



# 2023 Q2 Credit Risk Review

Trends and Early Risk Indicators in Consumer Credit

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# Executive Summary – State of the US Consumer Credit

There are both headwinds and tailwinds for consumer credit risk:

- **Headwinds**

- Delinquencies increasing or elevated across all asset classes, driven by prime/superprime worsening partially offset by subprime slightly improving.
- High interest rates and elevated used car prices cause record car payments. Recent vintages of used-auto loans much worse than pre-pandemic.
- Increased balances led to higher minimum payments due across all vantage bands. This trend is expected to continue as student loan payments resume.
- Student loans deferral expirations impending; cards expected to be most impacted as they fall lower in the payment hierarchy historically.

- **Tailwinds**

- Subprime delinquencies in cards and personal loans decreasing/flattening in recent months, attributed mostly to 2023's tightening of underwriting standards and possible macro improvements.
- Unemployment remaining low at 3.6% despite rate increases; historically, it is the primary driver for the increase in consumer credit risk, especially for prime customers.
- Personal savings rates rise from historic lows; consumers maintain a savings buffer from past years.

# Executive Summary - Credit Cards

## Credit Cards

- While 60+ delinquencies are up YOY, they are roughly flat to slightly down in the last few months.
- Delinquency rates for subprime and near prime buckets have actually decreased in the last couple of months.
  - Some of this may be due to the tightening of credit by players in this space, but not all.
- We continue to see an increase in balances as consumers borrow more but they are still within the pre-pandemic trendlines.
- Card origination volumes have been dropping as of April 2023 as lenders tightened their underwriting, with a sharper decrease in subprime originations.
- Average credit limit is back to pre-pandemic levels for near prime and prime customers. Moreover, average credit limit has exceeded pre-pandemic averages for prime plus and super prime buckets.



# Executive Summary - Personal Loans & Mortgages

## Personal Loans

- Increase in personal loan delinquencies which have trended above pre-pandemic levels.
- But subprime has flattened in the most recent months, likely driven by credit tightening standards.
- We continue to see a tightening of underwriting standards with an increase in both average origination FICO and Income.
- Average origination loan amounts and durations are also higher than pre-pandemic levels.

## Mortgages

- Slight increase in delinquencies but well below pre-pandemic levels.
- Similarly, originations increasing slightly but still well below pre-pandemic levels due to high interest rate and low inventory.

# Executive Summary – Auto Loans

## Auto Loans

- Auto delinquencies increased in the last couple of months and overall trending higher than pre-pandemic levels.
- Recent vintage performance varies significantly between new and used auto loans and leases, with recent ones having lower delinquencies than pre-pandemic averages, and used auto loans having significantly higher delinquencies.
- Rising auto interest rates and vehicle prices are driving up the payment amounts. The share of \$1,000+ monthly payments reached a new all-time peak in Q2 2023.
- Most of the consumers who agreed to a \$1,000+ loan in Q2 signed up for longer terms and higher APR loans.
- Subprime share of auto loan originations has reached decade lows due to high prices and tightening of underwriting standards. Auto originations balances remain elevated due to high vehicle prices.
- Given the higher interest rates and elevated prices for used cars, average LTV remains high for used auto loans, while within pre-pandemics levels for new auto loans.

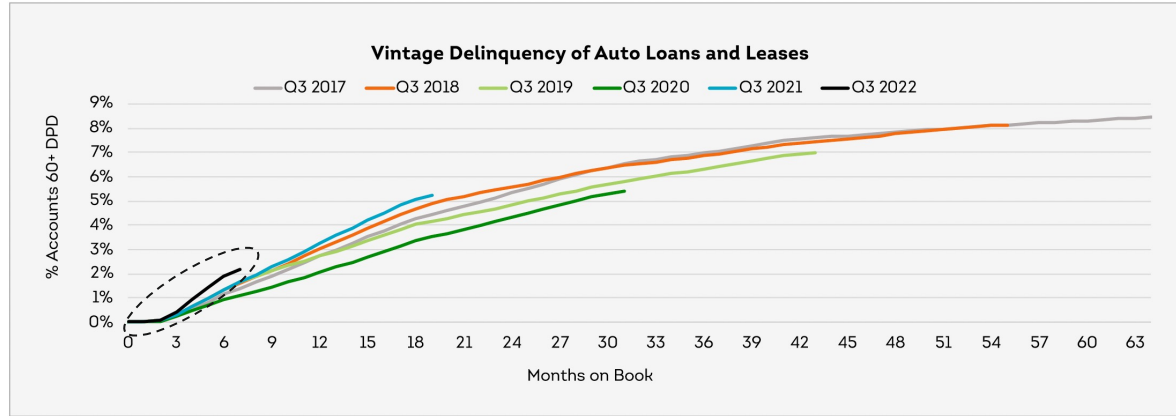
# Executive Summary – Student Loans

## Student Loans

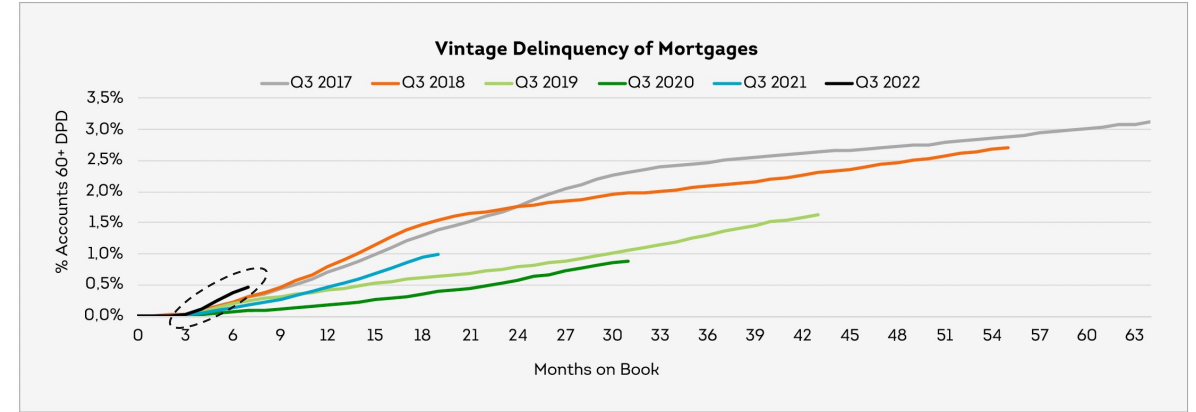
- Student loans are the largest source of U.S. household debt besides mortgages, totaling \$1.75T. Federal student loans have been deferred since March 2020, but payments will be due again starting in October of 2023.
- There are reasons to believe the SL repayment will cause severe issues:
  - Across credit-risk scores, Student Loan (“SL”) borrowers have taken on significant additional debt over the last 3 years
  - SL Borrowers’ delinquencies have been rising on other assets.
  - SL borrowers perform worse on their other loans than non-SL borrowers.
  - Servicing confusion: 3.5 years of payment suspension and change of payment plans will lead to borrower confusion and unknown payment behavior across asset classes.
- But we explore mitigating factors from Equifax data that are not being reported:
  - The data suggests SL and non-SL borrowers took on similar amounts of increased debt during the pandemic, which is mostly explained by being younger and newer to credit.
  - The uptick in delinquencies is similar to non-SL borrowers with similar credit scores.
- Student Loans are higher in the payment priority than credit cards, but lower than other loans suggesting the biggest impact may be to card portfolios

# Recent vintages are still experiencing higher delinquencies compared to previous years

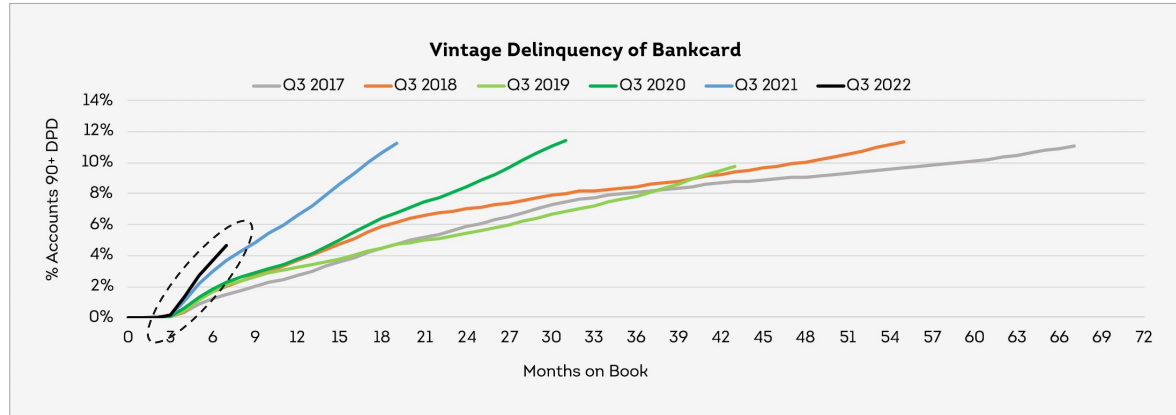
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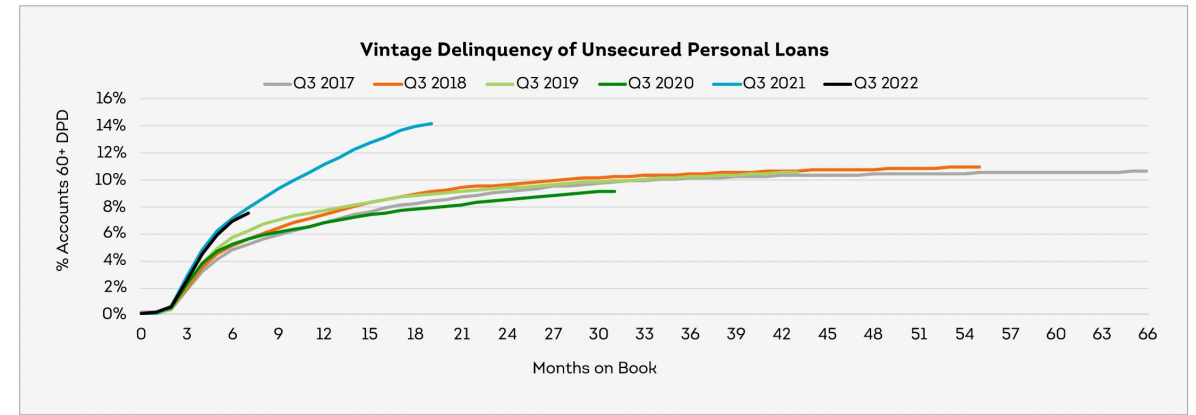
## MORTGAGE



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## UNSECURED PERSONAL LOAN



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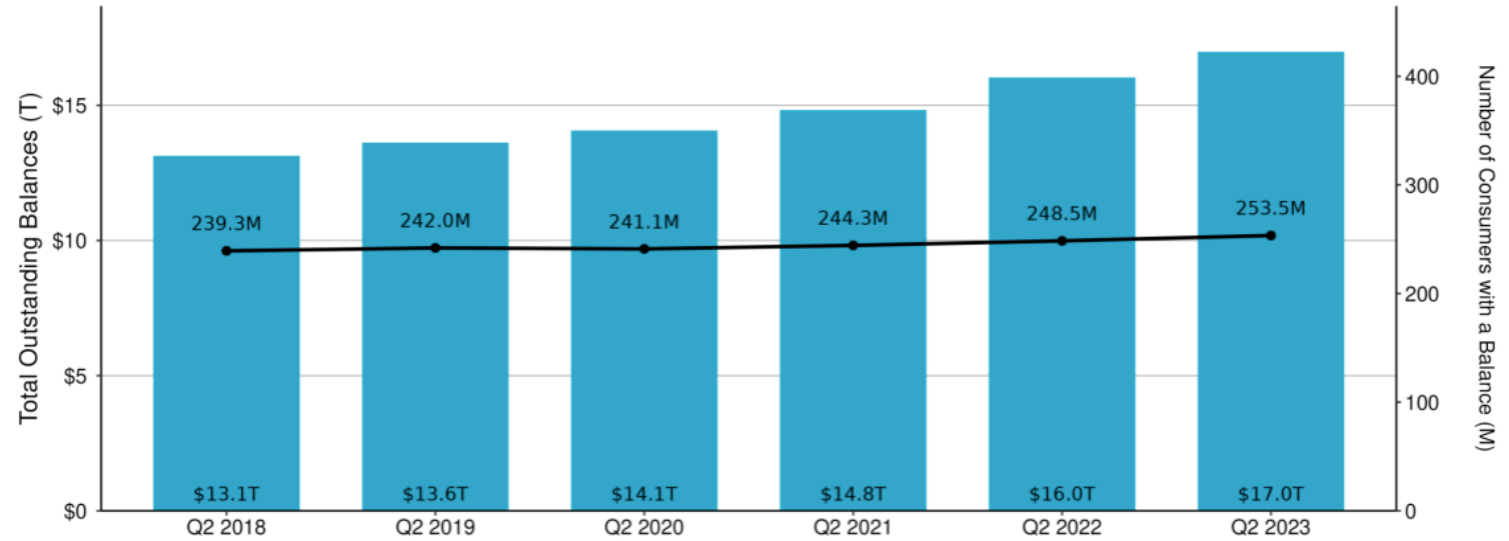




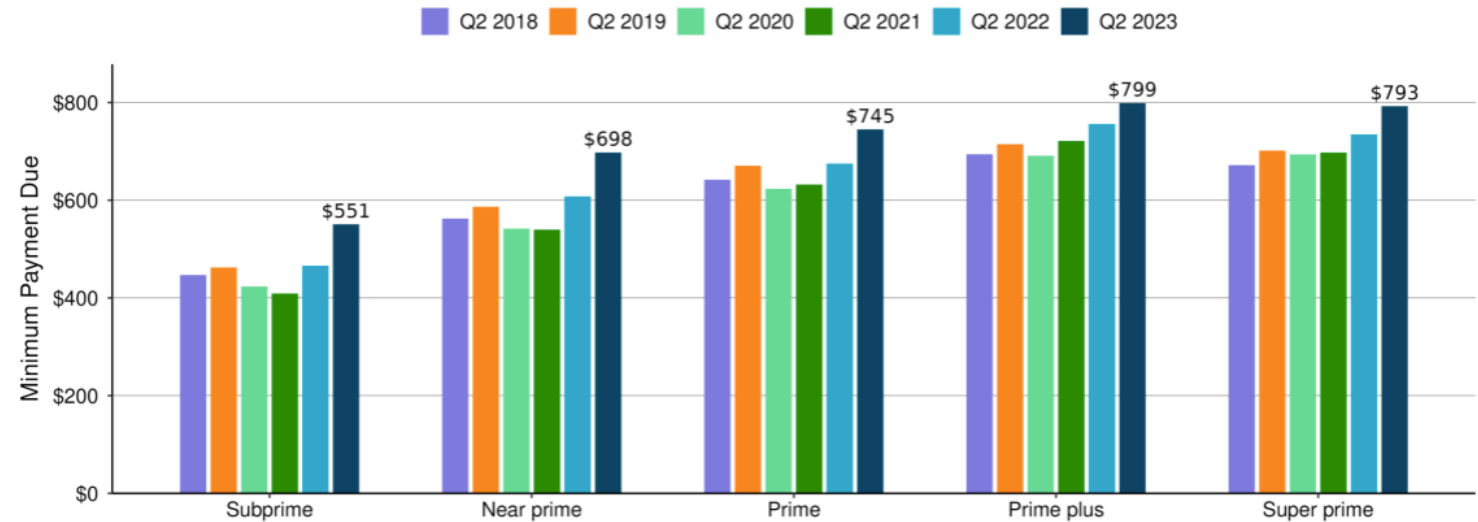
**Total consumer balances continue to increase in Q2 2023**

**There are higher minimum payments, partially driven by inflation, due for consumers across all vantage scores**

Total Consumer Balances and Participation



Average Minimum Payment Due per Consumer with a Balance, by Risk Tier



Source: Transunion, data as of June 30, 2023

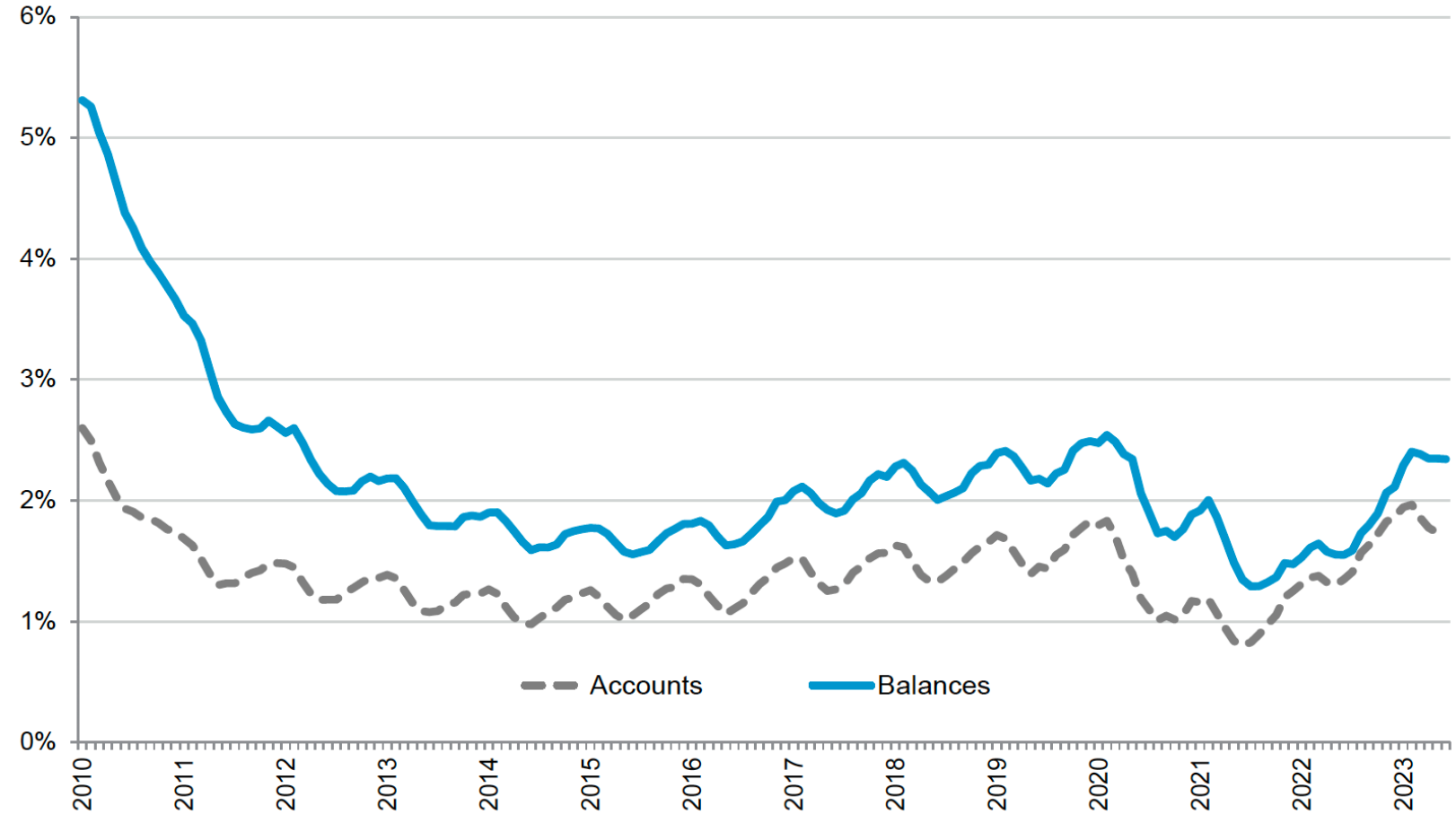
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# Severe Delinquency Rate

60+ Days Past Due

Percent of Accounts and Balances; NSA; Excludes Severe Derogatory and Bankruptcy



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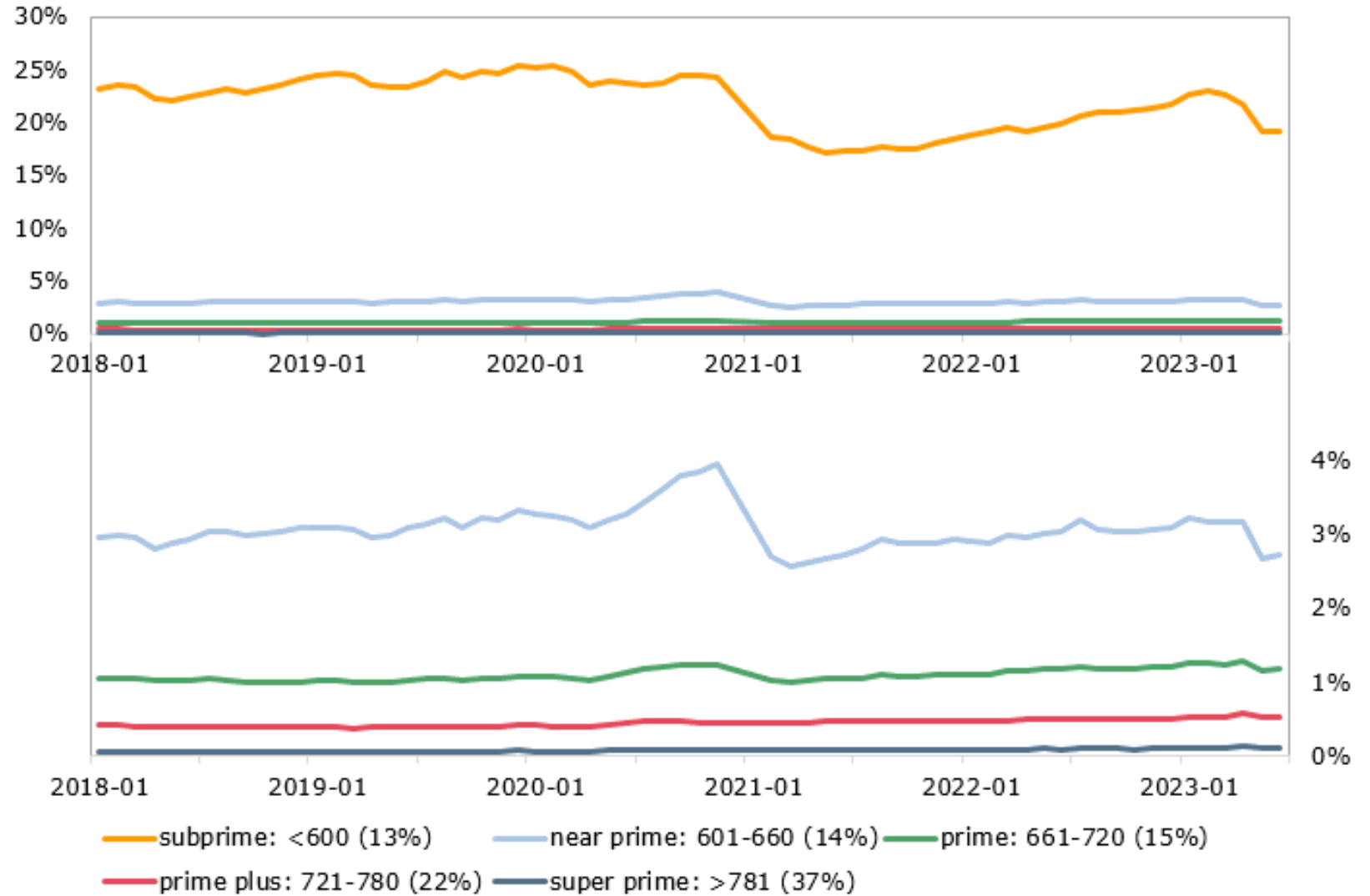
Data as of June 2023

**Slight drop in Card Delinquencies in most recent months. Flattening of balance delinquencies**

**This trend is in line with historical seasonality cycles**

**Delinquency rates for subprime and near prime buckets dropped slightly in the last couple of months**

**60DPD+ by Vantage**

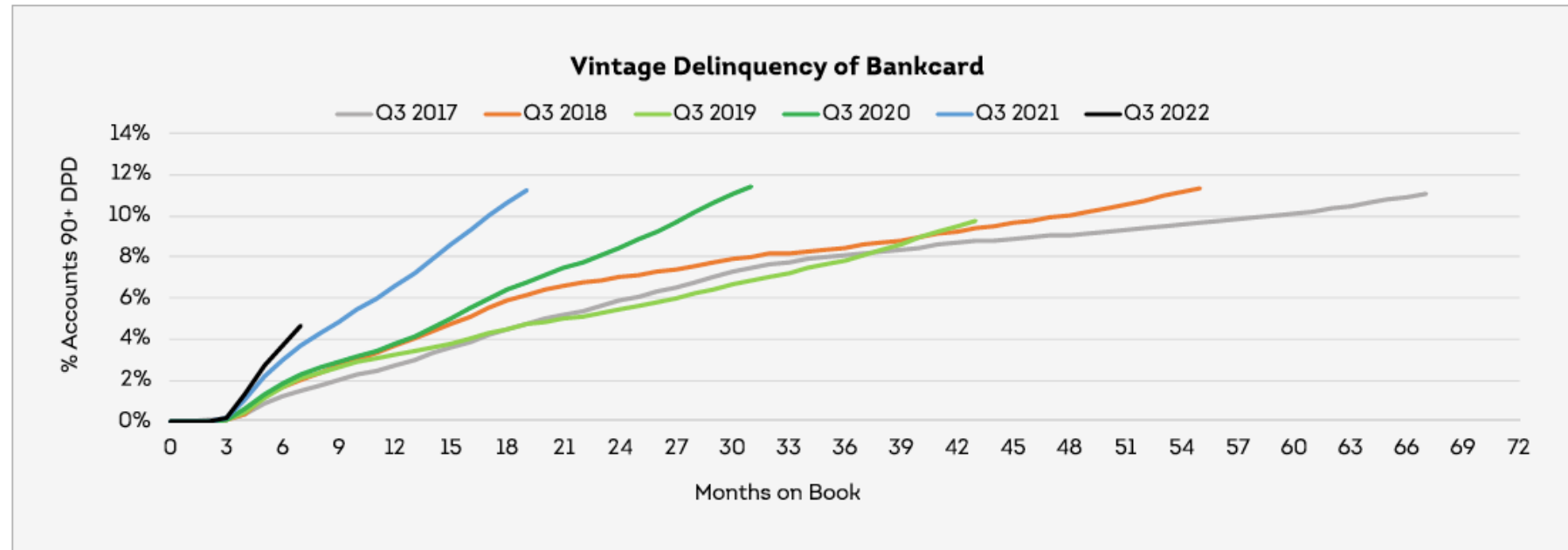


Source: 2OS, Equifax Ignite. Data as of June 30, 2023.

Vantage buckets are lagged 3 months from the performance date. For more details on methodology, see appendix.

Although the overall delinquency rates have dropped slightly, recent vintages are still performing worse than previous years

It's too early to see flattening to slight decrease of recent vintages

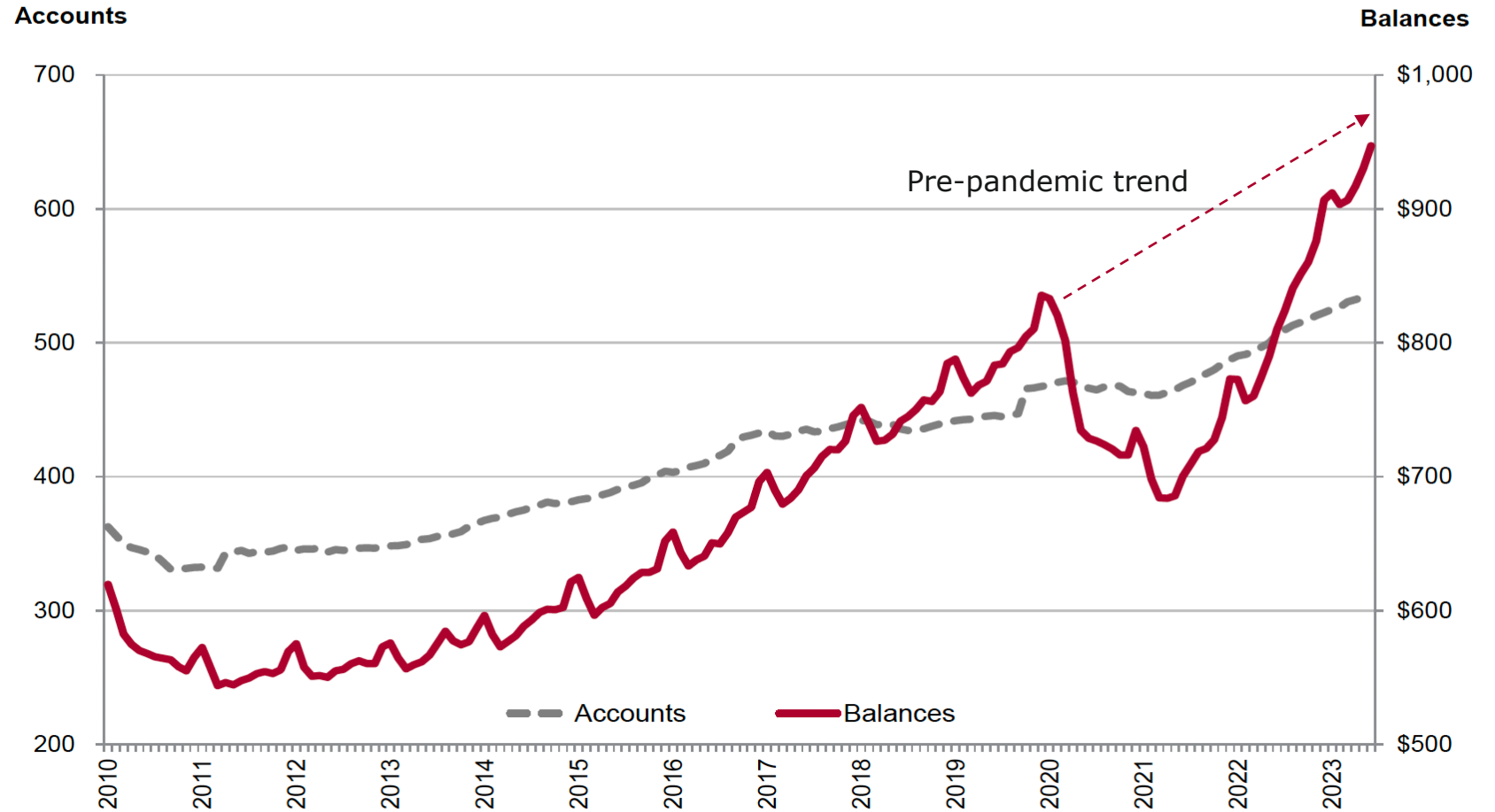


# Outstanding Loans

Number of Accounts in Millions; NSA  
Balances in \$Billions; NSA

**Credit card  
balances are high  
but within pre-  
pandemic trendline**

**Outstanding balances  
increased 17% YoY and  
accounts increased  
5.9%**

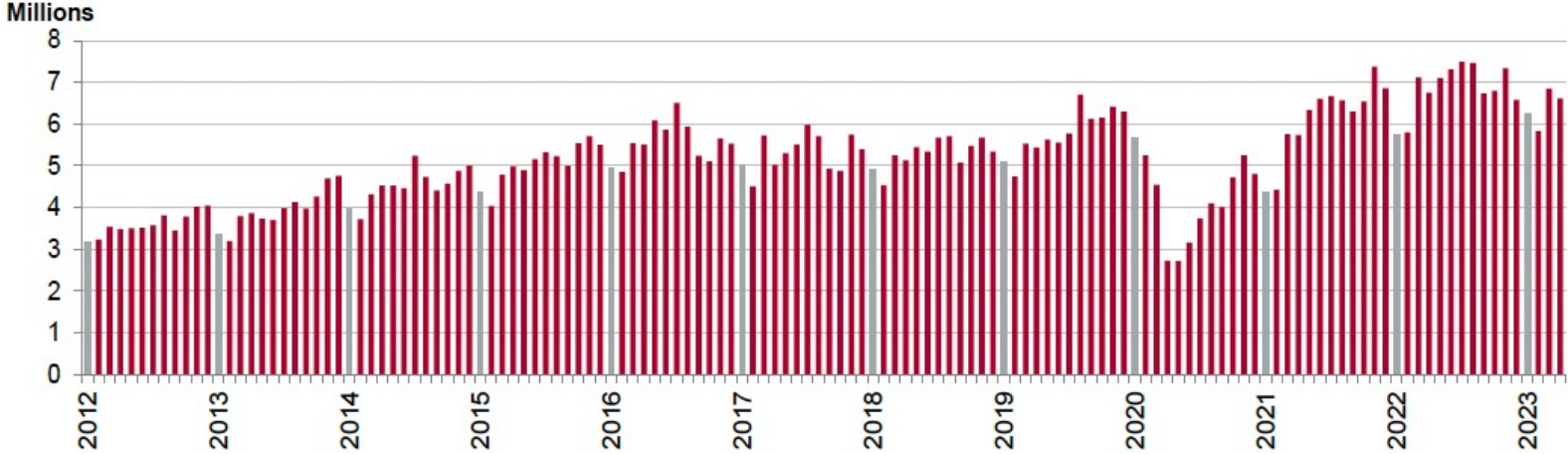


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# Bankcard Originations: Accounts

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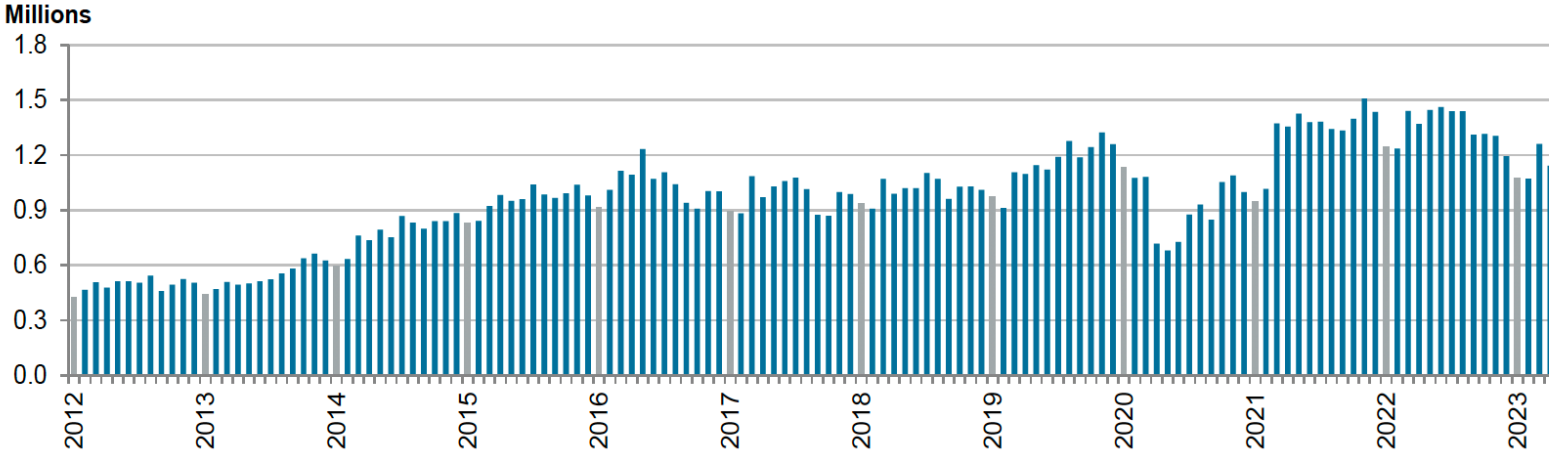
Credit card issuers continue to tighten underwriting

YTD subprime originations have decreased 14% YoY

# Subprime Bankcard Originations: Accounts

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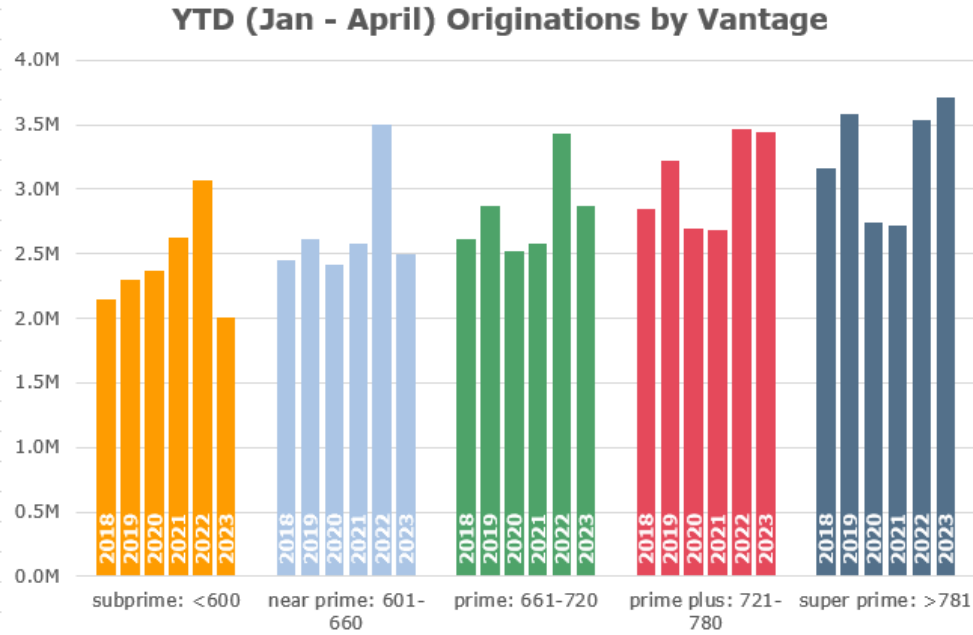
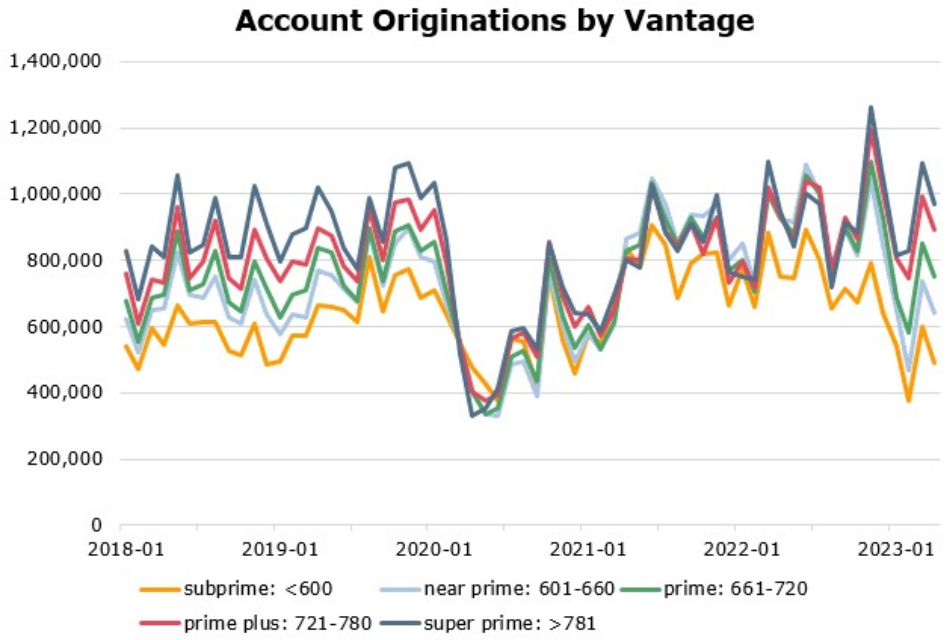
Subprime accounts defined as those with borrower's origination VantageScore<sup>®</sup> 3.0 credit score less than 620



Source: Equifax, originations through April 2023 reported as of June 2023

**YTD account originations have significantly decreased for subprime due to tightening**

**Near prime and prime customers are near pre-pandemic averages**



Source: 2OS, Equifax Ignite. Originations through April 2023 reported as of June 2023. Vantage buckets are lagged 3 months from the archive date. For more details on methodology, see appendix.

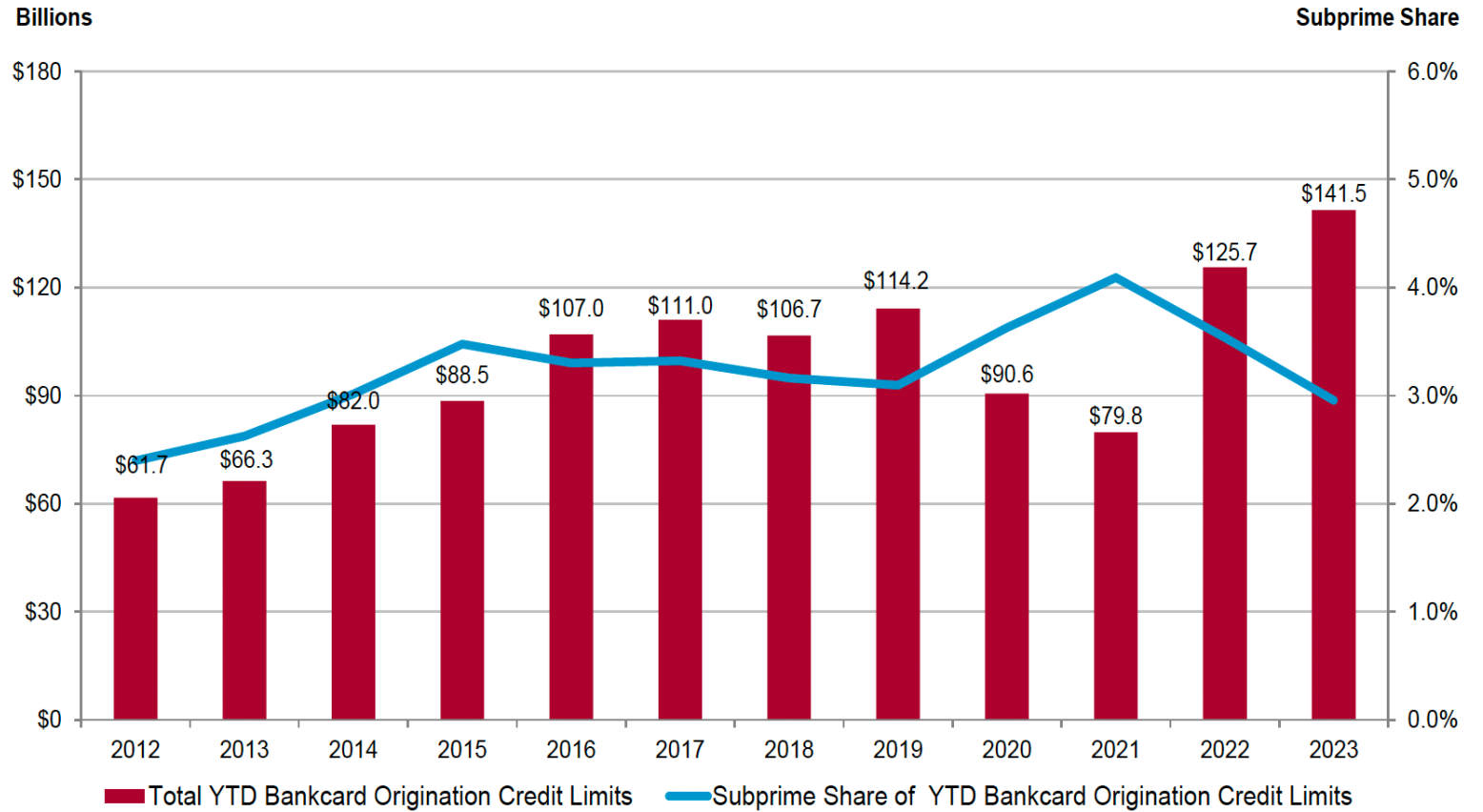


# YTD Bankcard Origination Credit Limits

Year-to-Date Total Credit Limits in \$Billions; Subprime Share of Total Origination Credit Limits (%); NSA  
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**Credit card issuers continue to tighten underwriting**

**Although origination credit limits continue to rise, the share of subprime credit limit is decreasing.**

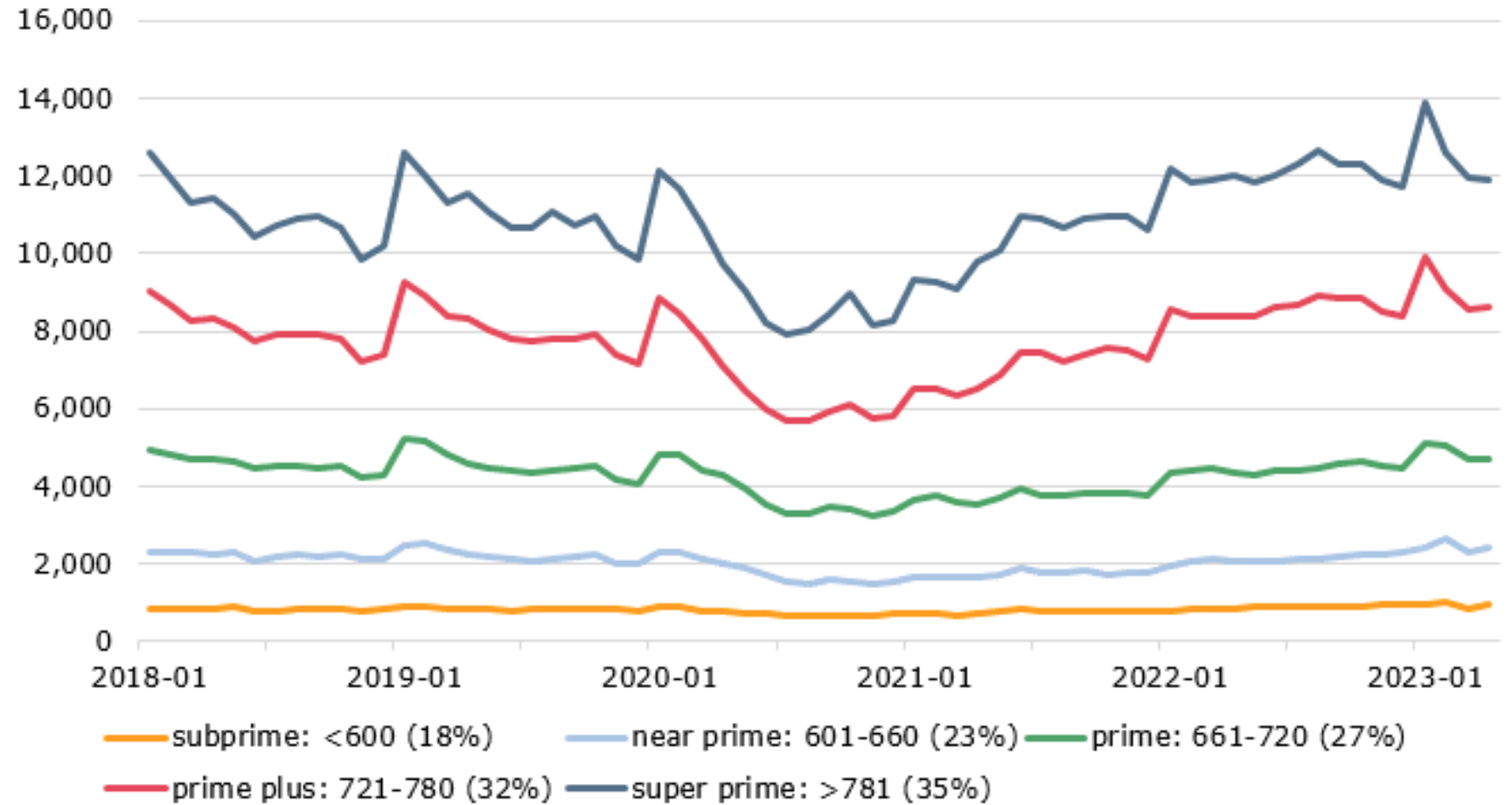


Source: Equifax, originations through April 2023 reported as of June 2023

**Average credit limit is near pre-pandemic levels for near prime and prime consumers**

**Credit limit has exceeded pre-pandemic averages for prime plus and super prime groups**

**Average Origination Credit Limits by Vantage**

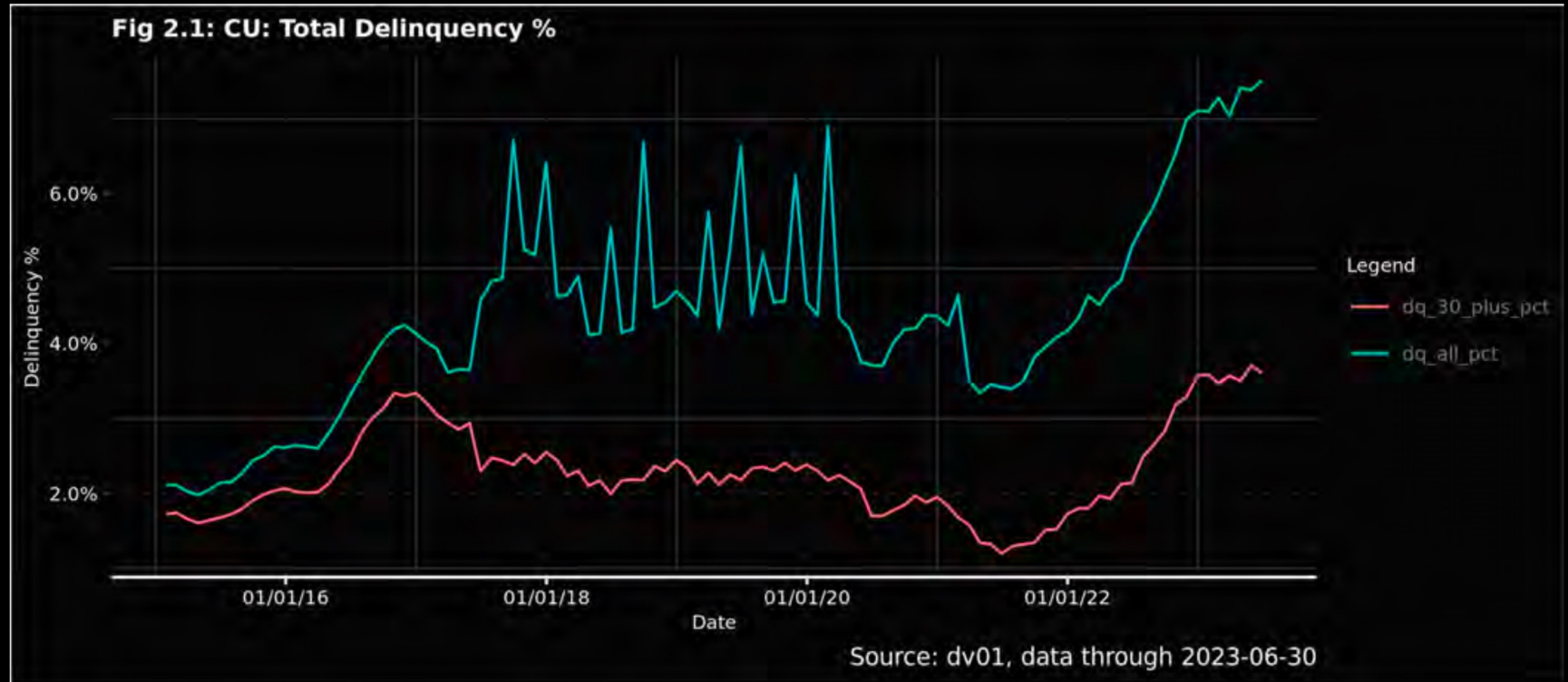


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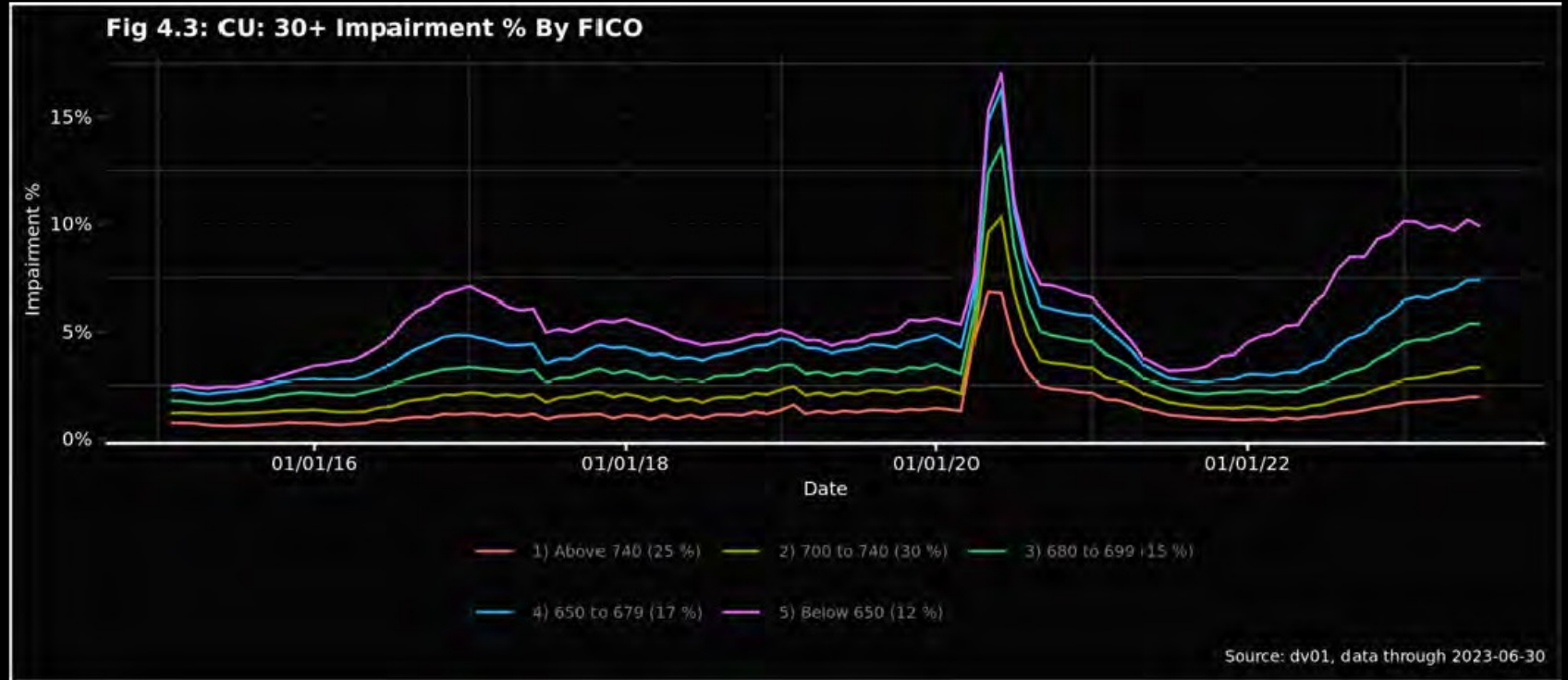
**We continue to see slight increases in Personal Loan delinquencies**



**Subprime delinquencies have flattened up in recent months**

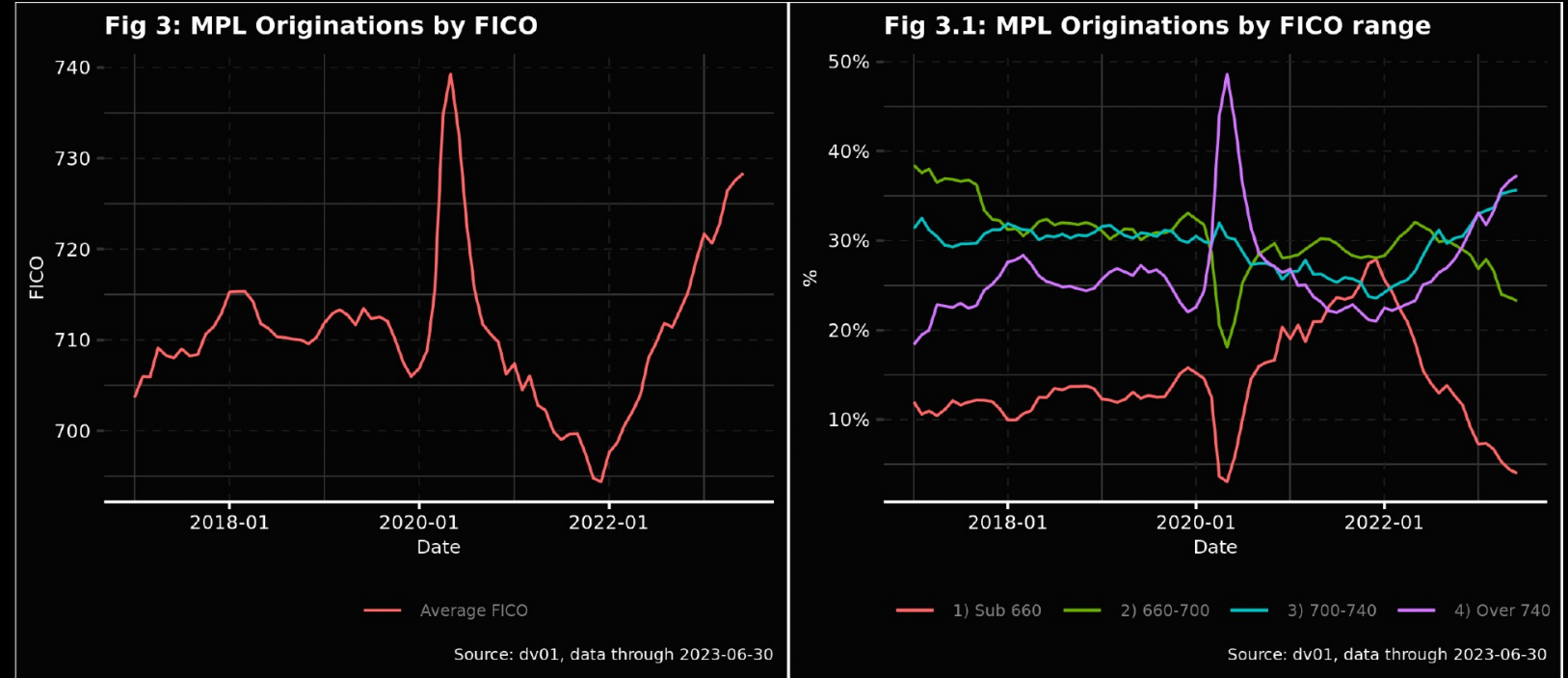
Increase in delinquencies across all other FICO segments

$$\text{Impairment} = \text{Delinquencies} + \text{Modification}$$



## Tightening in Underwriting

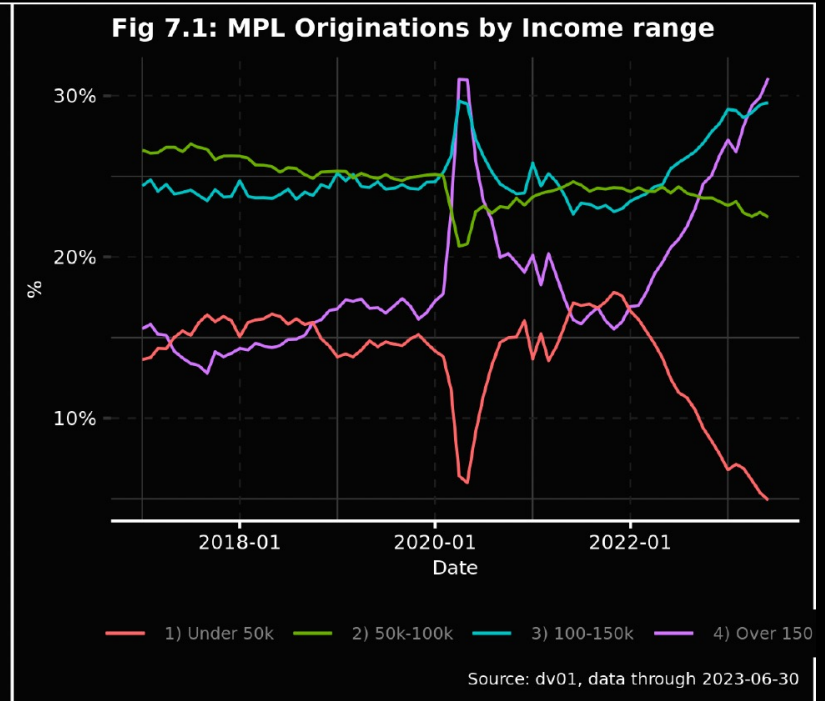
Avg PL origination FICO continues to rise; the origination subprime concentration continues to decrease well below pre-pandemic levels.



Source: dv01, data as of June 30, 2023

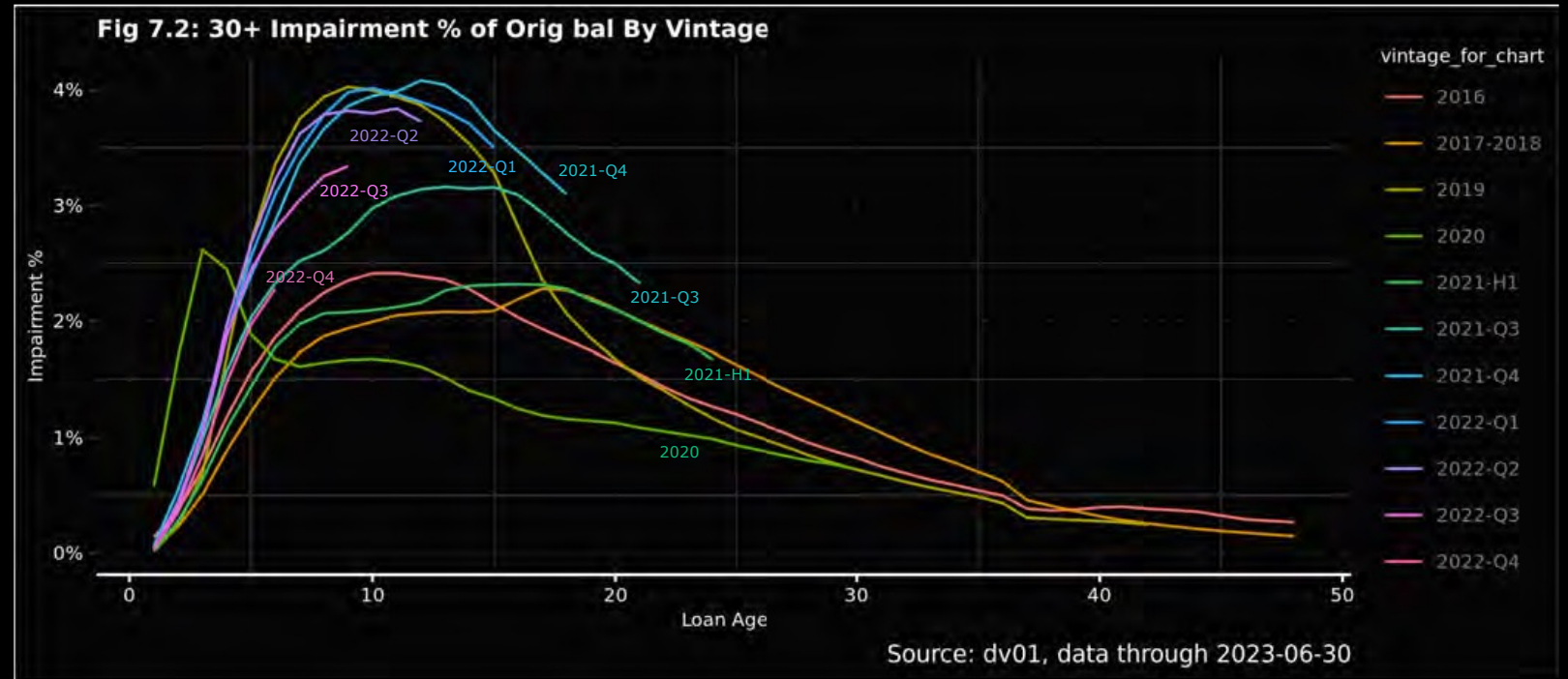
## Tightening in Underwriting

Avg PL origination income is now well above pre-COVID levels and loans to sub-\$50K income continue to drop.



**Tightening in underwriting is leading to better performance in more recent vintages**

Impairment = DQ + Modification



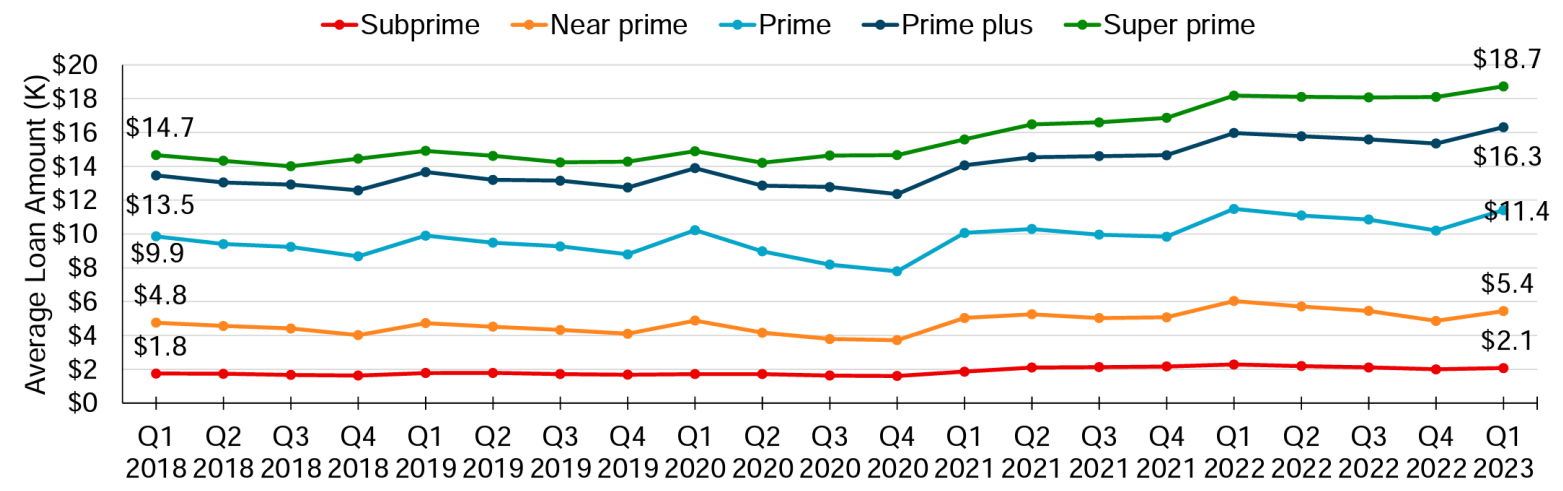
Lenders who tightened more heavily in 2022 are seeing better performance



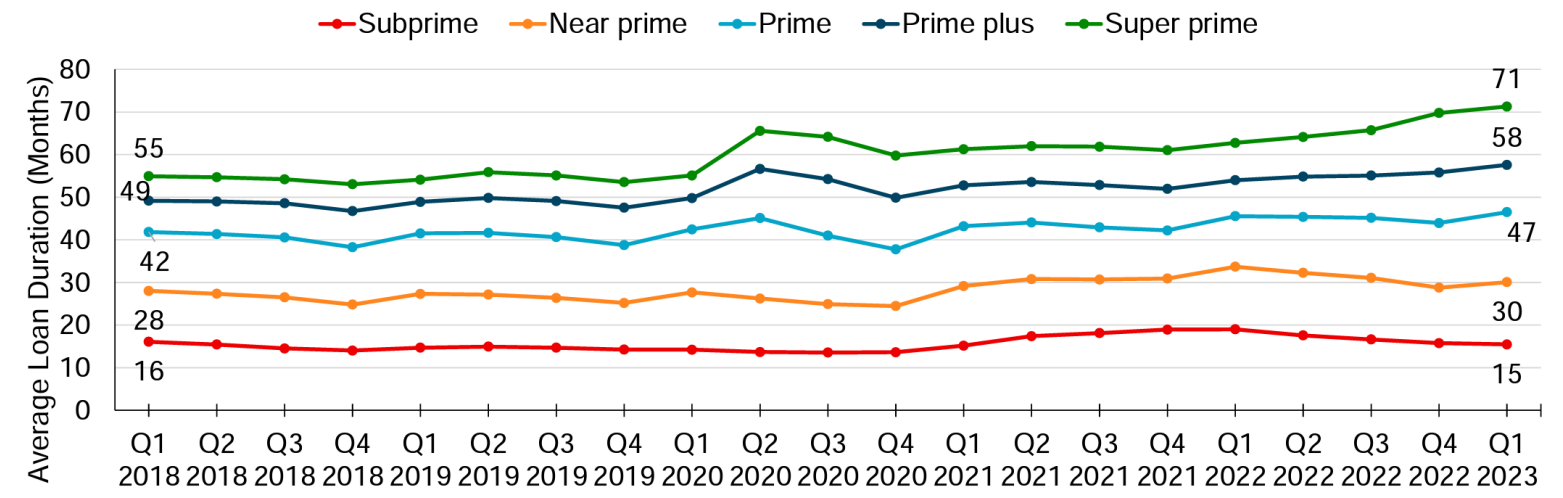
**Average origination loan amounts and durations are higher than pre-pandemic levels**

**Most of the increase is seen in prime, prime plus and super prime risk tiers.**

**Average Origination Loan Amount by Risk Tier**



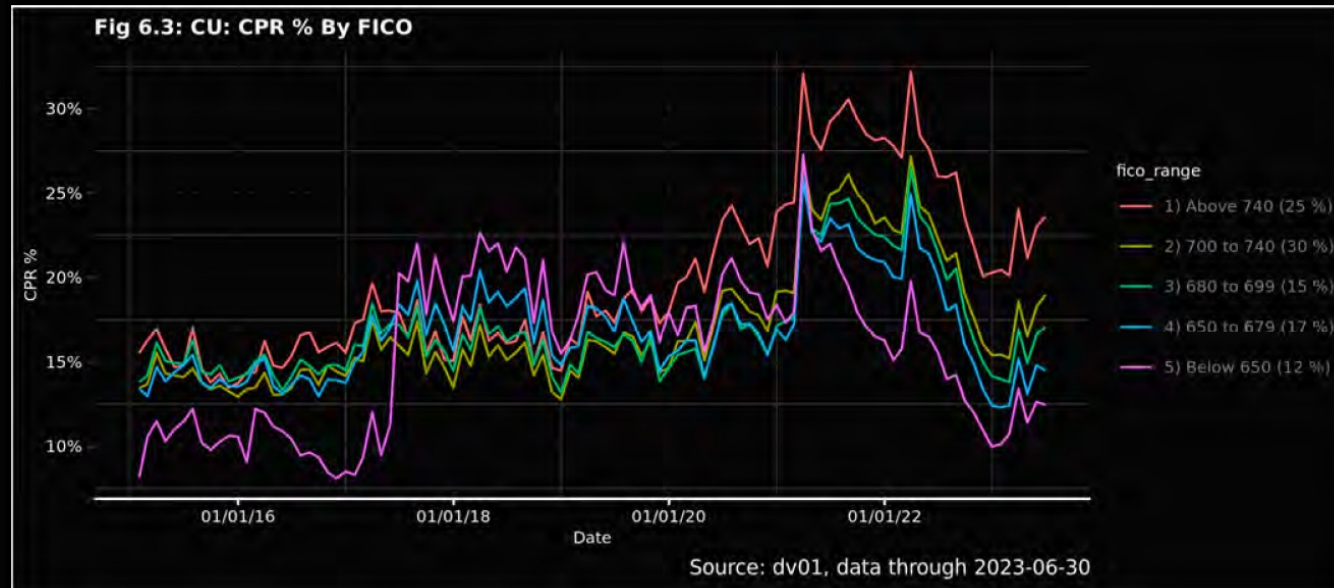
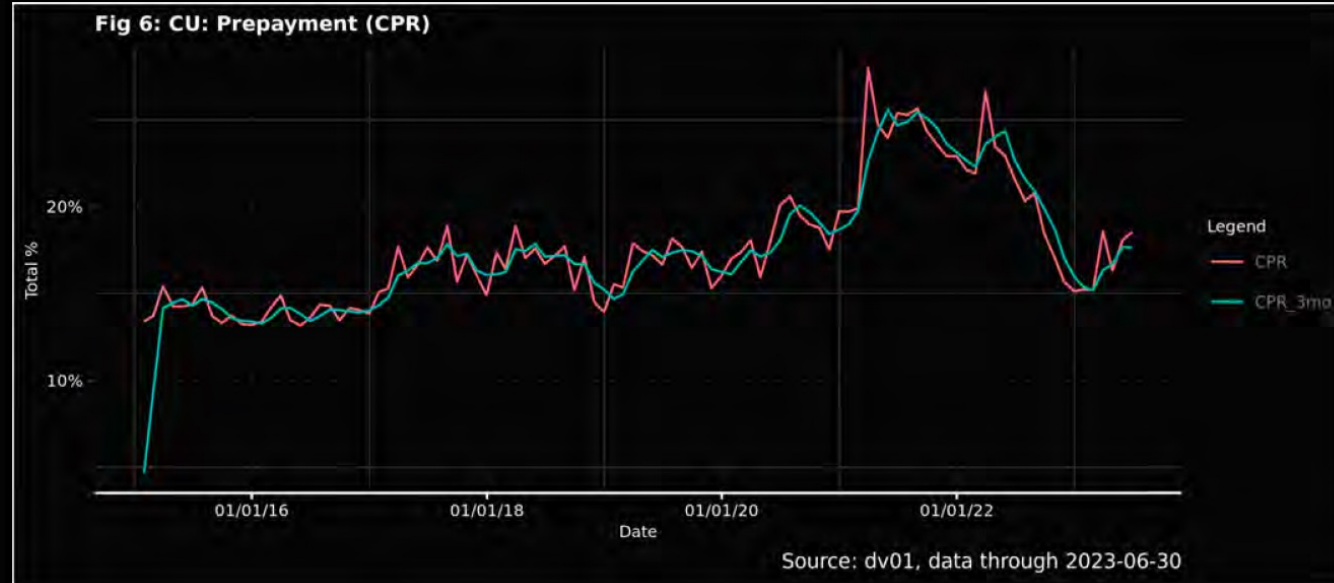
**Average Origination Loan Duration by Risk Tier**



NOTE: Consumers' risk tiers is determined at the end of the quarter prior to origination to approximate risk tier at time of origination

**Prepayments rose in June in line with seasonal trends; they are mostly back to pre-COVID levels**

Loans below 680 FICO are still below pre-COVID prepayment trends



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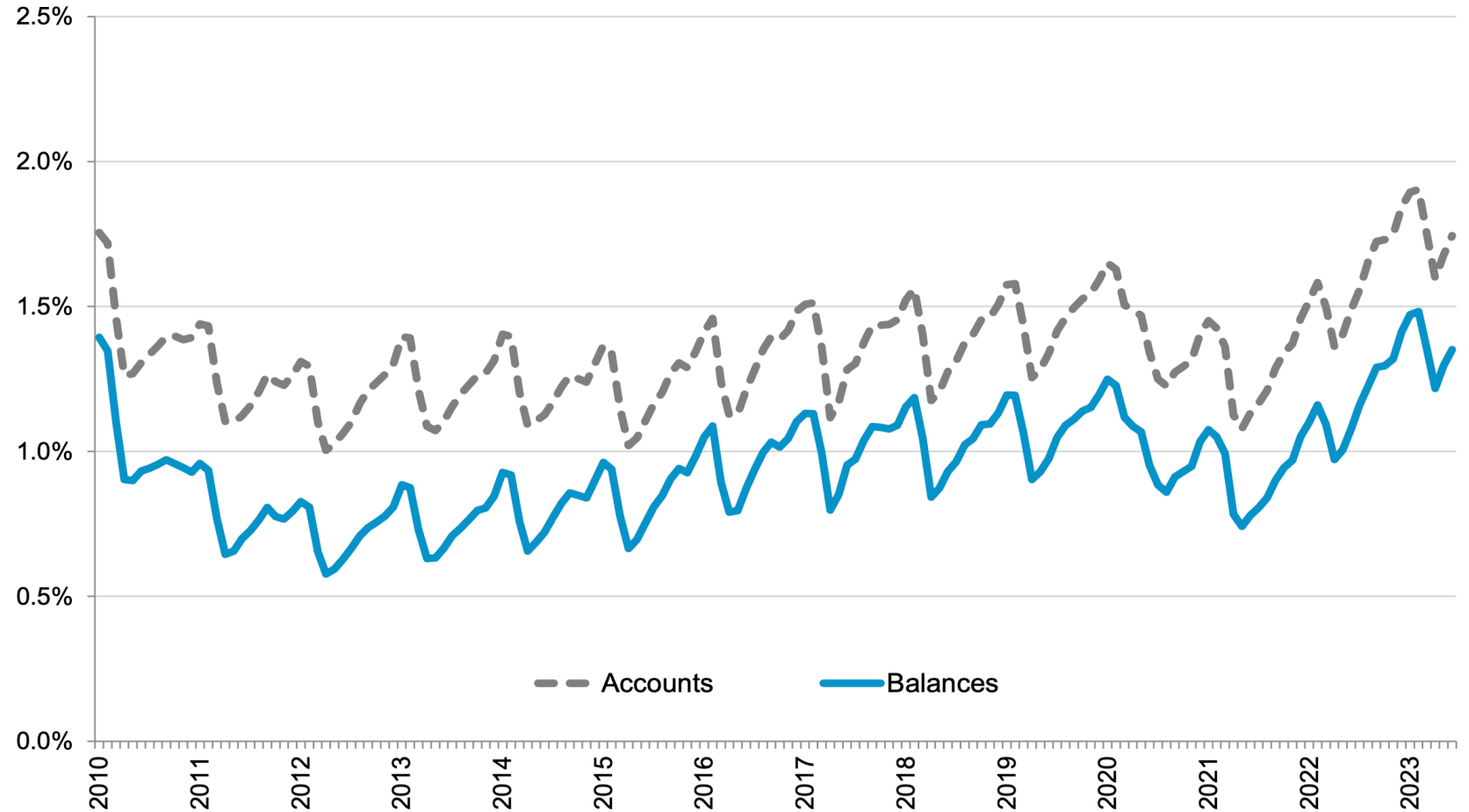


# Severe Delinquency Rate

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Auto delinquencies increased and trending slightly above pre-pandemic levels



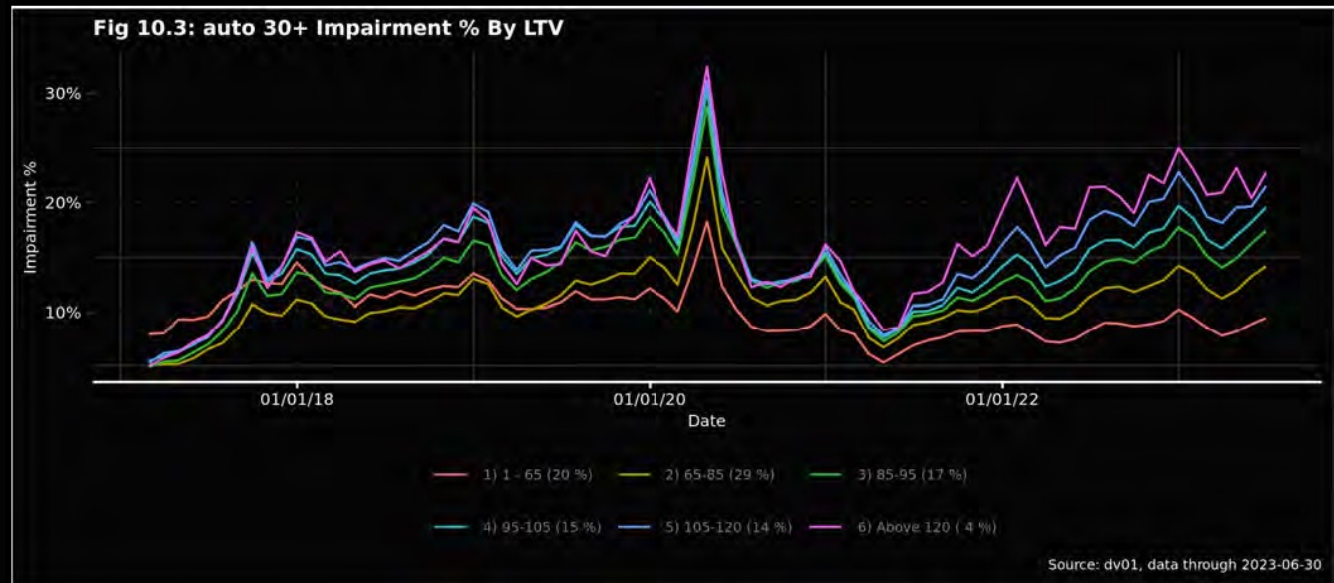
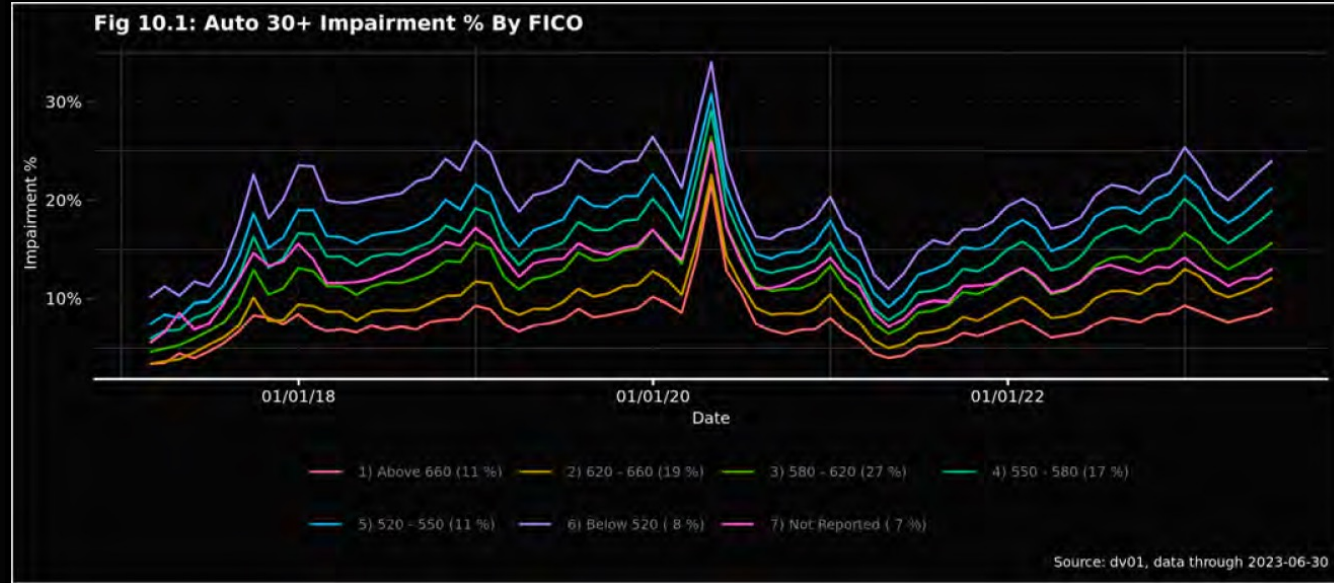
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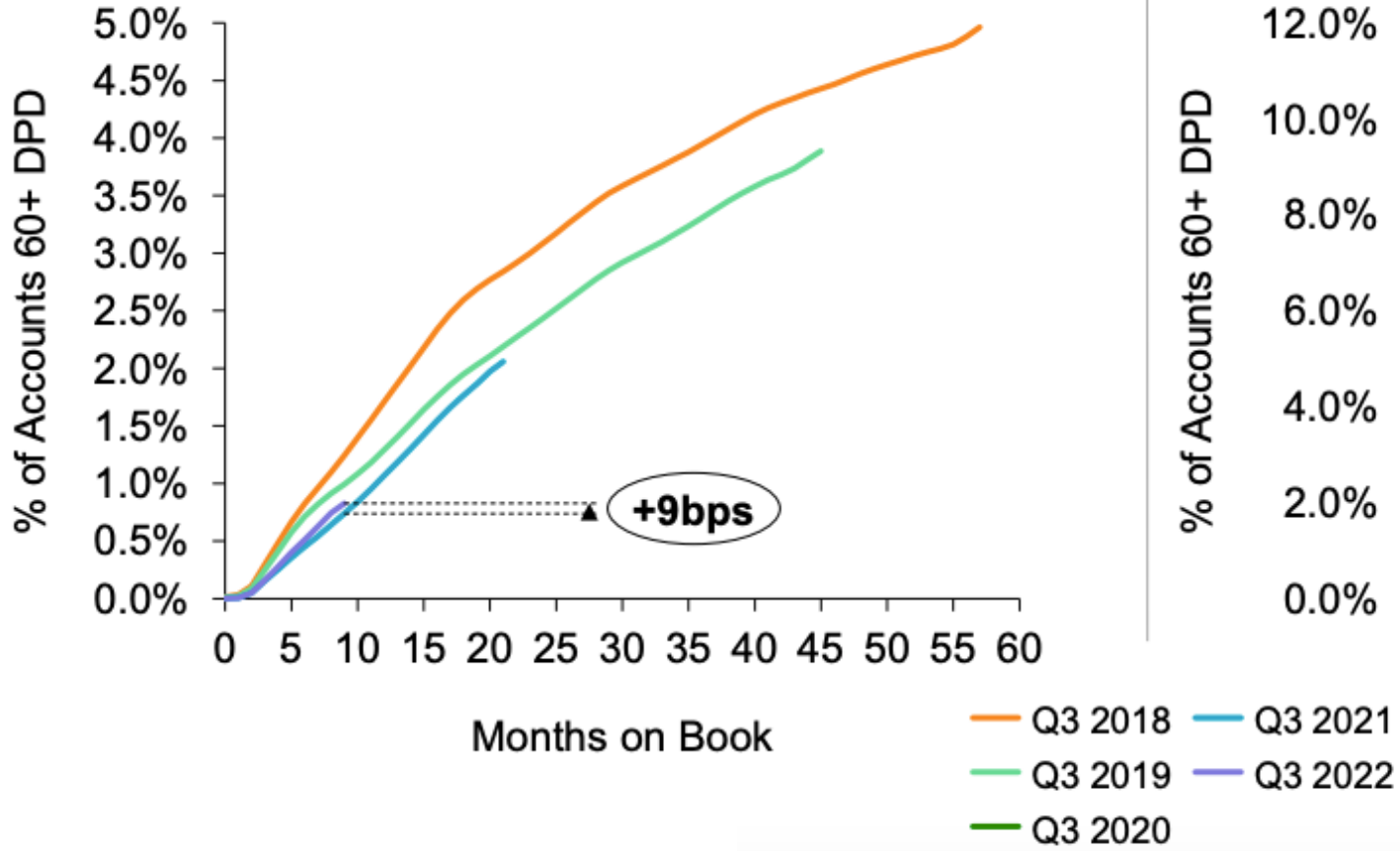
**Delinquencies increased across the board but within pre-pandemic levels**

LTV continues to be a key risk differentiator post-COVID

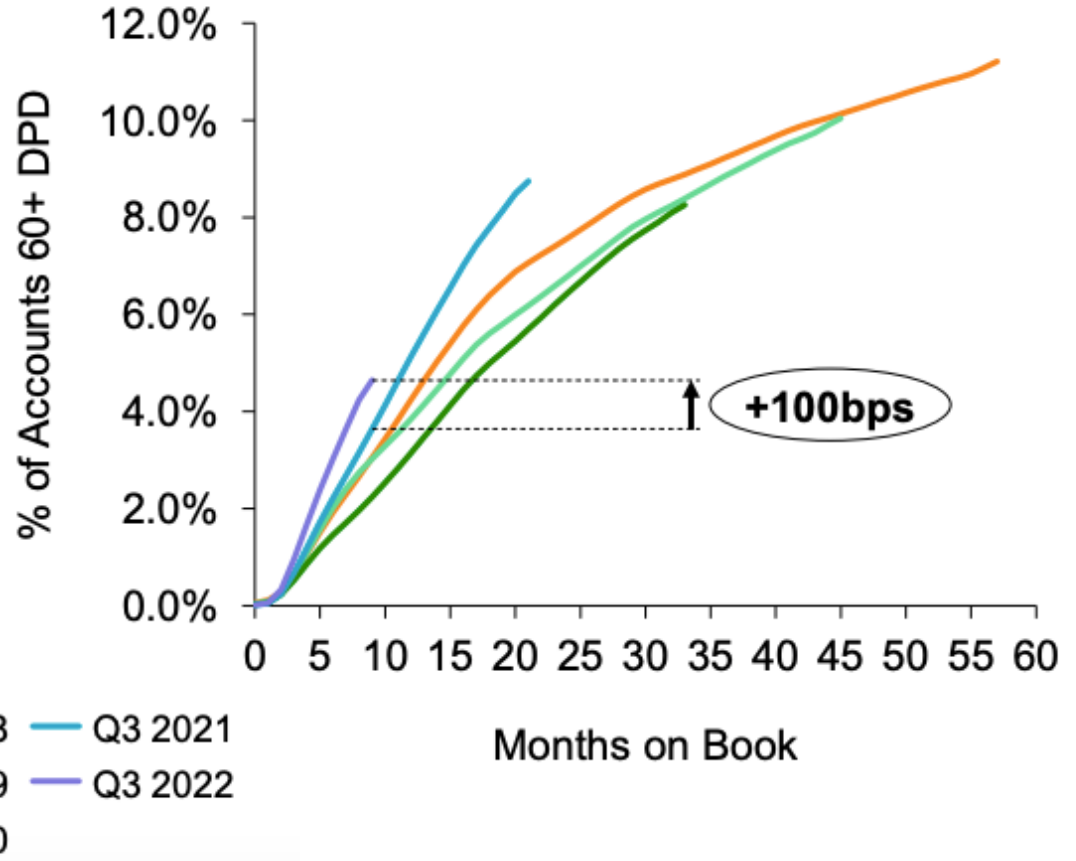


# The performance of Used Auto continues to worsen in recent vintages, while New Auto has improved compared to pre-pandemic

**Vintage Delinquency of New Auto Loans and Leases**



**Vintage Delinquency of Used Auto Loans and Leases**



# Wholesale used-vehicle prices remain elevated

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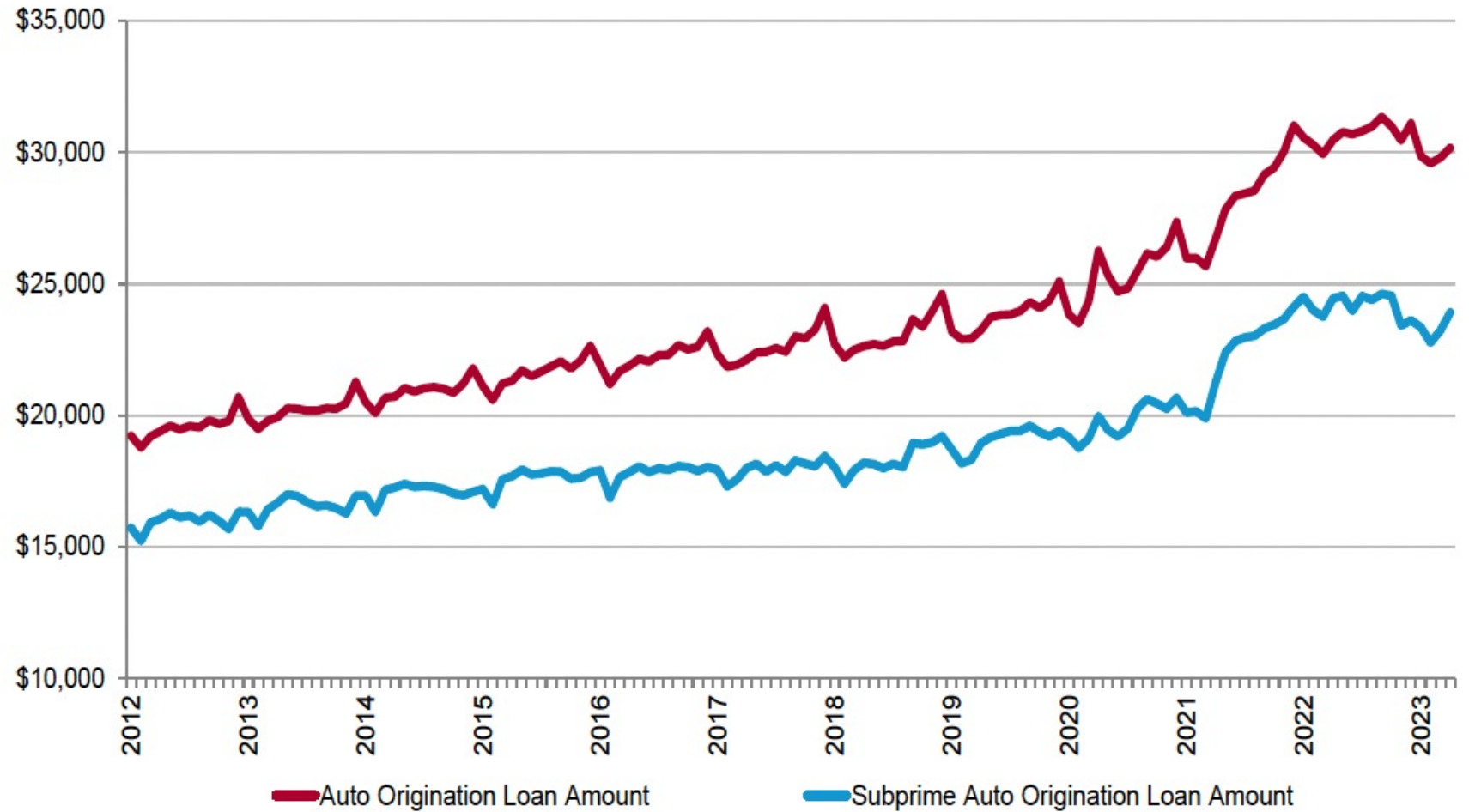


# Auto Loan Average Origination Balance

Average Origination Balance Over Time; NSA

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**Auto originations  
balances remain  
high as vehicle  
prices are elevated**



Source: Equifax Inc.

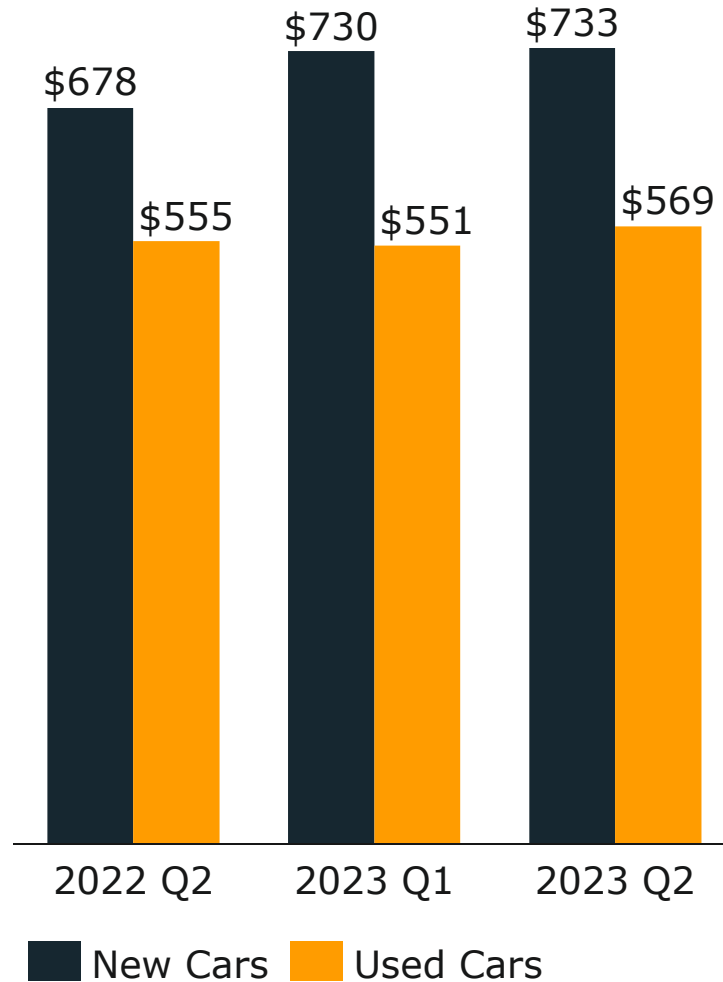
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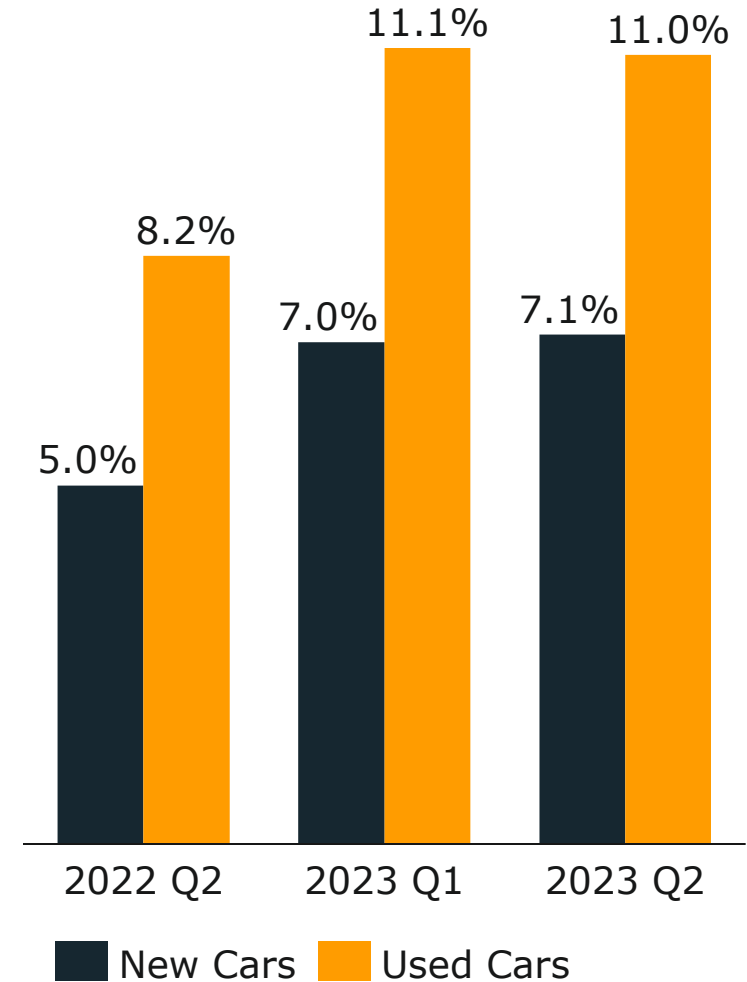
Higher interest rates and vehicle values are driving the high monthly payments

Monthly payment on new cars reached a new record high

Average monthly payment on new and used cars



APR on new and used cars



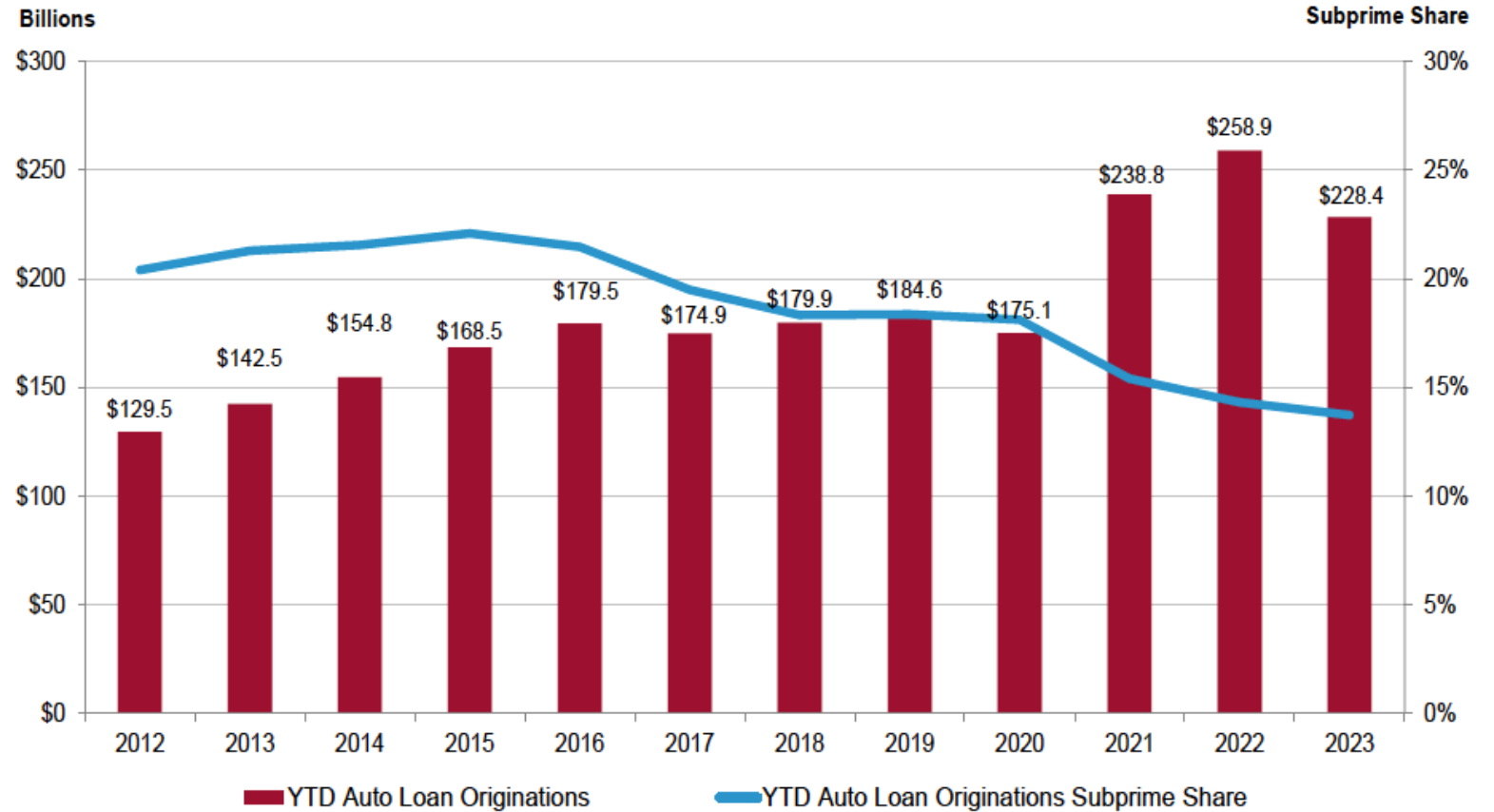
# Auto Loan Originations Year-to-date

Total Originations in \$Billions; NSA

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There is overall lower auto loan originations YTD

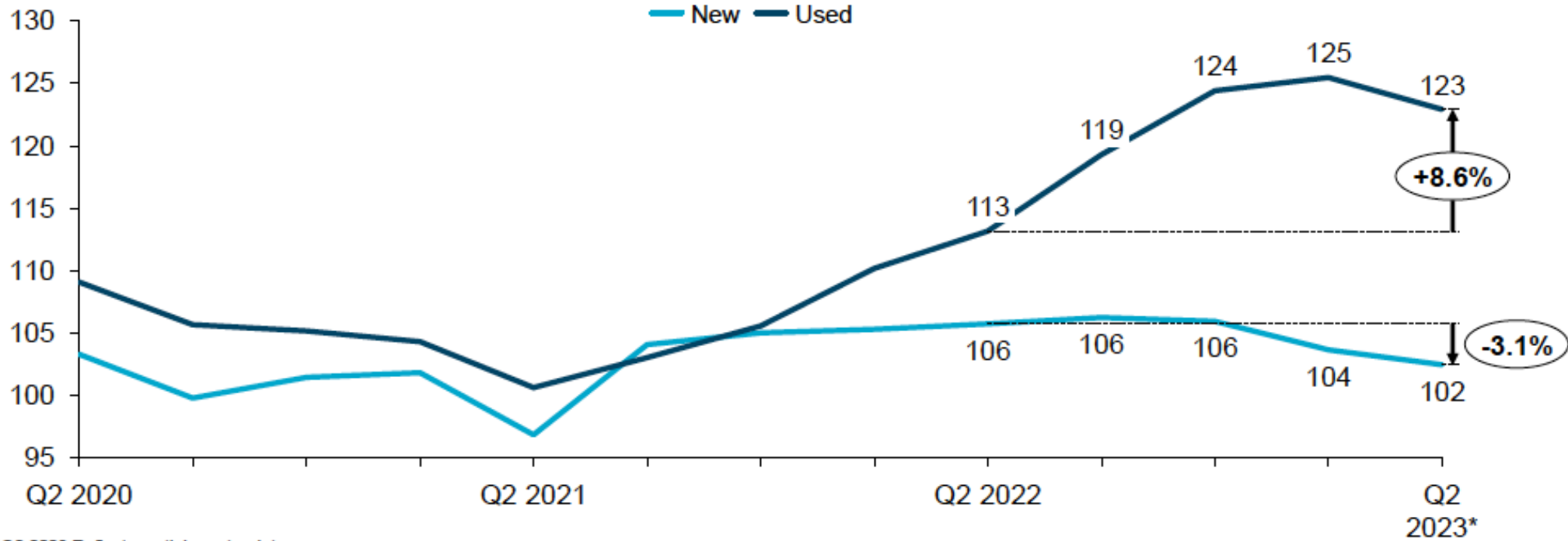
The subprime share of auto loan origination has reached decade lows



Source: Equifax, originations through April 2023 reported as of June 2023

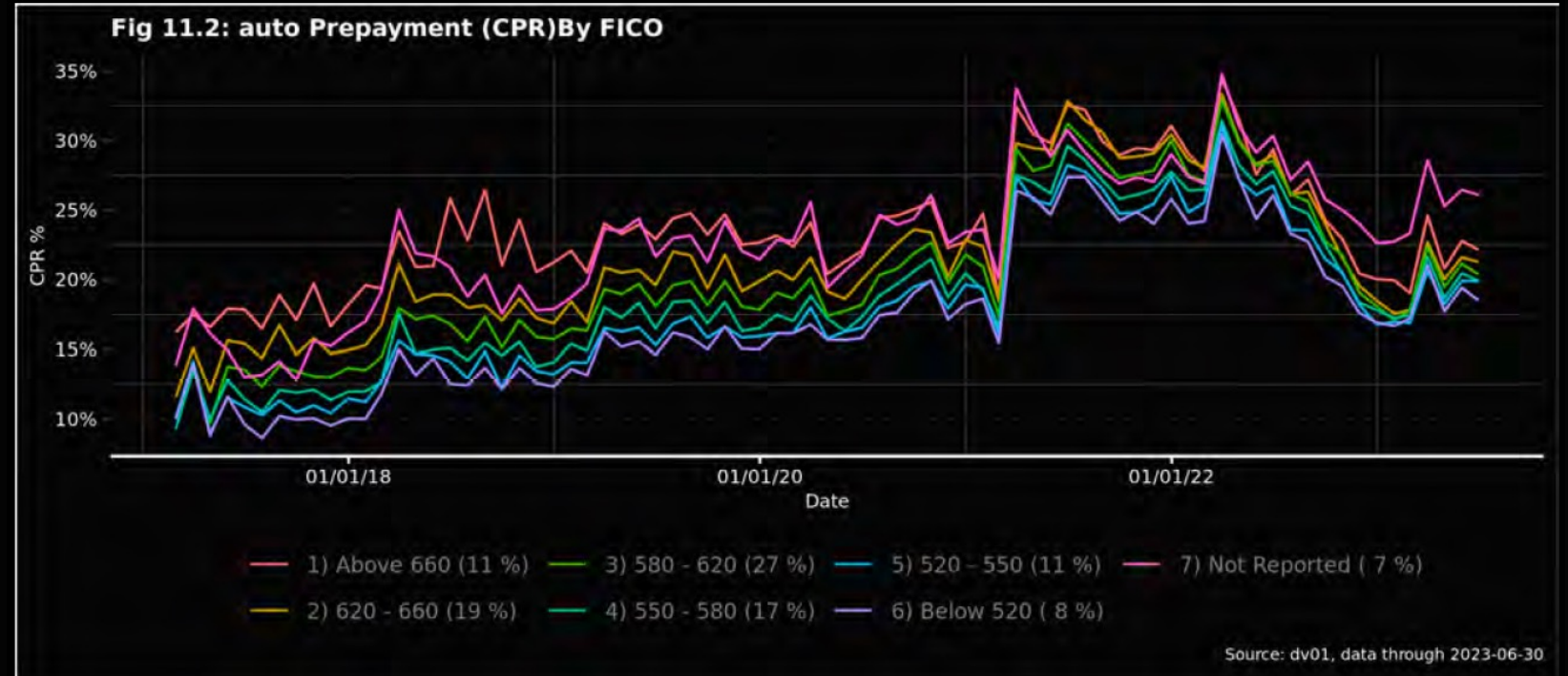
# Average LTV continues remains highly elevated for used auto loans, while new auto LTV is within pre-pandemic levels

Average Loan-To-Value (LTV) (Loan Originations) – Q2 2020 to Q2 2023



\*Q2 2023 Reflects partial quarter data

Prepayment rates have flattened in recent months



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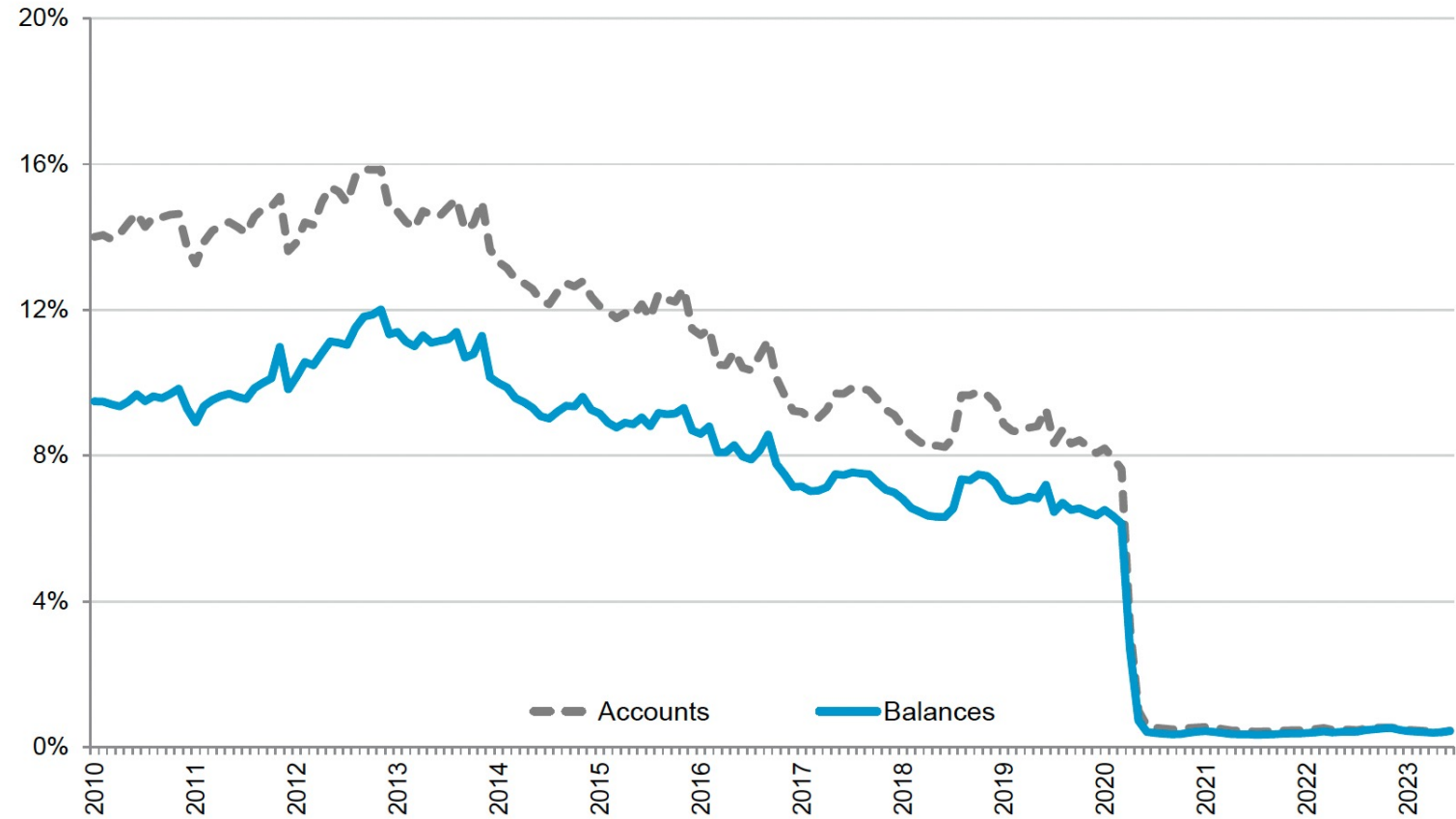
**Federal student loan delinquencies have been non-existent because of deferral programs**

**As deferrals are set to expire in September 2023, we can expect an increase in risk across other asset classes as payment burdens rise**

# Severe Delinquency Rate

90+ Days Past Due or in Bankruptcy

Percent of Non-deferred Accounts and Balances; NSA; Excludes Severe Derogatory

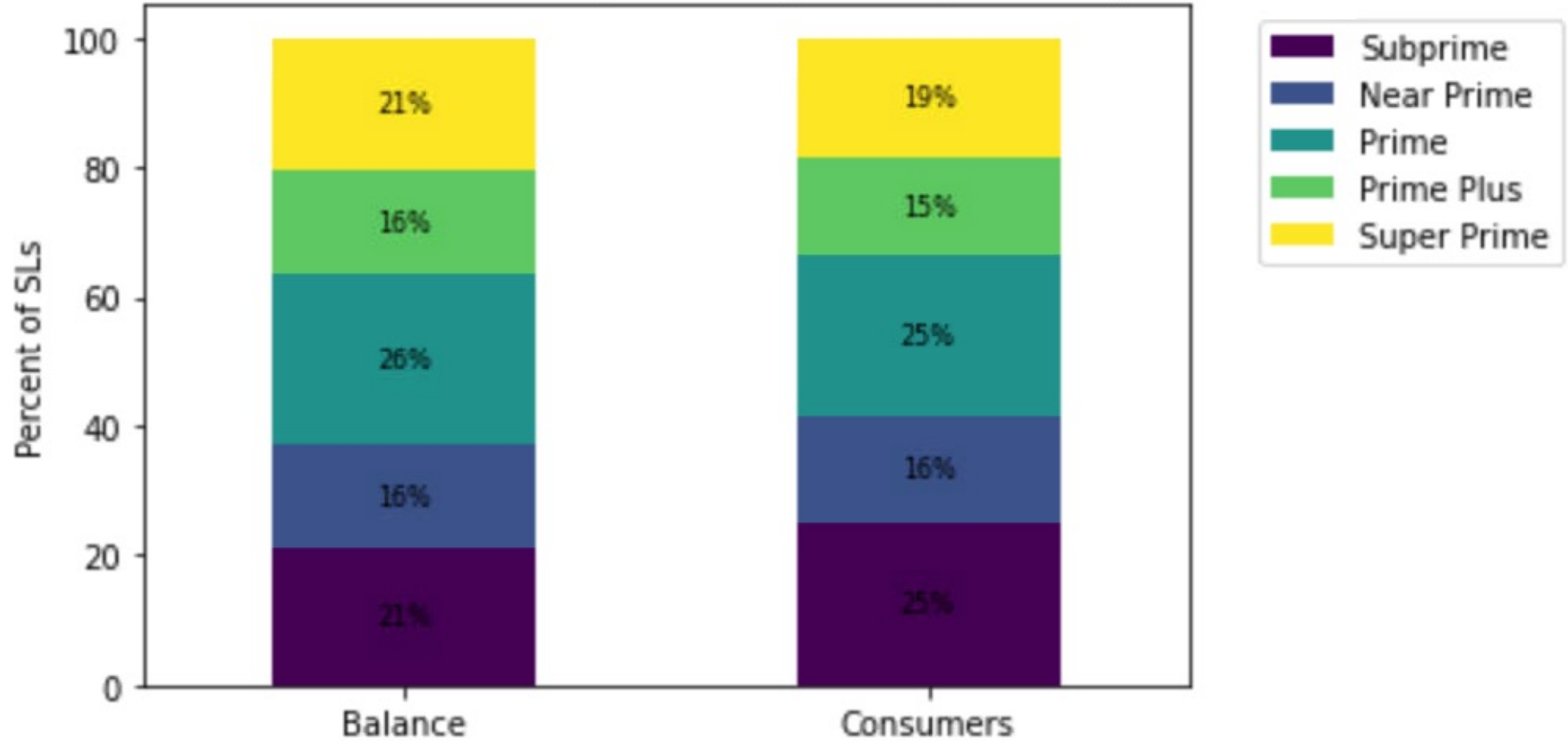


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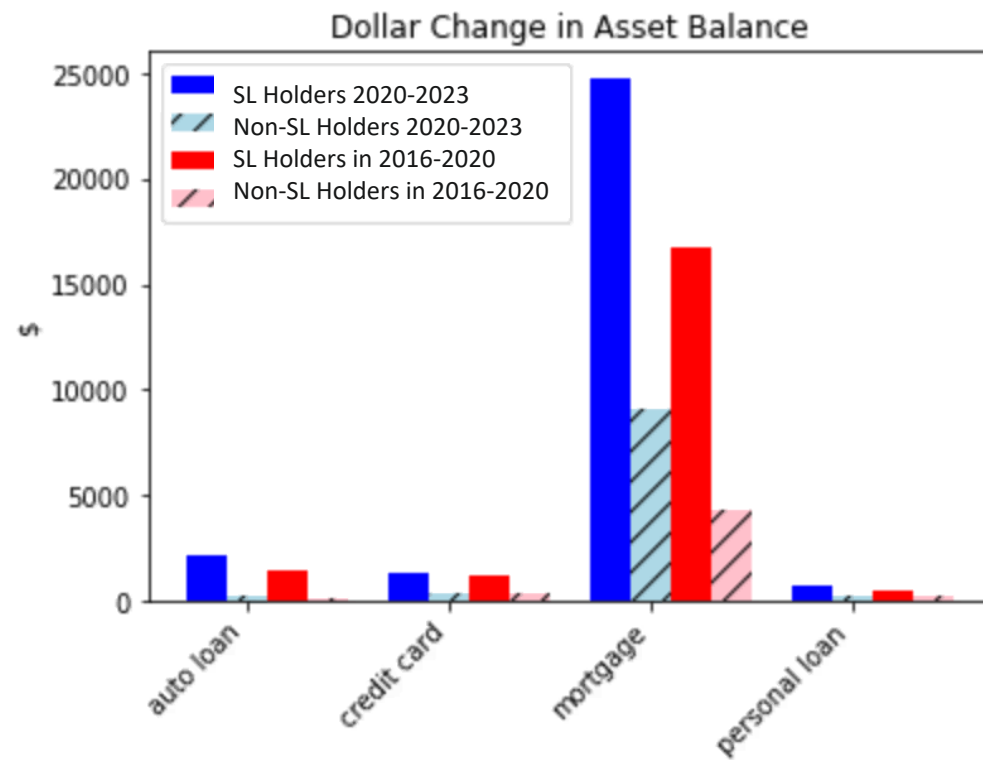
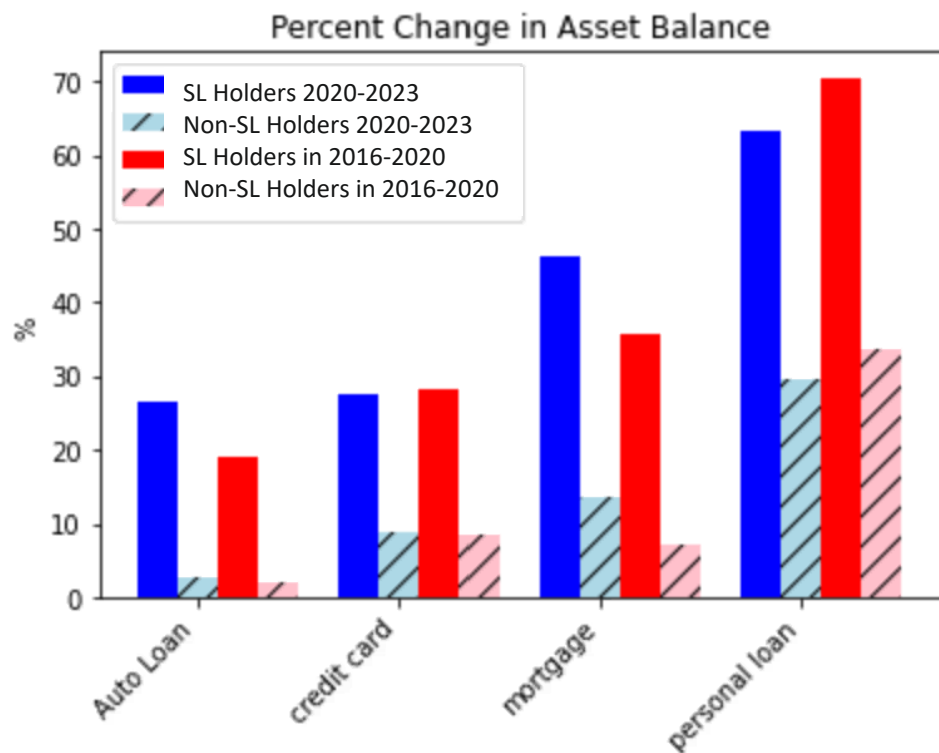
# Approximately 43 million consumers have on average \$37k in student loans. Borrowers with student loans skew subprime (25%)

Distribution of Student Loan Population by Vantage Score (June 2023)



# SL-borrowers took out more new debt than non-SL borrowers during the last 3 years, but the same is true of SL-cohorts from before the pandemic

## Additional Debt Accumulated Over 3 Years: 2016-2020 and 2020-2023

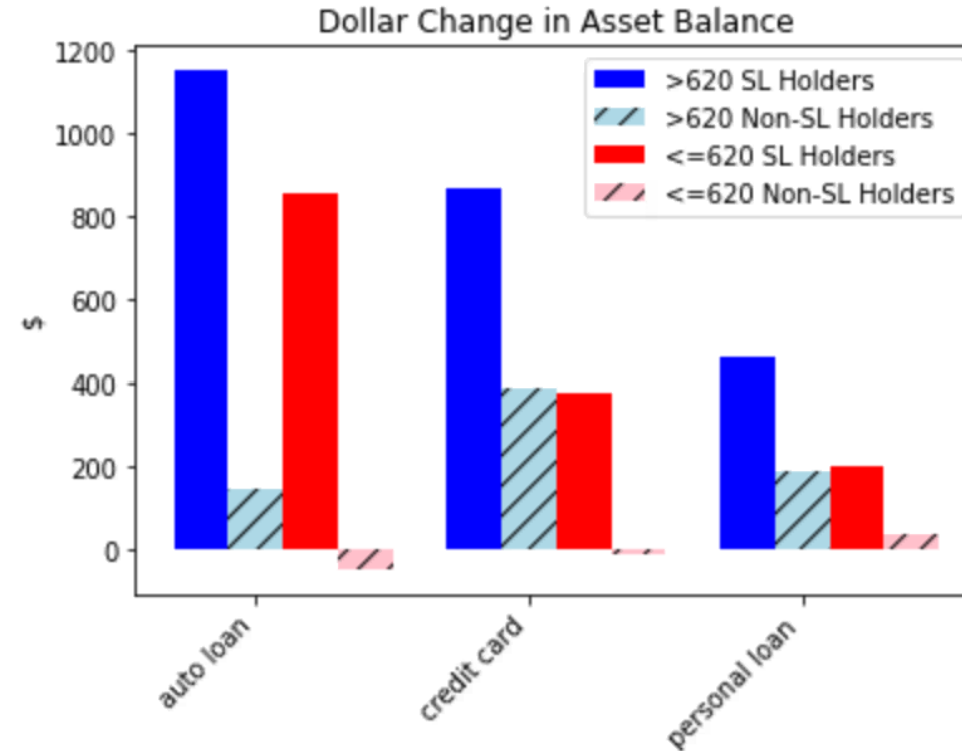
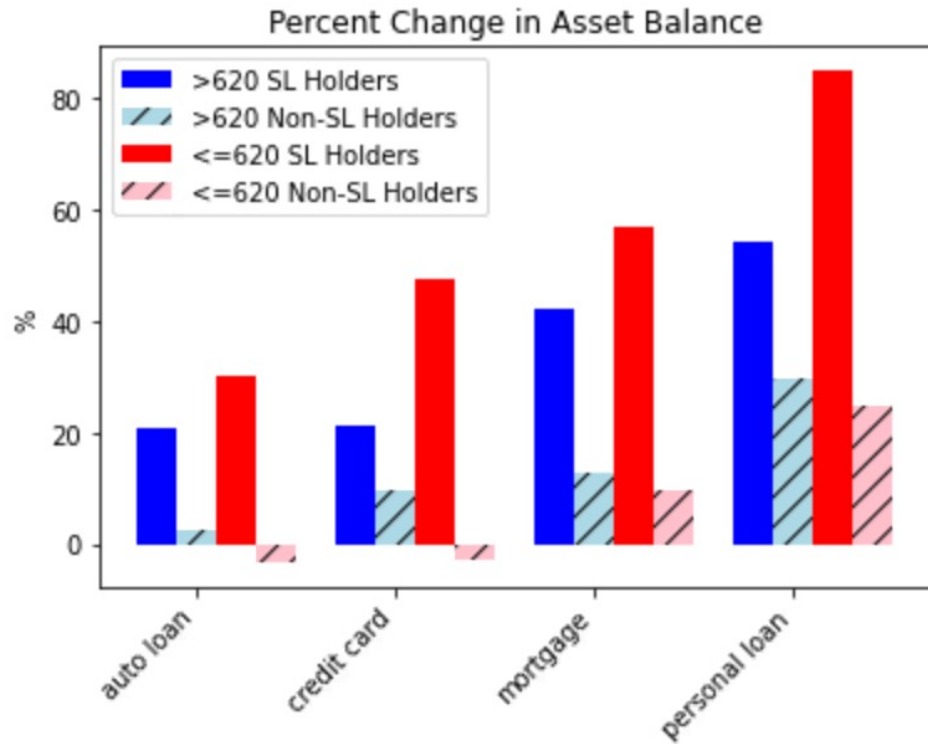


**Amongst asset classes, mortgage balances grew the most in both 3-year windows, likely reflecting inflation in the housing market rather than pandemic-particular trends**



The riskiest SL-borrowers (Vantage  $\leq 620$ ) accumulated less debt than their higher-credit counterparts during the pandemic, but still more than non-SL holders.

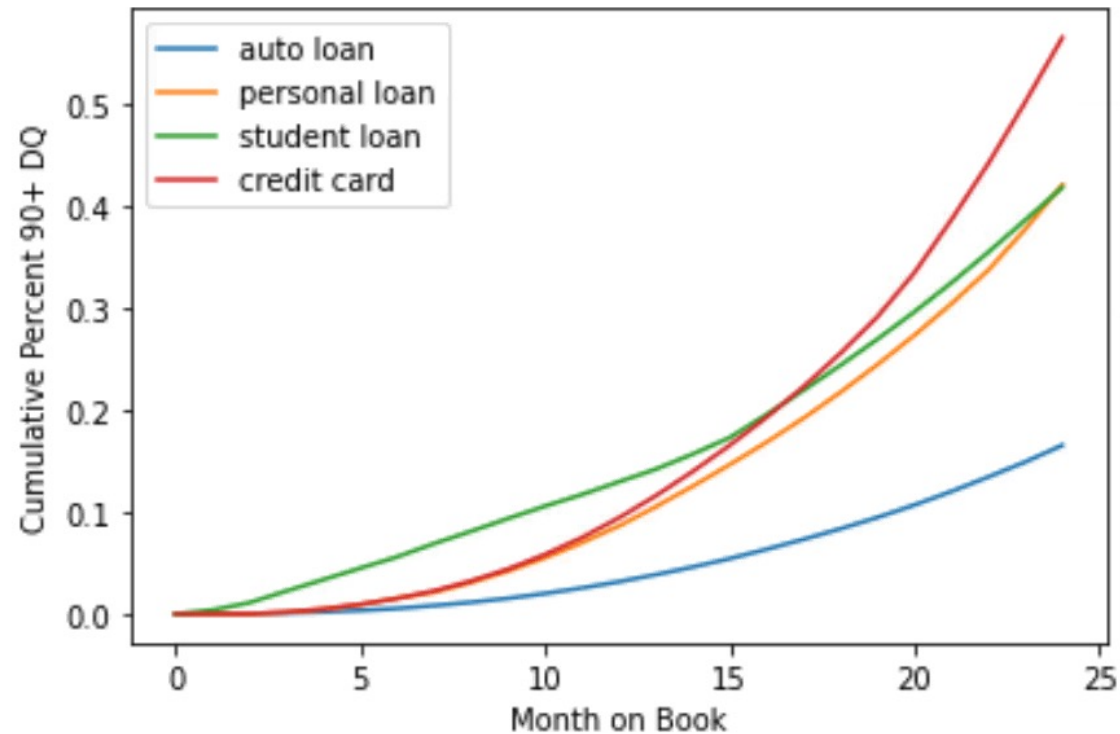
### Change in Outstanding Loan Debt for Other Asset Classes by Vantage Score: March 2020-June 2023



**Increased debt of SL borrowers is true across Vantage scores and suggests that the increase in payment burden due to the end of student loan deferrals could have a meaningful impact**

**Student Loans are ahead of credit cards in payment hierarchy, suggesting the end of Student Loan forbearance will most affect credit card repayment**

### Serious Delinquency for borrowers with many asset types Across Asset Types: February 2018-2020

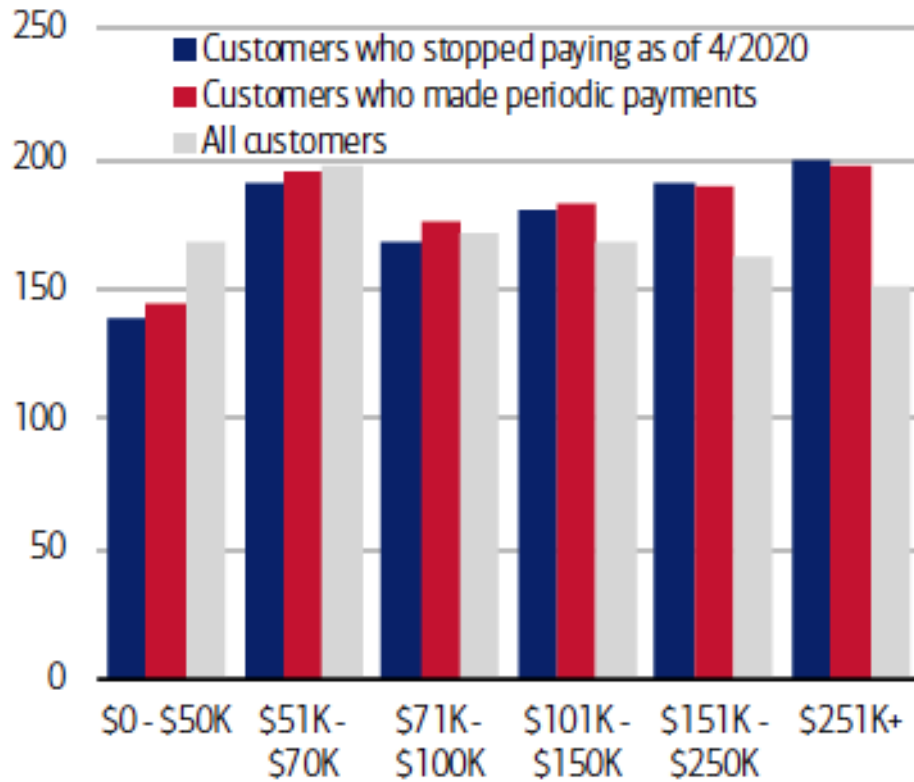


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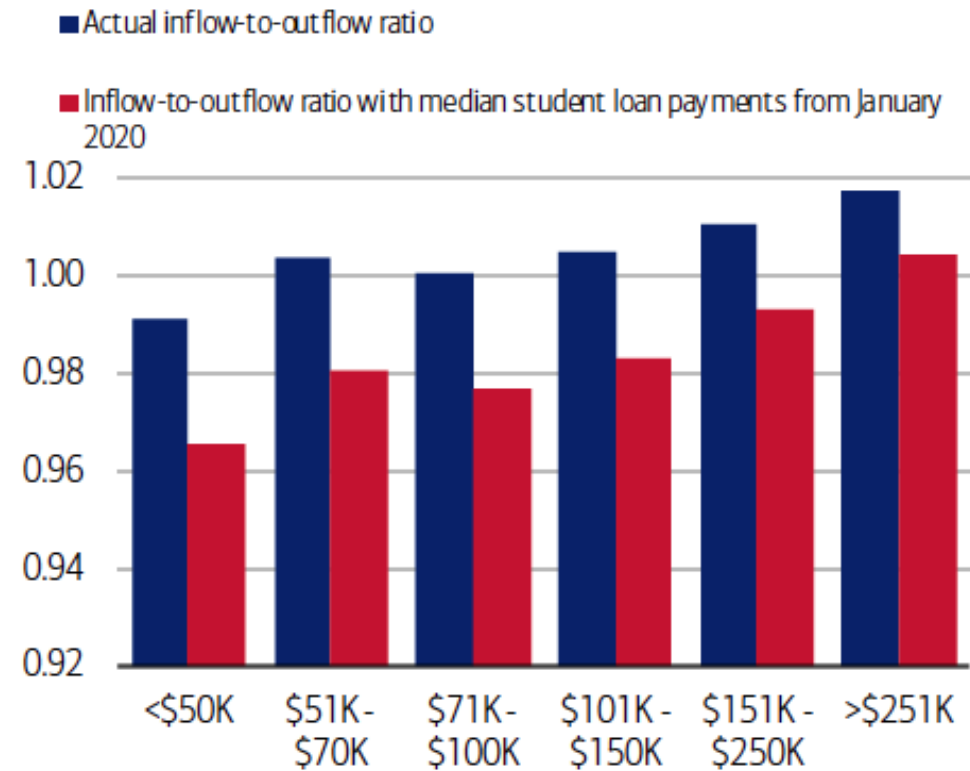
Cohort includes a random sample of borrowers who had all 4 displayed loan types open in February 2018 and were current on their payments.

# Higher income cohorts with student loans have increased their deposit buffers. Cash outflows for student loan holders might exceed inflows once payments resume

Median deposit balances of customers with student loan payments compared to all customers, by income  
Indexed Jan 2020 = 100



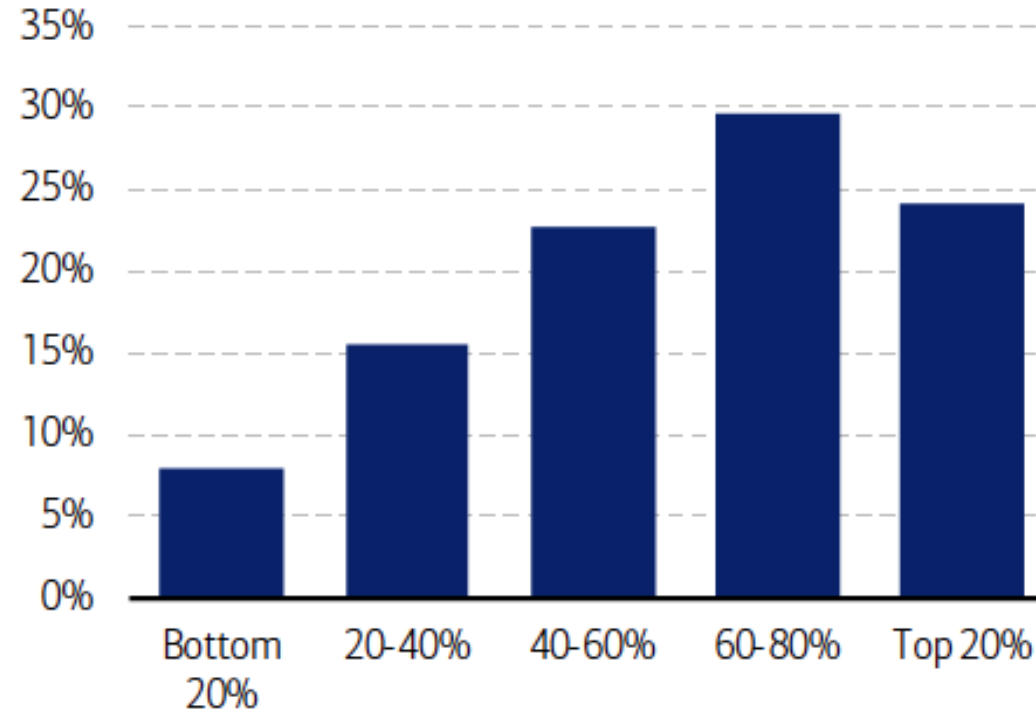
Actual Inflow-to-outflow ratios vs. with median student loan payment in January 2020, by income



**Most consumers responsible for student loans will have to recalibrate their finances as payments resume**

**Reduced discretionary spending implications for higher-income households**

Distribution of student debt by income quintile (2019, %)



**Source:** Bank of America Institute estimates based on Federal Reserve Survey of Consumer Finances

**The largest proportion of outstanding debt is held by higher income quintiles**

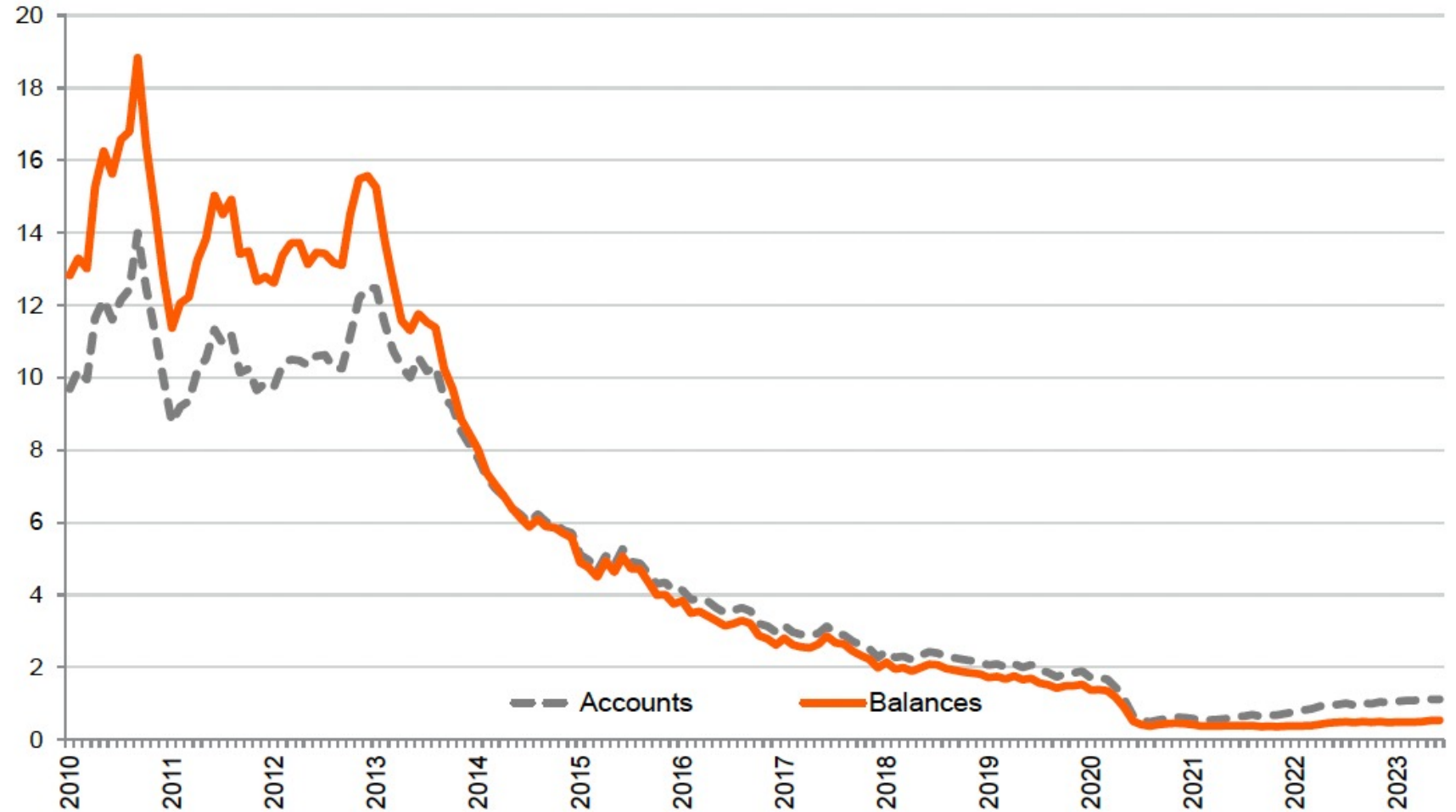
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# Write-Off Rates

Accounts terminated in Severe Derogatory status  
Share of Accounts and Balances in Basis Points; 3-Month Moving Average, NSA, Not Annualized  
Excludes Bankruptcy

**Write-off rates are trending slightly upwards but still well below pre-pandemic levels**

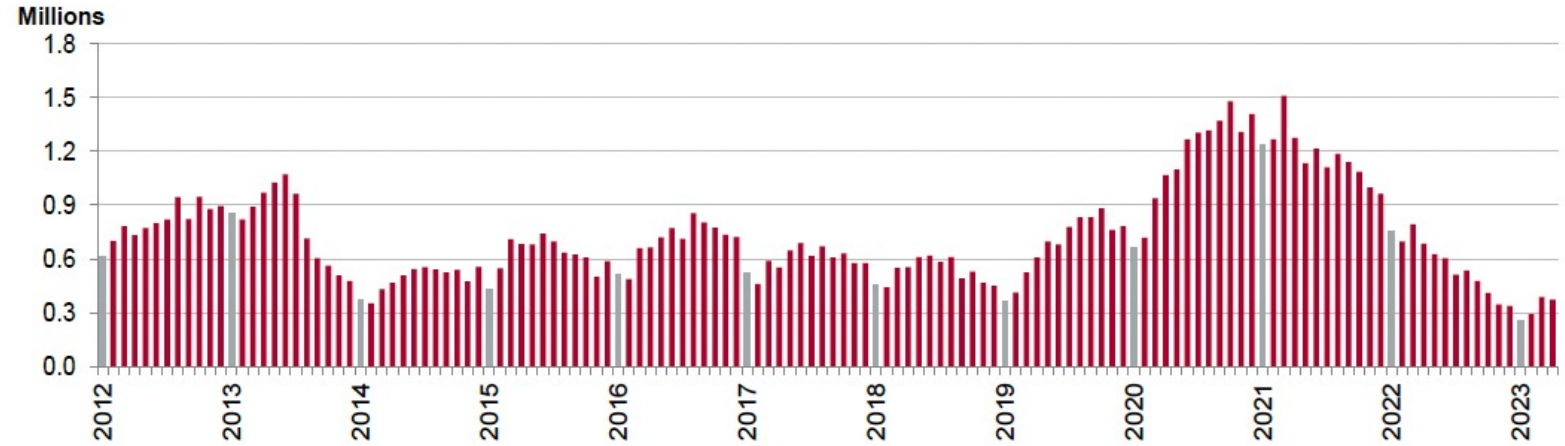


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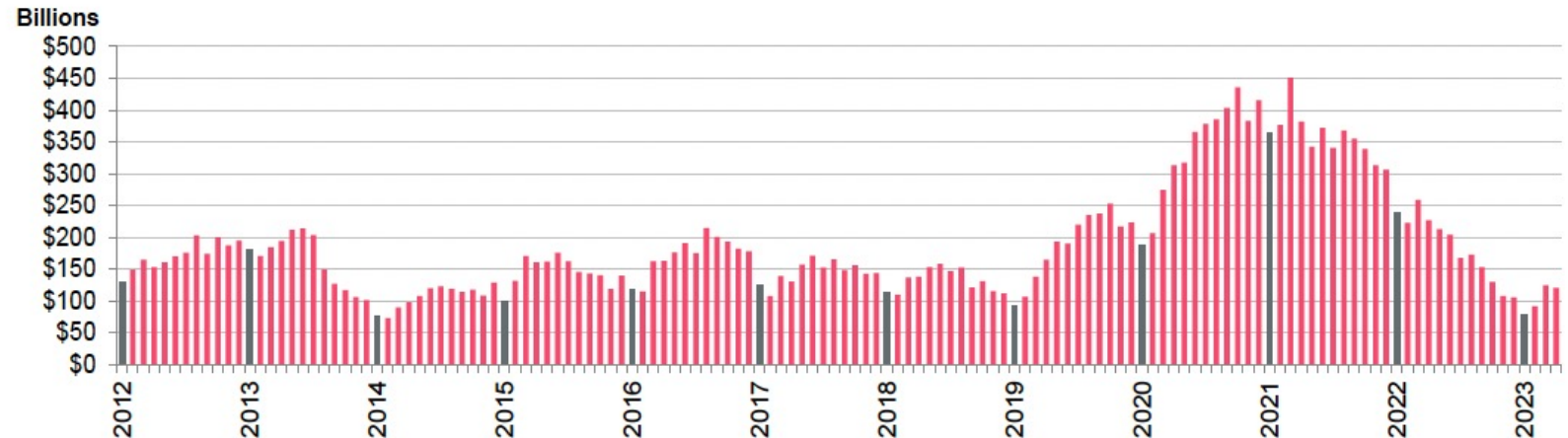
# First Mortgage Originations: Accounts

Number of Accounts in Millions; NSA



# First Mortgage Originations: Balances

\$ Balances in Billions; NSA

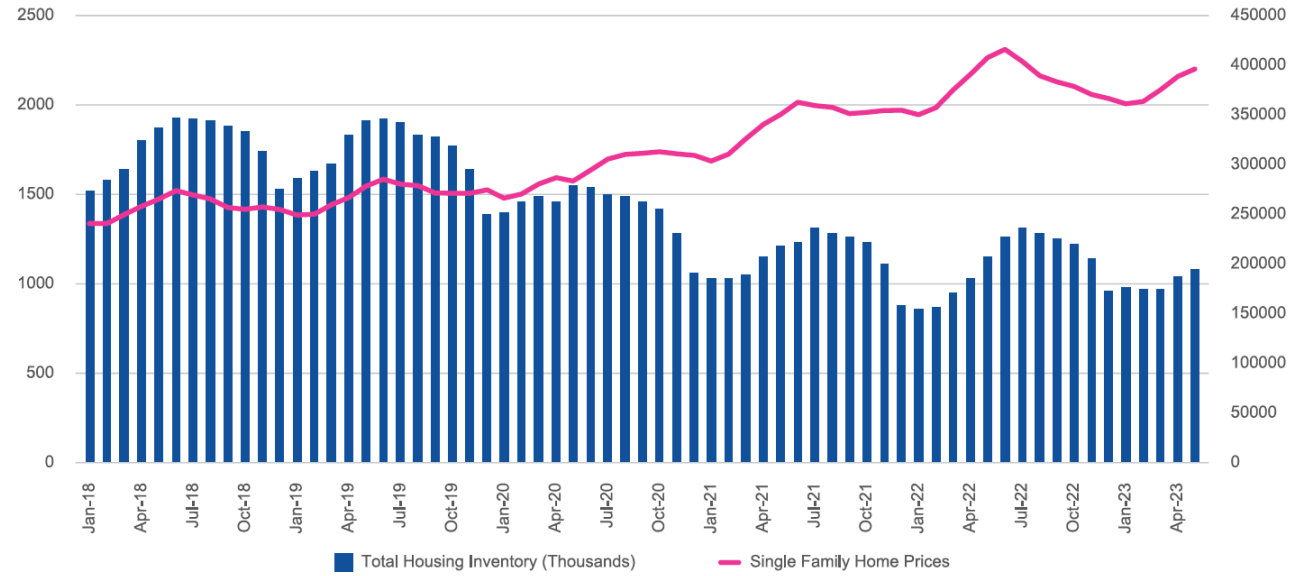


**Originations increasing in 2023 but still much lower than. Pandemic levels due to high interest rates and low inventory**

Source: Equifax  
Data as of June 2023, originations through April 2023

**Reduced housing demand and slightly improving inventories due to new construction are cooling prices**

U.S. Housing Inventory and Prices





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# Equifax Ignite Definitions

**Definition of bankcard:** bankcard include account types labeled as credit card and flexible spending card, filtered for the portfolio type being line of credit and revolving. Only accounts with a valid status in the last archive date, and only including repossessed and charged-off accounts if it was the first occurrence of those events.

**Definition of delinquency:** Out of the bankcard accounts, 60+ delinquent accounts that were 60-90 DPD, 90-120 DPD, 120+ DPD and charged off accounts.

**Vantage bucket timing:** To better observe movements within Vantage buckets (and reduce the effect of re-classification of accounts across buckets), lagged the date when the vantage bucket is observed by 3 months from the current archive date when looking at performance charts.

**Origination timing:** Originations are lagged by 2 months from the current archive date. Hence, the most recent origination datapoint is from April 2023.