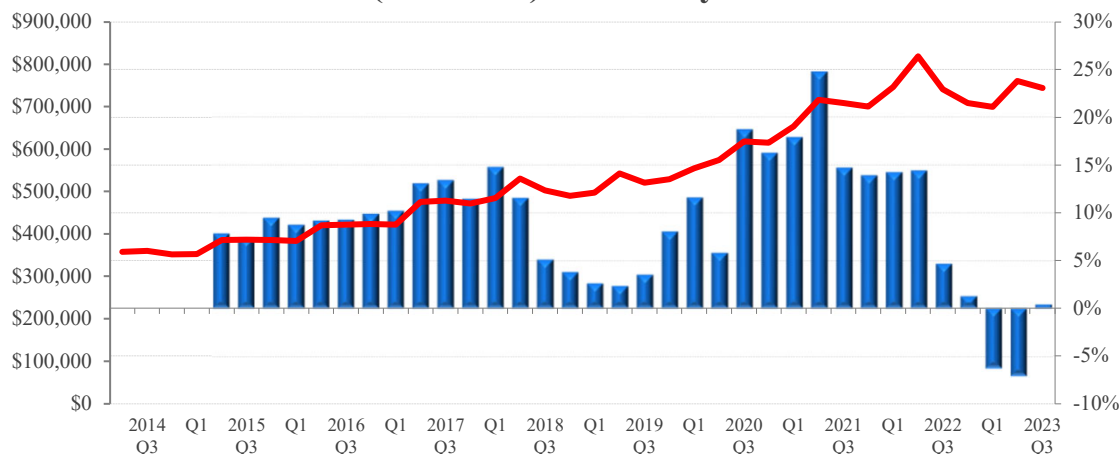


## Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area

### Local Market Report, Third Quarter 2023

## Today's Market...

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



Local Price Trends			
Price Activity	Seattle	U.S.	Local Trend
Current Median Home Price (2023 Q3)	\$741,300	\$400,867	Prices continue to grow relative to last year
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q3)	0.4%	2.4%	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q3)	20.5%	29.7%	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$126,600	\$91,700	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the trend of positive price growth after the recession
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$322,200	\$161,400	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$400,900	\$184,500	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only			

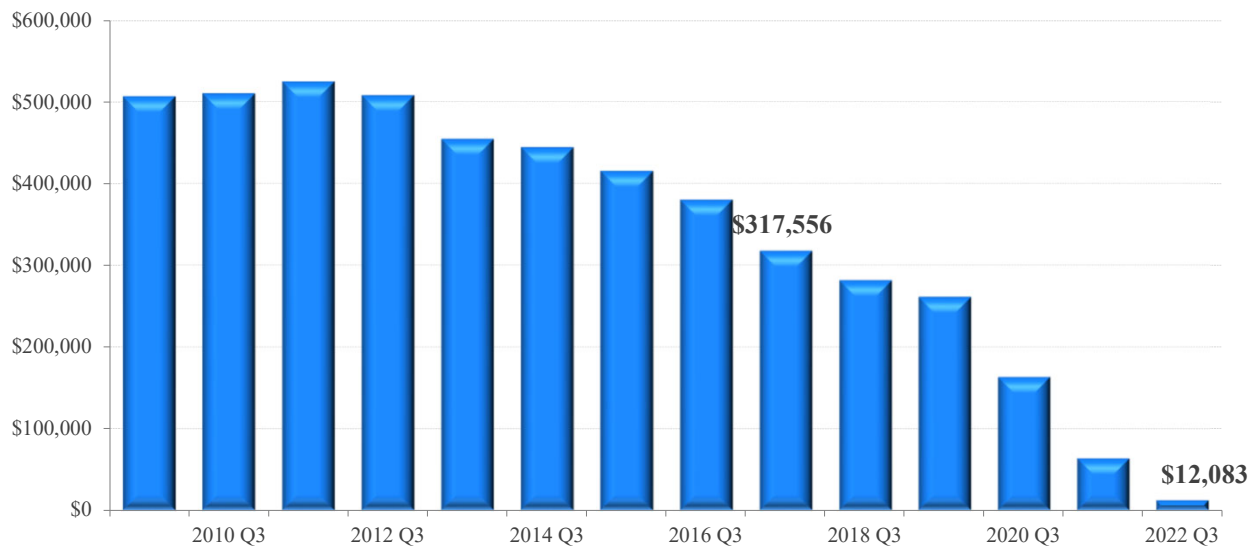
	Seattle	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$977,500	\$1,089,300	Not all buyers have access to government-backed financing in this market
FHA Loan Limit	\$977,500	\$1,089,300	
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	76%	not comparable	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2023.			

#### Local NAR Leadership

The Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue market is part of region 12 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Alaska. The 2023 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 12 is Evelyn Arnott.

# 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	Seattle	U.S.	Local Trend
1-year (4-quarter)	\$12,083	\$14,262	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity growth since the recession
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$162,993	\$109,915	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$281,656	\$158,012	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$379,859	\$194,111	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$444,473	\$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...

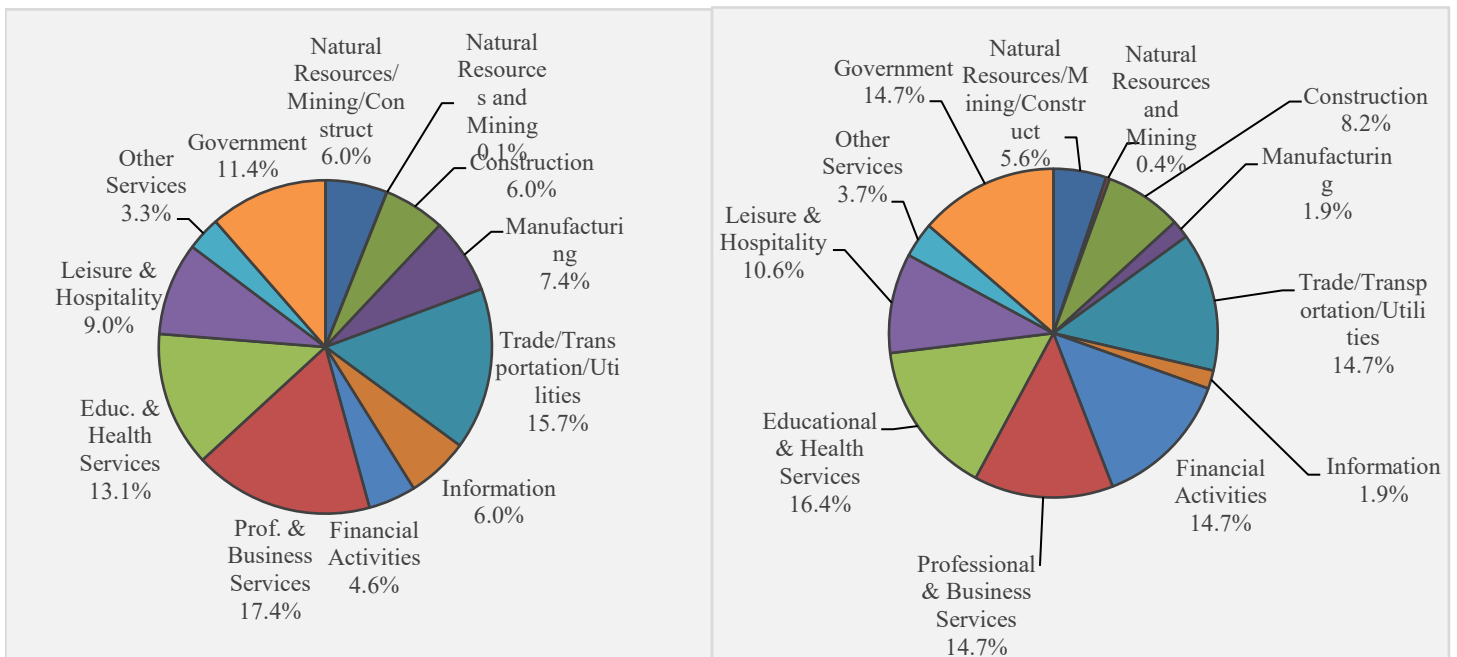


Local Economic Outlook	Seattle	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Oct)	48,700	NOT Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains positive
12-month Job Change (Sep)	52,800	NOT Comparable	
36-month Job Change (Oct)	215,000	NOT Comparable	Unemployment has risen since the same period last year, but Seattle's labor market has been more resilient than the national average
Current Unemployment Rate (Oct)	3.9%	3.9%	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	Local employment growth is poor and needs to improve
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.3%	2.6%	

## Share of Total Employment by Industry

Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Area

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## 12-month Employment Change by Industry (Oct - 2023)

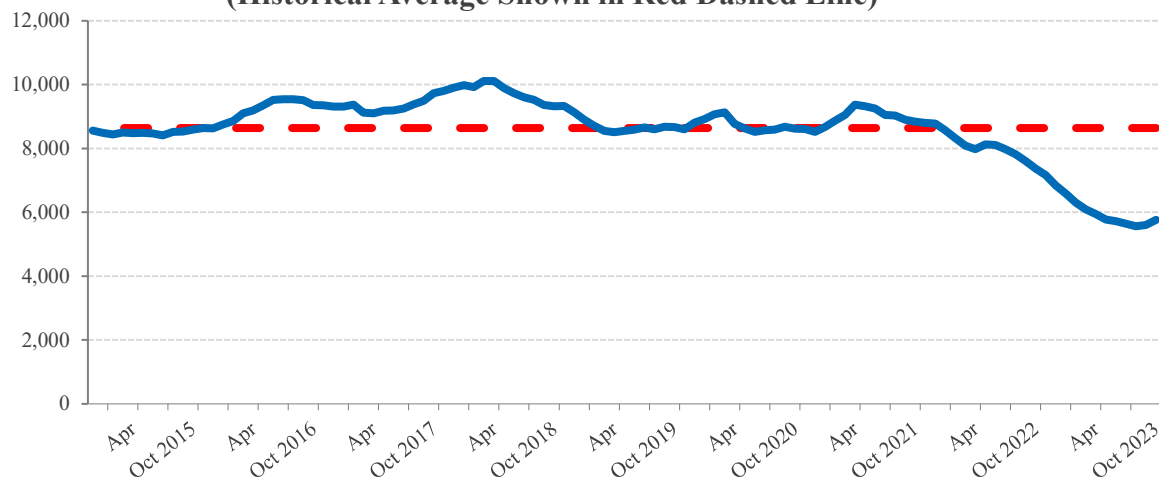
Goods Producing	NA	Information	-6,700
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	1,900	Financial Activities	1,500
Natural Resources and Mining	0	Prof. & Business Services	6,300
Construction	1,900	Educ. & Health Services	19,200
Manufacturing	6,400	Leisure & Hospitality	9,100
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	2,300
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	7,000	Government	5,800

State Economic Activity Index	Washington	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Oct)	4.6%	3.0%	The economy of Washington has outpaced the rest of the nation and improved modestly from last month's 4.57% change
36-month change (2023 - Oct)	20.3%	14.2%	

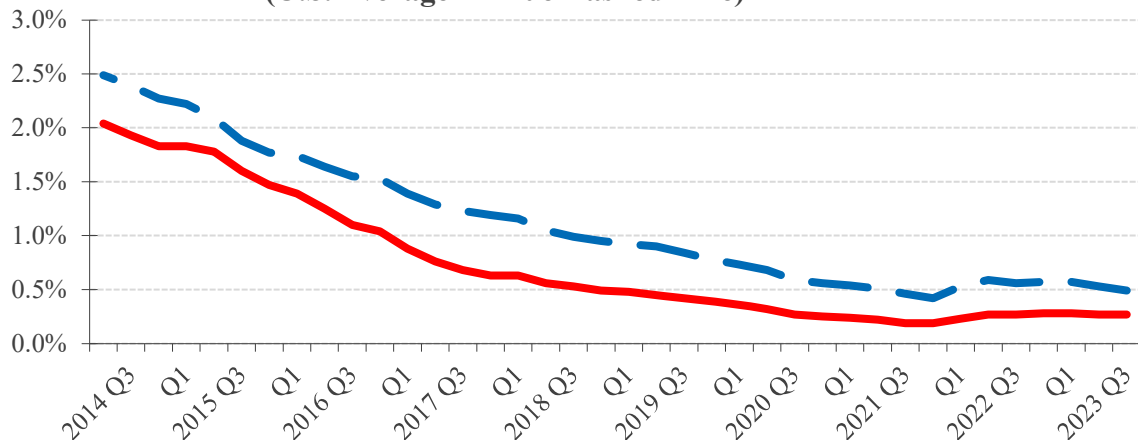
## New Housing Construction

Local Fundamentals	Seattle	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Oct 2023	5,762	not comparable	The current level of construction is 33.3% below the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	8,640	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	-21.8%	-14.1%	Construction is down from last year, but appears to have bottomed.

**Construction: 12-month Sum of Local Housing Permits**  
(Historical Average Shown in Red Dashed Line)

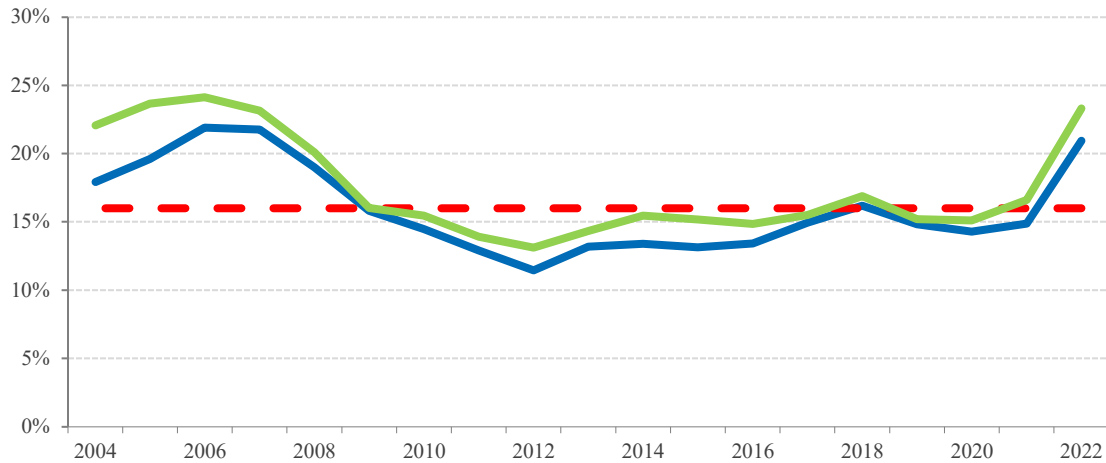


**State Total Foreclosure Rate vs. U.S. Average**  
(U.S. Average in Blue Dashed Line)



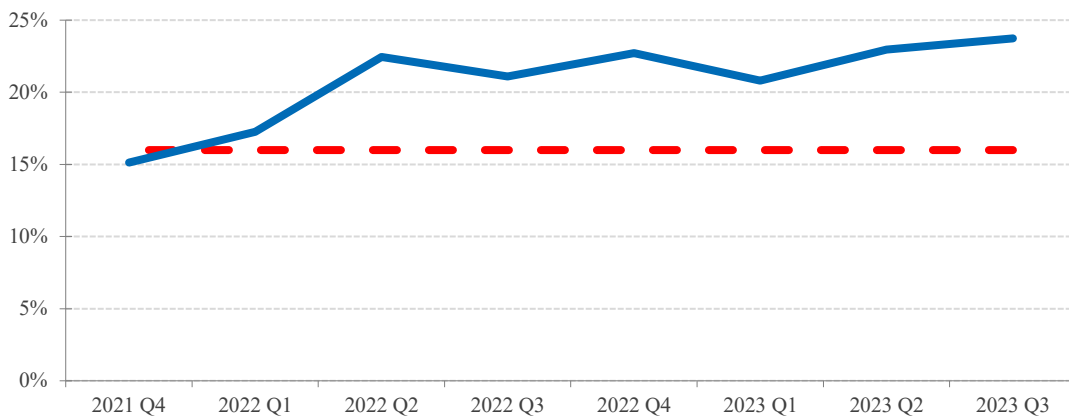
# Affordability

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

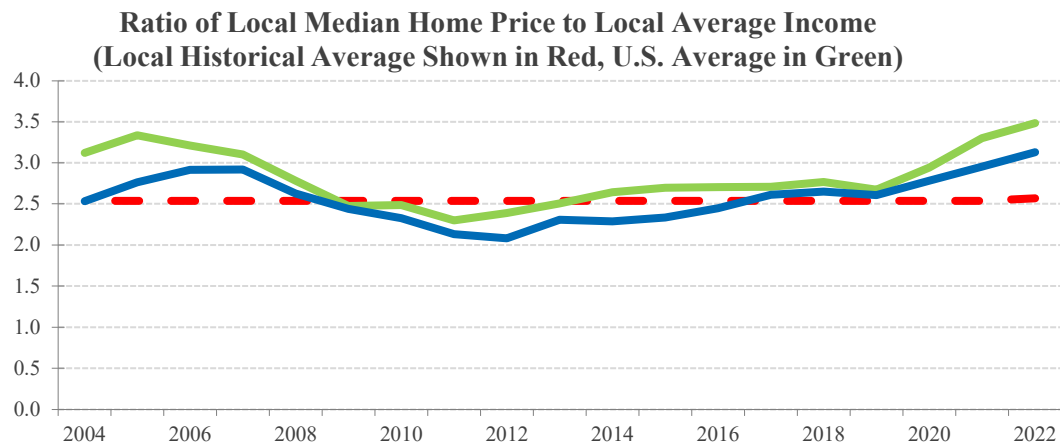


Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Seattle	U.S.	
Ratio for 2022	20.9%	23.3%	Weak by local standards and could weigh on demand
Ratio for 2023 Q3	23.7%	27.3%	
Historical Average	16.0%	17.8%	More affordable than most markets

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



Median Home Price to Income	Seattle	U.S.	
Ratio for 2022	3.1	3.5	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic standards and getting worse
Ratio for 2023 Q3	3.0	3.4	
Historical Average	2.6	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 Seattle area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue 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:

King County, Pierce County, and Snohomish County

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