Gains for Homeownership

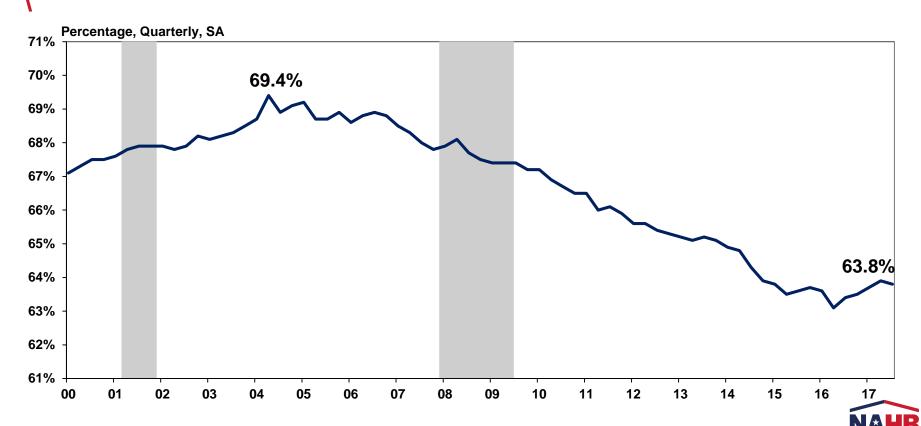
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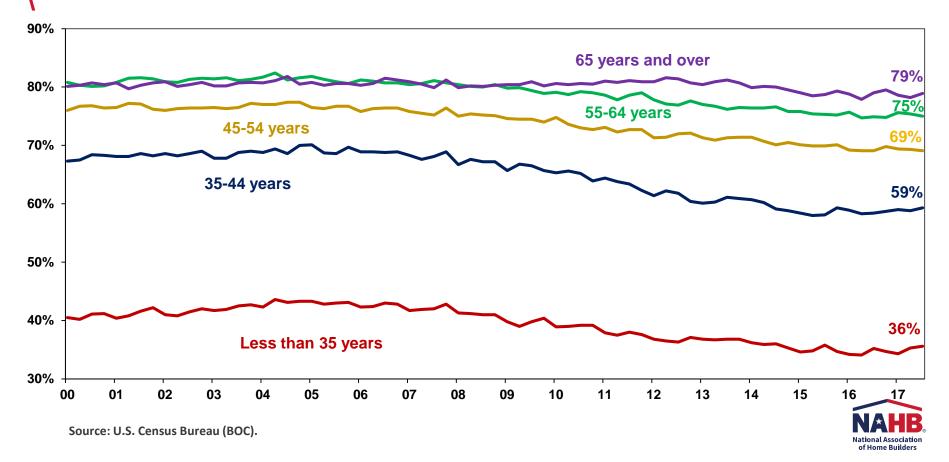
Homeownership Rate



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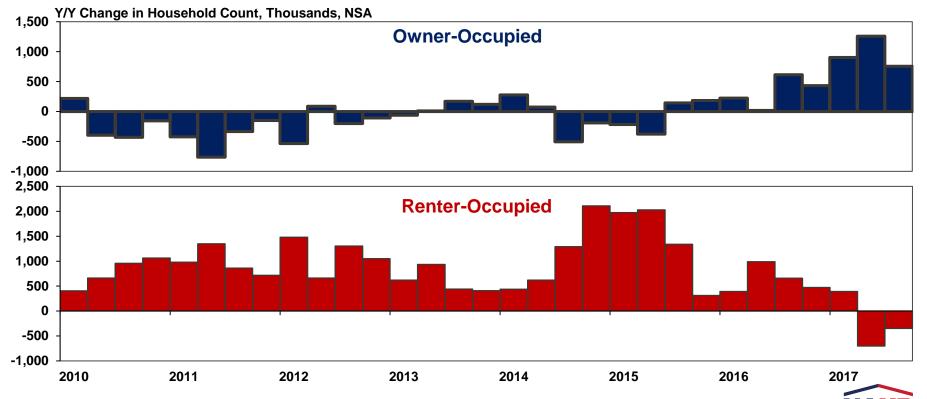
Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC): Housing Vacancies & Homeownership.

Homeownership by Age



Household Formation

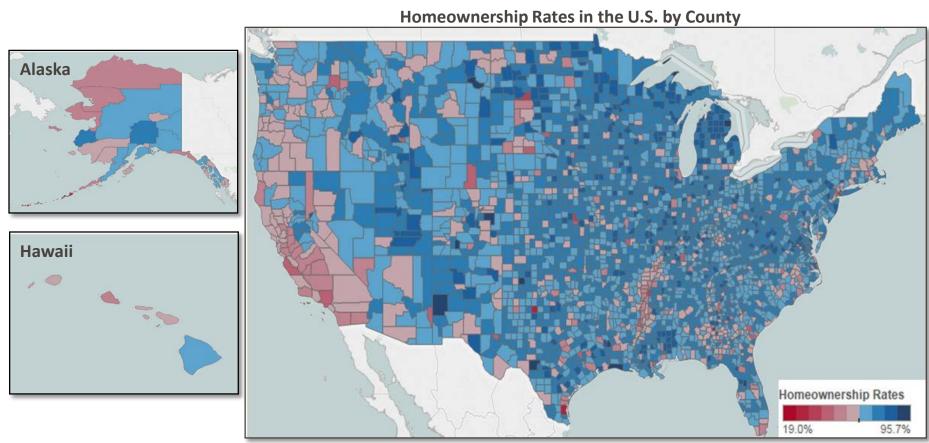
Demand for home ownership strengthening



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



Geography of Homeownership



Source: U.S. Census Bureau (BOC): American Community Survey (ACS).

Determinants of Homeownership

NAHB Economic Analysis

Important factors for county level analysis:

- Age
- Marriage
- Local home costs
- Local incomes



Determinants of Homeownership

Modeling Results

Increase average age in county by 5 years

Adds 3 percentage points to rate

Increase share of married households by 10%

• Added 5.1 percentage points to rate

Increase local incomes by \$10,000

Adds 0.6 percentage points to rate

Decrease housing costs by \$75,000

Adds 4.1 percentage points to rate



Policy Implications

Economic / Social Policy That Promote Housing

Provide affordable housing (rental and owned) for young people so they can develop roots

Tax / economic policy that doesn't discourage marriage

Income growth is always good

Reduce cost of housing

- Lower regulatory costs (up 29% over last 5 years)
- Lower building material and other input costs





Tax Reform



Tax Reform – Policy Changes and Impacts

- Economic impacts
 - GDP
 - Marked up 2018 forecast to 2.6%
 - 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
 - 9 million more workers in labor force
 - Reduced home price growth to a positive 2.9% growth rate in 2018

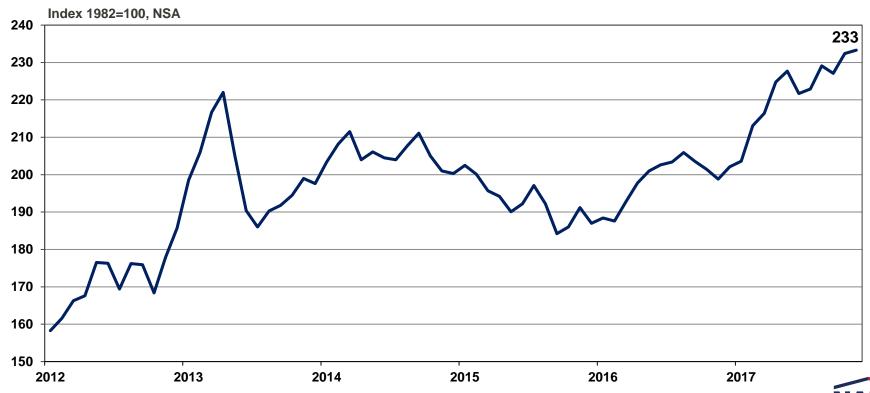


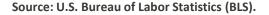


Supply-Side Headwind Update



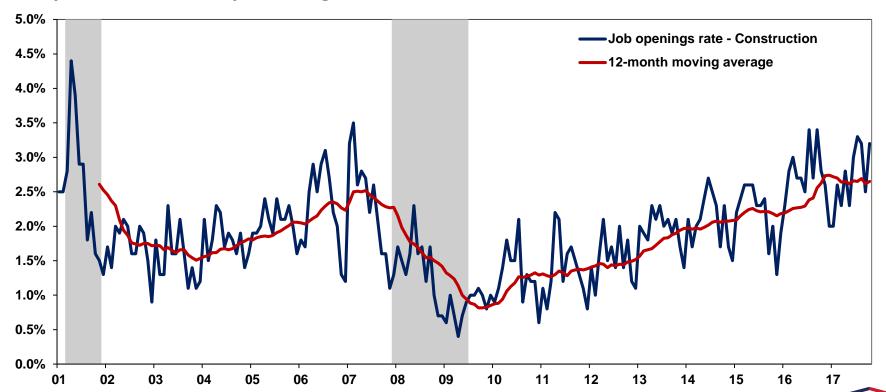
Building Materials — Softwood Lumber Since January 2017, softwood lumber increased 14.6%





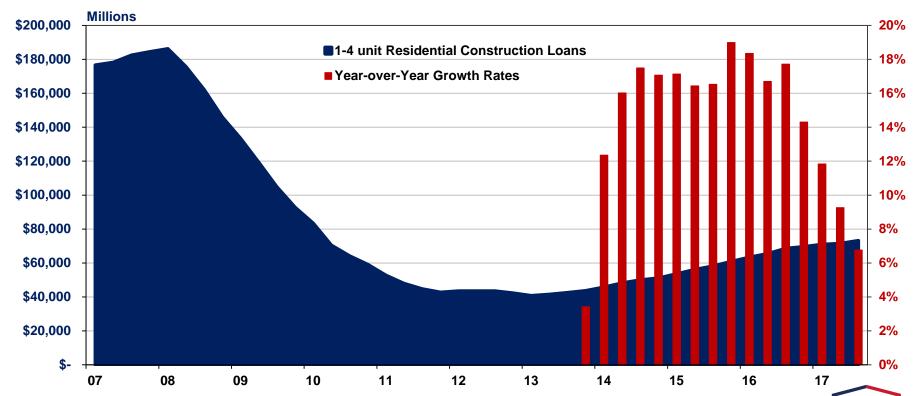


Labor *Unfilled construction jobs rising*



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

Lending – AD&C Access Loans growing but at a slower rate



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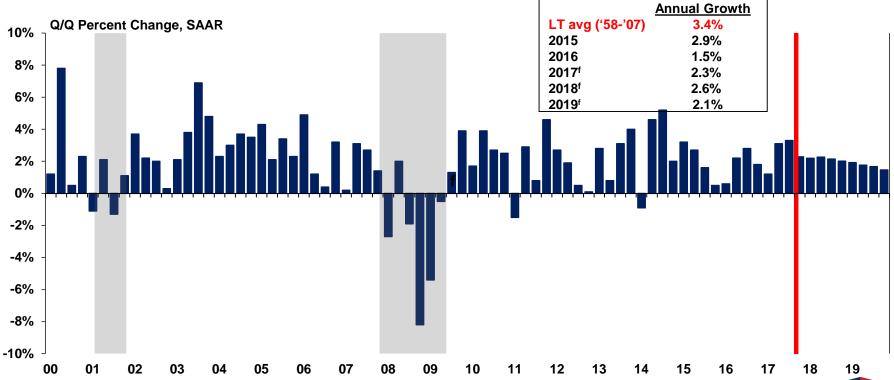
Source: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Forecasts





GDP Growth
Stronger growth expected post-tax reform







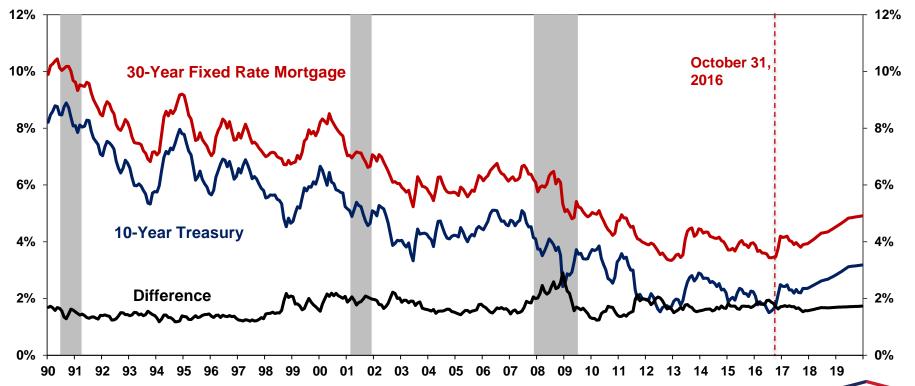
Labor Force Participation Rate Stabilized labor force participation key to future growth



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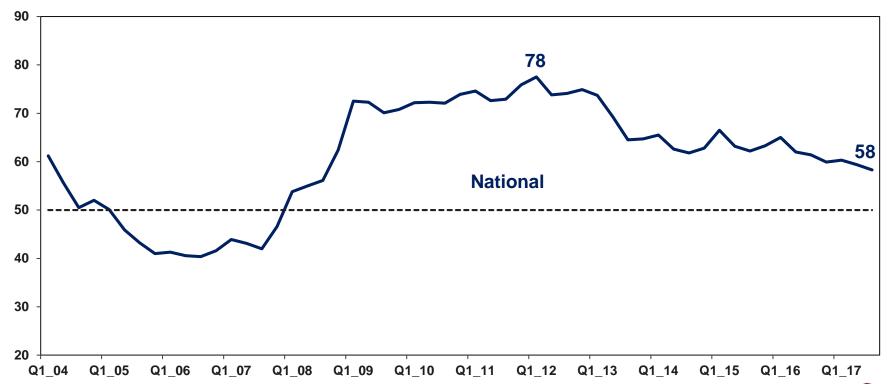
30-Year Fixed Rate and 10-Year Treasury Rates will rise due to Fed policy and tight labor markets



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



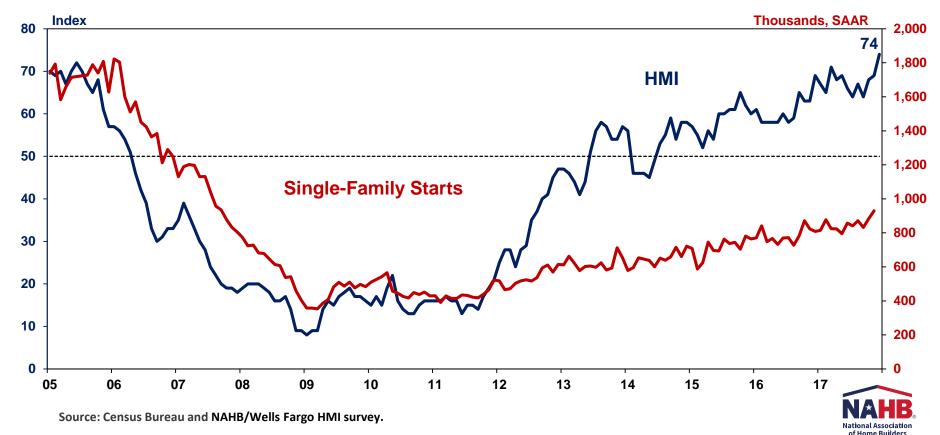
Housing Affordability Affordability declining



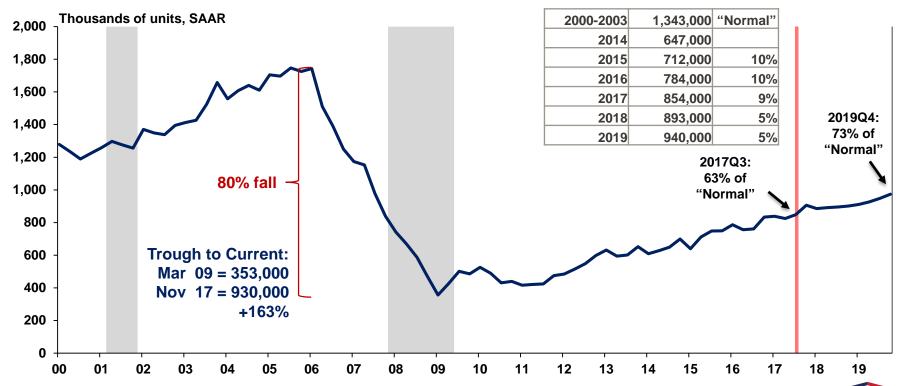
Source: NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index.



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



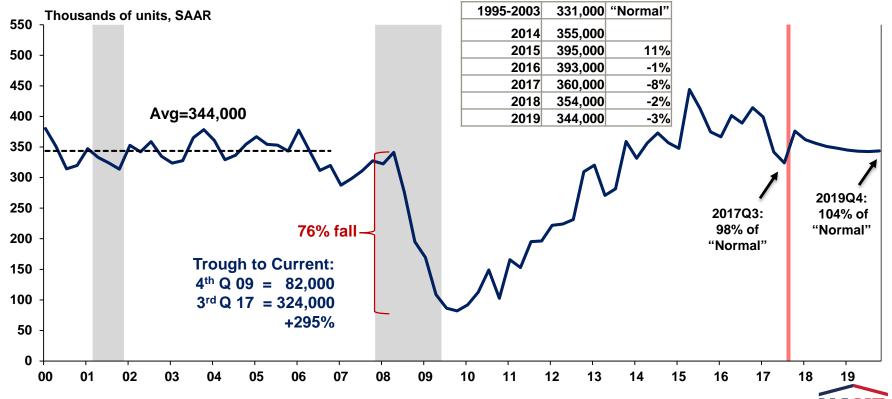
Single-Family Starts Growth ahead



Source: Census Bureau and NAHB forecast.



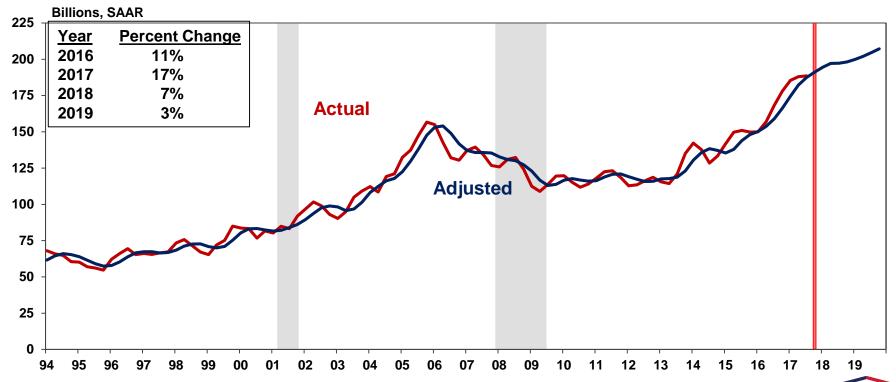
Multifamily Housing Starts Leveling off



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Source: Census Bureau and NAHB forecast

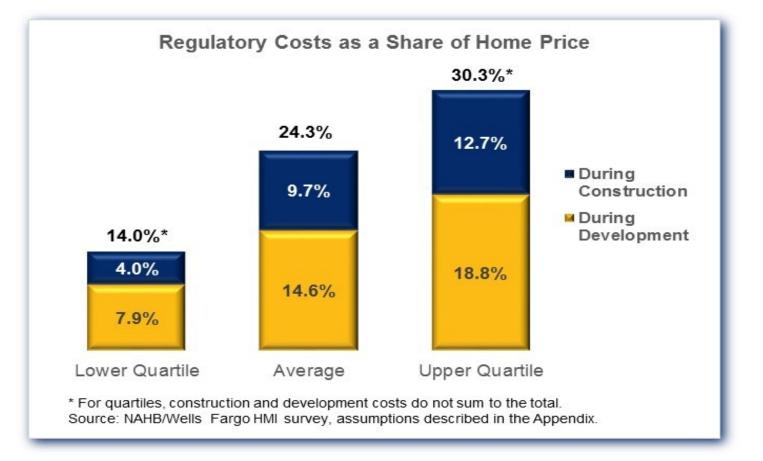
Residential Remodeling Strong market conditions



Source: Census Bureau and NAHB forecast.



Regulatory Costs Rising — Up 29% Over 2011-2016 Total effect of building codes, land use, environmental and other rules





Thank you

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