# Economic and Housing Outlook

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## Housing Market Growing; Single-Family Lags

- Tax reform changes
- Macroeconomics post-tax reform
  - Signs of growth momentum
  - Signs of a future slowdown
- Housing demand and affordability
  - Demographics positive
- Supply-side headwinds
- State-level economic measures
- Forecasts





# Macroeconomics Post-Tax Reform



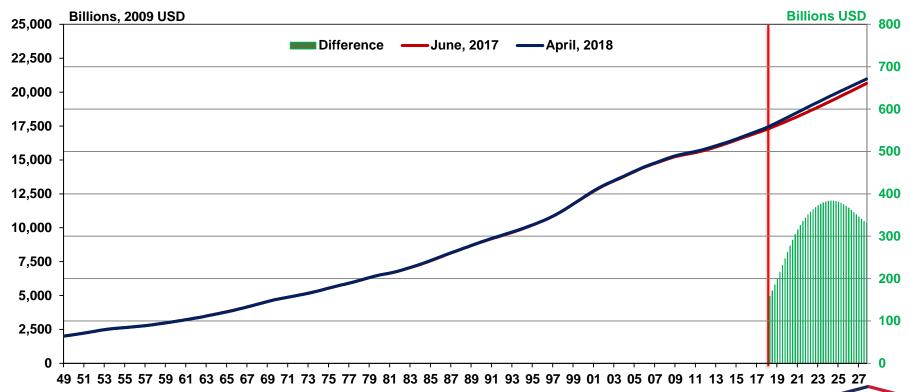
## Tax Reform – Policy Changes and Impacts

- Economic impacts
  - GDP
    - Marked up 2018 forecast to 2.7%
    - Dynamic scoring model suggests 0.8% more GDP after 10 years
  - Business investment
    - 1.1% higher after ten years
  - Labor supply and employment
    - 0.6% higher
      - 0.9 million more workers in labor force
  - Reduced home price growth to a positive 2.9% growth rate in 2018
    - Incoming data shows no such effect



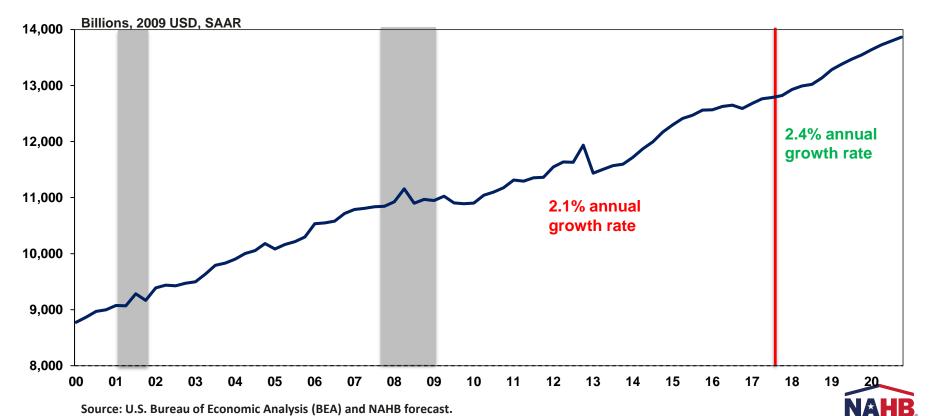
### Tax Reform Boosts Potential GDP

Added economic efficiencies yield more room to grow

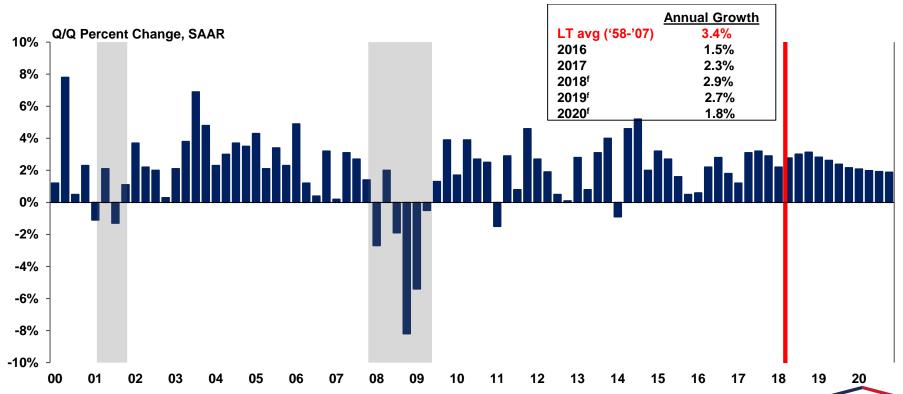


**Source: Congressional Budget Office.** 

# Tax Cuts Help Disposable Income Growth Bonuses and wage growth will drive gains



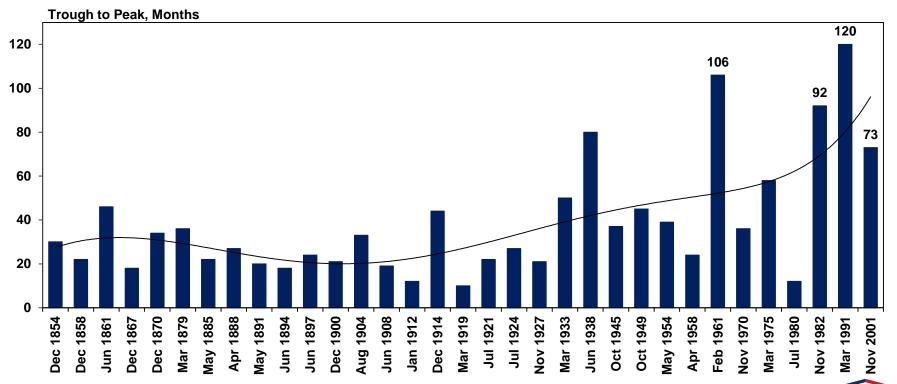
GDP Growth
Stronger growth expected post-tax reform



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and NAHB forecast.

**Expansion is Aging** *Current expansion is 108 months old – second longest* 



Source: The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).



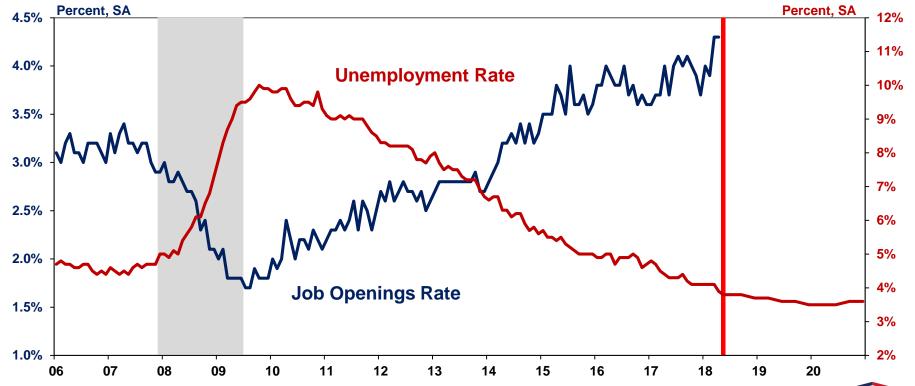
# Labor Force Participation Rate Improving labor force participation key to future growth



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).



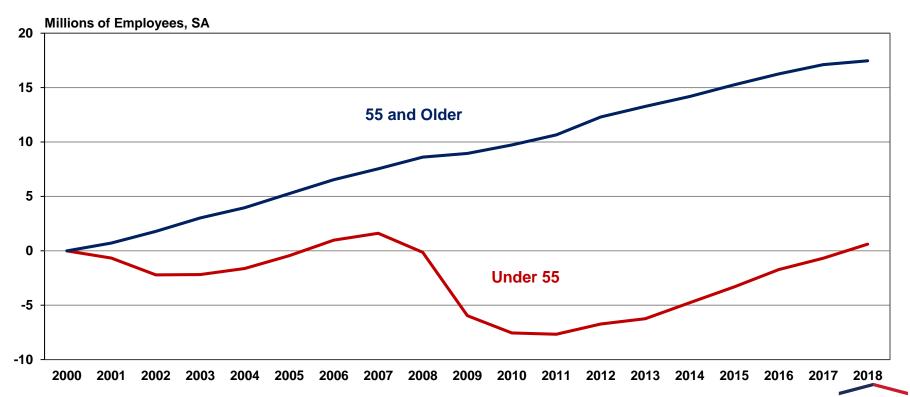
# Tight Labor Market How low can unemployment go?



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and NAHB forecast.



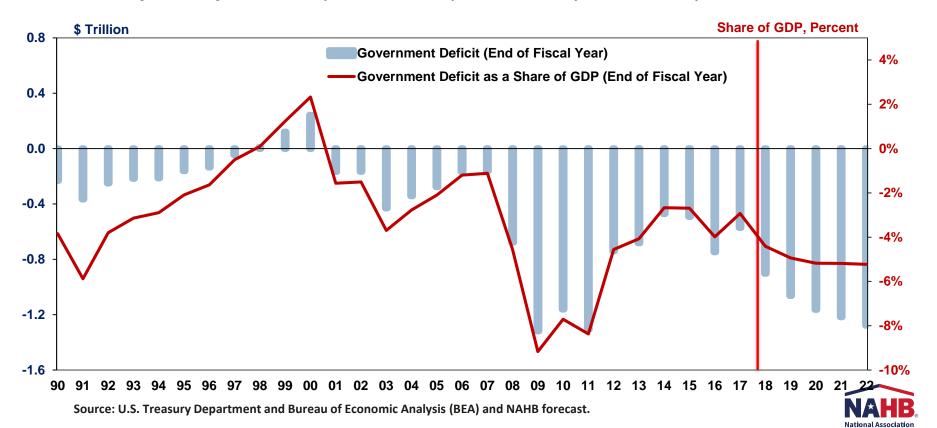
# Cumulative Change in Employment by Age Group Mind the Gen-X gap



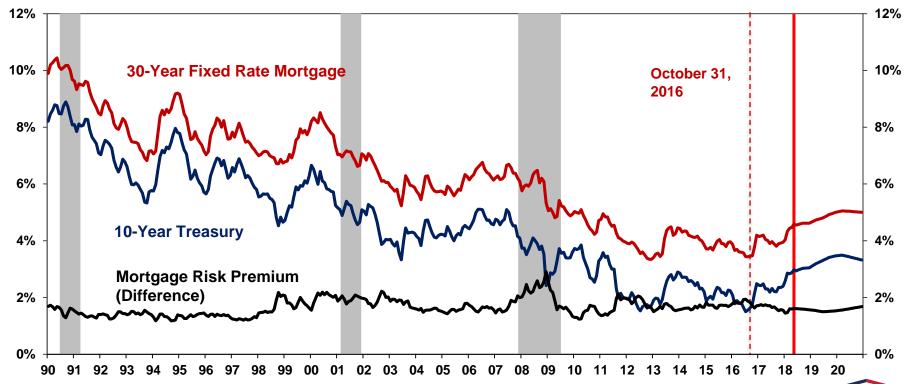
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

### **Government Deficits Growing**

Post-tax reform deficits add up to 30 basis points to 10-year Treasury rate



# 30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage and 10-Year Treasury Rates will rise due to Fed policy and tight labor markets



Source: Federal Reserve and Freddie Mac data and NAHB forecast.

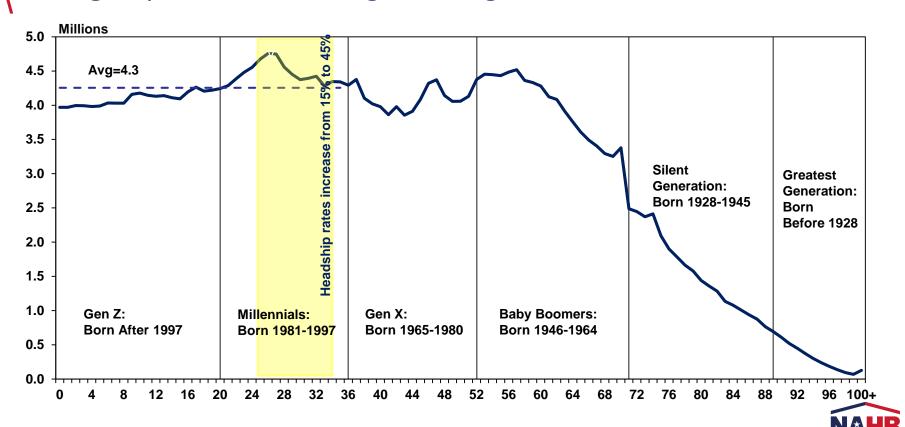




# Housing Demand and Affordability

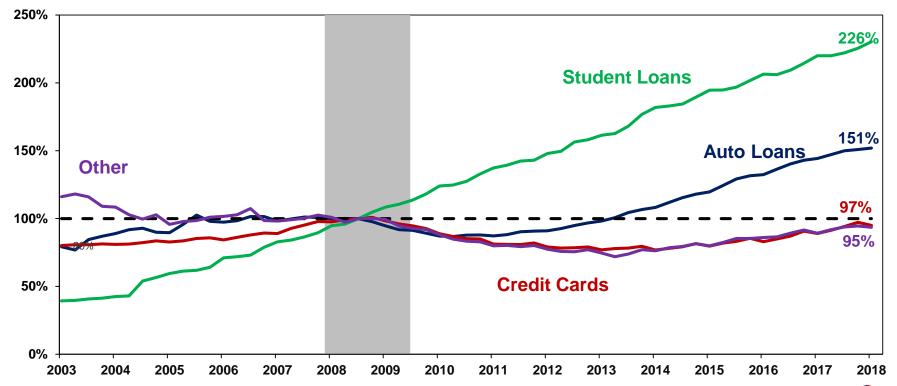


### Rising Population Entering Housing Demand Years: 2017



### **Consumer Debt**

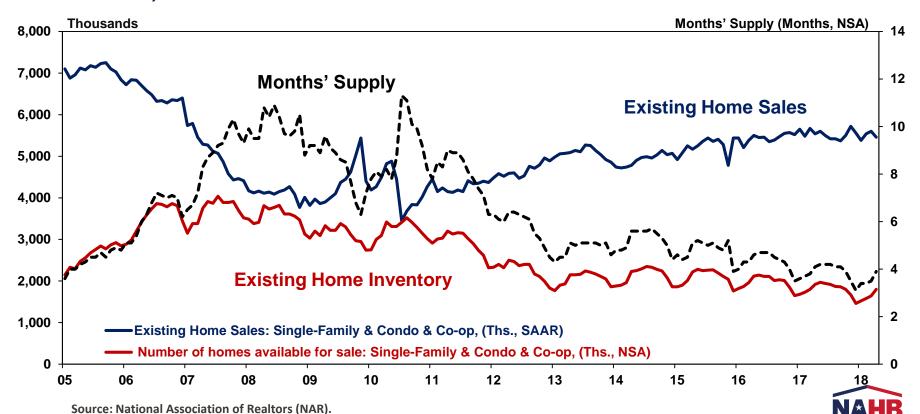
Rise in student and auto loans



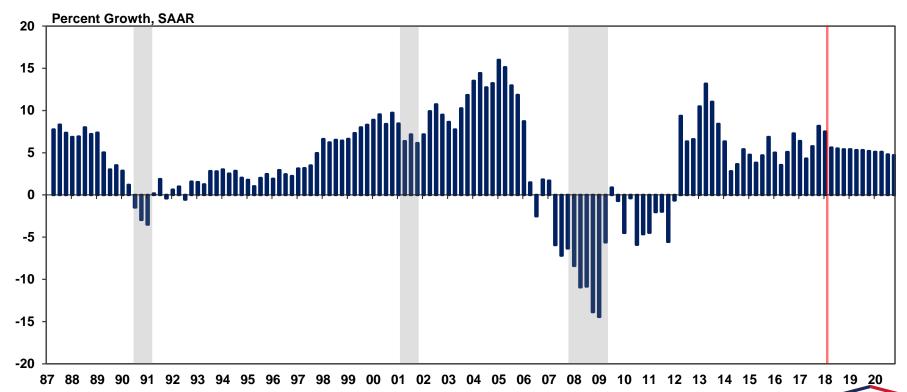




# Existing Home Sales Low inventory



# S&P/Case-Shiller National US Home Price Index Prices growing faster than income



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC; CoreLogic, Inc. and NAHB forecast.

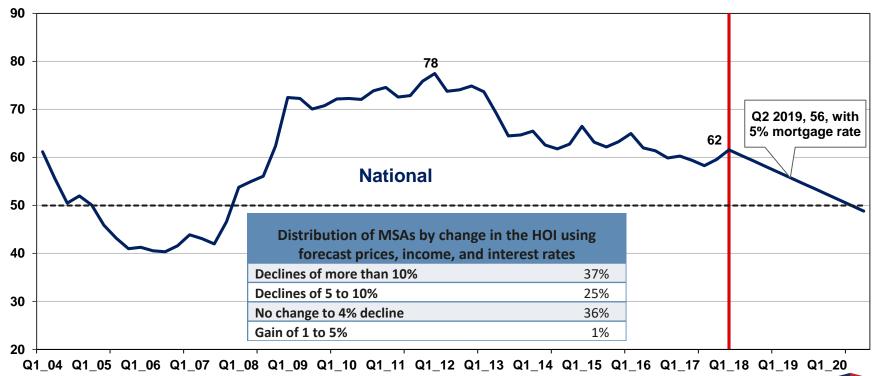
# Housing Affordability – NAHB/Wells Fargo HOI Affordability declining



Source: NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index.

### Simulating Future Affordability Conditions

HOI declines due to higher rates and costs/prices despite rising incomes



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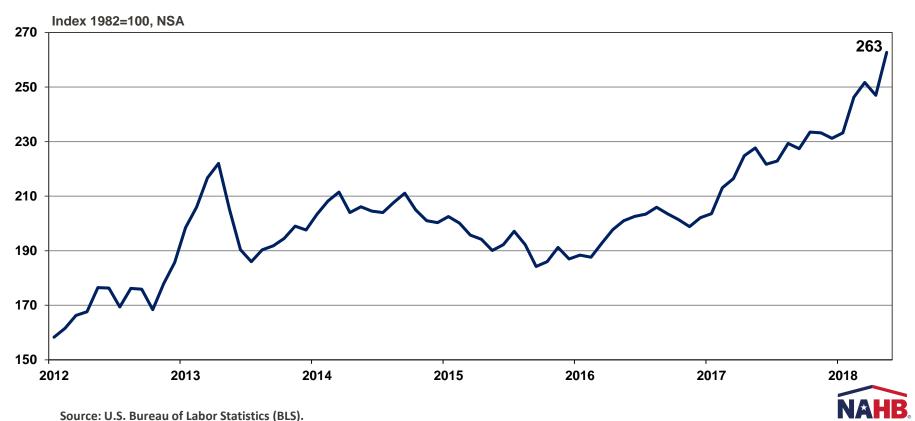




# Supply-Side Headwinds

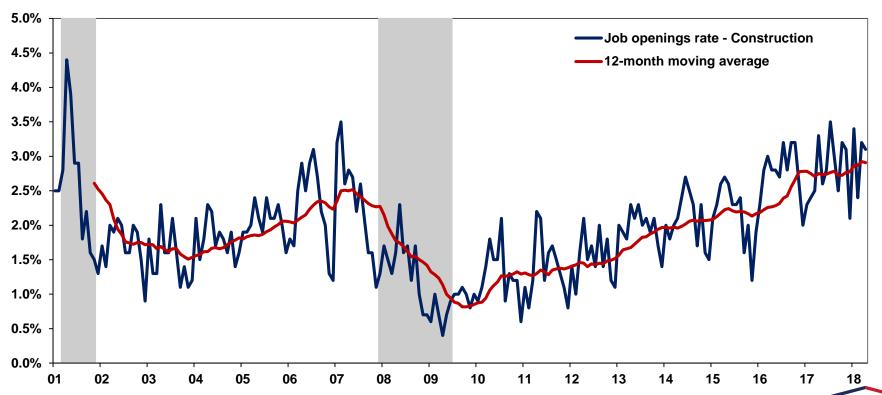


# Building Materials — Softwood Lumber Since January 2017, Random Lengths Framing Composite Price Index up 63%



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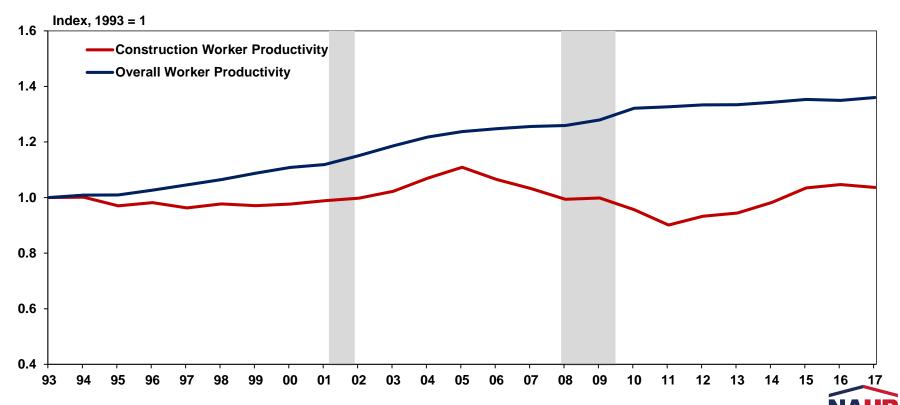
# **Labor** *Elevated count of unfilled construction jobs*



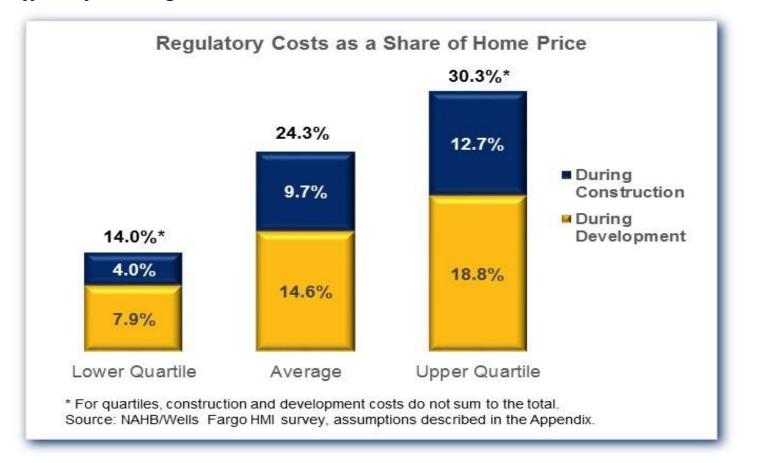
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

### **Construction Sector Productivity**

Lagging overall economy



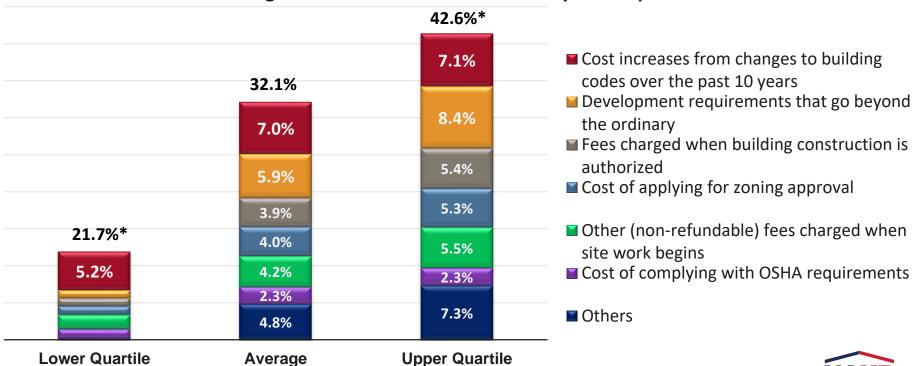
# Regulatory Costs Rising — Up 29% Over Last 5 Years Total effect of building codes, land use, environmental and other rules





# Regulations - 32% of Multifamily Development Costs New NAHB-NMHC research

### **Government Regulations as a Share of Multifamily Development Costs**



Note: \* For quartiles, all types of costs do not sum to the total. Source: NAHB/Wells Fargo HMI survey.

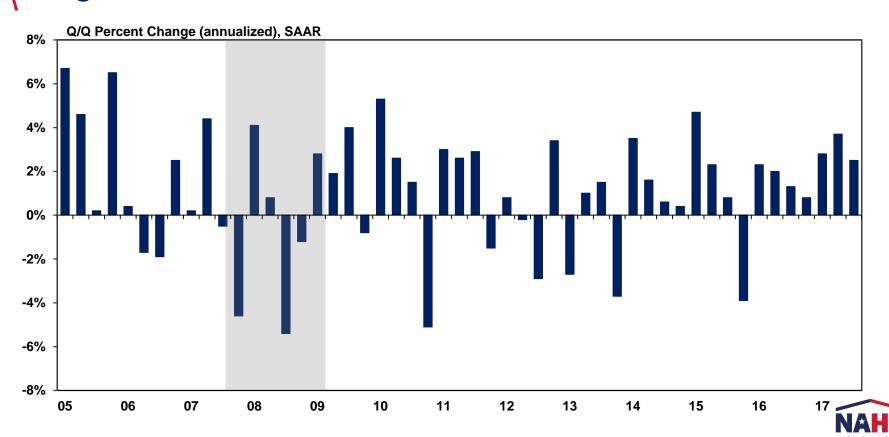


# A Local Look





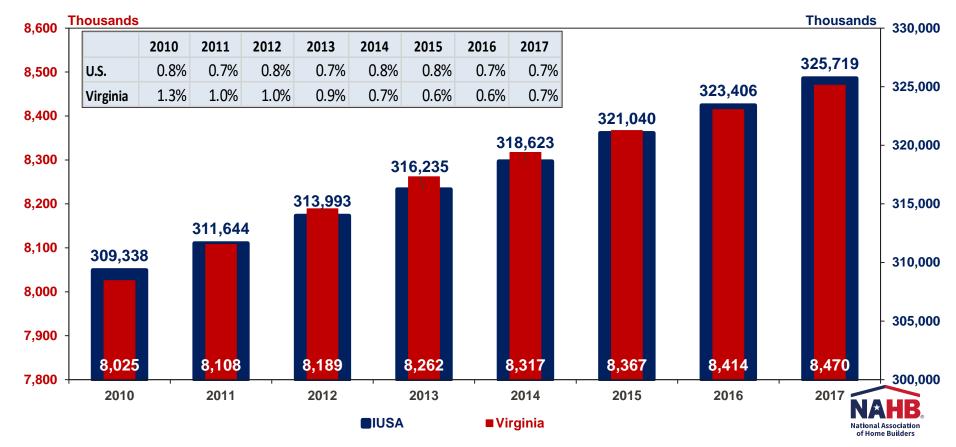
### Virginia GDP Growth



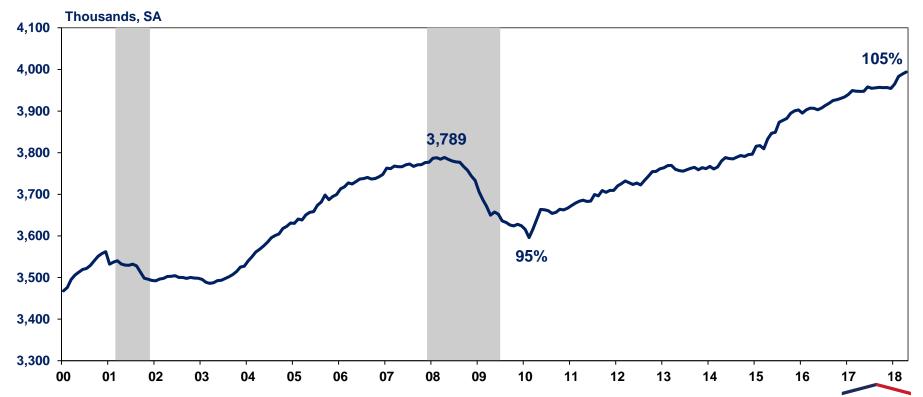
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Population Growth

Virginia population grew slower in recent years

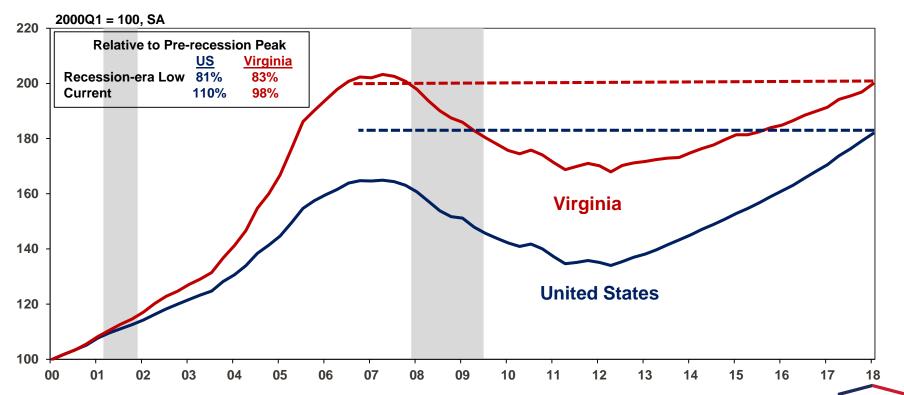


# Payroll Employment Virginia above pre-recession peak



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# Existing House Price Index Virginia below pre-recession peak



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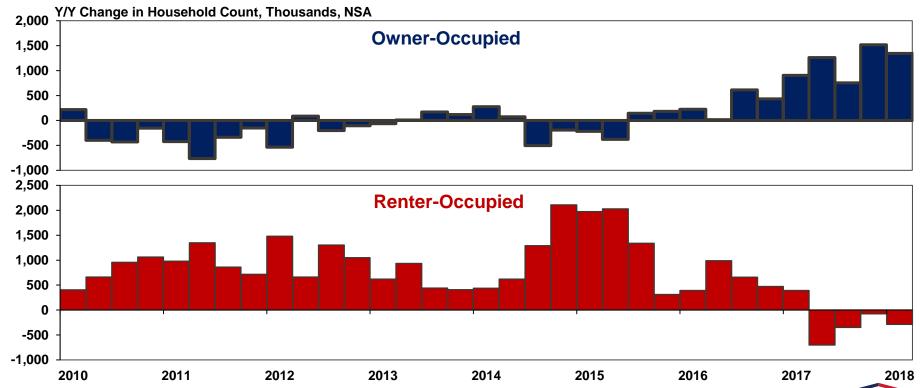
# Forecasts





Household Formation

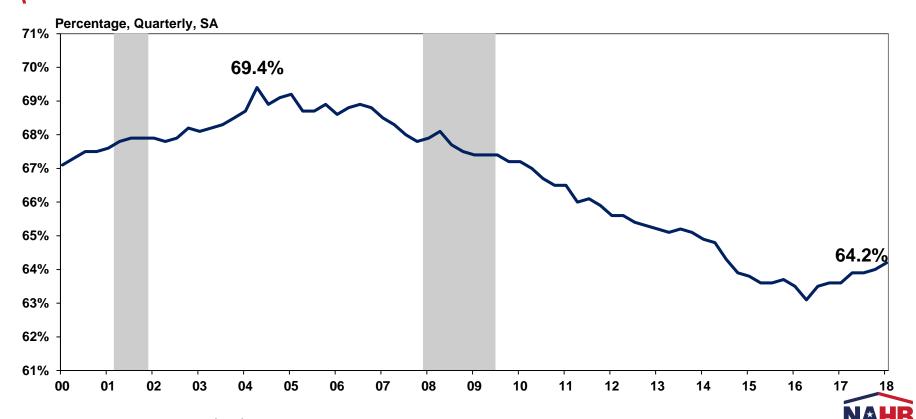
Demand for home ownership strengthening







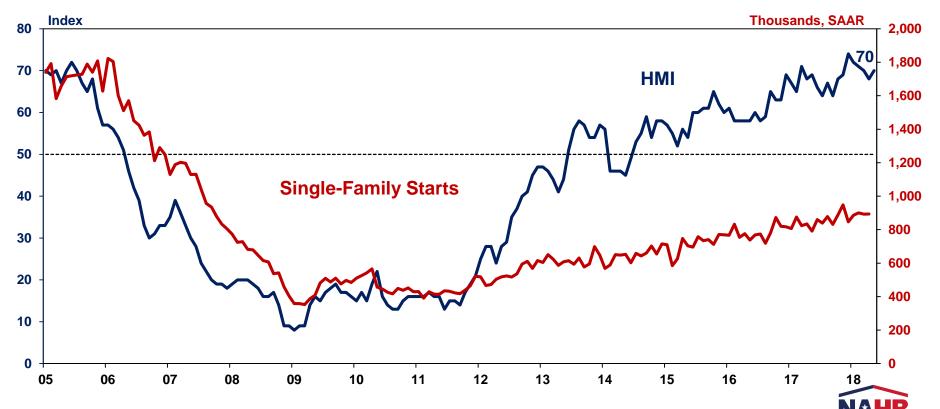
### Homeownership Rate



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC): Housing Vacancies & Homeownership.

# NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index Nearly two-decade high for builder confidence



Source: Census Bureau and NAHB/Wells Fargo HMI survey.

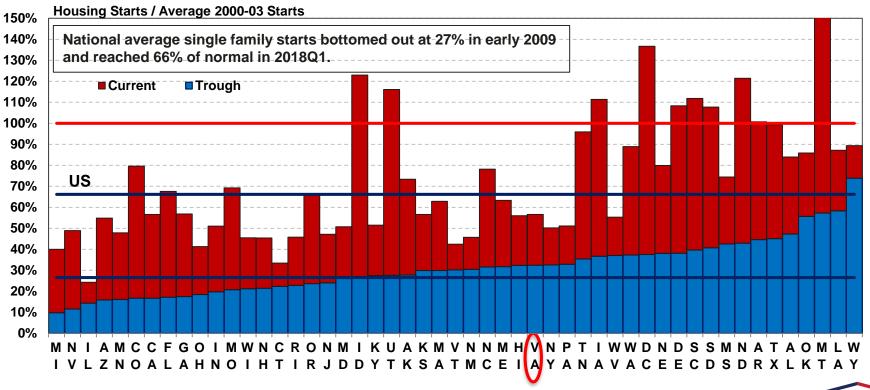
# Single-Family Starts Modest growth ahead



Source: Census Bureau and NAHB forecast.

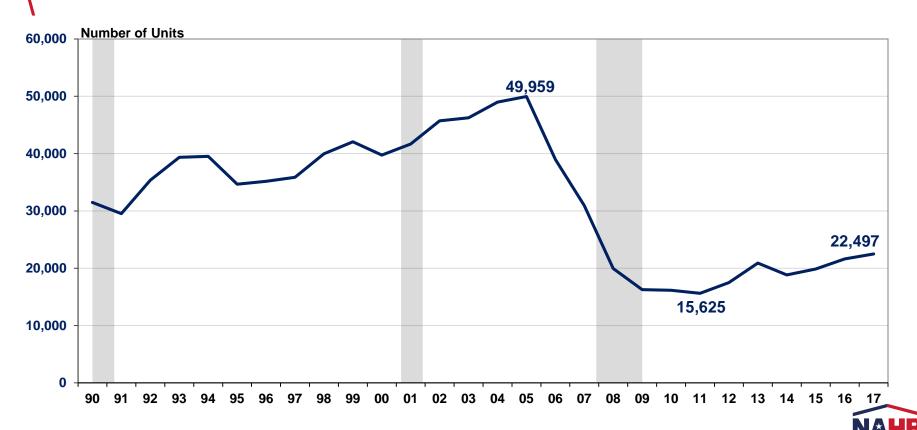


#### Single Family Housing Starts—Trough and Current





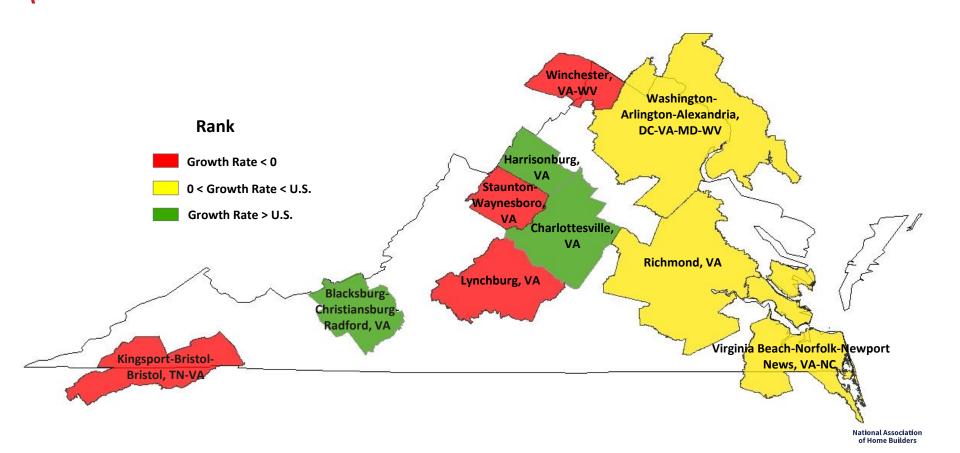
### Single-Family Building Permits – Virginia



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC).

#### Single Family Permits 12-Months Growth Rate



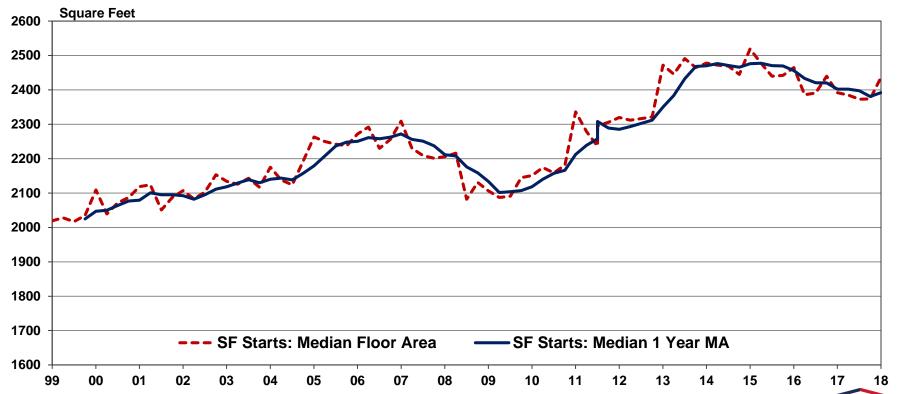
## Home Prices of New and Existing Homes Wide gap since 2012

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**Median Sales Price Difference** \$360,000 \$120,000 \$300,000 \$100,000 **New Homes** \$80,000 \$240,000 \$60,000 \$180,000 \$120,000 \$40,000 **Existing Homes** \$60,000 \$20,000 1990-2008 Avg: \$20,000

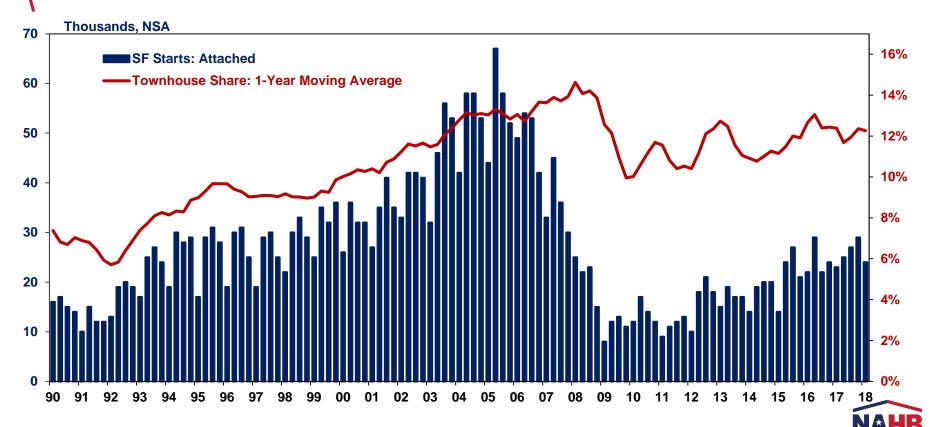


## Typical New Home Size Decline after market shift



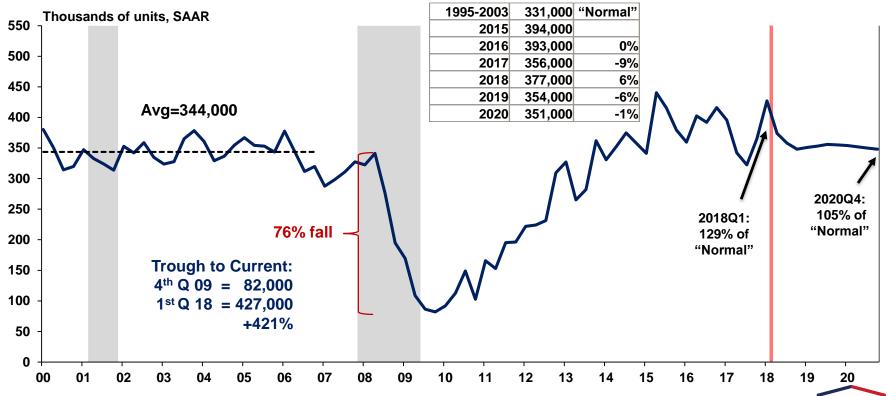
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### Townhouse Market Expanding



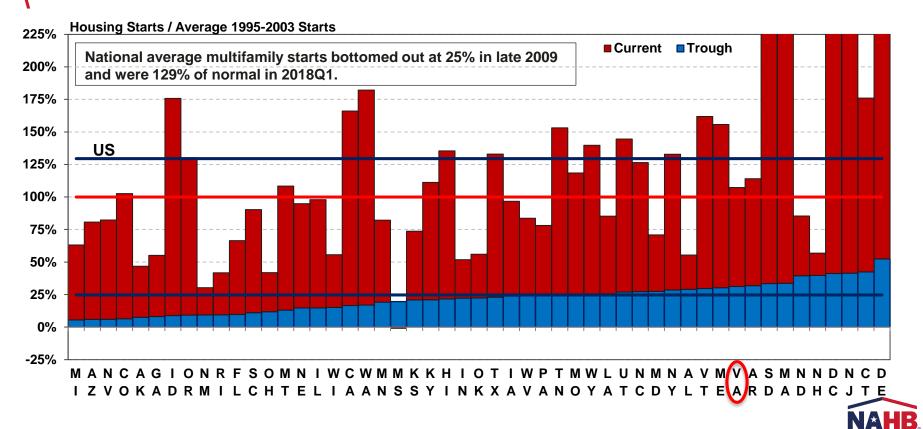
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### Multifamily Housing Starts Leveling off



Source: Census Bureau and NAHB forecast

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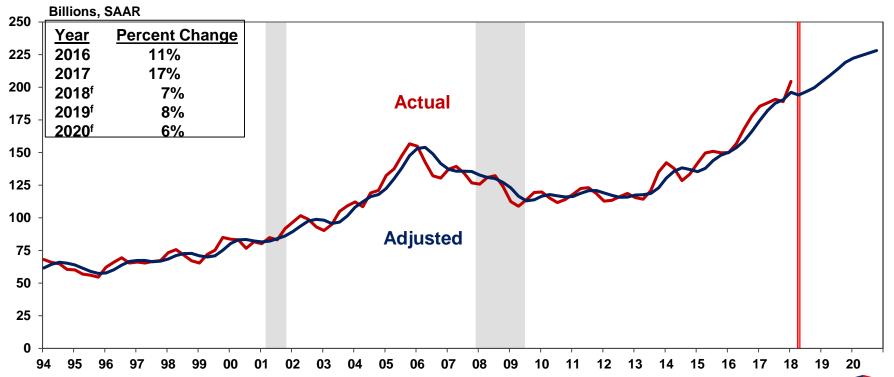


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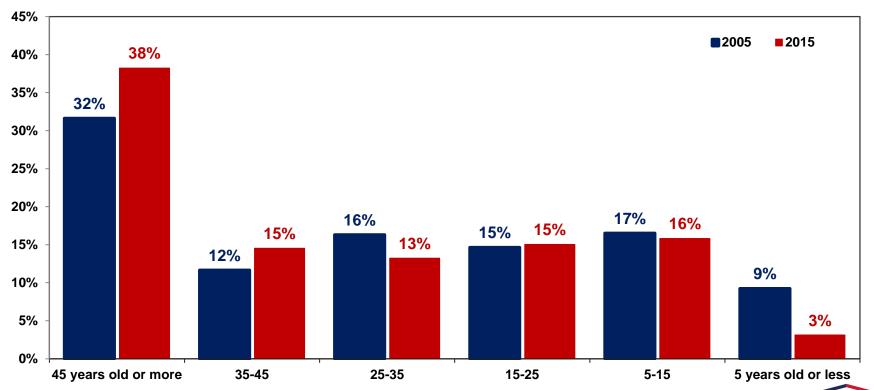
### Residential Remodeling Strong market conditions



Source: Census Bureau and NAHB forecast.



## The Age of the Housing Stock Typical home is almost 40 years old





# Thank you

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