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2022 Q1

Q3

Huntsville Area

Local Market Report, Third Quarter 2023

Today's Market...

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2016 Q1

Q3

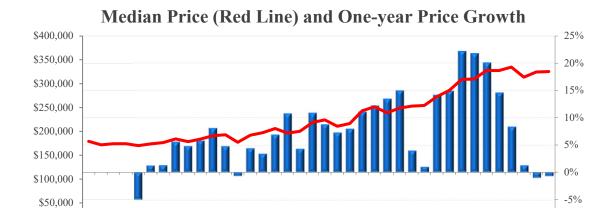
2017 Q1

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2014 Q1

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2018 Q1

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2019

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Q1 2020

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Q1 2021 Q1

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Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Huntsville	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2023 Q3)	\$327,500	\$400,867	D: 4'11 1 - C 1-4	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q3)	-0.7%	2.4%	Prices are still down from a year ago, but the trend is improving	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q3)	30.8%	29.7%	the trend is improving	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$76,500	\$91,700	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the trend of positive price growth after the	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$141,300	\$161,400		
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$152,700	\$184,500	recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

	Huntsville	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$726,200	\$1,089,300	Most have and in this montret have access to
FHA Loan Limit	\$472,030	\$1,089,300	Most buyers in this market have access government-backed financing
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	45%	not comparable	government-backed financing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2023.			

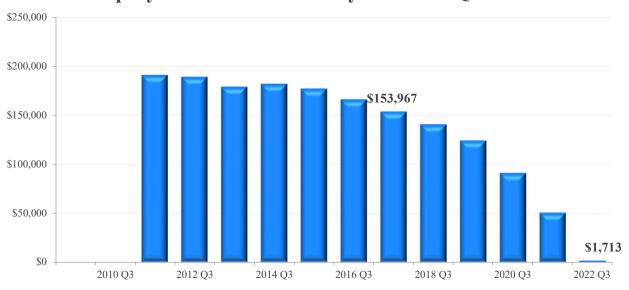
Local NAR Leadership

The Huntsville market is part of region 5 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The 2023 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 5 is Faron King.



Benefits of Ownership: Total Equity Appreciation

Total Equity Accrued to Owner by Year and Quarter of Purchase



Total Equity Gained** through 2023 Q3 from quarter in which home was of purchased				
Price Activity	Huntsville	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$1,713	\$14,262		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$91,153	\$109,915	Price trends in the last three years have undercut the steady post-recession home equity growth despite owners paying down principle	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$140,897	\$158,012		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$166,421	\$194,111		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$182,243	\$220,615		

^{*}Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity

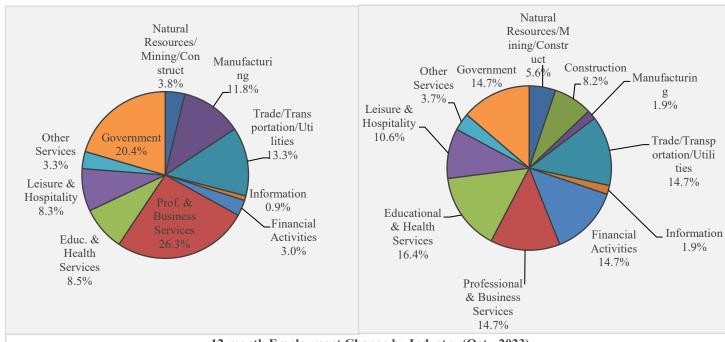
Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...



Local Economic Outlook	Huntsville	U.S.		
12-month Job Change (Oct)	9,400	Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains	
12-month Job Change (Sep)	11,700	Comparable	positive	
36-month Job Change (Oct)	30,800	Comparable	Unemployment in Huntsville is better than	
Current Unemployment Rate (Oct)	2.0%	3.9%	the national average and improving	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.0%	3.7%	Local employment growth is strong	
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	3.5%	2.6%	compared to other markets	

Share of Total Employment by Industry

Huntsville Area U.S.



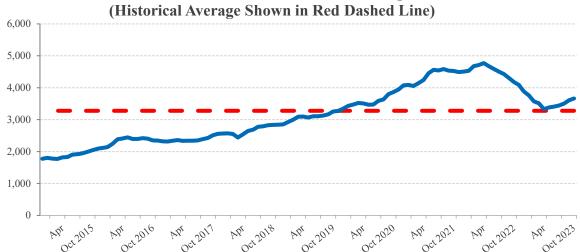
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Oct - 2023)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	-200	Financial Activities	100	
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	7,200	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	1,400	
Manufacturing	200	Leisure & Hospitality	100	
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	300	
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	-200	Government	2,800	

State Economic Activity Index	Alabama	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Oct)	2.6%	3.0%	Alabama's economy is growing, but decelerated from last month's 3.32% change
36-month change (2023 - Oct)	15.1%	14.2%	and lags the rest of the nation

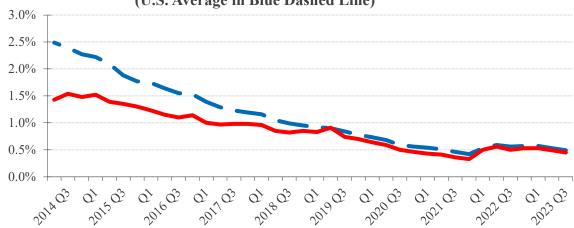


New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Huntsville	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Oct 2023	3,661	not comparable	The current level of construction is 11.7% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	3,276	not comparable	Production above trend for an extended period of time could cause prices to moderate as inventory is built up.	
Single-Family Housing Permits (Oct 2023) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	-12.4%	-14.1%	Construction is down from last year, but appears to have bottomed.	









Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

Affordability

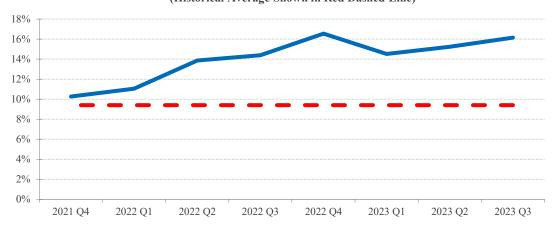


Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)



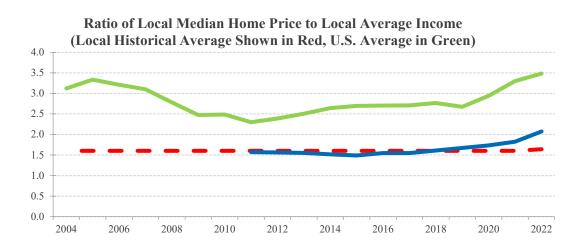
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Huntsville	U.S.		
Ratio for 2022	13.9%	23.3%	Weak by local standards and could weight on demand	
Ratio for 2023 Q3	16.1%	27.3%		
Historical Average	9.4%	17.8%	More affordable than most markets	

Recent Trend - Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Historical Average Shown in Red Dashed Line)

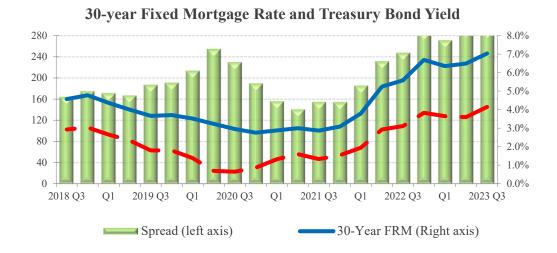


Median Home Price to Income	Huntsville	U.S.	
Ratio for 2022	2.1	3.5	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2023 Q3	2.0	3.4	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.6	2.8	Affordable compared to most markets





The Mortgage Market



For the most part of the third quarter, mortgage rates hovered above 7 percent, pushing down affordability to record lows. According to the mortgage finance provider Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate rose to 7.04 percent in the third quarter of 2023 from 5.58 percent the previous year. With this increase, Americans are cost burdened, spending \$1,800 above their budget every year. Nevertheless, the outlook appears more optimistic. If inflation continues to cool, the Federal Reserve will start reducing its interest rates as early as the beginning of next year.

NAR forecasts the 30-year fixed mortgage rate to conclude the year at 7.8 percent but then drop to 7.5 percent in the first quarter of next year.



Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Huntsville area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Huntsville metro area as officially defined by the Office of Management and Budget of the U.S. Government. The official coverage area includes the following counties:

Limeston County and Madison County

More information on the OMB's geographic definitions can be found at https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/omb/bulletins_default/