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What You Should Learn



How forecast will shape your development plan



Why need to look at consumers across demographics income geography

Where uncertainty suggests bolstering franchisee operations



Why need to take steps to enhance capital access





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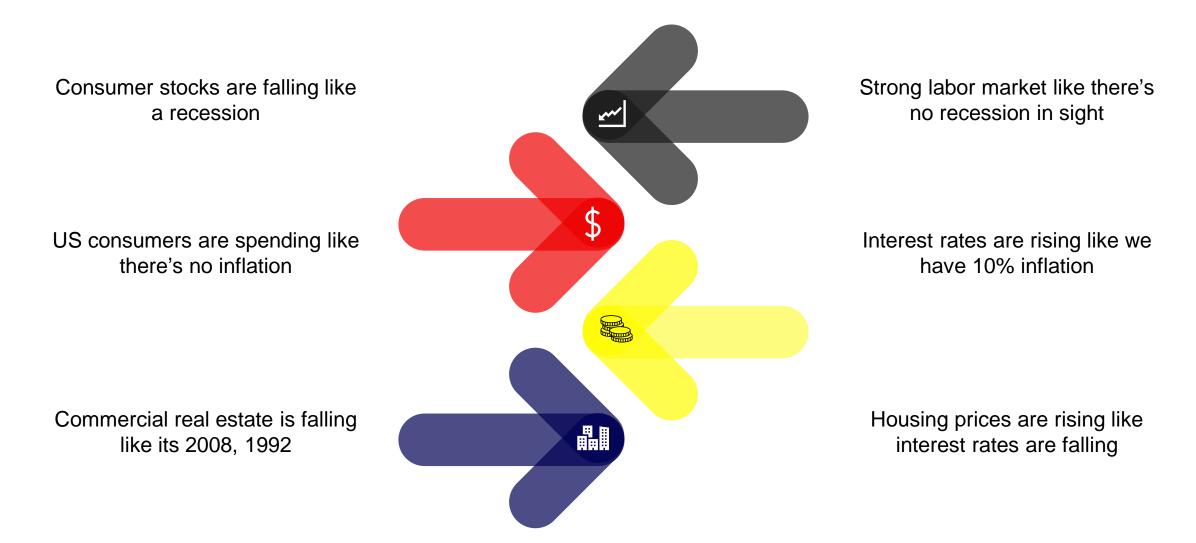


Navigating irrational economy with rational goals





Headline numbers are sending all sorts of mixed signals

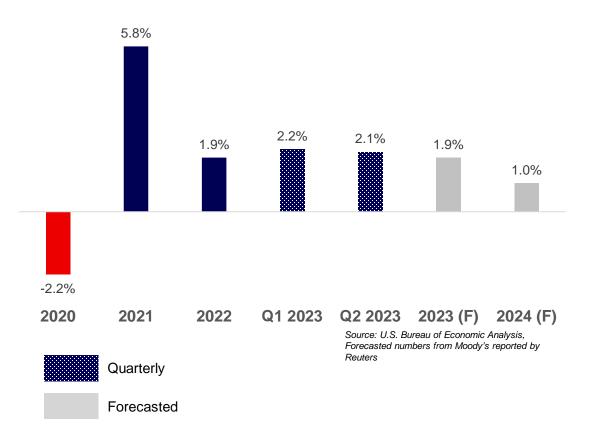




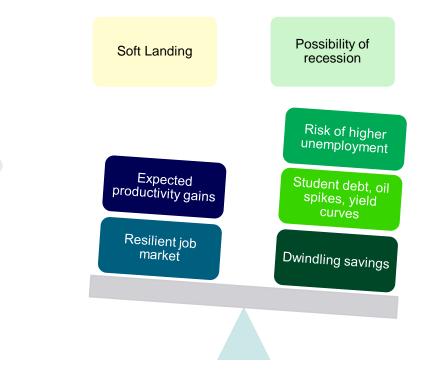


Recession or Soft Landing on the Horizon?

The U.S. economy continues to grow at a modest pace, defying predictions that a recession would emerge in 2023



The probability is tilted more towards U.S. entering a recession in 2024 than soft landing

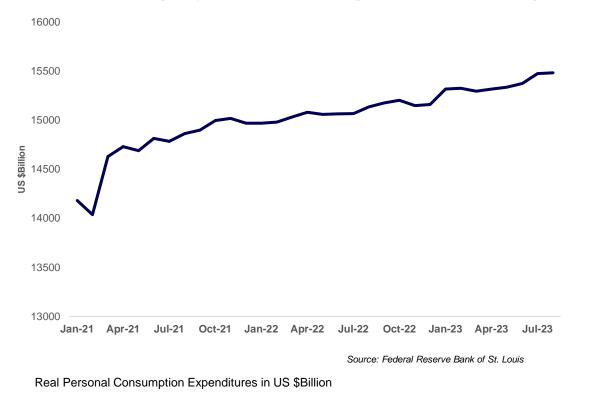


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Consumer spending remains steady and supports economic Franchis growth in 2023, however tailwinds of excess savings are fading

Consumer spending, major driver of economic growth, started witnessing slower growth in 2023







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Rising debt and delinquencies reduce 2024 consumer spending?

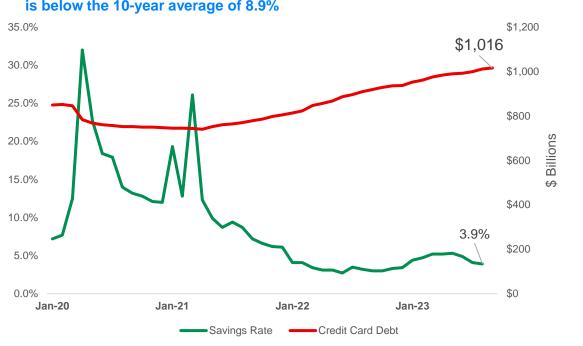
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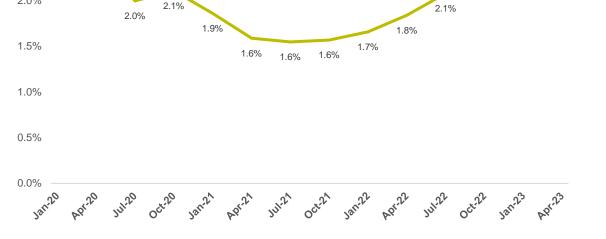
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2.1%



The credit card debt reached \$1 trillion in Aug-23, while savings rate of 3.9% is below the 10-year average of 8.9%



Credit-card delinguency rates have surged, notably among younger Americans

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

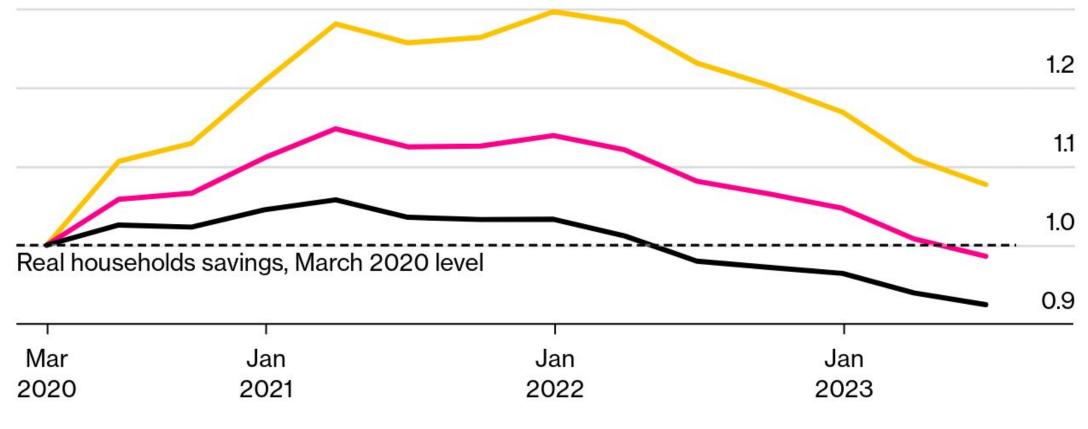
Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis



US Excess Savings Depleted for Bottom 80% of Households

Rapid accumulation and drawdown of household excess savings

Household Incomes: 0 to 40% / 40 to 80% / 80% plus



Source: Federal Reserve, Bloomberg calculations

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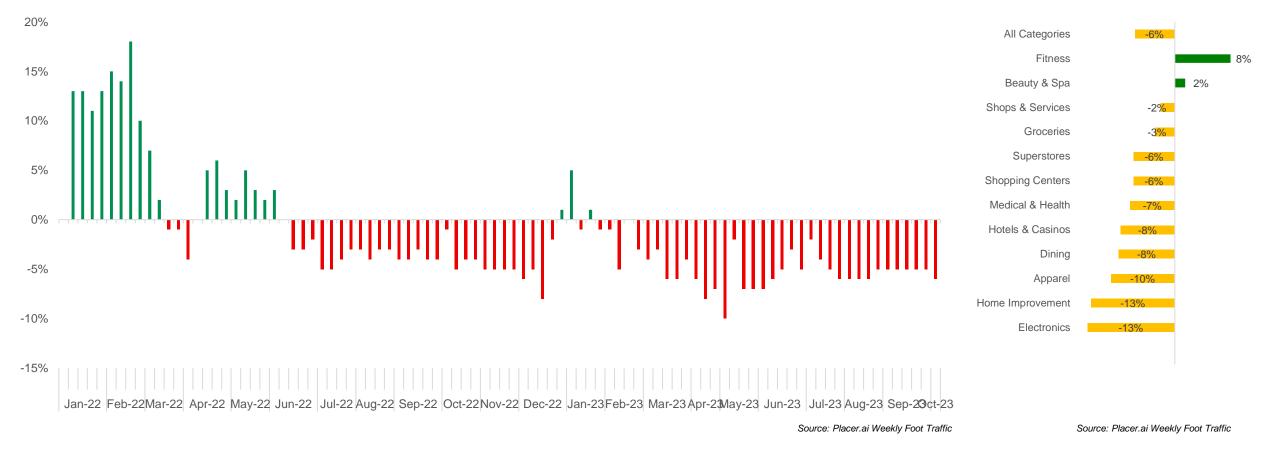
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Y-o-Y foot traffic data indicates lower consumer demand & sentiment

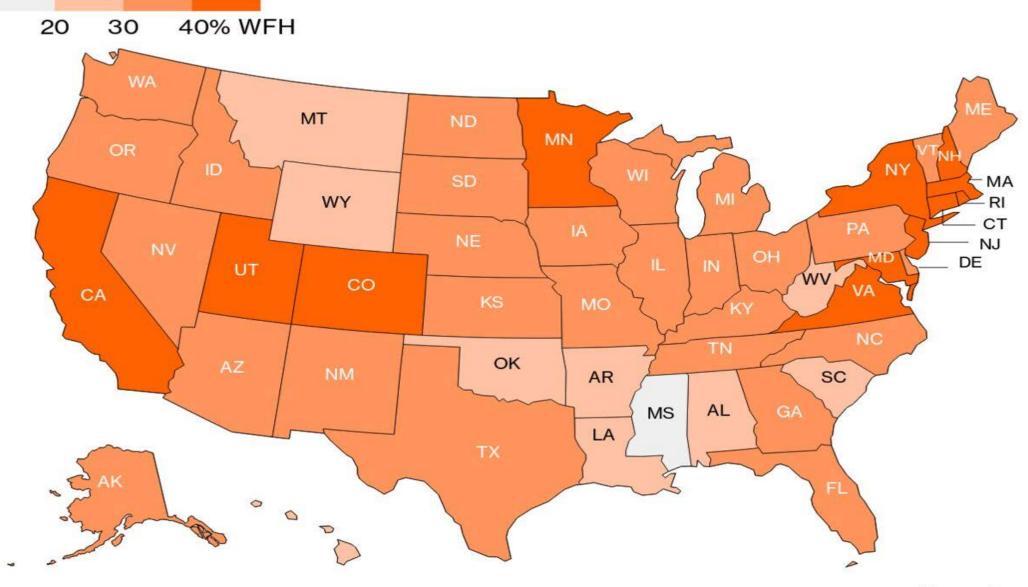
Except, fitness and beauty & spa, all categories witnessed negative y-o-y change in foot traffic affecting consumer demand. In addition, study shows that consumers are trading down as cost-of-living increases.





Remote Work Hits Post-Pandemic Low

Average work-from-home rate falls under 26% from early-2021 high of 37%



Bloomberg

Exhibit 5: After-tax wages and salaries growth by income group, based on Bank of America aggregated consumer deposit data (%YoY, 3-month moving average, SA)

Higher-income households continue to see slower wage growth



Exhibit 6: Number of households receiving unemployment benefits through direct deposit (monthly, %YoY through July 2023) Unemployment payments appear to be rising fastest for higher-income households







Did the Pandemic Make the Economy More Dynamic

- More new businesses in 2020 than any year on record
- Last 4 years EIN applications higher than any time in history
- Most started in suburbs and the South
- Revised data indicate that Americans have \$100s of Billions in extra cash; also benefiting from rise in stock market





Pay Attention to Unevenness

- Savings: Much of excess cash held by upper-income
- Household debt:
 - Households used one-third of their stimulus checks to reduce debt
- Tight labor market:
 - Benefiting lower income with rising wages
 - Harder on higher income childcare, home service costs
- Sentiment: Lower for higher income families
- Inflation: Harder on lower income families





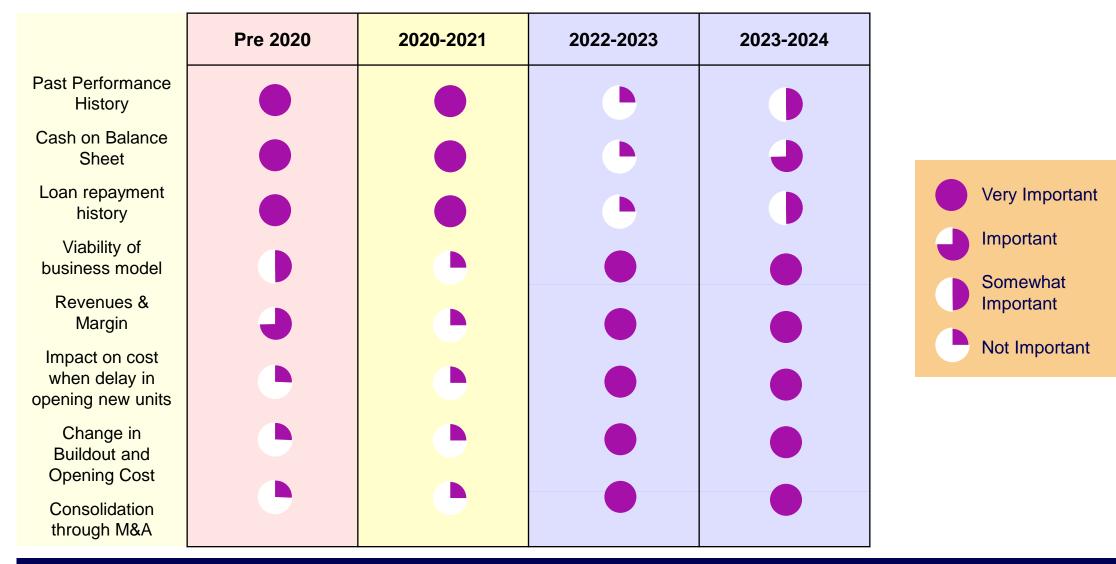
What your franchisees are feeling – 2023 IFA Survey





How lenders are adjusting

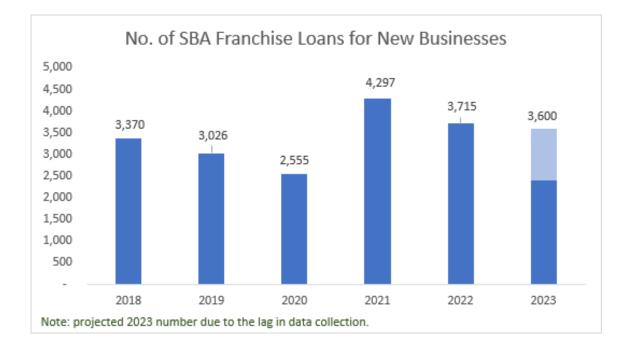
Lenders will have lower risk tolerance







SBA franchise data imply tightening in lending standards







FUND[™] SCORE[∗] By Industry

INDUSTRIES	MEDIAN FUND SCORE			
	2021	2022	2023	
Automotive	585	650	675	
Beauty-Related	665	583	590	<u> </u>
Child-Related	618	548	560	~
Health & Fitness	620	583	555	
Maintenance Services	478	505	500	
Personnel Services	515	415	538	\sim
Pet-Related Products/Services	710	735	738	
QSR	625	625	615	
Restaurants (Sit-Down)	605	585	650	\checkmark
Retail Food	595	600	730	
Retail Stores	660	425	673	\sim
Sports & Recreation	580	630	675	/
Lodging	665	680	700	/

9 out of 13 industries witnessed growth from 2021 to 2023 (YTD) in median FUND[™] Scores. **Following the experience of the pandemic and challenging macroeconomic conditions, brands have embraced effective practices** that may have resulted in enhanced FUND[™] Scores.

*YTD 2023 Data, FRANdata Research



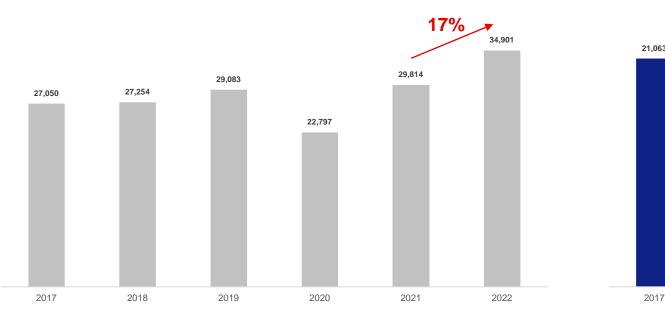


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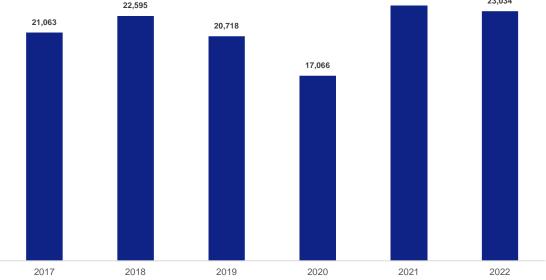
Transfer rates steady but significant increase in signed but not opened units

Signed but not opened units surged by 17%, significantly exceeding pre-pandemic trends

Low transfer rates can be attributed to many of the economic forces discussed above



Signed but not opened



Transfers

Source: FRANdata Research

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23,586



2024 FORECAST SUMMARY





- Joint Employer may keep you at arms-length but labor's a shared problem
- Help system with all expenses ex: borrowing and insurance
- Help franchisees find motivated employees and create an ownership pathway



- Expand your lending relationships
- Look at all financial options ex: ERC and EIDL
- Pay attention to what lenders are paying attention to



Did this change the way you think about franchising for 2024?



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