

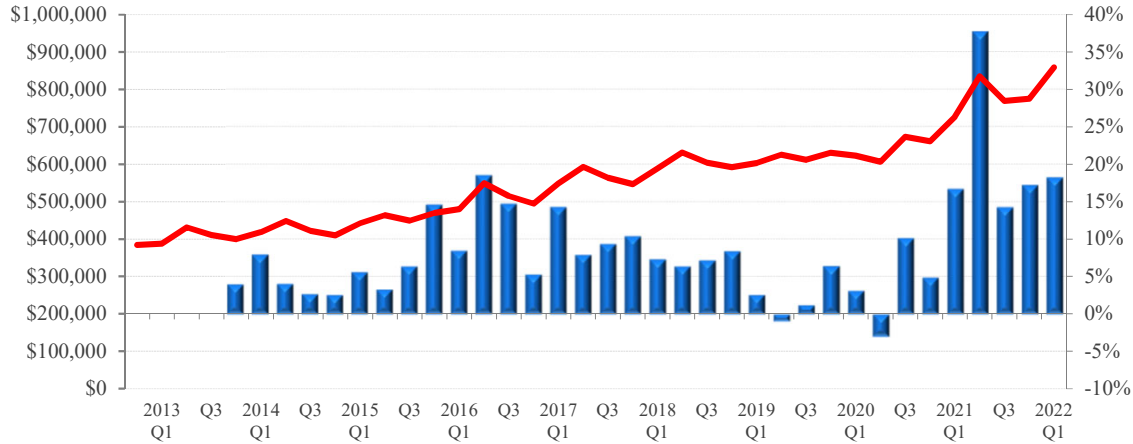
## Boulder Area

### Local Market Report, First Quarter 2022

reflecting the impact of COVID-19 on the local economy

## Today's Market...

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



Local Price Trends			
Price Activity	Boulder	U.S.	Local Trend
Current Median Home Price (2022 Q1)	\$859,100	\$365,767	Prices continue to grow relative to last year
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2022 Q1)	18.2%	15.2%	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2022 Q1)	42.3%	44.5%	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$255,500	\$112,700	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the trend of positive price growth after the recession
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$416,900	\$162,367	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$471,300	\$189,833	

\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Boulder	U.S.	
<b>Conforming Loan Limit**</b>	\$747,500	\$765,600	Government-backed financing is limited in this market, hampering home sales
<b>FHA Loan Limit</b>	\$747,500	\$765,600	
<b>Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio</b>	115%	not comparable	

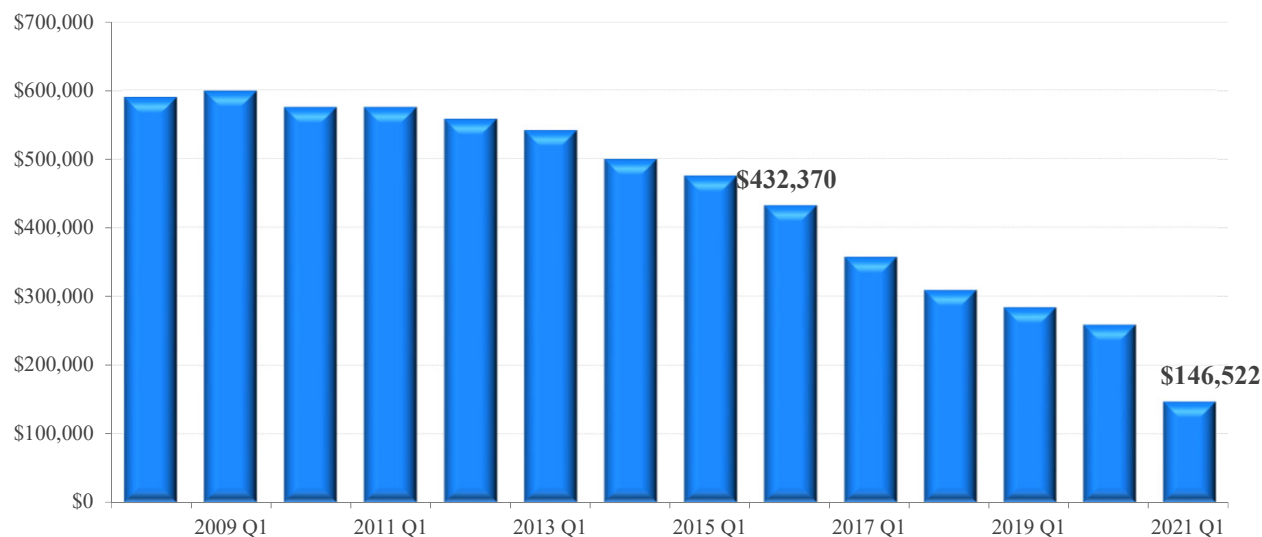
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2022.

#### Local NAR Leadership

The Boulder market is part of region 11 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada. The 2022 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 11 is Rick Southwick.

## Benefits of Ownership: Total Equity Appreciation

### Total Equity Accrued to Owner by Year and Quarter of Purchase



### Total Equity Gained\*\* through 2022 Q1 from quarter in which home was of purchased

Price Activity	Boulder	U.S.	Local Trend
1-year (4-quarter)	\$146,522	\$54,263	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity growth since the recession
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$284,033	\$124,663	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$357,162	\$154,612	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$475,043	\$189,111	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$541,372	\$221,623	

\*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...

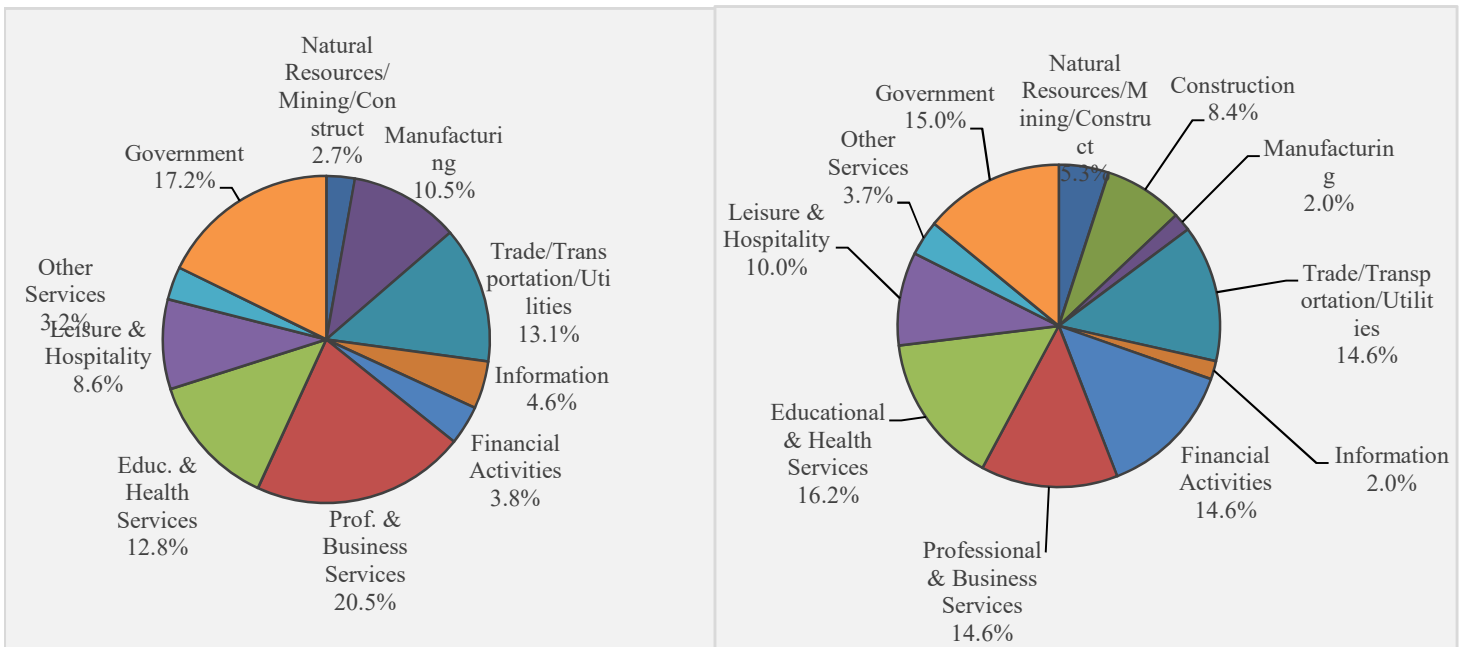


Local Economic Outlook	Boulder	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Mar)	12,100	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an upward trend
12-month Job Change (Feb)	11,900	Not Comparable	
36-month Job Change (Mar)	4,800	Not Comparable	Boulder's unemployment situation is worse than the national average and weighs on confidence
Current Unemployment Rate (Mar)		3.6%	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	5.1%	6.0%	Local employment growth is strong compared to other markets
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	6.4%	6.2%	

## Share of Total Employment by Industry

**Boulder Area**

**U.S.**



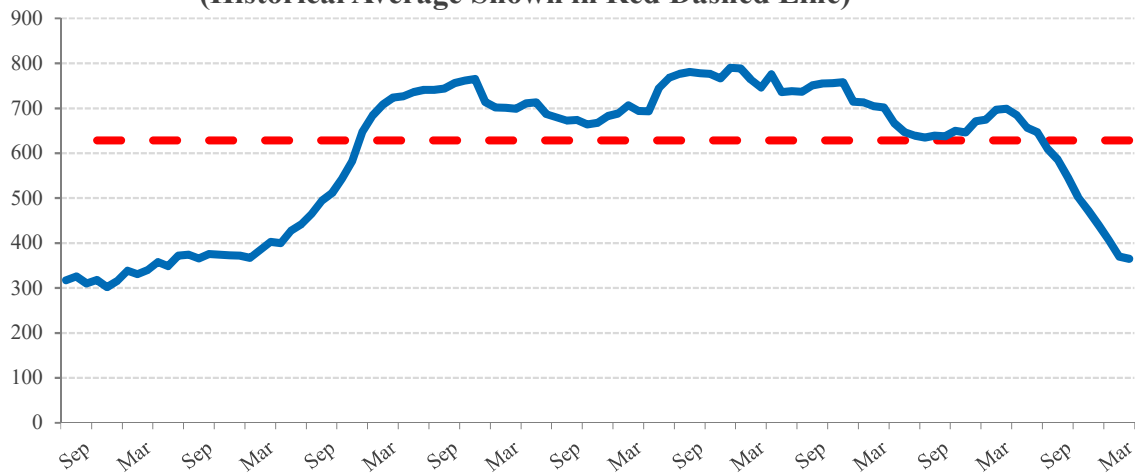
### 12-month Employment Change by Industry (Mar - 2022)

Goods Producing	NA	Information	500
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	100	Financial Activities	200
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	4,100
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	700
Manufacturing	400	Leisure & Hospitality	1,900
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	500
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	700	Government	1,200

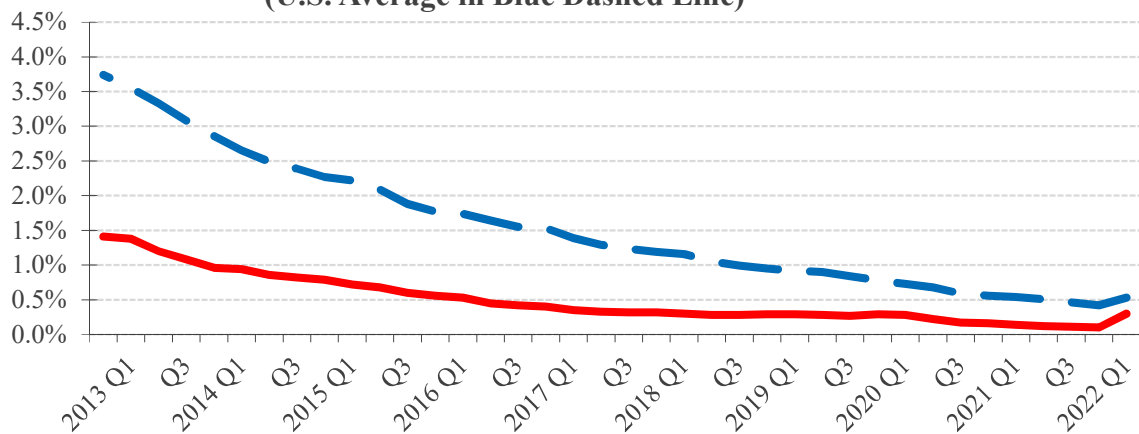
State Economic Activity Index	Colorado	U.S.	
12-month change (2022 - Mar)	7.0%	5.7%	The economy of Colorado has outpaced the rest of the nation and improved modestly from last month's 7.01% change
36-month change (2022 - Mar)	NA	4.4%	

New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	Boulder	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Mar	365	not comparable	The current level of construction is 41.9% below the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	629	not comparable	Reduced construction will limit new supply to the market, allowing demand to catch up with inventory more quickly
Single-Family Housing Permits (Mar) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	-47.8%	7.8%	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)

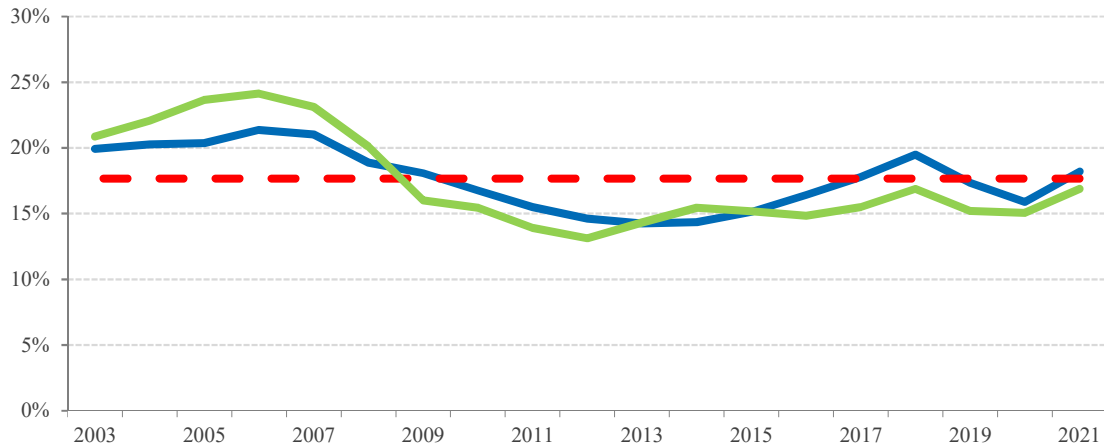


**State Total Foreclosure Rate vs. U.S. Average**  
(U.S. Average in Blue Dashed Line)



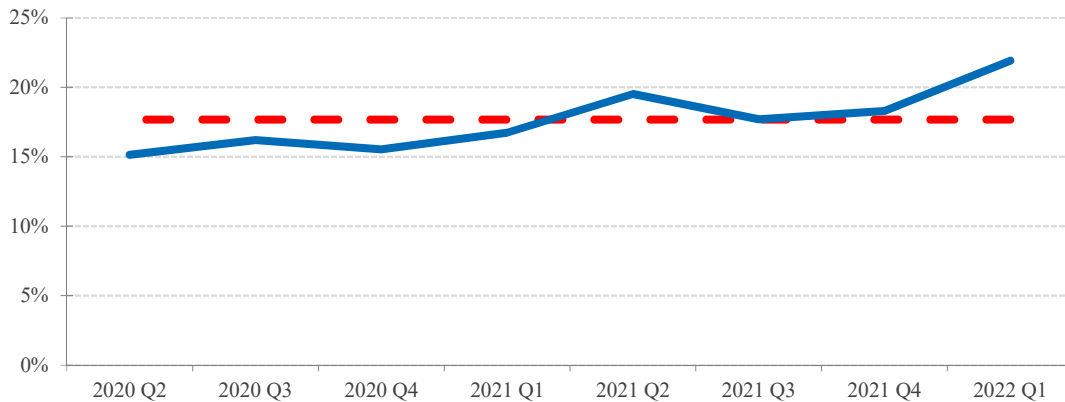
# Affordability

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

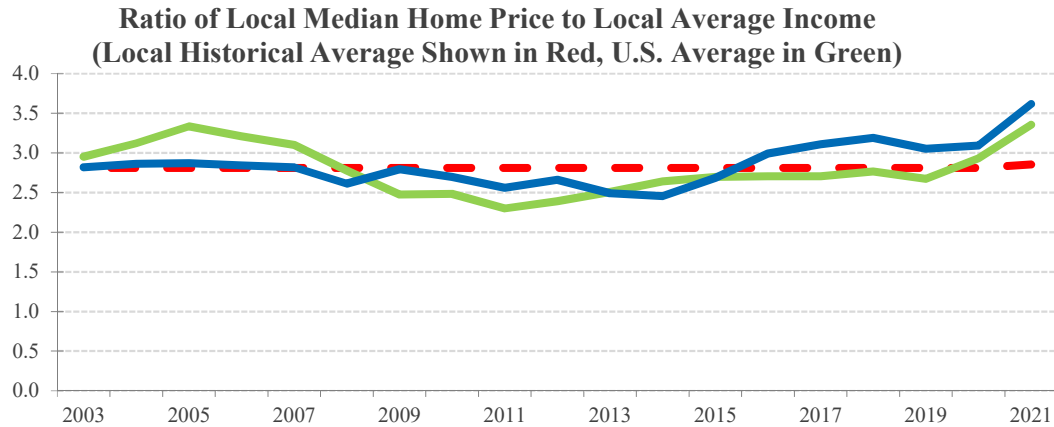


Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Boulder	U.S.	
Ratio for 2021	18.2%	16.9%	Weak by local standards and could weigh on demand
Ratio for 2022 Q1	21.9%	18.5%	
Historical Average	17.7%	18.1%	More affordable than most markets

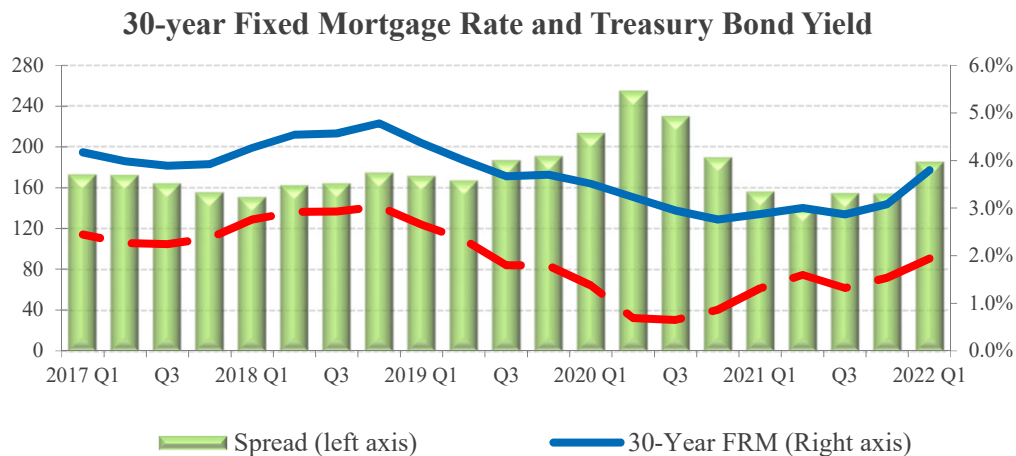
**Recent Trend - Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income**  
(Historical Average Shown in Red Dashed Line)



Median Home Price to Income	Boulder	U.S.	
Ratio for 2021	3.6	3.4	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic standards and getting worse
Ratio for 2022 Q1	3.9	3.3	
Historical Average	2.9	2.7	Less affordable than most markets



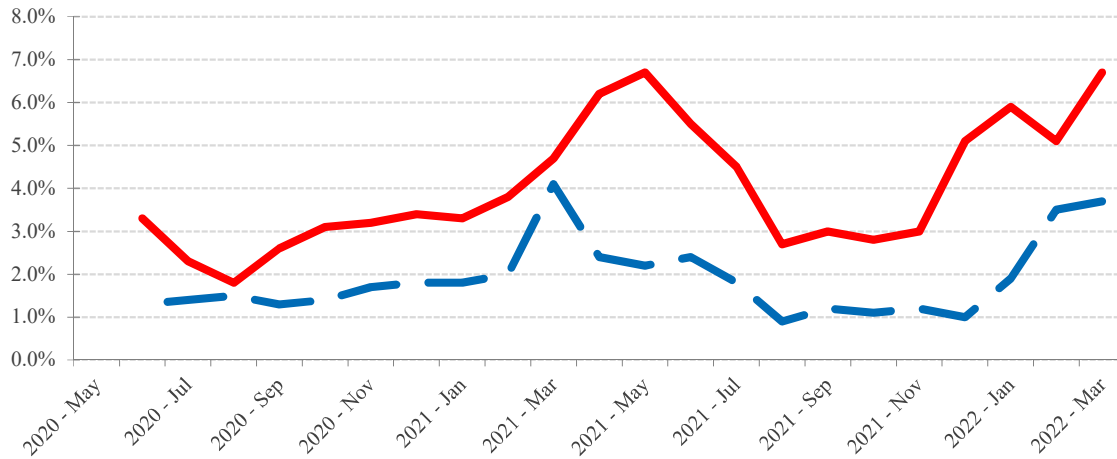
## The Mortgage Market



Mortgage rates surged in the first quarter of the year. The war in Ukraine added to upward pressure on inflation. As a result, the Federal Reserve raised its short-term interest rates by 25 basis points in March in its efforts to control elevated inflation. Although the Fed doesn't set up mortgage rates, Fed's actions have a ripple effect. A higher rate for banks tends to make borrowing more expensive for consumers affecting eventually long-term interest rates (such as 10-year Treasury bond). While mortgage rates typically follow the trend of the 10-year Treasury yield, the rate on the conventional 30-year mortgage also tends to rise. Nevertheless, the Fed will continue its tightening policy with additional rate hikes in the following months. Thus, the outlook is for mortgage rates to rise even further. According to the mortgage finance provider Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate rose to 3.8 percent in Q1 2022 from 2.9 percent a year earlier. NAR forecasts the 30-year fixed mortgage rate to hover around 5.5 percent in mid-2022.

# REALTOR® Price Expectations

**REALTOR® Price Expectations for the Next 12 Months**  
(U.S. Average in Blue Dashed Line)



Source: NAR

REALTOR® Price Expectations	Colorado	U.S.	
2022 - Mar	5.1%	3.6%	REALTORS® expect higher price growth in Colorado than in the U.S. in the next 12 months. However, their price expectations for the local market are more modest than a year ago.
Prior 12 months	6.7%	2.2%	

## Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Boulder area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Boulder 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:

### Boulder 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/)