

Seeing the Future

How to Align With Miami's Next Chapter



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How to See the Future

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Find
the Force

WHAT IS
DRIVING CHANGE

2

Find
the Signal

WHERE IT'S
SHOWING UP

3

Follow the
Force Forward

WHERE IT
LEADS



Position Yourself
Accordingly

MINDSET
IS KEY



Entrepreneurship Flows Towards The Path Of Least Resistance

South Florida Has Become That Path

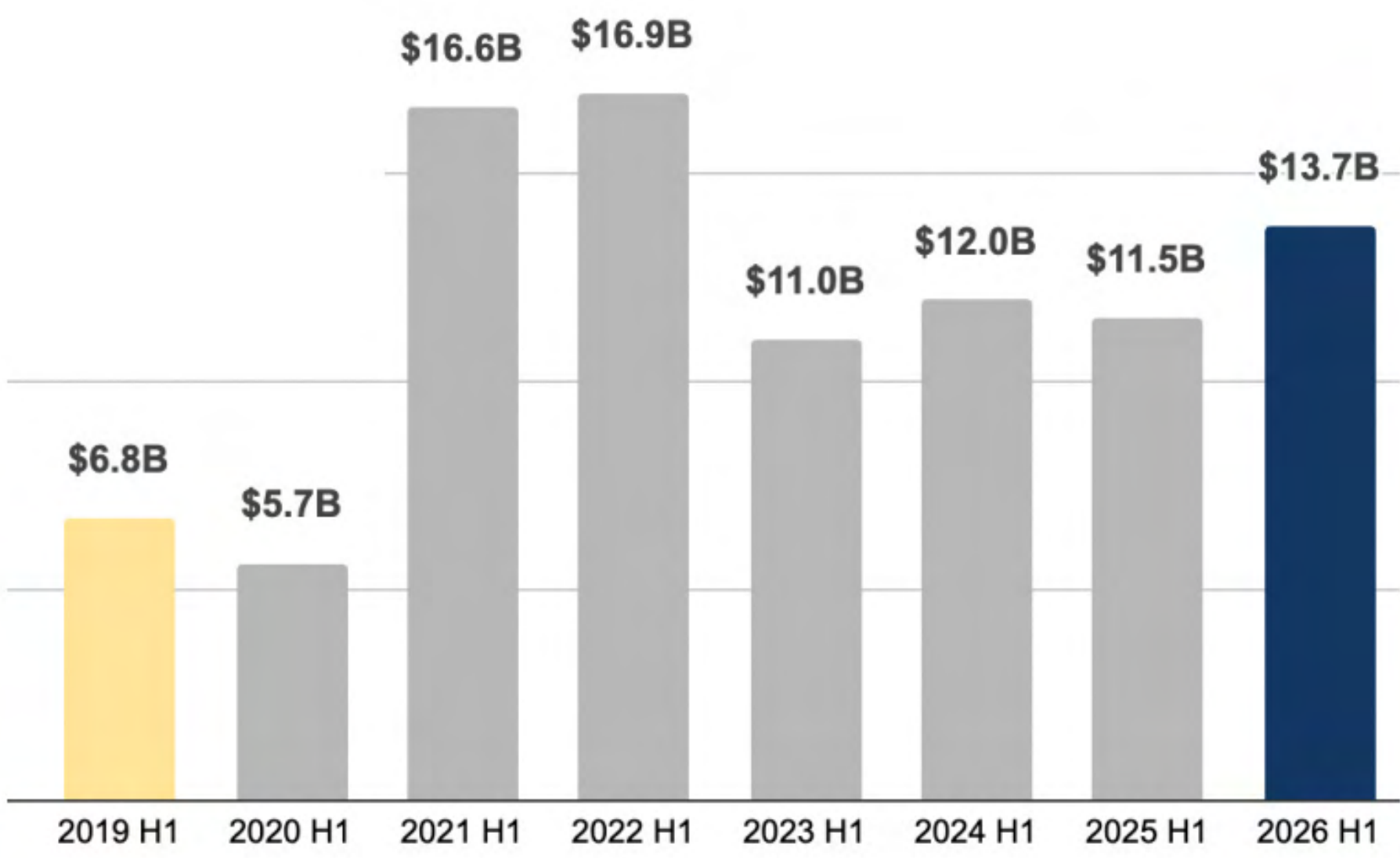


The Echo Exodus Is Underway

The first post-Covid migration wave was driven by uncertainty. The Echo Exodus is being driven by certainty. Entrepreneurs and investors have increased clarity on which states align with their long-term priorities. As American states continue to diverge on taxation, regulation, and business policy, wealth and talent are reorganizing themselves accordingly. Miami Dade’s luxury housing market is simply recording the shift in economic center of gravity as it moves away from 20th century epicenters.

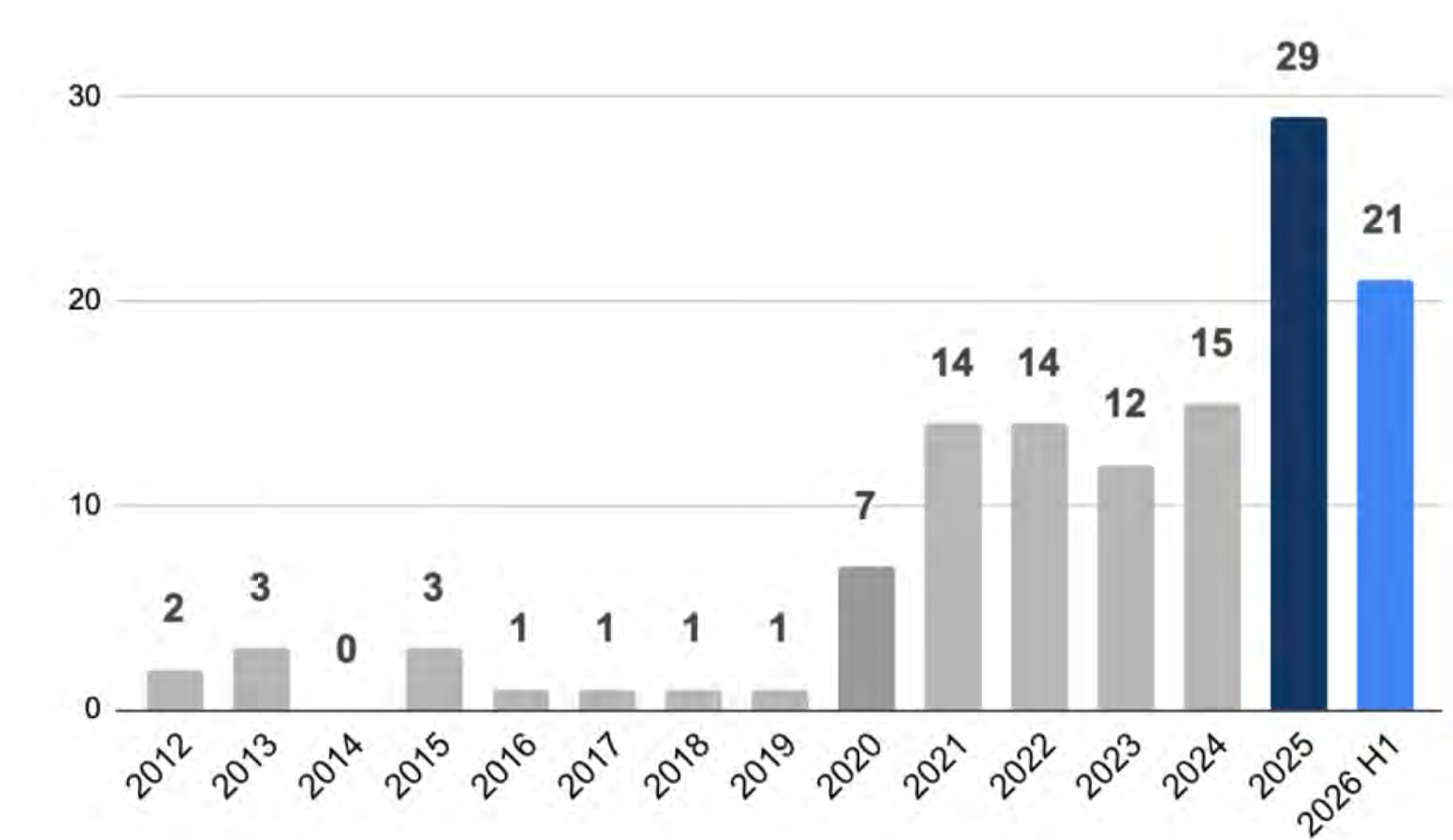
Miami Dade County: \$ Volume, SFH & Condos

+19% YOY | +101% vs 2019



Miami Dade County: SFH \$30M+ Sales Volume

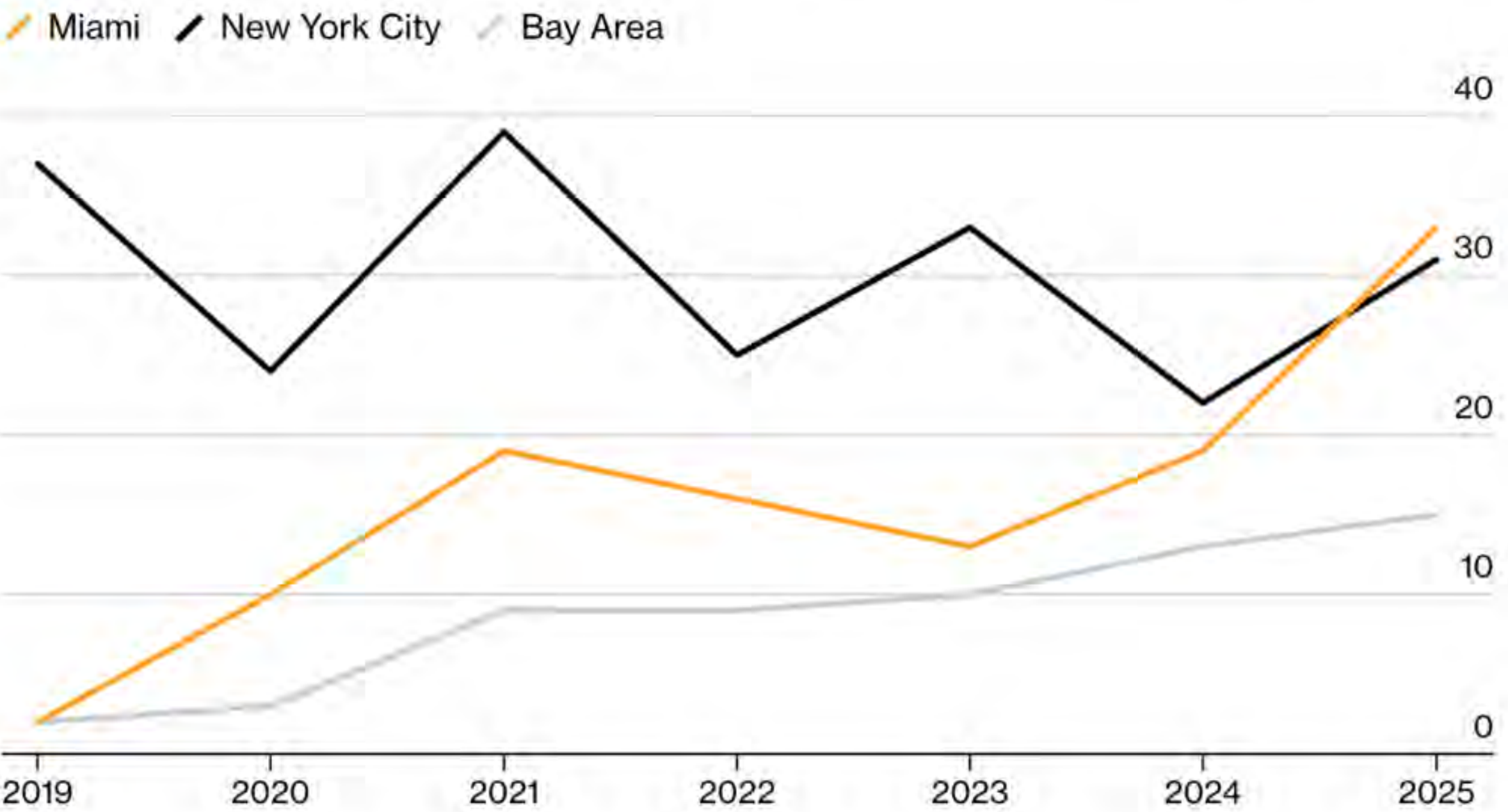
H1 2026 at record pace, +2,000% vs 2019



The Scoreboard Is Here

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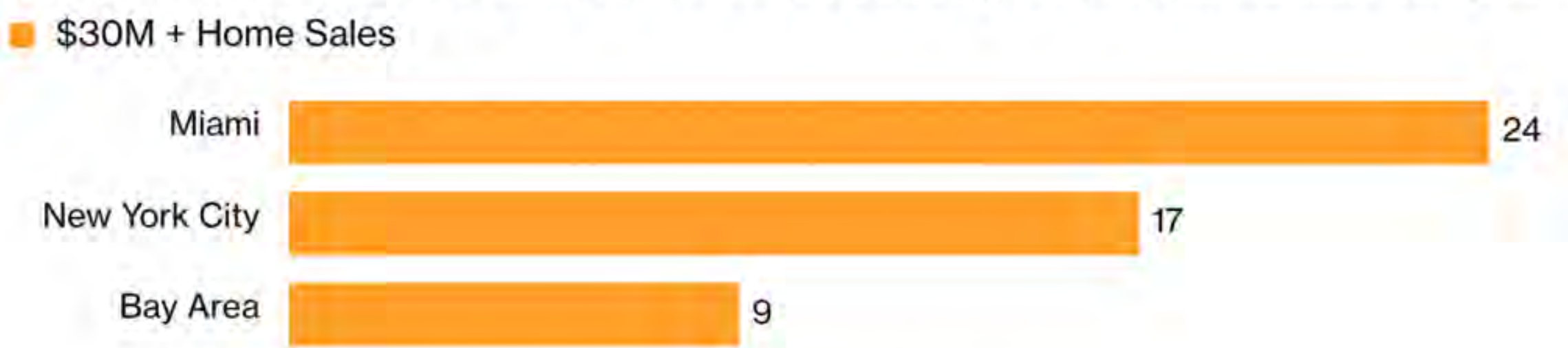


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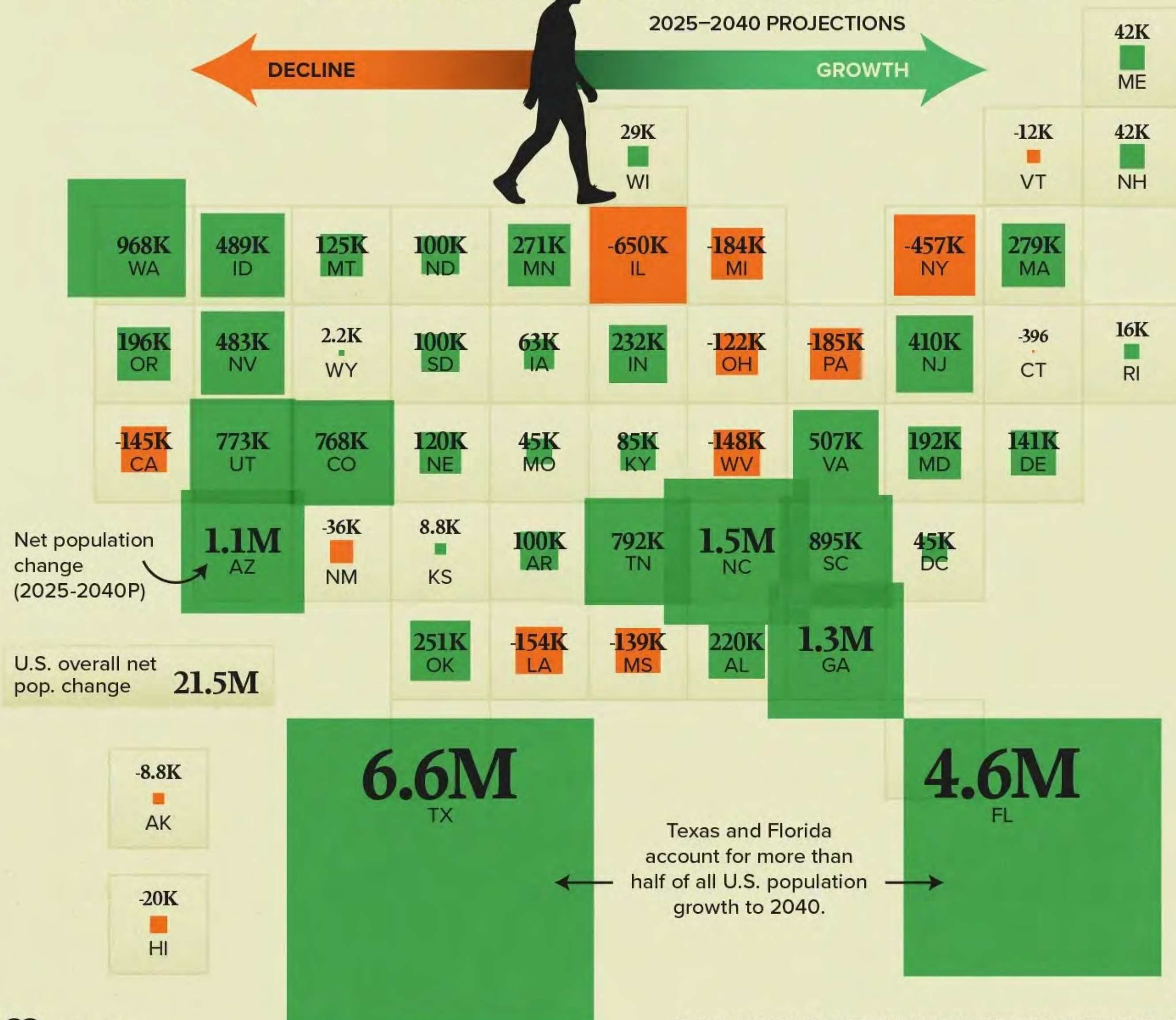
What is driving this migration of wealth?

Why is wealth increasingly mobile?

Think of Covid as a
grand accelerator of trends:

There is a shift in focus away from pre-internet,
20th century epicenters

★ THE UNITED STATES ★ POPULATION CHANGE



Source: University of Virginia, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, U.S. Census Bureau. National Population Projections released July 15, 2026.

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2023 Census Data: Net Intrastate Migration

Net change shown with top state-level income tax rate & party of Governor

1	Texas	+133,372	none	R
2	Florida	+126,008	none	R
3	North Carolina	+106,592	4.50%	D
4	South Carolina	+68,667	6.30%	R
5	Arizona	+62,533	2.50%	D
6	Georgia	+59,968	5.49%	R
7	Indiana	+29,773	3.05%	R
8	Oklahoma	+23,370	4.75%	R
9	Virginia	+22,921	5.75%	R
10	Tennessee	+22,749	none	R
41	Kansas	-15,575	5.70%	D
42	Michigan	-20,415	4.25%	D
43	Louisiana	-31,716	4.25%	R
44	Pennsylvania	-34,935	3.07%	D
45	Maryland	-36,090	5.75%	D
46	Massachusetts	-39,513	9%	D
47	New Jersey	-69,179	10.75%	D
48	Illinois	-93,247	4.95%	D
49	New York	-178,709	10.90%	D
50	California	-268,052	13.30%	D

Net Gain in Red States
+536,459

Net Loss in Blue States
-528,983

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Winners have
Republican
Governors

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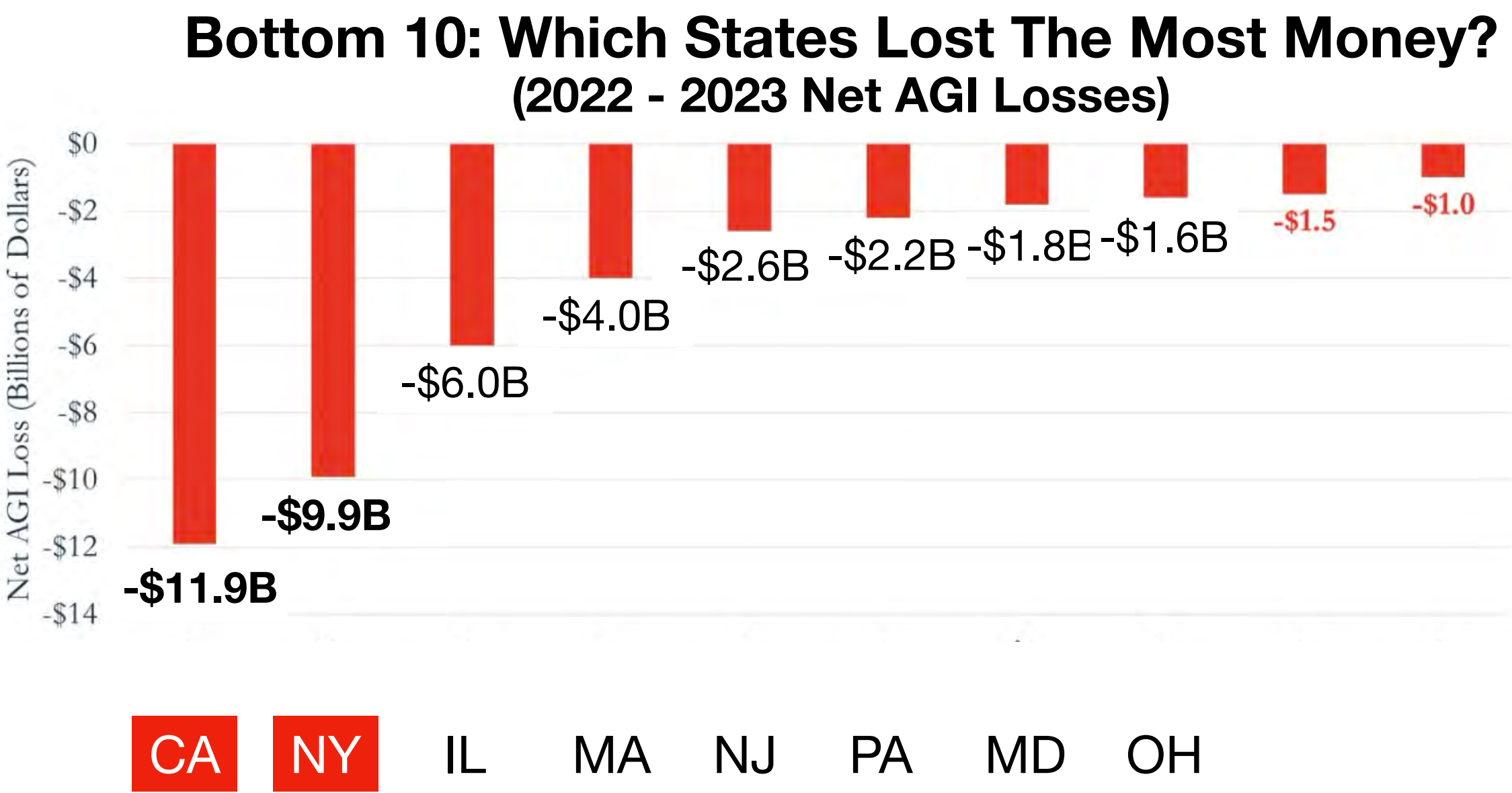
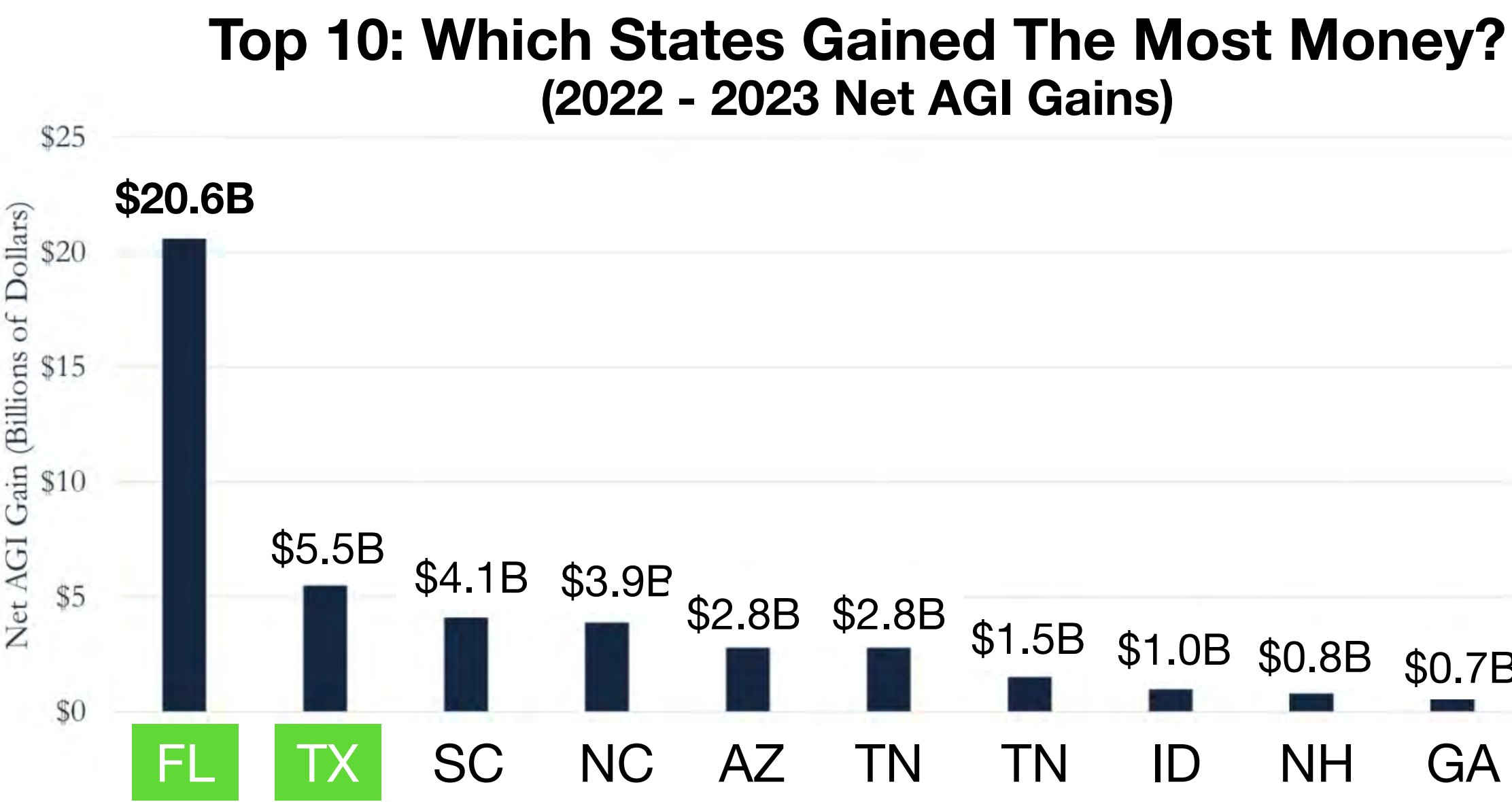
Losers have
Democratic
Governors

Source: census.gov

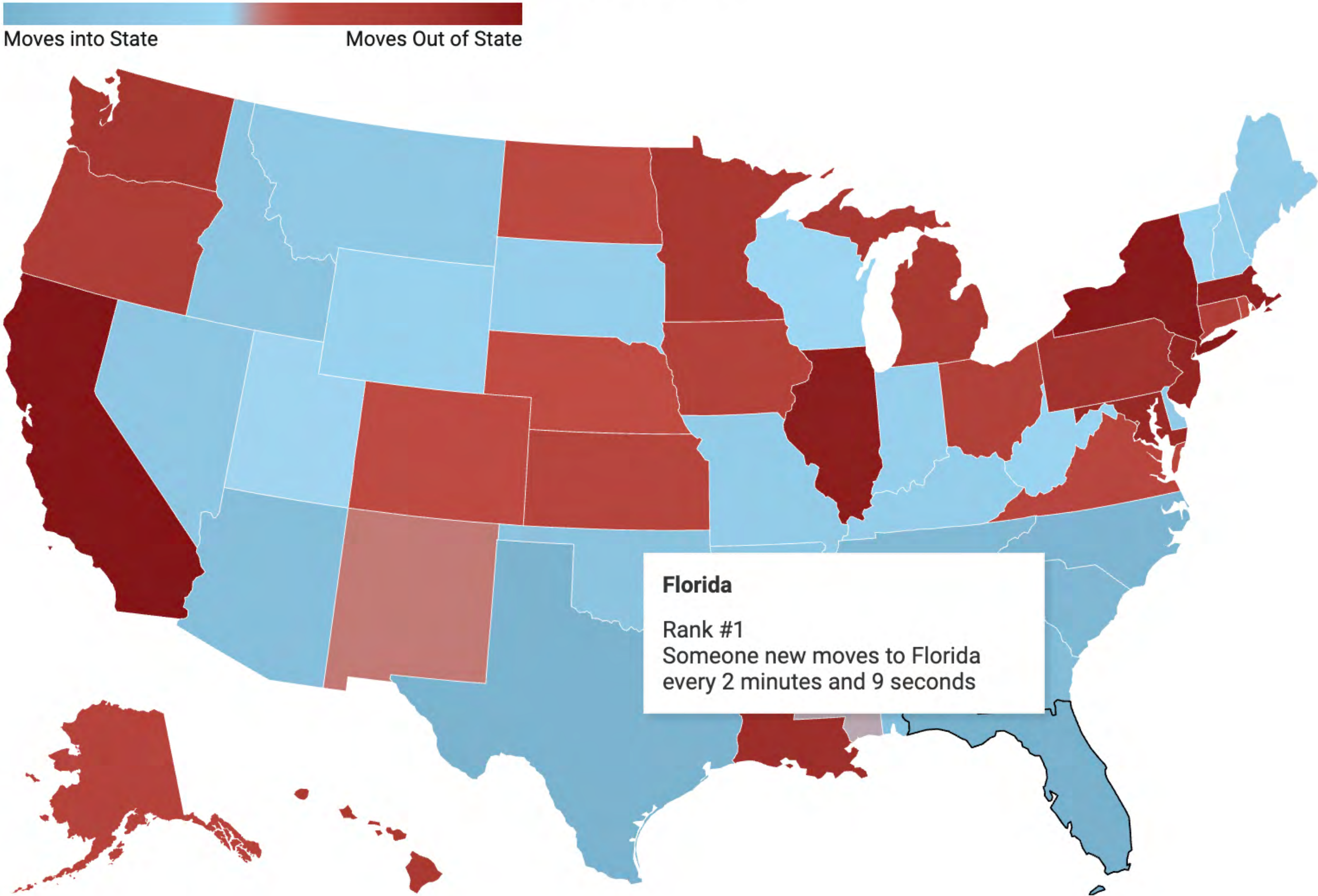
<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/geographic-mobility/state-to-state-migration.html>

A Structural Shift in Wealth and Population Is Underway

- Wealth, talent and entrepreneurship flow toward the path of least resistance.
- Tax policy, regulation, and lifestyle are driving one of the largest reallocations of capital in modern history.
- In high-tax states the top 1% generate nearly half of the tax revenue, and they are the most mobile. Their departures accelerate doom loops.



A Taxpayer Moves to Florida Every Two Minutes.
A Taxpayer Leaves California Every Minute.



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NYC Lost \$9 Billion of Income to Miami, Palm Beach in Five Years

New York's Share of Millionaires Has Declined the Most

Number and share of tax filers with income greater than \$1 million

State	Number of Millionaires 2010	Number of Millionaires 2022	2010 Share	2022 Share	Percentage Point Change (2010-2022)
California	42,090	128,900	14.9%	16.1%	1.2 pp
Florida	19,450	77,670	6.9	9.7	2.8
Texas	23,859	73,930	8.5	9.2	0.8
New York	35,802	69,780	12.7	8.7	-4.0
New Jersey	13,718	31,390	4.9	3.9	-0.9
Illinois	14,110	30,220	5.0	3.8	-1.2
Massachusetts	10,237	27,270	3.6	3.4	-0.2
Pennsylvania	9,545	24,850	3.4	3.1	-0.3
Washington	5,448	21,530	1.9	2.7	0.8
Georgia	5,967	21,070	2.1	2.6	0.5
North Carolina	4,907	18,890	1.7	2.4	0.6
Virginia	6,784	18,720	2.4	2.3	-0.1
Ohio	5,813	16,680	2.1	2.1	0.0
Connecticut	9,030	16,320	3.2	2.0	-1.2
Colorado	4,366	16,050	1.5	2.0	0.5

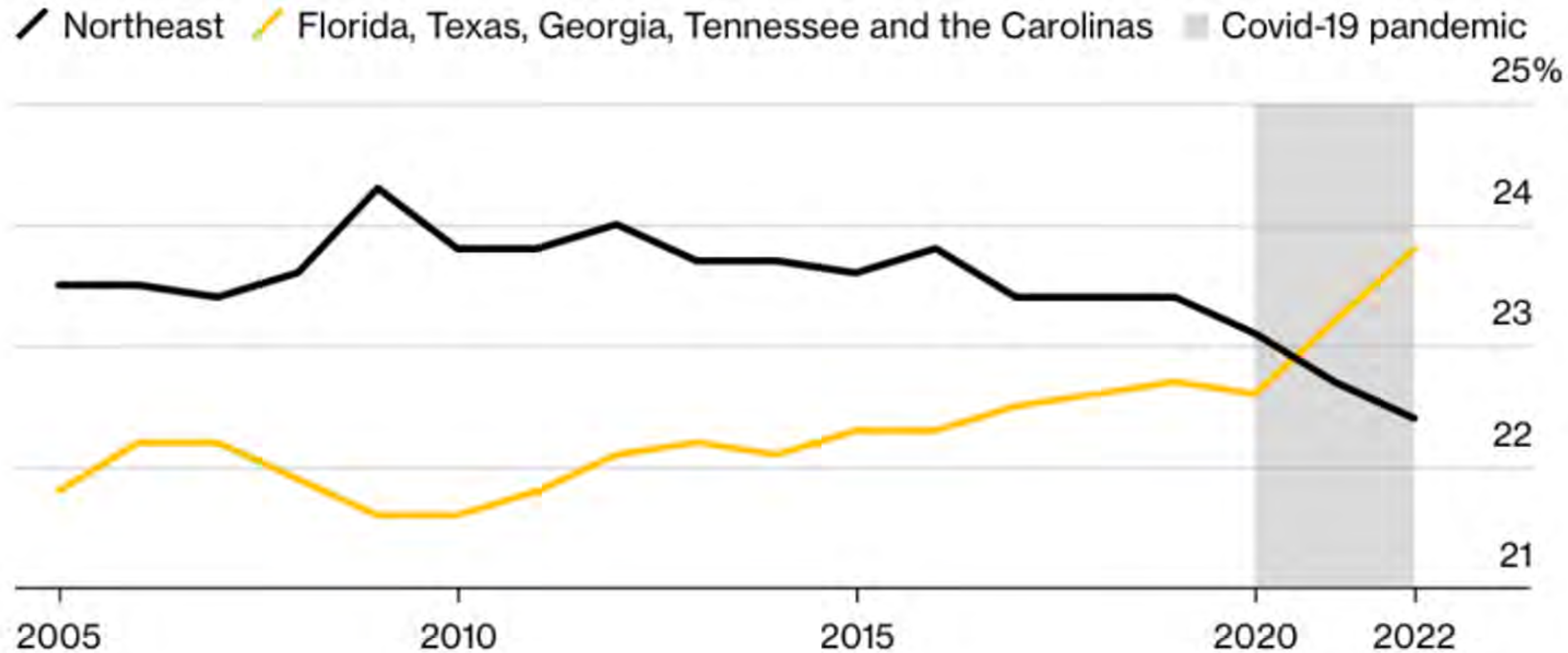
Source: Citizens Budget Commission
Note: Data is by state, 2010 to 2022

Tracking the movements of New York’s millionaires has become a fraught political issue because the top 1% of the city’s tax filers pay 40% of the income taxes.

Why would this reverse?

US South Economic Power on the Rise

Six fast-growing Southern states saw their aggregated share of national GDP soar above New York and the rest of the Northeast during the pandemic



Momentum has just started to build ... and it is still early days

California wealth tax proposal hemorrhages \$1T as billionaires flee

Silicon Valley investor warns middle class will 'foot the bill' as ultra-wealthy residents leave state

"We had \$2T of billionaire wealth just a few weeks ago. Now, 50% of that wealth has left - taking their income tax revenue, sales tax revenue, real estate tax revenue and all their staffs (and their salaries and income taxes) with them," Palihapitiya wrote on X on Sunday.

South Florida: Emerging As A 21st Century Wealth Hub

Source: New World Wealth, Henley & Partners

	Country	Millionaire Growth % 2014-2022	Millionaires \$1M+	Cent Millionaires \$100M+	Billionaires \$1B+
Shenzhen	China	142%	50,800	156	22
Scottsdale	USA	125%	14,800	64	5
Bengaluru	India	120%	13,600	43	8
West Palm Beach	USA	112%	11,500	78	10
Hangzhou	China	108%	32,200	104	12
Dubai	USA	102%	81,200	237	20
The Bay Area	USA	98%	342,000	756	82
Miami	USA	94%	38,800	180	17
Washington DC	USA	92%	28,900	97	12
Austin	USA	90%	32,000	90	10

The New York Times

A Wealth Tax Floated in California Has Billionaires Thinking of Leaving

It's uncertain whether the proposal will reach the statewide ballot in November, but some billionaires like Peter Thiel and Larry Page may be unwilling to take the risk.

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Peter Thiel, a tech venture capitalist, could face a tax bill of more than \$1.2 billion if the proposed wealth tax is placed on the California ballot and approved by voters. Marco Bello/Getty Images



Momentum Cycles Are Real &
have only begun to build.

The top 1% of tax payers account for almost 50% of revenue.

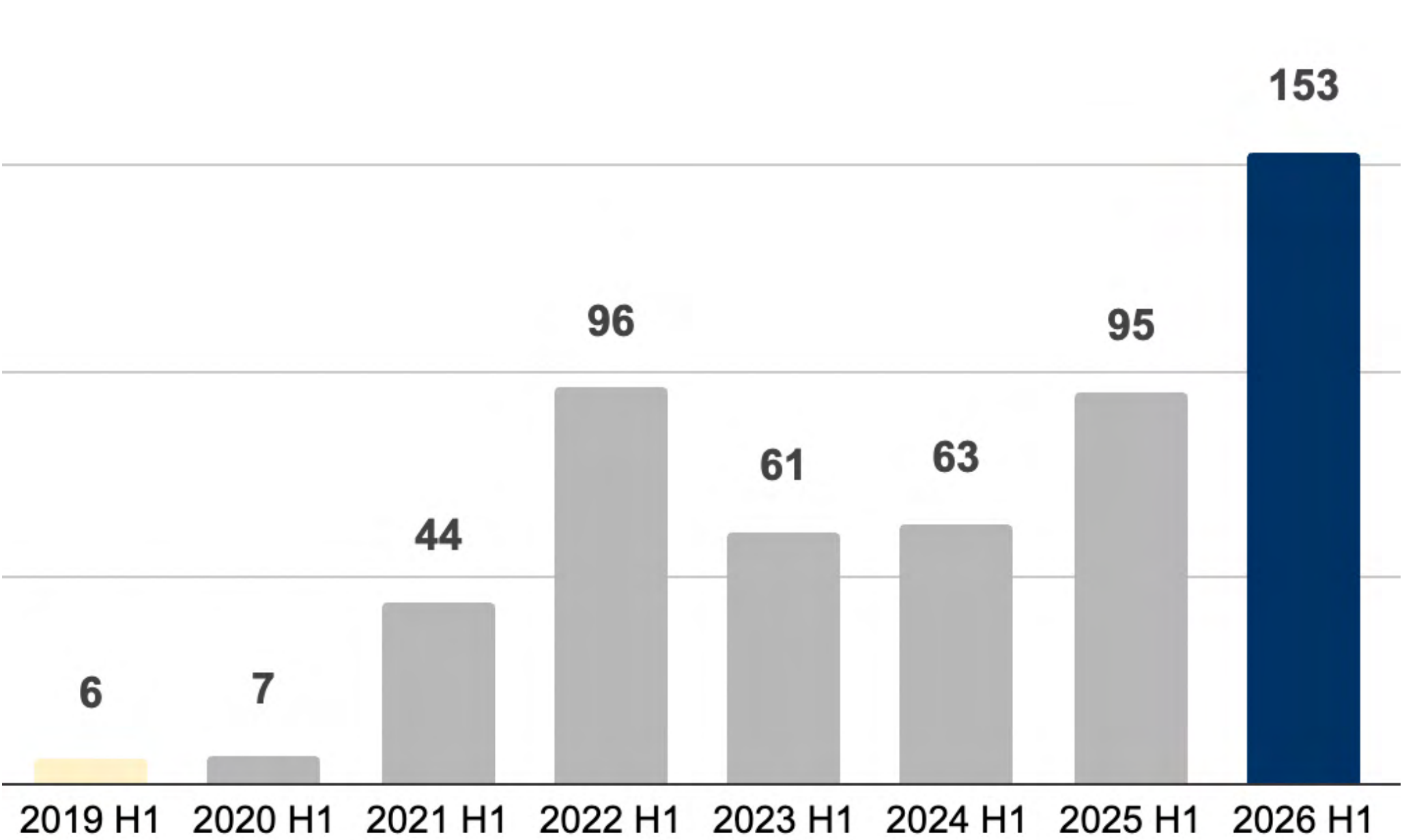
Where are the forces showing up?

The market is the scoreboard.

Key Signals That South Florida's Growth Is Structural

- **Demand for New Product:** Sustained meteoric growth in transaction volume at previously nonexistent price per square foot levels indicates the arrival of a new buyer cohort seeking new product.
- **All-Cash Dominance:** In South Florida, the higher the price tier, the greater the share of all-cash buyers. This reflects liquidity-driven demand and a geographic shift in wealth rather than leverage-driven speculation.

Tri County Residential Sales Volume Past \$3K / square foot



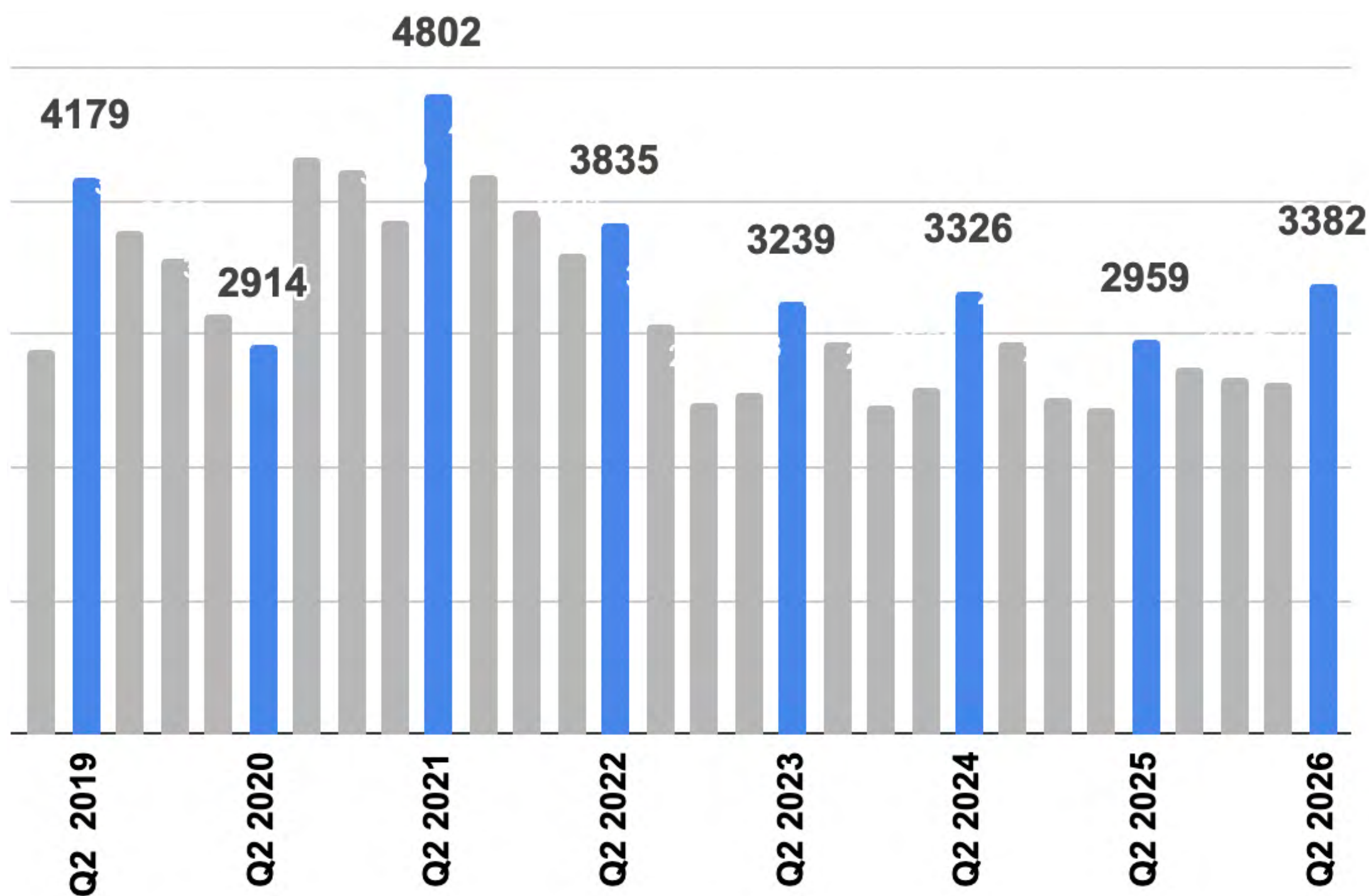
+2,450%
vs 2019

All Cash Sales
Tri County
Past \$3K / sq ft

+95%

Miami Dade County Q2 2026 | Market Intelligence

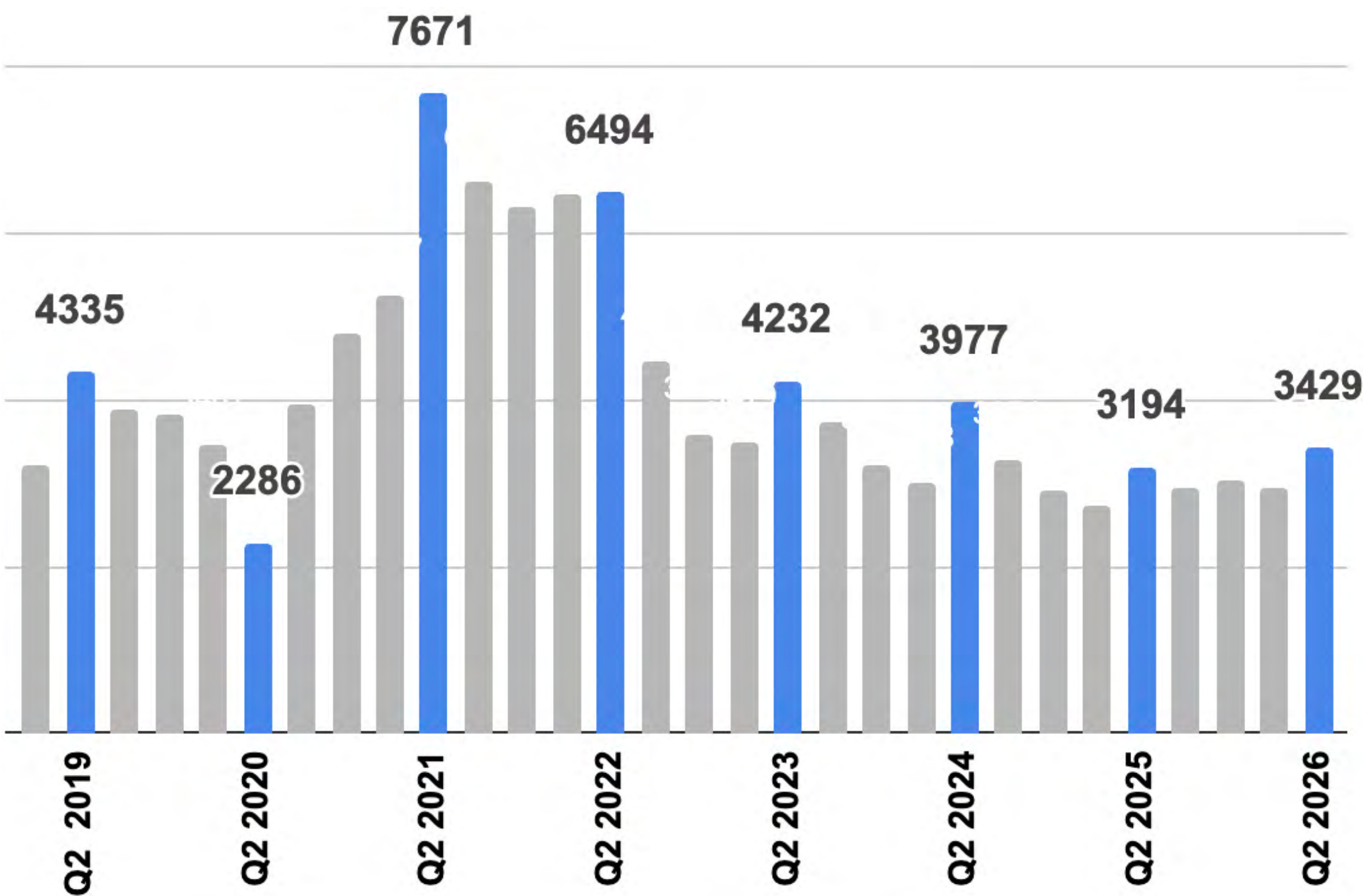
Quarterly Transaction Volume: SFH



Q2 2026: 4,179
Q2 2025: 2,959
Q2 2019: 3,382

+14% year-over-year
-19% vs 2019

Quarterly Transaction Volume: Condos

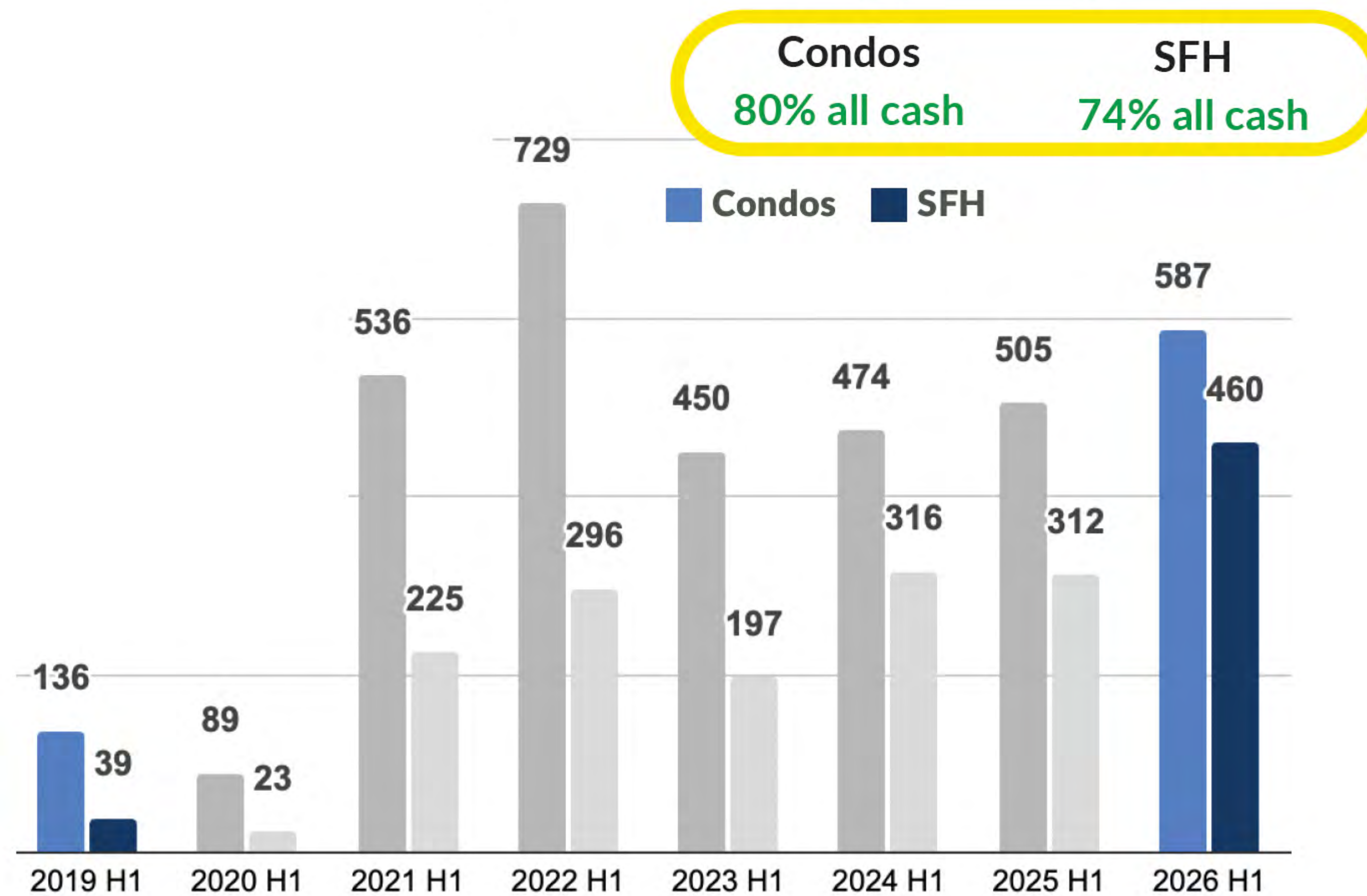


Q2 2026: 3,429
Q2 2025: 3,194
Q2 2019: 4,335

+7% year-over-year
-21% vs 2019

Miami Dade County H1 2026 | Market Intelligence

Sales Growth Past \$1K / square foot



Condos \$1K+ / sq ft

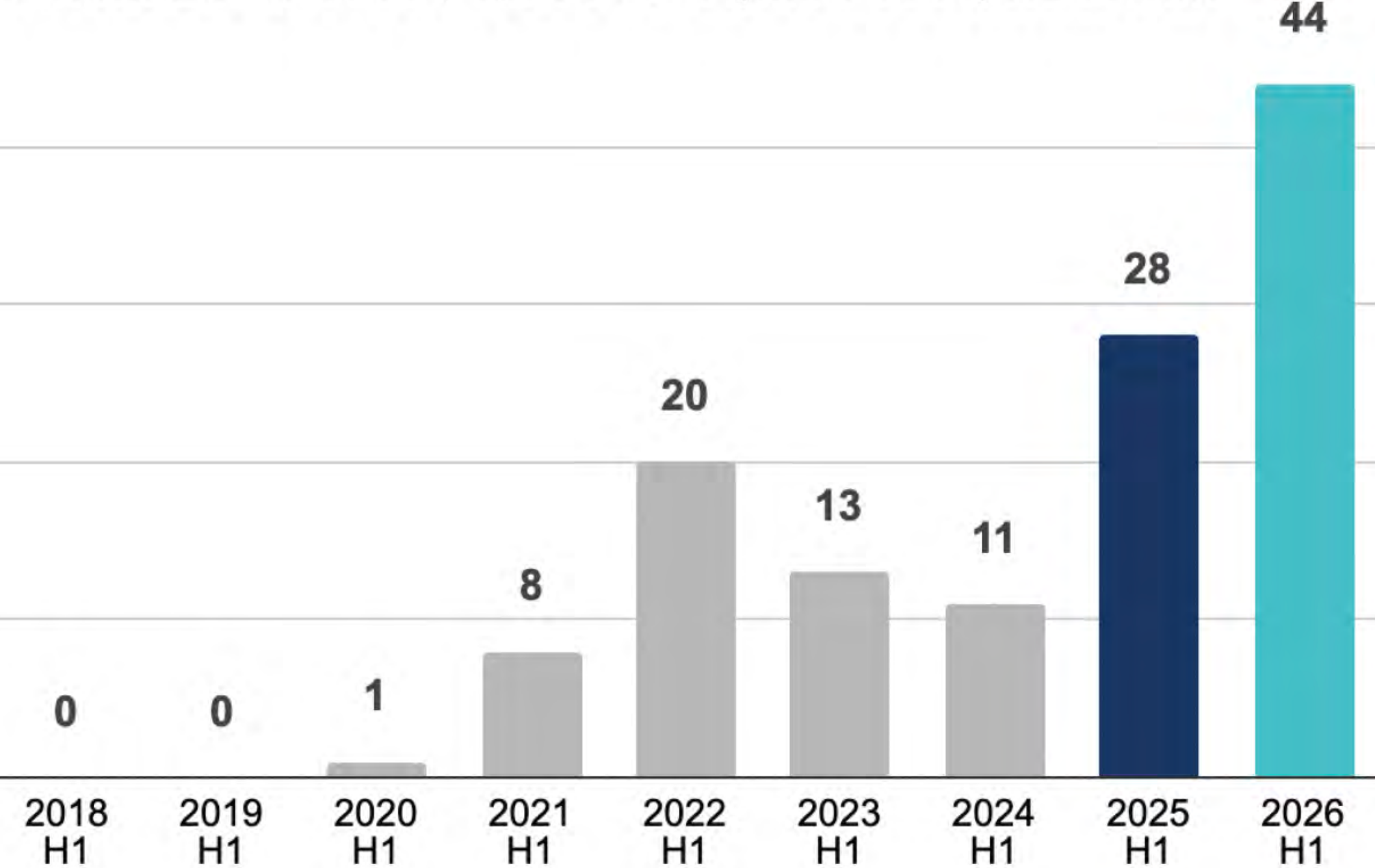
+16% year-over year
+331% vs 2019

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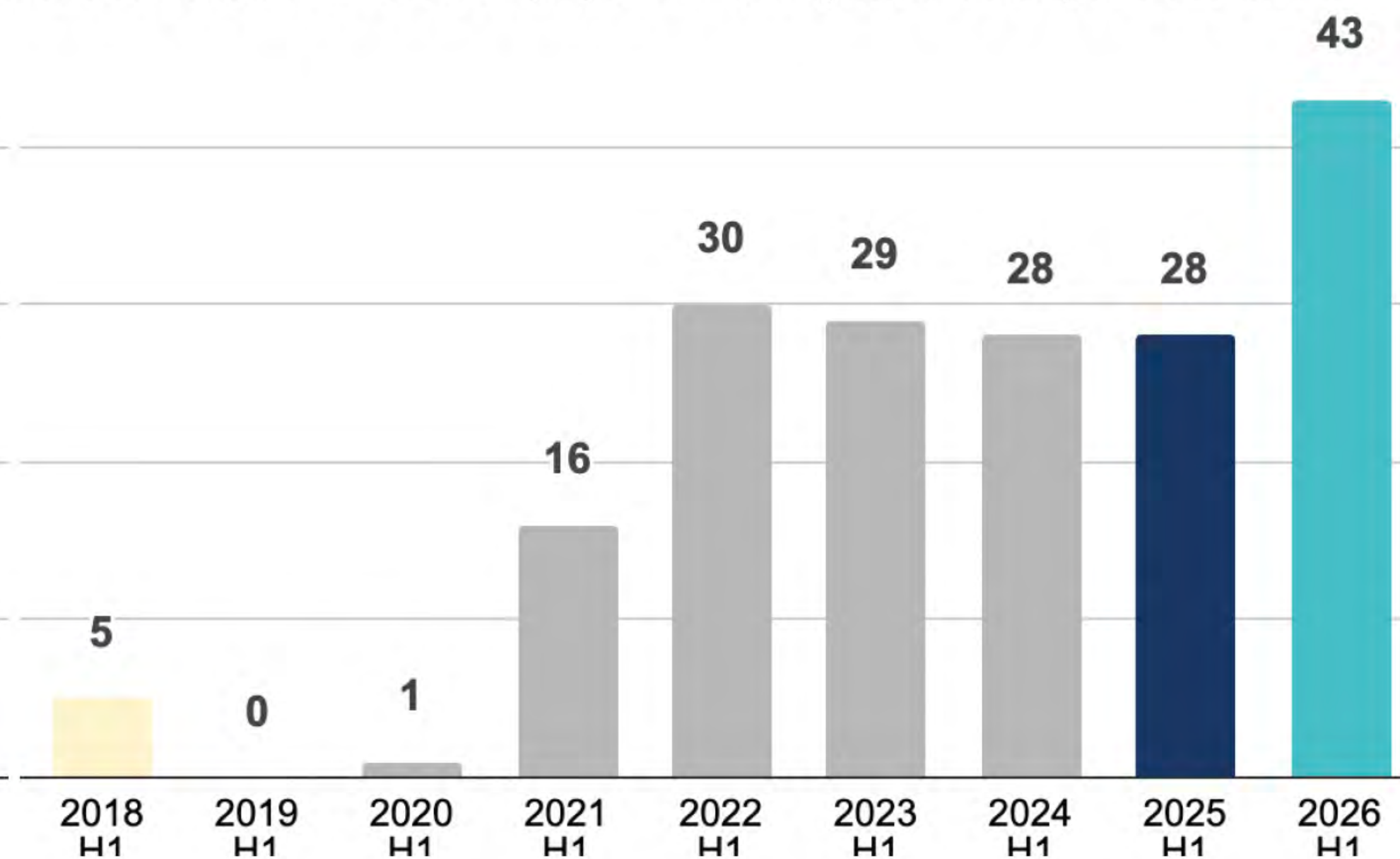
+47% year-over year
+1,079% vs 2019

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Miami Dade SFH \$3,000+ / square foot, H1 volume



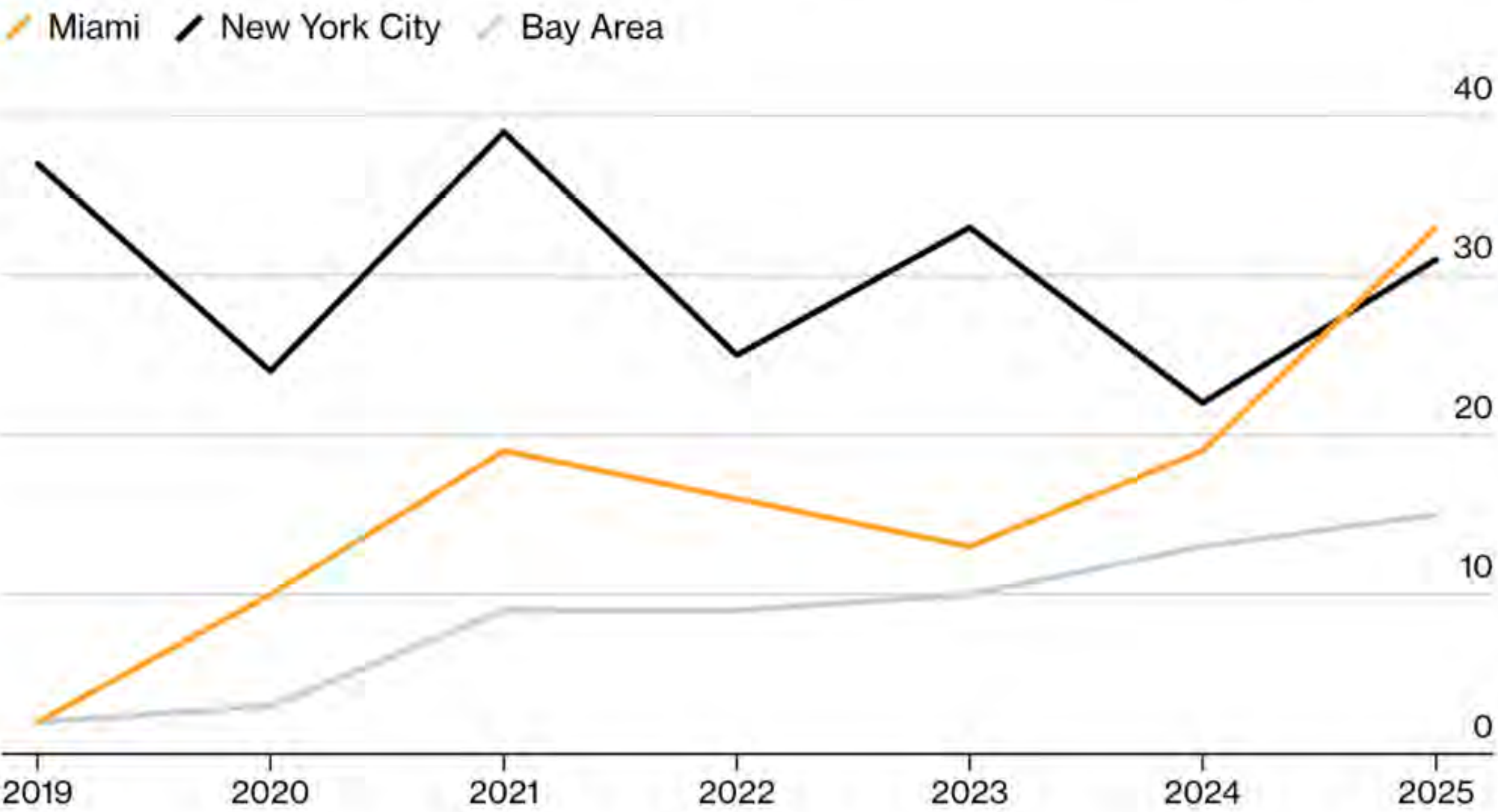
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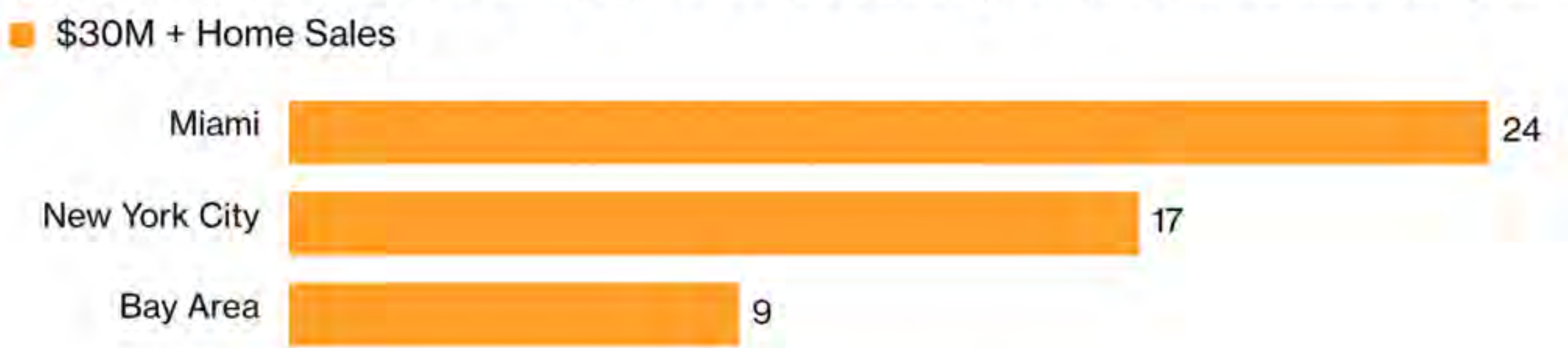


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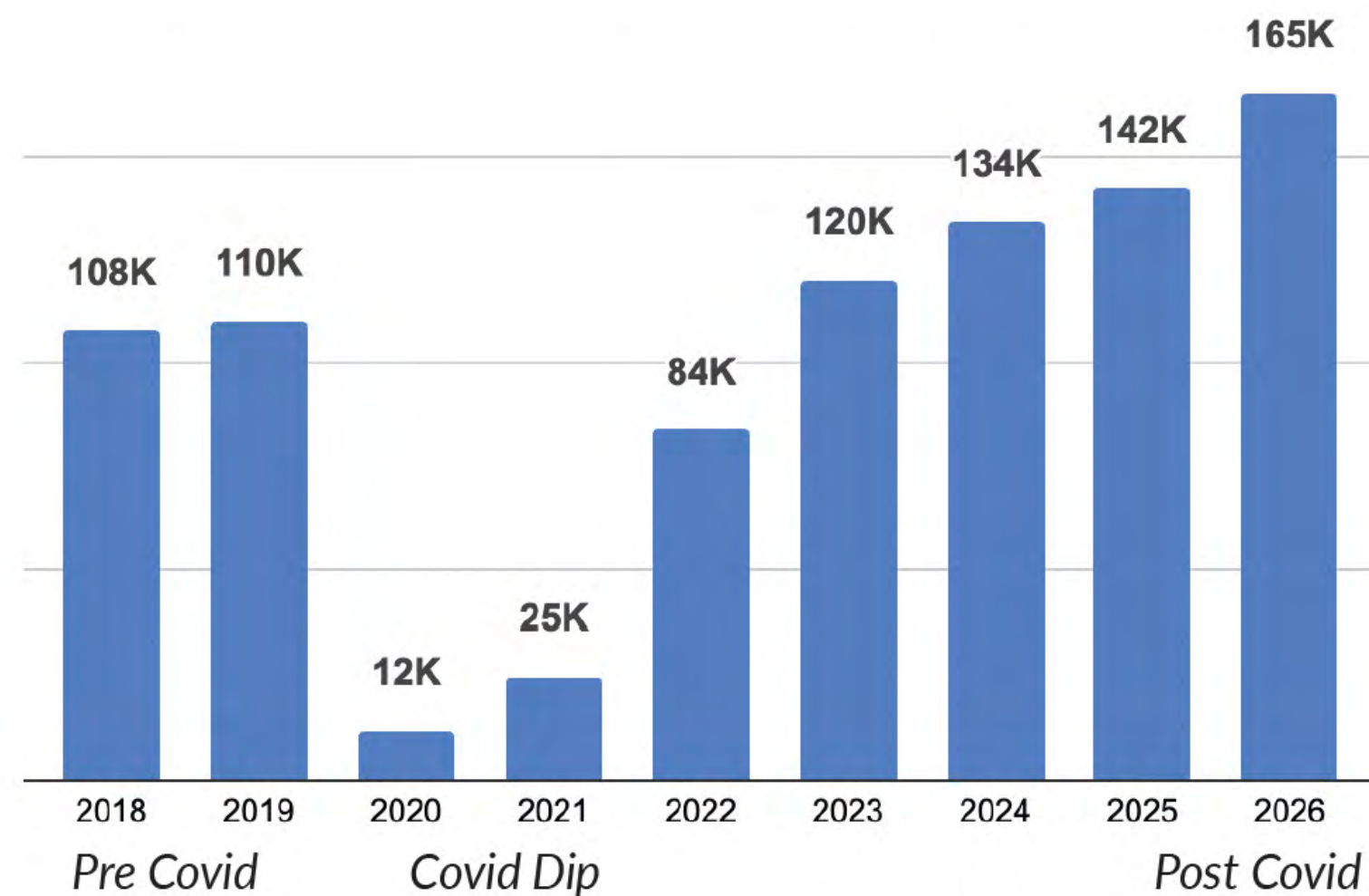
What will the future look like &
How do we align with it?

A New Reality Is Emerging

Global Wealth Is Increasingly Mobile

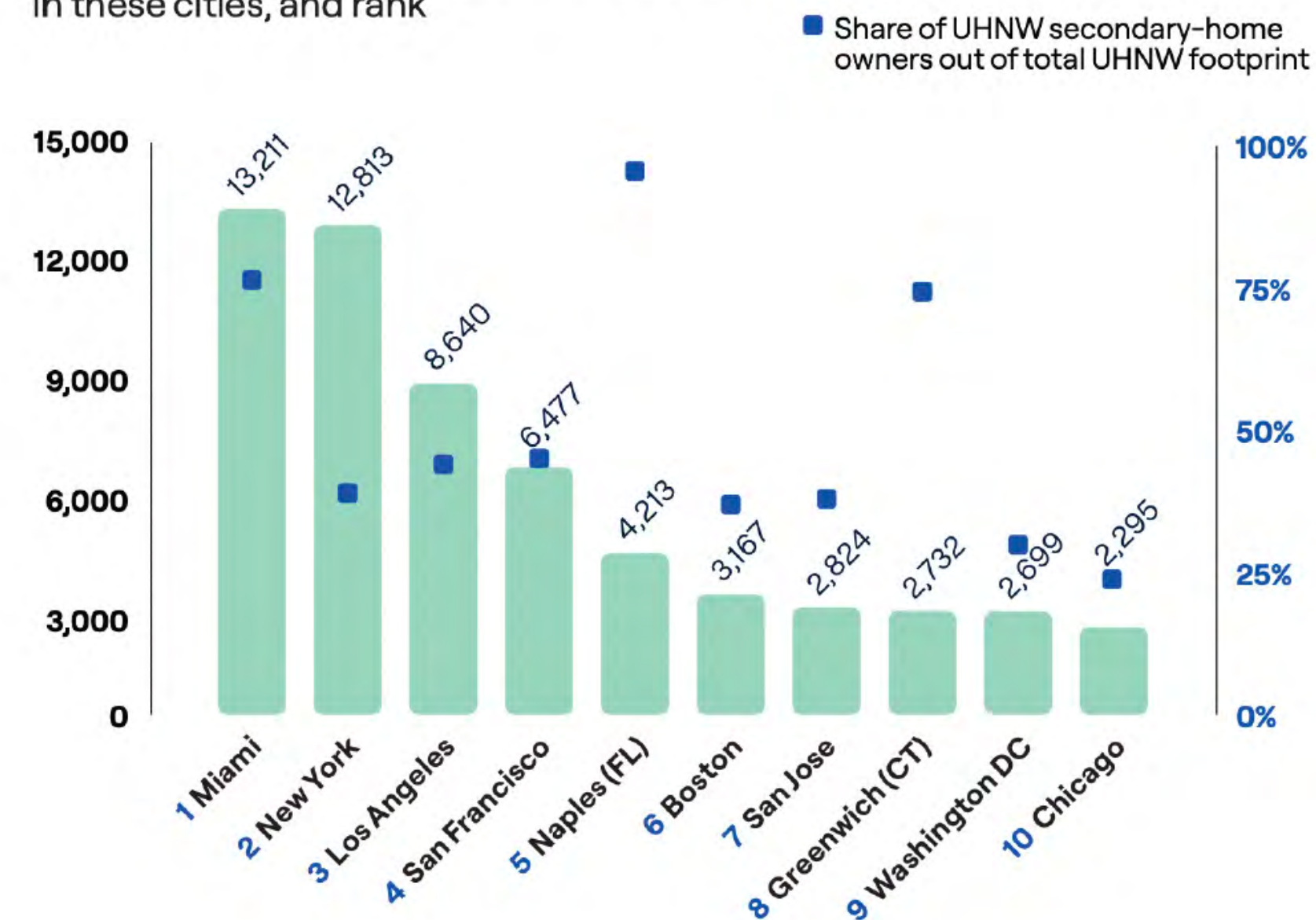
Global HNWI Relocations At Record Highs

HNWIs who have relocated and remained for longer than six months.



US top 10 UHNW cities by secondary-home owners

Number of UHNW individuals with at least one secondary home in these cities, and rank

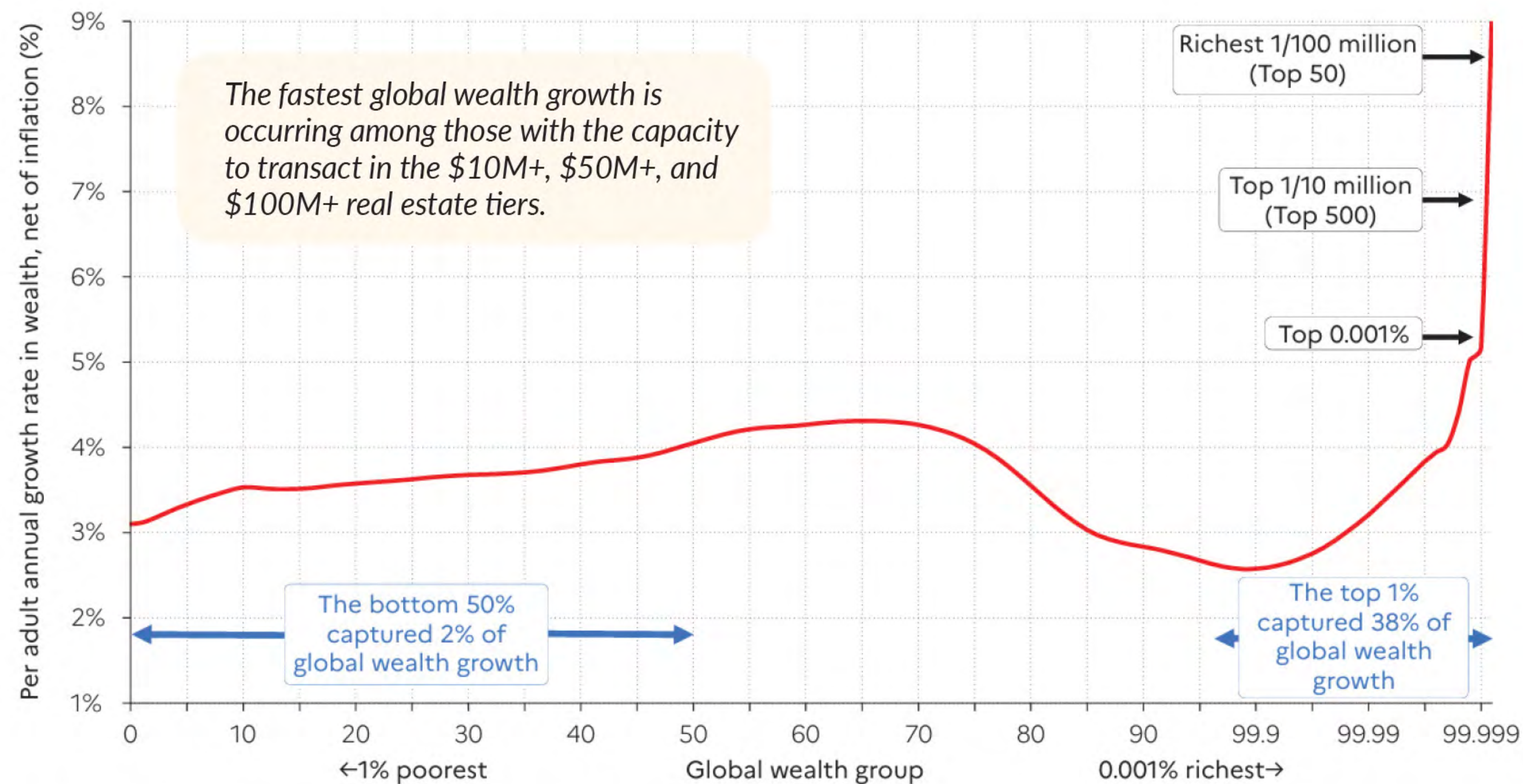


Miami is now the world's leading city for ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWIs) buying second homes.

As of July 2025:
Miami officially surpassed NYC and London, which were the preeminent hubs of the 20th century world.

A New Reality Is Emerging

The Wealth of the Global Top 1% Is Skyrocketing



Source: <https://wir2022.wid.world/methodology/>, Bauluz et al. (2021) and updates.

2014 - 2024
Centi-Millionaire Growth

+50%

In 2024 there were 29,350 individuals worldwide with liquid investable assets of USD 100M or more. The number is growing.

Source: Henley & Partners 2024 Centi-Millionaire Report

Warren Buffett believes the vast wealth gap in America is due to 1 'inevitable consequence'

“Instead, this widening gap is an inevitable consequence of an advanced market-based economy.”

An advanced market economy

Buffett believes the market economy has become more and more “specialized” with “economic rewards flowing to people with specialized talents.” This, he says, has caused the wealth gap with many people barely getting by while others thrive.

“It was an agrarian economy a couple hundred years ago,” he said in an interview with CNN. “Very hard, you know, to get 20 times the wealth of the next guy because you were a little bit better farmer. But if you’re better at some skills now, you can become incredibly wealthy at a very young age ... You get to capitalize [the] value of an idea. And so the wealth moves big time, even on an anticipatory basis.”

Now, he says, there’s a “mismatch” between the requirements of attractive jobs and the skills of the early American labor force, which is “simply a consequence of an economic engine that constantly requires more high-order talents while reducing the need for commodity-like tasks.”

The brutal truth, he says, is that “a great many people” will be left behind in an advanced economic system.

Cumulative percent change in real annual wages, by wage group, 1979–2020

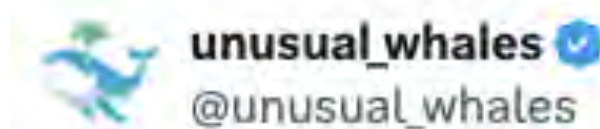


Chart Data

Source: EPI analysis of Kopczuk, Saez, and Song (2007, Table A3) and Social Security Administration wage statistics.

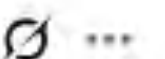
Economic Policy Institute

- The top 1.0% saw their wages grow by 179.3%.
- Wages for the top 0.1% grew more than twice as fast, up a spectacular 389.1%.



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60% of Americans have below a 6th grade reading level, per Ray Dalio.

And only 3 million are driving all technological innovation.

Wealth is mobile. Talent is mobile. The forces are already in motion.

Entrepreneurship flows to the path of least resistance,
and that path leads to South Florida.

South Florida has become the epicenter of 21st-century wealth creation.
This is where the future is being created

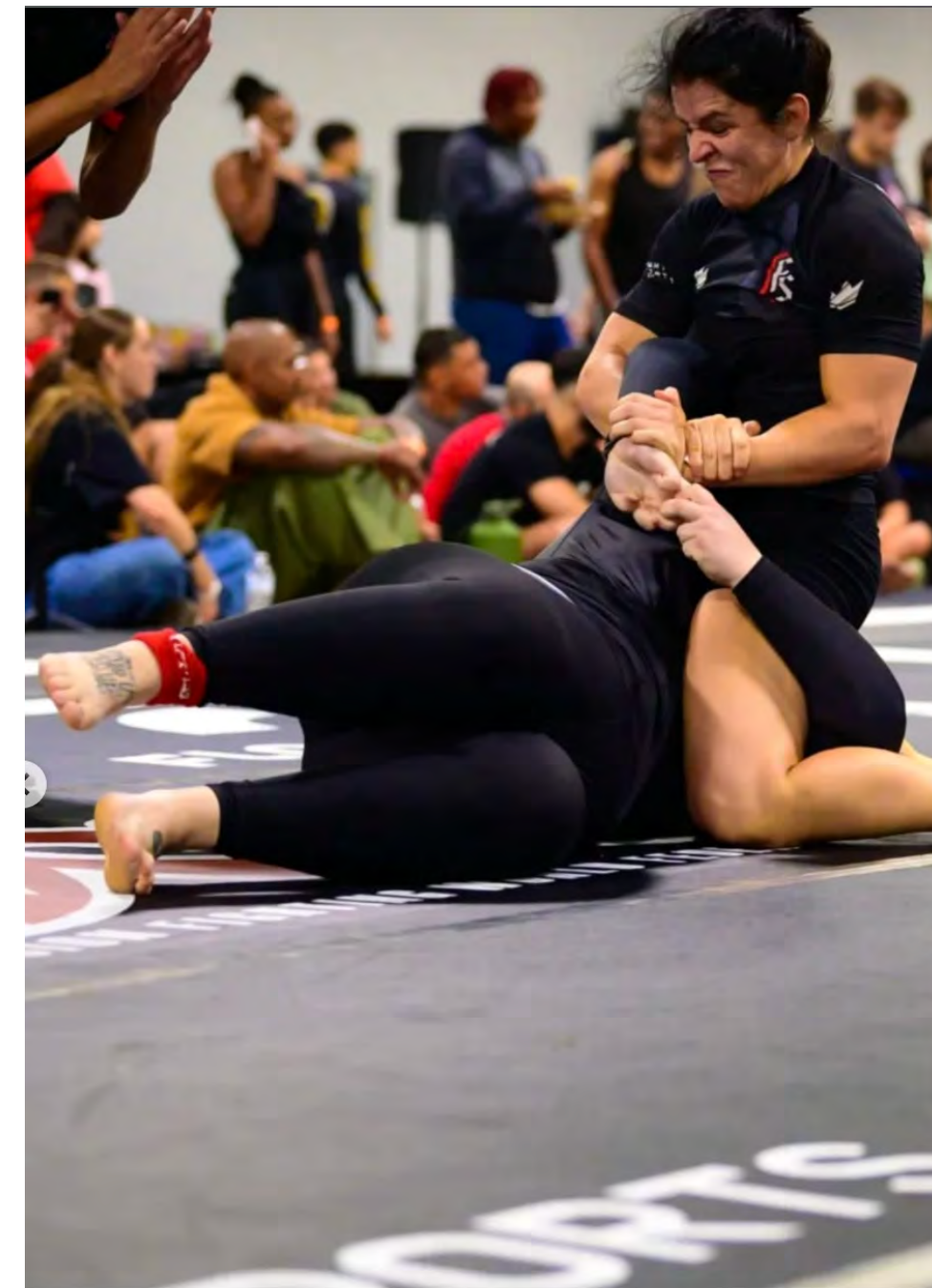
“The Best Way to Predict the Future is to Create it.”



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**Believe in the
inevitability of your
own success.**





**“This market is
built on cash.”**

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