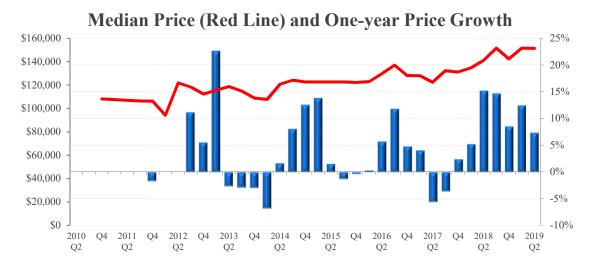


### **Decatur Area** Local Market Report, Second Quarter 2019

## Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Decatur	U.S.	Local Trend		
\$151,400	\$276,800			
7.4%	4.2%	Prices continue to grow relative to last ye		
16.8%	15.8%			
\$21,800	\$37,667	Gains in the last 3 years have extended		
\$29,500	\$95,867	trend of positive price growth after th		
NA	\$100,200	recession		
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\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Decatur	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	31%	not comparable	government-backed mancing	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2019				

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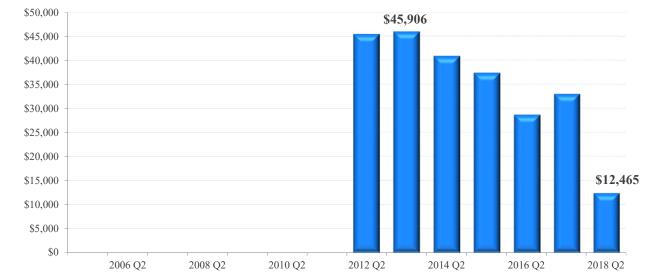
#### Local NAR Leadership

The Decatur market is part of region 7 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. The 2019 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 7 is Mike Drews.



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

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



Total Equity Gained** through 2019 Q2 from quarter in which home was of purchased				
Price Activity	Decatur	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$12,465	\$15,090		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$28,718	\$50,431		
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$40,841	\$79,779	Price appreciation and principle payments	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$45,384	\$108,518	in the last 3 years have boosted total equ growth since the recession	
9-year (36 quarters)*	NA	\$112,549		
If purchase in 2005, the national price peak	NA	\$75,039		

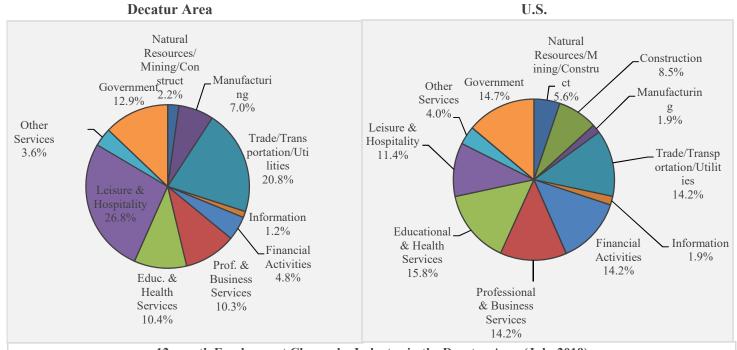
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity



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

Local Economic Outlook	Decatur	U.S.		
12-month Job Change (Jun)	2,000	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an	
12-month Job Change (May)	1,800	Ñot Comparable	upward trend	
36-month Job Change (Jun)	3,900	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Decatur is better than the	
Current Unemployment Rate (Jun)	3.1%	3.7%	national average and improving	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	4.3%	3.9%	Local employment growth is strong	
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	3.6%	1.7%	compared to other markets	

### Share of Total Employment by Industry

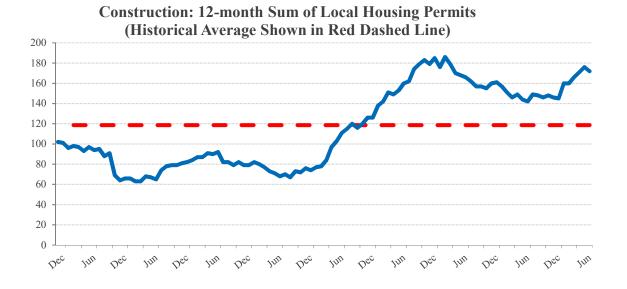


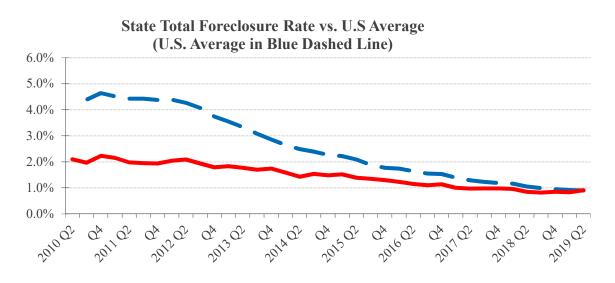
12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Decatur Area (Jul - 2019)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	100	Financial Activities -500		
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	1,200	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	600	
Manufacturing	300	Leisure & Hospitality	1,600	
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	100	
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	400	Government	100	

State Economic Activity Index	Alabama	U.S.	
12-month change (2019 - Jun)	3.6%	3.0%	The economy of Alabama has outpaced the rest of the nation and improved modestly
36-month change (2019 - Jun)	NA	9.2%	from last month's 3.03% change



New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Decatur	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Jun	172	not comparable	The current level of construction is 45.0% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	119	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 (Jun) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	21.1%	-2.5%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized	







## Affordability





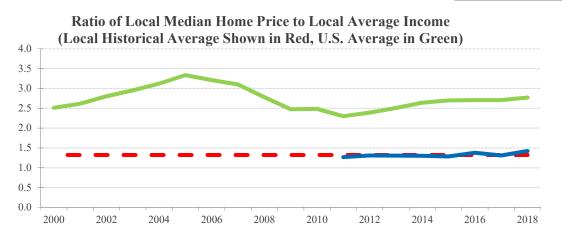
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Decatur	U.S.		
Ratio for 2018	8.7%	16.9%	Weak by local standards and could weigh on demand	
Ratio for 2019 Q2	8.6%	16.3%		
Historical Average	7.6%	18.6%	More affordable than most markets	

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

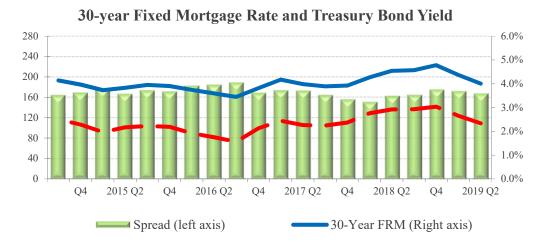


Median Home Price to Income	Decatur	U.S.	
Ratio for 2018	1.4	2.8	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2019 Q2	1.5	2.8	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.3	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





### **The Mortgage Market**



Home loans grew cheaper in the second quarter of the year. Interest rates for long-term fixed-rate loans have decreased substantially since the end of 2018. Not that long ago (November 2018), the average interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was near 5%. In contrast, as the second quarter ended, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage dropped to 4.00 percent in Q2 2019 from 4.54 percent in the Q2 2018, according to mortgage finance provider Freddie Mac. Stock market volatility and global trade worries are pushing rates down. In the meantime, homebuyers and homeowners benefit from these low rates. Looking ahead, NAR is forecasting the 30-year fixed rate mortgage to average 3.9 percent for 2019 and 3.6 percent for 2020, respectively.



### **REALTOR®** Price Expectations



Source: NAR

<b>REALTOR®</b> Price Expectations	Alabama	U.S.	
2019 - Jun	3.8%	2.3%	REALTORS® expect higher price growth in Alabama than in the U.S. in the next 12 months. However, their price expectations
Prior 12 months	4.0%	3.1%	for the local market are more modest than a year ago.



## Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Decatur area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Decatur 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:

Lawrence County and Morgan County

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