

Grand Rapids-Wyoming Area

Local Market Report, First Quarter 2024

Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Grand Rapids	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2024 Q1)	\$325,400	\$385,100	Prices continue to grow relative to last	
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	12.0%	5.1%		
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2024 Q1)	34.4%	21.2%	year	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$83,300	\$67,467	Gains in the last 3 years have extended	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$161,300	\$154,400	the trend of positive price growth aft	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$188,400	\$181,700	the recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

	Grand Rapids	U.S.	
nforming Loan Limit**	\$766,550	\$1,149,825	
FHA Loan Limit	\$498,257	\$1,149,825	Most buyers in this market have access
al Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	42%	not comparable	to government-backed financing

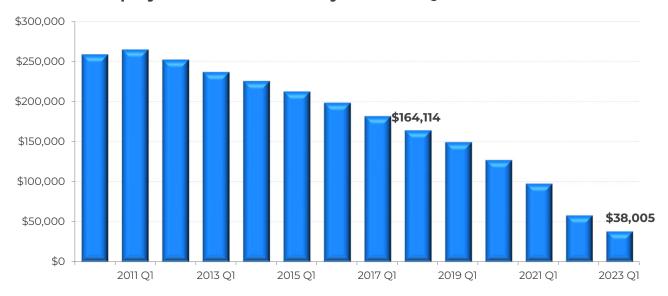
Local NAR Leadership

The Grand Rapids-Wyoming market is part of region 6 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Ohio and Michigan. The 2024 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 6 is Sara Calo.



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	GrandRapids	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$38,005	\$22,451		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$97,723	\$86,390	Price appreciation and principle	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$149,207	\$152,868	payments in the last 3 years have	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$181,610	\$182,953	boosted total equity growth since the	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$212,467	\$217,432	recession	

^{*}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



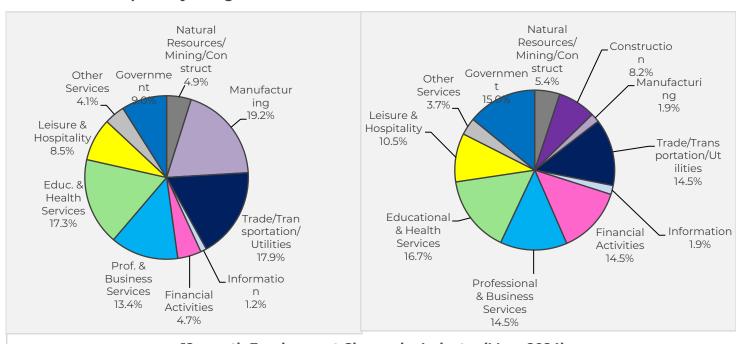
Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...

Local Economic Outlook	Grand Rapids	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Mar)	700	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but
12-month Job Change (Feb)	1,900	Not Comparable	remains positive
36-month Job Change (Mar)	48,500	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Grand Rapids is
Current Unemployment Rate (Mar)	3.1%	3.8%	better than the national average and improving
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.5%	Local employment growth is poor ar needs to improve
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	0.1%	2.1%	

Share of Total Employment by Industry

Grand Rapids-Wyoming Area

U.S.



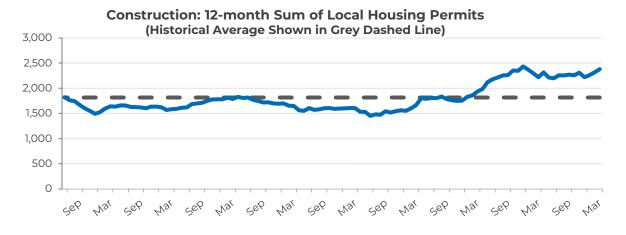
12-month Employment Change by Industry (Mar - 2024)

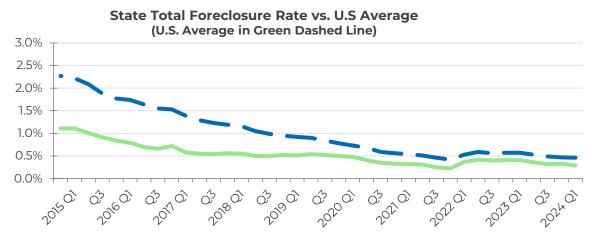
Goods Producing	NA	Information	-100
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	1,900	Financial Activities	-500
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	-1,000
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	3,600
Manufacturing	-4,200	Leisure & Hospitality	500
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	0
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	600	Government	1,100



State Economic Activity Index	Michigan	U.S.	
12-month change (2024 - Mar)	0.8%	2.9%	Michigan's economy is growing, but
36-month change (2024 - Mar)	11.2%	12.9%	decelerated from last month's 0.96% change and lags the rest of the nation

New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Grand Rapids	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Mar	2,378	not comparable	The current level of construction is 31.0% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	1,816	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 (Mar) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	7.2%	8.8%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized	





Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



Affordability

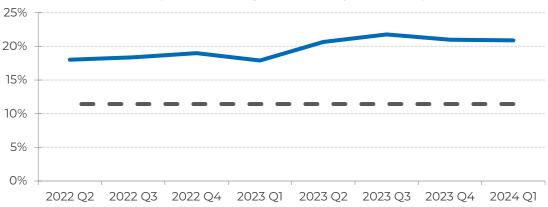
Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income (Local Historical Average Shown in Grey, U.S. Average in Green)



Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income*	Grand Rapids	U.S.		
Ratio for 2023	20.5%	25.2%	Weak by local standards, but better	
Ratio for 2024 Q1	20.9%	23.7%	than the fourth quarter of 2023	
Historical Average	11.4%	17.0%	More affordable than most markets	

^{*}The median family Income was included for the calculation of the mortgage payment to income ratio



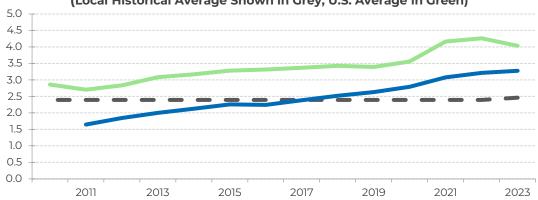


Median Home Price to Income*	Grand Rapids	U.S.	
Ratio for 2023	3.3	4.0	The price-to-income ratio eased, but
Ratio for 2024 Q1	3.4	3.8	could be better
Historical Average	2.5	3.4	Affordable compared to most markets

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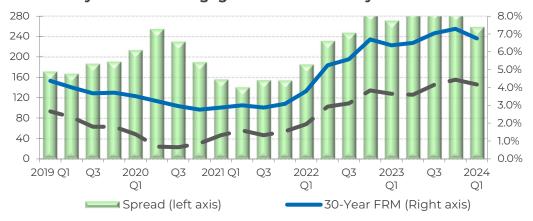






The Mortgage Market





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 Grand Rapids area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Grand Rapids-Wyoming 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:

Barry County, Kent County, Montcalm County, and Ottawa County

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