

## Ship Them Up to Boston

Average Americans suffering from a new financial disease called GROG while Matt and Ben hock speculation. We are officially shipping them up to Boston back to making movies and away from encouraging Americans to gamble away their savings.

### ***I am Shipping up to Boston - Dropkick Murphy's***

*I am shipping up to Boston whoa*

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*I'm shipping off...to find my wooden leg*



[https://www.etonline.com/news/199923\\_ben\\_affleck\\_and\\_matt\\_damon\\_surprise\\_crowd\\_during\\_good\\_will\\_hunting\\_read\\_nyc](https://www.etonline.com/news/199923_ben_affleck_and_matt_damon_surprise_crowd_during_good_will_hunting_read_nyc)

## Introduction

They Did It...Affleck and Damon Win...Historical Market Top Tick. Matt and Ben may wish they were fisherman after the first half market returns following their Super Bowl ads encouraging the world to embrace speculative assets. Dickey assets like crypto, meme stocks, disruptor stocks, and options trading were wiped out shortly after these two Hollywood philanthropists got paid hard cash for their Super Bowl commercials.

What are Matt Damon and Ben Affleck even doing in commercials? Stick to movies about Boston and the world is much better off. Please no more Middle Ages movies either, "The Last Duel" was awful. In the classic Good Will Hunting Harvard bar scene, the song playing in the background is Fisherman Blues. Right now, Matt and Ben should go on a long fishing trip, write a movie based in Boston and give up cheesy commercials on a permanent basis.

Fisherman Blues-The Water Boys

### Lyrics

*I wish I were a fisherman  
Tumblin' on the seas  
Far away from dry land  
And its bitter memories*

Classic Good Will Hunting Bar Scene -The Harvard history major coincidentally looks like a modern-day crypto leader.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hldsJNGCGz4>

**From my January 2022 Letter** “Affleck is encouraging consumers who don’t understand basic math to access 24/7 gambling websites to bet away the rent and grocery money under the premise of “bet any game any time.” Damon is one upping him with “embrace the moment and commit” to “peer over the edge” and go long crypto.”

[Read “Q4 2021 Letter – Whole Lot of Money” Here](#)

Since the famous Super Bowl top tick ads, Damon’s crypto market has lost two-thirds of its value and Affleck’s WYNN stock is down -63%. Millennials were wiped out financially by their iPhone that gave them 24-hour access during the Covid lockdown to dangerous speculative asset classes. The U.S. dollar had one of its strongest rallies ever leaving it up +12% in 2022 while Bitcoin lost -58% leaving little doubt what the world wants to hold in times of crisis.

The public market equivalent to Matt Damon's crypto.com is Coinbase -88% from IPO day.

## Coinbase Share Price since IPO, \$



Source: YCharts

WOLFSTREET.com

Affleck's WYNN had -63% Correction from 2021 Highs but more important is 24/7 access to gambling is a loser's game for everyone involved except the house.



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## Part I – The American Grog Problem

**G-Gas prices** hit \$5 a gallon up over 50% in one year leaving citizens hundreds of dollars poorer per month.

Two-thirds of Americans say recent increases in the price of gas are causing them hardship, which is up from 52% feeling this financial pinch in April. Although more Americans say they are experiencing “moderate” rather than “severe” hardship, the percentage describing the hardship as severe has risen from 14% to 22%. See next page for chart.

### Effect of Gas Prices on U.S. Households in 2022

Have recent price increases in gasoline caused any financial hardship for you or your household?  
(If yes:) Is that a severe hardship that affects your ability to maintain your current standard of living, or is it a moderate hardship that affects you somewhat but does not jeopardize your current standard of living?

	Severe hardship	Moderate hardship	Total hardship
	%	%	%
Apr 1-19, 2022	14	38	52
Jun 1-20, 2022	22	45	67

Based on U.S. adults aged 18+

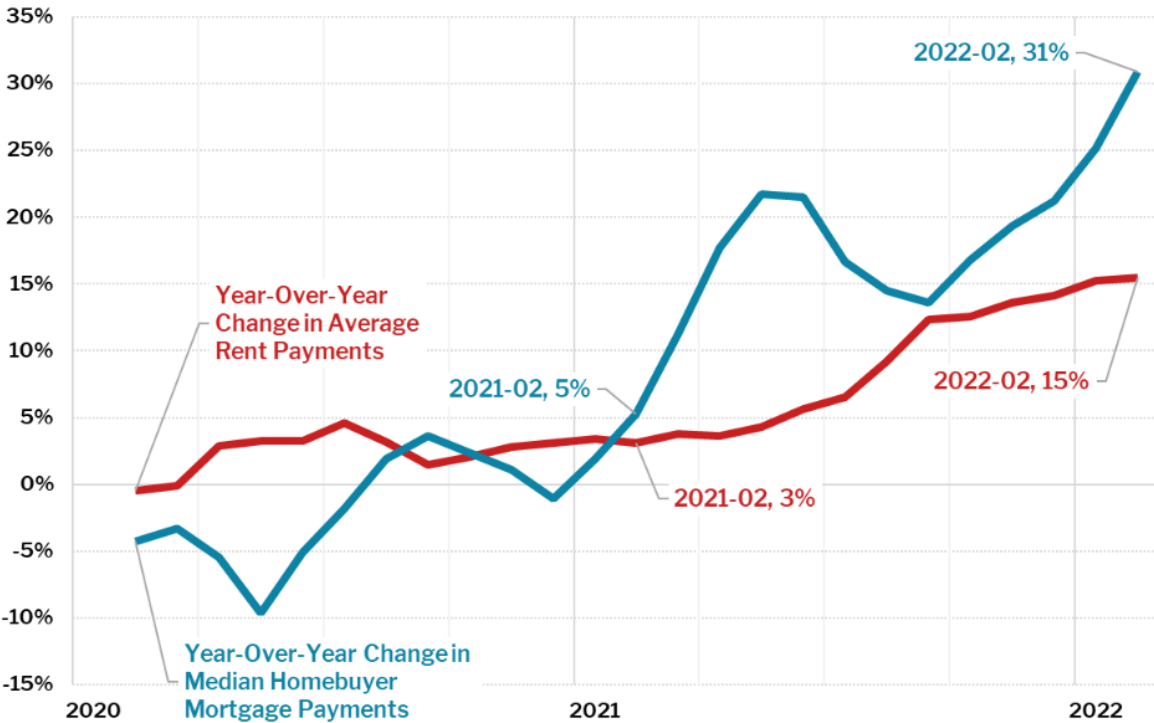
[Get the data](#)

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<https://www.zerohedge.com/economics/gas-prices-squeezing-americans-more-rate-bidens-economy-poor>

**R - Rent and mortgage costs** skyrocketed higher in 2022 with bidding wars happening at mid-level homes and apartments. Rents up 15% and mortgage payments up 31%.

### Rents Up 15% Year Over Year, Mortgage Payments Up 31%



Source: Redfin analysis of asking rents & home sales data from the MLS & public records  
Note: Mix of homes for rent and homes purchased are not directly comparable.



<https://www.redfin.com/news/redfin-rental-report-february-2022/>

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**O - Off-time** is more expensive than ever in 2022. Full-service menu prices increased a record 8.7% year over year in April according to Fed data. The cost of domestic airfare has increased "significantly" over the course of 2022, rising 47% since January, according to recent Adobe Analytics data. Just as Americans want to break-out in post Covid party prices for travel, restaurants, and entertainment skyrocket.



<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/consumer-price-index-much-more-134827013.html>

See next page for chart.

**G-Groceries** increased in mid-teens year over year. See grid below showing double digit growth of the average American's food bill.

Food type	May increase	12-month increase
Butter and margarine	1.9%	20.2%
Cakes, cupcakes and cookies	3.1%	11.8%
Canned fruit and vegetables	1.9%	12.1%
Carbonated drinks	2.5%	13.2%
Cereal and cereal products	1.2%	12.8%
Chicken	2.7%	17.4%
Eggs	5%	32.2%
Fats and oils	2.2%	16.9%
Fish and seafood (fresh)	2.2%	13.1%
Hot dogs	2%	10.4%
Ice cream and related products	4.3%	9.6%
Meats, poultry and fish	0.9%	13.1%
Milk	2.8%	15.9%
Prepared salads	3.6%	11.5%
Spices, seasonings, condiments and sauces	1.6%	10.1%

SOURCE U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2022/06/10/inflation-food-prices/7579055001/>

Americans are dazed, weak and unsteady from first inflation bout in 30 years.

 **grog·gy**  
/ˈgrägē/

*adjective*

dazed, weak, or unsteady, especially from illness, intoxication, sleep, or a blow.  
"the sleeping pills had left her feeling groggy"

## Part II - First Half Left Nowhere to Hide in Public Markets.

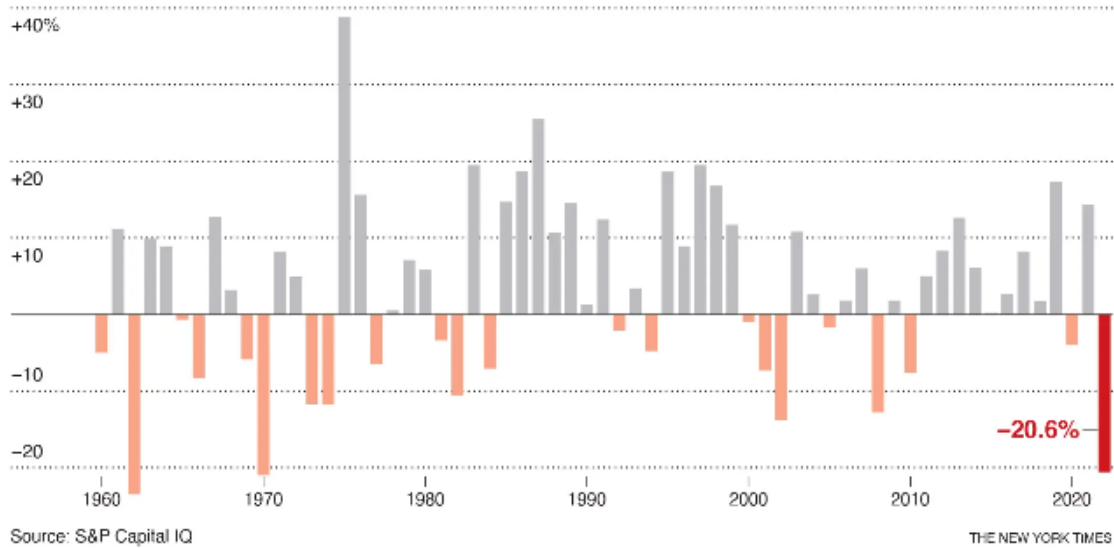
In the last week, the yield curve inverted telling us that the best-known signal for a recession is confirmed. According to CNBC, 58% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck so GROG setting in on consumer spending. The next question is how severe of recession will we experience, there may be more downside, but the markets have priced in a lot of pain.

The S&P 500 had worst start since 1970 and treasury bonds the historical protection against a bear market in stocks had their worst six months since 1788. *See next page for chart.*



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## A Decline Not Seen Since 1970 Performance of S&P 500 in first six months of each year



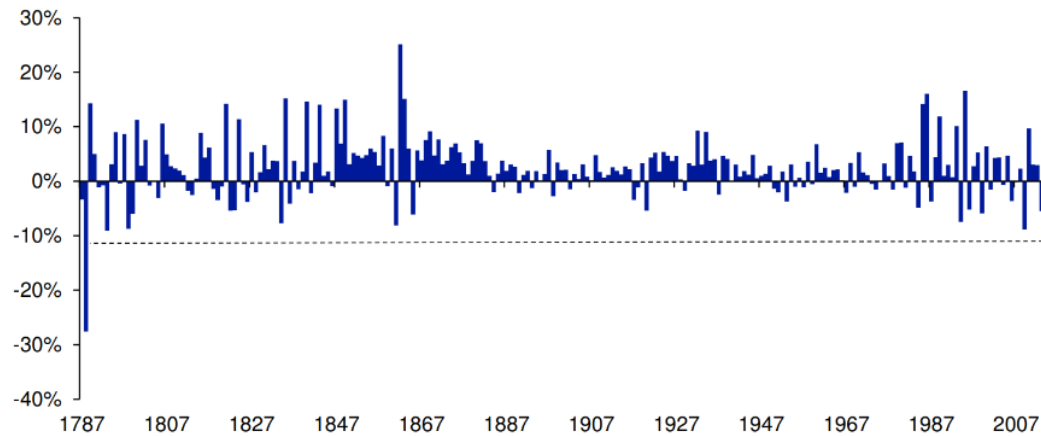
1 of 2 | The six months through Thursday were the stock market's worst first half of a year since 1970. (The New York Times)

<https://www.seattletimes.com/business/after-stock-markets-worst-start-in-50-years-some-see-more-pain-ahead/>

## Total Returns 10 Year Treasury the Worst Since 1788

Jim Reid-Deutsche Bank

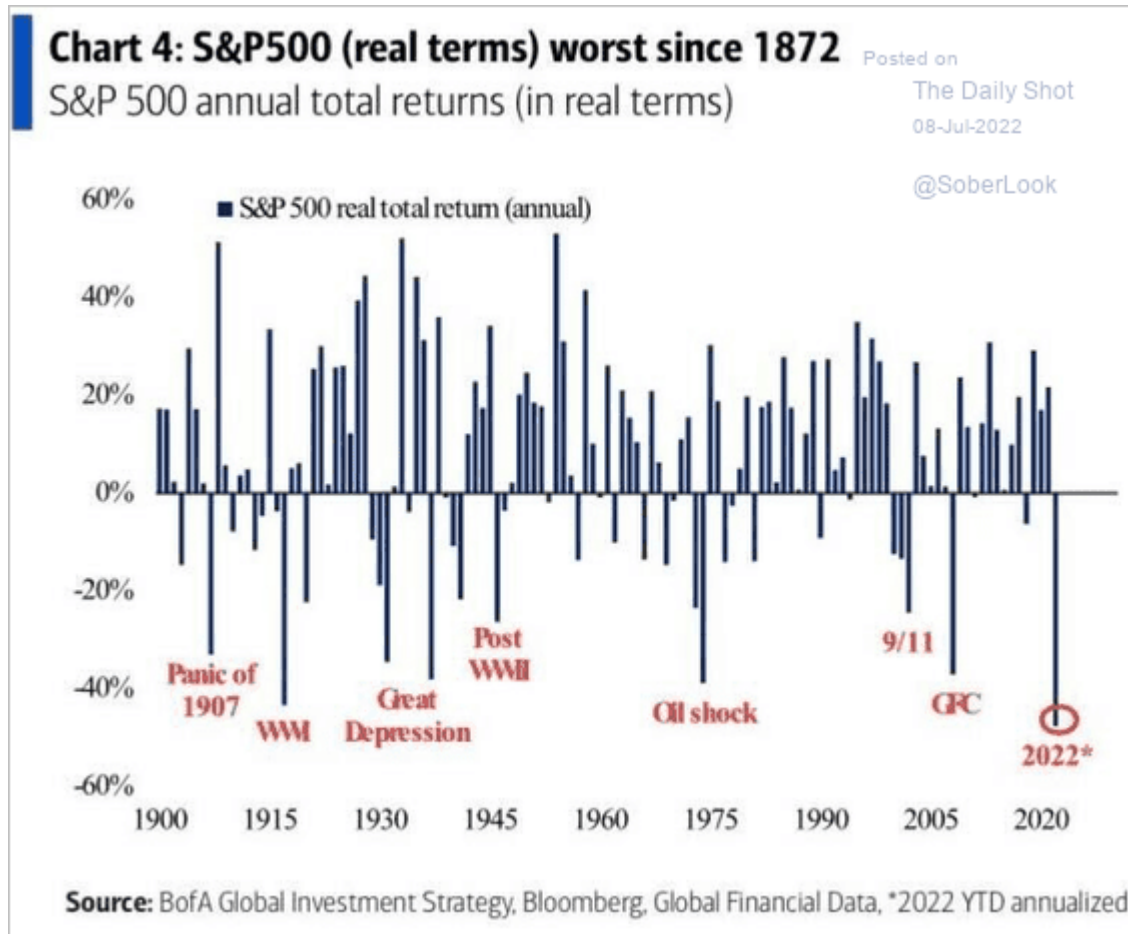
Figure 1: H1 Total Returns of US 10-yr Treasury (or proxy) index. The worst H1 since 1788!



Source : GFD, Deutsche Bank



With GROG prices hitting 30-year highs, the inflation adjusted S&P returns were the worst since 1872.



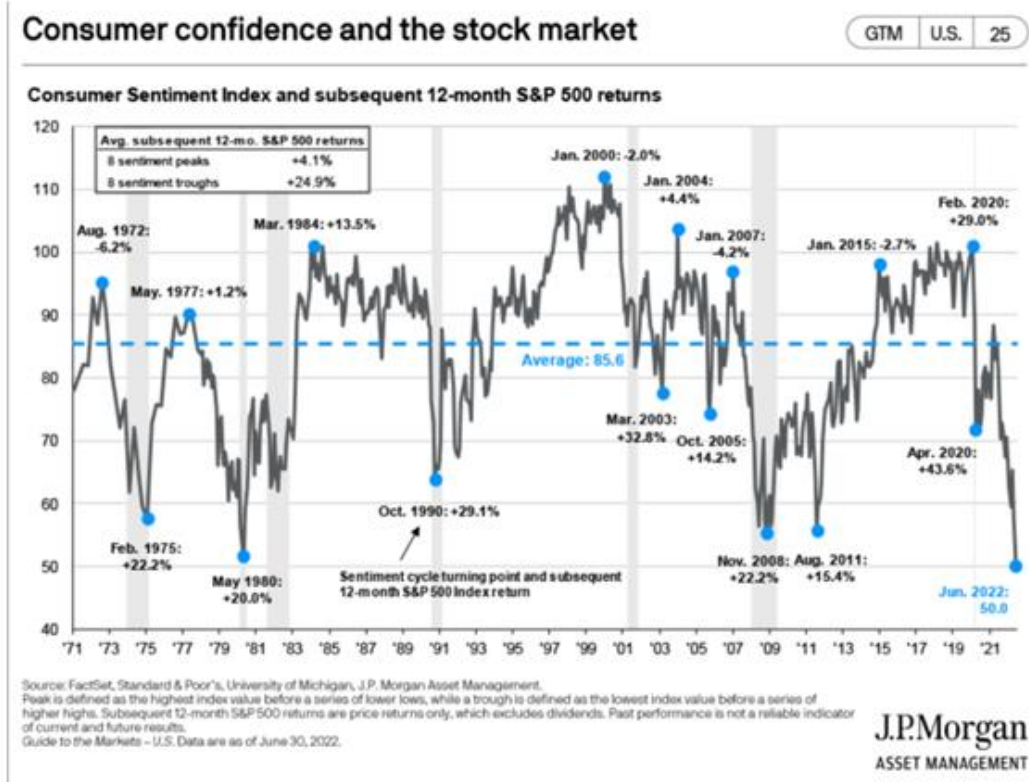
### Part III - What is Already Priced In?

The good news is the stock market prices in the future now. One of the core beliefs of Lansing Street Advisors revolves around investing as a psychology game not an IQ game. With markets especially in the 24-hour news cycle, we think of the immediate price action. This is a cognitive error as we should be thinking where the market will be in 18 months.

Consumer confidence is below the 2008 Great Financial Crisis due to increasing gas, rent and groceries (GROG). There is good news behind these bad feelings, **see JP Morgan chart below as consumer confidence bottoming is a buy signal for the S&P 500**. American citizens confidence in the first half of this year hit record modern day low even slicing thru the levels of internet bubble and great fiscal crisis. This is happening during a 3.5% unemployment rate. *See next page for chart.*



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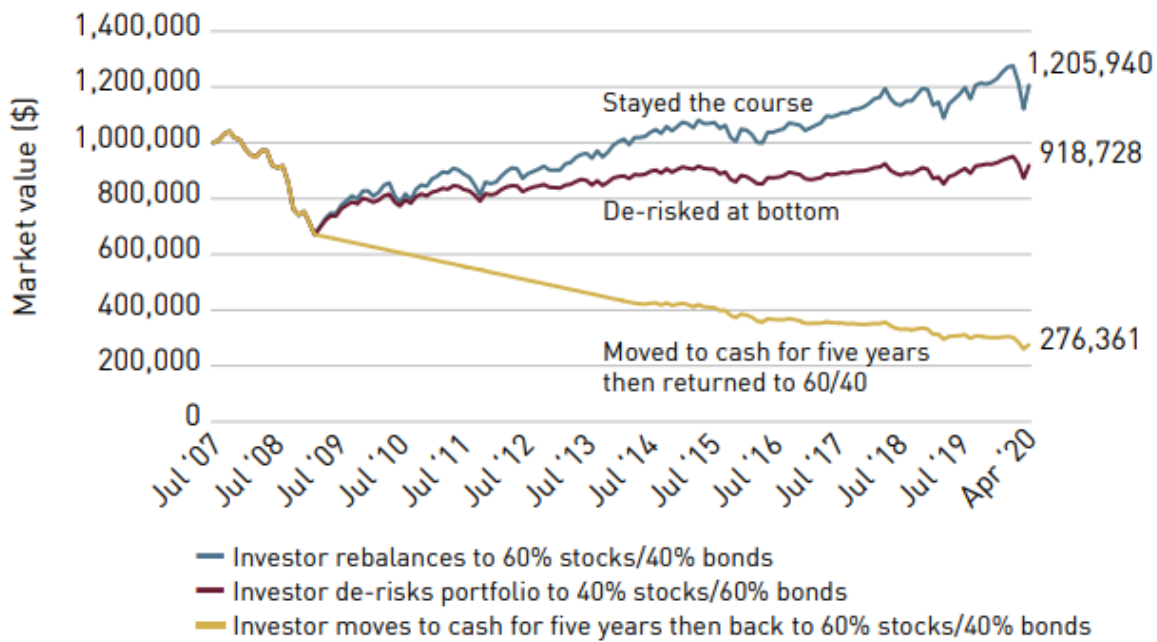
**We Already Experienced \$6 Trillion Decline Equal to Internet Bubble** - Joseph Carson, a former chief economist at AllianceBernstein, estimates that households may have lost more in equities and crypto than the \$6 trillion total decline in equity wealth from the bursting of the dot-com bubble at the beginning of the century, he writes in an email. [https://www.barrons.com/articles/fed-economy-inflation-recession-stocks-crypto-51655513072?mod=past\\_editions](https://www.barrons.com/articles/fed-economy-inflation-recession-stocks-crypto-51655513072?mod=past_editions)

Market downturns are temporary but emotional decisions can lead to permanent wealth damage. We may not have witnessed the bottom but de-risking near lows can do permanent damage to wealth.

*See next page for chart.*



**RUNNING FOR THE EXITS MAY BACKFIRE**



<https://www.slideshare.net/EthosEvents/dr-vi-sharon-ocin22>

**Part III - Good News for Millennials and Boomers**

There is good news for the two largest demographic groups in America. For Millennials, stocks may not be cheap, but equities are much less expensive leaving young people in position to be aggressive in your dollar cost averaging. Forward P/E ratios have corrected back below the 25-year median and if you remove the technology sector, the S&P would be close to one standard deviation below median. Again, investing is a psychology game not an IQ game, Millennials should be investing for the next cycle.

**STOCKS**-In chart below, the Americans who invested with discipline 2010-2015 experienced huge windfalls of growth by the end of the decade. See next page for chart.

## S&P Valuations Correct to the 25 Year Median

### S&P 500 valuation measures

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#### S&P 500 Index: Forward P/E ratio



Source: FactSet, FRB, Refinitiv Datastream, Robert Shiller, Standard & Poor's, Thomson Reuters, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Price-to-earnings is price divided by consensus analyst estimates of earnings per share for the next 12 months as provided by IBES since June 1997 and by FactSet since January 2022. Current next 12-months consensus earnings estimates are \$240. Average P/E and standard deviations are calculated using 25 years of history. Shiller's P/E uses trailing 10-years of inflation-adjusted earnings as reported by companies. Dividend yield is calculated as the next 12-months consensus dividend divided by most recent price. Price-to-book ratio is the price divided by book value per share. Price-to-cash flow is price divided by NTM cash flow. EY minus Baa yield is the forward earnings yield (consensus analyst estimates of EPS over the next 12 months divided by price) minus the Moody's Baa seasoned corporate bond yield. Std. dev. over-/under-valued is calculated using the average and standard deviation over 25 years for each measure. \*P/CF is a 20-year average due to cash flow availability. Guide to the Markets - U.S. Data areas of June 30, 2022.

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ASSET MANAGEMENT

[https://am.jpmorgan.com/us/en/asset-management/adv/insights/market-insights/guide-to-the-markets/?gclid=CjwKCAjww8mWBhABEiwAl6-2RRAsVhglAUgg6eHmhsqO2gOZclsGJ1CtOLT3LrVklifETMi4HPbh2hoCkpYQAvD\\_BwE&gclid=aw.ds](https://am.jpmorgan.com/us/en/asset-management/adv/insights/market-insights/guide-to-the-markets/?gclid=CjwKCAjww8mWBhABEiwAl6-2RRAsVhglAUgg6eHmhsqO2gOZclsGJ1CtOLT3LrVklifETMi4HPbh2hoCkpYQAvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds)

Will the recession be mild or severe? The last 11 American recessions average a -26% in S&P that leaves a moderate downturn 70-80% priced into the public markets. America is at 3.5% unemployment rate with record cash sitting in checking accounts. Let us again turn to Ben Carlson for historical data around our dilemma.

Is today going to duplicate the 2000 or 2008 bubbles? I added two purple arrows to Ben's chart below showing the pain of finding a bottom after first -20% downturns in those bubbles. **The Nasdaq P/E ratio at the top in this bull market in 2022 hit 32x, it is hard for people to conceptualize this but the internet bubble Nasdaq P/E high was 200x.**

As you can see from the JP Morgan chart, at the time of the great financial crisis stocks were not expensive, this was a credit crisis based off the American home market not a stock market valuation bubble. Now we face an unraveling of at different sort altogether. This is the unwinding of a 40-year bond bull market topped off by the Covid stimulus of eight times the 2008 crisis.

## How Long Does It Take for Stocks to Bottom in a Bear Market?

Ben Carlson looked at the historical records and found some interesting results. Some bear markets were over as soon as they began, like 1948 and 1957. Others took a while, like '73-'74 and the dotcom bust. The past is not much help with figuring out the future, but I did find this data point to be interesting: Seven out of the last twelve bear markets have bottomed in 46 days or less once the -20% level was breached.

Peak	Trough	% Decline	Days to Down 20%	Days from Down 20% to Bottom
5/29/1946	10/9/1946	-26.6%	103	30
6/15/1948	6/13/1949	-20.6%	363	1
7/15/1957	10/22/1957	-20.7%	98	1
12/12/1961	6/26/1962	-28.0%	167	29
2/9/1966	10/7/1966	-22.2%	201	39
11/29/1968	5/26/1970	-36.1%	426	117
1/11/1973	10/3/1974	-48.2%	320	310
11/28/1980	8/12/1982	-27.1%	451	171
8/25/1987	12/4/1987	-33.5%	55	46
3/24/2000	10/9/2002	-49.1%	353	576
10/9/2007	3/9/2009	-56.8%	274	243
2/19/2020	3/23/2020	-33.9%	22	11
<b>Averages</b>		<b>-32.7%</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>131</b>

<https://awealthofcommonsense.com/2022/06/how-long-does-it-take-for-stocks-to-bottom-in-a-bear-market/>

The next chart shows in vivid fashion the advantages of long-term holders aggressively investing during a downturn.

Ben Carlson – Here is a look at every recession since WWII along with S&P 500 returns in the 6 months leading up to the recession, during the actual recession itself and then one, three, five years and ten years from the end of the recession: *See next page for chart.*



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## Timing a Recession vs. Timing the Stock Market

Recession	6 Months Prior	During the Recession	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years
Nov 1948 - Oct 1949	9.83%	4.12%	31.48%	87.98%	171.33%	497.04%
July 1953 - May 1954	-6.46%	27.57%	35.92%	83.74%	144.81%	294.38%
Aug 1957 - April 1958	9.28%	-6.51%	37.31%	66.35%	89.72%	211.33%
April 1960 - Feb 1961	-1.04%	18.40%	13.61%	35.06%	68.41%	111.33%
Dec 1969 - Nov 1970	-7.78%	-3.45%	11.24%	20.63%	25.16%	145.87%
Nov 1973 - Mar 1975	2.86%	-17.90%	28.32%	21.99%	55.33%	252.40%
Jan 1980 - July 1980	7.67%	16.14%	12.92%	55.89%	100.89%	345.64%
July 1981 - Nov 1982	-1.02%	14.66%	25.40%	67.24%	103.23%	350.51%
July 1990 - Mar 1991	3.09%	7.64%	11.04%	29.84%	98.21%	284.66%
Mar 2001 - Nov 2001	-17.84%	-7.18%	-16.51%	8.44%	34.33%	33.16%
Dec 2007 - June 2009	-2.33%	-35.46%	14.43%	57.70%	136.98%	294.17%
Mar 2020 - April 2020	1.92%	-1.12%	45.98%	???	???	???

Sources: NBER, Returns 2.0

<https://awealthofcommonsense.com/2022/06/how-long-does-it-take-for-stocks-to-bottom-in-a-bear-market/>

As mentioned earlier in this letter, we experienced a historical 6 month drop in equities. Here is the history of previous two quarter drops.

### Historical Market Performance After Big Two Quarter Drops - LPL Research

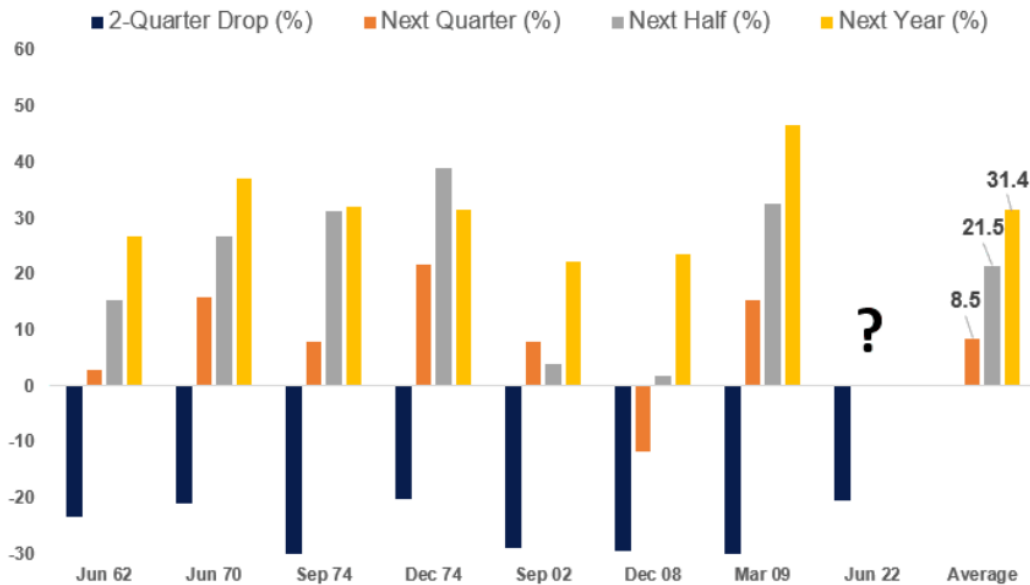
First, as shown in the LPL Chart of the Day, stocks have historically bounced back strongly from big 2-quarter drops as we just experienced. In fact, after a more than 20% drop over 2 quarters (the S&P 500 Index fell 20.6% in the first half of 2022), the average gain the next 2 quarters has been 21.5%.

The average performance over the following year has been 31.4%, which is consistent with the average gain off of a midterm election year low (32%). That low may have been put in place last month, though we'll have to wait to see for sure.



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## Stocks Have Historically Bounced Back Strongly After Big 2-Quarter Drops



Source: LPL Research, Bespoke Investment Group 07/01/22 (1946 - current)

All indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested into directly. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

The modern design of the S&P 500 Index was first launched in 1957. Performance before then incorporates the performance of its predecessor index, the S&P 90.

<https://iplresearch.com/2022/07/07/reasons-for-optimism-as-second-half-gets-underway/>

**BONDS**-With 10,000 Baby Boomers hitting sixty-five every day, an investment class important to their future is also getting cheaper. As retirees are looking for fewer volatile portfolios with a steady income, bonds have been more volatile than stocks in 2022. However, this short-term uncertainty is creating more reasonable fundamental valuations.

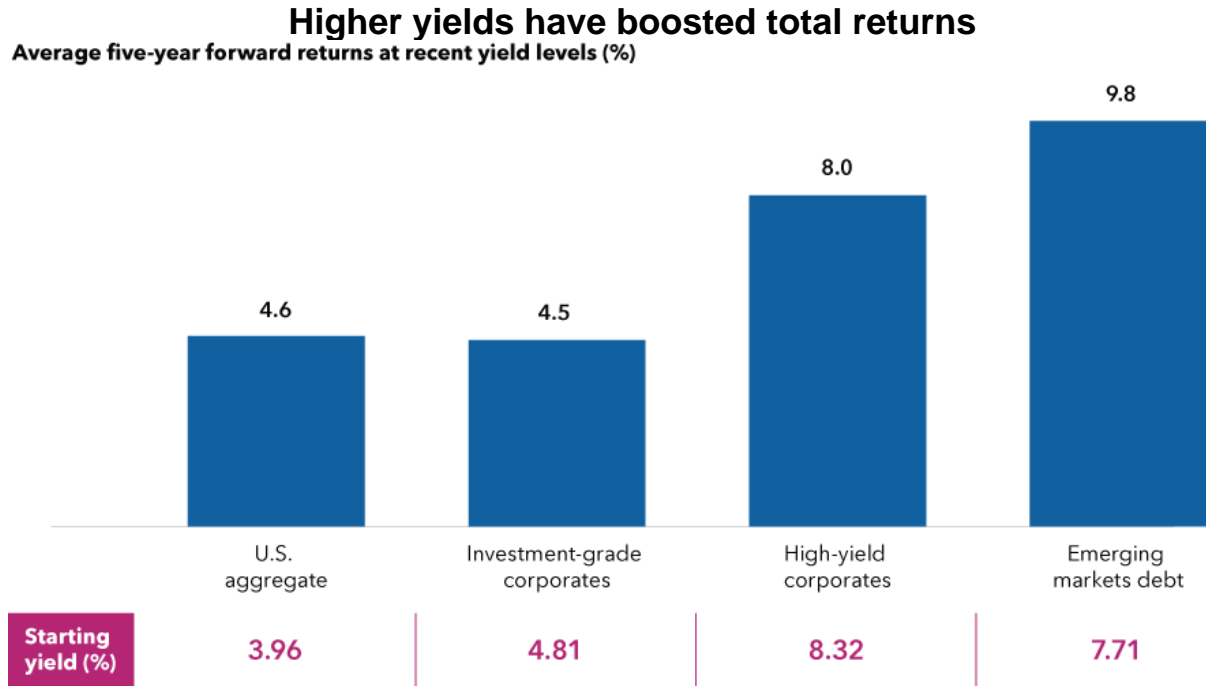
As mentioned in my previous letter, bonds were the real bubble, but the FED has reshuffled the decks. Bonds are not cheap, but they are much more attractive than 12 months ago.

Here is the sharp change in yields this year.

- Investment grade corporate moved from 2.5% to 5.5%
- Preferred from 3.5% to 7%
- High Yields from 3.75% to 8.5%
- 2-3-year Investment Grade Corporate 4.5% to 5%

See next page for chart.

## Capital Group summarizes average 5 year returns from current bond coupon levels.



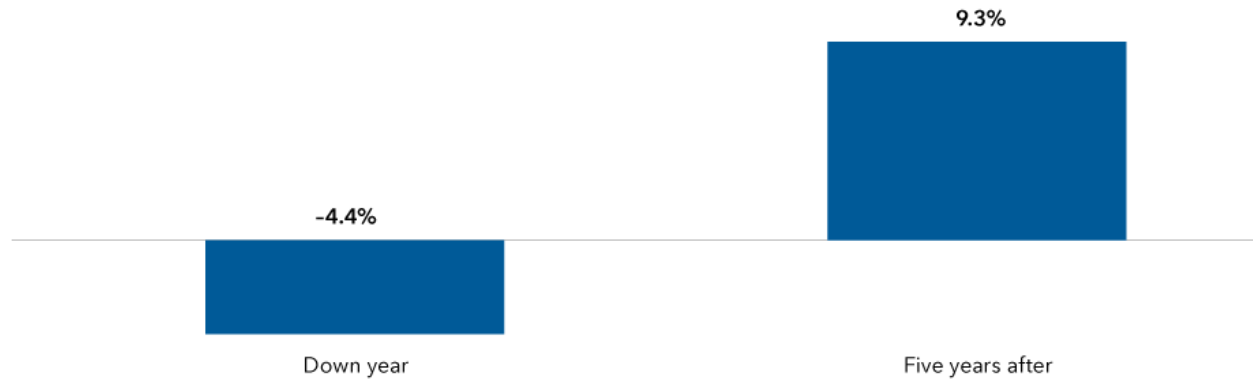
Sources: Capital Group, Bloomberg, J.P. Morgan. Yields as of June 15, 2022. Monthly return data as of May 31, 2022, going back to January 2000, for all sectors except for emerging markets debt, which goes back to January 2003. Based on average monthly returns for each sector when in a +/-0.30% range of yield-to-worst shown. Sector yields above include Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index, Bloomberg U.S. Investment Grade Corporate Index, Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, 50% J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index/50% J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index blend. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.

Retiring boomers will lean on municipal bonds for income in retirement. In years when Munis were down, they averaged a loss of about 4.4%. However, in the five-year period that followed, the sector saw an average annualized return of 9.3%. *See next page for chart.*



## History suggests higher Muni returns ahead

Municipal bond index average returns since 1980



Sources: Capital Group, Bloomberg. Returns as of June 15, 2022. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods -

[https://www.capitalgroup.com/advisor/insights/articles/2022-midyear-bond-outlook.html?sfid=1988901890&cid=80769452&et\\_cid=80769452&cgsrc=SFMC&alias=](https://www.capitalgroup.com/advisor/insights/articles/2022-midyear-bond-outlook.html?sfid=1988901890&cid=80769452&et_cid=80769452&cgsrc=SFMC&alias=)

According to Barron's, when junk bonds yield 8-9% like today, average returns over the next 12 months are 13%

*Barron's - The selloff in speculative-grade bonds this year has produced a doubling in yields, to 8.4%, writes Rachna Ramachandran, a researcher in structured products and high-yield strategies at GMO. In the past 30 years, only during the 2008-09 financial crisis and the March 2020 Covid-19 market maelstrom have high-yield bonds produced a doubling in yields so quickly, she notes. When speculative-grade bonds start with yields between 8% and 9%, total returns in the next 12 months historically have been strong; 13% is the most frequent outcome over the past three decades, with returns ranging most often between 7% and 17%, according to Ramachandran's research note. Moreover, a higher starting yield can absorb a lot of bad developments. She calculates an 8.4% yield can offset a 12% default rate (with a 30% recovery rate on defaults), which would be a vastly worse outcome than the 1% actual default rate in the past year. Beyond defaults, the market would have to sell off further, raising yields by another 1.95 percentage points, before an investor would be underwater, she adds.*

By Barron's [Randall W. Forsyth](https://www.barrons.com/articles/high-yield-bonds-bargains-51656024312?mod=past_editions) [https://www.barrons.com/articles/high-yield-bonds-bargains-51656024312?mod=past\\_editions](https://www.barrons.com/articles/high-yield-bonds-bargains-51656024312?mod=past_editions)

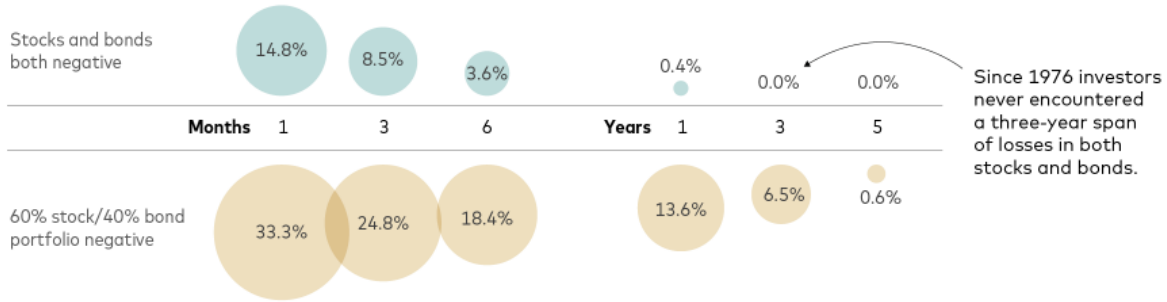
As you can see from Vanguard chart below, stocks and bonds both experiencing negative returns is a rare event, only happening 3.6% of the time. Stocks and bonds negative for a one-year period happens 0.4% of the time. See next page for chart..



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## Historically, stock-bond diversification recovers within a few months

Percentage of time periods with negative total returns



Source: Vanguard.

Data reflect rolling period total returns for the periods shown and are based on underlying monthly total returns for the period from February 1976 through April 2022. The S&P 500 Index and the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index were used as proxies for stocks and bonds.

[The 60/40 portfolio will rise again \(vanguard.com\)](https://www.vanguard.com)

### Part III - Some Cushion for Recession - Cash, Employment and State Budget Surpluses.

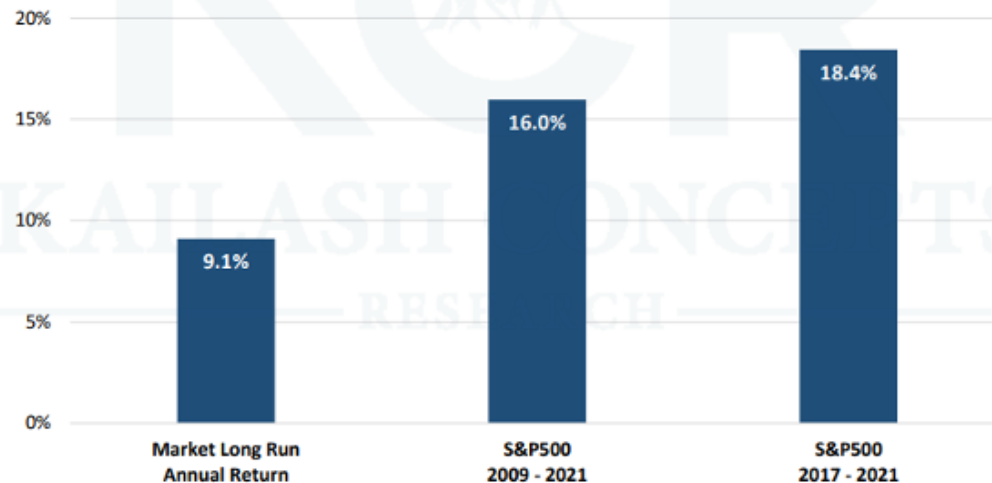
In all my past letters, we discussed lower return expectations going forward. During the 2010–2022, U.S. stock and bond markets experienced returns double historical averages. This leaves us facing lower but acceptable returns going forward. New stock market sectors will lead as capital becomes more expensive.

From Kailash Research-See the outsized returns from 2009-2021 but especially 2017-2021. These returns were driven by growth stocks so reversion to historical mean returns is expected.

- First bar: the long-run annual return to the US stock market from 1871 - 2022 is 9.1%<sup>i</sup>
- Second bar: shows that from 2009 - 2021, the market returned 16.0% per year for 13 years
- Third bar: shows that in the five years from 2017 - 2021, the market averaged 18.4% per year

**The conclusion is clear: this is not sustainable.** The market has outperformed historical returns by a wide margin since 2009. Much of this outsized performance came in the 2017 - 2021 period when returns were 2x higher than long-term historical average.

### 2017 - 2021 Annual Returns Doubled the Historical Average



Source: Kailash Capital, LLC, Bloomberg; Data from 12/31/1871 - 12/31/2021

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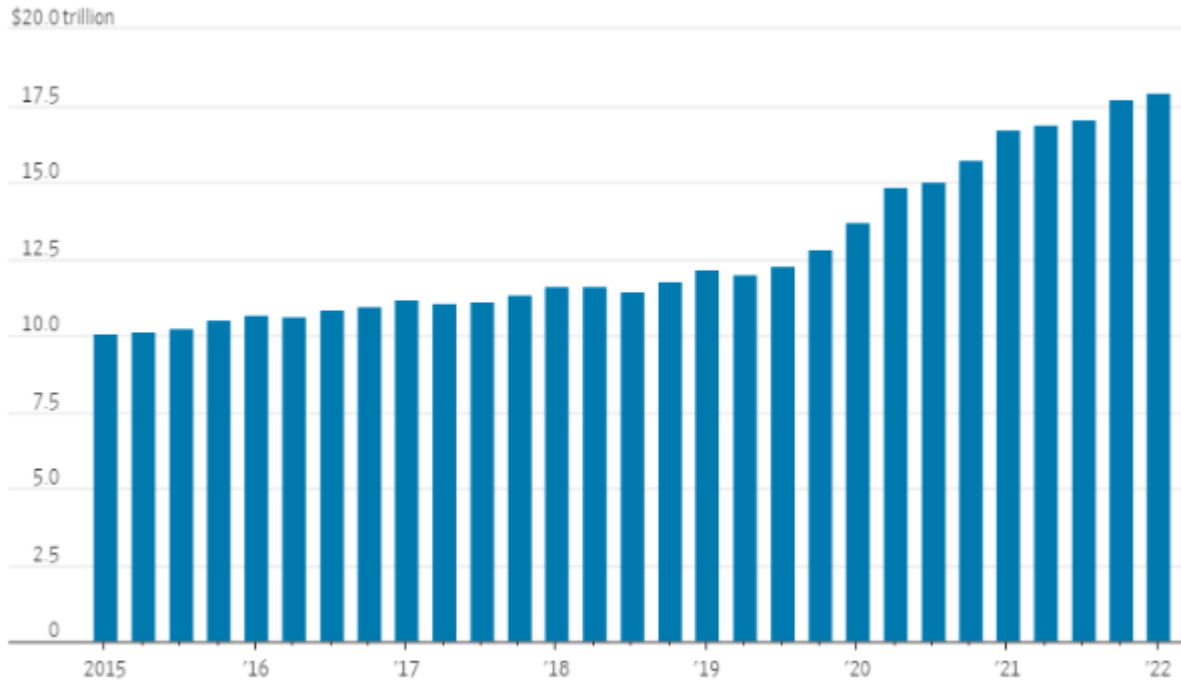
However, if we are facing recession, it will be one of the strangest downturns in history. Many pundits are calling for another 2008 or worse but Americans are sitting on record cash, record home equity, a historical low unemployment rate and flush state budgets. *See next page for chart.*

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## Massive Cash Pile to Offset Recession

### Irrelevant Investor Blog

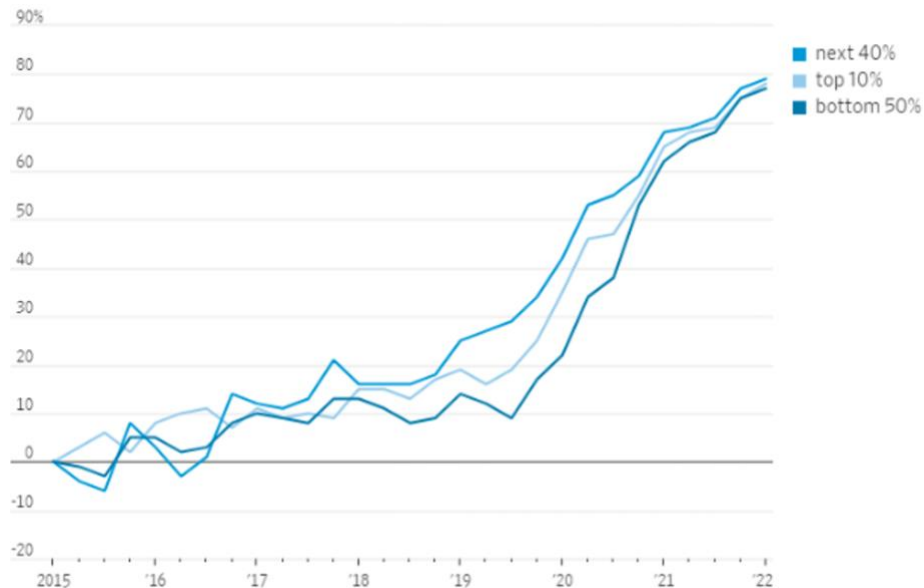
U.S. household holdings of cash and cash equivalents



Note: Cash and cash equivalents include currency, checkable deposits, time and savings deposits and money market funds

Source: Federal Reserve

Change in cash and cash equivalent holdings by wealth distribution since 1Q 2015

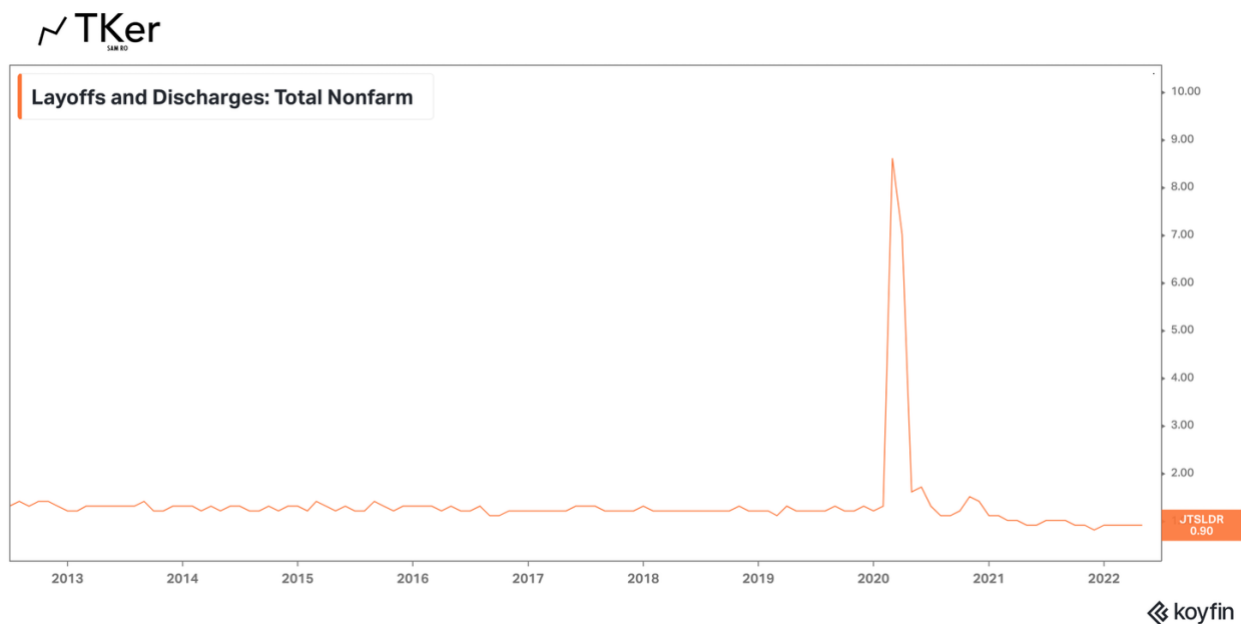


Source: Federal Reserve

## Low Unemployment

The U.S. is short five million workers right now so early layoffs like Tesla employees are being hired right away. We have negative population growth and retiring baby boomer demographic leaving worker shortages across a list of industries.

From Sam Ro @samro This is in line with BLS data released on Wednesday that showed the layoff rate remained near a record low of 0.9% in May.

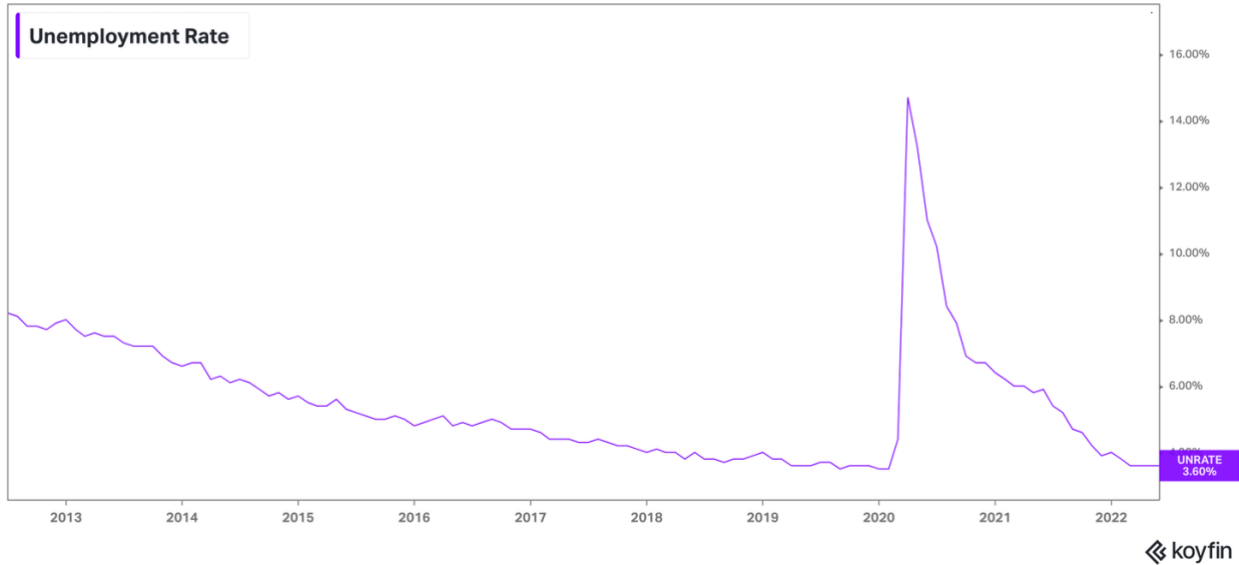


Also, the unemployment rate remains exceptionally low at 3.6%.

*See next page for chart.*



# Q2 2022 Letter – Ship Them Up to Boston



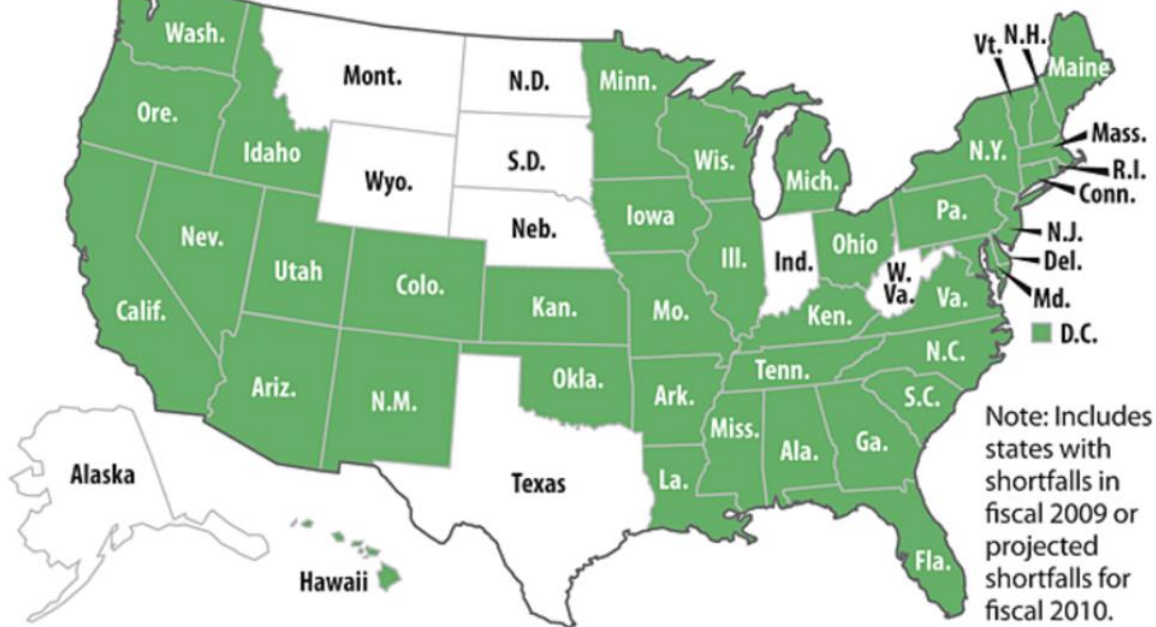
<https://www.tker.co/p/june-jobs-payrolls-not-recession>

## State Government Surpluses

State and local government spending is 17% of GDP. Today state governments have massive government surpluses versus 2008 shortfalls.

**2008-** 41 states were facing budget shortfalls.

## 41 states face budget shortfalls



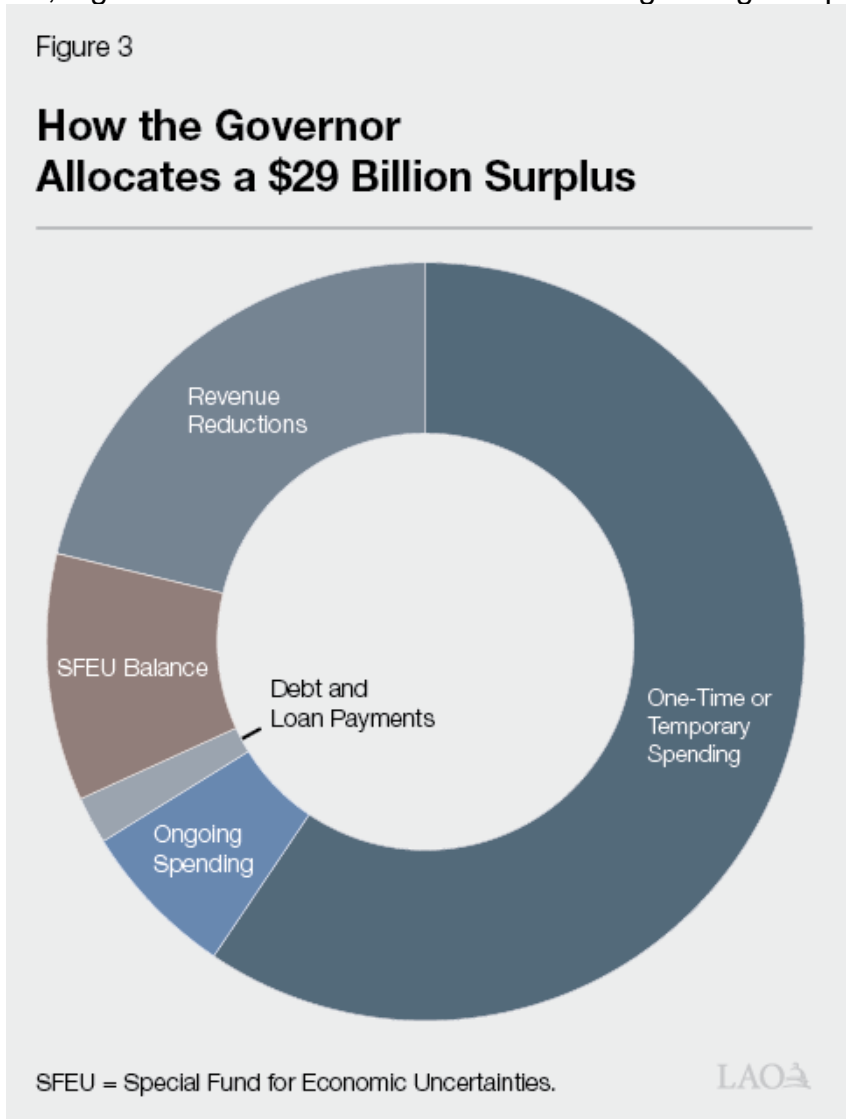
**2022 Pew Research-**

After an early pandemic decline, **states had collectively amassed their largest fiscal cushion on record by the start of the current budget year.** Higher-than-expected tax revenue—among other temporary factors—drove the total held in savings and leftover budget dollars to new highs. As states approach the close of fiscal year 2022, most expect to spend down at least a portion of their surplus funds.

Despite fallout from the coronavirus and a two-month recession, the 50-state total of rainy day funds dipped only temporarily in fiscal year 2020, followed by a historic increase by the end of the first full budget year of the pandemic.

<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2022/05/10/budget-surpluses-push-states-financial-reserves-to-all-time-highs>

Instead of empty coffers, big states like California face the handling of huge surpluses.



<https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4492>

## Conclusion

Speculation in markets was decimated in first half. Although sexy stories dominate headlines, the more important bubble break was bonds. “Safe money” saw double digit negative returns, throwing diversified portfolios into a tailspin. Keep in mind we are coming off a 12-year run of record stock/bond returns, so a resetting of valuations was inevitable.

Re-setting valuations in bubble sections of the economy is different than 2008 credit crisis or 2000 internet bubble of 200x P/E ratios. In 2008, we were concerned about banks closing their doors, plus Americans faced massive layoffs, home foreclosures, and business bankruptcies. Today bank and household balance sheets are much less levered.

We may be facing more volatility and downside this Summer but valuations across asset classes have re-set to more acceptable levels. As mentioned in all my previous Lansing Street quarterly letters, the next decade’s returns will not match the past 10 years as we revert to single digit returns.

Vanguard’s projected 10-year returns grid will be reset by end of Summer. Below is the pre-bear market grid. These numbers will shift upward from new lower valuations.

## Vanguard Projected Returns (before 2022 bear market)

### Asset-class return outlooks

The greatest change in our outlooks from the June 30 running of the Vanguard Capital Markets Model® (VCMM) was in emerging markets equities. Large price declines in the intervening months lowered valuations, which are reflected in a 10-year forecast range that is 60 basis points higher in the September 30 running. In fixed income, yields increased marginally in the third quarter, allowing for a marginal rise in forecasts for many fixed income sub-asset classes.

Our 10-year, annualized, nominal return projections, as of September 30, 2021, are shown below. Please note that the figures are based on a 1.0-point range around the rounded 50th percentile of the distribution of return outcomes for equities and a 0.5-point range around the rounded 50th percentile for fixed income.

Equities	Return projection	Median volatility	Fixed income	Return projection	Median volatility
U.S. equities	2.3%–4.3%	16.7%	U.S. aggregate bonds	1.4%–2.4%	4.6%
U.S. value	3.1%–5.1%	19.2%	U.S. Treasury bonds	1.2%–2.2%	4.7%
U.S. growth	-0.9%–1.1%	17.5%	U.S. credit bonds	1.6%–2.6%	4.7%
U.S. large-cap	2.2%–4.2%	16.3%	U.S. high-yield corporate bonds	2.2%–3.2%	10.4%
U.S. small-cap	2.2%–4.2%	22.5%	U.S. Treasury Inflation- Protected Securities	1.0%–2.0%	7.0%
U.S. real estate investment trusts	1.9%–3.9%	19.1%	U.S. cash	1.2%–2.2%	1.2%
Global equities ex-U.S. (unhedged)	5.2%–7.2%	18.4%	Global bonds ex-U.S. (hedged)	1.3%–2.3%	3.8%
Global ex-U.S. developed markets equities (unhedged)	5.3%–7.3%	16.4%	Emerging markets sovereign bonds	2.3%–3.3%	10.1%
Emerging markets equities (unhedged)	4.2%–6.2%	26.8%	U.S. Inflation	1.5%–2.5%	2.3%

These probabilistic return assumptions depend on current market conditions and, as such, may change over time.

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Source: Vanguard Investment Strategy Group.



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