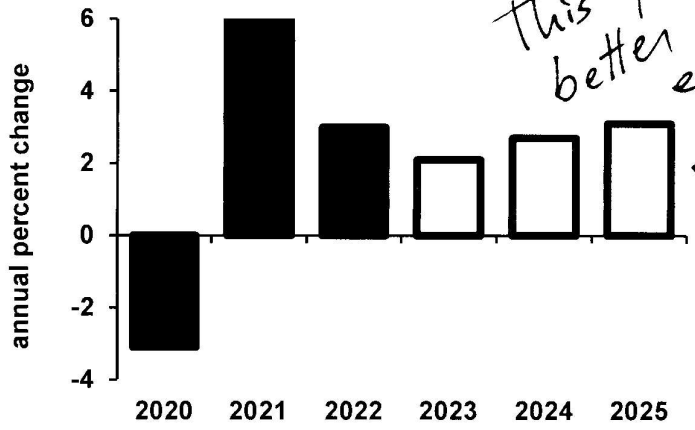
World Economic Growth

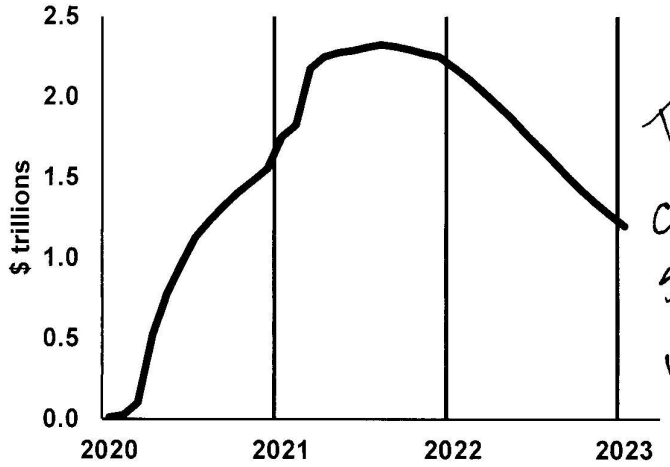
FocusEconomics consensus



This year looks better than I expected a few months ago

Excess Savings

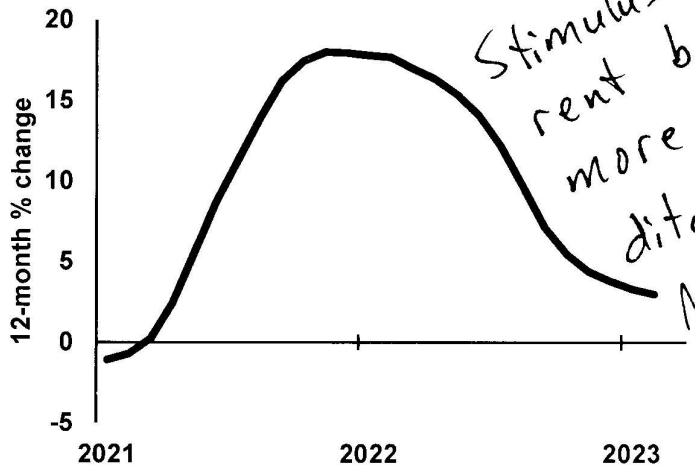
above normal trend



This will cushion spending when jobs decline

U.S. Apartment Rent Change

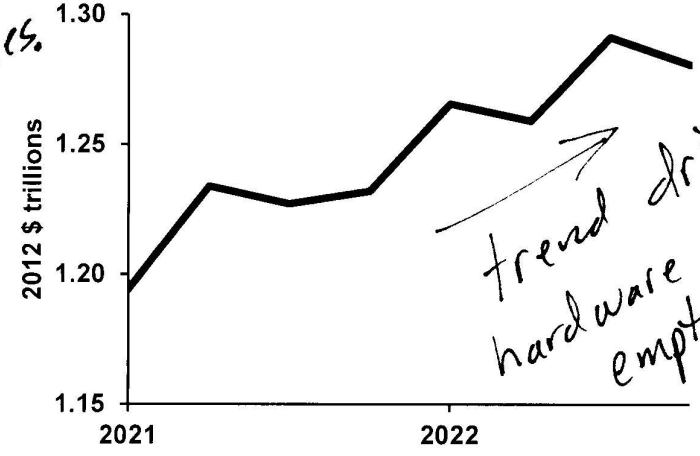
ApartmentList Overall



Stimulus led to rent boom as more folks ditched roommates. Now over

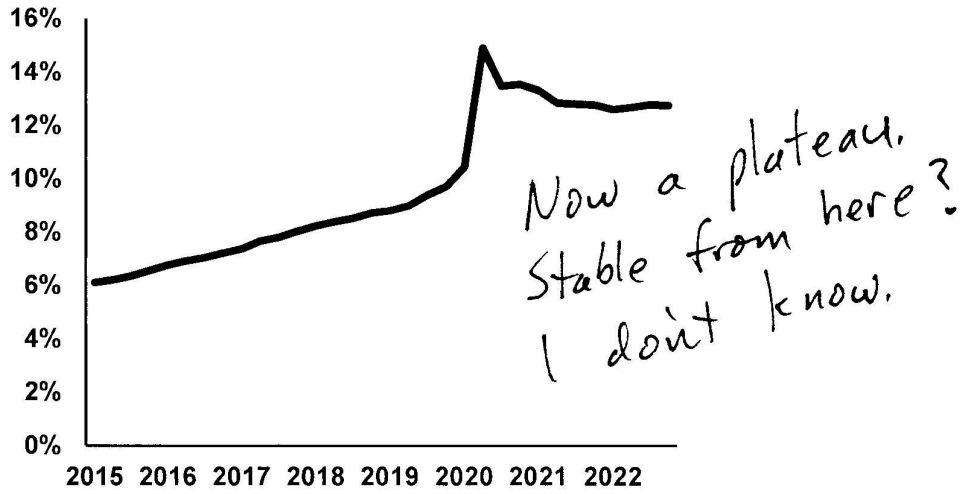
Business Spending

Equipment & Software



trend driven by hardware to fill empty labor positions

E-commerce Share of Retail



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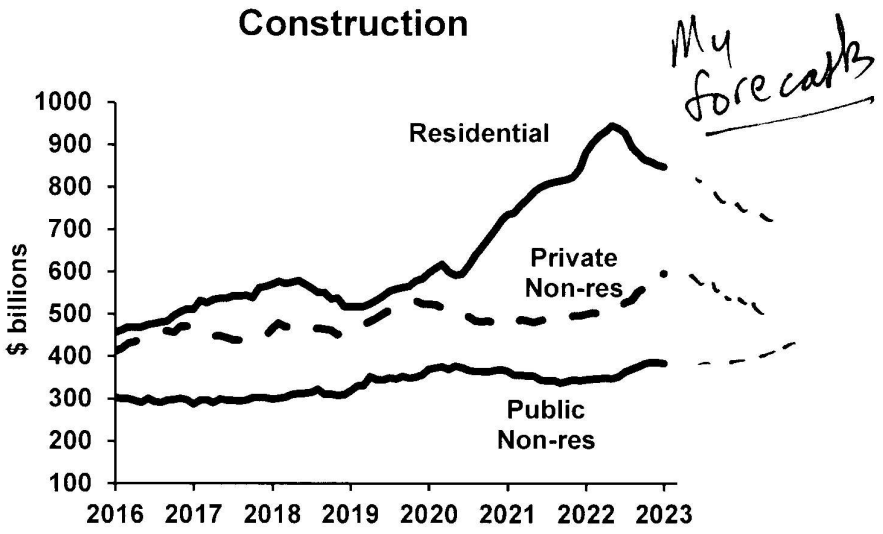
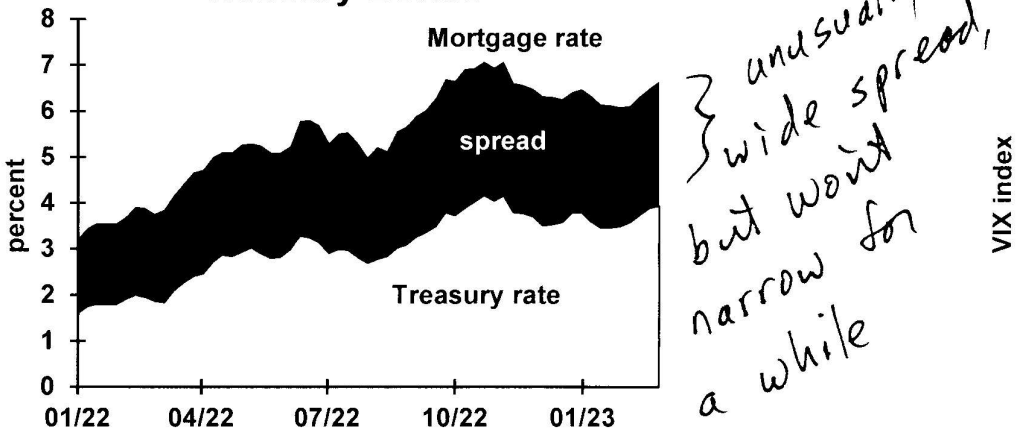
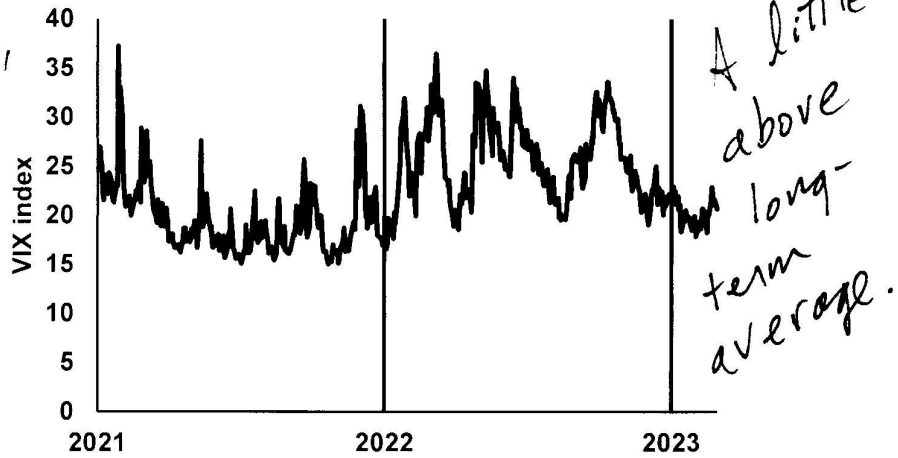


Mortgage Rates & Treasury Bonds



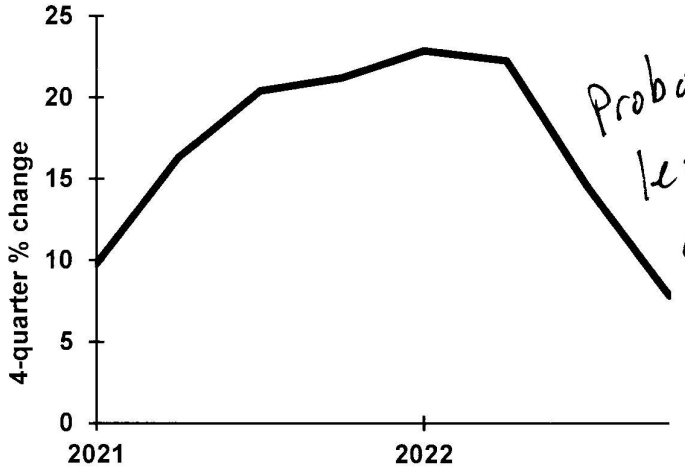
Stock Market Volatility



Oregon Home Appreciation

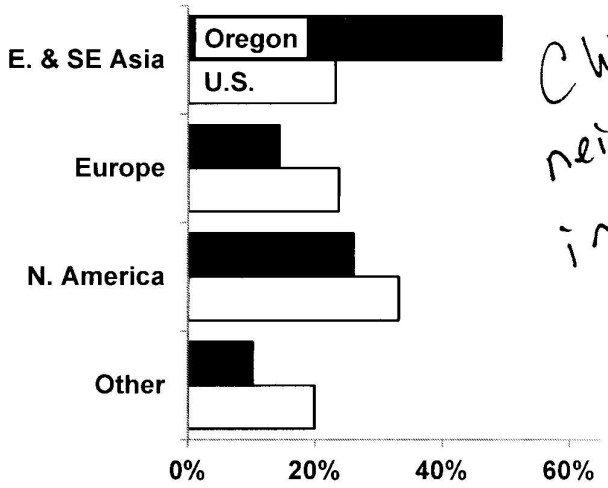
Prices edging down last few months.

Wash. Home Appreciation



Probably will level off around zero.

Composition of Oregon Exports



China & its neighbors very important.

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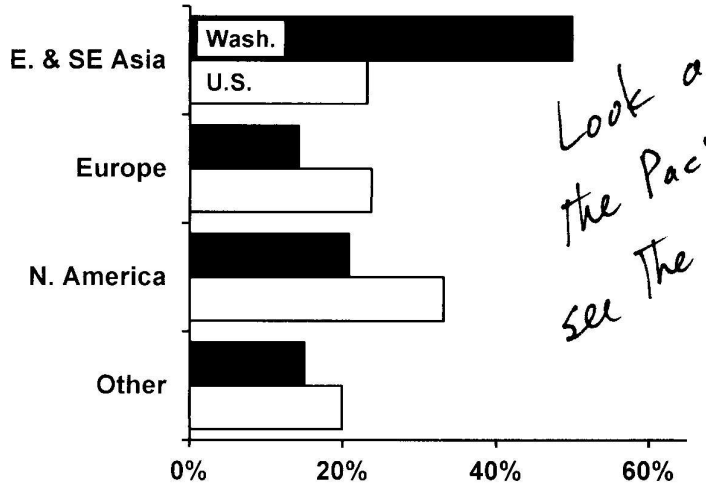

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