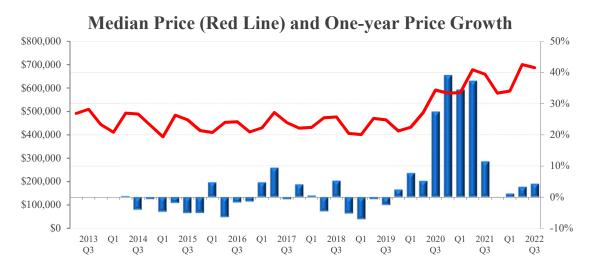


## **Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk Area**

#### Local Market Report, Third Quarter 2022

## Today's Market...



Local Price Trends					
Price Activity	Stamford	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>		
Current Median Home Price (2022 Q3)	\$687,000	\$391,467			
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2022 Q3)	4.3%	8.6%	Prices continue to grow relative to last year		
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2022 Q3)	47.9%	41.4%			
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$222,600	\$114,567	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the		
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$222,900	\$164,133	trend of positive price growth after the		
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$177,400	\$184,600	recession		
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only					

	Stamford	U.S.			
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$707,250	\$1,089,300	Not all buyers have access to government-		
FHA Loan Limit	\$707,250	\$1,089,300	backed financing in this market		
<b>Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio</b>	97%	not comparable	backed infancing in this market		
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2023.					

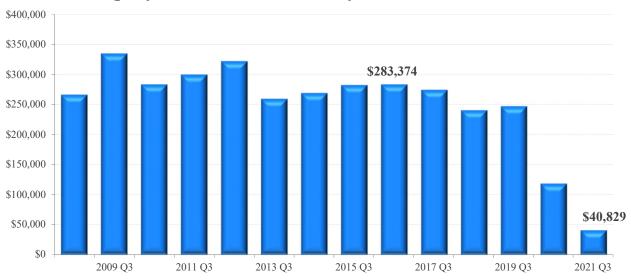
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

The Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk market is part of region 1 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The 2022 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 1 is Joanne Breen.



# **Benefits of Ownership: Total Equity Appreciation**

### Total Equity Accrued to Owner by Year and Quarter of Purchase



Total Equity Gained** through 2022 Q3 from quarter in which home was of purchased				
Price Activity	Stamford	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$40,829	\$38,029		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$247,108	\$129,179		
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$274,216	\$160,886	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$282,125	\$193,144	growth since the recession	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$259,235	\$217,820		

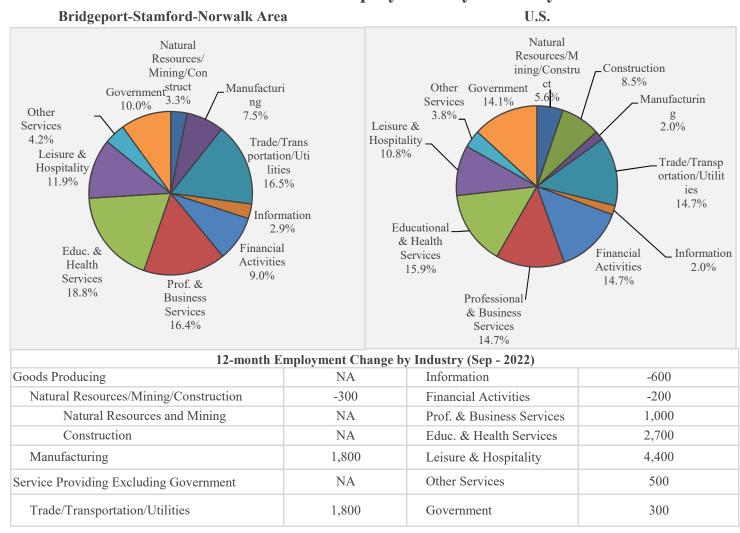
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity



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

Local Economic Outlook	Stamford	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Sep)	12,500	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an
12-month Job Change (Aug)	11,400	Not Comparable	upward trend
36-month Job Change (Sep)	-6,700	Not Comparable	Stamford's unemployment rate lags the national average, but has improved relative
Current Unemployment Rate (Sep)	4.0%	3.5%	to the same period last year
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	5.5%	4.7%	Local employment growth is poor and
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	3.2%	4.3%	needs to improve

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

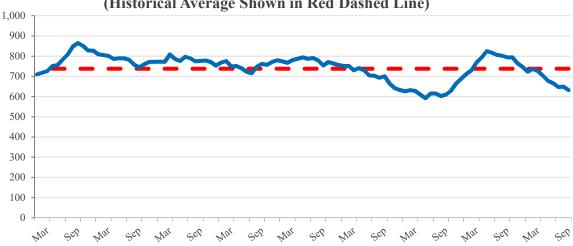


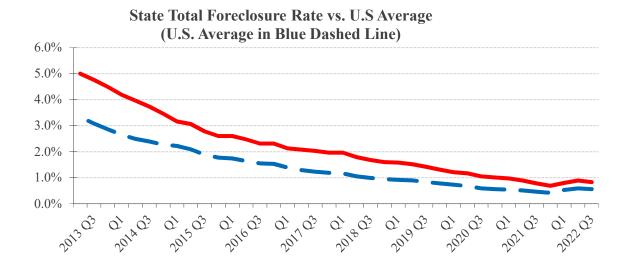
State Economic Activity Index	Connecticut	U.S.	
12-month change (2022 - Sep)	5.4%	4.9%	Connecticut's economy is stronger than the nation's, but slowed from last month's
36-month change (2022 - Sep)	0.6%	5.2%	6.25% change



New Housing Construction						
Local Fundamentals Stamford U.S.						
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Sep	632	not comparable	The current level of construction is 14.3% below the long-term average			
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	738	not comparable	Reduced construction will limit new supply to the market, allowing demand to catch up with inventory more quickly			
Single-Family Housing Permits (Sep) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	-20.4%	-7.7%	Construction is down from last year, but appears to have bottomed.			





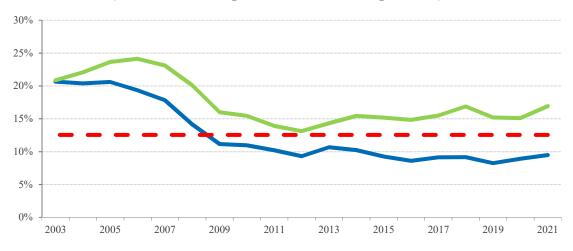


Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

# **Affordability**



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



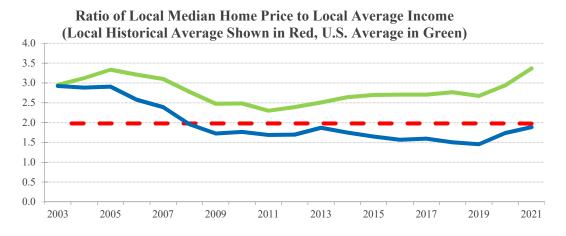
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Stamford	U.S.		
Ratio for 2021	9.5%	16.9%	Weak by local standards and could weig	
Ratio for 2022 Q3	14.6%	24.4%	on demand	
Historical Average	12.6%	18.1%	More affordable than most markets	

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



Median Home Price to Income	Stamford	U.S.	
Ratio for 2021	1.9	3.4	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2022 Q3	2.1	3.6	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	2.0	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





## The Mortgage Market



Mortgage rates continued their upward trek in the third quarter of the year. Due to elevated inflation, the Federal Reserve raised twice its short-term interest rates by 75 basis points each time. While both rising inflation and higher interest rates typically move up mortgage rates, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate surpassed the 6.5 percent threshold moving closer to 7 percent. According to the mortgage finance provider Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate rose to 5.6 percent in Q3 2022 from 2.9 percent a year earlier. As long as inflation remains elevated, mortgage rates will continue to rise. NAR forecasts the 30-year fixed mortgage rate to average 6.5 percent at the end of the year.



# Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Stamford area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk 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:

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