

VOLATILITY REPORT
2023



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Methodology

The annual Crist|Kolder Associates Volatility Report of America's Leading Companies examines the backgrounds and measures the turnover of C-Suite Executives in a portfolio of companies from the Fortune 500 and S&P 500.

Crist|Kolder Associates examines each of the portfolio companies individually, noting personnel and organizational changes in the CEO, CFO, and COO roles. Each Executive's background is explored, including the path taken to get to their current role: industry background, functional experience, and education.

This includes demographic information such as age, gender, and race. This is the 20th year of the Crist|Kolder Associates Volatility Report, though information for the report dates to 2013. The Crist|Kolder Associates Volatility Report contains data through December 31, 2023.



Methodology Notes

2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 Companies: 674 Total

Companies Removed from 2022: 31 Companies Added from 2022: 27

Public Companies: 648 Private Companies: 26

Data tracked January 1, 1995 through December 31, 2023

Industries are broken down by Capital IQ's classification system and grouped into designated larger categories based on SIC codes and judgment of Crist|Kolder Associates.

Resources

BoardEx: www.boardex.com

Bloomberg: www.bloomberg.com

Businessweek: www.businessweek.com

Capital IQ: www.capitaliq.com Fortune: www.fortune.com LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com

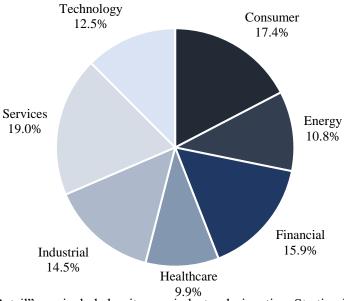
SEC Company Filings: www.sec.gov Yahoo Finance: www.finance.yahoo.com

Individual company websites Microquest: www.mcq.com

Color Key Blue = CEO Green= CFO

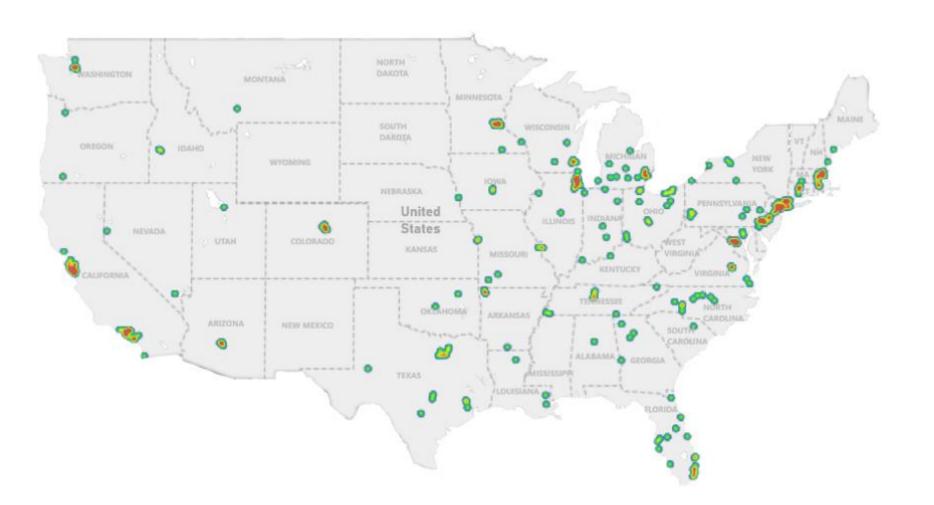
Orange = COO
*Graphs and Data correspond with the color key above

Company Breakdown by Industry



*In years past, "Retail" was included as its own industry designation. Starting in the 2023 Volatility Report, previously designated "Retail" companies are included in the "Consumer" category

Fortune 500 and S&P 500 Company Headquarters



States with the most HQs			
California	81		
New York	67		
Texas	66		

States gaining the most HQs from 2022			
Arizona	4		
Oklahoma	3		
Virginia	2		

States losing the most HQs from 2022			
Maryland	3		
New York	3		
California	2		
Illinois	2		

Of companies with U.S. headquarters, 29.8% are in the South, 26.9% are in the Northeast, 22.0% are in the Midwest, and 21.2% are in the West.



Definitions

Acquisitions

In the event an Executive from the acquired company is appointed to a role in the acquiring company, it is an internal change.

<u>COO</u>

The COO role is strictly limited to individuals with the title "Chief Operating Officer."

C-Suite

Limited to CEO, CFO, and COO roles.

External Change

An Executive is recruited to a position at a company to which his/her previous position has no formal ties.

Internal Change

An Executive is promoted to a role at the company where he/she is already employed.

Mergers

In a merger of equals, the combined company is considered a new entity. A change in leadership, therefore, is marked for all mergers. A change is internal if the Executive was previously employed by either of the merging companies.

Services Industry

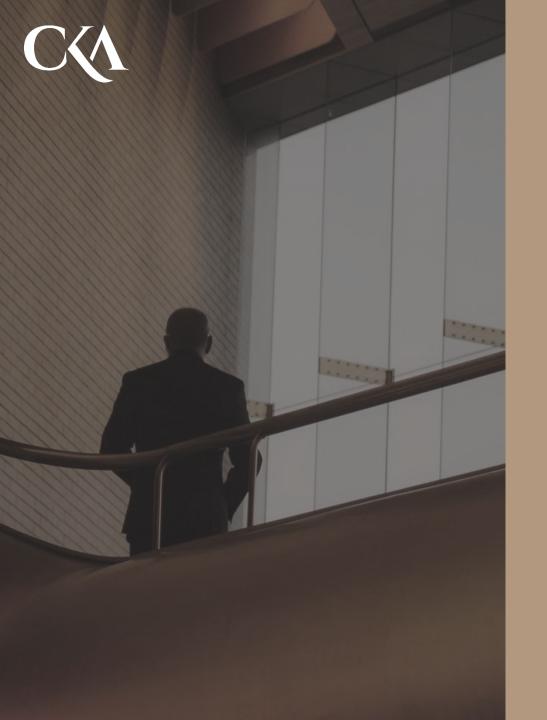
Companies partaking in Distribution, Restaurant/Hospitality, Transportation, or Consulting.

Turnover

When an executive departs from a C-Suite position.

Volatility

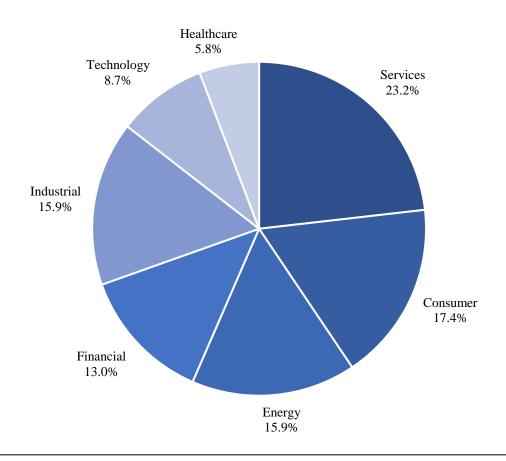
Turnover is noted when the Executive starts in the new role (as opposed to the date of announcement).



EXECUTIVE TURNOVER

The Services industry accounts for nearly 25% of all CEO turnover to date

CEO Volatility by Industry 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 69 Total CEO Turnovers)



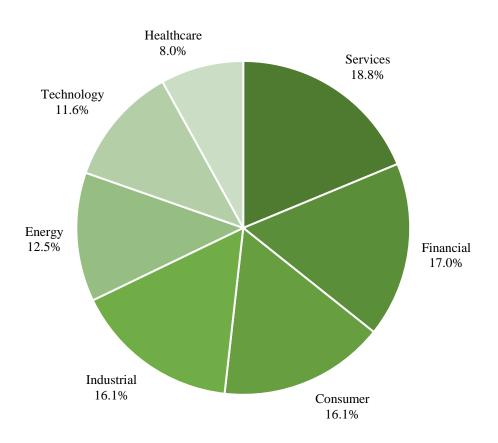
Notable CEO Changes to Date

C.H. Robinson Worldwide
Discover Financial
Dollar Tree
DXC Tech
FirstEnergy
Gap
Honeywell International
Netflix
Parker-Hannifin
Starbucks
Texas Instruments
Visa Inc

Of the 69 CEO departures this year, 78% were replaced by an Internal hire. 35% of the 69 CEO positions were filled by a COO promotion.

Companies in the Healthcare industry had the fewest CFO turnovers in 2023

CFO Volatility by Industry 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 112 Total CFO Turnovers)



Abbott American Express

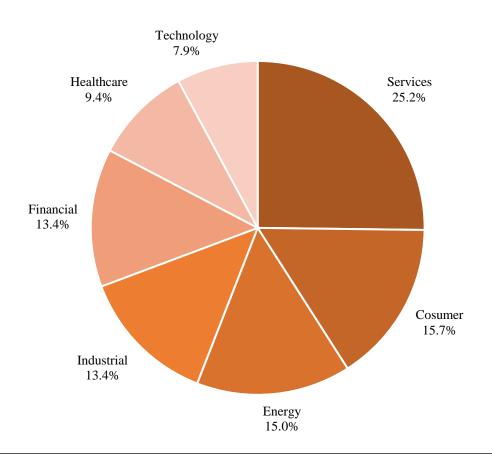
American Express
Baxter International
Campbell Soup
CVS Health
Dollar General
Elevance Health
FedEx
Foot Locker
Northwestern Mutual
Tesla
Uber
Verizon

Walt Disney

Of the 112 CFO departures so far this year, 57% were replaced by an Internal hire. 30% of the 112 CFO positions have been replaced by an External CFO.

The Services industry accounts for over 25% of all COO turnover to date

COO Volatility by Industry 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 127 Total COO Turnovers)

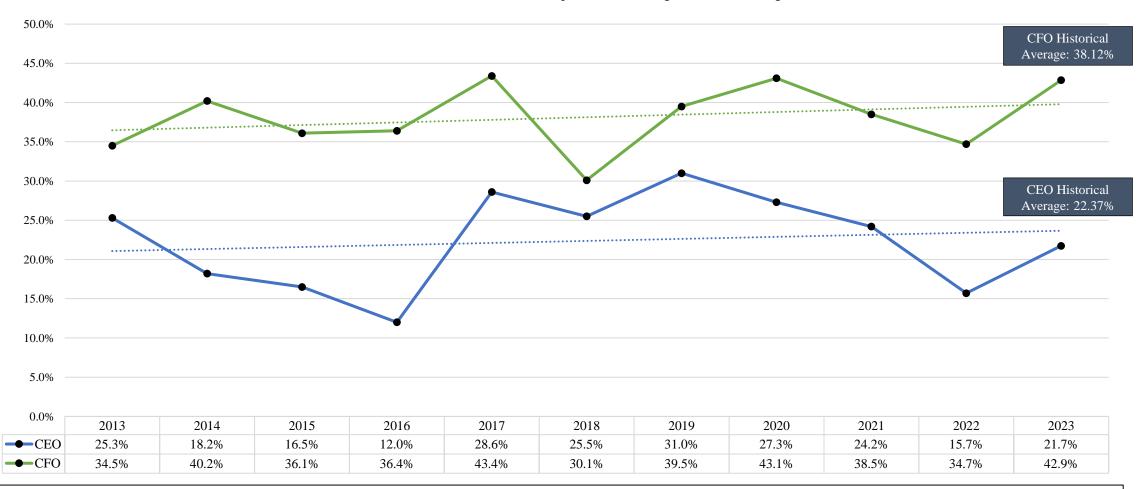


AbbVie Accenture Chipotle Coca-Cola CVS Health Delta Air Lines Dollar General Domino's Pizza Ford Motor Keurig Dr. Pepper Netflix Inc. Parker-Hannifin Starbucks Whirlpool

Of the 127 COO departures so far in 2023, 52% of the companies left the COO position vacant. Of those 127 departures, over a sixth (22) of them have transitioned into a CEO position.*

External hiring of CEOs and CFOs rises after several years of decline

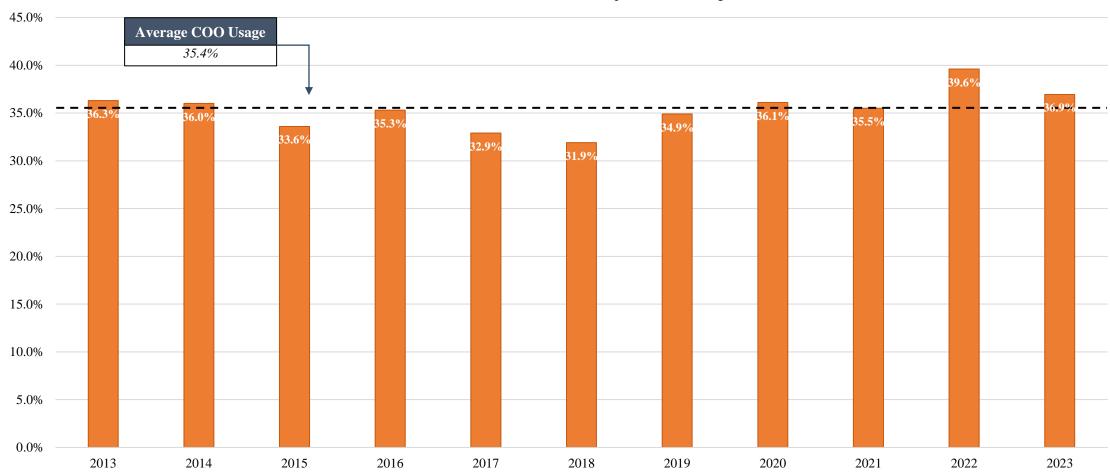
Percentage of New CEOs/CFOs Recruited From Outside the Company Per Year (2013-2023) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs; 671 Sitting CFOs)



External hiring of CEOs and CFOs is rising for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic.

Over the past decade, roughly 35% of companies have utilized the COO position Percentage of Companies with a COO (2013-2023)

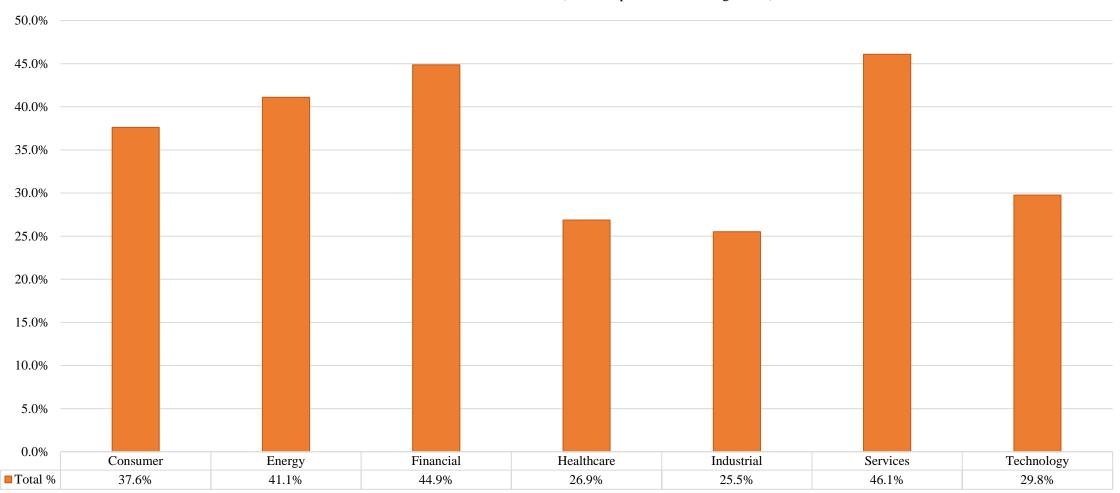
2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 249 Sitting COOs)

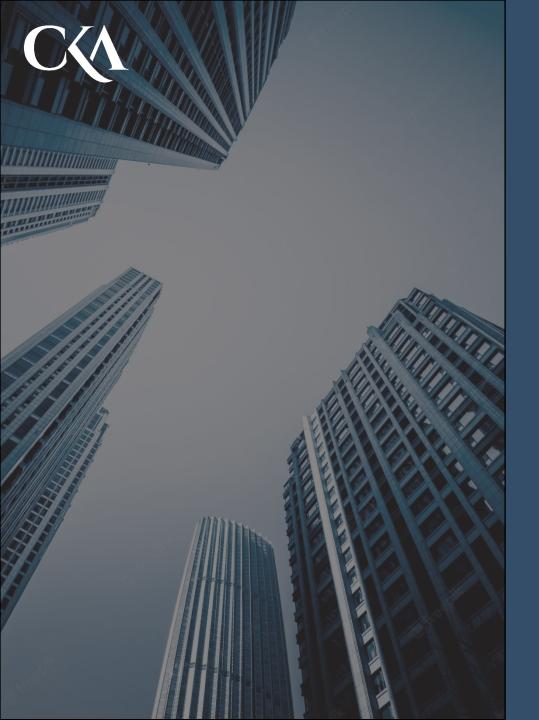




Nearly half of the companies in the Services industry utilize the COO role

Percentage of Companies with a COO by Industry 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 249 Sitting COOs)

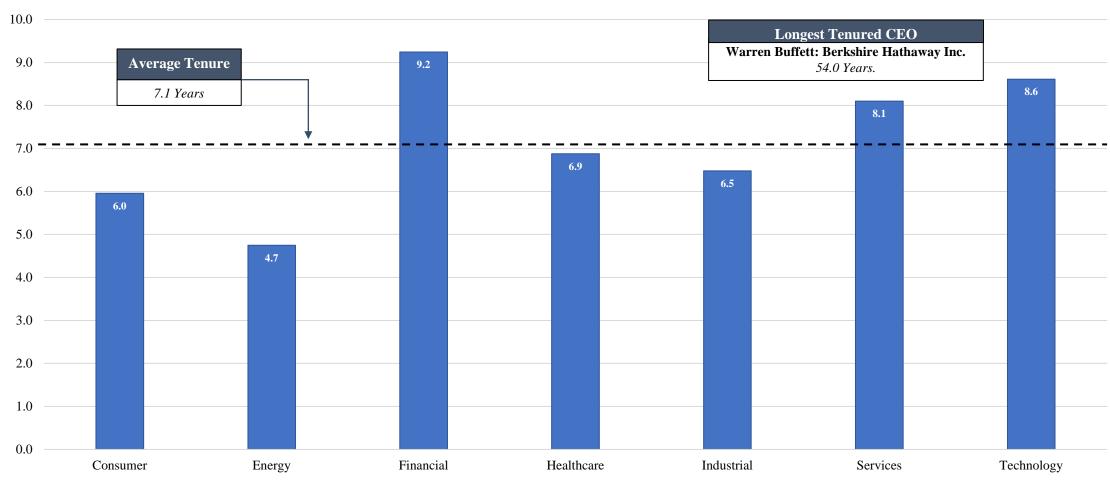




C-SUITE CAREER PATHS

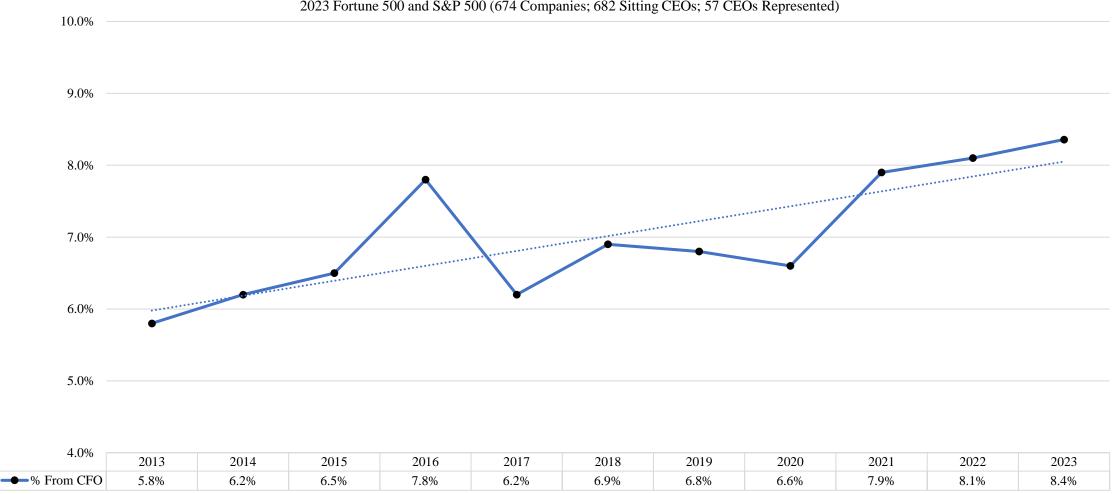
Energy CEOs have the shortest average tenures

Average Tenure of CEO by Industry 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs)



Promotion from CFO to CEO is trending upward

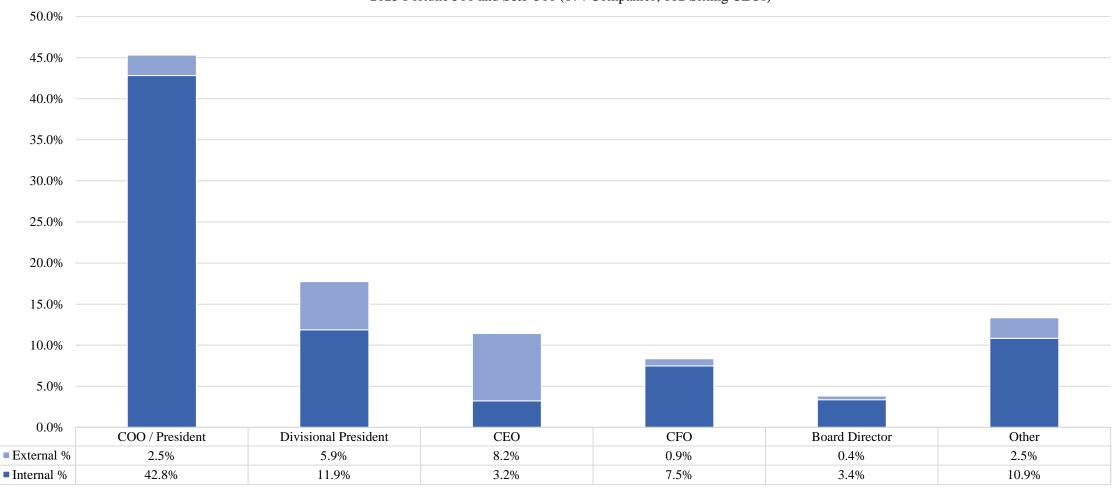
Percentage of Sitting CEOs coming directly from a CFO Chair (2013-2023) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs; 57 CEOs Represented)



The pathway from CFO to CEO is most common in the Consumer and Services industries and least common in Healthcare.

Nearly 50% of current CEOs were promoted from a COO / President position

Immediate Previous Position of Sitting CEOs (Internal vs External) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs)



^{*}Internal Divisional President: Include CEO of subsidiary company

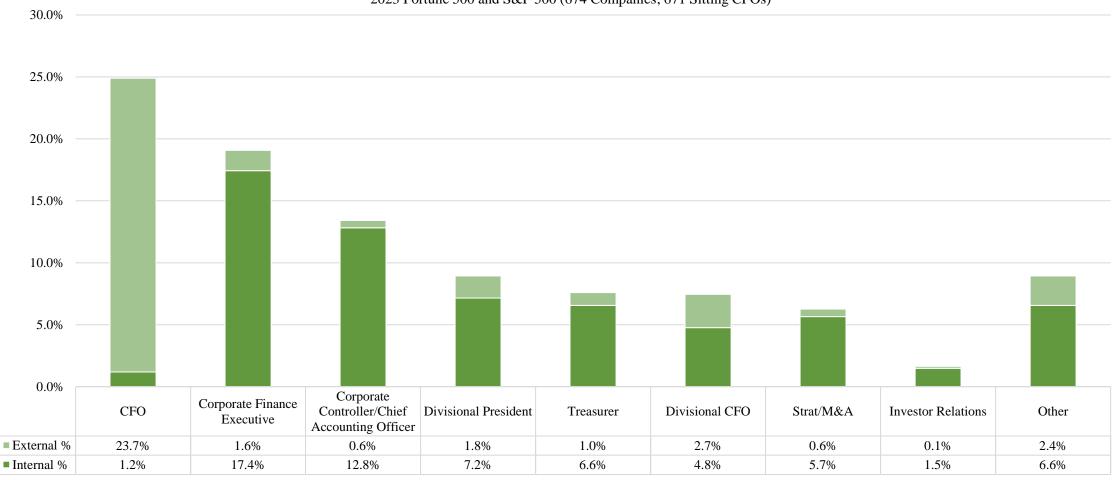
^{*}Internal CEO: Includes CEOs who were part of a merger

^{*}COO / President: Includes executives that held a President role, COO role, or both at the same time

^{*}Other: Includes Operating Executives (VP/SVP/EVP of Operations), Corporate Finance, Founder, Strat/M&A, etc.

75% of CFOs have come directly from a number two position

Percentage of Sitting CFOs by Immediate Previous Position (Internal or External) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 671 Sitting CFOs)



^{*}Internal CFO: Includes CFOs who were part of a merger

^{*}Internal Divisional CFO: Includes CFOs of subsidiary companies

^{*}Strat/MA: Investment Banking, Development, Planning or Strategy

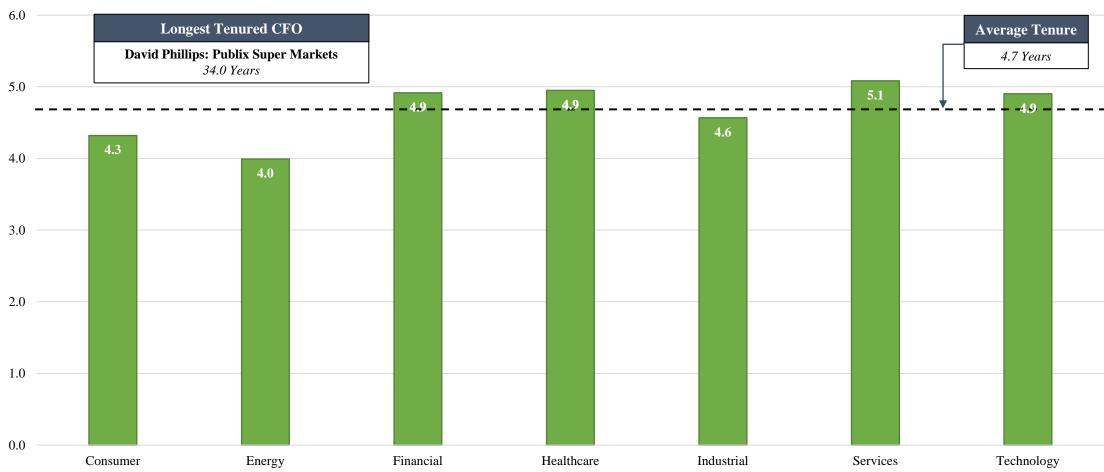
^{*}Corporate Finance Executive: VP, SVP, EVP of Finance (Includes FP&A and dual Finance leaders)

^{*}Other: Board Director, CEO, COO, President, Operating Executive (VP/SVP/EVP of Operations), etc.



CFO tenure is evenly distributed across industries

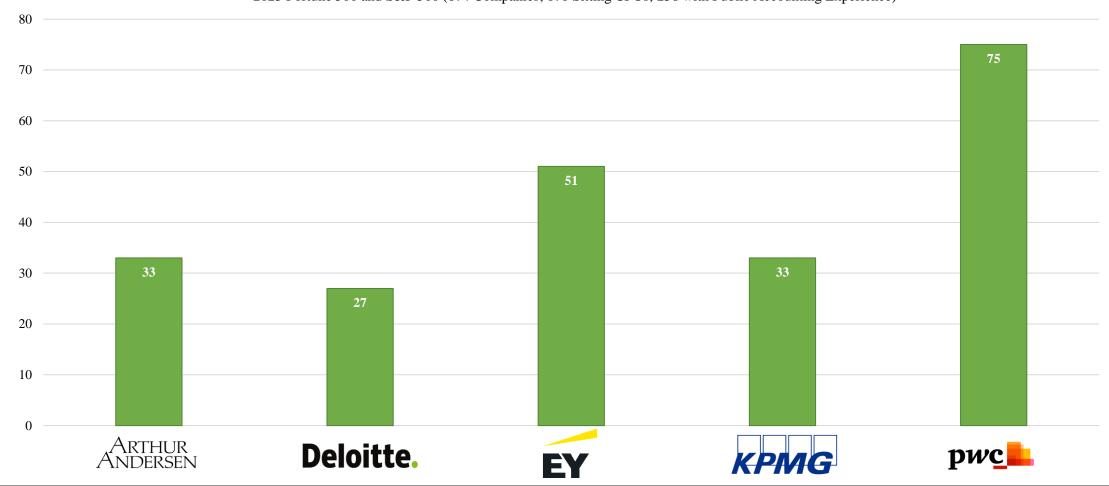
Average Tenure of CFO by Industry 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 671 Sitting CFOs)





PwC has produced more CFOs than the other Top Accounting Firms

CFOs with Big 5 Public Accounting Backgrounds 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 671 Sitting CFOs; 258 with Public Accounting Experience)



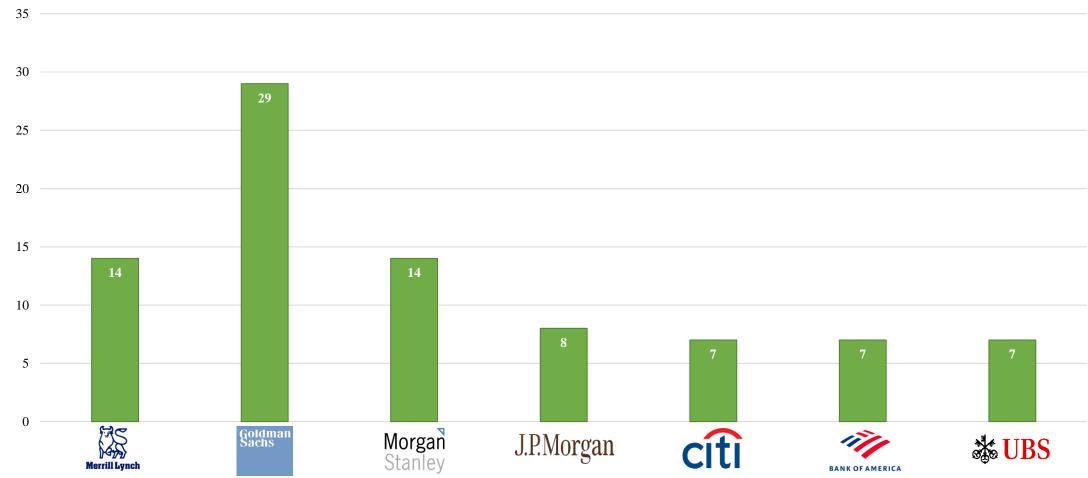
Of the 672 total sitting CFOs, 39% have public accounting experience, with 20% of those being within the Services industry. Only 8% are in the Technology industry.



Almost 15% of sitting CFOs spent time at a Top Investment Bank

CFOs with Investment Banking Backgrounds

2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 671 Sitting CFOs; 98 with Investment Banking Experience)

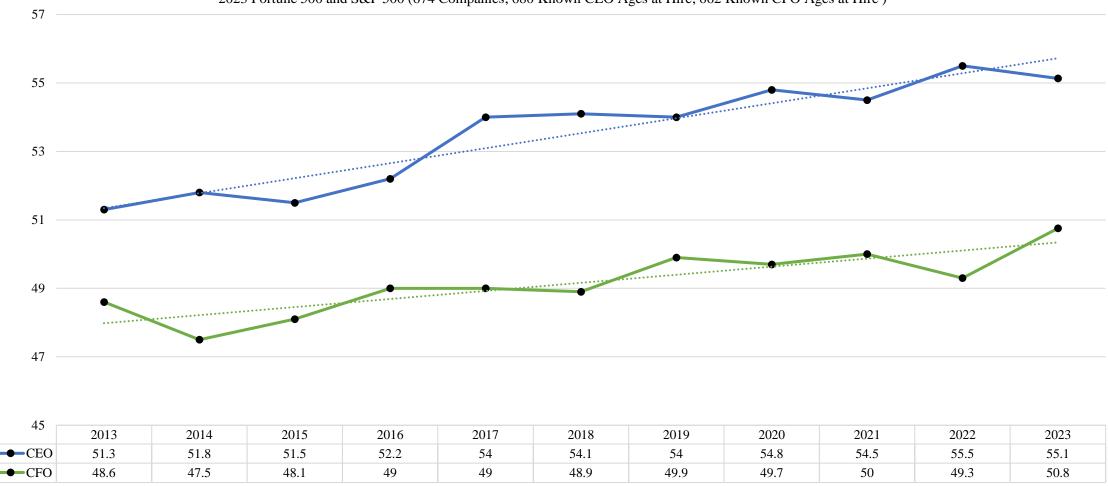


Of the 672 total sitting CFOs, 15% have investment banking experience, with 30% of those being within the Financial industry. Only 6% are in the Industrial industry.

Over the past decade, Age at Hire for new CEOs has climbed by 4 years

Age at Hire for Newly Appointed CEOs and CFOs (2013-2023)

2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 680 Known CEO Ages at Hire; 662 Known CFO Ages at Hire)



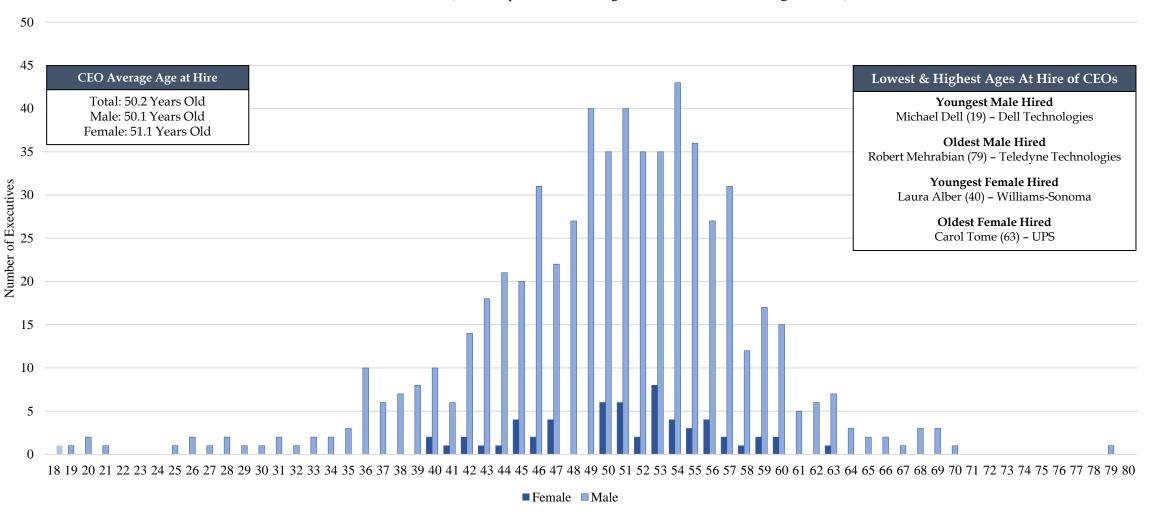
The average Age at Hire for new CEOs is nearly 5 years older than that of new CFOs.



Nearly 60% of sitting CEOs were hired after the age of 50

Age at Hire of Sitting CEOs

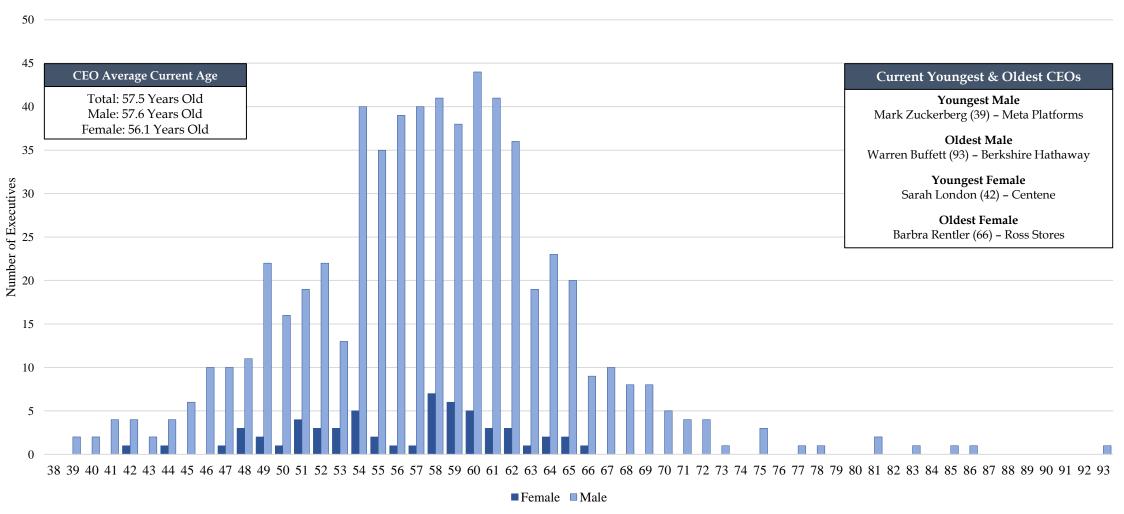
2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs; 680 Known CEO Ages at Hire)



Roughly one third of CEOs are currently 60 years old or older

Age Distribution of Sitting CEOs

2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs; 680 Known CEO Ages)

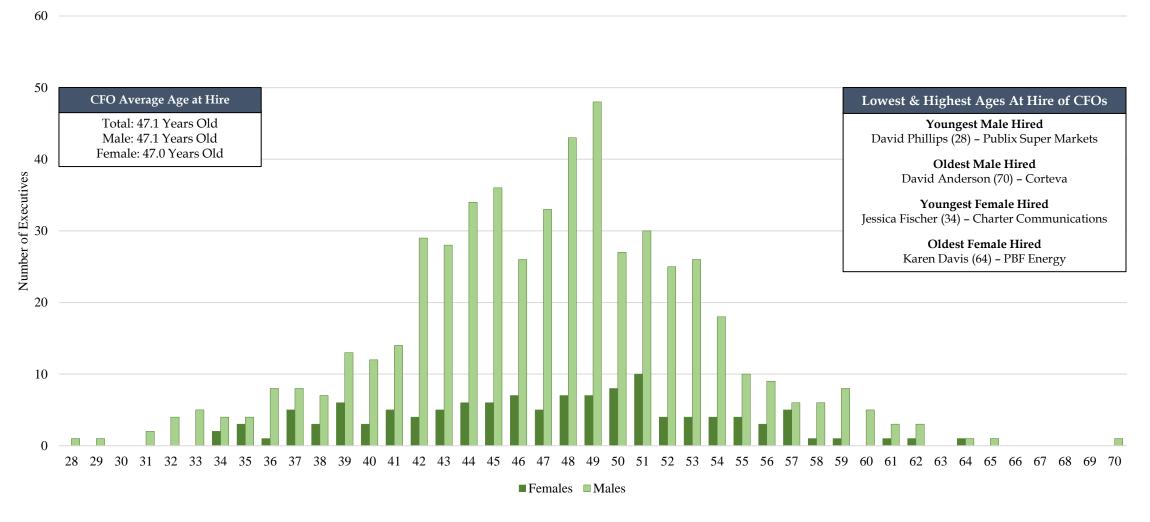




Slightly more than half of sitting CFOs were hired before the age of 50

Age at Hire of Sitting CFOs

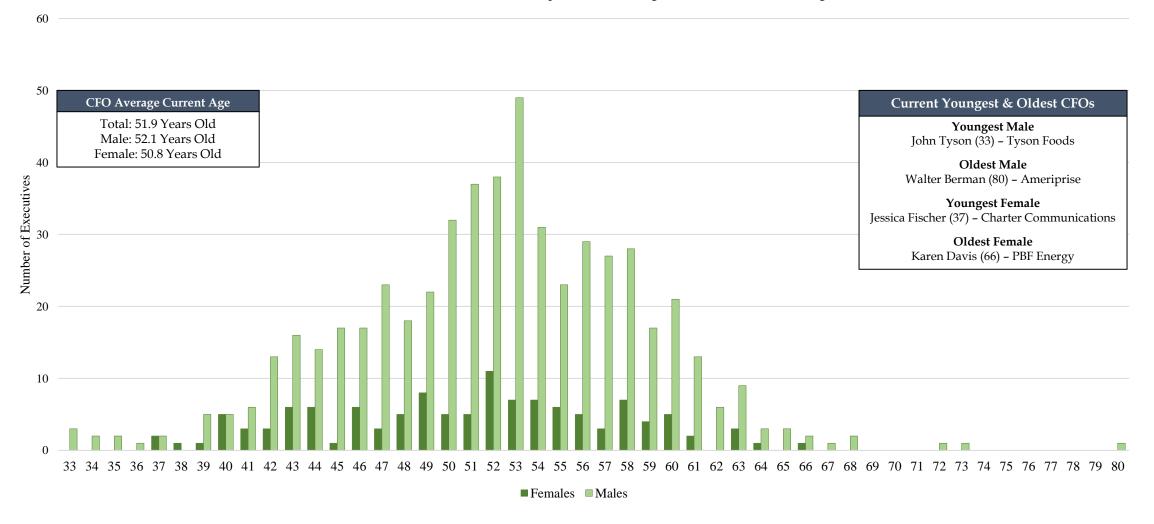
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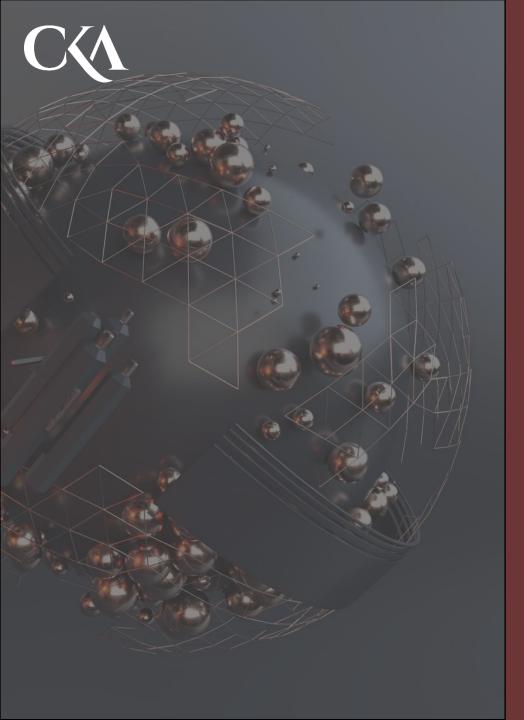


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Nearly a third of sitting CFOs are under the age of 50 Age Distribution of Sitting CFOs

2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 671 Sitting CFOs; 662 Known CFO Ages)





DIVERSITY LANDSCAPE



Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Diversity Definitions

White (not Hispanic or Latino)

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Black or African American (not Hispanic or Latino)

A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic or Latino

A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

Asian (not Hispanic or Latino)

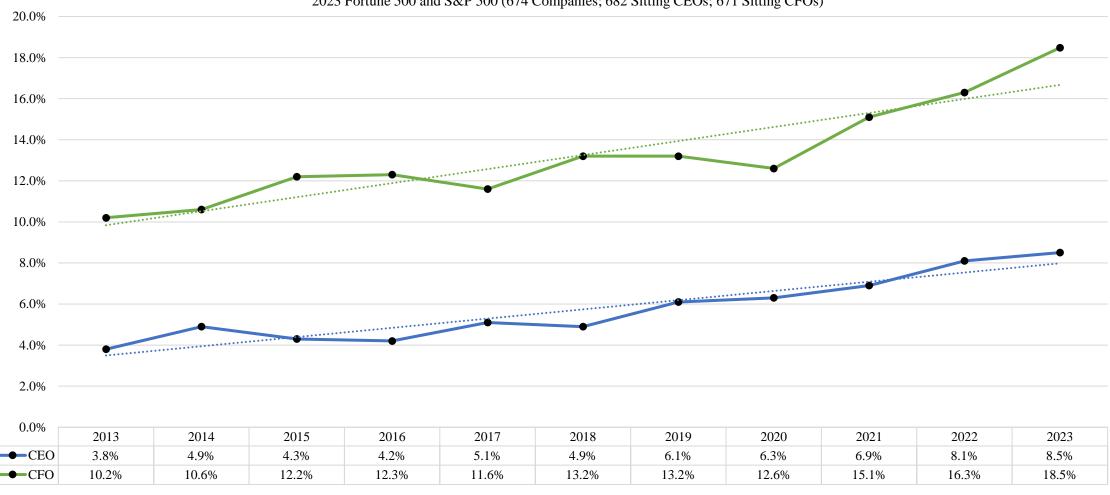
A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asian, or the Indian subcontinent including for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

*From the EEOC Agency Website: eeoc.gov

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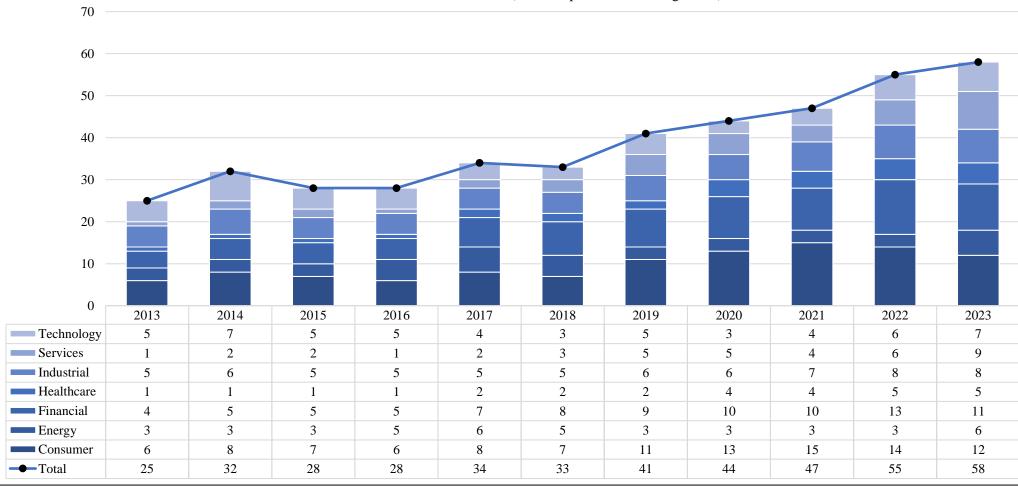
The percentage of Female CFOs has climbed faster than Female CEOs

Percentage of Companies with Female CEOs or CFOs (2013-2023) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs; 671 Sitting CFOs)



The number of Female CEOs has more than doubled over the past decade

Number of Companies with Female CEOs by Industry (2013-2023) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs)

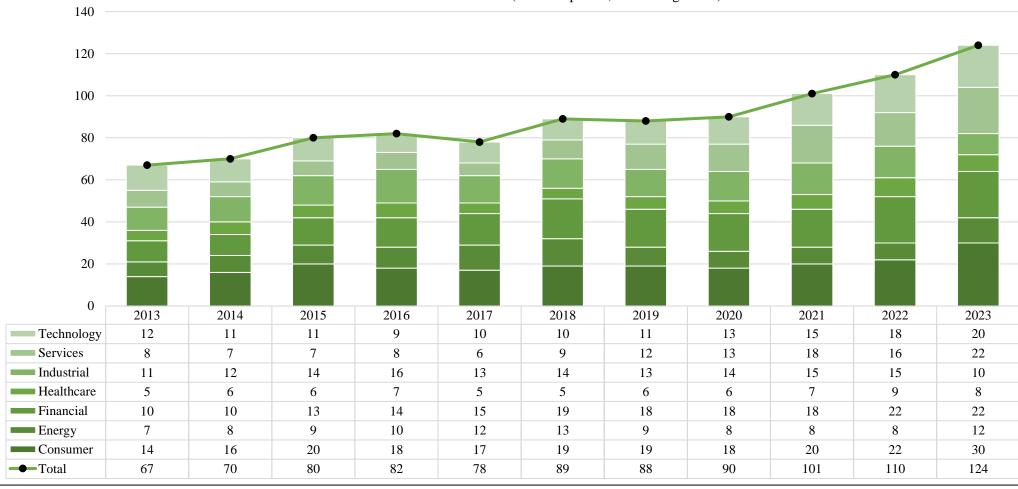


Over the past decade, the Services and Financial industries have added the greatest number of Female CEOs.

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The Consumer industry has consistently led in Female CFOs over the past decade

Number of Companies with Female CFOs by Industry (2013-2023) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 671 Sitting CFOs)

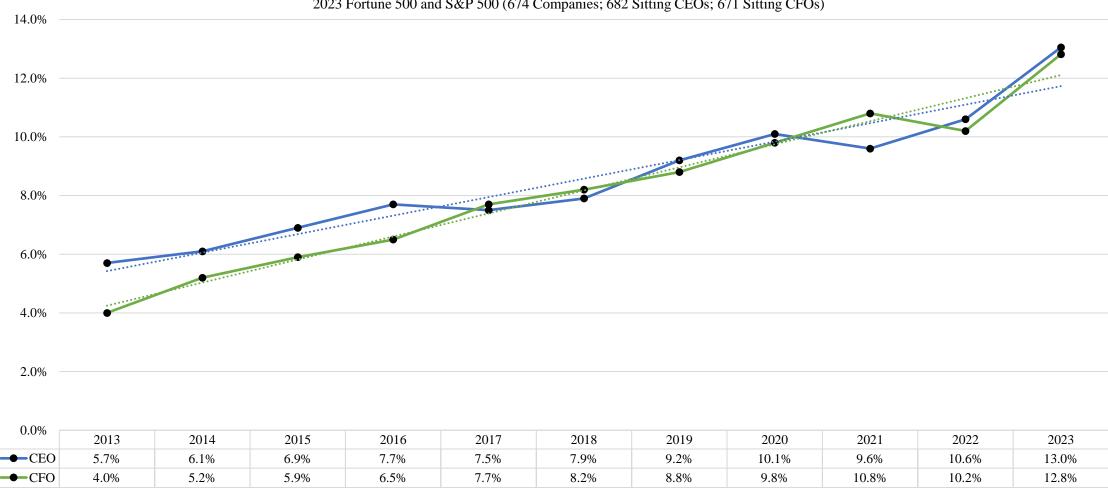


Over the past decade, the Healthcare industry has added the fewest number of Female CFOs, while the Industrial industry has regressed.

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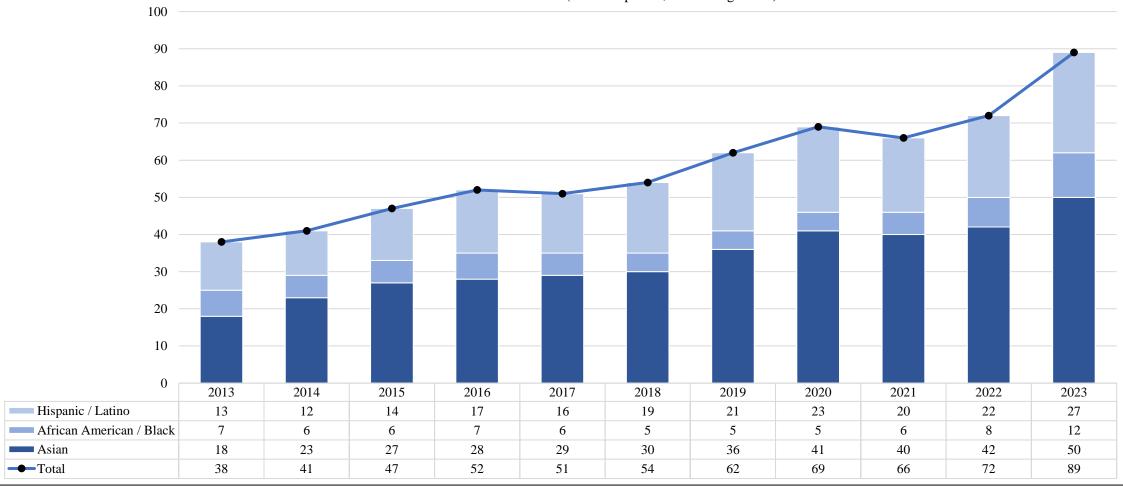
Racial and Ethnic diversity in CEO and CFO positions are trending together

Percentage of Companies with Ethnically and Racially Diverse CEOs or CFOs (2013-2023) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs; 671 Sitting CFOs)



Ethnic and Racial diversity among CEOs has more than doubled in the past decade

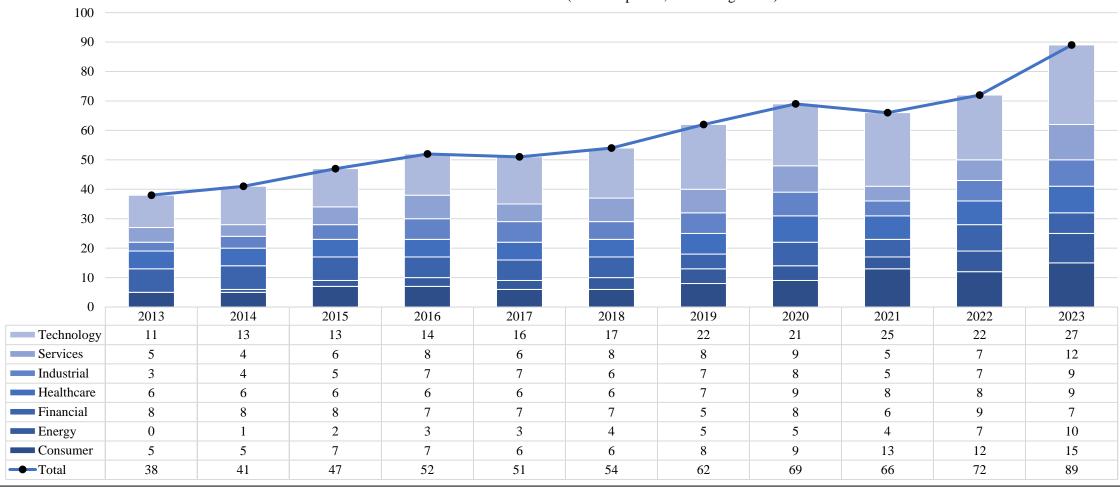
Number of Companies with Ethnically and Racial Diverse CEOs (2013-2023) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs)



Even amidst growth in total Ethnic and Racial diversity, African American / Black representation in the CEO position continues to lag.

Most industries have seen growth in Ethnically and Racially diverse CEOs in the past decade

Number of Companies with Ethnically and Racial Diverse CEOs by Industry (2013-2023) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs)



The Technology industry accounts for 30% of all CEO Ethnic and Racial diversity, while the Financial industry has declined throughout the decade.

Ethnic and Racial diversity among CFOs has more than tripled in the past decade

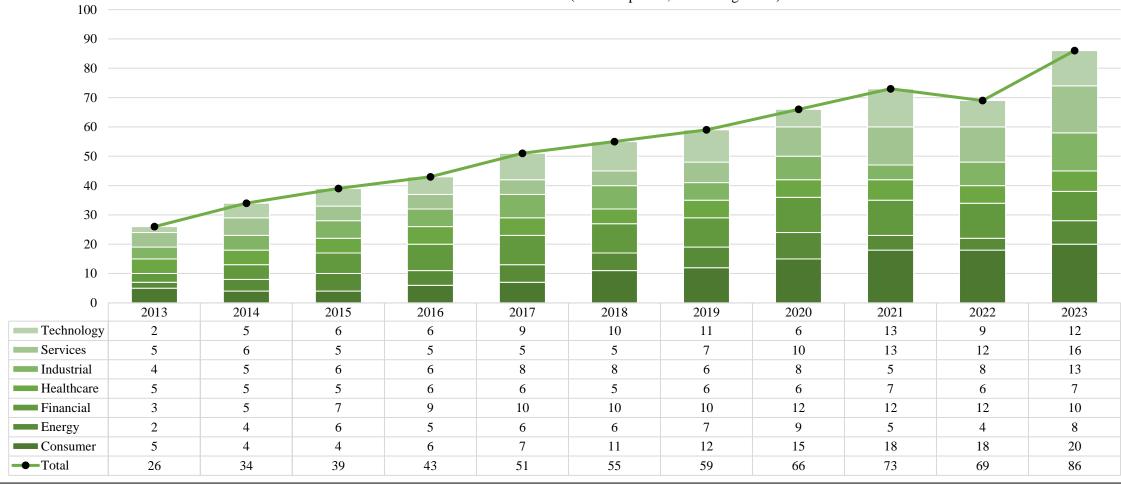
Number of Companies with Ethnically and Racial Diverse CFOs (2013-2023) 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 671 Sitting CFOs)



Ethnic and Racial diversity is on the rise, as Asian diversity has more than tripled and African American / Black diversity has quadrupled over the past decade.

All industries have seen a growth in Ethnically and Racially diverse CFOs in the past decade

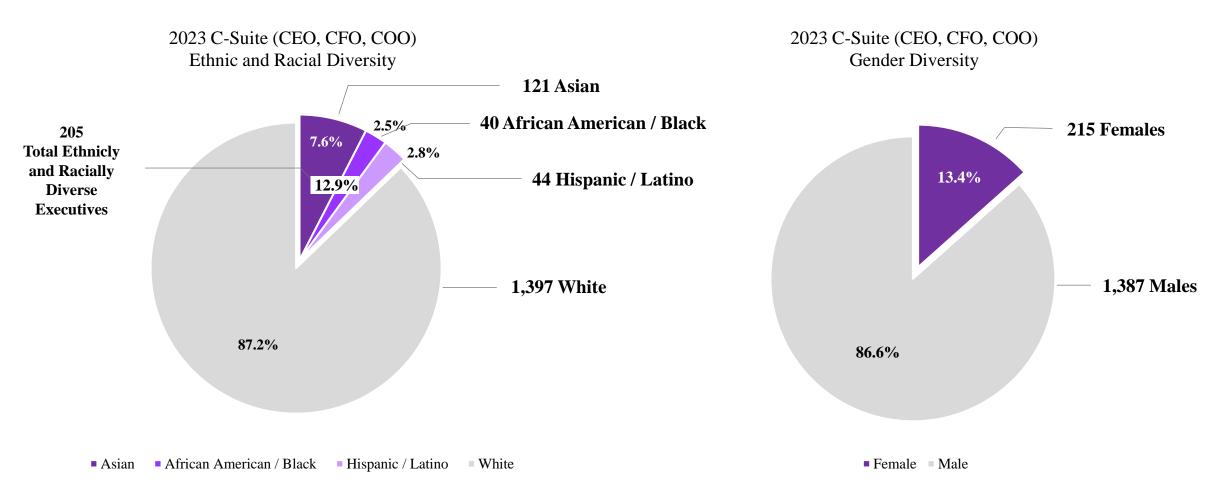
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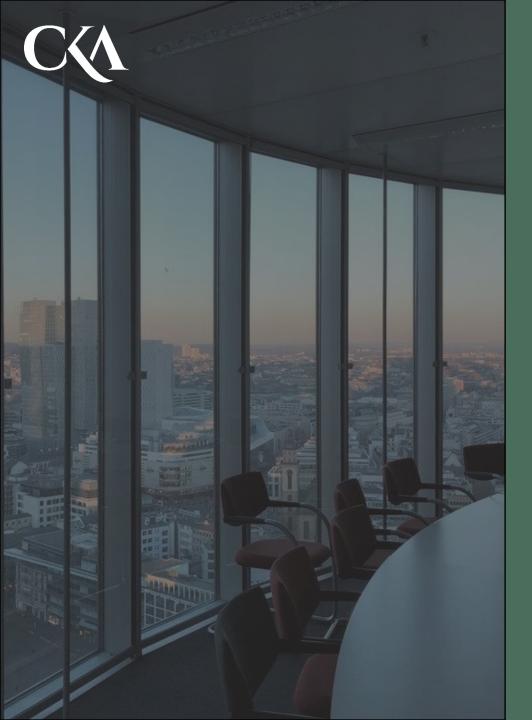


The Consumer industry accounts for nearly 25% of all CEO Ethnic and Racial diversity, while the Healthcare industry only accounts for 8%.

Despite positive diversity trends, underrepresentation persists

C-Suite Ethnic and Racial Diversity; C-Suite Gender Diversity 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 1,602 Executives)

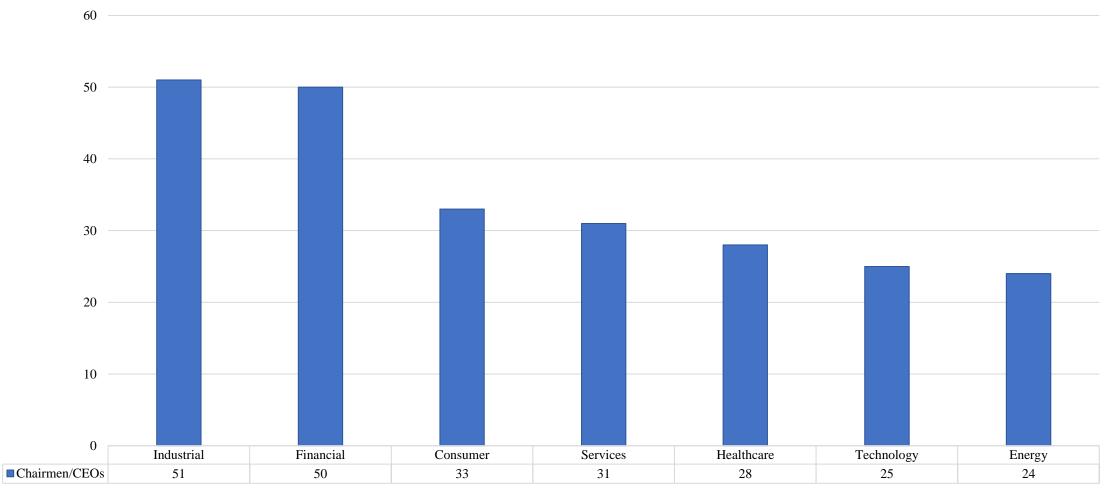




BOARDS

CEOs in the Industrial and Financial industries most often also hold the Chairman title

Sitting CEOs that are also Chairman 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs, 242 CEOs represented)

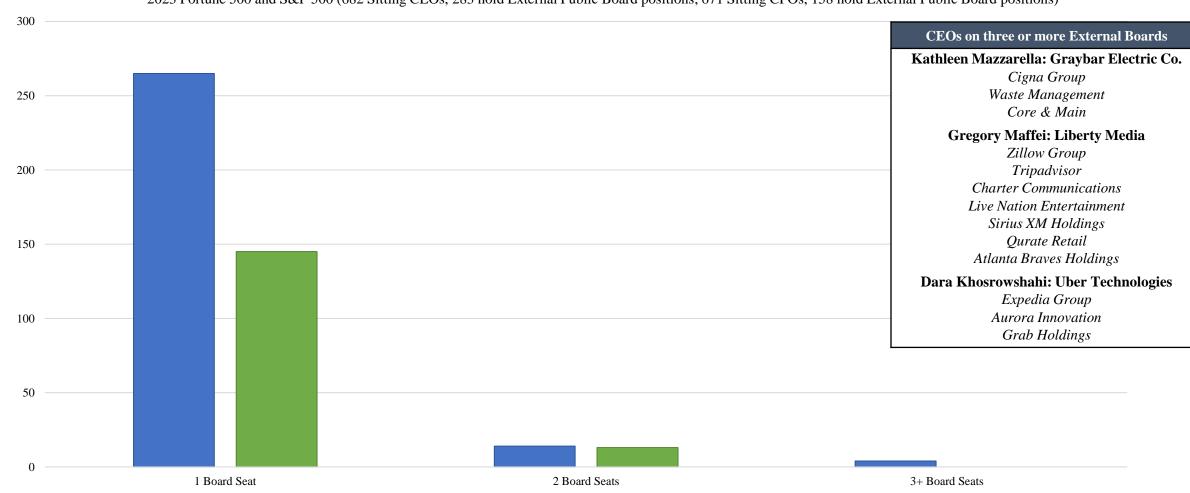




33% of sitting CEOs and CFOs hold at least one External Public Board seat

Sitting CEOs and CFOs Holding External Public Board Seat(s)

2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (682 Sitting CEOs, 283 hold External Public Board positions; 671 Sitting CFOs, 158 hold External Public Board positions)

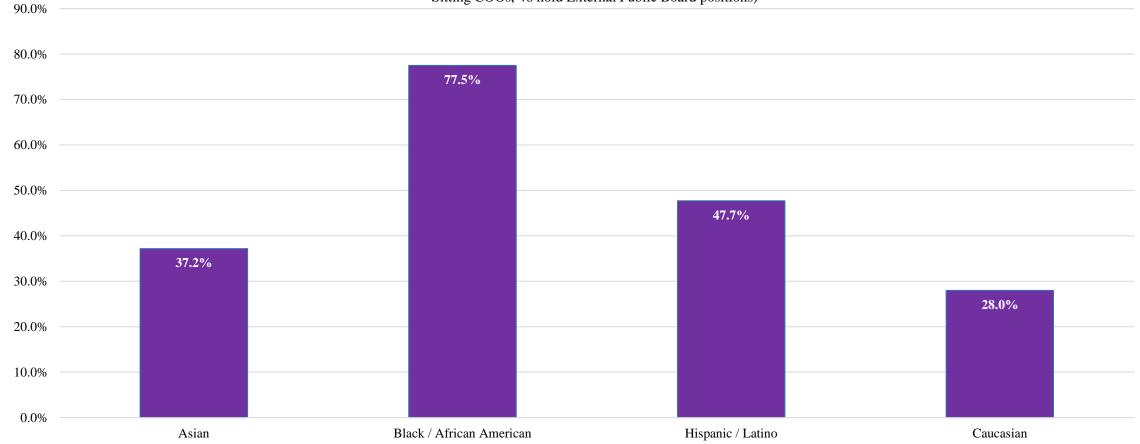




A greater percentage of Ethnically and Racially diverse executives in the C-Suite (CEO, CFO, COO) serve on External Public Boards

Percentage by Race/Ethnicity of C-Suite Executives on External Public Boards

2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs, 283 hold External Public Board positions; 671 Sitting CFOs, 158 hold External Public Board positions; 249 Sitting COOs, 46 hold External Public Board positions)



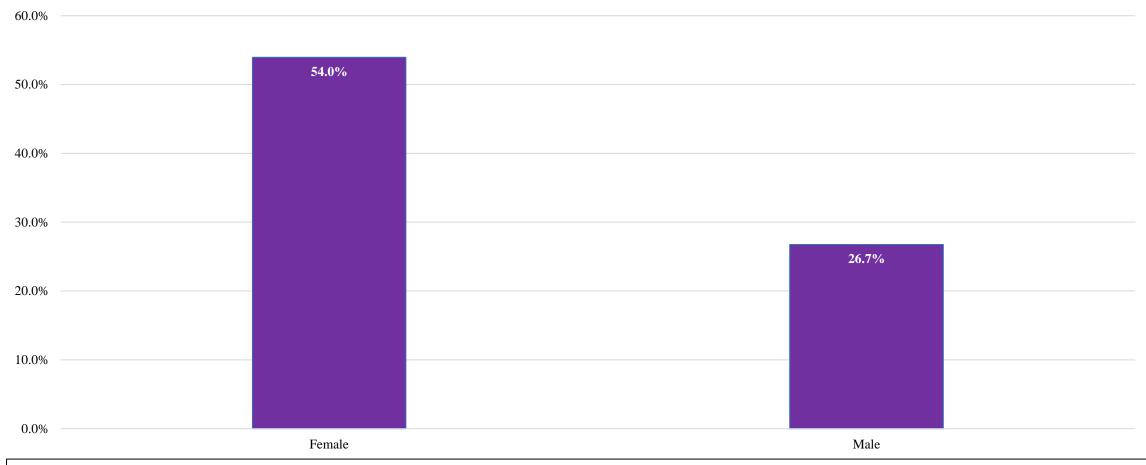
Over 75% of African American / Black Executives in the C-Suite serve on an External Public Board, as compared to 28% of Whites.



Over 50% of Women in the C-Suite (CEO, CFO, COO) hold an External Public Board seat

Percentage by Gender of C-Suite Executives on External Public Boards

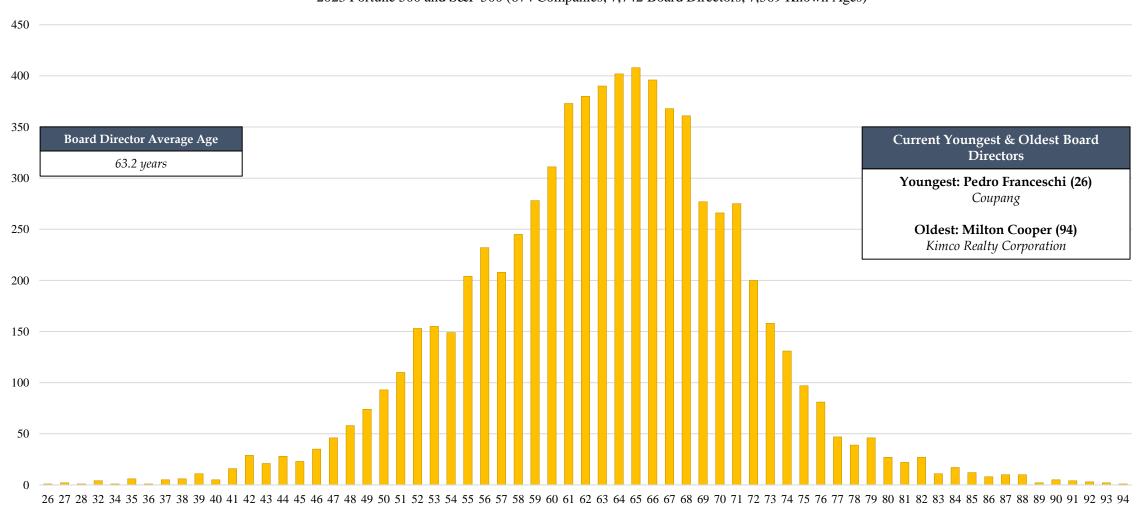
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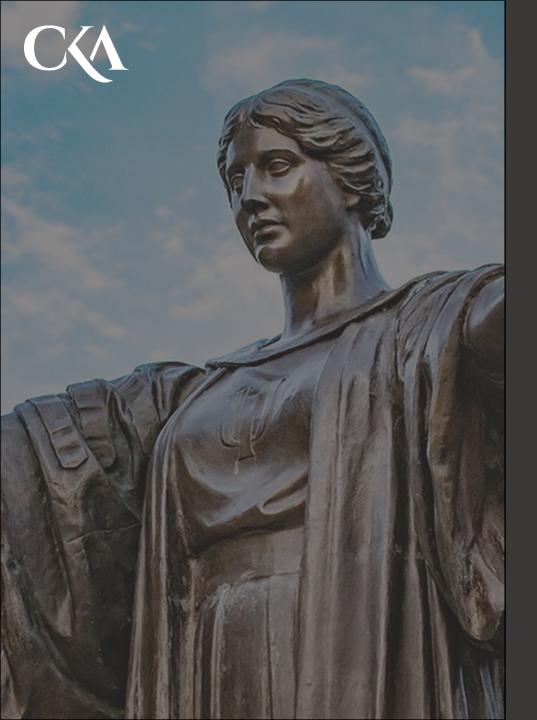


54% of Females in the C-Suite serve on an External Public Board, as compared to only about 27% of Males.

Over 20% of Board Directors are above the age of 70

Age Distribution of Board Directors 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 7,742 Board Directors; 7,369 Known Ages)

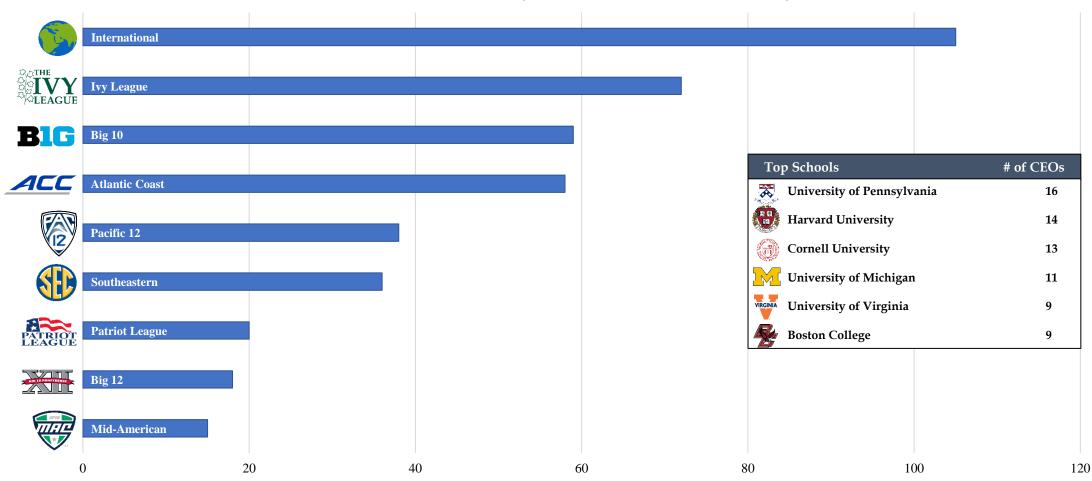




EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

The Ivy League educated more CEOs than any other domestic conference

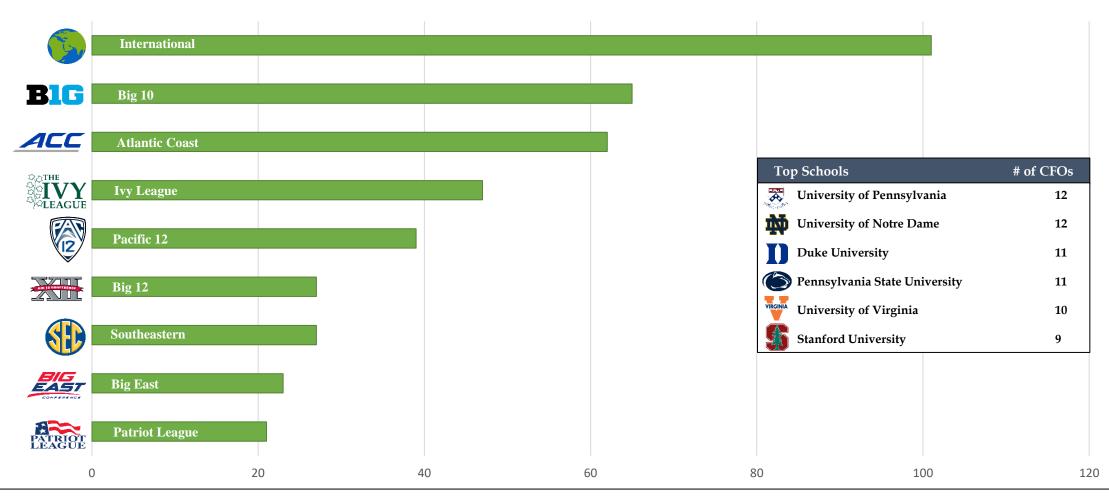
Sitting CEO Undergraduate Conference Affiliation 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (682 Sitting CEOs; 662 Known CEO Educational Backgrounds)



16% of all sitting CEOs came from International institutions, while nearly 11% and 9% came from Ivy League and Big 10 schools, respectively.

The Big 10 educated more CFOs than any other domestic conference

Sitting CFO Undergraduate Conference Affiliation 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (671 Sitting CFOs; 651 Known CFO Educational Backgrounds)

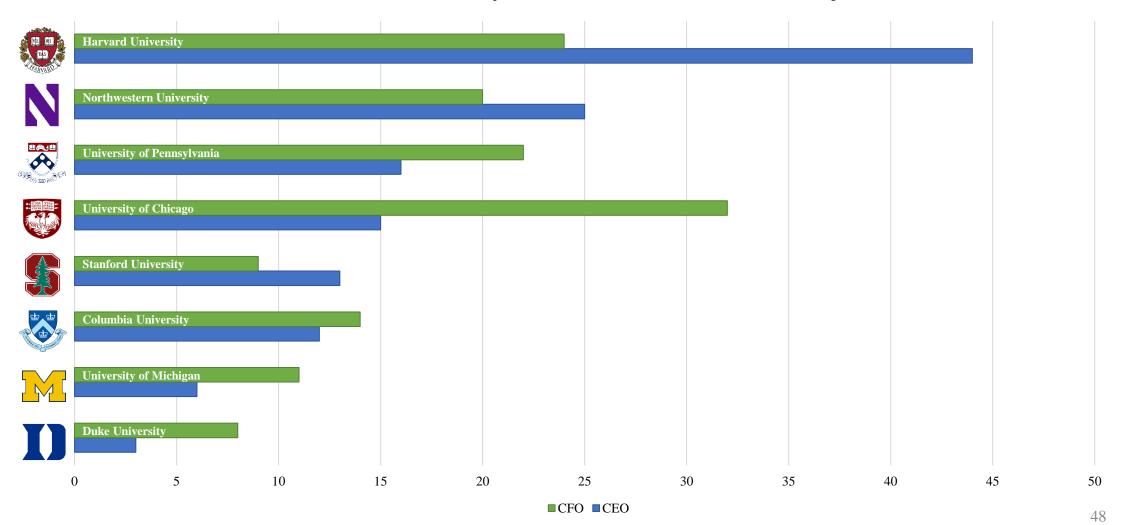


Over 15% of all sitting CFOs came from International institutions, while nearly 10% came from Big 10 and ACC schools, each.

Harvard's MBA program produces the most CEOs, while University of Chicago's produces the most CFOs

Top MBA Schools

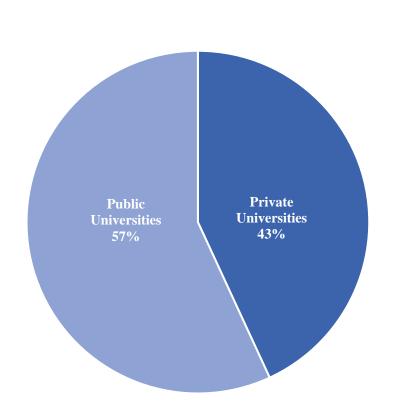
2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 662 CEO and 651 CFO Known Educational Backgrounds)



The split between Public and Private undergraduate universities producing CEOs is roughly 60/40

Sitting CEO Undergraduate University

2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (682 Sitting CEOs; 662 Known CEO Educational Backgrounds)

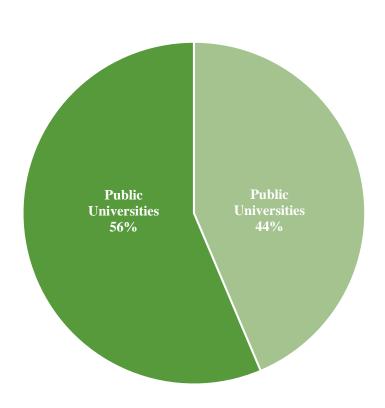


Top Public Schools	# of CEOs
University of Michigan	11
University of Virginia	9
Miami University	8
Texas A&M University	8
Purdue University	7
Top Private Schools	# of CEOs
Top Private Schools University of Pennsylvania	
- 8A:8	CEOs
University of Pennsylvania	CEOs 16
University of Pennsylvania Harvard University	CEOs 16 14

The top three Private undergraduate institutions educated 6% of sitting CEOs, while the top three Public institutions educated 4% of sitting CEOs.

Public universities produce over 10% more sitting CFOs than Private universities

Sitting CFO Undergraduate University
2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (672 Sitting CFOs; 651 Known CFO Educational Backgrounds)



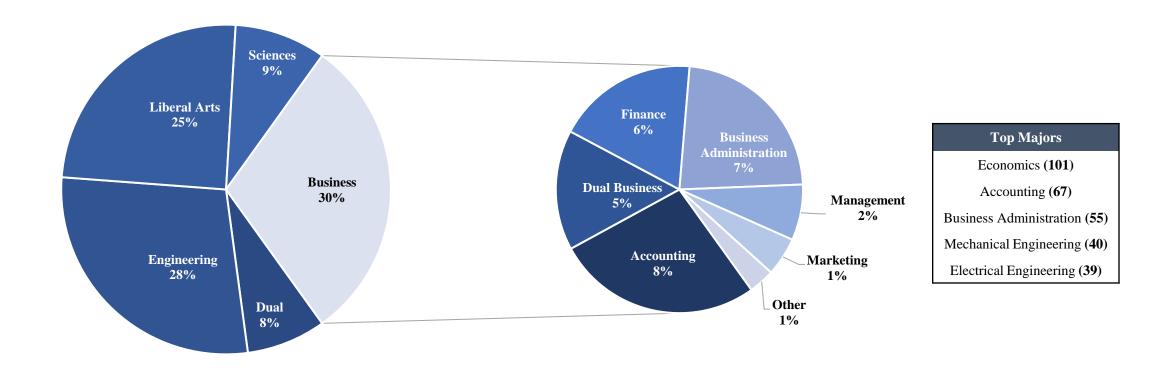
Top Public Schools	# of CFOs
Pennsylvania State University	11
University of Virginia	10
University of Connecticut	8
Indiana University	7
University of Michigan	7

Top Private Schools	# of CFOs
University of Pennsylvania	12
University of Notre Dame	12
Duke University	11
Stanford University	9
Harvard University	8

The top three Private undergraduate institutions educated 5% of sitting CFOs, while the top three Public institutions educated over 4% of sitting CFOs.

Nearly 30% of CEOs hold an undergraduate degree in Engineering

Percentage of CEOs from each Educational Background 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (682 Sitting CEOs; 662 Known CEO Educational Backgrounds)



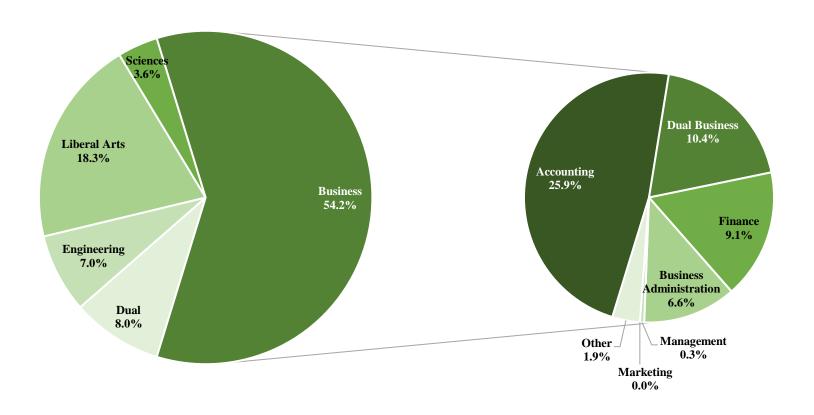
Among sitting CEOs, engineering degrees are nearly as prominent as business degrees.

^{*}Other: Includes Commerce, International Business, and Entrepreneurship

CFOs that earn an undergraduate degree in Business overwhelmingly major in Accounting

Percentage of CFOs from each Educational Background

2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 671 Sitting CFOs; 651 Known CFO Educational Backgrounds)



Top Majors Accounting (242) Finance (129) Economics (127) Business Administration (66) Chemical Engineering (12)

Since 2013, the number of CFOs with a non-business degree has more than doubled, however the majority still have business degrees.

^{*}Economics is included in Liberal Arts

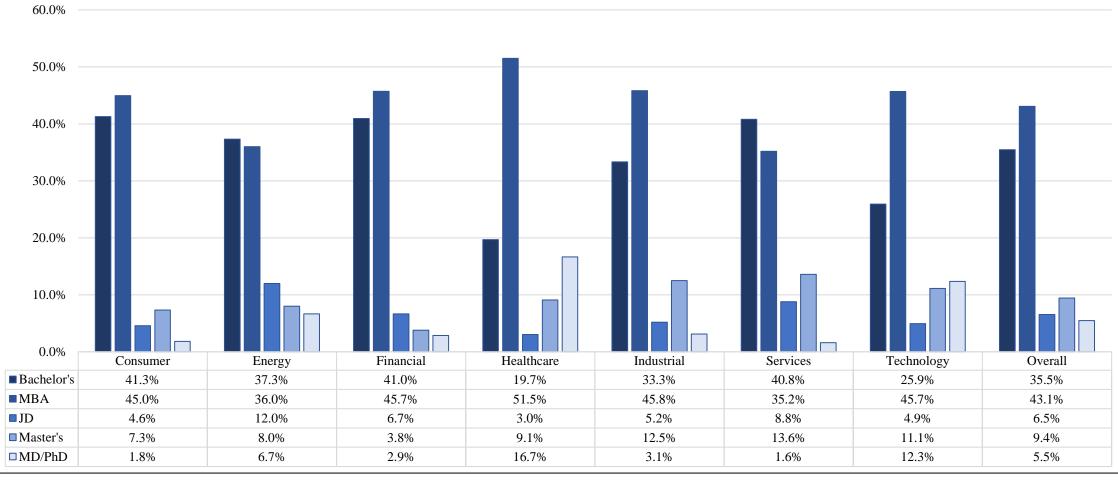
^{*}Other: Includes Commerce, International Business, and Entrepreneurship

^{*}Mathematics is included in Sciences *Dual Business: holds degree with more than one of the above listed business majors

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Almost 65% of CEOs hold an advanced degree

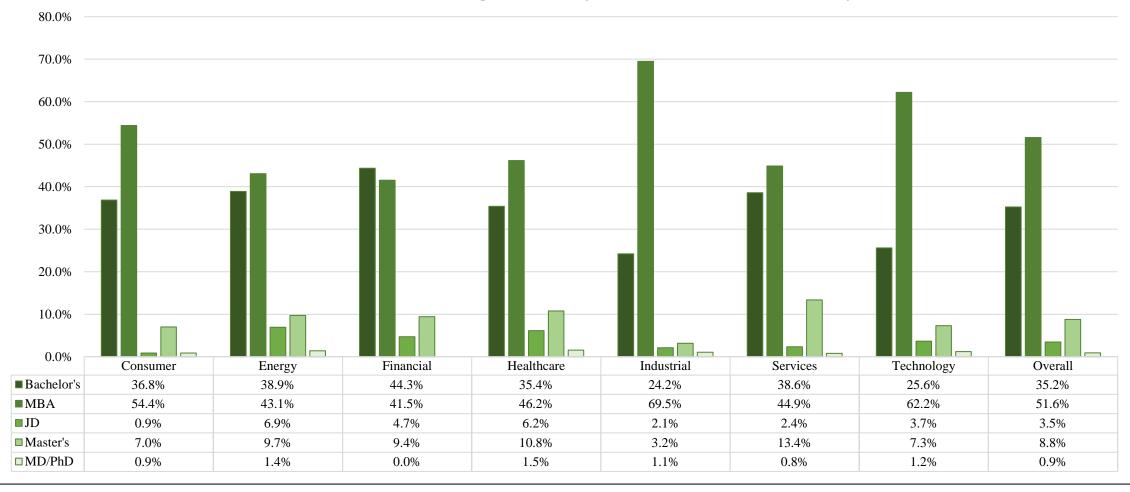
CEO Terminal Degree Educational Background 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 682 Sitting CEOs; 662 Known CEO Educational Backgrounds)



43% of sitting CEOs hold an MBA as their Terminal Degree level. Only 20% of them have studied beyond an MBA degree.

Nearly 52% of CFOs hold an MBA as their Terminal Degree

CFO Terminal Degree Educational Background 2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 671 Sitting CFOs; 651 Known CFO Educational Backgrounds)



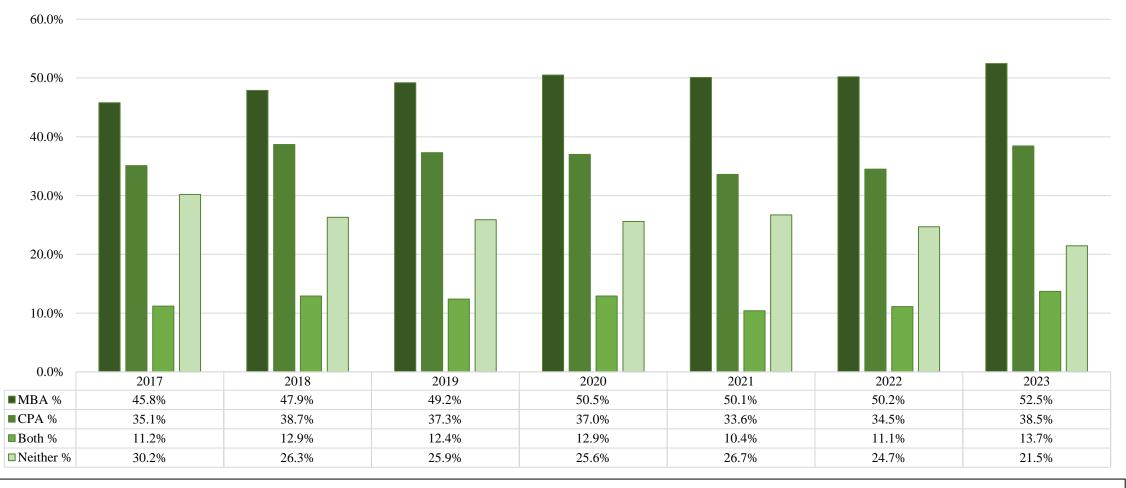
While 65% of sitting CFOs hold an advanced degree, only 13% of them hold an advanced degree beyond an MBA.



The number of sitting CFOs with an MBA continues to outpace those with a CPA

Percent of CFOs with MBAs Compared to CPAs (2017-2023)

2023 Fortune 500 and S&P 500 (674 Companies; 671 Sitting CFOs; 661 Known CFO MBA Educational Backgrounds; 671 Known CFO Public Accounting Backgrounds)



The number of CFOs with neither MBAs nor CPAs is decreasing.



CONCLUSION

The Crist|Kolder Associates Volatility Report contains data through December 31, 2023, encompassing all 2023 data.

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