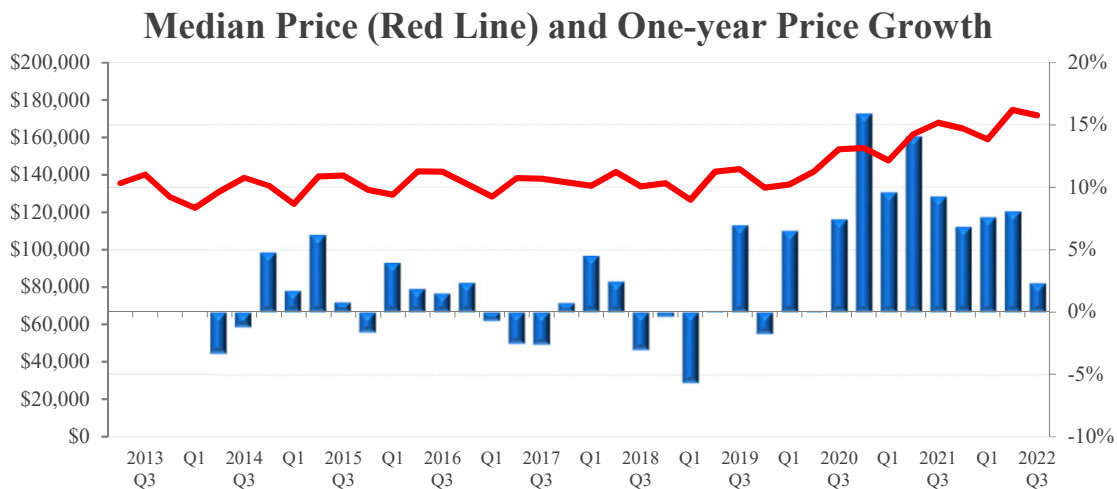


Charleston Area Local Market Report, Third Quarter 2022

Today's Market...



Local Price Trends			
Price Activity	Charleston	U.S.	Local Trend
Current Median Home Price (2022 Q3)	\$171,800	\$391,467	Prices are up from a year ago, but price growth is slowing
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2022 Q3)	2.3%	8.6%	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2022 Q3)	20.1%	41.4%	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$28,700	\$114,567	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the trend of positive price growth after the recession
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$32,200	\$164,133	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$31,600	\$184,600	

*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Charleston	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$726,200	\$1,089,300	Most buyers in this market have access to government-backed financing
FHA Loan Limit	\$472,030	\$1,089,300	
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	24%	not comparable	

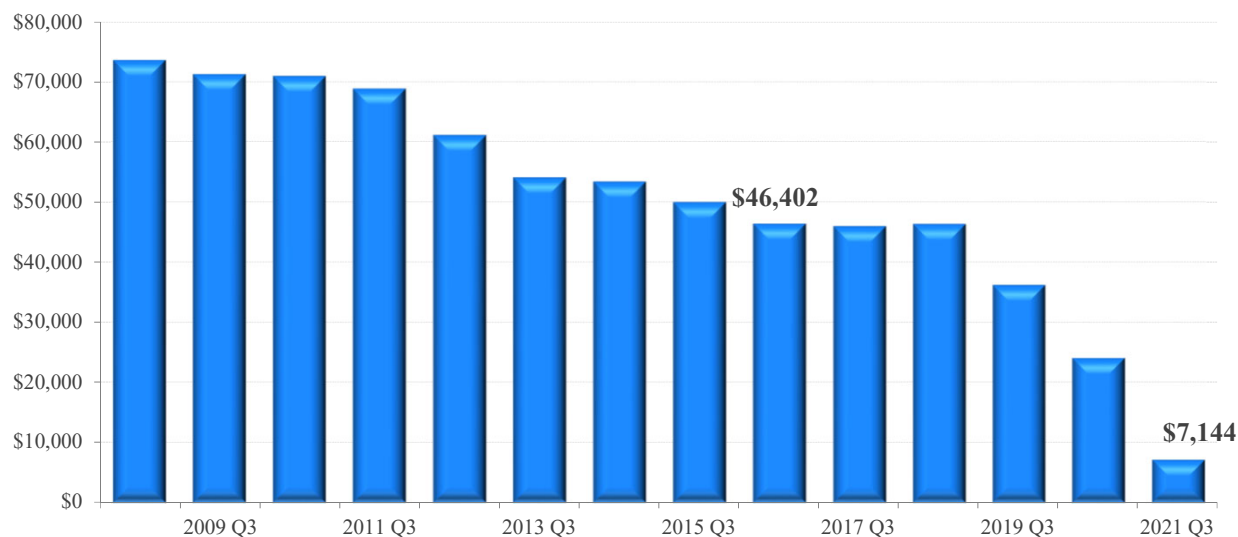
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2023.

Local NAR Leadership

The Charleston market is part of region 3 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, and West Virginia. The 2022 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 3 is Gail Renulfi.

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	Charleston	U.S.	Local Trend
1-year (4-quarter)	\$7,144	\$38,029	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity growth since the recession
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$36,252	\$129,179	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$45,996	\$160,886	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$50,015	\$193,144	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$54,114	\$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...

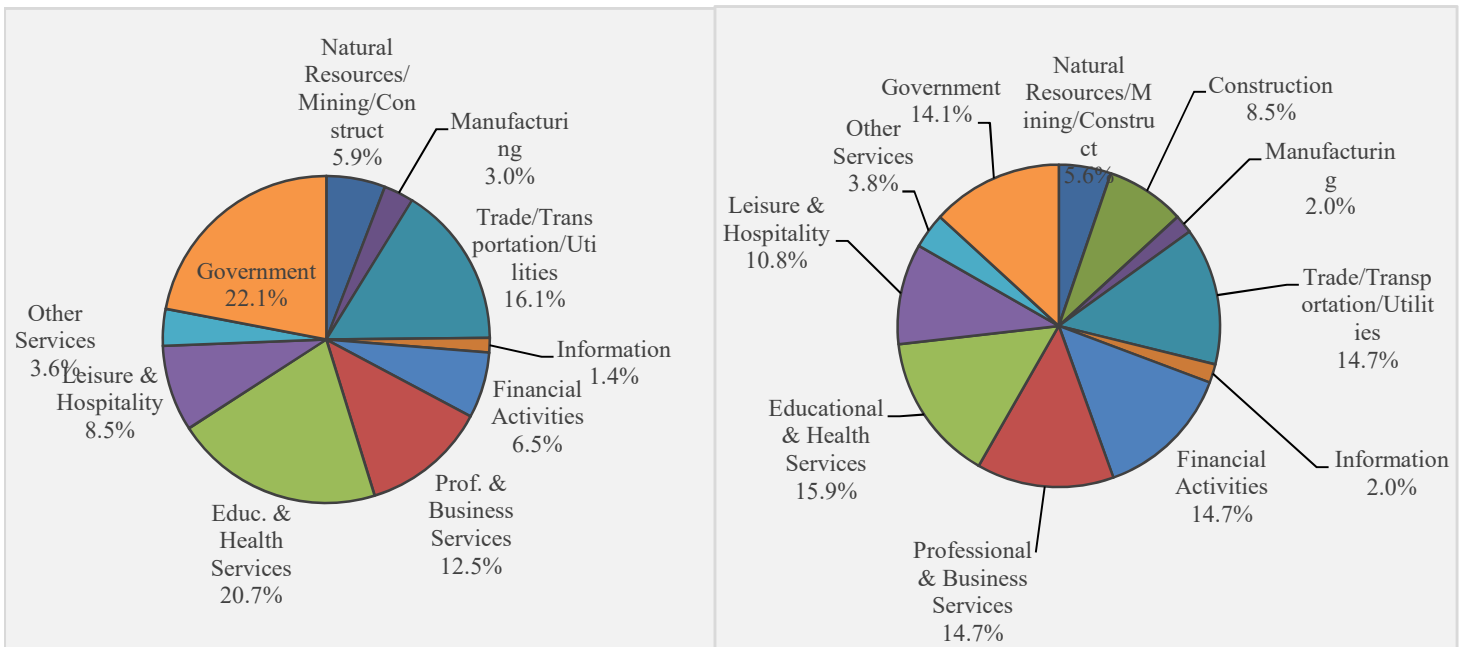


Local Economic Outlook	Charleston	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Sep)	600	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains positive
12-month Job Change (Aug)	1,000	Not Comparable	
36-month Job Change (Sep)	-5,300	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Charleston is better than the national average and improving
Current Unemployment Rate (Sep)	3.3%	3.5%	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.7%	Local employment growth is poor and needs to improve
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	0.6%	4.3%	

Share of Total Employment by Industry

Charleston Area

U.S.



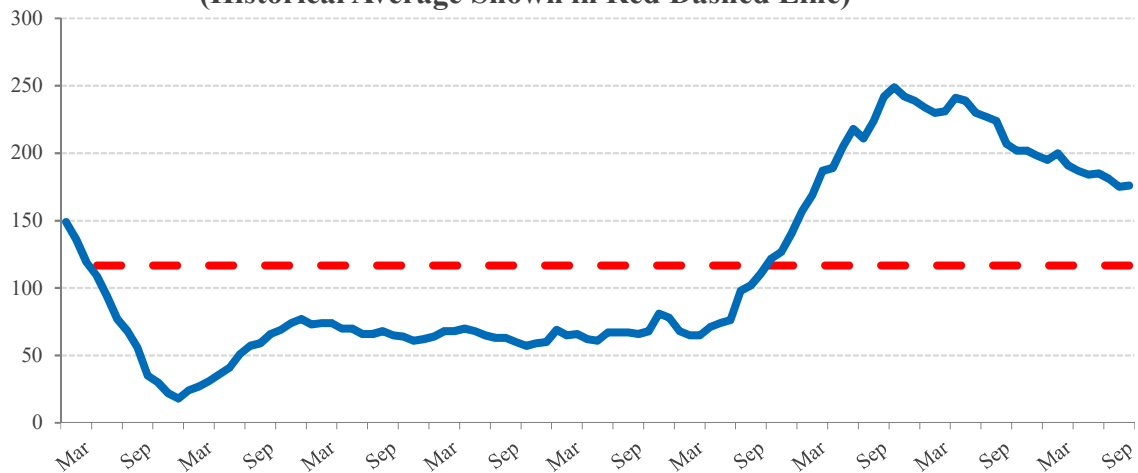
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Sep - 2022)

Goods Producing	NA	Information	0
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	-500	Financial Activities	-100
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	200
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	700
Manufacturing	100	Leisure & Hospitality	500
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	100
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	0	Government	0

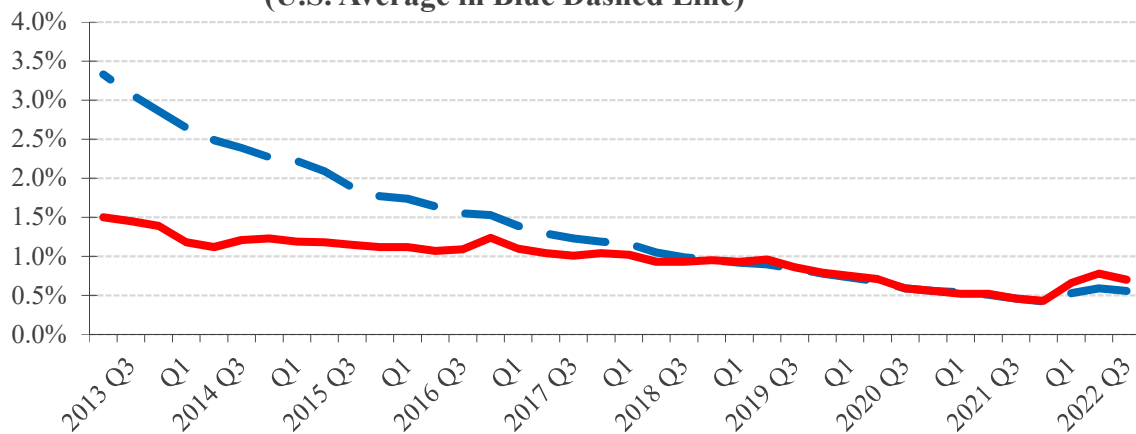
State Economic Activity Index	West Virginia	U.S.	
12-month change (2022 - Sep)	6.6%	4.9%	West Virginia's economy is stronger than the nation's, but slowed from last month's 8.36% change
36-month change (2022 - Sep)	6.7%	5.2%	

New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	Charleston	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Sep	176	not comparable	The current level of construction is 50.7% above the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	117	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	-15.0%	-7.7%	Construction is down from last year, but appears to have bottomed.

**Construction: 12-month Sum of Local Housing Permits
(Historical Average Shown in Red Dashed Line)**

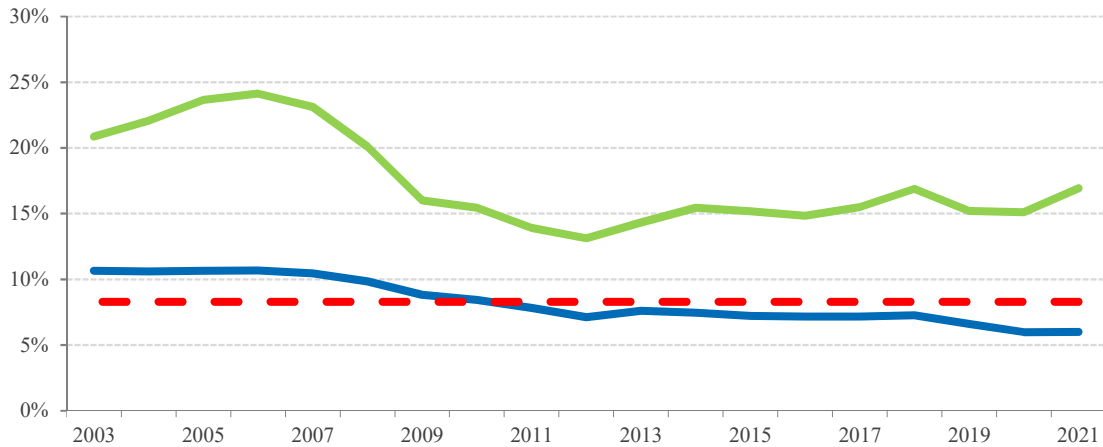


**State Total Foreclosure Rate vs. U.S Average
(U.S. Average in Blue Dashed Line)**



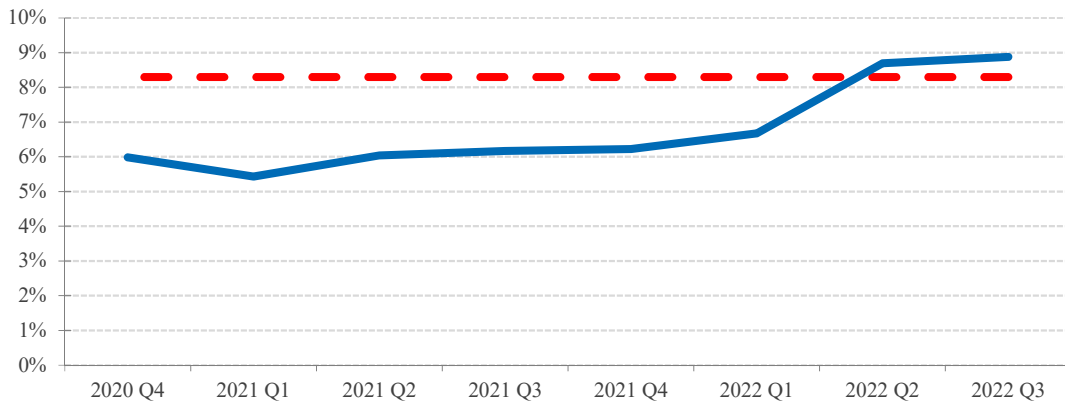
Affordability

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

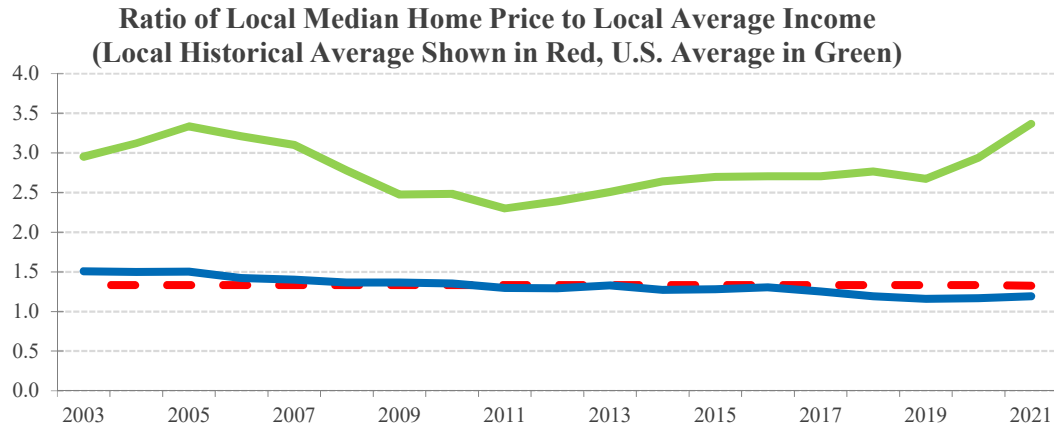


Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Charleston	U.S.	
Ratio for 2021	6.0%	16.9%	Weak by local standards and could weigh on demand
Ratio for 2022 Q3	8.9%	24.4%	
Historical Average	8.3%	18.1%	More affordable than most markets

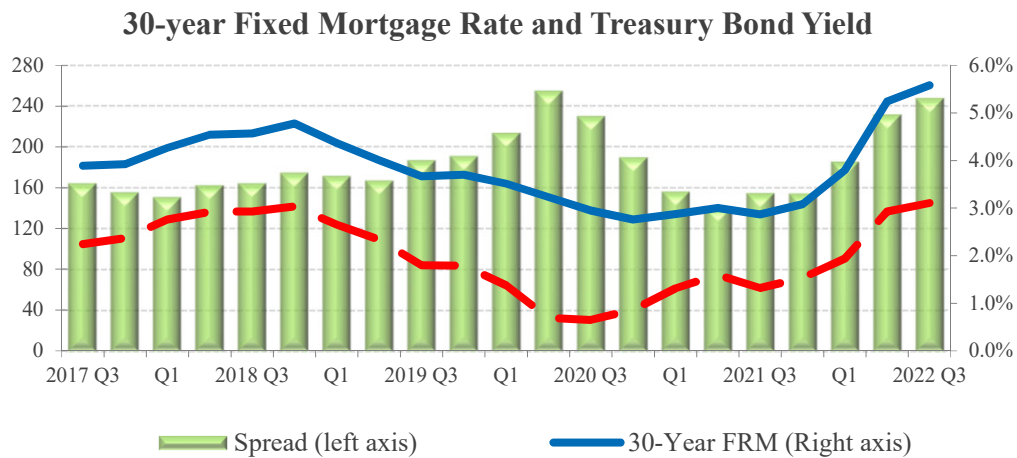
Recent Trend - Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income
(Historical Average Shown in Red Dashed Line)



Median Home Price to Income	Charleston	U.S.	
Ratio for 2021	1.2	3.4	The price-to-income ratio rose, but is better than the historic average
Ratio for 2022 Q3	1.3	3.6	
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 Charleston area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Charleston 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:

Boone County, Clay County, and Kanawha County

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

