

### **Omaha-Council Bluffs Area**

Local Market Report, Second Quarter 2021

reflecting the impact of COVID-19 on the local economy

### Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Omaha	U.S.	Local Trend		
\$247,200	\$351,267	Drives are up from a year age, but price		
13.2%	21.9%	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing		
26.3%	32.3%			
\$51,400	\$85,667	Gains in the last 3 years have extended th trend of positive price growth after the recession		
\$96,400	\$139,433			
\$104,200	\$170,333			
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\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Omaha	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$510,400	\$765,600	Most buyers in this market have access to
FHA Loan Limit	\$331,760	\$765,600	government-backed financing
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	48%	not comparable	government-backed infancing
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The Omaha-Council Bluffs market is part of region 8 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. The 2021 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 8 is Len Sarvela.



# **Benefits of Ownership: Total Equity Appreciation**



Total Equity Gained\*\* through 2021 Q2 from quarter in which home was of purchased **Local Trend** Omaha U.S. **Price Activity** 1-year (4-quarter) \$32,778 \$68,283 3-year (12-quarter)\* \$60,399 \$97,874 Price appreciation and principle payments 5-year (20-quarter)\* \$93,062 \$134,190 in the last 3 years have boosted total equity 7-year (28 quarters)\* \$114,919 \$165,448 growth since the recession 9-year (36 quarters)\* \$201,855 \$129,113

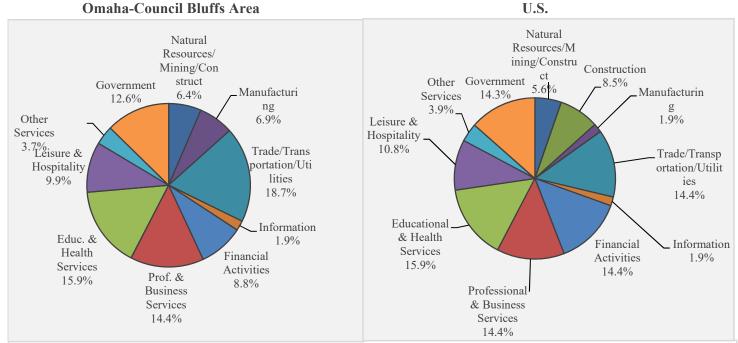
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity

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



Local Economic Outlook	Omaha	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Aug)	11,300	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains positive
12-month Job Change (Jul)	15,300	Not Comparable	
36-month Job Change (Aug)	-8,800	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Omaha is better than the national average and improving
Current Unemployment Rate (Jul)	2.6%	5.4%	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	5.6%	10.2%	Local employment growth is strong
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.3%	-0.8%	compared to other markets

#### Share of Total Employment by Industry



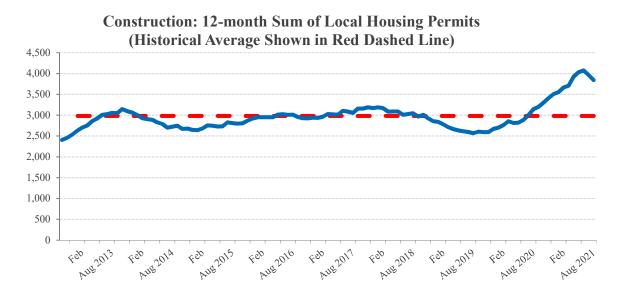
#### 12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Omaha-Council Bluffs Area (Aug - 2021)

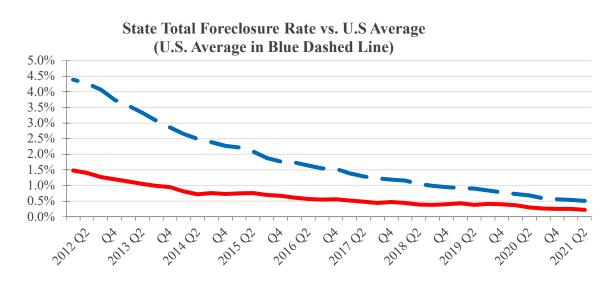
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	800	Financial Activities	-1,500
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	1,800
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	2,500
Manufacturing	1,500	Leisure & Hospitality	5,100
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	700
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	3,000	Government	1,400

State Economic Activity Index	Nebraska	U.S.	
12-month change (2021 - Jul)	7.9%	6.8%	Nebraska's economy is stronger than the nation's, but slowed from last month's
36-month change (2021 - Jul)	6.3%	2.7%	10.64% change



New Housing Construction					
Local Fundamentals Omaha U.S.					
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Aug 2021	3,843	not comparable	The current level of construction is 28.8% above the long-term average		
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	2,983	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 (Aug 2021) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	22.2%	26.8%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized		

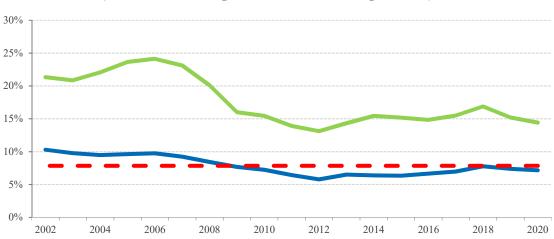




Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



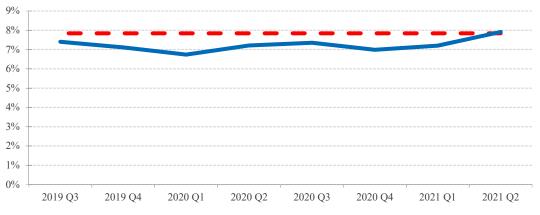
### Affordability



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

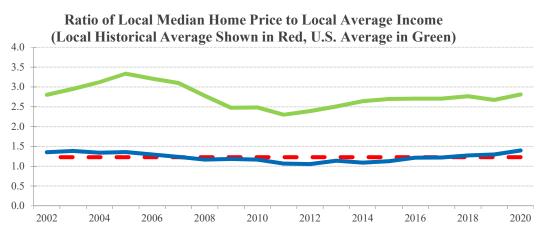
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Omaha	U.S.		
Ratio for 2020	7.2%	14.4%	Weak by local standards and could weigh	
Ratio for 2021 Q2	7.9%	16.0%	on demand	
Historical Average	7.8%	18.0%	More affordable than most markets	

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

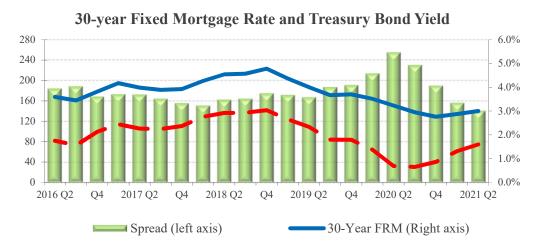


Median Home Price to Income	Omaha	U.S.	
Ratio for 2020	1.4	2.8	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2021 Q2	1.6	3.2	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.2	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





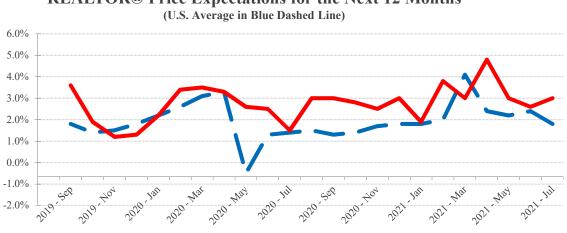
#### The Mortgage Market



In the second quarter of 2021, mortgage rates were higher than the previous quarter as the economy grew faster than expected with millions of Americans resuming traveling, going to restaurants, bars, events and shows. Nevertheless, mortgage rates were still lower than a year earlier. According to the mortgage finance provider Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate was 3.00 percent in Q2 2021 compared to 3.23 percent a year earlier. What to expect from mortgage rates in the upcoming quarters? Rates are expected to rise further as the Fed will likely start reducing its bond purchases before the end of the year and raise interest rates by the middle of next year. NAR forecasts the 30-year fixed mortgage rate to reach 3.5% by mid-2022.



### **REALTOR®** Price Expectations



**REALTOR®** Price Expectations for the Next 12 Months

Source: NAR

<b>REALTOR®</b> Price Expectations	Nebraska	U.S.	
2021 - Aug	3.0%	1.1%	REALTORS® expect higher price growth in Nebraska than in the U.S. in the next 12
Prior 12 months	2.8%	1.4%	months. Their price expectations are also higher than a year ago.



## Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Omaha area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Omaha-Council Bluffs 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:

# Harrison County, IA; Mills County, IA; Pottawattamie County, IA; Cass County, NE; Douglas County, NE; Sarpy County, NE; Saunders County, NE; Washington County, NE

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