

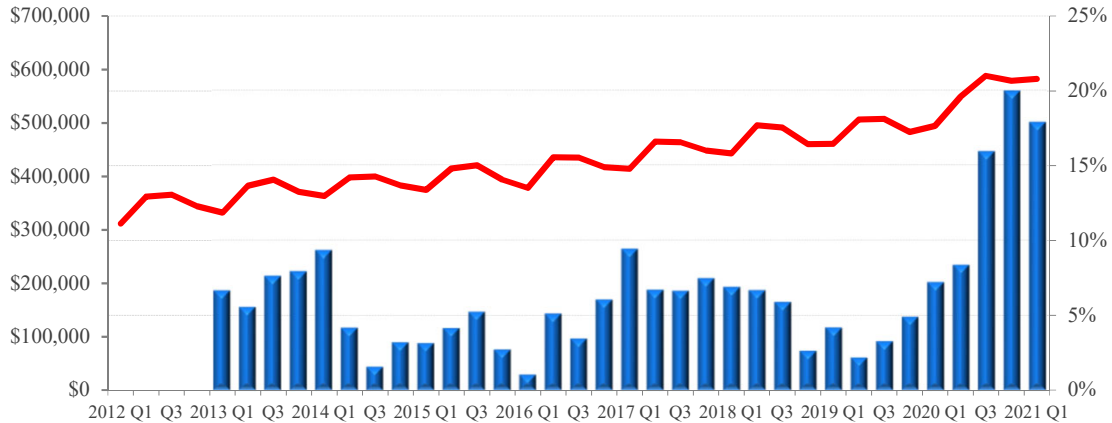
Boston-Cambridge-Newton Area

Local Market Report, First Quarter 2021

including the impact of COVID-19 on the local economy

Today's Market...

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



Local Price Trends			
Price Activity	Boston	U.S.	Local Trend
Current Median Home Price (2021 Q1)	\$582,700	\$313,533	Prices continue to grow relative to last year
1-year (4-quarter) Appreciation (2021 Q1)	17.9%	15.1%	
3-year (12-quarter) Appreciation (2021 Q1)	31.6%	28.6%	
3-year (12-quarter) Housing Equity Gain*	\$140,000	\$69,733	Gains in the last 3 years have extended the trend of positive price growth after the recession
7-year (28 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$219,500	\$122,533	
9-year (36 quarters) Housing Equity Gain*	\$271,200	\$155,200	

*Note: Equity gain reflects price appreciation only

	Boston	U.S.	
Conforming Loan Limit**	\$690,000	\$765,600	Not all buyers have access to government-backed financing in this market
FHA Loan Limit	\$690,000	\$765,600	
Local Median to Conforming Limit Ratio	84%	not comparable	

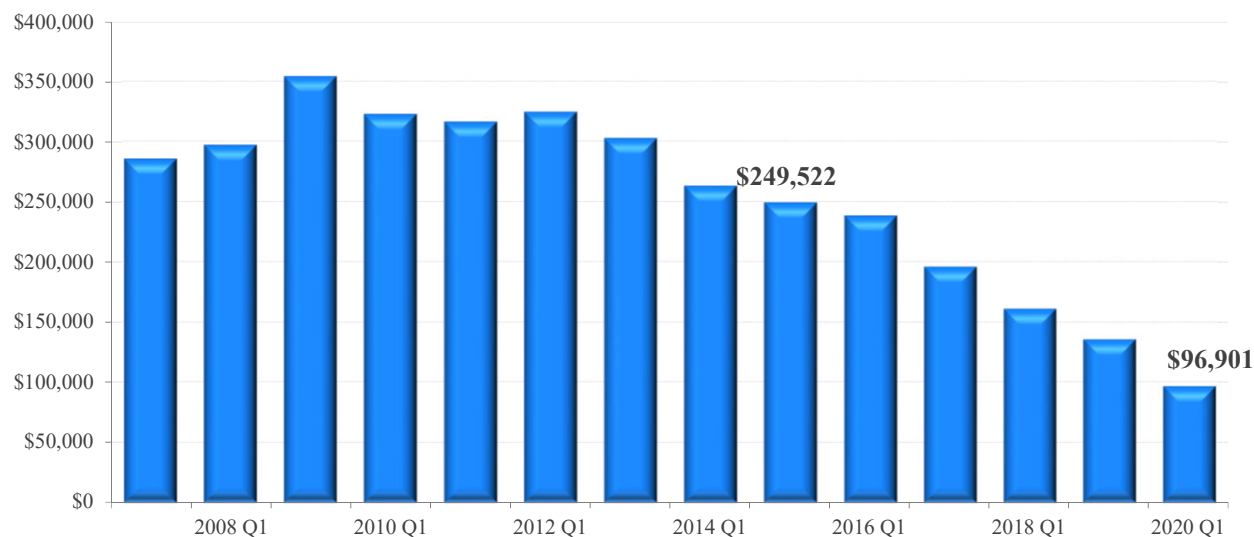
Note: limits are current and include the changes made on January 1st 2020.

Local NAR Leadership

The Boston-Cambridge-Newton 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 2021 NAR Regional Vice President representing region 1 is Donna Cusson.

Benefits of Ownership: Total Equity Appreciation

Total Equity Accrued to Owner by Year and Quarter of Purchase



Total Equity Gained** through 2021 Q1 from quarter in which home was of purchased

Price Activity	Boston	U.S.	Local Trend
1-year (4-quarter)	\$96,901	\$45,806	Price appreciation and principle payments in the last 3 years have boosted total equity growth since the recession
3-year (12-quarter)*	\$161,262	\$81,443	
5-year (20-quarter)*	\$238,374	\$117,278	
7-year (28 quarters)*	\$263,330	\$145,583	
9-year (36 quarters)*	\$324,635	\$182,361	

*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...

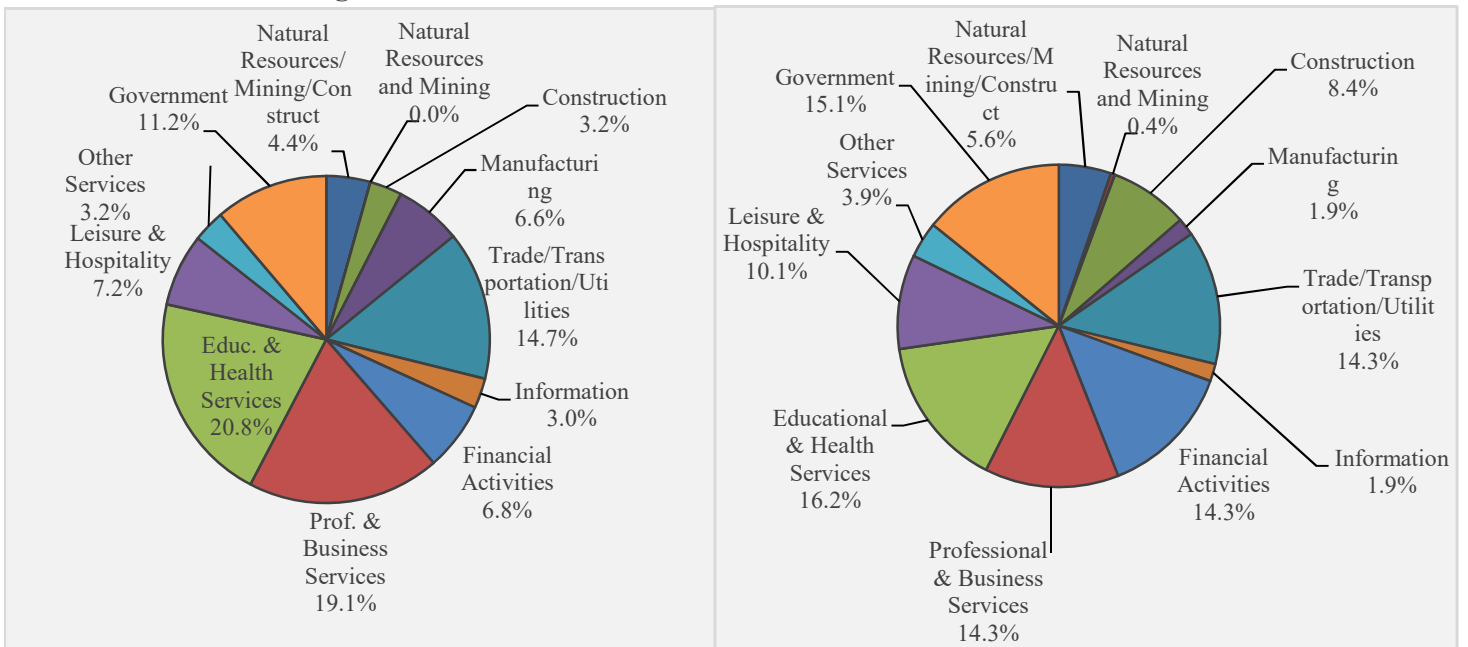


Local Economic Outlook	Boston	U.S.	
12-month Job Change (May)	252,900	Not Comparable	Employment growth has eased, but remains positive
12-month Job Change (Apr)	278,500	Not Comparable	
36-month Job Change (May)	-156,100	Not Comparable	Unemployment in Boston is better than the national average and improving
Current Unemployment Rate (May)	5.5%	5.8%	
Year-ago Unemployment Rate	15.0%	13.3%	Local employment growth is strong compared to other markets
1-year (12 month) Job Growth Rate	10.6%	-4.0%	

Share of Total Employment by Industry

Boston-Cambridge-Newton Area

U.S.



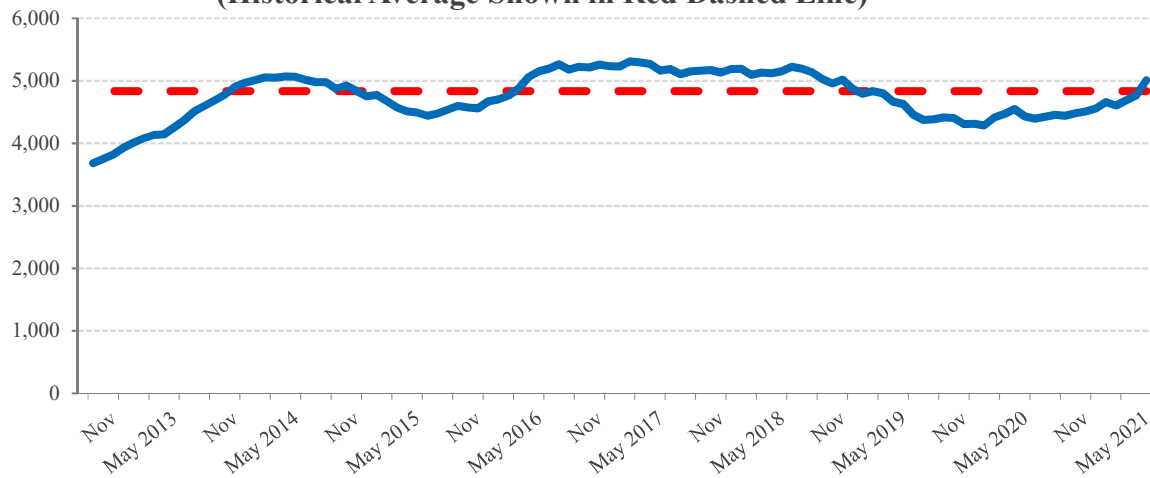
12-month Employment Change by Industry in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton Area (May - 2021)

Goods Producing	NA	Information	-500
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	34,200	Financial Activities	4,300
Natural Resources and Mining	-100	Prof. & Business Services	33,000
Construction	1,900	Educ. & Health Services	35,200
Manufacturing	8,900	Leisure & Hospitality	82,000
Service Providing Excluding Government	NA	Other Services	22,800
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	60,800	Government	-2,200

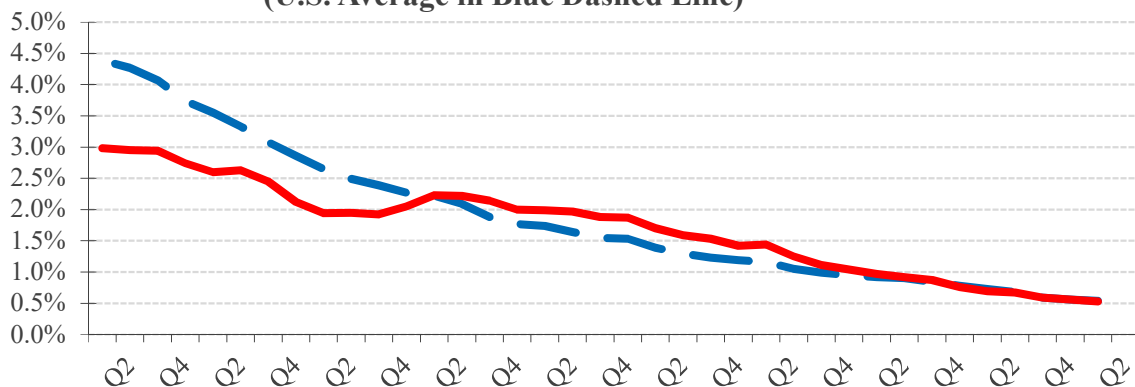
State Economic Activity Index	Massachusetts	U.S.	
12-month change (2021 - May)	42.5%	7.7%	Massachusetts's economy is stronger than the nation's, but slowed from last month's 43.81% change
36-month change (2021 - May)	-1.2%	1.8%	

New Housing Construction			
Local Fundamentals	Boston	U.S.	
12-month Sum of 1-unit Building Permits through May 2021	5,135	not comparable	The current level of construction is 6.2% above the long-term average
8-year average for 12-month Sum of 1-Unit Building Permits	4,837	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 (May 2021) 12-month sum vs. a year ago	16.8%	29.0%	Construction is on the rise relative to last year, suggesting that the local inventory has stabilized

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

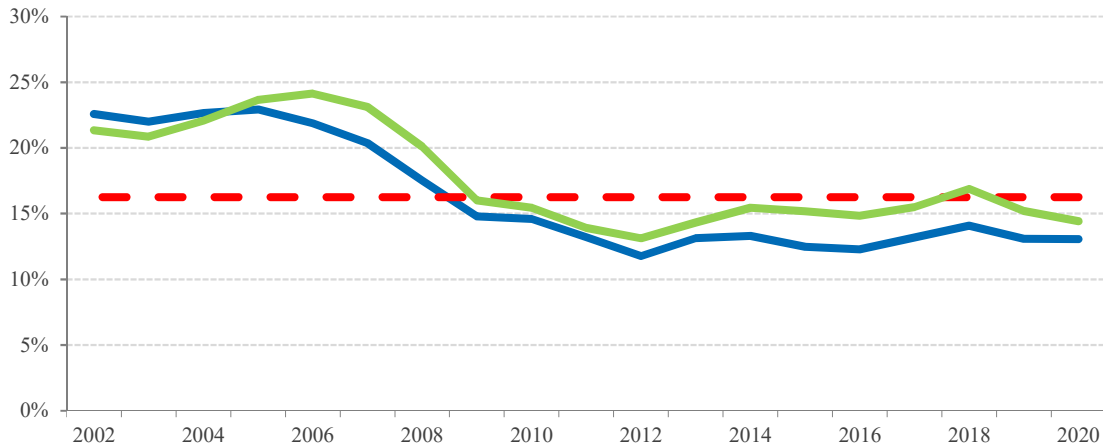


State Total Foreclosure Rate vs. U.S Average
(U.S. Average in Blue Dashed Line)



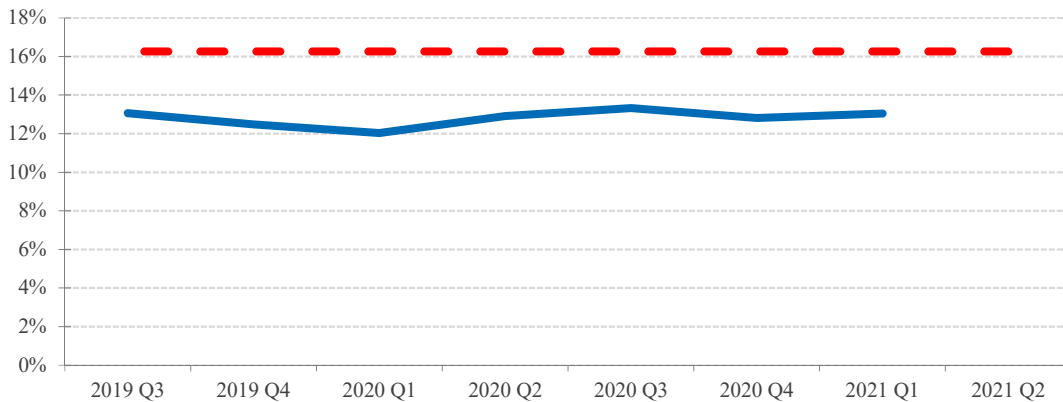
Affordability

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

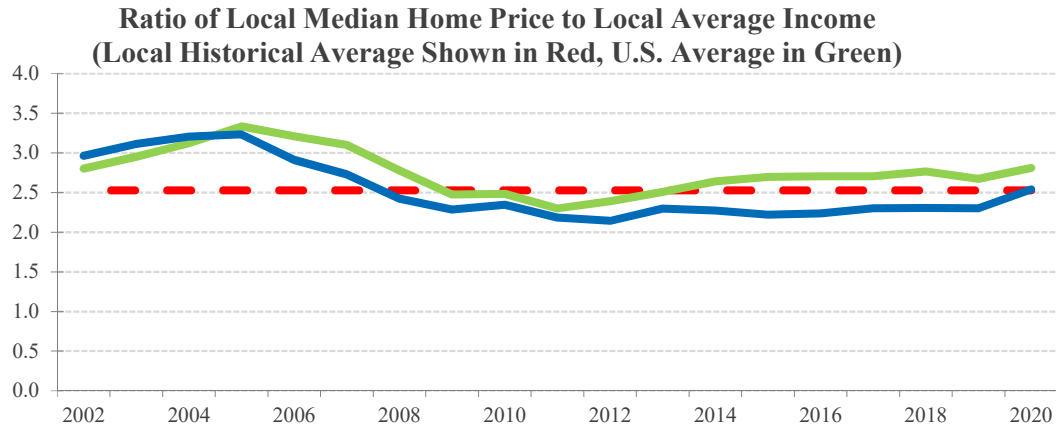


Monthly Mortgage Payment to Income	Boston	U.S.	
Ratio for 2020	13.1%	14.4%	Historically strong, but weaker than the fourth quarter of 2020
Ratio for 2021 Q1	13.1%	14.0%	
Historical Average	16.3%	18.0%	More affordable than most markets

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



Median Home Price to Income	Boston	U.S.	
Ratio for 2020	2.5	2.8	The price-to-income ratio is high by historic standards and getting worse
Ratio for 2021 Q1	2.6	2.8	
Historical Average	2.5	2.7	Affordable compared to most markets



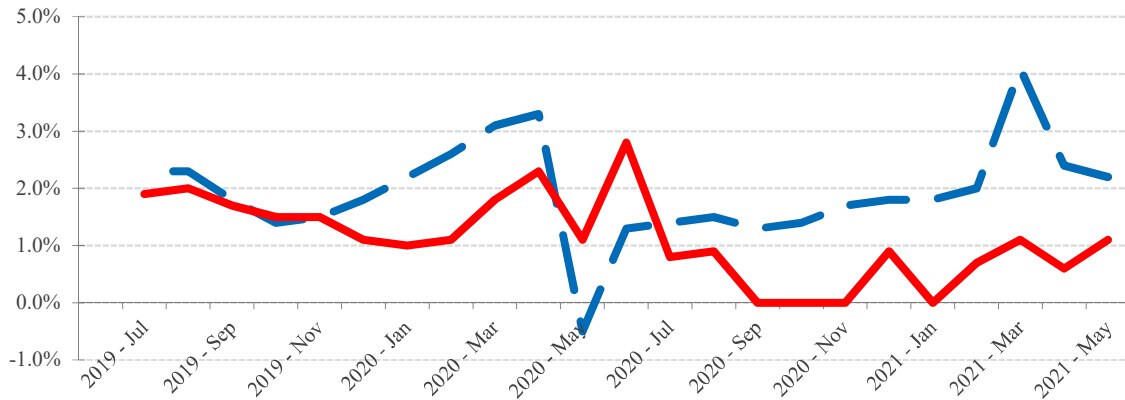
The Mortgage Market



Mortgage rates kicked off 2021 with a new record low. Nevertheless, rates were trending upward for the rest of the first quarter as COVID-19 vaccine became available to more Americans and millions of people received stimulus payments. According to the mortgage finance provider Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate was 2.88 percent in Q1 2021 compared to 3.51 percent a year earlier. Thus, homebuyers have excellent purchasing power at these historically low mortgage rates. What to expect about mortgage rates in the upcoming quarters? Rates are more likely to rise than fall as inflation will pick up in the following months. NAR is forecasting the 30-year mortgage rate to average 3.1% for the second quarter of 2021.

REALTOR® Price Expectations

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



Source: NAR

REALTOR® Price Expectations	Massachusetts	U.S.	
2021 - May	1.5%	1.8%	REALTORS® expect weaker price growth in Massachusetts than in the U.S. in the next 12 months although their local expectations are higher than a year ago.
Prior 12 months	0.8%	1.4%	

Geographic Coverage for this Report

The Boston area referred to in this report covers the geographic area of the Boston-Cambridge-Newton 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:

Essex County, Middlesex County, Norfolk County, Plymouth County, Rockingham County, Strafford County, and Suffolk County

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