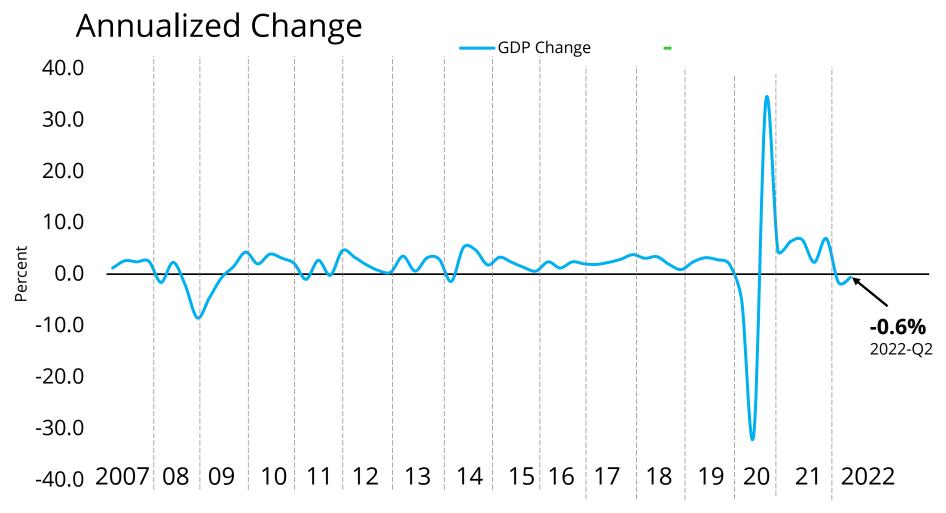






Gross Domestic Product - National





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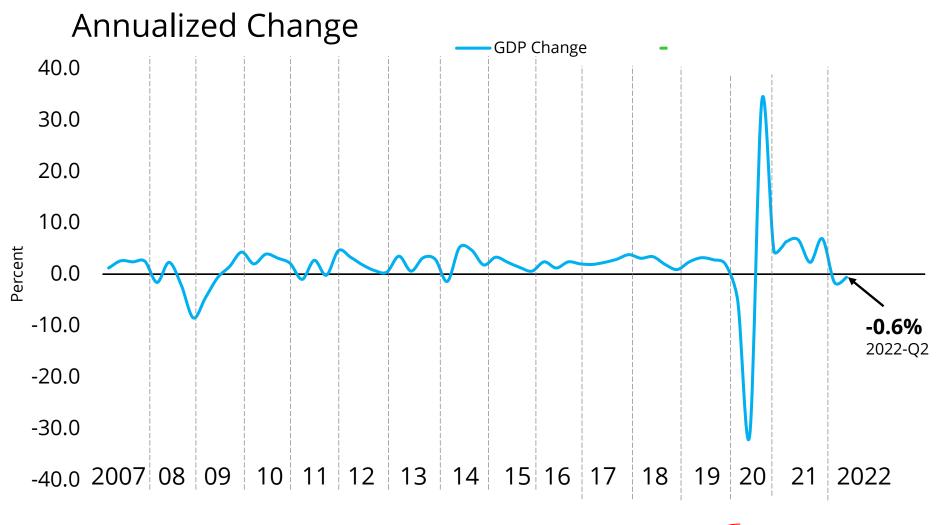
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Year



Gross Domestic Product - National



Year

FED

FORECAST



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Federal Reserve sees sluggish conditions through next year, gradually improving after that

2022: 0.0% to 0.5%

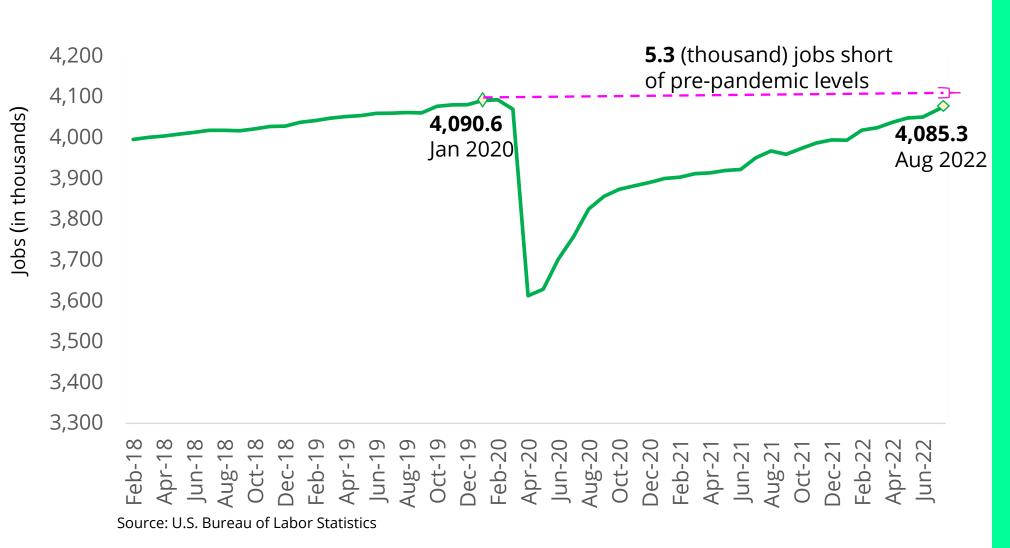
2023: -0.3% to 1.9%

2024: 1.0% to 2.6%



Total Jobs in Virginia

Rapid recovery, almost back to pre-pandemic levels





~450K Virginian's lost their jobs in Spring 2020

Since then, strong job recovery in many sectors

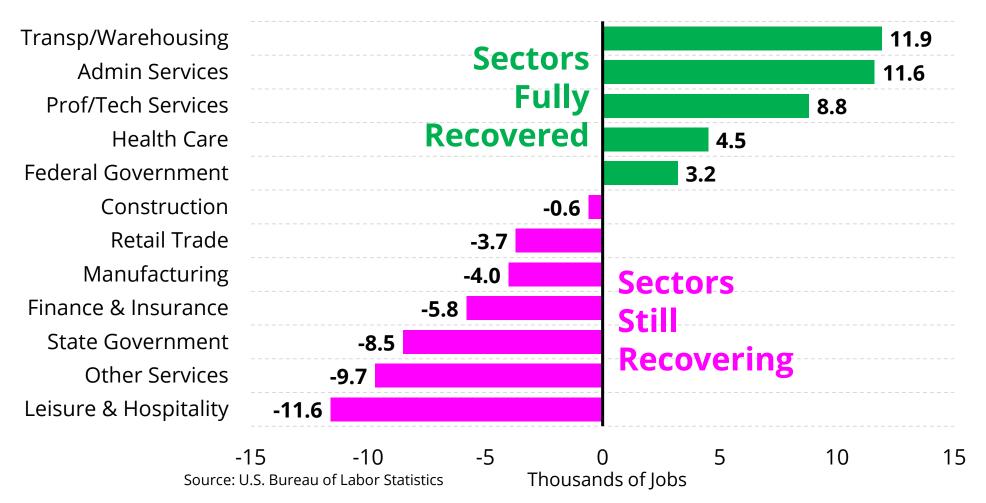
We're not there yet, but getting close to full recovery

On track to have pre-pandemic job levels by end of 2022



Job Recovery by Sector in Virginia

Virginia Employment by Sector Aug 2022 Compared to Jan 2020





Some sectors fully recovered

Many sectors are still recovering

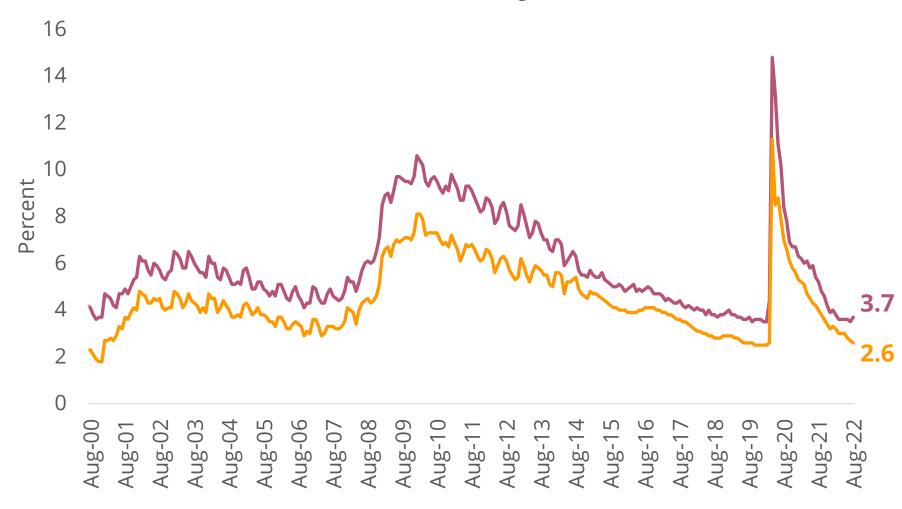
Sectors that tend to have higher homeownership rates expanding

Sectors that tend to have lower homeownership rates still recovering



Unemployment Rate







Unemployment in VA way down from 14.7% peak in April 2020

VA outperforming US unemployment rate

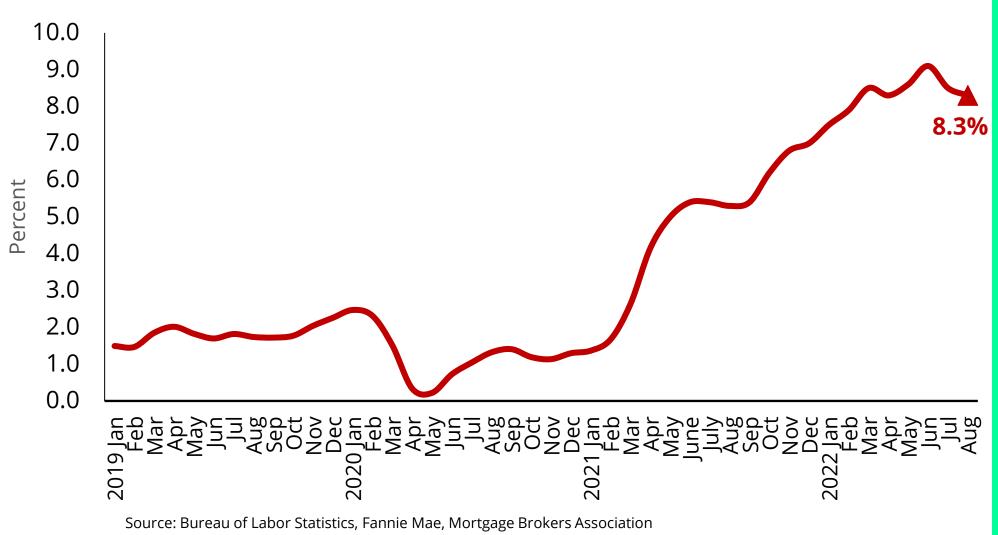
Labor force participation rate still recovering

Unemployment will likely rise in the coming year as economy weakens



Inflation Stubbornly High

Change in CPI-U





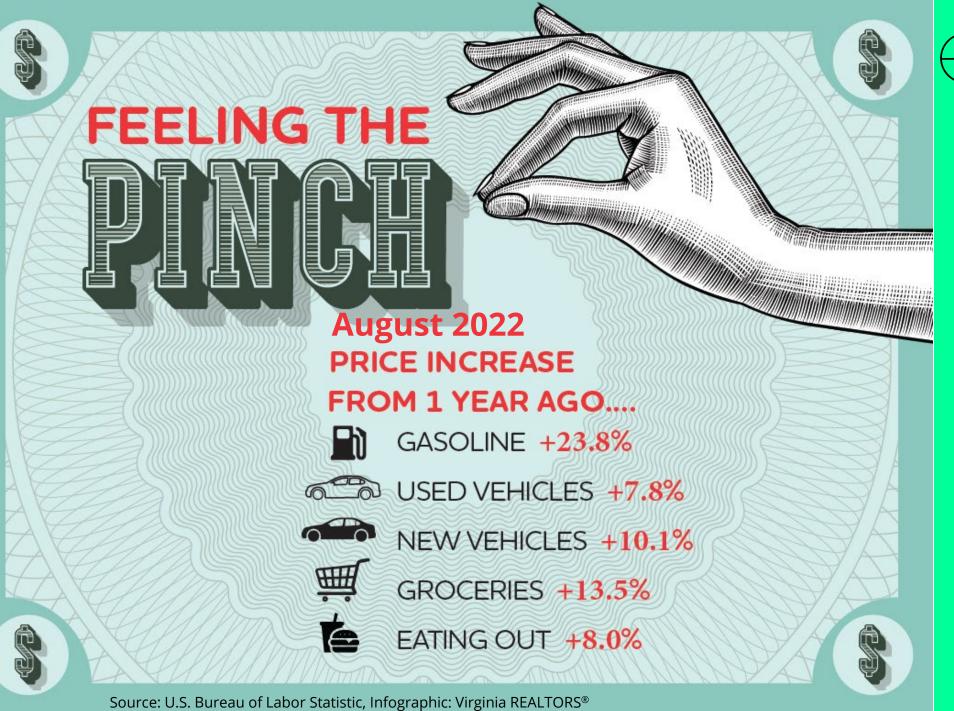
Inflation lingering near 40-year high

Aug inflation came in higher than many expected

Federal Reserve target inflation is 2%

Inflation projected to reach near target level end of 2023 to 2024





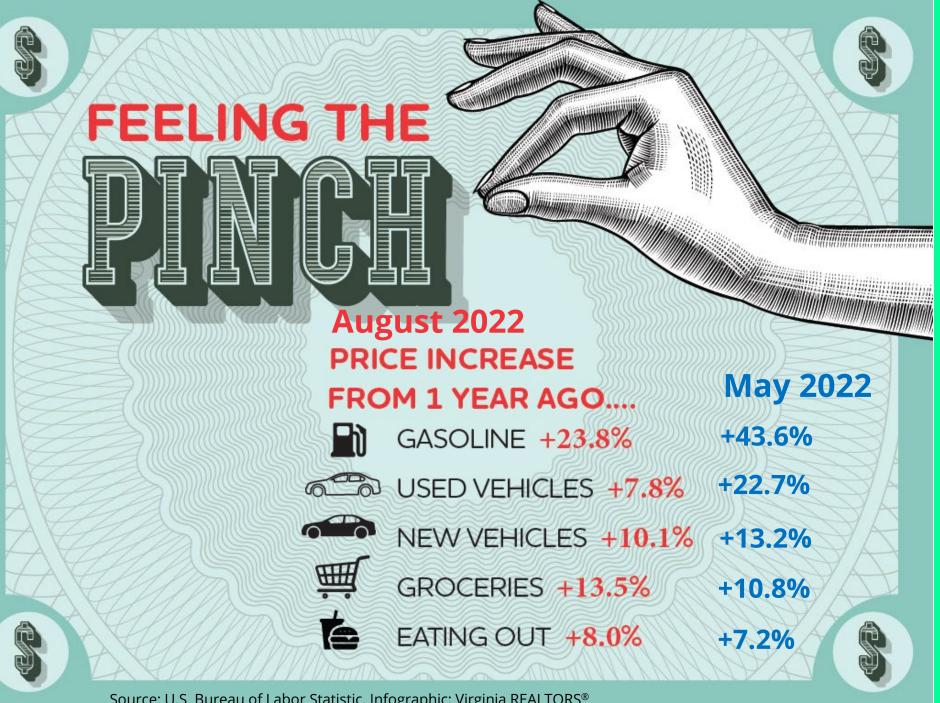


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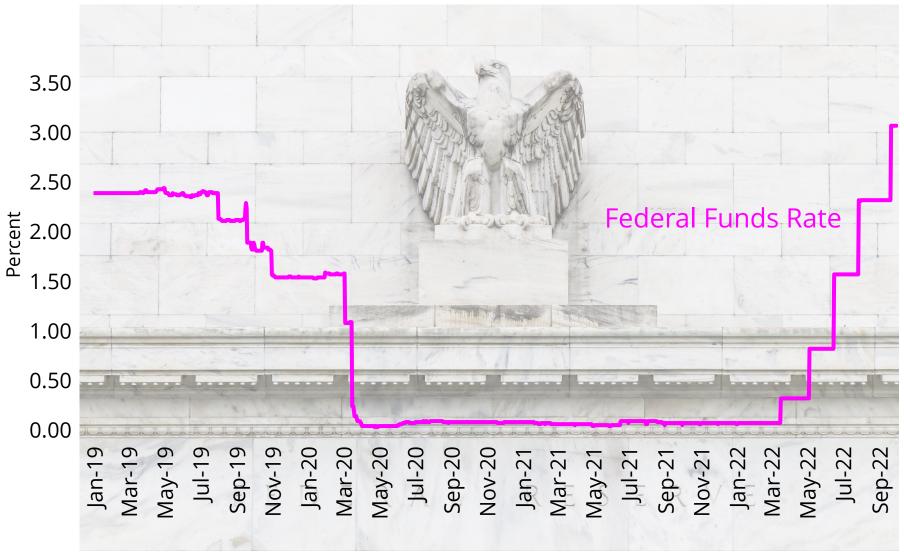
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Gas prices and vehicle prices have improved but remain elevated. Food prices are worse.



Inflation and the Fed's Response



Source: U.S. Federal Reserve Board



Federal Reserve controls Federal Funds Rate

Rate banks use to loan money to each other

2022 = most aggressive increases since early 1980s

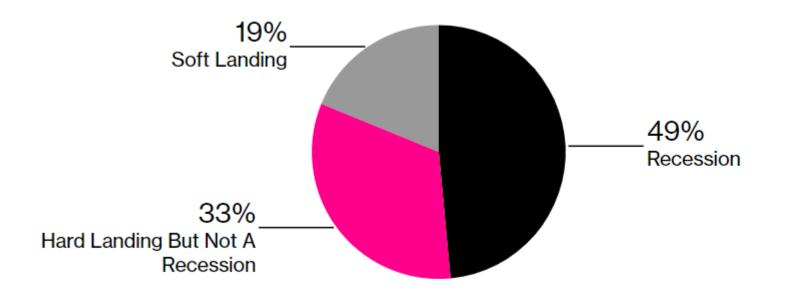
Raising Fed Funds Rate slows lending, spending, and overall economic activity

Will Rate Hikes Trigger Recession?

Key Takeaways

Economists see a hard landing, with a formal recession or period with zero or negative growth

Much higher probability now of a recession than start of this year



Soft landing for the economy becoming less likely

Most project a recession is on the way in 2023

Bloomberg News survey of economists September 9-14 Economists were asked if US would have a recession in the next 24 months. Hard landing is defined as zero or negative growth for a time but not an officially declared recession.

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Source: Bloomberg

Impact on Mortgage Rates



FRED Federal Funds Effective Rate

Market Yield on U.S. Treasury Securities at 10-Year Constant Maturity, Quoted on an Investment Basis

30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage Average in the United States

30-yr fixed rate tends to follow 10-yr treasury, not Fed Funds Rate

Many lenders have already priced in expected rate hikes

Upward pressure, and fluctuations likely

Mortgage rates likely to edge down moderately next year



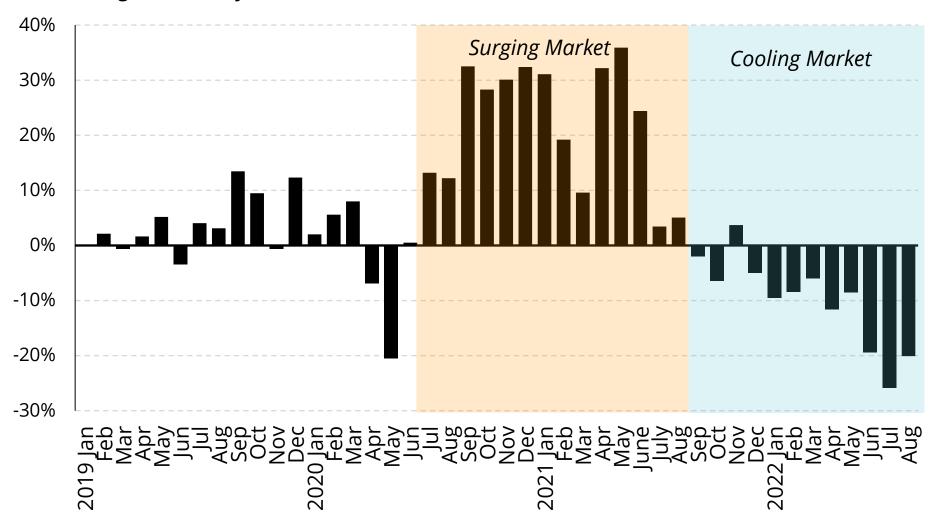
Source: FMOC, Freddie Mac, St. Louis Fed





Virginia Home Sales

Y-o-Y Change in Monthly Home Sales



Source: Virginia REALTORS®



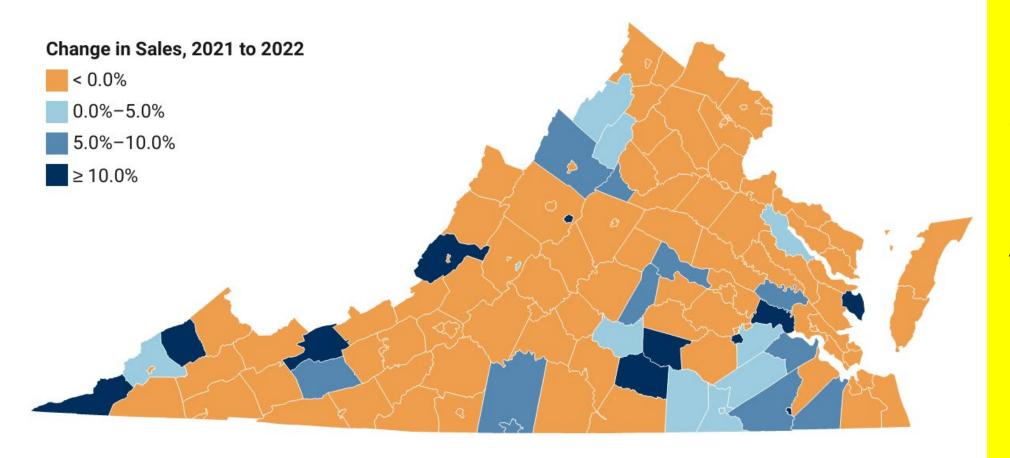
Market cooling for the past year

Slowdown driven by rising mortgage rates, climbing prices, low supply.

VA on track for sharpest drop in sales activity in more than a decade



2022 Cooling Market- Homes Sales (Aug Year-to-Date)





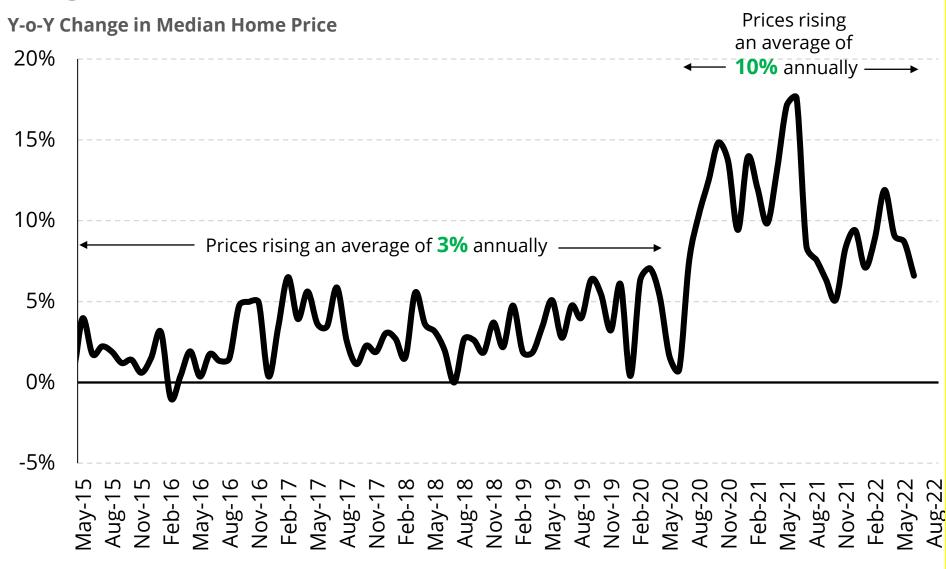
Slowdown occurring across most of VA

Sharpest drops in suburban/exurban and coastal markets

Some communities in southern and western VA continue to see sales growth



Virginia Home Prices





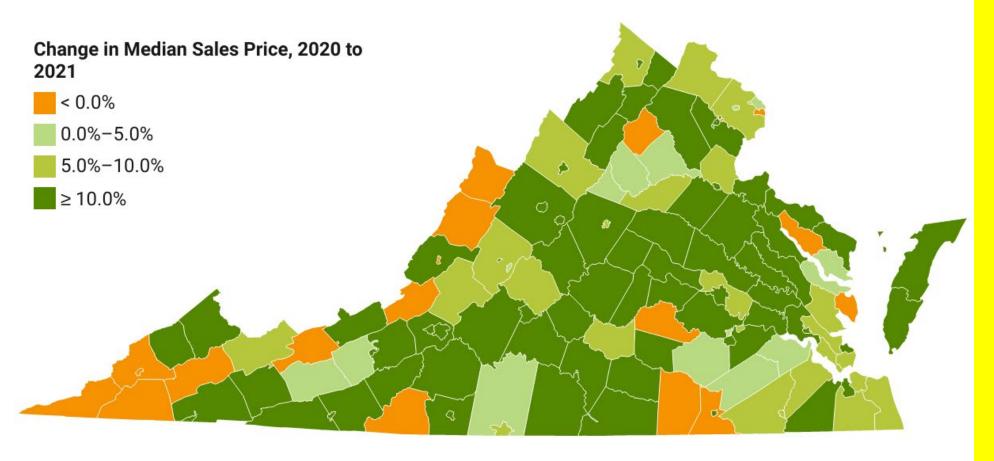
Despite significant slowdown in sales, price still climbing

3x faster price growth 2020 to now vs. 2015 to 2020

Low supply keeping upward pressure on home prices



2022 Home Prices Still Climbing (Aug Year-to-Date)





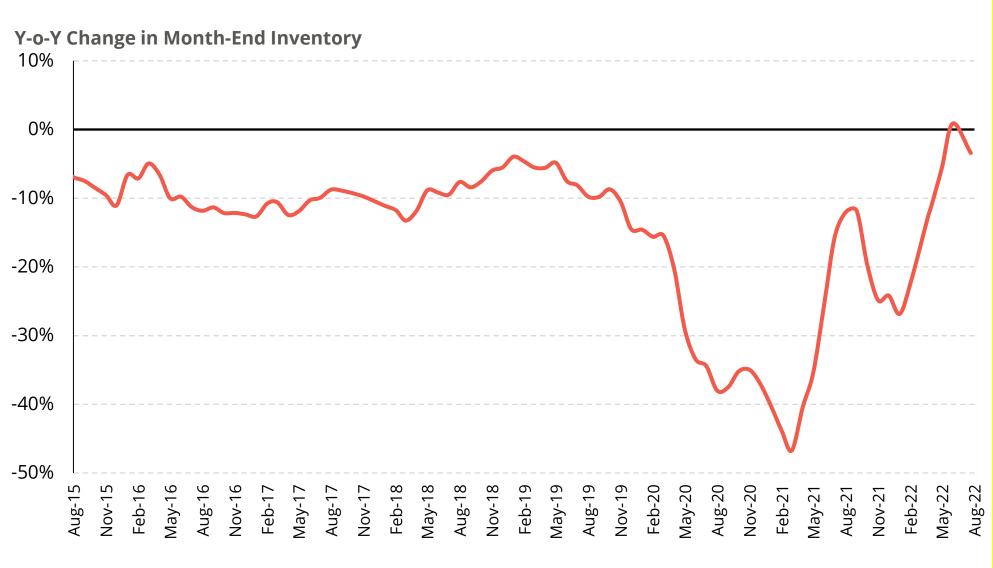
Double-digit price growth in many regions

Strongest growth in Central Virginia and Eastern Virginia

Low supply keeping upward pressure on home prices



Inventory





Supply of active listings shrinking slower as market cools

However, overall inventory remains tight

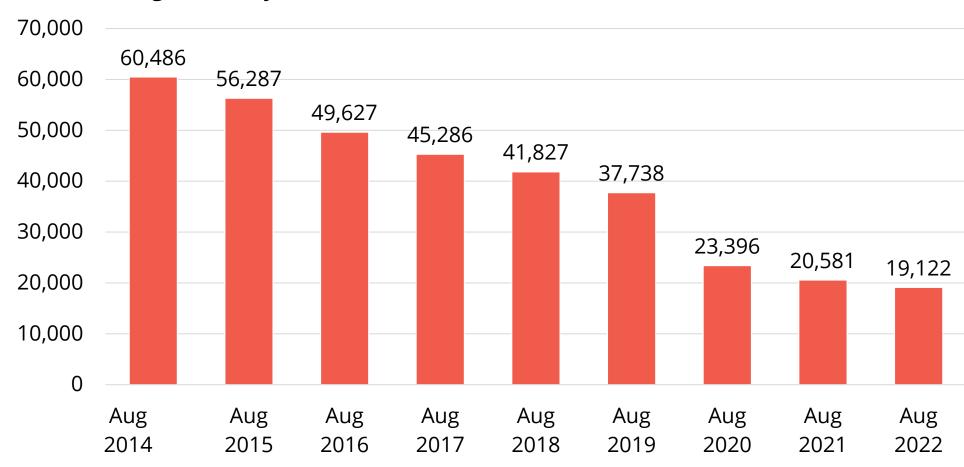
New listings falling sharply, signaling hesitancy from potential sellers



Virginia Inventory

Number of active listings End of August each year

Source: Virginia REALTORS®





Inventory of active listings starting to plateau after many years shrinking

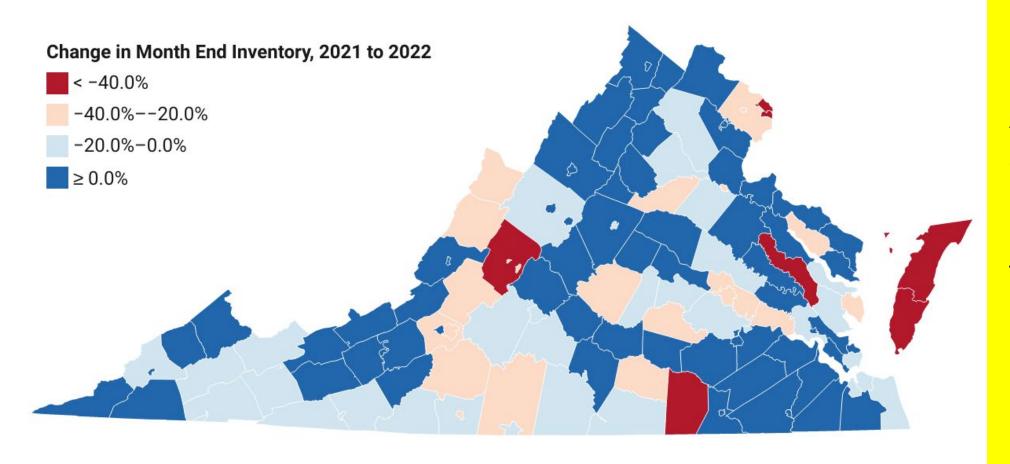
Overall supply level less than a third of what it was 8 yrs ago

Only 1.5 months of supply statewide

4 to 6 months of supply is indicative of a balanced market



Inventory of Active Listings Increasing (end of Aug)





Supply is starting to build up in some local markets.

Homes are staying on the market longer, and there are fewer pending sales

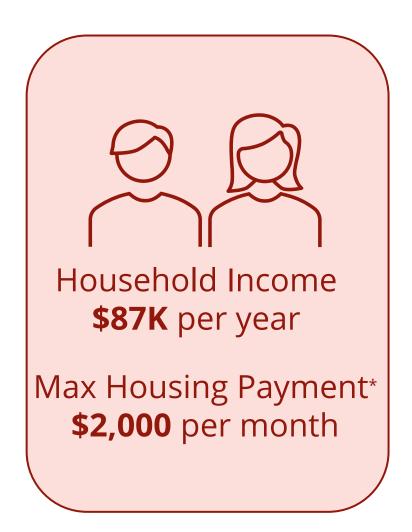
This is allowing for more options for buyers in the market

Source: Virginia REALTORS®













Max Housing Payment*

\$2,000 per month

AUG 2021

INTEREST RATE

2.85%

PURCHASING POWER

\$420K

MEDIAN PRICE (SFD & TH/C)

\$249K





Max Housing Payment* **\$2,000** per month

AUG 2021

INTEREST RATE

2.85%

PURCHASING POWER

\$420K

MEDIAN PRICE (SFD & TH/C)

\$249K

MAR 2022

3.85%

\$384K

\$260K





Max Housing Payment* **\$2,000** per month

\$87K per year

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\$260K

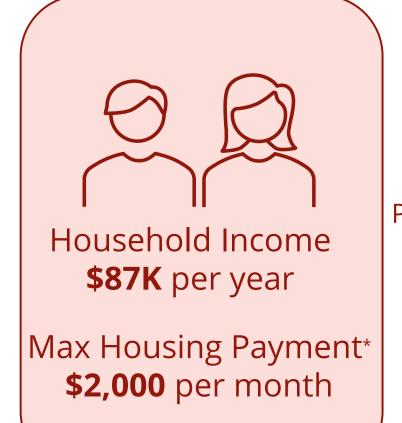
AUG 2022

5.15%

\$343K

\$290K





AUG 2021

PURCHASING POWER

\$420K

AUG 2022

\$343K

-\$77K









Max Housing Payment*

\$2,500 per month

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AUG 2021

INTEREST RATE

2.85%

PURCHASING POWER

\$525K

MEDIAN PRICE (SFD)

\$325K





Max Housing Payment* **\$2,500** per month

AUG 2021

INTEREST RATE

2.85%

PURCHASING POWER

\$525K

MEDIAN PRICE (SFD)

\$325K

MAR 2022

3.85%

\$480K

\$327K





Max Housing Payment* **\$2,500** per month

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PURCHASING POWER

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\$325K

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\$429K

\$345K





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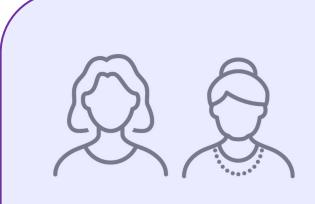
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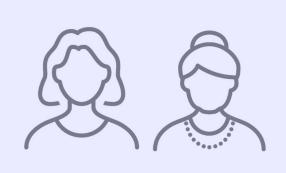




\$60K per year

Max Housing Payment* **\$1,500** per month





Household Income **\$60K** per year

Max Housing Payment* **\$1,500** per month

AUG 2021

INTEREST RATE

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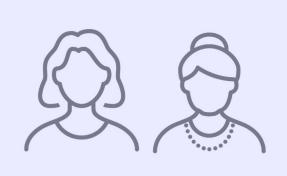
PURCHASING POWER

\$315K

MEDIAN PRICE (TH/C)

\$280K





\$60K per year

Max Housing Payment* **\$1,500** per month

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PURCHASING POWER

MEDIAN

PRICE

(TH/C)

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\$280K

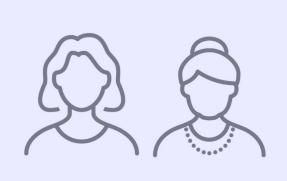
MAR 2022

3.85%

\$288K

\$326K





\$60K per year

Max Housing Payment* **\$1,500** per month

AUG 2021

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MEDIAN PRICE (TH/C) \$280K

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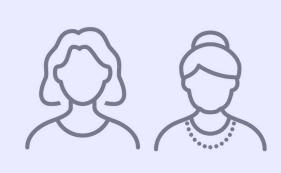
AUG 2022

5.15%

\$257K

\$326K





Household Income **\$60K** per year

Max Housing Payment*
\$1,500 per month

AUG 2021

PURCHASING POWER

\$315K

AUG 2022

\$257K

-\$58K



Economic Outlook:



Annual Change



+3.0% 2022: +117K jobs

2023: +0.3% +13K jobs

Unemployment Rate

4th quarter



2022: 2.8%

2023: 3.5%

Housing Market Outlook:



Home Sales

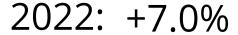
Annual Change

2022: -15.7%

2023: -2.5%







2023: +2.9%



New Housing Starts

Annual Change

2022: -3.1%

2023: -3.6%

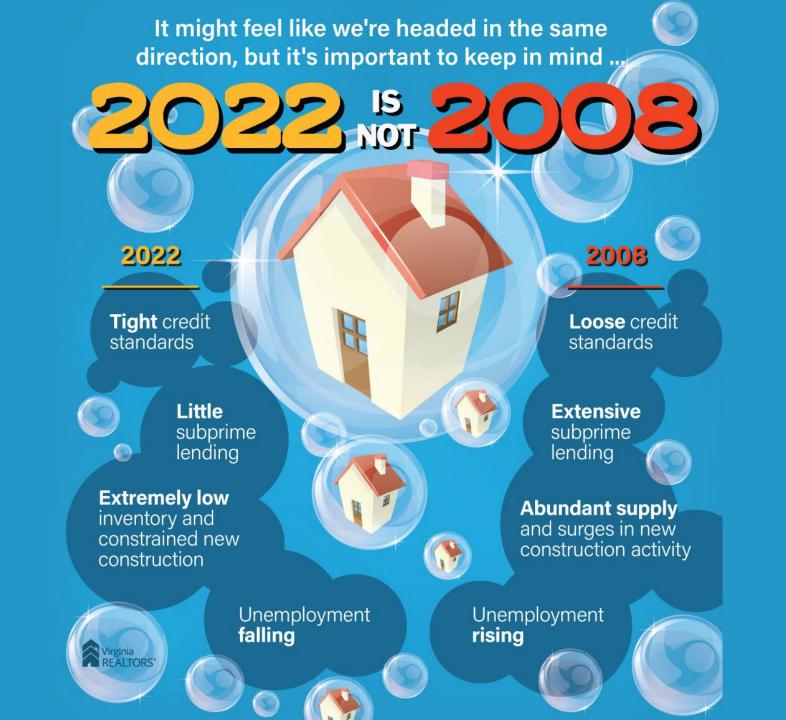
30-Year Mortgage Rate

December average

2022: 5.95%

2023: 5.20%







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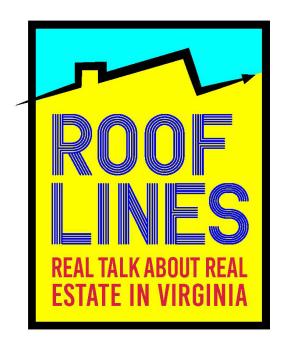


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