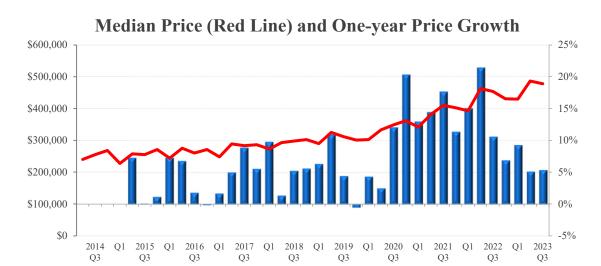


## **Burlington-South Burlington Area**

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

### Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Burlington	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2023 Q3)	\$453,700	\$400,867		
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q3)	5.4%	2.4%	Prices continue to grow relative to last year	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q3)	37.1%	29.7%		
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$129,400	\$91,700	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$218,100	\$161,400	trend of positive price growth after the	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$231,500	\$184,500	recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

	Burlington	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$726,200	\$1,089,300	Most buyers in this market have access to
FHA Loan Limit	\$492,200	\$1,089,300	government-backed financing
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	62%	not comparable	government-backed financing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made o	n January 1st 2023.		

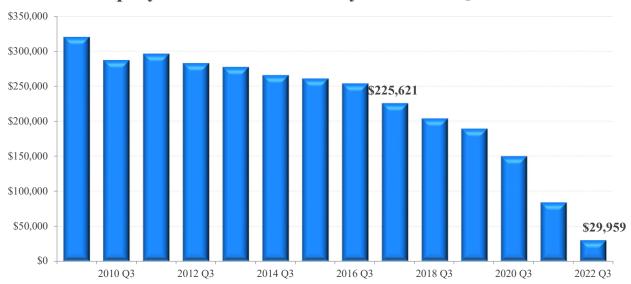
#### Local NAR Leadership

The Burlington-South Burlington market is part of region 1 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The 2023 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 1 is Stephen Medeiros.



# **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	Burlington	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$29,959	\$14,262		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$149,945	\$109,915	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$203,900	\$158,012		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$253,616	\$194,111		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$265,663	\$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...**

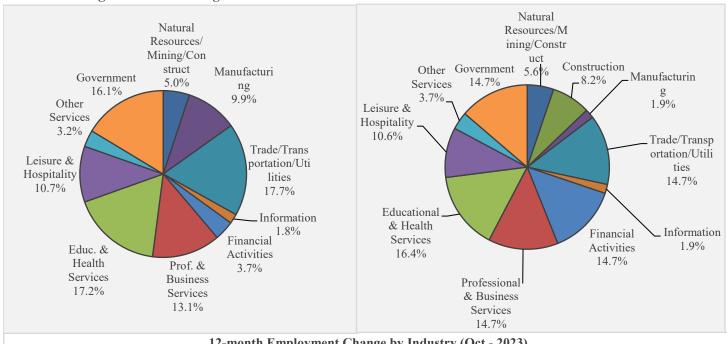


Local Economic Outlook	Burlington	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Oct)	1,500	Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains
12-month Job Change (Sep)	2,100	Comparable	positive
36-month Job Change (Oct)	6,700	Comparable	Unemployment in Burlington is better than
Current Unemployment Rate (Oct)	1.6%	3.9%	the national average and improving
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.0%	3.7%	Local employment growth is poor and
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	1.2%	2.6%	needs to improve

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

#### **Burlington-South Burlington Area**

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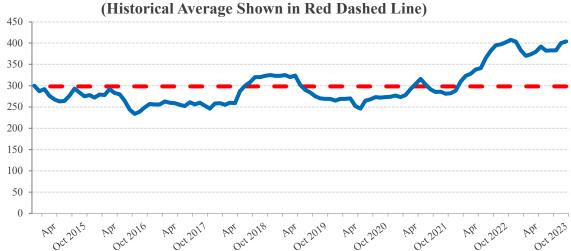
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Oct - 2023)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	100	Financial Activities	0	
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	600	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	-200	
Manufacturing	-400	Leisure & Hospitality	700	
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	0	
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	400	Government	900	

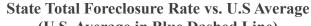
State Economic Activity Index	Vermont	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Oct)	2.2%	3.0%	The economy of Vermont is growing more slowly than the rest of the nation, but
36-month change (2023 - Oct)	6.7%	14.2%	improved modestly from last month's 2.06% change

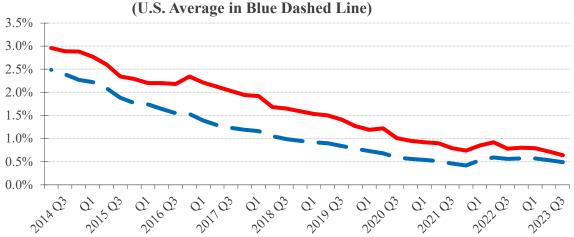


New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Burlington	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Oct 2023	404	not comparable	The current level of construction is 35.4% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	298	not comparable	Production 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	0.5%	-14.1%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized	









Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

## **Affordability**

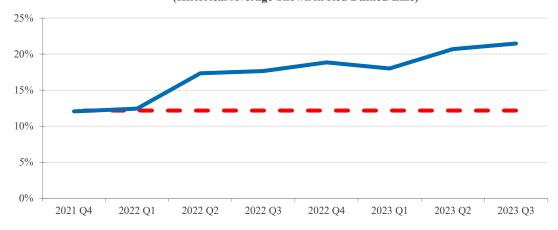


## Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)



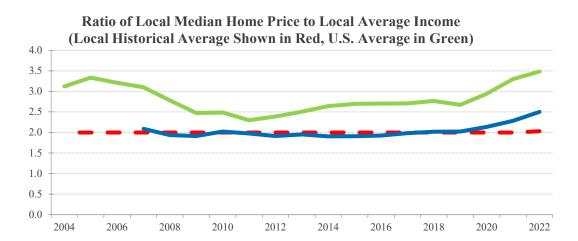
<b>Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income</b>	Burlington	U.S.		
Ratio for 2022	16.7%	23.3%	Weak by local standards and could weigh on demand	
Ratio for 2023 Q3	21.5%	27.3%		
Historical Average	12.2%	17.8%	More affordable than most markets	

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



Median Home Price to Income	Burlington	U.S.	
Ratio for 2022	2.5	3.5	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2023 Q3	2.7	3.4	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	2.0	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 Burlington area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Burlington-South Burlington 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:

Chittenden County, Franklin County, and Grand Isle County

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