

Orlando Keeps A Balance

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Job Gains Outpace Nation

Rent Movement Rebounds

Investment Still Slow

ORLANDO MULTIFAMILY



Rent Growth Picks Up Pace

Orlando may face economic challenges, but the metro's fundamentals suggest a balanced market. Advertised asking rents were up 0.3% on a trailing three-month basis, to \$1,789, mirroring national trends. Meanwhile, the occupancy rate in stabilized properties decreased 80 basis points year-over-year, to 94.1%, with working-class rentals recording a sharper decline.

The employment market in Orlando expanded by 2.4% in the 12 months ending in March, with the addition of 32,300 net jobs. The metro's growth rate was 100 basis points above the national average. Education and health services led gains, with 9,500 positions. Orlando's jobless figure stood at 3.2% as of April, 70 basis points below the U.S. rate. One of Orlando's largest projects is Disney's expansion plan, which encompasses a 17,000-acre project outside the district's current property. This \$17 billion investment is slated for completion over the next 20 years, with \$8 billion allocated for spending in the next decade alone.

A total of 4,917 units, or 1.8% of existing stock, came online this year through May, double the national pace of completions. However, construction starts have declined since the beginning of this year. Transaction activity remained slow, with just \$224 million in assets changing hands, a far cry from the more than \$6 billion recorded in Orlando in 2021 and 2022.

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Recent Orlando Transactions

The Eli Winter Springs



City: Winter Springs, Fla.
Buyer: Providence Real Estate
Purchase Price: \$55 MM
Price per Unit: \$196,535

The Park at Via Terrossa



City: Melbourne, Fla.
Buyer: Topaz Capital Group
Purchase Price: \$25 MM
Price per Unit: \$111,794

Mosswood



City: Winter Springs, Fla.
Buyer: Northpoint Management
Purchase Price: \$11 MM
Price per Unit: \$71,527

Winter Woods

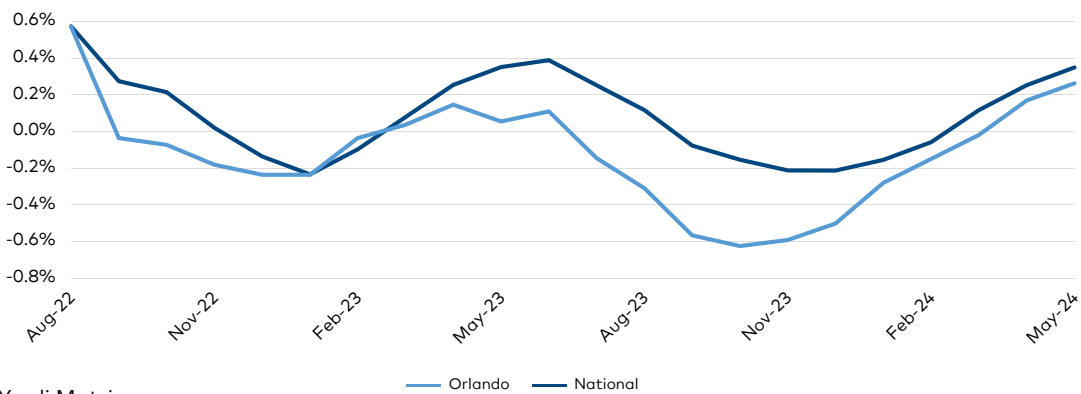


City: Winter Garden, Fla.
Buyer: Northpoint Management
Purchase Price: \$7 MM
Price per Unit: \$71,526

RENT TRENDS

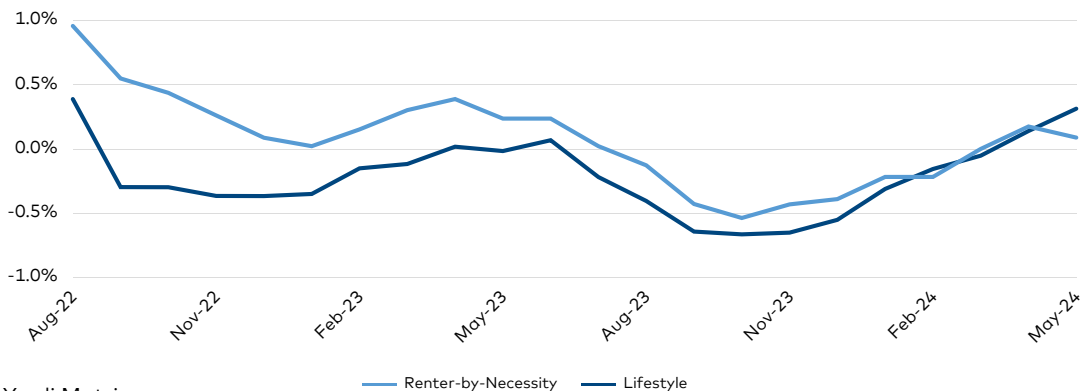
- ▶ Orlando advertised asking rents were up 0.3% on a trailing three-month (T3) basis as of May, to \$1,789. That mirrored national trends, as the U.S. rate also saw growth starting in March.
- ▶ Year-over-year, advertised asking rents were down 2.3%, only ahead of Raleigh–Durham (-2.4%), Atlanta (-3.2%) and Austin (-5.8%) among larger metros. The latest Yardi Matrix forecast projects a 1.2% contraction for Orlando in 2024, leaving room for some improvement by year-end.
- ▶ Working-class Renter-by-Necessity advertised asking rates were up 0.1% on a T3 basis, to \$1,525. Meanwhile, Lifestyle figures outperformed, up 0.3%, to \$1,928. Both quality segments are recovering, as rates have been contracting since August 2023, with the RBN segment registering its largest decrease between October and November.
- ▶ The metro’s average overall occupancy rate in stabilized properties stood at 94.1% as of April, an 80-basis-point decrease year-over-year. Lifestyle rates recorded a 60-basis-point contraction, to 94.2%. Meanwhile, occupancy in RBN assets registered the largest decline, down 120 basis points, to 94.0%.
- ▶ Nearly three-quarters of Orlando’s submarkets saw advertised asking rents contract year-over-year, including North Orange (-2.4% to \$2,281) and downtown Orlando (-1.0% to \$2,150). Even so, core submarkets continued to command some of the metro’s highest rates.

Orlando vs. National Rent Growth (Trailing 3 Months)



Source: Yardi Matrix

Orlando Rent Growth by Asset Class (Trailing 3 Months)



Source: Yardi Matrix

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

- ▶ Orlando employment rose 2.4% in the 12 months ending in March, 100 basis points higher than the U.S. rate. Education and health services led growth, accounting for 9,500 of the 32,300 net positions added. Leisure and hospitality (8,800 jobs) and trade, transportation and utilities (7,000) have also contributed significantly to the metro's job growth. The metro lost 800 net positions in the financial sector, along with 1,200 in professional and business services.
- ▶ Orlando's unemployment rate stood at 3.2% as of April, 70 basis points below the U.S. figure, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Compared to the same period last year, the rate increased by 70 basis points.
- ▶ As an already established landmark and major contributor to Orlando's economy, Disney is planning to expand its business in the metro. The CFTOD agreed to Disney's 17,000-acre land development project outside the district's property.
- ▶ Disney has announced a \$17 billion investment over the next 20 years and has committed to spending \$8 billion in the next decade. The development would include the development of hotels, theme parks, restaurants and retail.

Orlando Employment Share by Sector

Code	Employment Sector	Current Employment	
		(000)	% Share
65	Education and Health Services	231	13.3%
70	Leisure and Hospitality	320	18.4%
40	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	312	17.9%
90	Government	167	9.6%
15	Mining, Logging and Construction	110	6.3%
80	Other Services	66	3.8%
30	Manufacturing	87	5.0%
50	Information	30	1.7%
55	Financial Activities	99	5.7%
60	Professional and Business Services	322	18.5%

Sources: Yardi Matrix, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Population

- ▶ Orlando gained 46,577 residents in 2022, a 1.7% increase and more than four times the 0.4% U.S. rate of expansion.
- ▶ In the 10 years ending in 2022, the metro's population grew by almost a half-million residents.

Orlando vs. National Population

	2019	2020	2021	2022
National	324,697,795	326,569,308	329,725,481	331,097,593
Orlando	2,508,970	2,560,260	2,632,721	2,679,298

Source: U.S. Census

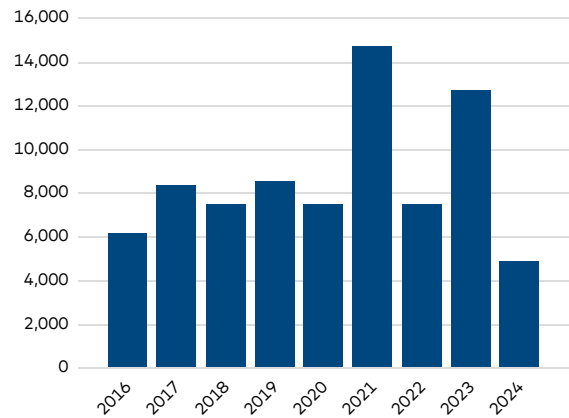
SUPPLY

- ▶ Orlando added 4,917 units in the first five months of 2024. That accounted for 1.8% of existing stock, double the national rate of completions. All but three properties that came online were in the Lifestyle segment. The metro's best years for deliveries in the past decade have been 2023, with 12,707 units completed, and 2021, when the 14,758 apartments that came online represented 6.1% of existing stock.
- ▶ Orlando still has a robust development pipeline, with 27,641 units under construction as of May. Another 130,000 units were in the planning and permitting stages. Construction was concentrated in upscale properties, with 89% of units in Lifestyle projects. RBN and fully affordable units accounted for the remaining 11%.
- ▶ Construction starts saw a significant drop, with 3,723 units across 16 projects breaking ground in the first five months of 2024. Last year, developers began work on 6,482 apartments across 25 projects during the same time frame. Lending conditions and other obstacles have been slowing new development nationwide in 2024.
- ▶ Of the 61 submarkets tracked by Yardi Matrix, three had more than 2,000 units under con-

struction. As of May, West Kissimmee led with 2,819 units, followed by Celebration (2,416 units) and East Kissimmee (2,129 units).

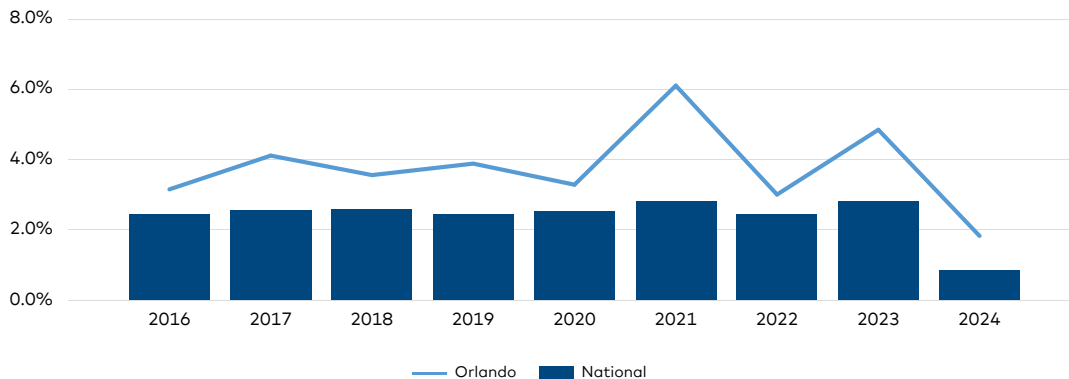
- ▶ The largest community underway as of May was the 559-unit Altis Grand Lake Willis in the Lake Bryan submarket. Altman Cos. expects to wrap the project this year, with the property already more than 50% leased.

Orlando Completions (as of May 2024)



Source: Yardi Matrix

Orlando vs. National Completions as a Percentage of Total Stock (as of May 2024)

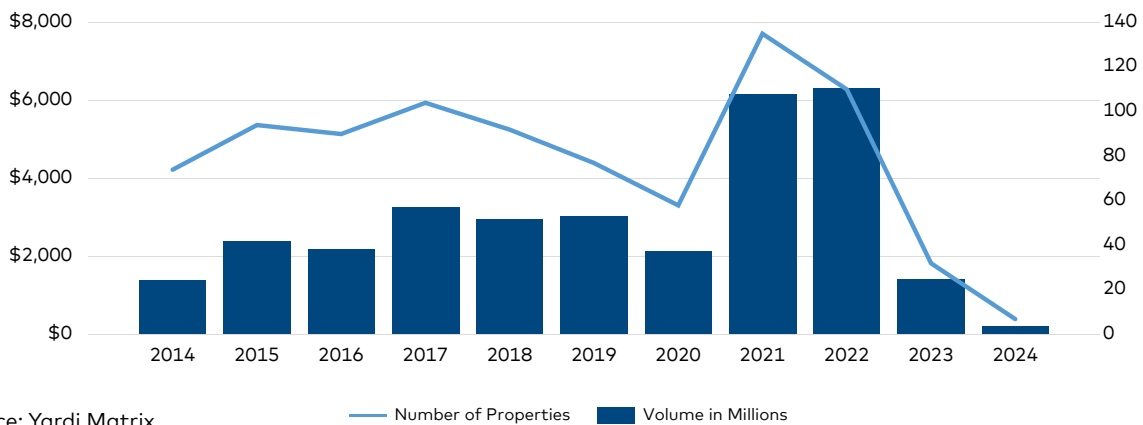


Source: Yardi Matrix

TRANSACTIONS

- ▶ Orlando multifamily transactions reached only \$224 million in the first five months of 2024. The slowdown has persisted since last year, mirroring the national trend. Although last year's total was \$1.4 billion, it represented a significant decline from the record performance of 2021 and 2020, each surpassing the \$6 billion mark. Like other markets, Orlando transactions have moderated due to tighter lending standards, higher capital costs and short-term oversupply.
- ▶ Investors favored value-add plays, with the RBN segment accounting for more than two-thirds of assets trading in the metro as of May. Prices decreased as well, with the per-unit value clocking in at \$141,236, down significantly from the \$244,923 recorded just two years prior.
- ▶ Only four submarkets crossed the \$100 million threshold in the 12 months ending in May. Altamonte Springs led with \$144 million, followed by Clermont (\$119 million), Palm Bay (\$118 million), and Orlando – Vista Park (\$116 million).

Orlando Sales Volume and Number of Properties Sold (as of May 2024)



Source: Yardi Matrix

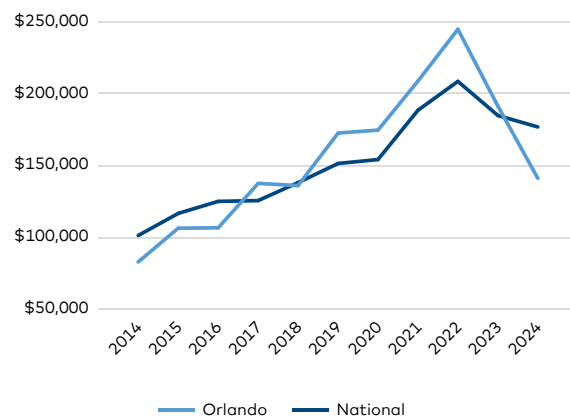
Top Submarkets for Transaction Volume¹

Submarket	Volume (\$MM)
Altamonte Springs	144
Clermont	119
Palm Bay	118
Orlando–Vista Park	116
Metro West	86
Oviedo	84
Hunter's Creek	84

Source: Yardi Matrix

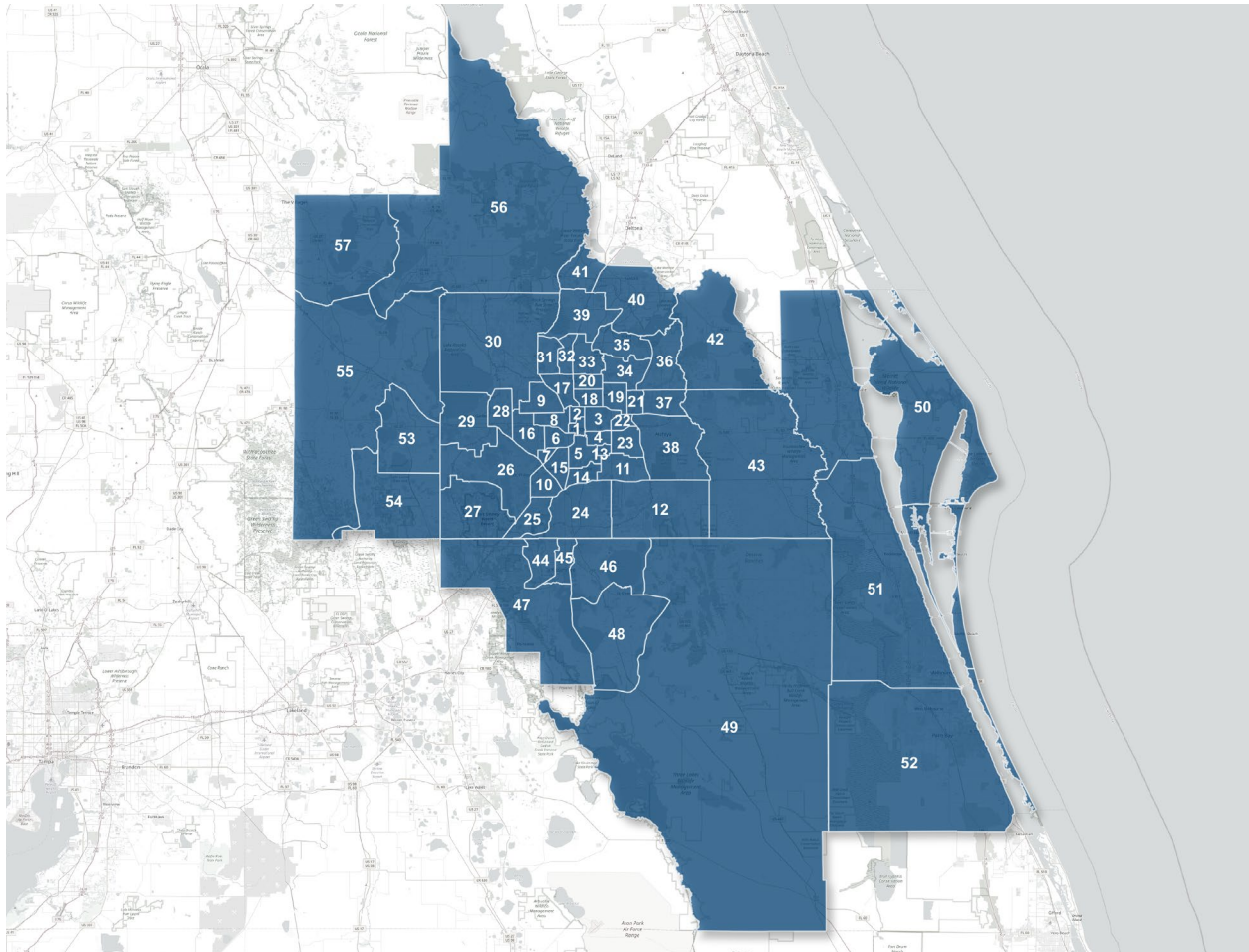
¹ From June 2023 to May 2024

Orlando vs. National Sales Price per Unit



Source: Yardi Matrix

ORLANDO SUBMARKETS



Area No.	Submarket
1	Orlando–Downtown
2	Orlando–North Orange
3	Orlando–Colonial Town
4	Orlando–Azalea Park
5	Orlando–Edgewood
6	Orlando–Holden Heights
7	Orlando–Florida Center North
8	Orlando–Pine Hills
9	Orlando–Rosemont
10	Orlando–Florida Center
11	Orlando–Vista Park
12	Orlando–Southeast
13	Conway
14	Belle Isle
15	Oak Ridge
16	Metro West
17	Lockhart
18	Winter Park–West
19	Winter Park–East

Area No.	Submarket
20	Maitland
21	Goldenrod
22	Union Park
23	Edgewood Park
24	Hunter’s Creek
25	Lake Bryan
26	Lake Buena Vista
27	Orange Lake
28	Ocoee
29	Winter Garden
30	Apopka
31	Forest City
32	Weathersfield
33	Altamonte Springs
34	Red Bug Lake
35	Longwood
36	Oviedo
37	University Park
38	Stoneybrook

Area No.	Submarket
39	Lake Mary
40	Sanford
41	Woodruff Springs
42	Outlying Seminole County
43	Eastern Orange County
44	West Kissimme
45	East Kissimme
46	Fish Lake
47	Celebration
48	St Cloud
49	Outlying Osceola County
50	Titusville
51	Melbourne
52	Palm Bay
53	Clermont
54	Hancock Lake
55	Outlying Lake County
56	Mt Dora
57	Leesburg

DEFINITIONS

Lifestyle households (renters by choice) have wealth sufficient to own but have chosen to rent. Discretionary households, most typically a retired couple or single professional, have chosen the flexibility associated with renting over the obligations of ownership.

Renter-by-Necessity households span a range. In descending order, household types can be:

- *A young-professional*, double-income-no-kids household with substantial income but without wealth needed to acquire a home or condominium;
- *Students*, who also span a range of income capability, extending from affluent to barely getting by;
- *Lower-middle-income ("gray-collar") households*, composed of office workers, policemen, firemen, technical workers, teachers, etc.;
- *Blue-collar households*, which barely meet rent demands each month and likely pay a disproportionate share of their income toward rent;
- *Subsidized households*, which pay a percentage of household income in rent, with the balance of rent paid through a governmental agency subsidy. Subsidized households, while typically low income, extend to middle-income households in some high-cost markets, such as New York City;
- *Military households*, subject to frequency of relocation.

These differences can weigh heavily in determining a property's ability to attract specific renter market segments. The five-star resort serves a very different market than the down-and-outer motel. Apartments are distinguished similarly, but distinctions are often not clearly definitive without investigation. The Yardi® Matrix Context rating eliminates that requirement, designating property market positions as:

Market Position	Improvements Ratings
Discretionary	A+ / A
High Mid-Range	A- / B+
Low Mid-Range	B / B-
Workforce	C+ / C / C- / D

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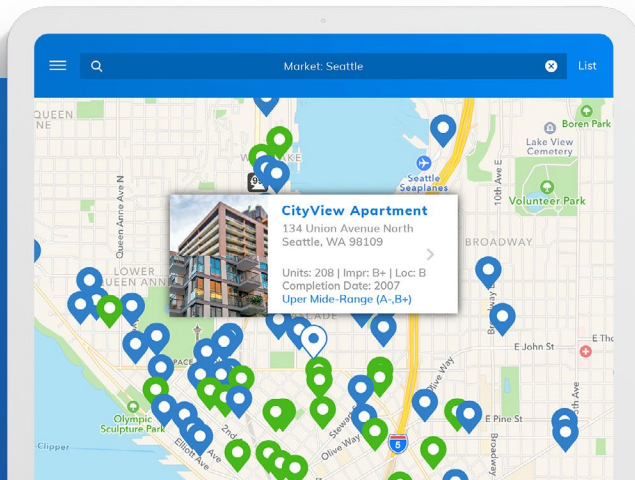
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