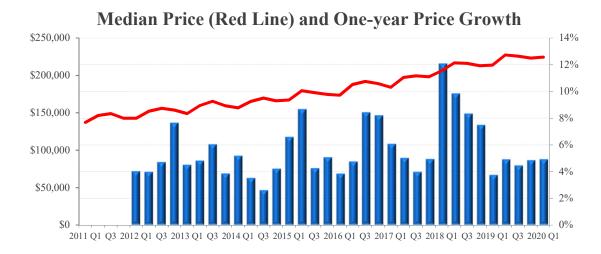


### **Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin Area**

Local Market Report, First Quarter 2020

including the impact of COVID-19 on the local economy

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



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Greenville	U.S.	Local Trend	
Current Median Home Price (2020 Q1)	\$224,400	\$272,433		
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2020 Q1)	4.9%	7.7%	Prices continue to grow relative to last ye	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2020 Q1)	22.0%	18.1%		
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$40,400	\$41,733	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the trend of positive price growth after the	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$75,300	\$96,500		
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$87,200	\$114,500	recession	

\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Greenville	U.S.		
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$484,350	\$726,525	Most buyers in this market have access to	
FHA Loan Limit	\$314,827	\$726,525	government-backed financing	
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	46%	not comparable	government-backed imancing	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2010				

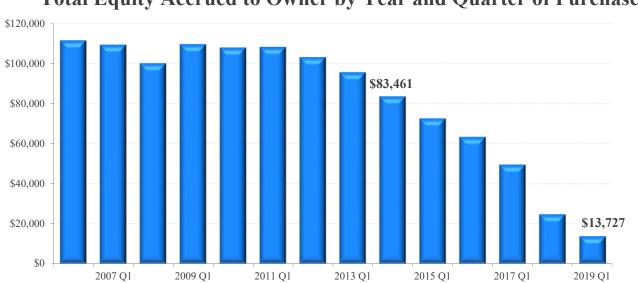
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin market is part of region 4 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The 2020 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 4 is J.D. Rinehart, Jr..



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



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

Total Equity Gained** through 2020 Q1 from quarter in which home was of purchased				
Price Activity	Greenville	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$13,727	\$23,185		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$49,369	\$52,978	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$72,409	\$87,425		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$95,513	\$120,351		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$108,098	\$138,556		

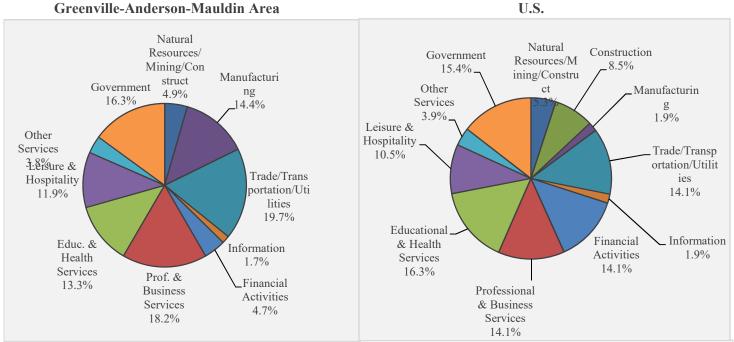
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity



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

Local Economic Outlook	Greenville	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Mar)	500	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains
12-month Job Change (Feb)	2,500	Not Comparable	positive
36-month Job Change (Mar)	18,700	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Greenville is better than
Current Unemployment Rate (Mar)	2.7%	4.4%	the national average and improving
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.8%	Local employment growth is poor and
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	0.1%	1.3%	needs to improve

#### Share of Total Employment by Industry



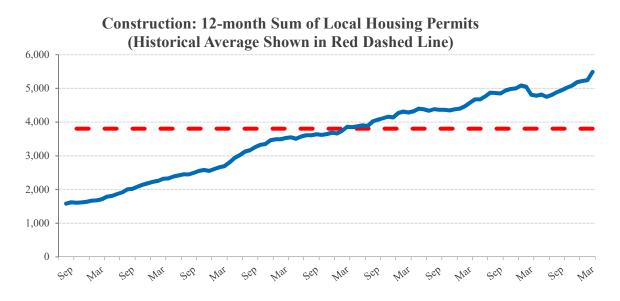
#### 12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin Area (Mar - 2020)

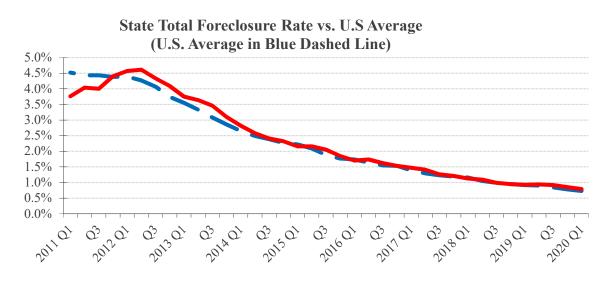
Goods Producing	NA	Information	-200
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	700	Financial Activities	-300
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	-2,700
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	500
Manufacturing	-800	Leisure & Hospitality	1,800
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	300
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	1,400	Government	1,800

State Economic Activity Index	South Carolina	U.S.	
12-month change (2020 - Mar)	1.7%	1.2%	The economy of South Carolina has outpaced the rest of the nation and
36-month change (2020 - Mar)	NA	7.0%	improved modestly from last month's - 18.32% change



New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Greenville	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Mar	5,492	not comparable	The current level of construction is 44.3% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	3,805	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	14.1%	5.5%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized	

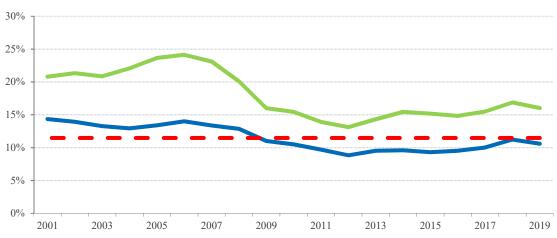




Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



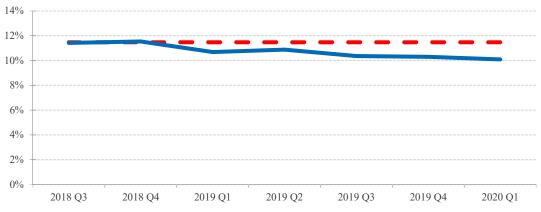
## Affordability



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

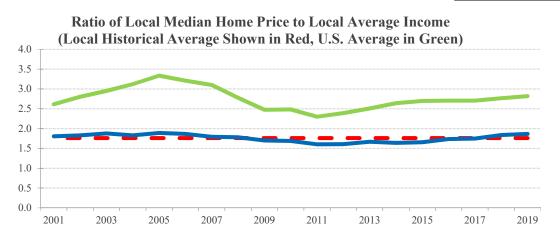
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Greenville	U.S.	
Ratio for 2019	10.6%	16.0%	Historically strong, but weaker than the fourth quarter of 2019
Ratio for 2020 Q1	10.1%	14.6%	
Historical Average	11.5%	18.4%	More affordable than most markets

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

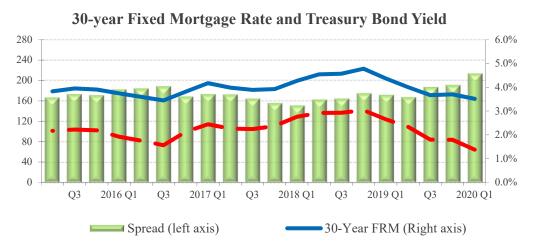


Median Home Price to Income	Greenville	U.S.	
Ratio for 2019	1.9	2.8	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2020 Q1	1.9	2.7	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.8	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





#### The Mortgage Market



The first quarter of the year mostly encompassed a pre-pandemic economy that was characterized by low unemployment and a robust economy. Nevertheless, as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, mortgage rates reached a then-historical low in March of 2020 fueling an increase in refinance activities. Specifically, at the end of the first quarter, mortgage rates declined 90 basis points compared to a year earlier. According to the mortgage finance provider Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage dropped to 3.51 percent in Q1 2020 from 4.37 percent in Q1 2019. Looking ahead, NAR is forecasting the 30-year fixed rate mortgage to average 3.20 percent for 2020.



### **REALTOR®** Price Expectations



#### Source: NAR

<b>REALTOR®</b> Price Expectations	South Carolina	U.S.	
2020 - Mar	3.1%	-0.5%	REALTORS® expect higher price growth in South Carolina than in the U.S. in the
Prior 12 months	2.3%	2.4%	next 12 months. Their price expectations are also higher than a year ago.



## Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Greenville area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin 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:

#### Anderson County, Greenville County, Laurens County, and Pickens County

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