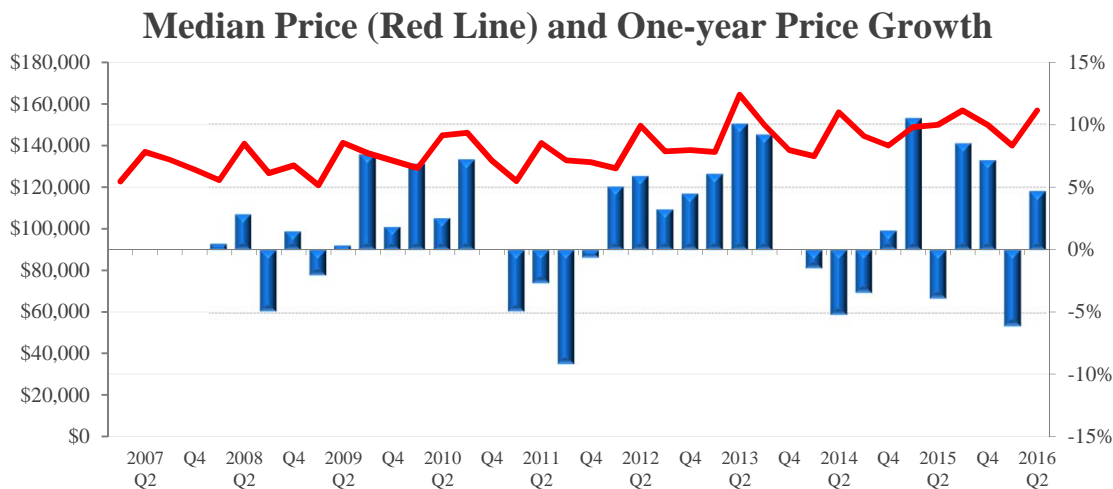


# Cedar Rapids Area

## Local Market Report, Second Quarter 2016

### Today's Market...



Local Price Trends			
Price Activity	Cedar Rapids	U.S.	Local Trend
Current Median Home Price (2016 Q2)	\$157,000	\$239,167	Prices continue to grow relative to last year
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2016 Q2)	4.7%	4.9%	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2016 Q2)	-4.6%	17.8%	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	-\$7,500	\$36,200	Price trends in the last three years have undercut the steady post-recession price trend
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$15,600	\$64,800	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$20,000	\$15,400	

\*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Cedar Rapids	U.S.	
<b>Conforming Loan Limit**</b>	\$417,000	\$625,500	Most buyers in this market have access to government-backed financing
<b>FHA Loan Limit</b>	\$271,050	\$625,500	
<b>Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio</b>	38%	not comparable	

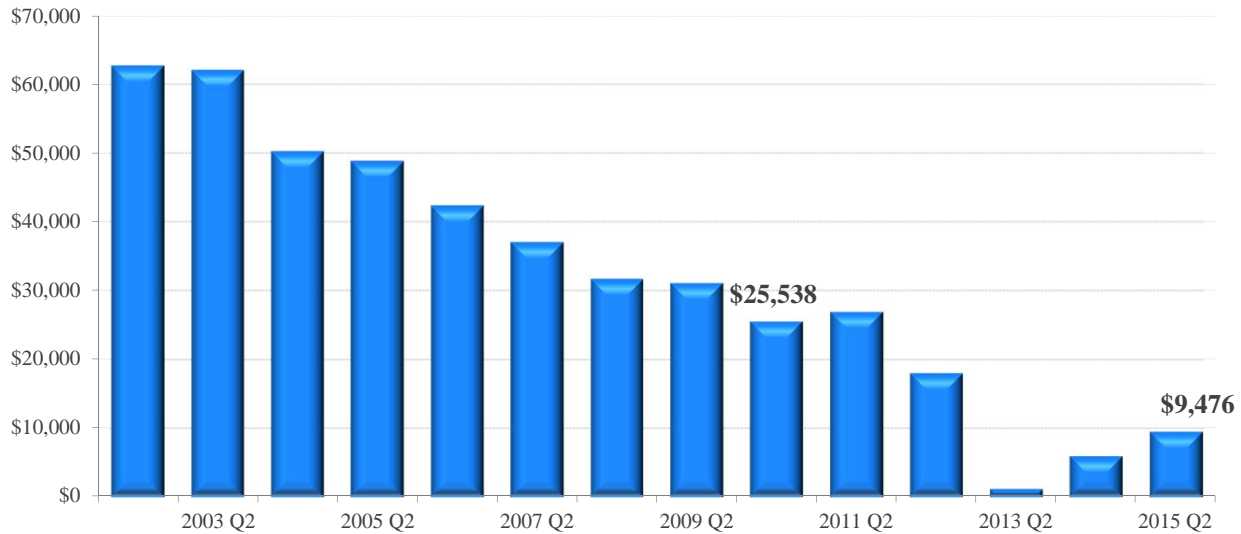
Note: limits are current and include the changes made in November of 2012 and extended in November of 2013

#### Local NAR Leadership

The Cedar Rapids market is part of region 8 in the NAR governance system, which includes all of Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. The 2016 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 8 is Jim Cormier.

# Benefits of Ownership: Total Equity Appreciation

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



### Total Equity Gained\*\* through 2016 Q2 from quarter in which home was of purchased

Price Activity	CedarRapids	U.S.	Local Trend
1-year (4-quarter)	\$9,476	\$14,963	While owners pay down principle, price appreciation in the last 3 years have helped homeowners to build equity
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$1,154	\$46,878	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$26,920	\$82,353	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$31,130	\$77,054	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$37,054	\$31,126	
If purchase in 2005, the national price peak	\$48,862	\$34,380	

\*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

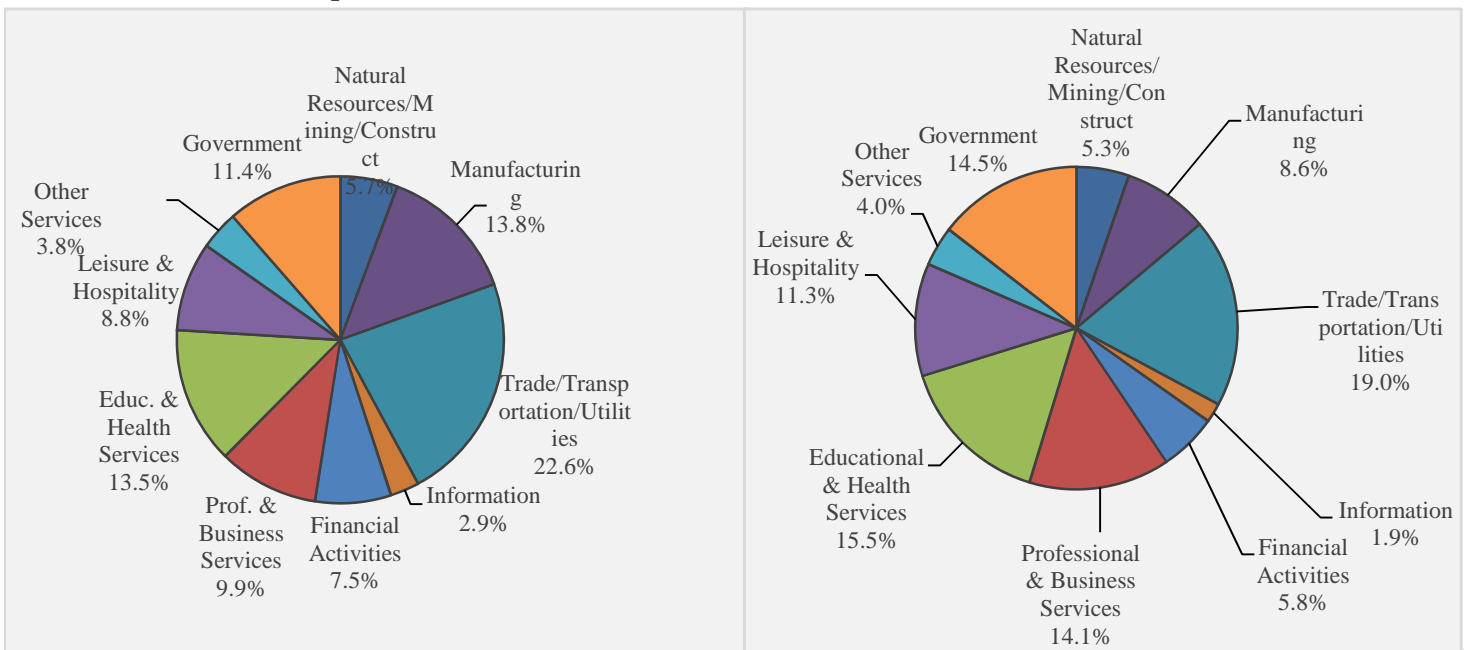
# Drivers of Local Supply and Demand...

Local Economic Outlook	Cedar Rapids	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (Jun)	1,300	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains positive
12-month Job Change (May)	1,500	Not Comparable	
36-month Job Change (Jun)	3,500	Not Comparable	Unemployment has risen since the same period last year, but Cedar Rapids's labor market has been more resilient than the national average
Current Unemployment Rate (Jun)	4.0%	4.9%	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	3.7%	5.3%	Local employment growth is poor and needs to improve
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	0.9%	1.9%	

## Share of Total Employment by Industry

Cedar Rapids Area

U.S.



### 12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Cedar Rapids Area (Jun - 2016)

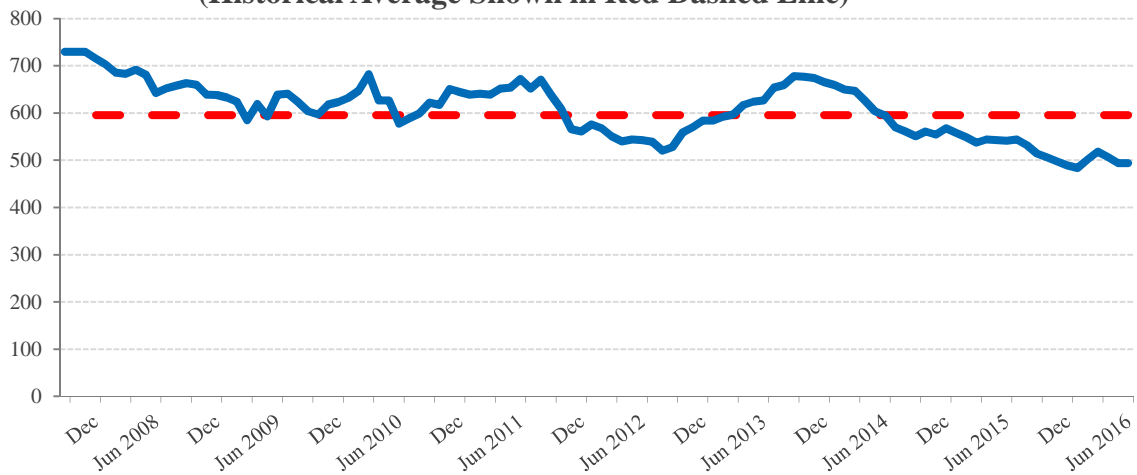
Goods Producing	NA	Information	-400
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	-100	Financial Activities	100
Natural Resources and Mining	NA	Prof. & Business Services	700
Construction	NA	Educ. & Health Services	500
Manufacturing	-100	Leisure & Hospitality	300
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	200
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	200	Government	-100

State Economic Activity Index	Iowa	U.S.	
12-month change (2016 - Jun)	2.6%	3.0%	Iowa's economy is growing, but decelerated from last month's 2.75% change and lags the rest of the nation
36-month change (2016 - Jun)	9.5%	10.2%	

## New Housing Construction

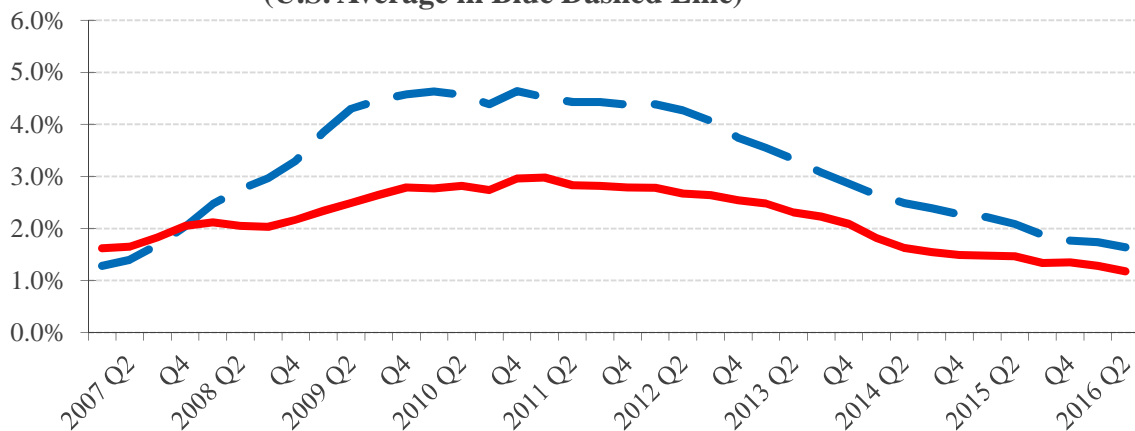
Local Fundamentals	Cedar Rapids	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through Jun 2016	494	not comparable	The current level of construction is 17.1% below the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	596	not comparable	Reduced construction will limit new supply to the market, allowing demand to catch up with inventory more quickly
Single-Family Housing Permits (Jun 2016) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	-8.7%	10.6%	Construction is down from last year, but appears to have bottomed.

**Construction: 12-month Sum of Local Housing Permits**  
(Historical Average Shown in Red Dashed Line)



While new construction is the traditional driver of supply in real estate, foreclosures and short-sales now have a strong impact on inventories, particularly at the local level. Rising inventories, through construction or distressed sales, place downward pressure on the median home prices.

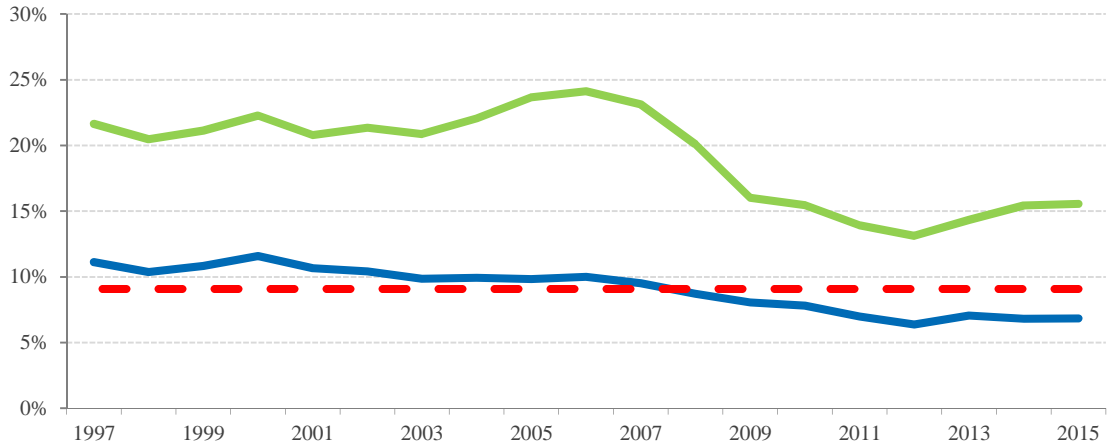
**State Total Foreclosure Rate vs. U.S. Average**  
(U.S. Average in Blue Dashed Line)



# Affordability

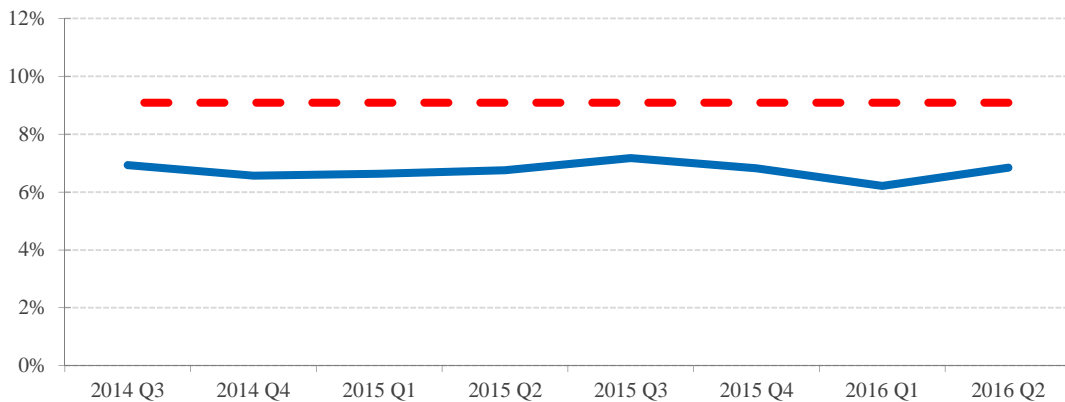


**Long-Term Trend: Ratio of Local Mortgage Servicing Cost to Income**  
(Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)



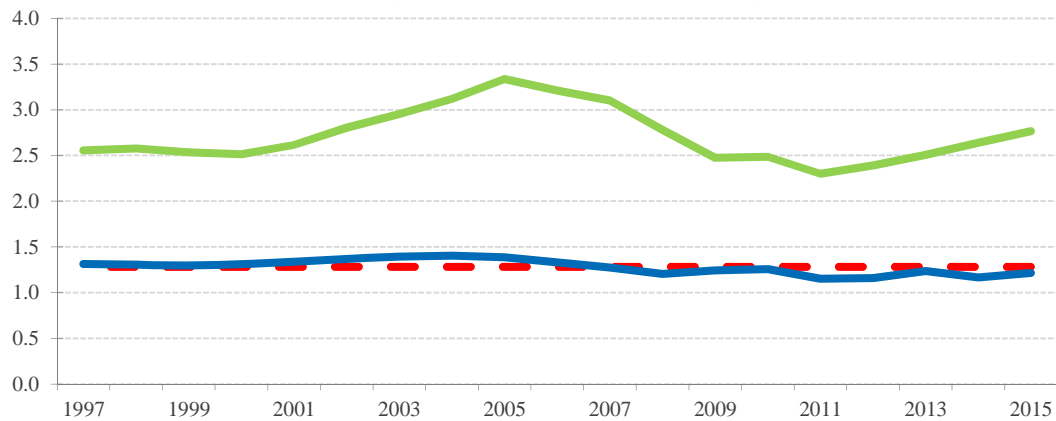
Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Cedar Rapids	U.S.	
Ratio for 2015	6.8%	15.6%	Historically strong, but weaker than the first quarter of 2016
Ratio for 2016 Q2	6.8%	15.8%	
Historical Average	9.1%	19.5%	More affordable than most markets

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



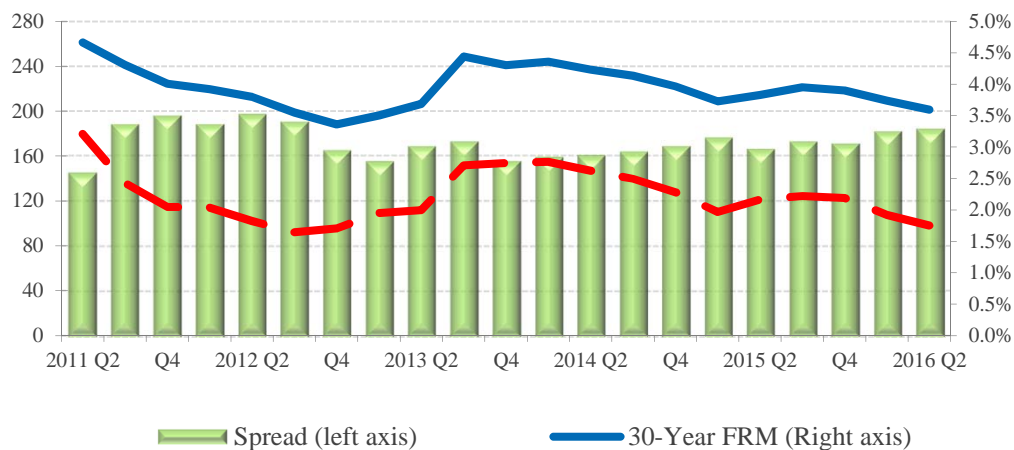
Median Home Price to Income	Cedar Rapids	U.S.	
Ratio for 2015	1.2	2.8	The price-to-income ratio rose, but is better than the historic average
Ratio for 2016 Q2	1.3	2.9	
Historical Average	1.3	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets

**Ratio of Local Median Home Price to Local Average Income  
(Local Historical Average Shown in Red, U.S. Average in Green)**



## The Mortgage Market

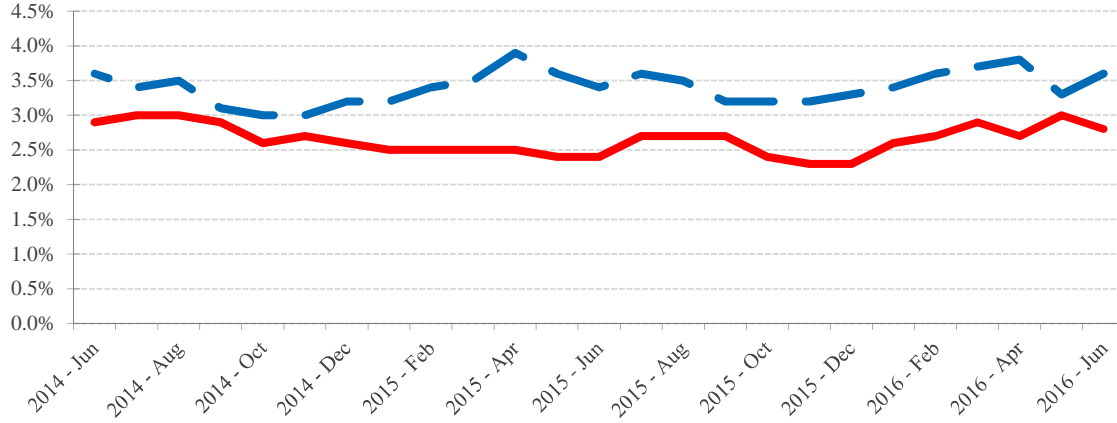
**30-year Fixed Mortgage Rate and Treasury Bond Yield**



The second quarter of 2016 has been quite tumultuous with the surprising “Brexit” vote in the United Kingdom. While British citizens voted to leave the European Union last June, the full impact of the vote could take several years to be seen. In the near future, low mortgage rates and stronger refinancing are expected in the U.S.. Meanwhile, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgages eased from 3.7 percent in the 1st quarter of 2016 to 3.6 percent in the second quarter of 2016. Similarly, the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.75 percent which is the lowest rate after Q4 2012. As a result of the current market conditions, existing homeowners benefit from low rates by refinancing their mortgages while home affordability is increasing for first-time homebuyers. Rates are likely to remain unchanged as global economies remain weak. The uncertainty in China, Japan, Russia and Eurozone is expected to boost safe-haven buying which benefits mortgage-backed securities market. NAR is now forecasting fewer rate hikes by the FED in 2016 and as a result the 30-year fixed rate mortgage is now expected to average just 4.3 percent for 2016.

# REALTOR® Price Expectations

**REALTOR® Price Expectations for the Next 12 Months**  
(U.S. Average in Blue Dashed Line)



Source: NAR

REALTOR® Price Expectations	Iowa	U.S.	
2016 - Jul	2.8%	3.6%	REALTORS® expect weaker price growth in Iowa than in the U.S. in the next 12 months although their local expectations are higher than a year ago.
Prior 12 months	2.4%	3.4%	



## Geographic Coverage for this Report

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

**Benton County, Jones County, and Linn County**

More information on the OMB's geographic definitions can be found at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg\\_statpolicy/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/inforeg_statpolicy/)