What's Ahead for Virginia's Housing Market?

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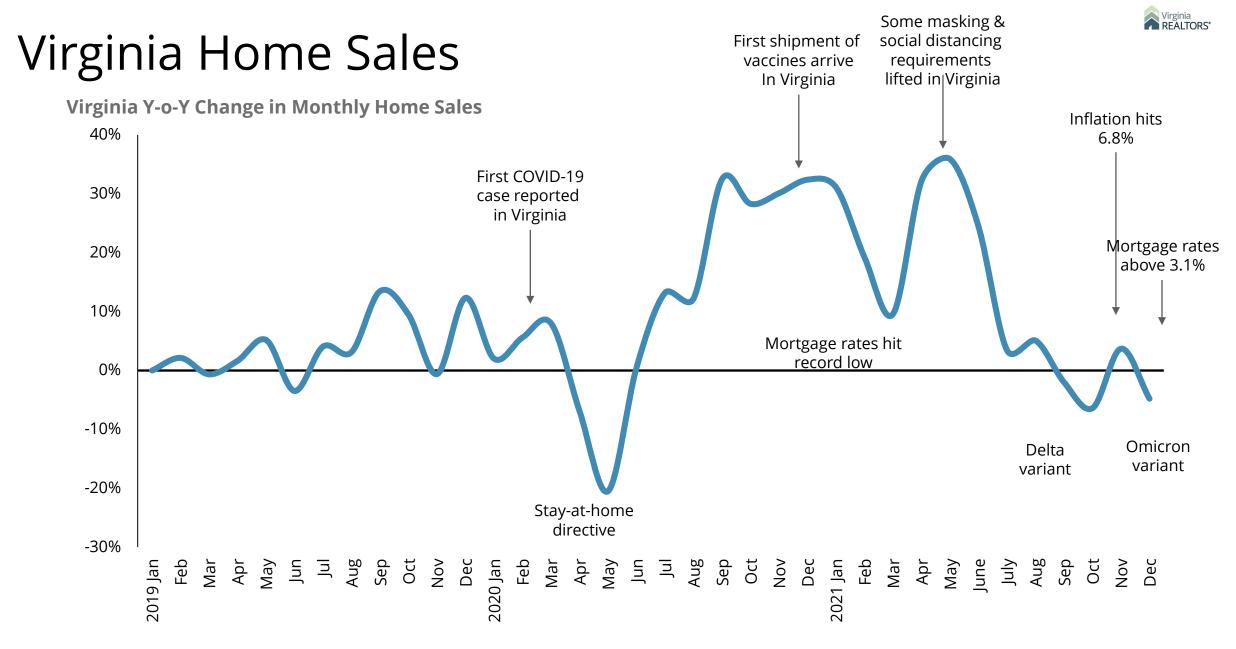
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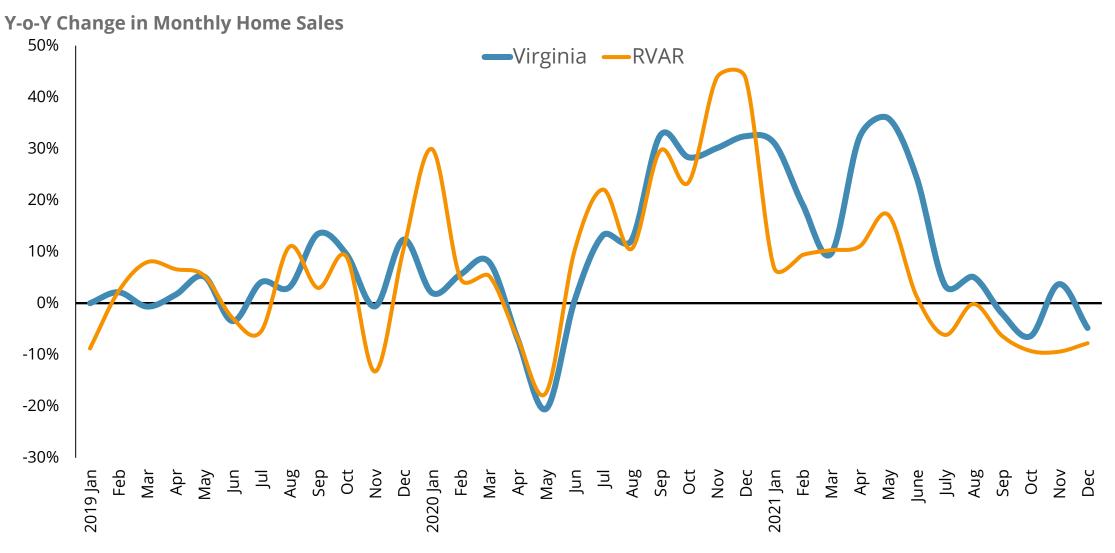
A LOOK BACK







Virginia and RVAR Home Sales

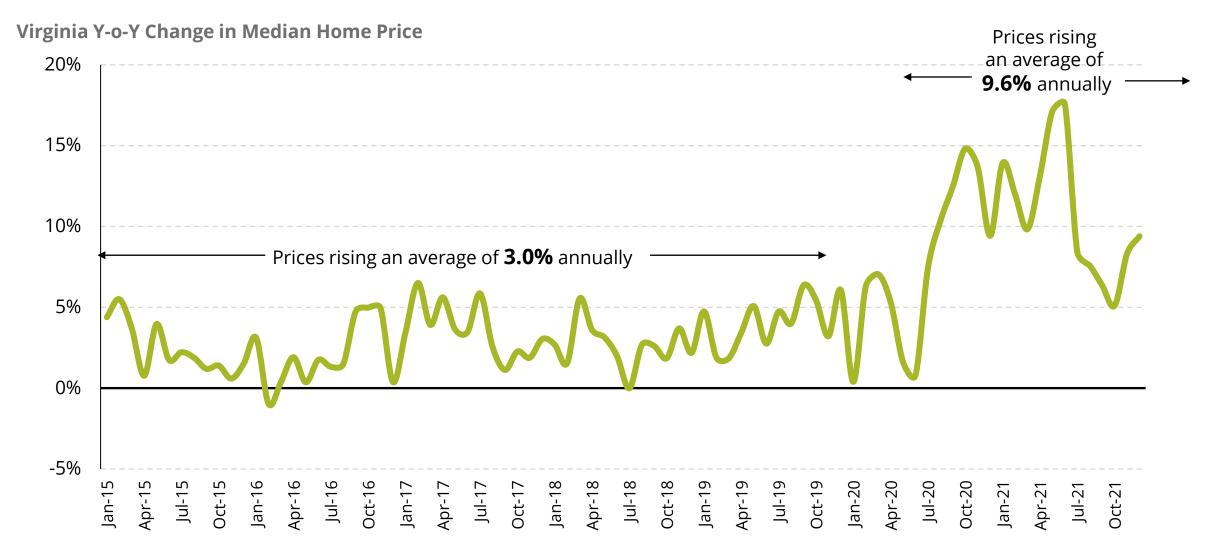


2021 versus 2020

	2020	2021	Change 2020 to 2021
Sales	139,908	154,340	+10%
Volume	\$53.6B	\$66.8B	+22%
Median Price	\$319,902	\$350,000	+9%
Average Days on Market	41	25	-15 days
Average 30-yr mortgage rate	2.68%	3.10%	0.42 pp

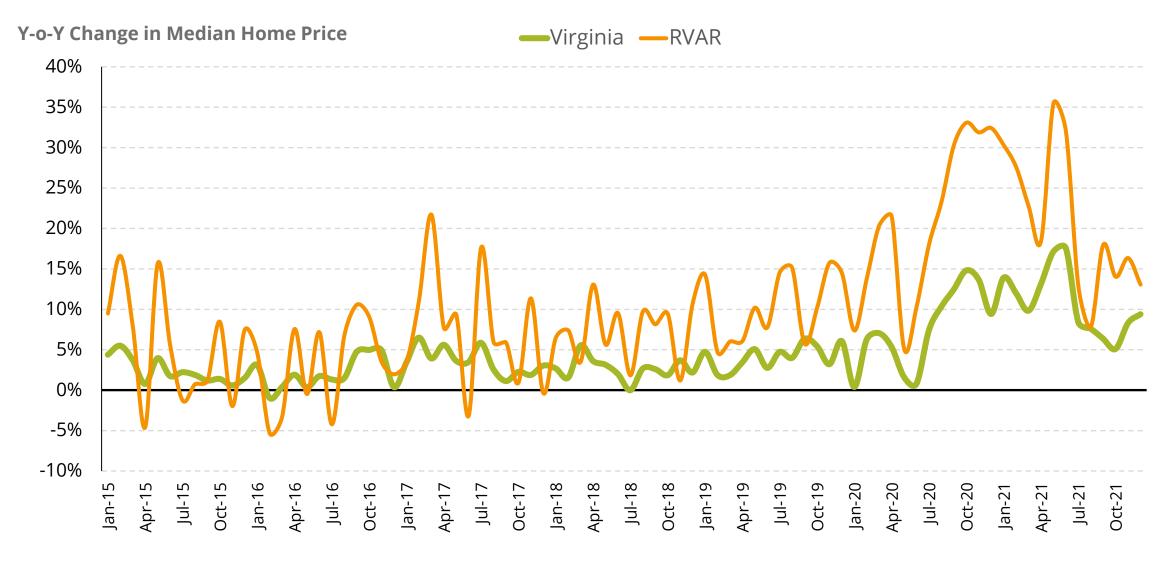


Virginia Home Prices





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The impact of rising prices has been offset by low mortgage rates...until recently

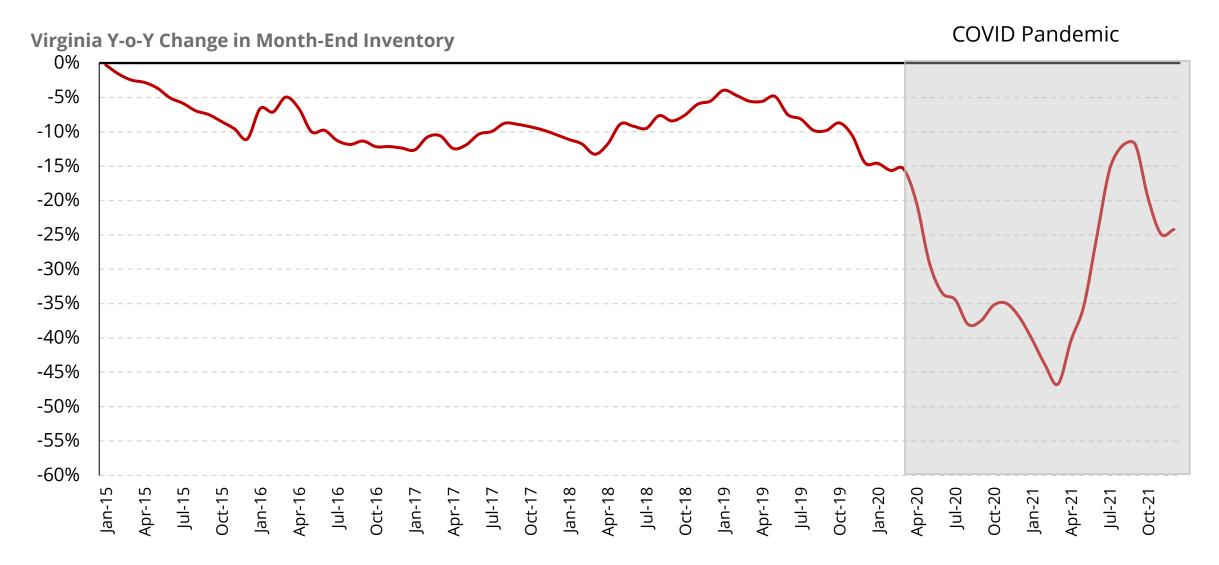
	Median home price	Average mortgage rate	Monthly payment	Income Needed
Dec 2017	\$274,000	3.95%	\$1,235	\$52,938
Dec 2018	\$280,000	4.64%	\$1,370	\$58,714
Dec 2019	\$297,000	3.72%	\$1,302	\$55,795
Dec 2020	\$325,000	2.68%	\$1,249	\$53,530
Dec 2021*	\$350,000	3.10%	\$1,420	\$60,850

Source: Virginia REALTORS^{®,} Freddie Mac

Assumes 5% down payment, 1.5% closing costs, and a 30-year fixed rate loan. Also assumes the total payment is no more than 28% of gross income.

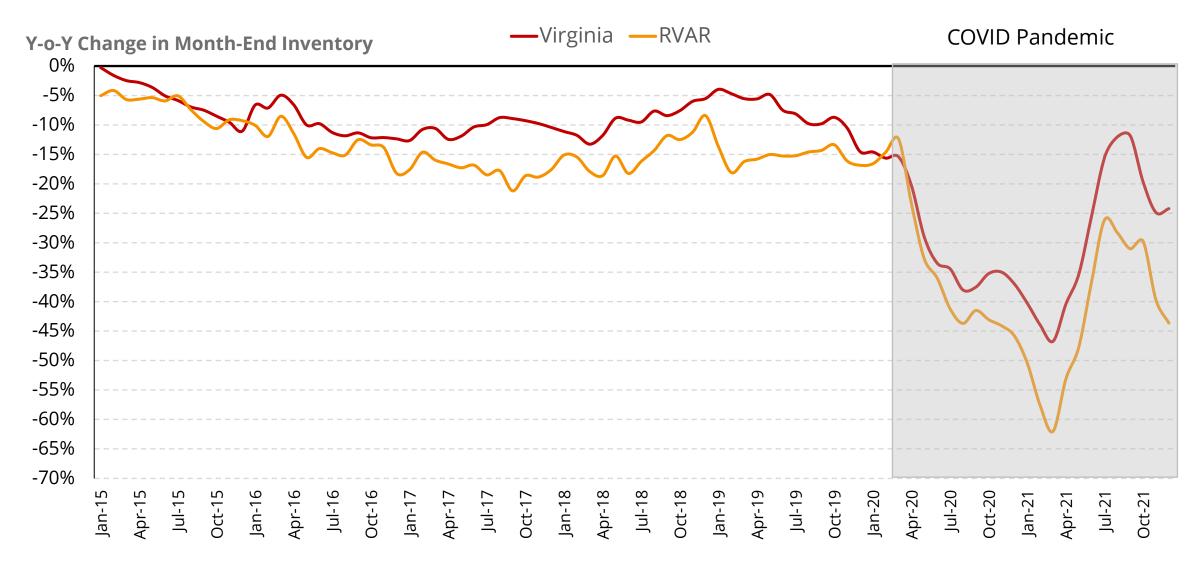
Virginia REALTORS*

Virginia Inventory



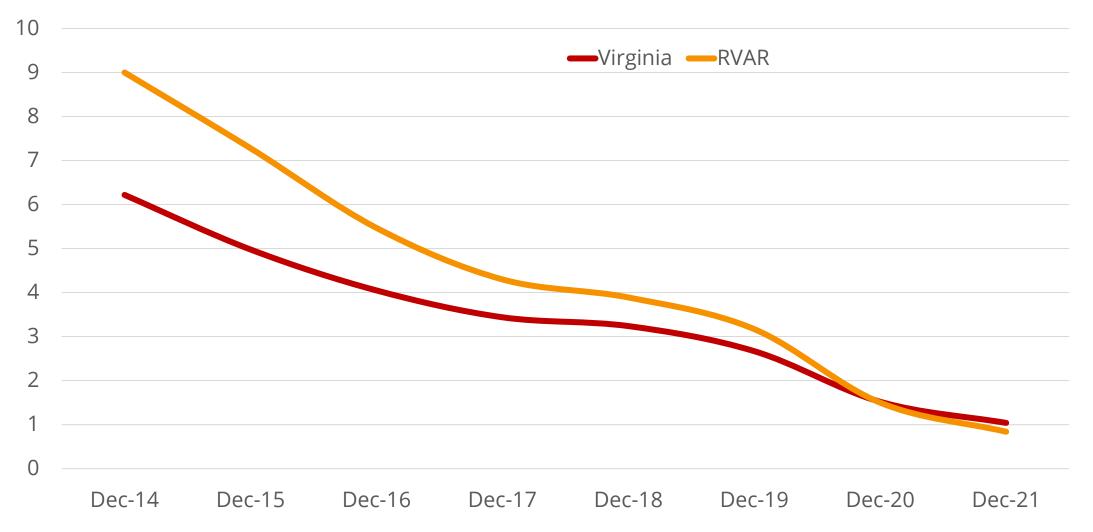
Virginia and RVAR Inventory







Months of Supply



Source: Virginia REALTORS®

Recap: What Drove the Hot 2020-2021 Housing Market

Pandemic-related factors

- Mortgages kept low by Federal Reserve policies
- Incomes propped up by Federal stimulus payments
- Remote work and learning
- Surge in re-financing activity which worsened inventory challenge

Other factors

- Favorable demographics supporting demand (i.e., Millennials)
- Baby Boomers staying in their homes longer
- Resilient economy and stable employment picture for many

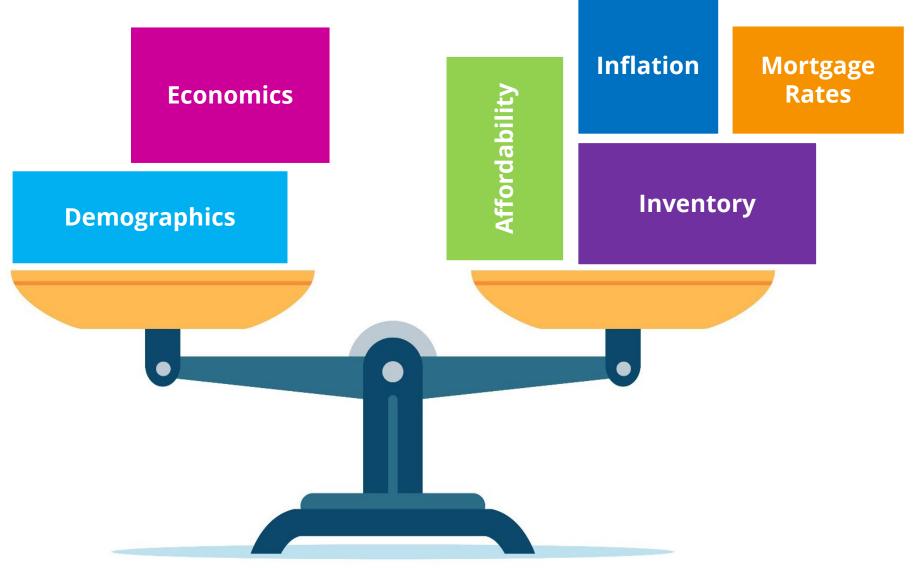
Strong demand, low supply, frenzied market

2022

LOOKING AHEAD



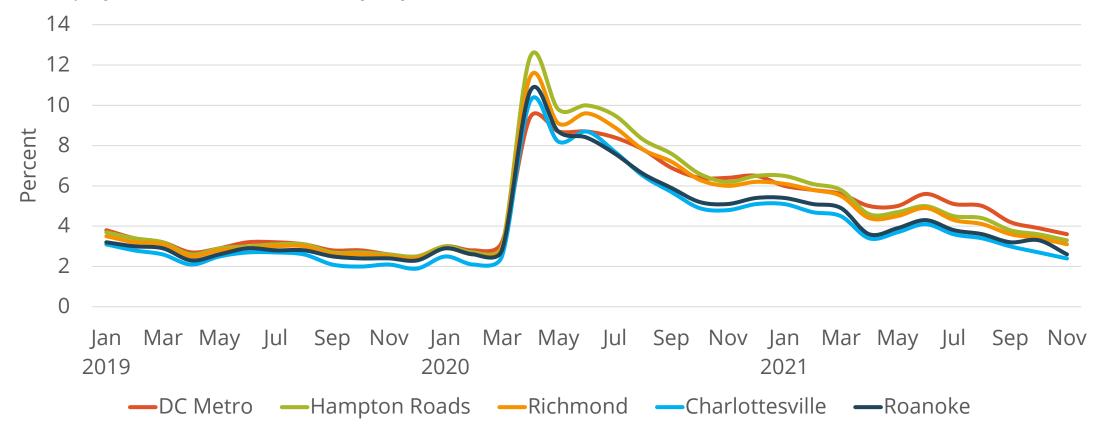
What will tip the scales in the 2022 housing market?



The Economy

Unemployment is close to pre-pandemic levels

Unemployment Rate (not seasonally adjusted)



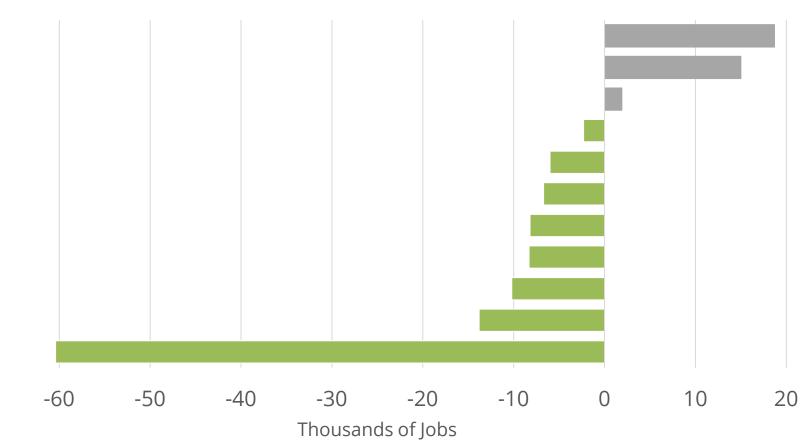
The Economy

Strong growth in higher-wage, professional jobs

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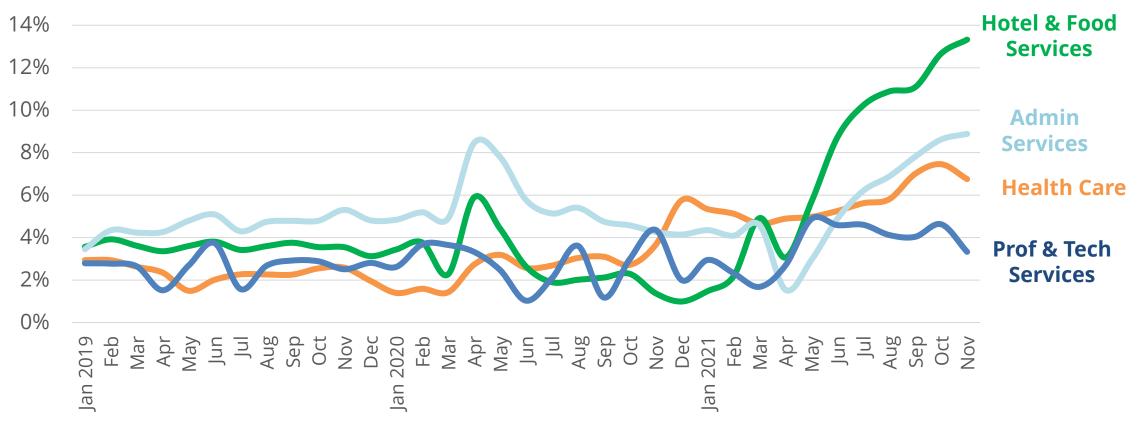
Virginia Employment by Sector November 2021 Compared to January 2020

Prof/Tech Services Transp/Warehousing Federal Government Construction Manufacturing Retail Trade Admin Services Finance & Insurance Health Care Other Services Leisure & Hospitality



The Economy Wages are rising for many workers

Year-over-year wage growth (U.S.)



The Economy: Where We're Headed

Job Growth

Annual Change



+1.6% 2021: +62K jobs

+2.0% +79K jobs

Unemployment Rate

4th quarter



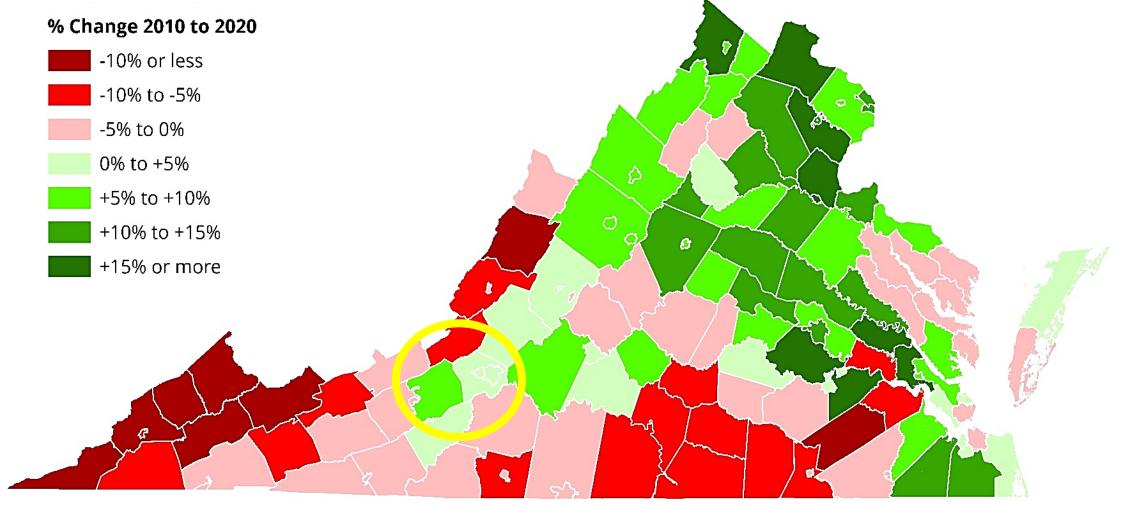
2021: 3.5%

2022: 3.0%

Source: Virginia REALTORS®

Demographics The population of Virginia's Urban Crescent has been growing

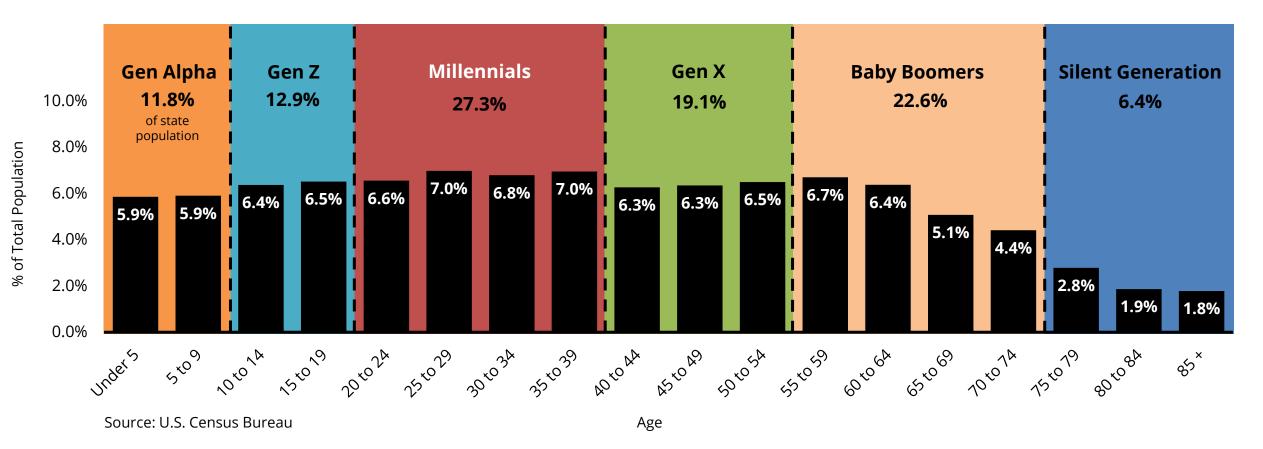
Virginia Population Trends



Source: U.S. Census Bureau (Decennial Census)



Demographics Age distribution in Virginia (2019)

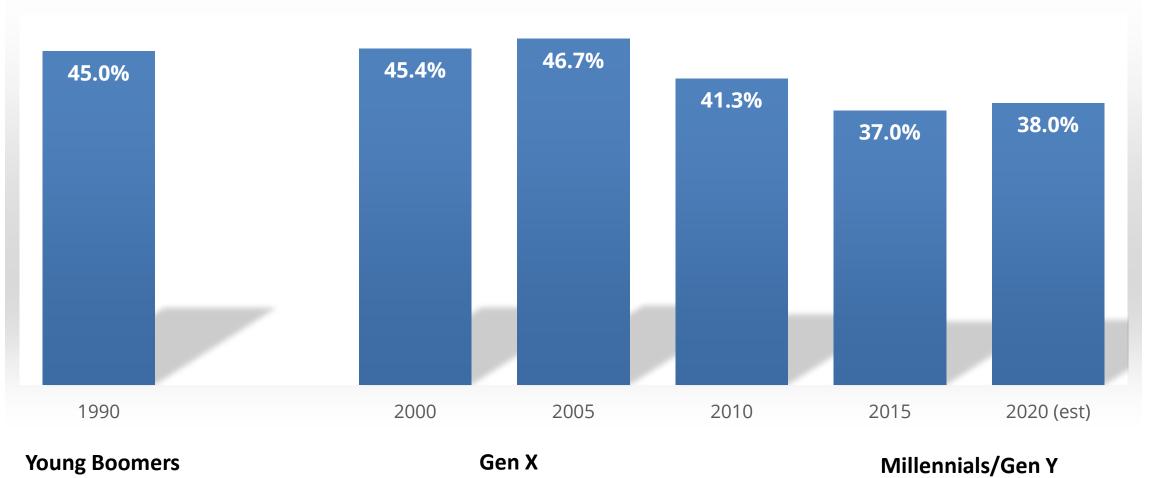


Note: Generation age ranges are approximate

Demographics

Homeownership rates among Millennials remain relatively low

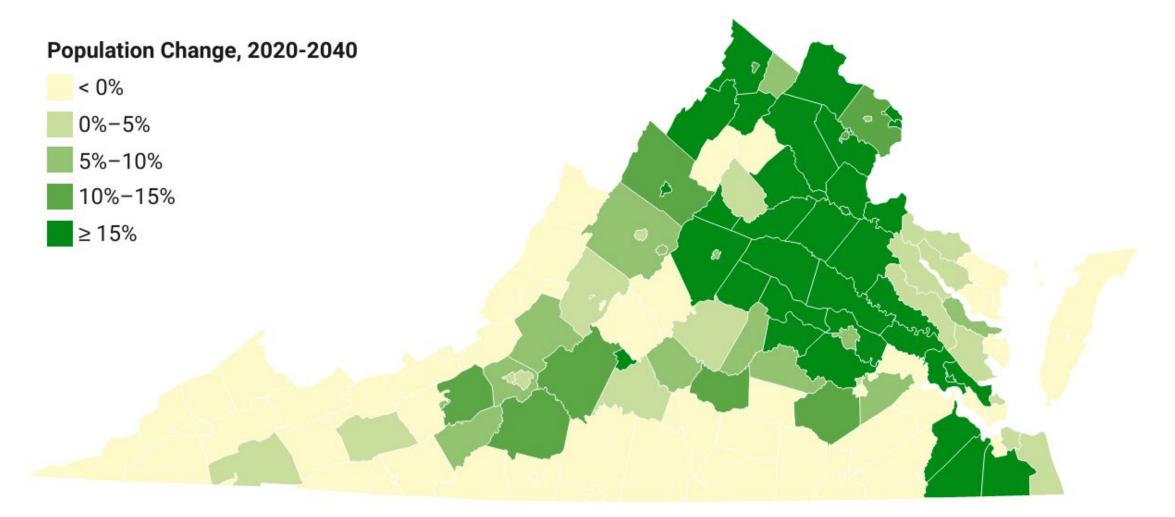
Homeownership Rates, 25 to 34 Year Olds



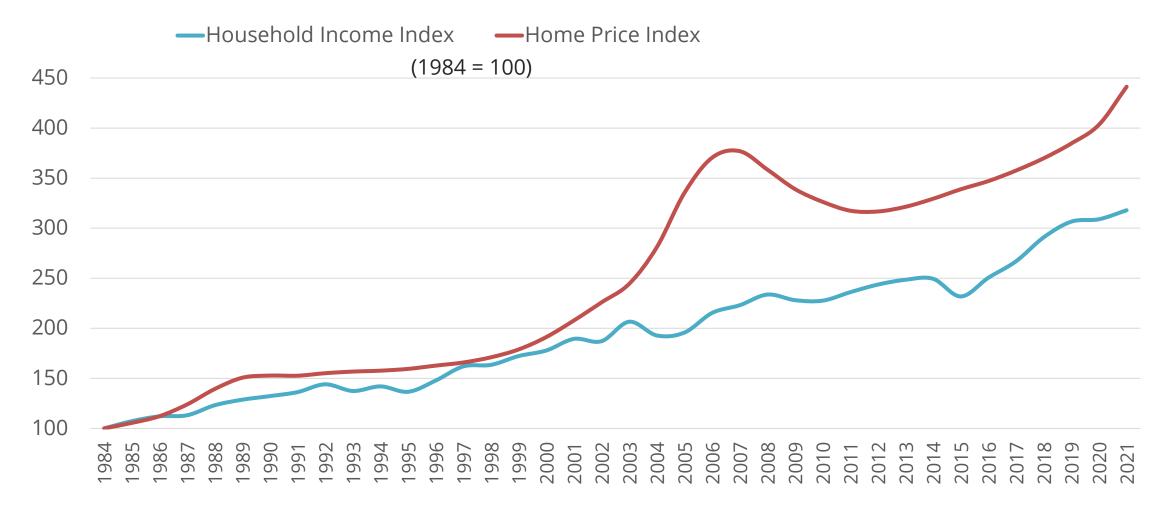


Demographics

Statewide population projected to increase by 14.2% over the next 20 years



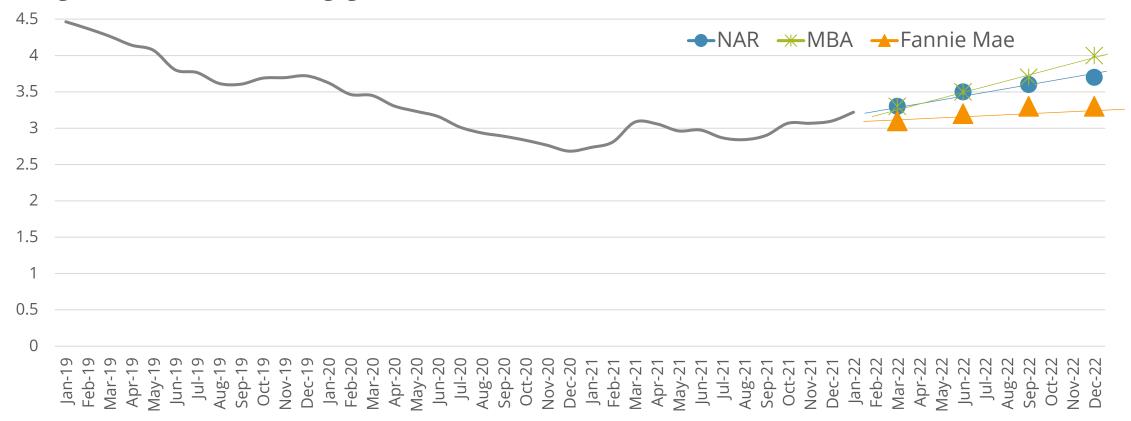
Affordability Home prices are rising much faster than incomes



Source: U.S. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Virginia REALTORS®

Mortgage Rates Modest increases forecasted for 2022

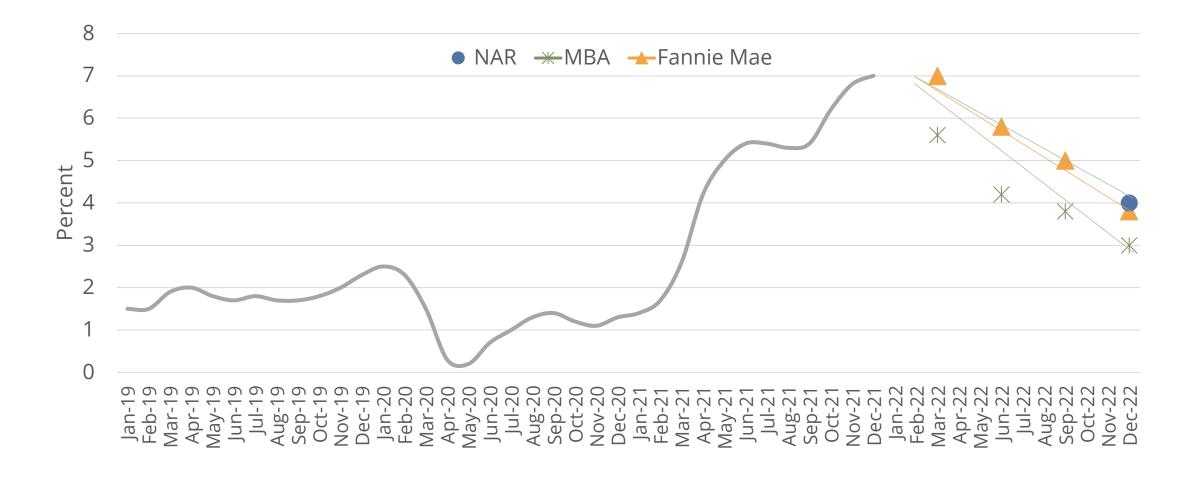
Average 30-Year Fixed Rate Mortgage Rate

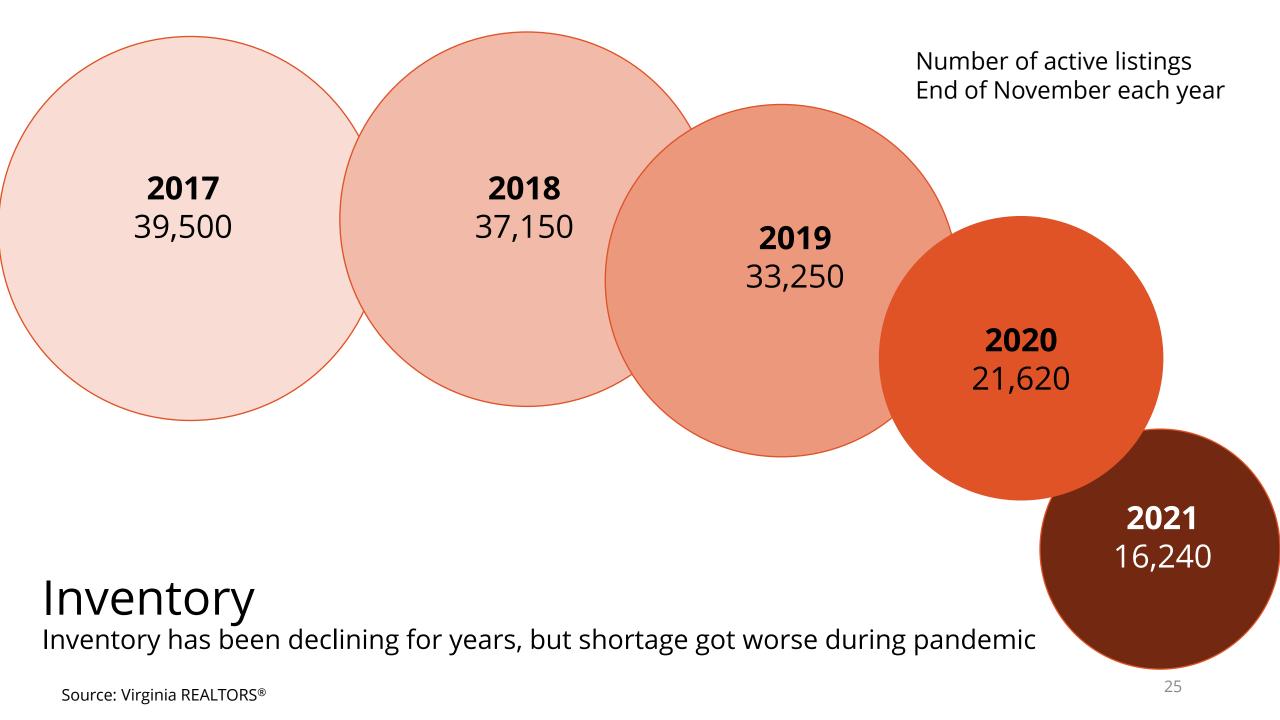


Inflation

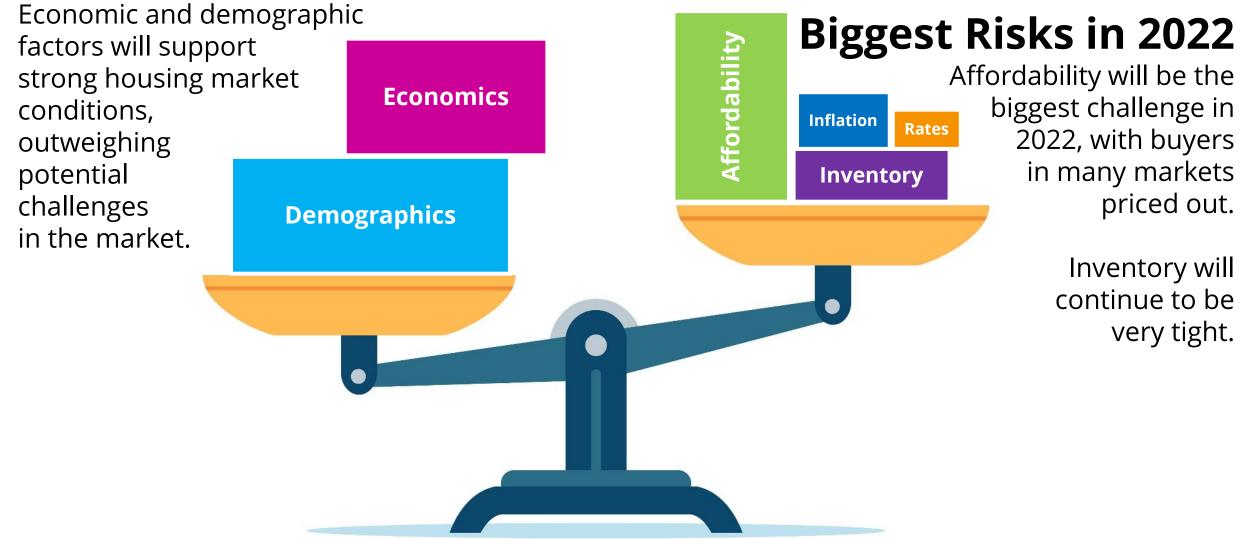


Most economists are forecasting a sharp drop in inflation this year

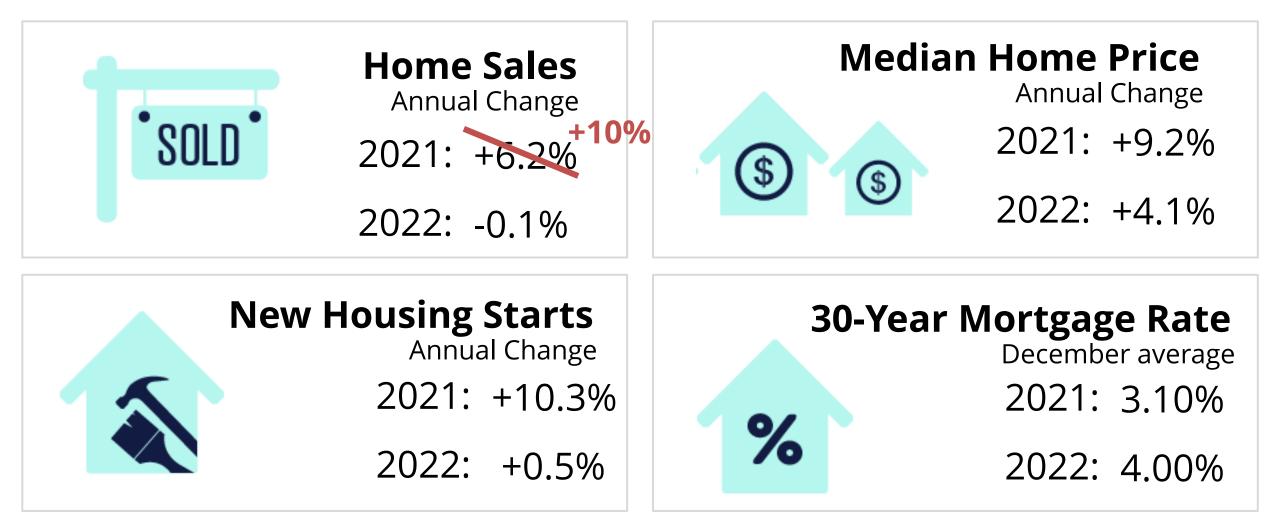




Outlook for 2022



The Housing Market: Where We're Headed



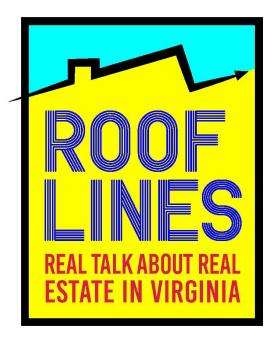
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