# MARKETBEAT AUSTIN Multifamily Q1 2024



\$1.76 Average Rent, PSF

Net Absorption, units



12-Mo.

**Forecast** 

Source: ApartmentTrends.com by Austin Investor Interests, LLC, CoStar, RealPage

YoY

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### ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q1 2024

1.4M
Austin
Employment

3.3%
Austin
Unemployment Rate

Source: BLS, Moody's Analytics

**Unemployment Rate** 

U.S.

#### **ECONOMIC OVERVIEW: Austin's Economy Remains Strong Despite Larger Economic Concerns**

Despite the ongoing challenges facing the national economy, the Austin metro area continues to perform quite well in terms of its resilient job market. Year-over-year (YOY), the Texas capital has added nearly 35,000 jobs, making it one of the best-performing among the largest metro areas. The city's low unemployment rate of 3.3% continues to fall below both the state and national levels of 3.9% and 3.8% respectively.

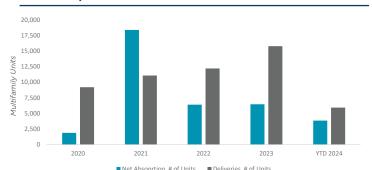
#### **DEMAND: Positive Absorption Trends Driving Market Optimism**

During the first quarter of 2024, the Austin multifamily market witnessed notable dynamics across its various submarkets. Year-to-date, the market experienced a net absorption figure of 3,853 units, indicating consistent demand for rental properties. Despite this, the overall vacancy rate saw a slight increase to 8.33%, influenced by the substantial delivery of 5,933 new units into the market. Notably, the vast majority of submarkets returned positive absorption figures despite facing considerable new supply. Only three submarkets reported negative absorption figures for the quarter, all in the single digits, indicating that Austin is confidently weathering the supply storm projected to severely impact the market's near-term outlook. Rent trends varied across submarkets, with some areas witnessing minor declines possibly due to increased competition amidst rising inventory, while others managed to maintain rental rate stability amidst strong demand. Looking ahead, challenges in securing project funding amid prevailing economic conditions, coupled with shifts in market dynamics like declining new submittals, may improve vacancy rates and rental trends in the upcoming quarters.

#### PRICING: Less Volatile Capital Markets Allowing Greater Transactability

There were 7 transactions in Q1 amounting to 2,019 units with an average year built of 2002. This figure was a slight drop in transaction activity compared to the latter part of 2023, where the volume reached levels unseen since 2010. We anticipate this figure increasing in the coming quarters due to less volatility in the capital markets environment, the potential for interest rate cuts, continued delivery of new product from merchant builders, and stress on negatively leveraged owners.

#### **DEMAND / DELIVERIES**



Source: ApartmentTrends.com

#### **OVERALL VACANCY & EFFECTIVE RENT**



Source: ApartmentTrends.com

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## **AUSTIN**

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#### **MARKET STATISTICS**



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