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# Apartment Report

# NAVIGATING THE COURSE

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Interest rates are high, we can all agree on that. The recession was supposed to hit like a rock, but it hasn't quite, not like it was supposed to. A dozen eggs might have set record prices in recent months, but people continue to spend and take financial chances, which in the end might allow us to break our fall gently. We are getting through it, one day at a time, and it seems that the worst is behind us.

That said, vacancies continue to stress our industry and we continue to try and pivot with new tactics as rental markets continue to soften. Flattening rent rates and increased operating expenses have impacted NOI and valuation. While we are almost completely "back to work," with job recruiters seeing glimpses of pre-pandemic norms, urban areas continue to struggle with problems exacerbated during the pandemic, and apartment seekers continue to explore new suburban areas. New construction and development have slowed due to high interest rates and struggles with financing, and we continue to see rapid innovation in technology, which is yet more to learn and implement before the competition does. But as an industry we are resilient if we are nothing else. We have proven to ourselves that we can go through the unexpected and come out tattered and worn, but ready to keep moving forward. The light is dim, but it's brighter ahead; we just have to keep our ship on course and check the wind.

## SALES

High interest rates are not doing any favors to the sales market. In looking at the Portland Metro Area, buyers that might have purchased in the Spring are now looking at dramatically different set of options. Costar's Trend Report for the area shows a total of 28 transactions in the the third quarter of 2023. We are still waiting for numbers to start materializing like we were seeing during 2022. The challenges posed by Portland's housing regulations and urban crime, drugs, and homelessness in city centers continue to play a role in the housing market, compounded by continued high tax rates. CAP rates closed the third quarter averaging 5.77%, up from the first quarter of 2023 at 5.06%. At the time of this report, cap rates are sitting at 5.52%. Third quarter median price per unit was \$218, 625, slightly up from the first quarter of \$216,667. Investors continue to expand into non-urban markets, where new communities are starting to develop even further out from city centers.

#### Portland/Vancouver

#### VACANCY

Vacancy is up across the Portland / Vancouver area, at 5.47%, up from 5.09% in the Spring of 2023. To compare, in the Fall of 2022 we reported vacancy of 3.59%, measuring an overall 52% increase over the last 12 months. In our Spring report, Downtown Portland far exceeded vacancies at 10%, with NW Portland in second position at 6.97%; however, since our last report, Downtown Portland has come down to 8% with NW Portland having increased to 7.42%. While Downtown Portland continues to report the highest vacancies of all surveyed areas, the almost equal vacancy levels of Downtown and NW is a notable change. At the same time, people are moving out into newly booming suburban areas. The Wilsonville / Canby area is experiencing the lowest vacancy currently, at 3.89%, a decrease of 24% from Spring 2023 - the only area reporting vacancy under 4% in the Portland Metro area. Beaverton continues to rise in vacancy, sitting at 6.23% (a 35% increase from Spring), with renters seemingly migrating South along the I-5 corridor to Woodburn and surrounding areas. North Portland / St. Johns, Oregon City / Gladstone, and Clackamas areas had vacancy rates over 6% with the rest of areas surveyed landing around 4-5% vacancy rates. (This survey excludes new projects in the

lease-up phase that haven't reached stability, unless they are over one year old or over 85% occupied).

Three-bedroom / two-bath units have the best occupancy of all unit types at the time of print, with average vacancy of 4.28%. For comparison, three-bedroom / one-bath units are at 5.36% vacancy, up from 2.33% in the Fall of 2022. Two-bedroom / one-bath units are not far behind the 3x2 units, with average vacancy of 4.51%. The highest vacancy across unit type was for studios at 7.13%.

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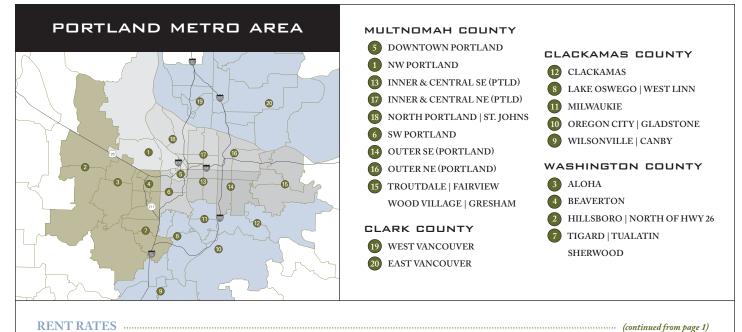
# SURVEY SAYS!

- Portland Vacancy Rate Inching
   Towards 5.5%
- Average Rent Per SF Just Over \$2
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#### RENT RATES .....

Overall rent rates remained constant since our Spring report, reported at an average of \$2.04 psf. Greatest fluctuations were noted in NW Portland (up to \$2.51 from \$2.39 psf), Inner & Central NE Portland (up to \$2.27 from \$2.19 psf), and North Portland / St. Johns (down to \$2.13 from \$2.28 psf).

Overall average rents per unit type:

| UNIT TYPE       | FALL 23 | SPR 23  |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| Studio          | \$1,317 | \$1,283 |
| 1 bdrm/1 bth    | \$1,509 | \$1,490 |
| 2 bdrm/1 bth    | \$1,525 | \$1,519 |
| 2 bdrm/2 bth    | \$1,881 | \$1,857 |
| 2 bdrm townhome | \$1,724 | \$1,723 |
| 3 bdrm/1 bth    | \$1,689 | \$1,691 |
| 3 bdrm/2 bth    | \$2,058 | \$2,044 |

\*Average rent has increased slightly or remained relatively constant for all unit types as per above. Comparatively, in Spring 2023, we noted a marked increase across all unit types.

#### **Other** Areas

Vacancy rates in outlying areas around Portland Metro increased overall to 4.26% (from 4.21 % in the Spring); however, the percentage change was less dramatic than the prior period change. The Salem market vacancy rate surpassed 4% at the time of our survey, at 4.03% (from 3.79%) and vacancies in three-bedroom / two-bath units are lowest at 2.39%. Aside from three-bedroom / two-bath units, the Salem area saw vacancies increase by unit type. Studio vacancy rates continued to surpass by far all other unit types in the Salem area, with the highest vacancy rate at almost 10% (9.77%), approximately double the vacancy rate of all other units in the area.

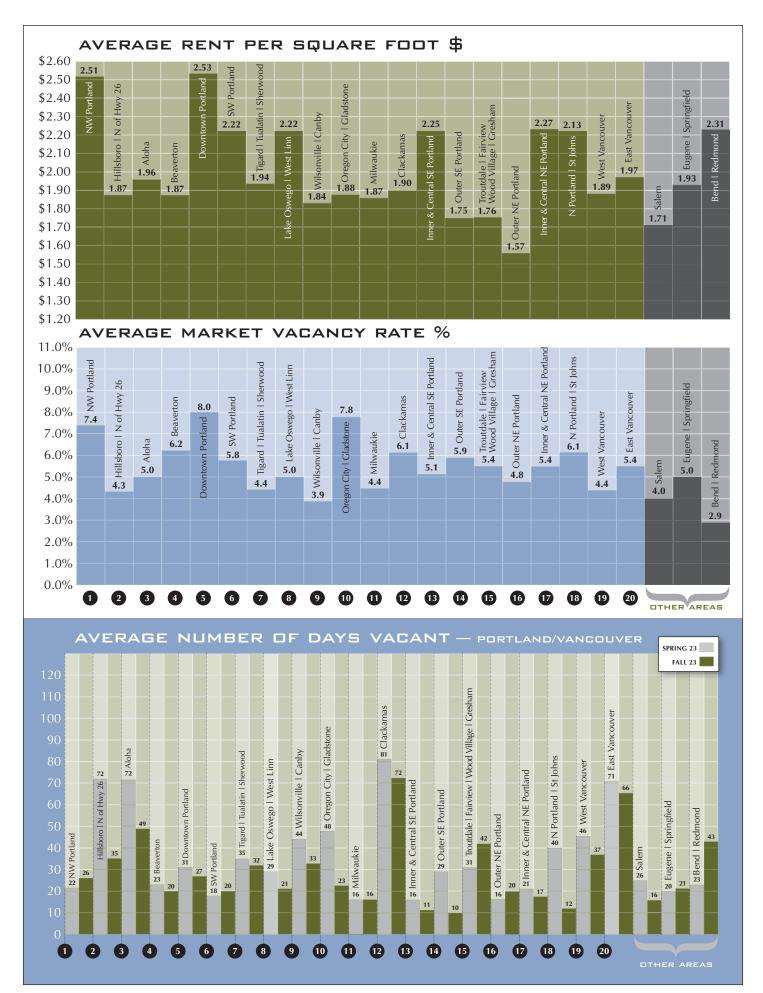
In the Eugene/Springfield area, three-bedroom / two-bath units reported vacancy at 5.15% in comparison to Bend/Redmond, at 8.55%, more than double the percentage vacant from the Spring.

#### **Our Contributors**

Patrick O. Barry, Appraiser at Barry & Associates, reports on Portland Metro apartment fundamentals, values, sales, and rental trends for YTD 2023. Barry emphasizes that while rents and vacancies may be balancing out, values and sales are down, pointing to a market in transition. Barry presents a sobering picture of where we stand: that while the worst likely may be behind us, if we look at the past and to current sales trends, the recovery period may take more time than we all have hoped. Barry compares the period of 2021-2023 (68% decline) to that of 2007-2009 (59% decline), and what we might expect on the horizon if we look to history. As for construction activity, although having been steadily in decline, Barry notes that currently more than half of all units under construction are in Multhomah County - a shift worthy of noting as we look at discussions at forecasting vacancy and in-migration within the Portland Metro Area neighborhoods. Barry highlights trends in vacancies, contrasting to The Great Recession of 2009, as well as significant factors at play in this transitional market: non-traditional lending environment, significant space between sellers and buyers, stagnant population growth in Oregon and the Portland Metro Area. In conclusion, Barry states: "As we move forward, property owners and real estate professionals should prepare for continued changes, particularly as lending environments evolve and economic forecasts remain uncertain."

In the aptly titled article Economic Headwinds by Jon Spikkeland of Johnson Economics, Spikkeland makes clear that by and large, our nation's economy continues to prove resilient in spite of the continuing post-COVID recovery and skyrocketing interest rates. Jobs, income, and spending continue strong in spite of the Federal Reserve's repeated rate hikes. Annual inflation is down, as well as core inflation signifying that a recession may not be the impact we feared several months ago. However, the real estate industry as a whole is still vulnerable to the long period of high interest rates, with rental markets taking significant hits on financing leading to construction delays and over-leveraged projects. Demographically, Spikkeland emphasizes reasons that the Portland Metro Area is not seeing the influx of young jobseekers that it did prior to the pandemic. However, Strikkeland emphasizes that the Portland Metro Area continues to have constraints on expanding single family housing, which will continue to funnel people into multifamily units: "Over the near term, high mortgage rates will shift additional demand from the ownership market to rentals. On the supply side, the high interest rates will limit new development, allowing for higher occupancy at existing properties."

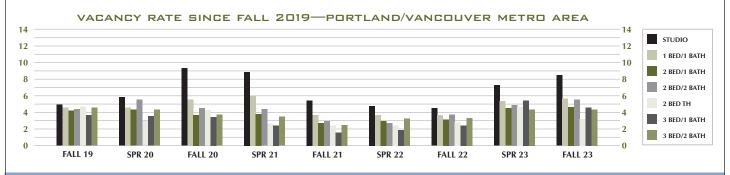
This survey represents a total of 87,469 units from 1,269 properties. All articles have been reprinted without editing the content, in order to present unbiased opinions. We'd like to thank all of the management companies and property owners who have submitted information. Their participation is critical in ensuring the accuracy of our data and the continued success of this report.



# SURVEY RESULTS-FALL 2023

| PORTLAND/VANGC                 |              | ER METRO AREA  |              |                  |              |               |                 |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| AREA NAME                      | # OF<br>PROP | DATA   | ALL          | SPR 23<br>REPORT | CHANGE       | STUDIO        | 1 BED<br>1 BATH | 2 BED<br>1 BATH | 2 BED<br>2 BATH | 2 BED<br>TWNHS | 3 BED<br>1 BATH | 3 BED<br>2 BATH |
| DOWNTOWN PORTLAND              | 47           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 8            | 10.5             | -0.24        | 8.4           | 7.55            | 5.47            | 9.73            | 4.95           | -               | 17.86           |
| (5)                            |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$                              | 2.53         | 2.48             | 0.02         | 2.88          | 2.34            | 2.14            | 2.45            | 2.47           | -               | 2.99            |
|                                |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$<br>SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED   | 3124         | 2952             |              | 1228<br>1012  | 1587<br>1523    | 1784<br>128     | 2696<br>329     | 2315<br>101    | -<br>0          | 4026<br>28      |
|                                |              |  |              |                  |              |               |                 |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |
| NW PORTLAND (1)                | 113          | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %<br>AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$ | 7.42<br>2.51 | 6.97<br>2.39     | 0.06<br>0.05 | 10.54<br>2.92 | 6.95<br>2.58    | 6.75<br>2.04    | 5.7<br>2.2      | 10.34<br>1.97  | 11.36<br>1.72   | 5.03<br>2.05    |
| (1)                            |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$                            | 2.51         | 2.35             | 0.05         | 1416          | 1772            | 1762            | 2245            | 2362           | 1993            | 2636            |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 6901         | 6581             |              | 1471          | 3166            | 504             | 1508            | 29             | 44              | 179             |
| INNER & CENTRAL SE             | 199          | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 5.06         | 4.76             | 0.06         | 8.84          | 4.36            | 2.78            | 4.15            | 1.11           | 8.33            | 2.63            |
| PORTLAND                       |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$                              | 2.25         | 2.21             | 0.02         | 2.96          | 2.17            | 1.75            | 2.1             | 1.63           | 1.5             | 1.59            |
| (13)                           |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$<br>SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED   | 5017         | 4936             |              | 1237<br>1279  | 1357<br>2177    | 1458<br>1078    | 2359<br>217     | 1532<br>180    | 1574<br>48      | 1908<br>38      |
|                                | 400          |  |              |                  | 0.00         |               |                 |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |
| INNER & CENTRAL NE<br>Portland | 120          | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %<br>AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$ | 5.4<br>2.27  | 5.25<br>2.19     | 0.03<br>0.04 | 6.9<br>2.94   | 4.96<br>2.21    | 4.54<br>1.78    | 6.02<br>2.1     | 4.69<br>1.74   | 0<br>1.34       | 10.53<br>2.08   |
| (17)                           |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$                            |              |                  |              | 1373          | 1442            | 1490            | 2320            | 1577           | 1487            | 2732            |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 3738         | 3030             |              | 754           | 2018            | 485             | 382             | 64             | 16              | 19              |
| N PORTLAND   ST JOHNS          | 34           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 6.11         | 4.81             | 0.27         | 7.77          | 7.06            | 3.01            | 7.23            | -              | 0               | 0               |
| (18)                           |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$                              | 2.13         | 2.28             | -0.07        | 2.78          | 2.23            | 1.8             | 1.68            | -              | 1.48            | 1.97            |
|                                |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$<br>SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED   | 1064         | 1372             |              | 1194<br>193   | 1388<br>425     | 1464<br>266     | 1799<br>166     | -<br>0         | 1420<br>11      | 1930<br>3       |
|                                |              |  |              |                  |              |               |                 |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |
| SW PORTLAND (6)                | 57           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %<br>AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$ | 5.82<br>2.22 | 5.65<br>2.18     | 0.03<br>0.02 | 7.3<br>2.97   | 5.05<br>2.39    | 5.64<br>1.75    | 7.49<br>2.01    | 0<br>1.41      | 3.23<br>1.5     | 7.97<br>1.6     |
| (0)                            |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$                            |              | 2.10             | 0.01         | 1346          | 1512            | 1439            | 2009            | 1327           | 1719            | 1822            |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 3023         | 2532             |              | 315           | 1486            | 550             | 467             | 36             | 31              | 138             |
| OUTER SE PORTLAND              | 35           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 5.86         | 6.32             | -0.07        | 4.17          | 6.8             | 5.54            | 7.15            | 2.55           | 9.09            | 2.71            |
| (14)                           |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$                              | 1.75         | 1.81             | -0.03        | 2.48          | 1.97            | 1.68            | 1.6             | 1.57           | 1.56            | 1.7             |
|                                |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$<br>SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED   | 2322         | 2198             |              | 982<br>48     | 1337<br>632     | 1432<br>596     | 1567<br>657     | 1671<br>157    | 1571<br>11      | 2025<br>221     |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVETED                                | 2322         | 2190             |              |               |                 |                 |                 |                |                 | 221             |
| OUTER NE PORTLAND              | 33           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 4.75         | 6.11             | -0.22        | 5             | 6.04<br>1.66    | 4.62<br>1.52    | 2.69<br>1.51    | 0<br>1.33      | 2.27<br>1.42    | 5.45            |
| (16)                           |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$<br>AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$ | 1.57         | 1.54             | 0.02         | 2.33<br>1013  | 1194            | 1.52            | 1.51            | 1.33           | 1.42            | 1.64<br>1821    |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 2086         | 1244             |              | 20            | 695             | 974             | 260             | 38             | 44              | 55              |
| TROUTDALE   FAIRVIEW           | 38           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 5.35         | 3.75             | 0.43         | 4.88          | 4.51            | 5.95            | 6.4             | 1.98           | 14.81           | 4.31            |
| WOOD VILLAGE   GRESHAM         |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$                              | 1.76         | 1.72             | 0.02         | 2.66          | 2.06            | 1.63            | 1.63            | 1.67           | 1.7             | 1.61            |
| (15)                           |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$<br>SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED   | 3344         | 2957             |              | 1236<br>123   | 1373<br>688     | 1467<br>656     | 1601<br>1204    | 1729<br>252    | 1756<br>27      | 2041            |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 3344         | 2957             |              | 123           |                 |                 | 1204            | 252            | 27              | 394             |
| CLACKAMAS<br>(12)              | 11           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 6.13<br>1.9  | 4.62<br>1.86     | 0.33<br>0.02 | 3.23<br>2.64  | 5.91<br>2.12    | 6.95<br>1.78    | 6.42<br>1.8     | -              | 0<br>2.41       | 4.25<br>1.86    |
| (12)                           |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$<br>AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$ | 1.9          | 1.00             | 0.02         | 1317          | 1510            | 1602            | 1775            |                | 2.41            | 2106            |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 1991         | 1991             |              | 31            | 508             | 475             | 763             | 0              | 2               | 212             |
| LAKE OSWEGO   WEST LINN        | 14           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 5.03         | 5.33             | -0.06        | 5.88          | 4.33            | 3.02            | 7.84            | 2.94           |                 | 5.41            |
| (8)                            |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$                              | 2.22         | 2.17             | 0.02         | 3.5           | 2.27            | 1.77            | 2.38            | 1.78           | -               | 2.31            |
|                                |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$                            | 075          | 1205             |              | 1343          | 1745            | 1618<br>199     | 2580            | 1686           | -               | 3038            |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 975          | 1295             |              | 34            | 416             |                 | 255             | 34             | 0               | 37              |
| MILWAUKIE                      | 29           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 4.44         | 3.73<br>1.82     | 0.19<br>0.03 | 6.93<br>2.71  | 5.91<br>2.1     | 4.41<br>1.72    | 8.57<br>1.93    | 0              | 0               | 1.32            |
| (11)                           |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$<br>AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$ | 1.87         | 1.02             | 0.03         | 1233          | 1289            | 1.72            | 1.93            | 1.49<br>1467   | 1.36<br>1650    | 1.69<br>1890    |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 1735         | 1609             |              | 101           | 541             | 771             | 35              | 207            | 4               | 76              |
| OREGON CITY   GLADSTONE        | 15           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 7.78         | 6                | 0.3          | 9.09          | 12.99           | 3.78            | 6.89            | 4.76           | 2.94            | 9.38            |
| (10)                           |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$                              | 1.88         | 1.8              | 0.04         | 2.82          | 2.19            | 1.78            | 1.78            | 1.67           | 1.76            | 1.69            |
|                                |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$                            | 1500         | 1204             |              | 1303          | 1464            | 1506            | 1808            | 1373           | 1671            | 2118            |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 1569         | 1384             |              | 33            | 385             | 370             | 450             | 105            | 34              | 192             |
|                                | 14           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 3.89         | 5.11             | -0.24        | 0             | 4.37            | 4.32            | 3.48            | 0              | 0               | 4.82            |
| (9)                            |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$<br>AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$ | 1.84         | 1.85             | -0.01        | 2.83<br>1339  | 2.1<br>1504     | 1.74<br>1568    | 1.73<br>1741    | 1.5<br>1613    | 0.8<br>895      | 1.73<br>2035    |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 2265         | 3015             |              | 43            | 618             | 532             | 747             | 62             | 14              | 249             |
| ALOHA                          | 42           | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 4.95         | 3.8              | 0.3          | 6.9           | 5.11            | 4.34            | 5.34            | 5.16           | 2.13            | 4.48            |
| (3)                            |              | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$                              | 1.96         | 1.96             | 0            | 2.65          | 2.26            | 1.89            | 1.82            | 1.77           | 1.88            | 1.8             |
|                                |              | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$                            | 7033         | 6574             |              | 1265          | 1527            | 1663            | 1799            | 2093           | 1843            | 2092            |
|                                |              | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 7032         | 6574             |              | 29            | 2056            | 1450            | 2416            | 252            | 47              | 782             |
|                                |              |  |              |                  |              |               |                 |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |

| PORTLAND/VANCE                       | PORTLAND/VANCOUVER METRO AREA |  |                      |                      |                |                              |                              |                              |                              |                             |                             |                             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| AREA NAME                            | # OF<br>PROP                  | DATA   | ALL                  | SPR 23<br>REPORT     | CHANGE         | STUDIO                       | 1 BED<br>1 BATH              | 2 BED<br>1 BATH              | 2 BED<br>2 BATH              | 2 BED<br>TWNHS              | 3 BED<br>1 BATH             | 3 BED<br>2 Bath             |
| BEAVERTON<br>(4)                     | 52                            | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %<br>AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$<br>AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$<br>SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED | 6.23<br>1.87<br>3675 | 4.62<br>1.8<br>2987  | 0.35<br>0.04   | 13.16<br>2.66<br>1483<br>114 | 5.93<br>2.01<br>1378<br>1180 | 3.77<br>1.67<br>1503<br>1114 | 10.74<br>1.98<br>1972<br>866 | 3.49<br>1.7<br>1739<br>86   | 1.89<br>1.63<br>1742<br>106 | 1.91<br>1.5<br>1836<br>209  |
| HILLSBORO   N OF HWY 26<br>(2)       | 12                            | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %<br>AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$<br>AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$<br>SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED | 4.31<br>1.87<br>2040 | 4.69<br>1.95<br>3094 | -0.08<br>-0.04 | -<br>-<br>0                  | 3.97<br>2.13<br>1602<br>731  | 5.36<br>1.73<br>1623<br>261  | 4.95<br>1.76<br>2000<br>829  | -<br>-<br>0                 | -<br>-<br>0                 | 1.83<br>1.59<br>2022<br>219 |
| TIGARD   TUALATIN<br>SHERWOOD<br>(7) | 61                            | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %<br>AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$<br>AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$<br>SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED | 4.42<br>1.94<br>6216 | 4.18<br>1.89<br>5355 | 0.06<br>0.03   | 5.47<br>2.92<br>1332<br>128  | 4.48<br>2.17<br>1462<br>2141 | 5.02<br>1.78<br>1504<br>1534 | 3.76<br>1.81<br>1809<br>1647 | 2.55<br>1.61<br>1662<br>196 | 4.55<br>1.66<br>1684<br>176 | 5.08<br>1.78<br>2170<br>394 |
| WEST VANCOUVER<br>(19)               | 67                            | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %<br>AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$<br>AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$<br>SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED | 4.37<br>1.89<br>7751 | 4.16<br>1.81<br>6303 | 0.05<br>0.04   | 10.46<br>2.94<br>1387<br>306 | 5.42<br>2.23<br>1570<br>2361 | 4.5<br>1.62<br>1459<br>1377  | 3.68<br>1.74<br>1813<br>2689 | 2.91<br>1.47<br>1609<br>309 | 0<br>1.95<br>1727<br>18     | 1.3<br>1.51<br>1906<br>691  |
| EAST VANCOUVER<br>(20)               | 31                            | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %<br>AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$<br>AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$<br>SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED | 5.41<br>1.97<br>5768 | 4.21<br>1.9<br>5653  | 0.29<br>0.04   | 2.6<br>2.63<br>1403<br>231   | 5.73<br>2.24<br>1527<br>1674 | 5.31<br>1.84<br>1667<br>1244 | 5.69<br>1.79<br>1813<br>1740 | 5.19<br>1.99<br>1903<br>308 | 0<br>1.44<br>1900<br>1      | 5.09<br>1.71<br>1962<br>570 |
| TOTAL AVG MARKET VACANCY RAT         | Е%                            |  | 5.47                 | 5.09                 | 0.07           | 8.41                         | 5.63                         | 4.69                         | 5.56                         | 3.06                        | 4.55                        | 4.19                        |
| TOTAL AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$        |                               |  |                      | 2                    | 0.02           | 2.89                         | 2.23                         | 1.75                         | 1.84                         | 1.69                        | 1.63                        | 1.71                        |
| TOTAL AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$      |                               |  |                      |                      |                | 1317                         | 1509                         | 1525                         | 1881                         | 1724                        | 1689                        | 2058                        |
| TOTAL SUM OF PROPERTIES SURVE        | YED                           |  | 1024                 | 935                  |                | 323                          | 834                          | 628                          | 345                          | 107                         | 92                          | 236                         |
| TOTAL SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED          |                               |  | 71636                | 67062                |                | 6265                         | 25421                        | 14564                        | 17627                        | 2416                        | 637                         | 4706                        |



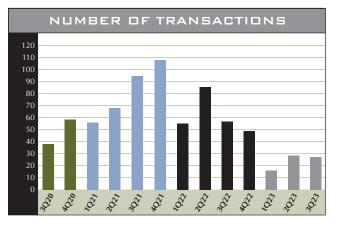
| OTHER AREAS                      |          |  |             |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| SALEM & VICINITY                 | 129      | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 4.03        | 3.79         | 0.06       | 9.77         | 3.87         | 3.46         | 4.88         | 4.46         | 3.42         | 2.39         |
|                                  |          | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$<br>AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$ | 1.71        | 1.68         | 0.02       | 2.46<br>1167 | 2.01<br>1255 | 1.58<br>1323 | 1.65<br>1608 | 1.36<br>1405 | 1.95<br>1671 | 1.52<br>1782 |
|                                  |          | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 8181        | 8422         |            | 266          | 1255         | 3351         | 1803         | 314          | 117          | 545          |
| EUGENE   SPRINGFIELD             | 96       | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 4.99        | 4.23         | 0.18       | 6.16         | 4.96         | 4.36         | 4.85         | 4.66         | 15.79        | 5.15         |
|                                  | 50       | AVG MARKET VACANCET RATE //                          | 1.93        | 1.87         | 0.03       | 2.84         | 2.13         | 1.74         | 1.83         | 1.61         | 1.52         | 1.53         |
|                                  |          | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$                            |             | 1107         | 0100       | 1040         | 1337         | 1373         | 1870         | 1712         | 1613         | 1883         |
|                                  |          | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 5812        | 5601         |            | 568          | 1613         | 1536         | 846          | 687          | 57           | 505          |
| BEND   REDMOND                   | 20       | AVG MARKET VACANCY RATE %                            | 2.93        | 6.58         | -0.55      | 2.35         | 1.93         | 3.06         | 3.5          | 0            |              | 8.55         |
|                                  |          | AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$                              | 2.31        | 2.21         | 0.05       | 3.02         | 2.55         | 1.84         | 2.1          | 1.56         | -            | 1.62         |
|                                  |          | AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$                            |             |              |            | 1679         | 1772         | 1609         | 2155         | 1949         | -            | 2133         |
|                                  |          | SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED                                | 1840        | 1428         |            | 298          | 621          | 360          | 400          | 44           | 0            | 117          |
|                                  |          |  |             |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| TOTAL AVG MARKET VACANCY RAT     | Ε%       |  | 4.26        | 4.21         | 0.01       | 6.01         | 4.01         | 3.7          | 4.69         | 4.4          | 7.47         | 4.2          |
| TOTAL AVG RENT PER SQ FOOT \$    |          |  | 1.86        | 1.8          | 0.03       | 2.8          | 2.14         | 1.65         | 1.76         | 1.53         | 1.81         | 1.53         |
| TOTAL AVG RENT PER UNIT TYPE \$  |          |  |             | 1238         | 1368       | 1357         | 1752         | 1630         | 1652         | 1860         |              |              |
| TOTAL SUM OF PROPERTIES SURVEYED |          |  |             | 224          |            | 49           | 148          | 141          | 78           | 39           | 30           | 61           |
| TOTAL SUM OF UNITS SURVEYED      | 15833    | 15451  |             | 1132         | 4019       | 5247         | 3049         | 1045         | 174          | 1167         |              |              |
| Sui                              | rveys re | ceived from Sec 42, Sec 8 and other subsid           | dized affor | dable housin | g programs | are not incl | uded in the  | current surv | ey data.     |              |              |              |

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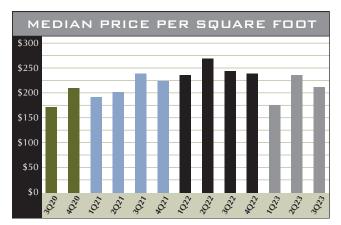
# TREND REPORT : PORTLAND METRO AREA

CoStar: Search criteria—Research Status: Published; Market: Portland; PropType: Multi Family; Sale Date: 7/1/2020—9/30/2023; unit: 5 units and greater.





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|   | YEAR           | 3Q20          | 4Q20          | 1Q21          | 2Q21          | 3Q21            | 4Q21            | 1Q22          | 2Q22            | 3Q22          | 4Q22          | 1Q23          | 2Q23          | 3Q23          |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | # OF TRANS     | 39            | 59            | 55            | 68            | 93              | 108             | 54            | 85              | 57            | 49            | 16            | 29            | 28            |
|   | TTL \$VOLUME   | \$319,672,290 | \$635,634,747 | \$491,065,740 | \$833,059,130 | \$1,235,786,900 | \$1,899,750,318 | \$561,100,337 | \$1,311,346,999 | \$521,235,850 | \$958,376,592 | \$172,662,000 | \$195,357,918 | \$247,994,950 |
|   | TTL BLDG SF    | 1,657,943     | 2,554,258     | 2,171,258     | 2,911,738     | 4,663,006       | 6,600,291       | 1,908,603     | 3,886,024       | 1,966,499     | 3,703,068     | 785,876       | 855,255       | 1,055,503     |
|   | TTL UNITS      | 1,746         | 2,637         | 2,338         | 3,295         | 5,042           | 6,533           | 2,245         | 4,507           | 2,143         | 3,343         | 806           | 882           | 1,137         |
|   | AVG PRICE      | \$8,196,725   | \$10,773,470  | \$8,928,468   | \$12,250,870  | \$13,288,031    | \$17,590,281    | \$10,390,747  | \$15,427,612    | \$9,144,489   | \$19,558,706  | \$10,791,375  | \$6,736,480   | \$8,856,962   |
|   | AVG # OF SF    | 42,511        | 43,293        | 39,477        | 42,820        | 50,140          | 61,114          | 35,345        | 45,718          | 34,500        | 75,573        | 49,117        | 29,492        | 37,697        |
|   | AVG \$ BLDG SF | \$192.81      | \$248.85      | \$226.17      | \$286.10      | \$265.02        | \$287.83        | \$293.98      | \$337.45        | \$265.06      | \$258.81      | \$219.71      | \$228.42      | \$234.95      |
|   | MED \$ P/SF    | \$173.02      | \$208.96      | \$191.41      | \$200.91      | \$239.37        | \$223.61        | \$232.70      | \$270.11        | \$241.57      | \$239.55      | \$174.68      | \$237.18      | \$210.99      |
|   | AVG \$ P/UNIT  | \$183,088     | \$241,045     | \$210,037     | \$252,825     | \$245,099       | \$290,793       | \$249,933     | \$290,958       | \$243,227     | \$286,682     | \$214,221     | \$221,494     | \$218,113     |
|   | MED \$ P/UNIT  | \$160,000     | \$181,250     | \$166,429     | \$179,359     | \$204,891       | \$187,800       | \$179,500     | \$231,167       | \$200,000     | \$217,083     | \$185,833     | \$185,000     | \$212,077     |
|   | AVG # OF UNITS | 45            | 45            | 43            | 48            | 54              | 60              | 42            | 53              | 38            | 68            | 50            | 30            | 41            |
| A | CTUAL CAP RATE | 5.21%         | 5.42%         | 5.49%         | 5.15%         | 5.01%           | 4.75%           | 4.71%         | 5.10%           | 4.95%         | 4.97%         | 5.13%         | 5.42%         | 5.82%         |
|   | AVG GRM        | 14.29         | 14.74         | 11.04         | 11.84         | 12.96           | 13.36           | 11.88         | 13.62           | 11.39         | 14.51         | 11.34         | -             | 13.02         |
|   | AVG GIM        | _             | _             | _             | 11.47         | -               | -               | -             | -               | _             | -             | _             | _             | _             |

| MAP AREA                                       | WATER/SEWER | HEAT  | GARBAGE |                |   |
|--|-------------|-------|---------|----------------|---|
| NW PORTLAND                                    | 71.2%       | 90.4% | 68%     | N A N<br>N A N |   |
| HILLSBORO   N OF HWY 26                        | 75%         | 100%  | 68.8%   | Z              | M LA  |
| ALOHA  | 87.2%       | 100%  | 85.1%   |                |   |
| BEAVERTON                                      | 75.4%       | 95.1% | 65.6%   | PAI            |   |
| DOWNTOWN PORTLAND                              | 67.2%       | 87.9% | 65.5%   | Ū              |   |
| SW PORTLAND                                    | 82.3%       | 96.8% | 74.2%   | <b>_</b>       |   |
| TIGARD   TUALATIN   SHERWOOD                   | 81.7%       | 100%  | 74.7%   | Ē              |   |
| AKE OSWEGO   WEST LINN                         | 76.5%       | 100%  | 70.6%   | 5              |   |
| WILSONVILLE   CANBY                            | 68.2%       | 95.5% | 68.2%   | IΤΕ            |   |
| REGON CITY   GLADSTONE                         | 73.7%       | 94.7% | 63.2%   | 0              |   |
| MILWAUKIE                                      | 63.9%       | 86.1% | 47.5%   |                |   |
| CLACKAMAS                                      | 100%        | 100%  | 91.7%   |                |   |
| INNER & CENTRAL SE PTLD                        | 45.7%       | 79.9% | 40.2%   |                |   |
| OUTER SE PORTLAND                              | 45.5%       | 95.5% | 37.9%   |                |   |
| TROUTDALE   FAIRVIEW<br>WOOD VILLAGE   GRESHAM | 71.7%       | 97.8% | 58.7%   |                |   |
| OUTER NE PORTLAND                              | 61%         | 100%  | 43.9%   |                |   |
| INNER & CENTRAL NE PTLD                        | 37.9%       | 60.6% | 34.9%   |                |   |
| NORTH PTLD   ST. JOHNS                         | 51.9%       | 84.6% | 48.1%   |                |   |
| WEST VANCOUVER                                 | 73.8%       | 97.6% | 63.1%   |                |   |
| EAST VANCOUVER                                 | 82.1%       | 97.4% | 74.4%   |                | and the second se |
| SALEM   VICINITY                               | 54.1%       | 96%   | 48.7%   |                |   |
| EUGENE   SPRINGFIELD                           | 45.8%       | 95.8% | 40%     |                |   |
| BEND   REDMOND                                 | 87.5%       | 100%  | 87.5%   |                | and the second  |

| MAP AREA                                      | SPRING 2023 | FALL 2023 |        |
|---|-------------|-----------|--------|
| NW Portland                                   | 13.7%       | 21.6%     | -      |
| Hillsboro   North of Hwy 26                   | 12.5%       | 12.5%     | You    |
| Aloha   | 14.3%       | 12.8%     |        |
| Beaverton                                     | 10%         | 9.8%      |        |
| Downtown Portland                             | 24.6%       | 34.5%     |        |
| SW Portland                                   | 16%         | 17.7%     |        |
| Tigard   Tualatin   Sherwood                  | 9.1%        | 14.1%     | ס      |
| Lake Oswego   West Linn                       | 5.9%        | 5.9%      | Ī      |
| Wilsonville   Canby                           | 12%         | 9.1%      | Π      |
| Oregon City   Gladstone                       | 18.8%       | 26.3%     |        |
| Milwaukie                                     | 0%          | 11.1%     | NTIVE  |
| Clackamas                                     | 8.3%        | 16.7%     | <      |
| Inner & Central SE Portland                   | 7.4%        | 7.8%      | т<br>О |
| Outer SE Portland                             | 0%          | 4.6%      | -0     |
| Troutdale   Fairview   Wood Village   Gresham | 17.5%       | 17.4%     |        |
| Outer NE Portland                             | 7.1%        | 2.4%      |        |
| Inner & Central NE Portland                   | 5.6%        | 6.1%      |        |
| North Portland   St. Johns                    | 8.5%        | 7.7%      |        |
| West Vancouver                                | 11.3%       | 9.5%      |        |
| East Vancouver                                | 19.4%       | 20.5%     |        |
| Salem   Vicinity                              | 6.6%        | 6.1%      |        |
| Eugene   Springfield                          | 15.2%       | 9.2%      |        |
| Bend   Redmond                                | 4.8%        | 8.3%      |        |



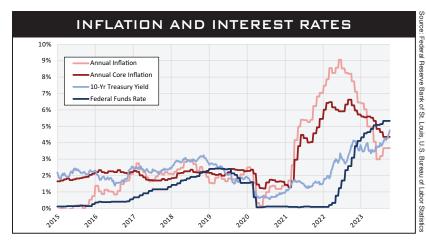
# SECTION 42 SURVEY RESULTS • FALL 2023 TTL # OF PROPERTIES = 138 • TTL # OF UNITS = 9849

| UNIT TYPES     | VACANCY<br>RATE (%) | AVG. RENT<br>PER SQ FT (\$) |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| STUDIO         | 3.41                | 2.66                        |
| 1 BED / 1 BATH | 3.89                | 1.69                        |
| 2 BED / 1 BATH | 5.46                | 1.49                        |
| 2 BED / 2 BATH | 4.43                | 1.46                        |
| 2 BED / TH     | 2.78                | 1.51                        |
| 3 BED / 1 BATH | 3.71                | 1.30                        |
| 3 BED / 2 BATH | 5.81                | 1.28                        |
| TOTALS         | 4.44                | 1.65                        |

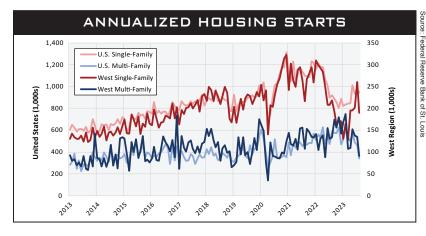
# ECONOMIC HEADWINDS

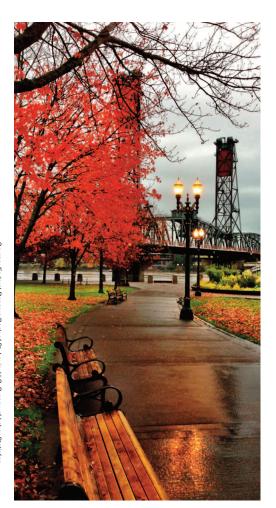
Jon Spikkeland, Senior Analyst, Johnson Economics

As the post-COVID recovery continues, the national economy has shown surprising resilience in the face of higher interest rates. So far, consumers continue to increase their spending, and firms continue to hire. The strength of the economy has forced the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates 11 consecutive times since March 2022, pushing the Funds Rate up more than five percentage points. The Fed finally paused on rate hikes in September, after seeing encouraging signs that inflation is retreating. Overall annual inflation is now down to 3.7%, after reaching a high of 9.1% in mid-2022. Core inflation, which is a more important metric to the Fed, is down to 4.3%, after peaking at 6.6% a year ago. The declines have caused some optimism that a soft landing might be achievable this time; that inflation can be brought under control without triggering a recession. However, we are still some distance away from the 2.0% inflation target, and the Fed has signaled that an additional rate hike will likely be needed later this year, with the first rate cut unlikely to occur until late next year.



Though many economists expect rate cuts to come sooner than indicated by the Fed, the possibility of a long period of high interest rates is particularly troubling for the real estate industry, which is so dependent on debt. Within the housing sector, the multi-family segment has taken the biggest hit so far, with a dramatic decline in construction starts this year. This is the case both nationally and on the West Coast. Many multi-family projects in the Portland Area have been shelved over the past year due to the higher cost of capital, and we see fewer new projects being initiated at the planning stage.



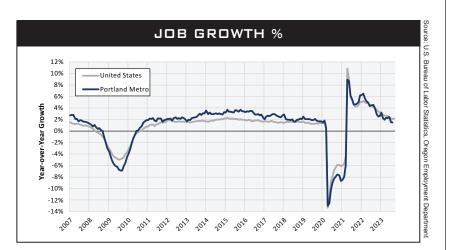


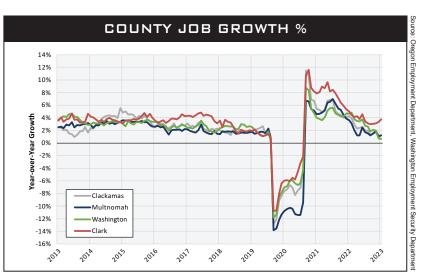
In terms of job growth, the Portland Metro Area is currently adding around 20,000 jobs year-over-year, according to the Oregon Employment Department. This represents a 1.5% annual rate, and is roughly on par with pre-COVID growth. The 180,000 jobs that were lost early in COVID were recovered by January this year - seven months after losses had been recovered on the national level. The job gains were strong early in the recovery but have slowed gradually as available labor has been absorbed (the regional unemployment rate is now 3.3%, near the pre-COVID low). Higher interest rates may also have contributed to the slowdown in job growth, though the full effect of current interest rates on employment is likely ahead of us. Given the deceleration in job growth both nationally and regionally, we would therefore expect job growth below pre-COVID levels over the coming 12 months.

When job growth slows, so does in-migration. The Portland Metro Area benefitted from strong in-migration during the previous decade, especially around the middle of the decade, when the regional job growth was 3-4% per year - exceeding national growth by 1-2 percentage points. It was not just the relative abundance of jobs in this region that attracted new residents. Portland's appeal to millennials was also a factor. As the economy gained steam in the mid-2010s, a large millennial cohort stood ready to enter the labor force. Many had enrolled in higher education during the preceding downturn, and graduated around this time. Being young - and often single - the millennials were remarkably mobile and willing to relocate to areas with job opportunities and vital urban lifestyles. This benefitted the Portland Metro Area, and caused a surge in demand for apartments in the region. The millennial wave is largely employed today, and we don't have the same number of Gen Z workers looking for jobs. Moreover, Portland's reputation for urban vitality has diminished considerably. These factors, combined with the weaker hiring in the region, result in less in-migration from young workers, and weaker demand growth in the apartment market.

Against these economic and demographic headwinds, there are other currents that contribute to apartment demand in the Portland Metro Area. The region has one of the strictest land use policies in the nation, and the short supply of development land constrains the production of single-family housing. This is forcing more households into multi-family units. We expect this to continue to generate apartment demand in the region over the long run. Over the near term, high mortgage rates will shift additional demand from the ownership market to rentals. On the supply side, the high interest rates will limit new development, allowing for higher occupancy at existing properties.

Within the Portland Metro Area, Clark County has been the strongest county since the onset of COVID. The county lost relatively few jobs early in the pandemic, and has grown faster than the remainder of the region during the recovery. It had already recaptured its initial COVID losses by May 2021. As of August this year, its job growth was 6,800 jobs (3.7%) year-over-year. The growth has contributed to record strong apartment absorption and a sharp increase in development activity.





Multnomah was the weakest county in the region during COVID, and still has an employment level 3.4% below its pre-COVID peak. However, its most recent job growth has been on par with Washington and Clackamas counties, at around 1.0% per year. Both Washington and Clackamas fully recovered their COVID losses late last year. In absolute terms, Multnomah County has been adding around 6,000 jobs year-over-year recently, while Clackamas and Washington each have added around 2,000.

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# FALL 2023 APARTMENT FUNDAMENTALS & TRENDS

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Markets in transition, like that of 2023, can be challenging to define. While rents and vacancies could be described as in balance, values have declined and the sales market is excruciatingly slow. Market participants are starting to accept that conditions today might be the new normal. This article will address Portland Metro apartment fundamentals, values, sales, and rental trends for YTD 2023.

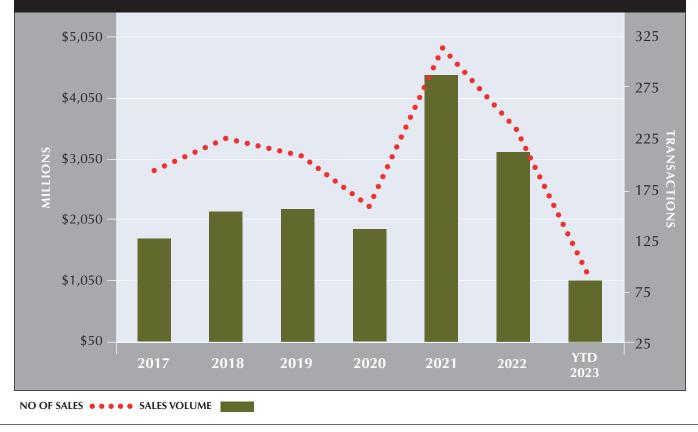
# APARTMENT SALES VOLUME & TRANSACTIONS

During 2022, there were 225 transactions totaling just over \$3.0 billion across Portland Metro. From 2005 to 2022, there were an average of 206 transactions across Portland Metro. The slowdown in sales during YTD 2023 has been dramatic, though not unprecedented. Through September 2023 CoStar reports a total of 72 transactions across Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and Clark County. When annualized, this puts us on track for 96 sales, or a 68 percent decline from 2021. The sales market does appear to be gaining some momentum as sales increased in each quarter throughout 2023.

Many real estate professionals rely on market activity (sales and refinances) to sustain their business. There is a hope that 2023 will represent the trough in terms of number of transactions. However, what type of changes in sales can be realistically expected in the coming years? The decline in sales from 2021 to 2023 is almost identical to the decline in sales from 2007 to 2009, when activity went from 252 to 103 sales following the Great Recession, or a 59 percent decline. After 2009, sales activity recovered, albeit slowly. It was not until 2013 that sales passed 200 transactions again and not until 2015 to reach the previous peak in transactions.



# APARTMENT SALES VOLUME & TRANSACTIONS PORTLAND METRO AREA • 2017-YTD 2023 ANNUALIZED



## APARTMENT CONSTRUCTION

Significant headwinds continue to hamper the apartment construction industry. In a previous article, we highlighted the ever changing regulations, declining population, permitting delays, and one of the nation's highest tax rates. Added to this list are softening multifamily values, limited rent increases, few banks actively seeking apartment construction financing, and interest rates that are not conducive to profitable developments.

As financing dries up and market uncertainty lingers, the number of units under construction has fallen for five straight quarters. As of fall 2023, around 7,800 units are currently under construction. Development has shifted back towards Multnomah County, where more than half of all units under construction are located. CoStar forecasts that during 2023, Portland Metro will deliver 7,500 units, though this number will decrease to 2,800 to 4,500 per year through 2025 as the development pipeline shrinks.

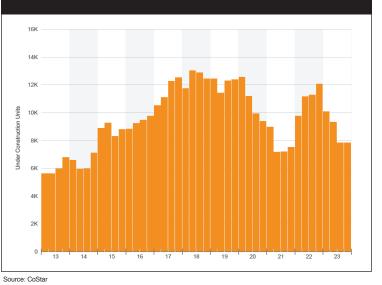
#### VACANCY AND RENT TRENDS

Vacancies have continued their upward trajectory in YTD 2023. As seen in the Report herein, overall vacancy rates are 5.5 percent, an increase of around 190 basis points since Fall 2022. CoStar reports that vacancies at stabilized properties are also around 5.5 percent and are expected to peak at around 6.1 percent in late 2025. The last instance when vacancy rates approached 5.5 percent was during the Great Recession in 2009. It's important to keep in mind that a balanced market typically shows vacancies between 4.0 and 6.0 percent. The current supply of new units is projected to outpace demand through 2024. Supply outpacing demand is the major driver behind the forecasted increase in vacancies.

With vacancy rates increasing, there has been some downward pressure on rents. The Multifamily NW Report concludes that rents are up around 3.0 percent year over year, though CoStar suggests that rents are down around 1.5 percent year over year. In my recent appraisal experience, I've seen only limited rent increases on turnover and it is not uncommon to see lower rents if the previous lease occurred in during 2021 or early 2022.

As previously reported, the rental survey herein reports Metro vacancy rates at around 5.5 percent. In this report, 14 of the 20 submarkets surveyed reported increasing vacancy rates and four submarkets reported decreasing rents. The six most urban submarkets in this survey show an average vacancy rate of 6.4 percent while the remaining 14 submarkets which are mostly suburban show an average vacancy rate of 5.2 percent.

PORTLAND METRO AREA UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION







#### **APARTMENT VALUES**

Over the past 18 months, we've been in an increasing interest rate environment and the impact on sales has been astonishing. While there are many properties listed for sale, there appears to be fewer motivated sellers as many owners are locked for a low rate in the near term future. The quote below summarizes the mindset of many owners today.

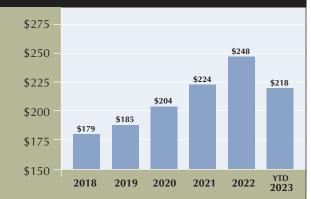
"We're going to hold-off on selling right now. Our fixed-rate loan won't be due for another two years. Also, vacancies are low, we're getting higher rents, and a more stable tenant base. So there's no rush on our end."

There remains a significant gap between what price sellers will accept and what buyers are willing to pay. However, as many loans come due and rates start to adjust, sellers may become increasingly motivated.

Prices have declined in YTD 2023, which comes as no big surprise. The declining prices can be attributed to a number of factors including softening fundamentals, changing demographics, and some economic uncertainty. However, the biggest impact by far is rising interest rates and the increasing challenges with obtaining financing. Not only have rates increased, but there are fewer banks lending on apartments and the banks that are lending are more conservative.

Based on the 72 sales that occurred in YTD 2023 through September, the median price per unit has declined 5.9 percent to \$200,000. The median price per Sq. Ft. declined 12.1 percent to \$218. CoStar also reports that overall capitalization rates are up around 50 basis points to 5.50 percent. Assuming level net income, a 50 basis jump in overall capitalization rates suggests a decline in prices of around 9.0 percent. In conversations with market participants, opinions have varied though most suggested declines of 10 to 20 percent year over year. CoStar forecasts that values will decline another 6 to 7 percent and will bottom out in late 2024. After 2024, CoStar forecasts that values will increase and reach previous peaks in 2027.

#### PORTLAND METRO AREA MEDIAN PRICE PER SQUARE FEET (2018-YTD 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER)





## Many risks remain in the market as of late 2023. Some of the more notable risks are summarized below.

- As loans mature and/or rates adjust, property owners will face a completely different lending environment with many traditional lenders now absent. Some owners will be forced to choose whether to refinance at a higher rate/lower value or to brave the market and sell.
- Significant space remains between buyers and sellers evidenced by a record low number of transactions. If sales/refinance activity remains stalled, expect to see staffing adjustments across the support services similar to what was seen following the Great Recession.
- Early evidence does not suggest Oregon and Portland Metro will see any population boom in the near future. As stagnant population growth becomes a reality, there are concerns regarding the economic outlook in 2024 and beyond.

#### SUMMARY

In 2023, the Portland Metro apartment market has navigated significant shifts, mirroring transitional phases of years past. While sales volume has slowed, there's a silver lining as momentum appears to be gradually building. Challenges persist in the construction sector. Furthermore, while vacancies have seen an uptick, they remain within the bounds of what is considered a balanced market. Rents have faced downward pressures but remain elevated from pre-pandemic levels. Additionally, the apartment value landscape is shaped heavily by increasing interest rates and lending challenges. As we move forward, property owners and real estate professionals should prepare for continued changes, particularly as lending environments evolve and economic forecasts remain uncertain.

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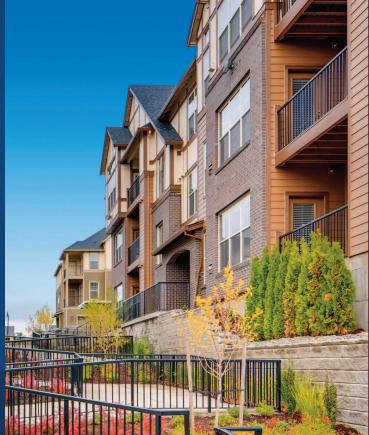


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