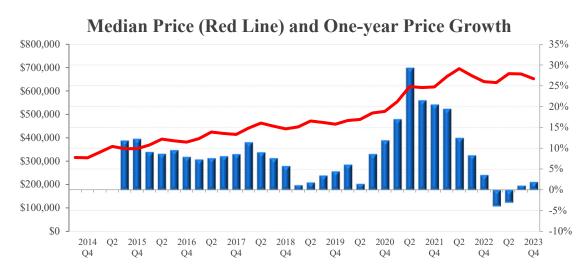


### **Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Area**

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

## Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Denver	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
Current Median Home Price (2023 Q4)	\$652,300	\$387,300		
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q4)	1.9%	3.9%	Prices continue to grow relative to last ye	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q4)	27.3%	24.5%		
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$139,800	\$76,300	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$270,700	\$153,367	trend of positive price growth after th	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$337,500	\$179,667	recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

	Denver	U.S.		
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$816,500	\$1,149,825	Not all buyers have access to government-	
FHA Loan Limit	\$816,500	\$1,149,825	backed financing in this market	
<b>Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio</b>	80%	not comparable	backed infancing in this market	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2024.				

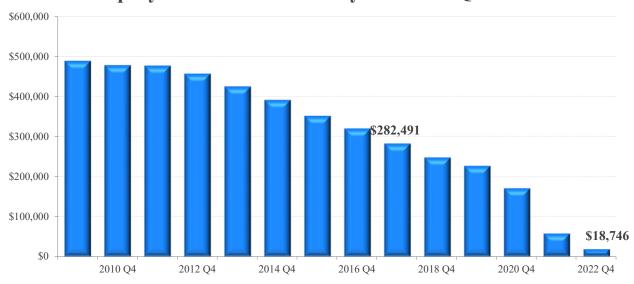
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

The Denver-Aurora-Lakewood 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	Denver	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$18,746	\$18,387		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$170,876	\$95,158		
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$247,918	\$151,356	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$320,312	\$183,780	growth since the recession	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$391,185	\$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



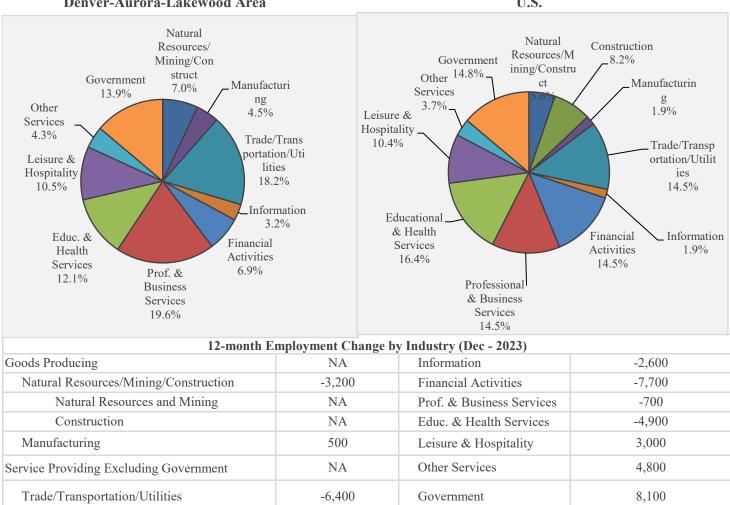
## **Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...**

Local Economic Outlook	Denver	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Dec)	-14,600	Not Comparable	Emplyoment continues to decline and will
12-month Job Change (Nov)	-9,100	Not Comparable	weigh on demand in some areas
36-month Job Change (Dec)	123,600	Not Comparable	Unemployment has risen since the same period last year, but Denver's labor market
Current Unemployment Rate (Dec)	3.3%	3.7%	has been more resilient than the national average
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.5%	3.5%	Local employment growth is poor and
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	-0.9%	2.3%	needs to improve

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

Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Area

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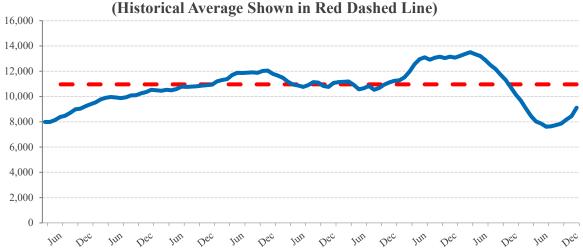


State Economic Activity Index	Colorado	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Dec)	2.0%	3.0%	Colorado's economy is growing, but decelerated from last month's 2.23% change
36-month change (2023 - Dec)	14.8%	14.3%	and lags the rest of the nation

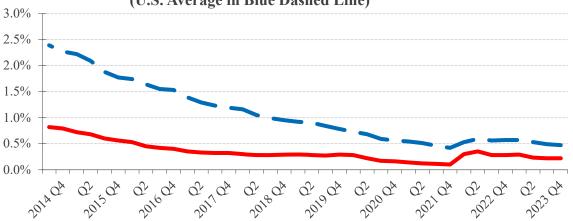


New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Denver	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Dec	9,114	not comparable	The current level of construction is 16.9% below the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	10,962	not comparable	Reduced construction will limit new supply to the market, allowing demand to catch up with inventory more quickly	
Single-Family Housing Permits (Dec) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	-10.2%	-6.1%	Construction is down from last year, but appears to have bottomed.	







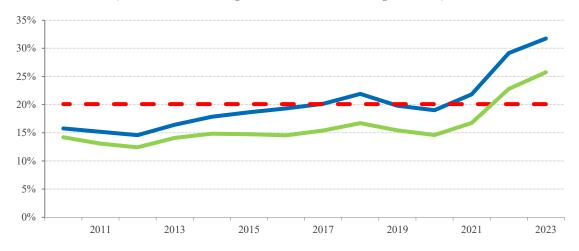


Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

## **Affordability**

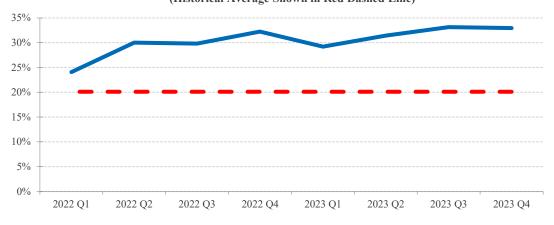


## Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)



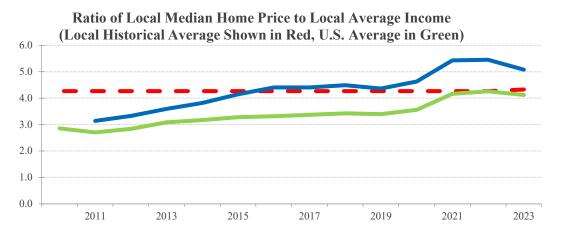
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Denver	U.S.		
Ratio for 2023	31.8%	25.8%	Weak by local standards and could weigh on demand	
Ratio for 2023 Q4	33.0%	25.5%		
Historical Average	20.1%	17.0%	Weaker affordability than most markets	

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

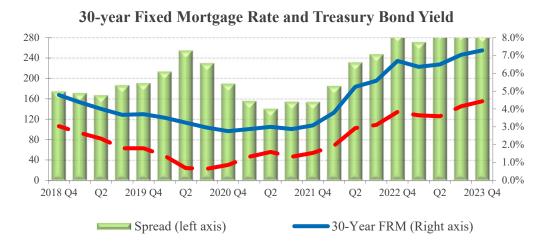


Median Home Price to Income	Denver	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	5.1	4.1	The price-to-income ratio eased, but could
Ratio for 2023 Q4	5.0	3.9	be better
Historical Average	4.3	3.4	Less affordable than most markets





#### 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 Denver area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood 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:

Adams County, Arapahoe County, Broomfield County, Clear Creek County, Denver County, Douglas County, Elbert County, Gilpin County, Jefferson County, and Park County

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