

Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers Area

Local Market Report, First Quarter 2024

Today's Market...





Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Fayetteville	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2024 Q1)	\$342,700	\$385,100	Prices are up from a year ago, but pric growth is slowing	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	4.2%	5.1%		
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	41.5%	21.2%		
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$100,500	\$67,467	Gains in the last 3 years have extended	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$175,600	\$154,400	the trend of positive price growth after	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$195,900	\$181,700	the recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

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

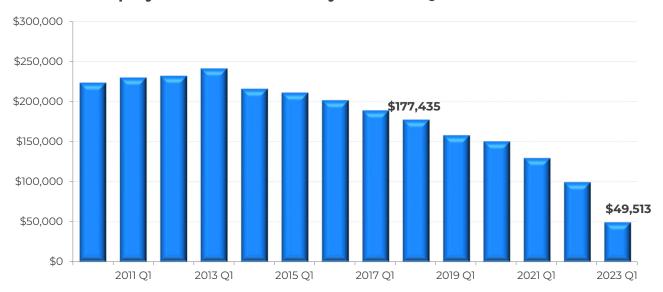
Local NAR Leadership

The Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers market is part of region 9 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. The 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 9 is Amy Bladow.



Benefits of Ownership: Total Equity Appreciation

Total Equity Accrued to Owner by Year and Quarter of Purchase



Total Equity Gained** through 2024 Q1 from quarter in which home was of purchased				
Price Activity	Fayetteville	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$49,513	\$22,451		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$129,594	\$86,390	Price appreciation and principle	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$158,172	\$152,868	payments in the last 3 years have	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$189,079	\$182,953	boosted total equity growth since the	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$211,346	\$217,432	recession	

^{*}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



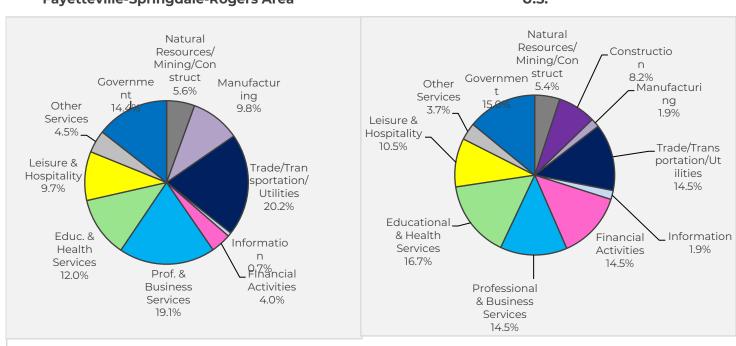
Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...

Local Economic Outlook	Fayetteville	U.S.		
12-month Job Change (Mar)	7,200	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an	
12-month Job Change (Feb)	5,800	Not Comparable	upward trend	
36-month Job Change (Mar)	34,100	Not Comparable	Unemployment has risen since the	
Current Unemployment Rate (Mar)	2.5%	3.8%	same period last year, but Fayetteville's labor market has been more resilient than the national average	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.2%	3.5%	Local employment growth is strong	
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.4%	2.1%	compared to other markets	

Share of Total Employment by Industry

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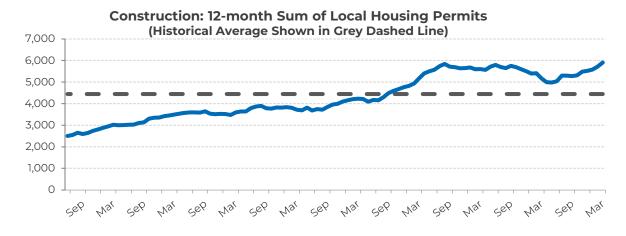
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Mar - 2024)

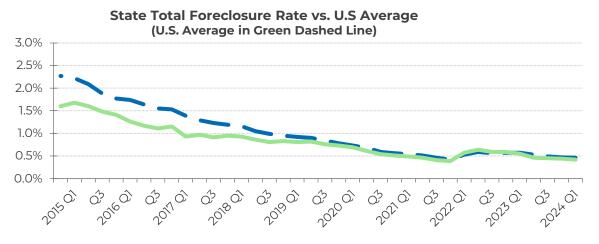
Goods Producing	NA	Information	-100
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	1,400	Financial Activities	0
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	-600
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	2,000
Manufacturing	100	Leisure & Hospitality	200
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	300
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	300	Government	2,200



State Economic Activity Index	Arkansas	U.S.	
	1.8%	2.9%	The economy of Arkansas is growing
12-month change (2024 - Mar)	1.070	2.970	more slowly than the rest of the nation,
	8.9%	12.9%	but improved modestly from last
36-month change (2024 - Mar)	0.970 12.970		month's 1.62% change

New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Fayetteville	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Mar	5,908	not comparable	The current level of construction is 32.8% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	4,448	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 (Mar) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	14.3%	8.8%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized	



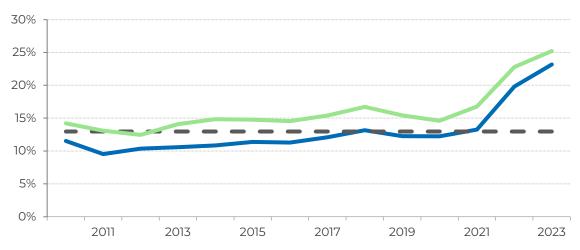


Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



Affordability

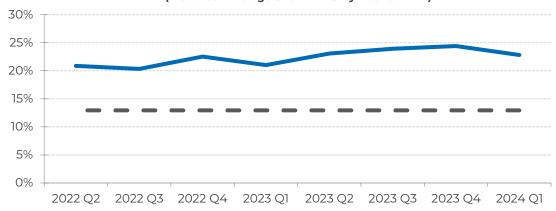
Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Grey, U.S. Average in Green)



Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income*	Fayetteville	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	23.2%	25.2%	Weak by local standards, but better
Ratio for 2024 Q1	22.8%	23.7%	than the fourth quarter of 2023
Historical Average	13.0%	17.0%	More affordable than most markets

^{*}The median family Income was included for the calculation of the mortgage payment to income ratio



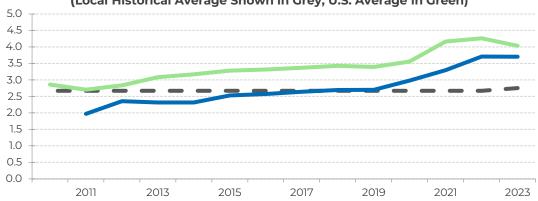


Median Home Price to Income*	Fayetteville	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	3.7	4.0	The price-to-income ratio eased, but
Ratio for 2024 Q1	3.7	3.8	could be better
Historical Average	2.8	3.4	Affordable compared to most markets

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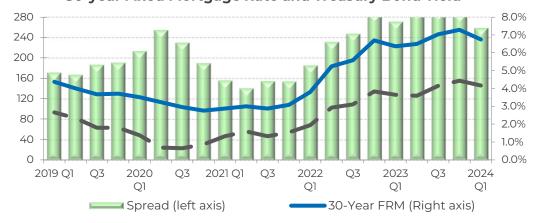






The Mortgage Market





During the first quarter of the year, housing affordability improved as mortgage rates fell below 7%. Steady interest rates from the Federal Reserve helped mortgage rates to ease in the first three months of the year. Nevertheless, even with this decrease, mortgage rates continued to be higher than a year ago. According to the mortgage provider Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate rose to 6.75% in the first quarter from 6.36% a year earlier.

With lower interest rates on the horizon, mortgage rates are expected to ease later this year, thereby enhancing affordability for potential homebuyers. NAR forecasts the 30-year fixed mortgage rate to average 6.5% at the last quarter of the year.



Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Fayetteville area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers 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:

Benton County, AR; Madison County, AR; Washington County, AR; McDonald County, MO

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