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The 2012–13 MacroMonitor

Macro-Demographic Trends and Their Implications



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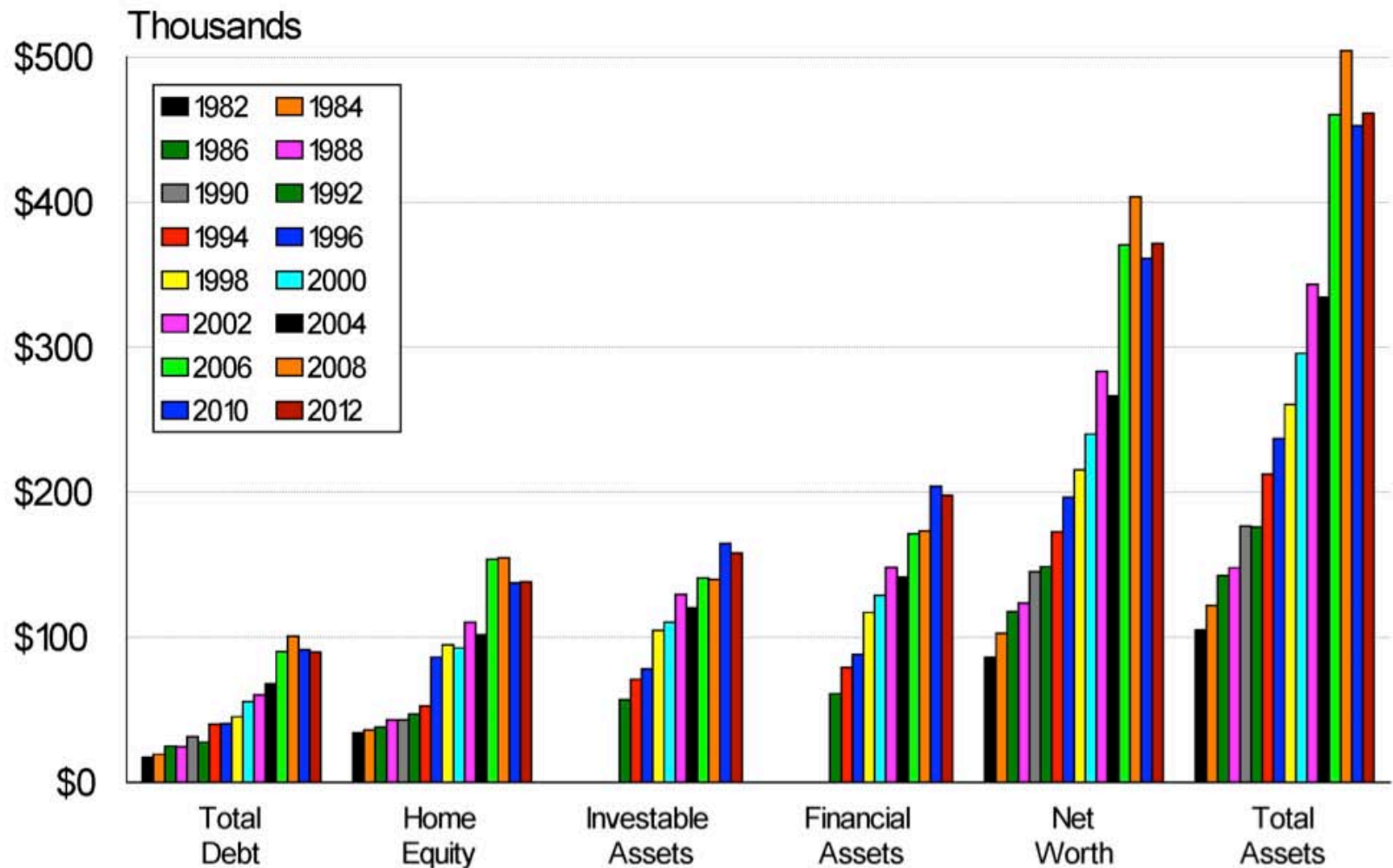
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Summary: Macro-Demographic Trends and Their Implications

- Households' balance sheets
- Generational cohorts
- The importance of life stages and life events
- Recession reactions
- Implications

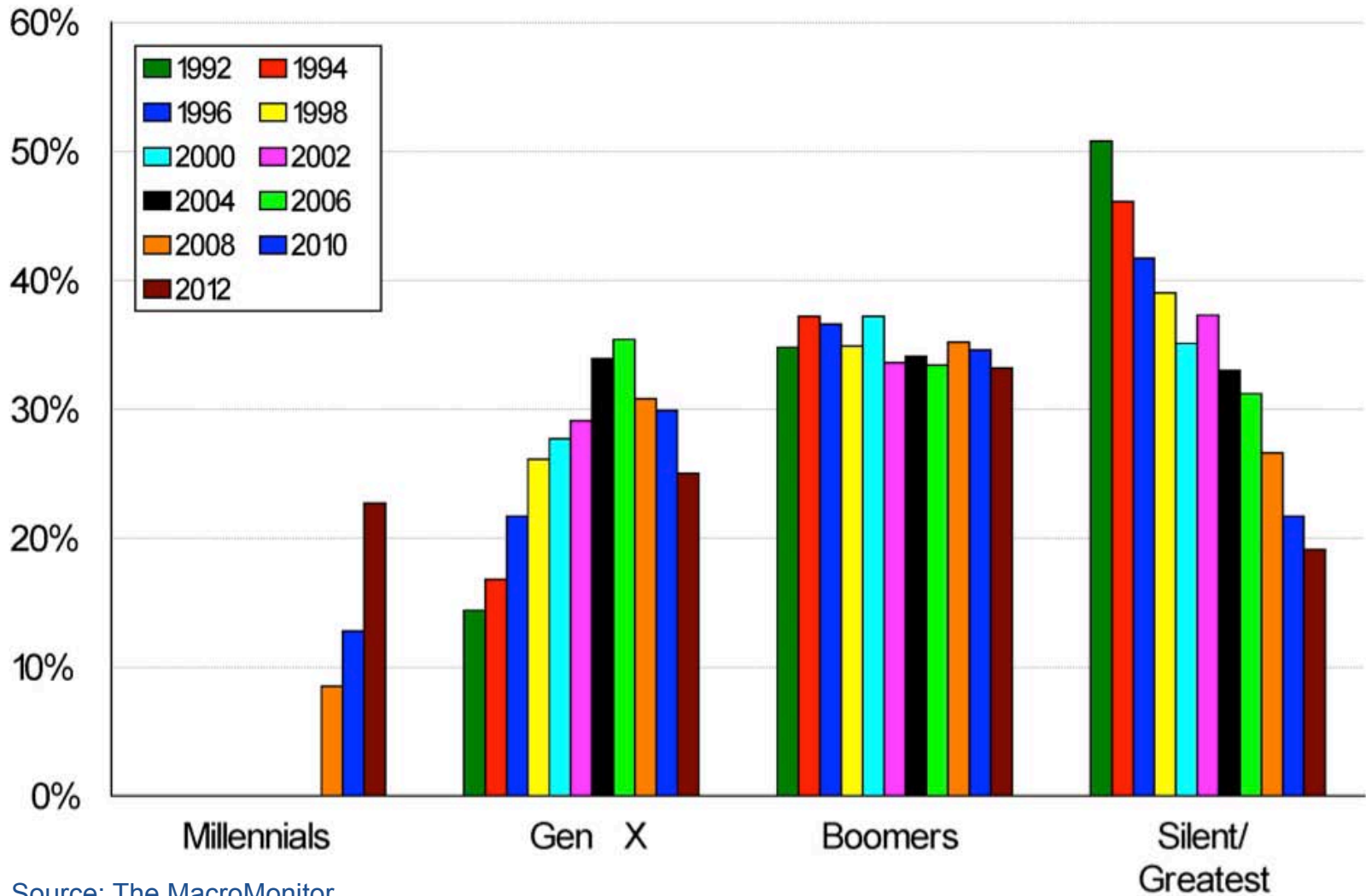
CFD Trend: Financials



Source: The MacroMonitor

Values are means excluding \$0

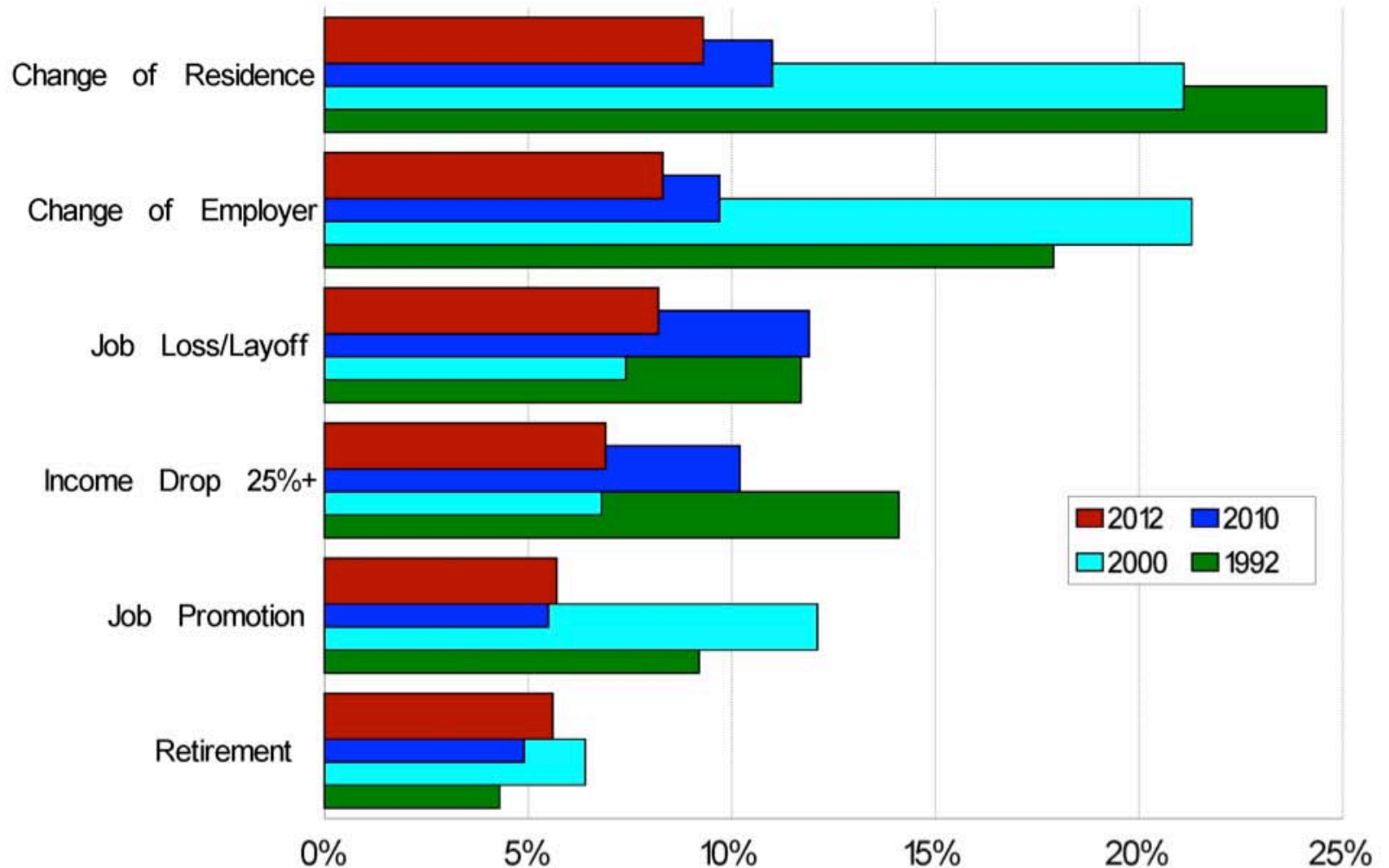
CFD Trend: Age Cohorts



Source: The MacroMonitor



Trend: Major Life Events



Source: The MacroMonitor



Schedule Your Presentation

Prior to scheduling a presentation, the following steps will be helpful:

1. Review the list of topics to determine which are of the greatest interest.
2. If a topic of critical importance to your organization is not on our list, please let us know. A presentation about your custom topic can be developed.
3. When selecting the number of topics to be presented, consider that each topic will take about one-half hour to cover.
4. If you would like a Q&A session to be included at the conclusion of the presentation, please allow an additional one-half hour.
5. To schedule a presentation, date, and time please [contact us](#).



MacroMonitor Methodology

In anticipation of impending industry convergence, several major financial institutions approached SRI (Stanford Research Institute) in 1978 to create an independent measure of US economic households to augment their proprietary research; the result is the MacroMonitor. MacroMonitor is designed to cover all financial products, services, channels, institutions, attitudes, preferences, and goals.

- The MacroMonitor employs a probability-based online panel—GFK’s KnowledgePanel®—to survey household decision makers. RDD and ABS are used to select panelists that include non-internet households, unlisted phone numbers, and cell-phone only households.
- The online survey is comparable to a 100+ page paper survey. Incentives are offered when participants are invited; multiple email reminders are sent.
- There is a 54% completion rate for both the general sample and affluent oversample.
- 4,261 respondents represent 130 million US economic households; 2,218 respondents are those with \$100K in total annual household income or assets of \$500K excluding the home.
- Results are weighted to age, income, education, sex, family composition, and primary-home value using the most recent US Census Population Study.
- All numeric measures, such as number of products, services, and account balances, are collected using continuous variables—not ranges. This collection practice enables more accurate means, medians, and calculated variables such as net worth, investable assets, and total debt.