The Current Economic Conditions

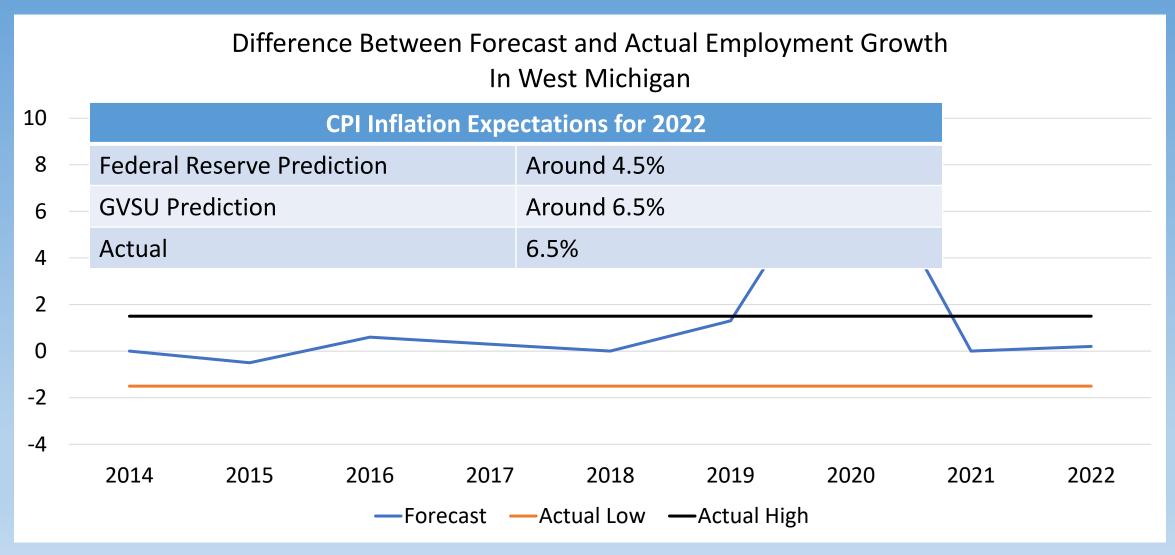
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How We Did Last Year - Employment



Source: BLS and Isely calculations

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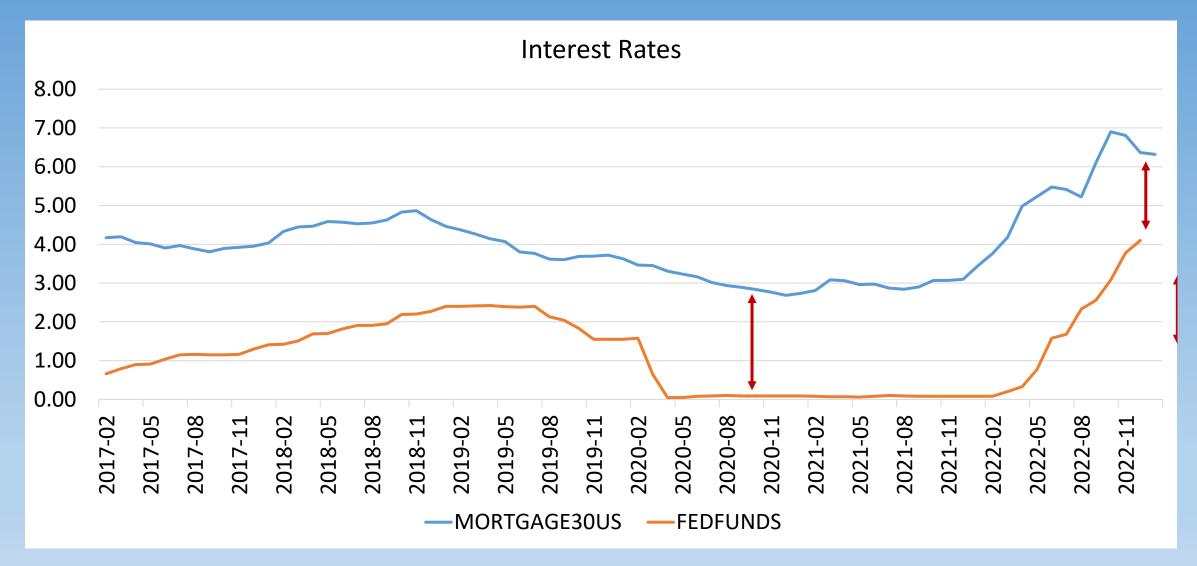
Pandemic Stimulus Fading Combined with Higher Interest Rates Will Place a Drag on the Economy



The Drag on the Economy has Already Begun



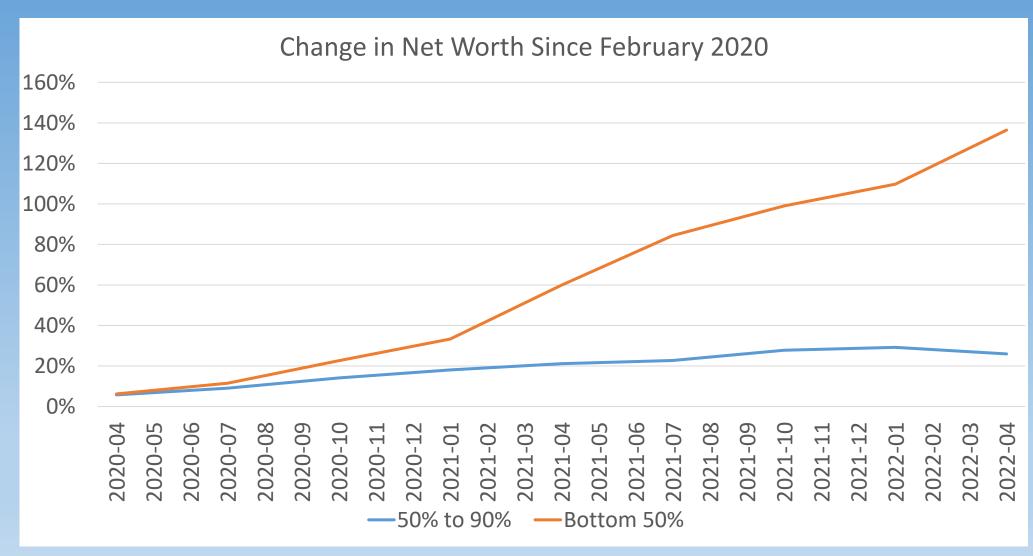
Monetary Policy



Source: Federal Reserve



Massive Increase In Wealth



Source: Board of Governors

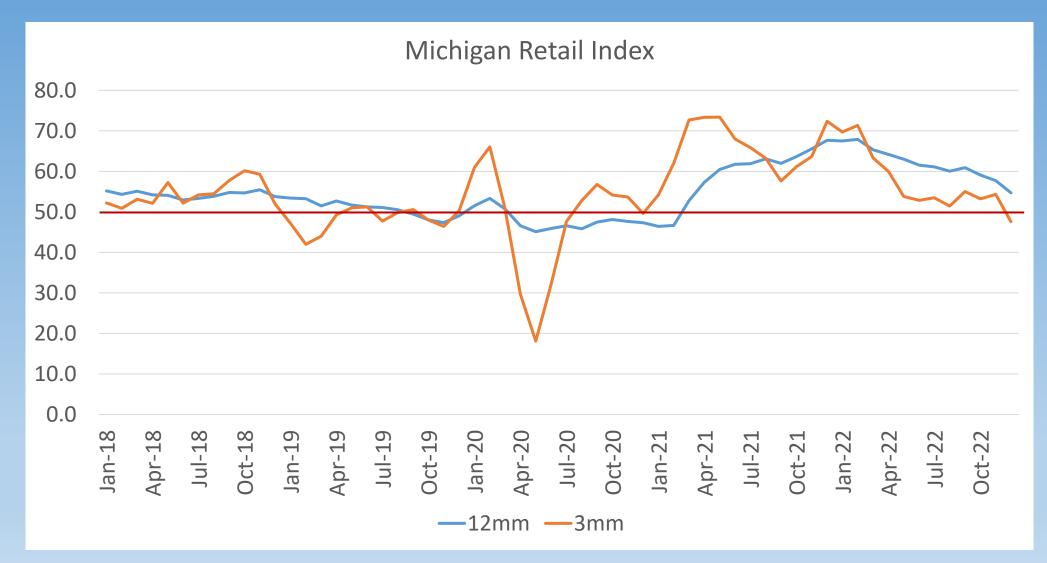


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Started to Affect Retail in December

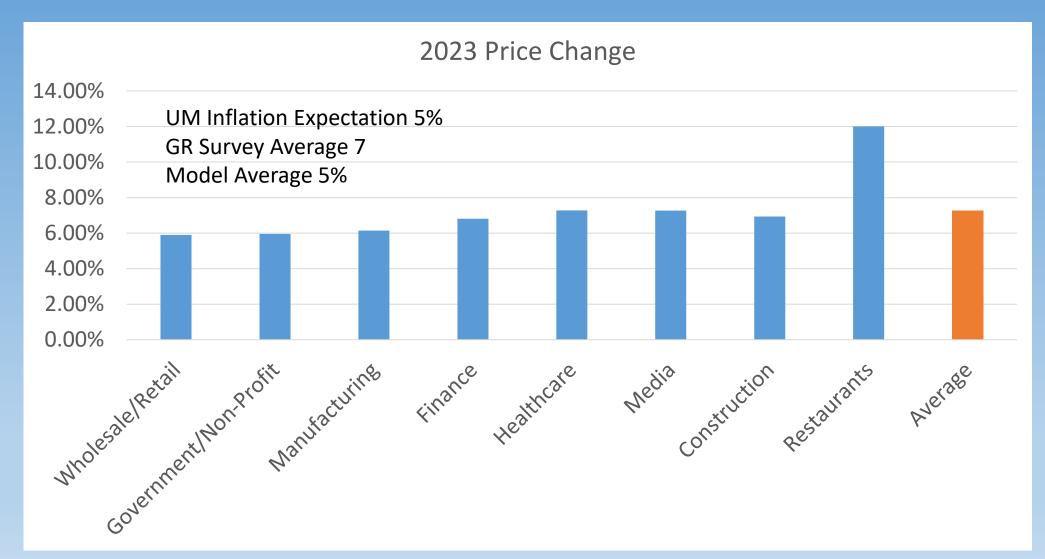




As these drags on the economy take hold prices increases will decelerate — not go away

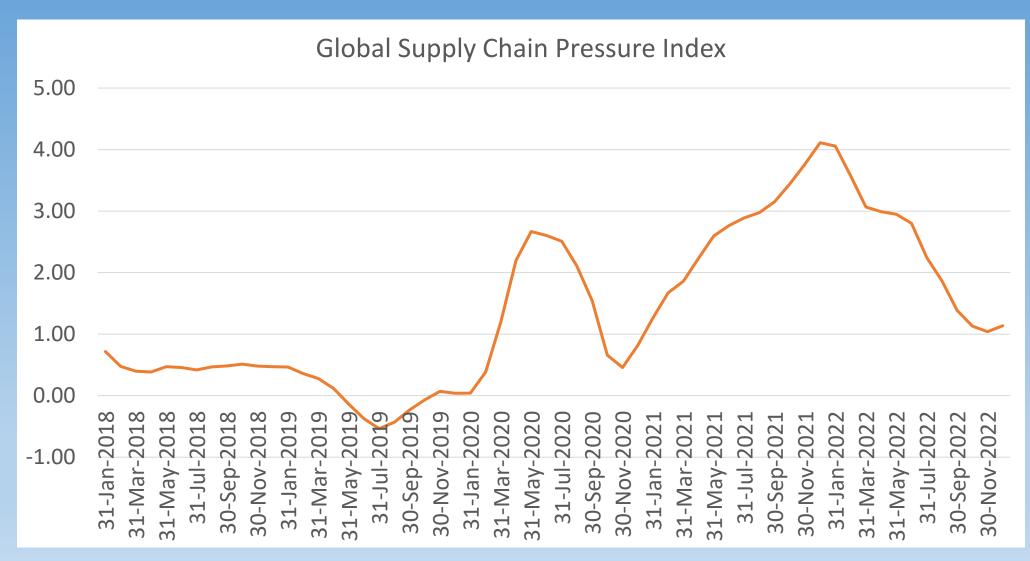


Expectations





Supply Chain Pressure





Source: New York Fed

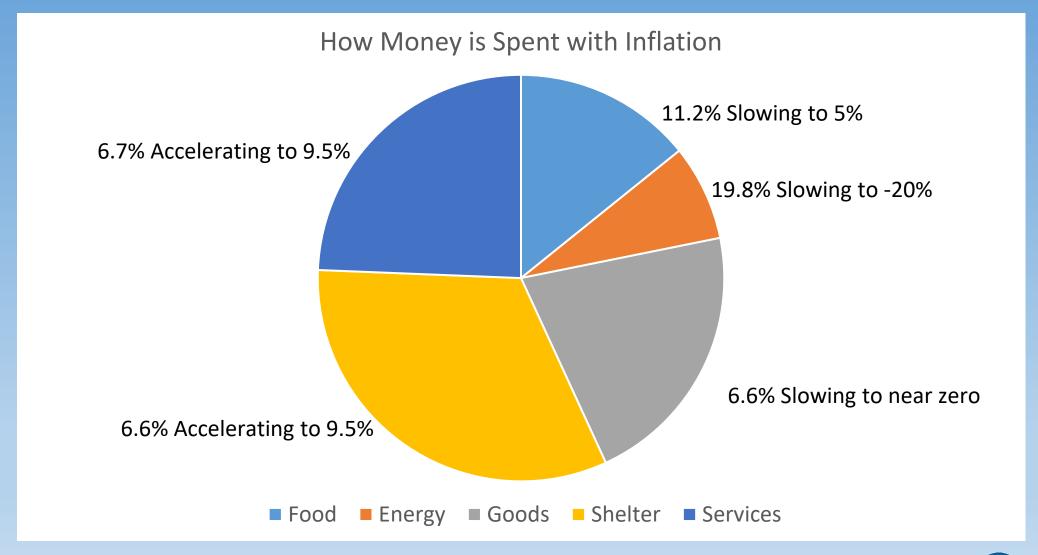
Wages





Source: GVSU Survey

Inflation is Baked in for Next Year



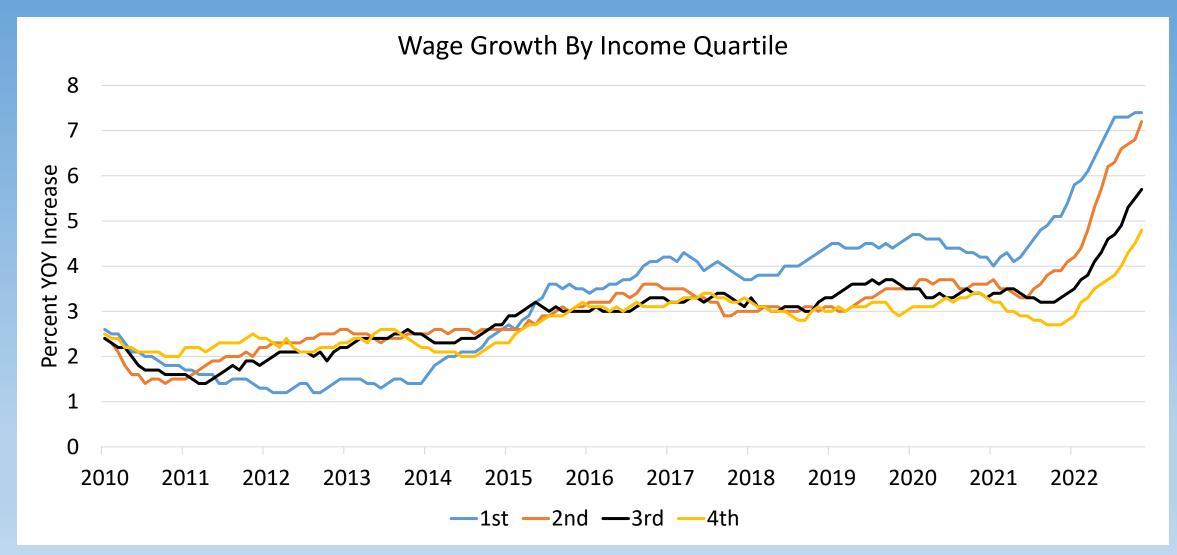


Source: BLS and Isely Calculations

Even With The Drag On The Economy Accelerating There Will Not Be Enough Workers



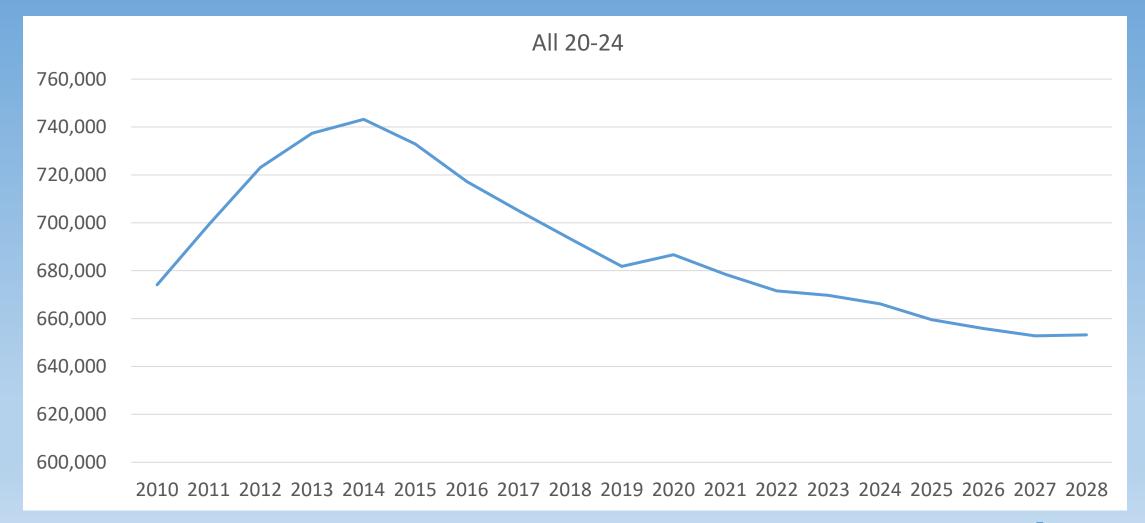
Demographics



Source: Atlanta Fed

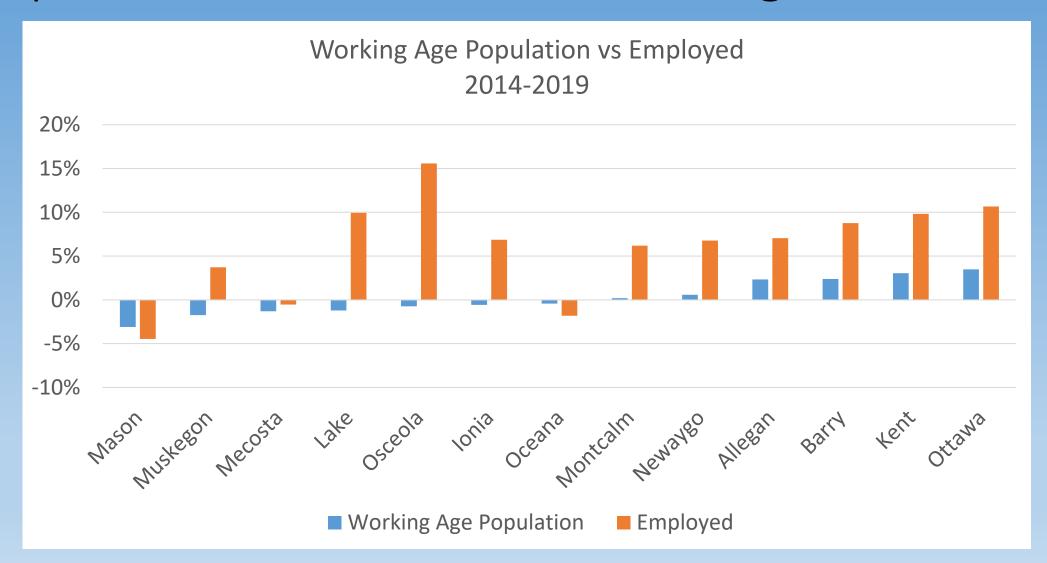


Michigan





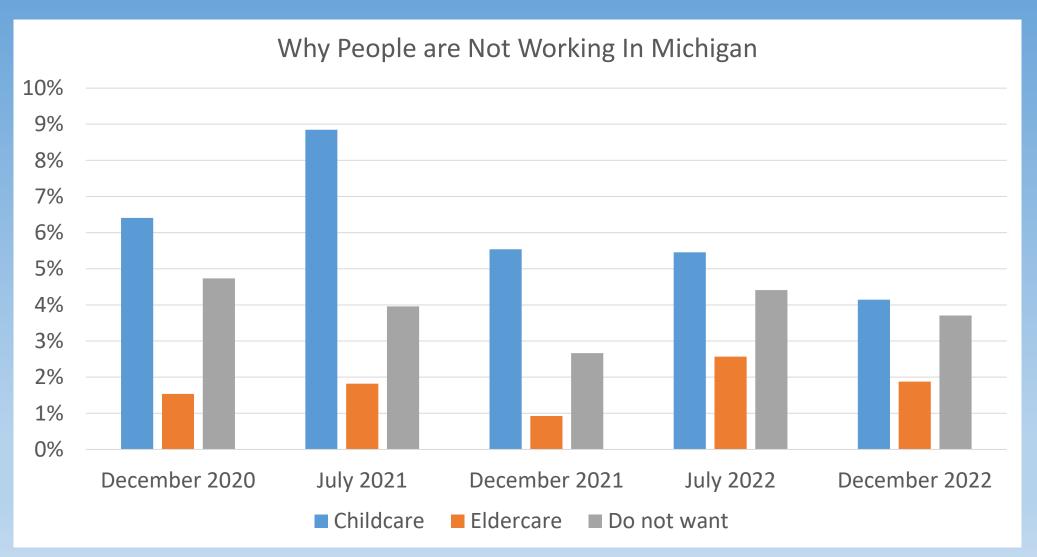
Population Growth Not Fast Enough





Source: Census and BLS

Not A lot of Workers to Come Back



Roughly

50% Retired 13% Disabled

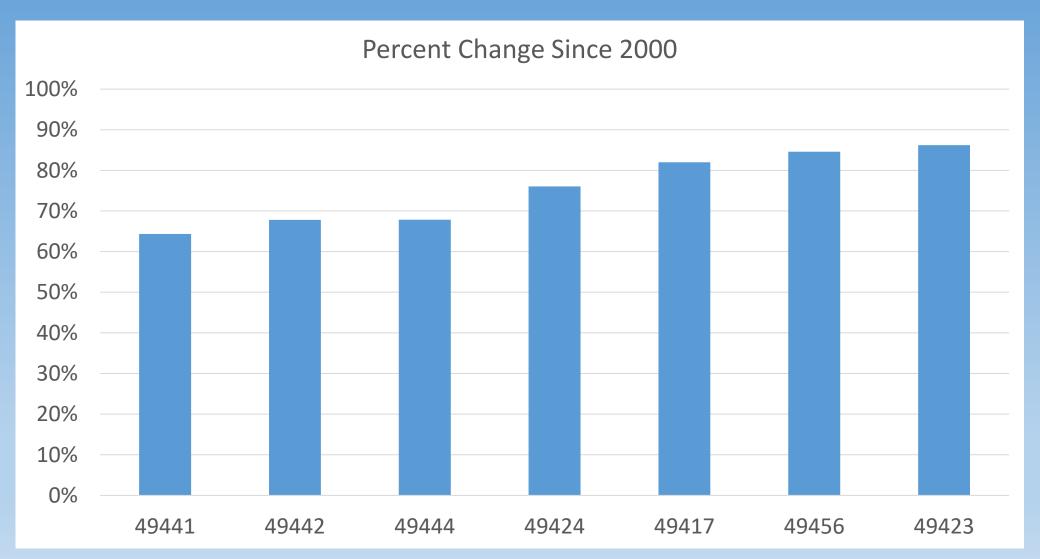
1% Concerned about COVID



Grand Haven Has A Housing Problem Making It Hard to Solve the Talent Problem

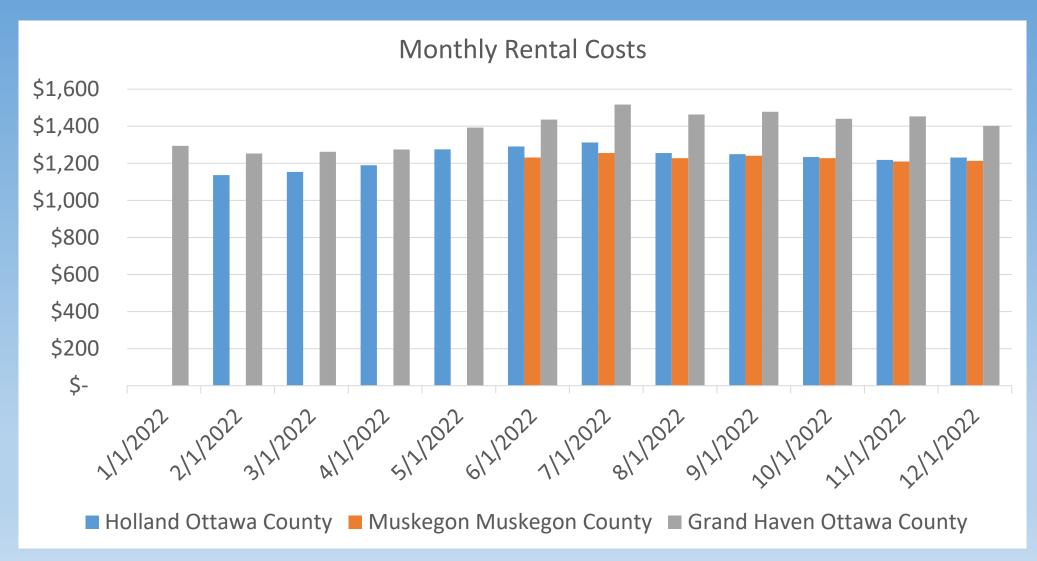


Housing Prices Rising Faster





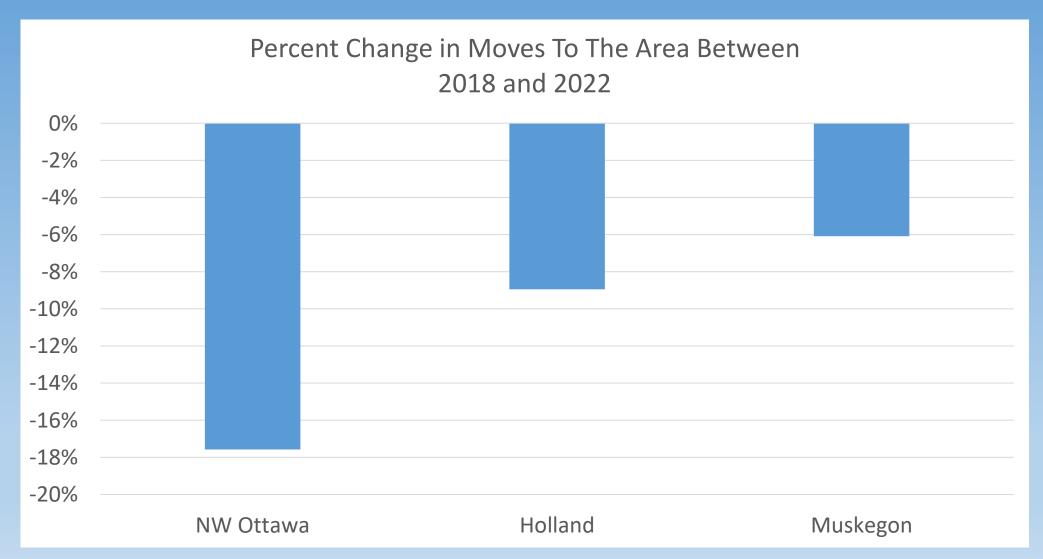
Rental Prices Higher





Source: Zillow

People Not Moving To

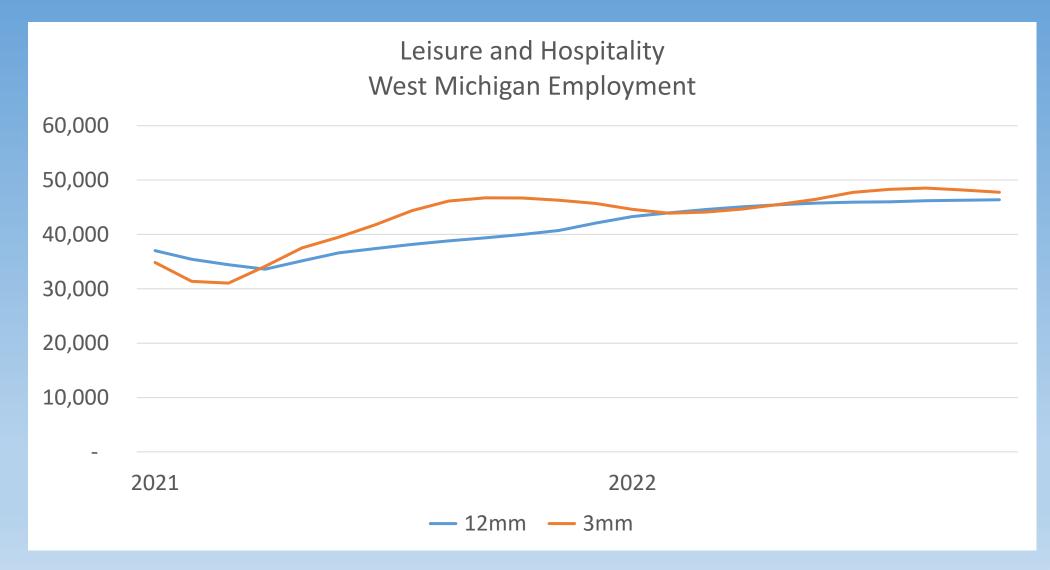




NW Ottawa's Two Major Industries Look Good For This Year



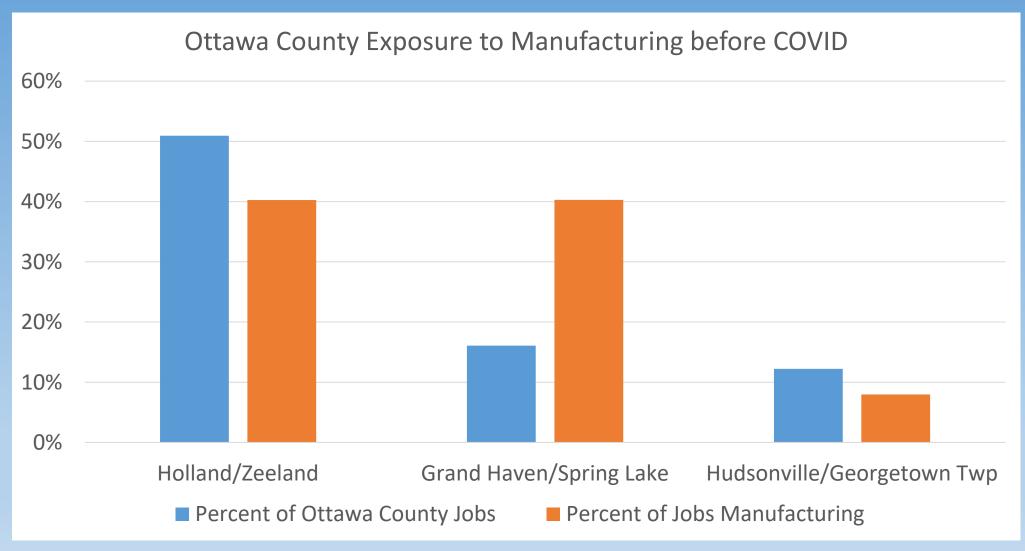
Reason 2 – Tourism





Source: BLS

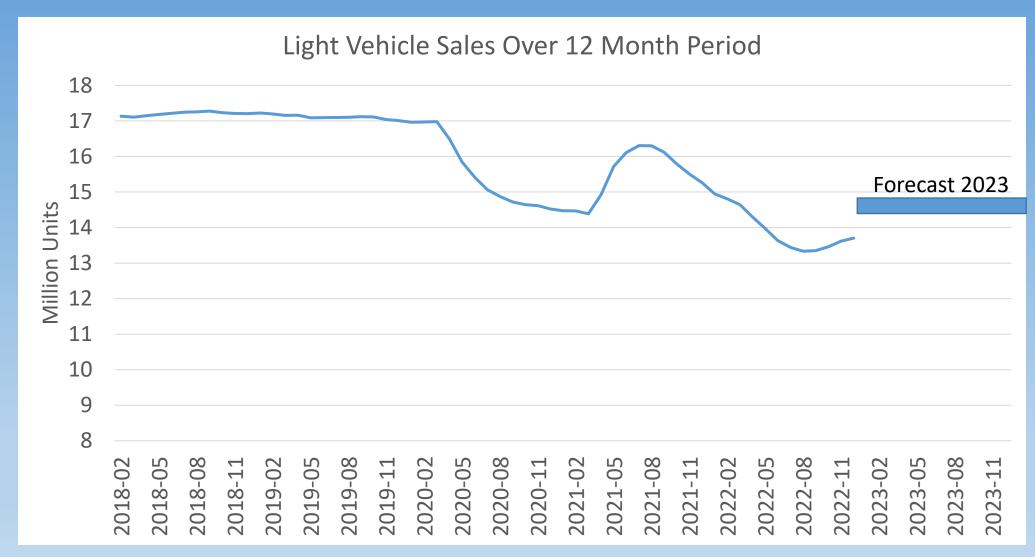
Big Exposure to Manufacturing



Source: On the Map



Reason 3 -- Automotive



Source: BEA



Summary

	West Michigan Survey	United States
Current		
Confidence	70	
2023		
Confidence	67	
Sales Growth	2.3%	1.3%
Employment		
Growth	1.8%	0.65%
Wage Growth	4.1%	4.3%
Inflation		
Expectation	5.6%	5.4%



Things to Watch

- Consumer Spending When does wealth effect wear off?
- Federal Reserve Action -- More or less will trade off growth and price.
- Supply Disruptions Faster resolution means faster reduction in inflation
- Inflation Expectations If expectations have been built in, then inflation will be persistent.
- Other Shocks
 - Budget Showdown
 - Mid Year Fake



Questions

