

#### **Economic Update**

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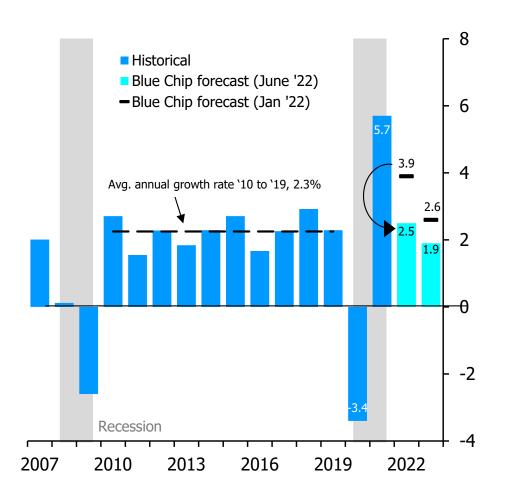
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#### **Key Takeaways**

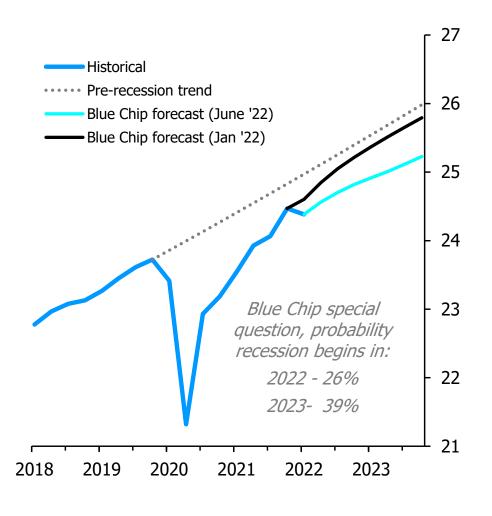
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# Consensus forecasts show downward revision of GDP; now at average pre-recession growth rate

Real GDP, % change annual rate



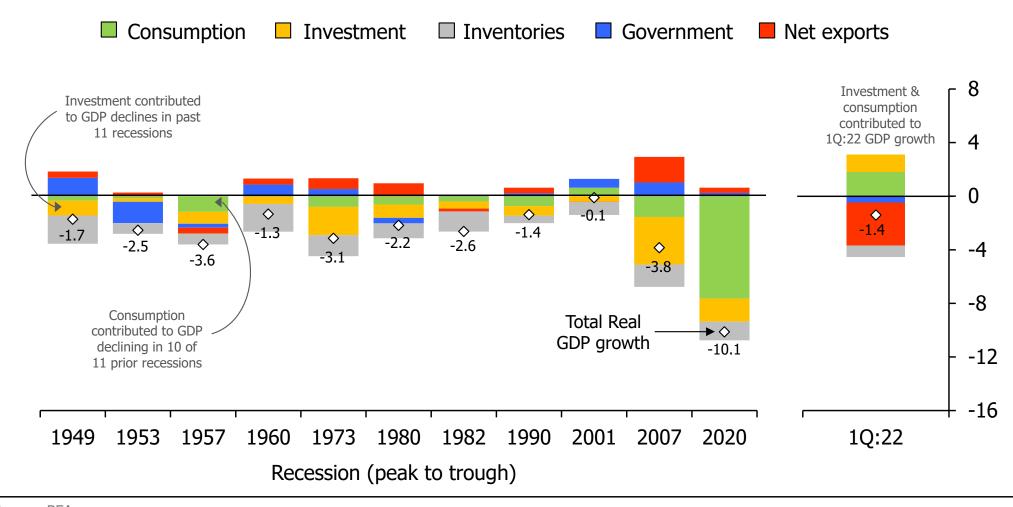
Real GDP, SAAR in trillions of 2022 \$'s



Source: BEA (data through 1Q:2022); Blue Chip Economic Indicators (June 2022)

## First quarter GDP decline driven by components not usually associated with recessions

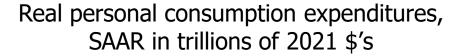
Contribution to real GDP growth rate, by component, %

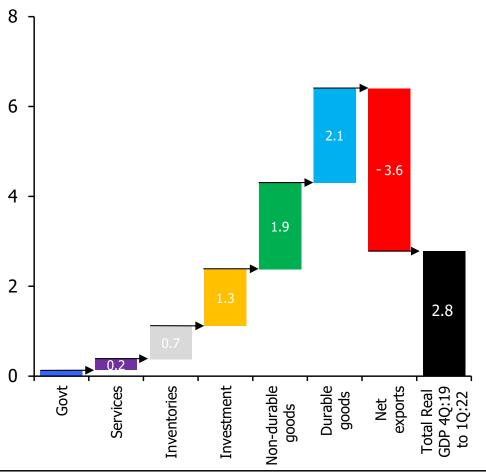


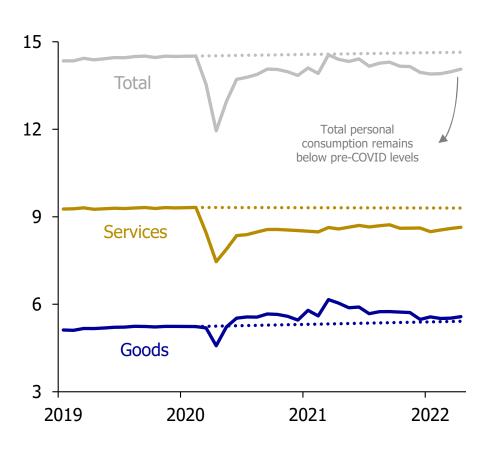
Source: BEA (data through 1Q:22); and EBC calculations

#### Households led economy out of recession; however, total personal spending yet to recover

Contribution to real GDP growth from 4Q:19 to 1Q:22 by component, %







Sources: BEA (data through 1Q:22); Federal Reserve Board

(Dec. 2021)

# Reduced spending & fiscal stimulus allowed households to significantly increase savings

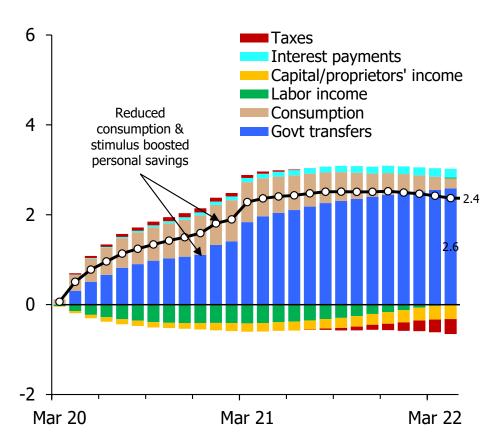
Personal savings as a percentage of disposable personal income, %

Measures the "FLOW" of household savings

40 + Wages + Dividends Rental income Proprietors' income 30 + Government transfers - Consumption - Taxes - Interest expense = Personal Savings\* 20 Savings rate still positive, "Excess" but below savings trend 10 2010-2019 Avg 2015 2017 2019 2021

Cumulative contribution to excess personal savings since Feb. '20, in trillions of 2021 \$'s

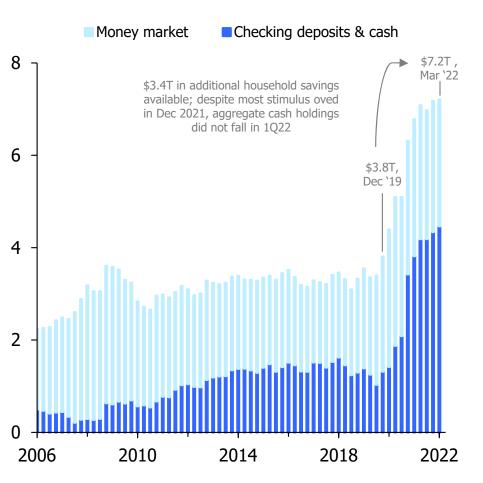
Estimating the "STOCK" of the household savings



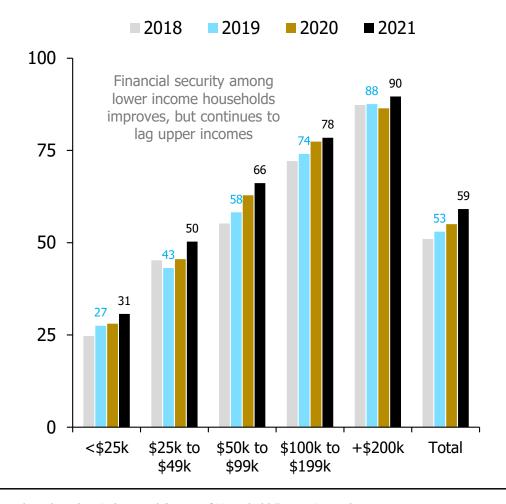
Source: Federal Reserve Board (data through Mar. 2022); BEA (April 2022); EBC calculations

# Household cash holdings through March 2022 yet to decline; currently, \$3.4T above Dec. '19 level

Real household cash and money market holdings, in trillions of 2021 \$'s



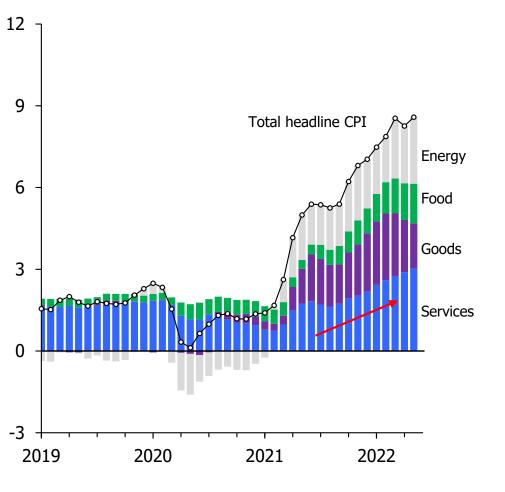
Share of households with a 3-month emergency fund by income and year, %



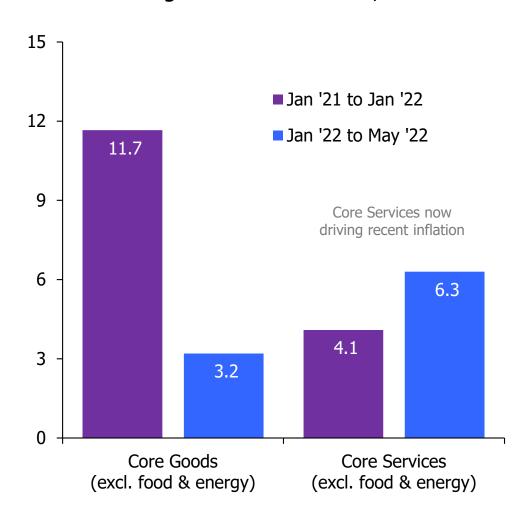
Source: FRB US Financial Accounts (data through Mar. 2022); BEA (1Q:22); FRB Survey of Household Economics & Decision-making (SHED)

### Services driving 2022 core inflation; supply chain & pandemic less of a driver

Contribution to monthly headline CPI year-over-year growth by item, %

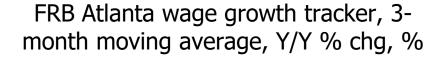


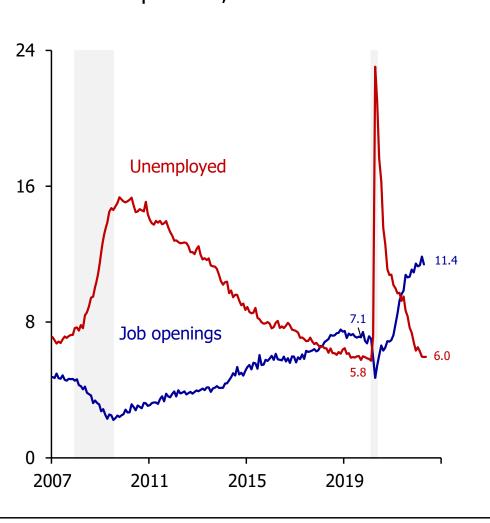
CPI special aggregate indexes percent change at an annual rate, %

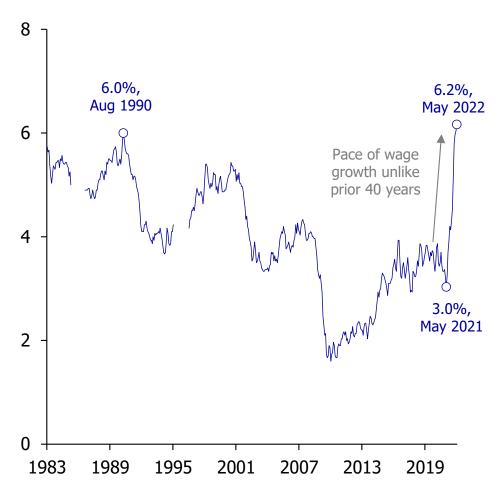


#### Demand for workers outpacing available supply, resulting in increased wages

Job openings and unemployed persons, in millions

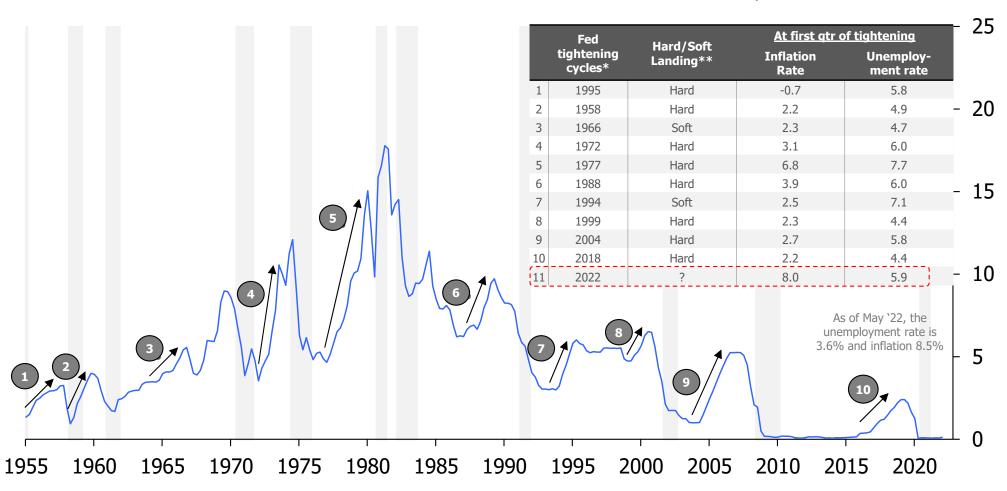






## Engineering a soft landing is hard, particularly when inflation exceeds the unemployment rate

Effective federal funds rate at month end, %



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