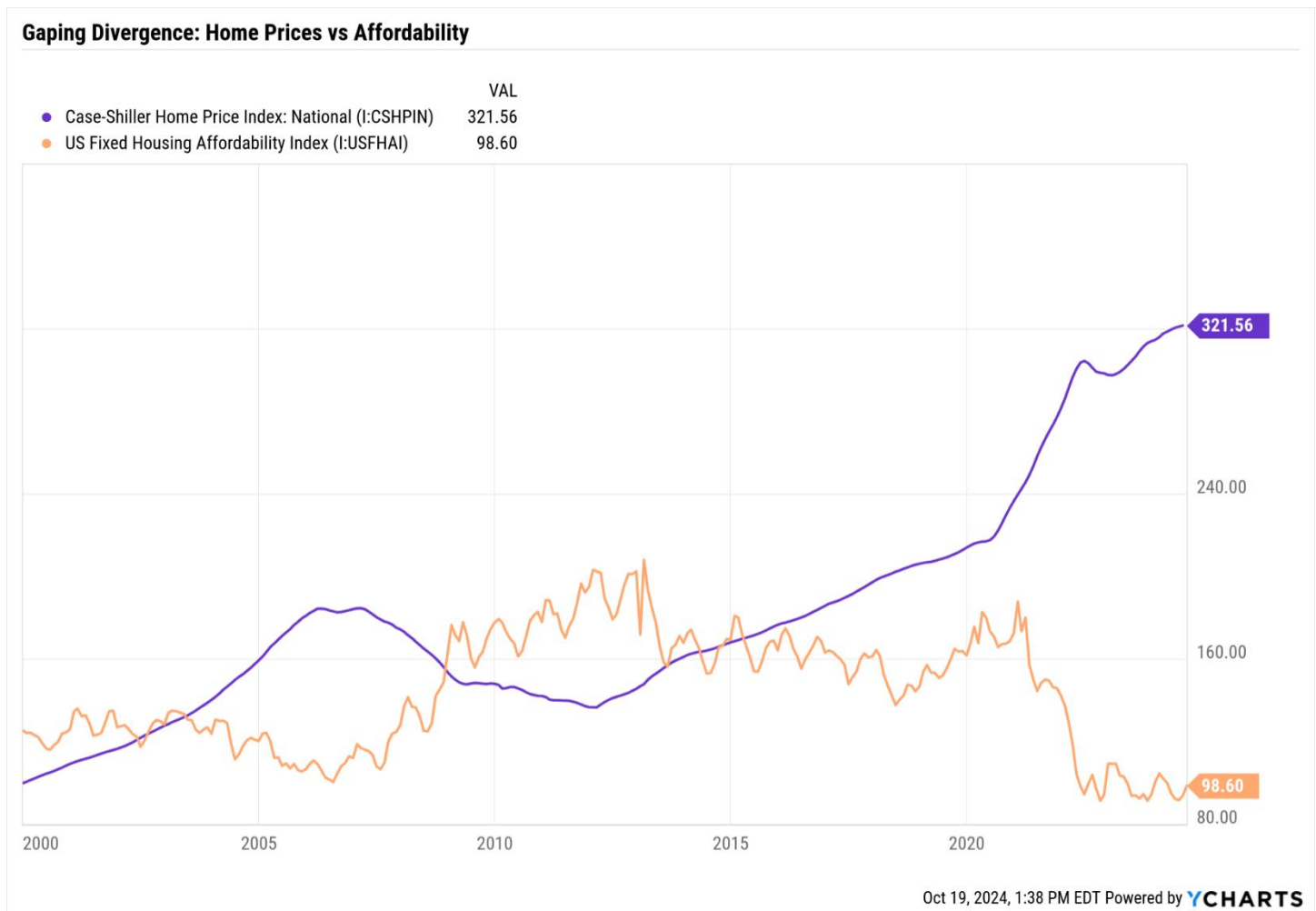


## HOME PRICES vs. HOME AFFORDABILITY—ERASING THE GAPING DISADVANTAGE

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According to the widely followed Case-Shiller 20-city index, home prices in major US metropolitan areas have surged over the last five years, with increases ranging from over 33% in San Francisco (ouch!) to more than 80% in Miami (painful!). More broadly, as our first chart illustrates, there has been a persistent, gaping divergence between home prices and affordability nationwide.



Does this mean earners and savers are doomed to face an insurmountable disadvantage when it comes to buying a home?

Absolutely not!

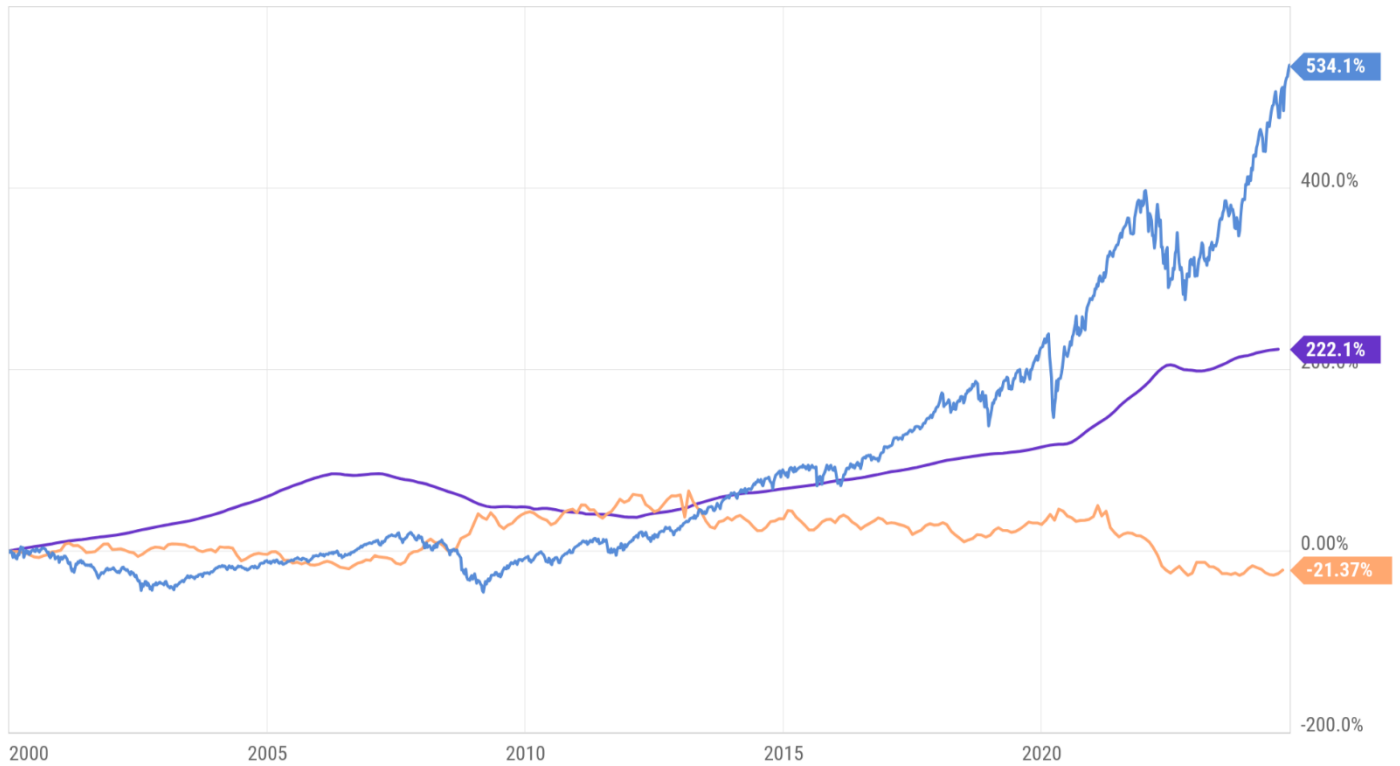
Not if they are diligent investors, as demonstrated by the revealing three-way growth chart below: Since 2000, while the National Case-Shiller Home Price Index has risen by 222% and Home Affordability collapsed by 21%, the S&P 500 has surged by 534%!

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## Erasing the Disadvantage of Home Un-Affordability

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● Case-Shiller Home Price Index: National (I:CSHPIN) % Change	222.1%
● US Fixed Housing Affordability Index (I:USFHA) % Change	-21.37%
● S&P 500 Total Return (^SPXTR) Level % Change	534.1%



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