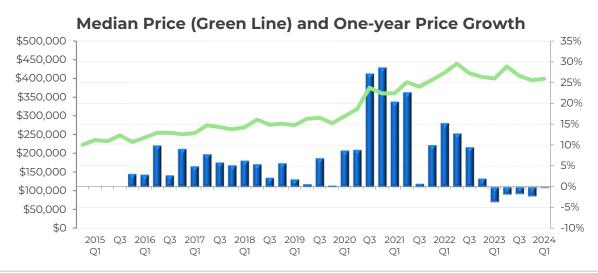


### **Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, Area**

### **Local Market Report, First Quarter 2024**

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



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Destin	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2024 Q1)	\$399,000	\$385,100	Prices are still down from a year ago,	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	-0.2%	5.1%	but the trend is improving	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	10.8%	21.2%	but the trend is improving	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$39,000	\$67,467	Gains in the last 3 years have extended	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$145,000	\$154,400	the trend of positive price growth after the recession	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$164,000	\$181,700		
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation or	nly			

	Destin	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$766,550	\$1,149,825	
FHA Loan Limit	\$603,750	\$1,149,825	Most buyers in this market have access
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	52%	not	to government-backed financing
Local Median to Comorning Limit Ratio		comparable	

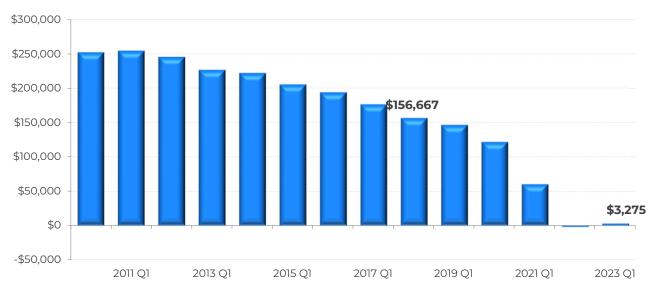
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

The Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, market is part of region 5 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 5 is Faron W. King.



# **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	Destin	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$3,275	\$22,451		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$60,448	\$86,390	Price trends in the last three years have	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$146,640	\$152,868	undercut the steady post-recession	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$176,437	\$182,953	home equity growth despite owners	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$205,283	\$217,432	paying down principle	

<sup>\*</sup>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



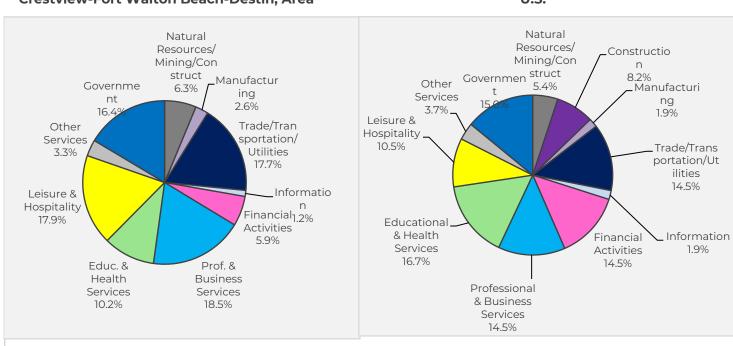
## **Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...**

Local Economic Outlook	Destin	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Mar)	3,000	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but
12-month Job Change (Feb)	5,200	Not Comparable	remains positive
36-month Job Change (Mar)	11,800	Not Comparable	Unemployment has risen since the
Current Unemployment Rate (Mar)	3.1%	3.8%	same period last year, but Destin's labor market has been more resilient than the national average
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.4%	3.5%	Local employment growth is strong
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.3%	2.1%	compared to other markets

### **Share of Total Employment by Industry**

#### Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, Area

U.S.

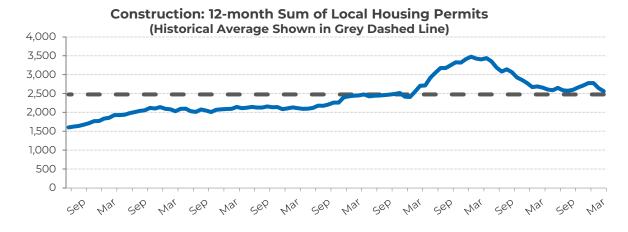


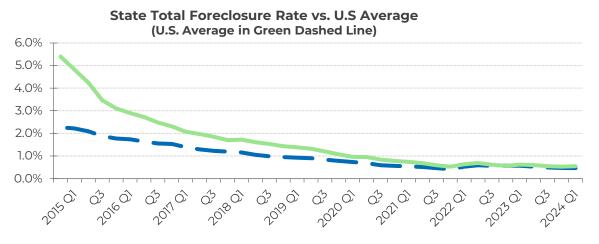
#### 12-month Employment Change by Industry (Mar - 2024) Goods Producing NA Information 0 Natural Resources/Mining/Construction 200 300 Financial Activities Natural Resources and Mining NA Prof. & Business Services 1,400 Construction NA Educ. & Health Services 300 Manufacturing -100 Leisure & Hospitality 1.900 Service Providing Excluding Government NA Other Services 100 Trade/Transportation/Utilities 900 Government 200



State Economic Activity Index	Florida	U.S.	
12-month change (2024 - Mar)	2.5%	2.9%	Florida's economy is growing, but
36-month change (2024 - Mar)	16.5%	12.9%	decelerated from last month's 2.67% change and lags the rest of the nation

New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Destin	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Mar	2,561	not comparable	The current level of construction is 3.3% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	2,479	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	-3.7%	8.8%	Construction continues to decline from last year	



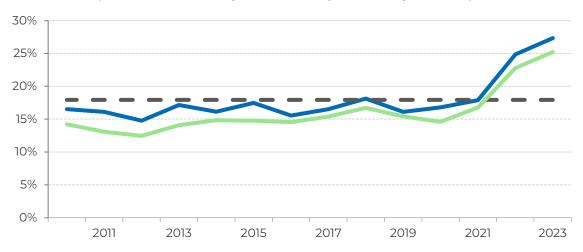


Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



### **Affordability**

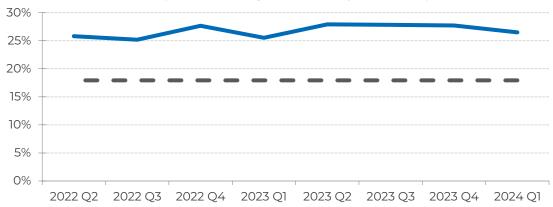
# Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Grey, U.S. Average in Green)



Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income*	Destin	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	27.3%	25.2%	Weak by local standards, but better
Ratio for 2024 Q1	26.5%	23.7%	than the fourth quarter of 2023
Historical Average	18.0%	17.0%	Weaker affordability than most markets

<sup>\*</sup>The median family Income was included for the calculation of the mortgage payment to income ratio

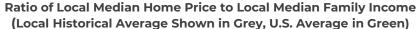
### Recent Trend - Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Historical Average Shown in Grey Dashed Line)



Median Home Price to Income*	Destin	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	4.4	4.0	The price-to-income ratio eased, but
Ratio for 2024 Q1	4.3	3.8	could be better
Historical Average	3.8	3.4	Less affordable than most markets

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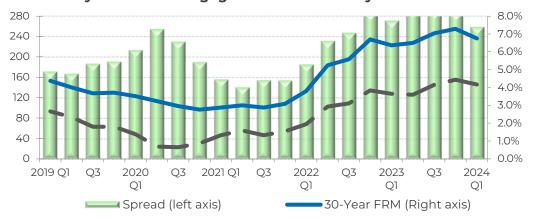






## **The Mortgage Market**





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 Destin area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, 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:

Okaloosa County and Walton County

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