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Headline: Millennials and Older Gen Zers Made Significant Wealth Gains in 2022

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Summary: Older millennials experienced a sharp swing in their relative standing with median wealth expectations in 2022. Whereas for much of their adult lives, their wealth had been below where we would have expected it to be based on all generations at the same age, in 2022, their wealth was 37% above expectations—a 46 percentage point swing. The figure shows these changes, as well as deviations from median wealth expectations, for each SCF year (2007-22), organized by birth decade. At age 38, the average age of older millennials in 2022, our model predicted that the typical family would have about \$95,000 in median wealth based on how all generations fared at the same average age. Instead, the typical older millennial had over \$130,000. While there is wide variation within this group, the typical millennial born in the 1980s thus did better than we had expected. Housing assets drove most of the overall growth. Related: Has Intergenerational Progress Stalled? Income Growth Over Five Generations of Americans and Young People Have a Lot More Wealth Than We Thought and Millennials Are Not As Badly-Off As They Think — But Success Is Bittersweet

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