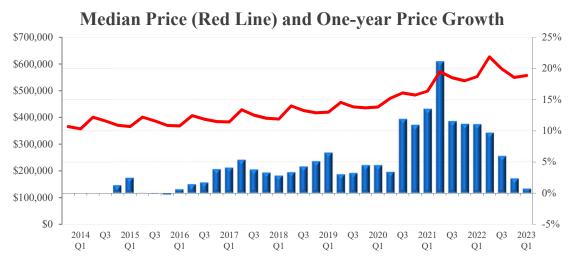


## Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Area

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

## Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Washington, DC	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2023 Q1)	\$557,200	\$366,733	D.: f h h	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q1)	0.8%	0.3%	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q1)	27.0%	34.6%	growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$118,300	\$94,267	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$188,800	\$151,000	trend of positive price growth after the	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$200,000	\$175,733	recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

	Washington, DC	U.S.		
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$1,089,300	\$1,089,300	Most buyers in this market have access to government-backed financing	
FHA Loan Limit	\$1,089,300	\$1,089,300		
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	51%	not comparable	government-backed financing	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2023.				

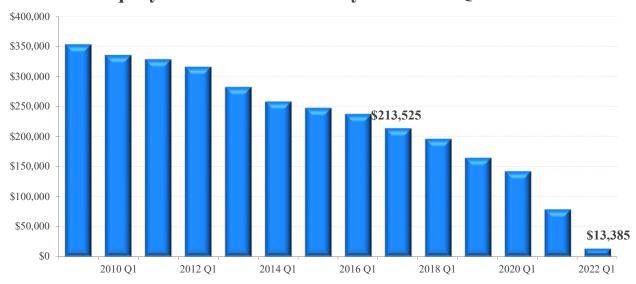
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

The Washington-Arlington-Alexandria market is part of region 3 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, and West Virginia. The 2023 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 3 is Gail Renulfi.



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

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



Total Equity Gained** through 2023 Q1 from quarter in which home was of purchased				
Price Activity	Washington	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$13,385	\$7,042		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$142,019	\$108,992		
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$195,756	\$143,305	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$237,174	\$179,328	growth since the recession	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$257,977	\$206,734		

\*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



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

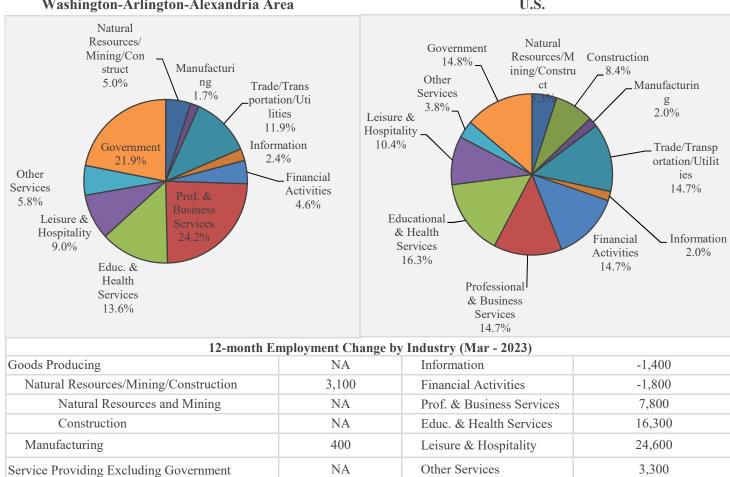
Local Economic Outlook	Washington, DC	U.S.		
12-month Job Change (Mar)	73,800	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an	
12-month Job Change (Feb)	62,900	Ñot Comparable	upward trend	
36-month Job Change (Mar)	4,400	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Washington, DC is bette than the national average and improving	
Current Unemployment Rate (Mar)	2.7%	3.5%		
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.6%	Local employment growth is poor and	
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.3%	3.8%	needs to improve	

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

Washington-Arlington-Alexandria Area

Trade/Transportation/Utilities

U.S.



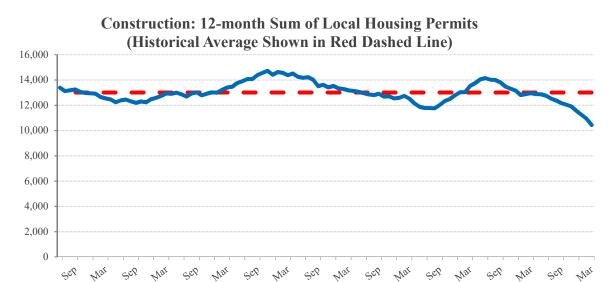
State Economic Activity Index	D.C.	U.S.		
12-month change (2023 - Mar)	NA	3.8%	NA	
36-month change (2023 - Mar)	NA	6.7%	IVA	

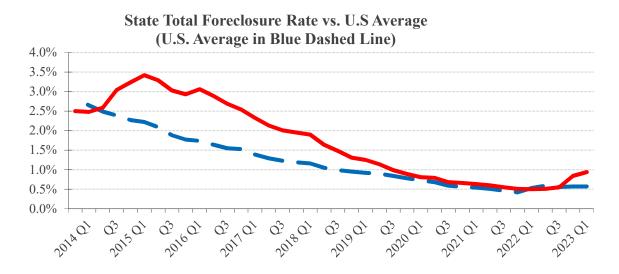
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New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Washington, DC	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Mar	10,439	not comparable	The current level of construction is 19.8% below the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	13,012	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	-19.4%	-21.2%	Construction continues to decline from last year	





Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

# **Affordability**

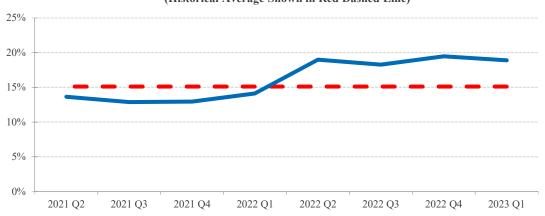


# Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)



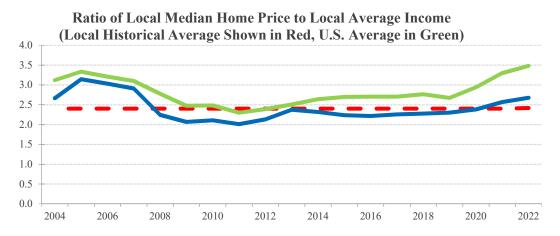
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Washington, DC	U.S.		
Ratio for 2022	17.9%	23.3%	Weak by local standards and could weight on demand	
Ratio for 2023 Q1	18.9%	23.3%		
Historical Average	15.1%	17.8%	More affordable than most markets	

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



Median Home Price to Income	Washington, DC	U.S.	
Ratio for 2022	2.7	3.5	The price-to-income ratio eased, but could
Ratio for 2023 Q1	2.5	3.1	be better
Historical Average	2.4	2.8	Affordable compared to most markets





## The Mortgage Market



After surpassing twice the 7 percent threshold at the end of 2022, mortgage rates fell in the beginning of 2023. According to the mortgage finance provider Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate dropped to 6.36% in the first quarter of 2023 from 6.69% the previous quarter. Nevertheless, rates continue to be 1.7 times higher than the previous year (3.79%). Although rates will continue to fluctuate in the following months, with inflation easing further and the Federal Reserve expected to pause its rate hikes soon, mortgage rates will stabilize near 6% in the second half of the year. NAR forecasts the 30-year fixed mortgage rate to average 6.3% and 6.1% at the second and third quarter of the year, respectively.



# Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Washington, DC area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria 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:

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County, MD; Arlington County, VA; Clarke County, VA; Culpeper County, VA; Fairfax County, VA; Fauquier County, VA; Loudoun County, VA; Prince William County, VA; Rappahannock County, VA; Spotsylvania County, VA; Stafford County, VA; Warren County, VA; Alexandria city, VA; Fairfax city, VA; Falls Church city, VA; Fredericksburg city, VA; Manassas city, VA; Manassas Park city, VA; Jefferson County, WV

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