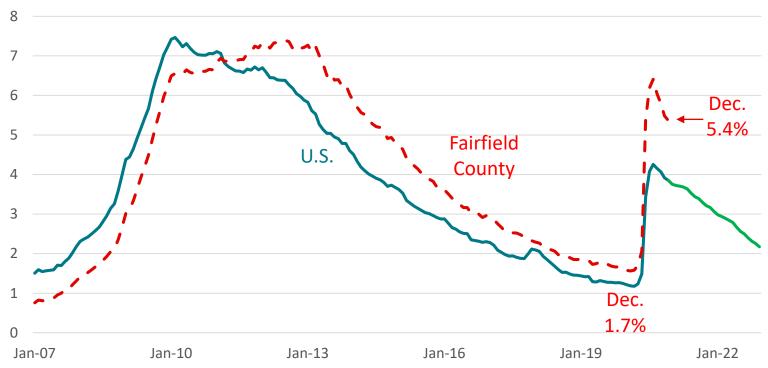




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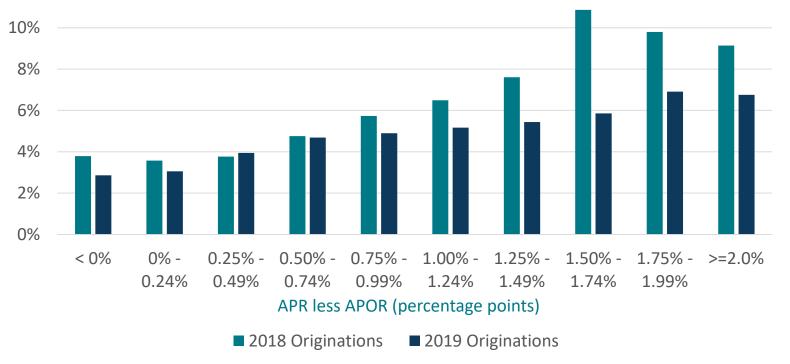




Loans in Forbearance: Delinquency Rate Rises with Loan Credit Risk

About one-half of low-spread loans, and one-third of high-spread loans, were current

Delinquency Rate by Spread Above APOR & Vintage: Conventional Loans Active & In Forbearance as of 12/31/20





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