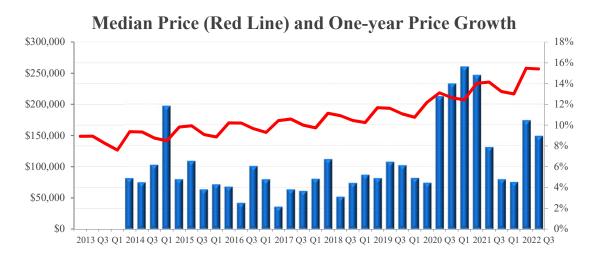


## St. Louis Area

#### **Local Market Report, Third Quarter 2022**

## Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Saint Louis	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
Current Median Home Price (2022 Q3)	\$256,800	\$391,467	D.:	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2022 Q3)	9.0%	8.6%	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2022 Q3)	32.5%	41.4%	growth is slowing	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$63,000	\$114,567	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$91,000	\$164,133	trend of positive price growth after the recession	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$107,900	\$184,600		
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

	Saint Louis	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	government-backed financing	
<b>Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio</b>	35%	not comparable	government-backed imancing	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2023.				

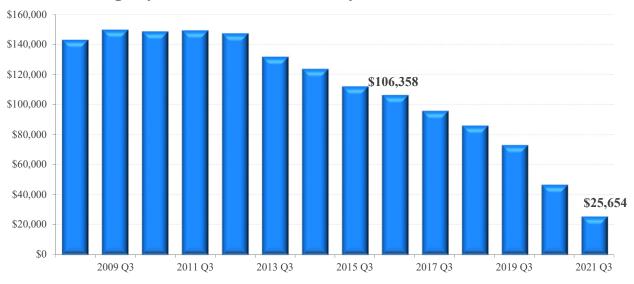
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

The St. Louis market is part of region 9 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. The 2022 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 9 is Steve LaRue.



# **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	SaintLouis	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$25,654	\$38,029		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$73,227	\$129,179		
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$95,898	\$160,886	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$112,158	\$193,144	growth since the recession	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$131,812	\$217,820		

<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

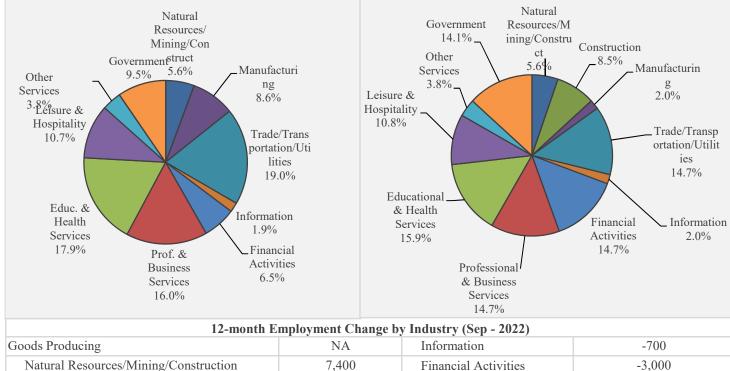


## **Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...**

Local Economic Outlook	Saint Louis	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Sep)	27,700	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an
12-month Job Change (Aug)	24,000	Not Comparable	upward trend
36-month Job Change (Sep)	-19,400	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Saint Louis is better than
Current Unemployment Rate (Sep)	2.3%	3.5%	the national average and improving
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.7%	Local employment growth is poor and
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.0%	4.3%	needs to improve

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

St. Louis Area U.S.



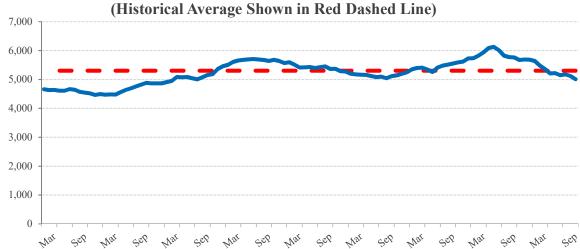
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Sep - 2022)					
Goods Producing	NA	Information	-700		
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	7,400	Financial Activities	-3,000		
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	10,300		
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	-1,100		
Manufacturing	3,800	Leisure & Hospitality	9,700		
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	2,500		
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	3,100	Government	-8,000		

State Economic Activity Index	Missouri	U.S.	
12-month change (2022 - Sep)	5.0%	4.9%	The economy of Missouri has outpaced the rest of the nation and improved modestly
36-month change (2022 - Sep)	5.5%	5.2%	from last month's 4.72% change

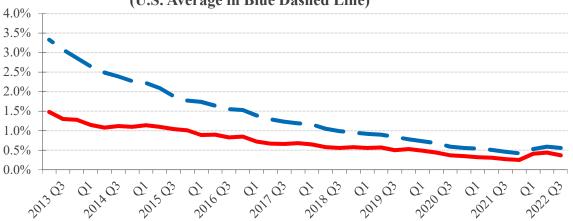


New Housing Construction					
Local Fundamentals Saint Louis U.S.					
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Sep	5,008	not comparable	The current level of construction is 5.6% below the long-term average		
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	5,305	not comparable	Reduced 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	-13.1%	-7.7%	Construction is down from last year, but appears to have bottomed.		







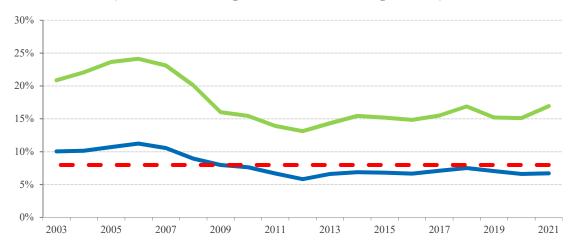


Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association

## **Affordability**

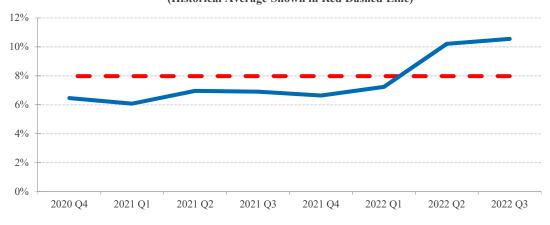


## Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)



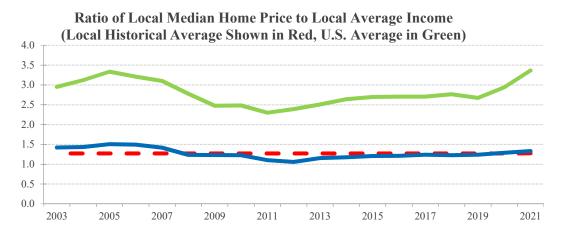
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Saint Louis	U.S.		
Ratio for 2021	6.7%	16.9%	Weak by local standards and could weigh	
Ratio for 2022 Q3	10.6%	24.4%	on demand	
Historical Average	8.0%	18.1%	More affordable than most markets	

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

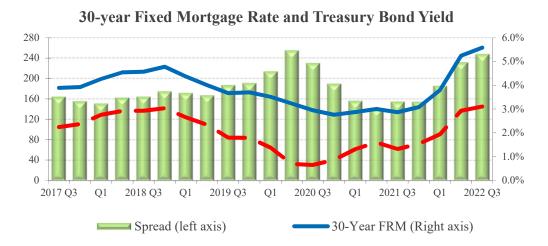


Median Home Price to Income	Saint Louis	U.S.	
Ratio for 2021	1.3	3.4	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2022 Q3	1.5	3.6	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.3	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





### 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 Saint Louis area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the St. Louis 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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