

CHARLOTTE MULTIFAMILY



Charlotte Rents Improve, Investment Still Muted

Charlotte's multifamily fundamentals are staying positive, as seasonal trends have aided rent growth. Rates were up 0.1% on a T3 basis, to \$1,584, recovering after a decline that largely mirrored national trends. The average overall occupancy rate in stabilized properties decreased by 80 basis points year-over-year, to 93.6%, indicating that Charlotte remains a desirable market.

Employment in the Queen City expanded by 3.1% as of December 2023, adding a total of 29,900 net jobs. The metro's rate of growth was 110 points above the national average. Leisure and hospitality led gains with 11,400 jobs, an 8.0% growth rate year-over-year. The area's unemployment rate stood at 3.6% as of February, 30 basis points below the U.S. figure, according to preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The education and health services sector could see a further boost from the ongoing development of a medical school campus, which will include a 300,000-square-foot research facility and is slated for completion next year.

First-quarter deliveries in the metro totaled 2,294 units. This was 70 basis points above the national figure and accounted for 1.1% of existing stock. Meanwhile, developers had 37,099 units under construction as of March in Charlotte. Transaction volume in the metro remains limited, as high interest rates continue to deter investors.

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Recent Charlotte Transactions

Thornberry



City: Charlotte, N.C. Buyer: Northland Investment Corp. Purchase Price: \$49 MM Price per Unit: \$171,006

Belmont Heights



City: Belmont, N.C. Buyer: URS Capital Partners Purchase Price: \$23 MM Price per Unit: \$131,500

The Landings at Steele Creek



City: Charlotte, N.C. Buyer: Tablerock Capital Purchase Price: \$19 MM Price per Unit: \$161,966

Village Square



City: Gastonia, N.C. Buyer: Hudson Valley Property

Purchase Price: \$18 MM Price per Unit: \$121,666