

## Market Outlook Construction Forum Summary

*as of January 8, 2020*

### Presenters

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### Evolving Trends in Financial and Labor Markets

- expecting a minor decline in the coming quarter, generally flat escalation
- work backlogs have been depleting
- US dollar and NYSE are still very volatile
- crude oil is stabilizing, pricing is flat which is consistent with the construction labor market
- anticipating a construction slow-down in Q1 and Q2 of 2021 based on 2020 AIA Billings
- construction unemployment is relatively minor, only down 200,000 jobs nationally since February 2020
- unit rates will be held at 2020 values
- **3%-4%** escalation for new projects between Q3 2020 and Q2 2021
- margins offsetting cost increases in materials, labor, and construction efficiency
- design **add alternates in the 10% cost range**
- complex and occupied renovations: Will come at a lower premium (attractive in current market). Occupants can work/study from home

### Escalation Forecast and Procurement Strategy

- contracting construction markets in most states
- construction remains local-market dependent
- put in place construction volume is at 2019 levels
- healthcare spending levels are looking good whereas education spending has declined
- low escalation for Q1 and Q2
- consider CM for preconstruction only until acceptable GMP is established. More attention on bid projects. Need to weigh quality of service with first costs
- **buying opportunity for early 2021:** plan and program '90 to 105'; will generate more aggressive pricing from the subs as they continue their hunt to fill up their backlogs. **Pricing to be flat to -5%**
- buying projects in **Q3/Q4 2021** could have much more volume out for procurement. Expect pricing increases **2-4%**
- buying projects in **Q1/Q2 2022** could continue to see more volume for procurement. Expect pricing increases **4-8%**

### Trends to Watch in the Built environment

- forest reserves are much larger than current demand; home and wood prices will spur rapid growth in supply, already seeing a spike in wood prices
- mass timber and nonresidential design will accelerate timber adoption and technologies
- thoughts on establishing a framework for total benefit analysis in the built environment
- nature of the workspace is expected to change from cubical spaces to communal space (social and collaborative spaces)
- workspaces becoming attractive destination; anticipating an increase in the days people work from home, on average



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## Design & Construction Market Outlook

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  - Interim **questions** and comments via **chat**
  - Thank You: slide deck, audio link
  - “Situation Report” (Summary) Along with a Reminder
  - Next session **Monthly – January 8<sup>th</sup>**
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## Agenda

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Evolving Trends in Financial & Labor Markets

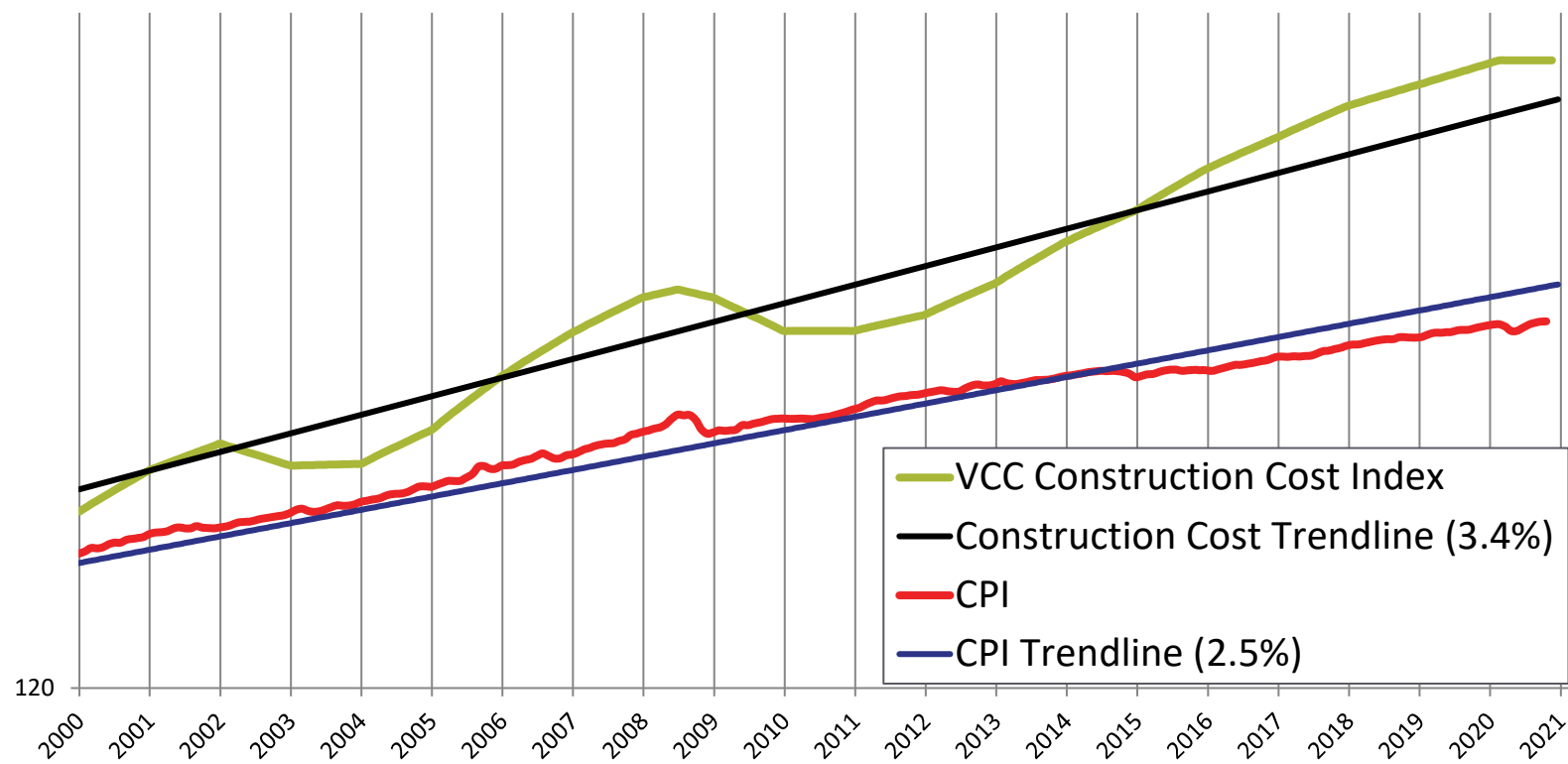
Escalation Forecast & Procurement Strategy

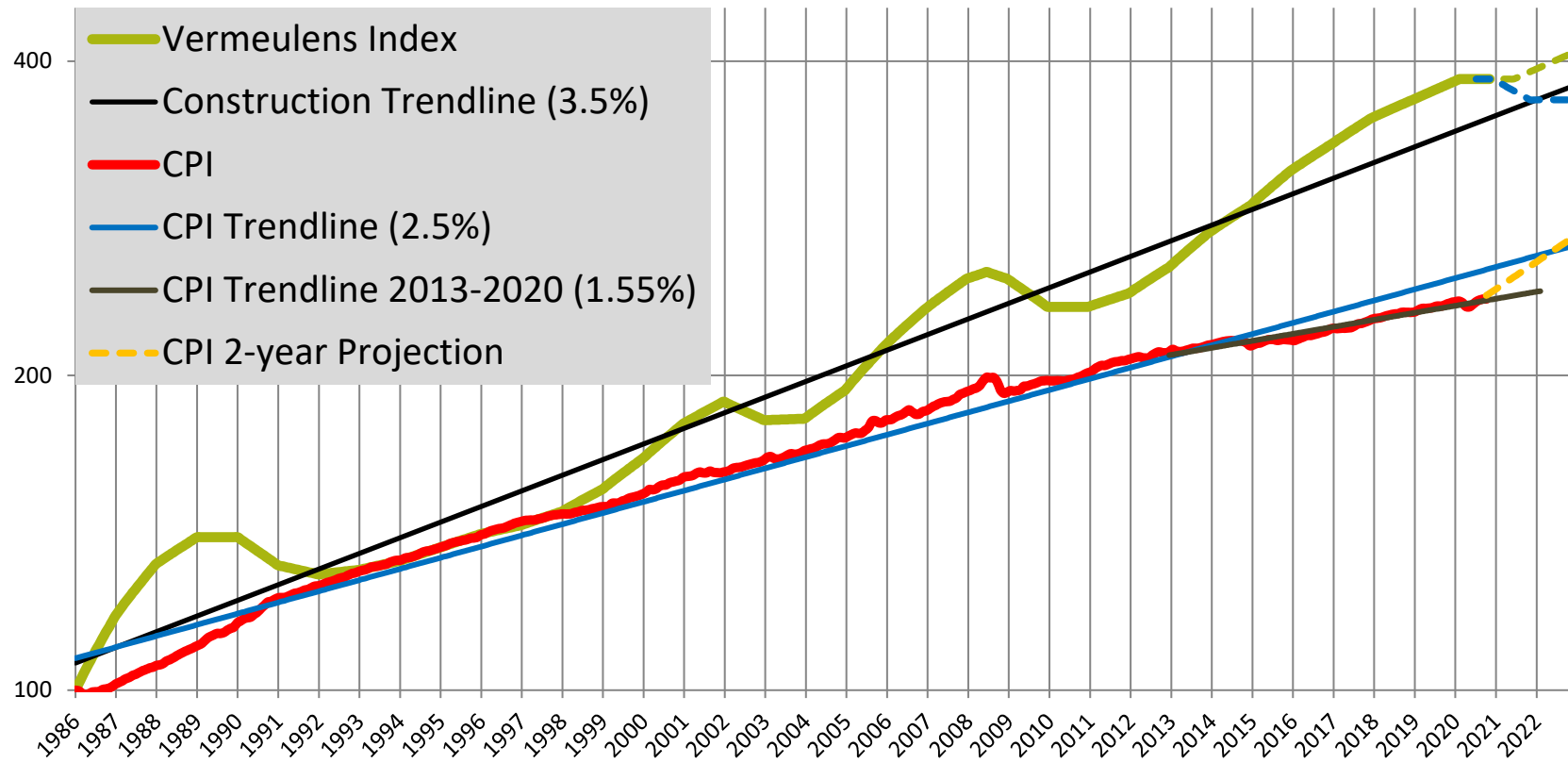
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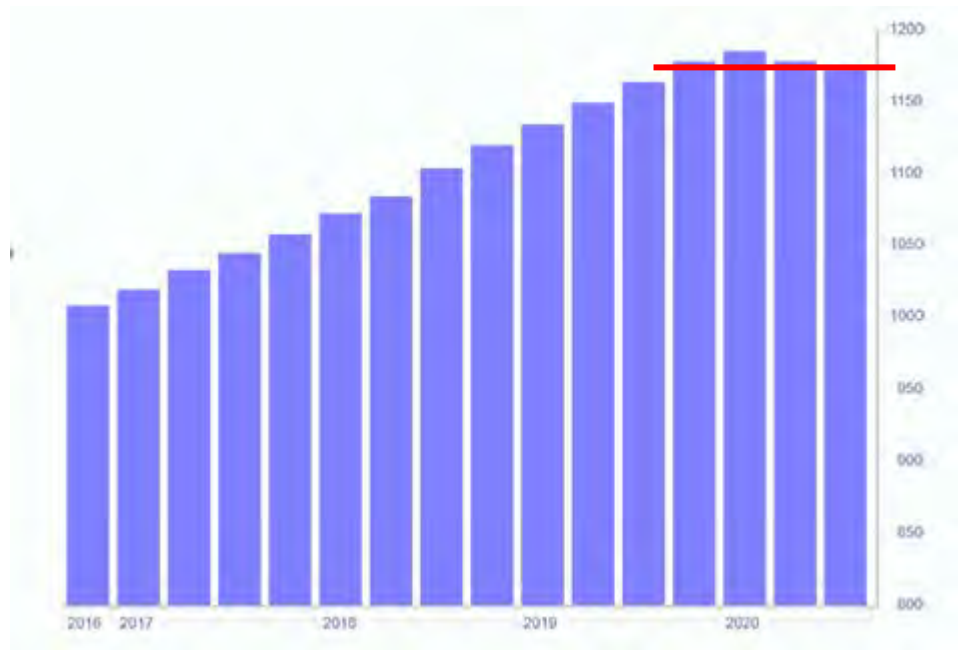
## Vermeulens Construction Cost Index

2000 - Current



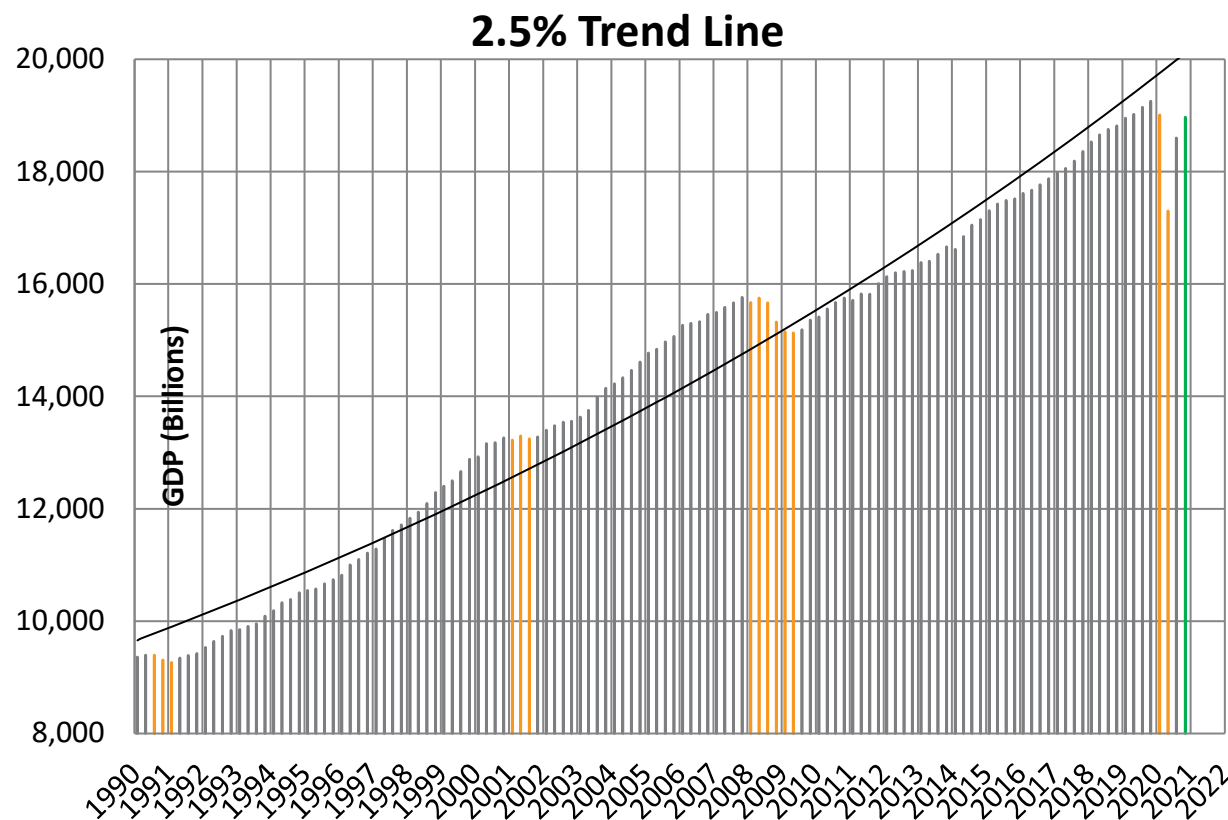


## Cost Index



**Turner**

Quarter	Index	% Change
3rd Quarter 2020	1171	- 0.51
2nd Quarter 2020	1177	- 1.01
1st Quarter 2020	1189	1.02
4th Quarter 2019	1177	1.29



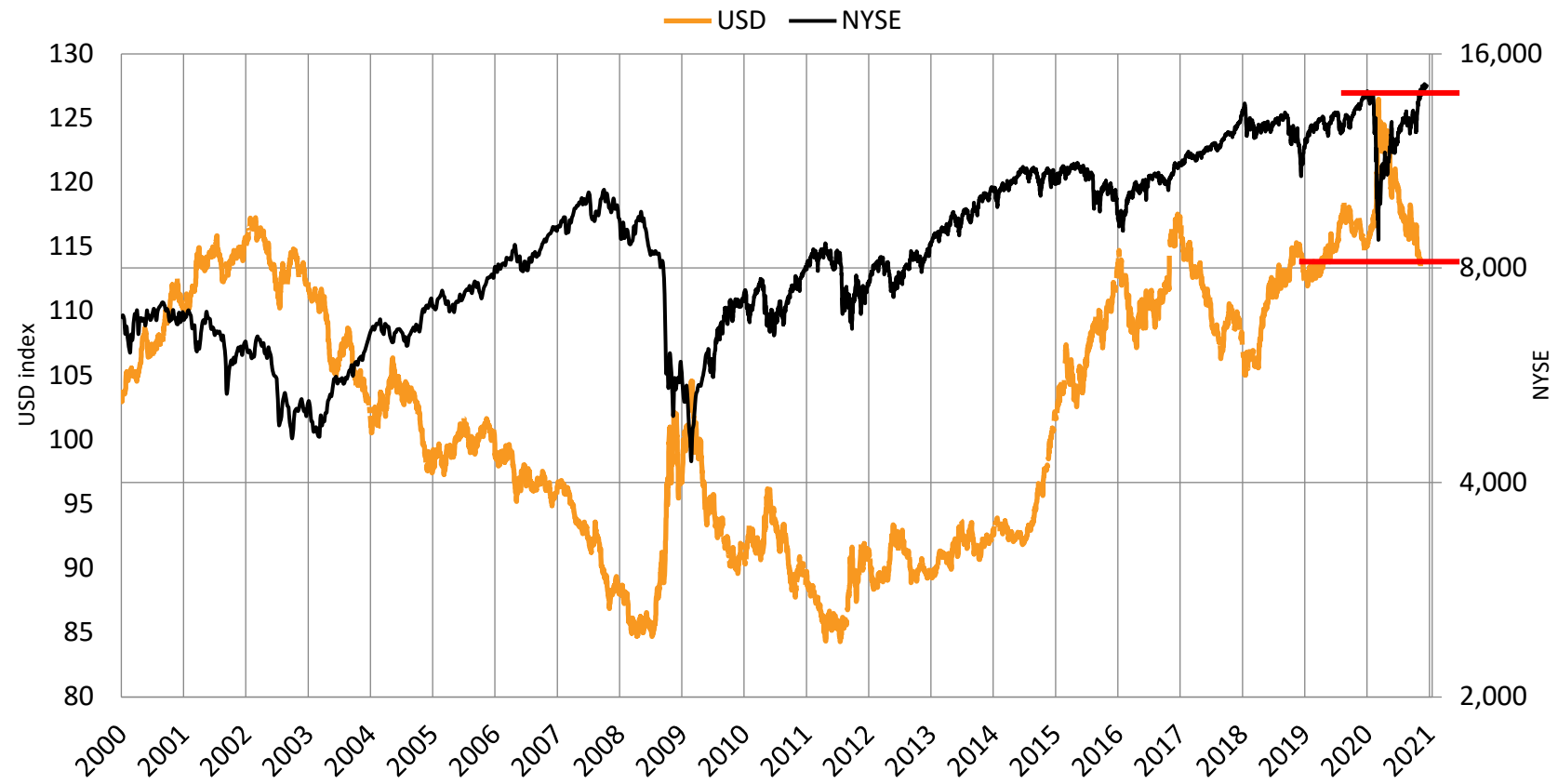
**3.3% growth rate coming out of 2001/2002**

**2.3% growth rate coming out of 2009/2010**

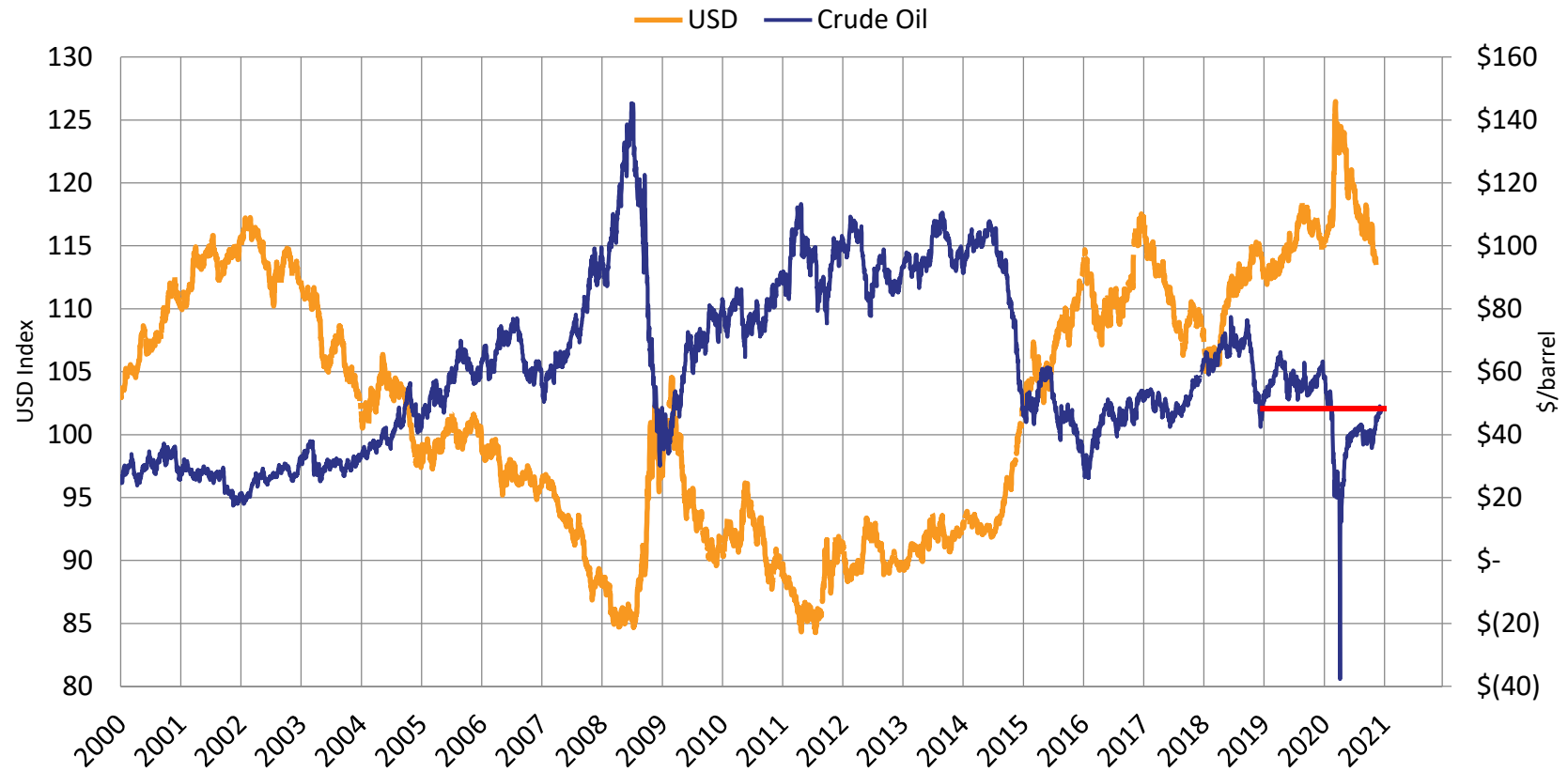
**Roughly a 3% market contraction**



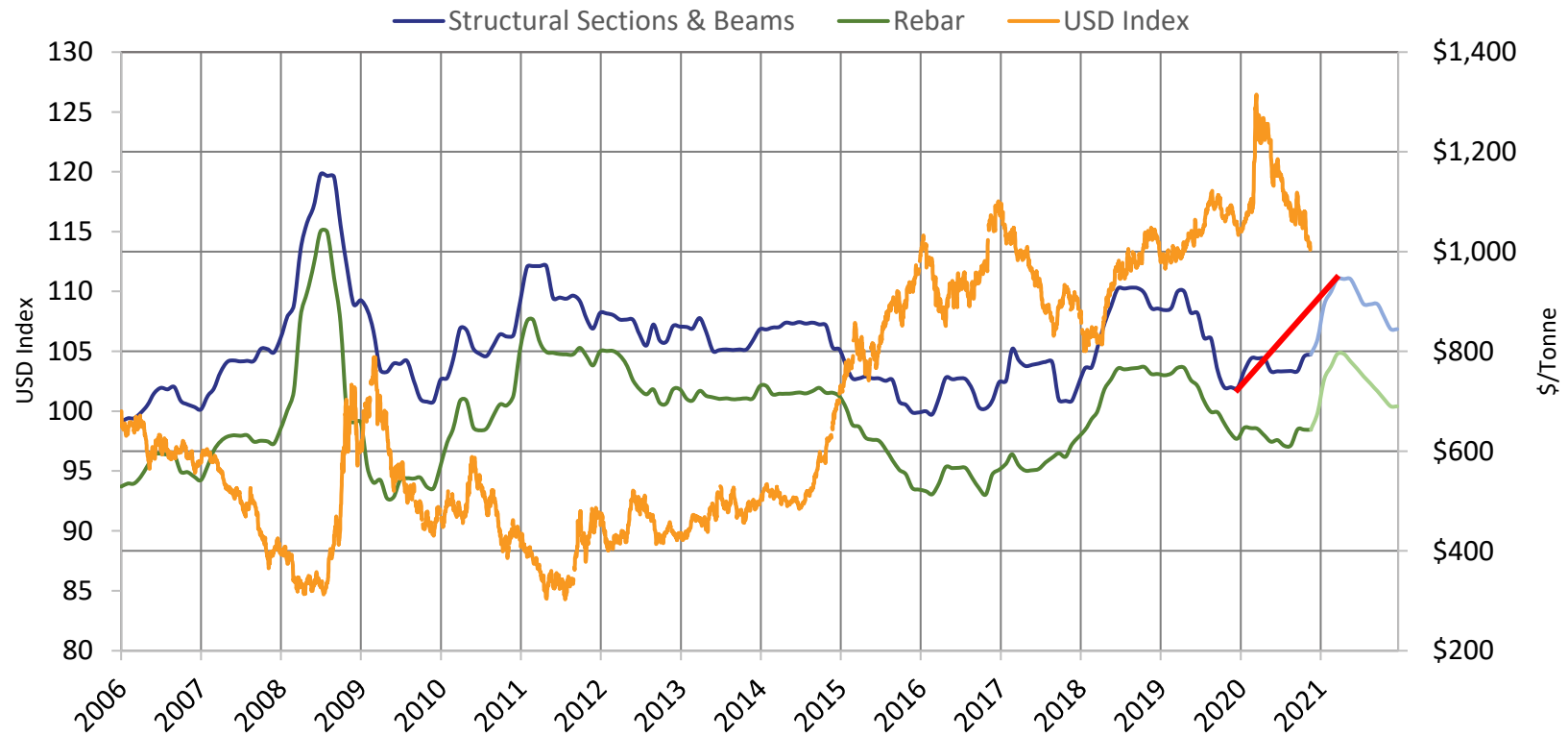
## US Dollar and NYSE



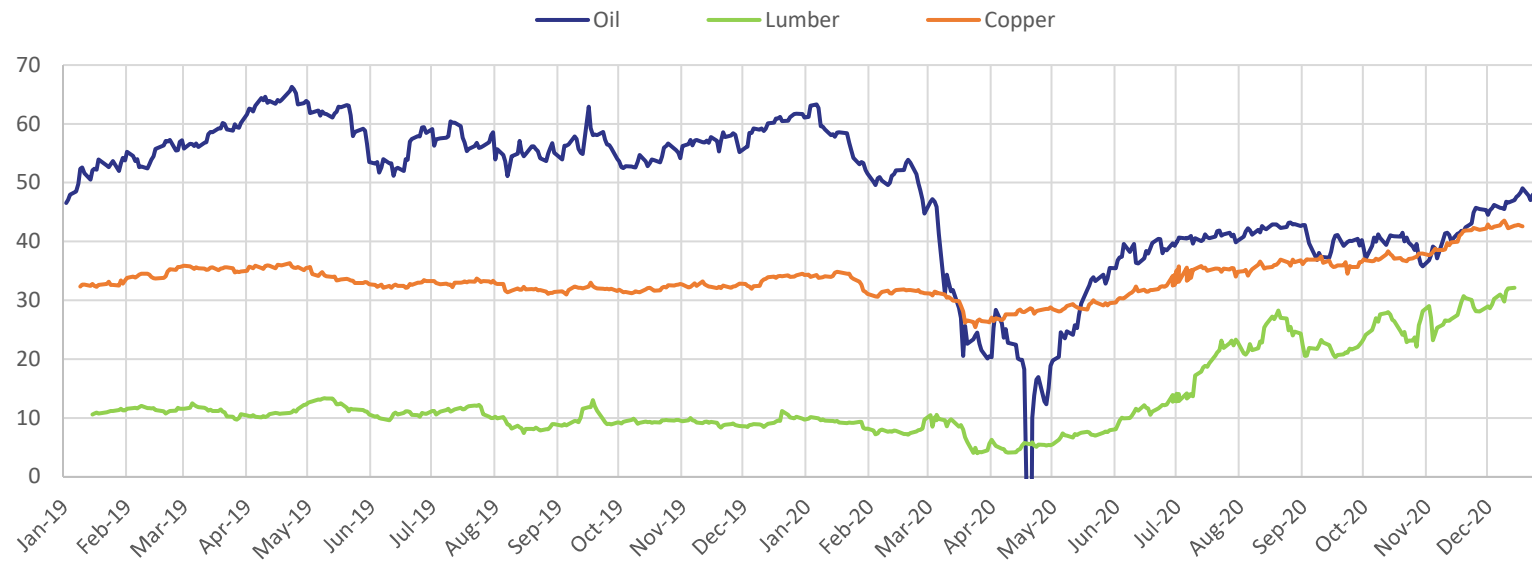
## US Dollar Impact on Crude Oil



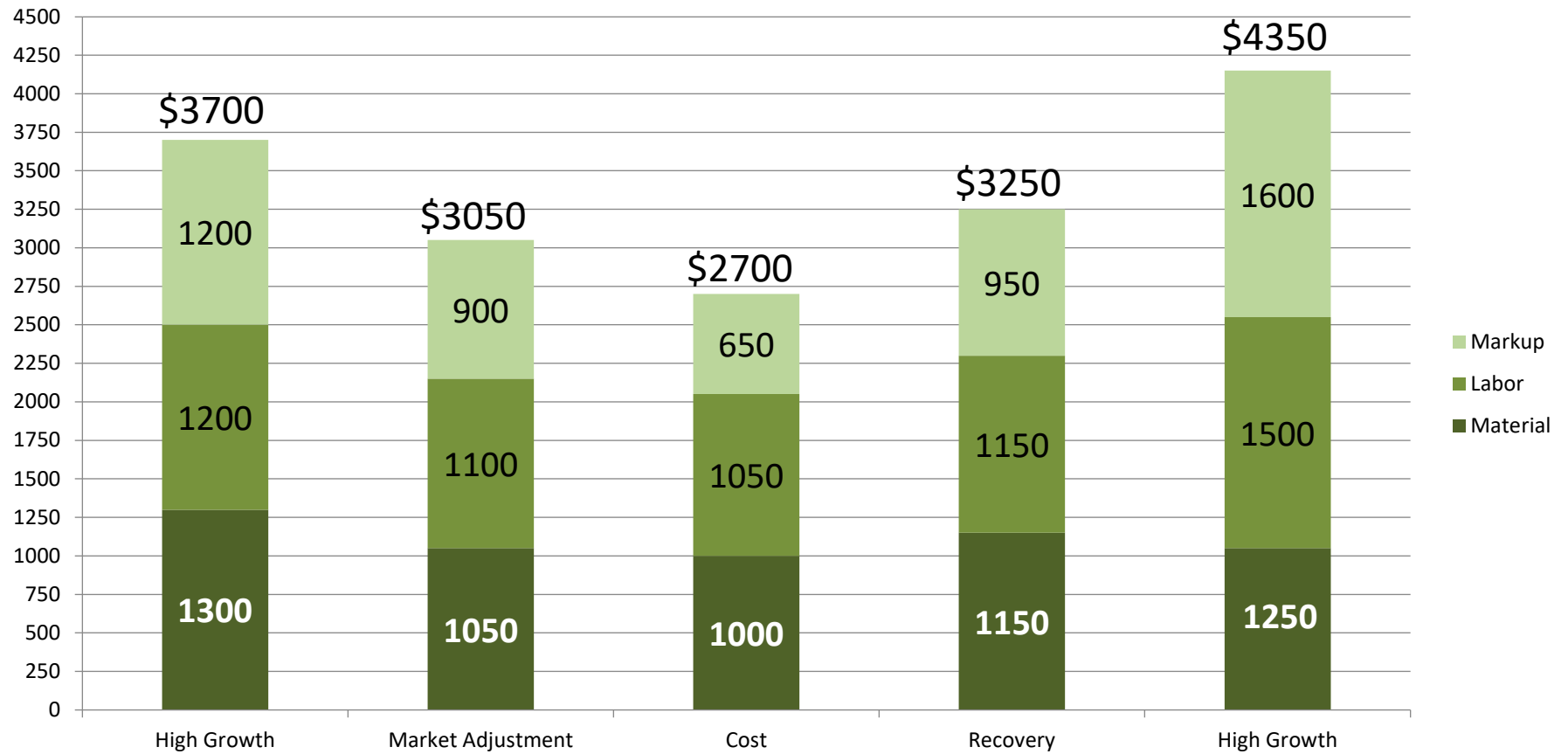
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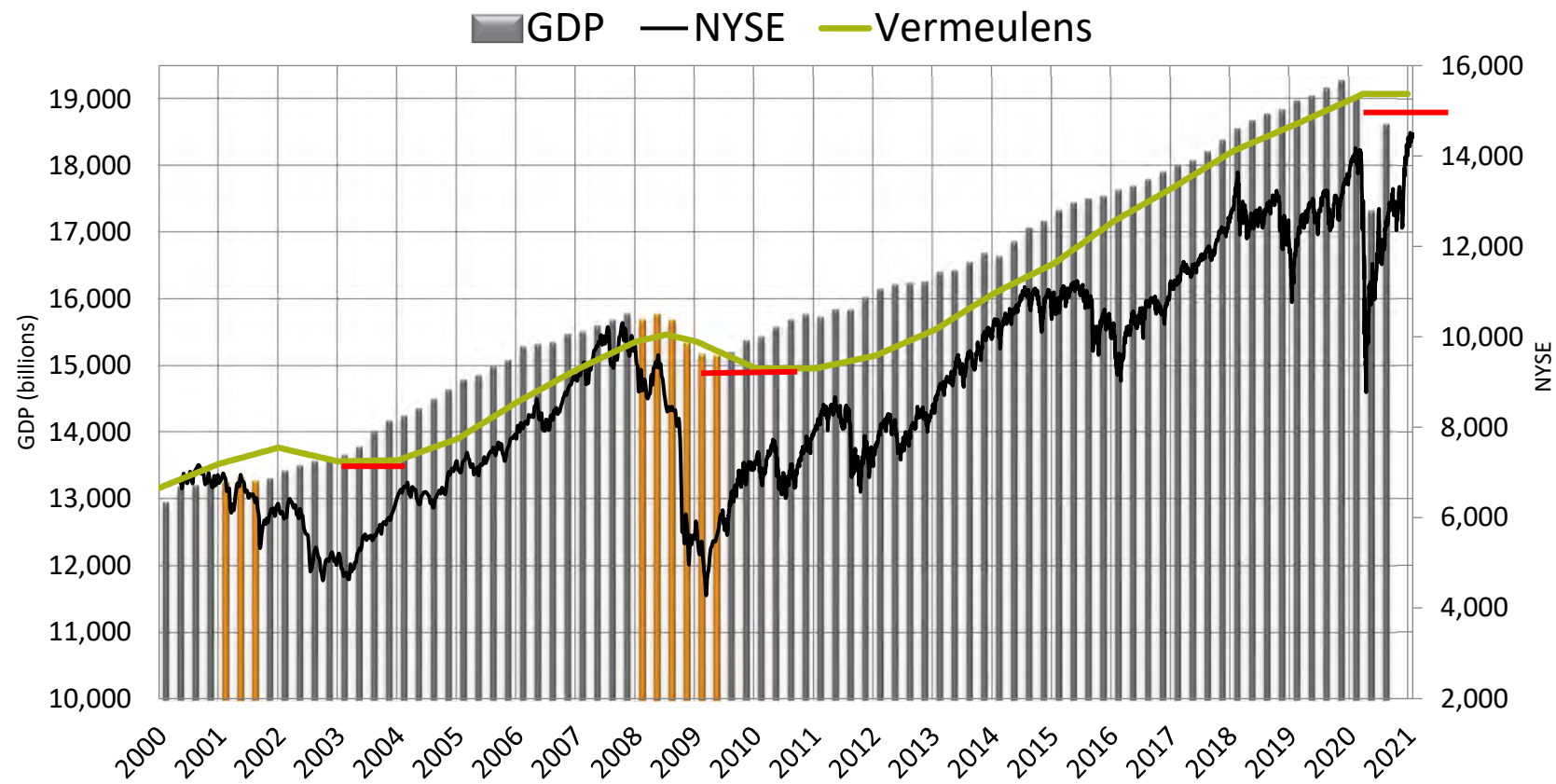
## Commodities



## Structural Steel Pricing



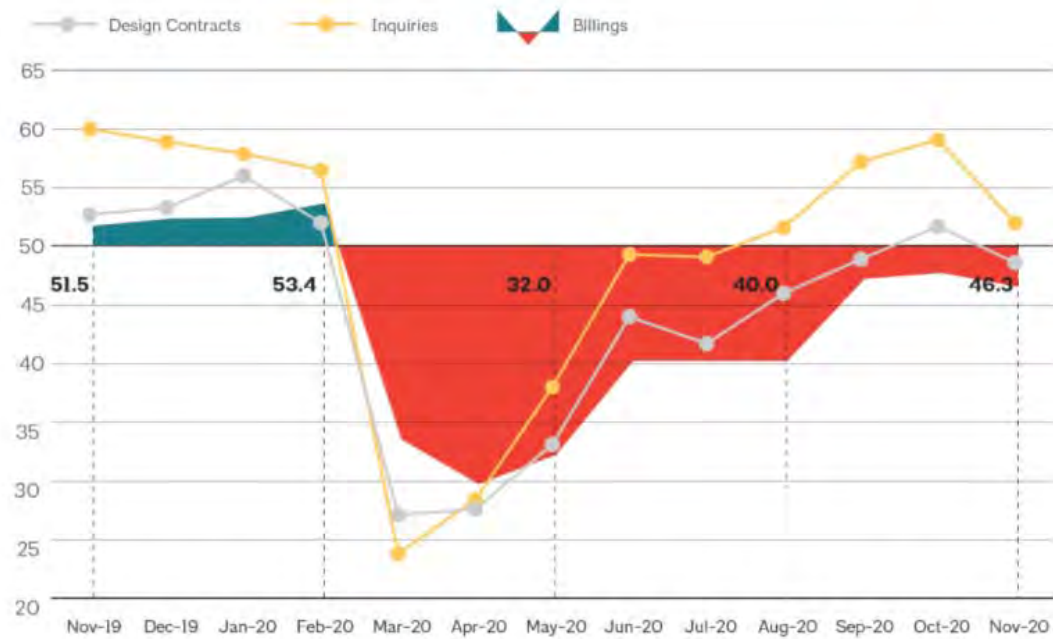
## GDP (Billions) and NYSE



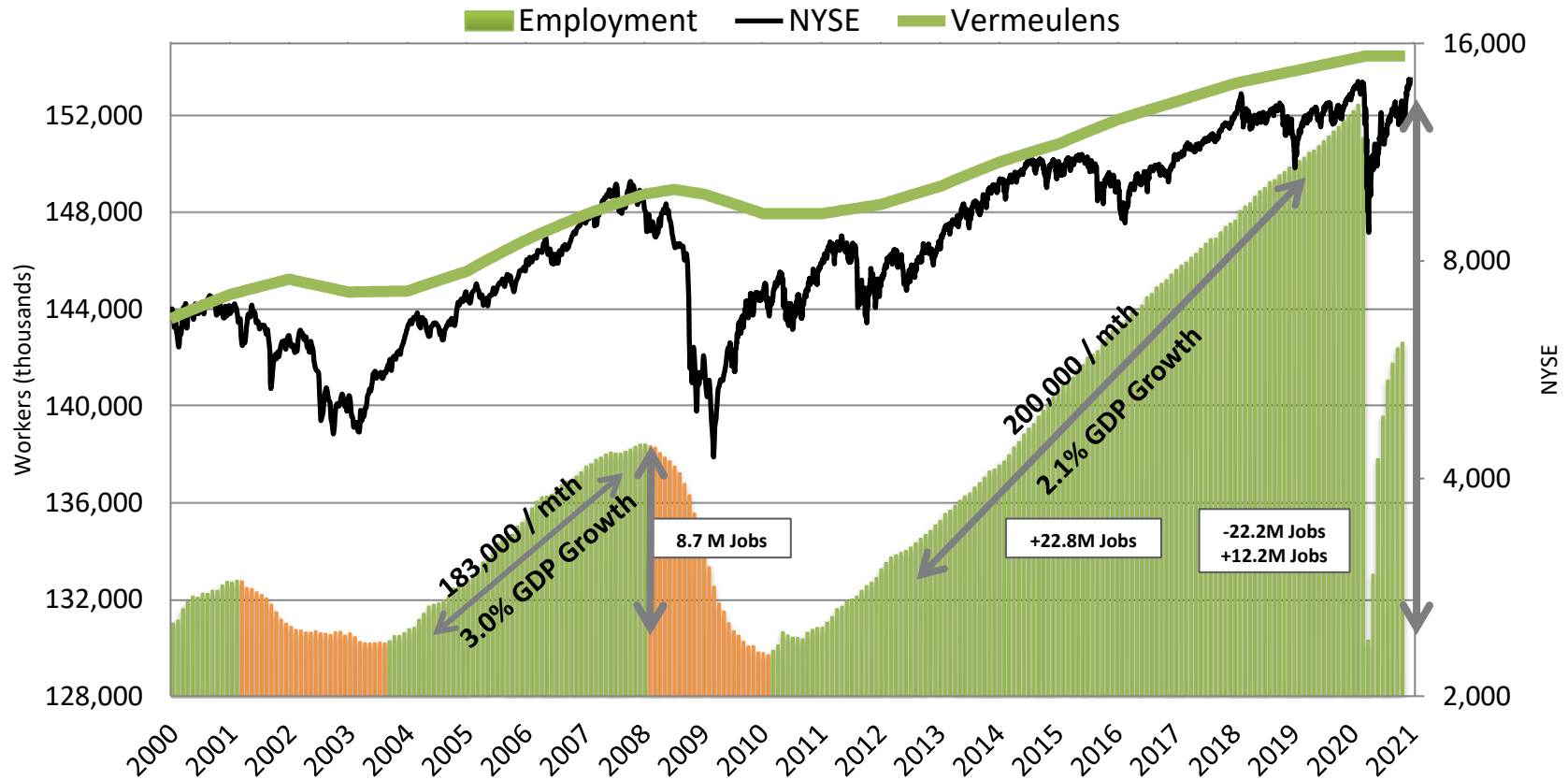
## National

### Architecture firm billings weaken further in November

Graphs represent data from November 2019–November 2020.



## US Employment (In Thousands)

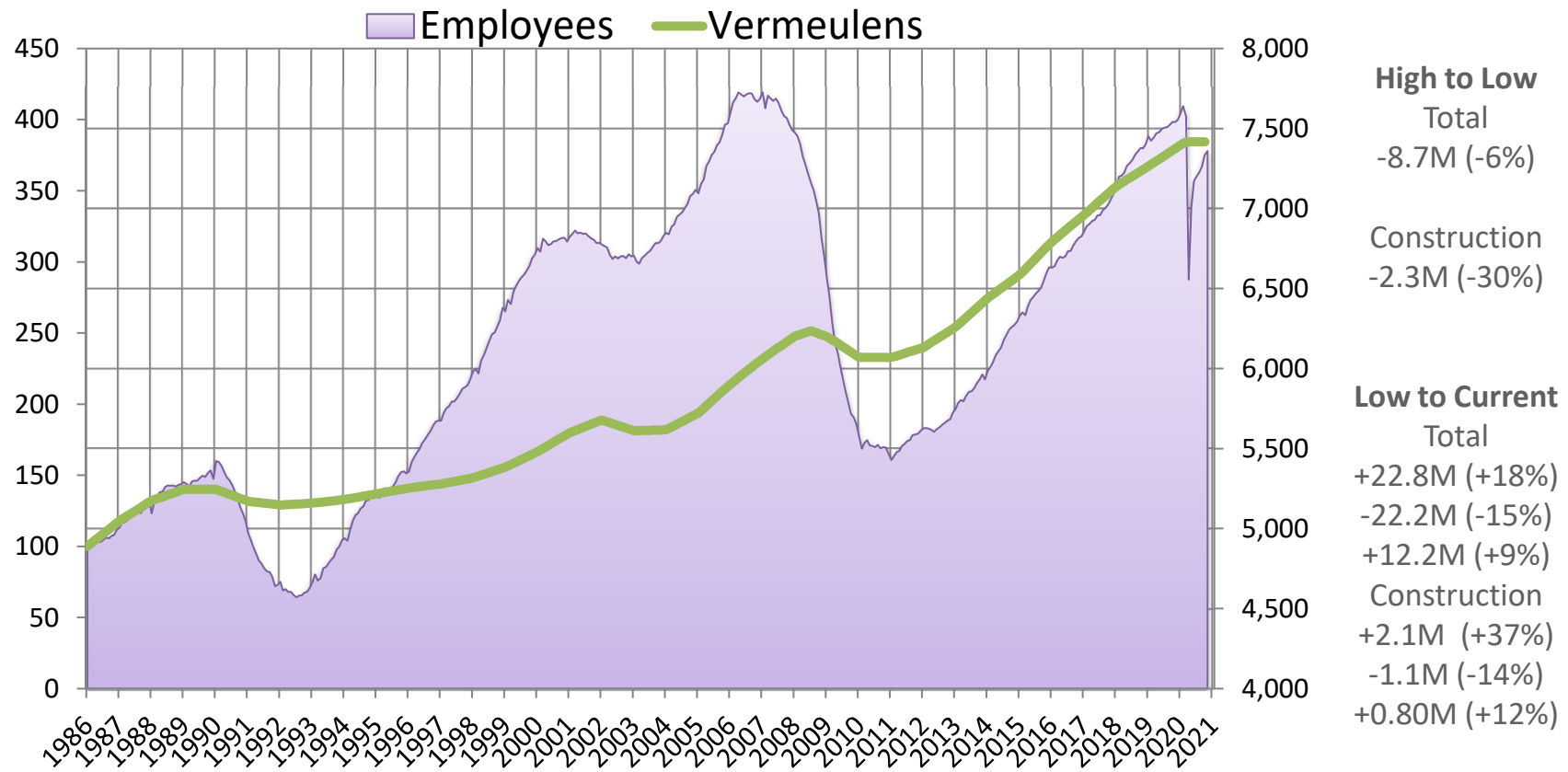




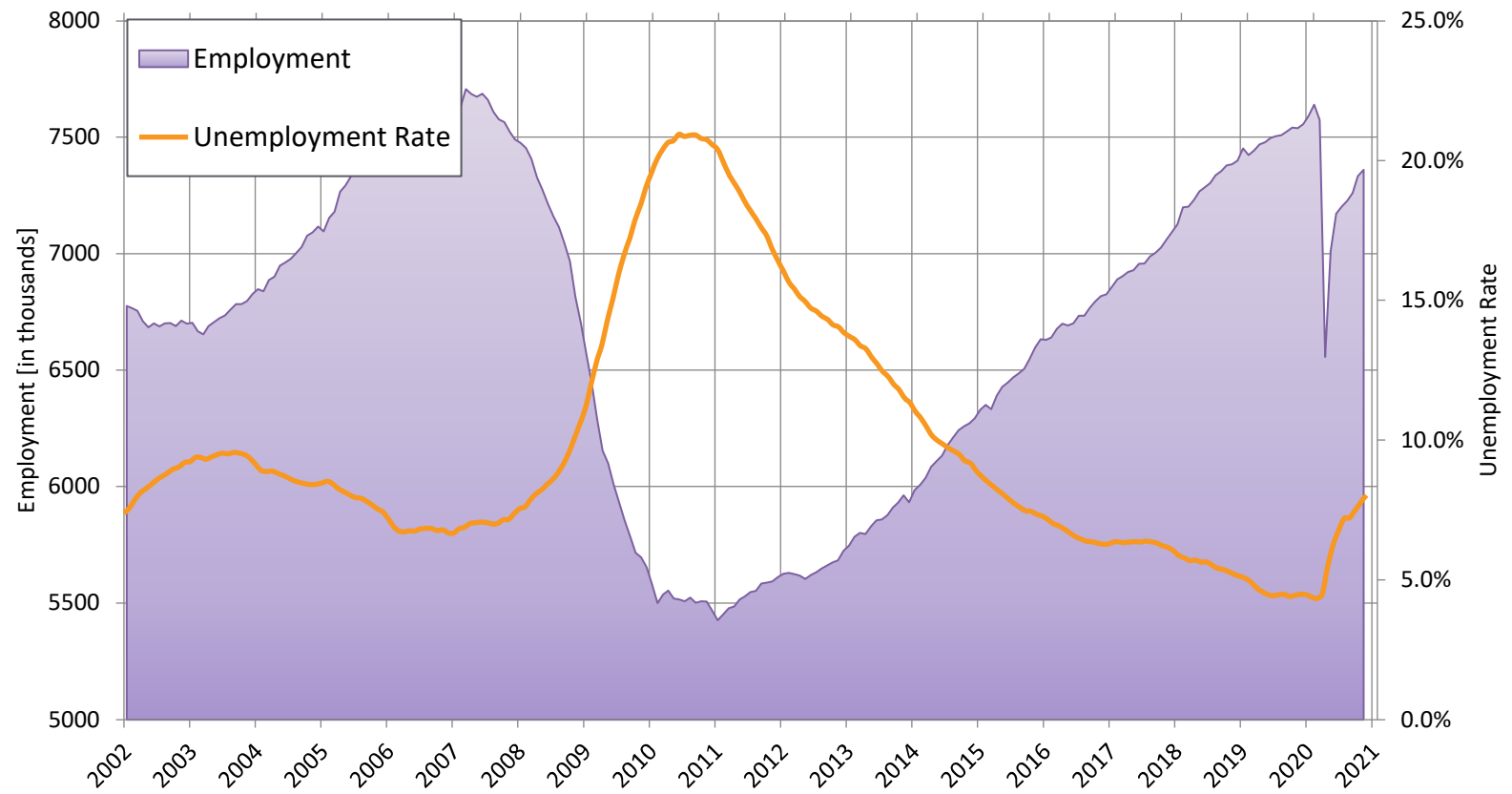
## Job Creation

US Employment (millions)							
	Jan-08	Feb-10	Feb-10 to Feb-20	Feb-20	Apr-20	Nov-20	Feb-20 to Nov-20
Total nonfarm	138.4	129.7	22.7	152.4	130.4	142.6	-9.8
Total private	116.0	107.3	22.4	129.7	108.6	121.2	-8.5
Goods-producing	21.9	17.6	3.6	21.2	18.7	20.2	-1.0
Mining & logging	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.6	-0.1
Construction	7.5	5.5	2.1	7.6	6.6	7.4	-0.2
Manufacturing	13.7	11.5	1.4	12.9	11.5	12.3	-0.6
Private service-providing	94.1	89.6	18.9	108.5	89.9	101.0	-7.5
Trade, transportation, and utilities	26.7	24.5	3.3	27.8	24.5	26.9	-0.9
Business	29.3	27.0	6.3	33.3	30.4	31.8	-1.5
Education and health services	19.0	19.8	4.8	24.6	21.8	23.3	-1.3
Leisure and hospitality	13.5	12.9	4.0	16.9	8.6	13.4	-3.5
Other services	5.5	5.3	0.6	5.9	4.6	5.5	-0.4
Government	22.4	22.5	0.2	22.7	21.8	21.4	-1.3

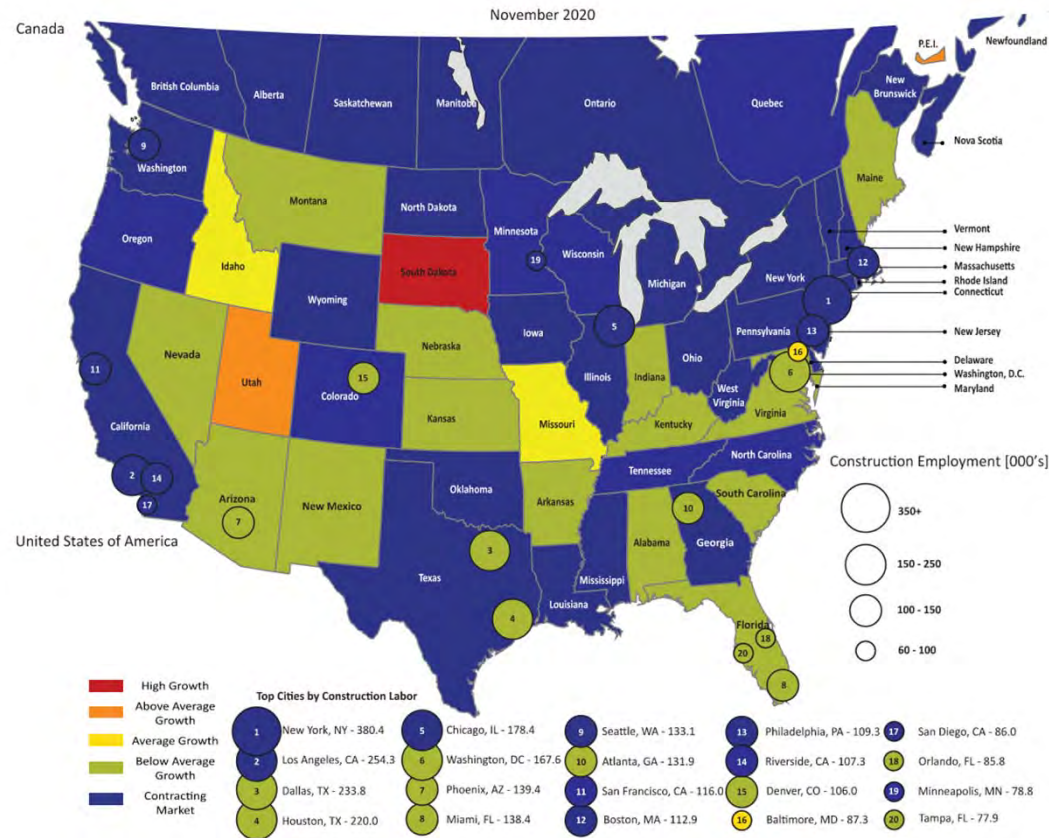
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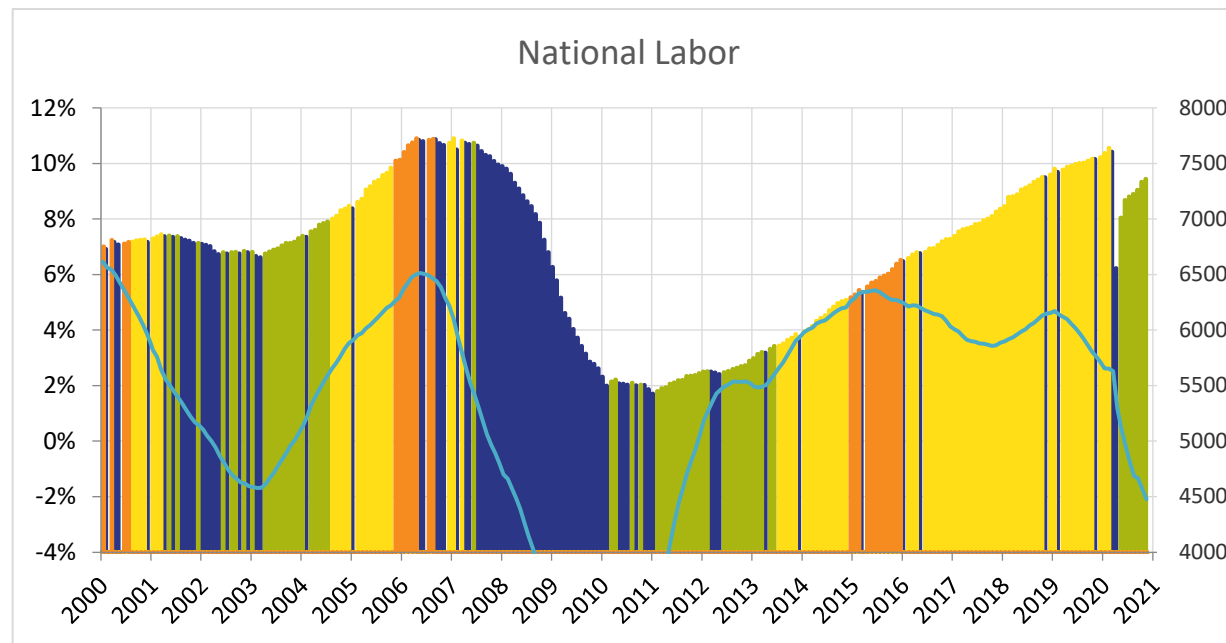
## Construction Employment & Construction Unemployment Rate



# Year-Over-Year Construction Labor Growth



## May - National Construction Labor (Thousands)



### Year-Over-Year Growth

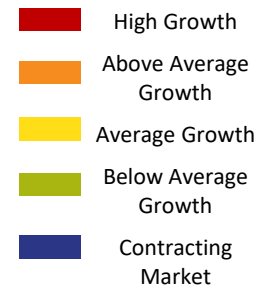
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Market Expansion  
National  
(+41% -4%)

## Year Over Year Growth – Statewide

November 2020 State Construction YOY Growth					
Rank	Feb-10	Feb-20	Nov-20	Job Losses	% Lost
1 California	604.5	875.7	869.7	-6.0	-0.7%
2 Texas	585.2	793.8	764.8	-29.0	-3.7%
3 Florida	383.1	580.2	562.5	-17.7	-3.1%
4 New York	319.3	379.1	378.8	-0.3	-0.1%
5 Pennsylvania	219.8	245.1	256.7	11.6	4.7%
6 North Carolina	187.3	227.1	226.4	-0.7	-0.3%
7 Washington	154.2	220.3	222.7	2.4	1.1%
8 Ohio	176.8	207.5	219.1	11.6	5.6%
9 Georgia	161.2	203.4	204.8	1.4	0.7%
10 Illinois	211.8	197.8	222.6	24.8	12.5%
11 Virginia	186.7	197.7	215.3	17.6	8.9%
12 Arizona	122.9	174.4	175.9	1.5	0.9%
13 Colorado	126.8	172.1	175.0	2.9	1.7%
14 Maryland	149.9	168.1	174.3	6.2	3.7%
15 Michigan	124.8	165.3	178.4	13.1	7.9%
16 New Jersey	135.7	154.5	151.0	-3.5	-2.3%
17 Massachusetts	109.4	149.3	152.4	3.1	2.1%
18 Indiana	117.8	140.5	152.2	11.7	8.3%
19 Louisiana	127.8	139.4	133.3	-6.1	-4.4%
20 Tennessee	103.4	125.6	128.3	2.7	2.1%

### Year-Over-Year Growth



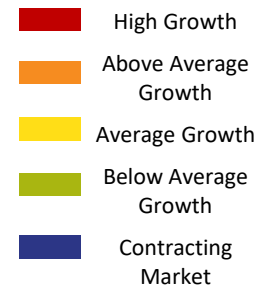
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21 Missouri	115.2	120.7	138.4	17.7	14.7%
22 Wisconsin	99.8	114.8	128.6	13.8	12.0%
23 South Carolina	84.9	109.2	113.1	3.9	3.6%
24 Minnesota	91.8	108.4	123.5	15.1	13.9%
25 Utah	68.7	108.3	121.5	13.2	12.2%
26 Oregon	71.9	106.2	108.7	2.5	2.4%
27 Nevada	75.5	96.7	92.8	-3.9	-4.0%
28 Alabama	90.3	92.5	99.2	6.7	7.2%
29 Oklahoma	67.5	79.1	77.6	-1.5	-1.9%
30 Kentucky	72.3	74.7	83.4	8.7	11.6%
31 Iowa	63.8	65.1	74.1	9.0	13.8%
32 Kansas	56.0	61.4	65.9	4.5	7.3%
33 Connecticut	53.0	54.6	58.7	4.1	7.5%
34 New Mexico	46.4	52.5	48.6	-3.9	-7.4%
35 Arkansas	50.5	51.8	55.2	3.4	6.6%
36 Nebraska	45.8	50.5	53.7	3.2	6.3%
37 Idaho	33.5	50.1	56.9	6.8	13.6%
38 Mississippi	50.0	41.5	42.7	1.2	2.9%
39 West Virginia	33.3	28.4	34.0	5.6	19.7%
40 New Hampshire	22.2	27.4	28.1	0.7	2.6%
41 Montana	23.4	26.9	31.7	4.8	17.8%
42 Maine	24.7	26.7	31.6	4.9	18.4%
43 North Dakota	21.0	24.5	26.2	1.7	6.9%
44 Delaware	19.6	22.1	21.9	-0.2	-0.9%
45 South Dakota	20.5	21.9	25.6	3.7	16.9%
46 Wyoming	23.4	19.7	23.1	3.4	17.3%
47 Rhode Island	16.8	18.4	19.7	1.3	7.1%
48 District of Columbia	11.1	14.6	15.2	0.6	4.1%
49 Vermont	13.7	12.5	11.8	-0.7	-5.6%

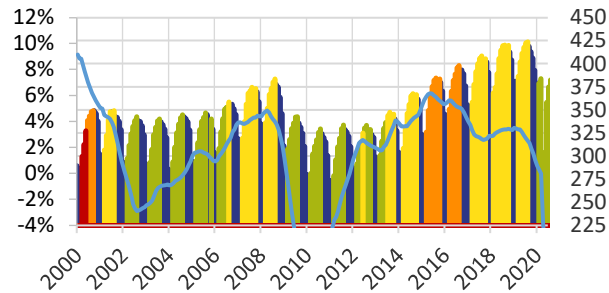
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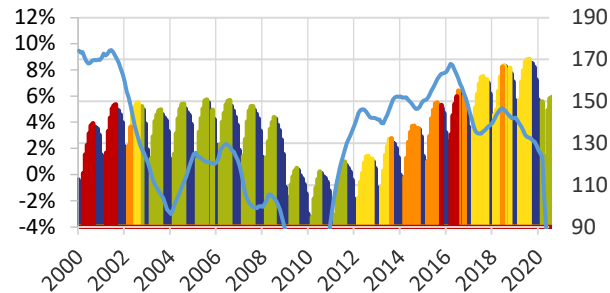
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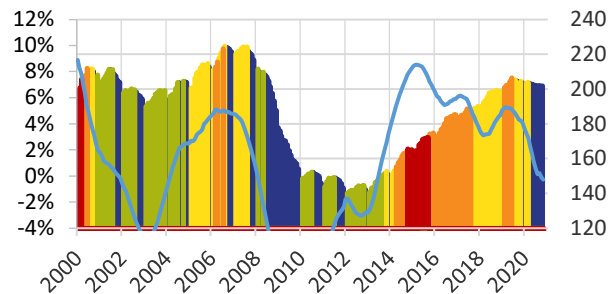
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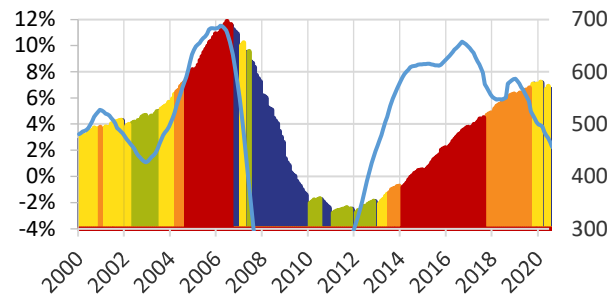
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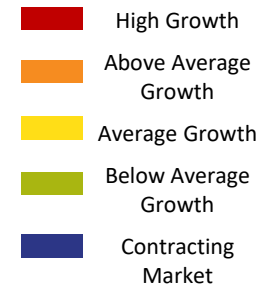
Georgia



Florida



### Year-Over-Year Growth



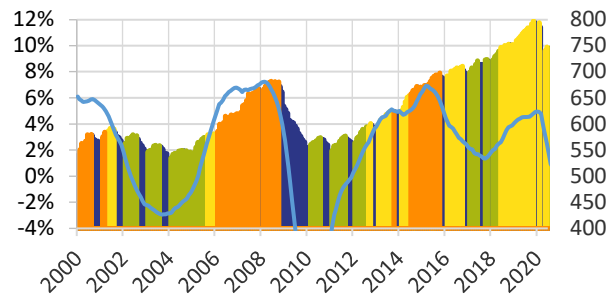
### Market Expansion

New York  
(+40% +0%)  
Massachusetts  
(+62% +2%)  
Georgia  
(+47% +1%)  
Florida  
(+77% -3%)  
National  
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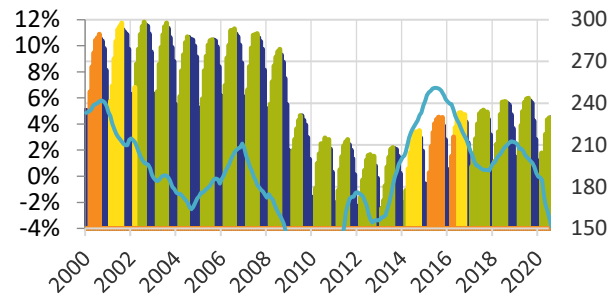


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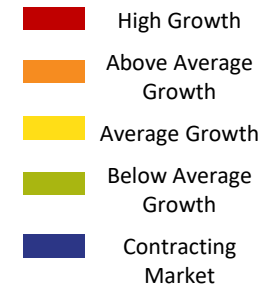
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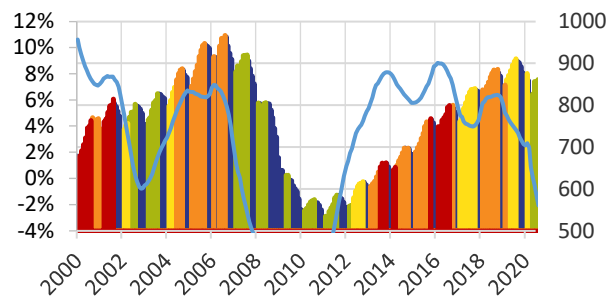
Illinois



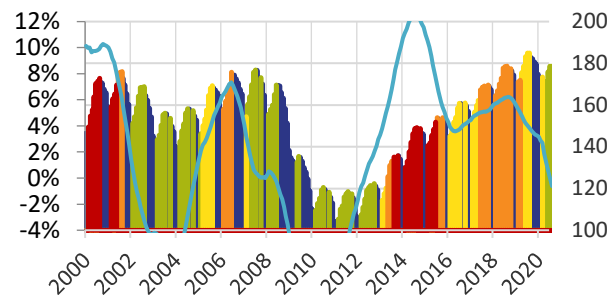
### Year-Over-Year Growth



California



Colorado



### Market Expansion

Texas  
(+46% -4%)  
Illinois  
(+21% +13%)  
California  
(+64% -1%)  
Colorado  
(+68% +2%)  
National  
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## Year Over Year Growth – Top Cities

November 2020 City Construction YOY Growth					
Rank	Feb-10	Feb-20	Nov-20	Job Losses	% Lost
1 New York	322.2	395.3	380.4	-14.9	-3.8%
2 Los Angeles	185.7	258.0	254.3	-3.7	-1.4%
3 Dallas/Fort Worth	167.4	235.7	233.8	-1.9	-0.8%
4 Houston	180.7	244.2	220.0	-24.2	-9.9%
5 Chicago	158.1	161.0	178.4	17.4	10.8%
6 Washington D.C.	146.2	163.6	167.6	4.0	2.4%
7 Phoenix	91.5	137.6	139.4	1.8	1.3%
8 Miami	98.5	141.5	138.4	-3.1	-2.2%
9 Seattle	90.4	131.6	133.1	1.5	1.1%
10 Atlanta	98.6	129.7	131.9	2.2	1.7%
11 San Francisco	85.4	123.6	116.0	-7.6	-6.1%
12 Boston	79.9	113.6	112.9	-0.7	-0.6%
13 Philadelphia	101.7	112.5	109.3	-3.2	-2.8%
14 Riverside	65.8	106.4	107.3	0.9	0.8%
15 Denver	74.6	108.9	106.0	-2.9	-2.7%
16 Baltimore	70.4	81.9	87.3	5.4	6.6%
17 San Diego	59.6	83.6	86.0	2.4	2.9%
18 Orlando	52.2	90.3	85.8	-4.5	-5.0%
19 Minneapolis	58.6	73.8	78.8	5.0	6.8%
20 Tampa Bay	57.8	82.3	77.9	-4.4	-5.3%

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21 Portland	48.5	75.6	75.8	0.2	0.3%
22 Detroit	51.2	72.2	74.7	2.5	3.5%
23 Austin	40.5	71.6	71.8	0.2	0.3%
24 Charlotte	49.9	69.3	69.7	0.4	0.6%
25 Pittsburgh	56.8	70.1	69.5	-0.6	-0.9%
26 Las Vegas	59.9	74.1	69.4	-4.7	-6.3%
27 St. Louis	63.0	63.7	68.1	4.4	6.9%
28 San Antonio	50.5	68.3	67.2	-1.1	-1.6%
29 Sacramento	42.5	66.4	66.4	0.0	0.0%
30 Indianapolis	41.7	54.2	59.0	4.8	8.9%
31 Kansas City	41.4	52.7	58.2	5.5	10.4%
32 Nashville	31.9	48.6	52.0	3.4	7.0%
33 San Jose	33.6	51.2	51.4	0.2	0.4%
34 Salt Lake City	34.1	46.5	50.7	4.2	9.0%
35 Cincinnati	38.5	43.0	47.9	4.9	11.4%
36 Jacksonville	31.8	46.9	47.5	0.6	1.3%
37 Oklahoma City	38.6	47.9	43.4	-4.5	-9.4%
38 Raleigh	29.1	41.3	43.3	2.0	4.8%
39 Cleveland	32.7	37.4	42.6	5.2	13.9%
40 Columbus	29.9	44.0	42.2	-1.8	-4.1%
41 Virginia Beach	37.7	38.5	40.4	1.9	4.9%
42 Richmond	33.8	41.3	39.4	-1.9	-4.6%
43 Milwaukee	28.6	31.8	34.4	2.6	8.2%
44 Birmingham	28.9	31.9	33.4	1.5	4.7%
45 Louisville	28.2	28.7	28.5	-0.2	-0.7%
46 New Orleans	39.7	31.6	28.3	-3.3	-10.4%
47 Providence	20.6	25.2	27.0	1.8	7.1%
48 Memphis	20.9	23.5	24.2	0.7	3.0%
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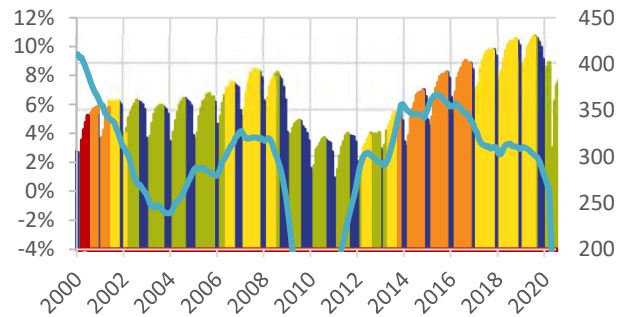
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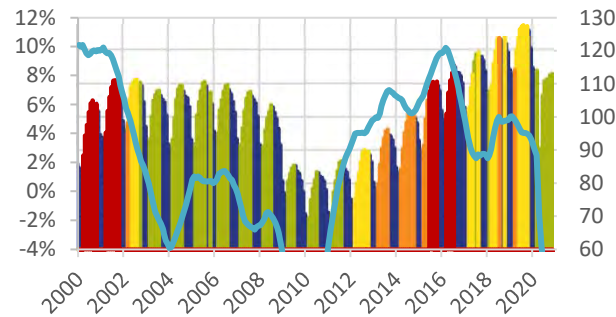
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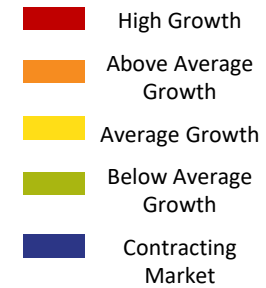
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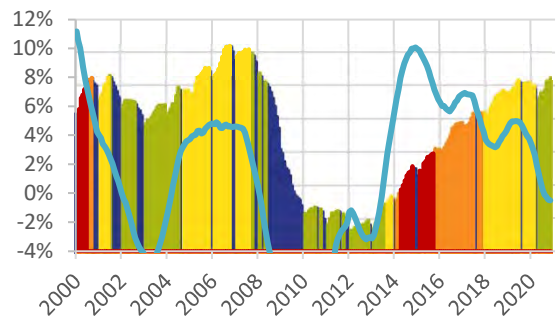
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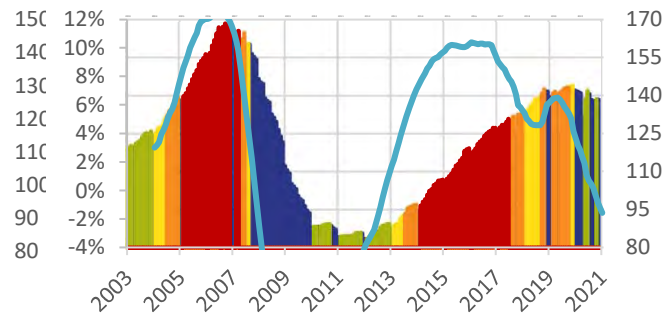
### Year-Over-Year Growth



### Atlanta



### Miami



### Market Expansion

#### New York City

(+58% -4%)

#### Boston

(+66% -1%)

#### Atlanta

(+54% 2%)

#### Miami

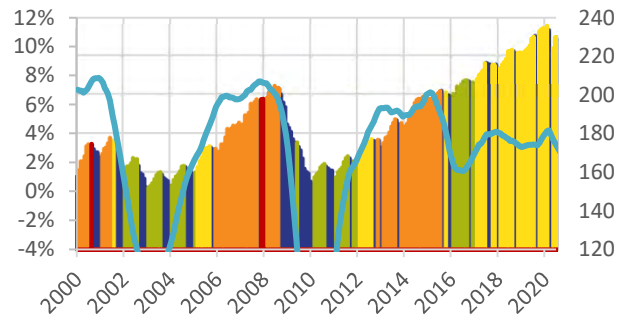
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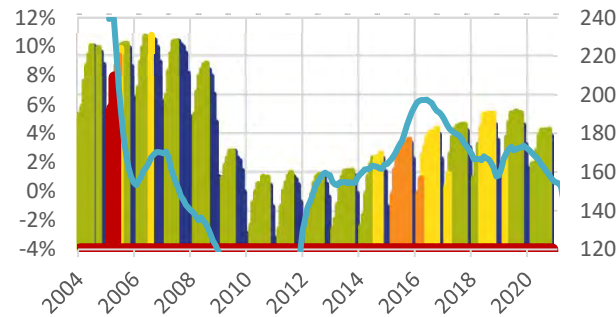
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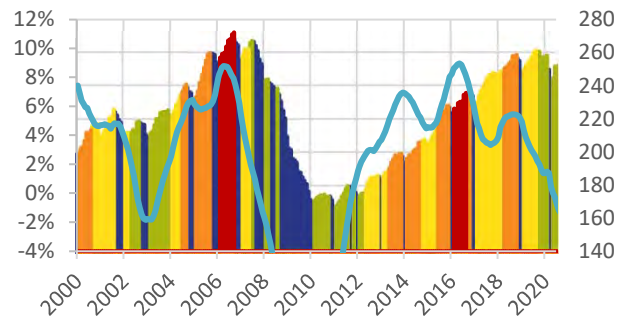
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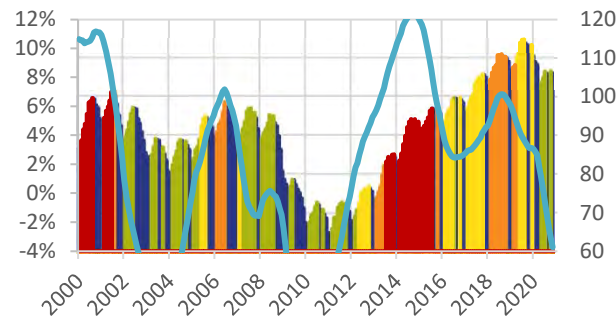
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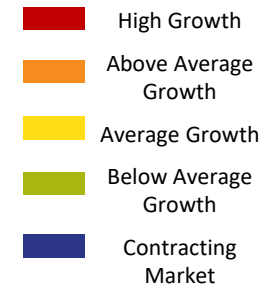
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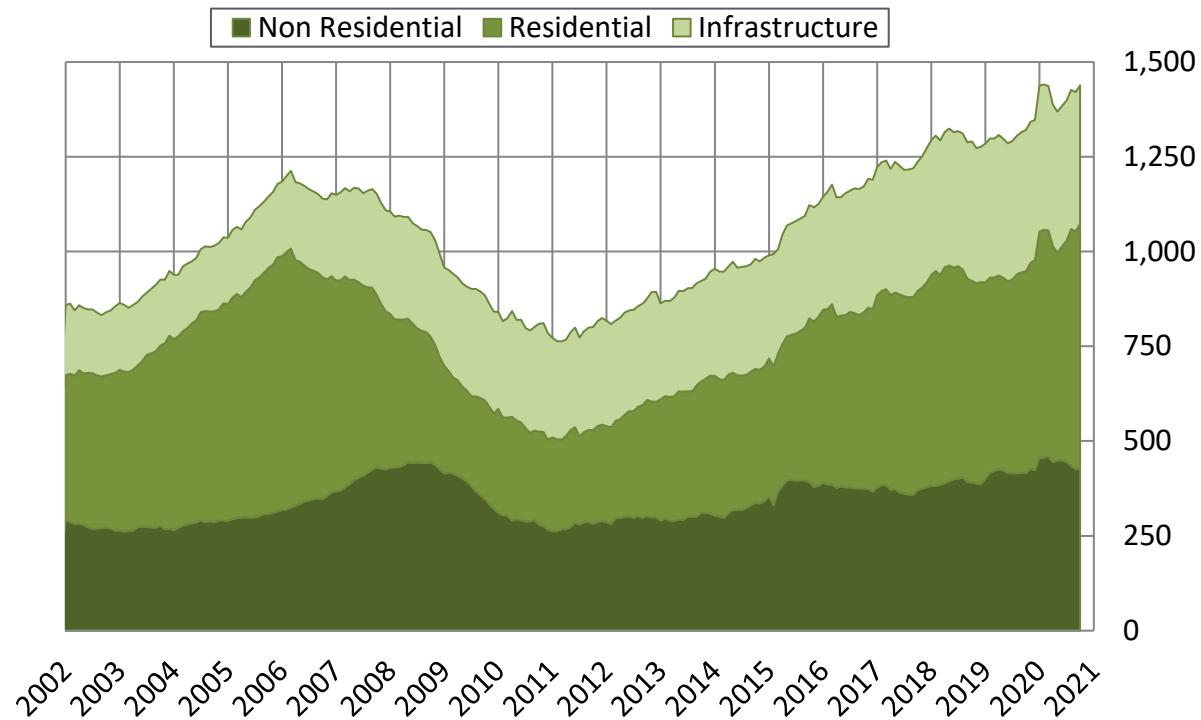
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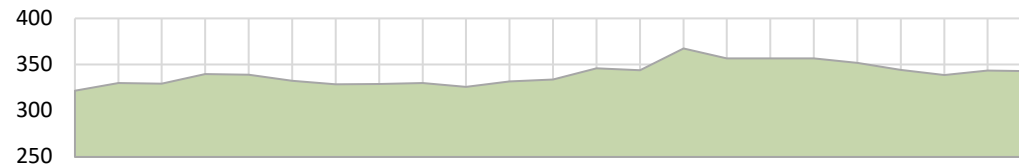
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Chicago  
(+30% +11%)  
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(+69% -3%)  
National  
(+41% -4%)

## Put In Place Construction (Annualized Billions)

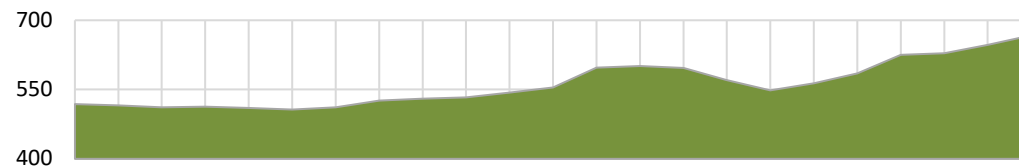


## US Construction Volume

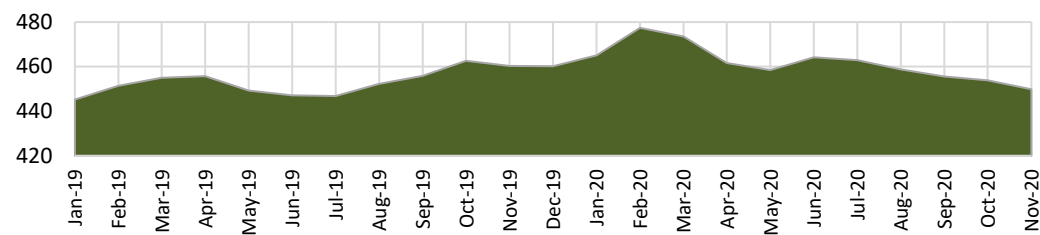
### Infrastructure Spending (Annualized Billions)



### Residential Spending (Annualized Billions)



### Non-Residential Spending (Annualized Billions)



### Low to Current



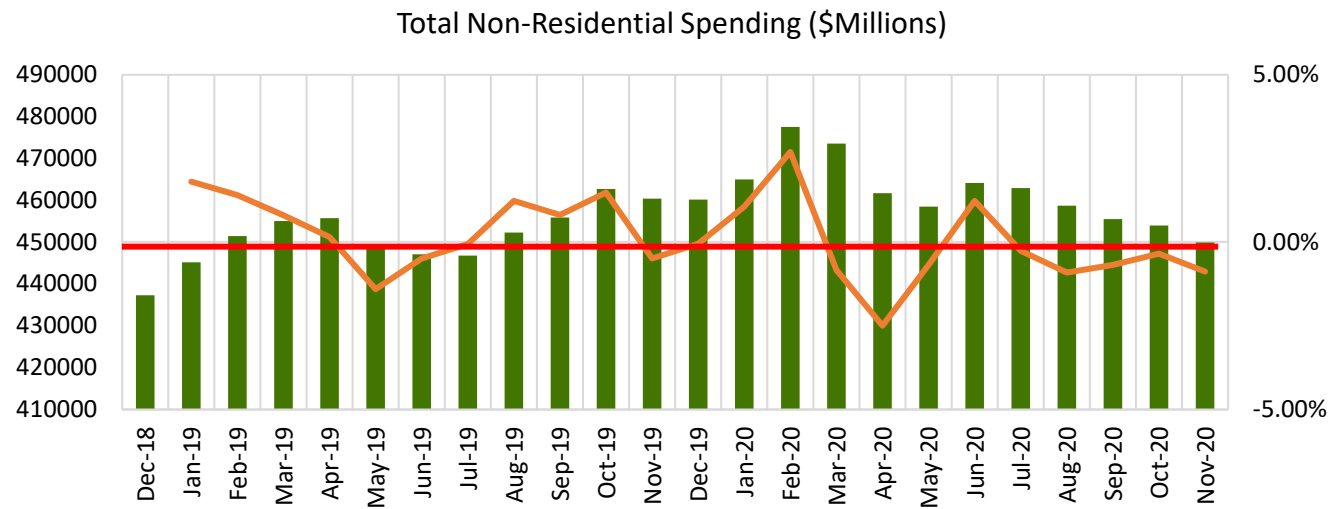
Total	+7%
Infra	+1%
Res	+22%
Non Res	+0%

### Peak to Low



Total	-5%
Infra	-8%
Res	-9%
Non Res	-6%

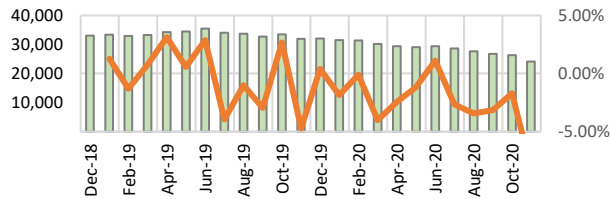
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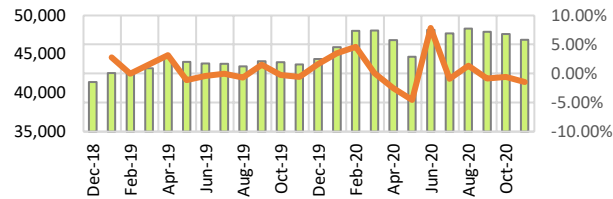


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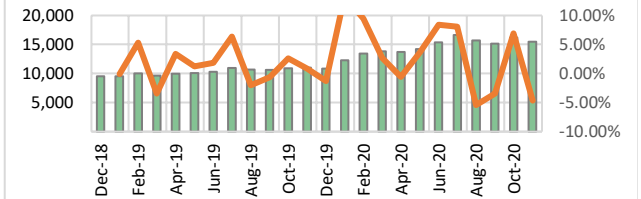
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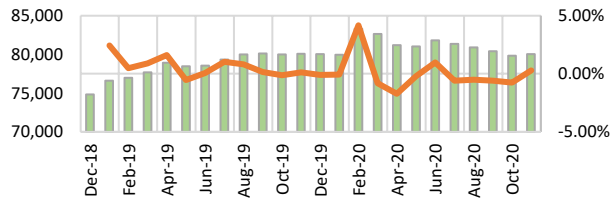
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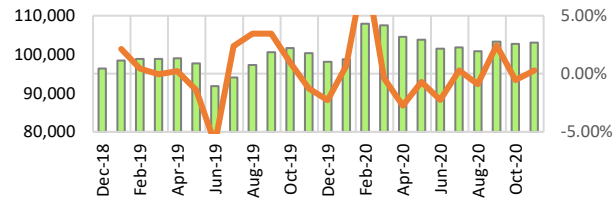
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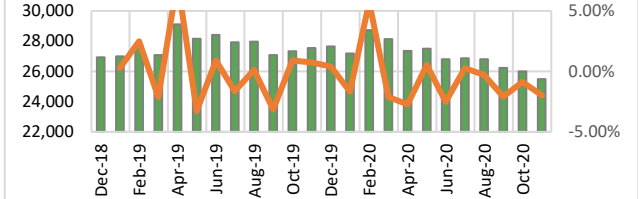
### Office Spending (\$Millions)



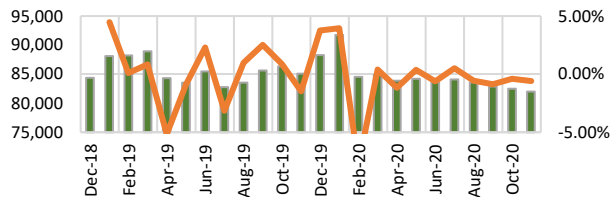
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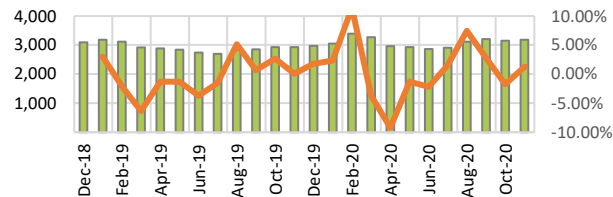
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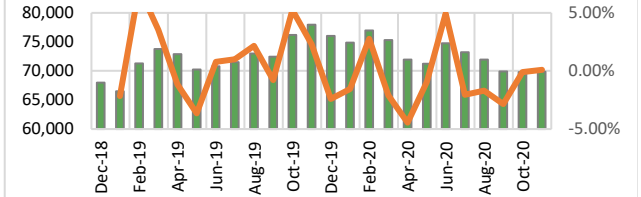
### Commercial Spending (\$Millions)



### Religious Spending (\$Millions)

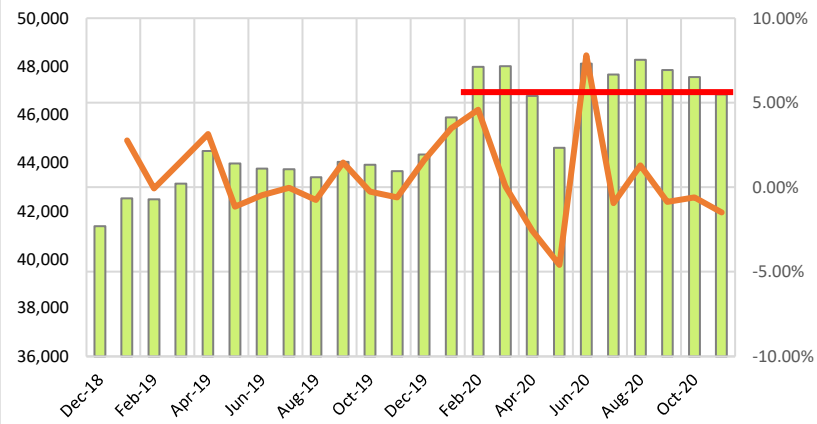


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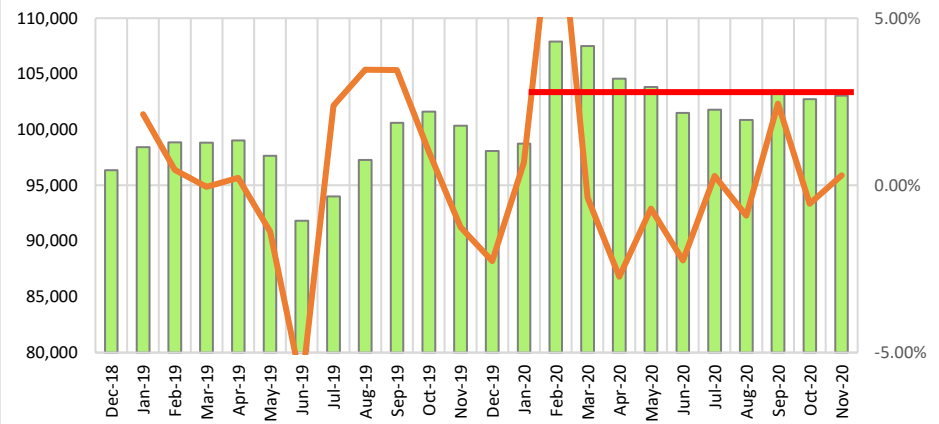


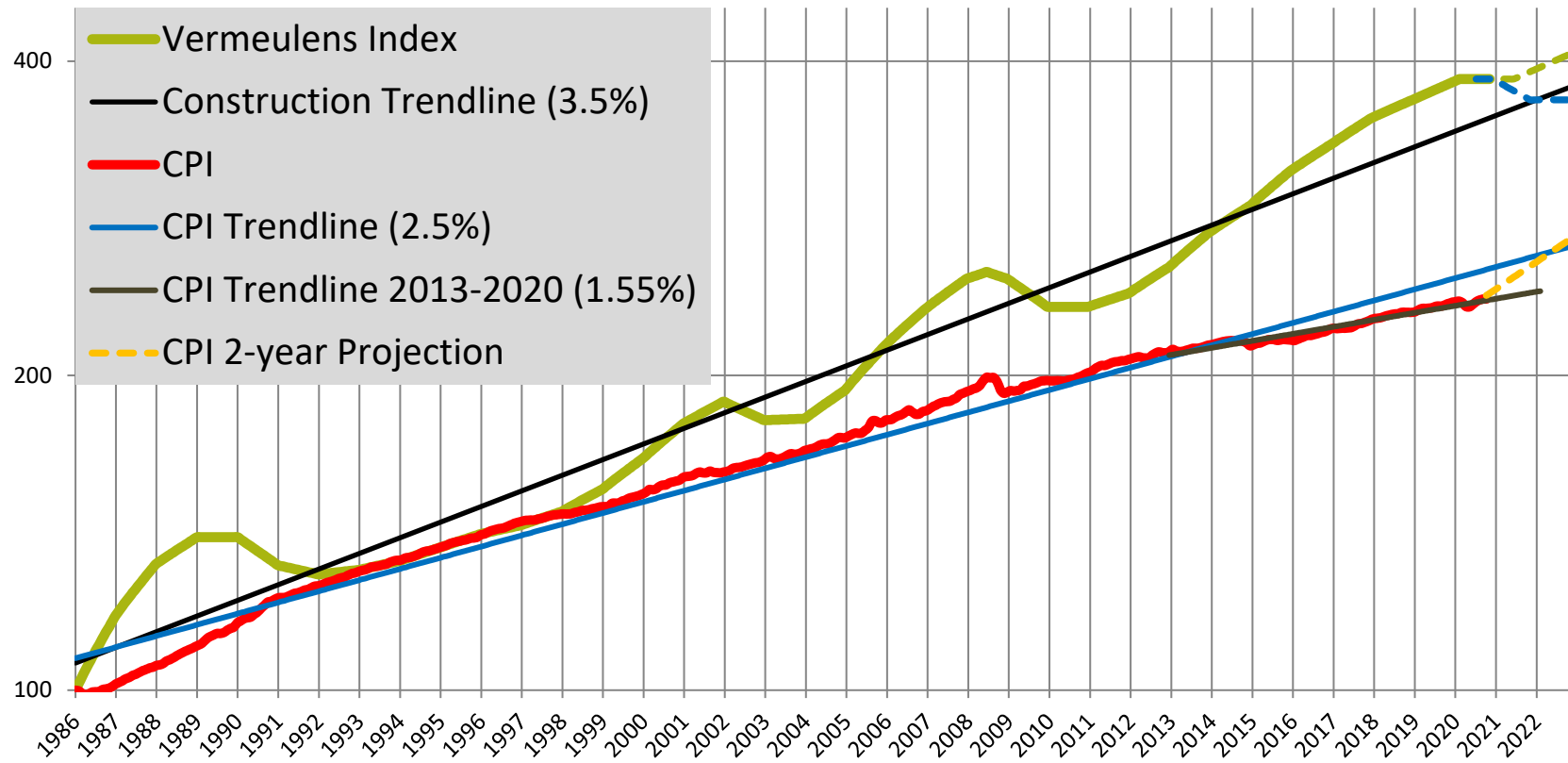
## US Construction Volume – Non Residential


Health Care Spending (\$Millions)



Educational Spending (\$Millions)





- Escalation low for Q1 & Q2
  - Buying opportunity for early 2021: Plan and Program '90 to 105'
  - Consider CM for preconstruction only until acceptable GMP is established. More attention on **Bid Projects**. Need to weigh quality of service with first costs.
  - **Limited/Strategic** Early Procurement Packages (only for occupancy improvement)
  - Watch Job Creation for Continued Growth
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## Recommendation


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- Buying projects in **Q1/Q2 2021** will generate more aggressive pricing from the subs as they continue their hunt to fill up their backlogs. Expect pricing to be **flat to -5%**
- Buying projects in **Q3/Q4 2021** could have much more volume out for procurement. Expect less bid coverage as sub backlogs have been building up from Q1/Q2 2021. Expect pricing **increases 2-4%**
- Buying projects in **Q1/Q2 2022** could continue to see more volume out for procurement. Expect **pricing increases 4-8%**

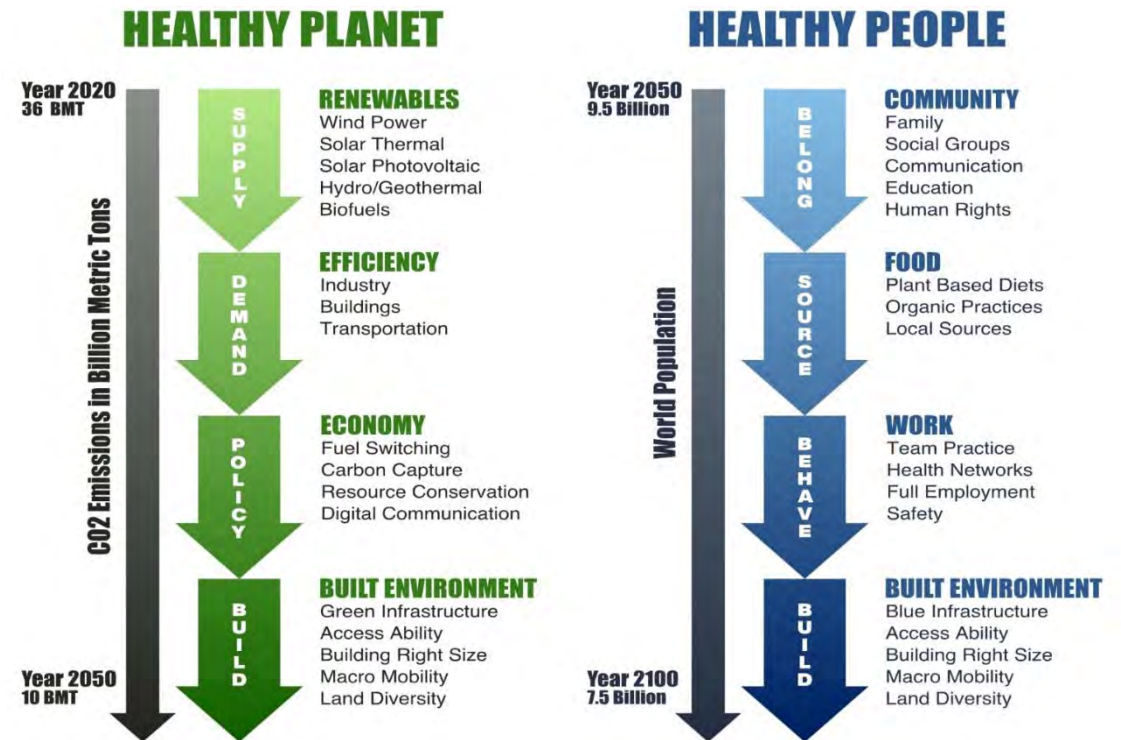


## Escalation Forecast

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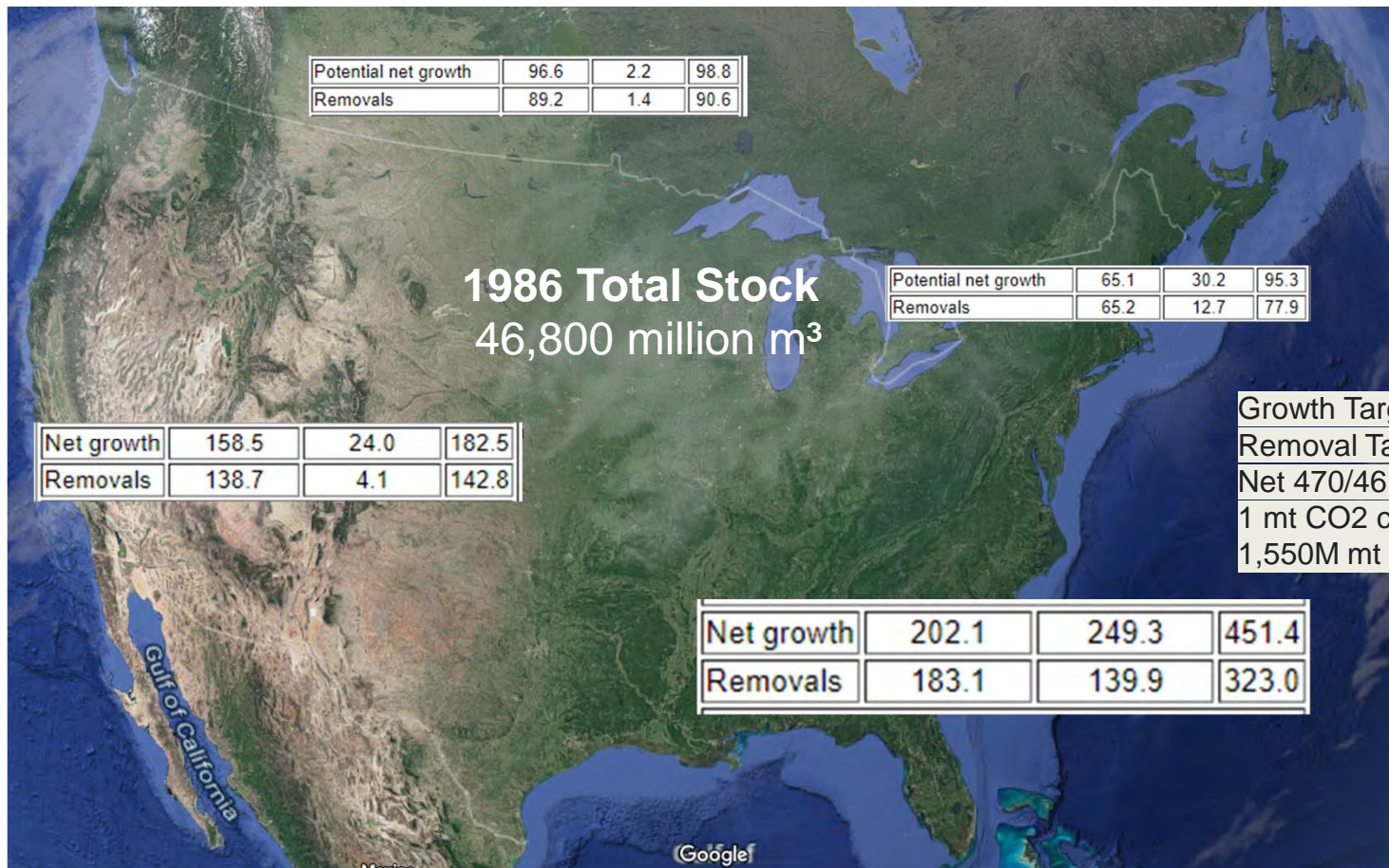
- Unit rates will be **held at 2020 values**
  - **3%-4%** escalation for new projects between Q3 2021 and Q2 2022.
  - **Margins offsetting cost increases** in materials, labor and construction efficiency
  - **Design add alternates** in the 10% of cost range.
  - Complex & Occupied Renovations: will come at a lower premium (attractive in current market). Remove occupants to distance/remote work
  - Summer Slammers: Can extend schedules – no acceleration costs
  - Continue Design and get Shovel Ready
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## 2021 Trends to Watch in the Built Environment





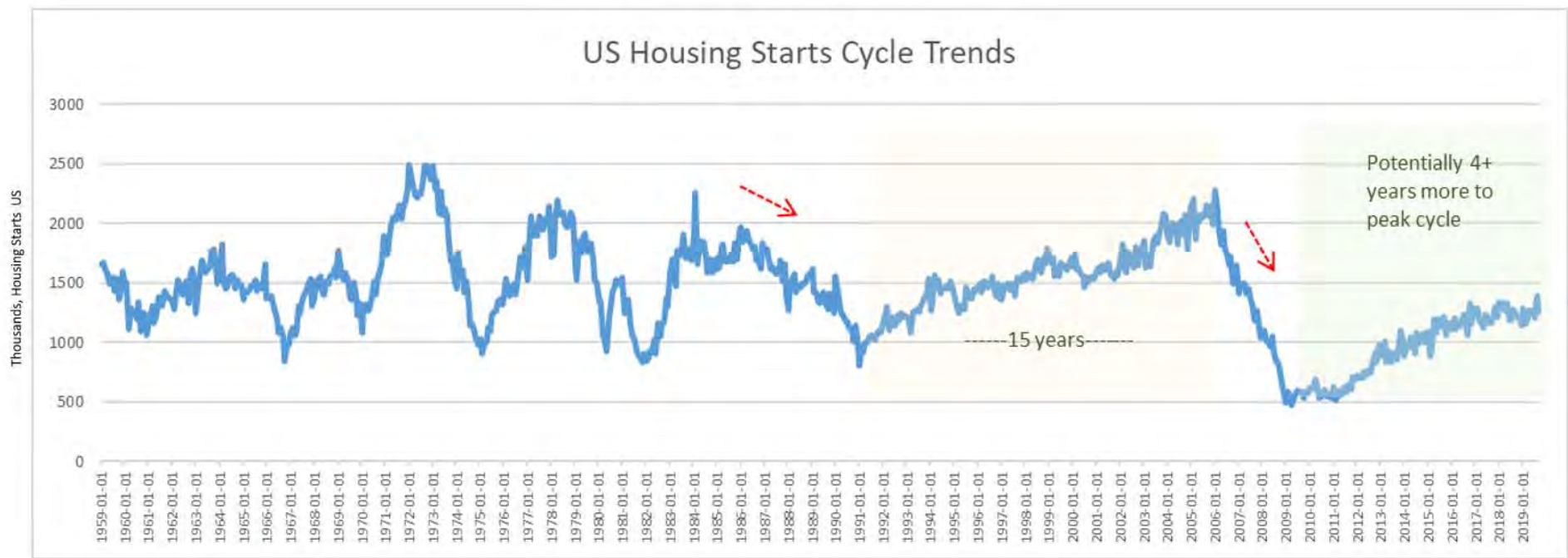
**Growth in forest resources are much larger than current demand.**



Growth Target 1,470M m<sup>3</sup>  
 Removal Target 1,000M m<sup>3</sup>  
 Net 470/46,800M m<sup>3</sup> = 1% per year  
 1 mt CO<sub>2</sub> captured per m<sup>3</sup> wood  
 1,550M mt CO<sub>2</sub> gas/diesel emissions



Work from home will up demand for single family and personal space



Sources: US Census, Federal Reserve, DuckerFrontier Analyses

## Residential Construction

Home and wood prices will spur rapid growth in supply.

ZILLOW HOME VALUE INDEX ?

\$263,351

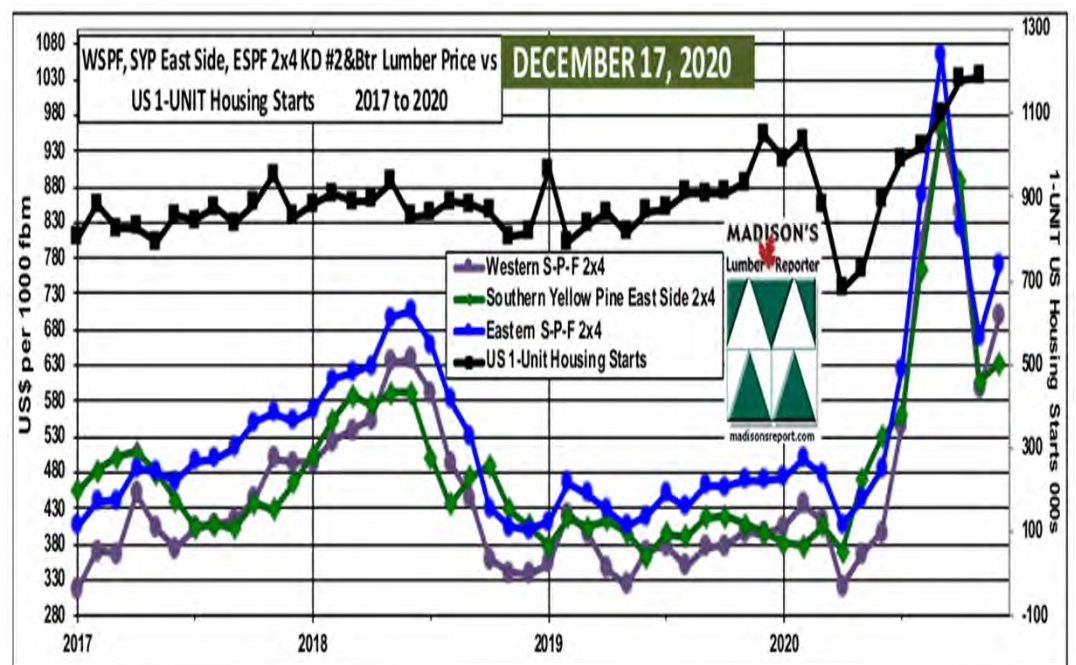
7.5% 1-year change

10.3% 1-year forecast

Nov 2019

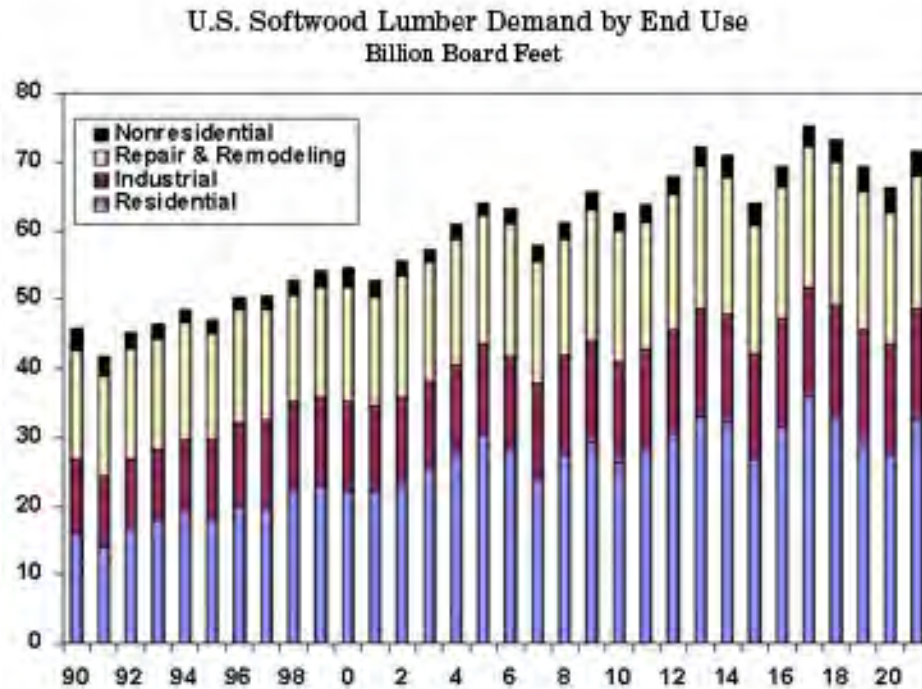
Dec 2020

Nov 2021



## Nonresidential Construction

100M m3 -

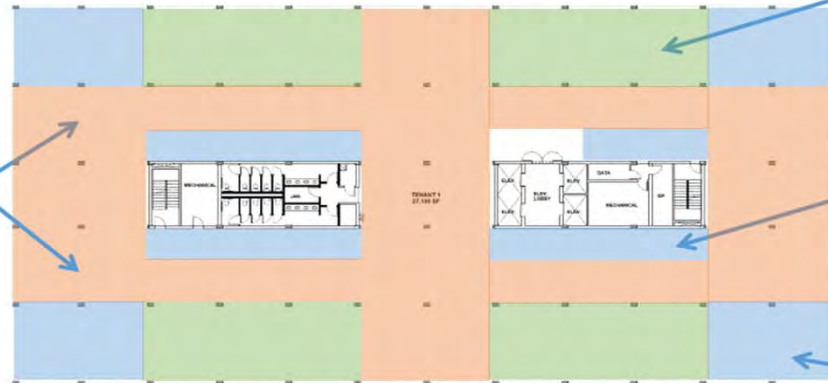


Mass Timber  
Nonresidential design  
will accelerate timber  
adoption and  
technologies.

“Given the market for new construction, there is enormous potential to use mass timber in non-residential construction,” says Kenneth Bland, American Wood Council who estimates that “probably tens of thousands of mass timber buildings,” dating back to the mid-1800s, are still in use across the country.

# Office Construction

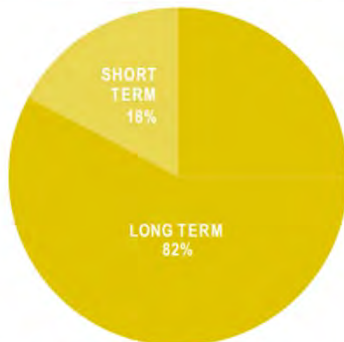
## WORKPLACE: ALLOCATION



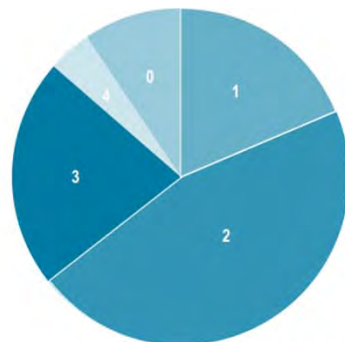
## THE SURVEY

### 130 COMPANIES PARTICIPATED

- Remote Work is here to stay
- Choice is the Future
- Over 50% of people have a more positive view of remote working



IMPACTS OF WFH ON THE FUTURE WORKPLACE?

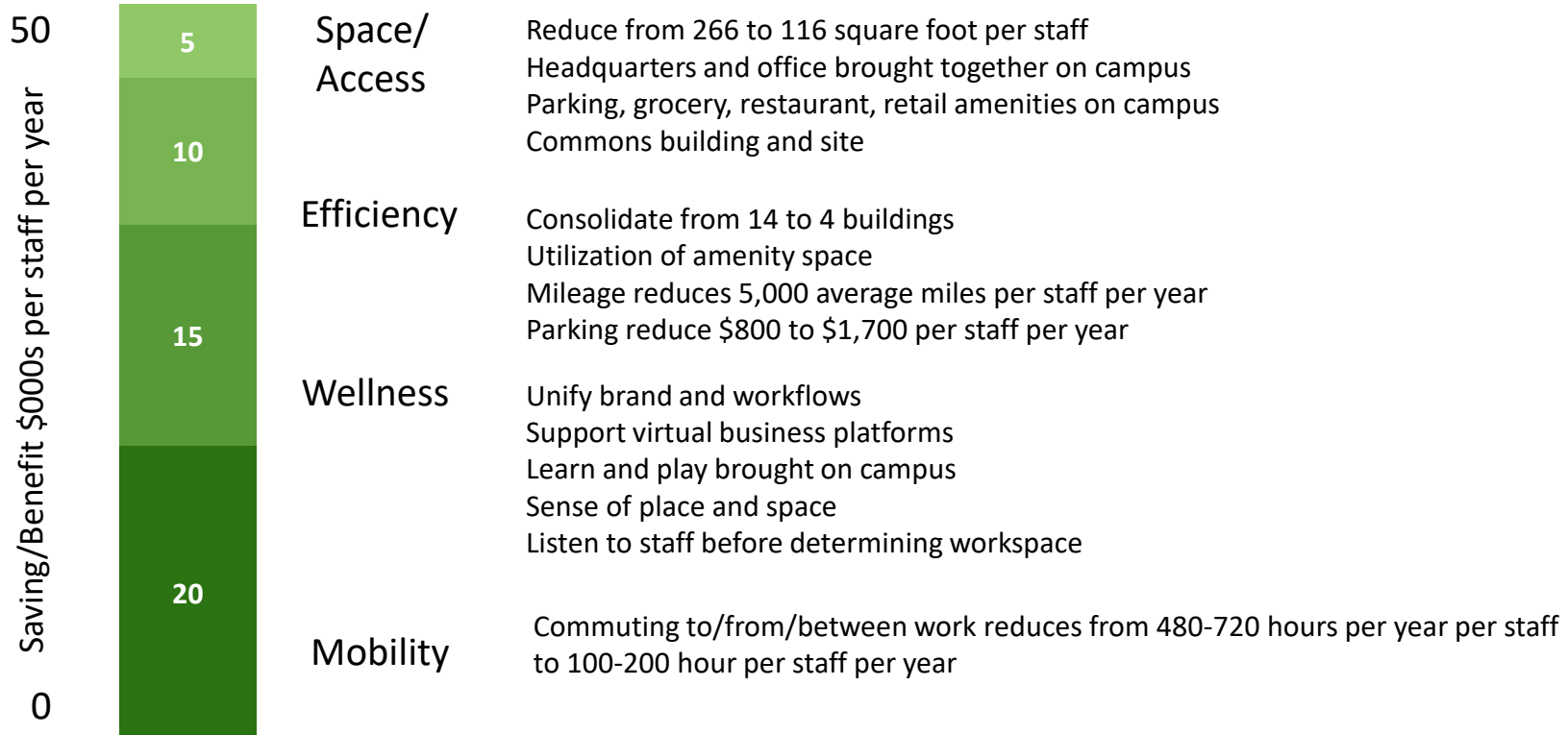


AVERAGE EXPECTED WFH DAYS/WEEK  
86% SAY 1-3 DAYS/WK

Flex time and work from home will transform our work/social environment

## Office Construction

## Total Benefit – Administrative Office



## **Ambulatory Re-Optimization Plan**

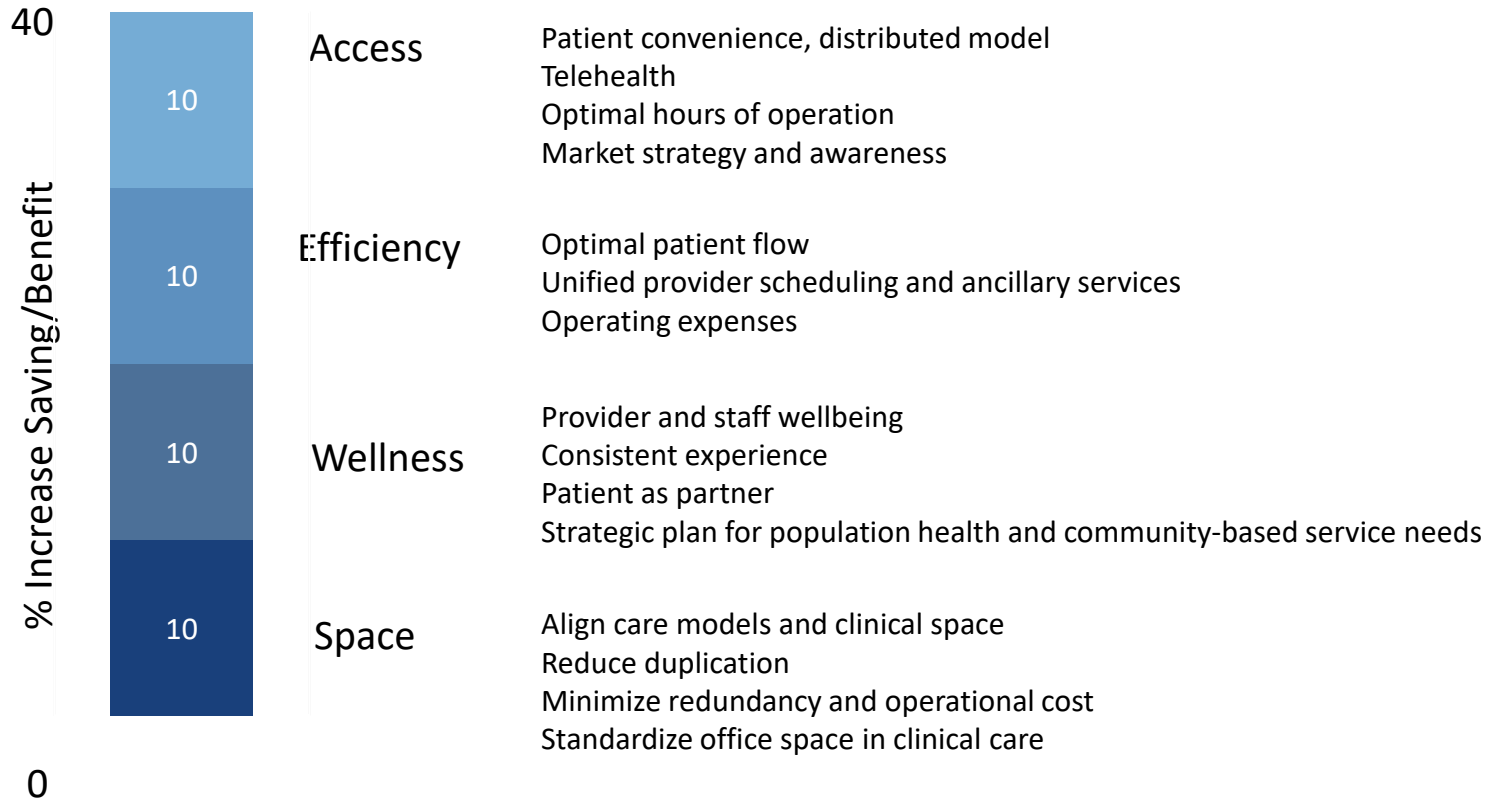
**Vision** – improve response and conserve resources through integrated and distributed models

**Mission** - consolidate footprint, implement and expand telehealth, identify impact and benefits of virtual care

**Outcome** - significant benefits for access to care, improved patient experience, staff and provider wellbeing, and reduced operational expenses to the health system



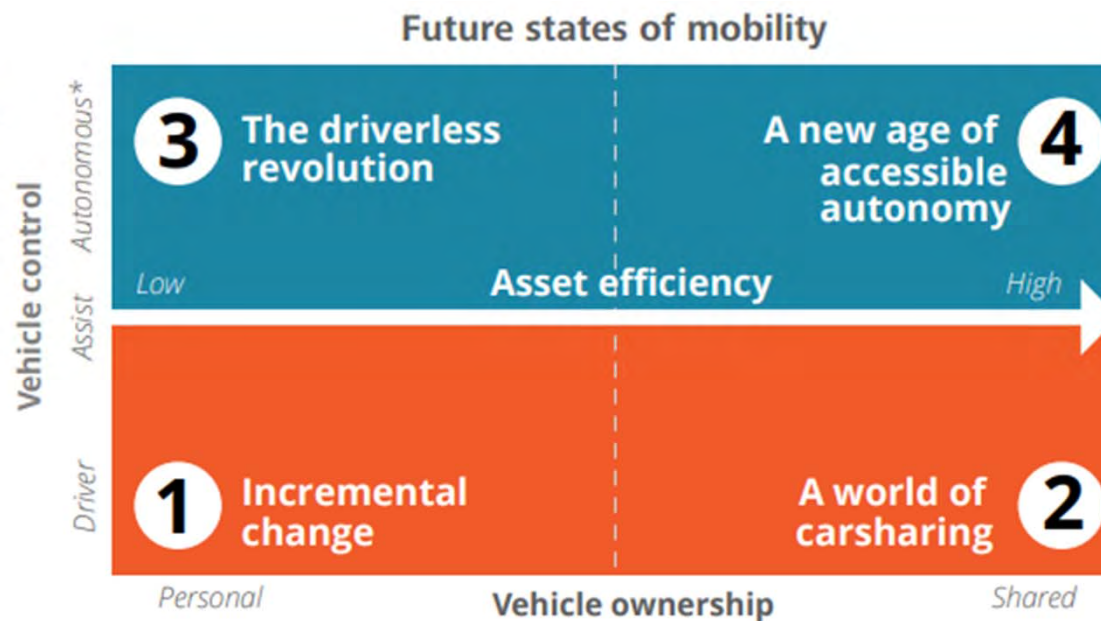
## Total Benefit – Ambulatory (health outcomes excluded)



## Infrastructure

**Extent to which autonomous vehicle technologies become pervasive:**

- Depends upon several key factors as catalysts or deterrents—e.g., technology, regulation, social acceptance
- Vehicle technologies will increasingly become "smart"; the human-machine interface shifts toward greater machine control

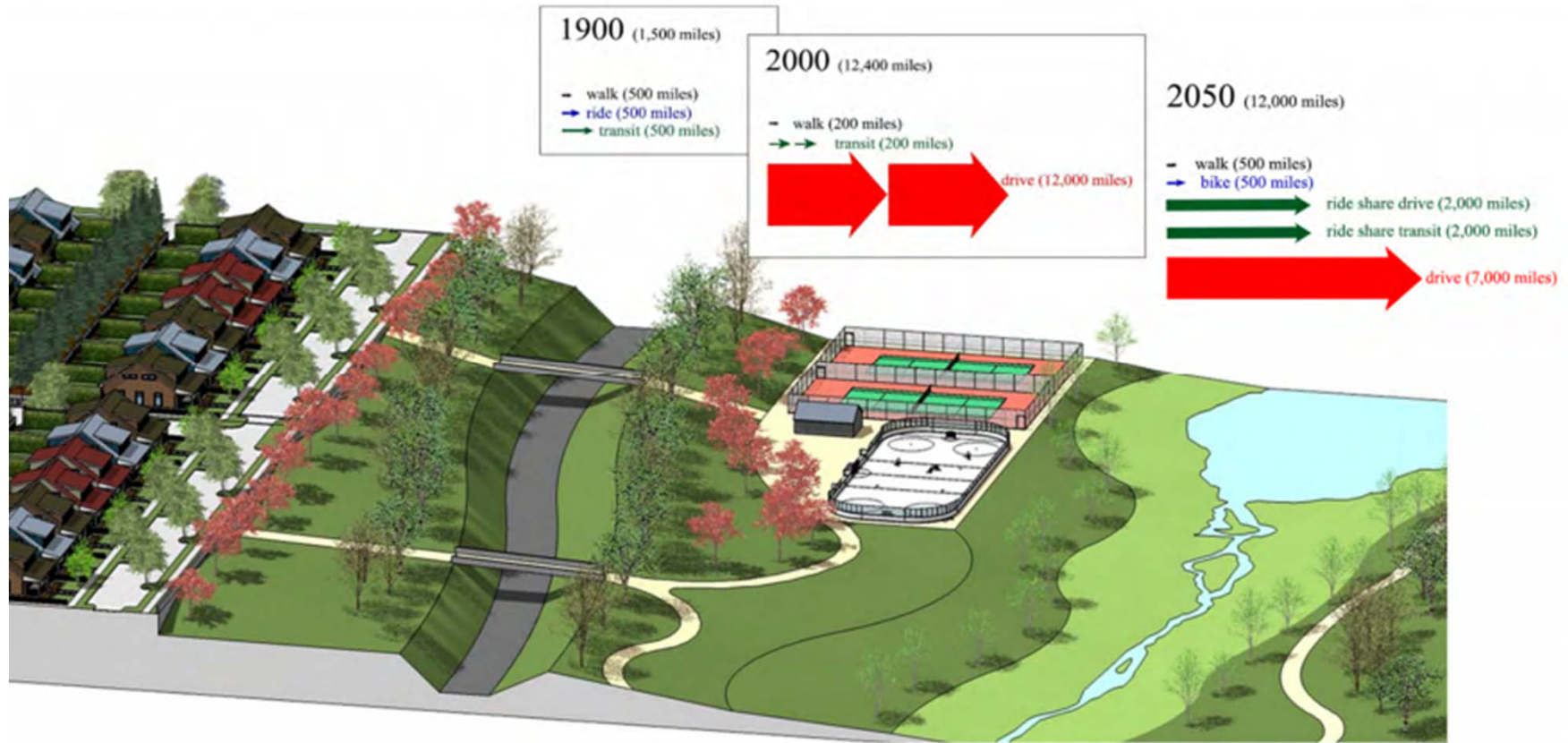


**Extent to which vehicles are personally owned or shared:**

- Depends upon personal preferences and economics
- Higher degree of shared ownership increases system-wide asset efficiency



# Infrastructure



## Education – K12 Transformation

### DESIGNING FOR THE FUTURE

AGILE



CONNECTED



OUTDOOR LEARNING



SAFE / INVITING BALANCE



COMMUNAL



HOME AWAY FROM HOME



FLEXIBLE



STUDENT-FOCUSED



VARIETY OF SETTINGS





### LEARNING ENVIRONMENT MODES



#### COLLABORATE

Working with one or more people to achieve a goal, such as collectively creating content, brainstorming, etc.

**Flex Learning Areas**

**Small Group Rooms**



#### FOCUS

Uninterrupted time to concentrate and attend to 'heads-down' work

**Workstations/Offices**

**Quiet Rooms**

**Outdoor Learning**



#### SOCIALIZE

Informal opportunities to come together and share knowledge

**Café**

**Library**

**Outdoor Terrace**



#### LEARN

Building knowledge, whether in a classroom or a structured conversation with peers

**Classrooms**

**Flex Learning Areas**



#### REJUVENATE

Downtime for your brain and body to refresh and recharge

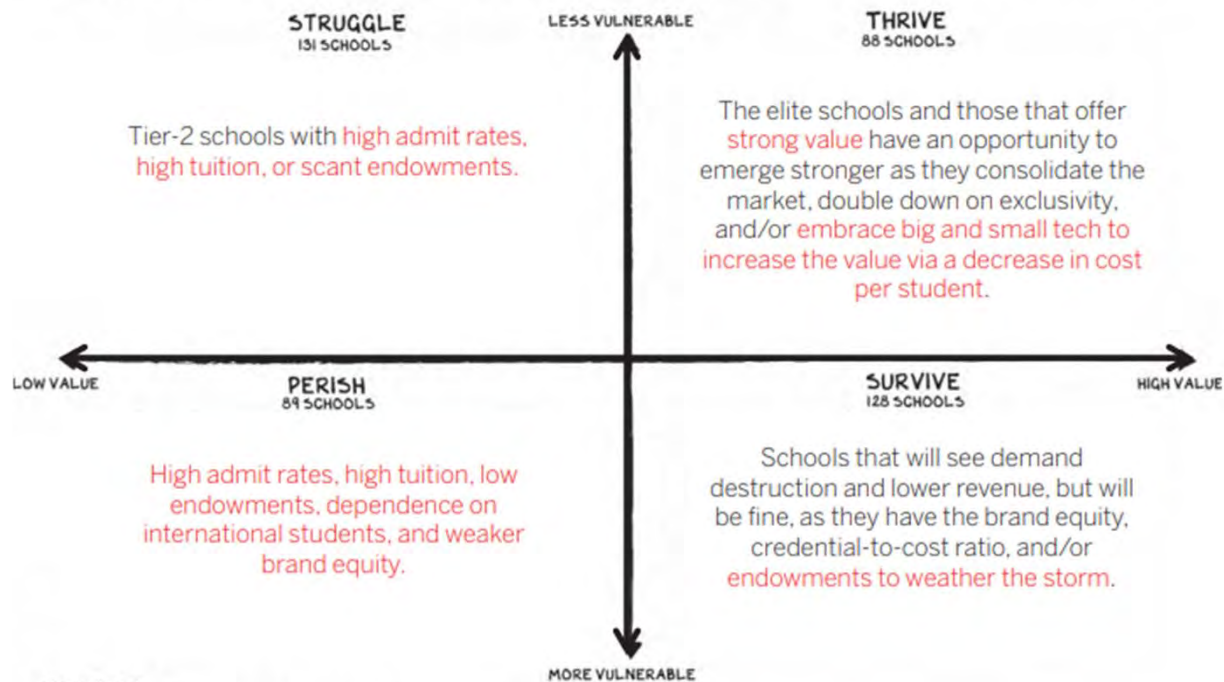
**Meditation/Privacy Areas**

**Exercise/Fitness Areas**

## Higher Education Overbuilt?

### US HIGHER EDUCATION: VALUE VS VULNERABILITY

N=436 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES RANKED BY US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT



SOURCE: PROF G.

NOTE: LOGOS ARE A SAMPLE OF COLLEGES THAT FALL INTO EACH QUADRANT.

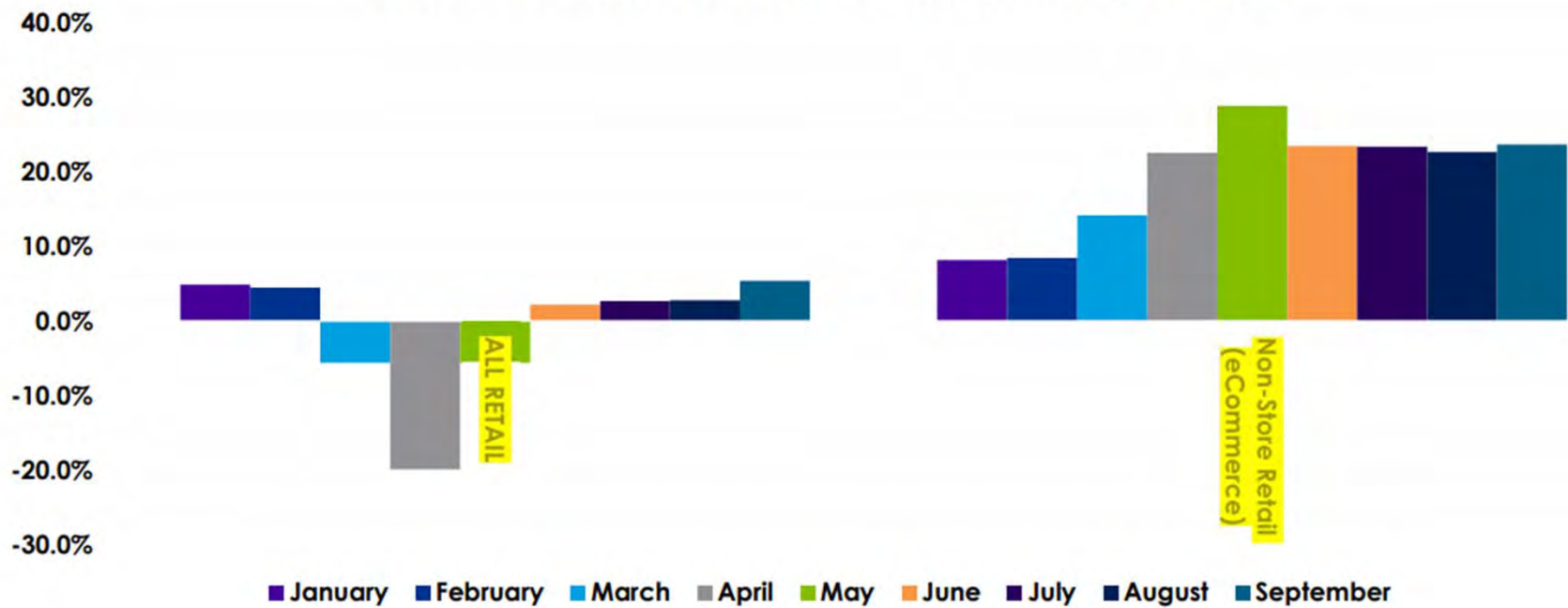


## Higher Education – Keep the Best, Get Rid of the Rest



## Retail – E Commerce to Grow then Stabilize

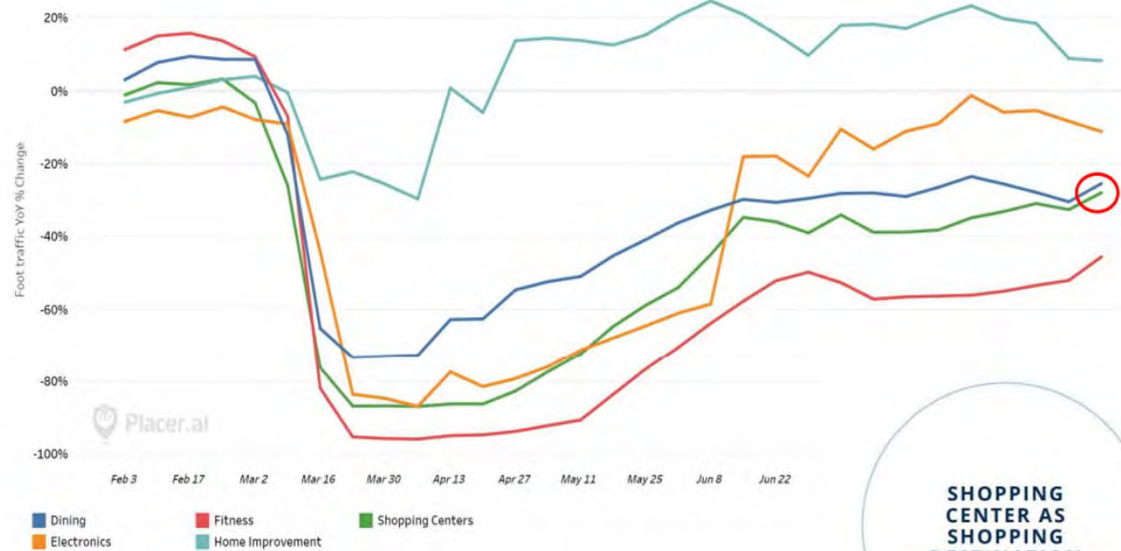
Year-Over-Year Retail Sales by Category (Seasonally Adjusted)





# Retail – Mix of Trends

## TRAFFIC COUNTS: CATEGORY MIX TRENDS (US DATA)



YESTERDAY

OWNER / DEVELOPER  
AS LANDLORD



OWNER / DEVELOPER  
AS "LIFESTYLE ARCHITECT"

## Monetary Policy – The New Normal



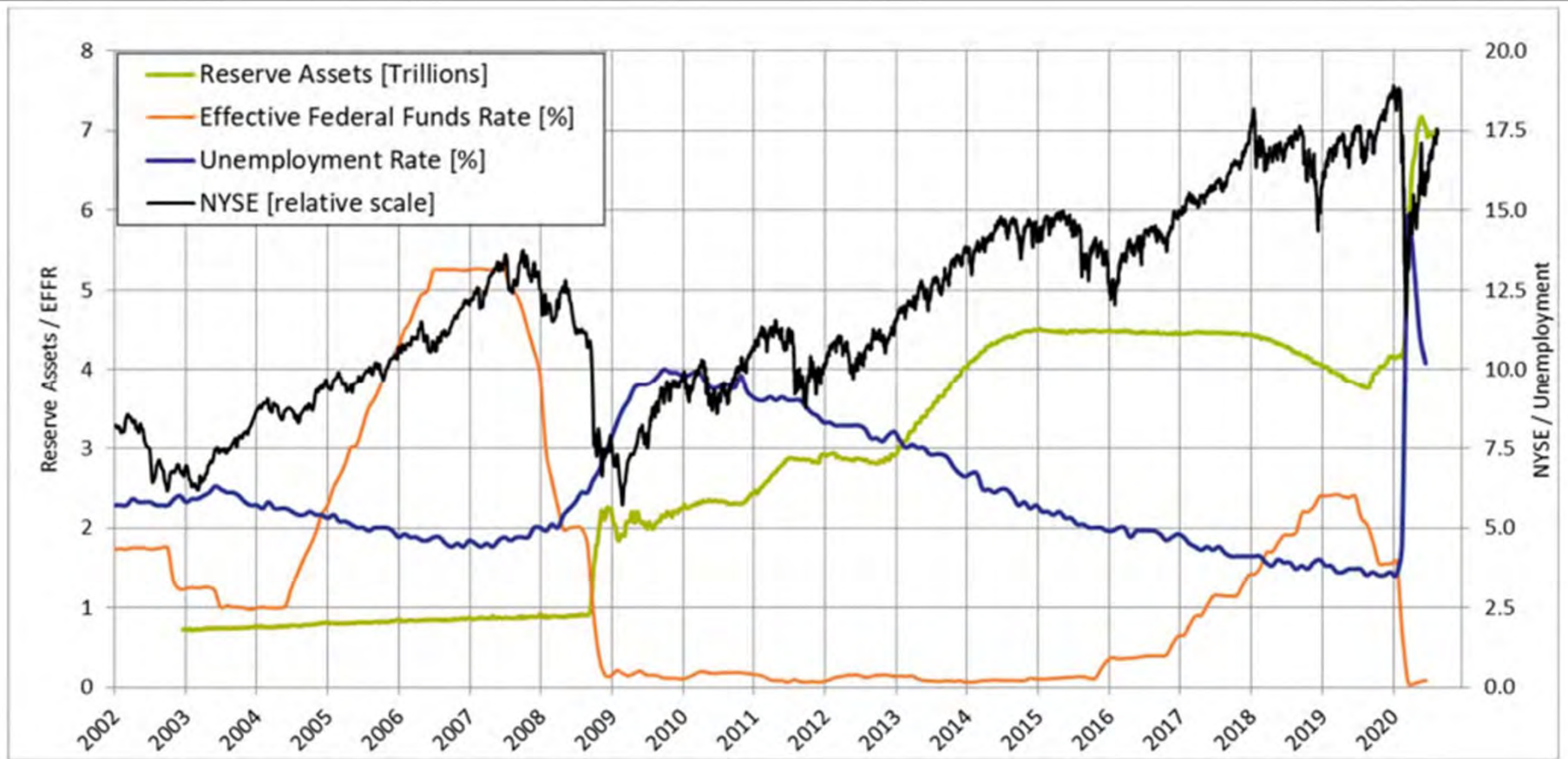
### High Labor/Low Inflation Targeting 2 percent leads to sub 2 percent average

our revised employment statement says that our policy decision will be informed by our "assessments of the **shortfalls of employment from its maximum level**" rather than by "*deviations* from its maximum level" as in our previous statement

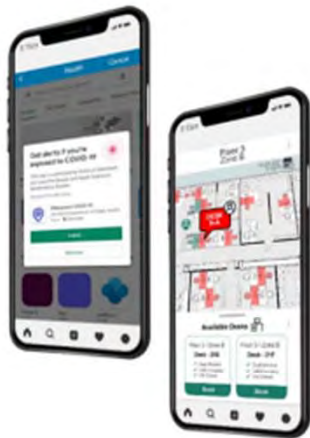
our new inflation statement indicates that we will seek to achieve inflation that **averages 2 percent over time**. Therefore, following periods when inflation has been running below 2 percent, appropriate monetary policy will likely aim to achieve inflation moderately above 2 percent for some time



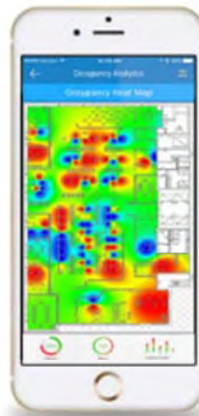
## Monetary Policy – Rapid Response



## HVAC Systems – Higher Acuity



- Entry instructions
- Wayfinding
- Workstations appropriately spaced apart



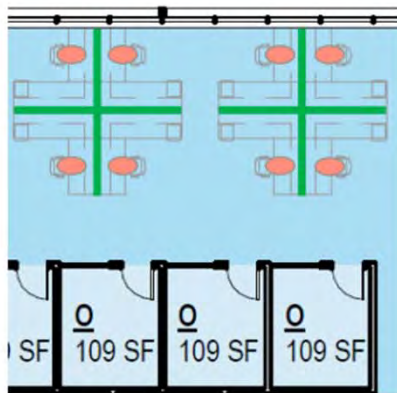
- Generates usable data
- Right time cleaning / sanitization



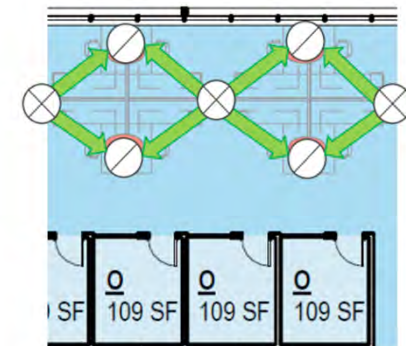
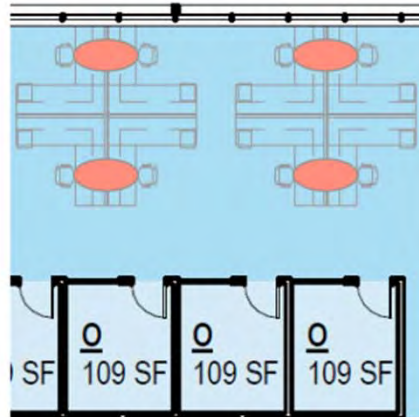
- Contact tracing
- Space utilization
- Wells-Riley Equation

## HVAC Systems – Separation

- People exhaling towards each other is undesirable
- Private offices likely don't risk transmission
- HVAC systems can push COVID plumes towards people
  - Case Study: Restaurant –Guangzhou, China



COVID Plume  
Cubicle Partition



COVID Plume  
Supply Grille  
Return Grille