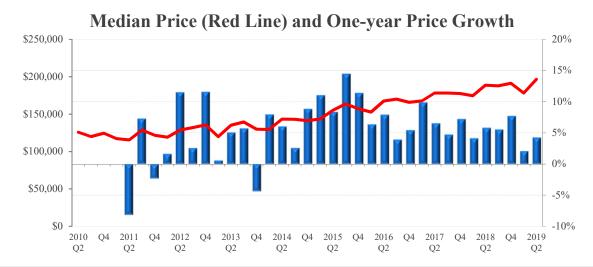


#### **Chattanooga** Area Local Market Report, Second Quarter 2019

#### Today's Market...



Chattanooga \$196,600 4.2%	U.S. \$276,800	Local Trend
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4.270	4.2%	Prices continue to grow relative to last ye
17.4%	15.8%	
\$29,200	\$37,667	Gains in the last 3 years have extended th trend of positive price growth after the recession
\$67,900	\$95,867	
\$70,900	\$100,200	
	17.4% \$29,200 \$67,900	17.4% 15.8%   \$29,200 \$37,667   \$67,900 \$95,867

\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Chattanooga	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	41%	not comparable	government-backed manchig
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2010			

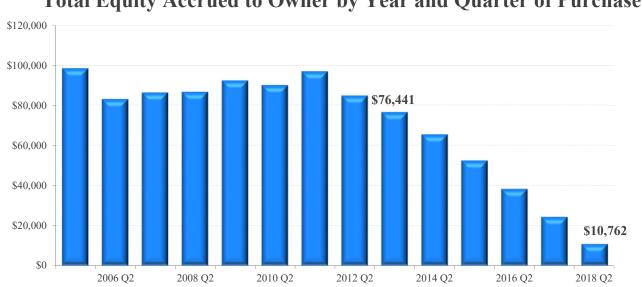
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The Chattanooga market is part of region 4 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The 2019 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 4 is Tony Smith.



# **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	Chattanooga	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$10,762	\$15,090		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$38,135	\$50,431	Price appreciation and principle payment in the last 3 years have boosted total equi- growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$65,339	\$79,779		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$84,670	\$108,518		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$89,897	\$112,549		
If purchase in 2005, the national price peak	\$98,255	\$75,039		

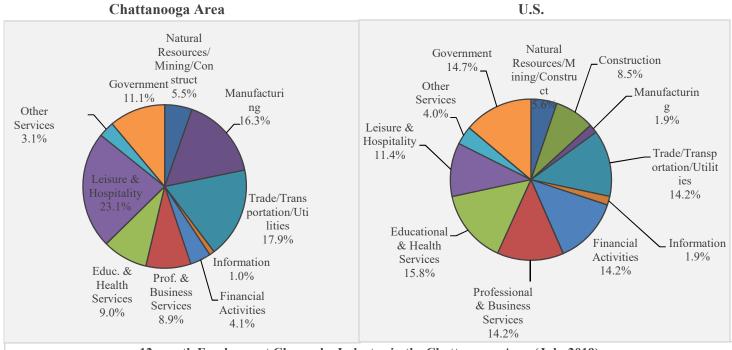
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity



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

Local Economic Outlook	Chattanooga	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Jun)	2,500	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains
12-month Job Change (May)	5,800	Ñot Comparable	positive
36-month Job Change (Jun)	14,000	Not Comparable	Chattanooga's unemployment rate lags the national average, but has improved relative
Current Unemployment Rate (Jun)	3.9%	3.7%	to the same period last year
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.9%	Local employment growth is poor and
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	1.0%	1.7%	needs to improve

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

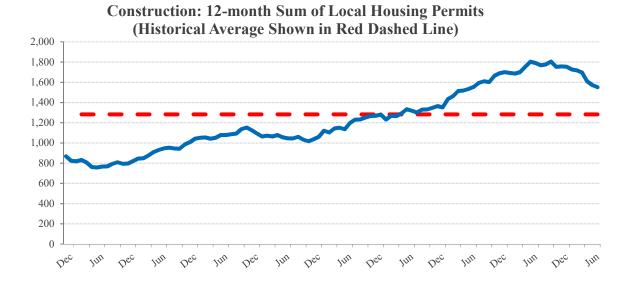


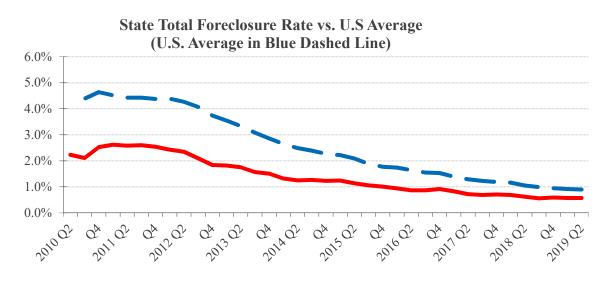
12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Chattanooga Area (Jul - 2019)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	500	Financial Activities -500		
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	1,200	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	600	
Manufacturing	700	Leisure & Hospitality	1,600	
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	100	
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	400	Government	100	

State Economic Activity Index	Tennessee	U.S.	
12-month change (2019 - Jun)	3.2%	3.0%	Tennessee's economy is stronger than the nation's, but slowed from last month's
36-month change (2019 - Jun)	NA	9.2%	3.31% change



New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Chattanooga	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Jun	1,552	not comparable	The current level of construction is 21.0% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	1,283	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	-13.3%	-2.5%	Construction continues to decline from last year	

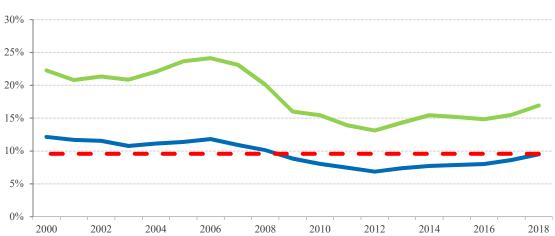




Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



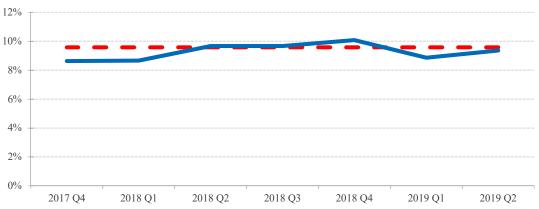
#### Affordability





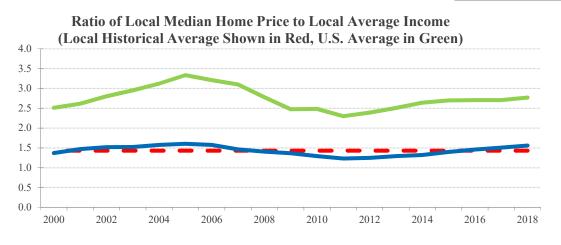
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Chattanooga	U.S.		
Ratio for 2018	9.5%	16.9%	Historically strong, but weaker than the first	
Ratio for 2019 Q2	9.4%	16.3%	quarter of 2019	
Historical Average	9.6%	18.6%	More affordable than most markets	



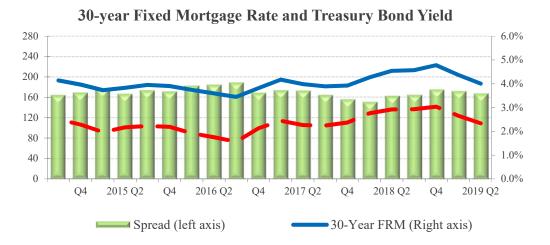


Median Home Price to Income	Chattanooga	U.S.	
Ratio for 2018	1.6	2.8	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2019 Q2	1.6	2.8	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.4	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





#### **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	Tennessee	U.S.	
2019 - Jun	3.1%	2.3%	REALTORS® expect higher price growth in Tennessee than in the U.S. in the next 12 months. However, their price expectations
Prior 12 months	4.5%	3.1%	for the local market are more modest than a year ago.



### Geographic Coverage for this Report

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

# Catoosa County, GA; Dade County, GA; Walker County, GA; Hamilton County, TN; Marion County, TN; Sequatchie County, TN

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