

## Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis Area

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

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





Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Milwaukee	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2024 Q1)	\$354,000	\$385,100	Duines and the frame at the resident	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	4.2%	5.1%	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	21.8%	21.2%	growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$63,400	\$67,467	Gains in the last 3 years have extended	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$133,000	\$154,400	the trend of positive price growth after	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$158,600	\$181,700	the recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation o	nly			

	Milwaukee	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	46%	not comparable	to government-backed financing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2024.			

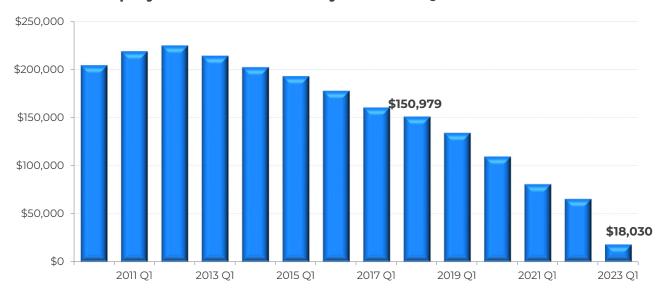
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis market is part of region 7 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. The 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 7 is Bernice Helman.



# **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	Milwaukee	U.S.	Local Trend
1-year (4-quarter)	\$18,030	\$22,451	
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$80,713	\$86,390	Price appreciation and principle
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$134,126	\$152,868	payments in the last 3 years have
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$160,353	\$182,953	boosted total equity growth since the
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$192,927	\$217,432	recession

<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



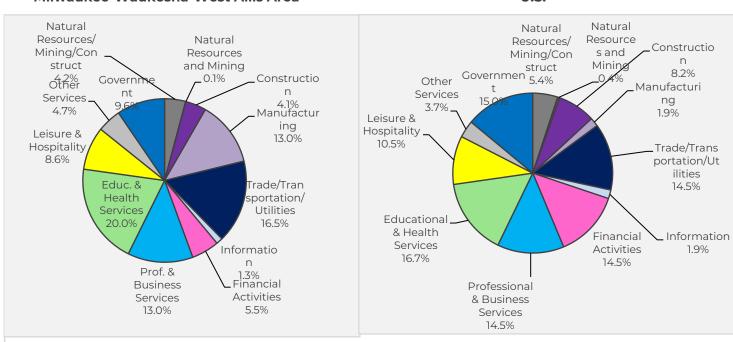
## **Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...**

Local Economic Outlook	Milwaukee	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Mar)	-7,800	Not Comparable	Emplyoment continues to decline and
12-month Job Change (Feb)	-6,000	Not Comparable	will weigh on demand in some areas
36-month Job Change (Mar)	29,400	Not Comparable	Unemployment has risen since the
Current Unemployment Rate (Mar)	3.6%	3.8%	same period last year, but Milwaukee's labor market has been more resilient than the national average
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.5%	Local employment growth is poor and
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	-0.9%	2.1%	needs to improve

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

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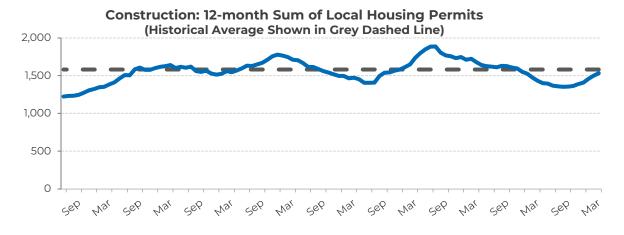


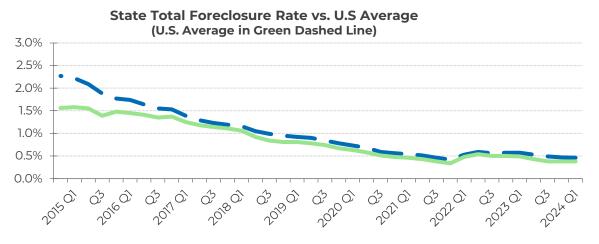
#### 12-month Employment Change by Industry (Mar - 2024) Goods Producing NA Information -800 1,400 Natural Resources/Mining/Construction -800 Financial Activities 0 Natural Resources and Mining Prof. & Business Services -6,900 Construction 1,400 Educ. & Health Services 1,800 Manufacturing -1.200 Leisure & Hospitality -100 NA Other Services -800 Service Providing Excluding Government Trade/Transportation/Utilities -1,500 Government 2.900



State Economic Activity Index	Wisconsin	U.S.	
12-month change (2024 - Mar)	1.2%	2.9%	Wisconsin's economy is growing, but
36-month change (2024 - Mar)	8.6%	12.9%	decelerated from last month's 1.23% change and lags the rest of the nation

New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Milwaukee	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Mar	1,531	not comparable	The current level of construction is 3.3% below the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	1,583	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	6.9%	8.8%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized	





Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



## **Affordability**

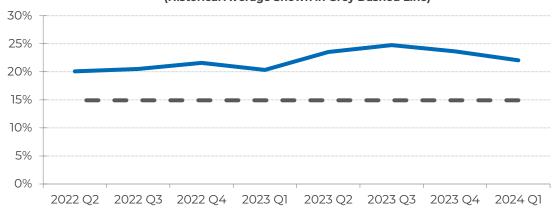
# Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Grey, U.S. Average in Green)



Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income*	Milwaukee	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	23.3%	25.2%	Weak by local standards, but better
Ratio for 2024 Q1	22.0%	23.7%	than the fourth quarter of 2023
Historical Average	14.9%	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

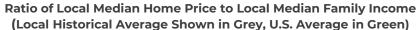
## Recent Trend - Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Historical Average Shown in Grey Dashed Line)



Median Home Price to Income*	Milwaukee	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	3.7	4.0	The price-to-income ratio eased, but
Ratio for 2024 Q1	3.5	3.8	could be better
Historical Average	3.1	3.4	Affordable compared to most markets

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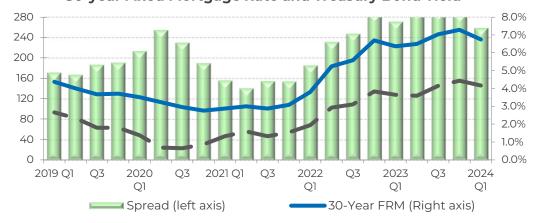






## **The Mortgage Market**





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 Milwaukee area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis 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:

Milwaukee County, Ozaukee County, Washington County, and Waukesha County

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