# **Building Products Market Update**

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## Highlights

- Annual spending on homeowner improvements and repairs is expected to decrease from \$486 billion through the second quarter of this year to \$457 billion over the coming four quarters.
- The ongoing reductions in household moves will cause a decline in the remodeling and repair activity that typically occurs around the time of a home sale.

# Truist Partner Spotlight SERVICEFINANCE COMPANY,LLC A subsidiary of Truist

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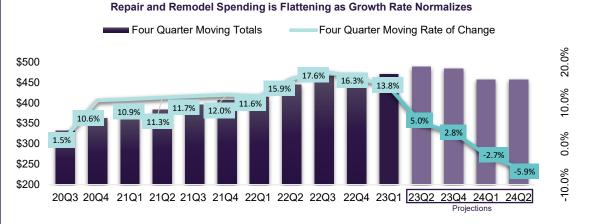
	Current Rate	90 Day Low	90 Day High
30yr Mortgage	7.55%	6.99%	7.62%
10yr Treasury	4.40%	3.70%	4.40%
30 Day SOFR	5.32%	5.08%	5.33%

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# Repair & Remodel Spending Update

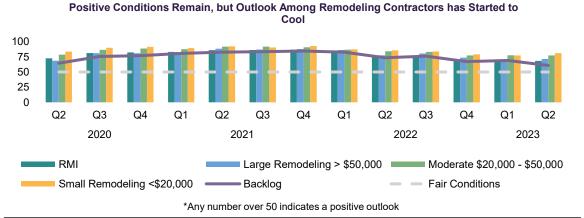
**Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA) -** LIRA is used to provide a short-term outlook of national home improvement and repair spending to owner-occupied homes.

- According to Remodeling Futures Program, through the first half of 2024 annual expenditures for improvements and repairs to owner-occupied homes are expected to decline at an accelerating rate primarily due to:
  - Elevated interest rates
  - Weakened house price appreciation
  - Stagnant home sales
  - Decline in remodeling and repair activity may be offset by owners with ultra-low mortgage rates who continue to renovate with renewed expectations of staying in their existing space longer term.



**Remodeling Market Index (RMI) -** RMI provides insight on current market conditions by polling contractors and summarizing their sentiment around various market indicators.

- According to NAHB Remodelers Chair Alan Archuleta "demand for remodeling is holding up despite higher prices and borrowing costs."
- The latest reading indicates demand for remodeling larger projects is relatively flat and smaller projects are taking more market share.



#### Latest Trends from Lowes Home Improvement

Big box retailer trends are a good way to gauge what is happening with overall residential repair and remodel spending. Lowes reports Q223 sales down 9.2% siting sluggish (DI) spending and slightly lower average ticket sales. On a positive note, Lowes' Pro desk results were positive due to strong paint sales more than offsetting lumber deflation. Below is a summary of how major product categories are performing:

- **Stronger Results** Building Materials, Paint, Rough Plumbing, Lawn & Garden, Seasonal & Outdoor Living, and Hardware
- Weaker Results Lighting, Tools, Electrical, Lumber, Flooring, Millwork, Appliances, and Kitchen & Bath

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