Economy Slowing, the Fed Slows, Housing Plateaus

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Not All Regions of the Country Have Recovered at the Same Pace

Share of Metro Areas That Have Recovered to Previous Pre-Recession Peak Employment

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Non-Financial Corporate Sector Highly Leveraged by Historical Standards

Nonfinancial Corporate Debt as a Percent of GDP

Source: Federal Reserve, Bureau of Economic Analysis
Aggregate Major Global Central Bank Balance Sheets Shrinking

Change in G4 Central Bank Balance Sheets and Bond Yields

*G4 includes Federal Reserve, European Central Bank, Bank of Japan, and Bank of England

Source: Bloomberg
Slowing Housing Activity Was More Pronounced in Metro Areas With More Expensive Housing Relative to Incomes

Source: Census Bureau, RedBell, Moody’s
Younger Home Buyers Remain Comparatively Cautious

Distribution of 25-34 Year-Old Recent Home Buyers by Ratio of Monthly Owner Costs to Income

Source: Census Bureau
Weaker Supply Response to Rising Home Prices in Recent Years

Source: Census Bureau, FHFA, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Single-Family Starts/Household vs %YoY Real House Price

Source: Census Bureau, FHFA, Bureau of Labor Statistics
Speaker Biography

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