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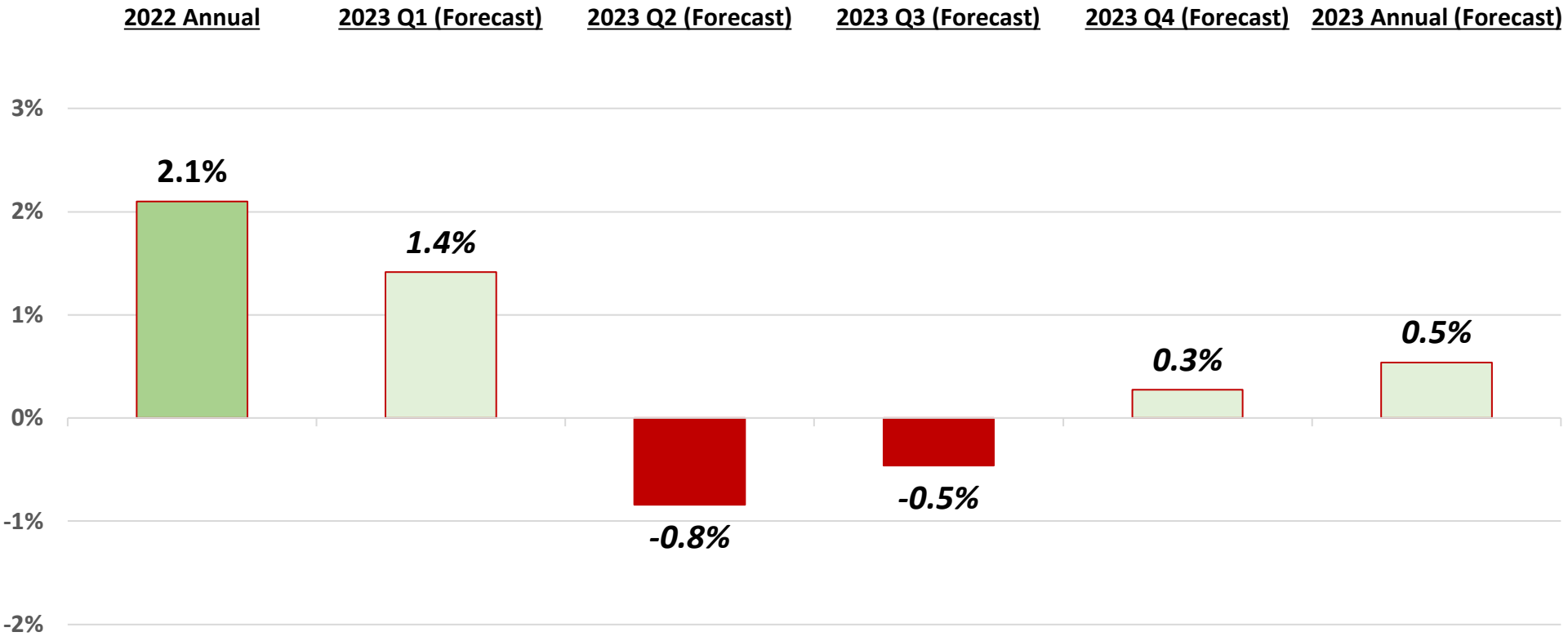
# Current Economic Conditions



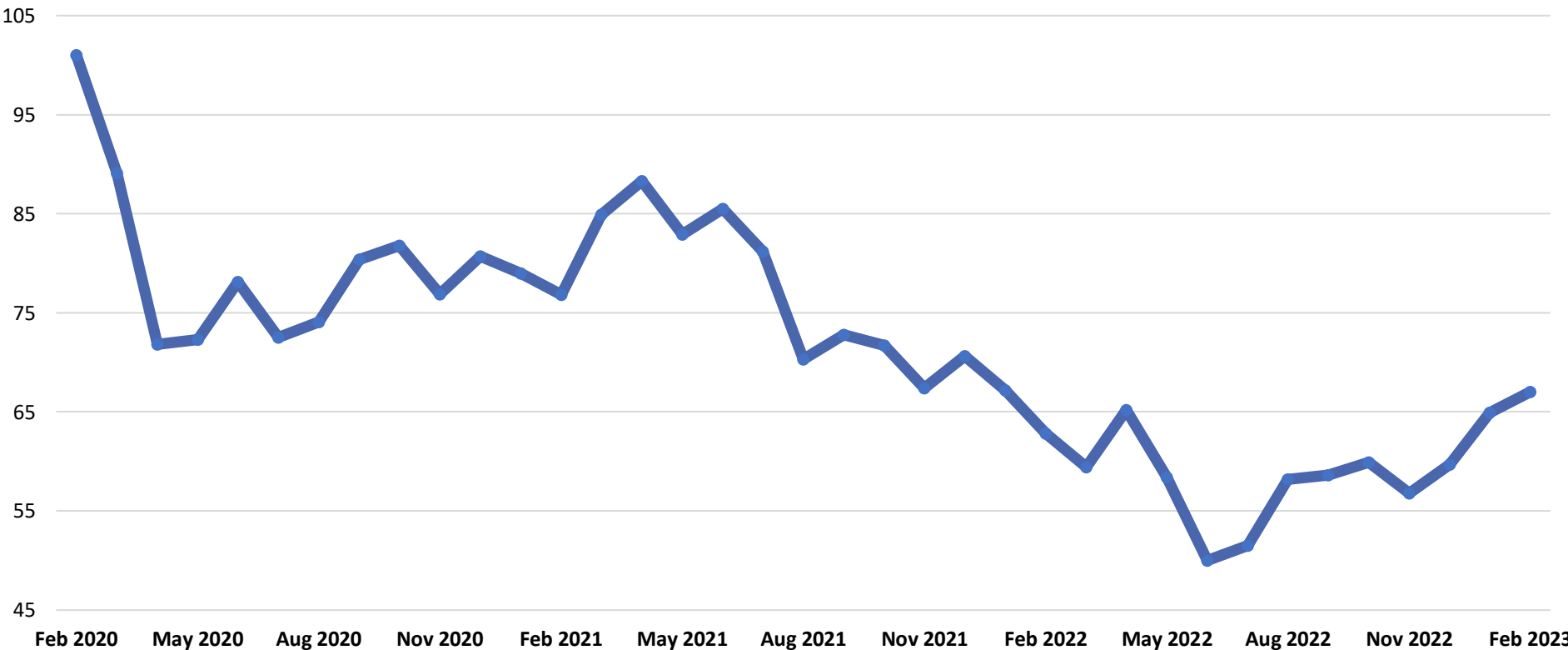
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# Economy Stronger in Q1 than Anticipated, still a 65% Chance of a Mild Recession in Mid-2023



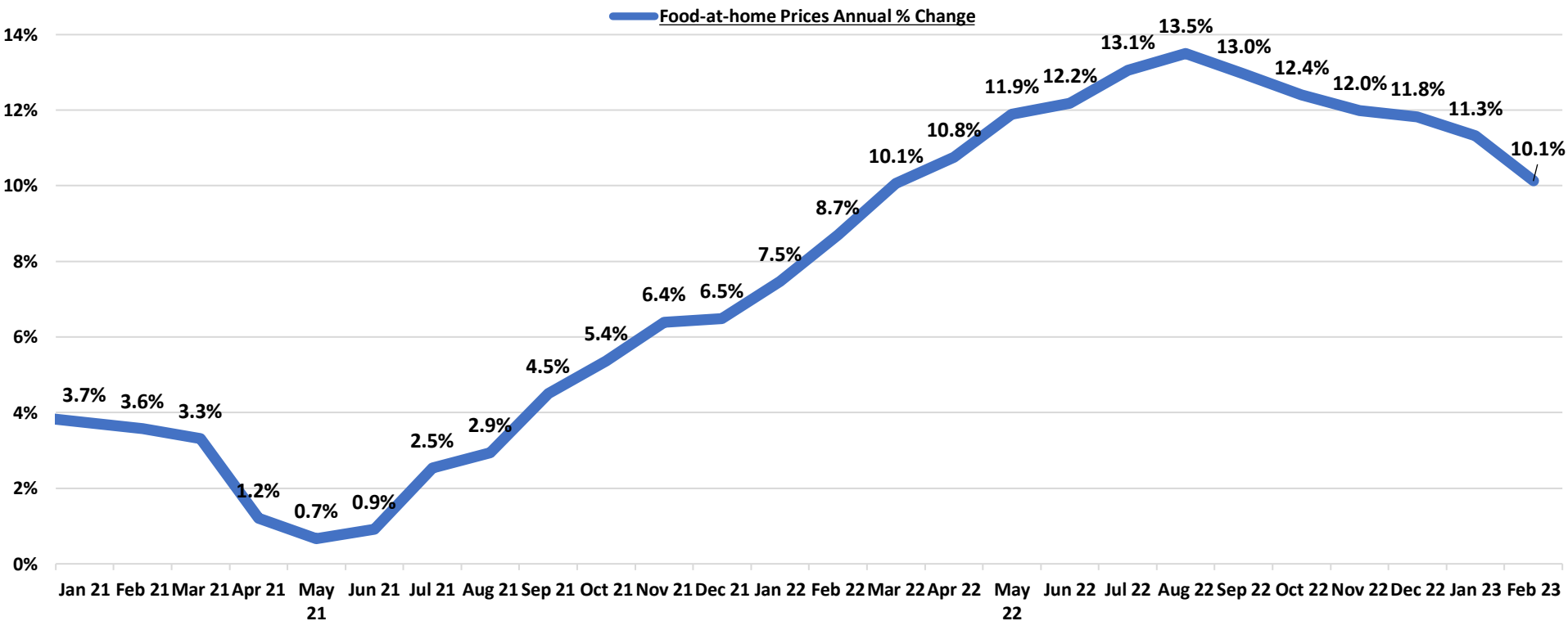
# Consumer Sentiment Up in February – But Still Historically Low



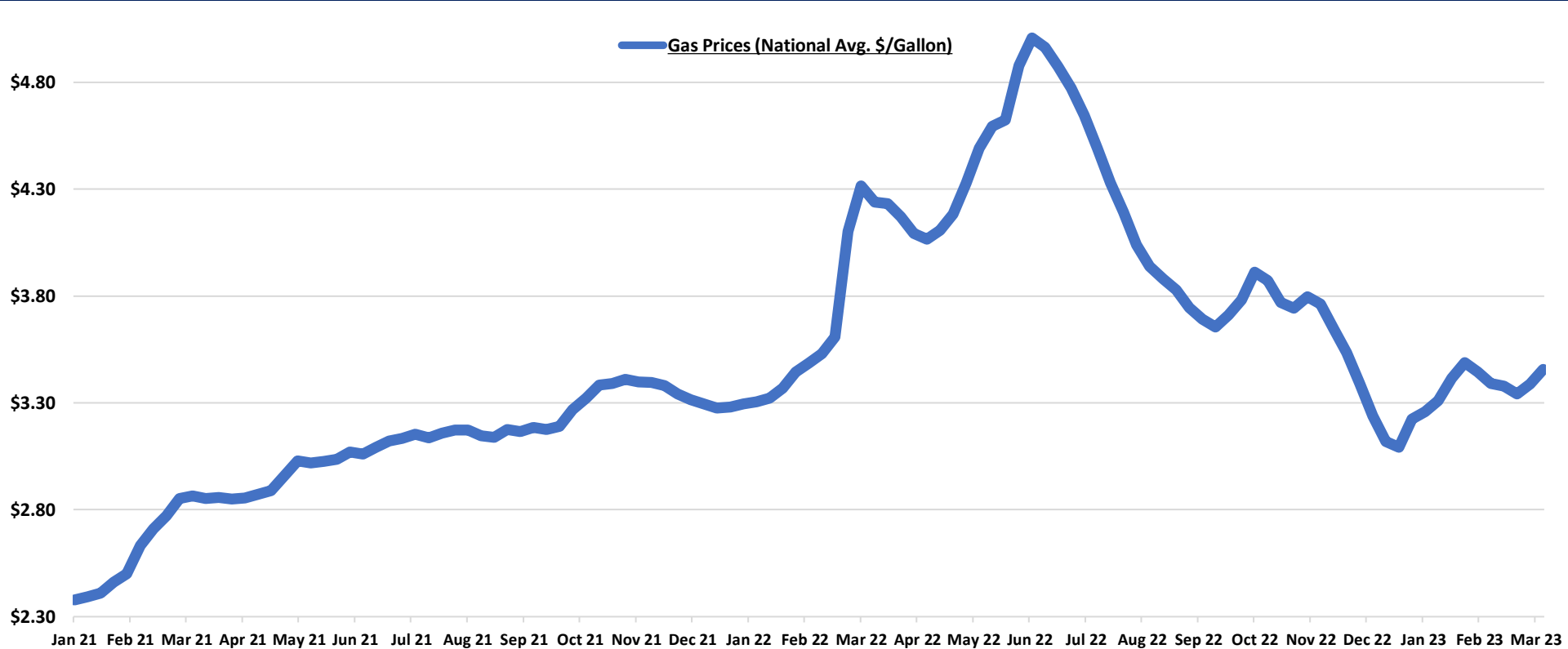
# Food-At-Home Prices Up More than 11% Annually in January



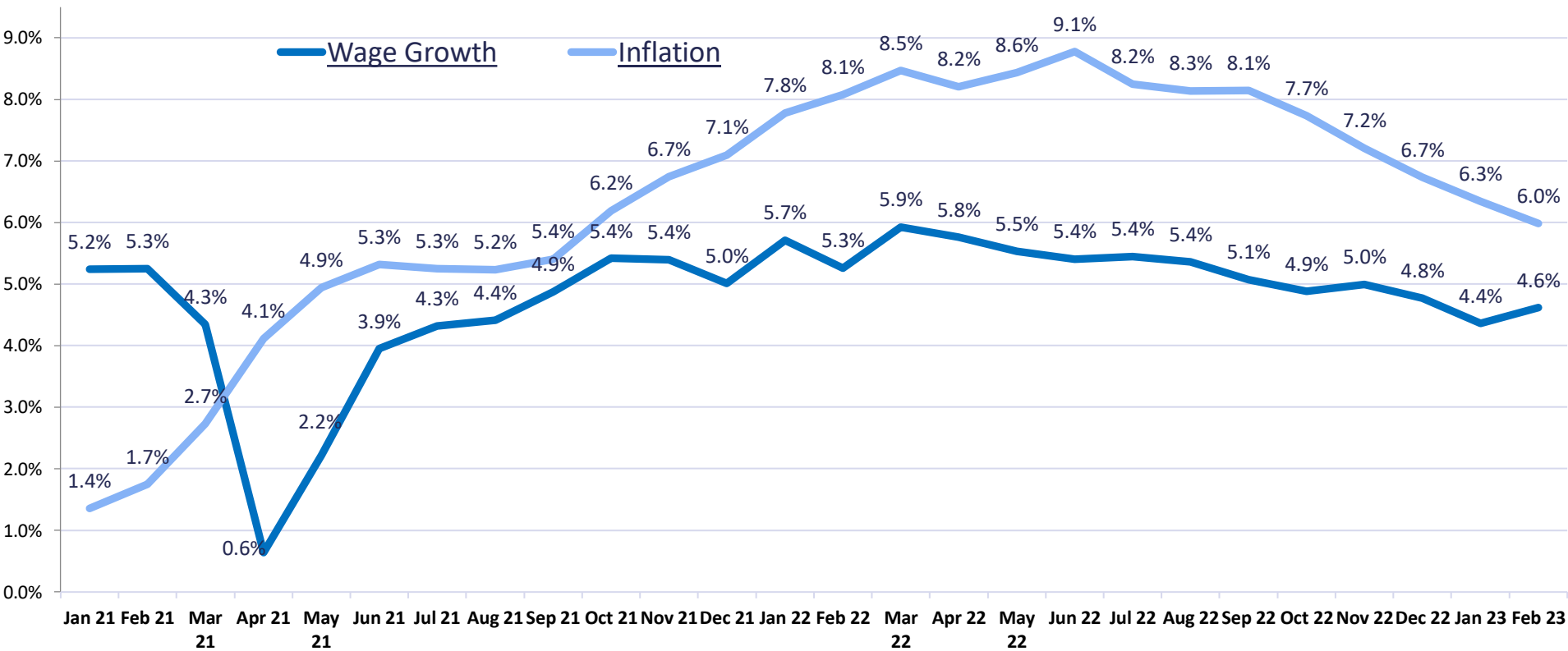
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# Gas Prices Down from Recent Record Highs (\$3.46/Gallon as of March 13)



# Wages are Growing Strongly — But Inflation is Outpacing

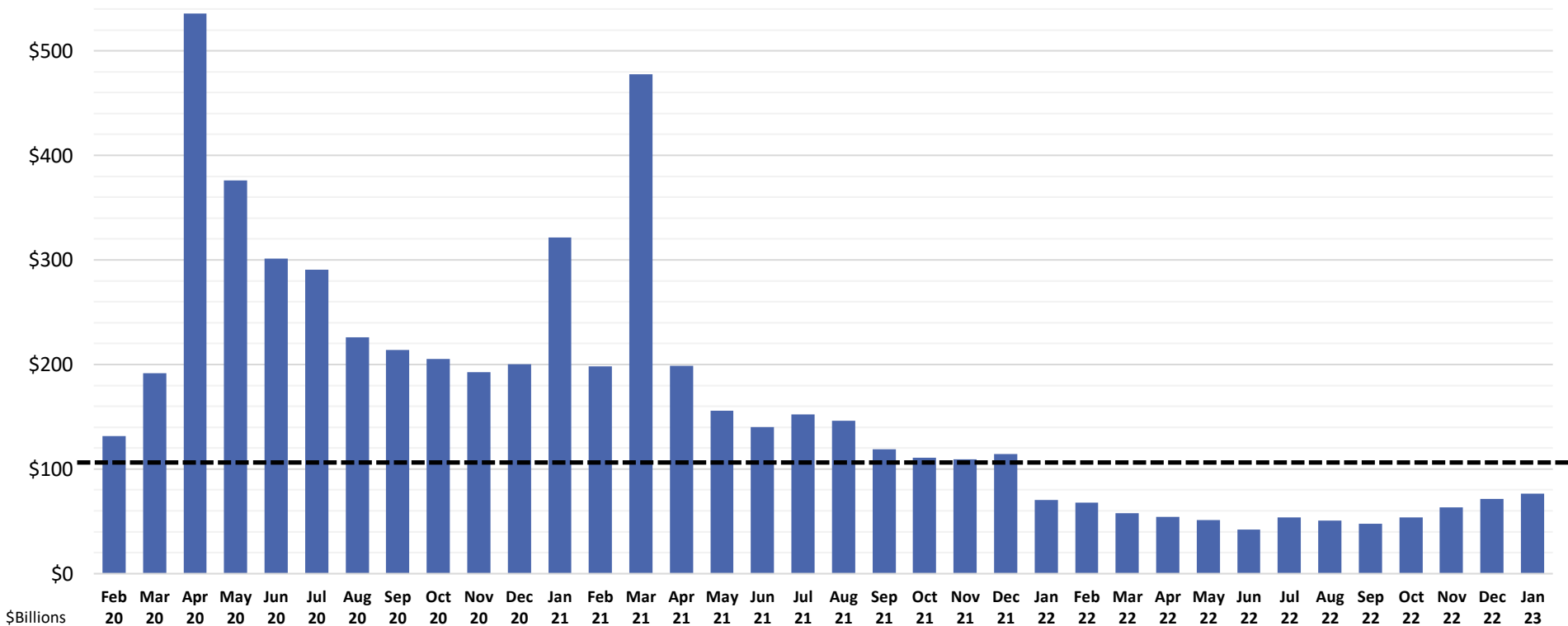




# Savings Coming Down After Pandemic Explosion



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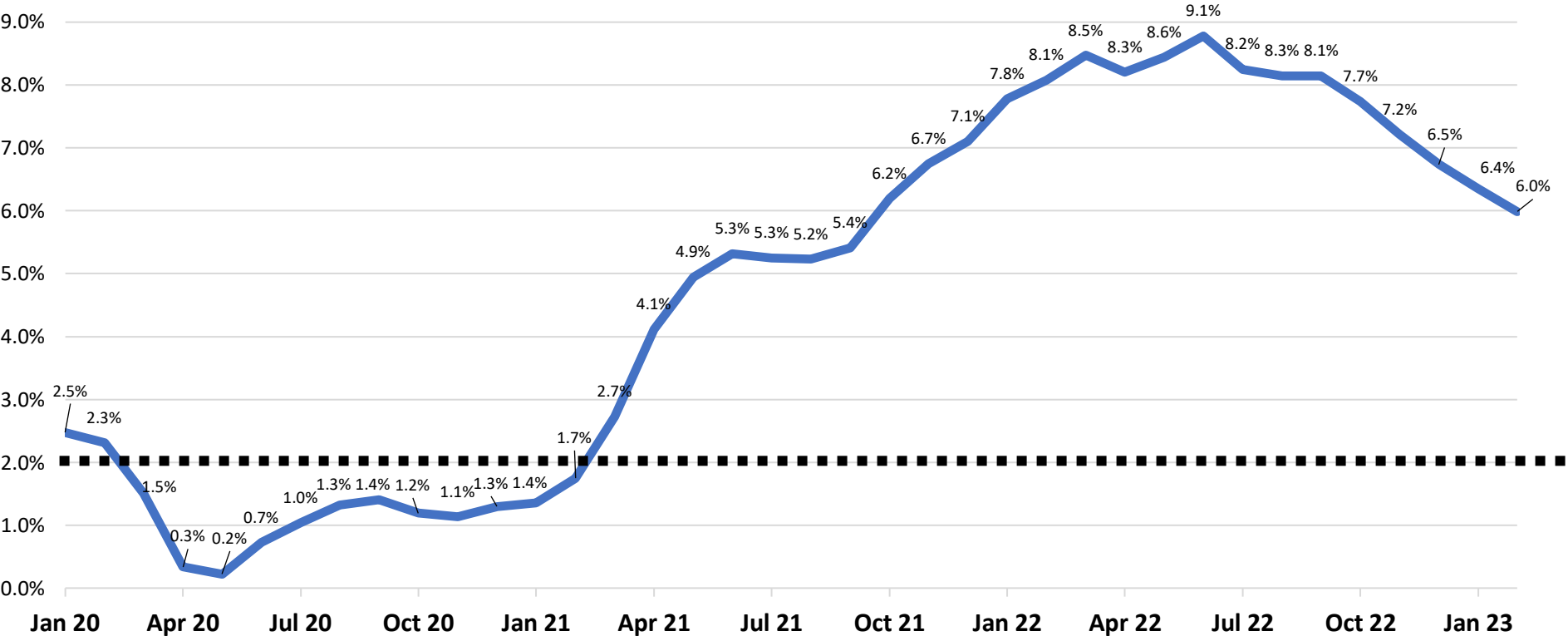
# Inflation



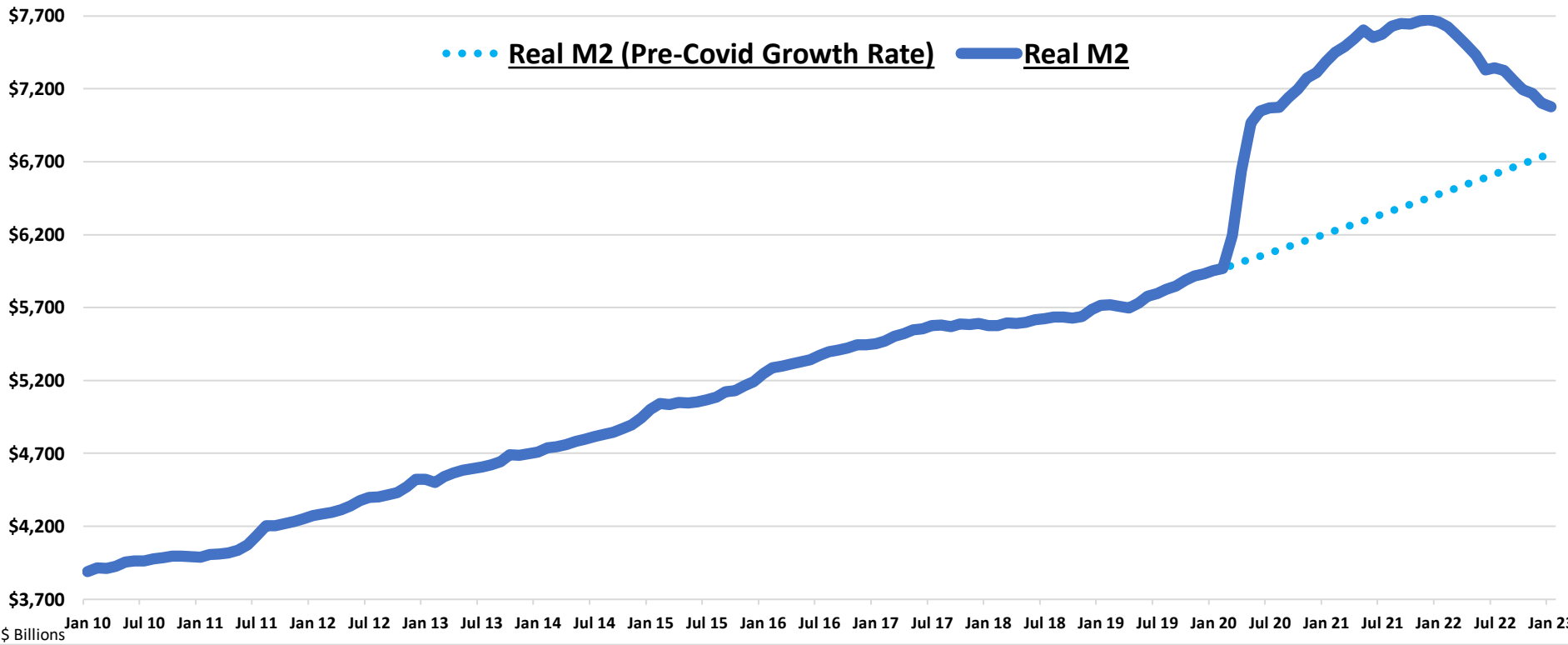
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# Consumer Prices Rose 6% Annually in February—Inflation Coming Down Slowly



# Money Supply Returning Back to Trend

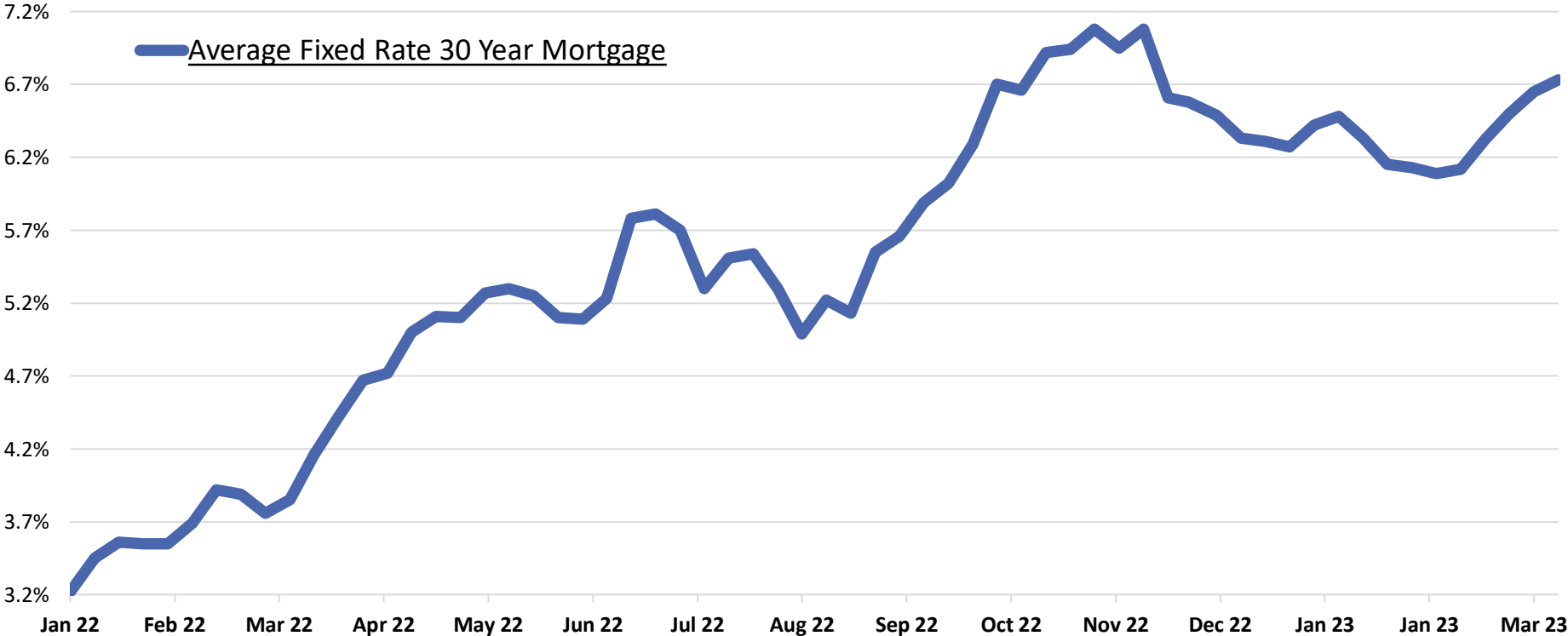


# Interest Rates

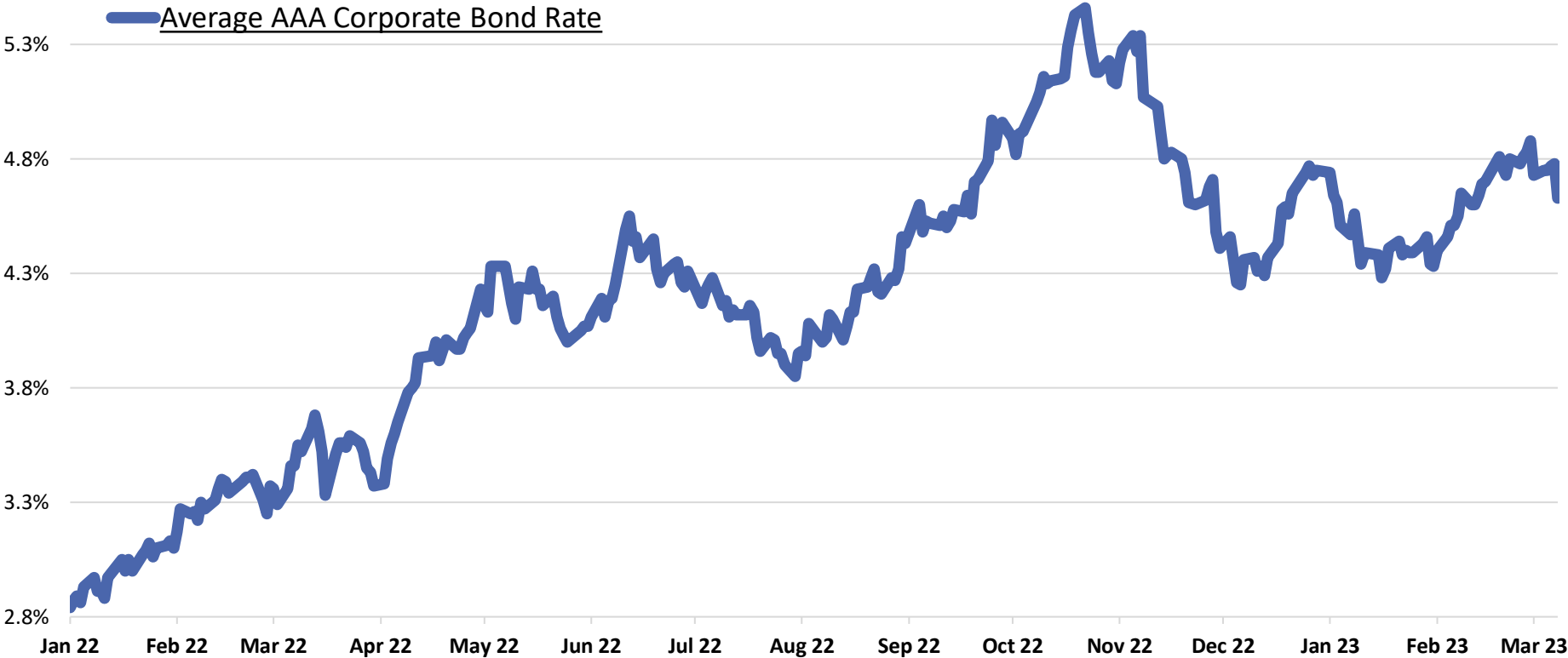


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# Average 30 Year Fixed Mortgage Rate Rose Rapidly, Now Settling (6.7% as of 3/9/23)



# Borrowing Costs for Businesses Climbed Quickly in 2022 – Settling Now



# Inflation Expectations Remain “Anchored” but have Risen Sharply Lately





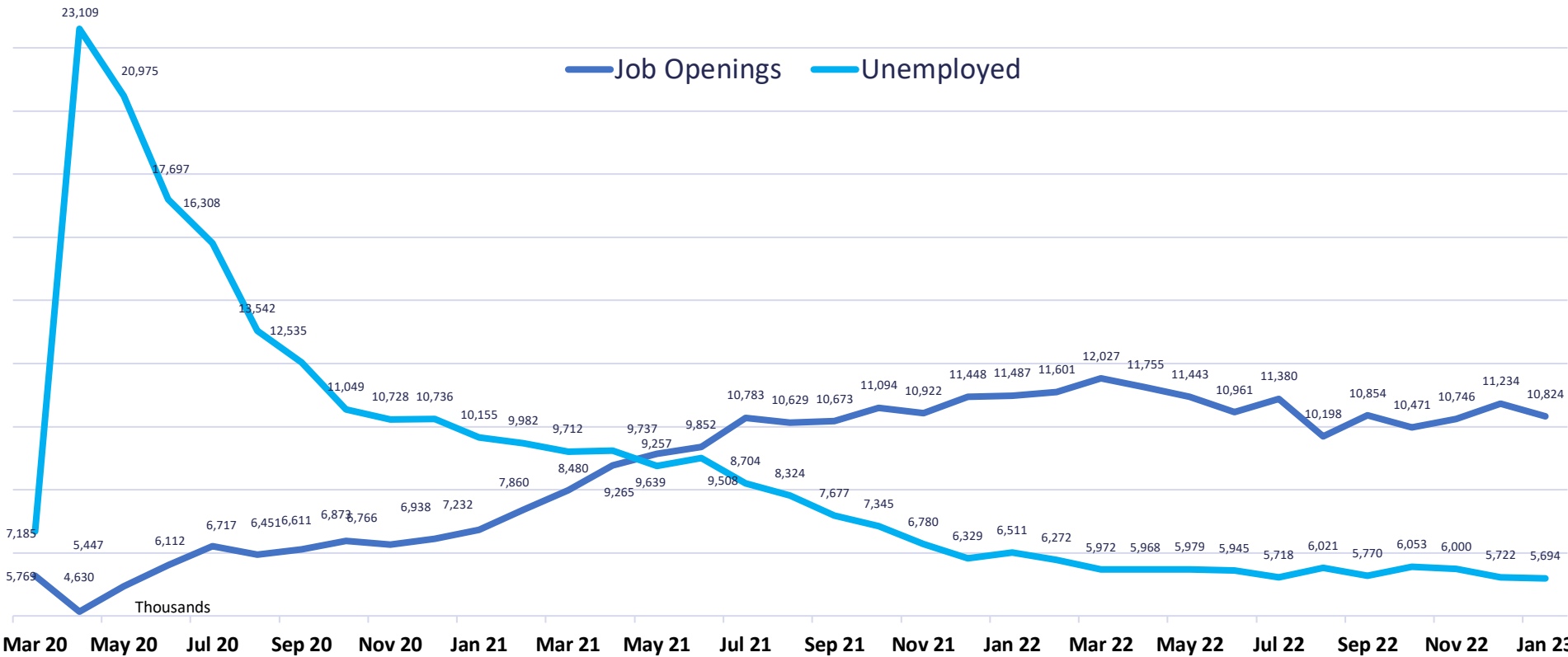
# Job Market



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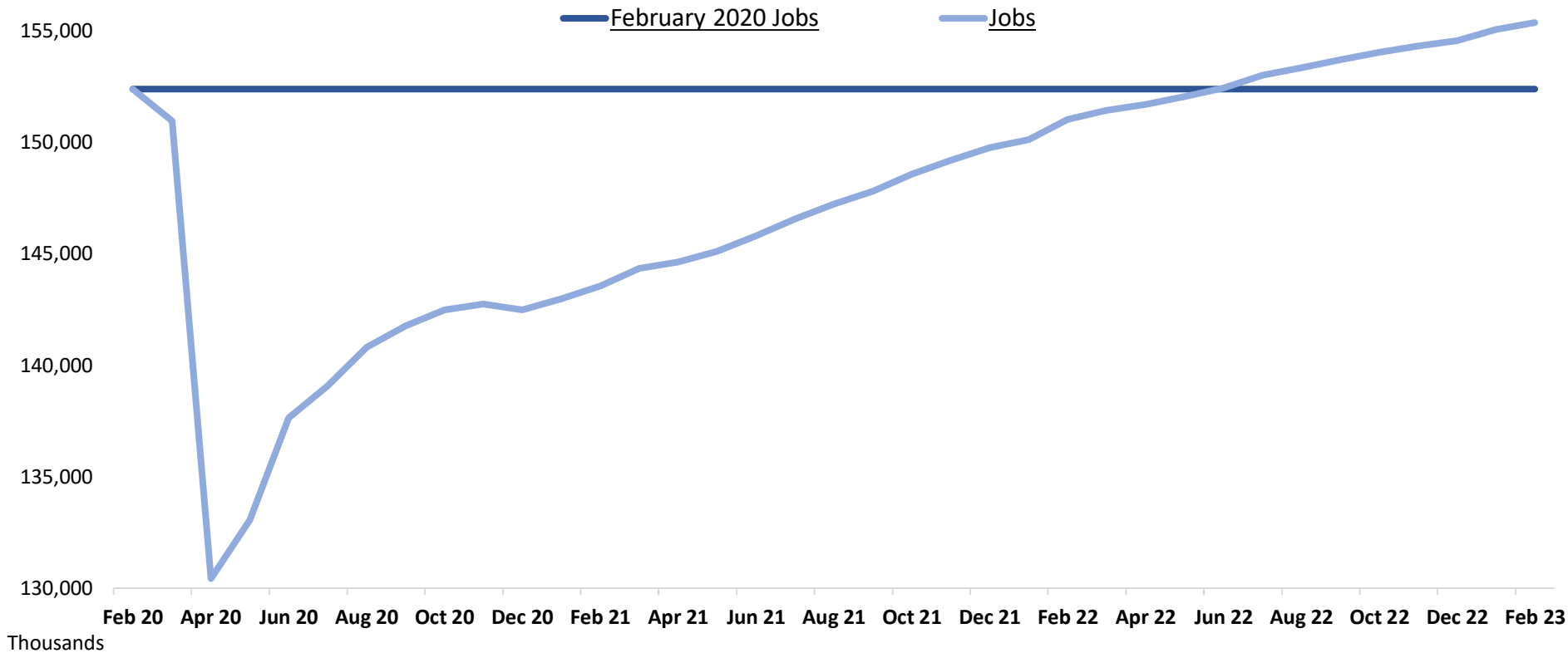
# 5.1 Million More Job Openings than Unemployed Workers



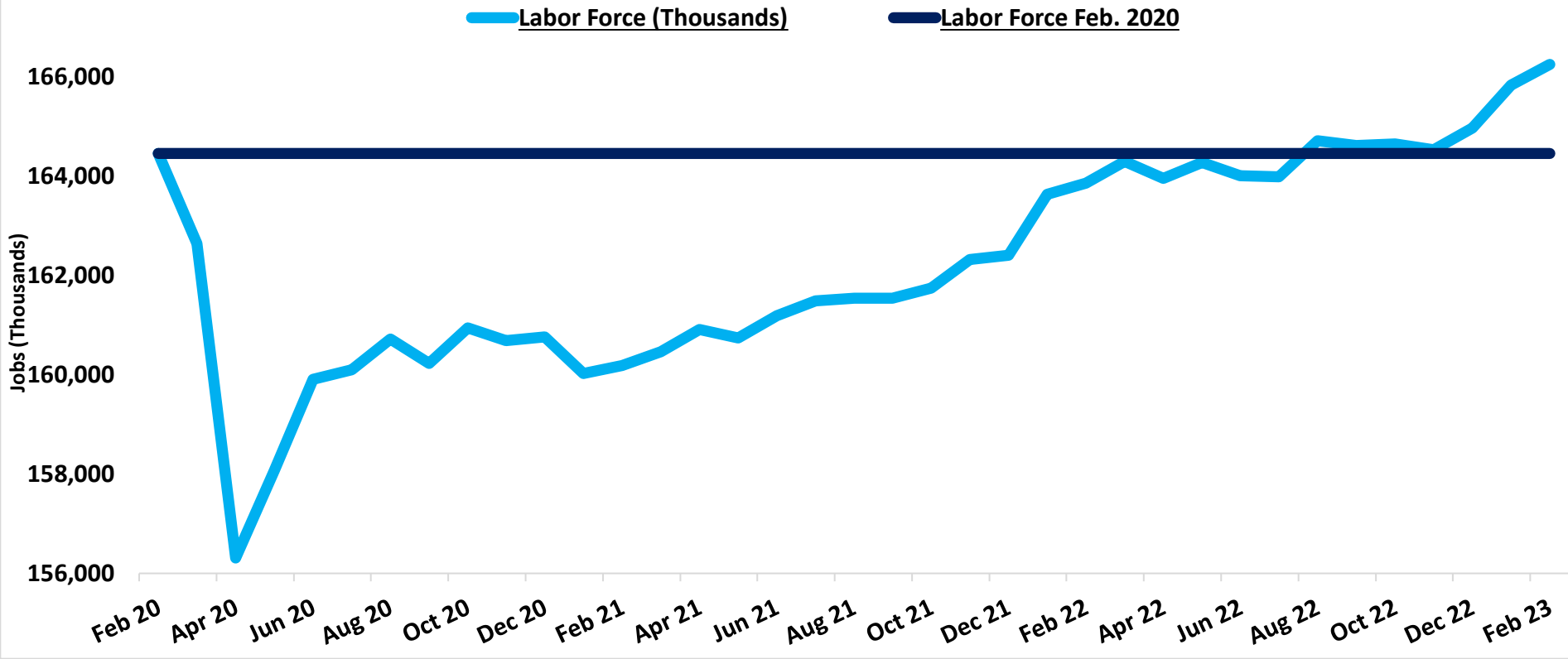
# The Economy Added 311,000 Jobs in February — The COVID Gap is Long Gone



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# Labor Force Larger than Pre-COVID – Finally, but still missing 2.46 million workers



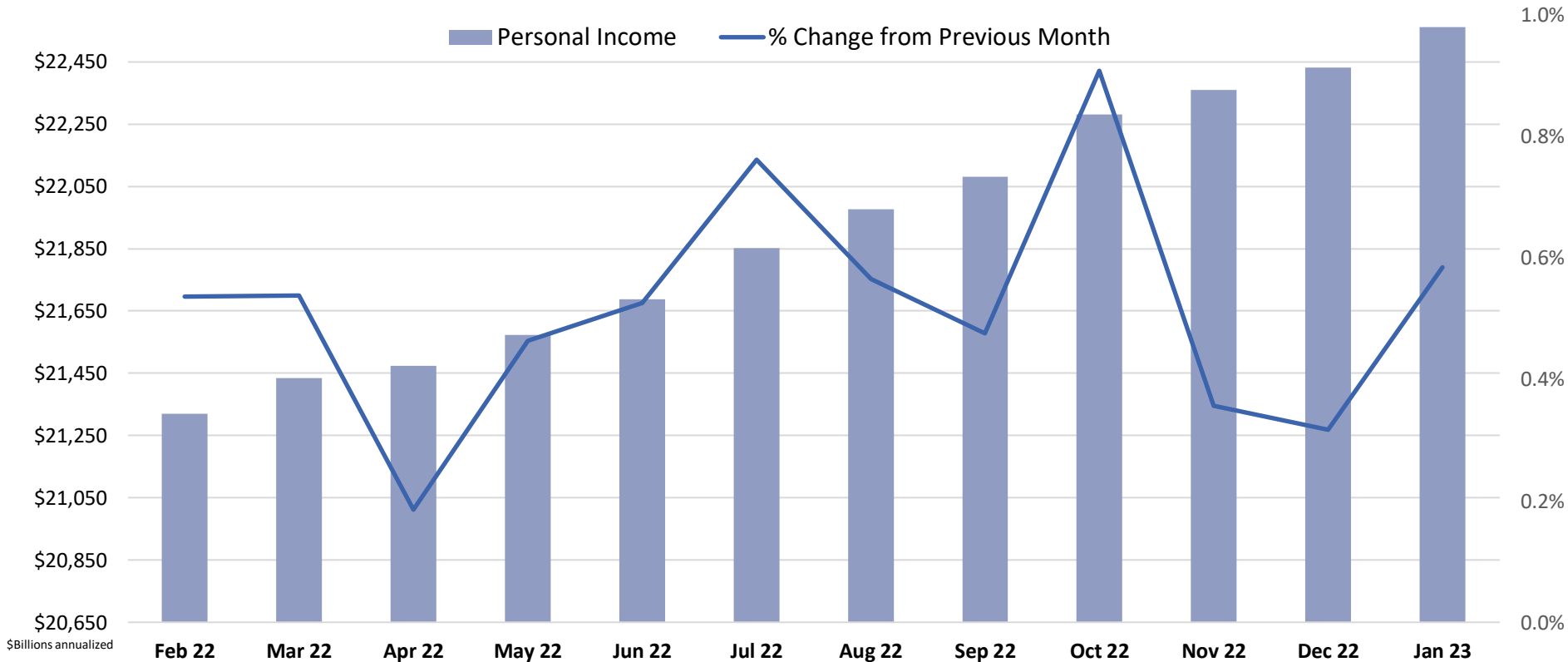
# Income, Savings, and Consumption



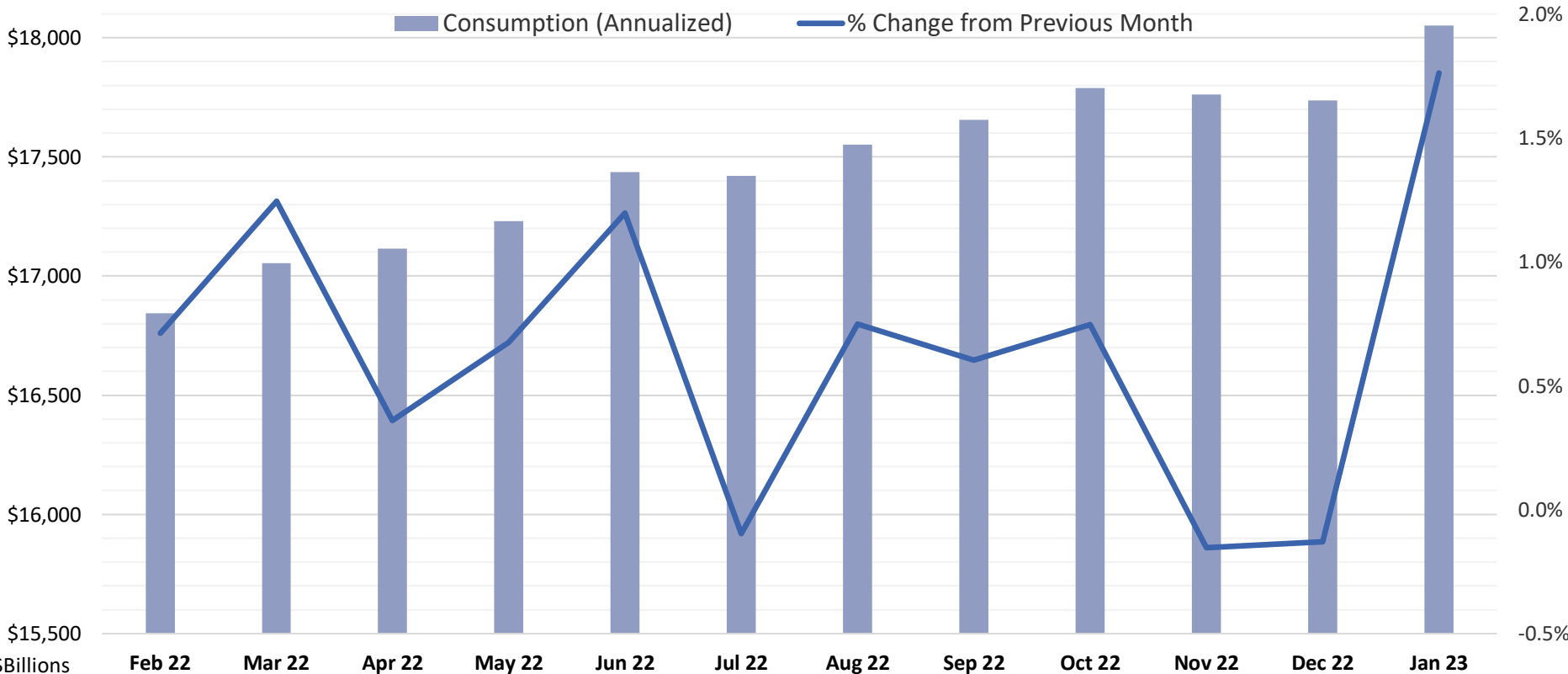
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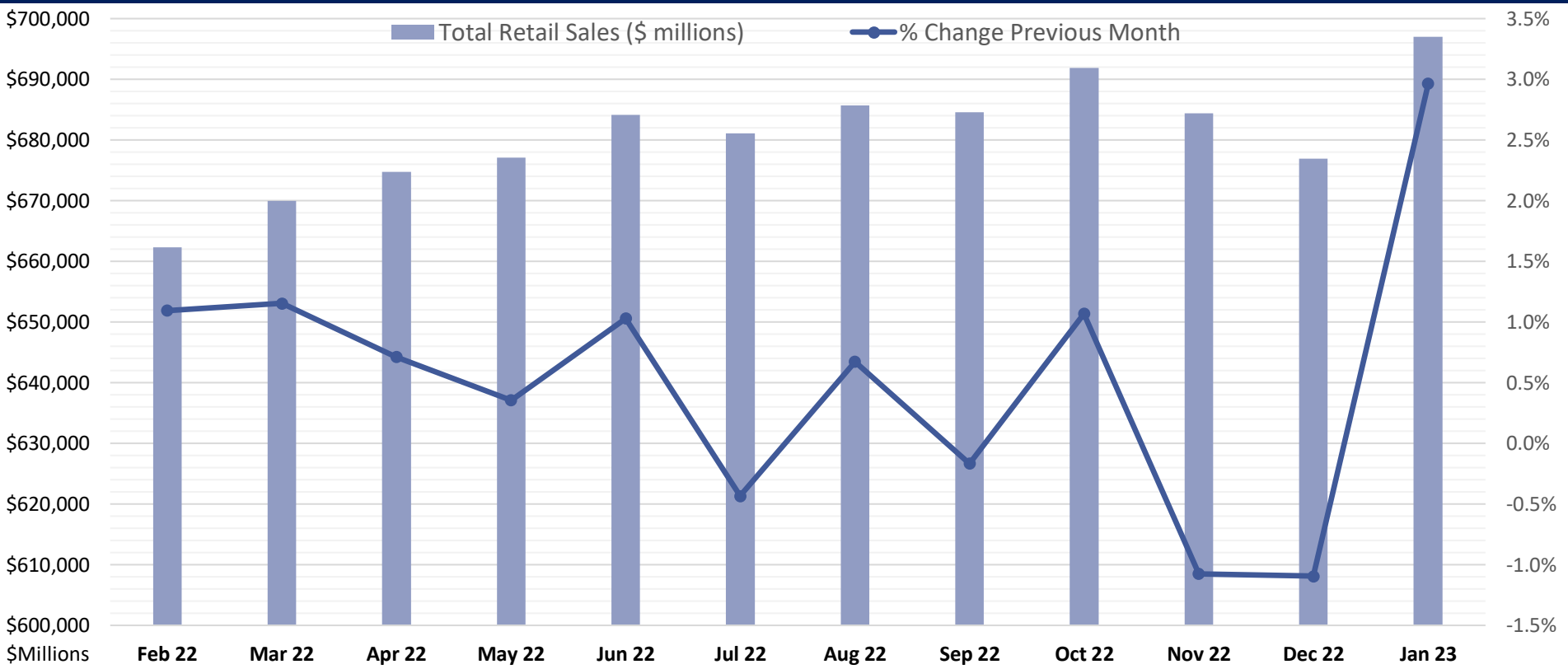
# Income Rose Same as Inflation in January — Salaries and Wages More



# Consumption Rose Strongly in January



# Retail Sales Up Big in January – Consumers are Resilient

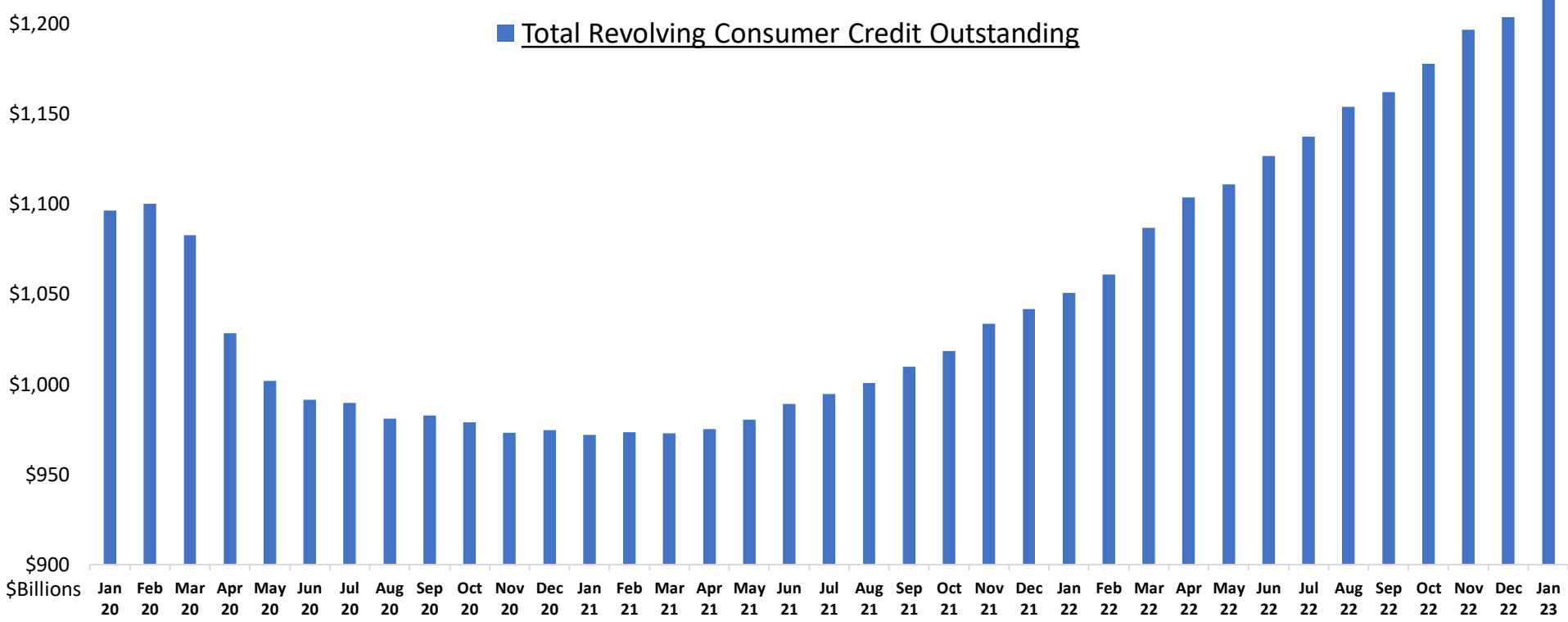




# Consumers are Carrying Larger Credit Card Balances to Keep Up with Inflation – Growth Slowing



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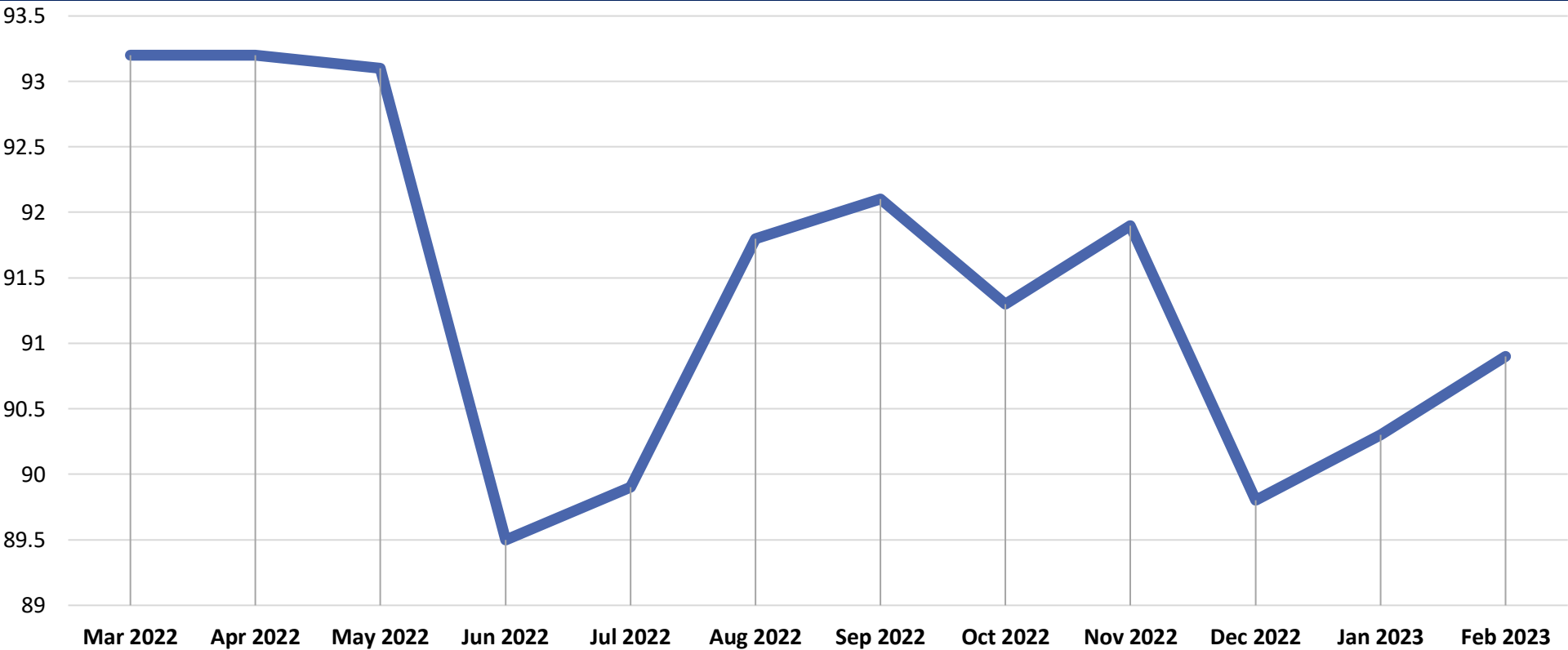
# Business Surveys Data



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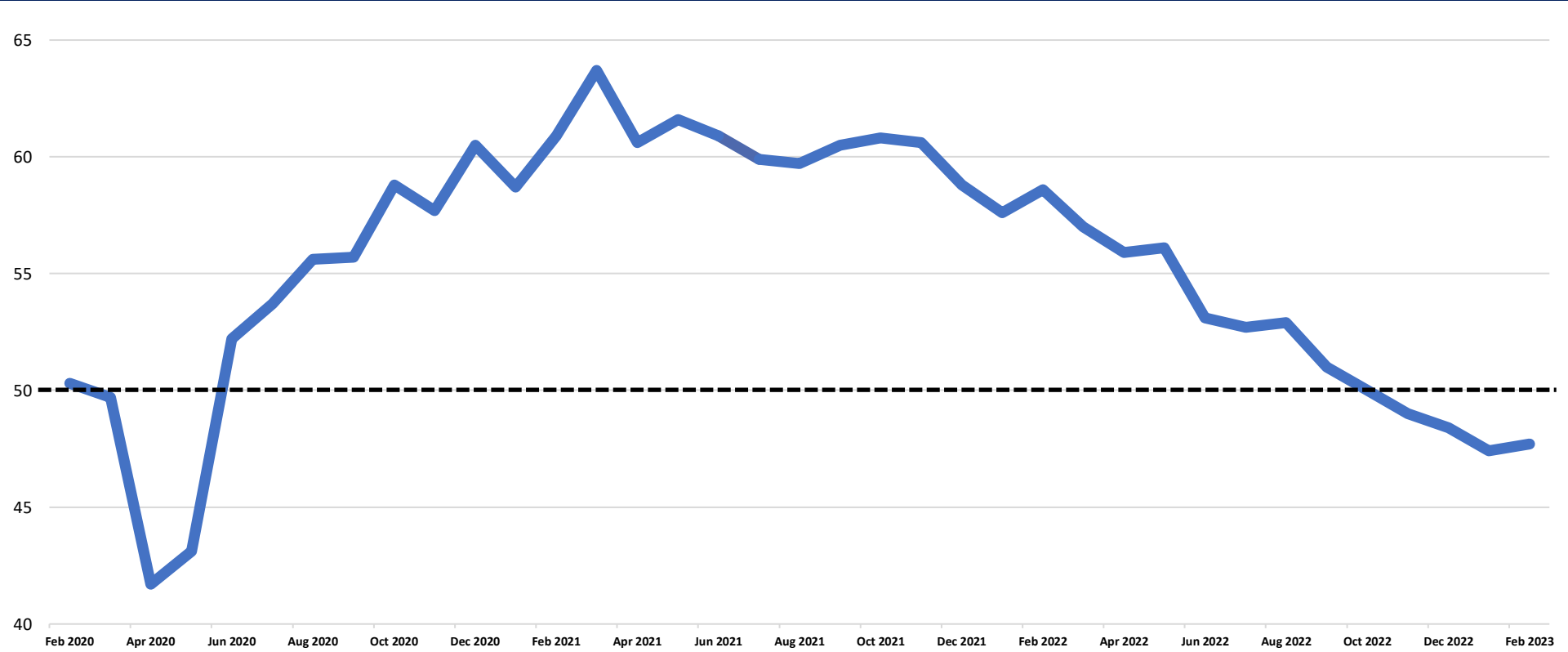
# Small Business Optimism Up Slightly in February



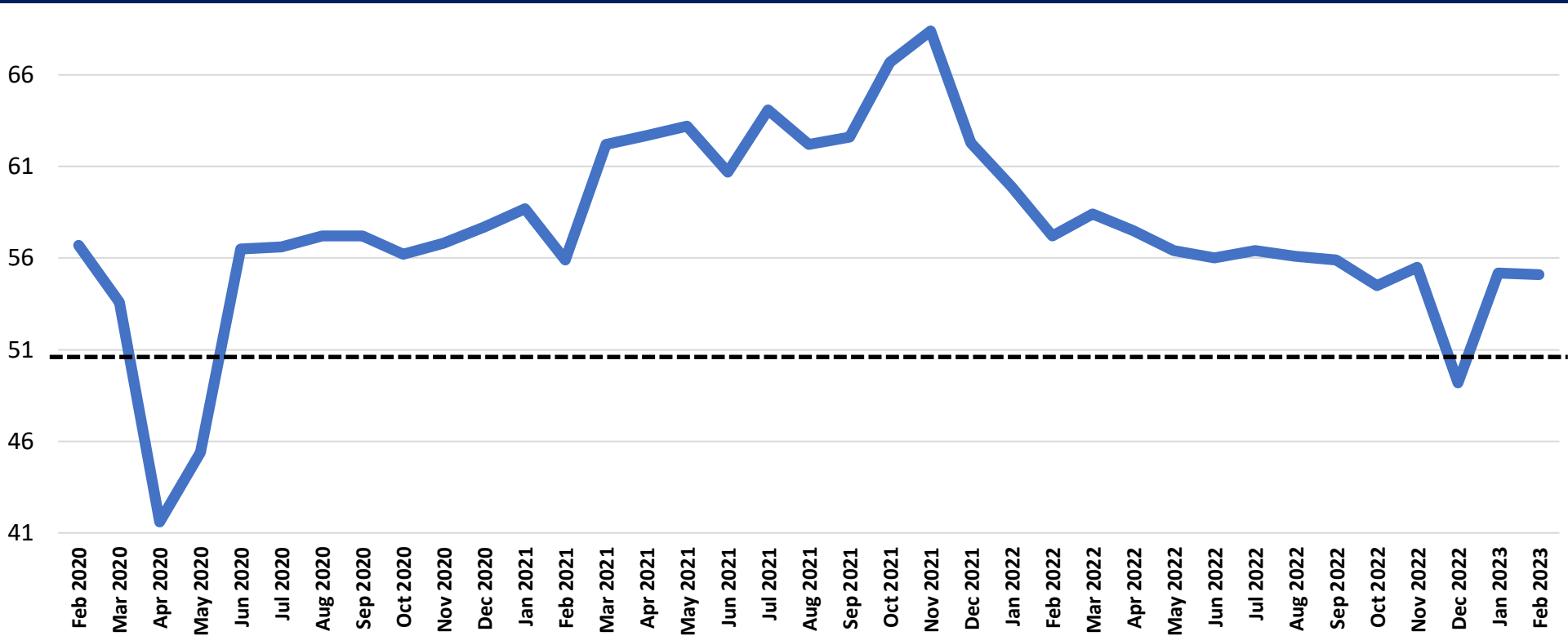
# Manufacturing Sentiment Firmly in Contraction Area



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# Services Optimism Steady in February – Well into Growth Territory



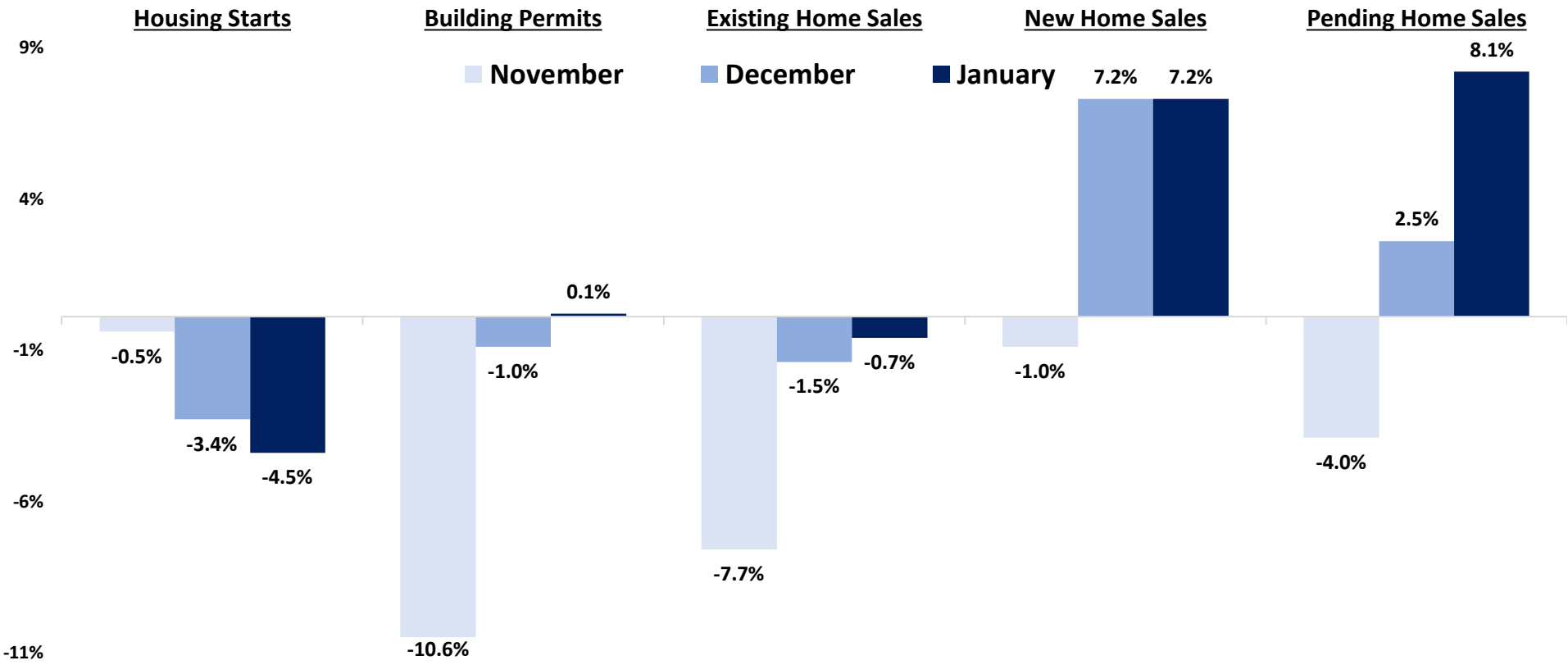
# Housing



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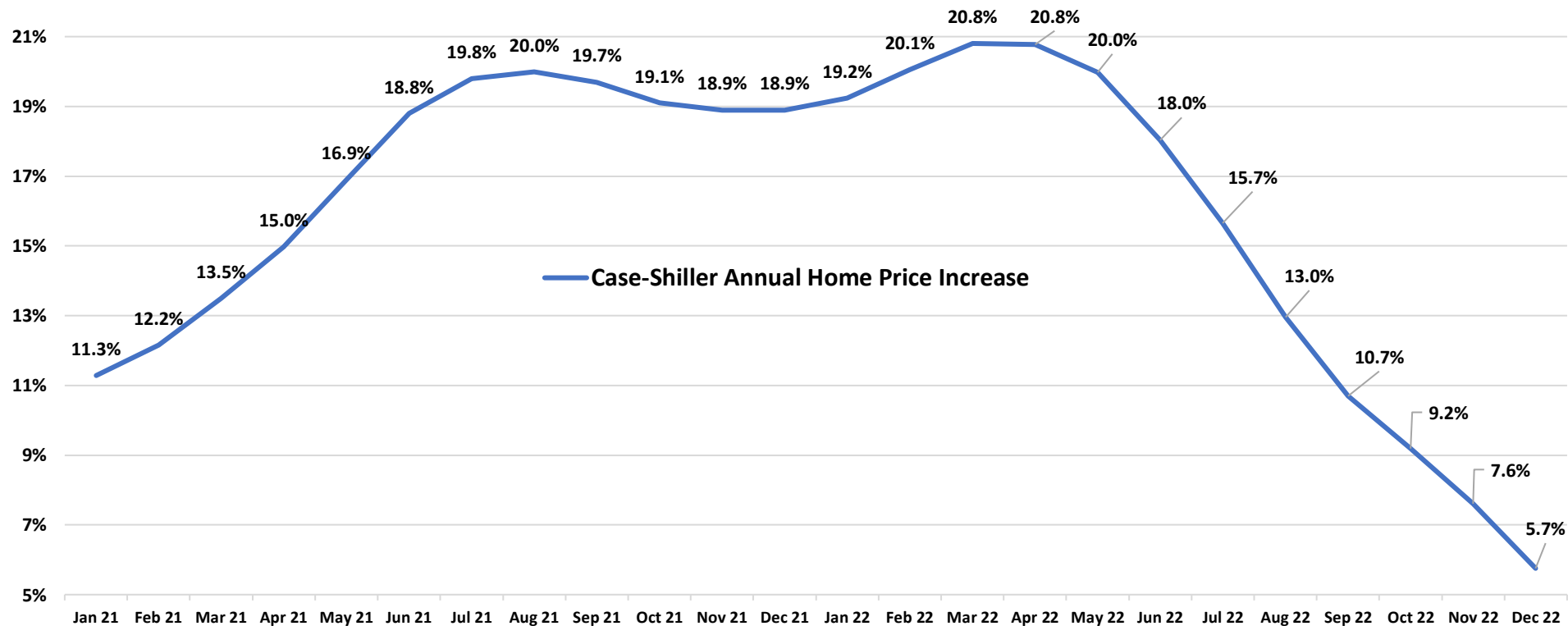
# Housing Market Stabilizing Somewhat



# Home Prices Still Rising as of December — But Pressure Easing Rapidly



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