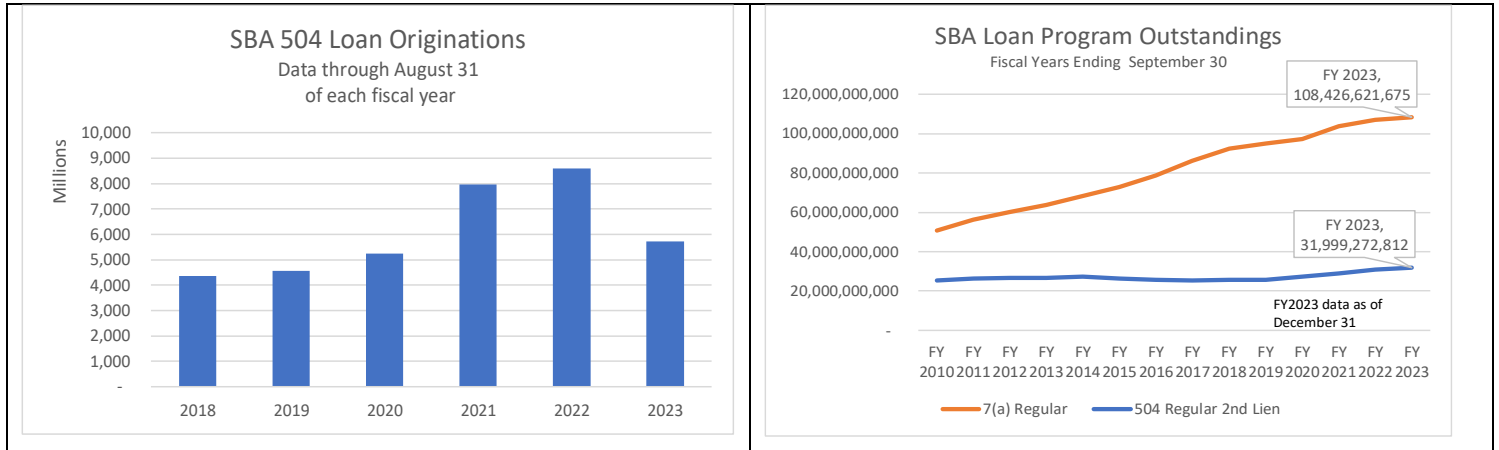
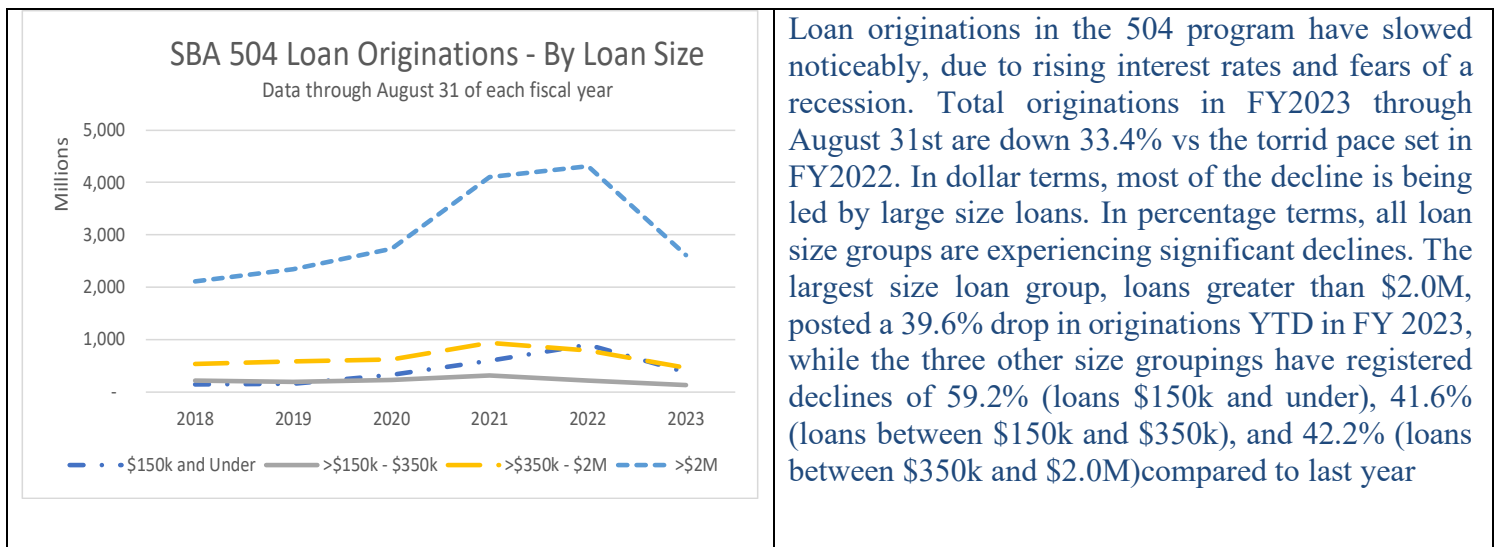


With just one month remaining in the SBA fiscal year 2023, loan originations under the 504 loan program remain well below the level of the prior two years. Through August 31, 2023, 504 loan originations are down 33.4% compared to the same point in FY2022, though this is a modest improvement from the 33.5% decline as of July 31, 2023. We still believe this slowdown is primarily due to the rapidly rising interest rate environment and fears of a recession. Unpaid Principal Balance of SBA 504 loans stood at \$32.00 billion as of December 31, 2022, up 3.7% compared to the \$30.87 billion figure at year-end FY2022. Unlike SBA 504 loans, SBA 7(a) loan originations are doing well so far in FY2023. Though the pace of originations has slowed compared to the 3.0% rise as of July 31, 2023, originations are still up 2.6% at August 31, 2023 compared to the same period in FY2022. The unpaid principal balance of 7(a) loans is \$108.43 billion at December 31, 2022, up 1.2% compared to year-end FY2022.



The 7(a) program has shown steady growth in loans outstanding in recent years that continued into FY2023 (up 1.2% year-to-date in FY2023, 3.1% in FY2022, and 6.8% in FY2021). 504 loans have shown accelerating growth, rising 3.7% year-to-date in FY2023, 6.7% to \$30.9 billion at year-end FY2022, and 6.4% in FY2021. Of course, the published 504 loan figures in the chart above include only the CDC/SBA second lien portion of a 504 loan package, If we include the private lender portion of the same loan projects, which typically accounts for roughly 50% of 504 projects, The total for SBA 504 loan outstandings (1st and 2nd liens combined) would be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$72 billion, still below 7(a) totals, but equal to approximately 67% of the 7(a) balance.



News Blurb(s) of the Month — Bank groups urge regulators to delay CRA revamp, Annu Hrushka, Banmking Dive.

August 28, 2023 – Two banking trade groups are calling for regulators to hold off on implementing a final rule on the Community Reinvestment Act, arguing the revised proposal should be delayed until the impact of increased capital requirements and a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau court case is known.

<https://www.bankingdive.com/news/bank-groups-cra-revamp-capital-requirements/692001/>

Top SBA 504 Lenders				
	FY2022 (Through Sep. 30, 2022)	Volume (\$Millions)	FY2023 (Through Jun. 30, 2023)	Volume (\$Millions)
CDCs	Mortgage Capital Development C	\$623.4	Mortgage Capital Development C	\$442.1
2nd Liens	CDC Small Business Finance Cor	\$538.9	Florida Business Development C	\$299.8
	Empire State Certified Develop	\$426.6	Empire State Certified Develop	\$252.2
	Florida Business Development C	\$419.1	Florida First Capital Finance	\$249.5
	Business Finance Capital	\$414.0	Business Finance Capital	\$218.1
	Florida First Capital Finance	\$372.8	California Statewide Certified	\$186.7
	California Statewide Certified	\$301.7	Small Business Growth Corporat	\$154.2
	Mountain West Small Business F	\$292.0	Mountain West Small Business F	\$145.7
	WBD, Inc.	\$270.1	Capital Certified Development	\$125.2
	Small Business Growth Corporat	\$259.4	CDC Small Business Finance Cor	\$125.1
	Total	\$9,208.0	Total	\$4,778.9
Banks/	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$434.2	BANK FIVE NINE	\$212.2
TPLs	BANK FIVE NINE	\$261.6	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$193.2
1st liens	BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$247.0	BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$169.4
	U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$199.9	POPPY BANK	\$128.6
	CITY NATIONAL BANK	\$197.2	ZIONS BANK, A DIVISION OF	\$106.5
	ZIONS BANK, A DIVISION OF	\$189.6	WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$105.2
	POPPY BANK	\$182.5	U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$102.7
	WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$180.4	CALPRIVATE BANK	\$93.7
	FIRST CITIZENS BANK	\$117.0	HARVEST COMMERCIAL CAPITAL, LLC	\$87.0
	HARVEST COMMERCIAL CAPITAL, LLC	\$113.6	CELTIC BANK CORPORATION	\$85.4
	Total	\$12,208.1	Total	\$6,674.5

Top States for SBA 504 Loan Approvals				
	FY2022 (Through Sep. 30, 2022)		FY2023 (Through Jun. 30, 2023)	
CA	\$2,234,541,000	CA	\$1,082,775,000	
FL	732,352,000	FL	494,764,000	
TX	489,889,000	TX	312,890,000	
IL	430,463,000	IL	226,546,000	
NY	394,153,000	NY	193,290,000	
UT	371,026,000	UT	181,713,000	
MN	326,931,000	GA	161,984,000	
WI	287,098,000	MN	129,039,000	
GA	267,306,000	WI	127,404,000	
AZ	258,938,000	MA	125,505,000	
Source: SBA			SBA Fiscal Years end on September 30	

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Full Yields & Rates Table						
Asset Yields	Current	1-month ago	1 month change	3-months ago	1-year ago	3-years ago
1m US T-Bill (BEY)	5.52%	5.54%	-0.02%	5.25%	2.57%	0.10%
3m US T-Bill (BEY)	5.55%	5.57%	-0.02%	5.38%	3.06%	0.13%
6m US T-Bill (BEY)	5.49%	5.53%	-0.04%	5.39%	3.44%	0.14%
1y US T-Bill	5.42%	5.35%	0.07%	5.12%	3.60%	0.15%
2y US T-Note	4.98%	4.74%	0.24%	4.52%	3.48%	0.14%
3y US T-Note	4.68%	4.36%	0.32%	4.17%	3.54%	0.17%
5y US T-Note	4.39%	4.10%	0.29%	3.87%	3.39%	0.28%
10y US T-Note	4.26%	4.02%	0.24%	3.73%	3.29%	0.69%
20y US T-Bond	4.52%	4.35%	0.17%	4.05%	3.69%	1.22%
30y US T-Bond	4.32%	4.20%	0.13%	3.91%	3.42%	1.41%
Federal Funds	5.33%	5.33%	0.00%	5.08%	2.33%	0.09%
Fed Discount Rate	5.50%	5.50%	0.00%	5.25%	2.50%	0.25%
Prime Rate	8.50%	8.50%	0.00%	8.25%	5.50%	3.25%
TED Spread	0.14%	0.07%	0.07%	0.09%	0.12%	0.13%
Swap Rates						
2 Year Swap	5.27%	5.12%	0.15%	4.86%	3.99%	0.30%
5 Year Swap	4.59%	4.36%	0.24%	4.09%	3.59%	0.44%
10 Year Swap	4.40%	4.18%	0.22%	3.92%	3.51%	0.81%
SBA 504 2nd Lien Loan Rates						
10 Yr	7.05%	7.06%	-0.01%	6.04%	5.32%	2.47%
20 Yr	6.86%	6.60%	0.26%	6.38%	5.34%	2.52%
25 Yr	6.81%	6.55%	0.26%	6.33%	5.44%	2.56%
Average Prime Rate Offer (APOR) Rates						
10 Yr Fixed	7.11%	6.63%	0.48%	6.33%	5.10%	2.53%
10 Yr Variable	7.27%	7.02%	0.25%	6.69%	5.07%	3.18%
Depository Rates						
1 Mon. CD - Non Jumbo	0.22%	0.20%	0.02%	0.26%	0.06%	0.05%
3 Mon. CD - Non Jumbo	1.33%	1.11%	0.22%	0.62%	0.12%	0.09%
6 Mon. CD - Non Jumbo	1.34%	1.30%	0.04%	1.19%	0.27%	0.13%
1 Yr CD - Non Jumbo	1.76%	1.72%	0.04%	1.59%	0.46%	0.20%
2 Yr CD - Non Jumbo	1.50%	1.47%	0.03%	1.45%	0.51%	0.26%
3 Yr CD - Non Jumbo	1.40%	1.37%	0.03%	1.36%	0.54%	0.31%
Savings	0.43%	0.42%	0.01%	0.40%	0.13%	0.06%
Checking	0.07%	0.07%	0.00%	0.07%	0.03%	0.04%
Money Market - Non Jumbo	0.62%	0.63%	-0.01%	0.59%	0.14%	0.08%
Regulatory & Interbank Rates						
Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)	5.31%	5.30%	0.01%	5.05%	2.28%	0.09%
FHLB Fixed Advances (30 day, < \$15m)	5.50%	5.52%	-0.02%	5.40%	3.01%	0.40%

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