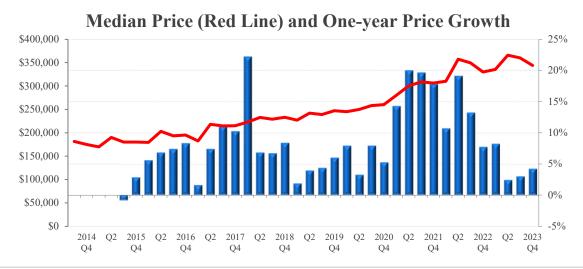


### **Gainesville** Area Local Market Report, Fourth Quarter 2023

## **Today's Market...**



Local Price Trends				
Gainesville	U.S.	Local Trend		
\$344,000	\$387,300			
4.2%	3.9%	Prices continue to grow relative to last ye		
32.3%	24.5%			
\$84,000	\$76,300	Gains in the last 3 years have extended t trend of positive price growth after the		
\$149,000	\$153,367			
\$169,000	\$179,667	recession		
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\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Gainesville	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$766,550	\$1,149,825	Most buyers in this market have access to
FHA Loan Limit	\$498,257	\$1,149,825	
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	45%	not comparable	government-backed financing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2024			

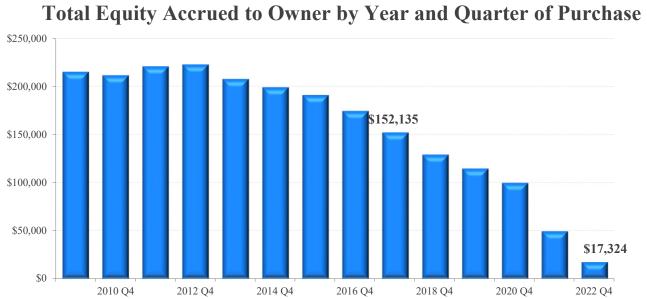
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The Gainesville market is part of region 5 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 5 is Faron W. King.



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



Total Equity Gained** through 2023 Q4 from quarter in which home was of purchased				
Price Activity	Gainesville	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$17,324	\$18,387		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$99,765	\$95,158	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equit growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$129,031	\$151,356		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$174,352	\$183,780		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$198,844	\$215,076		

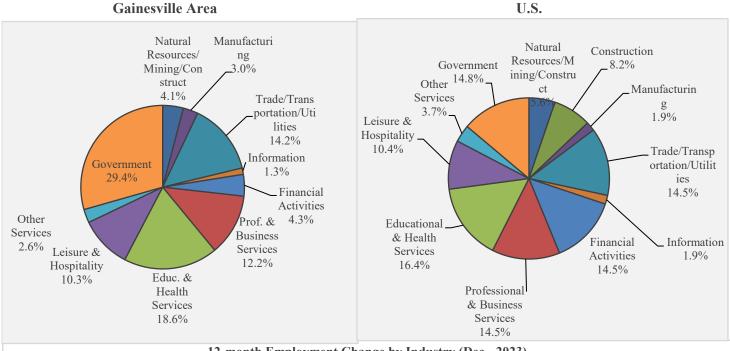
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity

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



Local Economic Outlook	Gainesville	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Dec)	2,700	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an
12-month Job Change (Nov)	2,600	Not Comparable	upward trend
36-month Job Change (Dec)	12,400	Not Comparable	Unemployment has risen since the same period last year, but Gainesville's labor
Current Unemployment Rate (Dec)	3.1%	3.7%	market has been more resilient than the national average
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.1%	3.5%	Local employment growth is poor and
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	1.7%	2.3%	needs to improve

#### Share of Total Employment by Industry

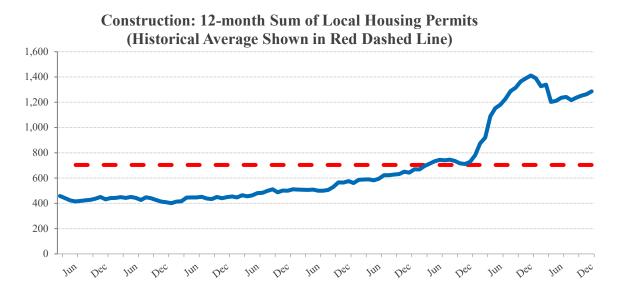


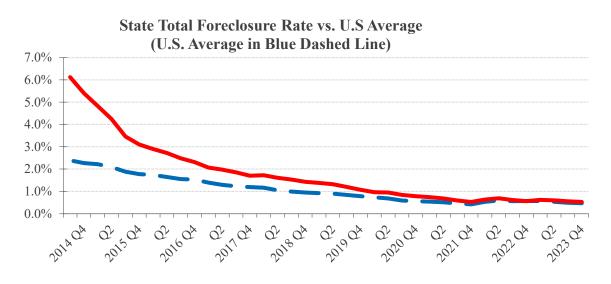
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Dec - 2023)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	-100	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	100	Financial Activities	-200	
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	600	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	700	
Manufacturing	-100	Leisure & Hospitality	0	
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	100	
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	200	Government	1,300	

State Economic Activity Index	Florida	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Dec)	2.7%	3.0%	Florida's economy is growing, but decelerated from last month's 3.00% change
36-month change (2023 - Dec)	18.2%	14.3%	and lags the rest of the nation



New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	Gainesville	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Dec	1,286	not comparable	The current level of construction is 82.7% above the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	704	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	-8.9%	-6.1%	Construction is down from last year, but appears to have bottomed.

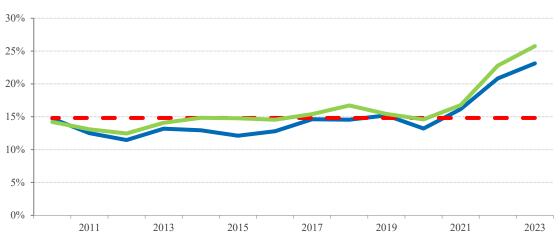




Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

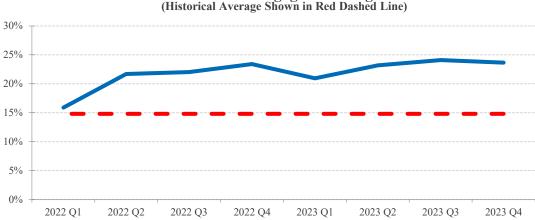


# Affordability



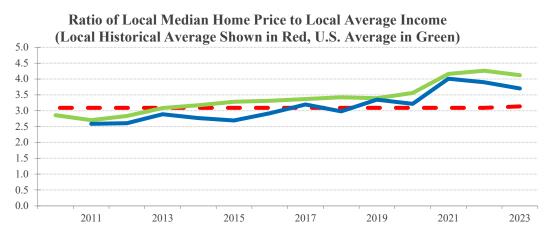
Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)

Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Gainesville	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	23.1%	25.8%	Weak by local standards and could weigh
Ratio for 2023 Q4	23.6%	25.5%	on demand
Historical Average	14.8%	17.0%	More affordable than most markets



Median Home Price to Income	Gainesville	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	3.7	4.1	The price-to-income ratio eased, but could
Ratio for 2023 Q4	3.6	3.9	be better
Historical Average	3.1	3.4	Affordable compared to 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 Gainesville area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Gainesville 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:

Alachua County and Gilchrist County

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