# MARKETBEAT ST. LOUIS Multifamily Q2 2024

YoY Chg 12-Mo. Forecast

9.6% Vacancy Rate

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2.3% Rent Growth, YOY

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12-Mo.

Forecast

\$1.40 Effective Rent, PSF

(50+ unit developments, excluding student housing, senior housing, and military) Source: CoStar

## ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q2 2024

1.4M

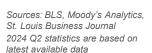
St. Louis Employment



St. Louis Unemployment Rate

4.1%

U.S. Unemployment Rate



## **ECONOMIC OVERVIEW**

The unemployment rate in St. Louis rose 10 basis-points (bps) to 3.6% in Q2 2024 but remains well below the national average of 4.1%, a 30-bps increase from last quarter. The St. Louis labor market has steadily improved with non-farm employment recording a 180-bps increase year-over-year (YOY). As inflation and the labor market ease, the year is set to hold the first interest rate decrease by the Federal Reserve after it opted to hold rates in a range of 5.25% to 5.5% since July 2023.

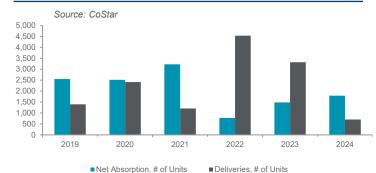
## **DEMAND: Vacancy Declines Amid Slowdown in Development**

The St. Louis multifamily sector recorded an overall vacancy rate of 9.6% at the close of Q2, marking an 80-bps decrease quarter-over-quarter (QOQ). The market experienced 1,050 units of positive absorption in Q2, which marks the highest quarter of positive absorption since Q2 2021. Through two quarters of 2024, the market has already surpassed the annual absorption total in 2023 of positive 1,484 units. St. Louis multifamily recorded no new unit deliveries in Q2, however over 2,200 units are currently under construction throughout the region. Effective rents remain at record-highs in St. Louis at \$1.40 per square foot (psf), but the rate of annual rent growth has steadied with the market closing Q2 at 2.3% in effective rent growth YOY.

## **DEVELOPMENT: Pipeline Steadies After Record-Setting Years**

St. Louis saw record-setting years of deliveries in 2022 and 2023, which resulted in over 8,000 new units and a 7.0% increase in inventory from Q1 2022-YTD. The market's development pipeline has begun to slow with 702 units delivered year-to-date (YTD), and an additional 2,252 units currently under construction. At the close of Q2, 9 of the 17 multifamily submarkets are slated to record development activity in 2024. The submarkets with the most units under construction are Maryland Heights/Creve Coeur (524 units), St. Charles County (370 units), South St. Louis City (363 units), Central West End (270 units), and Olivette (262 units). The submarkets that have already recorded deliveries in 2024 include Mid-Town (199 units), Kirkwood South (152 units), and Central West End (143 units).

## SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES



## OVERALL VACANCY & EFFECTIVE RENT



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## **MARKET STATISTICS**

SUBMARKET	INVENTORY (UNITS)	YTD DELIVERIES (UNITS)	YTD % INVENTORY GROWTH	UNDER CONSTR (UNITS)	NET ABSORPTION (UNITS)	VACANCY RATE	YOY VACANCY RATE CHANGE (BPS)	AVG EFFECTIVE RENT/UNIT	AVG EFFECTIVE RENT PSF	YOY % EFFECTIVE RENT GROWTH
Ballwin	6,134	0	0.0%	226	26	5.8%	240	\$1,378	\$1.43	4.2%
Central West End	7,873	143	0.0%	270	-15	11.5%	230	\$1,550	\$1.78	0.5%
Chesterfield	4,249	0	0.0%	0	126	9.4%	430	\$1,596	\$1.61	-1.0%
Downtown CBD	4,394	0	0.0%	0	13	18.0%	630	\$1,399	\$1.53	-1.1%
Downtown Clayton	1,063	0	0.0%	237	-5	9.7%	350	\$2,582	\$2.83	2.9%
Jefferson County	10,974	0	0.0%	0	81	5.9%	120	\$1,113	\$1.28	3.8%
Kirkwood South	5,458	152	2.8%	0	41	7.0%	170	\$1,154	\$1.38	3.6%
Maryland Heights / Creve Coeur	9,984	0	0.0%	524	20	5.7%	-10	\$1,369	\$1.49	4.2%
Metro East	12,305	0	0.0%	0	66	5.2%	0	\$1,189	\$1.21	2.7%
Mid-Town	3,715	199	5.4%	0	171	28.3%	-60	\$1,222	\$1.40	0.4%
North County	14,907	0	0.0%	0	40	14.6%	-140	\$902	\$1.02	2.8%
North St. Louis City	4,284	0	0.0%	0	9	14.1%	40	\$827	\$0.88	0.7%
Olivette	2,872	0	0.0%	262	88	13.4%	610	\$1,575	\$1.77	-2.2%
Richmond Heights	1,864	0	0.0%	0	-2	4.2%	50	\$1,581	\$1.89	5.8%
South St. Louis City	6,585	0	0.0%	363	61	11.7%	-510	\$1,357	\$1.70	-0.3%
St. Charles County	19,431	0	0.0%	370	271	6.3%	-310	\$1,404	\$1.47	3.8%
University City	5,541	0	0.0%	0	61	9.7%	-60	\$879	\$1.11	2.5%
ST. LOUIS TOTALS	121,693	702	0.6%	2,252	1,050	9.6%	-80	\$1,268	\$1.40	2.3%

## **KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q2 2024**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	UNITS	PRICE   \$ UNIT	
The Flats at Dorsett Ridge	Maryland Heights / Creve Coeur	214	\$54.1 M   \$252,804	
Woodland Trails Homes Metro East		287	\$26.9 M   \$93,573	
Storyboard on Lancashire	Metro East	96	\$9.35 M   \$97,396	
Alamo Apartments	Clayton	15	\$2.53 M   \$168,467	

## **KEY DELIVERIES YTD**

PROPERTY	PROPERTY SUBMARKET		OWNER   DEVELOPER	
The Edwin on Grand	Mid-Town	199	Pier Property Group	
The James Kirkwood South		152	High Street Residential	

Source: CoStar, Real Capital Analytics

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