



# 2021 Mid Year-in-Perspective

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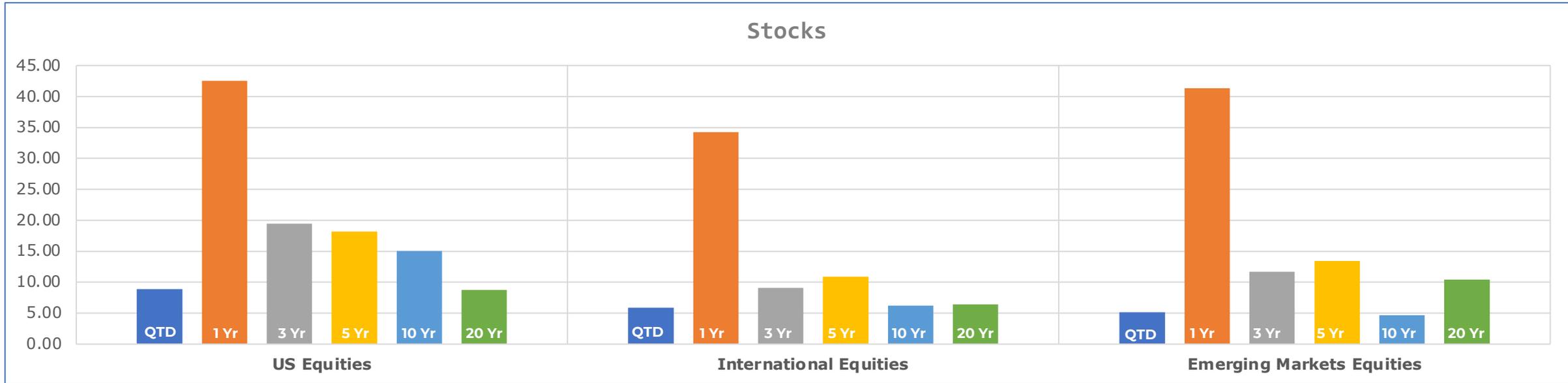


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# Global Markets-in-Review

## Equities Q2 2021



**Source:** Morningstar. As of 6/30/2021

U.S. Stocks represented by MSCI USA GR USD

International Stocks represented by MSCI EAFE GR USD

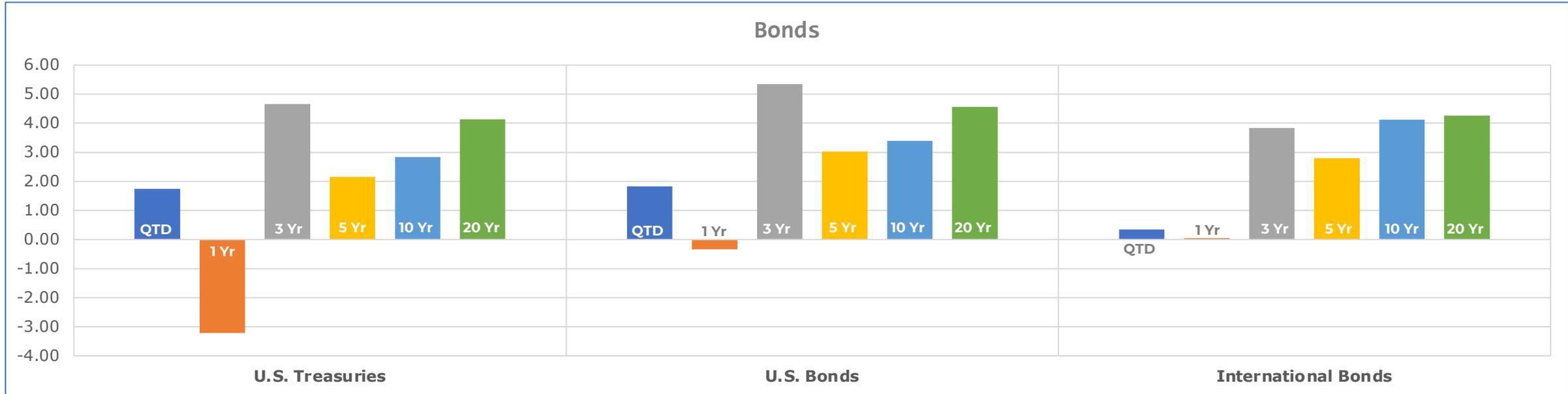
Emerging Markets represented by MSCI EM GR USD

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# Global Markets-in-Review

## Bonds Q2 2021



Source: Morningstar. As of 6/30/2021

U.S. Treasuries represented by BBgBarc US Treasury TR USD

U.S. Bonds represented by BBgBarc US Agg Bond TR USD

International Bonds represented by BBgBarc Gbl Agg Ex USD TR Hdg USD

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# Asset Classes-in-Review

## Q2 2021

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Annualized	Q2
60/40 Blend	78.51	28.07	9.37	18.22	39.09	32.00	4.48	20.41	37.28	2.06	36.61	42.14	9.94	13.30
US Aggregate Bond	37.08	27.82	7.84	18.20	34.83	13.69	3.38	18.75	27.90	1.86	31.49	19.18	9.62	11.76
3-Month T-Bill	36.15	18.88	3.11	17.19	32.39	13.45	1.38	11.96	24.21	1.53	25.86	18.69	8.98	11.71
US Credit Bond	33.67	18.65	2.94	17.12	32.09	11.93	1.15	11.77	21.83	1.04	25.66	18.40	8.57	8.55
US Gov't Bond	28.46	16.83	2.11	16.41	21.02	6.09	0.89	11.19	15.58	0.37	23.16	11.98	7.47	5.86
World Bond	26.46	15.64	1.59	16.00	14.28	5.97	0.71	6.72	15.16	0.01	23.10	8.09	7.10	5.25
US REIT	22.41	15.06	1.43	15.60	7.70	3.14	0.55	6.68	14.86	-2.72	19.10	7.51	5.78	5.20
Emerging Markets	20.58	9.57	0.63	10.03	1.47	2.56	0.37	6.59	4.12	-4.22	18.90	6.15	5.06	5.12
US Growth	18.91	8.95	0.08	5.90	1.22	1.92	0.03	2.75	3.76	-4.38	8.72	5.48	4.83	4.81
US Value	12.97	6.54	-2.75	4.22	0.76	1.14	-1.47	2.73	3.54	-5.34	7.69	4.31	4.38	1.83
US Small Cap	9.65	5.35	-3.55	4.21	0.05	0.96	-2.19	2.65	2.36	-7.95	6.70	2.34	3.19	0.69
Int'l Markets	5.93	5.07	-4.11	1.36	-0.07	0.03	-3.04	1.89	1.70	-10.99	5.91	1.07	2.72*	0.13
S&P 500	2.06	3.63	-12.21	1.03	-2.02	-2.19	-4.06	1.18	0.92	-11.25	4.20	0.58	2.56	0.01
Commodities	0.86	1.35	-13.32	0.07	-2.60	-4.32	-14.92	1.02	0.84	-14.09	3.28	-3.12	1.43	0.00
Alternatives	0.16	0.13	-18.42	-1.06	-9.52	-17.01	-24.66	0.27	0.72	-14.58	2.25	-11.20	-0.52	0.00

Source: Morningstar Direct and www.hedgefundresearch.com

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Annualized returns from 2000 through 2020. Annualized return: is calculated as a geometric average to show what an investment would earn over a period of time if the annual return was compounded.

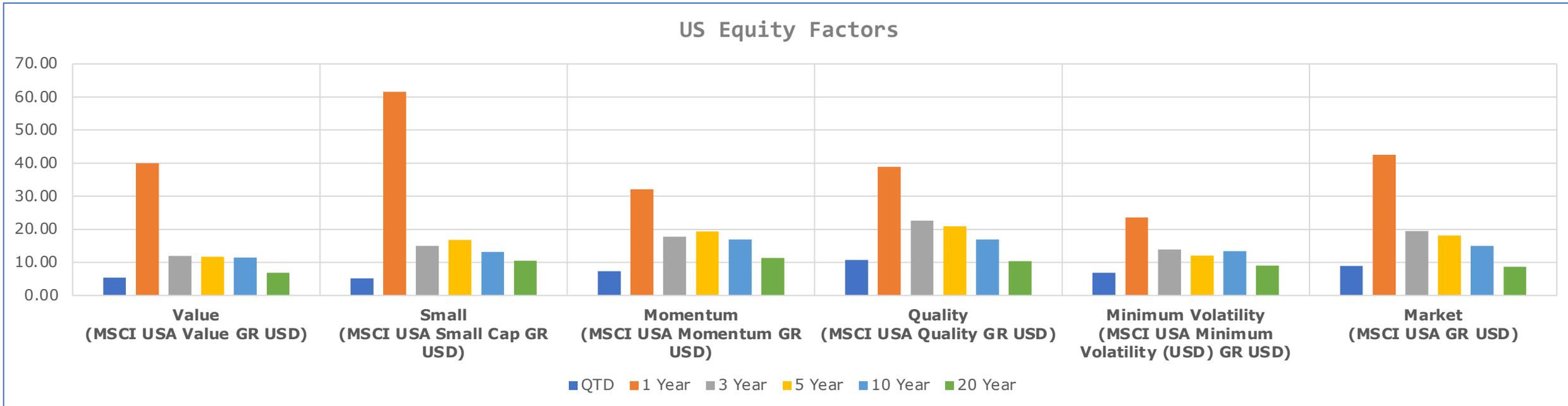
\*Annualized return for this index is calculated from the index's inception date of 8/30/2002 to 12/31/2020.

Source: www.investopedia.com

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# Factors-in-Review (US)

## US Equity Factors Q2 2021



**Source:** Morningstar. As of 06/30/2021.

Value represented by MSCI USA Value GR USD

Size represented by MSCI USA Small Cap GR USD

Momentum represented by MSCI USA Momentum GR USD

Quality represented by MSCI USA Quality GR USD

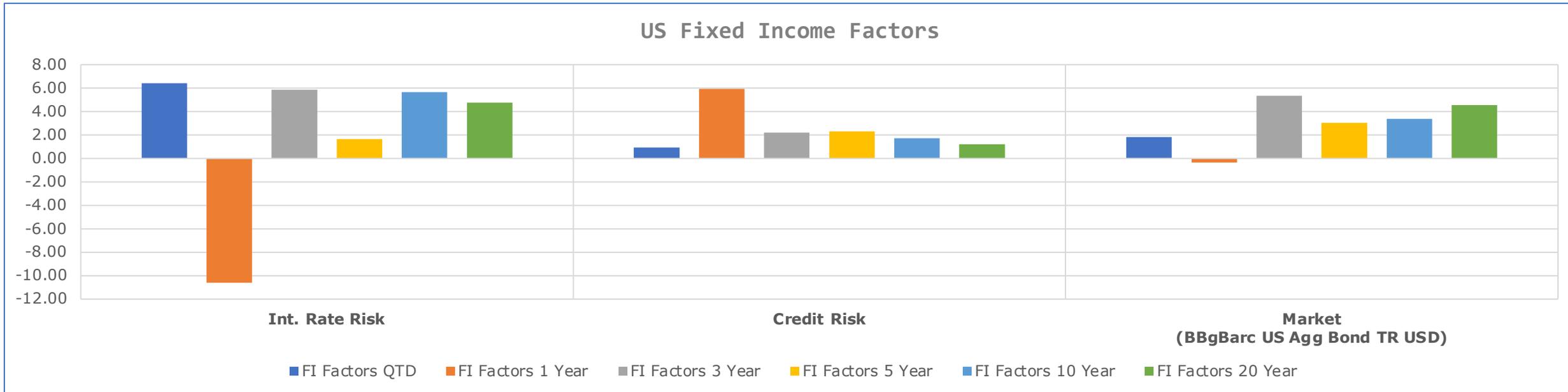
Minimum Vol. represented by MSCI USA Minimum Volatility (USD) GR USD

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# Factors-in-Review (US)

## US Fixed Income Factors Q2 2021



Source: Morningstar. As of 06/30/2021.

For Fixed Income Factors the number represents the contribution of spread between BBgBarc US Government Long TR USD minus BBgBarc US Govt Short Duration TR USD for Interest Rate Risk, and BBgBarc US Credit 5-10 Yr TR USD minus BBgBarc US Treasury 5-10 Yr TR USD for Credit Risk

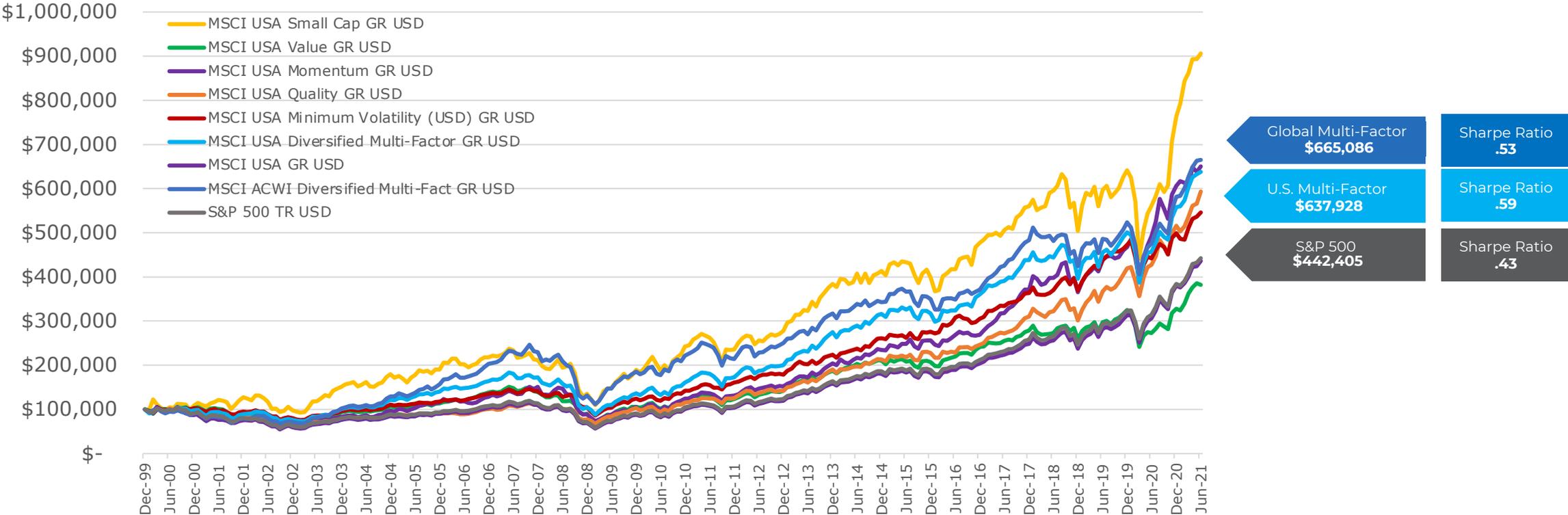
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# Growth of Multi-Factor Portfolios Over Time

Growth of \$100,000  
1/2000 - 06/2021

Hypothetical Illustration



**Source:** Morningstar Direct. Please be advised that adding these factors may not ensure increased return over a market-weighted investment and may lead to underperformance relative to the benchmark over the investor’s time horizon. Information regarding these factors can be found on the back page. For a description of the charts and various definitions, as well as additional information and limitations to index performance, please see the Disclosure in the back labeled Factors Over Time Disclosure. Symmetry Partners’ investment approach seeks enhanced returns by overweighting assets that exhibit characteristics that tend to be in accordance with one or more “factors” identified in academic research as historically associated with higher returns. The factors Symmetry seeks to capture may change over time at its discretion. Past performance does not guarantee future results. All data is from sources believed to be reliable but cannot be guaranteed or warranted.

# In the News

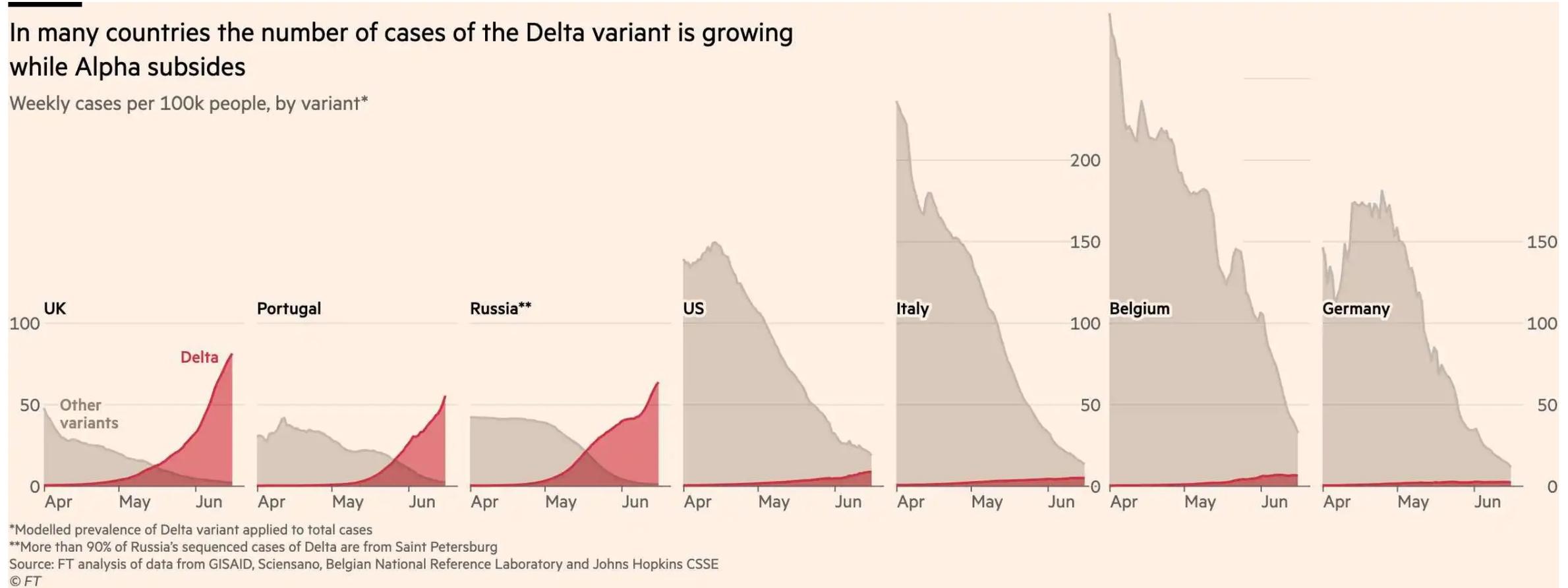
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# The Pandemic

## An Ongoing Concern

In many countries the number of cases of the Delta variant is growing while Alpha subsides

Weekly cases per 100k people, by variant\*

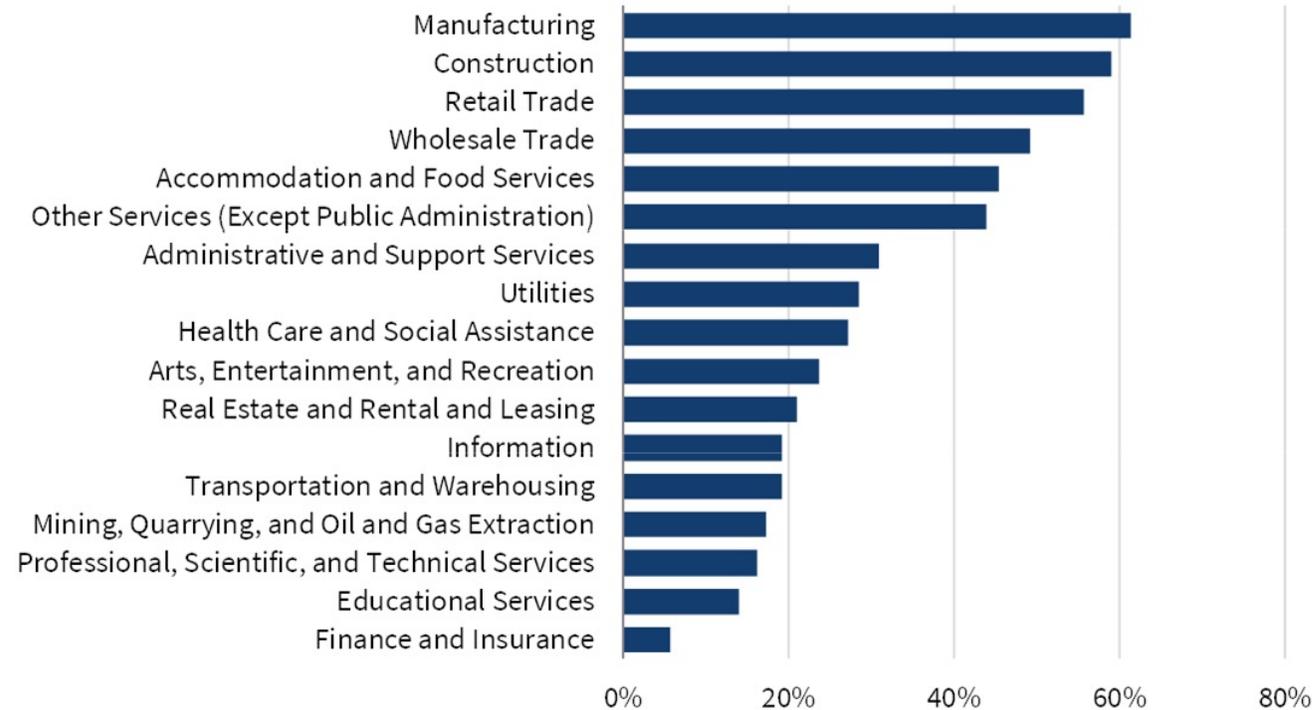


# The Economy

## Supply Side Disruptions

### Supply Change Disruptions By Sector

*In the last week, did this business have domestic supplier delays? (percentage saying yes)*



**Sources:** US Census Bureau, CEA Calculations.

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## Employment

### Unemployment Rate



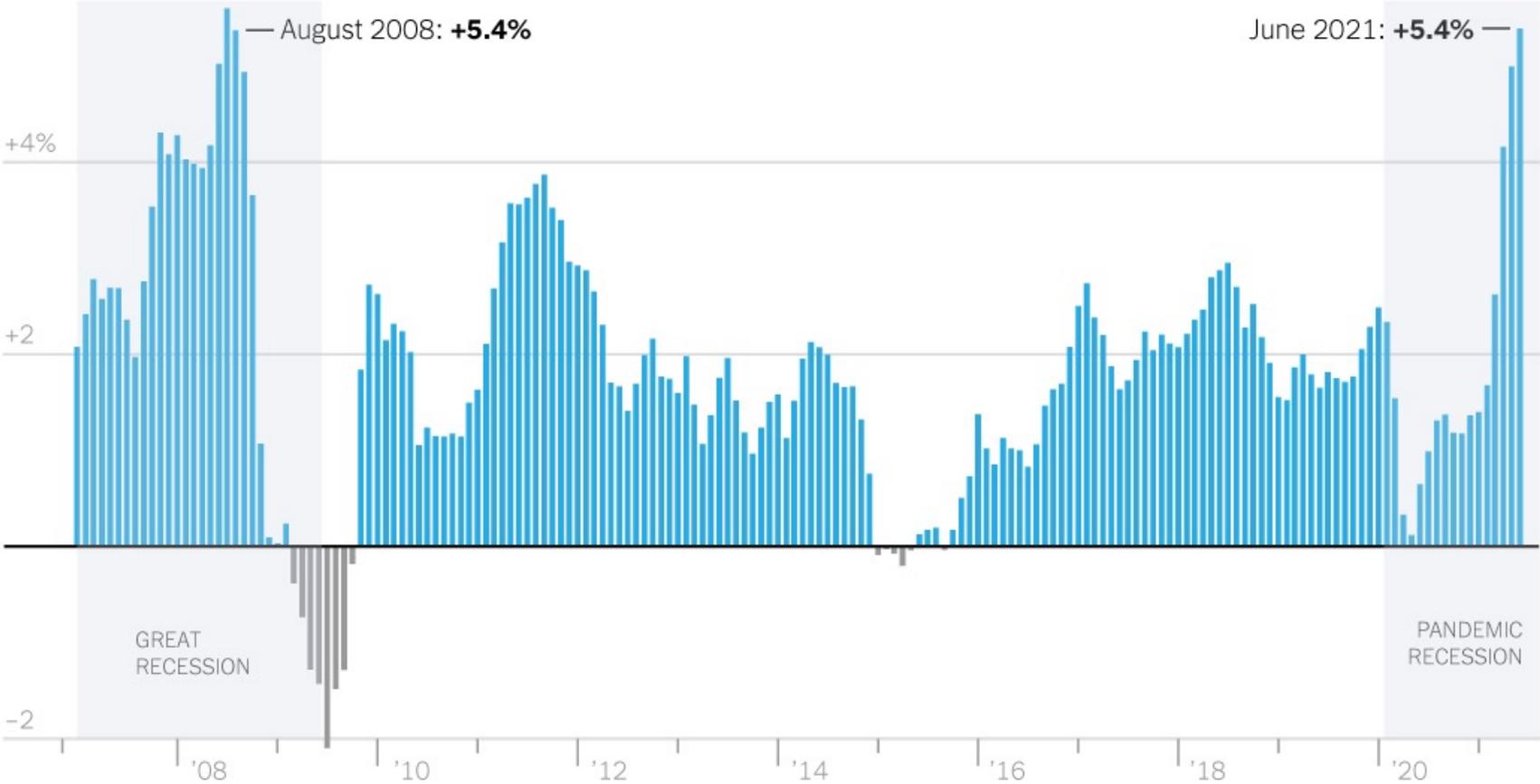
Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics (data is seasonally adjusted)

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## Inflation

### Percent Change in Consumer Price Index



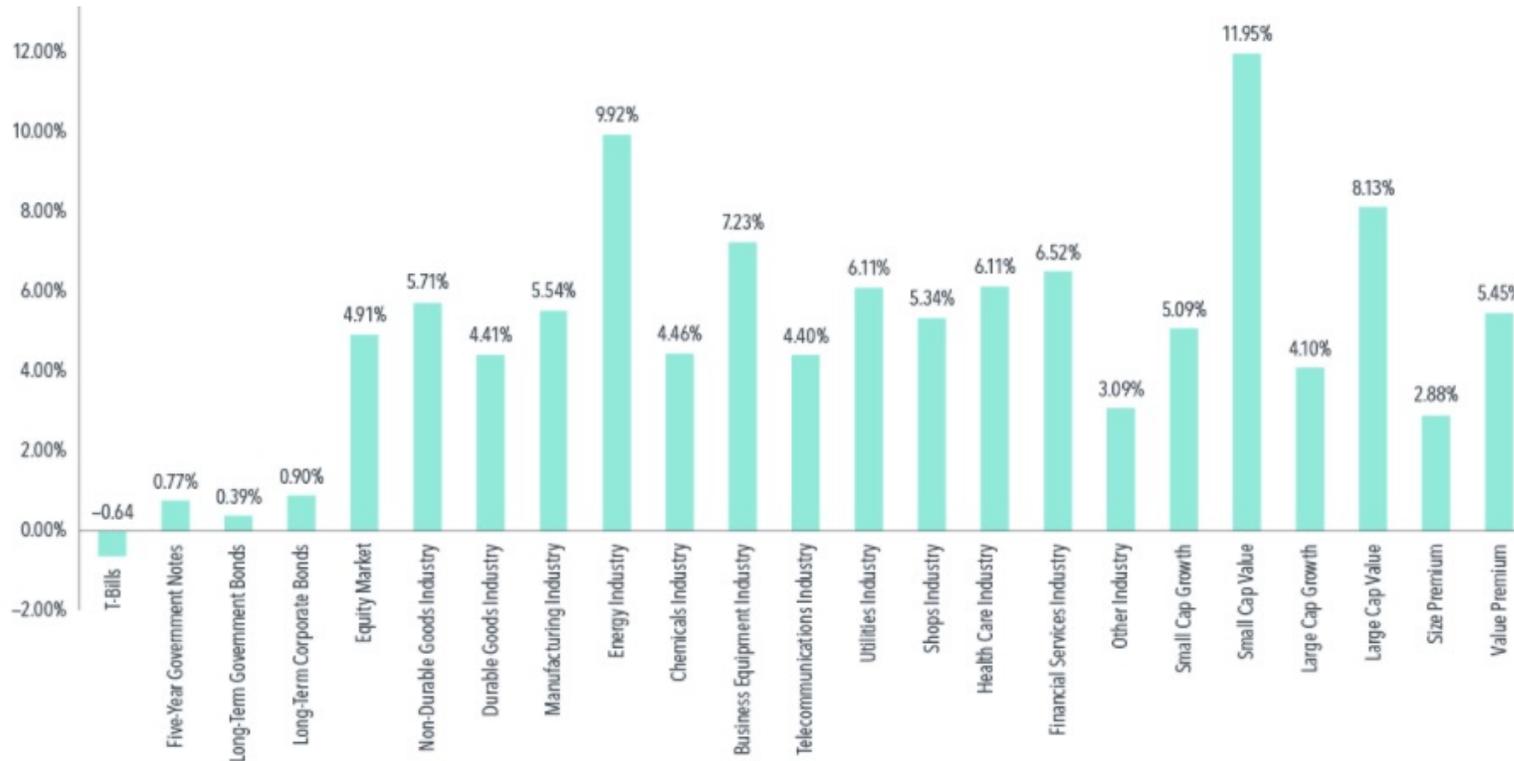
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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# The Economy

## Inflation & Asset Returns

### Average annual real returns in years with above-median US inflation, 1927–2020



Source: *US Inflation and Global Asset Returns*, Wei Dai, Mamdouh Medhat, July 2021

# Inflated Fears About Inflation?

		1995	2020
	Healthcare	\$3,806	\$11,582
	Housing	\$130,000	\$329,000
	Gas	\$1.15 per gallon	\$2.17 per gallon
	Milk	\$2.48 per gallon	\$3.32 per gallon
	Cable	\$22.35 per month	\$217.42 per month

**Sources:** America's House Price History: Does Homeownership Still Pay Off? FRED. U.S. Census Bureau. <https://www.homelight.com/blog/house-price-history/>  
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# Summary

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## What This Means For Investors

Global trade has rebounded, along with flows of capital, driving growth in prices across markets.

The pace of growth has been tempered somewhat however by supply-side constraints, with average supplier delivery times lengthening to record levels.

The ongoing shape of the economic recovery will be defined by:

- how persistent the **supply-side disruption** is
- how the **labor market** grows
- how spending drives **inflation**
- how the **Federal Reserve** signals its plan to phase out crisis-era policies

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**World Bond - Citi WGBI 1-3 Yr Hdg USD**: Citigroup World Government - Bond Currency-Hedged Index provided by Morningstar Direct.  
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**MSCI USA = MSCI USA GR USD:** which is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the US market. With 622 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US.

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## The Power of Factors & Diversification - Stocks Disclosure

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**Value = MSCI USA Value Index:** MSCI USA Value Index captures large and mid-cap US securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics. The value investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using three variables: book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price and dividend yield. With 322 constituents, the index targets 50% coverage of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the MSCI USA Index.

**Quality = MSCI USA Quality Index:** MSCI USA Quality Index is based on the MSCI USA Index, its parent index, which includes large and mid-cap stocks in the US equity market. The index aims to capture the performance of quality growth stocks by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three main fundamental variables: high return on equity (ROE), stable year-over-year earnings growth and low financial leverage.

**Momentum = MSCI USA Momentum Index:** MSCI USA Momentum Index is based on MSCI USA Index, its parent index, which captures large and mid-cap stocks of the US market. It is designed to reflect the performance of an equity momentum strategy by emphasizing stocks with high price momentum, while maintaining reasonably high trading liquidity, investment capacity and moderate index turnover.

**Small-Cap = MSCI USA Small Cap Index:** MSCI USA Small Cap Index is designed to measure the performance of the small cap segment of the US equity market. With 1,864 constituents, the index represents approximately 14% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US.

**Multi-Factor = MSCI USA Diversified Multiple-Factor Index:** MSCI USA Diversified Multiple-Factor Index is based on a traditional market cap weighted parent index, the MSCI USA Index, which includes US large and mid-cap stocks. The index aims to maximize exposure to four factors – Value, Momentum, Quality and Low Size -- while maintaining a risk profile similar to that of the underlying parent index.

**Min-Volatility = MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index:** MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a minimum variance strategy applied to the large and mid-cap USA equity universe. The index is calculated by optimizing the MSCI USA Index, its parent index, in USD for the lowest absolute risk (within a given set of constraints). Historically, the index has shown lower beta and volatility characteristics relative to the MSCI USA Index.

**MSCI USA = MSCI USA GR USD:** which is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the US market. With 622 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US.

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1 Mon USD = FTSE Treasury Bill 1-Month Index: The FTSE 1-Month T-Bill Index is a market value-weighted index of public obligations of the U.S. Treasury with maturities of one month. The Index reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes.

1-3Y US Trsy TR USD = BofAML US Treasuries 1-3 Yr TR USD Index: BofAML US Treasuries 1-3 Yr TR USD Index is an unmanaged index tracking short-term government securities with maturities between 1 and 2.99 years. The index is produced by Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.

5-10Y US Trsy TR USD = BofAML US Treasuries 5-10 Yr TR USD Index: BofAML US Treasuries 5-10 Yr TR USD Index is an unmanaged index which includes U.S. Treasury securities with maturities of 3 to 4.99 years. The index is produced by Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.

15+Y US Trsy TR USD = BofAML US Treasuries 15+ Yr TR USD Index: BofAML US Treasuries 15+ Yr TR USD Index is an unmanaged index which includes U.S. Treasury securities with maturities of 15+ years. The index is produced by Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.

AAA US Corporate TR USD = BofAML US Corporate AAA TR USD Index: BofAML US Corporate AAA TR USD Index represents the BofA Merrill Lynch US Corporate AAA Index value, a subset of the BofA Merrill Lynch US Corporate Master Index tracking the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade rated corporate debt publically issued in the US domestic market. This subset includes all securities with a given investment grade rating AAA.

BBB US Corporate TR USD = BofAML US Corps BBB TR USD Index: BofAML US Corps BBB TR USD Index represents the BofA Merrill Lynch US Corporate BBB Index value, a subset of the BofA Merrill Lynch US Corporate Master Index tracking the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade rated corporate debt publically issued in the US domestic market. This subset includes all securities with a given investment grade rating BBB.

BB US High Yield TR USD = BofAML US High Yield BB TR USD Index: BofAML US High Yield BB TR USD Index represents the BofA Merrill Lynch US Corporate BB Index value, a subset of the BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Master II Index tracking the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade rated corporate debt publically issued in the US domestic market. This subset includes all securities with a given investment grade rating BB.

US Agg Bond TR USD = BBgBarc US Agg Bond TR USD: US Agg Bond BBgBarc US Agg Bond TR USD is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS, and CMBS. The U.S. Aggregate rolls up into other Barclays Capital flagship indices such as the multi-currency Global Aggregate Index and the U.S. Universal Index, which includes high yield and emerging markets debt.

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**MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the developed equity market (as defined by MSCI) equity performance, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The Index consists of developed market country indexes.

**S&P 500 Index:** Widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market, this market capitalization-weighted index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy and provides over 80% coverage of U.S. equities.

**MSCI ACWI IMI GR USD:** Captures large, mid and small cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. With 8,649 constituents, the index is comprehensive, covering approximately 99% of the global equity investment opportunity set.

**MSCI Emerging Index:** The MSCI Emerging Markets Index captures large and mid cap representation across 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries\*. With 1,194 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

**MSCI World Ex USA Index:** The MSCI World ex USA Index captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries\*--excluding the United States. With 1,012 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

**Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-US (hedged) Index:** The index measures the performance of global investment grade fixed-rate debt markets that excludes USD-dominated securities.

**Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury TR:** U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities Index provided by Morningstar Direct. The index includes all publicly issued, U.S. Treasury inflation-protected securities that have at least one year remaining to maturity, are rate investment grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value.

**Bloomberg Barclays EM USD Agg. TR** Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets Hard Currency Aggregate Index is a flagship hard currency Emerging Markets debt benchmark that includes USD-denominated debt from sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate EM issuers.

**The VIX Index** is a calculation designed to produce a measure of constant, 30-day expected volatility of the U.S. stock market, derived from real-time, mid-quote prices of S&P 500® Index (SPXSM) call and put options. On a global basis, it is one of the most recognized measures of volatility -- widely reported by financial media and closely followed by a variety of market participants as a daily market indicator.

**The S&P 500® Quality:** Lowest Quintile Index is designed to measure the performance of the 100 lowest-ranked stocks in the S&P 500 based on quality score. Quality scores are calculated based on return on equity, accruals ratio, and financial leverage ratio.

**The S&P 500® Volatility:** Highest Quintile Index is designed to measure performance of the 100 most-volatile stocks in the S&P 500. Constituents are selected based on their volatility and are then weighted by their corresponding volatility.

**The S&P 500® Low Volatility Index** measures performance of the 100 least volatile stocks in the S&P 500. The index benchmarks low volatility or low variance strategies for the U.S. stock market. Constituents are weighted relative to the inverse of their corresponding volatility, with the least volatile stocks receiving the highest weights.

**The S&P 500® Quality Index** is designed to track high quality stocks in the S&P 500 by quality score, which is calculated based on return on equity, accruals ratio and financial leverage ratio.