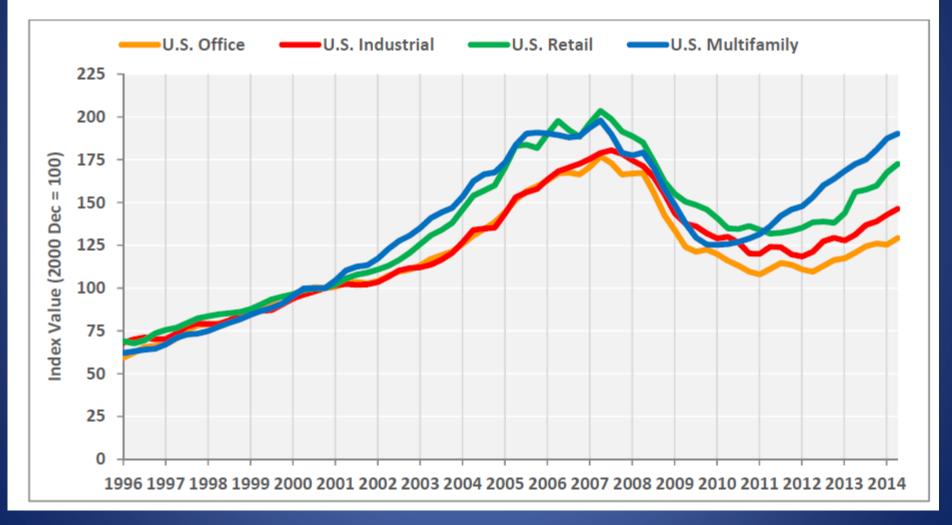
Center For Real Estate Strategies Conference Economic Update

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U.S. property markets are recovering as predicted last year...

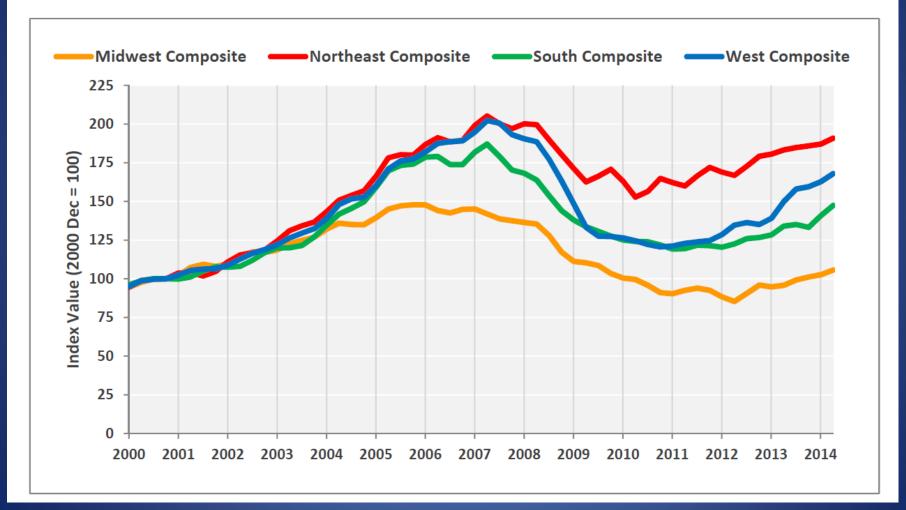
U.S. Primary Property Type Quarterly Indices - Equal Weighted, Data through June of 2014



Source: Costar Group, Repeat-Sale Indices, August 2014.

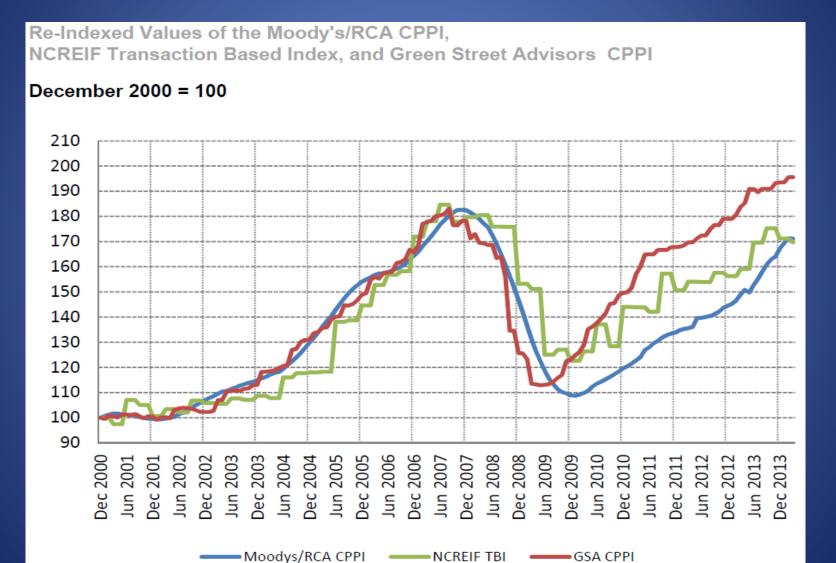
.... however, the Midwest's real estate price recovery continues to lag the rest of the nation

U.S. Regional Type Quarterly Indices - Equal Weighted, Data through June of 2014



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.... as non-institutional properties come back strong



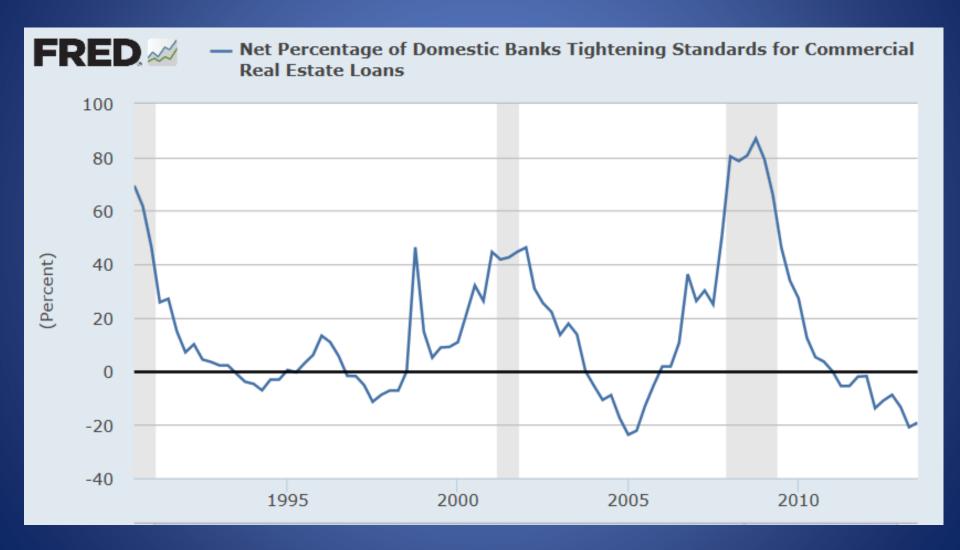
Source: Mortgage Bankers Quarterly Databook and Real Capital Analytics, 2014Q1.

.... in part because U.S. banks are lending on commercial real estate



Source: Federal Reserve of St. Louis.

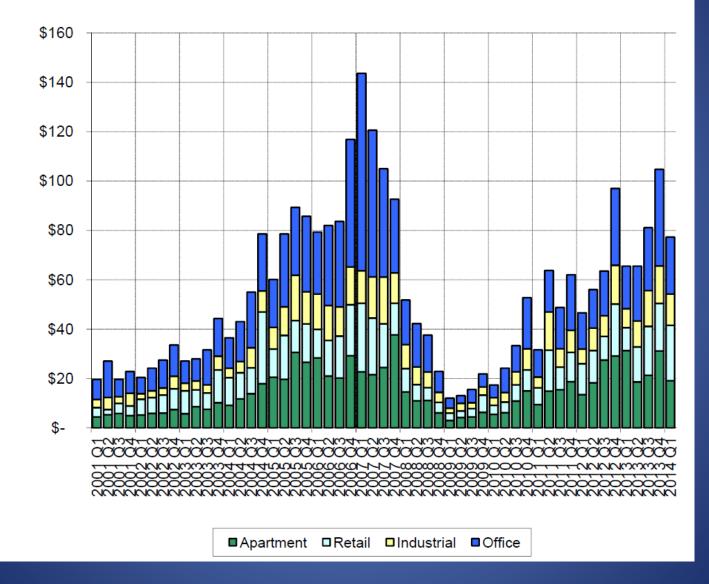
.... as banks ease up on lending standards



Source: Federal Reserve of St. Louis.

....and transaction volumes recover to sustainable levels

Billions of dollars, Properties and portfolios \$2.5 million and greater



Source: Mortgage Bankers Quarterly Databook and Real Capital Analytics, 2014Q1.

.... the takeaways being (as highlighted in KPMG's 2014 CRE survey:

• Significant shift away from Class A in primary markets

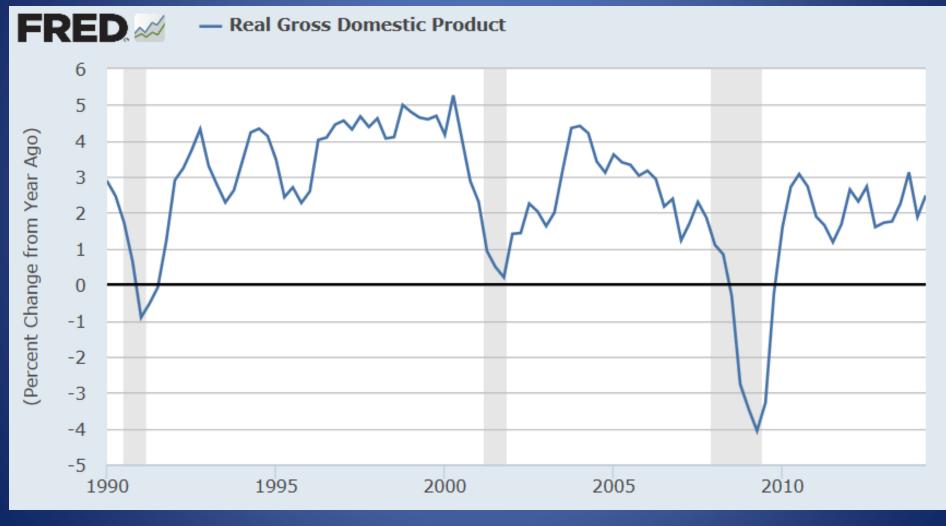
 To distressed properties, A properties in secondary markets, and B/C class properties

- Investors are turning to new markets in search of yield
 - Midwest third best market with a 15 point jump in investor interest
- Multifamily continues to shine

Source: KPMG, 2014 Real Estate Industry Outlook Survey (surveys February-April 2014)

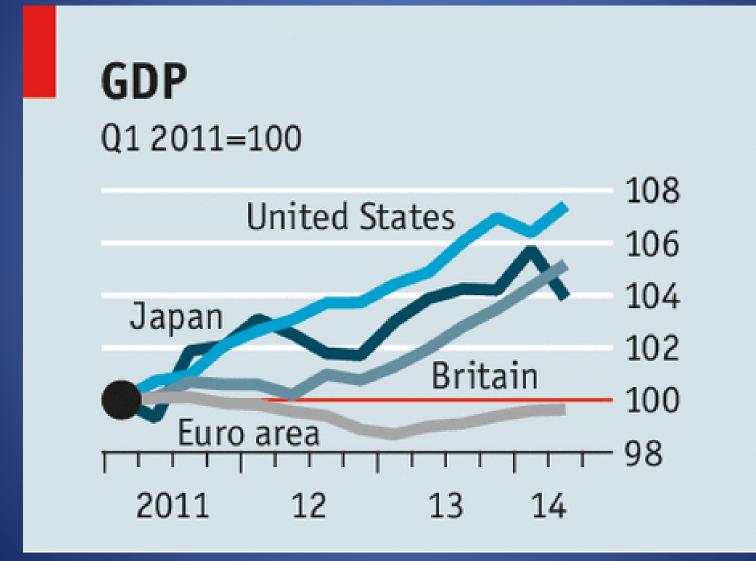
GDP, Jobs, Wealth, and Income

The U.S. has maintained historically weak GDP growth in the 2000s at 1.83%, versus 3.25% for the period 1980-2000 (year-over-year growth)....



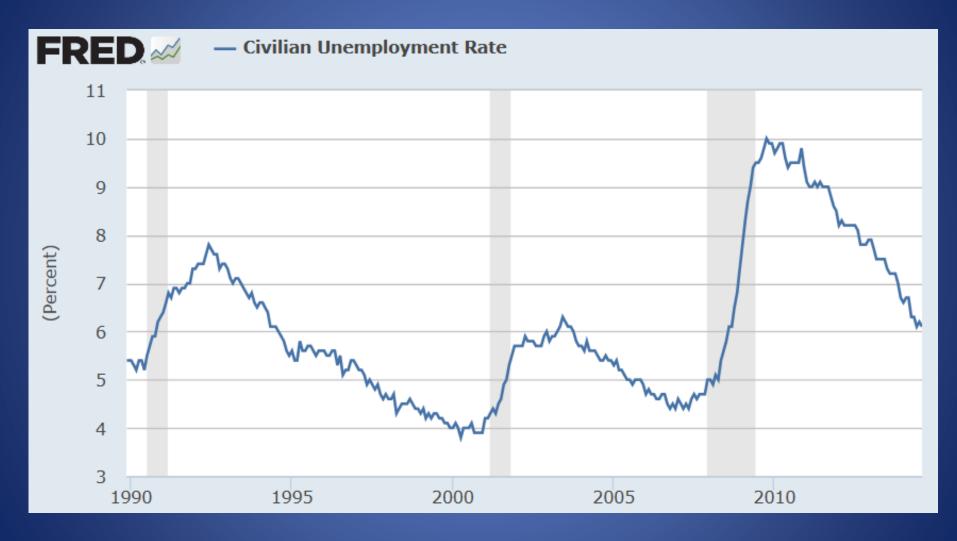
Source: Federal Reserve of St. Louis.

.... however, the U.S. is outperforming other economically advanced economies



Source: *Economist* August 23, 1014, p12.

.... which bring us to jobs and the unemployment rate, which "look good," however



Source: St. Louis Federal Reserve.

.... the unemployment rate is not the whole story, labor force participation rates are a concern

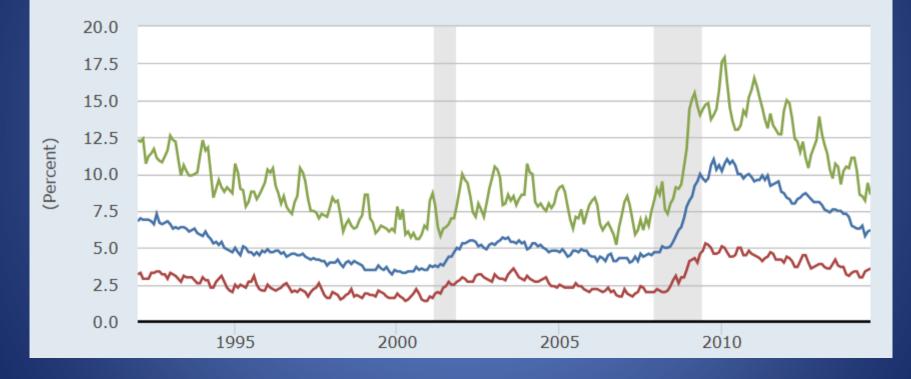


Source: St. Louis Federal Reserve

.... unemployment is not an equally distributed

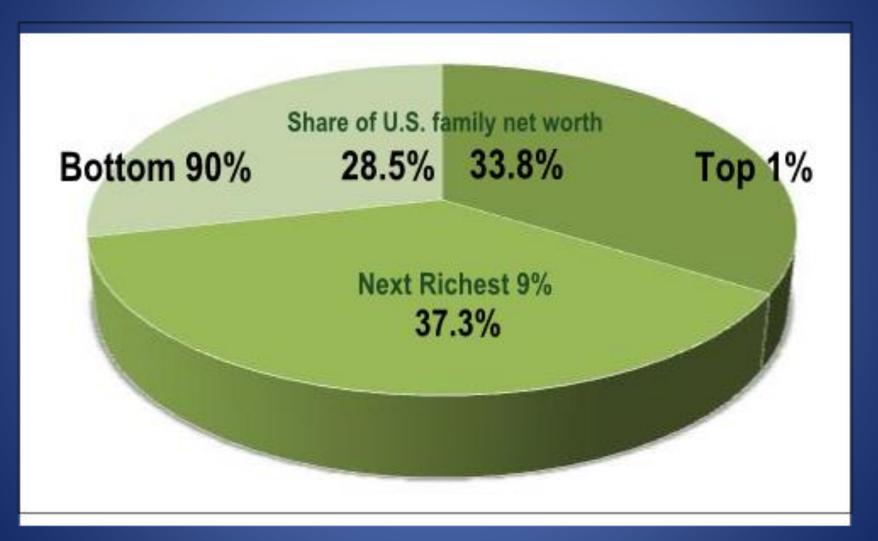
FRED 2 – Unemployment Rate - High School Graduates, No College, 25 years and over Unemployment Rate - College Graduates - Bachelor's Degree and Higher, 25 years and over

- Unemployment Rate - Less than a High School Diploma, 25 years and over



Source: St. Louis Federal Reserve

.... on to net worth, which is highly concentrated



Source: Marty Hart-Landsberg, Lewis and Clark University.

.... 39% of households have less than \$25,000 in net worth

Mean Net Worth by Household Net Worth Category, 2009 and 2011

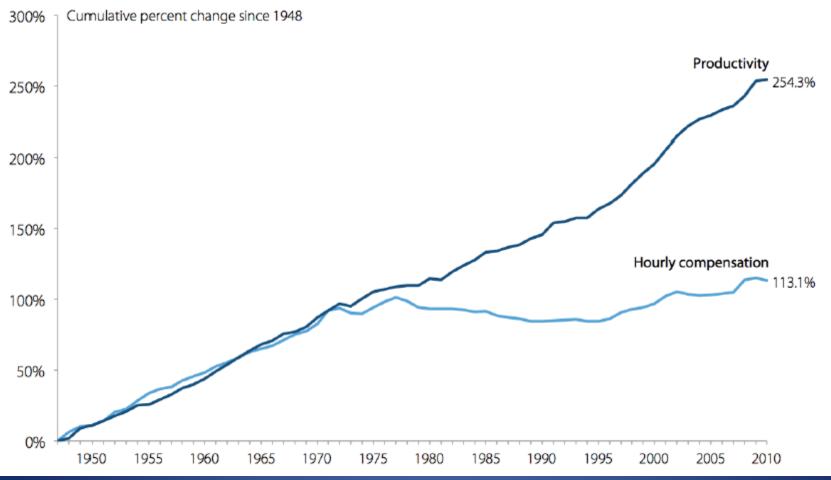
		Mean net worth (in 2011 dollars)		
	% of 2011 households	2009	2011	% change 2009 to 2011
All	100%	\$297,729	\$338,950	+14%
Net worth group				
Negative or zero	18%	-\$34,777	-\$35,472	-2%
\$1 to \$4,999	9%	\$2,016	\$1,899	-6%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5%	\$7,433	\$7,248	-2%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	7%	\$17,342	\$16,586	-4%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7%	\$38,740	\$36,878	-5%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10%	\$77,028	\$73,099	-5%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	18%	\$173,100	\$164,345	-5%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13%	\$370,148	\$354,668	-4%
\$500,000 and over	13%	\$1,585,441	\$1,920,956	+21%

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of Survey of Income and Program Participation wealth data.

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.... real compensation for production workers is stagnant....

Growth of real hourly compensation for production/nonsupervisory workers and productivity, 1948–2011



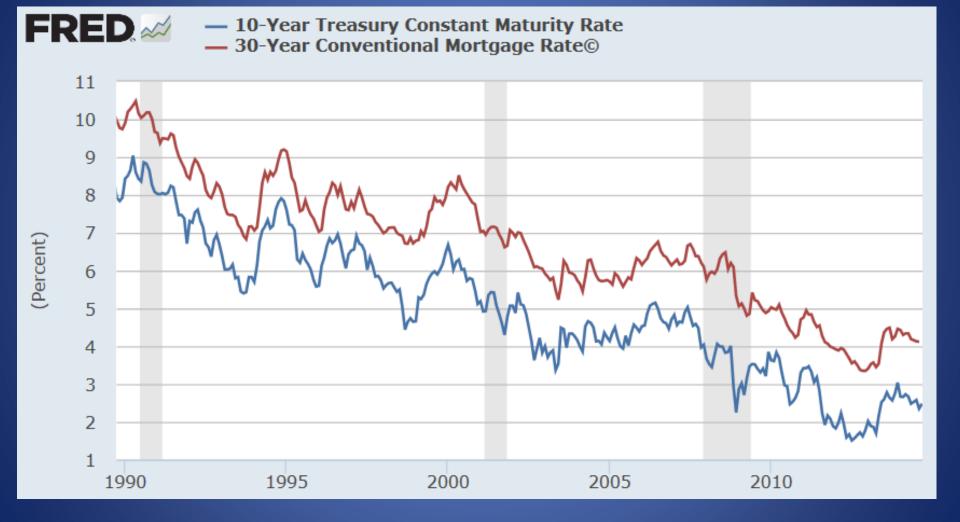
Source: Lawrence Mishel, Economic Policy Institute, April 26, 2012.

GDP and employment take-aways:

- Unemployment rate declines overstate the health of the jobs market;
- High school graduates struggle to find familysupporting job;
- 39% of households have a net worth of less than \$25,000;
- Real compensation has stagnated;
 Which limits GDP growth to 2.5-3.0%.

Interest Rates and Inflation

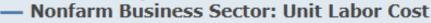
Mortgage interest rates remain low . . .

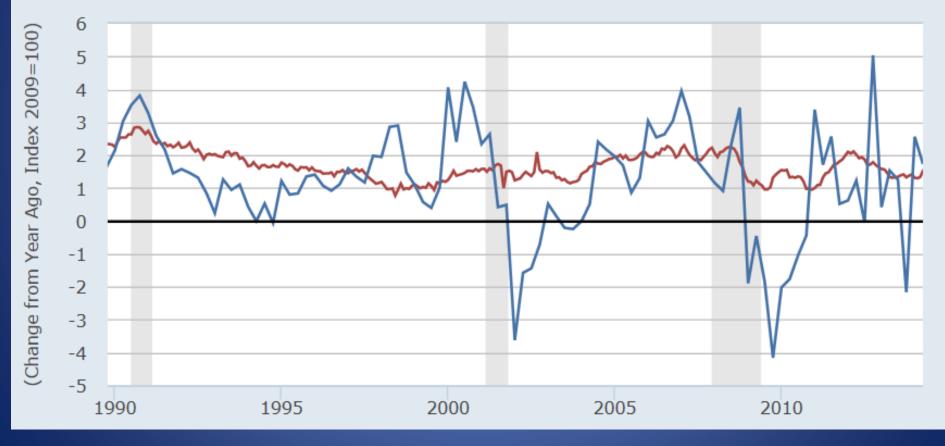


Source: St. Louis Federal Reserve

.... due to low inflation, which averaged 1.88% over the past 20 years

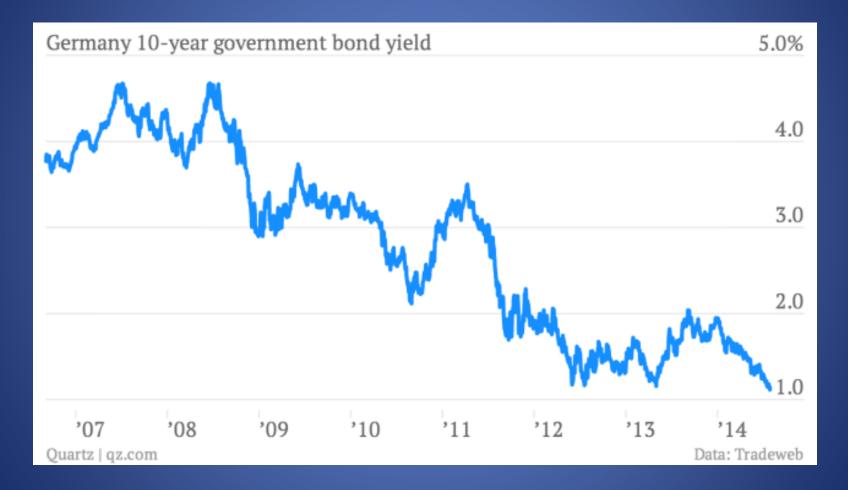
FRED - Personal Consumption Expenditures Excluding Food and Energy (Chain-Type Price Index)





Source: Federal Reserve of St. Louis.

.... Germany (the Eurozone) hit all-time interest rate lows, keeping global rates low



.... as Eurozone bank loan demand continues to fall

Lending needs mending

New bank loans to non-financial firms ≤€1m, €bn



Source: *Economist* August 16th, p. 57.

Interest rate and inflation take-aways: Given the:

- Generally slack labor markets
- Weak global demand for money, and
- Uncertain U.S. economic growth

10-Year US Treasuries rate should remain range bound in the +/-2.50-3.00% through the summer of 2015, after that, watch for tightening.

Spotlight on Multifamily

Multifamily starts averaged 360,000 since 1956, a level we are now reaching (is that a concern?)



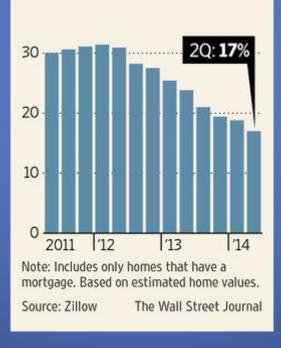
Source: Federal Reserve of St. Louis.

.... and homeownership still a challenging investment proposition for many

Getting Above Water

Fewer borrowers owe more than their homes are worth. Percentage of homes underwater in the U.S.

40%



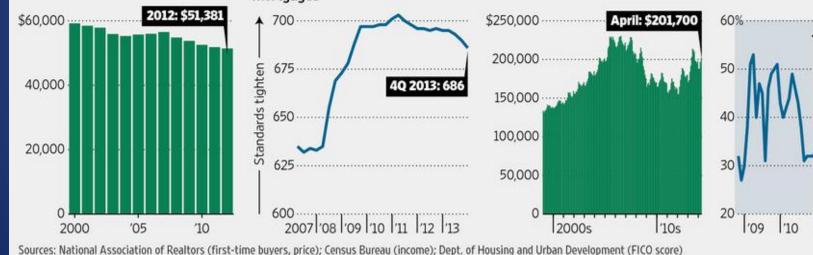
Source: *Wall Street Journal*, August 27, 2014, p. C6.

.... with the housing market prospects for the first-time homebuyer challenged....

Housing Headwinds

Incomes in the primary age group for first-time buyers have fallen...

Median income for people ages 25 to 34 in 2012 dollars



...as mortgage standards have tightened...

Average credit scores for Federal Housing Administration-backed mortgages

sales

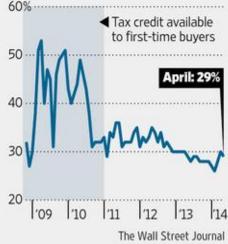
...and home prices have steadily

Median price of existing-home

climbed since the crash...

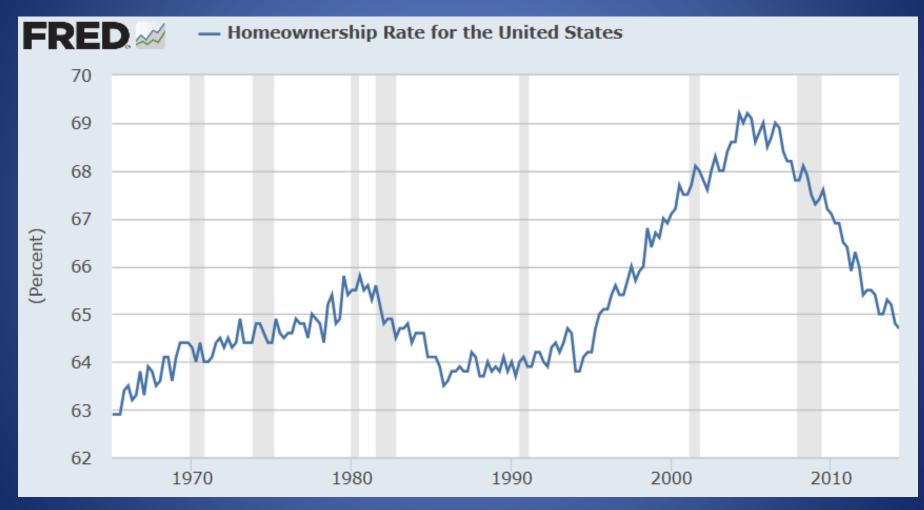
...leading to a decline in the share of first-time buyers.

First-time buyers' share of existing-home sales



Source: WSJ May 24-25, 2014, p. A2.

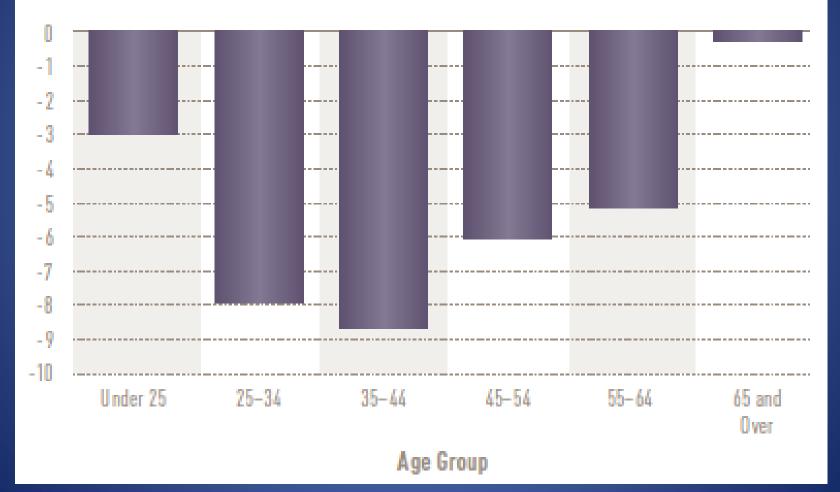
.... pushing homeownership rates to pre-bubble levels, and creating demand for apartments



Source: Federal Reserve of St. Louis.

.... homeownership rates are falling across all age cohorts, increasing apartment demand....

Change in Homeownership Rate, 2004–13 (Percentage points)



Source: Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies, State of the Nations Housing Market 2014, p. 4.

.... and the
average college
graduate with the
average student
loan debt is
straddled with
\$366 per month .

(assumes a 6% rate, 10 year term)



\$1.2 trillion

Total amount of U.S. student-loan debt as of March, up from \$400 billion in March 2004

70

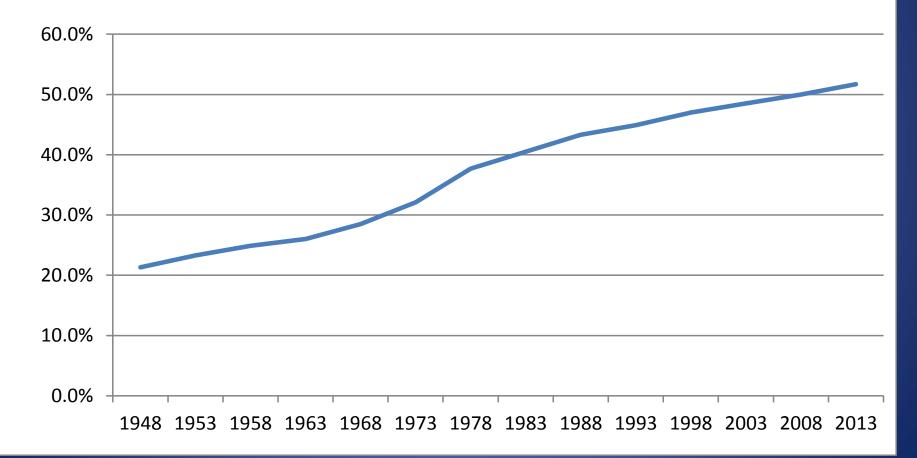
Percentage of undergraduates in the class of 2014 with student loans, up from 64% in 2004

\$33,000 Average loan amount

for undergraduates in the class of 2014, up from \$18,600 in 2004

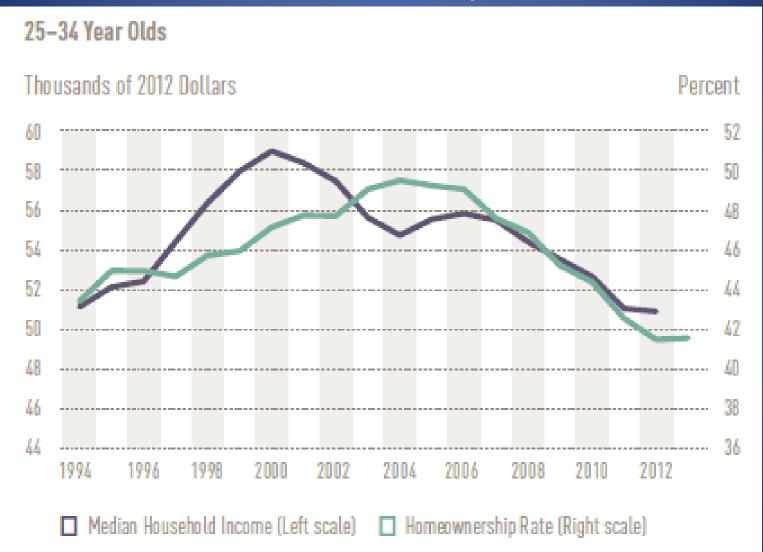
.... "married couple" households are declining dramatically over time....

Percent "Other Family" and "Non-Family" Households



Source: Census and Marquette University.

.... lower incomes also reduces the likelihood of homeownership



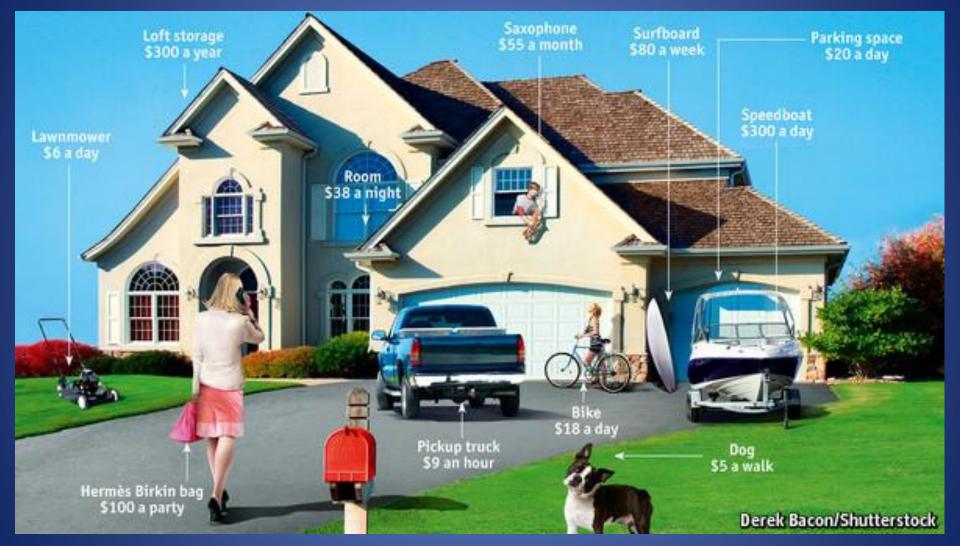
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Multifamily Market take-aways:

- There are numerous homeownership headwinds;
- The high school graduates continues to struggle with employment and real wage growth;
- College graduates face of growing student loan payments;
- The "investment benefits" of homeownership are being questioned;

 We may be in the initial stages of an experiential society as opposed to an ownership society
 Yielding a continued strong multifamily market.

The "renter society" or "sharing economy" or "collaborative consumption" or "Netflix Economy"



Source: *Economist*, March 9, 2013