

# Raleigh-Durham Multifamily Market Report

Q4 2024



## **Raleigh-Durham multifamily insights**

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#### **Demand Hits Record Numbers**

Demand reached the **highest annual** number ever recorded in Raleigh-Durham at **15,812 units**. In the fourth quarter alone, demand surged, representing absorption of **5,416 units**, outpacing supply. Rising home values, population growth, and a thriving job market all continue to be attributing factors in demand with no indication of decline in the near future.

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#### **Rent Growth**

While **rent growth** was sluggish in 2024, **record-setting demand** and increasing occupancy rates suggest Raleigh-Durham will **turn the corner** in 2025. **New construction** volumes seem to have hit their peak, and in turn, **pricing power** is expected to return to owners and operators, improving rent performance in the long-term.

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### **Multifamily Investment Sales**

Multifamily remains the largest recipient of investment capital, representing 43% of total transaction volume in the Triangle. Despite the downward pressure on interest rates, multifamily sales volume decreased by 62% year-over-year. The average cap rate was reported at 4.9% in Q4, down 30 bps year-over-year.



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# Supply and demand

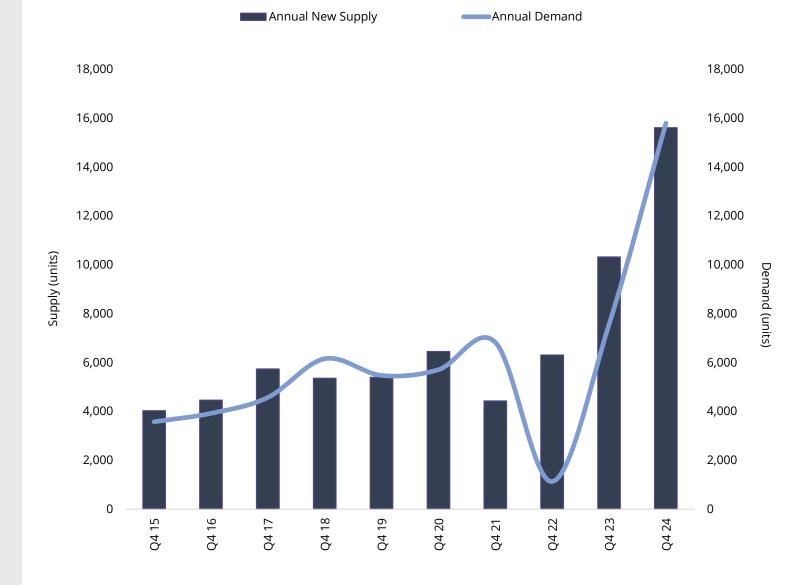
# 15,812 units

**Annual market demand** 

Annual demand hit a new record high in Q4, with 15,812 units absorbed in the Triangle, outpacing completions.

The **Central Raleigh** submarket led the Triangle market in annual demand totals reporting at 2,245 units.

New supply was heaviest in the **North** Cary/Morrisville and Central Raleigh submarkets, with a collective **4,124 units**.



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# **Multifamily Starts**

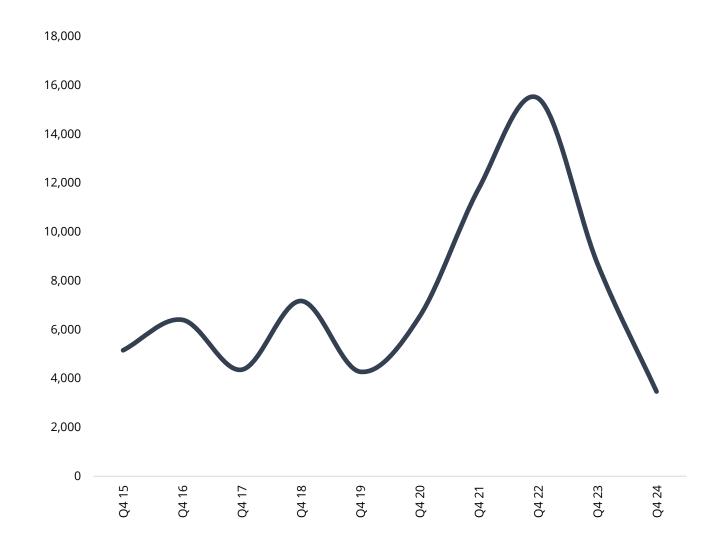
# 3,467 units

By the end of 2024, annual multifamily starts (in units) totaled **3,467**, marking a significant decline, emphasizing a contraction in the market's supply pipeline.

Permits for **8,211** multifamily units were issued in the 12 months ending in October 2024, **down 27%** from the previous year's total.

While new starts are subdued, the existing pipeline and longer build times will continue to help stabilize supply in the long-term. The **East Durham** submarket reported the highest inventory growth in 2024 at **25%.** 

#### Annual Multifamily Starts (units)



# **Rents and Occupancy**

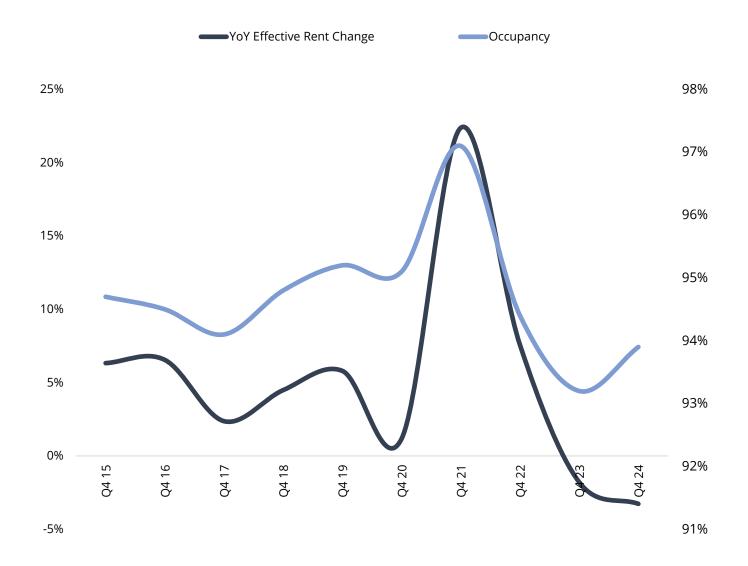
\$1.53

Average effective rate psf

Existing assets reported average effective rents of **\$1,478** per unit **(\$1.53 psf)** with an average of **32%** of units offering concessions.

Annual effective rent growth declined by **3.3%**, while average occupancy rates in Raleigh-Durham hovered around **94%** in Q4.

**Efficiency units** commanded the highest rents among all unit types in Raleigh-Durham, reaching **\$2.28 psf** in Q4.



# **Rates by Asset Class**

\$1.96

Average Class A effective rate

**Class A** assets experienced the largest effective growth decline at the close of Q4, down **3.7%.** 

The **Central Raleigh** submarket reported the lowest percentage of units offering concessions at **16%**, while **Southwest Durham** reported the highest rate of **32%**.

**Class C** product had the highest percentage of units offering concessions at **44%**.



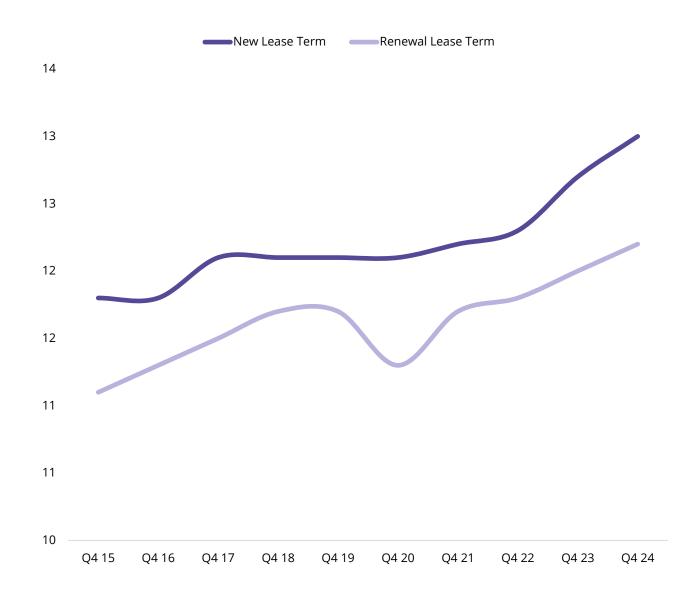
## **Lease Terms**

# 13 (months)

Average New Lease Term

The average **new lease term** increased to **13 months**, driven by demand and increased concession rates.

**Lease renewal rates** in Raleigh-Durham rose by **1.6%** year-over-year, highlighting a growing trend of tenants choosing to stay. This reflects a preference for stability, affordability, and the convenience of avoiding relocation costs.



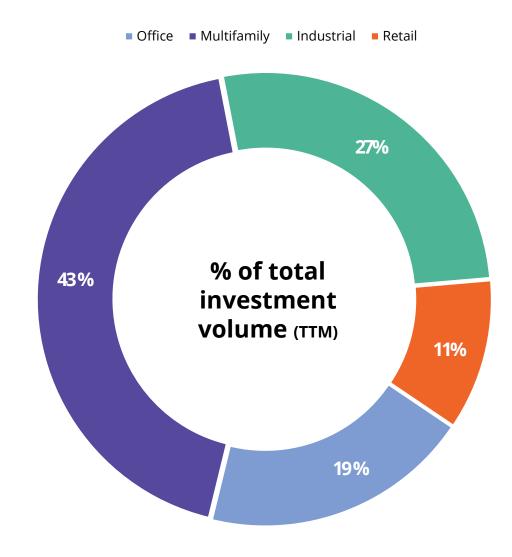
## **Investment Sales**

\$1.3B

Trailing 12-month multifamily volume

Multifamily assets represented **43% of total investment** capital in Raleigh-Durham, as trailing 12-month sales volume totaled **\$1.3B**. **Private funds** remain the largest capital composition year to date accounting for **40%** of multifamily transactions, while **REIT/Listed** funds represented **27%**.

The disposition of The Villages at Sunnybrook, a 384-unit property, was the largest sale transaction recorded in the last twelve months at **\$87M** or **\$225,260/unit** at a **5.7%** cap rate.



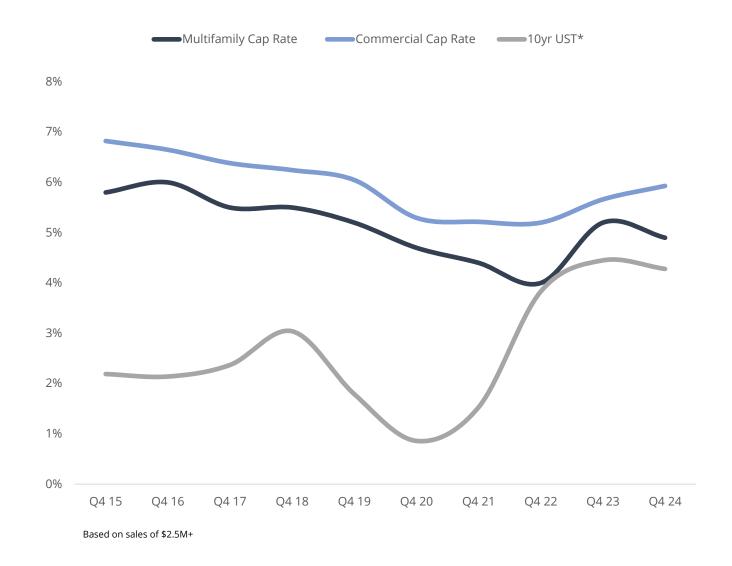
# **Average Cap Rates**

4.9%

Multifamily Cap Rate

**Optimism** in capital markets, especially within **multifamily** product, is beginning to recover. Interest rates began to decline in the latter half of 2024, and transactional activity is expected to gain traction.

The average multifamily cap rate in Raleigh-Durham totaled **4.9%**, **down 30 bps** at the close of the year.



# **Multifamily market activity**

#### Notable sales – last 12 mos.

Property	Seller	Total units	Total sales price (\$M)	Avg. unit size	Avg. price/unit	Cap Rate	Avg. effective rent/sf
The Villages at Sunnybrook	The Halle Companies	384	\$87	966	\$225,260	5.7%	\$1.58
Lofts at Lakeview	Sentinel Real Estate	352	\$83	1,028	\$235,795	-	\$1.72
MAA Vale	Wood Partners	306	\$81	990	\$265,000	-	\$1.78
Crosstown at Chapel Hill*	BREIT	411	\$75	1,004	\$181,900	-	\$1.32
Avalon Perimeter Park	Cortland; JV: Oaktree	262	\$67	1,027	\$253,817	-	\$1.52
Lake Cameron	DRA Advisors	328	\$66	940	\$202,134	4.8%	\$1.36
Village at Broadstone	Berkson Asset Management	300	\$66	1,133	\$220,833	4.9%	\$1.23
Advenir at Varina Oaks	DR Horton	264	\$66	963	\$250,000	-	\$1.44
Conclave Glenwood	Novare   JV: Batson Cook, Marble Capital	248	\$61	847	\$244,456	5.0%	\$1.55

<sup>\*</sup> Portfolio Sale: 8-property portfolio, \$75M of \$810M

#### **Notable development**

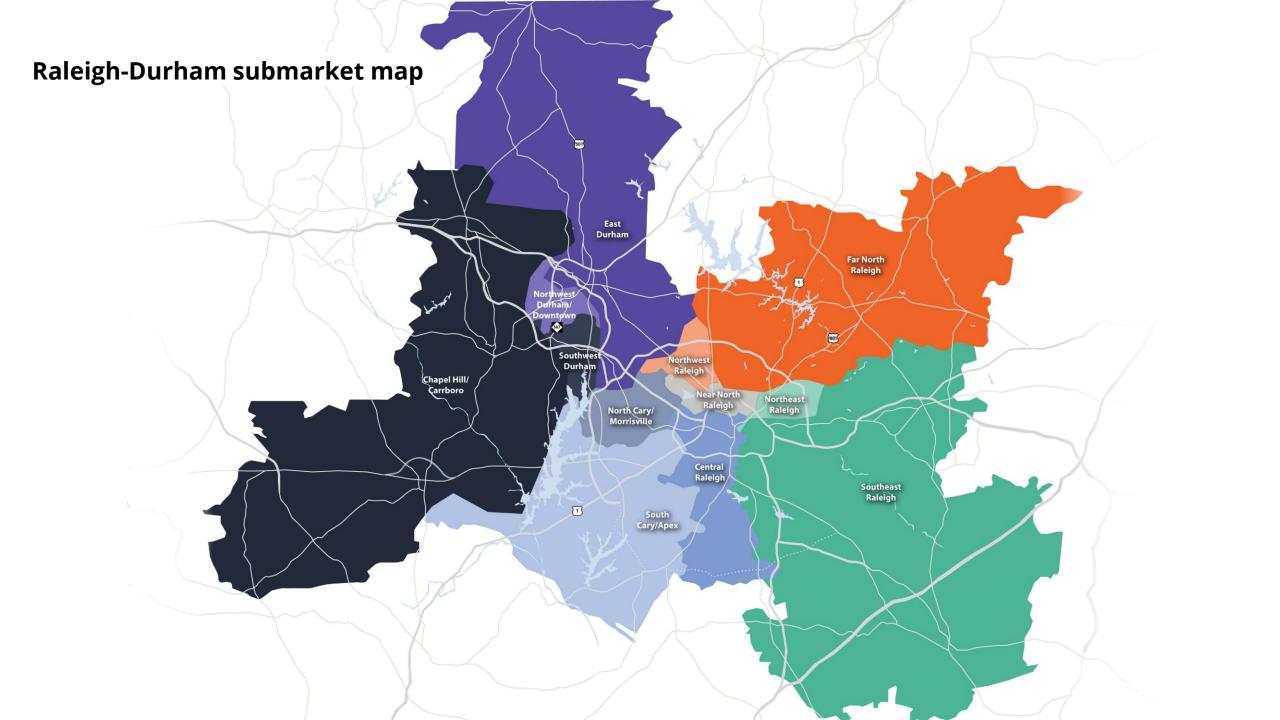
Property	Submarket	Property status	Total units	Property type	Developer
Swift Creek	Central Raleigh	Under construction	613	Garden	KDM Development
Aura Booth Park	Chapel Hill/Carrboro	Under construction	419	Wrap	Trinsic Residential
Marlowe Capital Hills	Northeast Raleigh	<b>Under construction</b>	404	Garden	Greystar
Ray	Central Raleigh	Under construction	400	Tower	SLI Capital
MAA Nixie	East Durham	Under construction/lease-up	406	Wrap	Mid-America Apartment Communities
Village Gate at Knightdale	Southeast Raleigh	Under construction/lease-up	388	Garden	KDM Development
The Heath	Central Raleigh	Planned	550	Podium	Kane Realty; Merge Capital
Veridea	South Cary/Apex	Planned	511	Garden	RXR Realty

## Multifamily submarket activity | Q4 2024

					Under construction	Average effective rents	
By Submarket	Existing units	Occupancy %	Annual Demand	Annual Supply	(units)	Rent/unit	Rent/psf
Central Raleigh	29,476	93.9%	2,245	2,049	4,417	\$1,515	\$1.64
Chapel Hill/Carrboro	19,100	93.5%	1,182	1,326	721	\$1,499	\$1.61
East Durham	10,195	94.8%	2,020	2,039	617	\$1,447	\$1.48
Far North Raleigh	13,119	94.3%	1,091	984	323	\$1,422	\$1.41
Near North Raleigh	19,734	93.8%	1,322	1,219	396	\$1,507	\$1.65
North Cary/Morrisville	22,890	94.3%	2,032	2,075	779	\$1,507	\$1.47
Northeast Raleigh	12,233	93.4%	838	1,113	844	\$1,377	\$1.43
Northwest Durham/Downtown	17,431	92.4%	865	981	791	\$1,581	\$1.81
Northwest Raleigh	11,071	93.8%	540	523	0	\$1,410	\$1.40
South Cary/Apex	15,929	94.1%	827	919	2,220	\$1,551	\$1.51
Southeast Raleigh	17,098	94.7%	2,059	1,860	2,382	\$1,451	\$1.43
Southwest Durham	17,574	94.2%	791	528	309	\$1,382	\$1.41
Market Total	205,850	93.9%	15,812	15,616	13,799	\$1,478	\$1.53

# Asset class performance | Q4 2024

		YoY change in				Concession	Concession as a %
By asset class	Occupancy %	Occupancy	Average unit size (sf)	Eff. rent/unit	Eff. rent/psf	Value	of asking rents
Class A	92.8%	-0.5%	925	\$1,813	\$1.96	\$118	6.5%
Class B	94.4%	1.0%	966	\$1,464	\$1.52	\$78	5.2%
Class C	93.8%	1.2%	995	\$1,295	\$1.30	\$60	4.5%



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