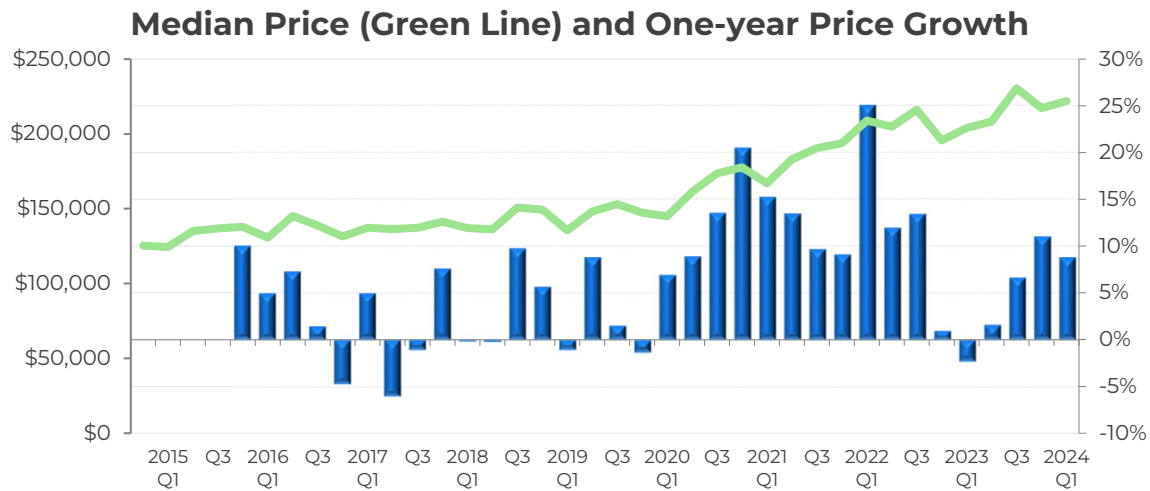


Florence Area

Local Market Report, First Quarter 2024

Today's Market...



Local Price Trends			
Price Activity	Florence	U.S.	Local Trend
Current Median Home Price (2024 Q1)	\$222,000	\$385,100	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	8.8%	5.1%	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	32.9%	21.2%	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$55,000	\$67,467	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the trend of positive price growth after the recession
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$84,800	\$154,400	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$97,500	\$181,700	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only			

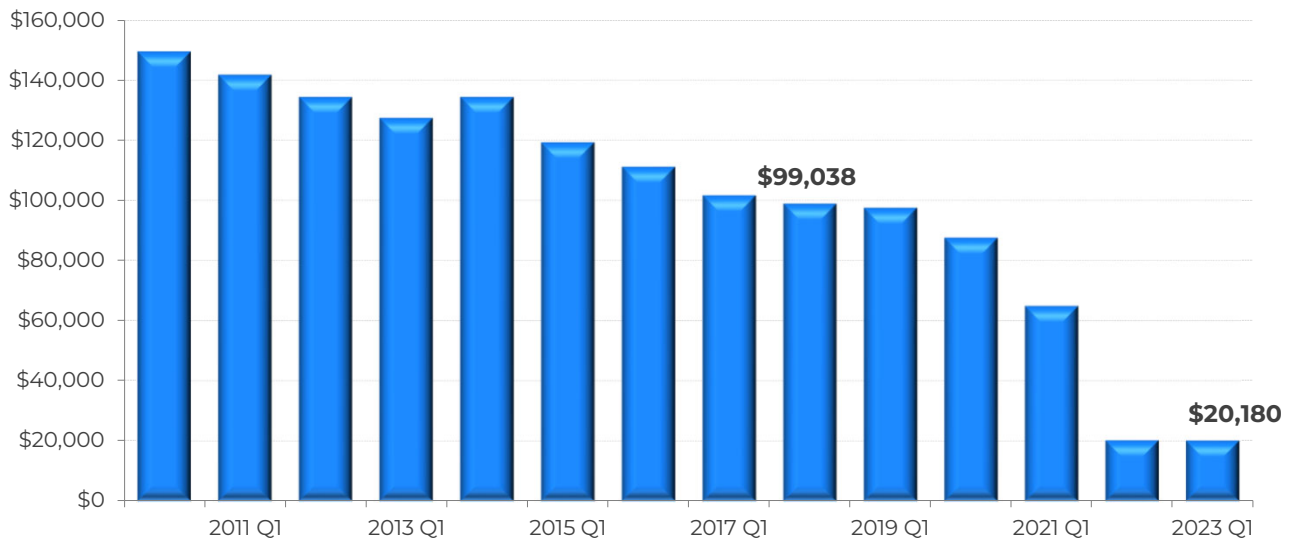
	Florence	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$766,550	\$1,149,825	Most buyers in this market have access to government-backed financing
FHA Loan Limit	\$498,257	\$1,149,825	
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	29%	not comparable	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2024.			

Local NAR Leadership

The Florence market is part of region 4 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 4 is David Kent.

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	Florence	U.S.	Local Trend
1-year (4-quarter)	\$20,180	\$22,451	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity growth since the recession
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$64,949	\$86,390	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$97,655	\$152,868	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$101,781	\$182,953	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$119,371	\$217,432	

*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

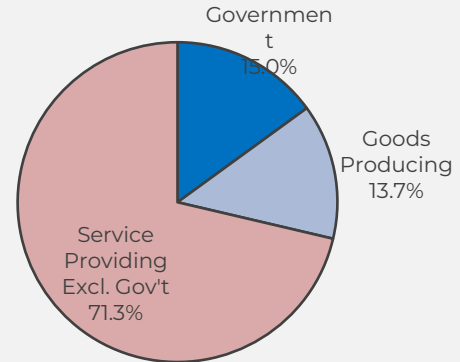
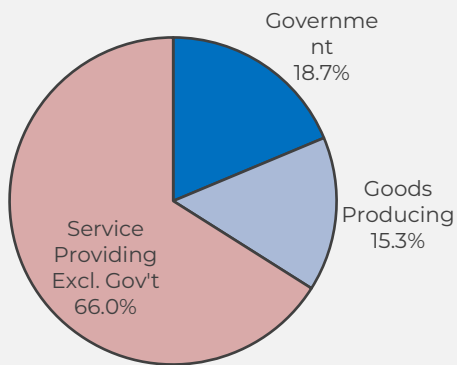
Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...

Local Economic Outlook	Florence	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Mar)	1,600	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains positive
12-month Job Change (Feb)	1,800	Not Comparable	
36-month Job Change (Mar)	7,900	Not Comparable	Unemployment has risen since the same period last year, but Florence's labor market has been more resilient than the national average
Current Unemployment Rate (Mar)	3.5%	3.8%	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.5%	Local employment growth is poor and needs to improve
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	1.7%	2.1%	

Share of Total Employment by Industry

Florence Area

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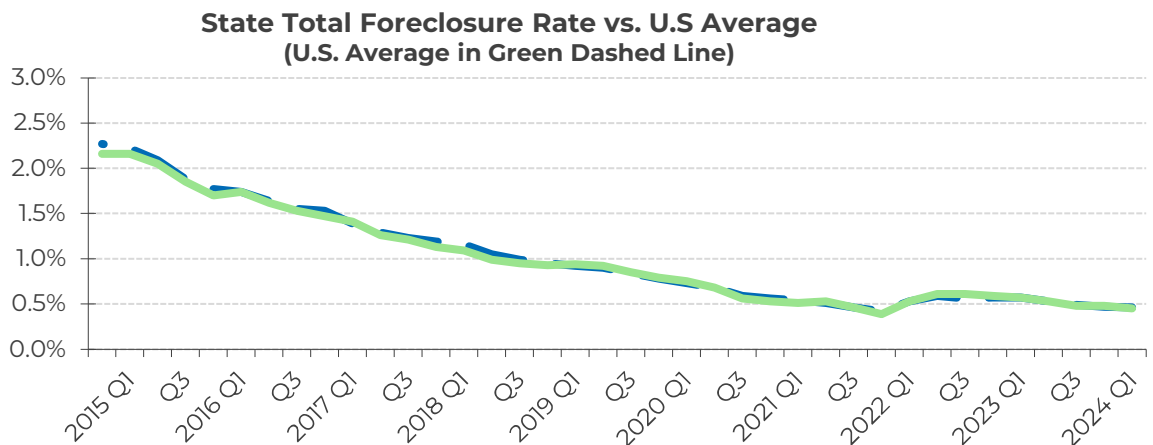
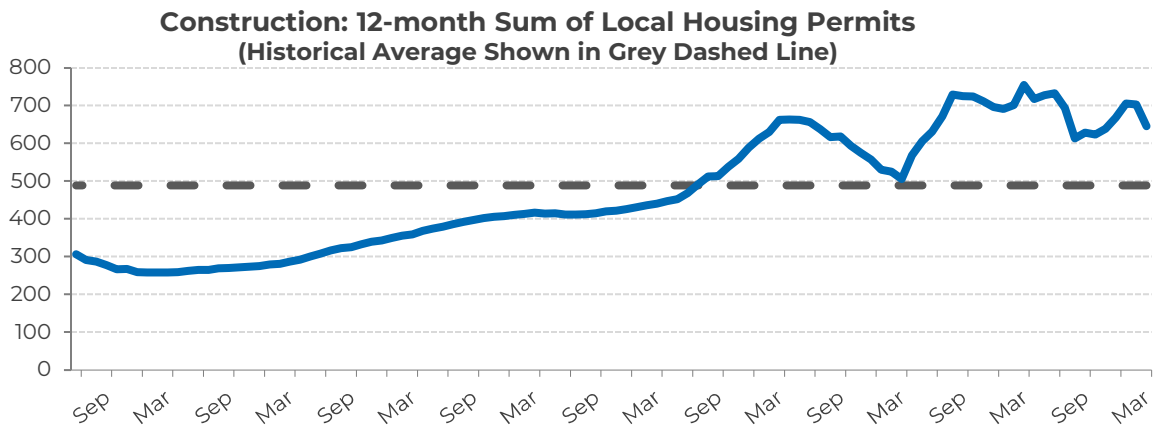


12-month Employment Change by Industry (Mar - 2024)

Goods Producing	-300	Information	NA
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	NA	Financial Activities	NA
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	NA
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	NA
Manufacturing	NA	Leisure & Hospitality	NA
Service Providing Excluding Government	2,100	Other Services	NA
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	NA	Government	700

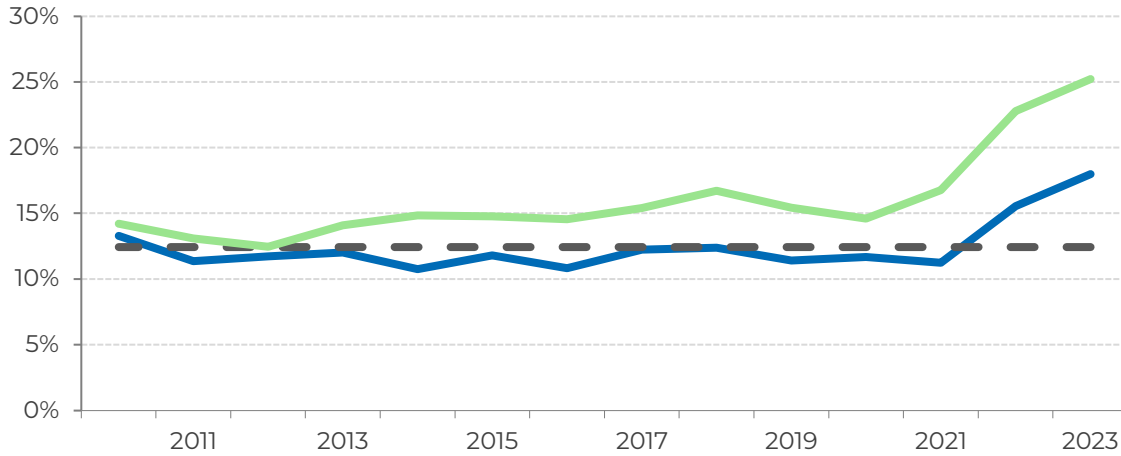
State Economic Activity Index	South Carolina	U.S.	
12-month change (2024 - Mar)	2.9%	2.9%	The economy of South Carolina has outpaced the rest of the nation and improved modestly from last month's 2.76% change
36-month change (2024 - Mar)	12.6%	12.9%	

New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	Florence	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Mar	645	not comparable	The current level of construction is 32.0% above the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	489	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	-14.6%	8.8%	Construction continues to decline from last year



Affordability

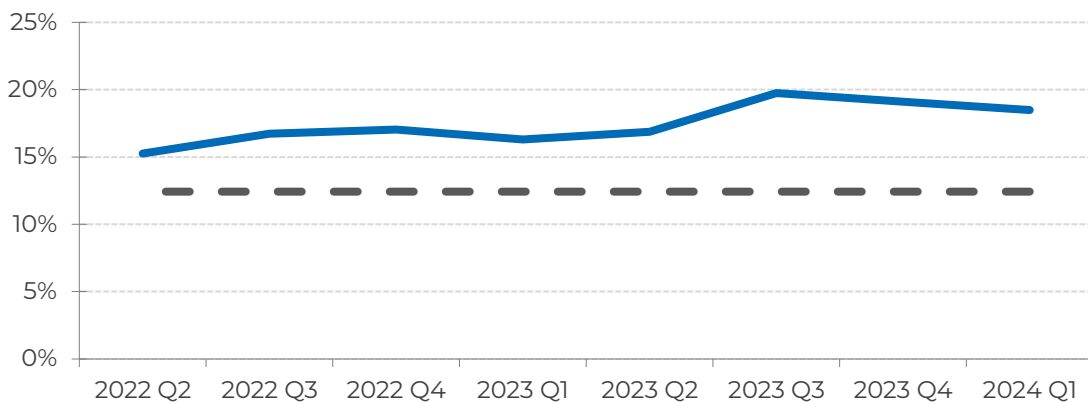
Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income
(Local Historical Average Shown in Grey, U.S. Average in Green)



Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income*	Florence	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	18.0%	25.2%	Weak by local standards, but better than the fourth quarter of 2023
Ratio for 2024 Q1	18.5%	23.7%	
Historical Average	12.4%	17.0%	More affordable than most markets

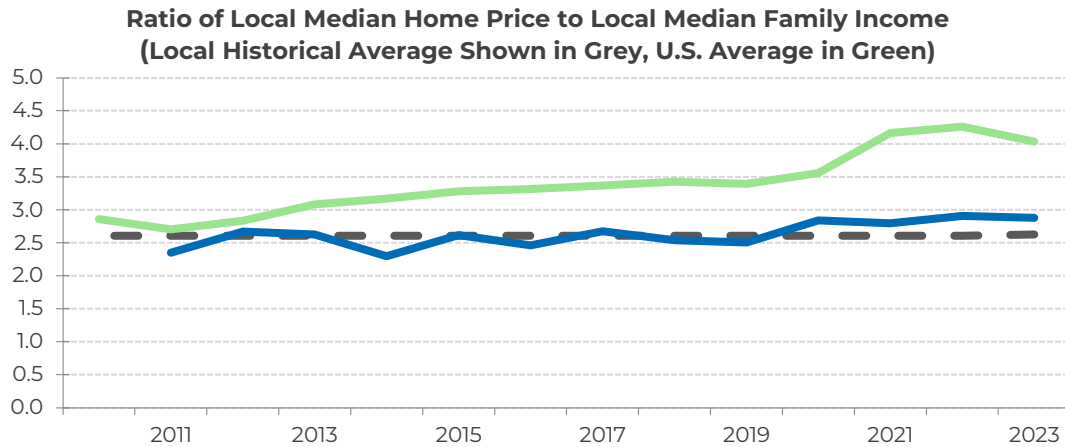
*The median family Income was included for the calculation of the mortgage payment to income ratio

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



Median Home Price to Income*	Florence	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	2.9	4.0	The price-to-income ratio eased, but could be better
Ratio for 2024 Q1	3.0	3.8	
Historical Average	2.6	3.4	Affordable compared to most markets

*The median family Income was included for the calculation of the median home price to income ratio



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 Florence area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Florence 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:

Darlington County and Florence County

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