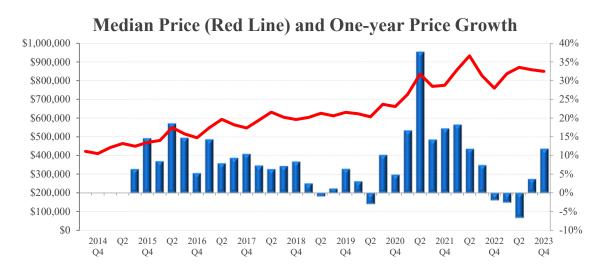


## **Boulder Area**

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

# Today's Market...



Local Price Trends						
Price Activity	Boulder	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>			
Current Median Home Price (2023 Q4)	\$849,400	\$387,300				
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q4)	11.8%	3.9%	Prices continue to grow relative to last year			
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q4)	28.4%	24.5%				
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$188,100	\$76,300	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the			
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$354,600	\$153,367	trend of positive price growth after the			
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$439,400	\$179,667	recession			
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only						

	Boulder	U.S.			
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$856,750	\$1,149,825	Not all buyers have access to government-		
FHA Loan Limit	\$856,750	\$1,149,825	backed financing in this market		
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	99%	not comparable	backed illiancing in this market		
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2024.					

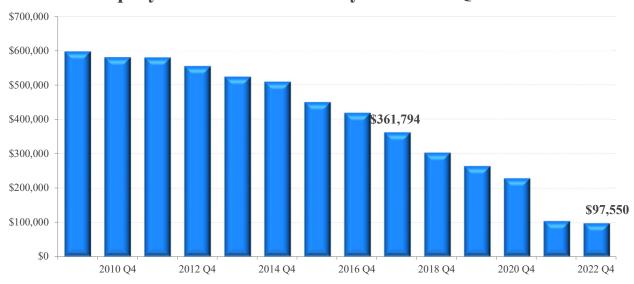
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

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 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 11 is Devon Viehman.



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

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



Total Equity Gained** through 2023 Q4 from quarter in which home was of purchased						
Price Activity	Boulder	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>			
1-year (4-quarter)	\$97,550	\$18,387				
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$228,199	\$95,158				
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$302,935	\$151,356	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity			
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$418,929	\$183,780	growth since the recession			
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$509,320	\$215,076				

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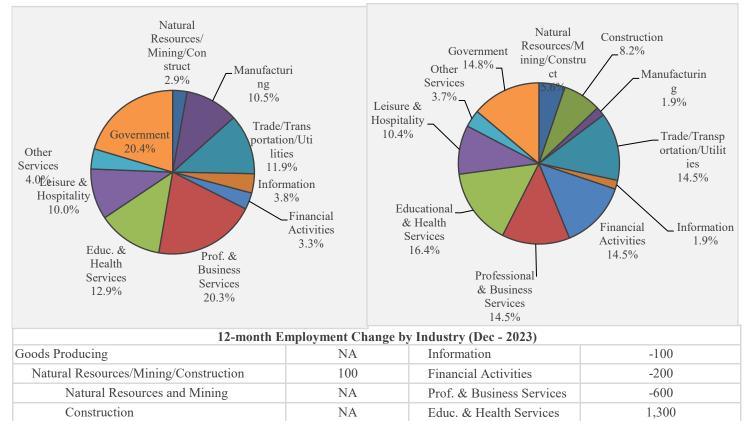
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# **Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...**

Local Economic Outlook	Boulder	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Dec)	5,300	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an
12-month Job Change (Nov)	4,200	Not Comparable	upward trend
36-month Job Change (Dec)	22,900	Not Comparable	Unemployment has risen since the same period last year, but Boulder's labor market
Current Unemployment Rate (Dec)	2.8%	3.7%	has been more resilient than the national average
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.1%	3.5%	Local employment growth is strong
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.6%	2.3%	compared to other markets

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

Boulder Area U.S.



State Economic Activity Index	Colorado	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Dec)	2.0%	3.0%	Colorado's economy is growing, but decelerated from last month's 2.23% change
36-month change (2023 - Dec)	14.8%	14.3%	and lags the rest of the nation

Leisure & Hospitality

Other Services

Government

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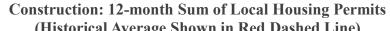
Manufacturing

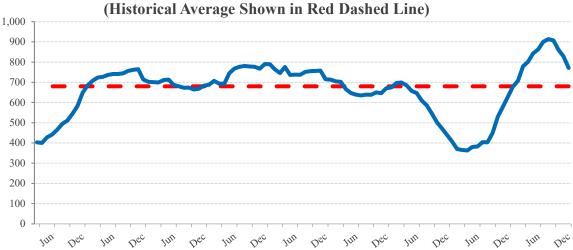
Service Providing Excluding Government

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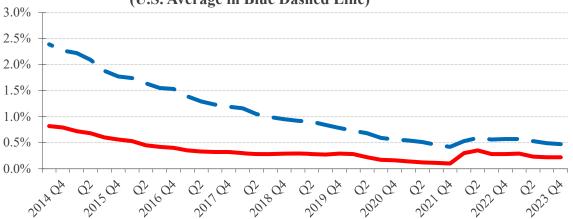


New Housing Construction							
Local Fundamentals Boulder U.S.							
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Dec	771	not comparable	The current level of construction is 13.3% above the long-term average				
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	680	not comparable	Production above trend for an extended period of time could cause prices to moderate as inventory is built up.				
Single-Family Housing Permits (Dec) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	22.8%	-6.1%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized				









Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

# **Affordability**

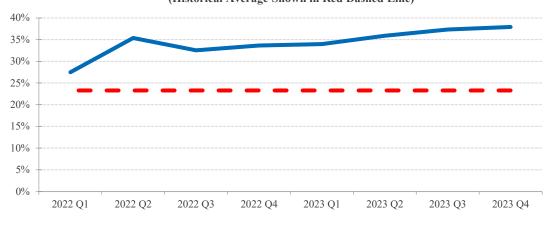


# Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)



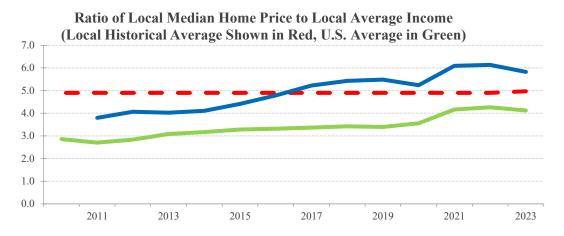
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Boulder	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	36.4%	25.8%	Weak by local standards and could weigh
Ratio for 2023 Q4	37.9%	25.5%	on demand
Historical Average	23.3%	17.0%	Weaker affordability than most markets

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

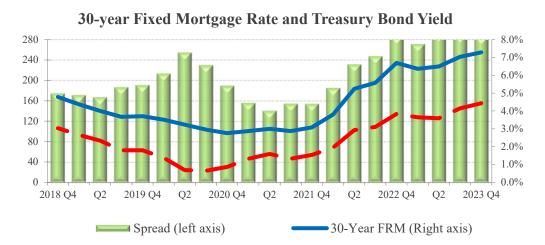


Median Home Price to Income	Boulder	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	5.8	4.1	The price-to-income ratio eased, but could
Ratio for 2023 Q4	5.8	3.9	be better
Historical Average	5.0	3.4	Less affordable than most markets





## The Mortgage Market



Throughout much of the final quarter of the year, mortgage rates remained elevated near 7.5 percent. According to the mortgage provider Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate rose to 7.3 percent in the fourth quarter of 2023 from 6.7 percent the previous year. Nevertheless, rates fell below 7 percent at the end of year as the Federal Reserve continued to halt its interest rates hikes. With lower interest rates on the horizon, mortgage rates are expected to continue their downward trend in 2024, thereby enhancing affordability for potential homebuyers.

NAR forecasts the 30-year fixed mortgage rate to average 6.8 percent in the first quarter of 2024, with a further decline expected to bring them below 6.6% by the end of the first half.



# 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:

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