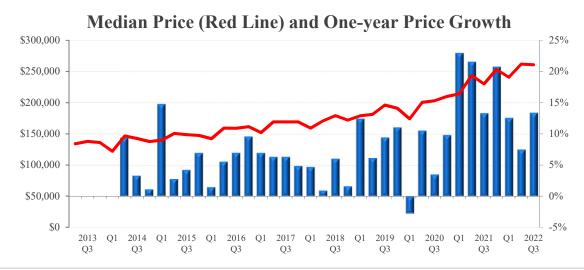


### **Bowling Green Area** Local Market Report, Third Quarter 2022

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



U.S. \$391,467 8.6% 41.4%	<b>Local Trend</b> Prices continue to grow relative to last year
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\$114,567	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the trend of positive price growth after the recession
\$164,133	
\$184,600	
	\$164,133

\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	<b>Bowling Green</b>	U.S.		
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$726,200	\$1,089,300	Most buyers in this market have access to	
FHA Loan Limit	\$472,030	\$1,089,300		
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	36%	not comparable	government-backed financing	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2023				

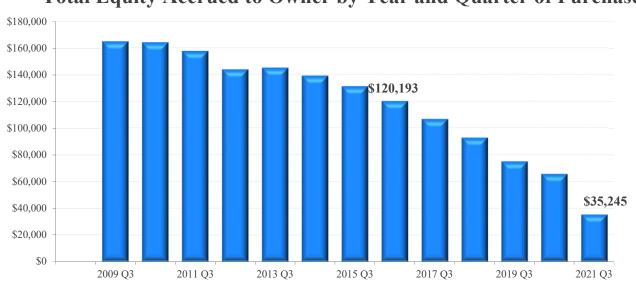
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The Bowling Green market is part of region 4 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The 2022 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 4 is Amy Hedgecock.



# **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	<b>Bowling Green</b>	U.S.	Local Trend
1-year (4-quarter)	\$35,245	\$38,029	
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$75,054	\$129,179	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$106,744	\$160,886	Price appreciation and principle payment in the last 3 years have boosted total equi growth since the recession
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$131,263	\$193,144	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$145,145	\$217,820	

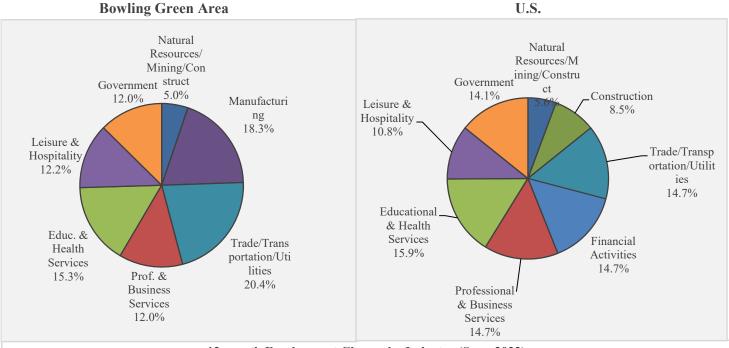
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity

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



Local Economic Outlook	Bowling Green	U.S.		
12-month Job Change (Sep)	2,000	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an upward trend	
12-month Job Change (Aug)	700	Not Comparable		
36-month Job Change (Sep)	-800	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Bowling Green is better	
Current Unemployment Rate (Sep)	3.3%	3.5%	than the national average and improving	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.7%	Local employment growth is poor and	
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.6%	4.3%	needs to improve	

#### Share of Total Employment by Industry

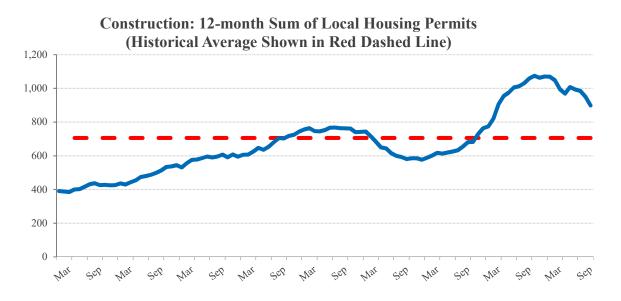


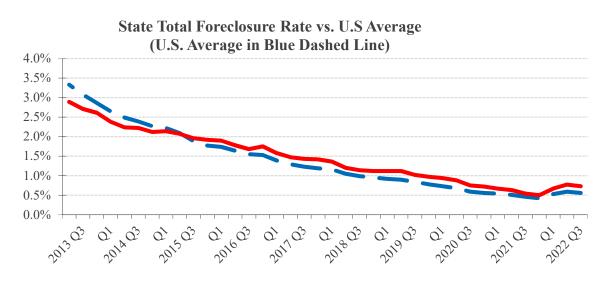
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Sep - 2022)					
Goods Producing	NA	Information	NA		
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	0	Financial Activities	NA		
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	-200		
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	300		
Manufacturing	0	Leisure & Hospitality	200		
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	NA		
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	500	Government	-300		

State Economic Activity Index	Kentucky	U.S.	
12-month change (2022 - Sep)	5.1%	4.9%	The economy of Kentucky has outpaced the rest of the nation and improved modestly from last month's 4.99% change
36-month change (2022 - Sep)	5.6%	5.2%	



New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	<b>Bowling Green</b>	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Sep	899	not comparable	The current level of construction is 27.4% above the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	706	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 (Sep) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	-15.1%	-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)

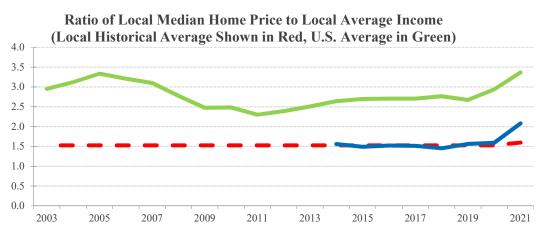
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	<b>Bowling Green</b>	U.S.	
Ratio for 2021	10.5%	16.9%	Weak by local standards and could weigh
Ratio for 2022 Q3	16.2%	24.4%	on demand
Historical Average	8.9%	18.1%	More affordable than most markets



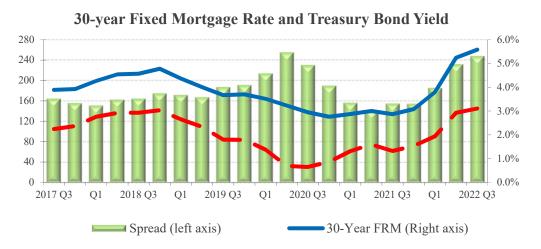


Median Home Price to Income	<b>Bowling Green</b>	U.S.	
Ratio for 2021	2.1	3.4	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2022 Q3	2.4	3.6	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.6	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





## 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 Bowling Green area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Bowling Green 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:

Allen County, Butler County, Edmonson County and Warren County

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