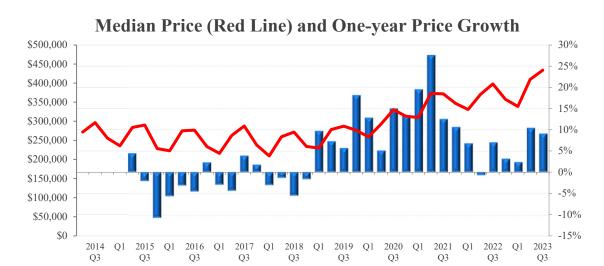


#### **Trenton Area**

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

## Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Trenton	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2023 Q3)	\$398,000	\$400,867	D:	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q3)	9.1%	2.4%	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q3)	31.4%	29.7%	growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$103,700	\$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*	\$157,300	\$161,400		
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$113,100	\$184,500	recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

	Trenton	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$726,200	\$1,089,300	Most buyers in this market have access to
FHA Loan Limit	\$472,030	\$1,089,300	•
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	55%	not comparable	government-backed financing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2023.			

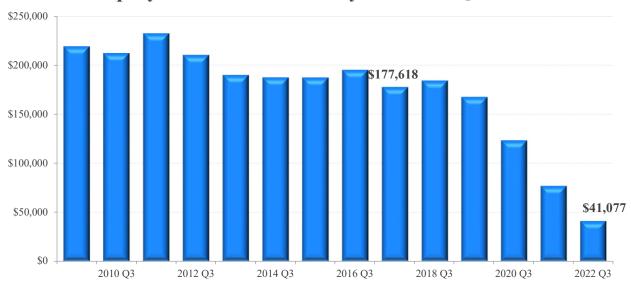
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

The Trenton market is part of region 2 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The 2023 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 2 is Jennifer Stevenson.



# **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	Trenton	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$41,077	\$14,262		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$123,172	\$109,915	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$184,107	\$158,012		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$195,125	\$194,111		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$187,357	\$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

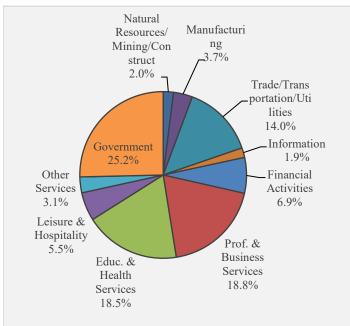
## **Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...**

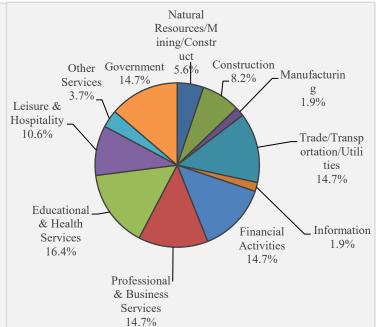


Local Economic Outlook	Trenton	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Oct)	9,200	Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains
12-month Job Change (Sep)	11,600	Comparable	positive
36-month Job Change (Oct)	30,600	Comparable	period last year, but Trenton's labor market
Current Unemployment Rate (Oct)	3.8%	3.9%	has been more resilient than the national
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.6%	3.7%	Local employment growth is strong
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	3.2%	2.6%	compared to other markets

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

Trenton Area U.S.





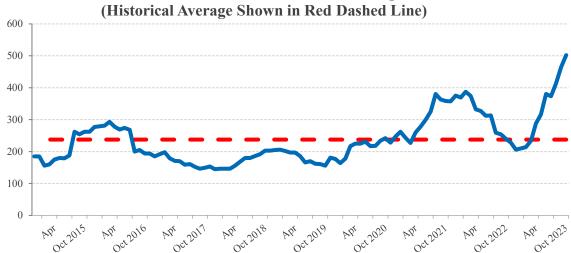
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Oct - 2023)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	-100	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	0	Financial Activities	-100	
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	900	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	6,000	
Manufacturing	400	Leisure & Hospitality	1,000	
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	400	
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	1,000	Government	2,100	

State Economic Activity Index	New Jersey	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Oct)	0.2%	3.0%	New Jersey's economy is growing, but decelerated from last month's 0.25% change
36-month change (2023 - Oct)	11.4%	14.2%	and lags the rest of the nation

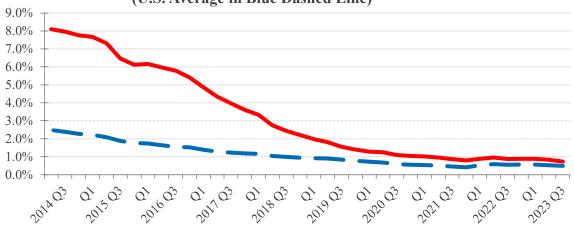


New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	Trenton	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Oct 2023	502	not comparable	The current level of construction is 111.2% above the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	238	not comparable	Production above 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	109.2%	-14.1%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized









Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

## **Affordability**

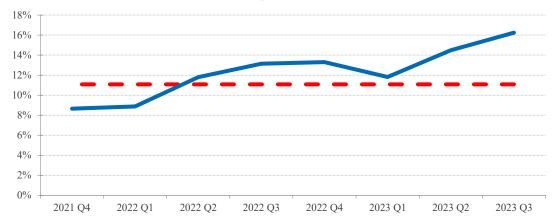


# Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)



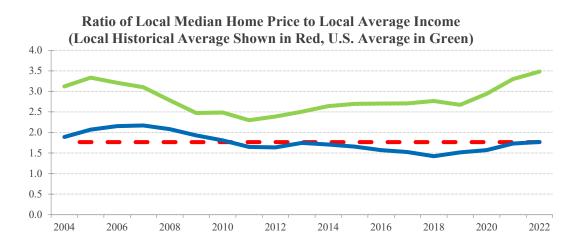
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Trenton	U.S.		
Ratio for 2022	11.8%	23.3%	Weak by local standards and could weigh	
Ratio for 2023 Q3	16.2%	27.3%	on demand	
Historical Average	11.1%	17.8%	More affordable than most markets	

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

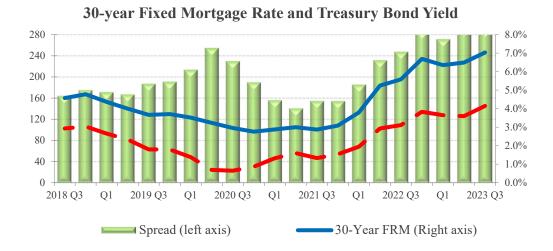


Median Home Price to Income	Trenton	U.S.	
Ratio for 2022	1.8	3.5	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2023 Q3	2.0	3.4	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.8	2.8	Affordable compared to most markets





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

#### Mercer County

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