



# Rising Mortgage Rates, Inflation & Affordability

PWAR's 2022 Housing Market Outlook

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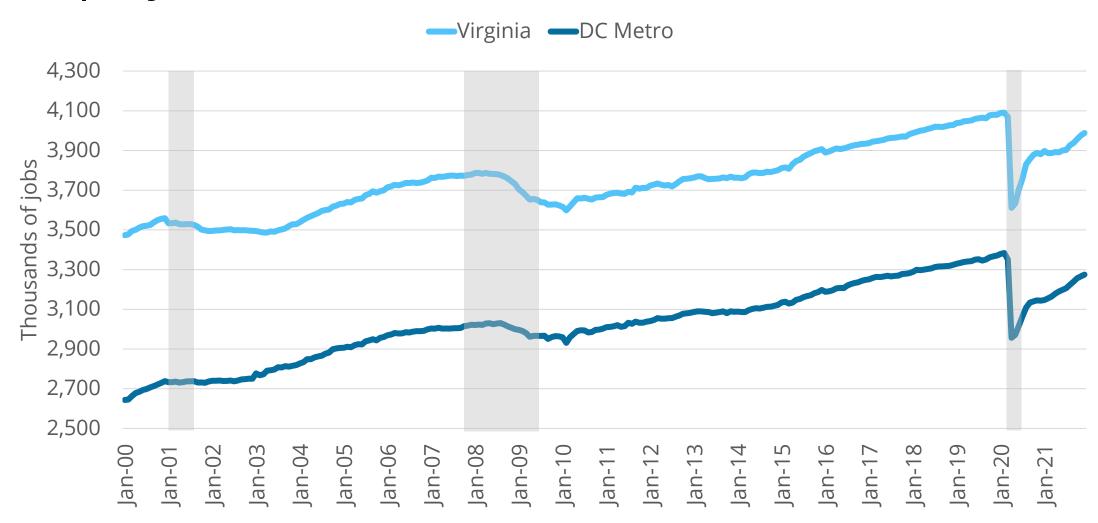
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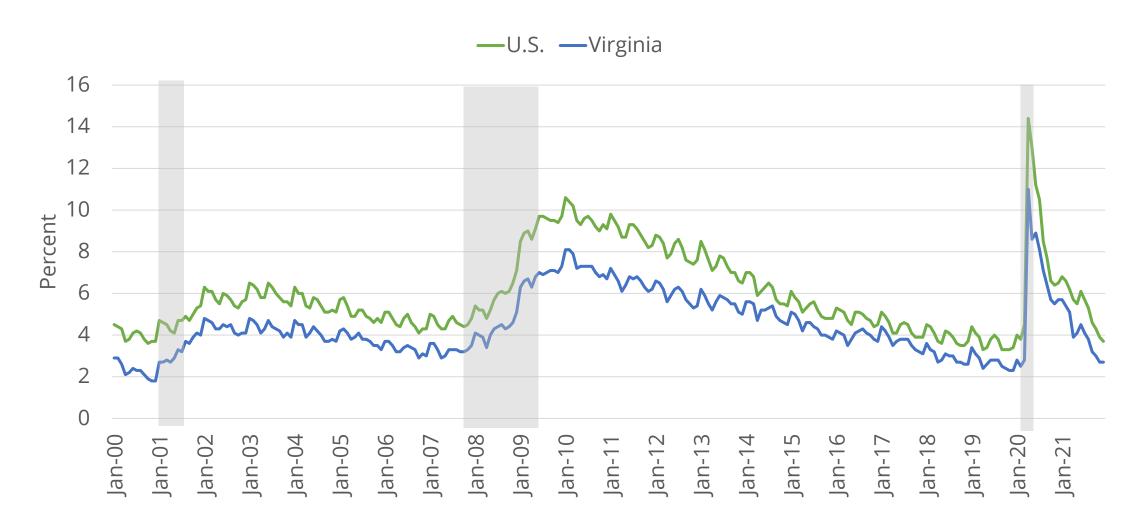


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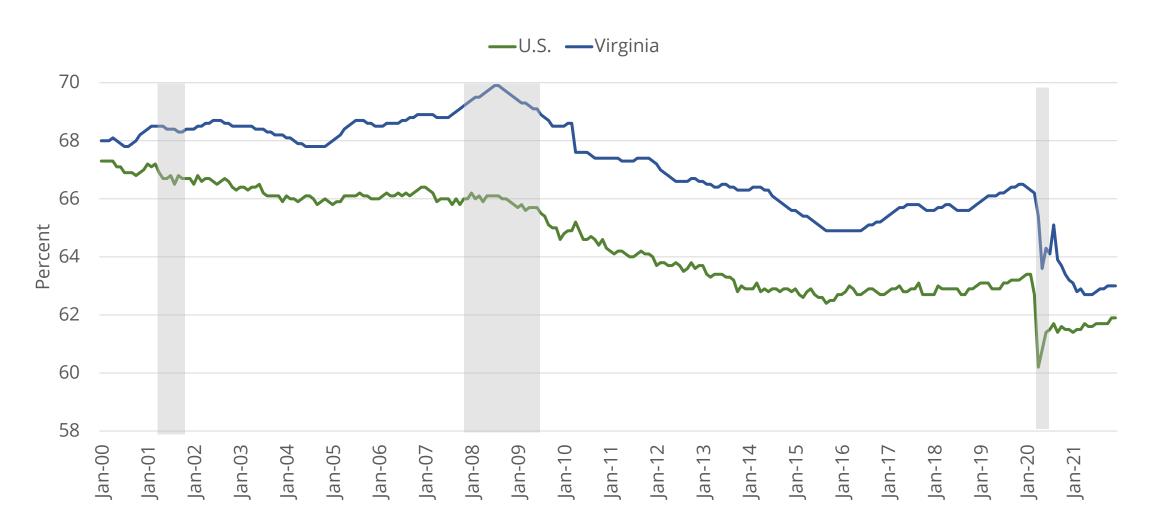


#### **Unemployment Rate**





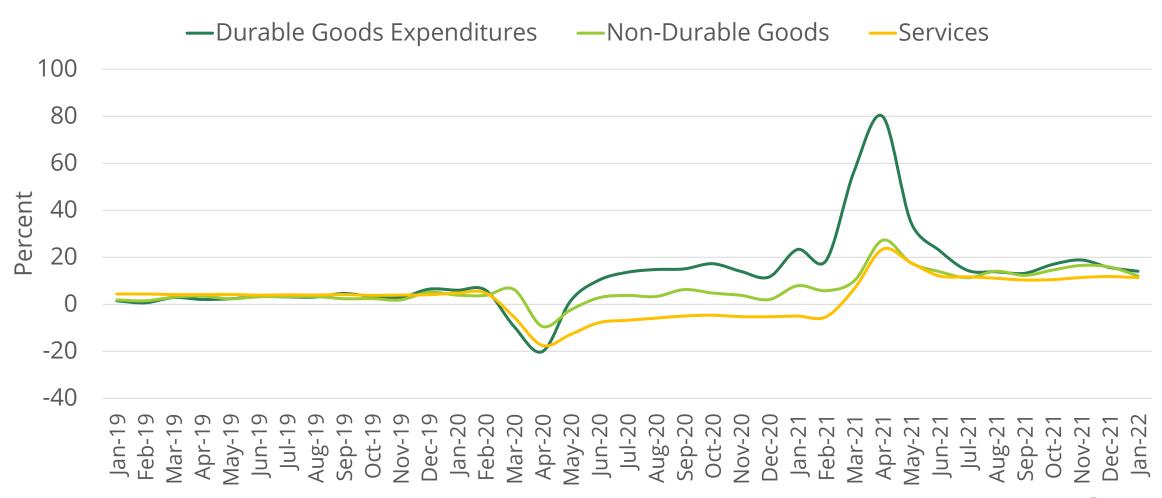
#### Labor Force Participation Rate





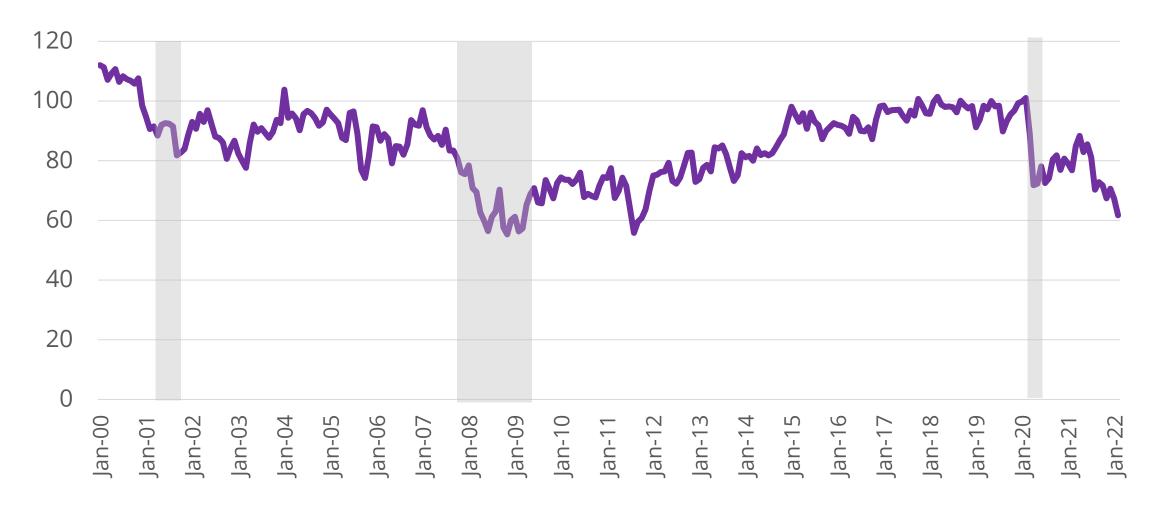
#### Personal Consumer Expenditures

Year-over-year change





#### Consumer Sentiment

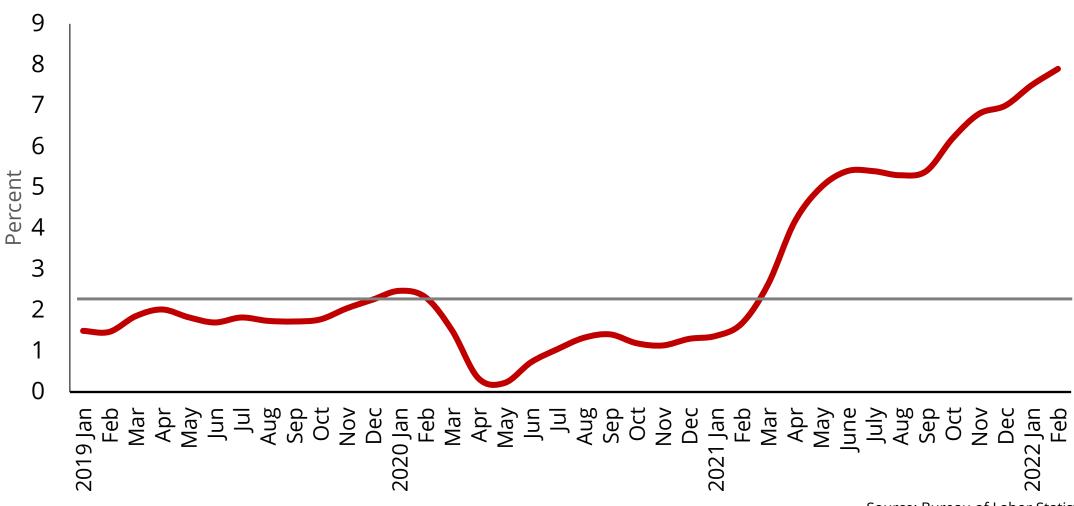


Source: University of Michigan



### Inflation





Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



### Record-breaking housing market activity



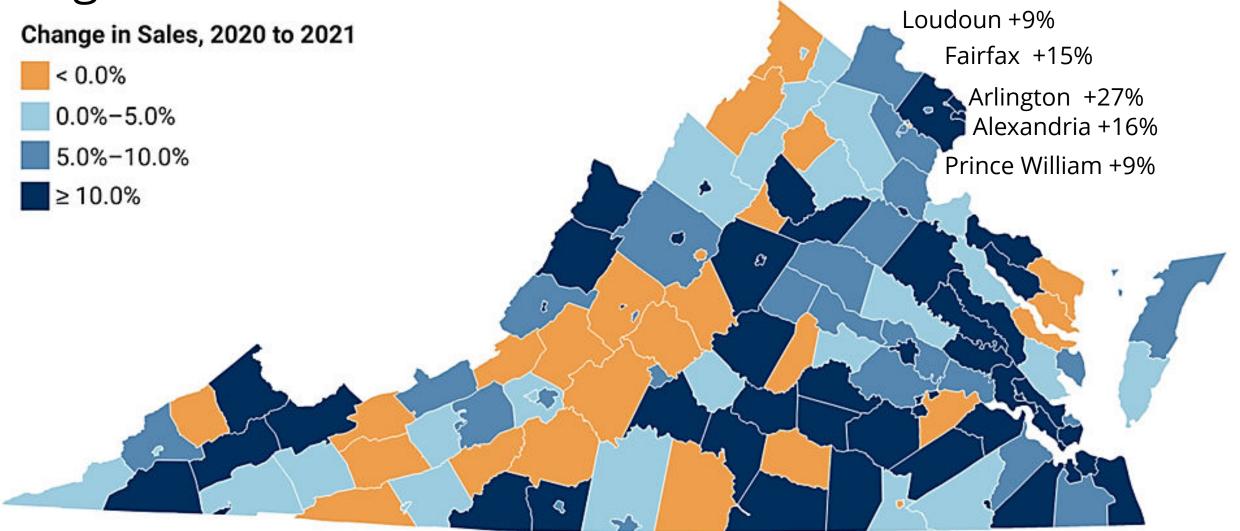
	PWAR		
	2021	Change 2020 to 2021	
Sales	10,247	+9%	
Median Price	\$450K	+11%	
Average Days on Market	11	-6 days	
Months of Supply (year end)	0.2	01 months	
Sold Volume (\$ in billions)	\$5.1	+22.5%	

Northern VA Region*		
2021	Change 2020 to 2021	
47,223	+14%	
\$570K	+9%	
16	-4 days	
0.5	-0.4 months	
\$24.9	+24%	

Source: Virginia REALTORS® \*Includes Alexandria, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Fauquier County, Loudoun County, Manassas, Manassas Park, Prince William County

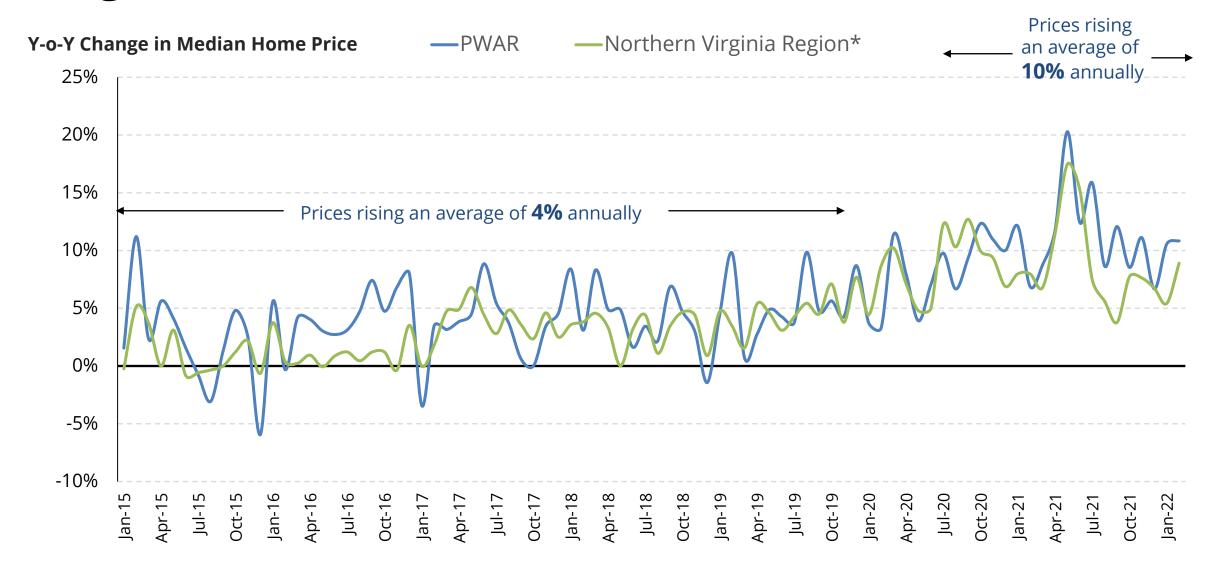


Regional Home Sales





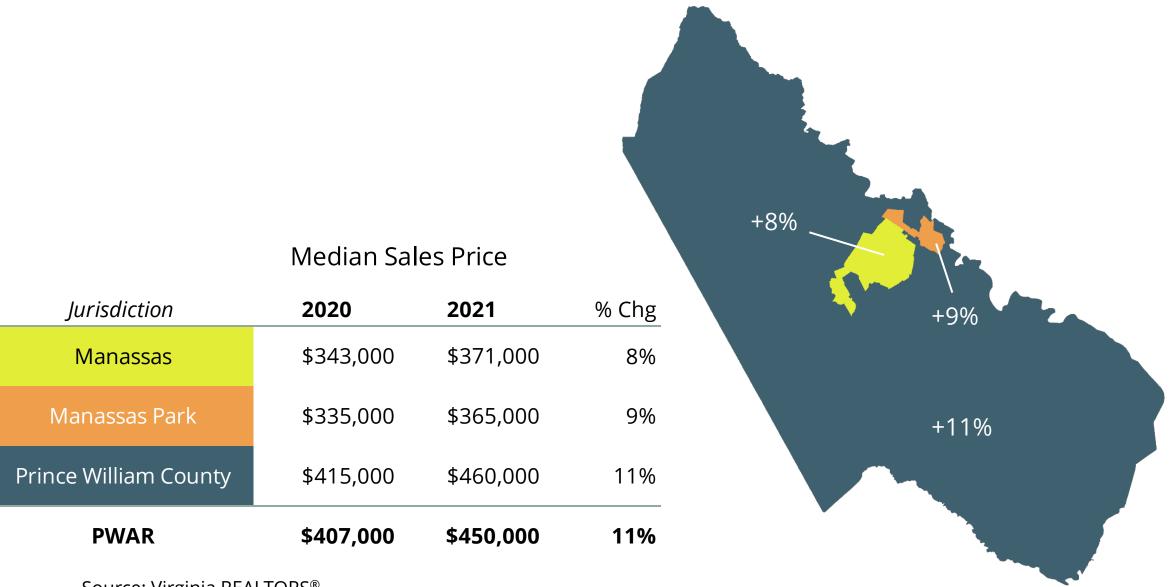
#### Regional Home Prices



Source: Virginia REALTORS® \*Includes Alexandria, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Fauquier County, Loudoun County, Manassas, Manassas Park, Prince William County

#### Change in Median Home Price, 2020 to 2021, Local Markets

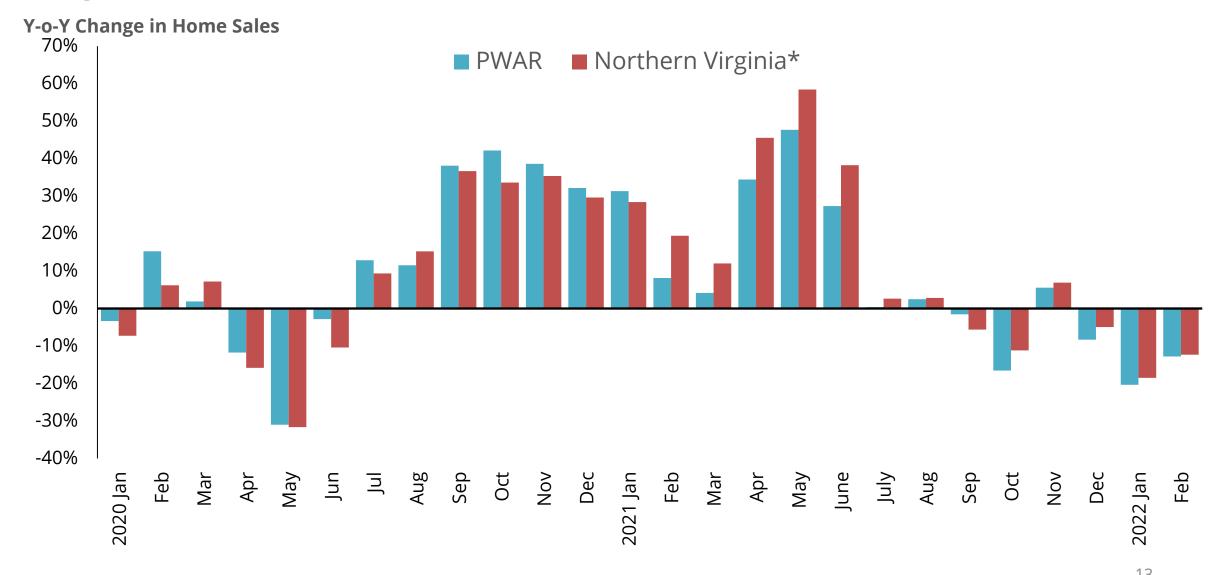




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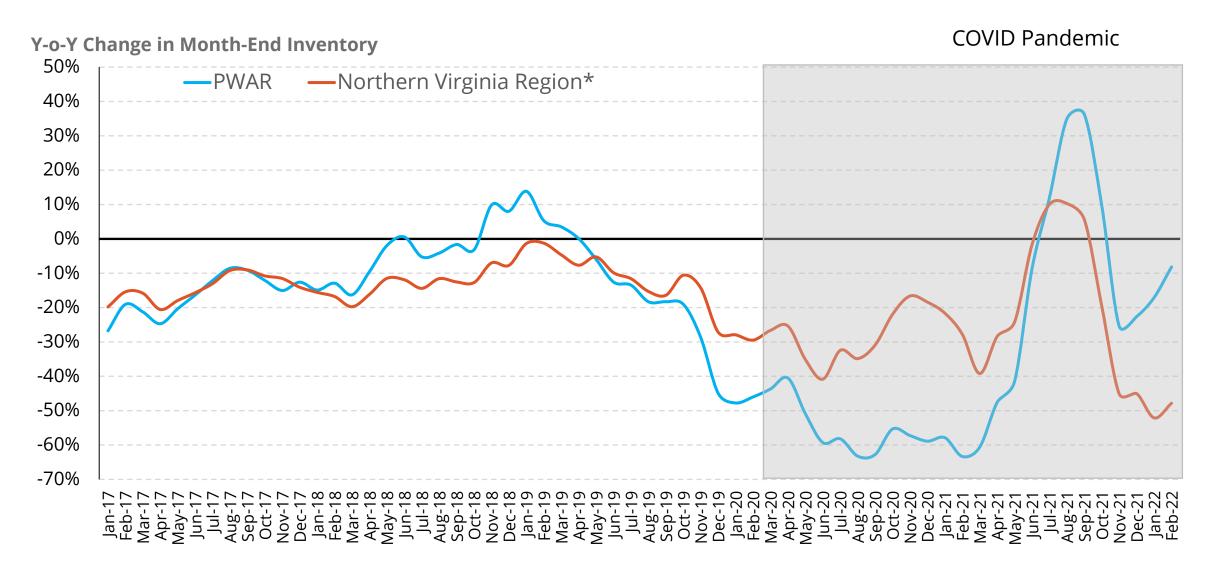
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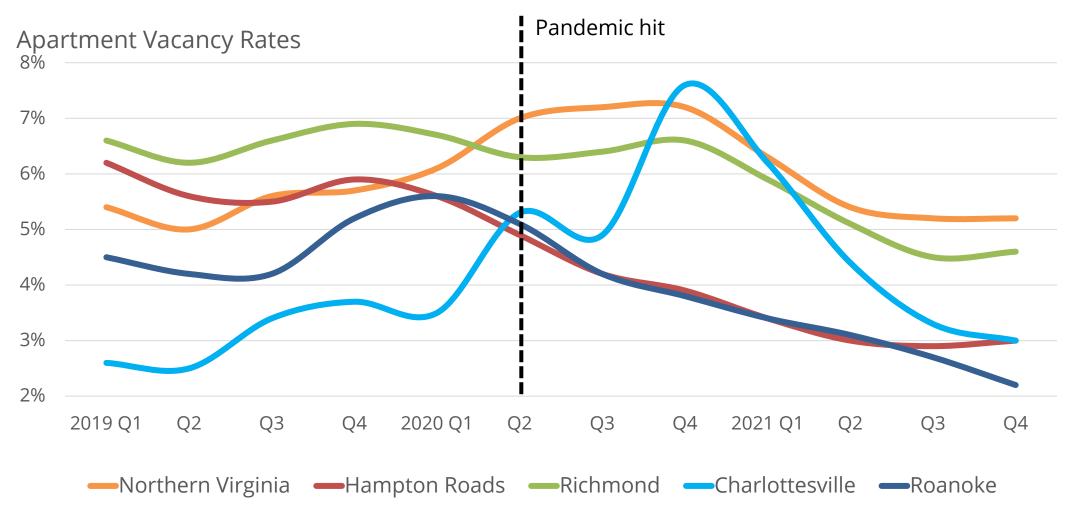
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#### Virginia REALTORS\*

### Regional Inventory

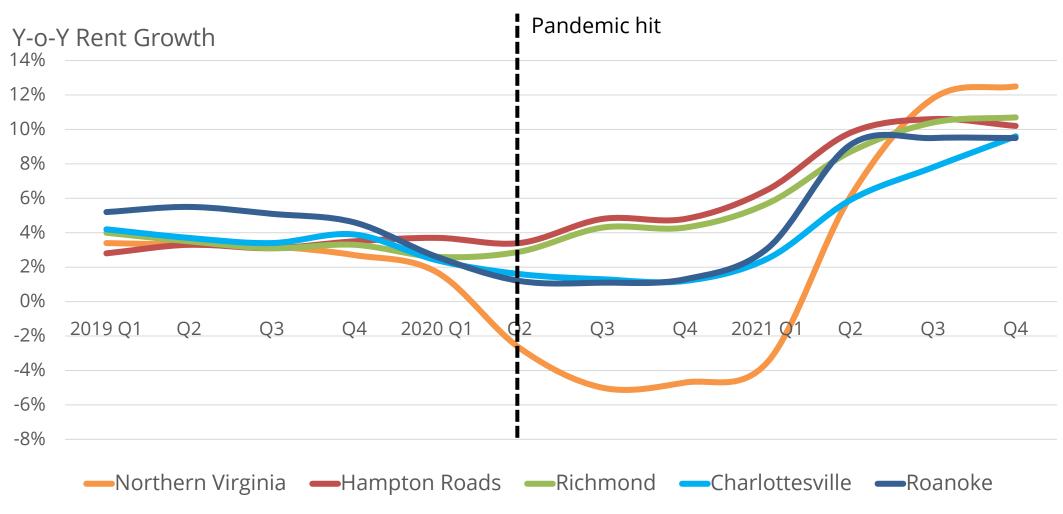


# Apartment Markets Occupancy held pretty firm during the pandemic



#### **Apartment Markets**

Rents dipped in some markets in 2020 but are rebounding quickly



### Impact of COVID-19 on Smaller Landlords

Size of Landlord Portfolio	Share Receiving <90% Charged Yearly Rent		Share Receiving <50% Charged Yearly Rent	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Small (own 1-5 units)	11%	34%	4%	10%
Mid-Sized (own 6-19 units)	12%	44%	2%	8%
Large (own 20+ units)	7%	50%	-	3%

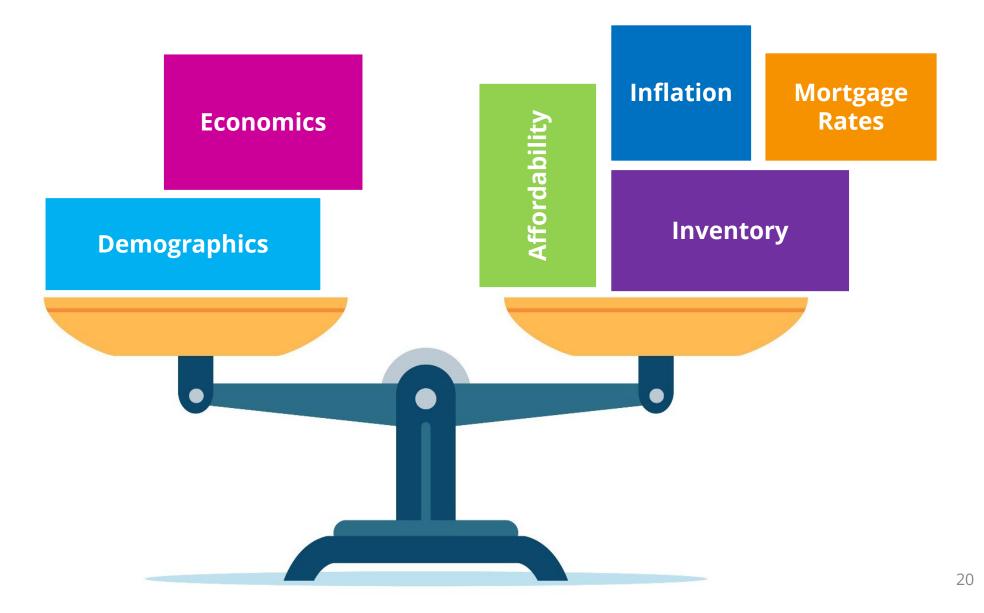
### Impact of COVID-19 on Smaller Landlords

Year	Missed Mortgage, Utility, and/or Property Tax Payment	Deferred Maintenance	Listed Property for Sale
2019	4%	5%	3%
2020	19%	31%	13%

# Outlook for 2022



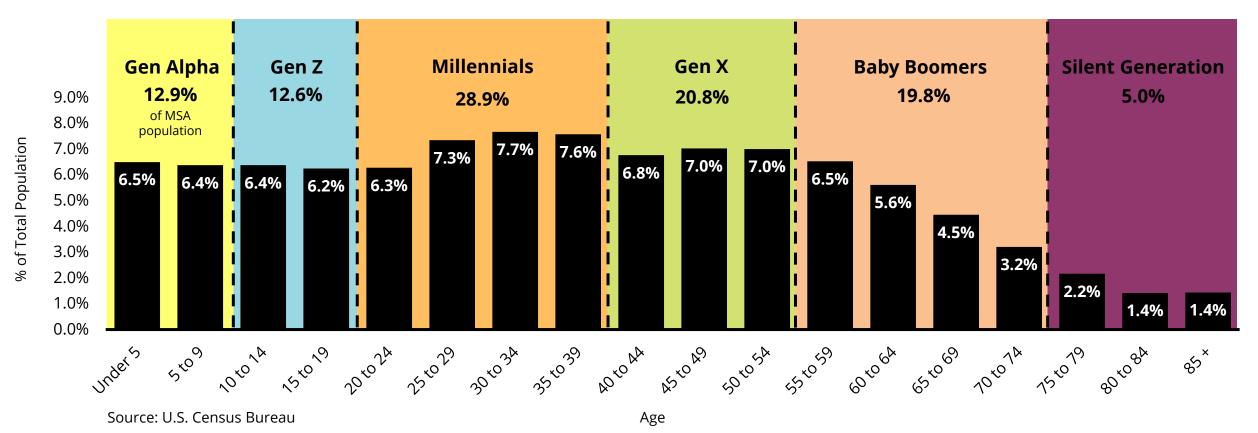
### What will tip the scales in the 2022 housing market?





#### Age Distribution in Washington MSA, 2019

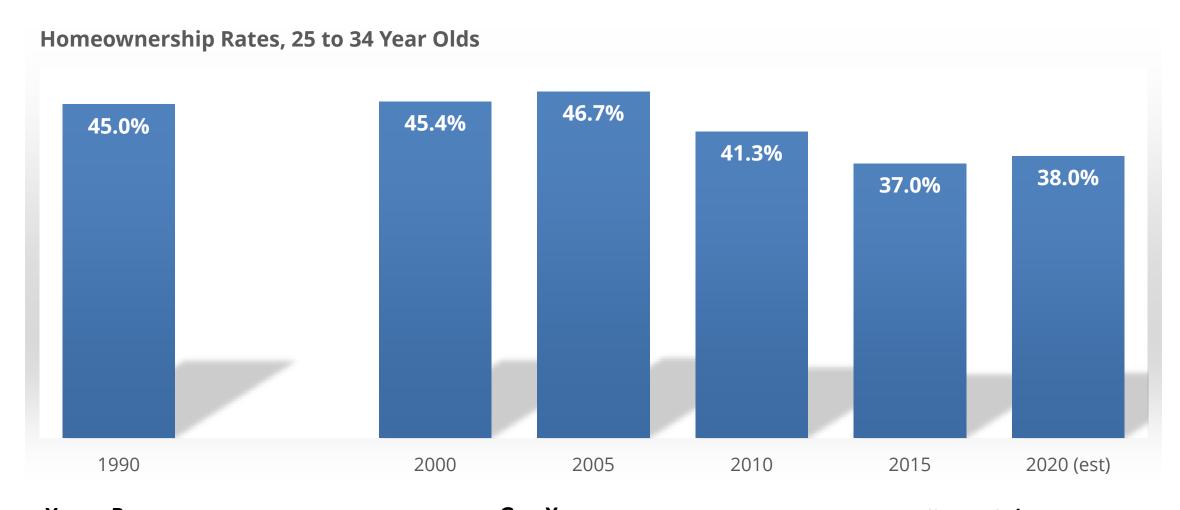
Note: Generation age ranges are approximate



#### Demographics



Homeownership rates among Millennials remain relatively low

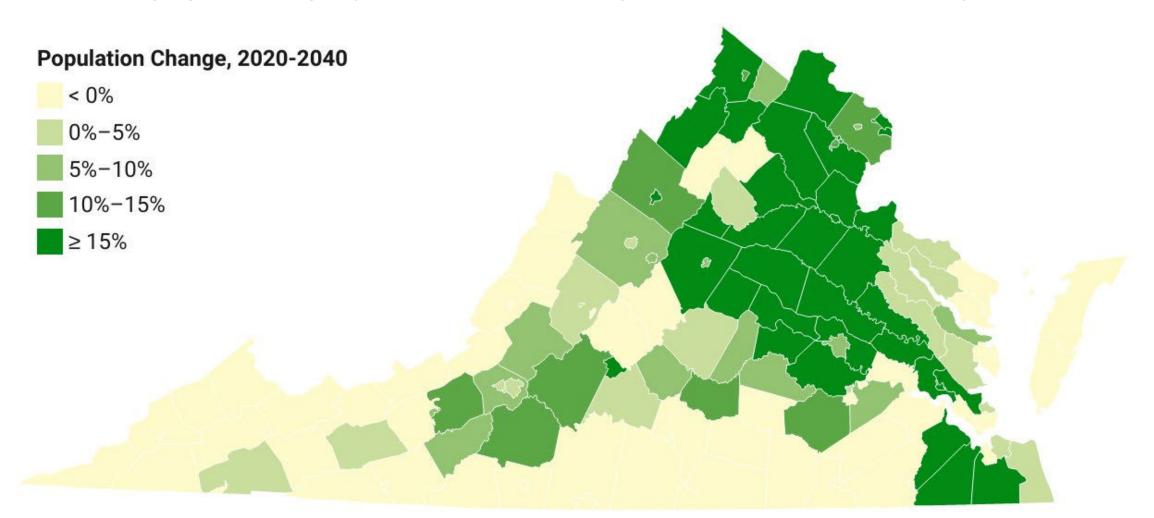


Young Boomers Gen X Millennials/Gen Y



#### Demographics

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

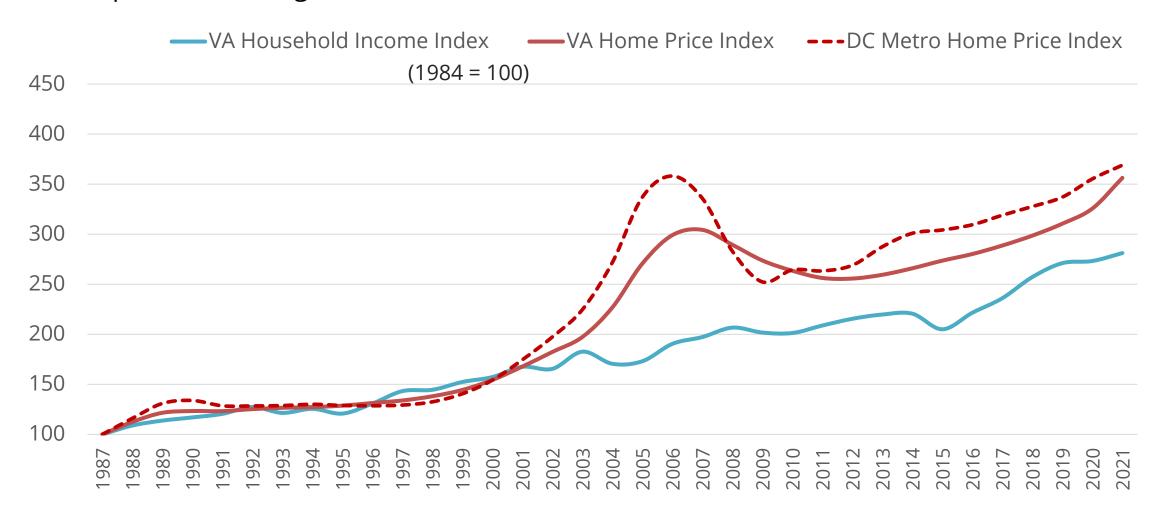


Source: UVA Weldon Cooper Center



#### Affordability

Home prices are rising much faster than incomes





# Rising prices and rising mortgage rates Virginia

	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
2022 estimate	\$364,000	4.00%	\$1,650	\$70,750

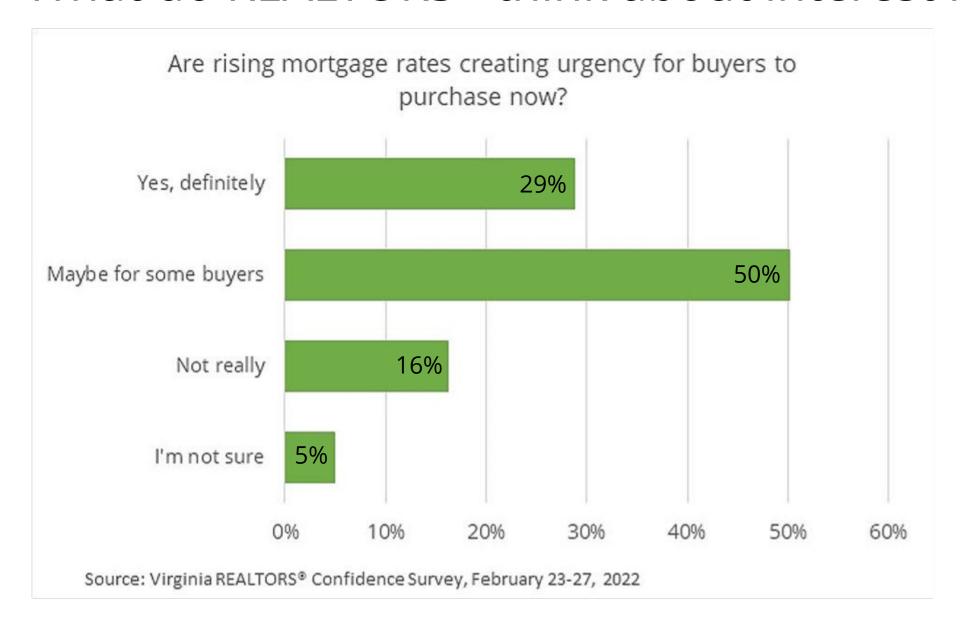
Source: Virginia REALTORS®, Freddie Mac

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.



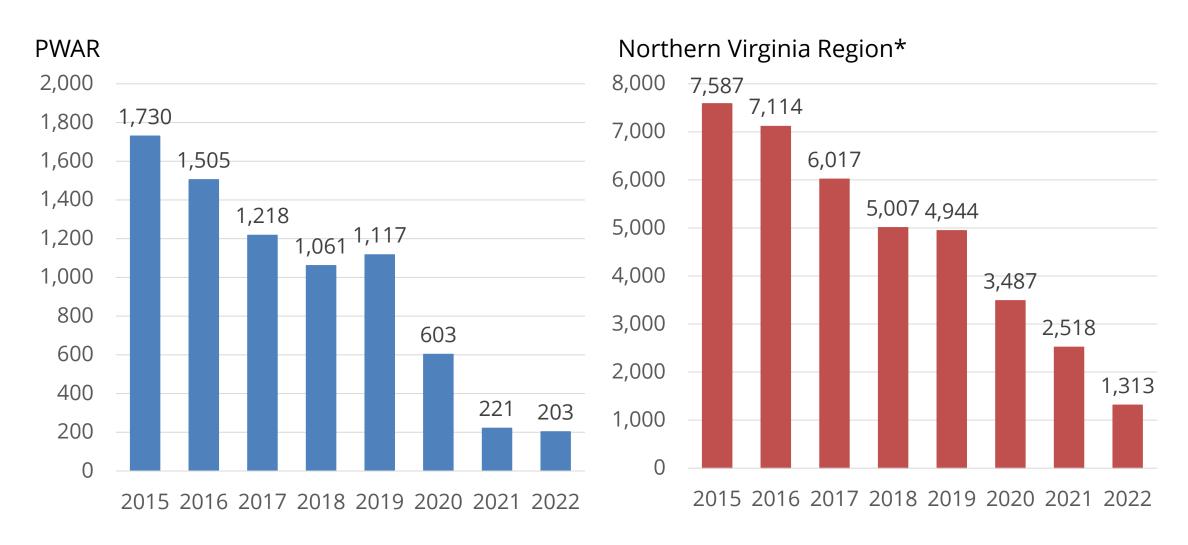
#### What do REALTORS® think about interest rates?



#### Regional Inventory



Number of active listings, end of February each year





#### **Outlook for 2022**

Economic and demographic factors will continue to support strong demand, outweighing potential challenges

Recession risks have increased. Virginia tends to fare better than other states during economic downturns.

in the market.



#### **Biggest Risks in 2022**

**Inventory** 

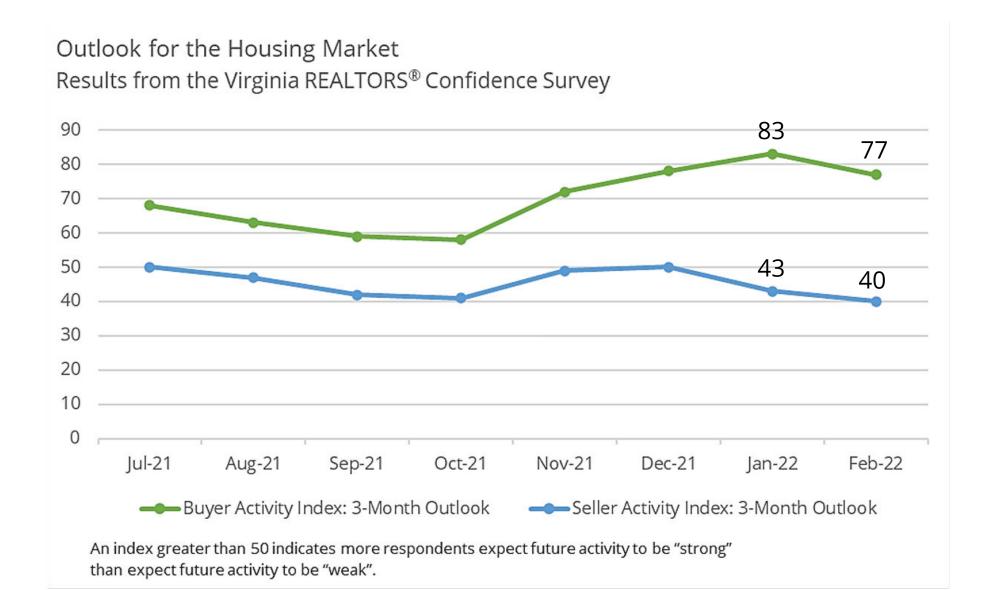
Affordability will be the biggest challenge in **Rates** 2022, with buyers in many markets priced out.

> Mortgage rates will rise (~4.5%).

Inventory will continue to be very tight.

# What do REALTORS® think will happen in the months ahead?





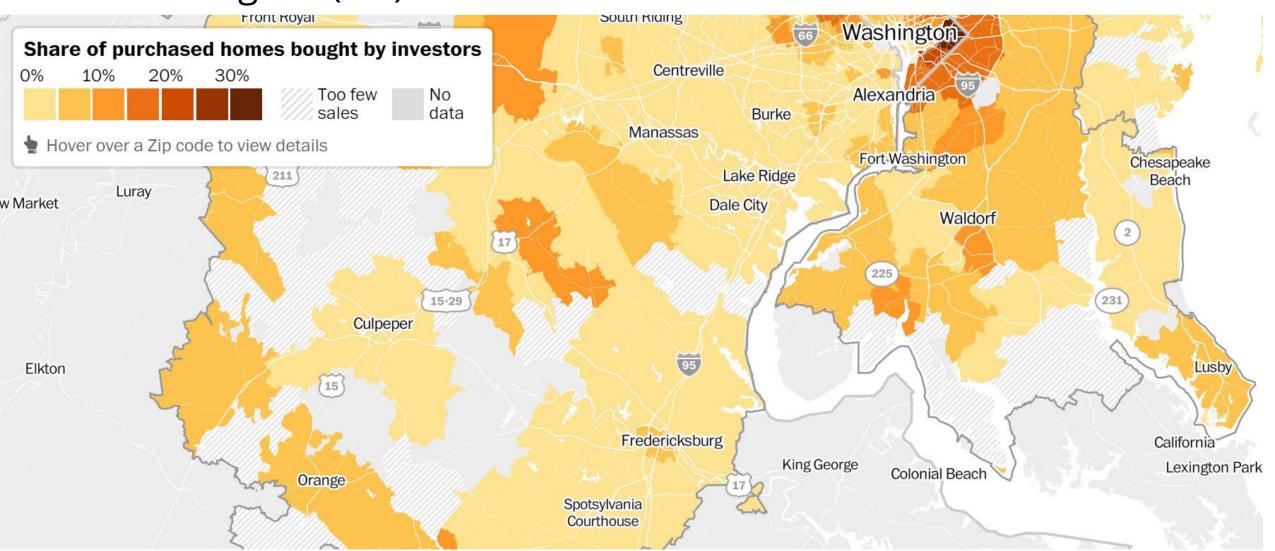


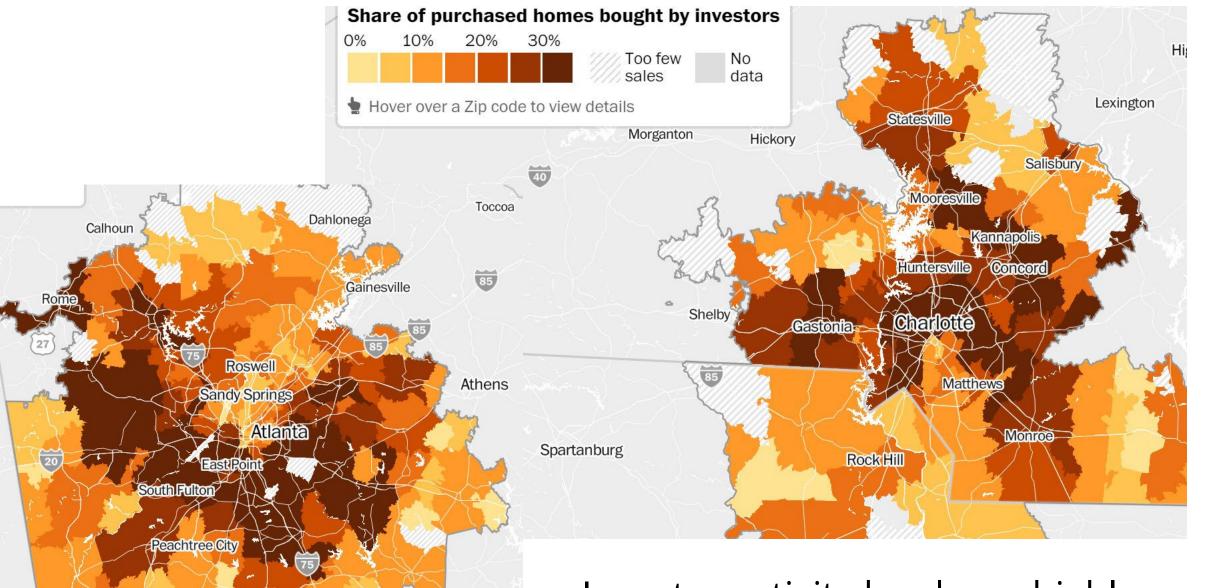
# What we **don't** expect in 2022

- Investors being major players in the market
- Foreclosures flooding the market
- A housing market "bubble bursting"



#### Investors are a **small share** of Virginia housing markets Northern Virginia (6%)





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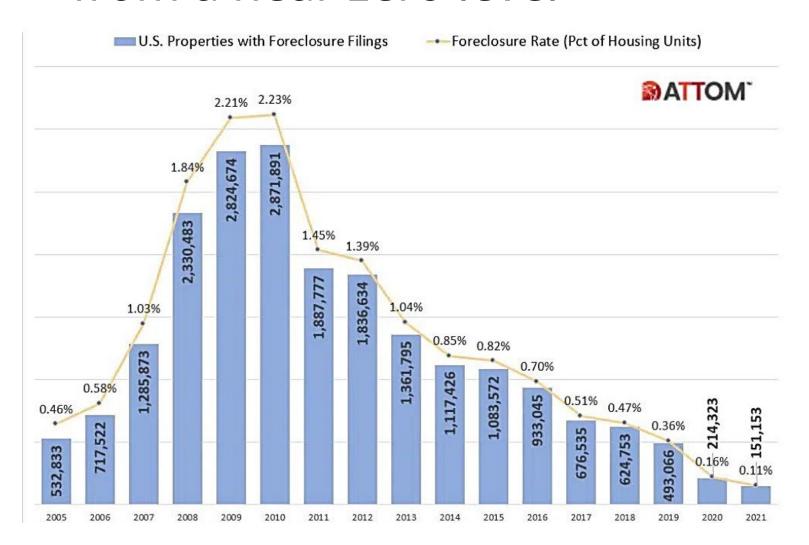
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Investor activity has been highly concentrated in a handful of markets



# Foreclosure and delinquency activity is low, rising from a near zero level



Virginia ranked
31st (out of 50 states)
in terms of foreclosure
activity at the end of 2021
Source: ATTOM

Virginia

	Dec '21	Dec '19
Delinquency %	2.9%	3.1%
Foreclosure %	0.1%	0.2%

Source: Black Knight



## 2022 is very different than 2008

#### 2008

- Loose credit standards
- Extensive subprime lending
- Abundant supply and surges in new construction activity
- Unemployment rising

#### 2022

- Tight credit standards
- Little subprime lending
- Extremely low inventory and little new construction
- Unemployment falling



# Looking for More Information?

Check out Virginia REALTORS® Research website: virginiarealtors.org/research

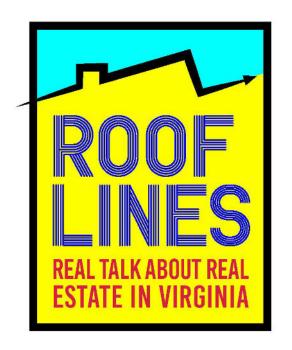
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