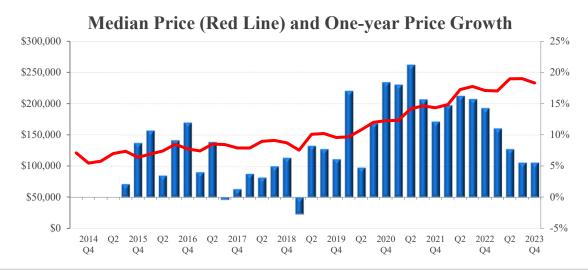


### **Fayetteville Area** Local Market Report, Fourth Quarter 2023

## Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Fayetteville	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2023 Q4)	\$233,200	\$387,300	Deiter and from a second second but ani-	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q4)	5.6%	3.9%	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q4)	35.3%	24.5%		
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$60,800	\$76,300	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$105,900	\$153,367	trend of positive price growth after the	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$128,600	\$179,667	recession	

\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Fayetteville	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	government-backed financing
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	30%	not comparable	government-backed imancing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2024			

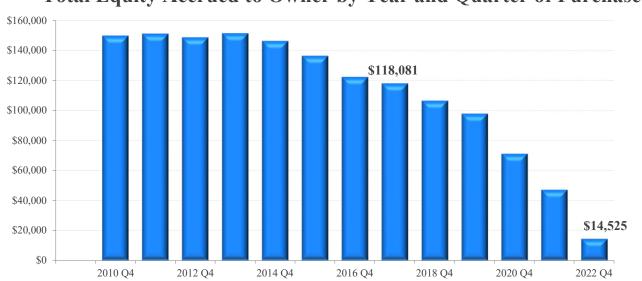
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The Fayetteville market is part of region 4 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 4 is David Kent.



# **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	Fayetteville	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$14,525	\$18,387		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$71,254	\$95,158	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equit growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$106,617	\$151,356		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$122,450	\$183,780		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$146,438	\$215,076		

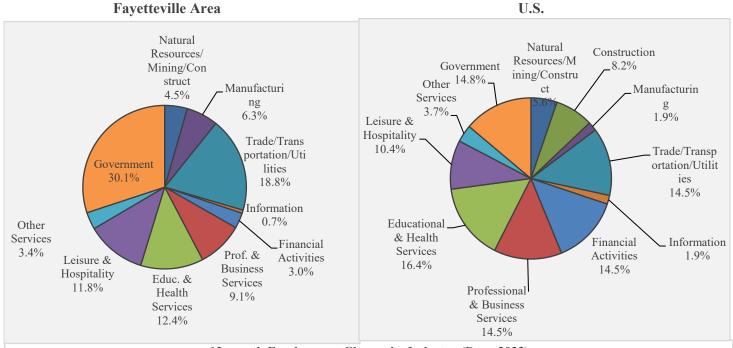
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity

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



Local Economic Outlook	Fayetteville	U.S.		
12-month Job Change (Dec)	1,800	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an	
12-month Job Change (Nov)	1,700	Not Comparable	upward trend	
36-month Job Change (Dec)	6,000	Not Comparable	Fayetteville's unemployment rate lags the national average, but has improved relative	
Current Unemployment Rate (Dec)	4.4%	3.7%	to the same period last year	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	4.6%	3.5%	Local employment growth is poor and	
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	1.3%	2.3%	needs to improve	

#### Share of Total Employment by Industry

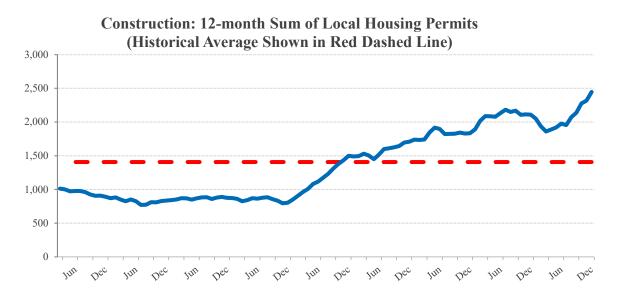


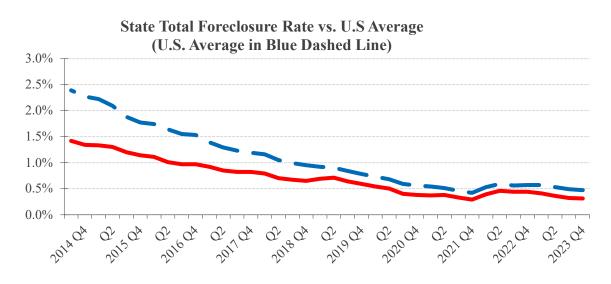
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Dec - 2023)					
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0		
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	0	Financial Activities	100		
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	0		
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	500		
Manufacturing	100	Leisure & Hospitality	200		
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	100		
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	300	Government	400		

State Economic Activity Index	North Carolina	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Dec)	3.2%	3.0%	North Carolina's economy is stronger than the nation's, but slowed from last month's
36-month change (2023 - Dec)	12.7%	14.3%	3.31% change



New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Fayetteville	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Dec	2,448	not comparable	The current level of construction is 73.9% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	1,408	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	16.1%	-6.1%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized	

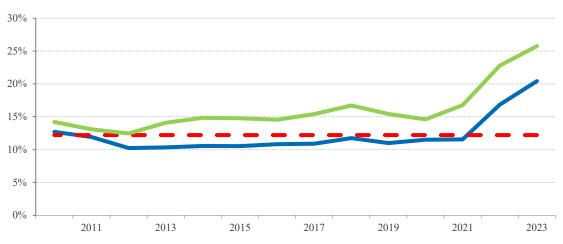




Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

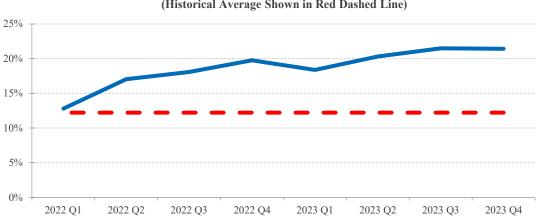


# Affordability



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

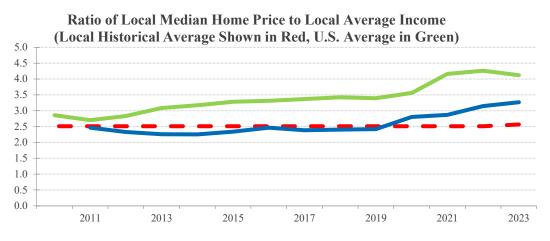
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Fayetteville	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	20.4%	25.8%	Weak by local standards and could weigh
Ratio for 2023 Q4	21.4%	25.5%	on demand
Historical Average	12.2%	17.0%	More affordable than most markets



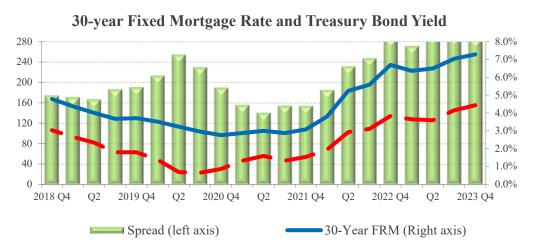
Recent Trend - Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Historical Average Shown in Red Dashed Line)
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Median Home Price to Income	Fayetteville	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	3.3	4.1	The price-to-income ratio eased, but could
Ratio for 2023 Q4	3.3	3.9	be better
Historical Average	2.6	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 Fayetteville area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Fayetteville 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:

Cumberland County and Hoke County

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