

### **Burlington-South Burlington Area** Local Market Report, Second Quarter 2019

## **Today's Market...**



Local Price Trends				
Burlington	U.S.	Local Trend		
\$324,800	\$276,800			
10.9%	4.2%	Prices continue to grow relative to last ye		
18.1%	15.8%			
\$49,800	\$37,667	Gains in the last 3 years have extended th		
\$90,900	\$95,867	trend of positive price growth after the		
\$96,900	\$100,200	recession		
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\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Burlington	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$484,350	\$726,525	Most buyers in this market have access to
FHA Loan Limit	\$351,900	\$726,525	government-backed financing
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	67%	not comparable	government-backed mancing
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2010			

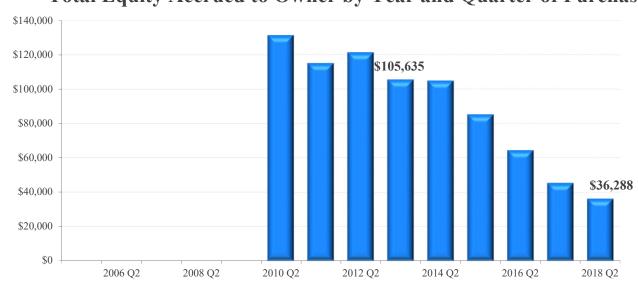
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#### Local NAR Leadership

The Burlington-South Burlington market is part of region 1 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The 2019 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 1 is Alan DeStefano.



# **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	Burlington	U.S.	Local Trend	
1-year (4-quarter)	\$36,288	\$15,090		
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$64,479	\$50,431	Price appreciation and principle paymen in the last 3 years have boosted total equi growth since the recession	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$104,964	\$79,779		
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$121,378	\$108,518		
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$131,343	\$112,549		
If purchase in 2005, the national price peak	NA	\$75,039		

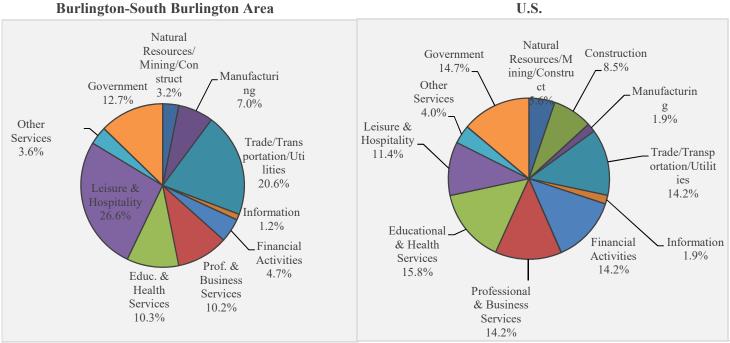
\*Note: Equity gain reflects price and principle payments since purchase, prevailing 30-year fixed rate mortgage at time of purchase and a 10% downpayment. Downpayment is not included in total equity



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

Local Economic Outlook	Burlington	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Jun)	3,400	Not Comparable	Employment has held up and is on an
12-month Job Change (May)	1,500	Ñot Comparable	upward trend
36-month Job Change (Jun)	3,500	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Burlington is better than the national average and improving
Current Unemployment Rate (Jun)	1.9%	3.7%	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	2.4%	3.9%	Local employment growth is strong
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	2.7%	1.7%	compared to other markets

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



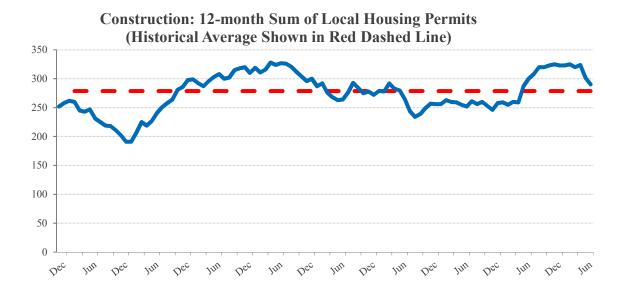
#### 12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Burlington-South Burlington Area (Jul - 2019)

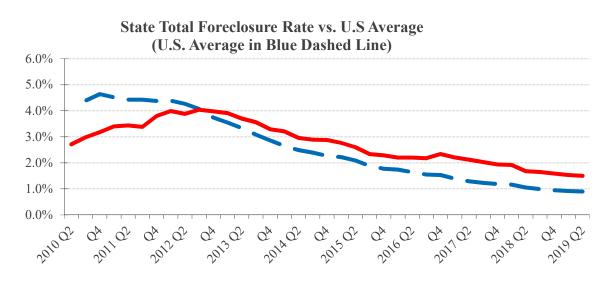
Goods Producing	NA	Information	0
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	100	Financial Activities	-500
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	1,200
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	600
Manufacturing	0	Leisure & Hospitality	1,600
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	100
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	400	Government	100

State Economic Activity Index	Vermont	U.S.	
12-month change (2019 - Jun)	1.8%	3.0%	The economy of Vermont is growing more slowly than the rest of the nation, but
36-month change (2019 - Jun)	NA	9.2%	improved modestly from last month's 1.82% change



New Housing Construction				
Local Fundamentals	Burlington	U.S.		
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Jun	290	not comparable	The current level of construction is 4.1% above the long-term average	
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	279	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	-3.3%	-2.5%	Construction is down from last year, but appears to have bottomed.	





Source: Mortgage Bankers' Association



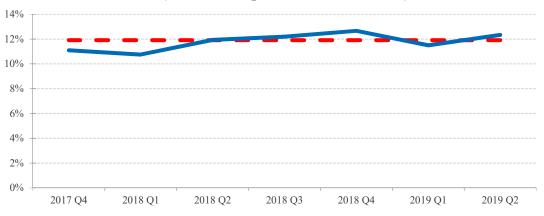
## Affordability





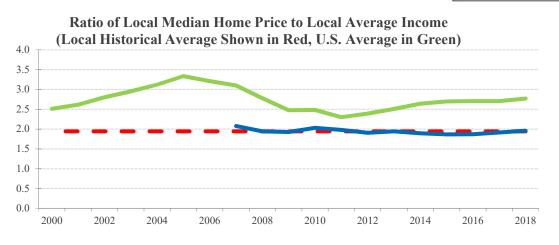
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Burlington	U.S.		
Ratio for 2018	12.0%	16.9%	Weak by local standards and could weigh on demand	
Ratio for 2019 Q2	12.3%	16.3%		
Historical Average	11.9%	18.6%	More affordable than most markets	

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

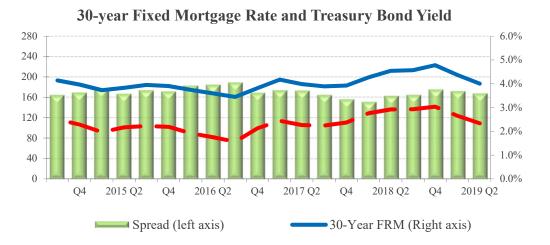


Median Home Price to Income	Burlington	<b>U.S.</b>	
Ratio for 2018	2.0	2.8	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic
Ratio for 2019 Q2	2.2	2.8	standards and getting worse
Historical Average	1.9	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets





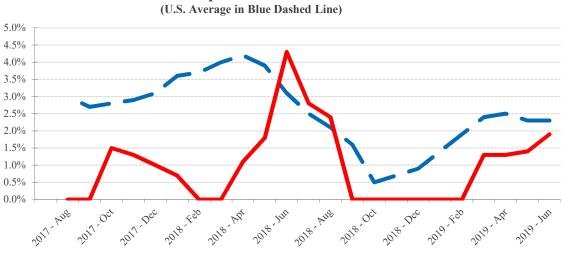
### **The Mortgage Market**



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

Source: NAR

<b>REALTOR®</b> Price Expectations	Vermont	U.S.	
2019 - Jun	1.9%	2.3%	REALTORS® expect weaker price growth in Vermont than in the U.S. in the next 12 months. Their price expectations for the
Prior 12 months	4.3%	3.1%	local market are more modest than a year ago.



# Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Burlington area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Burlington-South Burlington 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:

#### Chittenden County, Franklin County, and Grand Isle County

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