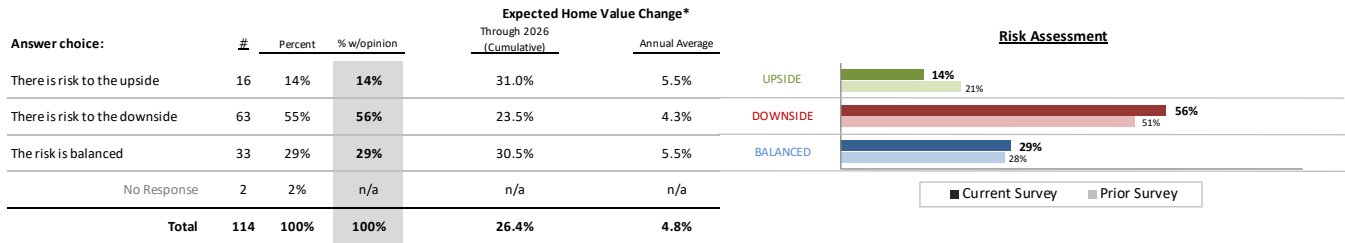


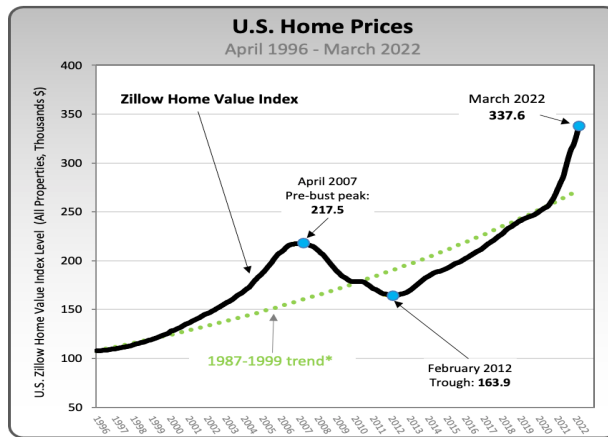
Topic: Risk Assessment of Home Price Forecast

Which choice best applies to your long-term outlook for home values?

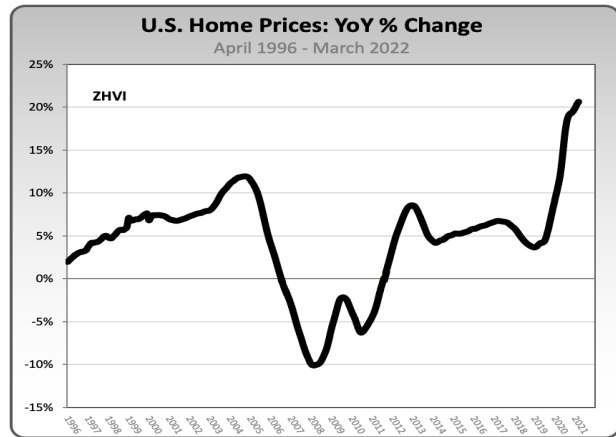


Topic: Another Housing Bubble?

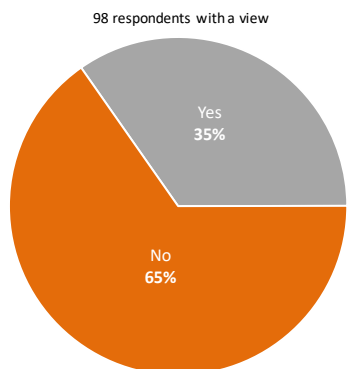
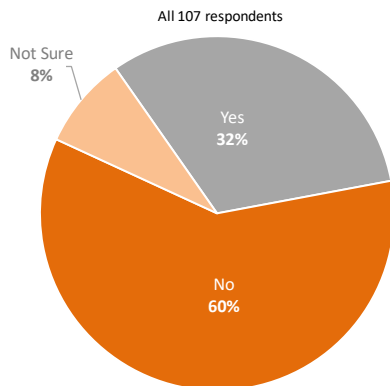
Home prices reached another record-high level in March.



*1987-1999 trend derived from S&P/Case-Shiller U.S. National HPI (SF, NSA).

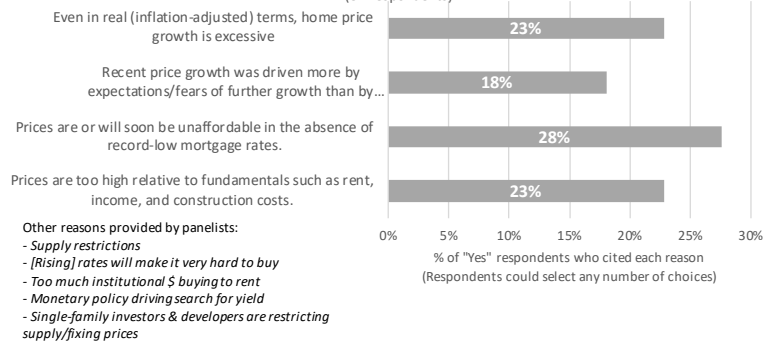


Do you believe the U.S. housing market is currently in a bubble?



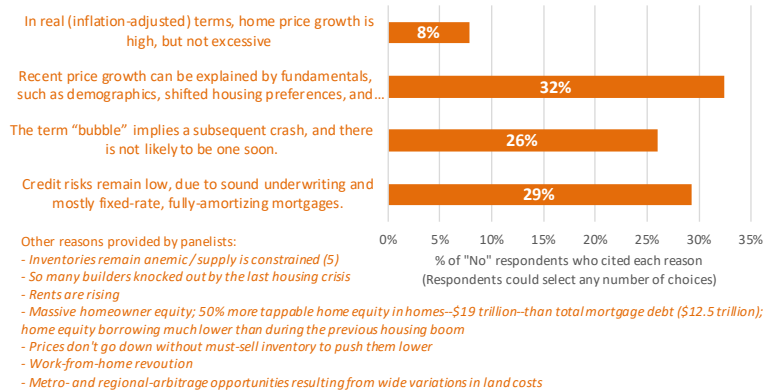
"Yes Bubble" Rationale

(34 respondents)



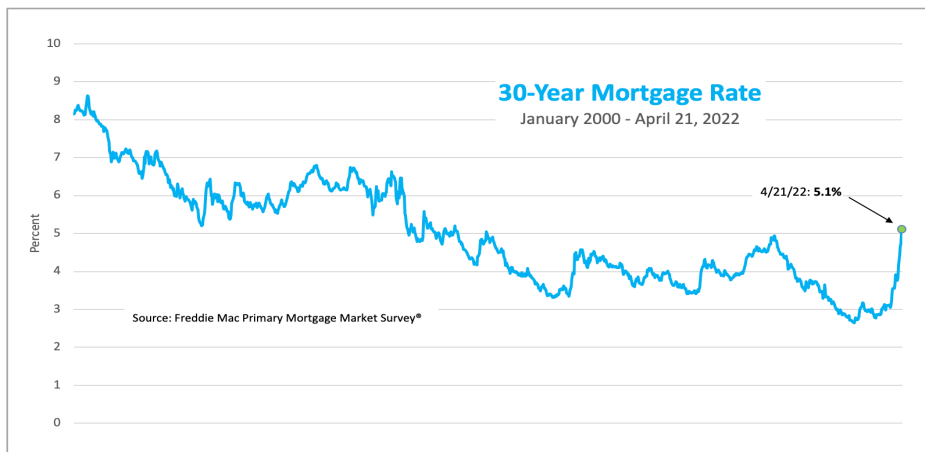
"No Bubble" Rationale

(64 respondents)

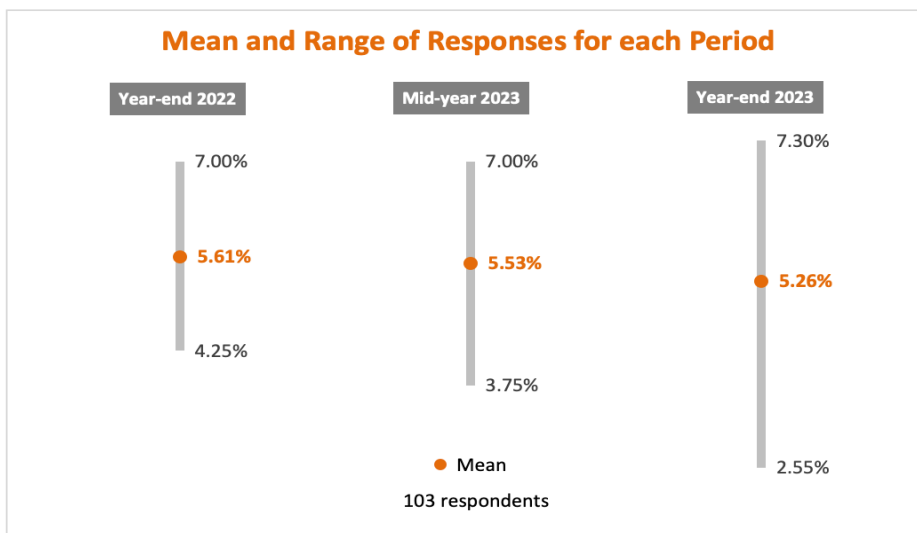


Topic: **Mortgage Rates**

The average 30-year fixed mortgage rate recently surged to more than 5 percent—a level significantly higher than the 3.22% average rate at the start of this year and the 2.65% record low observed in early 2021.

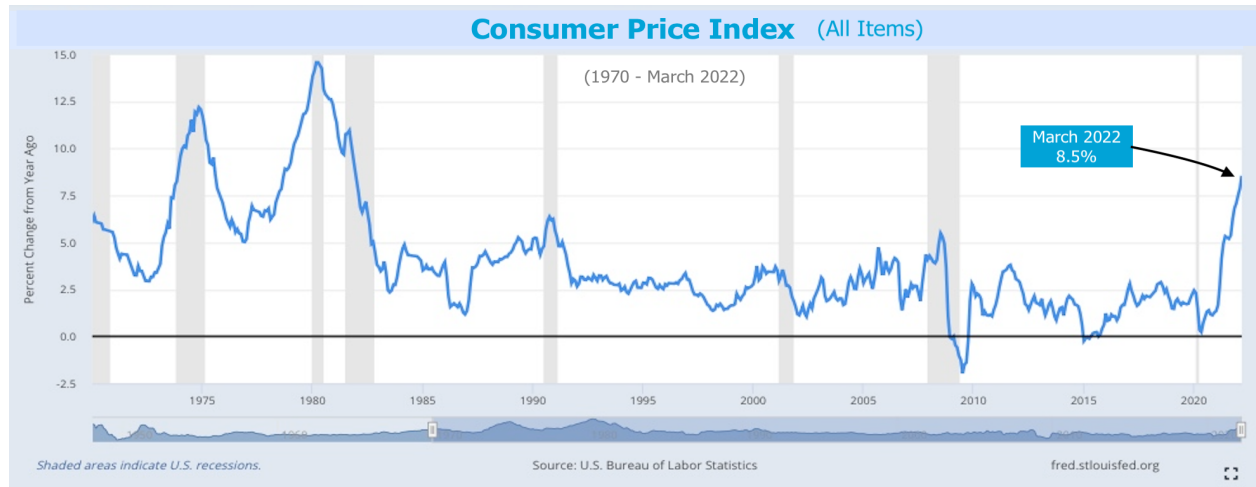


For each of the time periods below, what do you expect the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate will be?

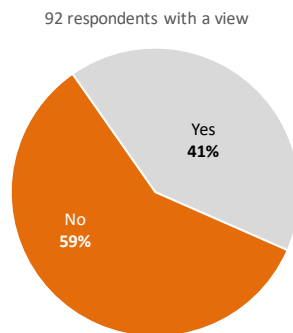
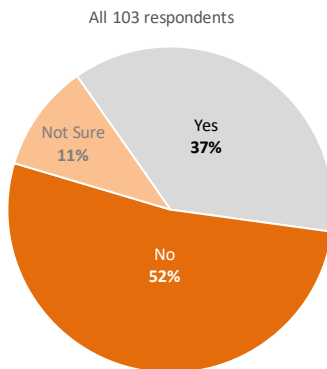


Topic: Inflation and Recession Risks

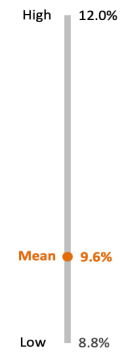
The rate of price increases in the U.S. economy recently reached a four-decade high, and the Federal Reserve has acknowledged that the current period of high inflation will persist for some time.



The latest U.S. inflation reading (CPI annual rate, all items, as of March 2022) reached 8.5%. Do you expect this rate to rise above this level sometime before the end of 2023?



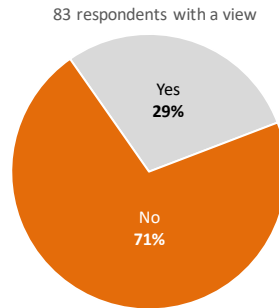
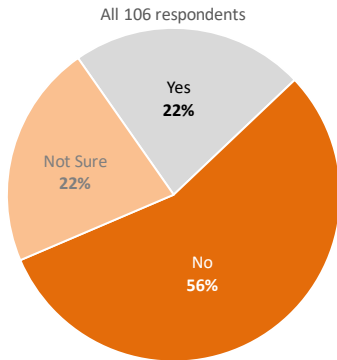
Expected Peak Inflation Rate
(Mean and range of rates among 37 respondents who expect CPI > 8.5% before year-end 2023)



Topic: Inflation and Recession Risks (cont'd)

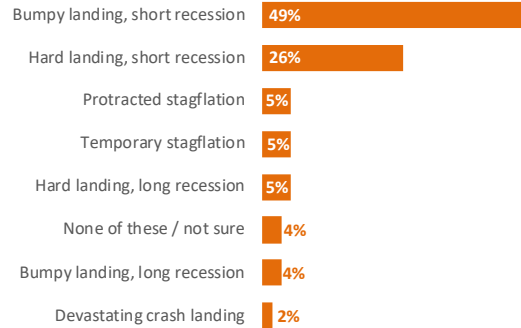
In March, the Fed increased its benchmark interest rate from near zero by a quarter point--the first increase in more than three years. A week later, Chairman Jerome Powell summed up this way the desired outcome and goals of present Fed policy initiatives: "The economy achieves a soft landing, with inflation coming down and unemployment holding steady". In early April, St. Louis Fed President James Bullard suggested that the Fed is "behind the curve", and two weeks later, Chairman Powell said "50 basis points will be on the table for the May [FOMC] meeting". Additional rate increases and incremental shrinkage of the Fed's \$9 trillion asset portfolio are the primary levers the central bank can pull to tame inflation--and to pull off, potentially, a soft landing for the U.S. economy.

Do you expect the Fed to be successful in its effort to engineer a "soft landing", i.e., materially reduce inflation while averting a recession?



Which choice best describes the economic outcome you expect to unfold as a result of the Fed's efforts to tame inflation?

57 respondents who do not expect a soft landing



When do you expect the next recession will begin in the United States?

