

MULTIFAMILY REPORT

Denver Faces Challenges

January 2024

Rent Growth Flat YoY

Pipeline Adds Pressure

Investment Declines, PPU Still High

DENVER MULTIFAMILY



Supply Endures, Slowing Economy Impacts Deals

Although Denver's economy slowed in 2023, some multifamily fundamentals maintained a solid performance. Year-over-year, rents recorded a mild 0.1% rate of growth, with the average at \$1,903. The metro trailed the U.S. figure, which rose 0.4% year-over-year, to \$1,713, as of November 2023. Meanwhile, occupancy declined just 30 basis points in the 12 months ending in October, to a still healthy 95.1%.

Employment expanded just 0.6%, or 15,400 jobs, in the 12 months ending in September, well behind the 2.4% U.S. average, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Additionally, five sectors lost 13,000 jobs combined during the interval. The financial activities sector lost the most positions (-5,700 jobs), heavily impacted by the recent evolution of interest rates. Next in line were trade, transportation and utilities (-3,200) and information (-3,000). The sectors that recorded the highest gains were government (14,900 jobs) and leisure and hospitality (7,300 jobs).

Denver's stock expanded by 8,259 rental units in the first 11 months of 2023. While the number of new projects waned, the metro still had a consistent 42,334 units under construction, placing Denver fourth in the country for the largest pipeline as of November. Meanwhile, investors traded \$2.2 billion in multifamily assets, for a price per unit that declined 4.4% year-over-year, to \$322,036 in November.

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Recent Denver Transactions

The Seasons of Cherry Creek



City: Denver Buyer: Broe Real Estate Group Purchase Price: \$225 MM Price per Unit: \$384,615

Zia Sunnyside



City: Denver Buyer: Kairoi Residential Purchase Price: \$161 MM Price per Unit: \$370,968

Vue West Apartment Homes



City: Denver Buyer: Sequoia Equities Purchase Price: \$124 MM Price per Unit: \$398,387

The Flats at Inverness



City: Englewood, Colo. Buyer: Mesirow Financial Purchase Price: \$111 MM Price per Unit: \$359,547