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Summary: Once [the economic boost from pandemic aid fades away,] we'll probably be back where we were before the pandemic, with weak private investment demand holding interest rates down. Last time I wrote about this I stressed demography — the drastic slowdown in growth of the working-age population — plus what looks like disappointing rates of technological progress. Let me now put it a different way. [The macroeconomic accelerator effect] tells us that investment spending will only remain high if we expect rapid economic growth. And what we know now doesn't support that expectation. What all this suggests to me is that the era of cheap money is not, in fact, over. A few years from now, we'll probably be back to a situation in which too much saving is chasing too few investment opportunities, and interest rates will be revisiting their old lows

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