

# PHOENIX MULTIFAMILY NEWSLETTER



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# **QUARTERLY MULTIFAMILY STATS**

A persistent mismatch between supply and demand continues to hamper the Phoenix apartment market. A multidecade high wave of construction is overshadowing a resilient demand picture, keeping vacancies elevated and rent growth negative.

The Valley recorded 17,000 units of net absorption over the past 12 months, outpacing the pre-COVID five-year annual average of 7,200 units. That figure ranks Phoenix as a top 10 market in the nation for demand formation.

Although demand has remained healthy, the surge in construction remains a formidable headwind. Builders completed 23,000 net new units over the past 12 months, more than triple the average annual completion amount from 2015 to 2019. As a result, overall vacancy, which includes newly built properties in lease-up and stabilized communities, has risen to 12.4% and is expected to remain well-above pre-COVID norms in 2026.

Another 23,000 units are under construction, representing 5.3% of existing inventory. That share ranks Phoenix as the nation's sixth most aggressively built apartment market. Empty units are most likely to accumulate in high-growth areas like Downtown Phoenix and Tempe, as well as the South West Valley.

Elevated vacancy and the onslaught of construction have intensified competition. Annual rent growth has been negative since early 2023, and concessions have ramped up. Over the past 12 months, the average asking rent fell 3.4%, and more than 60% of communities offer some form of discount. Prospective renters can expect six to eight weeks of free rent at properties in lease-up, though some have extended beyond that, with 10 and 12 weeks free being offered in some instances.



# VACANCY

12.50%

3Q24: 10.90%

YOY: 1.6%



### MARKET RENT

\$1,569

3Q24: \$1,582 YOY: -\$13.00



# NET ABSORPTION -8,145 UNITS

12 MO DELIVERIES 23,975 UNITS 12 MO ABSORPTIONS 15,830 UNITS



# PRICE / UNIT \$278,317

3Q24: \$270,876

YOY: 2.75%

## **MARKET CAP RATES**

4.90%

6.10%

NATIONAL

METRO PHOENIX

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#### **METRO PHOENIX DELIVERIES & ABSORPTION**

Rent growth has accelerated to the downside this year, and weakness is now extending across the quality spectrum. Previously, lower-tier properties did not face the same level of rent losses and were comparatively insulated from the direct impact of new supply. More recently, however, 1 & 2 Star communities notched negative annual rent growth of 2.1%, which compares to losses of 3.4% at 4 & 5 Star complexes. The extension of rent loss to workforce housing communities coincided with an upward movement in stabilized vacancy over the past few quarters.

Moving forward, a pullback in construction starts suggests an easing of supply pressure by late 2026, which should allow the start of a recovery to form. Nevertheless, a substantial glut of excess inventory still needs to be worked through, indicating that another year of negative rent growth could be in store in 2026.



#### **RENTAL & VACANCY RATES**



#### **PRICES & CAP RATE TRENDS**



Sources: CoStar; U.S. Department of the Treasury; AZ Commerce Authority; ARMLS; U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

# **ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Employment Data (YOY)**

- 4.30% Unemployment Rate (USA)
- 3.70% Unemployment Rate (Metro PHX)
- 2.590 MM Employed Residents (Metro PHX)

## Metro PHX Housing Trends (YOY)

- \$450,000 Median Home Price
- 6,215 Closed Transactions
- 85 Days on Market
- 3.80 Months of Supply

+0.40% +0.10%

- +15 Days
- +0.50 Months

# **10-Year Treasury**

- 4.01% as of 10/24/2025
  - -0.20% YOY | -0.15% MOM

# SUBMARKET ANALYTICS

Submarket	Vacancy Rate	Market Asking Rent/Unit	Annual Rent Growth	12 Mo. Delivered Units	Under Construction Units	Under Construction % Of Inventory	12 Mo. Absorption Units	Market Sale Price/Unit	Market Cap Rate
Gilbert	6.50%	\$1,751	-2.80%	2,339	531	2.90%	1,396	\$340K	4.60%
North Scottsdale	6.60%	\$2,216	-0.70%	1,226	694	3.50%	837	\$402K	4.70%
Old Town Scottsdale	6.70%	\$1,872	-1.20%	260	190	1.30%	113	\$328K	5.10%
Chandler	7.50%	\$1,668	-3.50%	451	885	2.80%	364	\$305K	4.70%
Tempe	8.30%	\$1,560	-4.30%	810	2,457	5.10%	1,433	\$281K	4.90%
East Valley	8.50%	\$1,463	-3.70%	2,493	3,059	6.00%	1,796	\$251K	4.80%
Deer Valley	8.70%	\$1,504	-3.80%	1,951	2,623	6.90%	770	\$267K	4.80%
Camelback	8.90%	\$1,499	-3.60%	0	381	3.50%	-102	\$235K	5.50%
Downtown Phoenix	9.10%	\$1,513	-3.10%	3,186	2,707	6.00%	1,263	\$252K	5.40%
North Phoenix	9.10%	\$1,392	-4.10%	1,412	2,915	6.30%	679	\$226K	4.90%
South Phoenix	10.60%	\$1,598	-2.20%	1,191	648	4.90%	1,446	\$281K	4.80%
North West Valley	10.80%	\$1,478	-2.80%	1,082	290	1.50%	1,497	\$254K	4.80%
South West Valley	12.00%	\$1,415	-4.40%	4,027	2,723	4.90%	2,663	\$231K	4.80%
West Maricopa County	14.10%	\$1,759	-3.20%	1,441	1,319	17.20%	2,023	\$324K	4.70%
Southeast Valley	16.80%	\$1,469	-2.10%	1,215	1,349	22.10%	687	\$168K	5.50%
Total/Averages	12.50%	\$1,569	-3.00%	23,975	22,771	6.30%	15,830	\$278,317	4.90%

# PHOENIX METRO RENTS

Asset Class	September '24	September '25	Inc \$\$	% Change
Discretionary	\$1,979	\$1,949	-\$30	-1.50%
Upper Mid-Range	\$1,775	\$1,719	-\$36	-2.10%
Low Mid-Range	\$1,421	\$1,364	-\$57	-4.00%
Workforce - Upper	\$1,237	\$1,188	-\$49	-4.00%
Workforce - Lower	\$1,128	\$1,144	-\$14	-1.2%
Averages	\$1,644	\$1,611	-\$33	-2.00%

Actual rents by asset class of properties with 50+ units; from Yardi Matrix. Submarket data from CoStar.

# **NOTABLE TRANSACTIONS & MARKET STATS**

## **10-99 UNITS**

	3Q YTD 2024	3Q YTD 2025	Inc/Sep
Total Sales Volume	\$235,704,500	\$291,271,480	+23.6%
Avg Price/Unit	\$181,451	\$197,338	+8.8%
Avg Price/SF	\$196	\$218	+11.4%
Avg YR Built	1977	1973	

## **100+ UNITS**

	3Q YTD 2024	3Q YTD 2025	Inc/Sep
Total Sales Volume	\$2,793,855,866	\$2,969,145,134	+6.3%
Avg Price/Unit	\$288,920	\$273,402	-5.4%
Avg Price/SF	\$282	\$268	-5.0%
Avg YR Built	2011	1995	

## **10-99 UNITS**



#### **3232 N. 37TH STREET** PHOENIX, AZ

Sale Date: 8/26/2025 Sale Price: \$6,650,000 Price/Unit: \$415,625 GBA: ±19,312 SF

Size: 16 Units Unit Mix: 0- S | 0-1B | 0-2B | 0-3B | 16-4B Built: 2023



#### **1850 N. 51ST STREET** PHOENIX, AZ 85008

Sale Date: 07/29/2025 Sale Price: \$4,000,000 Price/Unit: \$\$400,000 GBA: ±17,477 SF

Size: 10 Units Unit Mix: 0- S | 0- 1B | 0-2B | 10-3B | 0 -4B Built: 2023



#### **600 N. 53RD STREET** PHOENIX, AZ 85008

Sale Date: 08/19/2025 Sale Price: \$18,250,000 Price/Unit: \$372,449 GBA: ±83,440 SF

Size: 49 Units Unit Mix: 0 - S | 0 - 1B | 0 - 2B | 43 - 3B | 6 -4B Built: 2023

## **100+ UNITS**



#### 15608 N. 71ST STREET **SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85254**

Sale Date: 07/18/2025 Price/Unit: \$419.384 GBA: ±289.098 SF

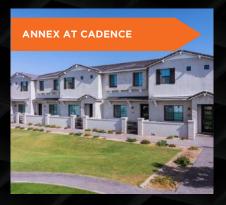
Size: 276 Units Sale Price: \$115,750,000 Unit Mix: 0 - S | 94 - 1B | 146 - 2B | 36 - 3B | 0-4B Built: 2001



#### 8555 E. RAINTREE DR SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260

Sale Date: 07/08/2025 Sale Price: \$76,000,000 Price/Unit: \$395,833 GBA: +291 279 SF

Size: 192 Units Unit Mix: 0 - S | 156 - 1B | 36 - 2B | 0 - 3B | 0 -4B Built: 2004



#### 9411 E. CADENCE PARKWAY MESA, AZ 85212

Sale Date: 08/14/2025 Price/Unit: \$362,963 GBA: ± 202.500 SF

Size: 135 Units Sale Price: \$49,000,000 Unit Mix: 0 - S | 0 - 1B | 0 - 2B | 135 - 3B | 0 -4B Built: 2023

