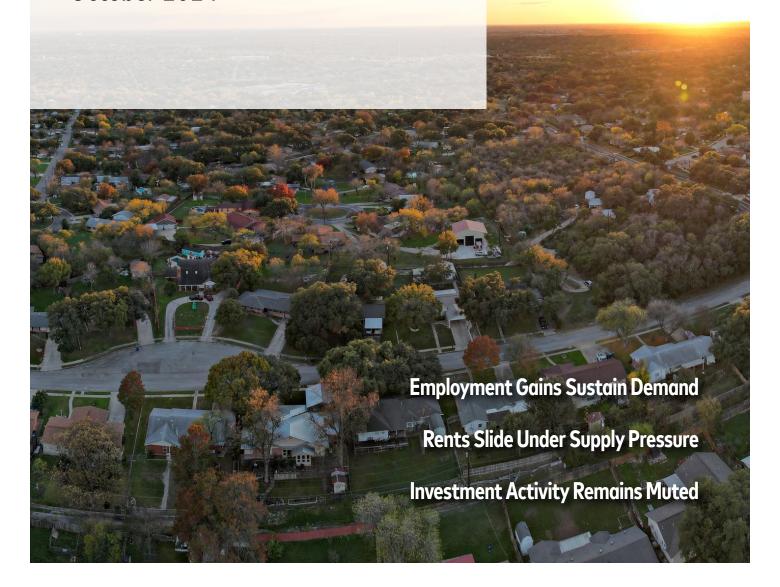


**MULTIFAMILY REPORT** 

# San Antonio Recalibrates

October 2024



## **SAN ANTONIO MULTIFAMILY**



# Rents, Occupancy Fall Under Robust Supply

San Antonio's strong job and population growth supports its fundamentals, but high supply and economic uncertainty continue to pressure rents and investment activity. The average advertised asking rent slid 0.1% on a trailing three-month basis through August, to \$1,257. The figure was also down 2.4% year-over-year, while the U.S. rate improved 0.8%. Occupancy in stabilized properties decreased 80 basis points year-over-year, to 91.4%, as of July.

Job growth decelerated 2.4%, or 23,800 net jobs, in the 12 months ending in June, trailing only Las Vegas (3.5%) among major markets and well above the 1.3% U.S. rate. Only the information sector lost jobs, down 800 positions. Meanwhile, San Antonio's unemployment rate marked a 20-basis-point month-over-month improvement to 4.0% in July, according to preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, outperforming the U.S. (4.3%) and Texas (4.1%). Education and health services led job gains, adding 6,200 positions. UT San Antonio and UT Health San Antonio have announced a merger by 2025, which would create the state's third-largest public research university. In addition, the data center industry is growing rapidly.

Deliveries in 2024 through August totaled 5,944 units, with another 17,531 units underway, even as starts slowed. Meanwhile, investors traded just \$270 million in multifamily assets, for a price per unit down some 10% year-to-date, to \$108,416, as of August.

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#### Recent San Antonio Transactions

Cottages at Leon Creek



City: San Antonio Buyer: Bow River Capital Purchase Price: \$52 MM Price per Unit: \$183,568

#### Elevate at Sundance



City: New Braunfels, Texas Buyer: Viking Capital Purchase Price: \$30 MM Price per Unit: \$121,005

#### Jones & Rio



City: San Antonio Buyer: Waymaker Ventures Purchase Price: \$17 MM Price per Unit: \$90,750

#### Vivid



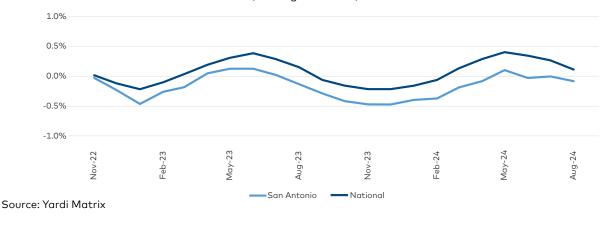
City: San Antonio Buyer: Trinnium Equity Group Purchase Price: \$9 MM Price per Unit: \$88,154

#### **RENT TRENDS**

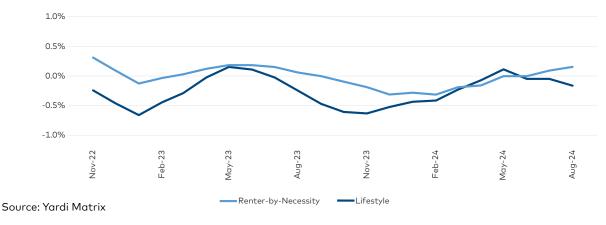
- > The San Antonio average advertised asking rent decreased 0.1% on a trailing three-month (T3) basis through August, to \$1,257, while the U.S. rate moderated to a 0.1% uptick, to \$1,741. Since 2023, rent growth has fallen back into typical seasonal patterns but is being pressured by high supply. Year-over-year, San Antonio rents dropped 2.4%, while the national rate rose 0.8%.
- Working-class Renter-by-Necessity units led rent growth, up 0.2% on a T3 basis through August, to \$1,066, while advertised asking rents in the Lifestyle segment fell 0.2%, to \$1,442.
- Robust stock expansion continued to dent occupancy, too, with the rate in stabilized properties at 91.4% in July, following an 80-basis-point year-over-year decline. Despite high levels of up-

- scale product, Lifestyle occupancy decreased just 30 basis points, to 92.4%, while RBN occupancy dropped 130 basis points, to 90.2%.
- Year-over-year, rent movement was negative in nearly all submarkets, including the most expensive: Southtown/King William (-1.2% to \$1,607), Beckmann (-2.9% to \$1,557) and the Far North Side (-3.4% to \$1,492). Growth was recorded only on the Southeast Side (0.6% to \$1,132), East Side (0.1% to \$1,040) and western submarket Lackland Terrace (1.3% to \$950).
- > San Antonio single-family advertised asking rents also declined, down 1.5% year-over-year in August, to \$1,971, while occupancy increased 0.9%, to 93.7% as of July.

#### San Antonio vs. National Rent Growth (Trailing 3 Months)



#### San Antonio Rent Growth by Asset Class (Trailing 3 Months)





#### **ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT**

- > San Antonio's unemployment rate ticked down to 4.0% in July from 4.2% in June, according to BLS data. It outperformed the U.S. (4.3%), as well as Texas (4.1%), and ranked second among major Texas metros-below Austin (3.6%) and ahead of Dallas (4.1%) and Houston (4.8%).
- > Job growth decelerated to 2.4% in the 12 months ending in June but remained second only to Las Vegas (3.5%) among major metros, and nearly double the 1.3% U.S. rate. San Antonio gained 23,800 net jobs during this period, with only information recording a loss (800 jobs). Growth was highest in education and health services (6,200 jobs). Following steady growth in enrollment in the last few years, UT San Antonio and UT Health
- San Antonio announced a merger by 2025, which will create the state's third-largest public research university. Combined, the two will enroll 40,000 students, employ almost 16,000 workers and have a direct economic impact of more than \$6 billion.
- > The San Antonio data center market is growing rapidly. Stream Data Centers broke ground on the third project on a campus, which at full build-out will include up to five Al-ready buildings and 1.5 million square feet of space. JCB also broke ground on a 720,000-square-foot factory on the South Side. Microsoft filed plans for a third project, a 244,000-square-foot building near Castorville. The former two are slated for completion this year.

#### San Antonio Employment Share by Sector

|      |                                     | Current Employment |         |
|------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Code | Employment Sector                   | (000)              | % Share |
| 65   | Education and Health Services       | 184.9              | 15.5%   |
| 90   | Government                          | 186.3              | 15.7%   |
| 70   | Leisure and Hospitality             | 151.1              | 12.7%   |
| 15   | Mining, Logging and Construction    | 75.3               | 6.3%    |
| 30   | Manufacturing                       | 63.4               | 5.3%    |
| 80   | Other Services                      | 43.4               | 3.6%    |
| 40   | Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 206.9              | 17.4%   |
| 60   | Professional and Business Services  | 160.9              | 13.5%   |
| 55   | Financial Activities                | 100.2              | 8.4%    |
| 50   | Information                         | 17                 | 1.4%    |

Sources: Yardi Matrix, Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### **Population**

- San Antonio's population rose every year between 2013 and 2022, for an overall 17.2% expansion, nearly three times the 6.3% national rate.
- In 2022, the population was up 1.6%, surpassing the U.S. (0.4%) and markets such as Atlanta (1.2%), Houston (1.3%) and Nashville (1.5%).

#### San Antonio vs. National Population

|                | 2019        | 2020        | 2021        | 2022        |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| National       | 324,697,795 | 326,569,308 | 329,725,481 | 331,097,593 |
| San<br>Antonio | 2,468,193   | 2,510,211   | 2,529,453   | 2,570,862   |

Source: U.S. Census

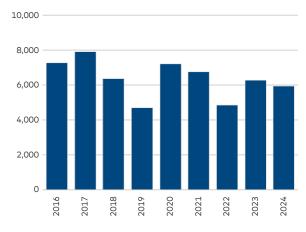


#### **SUPPLY**

- Developers added 5,944 units to San Antonio's inventory in 2024 through August, close to last year's overall total of 6,294. This volume represented 2.6% of stock, above the 1.7% U.S. rate.
- Lifestyle apartments accounted for two-thirds of this year's completions so far, with all first-quarter deliveries adding to the segment. Starting in the second quarter, developers began delivering fully affordable properties, too, for an overall 30% share of the year-to-date completions.
- The construction pipeline has thinned to 17,531 units underway as of August, and 42,000 in the planning and permitting phases. By composition, the Lifestyle stock will continue to post higher growth, as upscale units accounted for 72% of the pipeline. Fully affordable communities accounted for 22% and RBN for 6%, respectively.
- Construction starts through August dropped to 1,854 units across nine projects. During the same period last year, developers broke ground on a much more consistent 7,517 units across 25 properties.
- > Activity was widespread across the map as of August, with 35 of the 45 submarkets tracked by Yardi Matrix each having more than 75

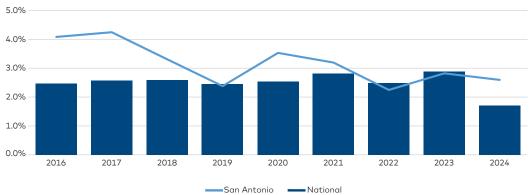
- units underway. Five submarkets had more than 1,000 units underway each, led by New Braunfels (1,879) and Beckmann (1,238).
- > The largest project delivered through August was the 386-unit Encore Grayson in Terrell Hills. Owned by Encore Enterprises, the Lifestyle asset holds a \$51 million construction loan issued in 2021 by Citizens Bank National Association.

#### San Antonio Completions (as of August 2024)



Source: Yardi Matrix

#### San Antonio vs. National Completions as a Percentage of Total Stock (as of August 2024)



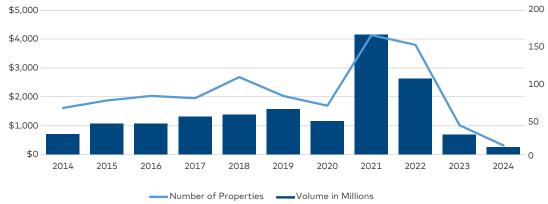
Source: Yardi Matrix



#### **TRANSACTIONS**

- > Investment activity remained mostly muted in 2024 through August, totaling just \$270 million, the lowest level of the past decade. Interest rate cuts, however, are sparking optimism that activity will pick up.
- > San Antonio's average price per unit dropped 10% year-to-date as of August, to \$108,416. The U.S. figure was virtually flat, at \$184,269. The metro's sales composition favored valueadd properties (63%), which contributed to the per-unit price decline.
- Notable sales recorded in San Antonio in 2024 through August include the transaction between buyer Bow River Capital and seller RangeWater Real Estate in July. The traded asset was the 284-unit Cottages at Leon Creek, a Lifestyle BTR property built in 2012 in the University of Texas at San Antonio submarket. The transaction holds a \$39.1 million loan originated by Delaware Life Insurance Co.

#### San Antonio Sales Volume and Number of Properties Sold (as of August 2024)



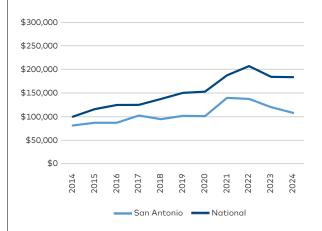
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#### Top Submarkets for Transaction Volume<sup>1</sup>

| Submarket                             | Volume<br>(\$MM) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Hollywood Park/Welmore                | 69               |
| Far North Side                        | 57               |
| New Braunfels                         | 56               |
| University of Texas at<br>San Antonio | 52               |
| USAA Area                             | 34               |
| Balcones Heights                      | 34               |
| North Loop                            | 20               |

Source: Yardi Matrix

#### San Antonio vs. National Sales Price per Unit

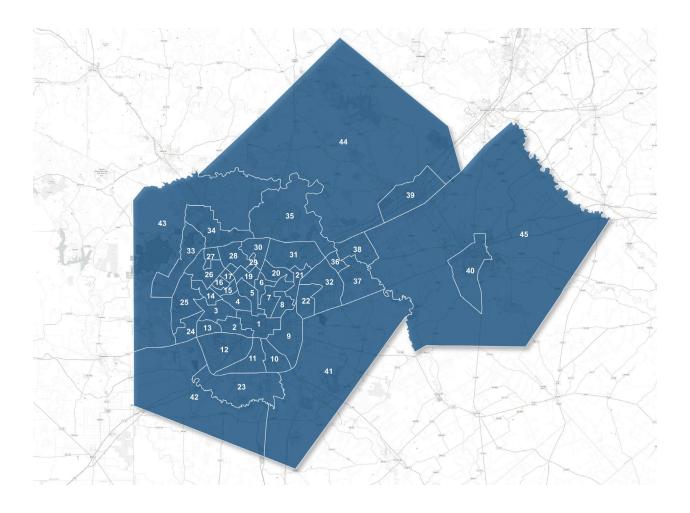


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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From September 2023 to August 2024

## SAN ANTONIO SUBMARKETS



| Area<br>No. | Submarket                    |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1           | Southtown/King William       |
| 2           | West Side                    |
| 3           | Southwest Research Institute |
| 4           | Balcones Heights             |
| 5           | West Alamo Heights           |
| 6           | Alamo Heights–Central        |
| 7           | Terrell Hills                |
| 8           | Fort Sam Houston             |
| 9           | East Side                    |
| 10          | Southeast Side               |
| 11          | Terrell Wells                |
| 12          | Southside/Columbia Heights   |
| 13          | Lackland Terrace             |
| 14          | Leon Valley-East             |
| 15          | Oak Hills Country Club       |

| Area<br>No. | Submarket                          |  |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 16          | Oakland Estates                    |  |
| 17          | USAA Area                          |  |
| 18          | Robards                            |  |
| 19          | Castle Hills                       |  |
| 20          | North Loop                         |  |
| 21          | Longhorn                           |  |
| 22          | Windcrest                          |  |
| 23          | City South                         |  |
| 24          | Far West Side                      |  |
| 25          | Leon Valley-West                   |  |
| 26          | Northwest Side                     |  |
| 27          | University of Texas at San Antonio |  |
| 28          | Shavano Park                       |  |
| 29          | Hill Country Village               |  |
| 30          | Far North Central                  |  |
|             |                                    |  |

| Area<br>No. | Submarket                 |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 31          | Hollywood Park/Welmore    |
| 32          | Northeast Side            |
| 33          | Helotes                   |
| 34          | Beckmann                  |
| 35          | Far North Side            |
| 36          | Universal City            |
| 37          | Schertz                   |
| 38          | Selma                     |
| 39          | New Braunfels             |
| 40          | Seguin                    |
| 41          | Southeast Bexar County    |
| 42          | Southwest Bexar County    |
| 43          | Northwest Bexar County    |
| 44          | Outlying Comal County     |
| 45          | Outlying Guadalupe County |



#### **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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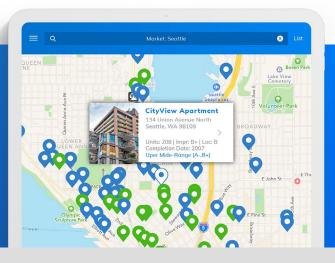


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