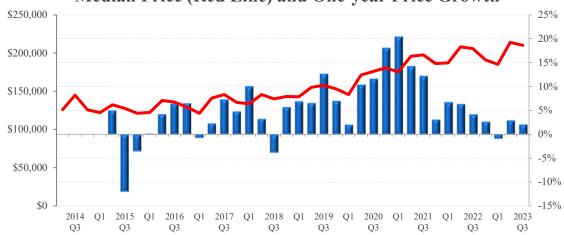


### **Montgomery Area**

#### **Local Market Report, Third Quarter 2023**

### Today's Market...

#### Median Price (Red Line) and One-year Price Growth



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Montgomery	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2023 Q3)	\$205,900	\$400,867	D :	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q3)	2.1%	2.4%	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q3)	19.4%	29.7%	growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$34,100	\$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*	\$74,400	\$161,400		
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$69,300	\$184,500	recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

	Montgomery	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	28%	not comparable	government-backed imancing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2023.			

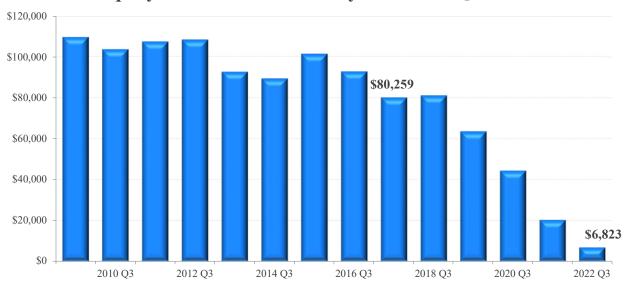
#### Local NAR Leadership

The Montgomery 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	Montgomery	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$6,823	\$14,262		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$44,475	\$109,915	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$81,289	\$158,012		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$92,950	\$194,111		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$89,486	\$220,615		

<sup>\*</sup>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...**

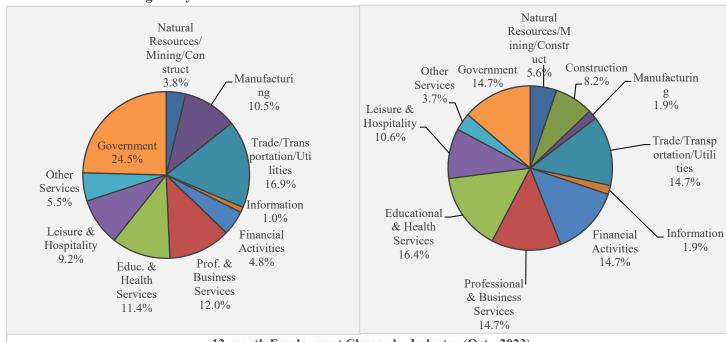


Local Economic Outlook	Montgomery	U.S.		
12-month Job Change (Oct)	1,200	Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains	
12-month Job Change (Sep)	2,600	Comparable	positive	
36-month Job Change (Oct)	10,700	Comparable	Unemployment in Montgomery is better	
Current Unemployment Rate (Oct)	2.5%	3.9%	than the national average and improving	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.8%	3.7%	Local employment growth is poor and	
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	0.7%	2.6%	needs to improve	

#### **Share of Total Employment by Industry**

**Montgomery Area** 

U.S.



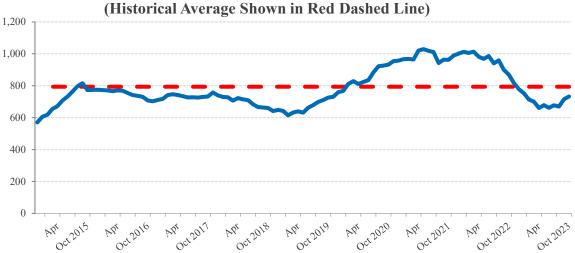
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Oct - 2023)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	0	Financial Activities	100	
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	0	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	500	
Manufacturing	700	Leisure & Hospitality	-700	
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	200	
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	400	Government	1,400	

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% char
36-month change (2023 - Oct)	15.1%	14.2%	and lags the rest of the nation

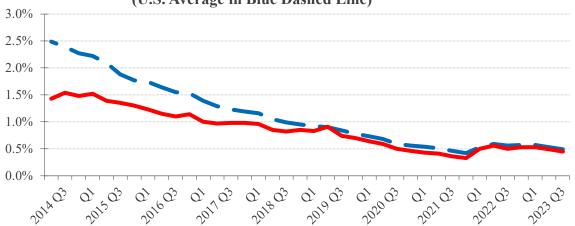


New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Montgomery	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Oct 2023	732	not comparable	The current level of construction is 7.8% below the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	794	not comparable	Reduced construction will limit new supply to the market, allowing demand to catch up with inventory more quickly	
Single-Family Housing Permits (Oct 2023) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	-15.8%	-14.1%	Construction is down from last year, but appears to have bottomed.	









Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

# **Affordability**

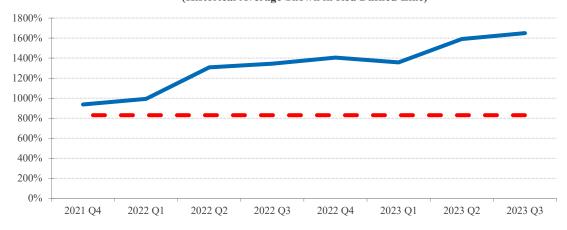


# Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)



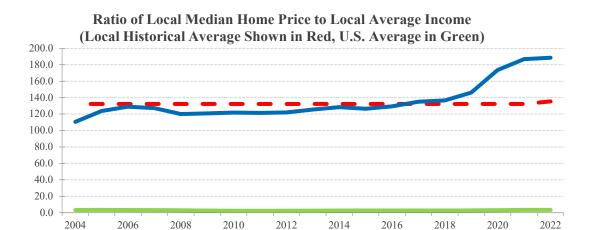
<b>Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income</b>	Montgomery	U.S.		
Ratio for 2022	1261.3%	23.3%	Weak by local standards and could weigh on demand	
Ratio for 2023 Q3	1649.8%	27.3%		
Historical Average	831.9%	17.8%	Weaker affordability than most markets	

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

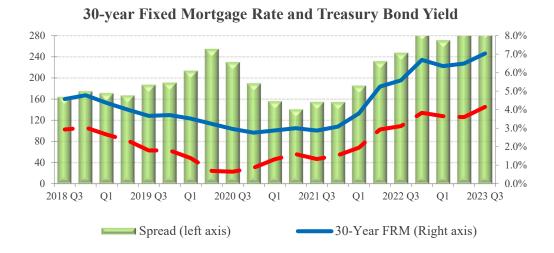


Median Home Price to Income	Montgomery	U.S.	
Ratio for 2022	188.7	3.5	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2023 Q3	205.9	3.4	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	135.4	2.8	Less affordable than most markets





#### 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 Montgomery area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Montgomery 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:

Autauga County, Elmore County, Lowndes County, and Montgomery County

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