

### **York-Hanover Area** Local Market Report, Fourth Quarter 2023

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



Local Price Trends				
York-Hanover	U.S.	Local Trend		
\$256,400	\$387,300	Duisse and from a second second but anise		
6.3%	3.9%	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing		
25.0%	24.5%			
\$51,200	\$76,300	Gains in the last 3 years have extended t trend of positive price growth after the recession		
\$93,400	\$153,367			
\$93,900	\$179,667			
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\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	York-Hanover	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	33%	not comparable	government-backed infancing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2024			

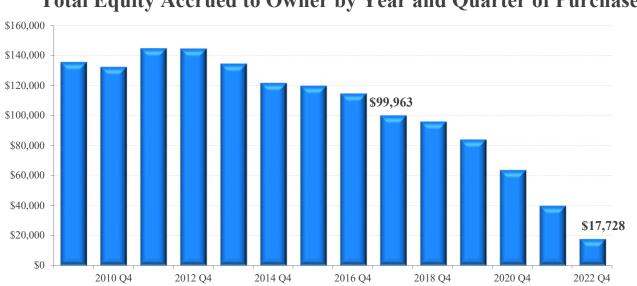
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The York-Hanover market is part of region 2 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. The 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 2 is Jennifer Stevenson.



# **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	York-Hanover	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$17,728	\$18,387		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$63,643	\$95,158	Price appreciation and principle payment in the last 3 years have boosted total equi- growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$95,957	\$151,356		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$114,592	\$183,780		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$121,612	\$215,076		

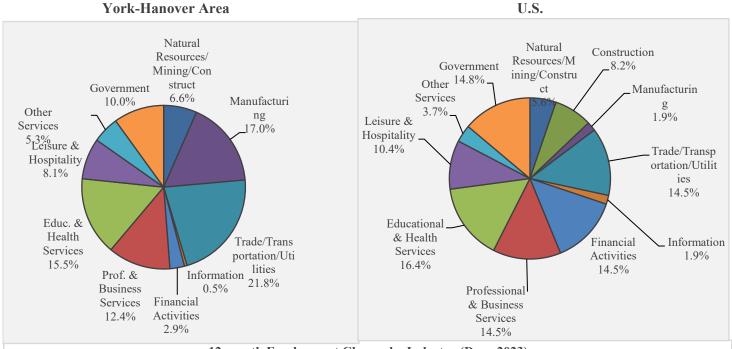
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity

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



Local Economic Outlook	York-Hanover	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)	3,900	Not Comparable		
36-month Job Change (Dec)	17,500	Not Comparable	Unemployment in York-Hanover is better than the national average and improving	
Current Unemployment Rate (Dec)	2.5%	3.7%		
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.5%	Local employment growth is poor and	
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.1%	2.3%	needs to improve	

#### Share of Total Employment by Industry

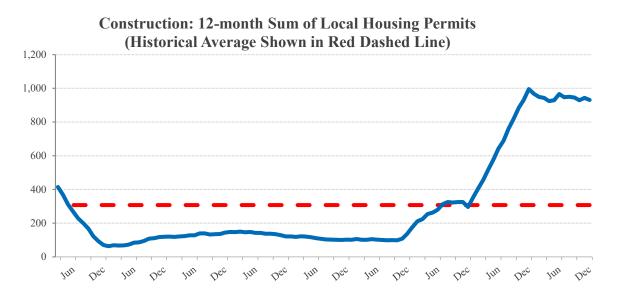


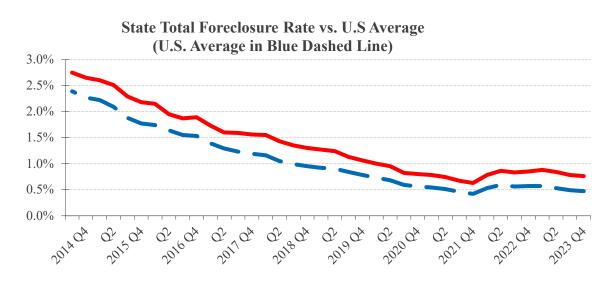
12-month E	mployment Change by	y Industry (Dec - 2023)	
Goods Producing	NA	Information	-100
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	200	Financial Activities	0
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	800
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	1,600
Manufacturing	400	Leisure & Hospitality	200
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	400
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	100	Government	300

State Economic Activity Index	Pennsylvania	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Dec)	4.0%	3.0%	Pennsylvania's economy is stronger than t nation's, but slowed from last month's
36-month change (2023 - Dec)	19.3%	14.3%	4.43% change



New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	York-Hanover	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Dec	931	not comparable	The current level of construction is 202.4% above the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	308	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	-6.5%	-6.1%	Construction continues to decline from last year

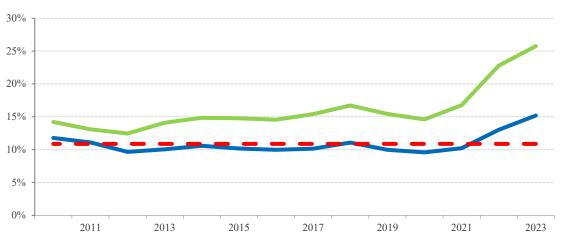




Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



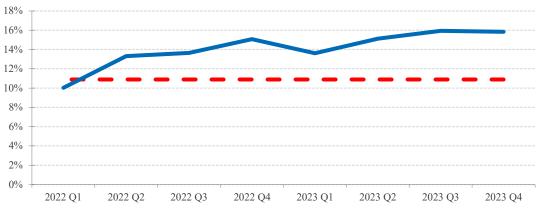
# Affordability



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

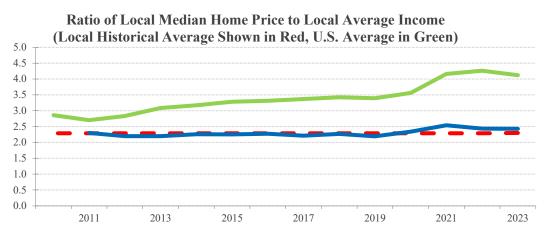
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	York-Hanover	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	15.2%	25.8%	Weak by local standards and could weigh
Ratio for 2023 Q4	15.8%	25.5%	on demand
Historical Average	10.9%	17.0%	More affordable than most markets

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

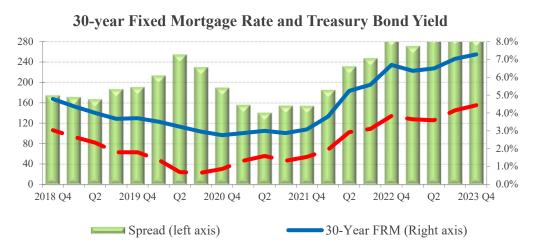


Median Home Price to Income	York-Hanover	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	2.4	4.1	The price-to-income ratio eased, but could
Ratio for 2023 Q4	2.4	3.9	be better
Historical Average	2.3	3.4	Affordable compared to most markets





### 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 York-Hanover area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the York-Hanover 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:

#### York County

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