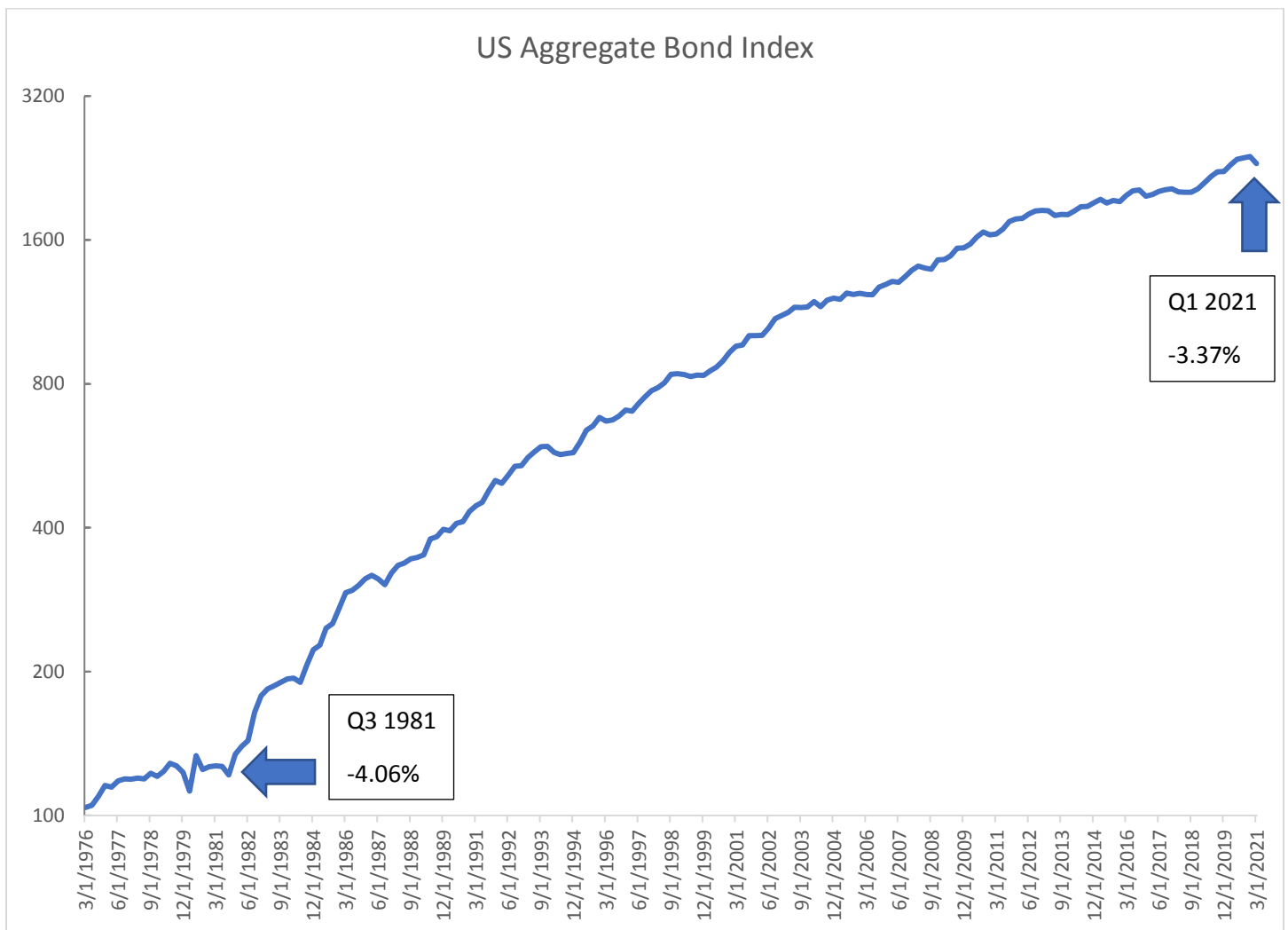




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The first quarter of 2021 was one for the record books, though it might not be the kind of records anyone wanted to set. In Q1, as rates continued their rise which began in August last year, the US Aggregate Bond Index recorded a negative quarterly return of **-3.37%**. For historical context, that represents the worst quarterly return for the Agg in almost 40 years!!! The last time the Agg performed worse in a single quarter was Q3 1981, when it declined -4.06%.





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Another data point jumped out to us when analyzing the data. If you rank every quarter's return for the Agg, back to its inception in 1976, then Q1 2021 is the fourth worst individual quarter in the history of the index! The only periods when the Agg has performed worse, all occurred in the early 1980s, when the last major bond bear market was coming to a close.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Return</u>
3/31/1980	-8.71%
9/30/1980	-6.56%
9/30/1981	-4.06%
<b>3/31/2021</b>	<b>-3.37%</b>
12/31/1979	-3.08%
12/30/2016	-2.98%
3/31/1994	-2.87%
9/30/1987	-2.73%
6/30/2004	-2.44%
6/28/2013	-2.33%

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Disclosures:

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The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency).