# LIFE IS WHAT WE MAKE IT

# MULTIFAMILY MARKET TRENDS

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# **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

#### **ECONOMY**:



- **Inflation & Fed Policy**: Inflation remains stubborn, but the Fed's "soft landing" approach is stabilizing financial markets. Risks of mild recession persist into late 2024.
- Labor Market Resilience: Despite slowing job growth, the labor market remains tight, supporting economic stability.

#### **MULTIFAMILY:**



- **Demand Fundamentals:** Multifamily demand has surprised on the upside, driven by housing affordability challenges and favorable demographics. Vacancy rates are declining despite new supply pressures.
- Construction & Supply: The peak construction wave is behind us, and starts have fallen to 2012 levels. This may rebalance supply-demand dynamics if demand holds steady.



#### **CAPITAL MARKETS:**

- **Transaction Activity:** Multifamily remains the favored asset class. Transaction volume is stabilizing, with a likely rebound as lending standards ease.
- **Debt Pressure:** High-interest rates and a significant share of short-term floatingrate loans are creating refinancing challenges, paving the way for rescue capital opportunities..

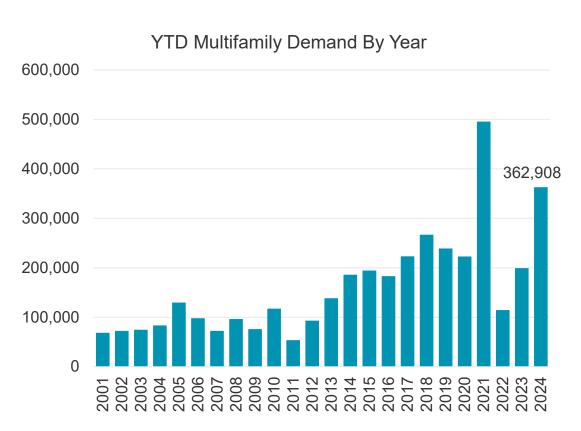


# STRONG DEMAND KEEPING VACANCIES AT BAY

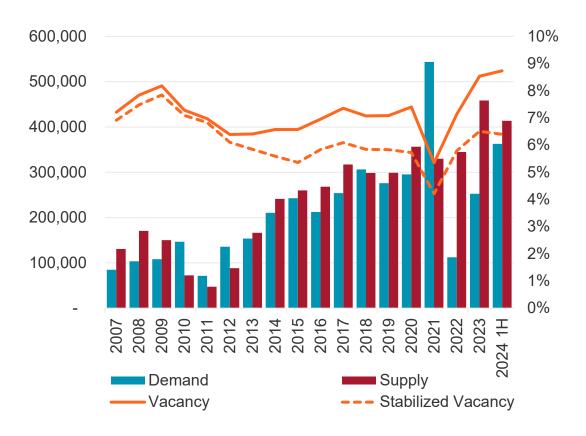


### Fundamentals are bottoming

#### Demand For Apartments Proving Robust



#### But Construction Levels Continue To Outpace



# HAVE WE REACHED THE PEAK?



Robust demand has been surprising to the upside, causing vacancies to decline

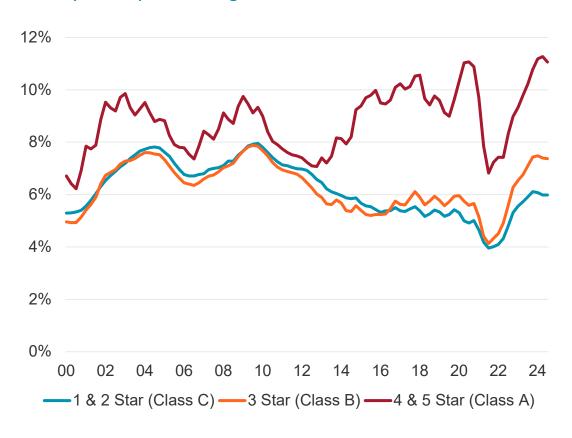


# TOP TIER PRODUCT REBOUNDING QUICKEST

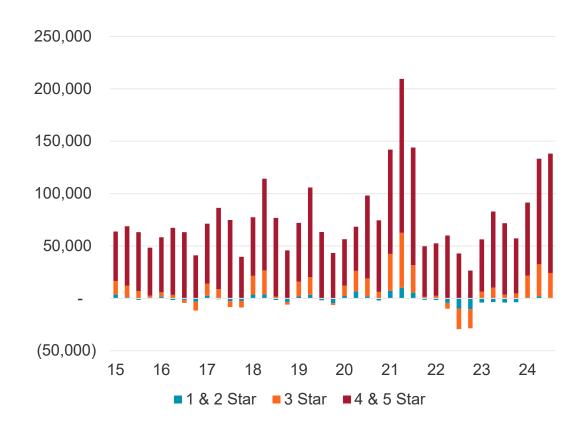


## Driven by strong demand for high-end product

#### Vacancy rate by star rating



#### Multifamily demand by star rating



# RENTERS HAVE BEEN BEATING DOWN THE FRONT DOOR



Leading indicators for multifamily demand



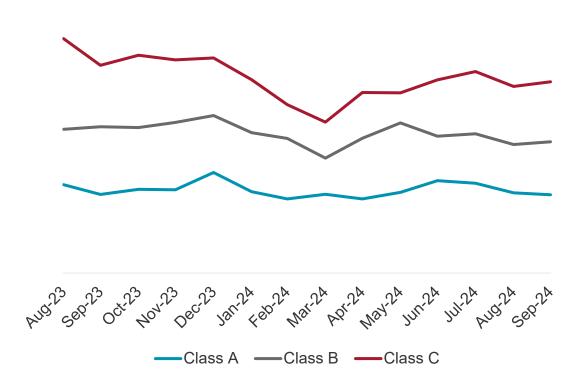
Source: Cushman & Wakefield Asset Services

# NO SIGNS OF WEAKNESS AMONG RENTERS



Delinquency and exit interviews paint a healthy story

#### **Delinquency By Class**



#### Cost Reasons as Share of Total Move Outs



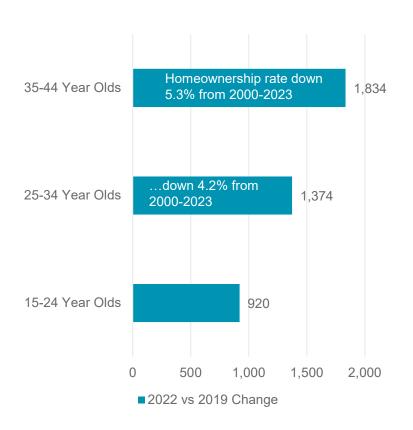
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# WHERE'S THE DEMAND COMING FROM? EVERYWHERE

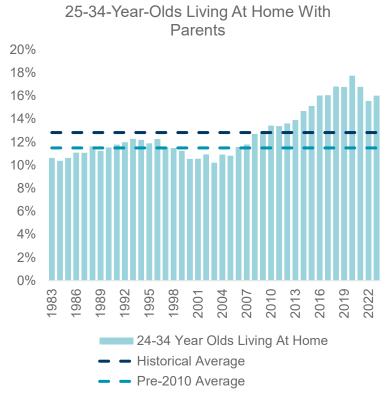


Demand is remaining very resilient, thanks to a few factors

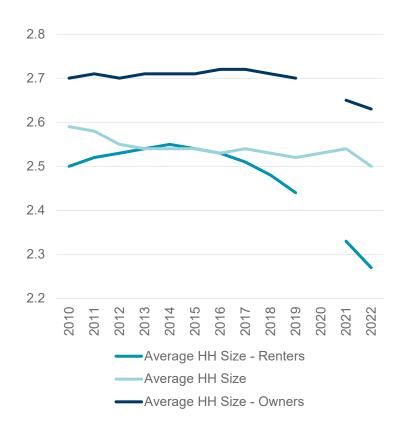
#### Household Formations by Age (Ths.)



#### Young People Living With Parents



#### Average Household Size

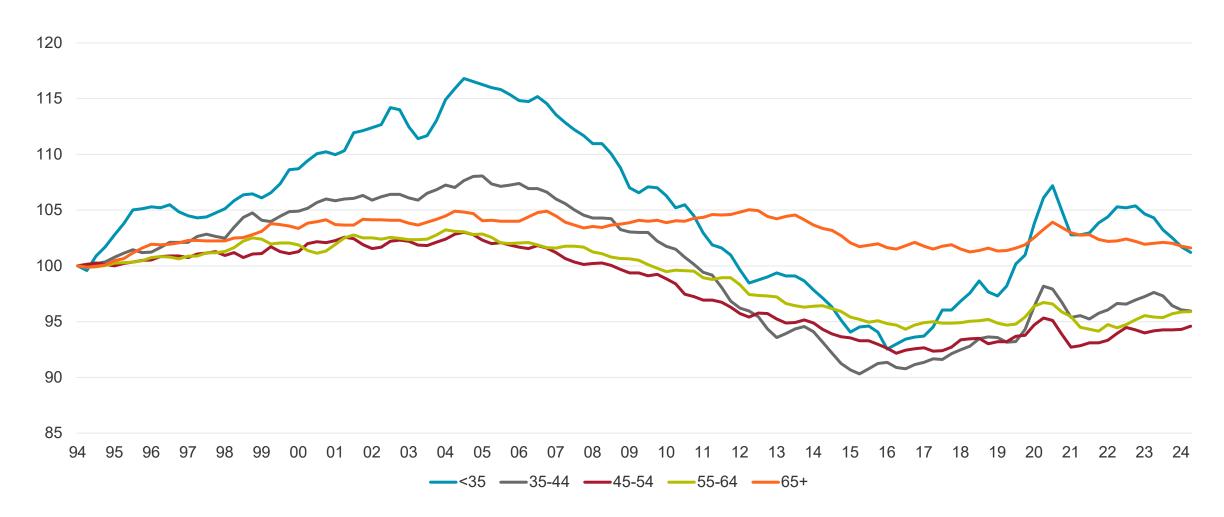


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Moody's Analytics

# BIGGEST DECLINES IN HOMEOWNERSHIP AMONG MILLENNIALS



Homeownership By Age, 3 Quarter Center Moving Average, 1994Q1=100

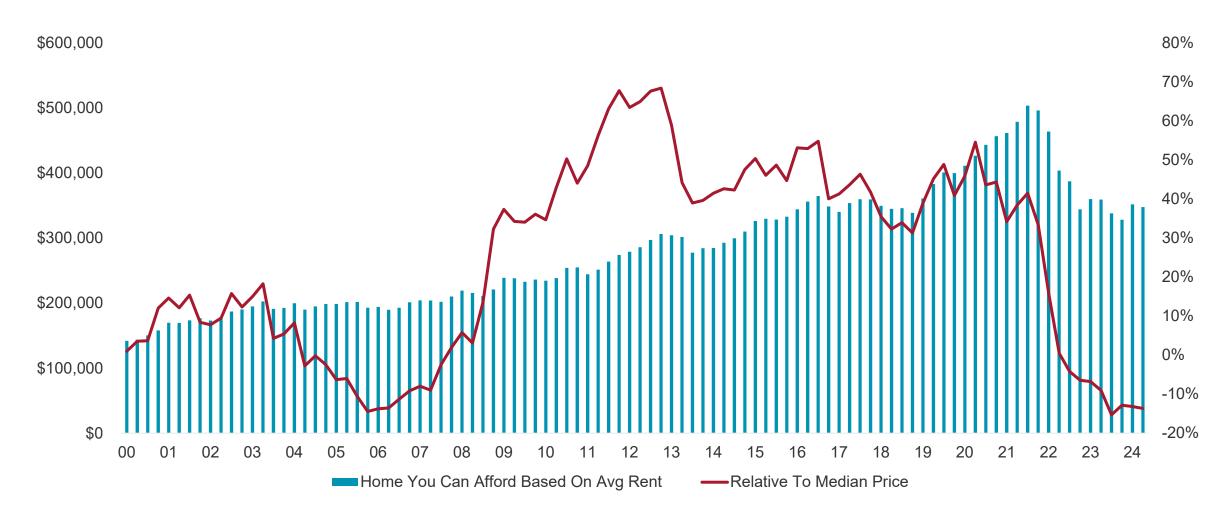


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# SINGLE-FAMILY AFFORDABILITY HAS COLLAPSED

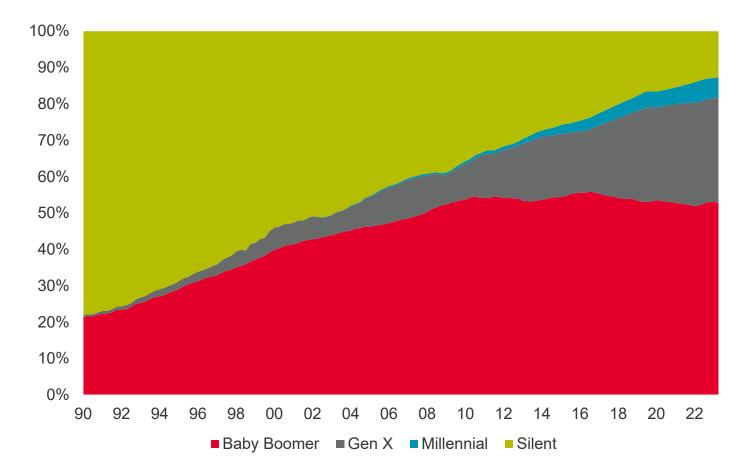


Prospective Home Buyers Can Afford 30% Less Home Today Compared To The Peak



### EVEN IF YOU CAN AFFORD THE MONTHLY PAYMENT...

### Millennials Have Only 6% of the Nation's Net Worth





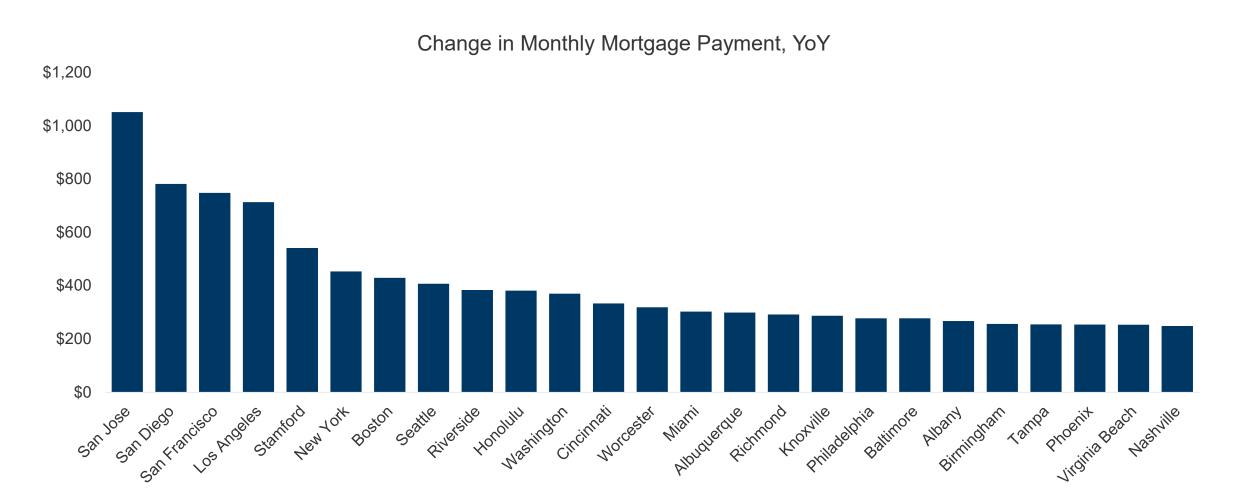
- On top of having difficulty affording the monthly payment based on rising prices and interest rates, most Millennials continue to have challenges accumulating enough capital to afford a down payment.
- In 2023, the oldest Millennial is the same age as the oldest Baby Boomer was in 1990. In 1990, Baby Boomers had 20% of the nation's net worth - today, Millennials have just 6%.

Source: Federal Reserve, Cushman & Wakefield Research

# SINGLE FAMILY MARKETS ARE BROKEN ACROSS THE U.S.



### **Especially Along The West Coast**

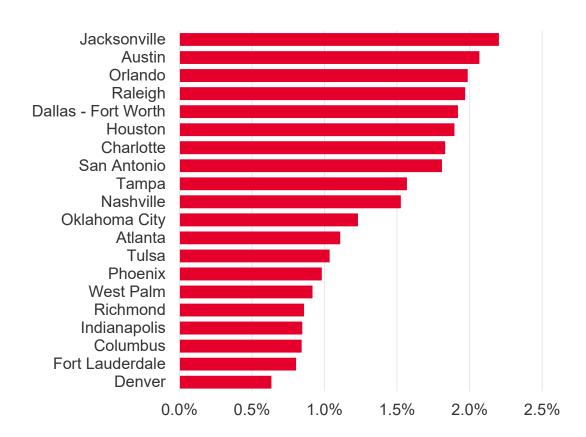


## WHICH CONTINUE TO DRIVE OUTSIZED GROWTH IN SUNBELT

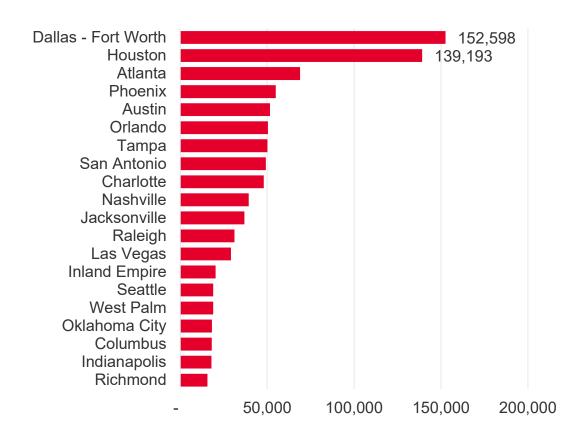


#### Fastest Growing Markets, Population

#### Percentage Growth, 2022-2023



#### Nominal Growth, 2022-2023



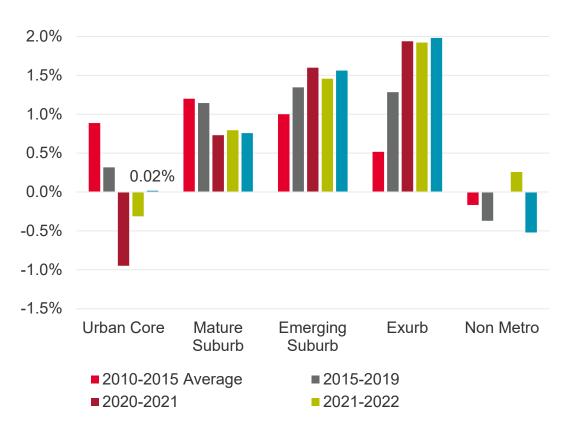
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# **BUT THERE ARE NEW STORYLINES TOO!**

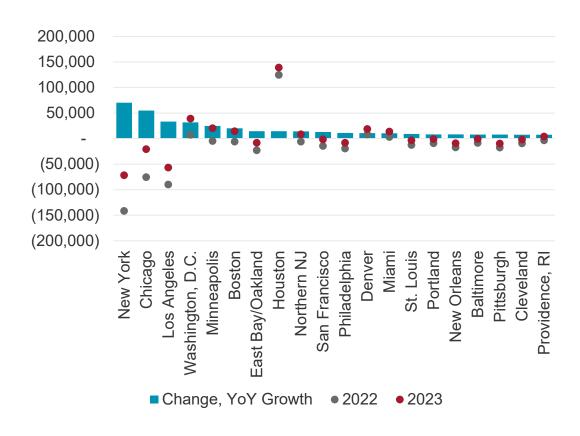


#### It's Not Just The Sunbelt

#### Population Growth By County Type



#### Coastal Markets Showing Biggest Turnaround



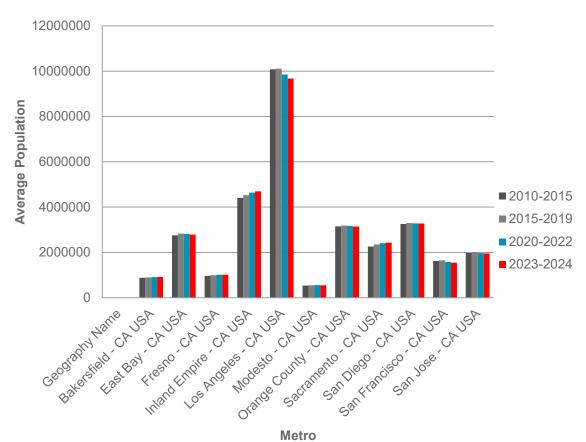
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# CALIFORNIA MARKETS LEAD THE NEXT CHAPTER

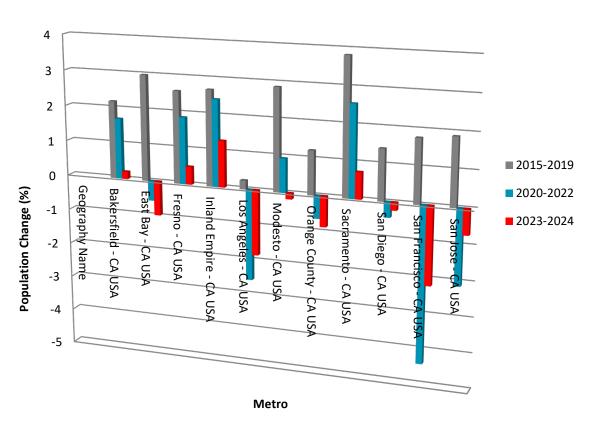


### Population Recovery Driving Multifamily Resilience

#### Population Growth By California Metros



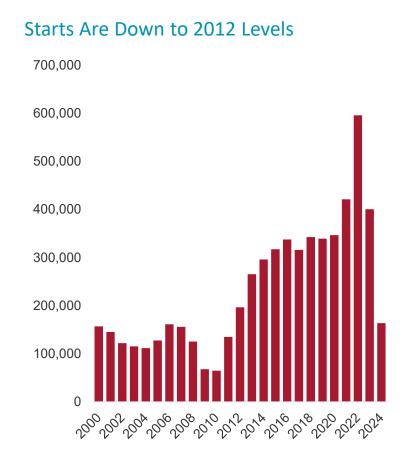
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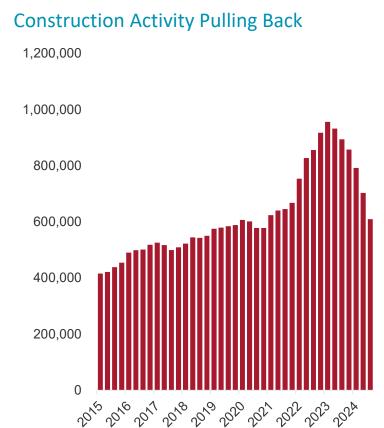


# THE PEAK OF THE CONSTRUCTION WAVE IS BEHIND US

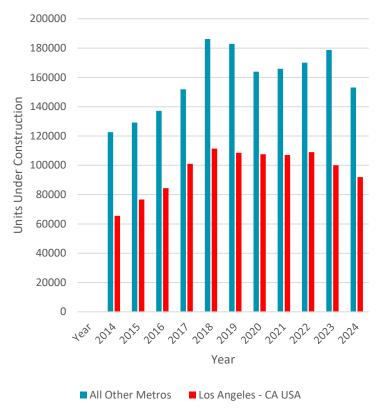


If Demand Holds, This Oversupply Will Be Short-Lived





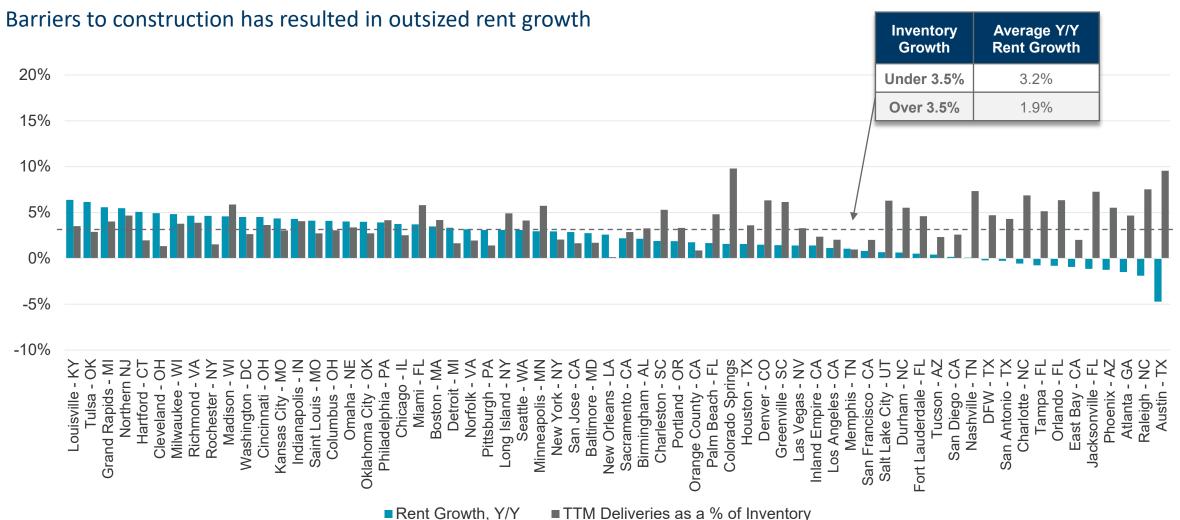
#### CA Metro Construction Trends



Source: Census, HUD, CoStar, Cushman & Wakefield Research

# RENT GROWTH & LIMITED DELIVERIES GO HAND IN HAND

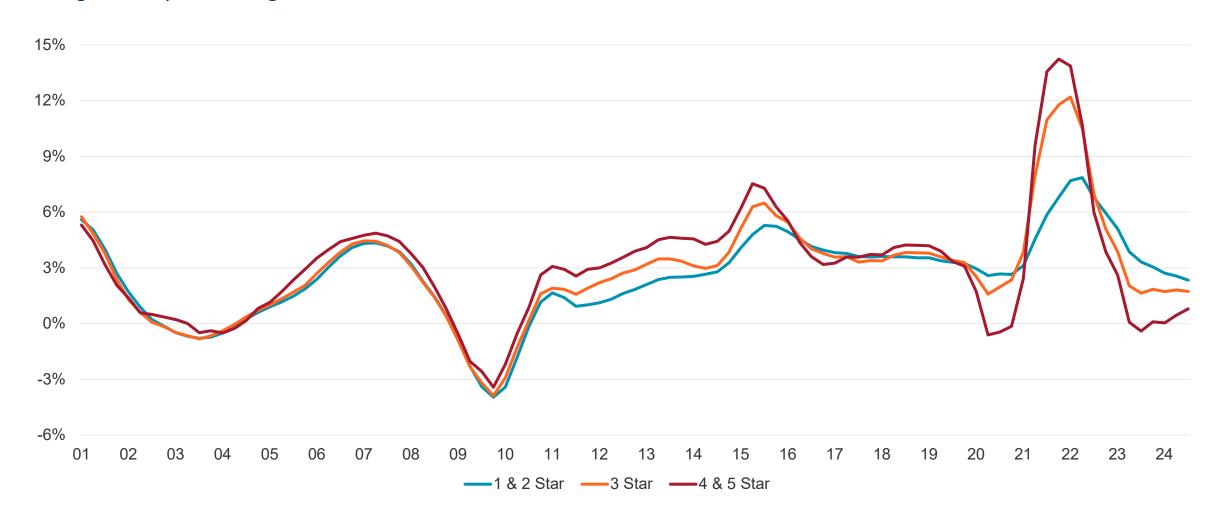




# RENT GROWTH IMPROVING AMONG TOP-QUALITY APTS



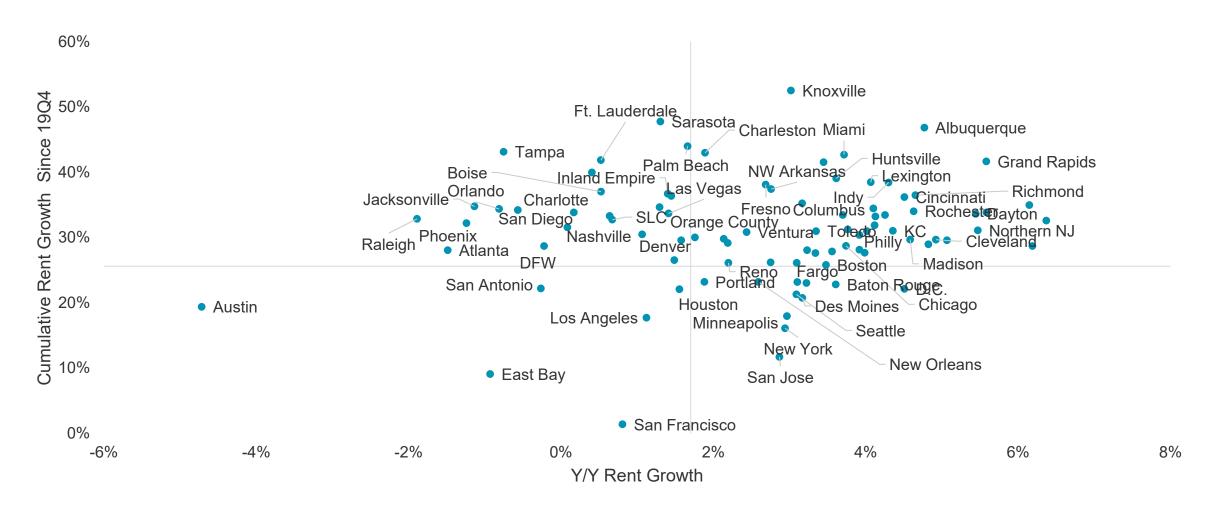
## Rent growth by star rating



# MIDWEST RENT GROWTH HOLDING UP BEST



### Outsized performers giving some back

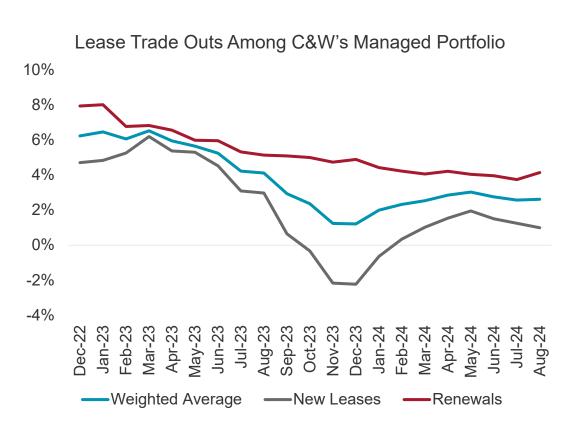


# TRADE OUTS OFFSETTING (SOME) RISING EXPENSES



### As Expense Growth Slows

#### New Lease Trade Outs Are Bouncing Back



#### YoY Change In Expenses By Category



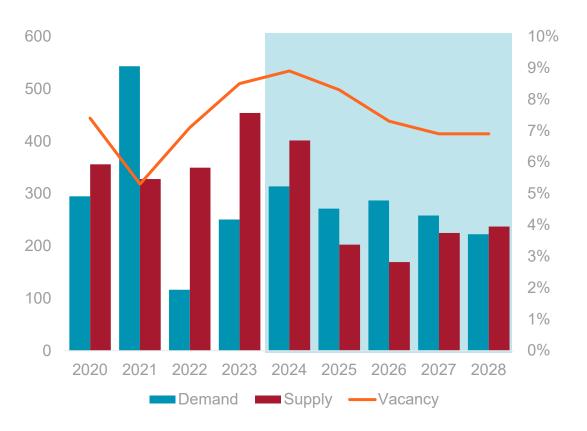
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# WHERE IS THE MARKET HEADED?

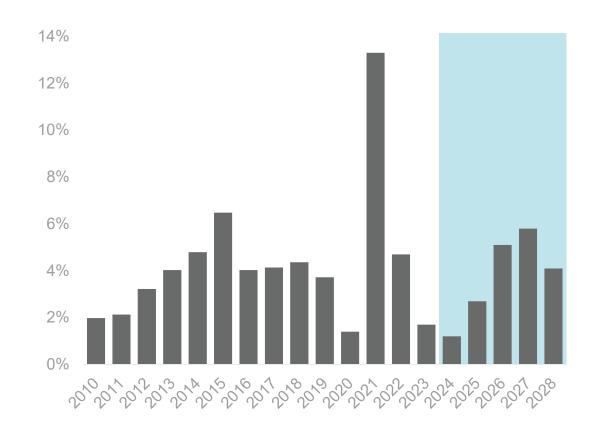


#### Cushman & Wakefield's Forecast

#### Fundamentals Continue To Improve



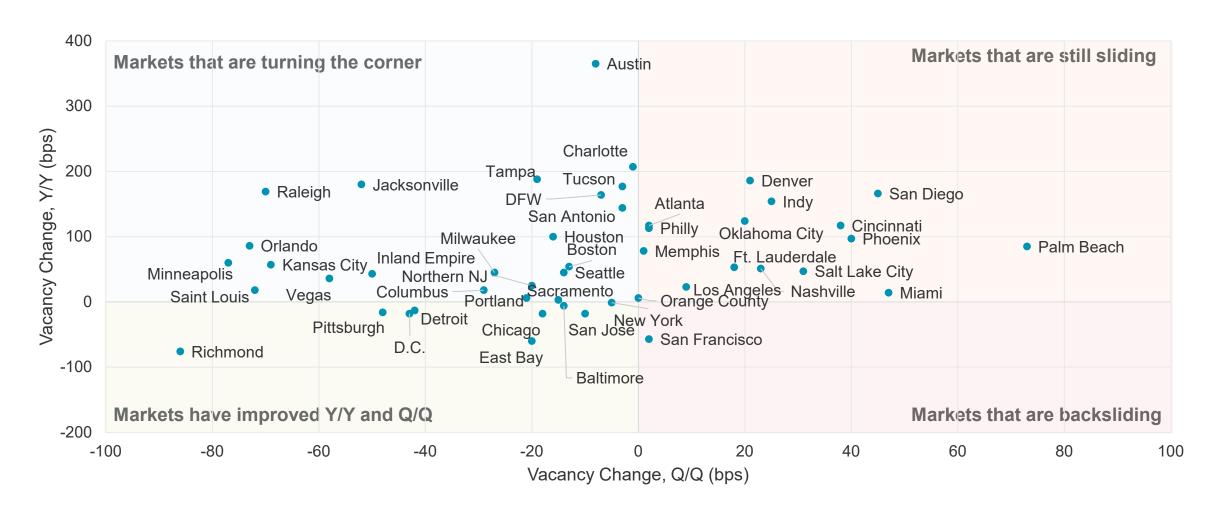
#### While Rent Growth Rebounds



# MOST MARKETS ARE TURNING THE PAGE



Look to deploy capital as fundamentals recover



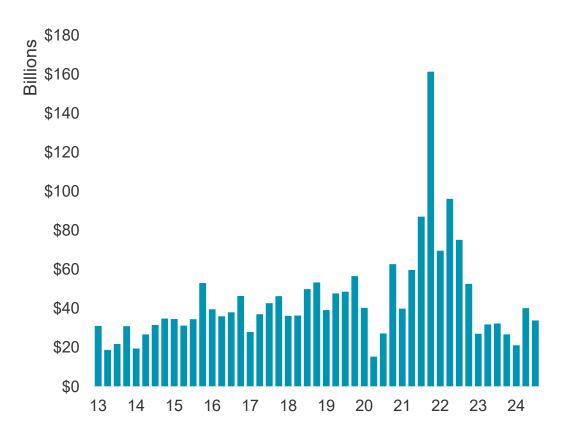


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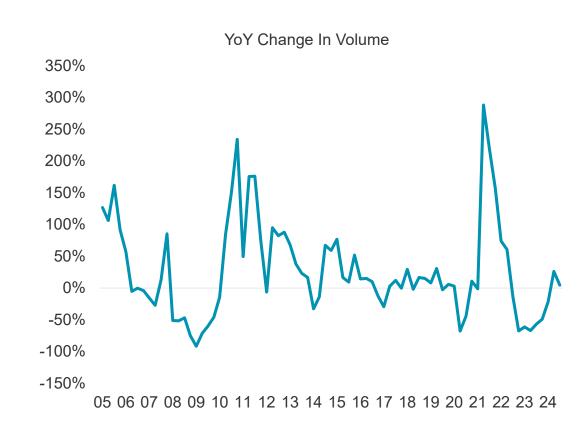


### Q2 volumes point to potential inflection

#### **Multifamily Transaction Volume**



#### Look For The Change In The Second Derivative

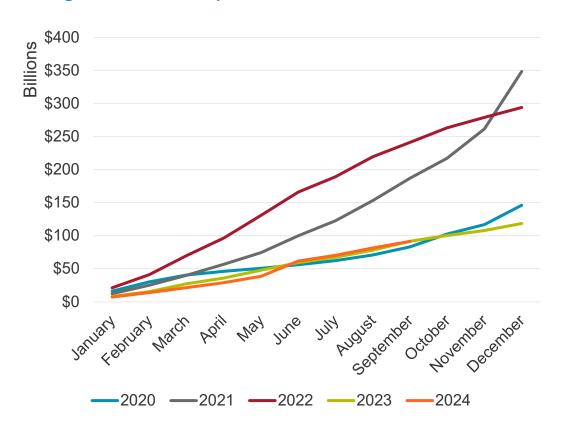


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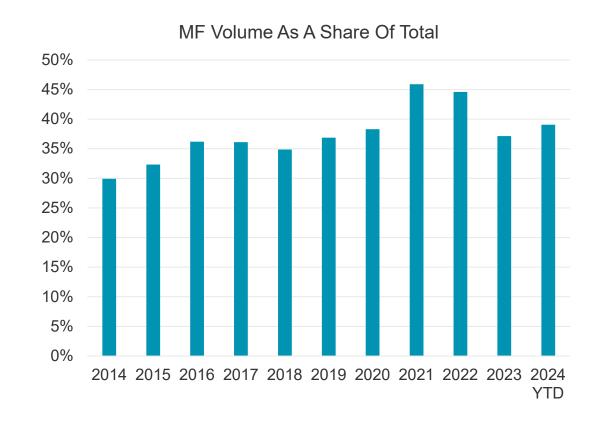


## Volume will end the year ahead of 2023

#### Tracking in line with last year, so far



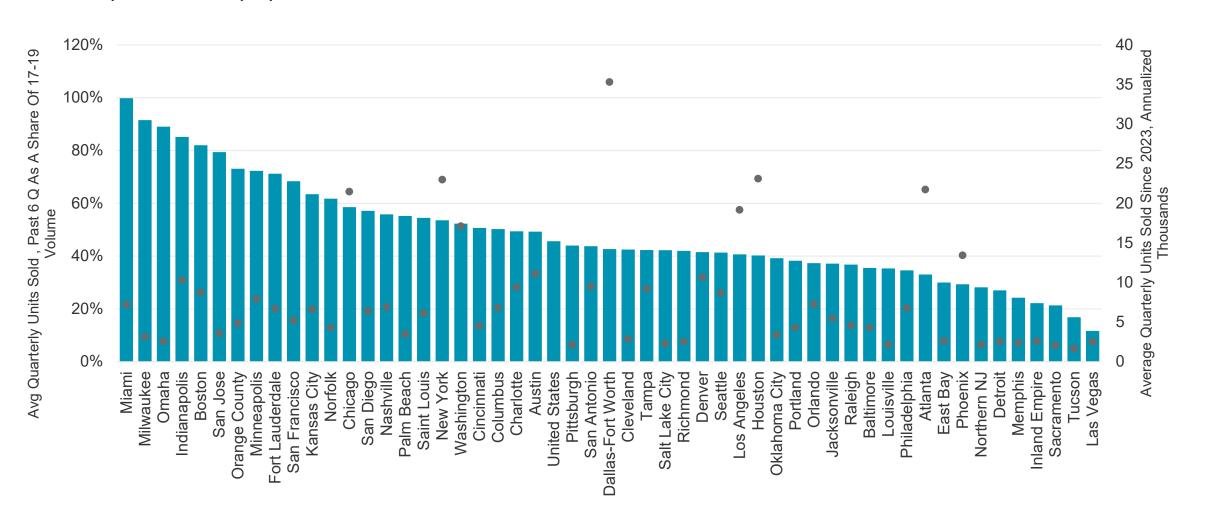
### Multifamily still the favored asset class



# WHERE IS VOLUME HOLDING UP THE BEST



### Multifamily sales activity by market

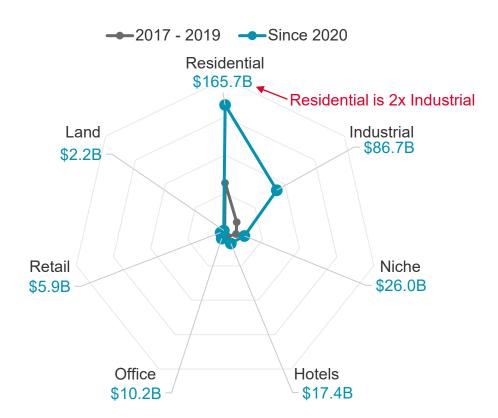


# WAVE OF CAPITAL READY TO BE DEPLOYED INTO MF

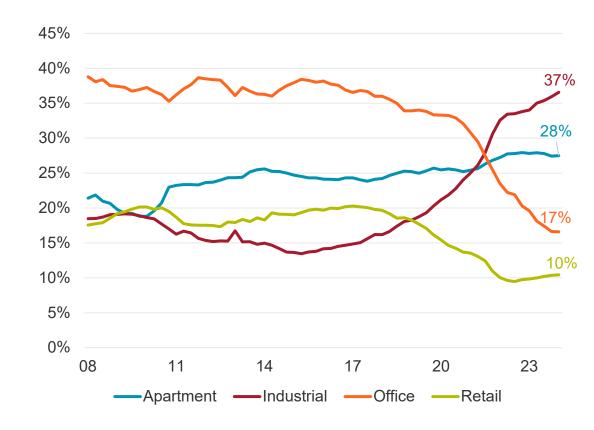


Residential has raised 2x any other asset class

#### Fundraising By Property Type



#### ODCE Fund Allocations Are Tilting To IND/MF



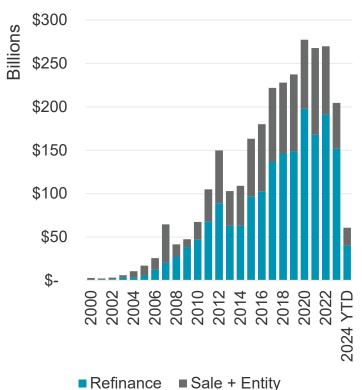
**Source:** C&W Research, Pregin, NCREIF

# AGENCIES SUPPORTING INDUSTRY'S REFINANCE NEEDS



Despite that Agency lending volumes are down relative to targets, Agencies are active in Refi's

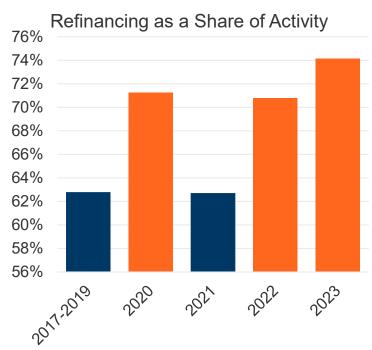
Even Agency Lending Pulls Back in Times of Uncertainty...



Most of Agency Lending Volume Has Been Refinancing..



As Intended, Agencies Are a Backstop to Current Borrowers During Times of Volatility...



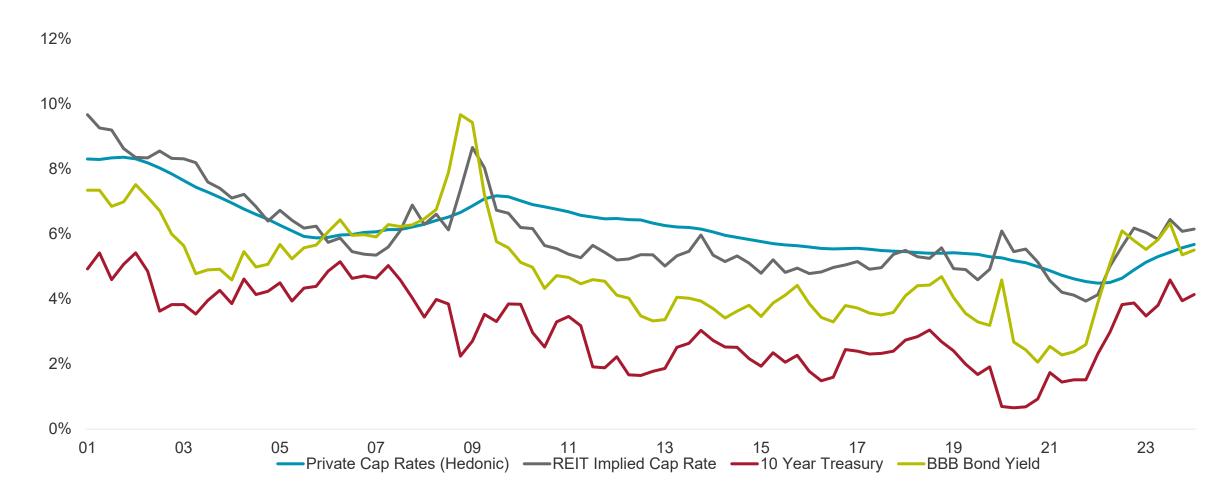
Refinance % of Total Agency Lending

Source: MSCI Real Capital Analytics and Cushman & Wakefield Research.

# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE COMPARATIVE SPREADS



Private multifamily yields are still inverted – for now

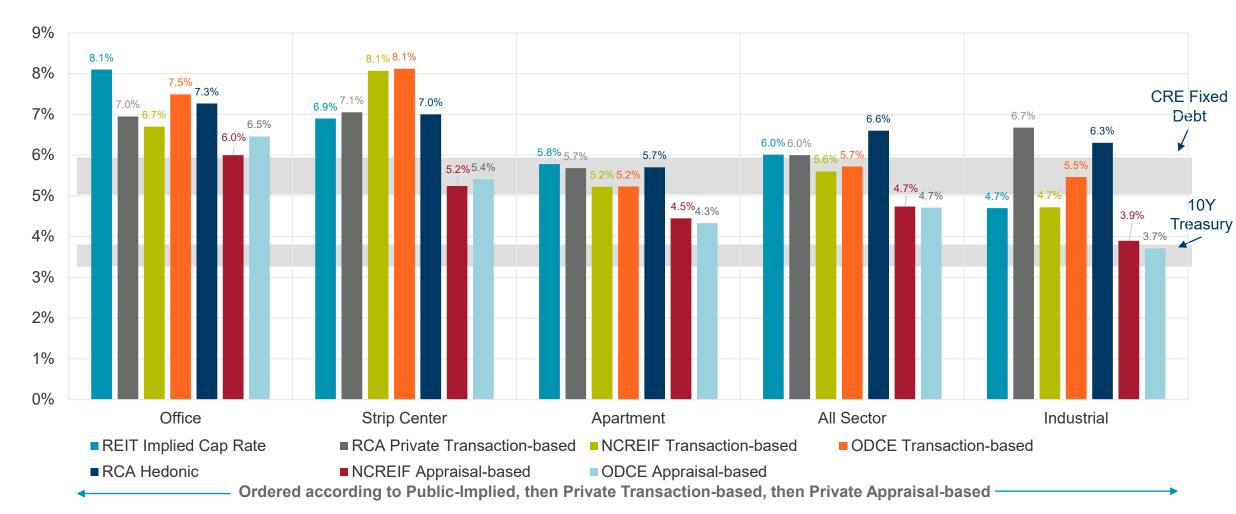


Source: RCA, Green Street, FRED, Cushman & Wakefield Research

# YIELD SPREADS GROWING MORE PALATABLE



Though the transaction-to-appraisal based lag still a challenge for those benchmarking to ODCE



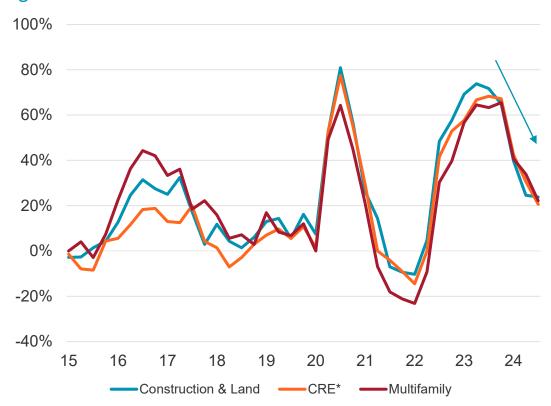
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## EASING LENDING STANDARDS LEAD INFLECTIONS IN VOLUME

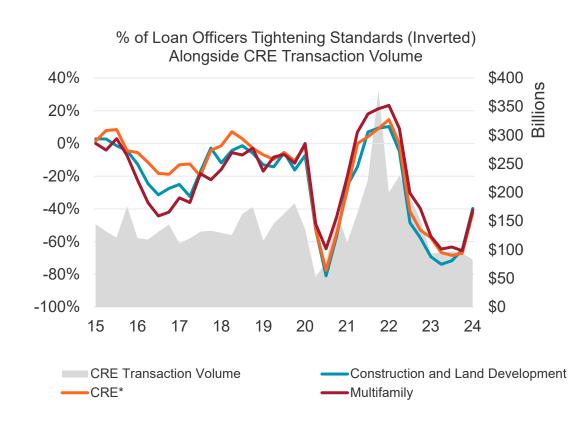


While lending standards are still tight, they've inflected suggesting impending volume rebound

# Lending Standards Continue to Ease from Peak (Mid-'23) Tightness Thresholds



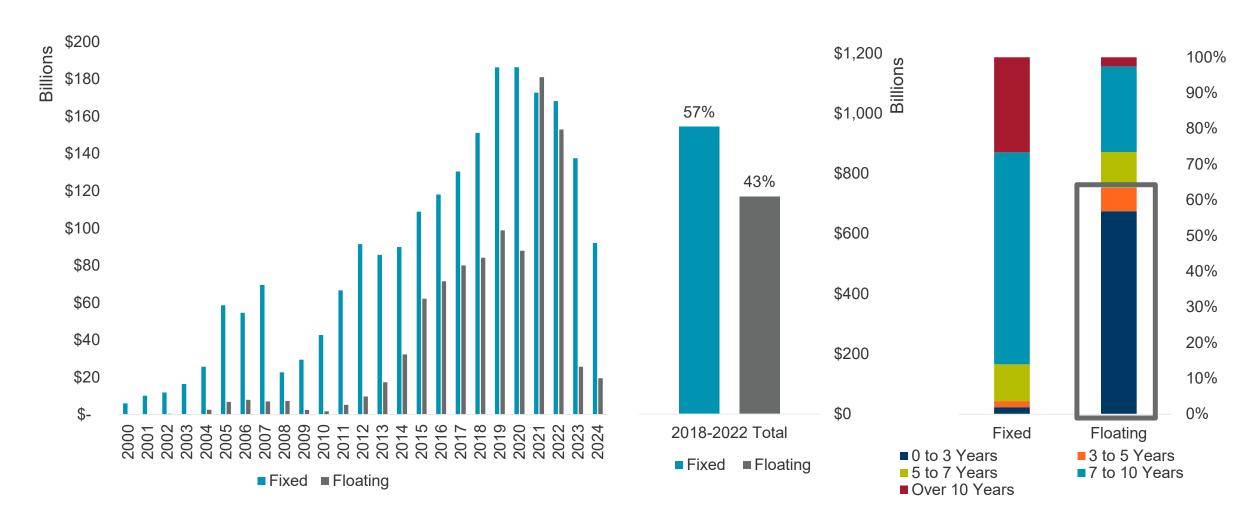
#### Easing in Standards Bodes Well for Deal Volume Ahead..



Source: Moody's Analytics, Fed Senior Loan Officer Opinion Survey, Cushman & Wakefield Research. \*CRE reflects Nonfarm, Non-Residential loans. Updated in early September '24.

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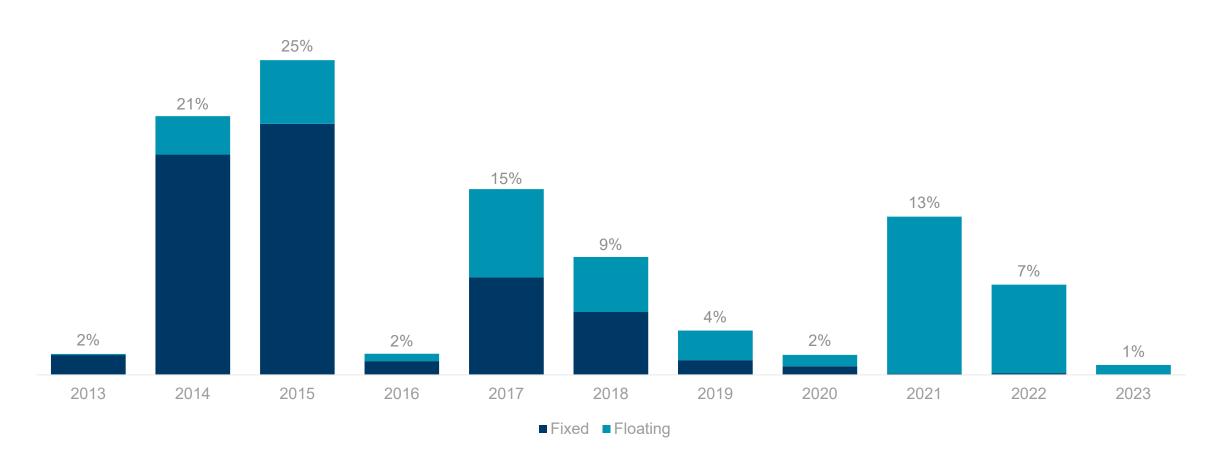
### **Estimated Multifamily Debt Originations**



# MOST UPCOMING MATURITIES WERE ORIGINATED 10 YRS AGO



Multifamily Loans Maturing In 2024-2025 By Origination Year



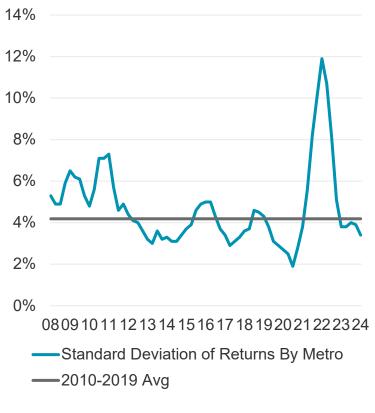
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# RETURNS AND CAP RATES CONVERGING

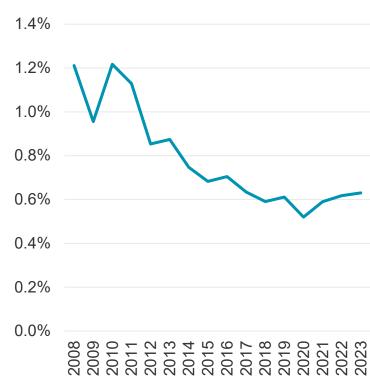


#### Deviation Across Metros Not Evident...Yet

#### Standard Deviation of Returns By Metro



## Standard Deviation Of Market Average Cap Rates



### Cap Rates Remain Relatively Tight Across **Tiers**

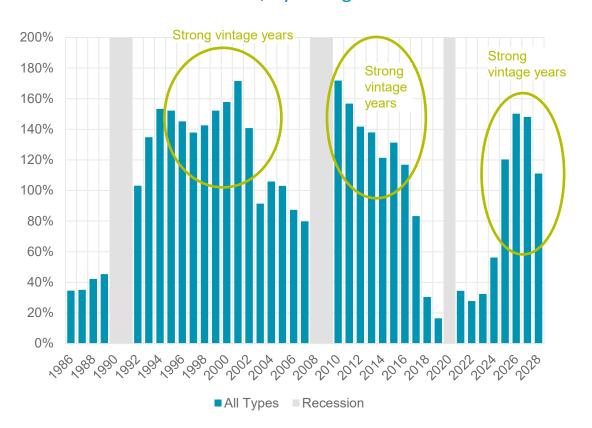


# STRONG VINTAGE YEARS FOLLOW DISLOCATION

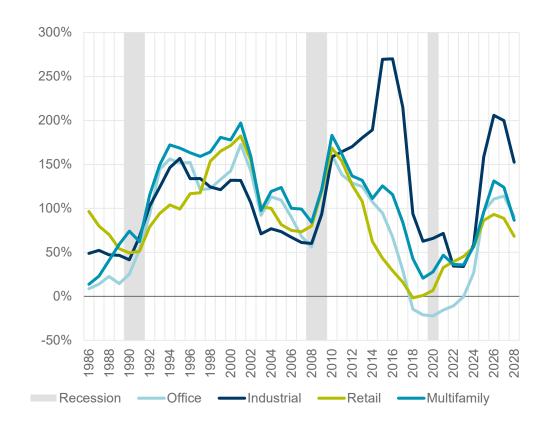


# 2024-2025 will be great acquisition years

#### 7-Year Forward Total Returns, by Vintage Year



#### 7-Year Forward Total Returns, by Vintage Year and Type



Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

# MULTIFAMILY OUTPERFORMS FOLLOWING DISLOCATIONS



#### **NCREIF Returns**



Source: NCREIF, Cushman & Wakefield Research

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