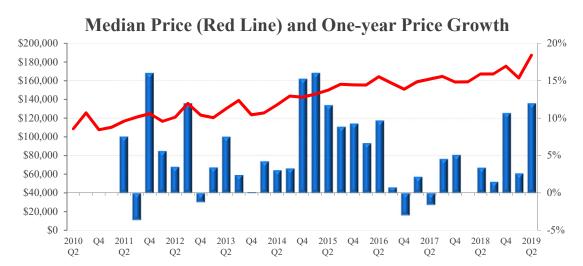


#### **Abilene Area**

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

#### Today's Market...



Local Price Trends				
Price Activity	Abilene	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
Current Median Home Price (2019 Q2)	\$187,200	\$276,800		
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2019 Q2)	12.0%	4.2%	Prices continue to grow relative to last year	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2019 Q2)	13.9%	15.8%		
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$22,900	\$37,667	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the	
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$66,200	\$95,867	trend of positive price growth after the	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$78,500	\$100,200	recession	
*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only				

	Abilene	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	
<b>Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio</b>	39%	not comparable	government-backed imancing	
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2019.				

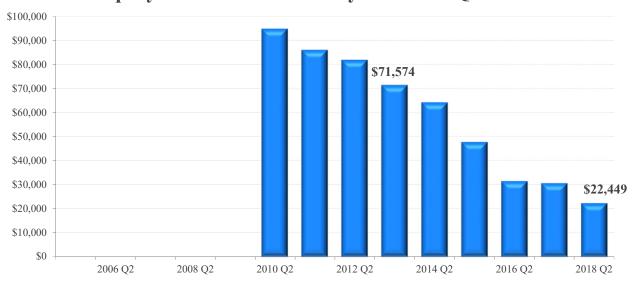
#### **Local NAR Leadership**

The Abilene market is part of region 10 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Louisiana and Texas. The 2019 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 10 is Beth Cristina.



# **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	Abilene	U.S.	<b>Local Trend</b>	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$22,449	\$15,090		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$31,670	\$50,431	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$64,366	\$79,779		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$81,967	\$108,518		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$94,928	\$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

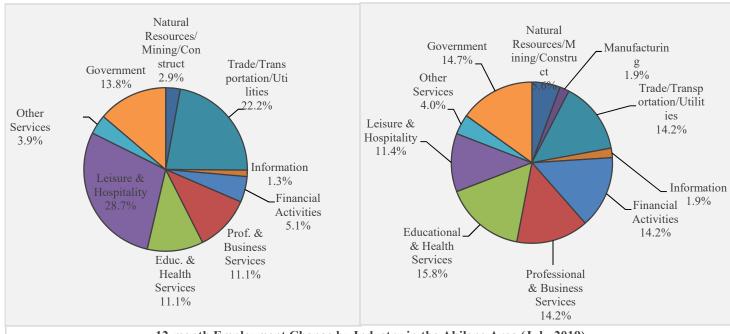


## **Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...**

Local Economic Outlook	Abilene	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Jun)	300	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an
12-month Job Change (May)	-100	Not Comparable	upward trend
36-month Job Change (Jun)	3,000	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Abilene is better than the
Current Unemployment Rate (Jun)	3.2%	3.7%	national average and improving
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.9%	Local employment growth is poor and
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	0.4%	1.7%	needs to improve

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

Abilene Area U.S.

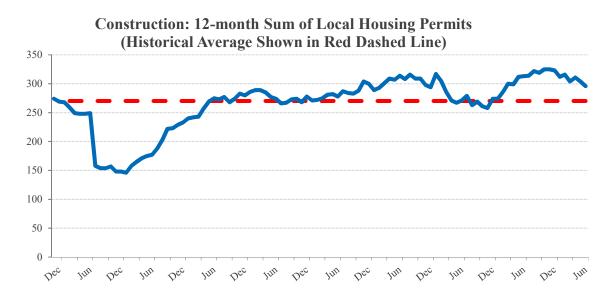


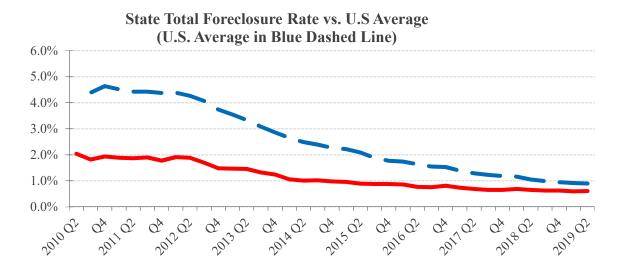
12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Abilene Area (Jul - 2019)				
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0	
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	-200	Financial Activities	-500	
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	1,200	
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	600	
Manufacturing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

State Economic Activity Index	Texas	U.S.	
12-month change (2019 - Jun)	3.9%	3.0%	The economy of Texas has outpaced the rest of the nation and improved modestly
36-month change (2019 - Jun)	NA	9.2%	from last month's 3.84% change



<b>New Housing Construction</b>					
Local Fundamentals Abilene U.S.					
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Jun	296	not comparable	The current level of construction is 9.5% above the long-term average		
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	270	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	-5.4%	-2.5%	Construction continues to decline from last year		





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)



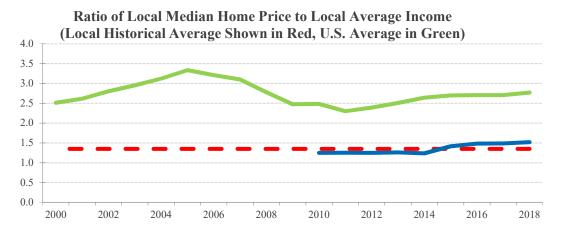
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Abilene	U.S.		
Ratio for 2018	9.3%	16.9%	Weak by local standards and could weig	
Ratio for 2019 Q2	9.8%	16.3%	on demand	
Historical Average	7.8%	18.6%	More affordable than most markets	

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

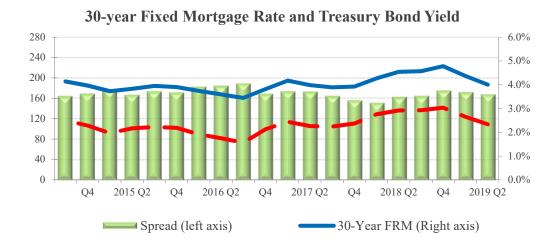


Median Home Price to Income	Abilene	U.S.	
Ratio for 2018	1.5	2.8	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2019 Q2	1.7	2.8	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.3	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





#### 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	Texas	U.S.	
2019 - Jun	2.7%	2.3%	REALTORS® expect higher price growth in Texas than in the U.S. in the next 12 months. However, their price expectations
Prior 12 months	3.4%	3.1%	for the local market are more modest than a year ago.



## Geographic Coverage for this Report

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

Callahan County, Jones County, and Taylor County

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