

MULTIFAMILY REPORT

Sacramento Weathers Slowdown

March 2023

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Investment Activity Still Solid
Construction Starts Contract

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Weakening Demand Transforms Fundamentals

Sacramento's multifamily market experienced the effects of weakening demand, posting a negative absorption rate (-0.3%) and a 1.4% drop in the occupancy rate in stabilized properties year-over-year through December, to a still solid 95.4%. Meanwhile, the average rent contracted 0.3% on a trailing threemonth basis through January, on par with the U.S. figure for the first time in 18 months. Sacramento's \$1,912 overall average rate led the \$1,701 national figure.

Unemployment improved to 3.3% in December, outperforming the U.S. (3.5%), state (4.1%) and Los Angeles (3.9%) rates, according to preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The job market expanded by 3.4%, or 34,000 positions, in the 12 months ending in November. Nearly half of the additions were in the metro's two largest sectors—education and health services (11,100 jobs) and government (4,600 jobs). In early 2023, the Sacramento International Airport announced a \$1.3 billion expansion project over the next five years to keep up with increasing passenger traffic.

Sacramento's stock expanded 1.3% year-over-year in December, which is above its five-year average. Developers had 6,695 units underway in January, with a considerable drop in construction starts. Meanwhile, investment surpassed \$1.3 billion in 2022, with the price per unit increasing by a strong 23.1% year-over-year to \$273,419, leading the \$211,873 U.S. figure.

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Recent Sacramento Transactions

The Falls at Willow Creek



City: Folsom, Calif. Buyer: Prime Group Purchase Price: \$149 MM Price per Unit: \$348,826

The Eleven Hundred



City: Sacramento, Calif. Buyer: KF Properties Purchase Price: \$119 MM Price per Unit: \$210,619

Legends at Willow Creek



City: Folsom, Calif. Buyer: Prime Group Purchase Price: \$61 MM Price per Unit: \$295,192

Sierra Park Townhomes



City: North Highlands, Calif. Buyer: Tesseract Capital Group Purchase Price: \$25 MM Price per Unit: \$237,029