Bismarck Area
Local Market Report, Second Quarter 2019

Today's Market…

Median Price (Red Line) and One-year Price Growth

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<td>Current Median Home Price (2019 Q2)</td>
<td>$248,800</td>
<td>$276,800</td>
<td>Prices are down compared to a year earlier and continue to weaken</td>
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<td>1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2019 Q2)</td>
<td>-5.5%</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
<td>Price trends in the last three years have undercut the steady post-recession price trend</td>
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<td>3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2019 Q2)</td>
<td>-1.2%</td>
<td>15.8%</td>
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<td>3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*</td>
<td>-$3,100</td>
<td>$37,667</td>
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<td>7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*</td>
<td>$54,800</td>
<td>$95,867</td>
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<td>9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*</td>
<td>$85,700</td>
<td>$100,200</td>
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*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

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<th>Conforming Loan Limit**</th>
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<td>$484,350</td>
<td>$726,525</td>
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FHA Loan Limit

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<th>Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio</th>
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<td>51%</td>
<td>not comparable</td>
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Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2019.

Local NAR Leadership

The Bismarck market is part of region 8 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. The 2019 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 8 is Rod Helm.
Benefits of Ownership:
Total Equity Appreciation

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

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<td>1-year (4-quarter)</td>
<td>$10,546</td>
<td>$15,090</td>
<td>Price trends in the last three years hindered equity gains, while owners continue to pay down principle</td>
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<td>3-year (12-quarter)*</td>
<td>$10,346</td>
<td>$50,431</td>
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<td>5-year (20-quarter)*</td>
<td>$34,917</td>
<td>$79,779</td>
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<td>7-year (28 quarters)*</td>
<td>$80,079</td>
<td>$108,518</td>
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<td>9-year (36 quarters)*</td>
<td>$110,350</td>
<td>$112,549</td>
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<td>If purchase in 2005, the national price peak</td>
<td>$157,238</td>
<td>$75,039</td>
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**Total Equity Gained** through 2019 Q2 from quarter in which home was purchased

*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

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<td>12-month Job Change (Jun)</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>Not Comparable</td>
<td>Employment growth has eased, but remains positive</td>
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<td>12-month Job Change (May)</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>Not Comparable</td>
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<td>36-month Job Change (Jun)</td>
<td>-1,000</td>
<td>Not Comparable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Current Unemployment Rate (Jun)</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
<td>Unemployment in Bismarck is better than the national average and improving</td>
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<td>Year-ago Unemployment Rate</td>
<td>2.9%</td>
<td>3.9%</td>
<td>Local employment growth is poor and needs to improve</td>
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<td>1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
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### Share of Total Employment by Industry

**Bismarck Area**

- Government: 12.3%
- Natural Resources/Mining/Construction: 2.8%
- Manufacturing: 10.8%
- Trade/Transportation/Utilities: 19.8%
- Information: 1.1%
- Financial Activities: 4.5%
- Leisure & Hospitality: 25.6%
- Education & Health Services: 9.9%
- Prof. & Business Services: 9.8%
- Other Services: 3.5%

**U.S.**

- Government: 14.7%
- Natural Resources/Mining/Construction: 8.5%
- Manufacturing: 1.9%
- Trade/Transportation/Utilities: 14.2%
- Financial Activities: 14.2%
- Professional & Business Services: 4.8%
- Educational & Health Services: 15.8%
- Leisure & Hospitality: 11.4%
- Other Services: 4.0%
- Information: 1.9%

**12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Bismarck Area (Jul - 2019)**

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<td>Goods Producing</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>Information</td>
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<td>Natural Resources/Mining/Construction</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>Financial Activities</td>
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<td>Natural Resources and Mining</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>Prof. &amp; Business Services</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>400</td>
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<td>Service Providing Excluding Government</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>Other Services</td>
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<td>Trade/Transportation/Utilities</td>
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### State Economic Activity Index

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<td>12-month change (2019 - Jun)</td>
<td>2.9%</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
<td>North Dakota's economy is growing, but decelerated from last month's 2.96% change and lags the rest of the nation</td>
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<td>36-month change (2019 - Jun)</td>
<td>NA</td>
<td>9.2%</td>
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**Not Comparable**

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### Local Fundamentals

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<td>12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Jun</td>
<td>376</td>
<td>not comparable</td>
<td>The current level of construction is 46.5% below the long-term average</td>
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<td>8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits</td>
<td>703</td>
<td>not comparable</td>
<td>Reduced construction will limit new supply to the market, allowing demand to catch up with inventory more quickly</td>
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<td>Single-Family Housing Permits (Jun) 12-month sum vs. a year ago</td>
<td>-13.6%</td>
<td>-2.5%</td>
<td>Construction continues to decline from last year</td>
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### Construction: 12-month Sum of Local Housing Permits

(Historical Average Shown in Red Dashed Line)

![Construction chart]

### State Total Foreclosure Rate vs. U.S Average

(U.S. Average in Blue Dashed Line)

![Foreclosure chart]

Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association
Affordability

**Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income**

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<td>Ratio for 2018</td>
<td>10.3%</td>
<td>16.9%</td>
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<td>Historically strong, but weaker than the first quarter of 2019</td>
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<td>Ratio for 2019 Q2</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
<td>16.3%</td>
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<td>Historical Average</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
<td>18.6%</td>
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**Recent Trend - Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income**

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<td>1.7</td>
<td>2.8</td>
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<td>The price-to-income ratio is high by historic standards and getting worse</td>
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<td>Ratio for 2019 Q2</td>
<td>1.7</td>
<td>2.8</td>
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<td>Historical Average</td>
<td>1.5</td>
<td>2.7</td>
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<td>Affordable compared to most markets</td>
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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

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<td>2019 - Jun</td>
<td>1.3%</td>
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<td>3.1%</td>
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Geographic Coverage for this Report

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

Burleigh County, Oliver County, Sioux County, and Morton County

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