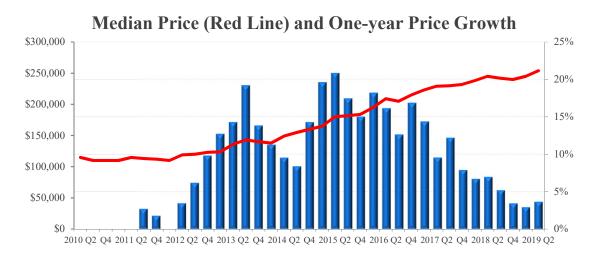


#### Port St. Lucie Area

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

### Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Port St. Lucie	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
Current Median Home Price (2019 Q2)	\$254,000	\$276,800		
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2019 Q2)	3.7%	4.2%	Prices continue to grow relative to last year	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2019 Q2)	21.5%	15.8%		
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$45,000	\$37,667	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$135,000	\$95,867	trend of positive price growth after the	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$139,000	\$100,200	recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

	Port St. Lucie	U.S.		
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$484,350	\$726,525	Most buyers in this market have access to	
FHA Loan Limit	\$327,750	\$726,525	government-backed financing	
<b>Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio</b>	52%	not comparable	government-backed imancing	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2019.				

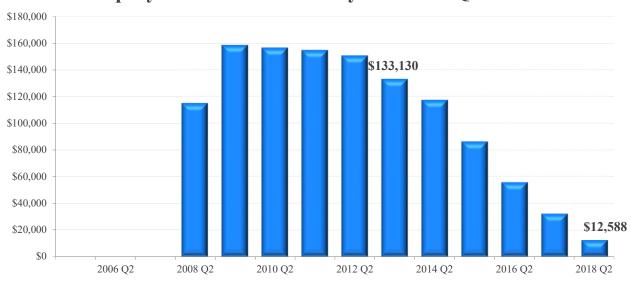
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

The Port St. Lucie market is part of region 5 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The 2019 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 5 is Maria Wells.



# **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	PortStLucie	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$12,588	\$15,090		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$56,156	\$50,431	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equit growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$117,518	\$79,779		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$150,506	\$108,518		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$156,380	\$112,549		
If purchase in 2005, the national price peak	NA	\$75,039		

<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

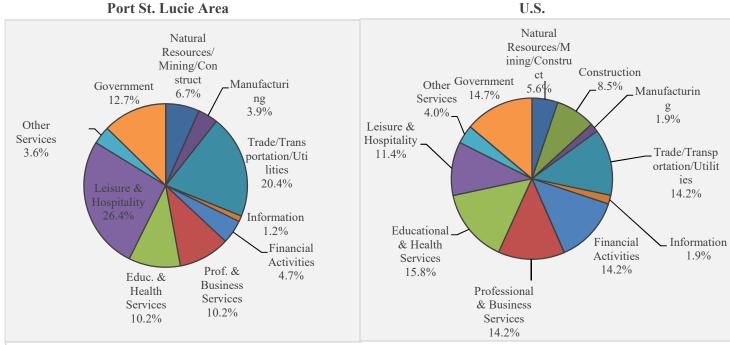


## **Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...**

Local Economic Outlook	Port St. Lucie	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Jun)	4,700	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains
12-month Job Change (May)	5,100	Ñot Comparable	positive
36-month Job Change (Jun)	13,700	Not Comparable	Port St. Lucie's unemployment rate lags the national average, but has improved relative
Current Unemployment Rate (Jun)	4.0%	3.7%	to the same period last year
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	4.5%	3.9%	Local employment growth is strong
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	3.1%	1.7%	compared to other markets

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

Port St. Lucie Area

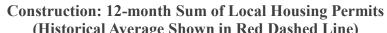


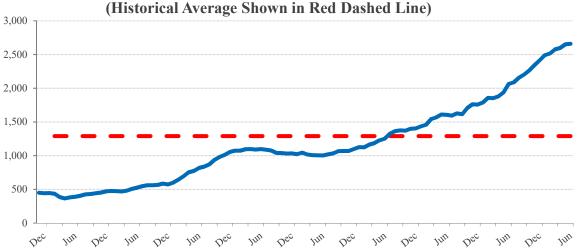
12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Port St. Lucie Area (Jul - 2019)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	1,300	Financial Activities	-500	
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	1,200	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	600	
Manufacturing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

State Economic Activity Index	Florida	U.S.	
12-month change (2019 - Jun)	3.5%	3.0%	Florida's economy is stronger than the nation's, but slowed from last month's
36-month change (2019 - Jun)	NA	9.2%	3.68% change

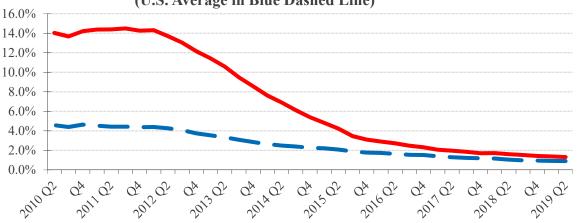


New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Port St. Lucie	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Jun	2,660	not comparable	The current level of construction is 106.2% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	1,290	not comparable	Production 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	28.9%	-2.5%	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)



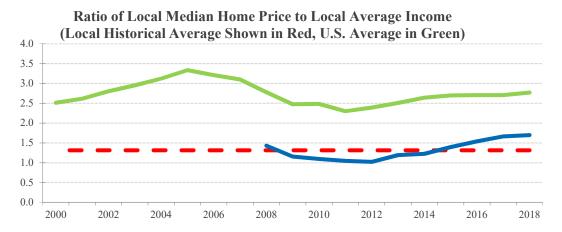
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Port St. Lucie	U.S.		
Ratio for 2018	10.4%	16.9%	Weak by local standards and could weigh	
Ratio for 2019 Q2	10.1%	16.3%	on demand	
Historical Average	7.9%	18.6%	More affordable than most markets	

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

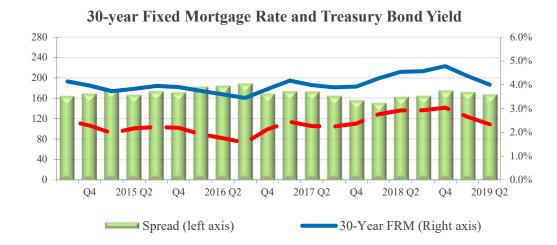


Median Home Price to Income	Port St. Lucie	U.S.	
Ratio for 2018	1.7	2.8	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2019 Q2	1.8	2.8	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.3	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





#### The Mortgage Market



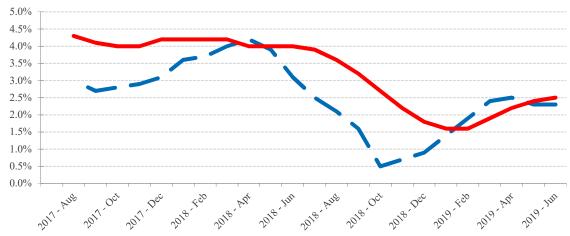
Home loans grew cheaper in the second quarter of the year. Interest rates for long-term fixed-rate loans have decreased substantially since the end of 2018. Not that long ago (November 2018), the average interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was near 5%. In contrast, as the second quarter ended, 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**

#### **REALTOR® Price Expectations for the Next 12 Months**

(U.S. Average in Blue Dashed Line)



Source: NAR

REALTOR® Price Expectations	Florida	U.S.	
2019 - Jun	2.5%	2.3%	REALTORS® expect higher price growth in Florida 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 Port St. Lucie area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Port St. Lucie 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:

Martin County and St. Lucie County

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