

RICHMOND MULTIFAMILY



Rents Move Forward, Deliveries Soften

Richmond's multifamily market remained on a relative steady track amid wider economic uncertainty. Average advertised asking rent growth softened to 0.2%, on a trailing three-month basis through August, to an average of \$1,592, while the U.S. figure was up 0.1%, to \$1,755. Year-over-year, rents in the metro were up 2.2%, placing the metro relatively high nationally, with the U.S. average at 0.7%. Overall occupancy in stabilized assets remained above the national figure, at 95.2% as of July, showing a slight increase despite last year's strong supply expansion.

The employment market softened, with gains at 0.8% as of June. This was on par with the national average. Meanwhile, unemployment clocked in at 3.7% in July, 50 basis points below the U.S. rate, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In the 12 months ending in July, the metro added 11,700 net positions, with education and health services leading growth (up 9,800 jobs). Several large projects promise to bring more employment to the area. Among them is The LEGO Group's \$1 billion precision production facility, expected to begin operations in 2027 and add roughly 1,700 jobs over the next decade.

Supply dynamics also cooled off a bit. Still, Richmond developers had 6,627 apartments underway as of August and construction starts picked up steam in 2025, with new developments nearly doubling.

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Recent Richmond Transactions

Banyan Grove



City: Virginia Beach, Va. Buyer: Abacus Capital Group Purchase Price: \$70 MM Price per Unit: \$241,319

Waverton Chesapeake



City: Chesapeake, Va. Buyer: Nuveen Real Estate Purchase Price: \$46 MM Price per Unit: \$149,671

Parkway



City: Williamsburg, Va. Buyer: Bonaventure Realty Group Purchase Price: \$25 MM Price per Unit: \$166,723

District at Williamsburg



City: Williamsburg, Va. Buyer: Linden Property Group Purchase Price: \$20 MM Price per Unit: \$158,984