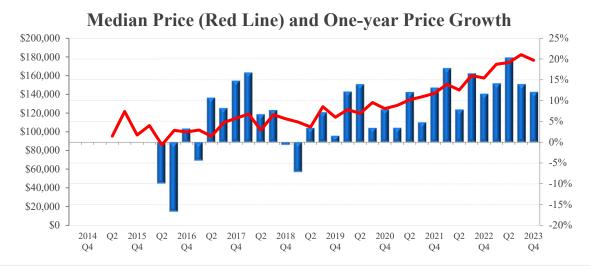


### Wichita Falls Area Local Market Report, Fourth Quarter 2023

## Today's Market...



Local Price Tr	ends	
Wichita Falls	U.S.	Local Trend
\$176,400	\$387,300	Duisse and for an even and hot miss
12.1%	3.9%	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing
41.5%	24.5%	growth is slowing
\$51,700	\$76,300	Gains in the last 3 years have extended t trend of positive price growth after the recession
\$76,600	\$153,367	
NA	\$179,667	
	Wichita Falls \$176,400 12.1% 41.5% \$51,700 \$76,600	\$176,400 \$387,300   12.1% 3.9%   41.5% 24.5%   \$51,700 \$76,300   \$76,600 \$153,367

\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Wichita Falls	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	23%	not comparable	government-backed financing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2024			

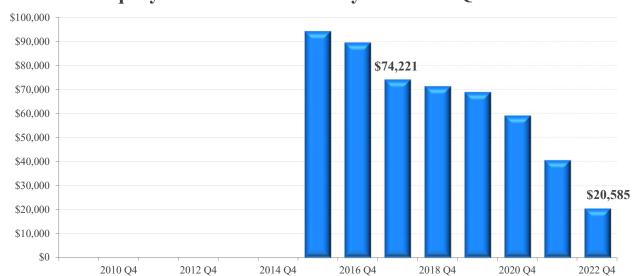
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The Wichita Falls market is part of region 10 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Louisiana and Texas. The 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 10 is Marvin Jolly.



# **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	Wichita Falls	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$20,585	\$18,387		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$59,261	\$95,158	Price appreciation and principle payment in the last 3 years have boosted total equi- growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$71,406	\$151,356		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$89,575	\$183,780		
9-year (36 quarters)*	NA	\$215,076		

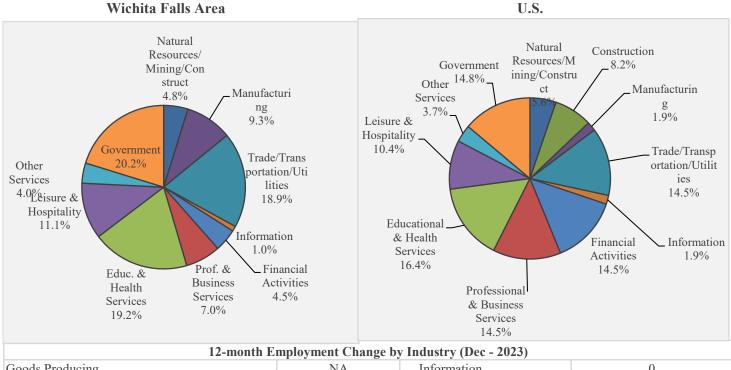
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity

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



Local Economic Outlook	Wichita Falls	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Dec)	700	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an upward trend
12-month Job Change (Nov)	700	Not Comparable	
36-month Job Change (Dec)	3,500	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Wichita Falls is better than the national average and improving
Current Unemployment Rate (Dec)	3.3%	3.7%	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.5%	Local employment growth is poor and needs to improve
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	1.2%	2.3%	

### Share of Total Employment by Industry

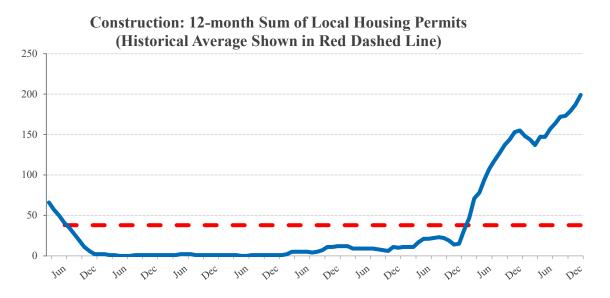


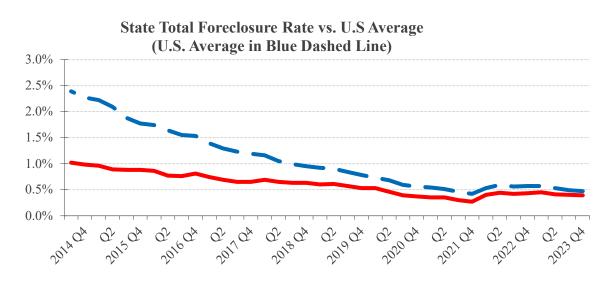
12 month Employment Change by mutsery (Dec 2020)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	100	Financial Activities	0	
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	100	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	300	
Manufacturing	300	Leisure & Hospitality	-100	
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	0	
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	-200	Government	200	

State Economic Activity Index	Texas	U.S.	
12-month change (2023 - Dec)	3.5%	3.0%	The economy of Texas has outpaced the rest of the nation and improved modestly
36-month change (2023 - Dec)	16.4%	14.3%	from last month's 3.49% change



New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	Wichita Falls	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Dec	199	not comparable	The current level of construction is 424.1% above the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	38	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	28.4%	-6.1%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized

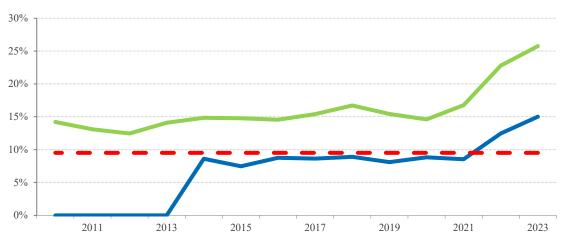




Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



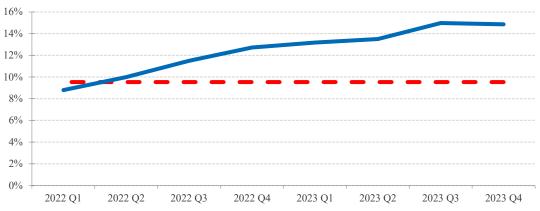
# Affordability



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

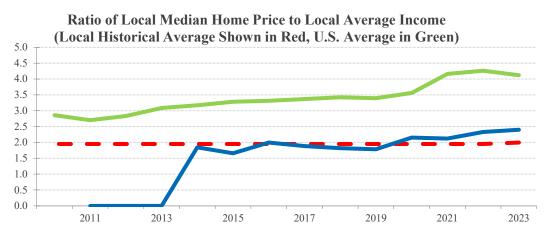
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Wichita Falls	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	15.0%	25.8%	Weak by local standards and could weigh
Ratio for 2023 Q4	14.9%	25.5%	on demand
Historical Average	9.5%	17.0%	More affordable than most markets

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

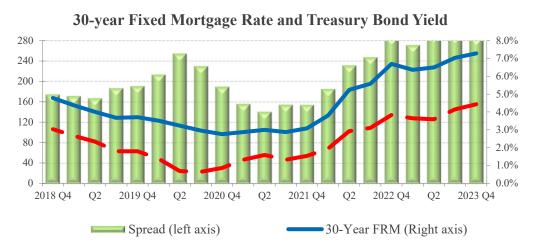


Median Home Price to Income	Wichita Falls	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	2.4	4.1	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2023 Q4	2.3	3.9	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	2.0	3.4	Affordable compared to most markets





### 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 Wichita Falls area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Wichita Falls 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:

Archer County, Clay County, and Wichita County

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