



Clark County continues to add jobs, but the pace of growth has started to taper. The market has added 49,200 new jobs over the past 12 months. Although that was the slowest annual growth rate since before the pandemic, it still represents an impressive increase of 4.6%.

The non-seasonally adjusted jobless rate in May was a respectable 5.6%. This was up .01% over April, but down from 8.1% the second quarter of 2022. When adjusted for seasonality, the rate was also 5.6%, down from 5.9% in the second quarter of 2022.

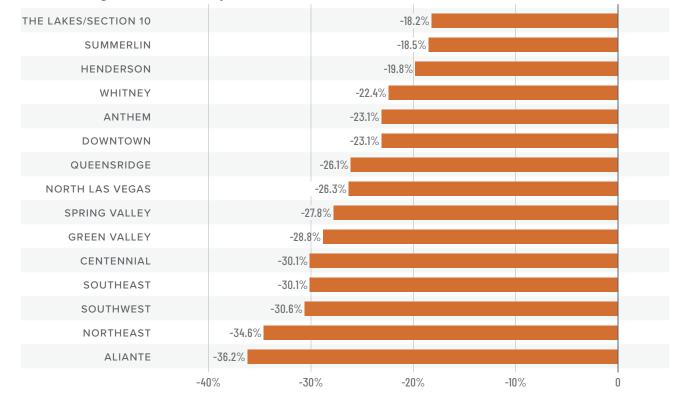
My latest employment forecast for the Las Vegas metro area suggests that employment growth will continue to taper, but that over 43,000 new jobs will have been created in 2023.

Home Sales



- A total of 6,908 homes sold in the second quarter of the year, which was a drop of 26.3% compared to the second quarter of 2022. However, sales continued the upward momentum we saw in the first quarter and were an impressive 23.7% higher than in the first quarter of the year.
- Year over year, sales fell significantly across the board. However, sales rose in every neighborhood compared to the first quarter of 2023. Every area except Aliante, The Lakes/Section 8, and Northeast Las Vegas saw double-digit gains.
- Even more impressive was the fact that sales rose from the first quarter despite the 2.5% drop in the average number of homes for sale.
- Pending sales, which are an indicator of future closings, rose 10.7% compared to the first quarter, suggesting that the market may see further growth in sales in the third quarter of 2023.

Annual Change in Home Sales by Sub-Market / Q2 2022 to Q2 2023





Home Prices

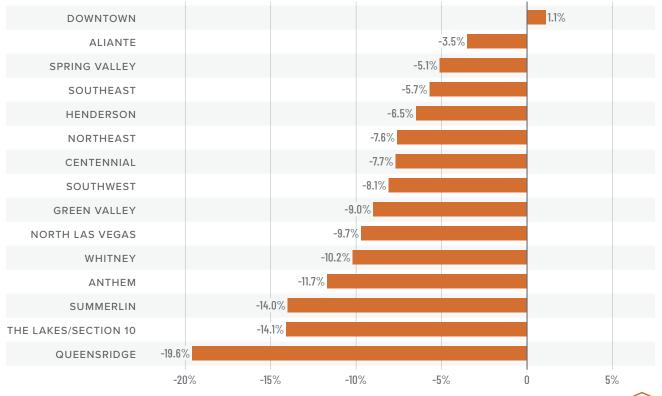


Annual Change in Home Sale Prices by Sub-Market / Q2 2022 to Q2 2023

- ▶ Sale prices fell 10.5% year over year but rose 2.1% compared to the first quarter of 2023. The average home sale price in the area was \$481,581.
- Median list prices rose 3.9% from the first quarter of the year. The only neighborhood where list prices fell was in Southeast Las Vegas. Even there, the decline was a very modest 1.3%.
- Year over year, prices fell in every market other than Downtown. However, compared to the first guarter of this year, prices rose across the board.
- It would be natural to think that prices should have fallen further given deteriorating affordability and far higher mortgage rates than we have seen in a number of years; however, that does not appear to be the case.

Please note: For the purposes of this report, we broke the market down into 15 component sub-markets, which are defined by the zip codes shown below:

SUB-MARKET AREAS	ZIP CODES
Aliante	89004, 89005
Anthem	89044, 89052
Centennial	89108, 89130, 89131, 89143, 89149, 89166
Downtown	89101, 89104, 89106, 89107
Green Valley	89014, 89074
Henderson	89002, 89011, 89012, 89015
The Lakes/Section 10	89117
North Las Vegas	89030, 89031, 89032, 89081
Northeast	89110, 89115, 89142, 89156
Queensridge	89145
Southeast	89109, 89119, 89123, 89169, 89183
Southwest	89113, 89118, 89139, 89141, 89148, 89178, 89179
Spring Valley	89102, 89103, 89146
Summerlin	89128, 89134, 89135, 89138, 89144
Whitney	89120, 89121, 89122



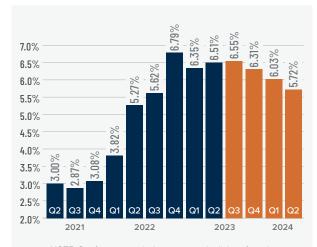
Mortgage Rates



This was due to the short debt ceiling impasse, as well as several economic datasets that suggested the U.S. economy was not slowing at the speed required by the Federal Reserve.

While the June employment report showed fewer jobs created than earlier in the year, as well as downward revisions to prior gains, inflation has not sufficiently slowed. Until it does, rates cannot start to trend consistently lower.

With the economy not slowing as fast as expected, I have adjusted my forecast: Rates will hold at current levels in third quarter and then start to trend lower through the fall. Although there are sure to be occasional spikes, my model now shows the 30-year fixed rate breaking below 6% next spring.



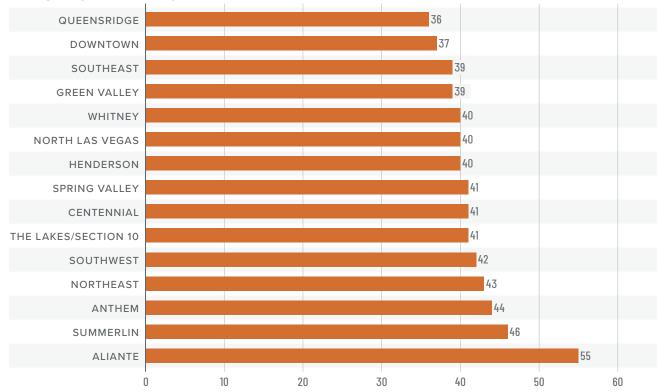
NOTE: Our forecast excludes points and will therefore show rates that are lower than you may be guoted



Days on Market

- The average time it took to sell a home in the region rose 26 days compared to the second guarter of 2022.
- It took an average of 42 days to sell a home in the second quarter, which was 13 fewer days than it took in the first quarter of 2023.
- Days on market rose in all neighborhoods compared to the same period in 2022. However, average market time fell in every neighborhood compared to the first quarter of this year.
- Tighter inventory levels are offsetting higher financing costs, which is lowering average market time.





Conclusions

Just when you think you can write off Las Vegas, it comes back to prove you wrong. The area's housing market is resilient and is likely to continue being that way.

Every index other than mortgage rates is favoring sellers right now. Inventory levels are down. Pending and closed sales are up, as are list and sale prices.

While the market currently favors home sellers, they are not in a completely dominant position. That said, given everything I've shared in this report, I have pushed the needle more in their favor.



This speedometer reflects the state of the region's real estate market using housing inventory, price gains, home sales, interest rates, and larger economic factors.

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As Chief Economist for Windermere Real Estate, Matthew Gardner is responsible for analyzing and interpreting economic data and its impact on the real estate market on both a local and national level.

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