

The Denver Multifamily market continued to show strong rental rates and renter demand in the second quarter. Yet again, Denver recorded positive absorption for the 53rd consecutive quarter emphasizing the continued strength and strong demand in the Mile High market.



# **Key Takeaways**

- Construction recorded an uptick with over 24,279 units on the way.
- Absorption remains positive for the 53rd consecutive quarter.
- Lease rates climb 6.5% YOY reaching \$1,798 a unit.
- Vacancy rates return to under 6% for the first time since the second quarter of 2021.











Under Construction 24,279 units



\$ **]**  Asking Lease Rates \$1,798



# **Denver Multifamily is Thriving**

Due to strong renter demand for apartments in Denver, the multifamily market had yet another positive quarter. The market demonstrated its strength through tightening vacancy numbers and rapid rent growth. This momentum carried through the last 90 days with another impressive quarter in the books. With the surge of migrants coming to Denver, it has forced more competitive rent, reaching \$1,798 average monthly rent compared to last quarter of \$1,764. In order to meet the demand for new renters, multifamily developments have ramped up construction to more than 24,279 units. On top of that, Denver delivered 2,202 units during the second quarter with a small change in vacancy rate, which now dipped below 6% for the first time in 3 quarters. Absorption is on a steady climb this quarter at 3,308 units, a strong increase over the 1,649 units absorbed during the first quarter, and there are no signs of slowing. Investors are attracted to these beneficial metrics in the Denver market as the second quarter alone recorded 30 transactions generating \$1.7 billion in sales volume. Deliveries also look to continue to ramp up as the market rides another positive quarter and looks to have a strong second half for Denver multifamily.

## **Market Indicators**



3.10% Denver Unemployment Rate



2.49% Labor Force % Change YOY

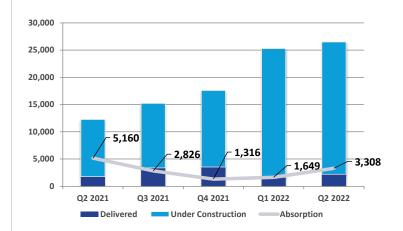
# **Historic Comparison**

	2022 Q2	2022 Q1	2021 Q2
Total Inventory (Existing Units)	281,971	279,764	271,204
Units Delivered	2,202	1,649	1,776
Units Absorbed	3,308	1,915	5,167
Occupancy	94.2%	93.7%	94.4%
Under Construction	24,279	21,092	10,477
Average Monthly Rent	\$1,798	\$1,764	\$1,680

#### Source: CoStar

# **Market Graph**

Units Absorbed vs. Delivered & Under Construction



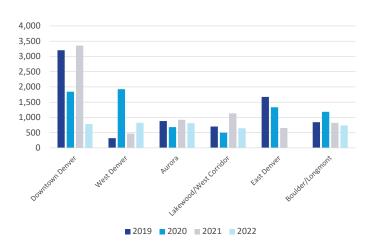
## Construction

During the second quarter, multifamily construction in Denver delivered eleven buildings totaling 2,202 units, indicating a 25% increase over the first quarter. The largest delivery was the Canyons, a 325-unit low rise apartment building located in the South Douglas County Submarket. Construction numbers are continuing to surge around the metro, as 24,279 units were under construction at quarter's close. Many of the properties are located in the Downtown Denver submarket cluster, highlighted by Five Points, Lincoln Park, and RiNo specifically. As construction continues to increase quarter-over-quarter, expect deliveries to continue to rise as well throughout the rest of 2022.

# **Investment Activity**

Investment activity in multifamily continues to boom around the metro area. During the second quarter there were 30 transactions in the Denver multifamily market generating over \$1.7 Billion in sales volume. This is an increase of around 31% from the first quarter. The average price per unit fell slightly from the previous quarter by about 10% from the previous quarter. The largest transaction that occurred during the second quarter was the 1,023-unit property located in Denver named lvy Crossing Apartment Homes. It sold for \$218,000,000 with a price per unit of \$213,099. Due to consistent renter demand, expect investment activity to remain high over the rest of 2022.

## Submarket Unit Completions by Year



Source: CoStar

YOY Rent Growth vs. 1-Year Forecast Rent Growth



Source: CoStar

# **Sales Activity**

PROPERTY	CITY	SALE PRICE	# OF UNITS	Price Per Unit	Buyer
Arcadia Apartment Homes	Centennial	\$125,758,953	300	\$419,197	Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust, Inc.
Edge 26	Wheat Ridge	\$110,000,000	402	\$273,632	Trion Properties
Greenwood Plaza Apartments	Centennial	\$106,700,000	266	\$401,128	Pacific Urban Investors, LLC
Highline at Cherry Creek	Denver	\$100,000,000	216	\$462,963	Aukum Group

# **Vacancy**

Vacancy rates shifted slightly in the second quarter, recording a slight decrease at 5.9% from 6.4%. Unlike 2020 where vacancy rates hovered around 7.5-8.0%, over the last six quarters, vacancy rates have not exceeded 6.9%. This is a great sign for landlords because vacancy rates have not been this low since 2015. When breaking down the submarkets inside of the Denver multifamily market, Downtown Denver had the highest vacancy rate of 8.2%, while the South Douglas County submarket recorded a low of 3.8%. Look for vacancy rates to continue to hover around 6% as we see an increase in construction tied with increased renter demand.

#### Vacancy by Submarket Downtown Denver 8.20% DTC/Southeast Corridor 7.60% South Jefferson County 7.00% North Jefferson County 6.60% Lakewood/West Corridor 6.10% Broomfield County 5.80% West Denver 0.057 East Denver 5.50% Aurora 5.50% Northwest Adams County 5.10% Glendale University Area 5.00% Northeast Adams County 4.80% South Adams County 4 70% 4.60% Highlands Ranch- Lone Tree Englewood/Littleton South Douglas County 3.80%

Source: CoStar

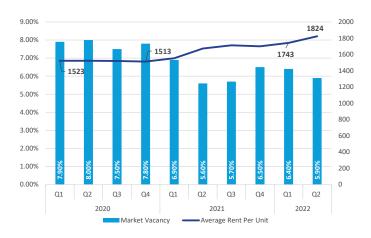
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## Market Vacancy and Average Market Rents

4.00%

6.00%

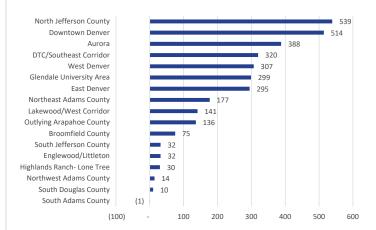


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## **Absorption**

Absorption is a great way to determine the competitiveness of the Denver market. As expected, the second quarter marked yet another quarter for positive absorption. This quarter marks the 53rd consecutive quarter with positive absorption. North Jefferson County had the highest absorption at 539 units while South Adams County was the only submarket to post negative absorption at -1 units. There are no indicators that show any sign that the Denver multifamily market will slow down and show negative absorption in the foreseeable future. Expect positive absorption throughout 2022 and further as renter demand is still growing in the Denver market.

### Net Absorption Current Qtr. Units

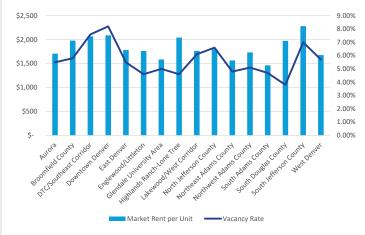


Source: CoStar

10.00%

8.00%

## Rent and Vacancy By Submarket



## **Lease Rates**

As already discussed, the Denver multifamily market is highly competitive, which has caused a rise in market rent per unit. The market rent at the end of the second quarter has increased to \$1,798 per unit, a 6.5% increase year-over-year. South Jefferson County had the highest market rent at \$2,282, while South Adams County saw the lowest rent at \$1,462 per unit. The Englewood/Littleton submarket had the largest year-over-year rent growth jumping from \$1,763 to \$1,952 which was a 10.7% increase. All submarkets had positive year-over-year growth, emphasizing that all neighborhoods are contributing to the growth of the city, with no indications of slowing down.

## **Forecast**

The Denver multifamily market continues to accelerate as Denver's population swells. Due to the renter demand, landlords are able to raise rents without much worry of vacancy rates increasing in this highly competitive market. There is some concern for the investment market as rising interest rates and inflation could slow recent momentum. However, we forecast growth in market asking rent per unit, and absorption, although there may be some upward adjustment in cap rates. Investors continue to aggressively pursue Denver multifamily product however, and we can expect strong momentum to carry through the end of the year.

Submarket	Bldgs.	Total Inventory Units	Vacancy Rate	Market Rent per Unit	YOY Market Rent Growth	Net Absorption Current Qtr. Units	Deliveries Current Qtr. Units	Under Construction Units
Aurora	151	39,225	5.5%	\$1,707	10.50%	388	209	1,518
<b>Broomfield County</b>	37	9,464	5.8%	\$1,981	8.20%	75	-	1,055
DTC/Southeast Corridor	55	14,106	7.6%	\$2,070	9.50%	320	418	792
Downtown Denver	256	44,626	8.2%	\$2,091	7.30%	514	-	9,196
East Denver	77	18,458	5.5%	\$1,783	9.30%	295	-	2,812
Englewood/Littleton	64	10,888	4.6%	\$1,763	10.70%	32	-	582
Glendale University Area	106	21,726	5.0%	\$1,586	10.40%	299	-	845
Highlands Ranch-Lone Tree	33	10,398	4.6%	\$2,044	9.40%	30	-	665
Lakewood/West Corridor	127	22,338	6.1%	\$1,765	9.90%	141	646	850
North Jefferson County	75	12,977	6.6%	\$1,803	9.10%	539	466	834
Northeast Adams County	65	13,248	4.8%	\$1,566	8.50%	177	-	501
Northwest Adams County	96	23,849	5.1%	\$1,733	9.70%	14	-	890
South Adams County	25	4,054	4.7%	\$1,462	4.20%	(1)	-	506
South Douglas County	39	9,829	3.8%	\$1,973	10.60%	10	-	1,613
South Jefferson County	21	5,466	7.0%	\$2,282	8.50%	32	-	-
West Denver	132	19,934	5.7%	\$1,678	5.90%	307	468	1,518
Totals	1,365	281,341	5.9%	\$1,798	7.52%	3,308	2,207	24,279

Source: CoStar

Denver Metro Historical								
2022 Q2	1,365	281,341	5.9%	\$1,798	7.52%	3,308	2,207	24,279
2022 Q1	1,354	279,764	6.4%	\$1,764	12.70%	1,781	1,649	24,069
2021 Q4	1,347	278,115	6.5%	\$1,709	12.40%	1,316	3,543	18,667
2021 Q3	1,330	274,572	5.7%	\$1,720	12.60%	1,826	3,368	20,013
2021 Q2	1,313	271,204	5.6%	\$1,681	9.90%	1,560	1,776	21,768



# **Highlights**

- Vacancy rates increased to 6.6%.
- Absorption was healthy this quarter with 223 units absorbed.
- Rental rates finished the quarter at \$1,481; up 7% YOY.
- Nearly 5,900 units are under construction.



Vacancy Rate (YOY)
Q2 2021 Q2 2022
4.8% 6.6%



Construction (YOY)
Q2 2021
Q2 2021
Q2 2022
4.184
5.85





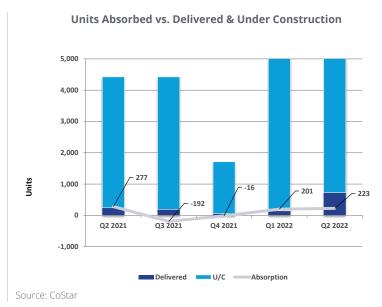
Average Rent (YOY)
Q2 2021 Q2 202



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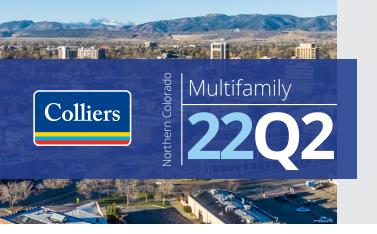
The Colorado Springs market continues to offer a vibrant economy and a high quality of life. Rental rates soared 7.3% to \$1,481. With the market still growing, there were 727 deliveries this quarter with 5,791 units under construction which is significantly more than the previous quarter. Expect to see market asking rent and occupancy levels continue to grow over the remainder of 2022.





# **Sales Activity**

PROPERTY	CITY	SALE PRICE	# OF UNITS	Price Per Unit	Buyer
The Residence at Austin Bluffs	Colorado Springs	\$58,000,000	312	\$185,897	Golden Bear Equities LLC
Pines at Broadmoor Bluffs	Colorado Springs	\$49,000,000	108	\$453,704	Benefict Canyon Equities Inc.
Villages at Woodmen	Colorado Springs	\$37,750,000	183	\$206,284	Golden Bear Equities LLC
Wind River	Colorado Springs	\$22,250,000	120	\$185,417	Life Bridge Capital



# **Highlights**

- Northern Colorado's vacancy increased to 6.4%.
- Investment activity starting to rebound back closer to 2021 numbers.
- Rental rates have reached rates an all time high of \$1,542.
- Construction picks up with 1,495 units on the way.



Vacancy Rate (YOY) Q2 2021 Q2 2022 5.9% 6.4%



Construction (YOY) Q2 2021 Q2 2022 415 1.495



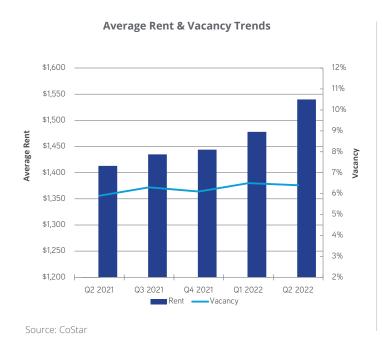


Average Rent (YOY)

\$1.413



The Northern Colorado multifamily market has an expanding job market which translates to increased rental rates and positive absorption rates, similar to Denver's multifamily market. Expect absorption to continue to stay positive through the next quarter along with increased renter demand as many renters pursue the northern market to escape the rising prices of the Denver market. There is a lot of optimism in the Northern Colorado market as indicated by the increased units under construction; just under 1,500 units. This ensures a continued path of growth for the Northern Colorado Market.





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PROPERTY	CITY	SALE PRICE	# OF UNITS	Price Per Unit	Buyer
Sterling Heights Apartments	Greeley	\$44,800,000	190	\$235,789	Oak Coast Properties
The Social Fort Collins*	Fort Collins	\$25.5MM	68	\$375,000	Denver-based Private Equity Group
Bonell	Greeley	\$23.5MM	295	\$79,661	Warm Springs Realty Holdings LLC

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