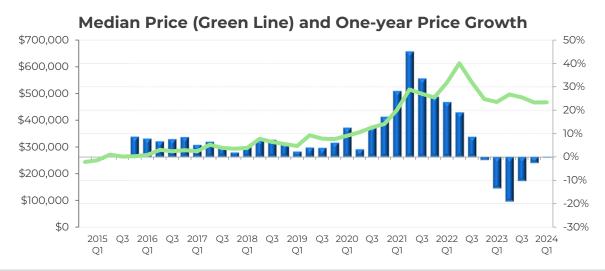


## **Austin-Round Rock Area**

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

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



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Austin	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2024 Q1)	\$466,700	\$385,100	Duises and still day in frame a viscin and	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	-0.3%	5.1%	Prices are still down from a year ago, but the trend is improving	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	6.6%	21.2%	but the trend is improving	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$28,800	\$67,467	Gains in the last 3 years have extended	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$183,000	\$154,400	the trend of positive price growth after the recession	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$216,800	\$181,700		
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation on	nly			

	Austin	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$766,550	\$1,149,825	
FHA Loan Limit	\$571,550	\$1,149,825	Most buyers in this market have access
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	61%	not	to government-backed financing
		comparable	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2024.			

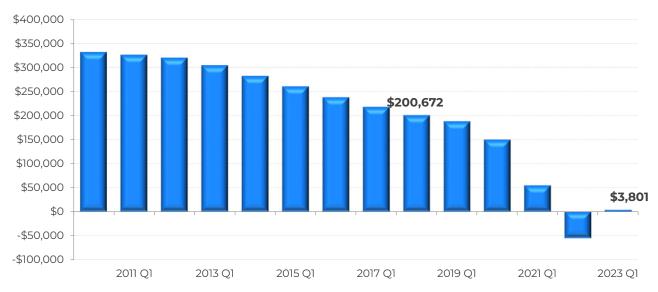
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

The Austin-Round Rock 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 2024 Q1 from quarter in which home was of purchased			
Price Activity	Austin	U.S.	Local Trend
1-year (4-quarter)	\$3,801	\$22,451	
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$54,889	\$86,390	Price trends in the last three years have
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$188,278	\$152,868	undercut the steady post-recession
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$218,113	\$182,953	home equity growth despite owners
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$260,701	\$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



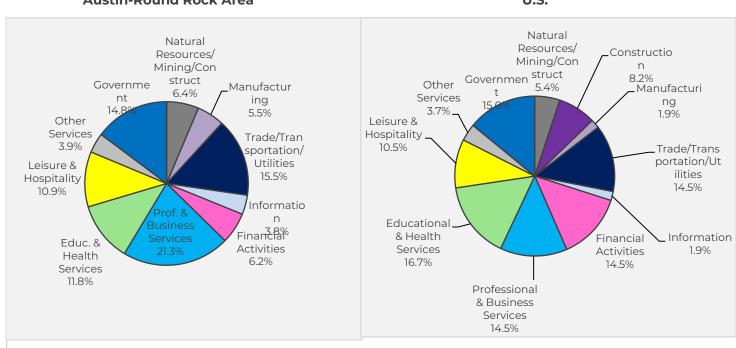
## **Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...**

Local Economic Outlook	Austin	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Mar)	27,800	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but
12-month Job Change (Feb)	35,300	Not Comparable	remains positive
36-month Job Change (Mar)	217,500	Not Comparable	Unemployment has risen since the
Current Unemployment Rate (Mar)	3.5%	3.8%	same period last year, but Austin's labor market has been more resilient than the national average
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.5%	Local employment growth is strong
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.1%	2.1%	compared to other markets

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

#### **Austin-Round Rock Area**

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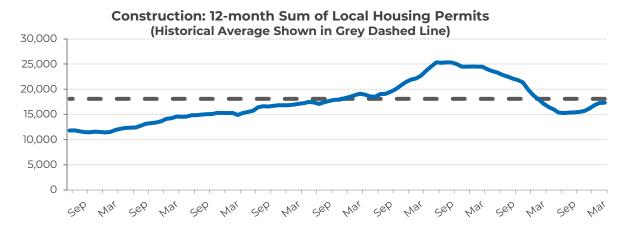


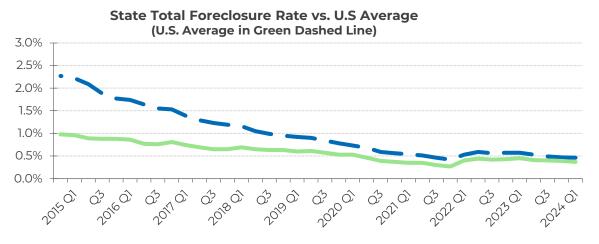
#### 12-month Employment Change by Industry (Mar - 2024) Goods Producing NA Information -3.400 Natural Resources/Mining/Construction 4,300 2,800 Financial Activities Natural Resources and Mining NA Prof. & Business Services 3,100 7,500 Construction NA Educ. & Health Services Manufacturing 800 Leisure & Hospitality 5,400 Service Providing Excluding Government NA Other Services 3,600 Trade/Transportation/Utilities 5,200 Government 6.000



State Economic Activity Index	Texas	U.S.	
12-month change (2024 - Mar)	3.3%	2.9%	Texas's economy is stronger than the
36-month change (2024 - Mar)	15.9%	12.9%	nation's, but slowed from last month's 3.56% change

New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	Austin	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Mar	17,332	not comparable	The current level of construction is 4.2% below the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	18,096	not comparable	Reduced construction will limit new supply to the market, allowing demand to catch up with inventory more quickly
Single-Family Housing Permits (Mar) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	1.2%	8.8%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized





Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



## **Affordability**

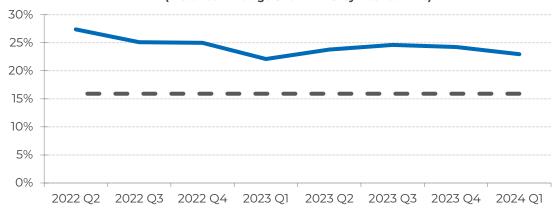
# Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Grey, U.S. Average in Green)



Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income*	Austin	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	23.8%	25.2%	Weak by local standards, but better
Ratio for 2024 Q1	23.0%	23.7%	than the fourth quarter of 2023
Historical Average	15.9%	17.0%	More affordable than most markets

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

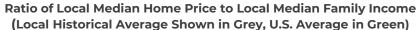


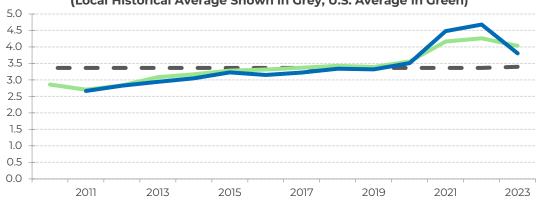


Median Home Price to Income*	Austin	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	3.8	4.0	The price-to-income ratio eased, but
Ratio for 2024 Q1	3.7	3.8	could be better
Historical Average	3.4	3.4	Less affordable than most markets

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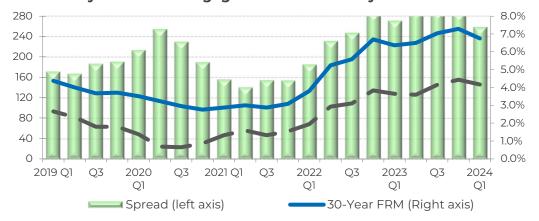






# **The Mortgage Market**





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 Austin area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Austin-Round Rock 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:

Bastrop County, Caldwell County, Hays County, Travis County, and Williamson County

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