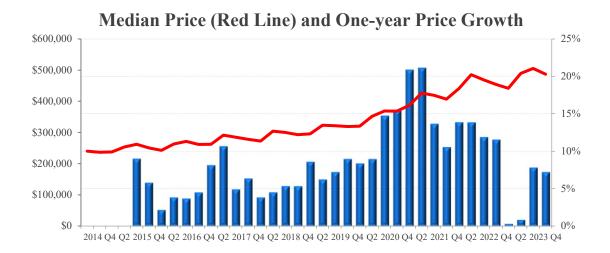


### Manchester-Nashua Area Local Market Report, Fourth Quarter 2023

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



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Manchester	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2023 Q4)	\$486,800	\$387,300	Drives are up from a year ago, but gries	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q4)	7.2%	3.9%	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2023 Q4)	32.2%	24.5%		
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$118,500	\$76,300	Gains in the last 3 years have extended t	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$225,400	\$153,367	trend of positive price growth after the recession	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$250,300	\$179,667		

\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Manchester	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	64%	not comparable	government-backed financing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2024			

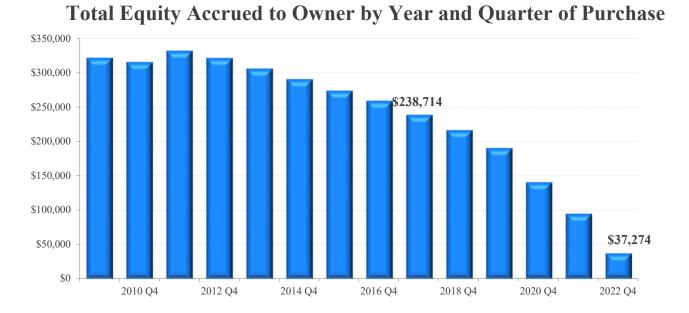
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The Manchester-Nashua market is part of region 1 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 1 is Steve Medeiros.



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



Total Equity Gained\*\* through 2023 Q4 from quarter in which home was of purchased **Local Trend** Manchester U.S. **Price Activity** 1-year (4-quarter) \$37,274 \$18,387 3-year (12-quarter)\* \$140,832 \$95,158 Price appreciation and principle payments 5-year (20-quarter)\* \$216,658 \$151,356 in the last 3 years have boosted total equity 7-year (28 quarters)\* \$259,384 \$183,780 growth since the recession 9-year (36 quarters)\* \$290,632 \$215,076

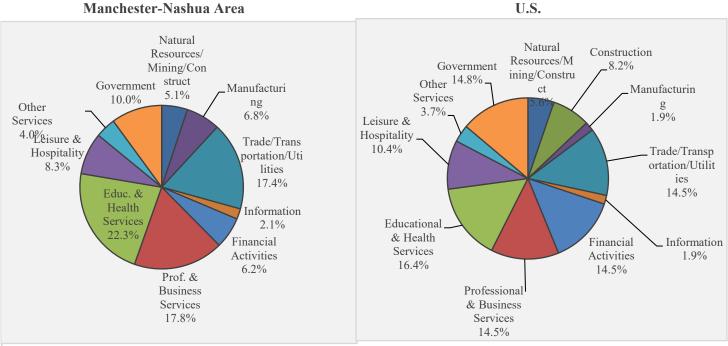
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity

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



Local Economic Outlook	Manchester	U.S.		
12-month Job Change (Dec)	4,100	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an upward trend	
12-month Job Change (Nov)	3,700	Not Comparable		
36-month Job Change (Dec)	10,500	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Manchester is better than	
Current Unemployment Rate (Dec)	2.4%	3.7%	the national average and improving	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.4%	3.5%	Local employment growth is strong	
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	3.5%	2.3%	compared to other markets	

#### Share of Total Employment by Industry

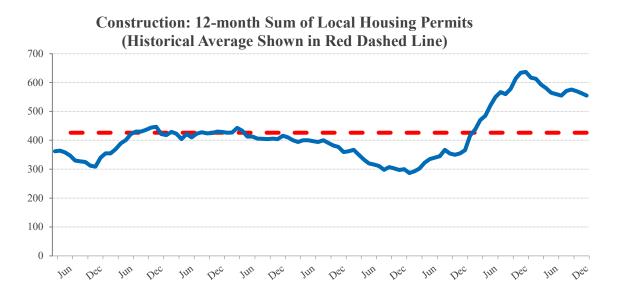


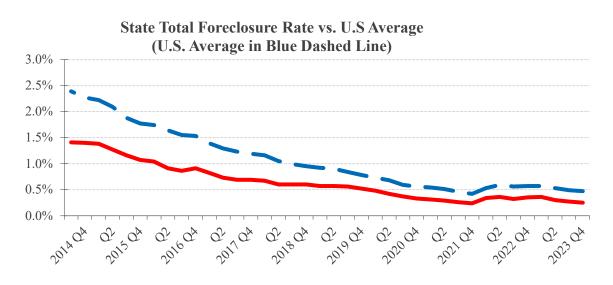
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Dec - 2023)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	300	Financial Activities	-100	
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	2,500	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	-500	
Manufacturing	200	Leisure & Hospitality	400	
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	100	
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	500	Government	300	

State Economic Activity Index	New Hampshire	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Dec)	3.8%	3.0%	New Hampshire's economy is stronger than the nation's, but slowed from last month's
36-month change (2023 - Dec)	13.5%	14.3%	3.94% change



New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	Manchester	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Dec	555	not comparable	The current level of construction is 30.2% above the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	426	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	-12.9%	-6.1%	Construction continues to decline from last year

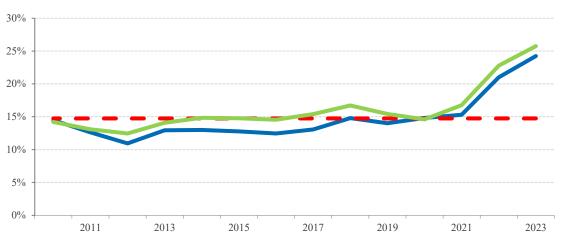




Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



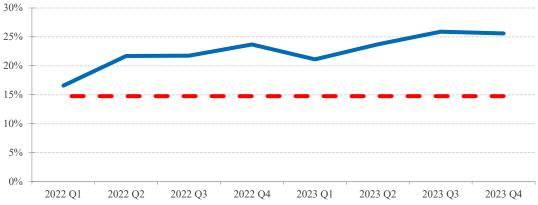
# Affordability



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

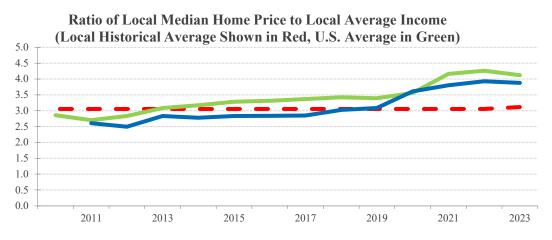
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Manchester	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	24.3%	25.8%	Weak by local standards and could weigh
Ratio for 2023 Q4	25.6%	25.5%	on demand
Historical Average	14.7%	17.0%	More affordable than most markets



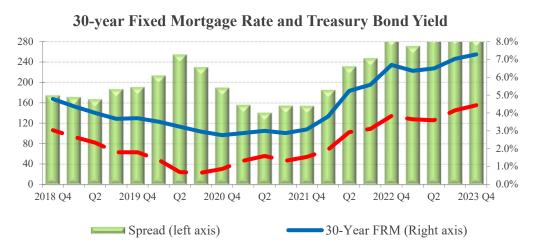


Median Home Price to Income	Manchester	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	3.9	4.1	The price-to-income ratio eased, but could
Ratio for 2023 Q4	3.9	3.9	be better
Historical Average	3.1	3.4	Affordable compared to most markets





## **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 Manchester area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Manchester-Nashua 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:

Hillsborough County

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