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## Macro/Structural Introduction

# The Macro Backdrop is Becoming More Favorable for Real Estate as Tightening Gives Way to Easing

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**HEITMAN BELIEVES THAT:** 

The global economy has weathered high interest rates relatively well.

Many Central Banks are declaring victory against inflation and cutting rates

**Higher interest rates sparked a real estate value correction.** That correction is complete or close to it

**As property values stabilize,** momentum is building in real estate capital markets

As painful as the value correction period has been, it has created investment opportunities across the risk spectrum

Alternative sector performance remains a bright spot

Diversification is key in an era of deglobalization and climate change

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# But Investors Are Contending With Big Questions as They Contemplate New Investments HEITMAN

The future of cities. COVID caused households in the US and Europe, in particular, to flee to lower-density locations where social distancing was possible. The loss of customers prompted a spike in urban retail vacancy rates as businesses closed

The future of the office. While Work From Home (WFH) was occurring prior to COVID, the pandemic accelerated this trend. Technological advances made WFH more productive and acceptable, particularly in the US.

Office investments dominate institutional portfolios in Europe and Asia. Given the recent underperformance of office, what should replace it in portfolio construction?

Climate change, as measured by the frequency of natural disasters, has accelerated over the past decade. How should investors structure their portfolios to manage risks related to climate change?

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# Policy Impact on CRE

### New Economic Policies May Be Positive for Resi and Office; Negative for MOB, Industrial, and Retail

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FUNDAMENTALS: NEAR- TO MEDIUM-TERM								
	Residential	Student	MOB	Office	Industrial	Retail	Self-Storage	Housing
Deregulation**	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>				<b>+</b>	
Tariffs*		<b>1</b>	<b>\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ </b>	<b>+</b>	•	<b>↓</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
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Tax Policy Change*	1	<b>A</b>	<b>*</b>	1	1	1		1
Net Effect		<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>

<sup>\*\*</sup>Deregulation: Reduction in federal government capacity and workforce that leads to more efficient operations and minor deficit reduction. Though specifics are scarce, likely candidates for deregulation are environmental (EPA) and financial (SEC, CFPB, FTC).

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Tariffs:</u> Assumes targeted tariffs, leading to a 5% effective tariff rate (+2% from current level), beginning at the start of 2026 and phased in over the course of the year. (25% tariffs on steel, aluminum, and motor vehicle imports from the EU, 25% tariffs on machinery/electronics and chemical imports from China, 10% tariffs on steel, aluminum, and any Chinese-made electric vehicles from China, and 10% tariffs on Canadian steel, aluminum, base metals, and dairy products).

Immigration: Assumes more restrictive policy beginning in mid-2025, slowing the flow of humanitarian migration via lower refugee admissions and reinstatement of the Migrant Protection Protocols. Implementation results in net migration falling to 800k/year (versus previous baseline assumption of 1.1M/year).

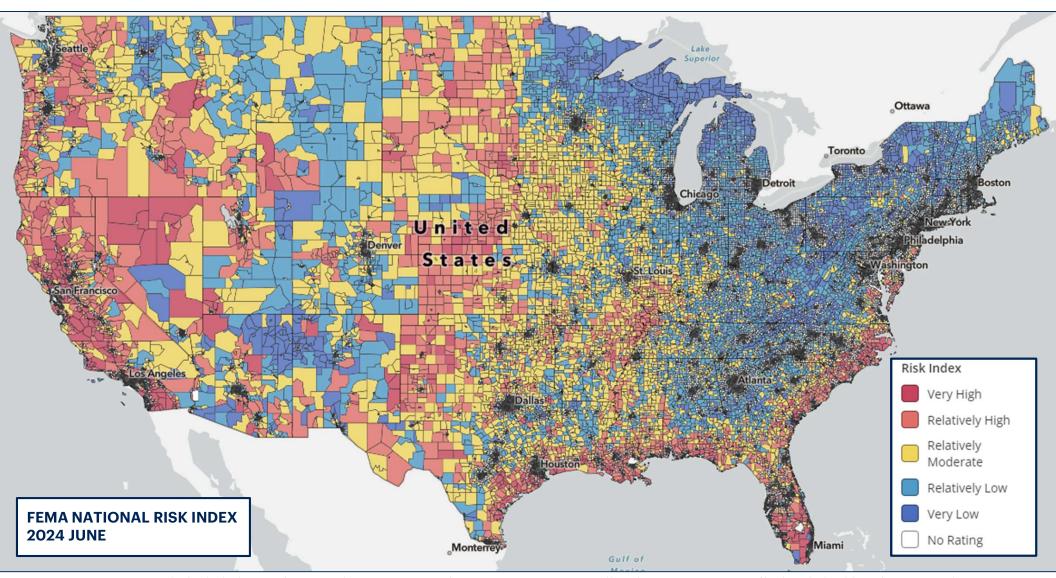
<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Tax Policy Change:</u> Assumes a preservation of the expiring provisions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). This would include full extension of the personal side of the tax code (including the lower marginal tax rates on individual income, higher Alternative Minimum Tax exemption, larger standard deduction, and an expanded Child Tax Credit) and some of the business tax provisions (including 100% bonus depreciation and the immediate deduction of research and development expenses). Outside of the TCJA, assumes partial reversal of the Inflation Reduction Act, particularly the electric vehicle tax credits.

<sup>\*</sup>These fields (above in white) are based on Oxford Economics' new Baseline, formerly "Limited Trump", scenario assumptions, Grey portion above is based on analysis from Heitman Research:

## Climate Risk

## Climate Risk: Less of a Problem for the Great Lakes Region

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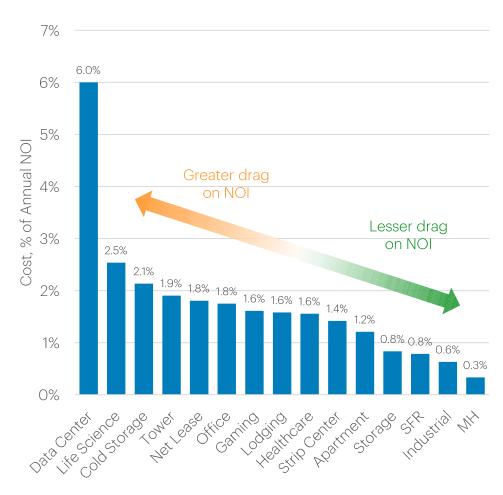


Data Sources: FEMA National Risk Index (NRI), accessed 2024 June. The NRI is a composite index measuring exposure to 18 natural hazards, incorporating measures of local social vulnerability and community resilience.

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#### Some Sectors are More Climate-Resilient Than Others

#### COST OF COMPLIANCE WITH NEW EMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS US AS OF 2024 Q2



Data Sources: Green Street, "All Quiet on the "E"astern Front," 7 May 2024 "MH" is Manufactured Housing.

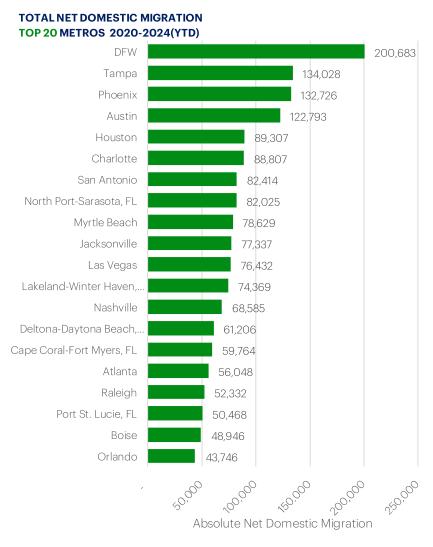
## • "Cost of compliance" is one way to measure exposure to climate risk

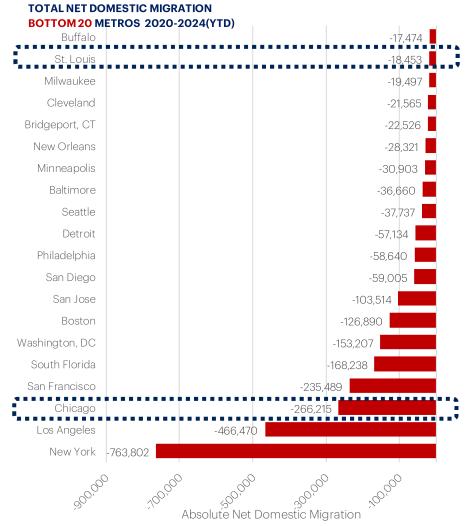
- To the left is Green Street's estimate of each sector's annual, recurring cost of complying with new & existing regulation—primarily emissions regulation—as a % of NOI.
- Major inputs include:
  - Emissions intensity of the sector,
  - · Likelihood of additional regulatory action, and
  - Likely costs of non-compliance (e.g., fines).

#### Does not account losses from climate events

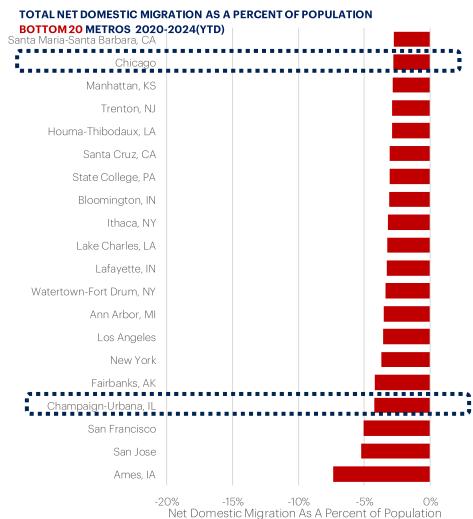
- The analysis does not model exposure to losses from climate disasters.
- In the US, emissions regulation is generally light; it is therefore likely that this analysis does not capture a comprehensive sum of costs associated with climate change.

# Migration Patterns









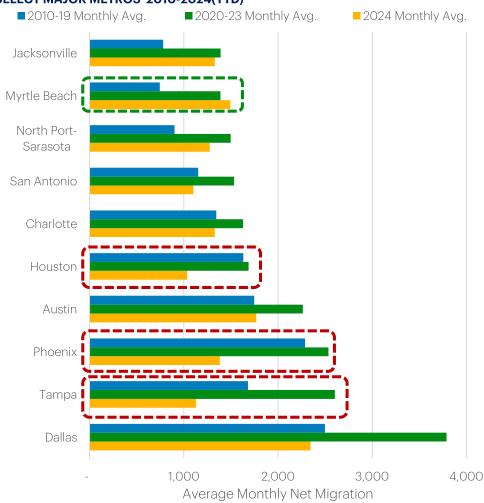
#### SHIFTS IN AVERAGE MONTHLY NET MIGRATION SELECT MAJOR METROS 2010-2024(YTD)



Philadelphia and Chicago match or beat pre-pandemic trend

Miami, San Diego net outmigration steadily increasing

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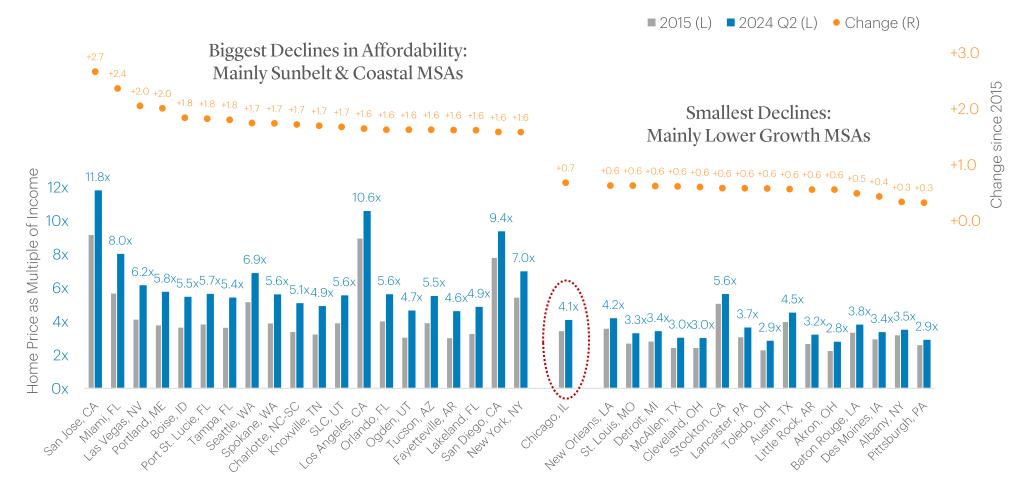


Myrtle Beach is accelerating

Houston, Phoenix, Tampa lag pre-pandemic trend

## Affordability Concerns are Likely Eroding Sunbelt's Advantage

#### MEDIAN HOME PRICE VS MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY MSA US 2015 VS 2024 Q2, TOP 20 & BOTTOM 15 BY CHANGE

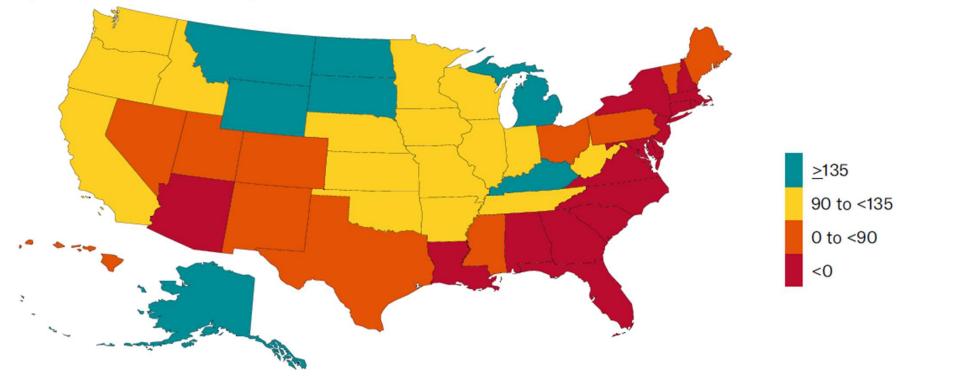


"Home Price" is for existing homes and excludes new construction. Analysis excludes MSAs with populations under 500,000 people. Data Sources: Moody's Analytics database, accessed 2024 Q4

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#### MOODY'S ANALYTICS NET MIGRATION ESTIMATES DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE US 2051-2100

Avg annual net domestic migration per 1 million residents, current policies minus reference scenarios, 2051-2100



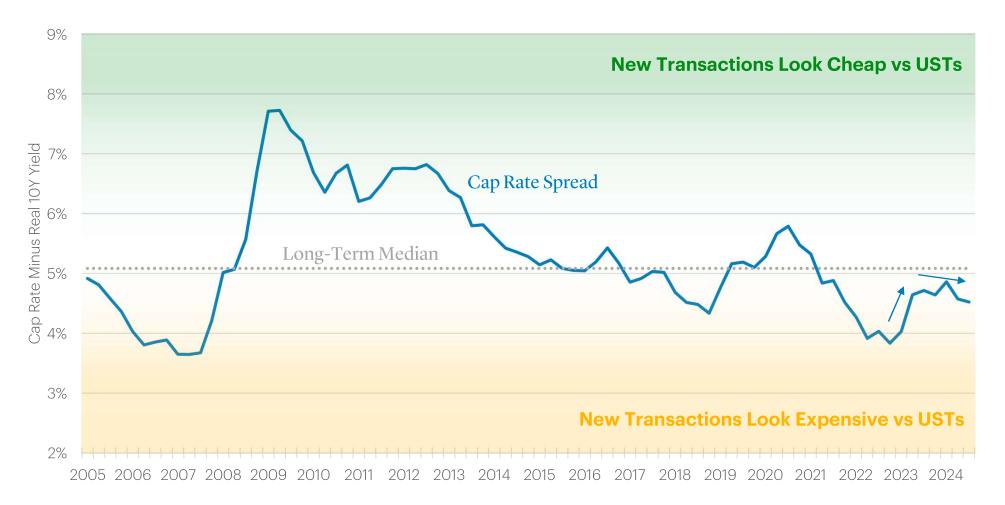
Sources: Census Bureau, NGFS, Moody's Analytics

## Real Estate Valuations

# Deals in the Market Today Appear More Fairly Priced vs Treasuries Than in 2022

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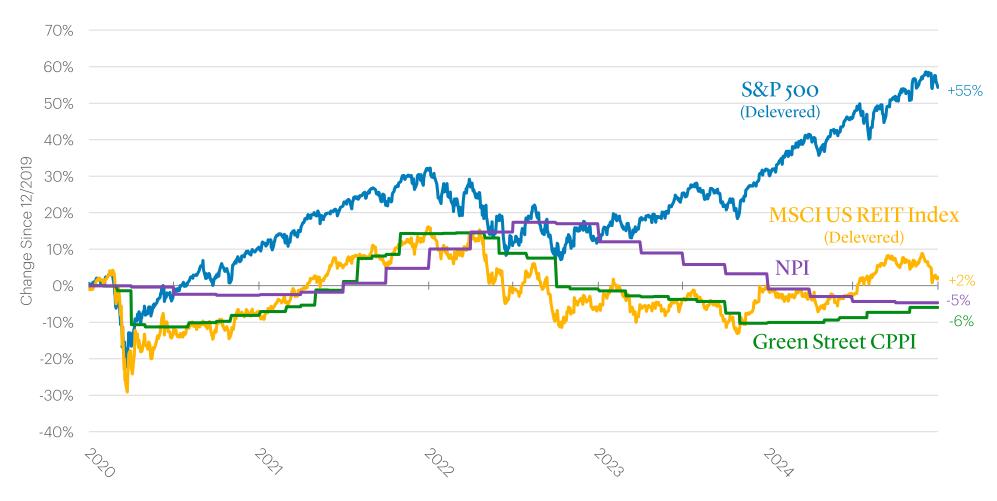
#### TRANSACTION CAP RATES VS REAL 10Y US TREASURY YIELDS US, 2005 – 2024 Q2, USD BILLIONS



Data Sources: Green Street database and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, both accessed 2024 Q3 "Cap rates" are a simple average of Apartment, Industrial, Office, Strip Centers, Self-Storage, SFR, and Senior Housing.

#### Private Real Estate Now Looks Undervalued vs. Public Markets

#### CAPITAL VALUE INDEX CHANGE SINCE END-2019 US 2020 – 2024, DAILY

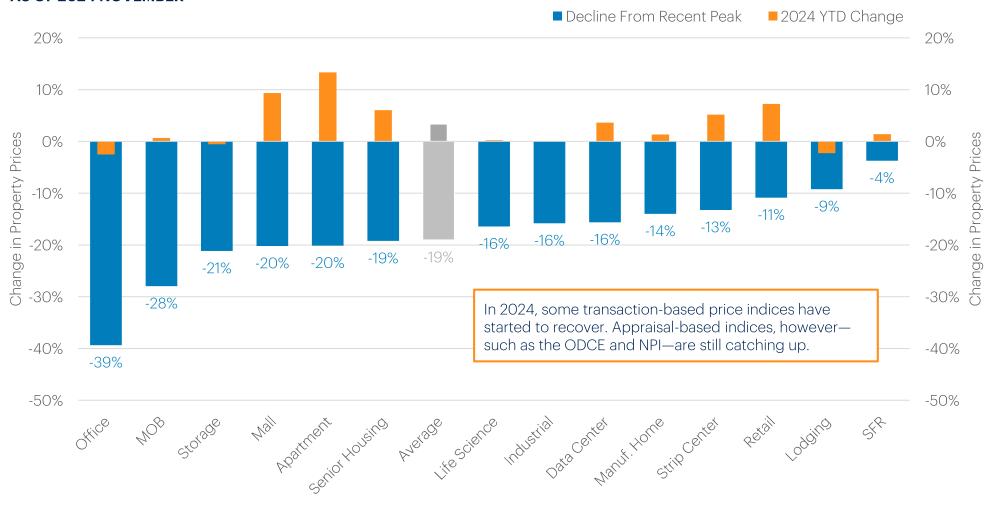


Data Sources: Green Street, NCREIF, & Bloomberg databases, accessed 2025 Q1. Daily data is through December 31st.

MSCI REIT Index (RMZ) and ODCE indices are delevered. Indices represent capital returns only, and do not include income returns.

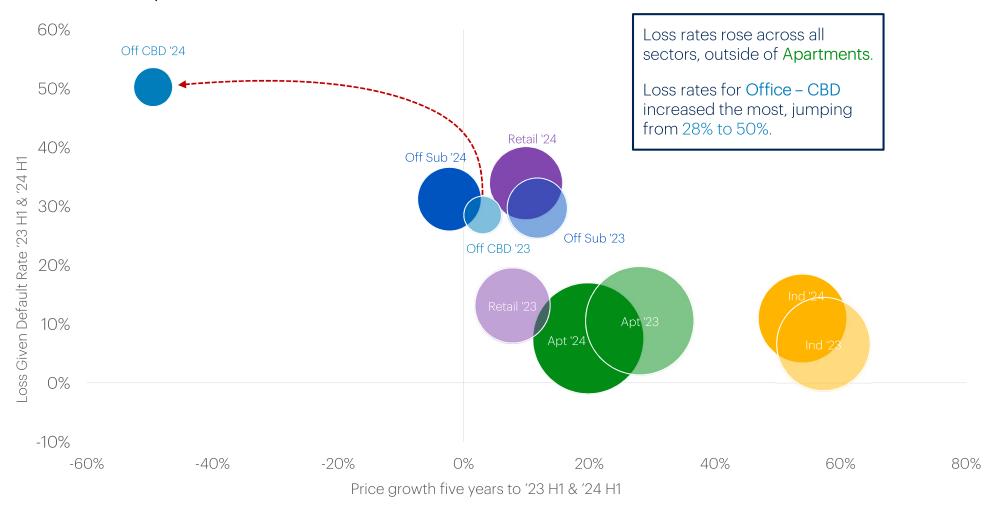
### Interest Rate Stabilization Has Led to Some Modest Valuation Recovery in 2024

#### CHANGE TO PROPERTY PRICES YTD & TOTAL DECLINE FROM RECENT PEAK AS OF 2024 NOVEMBER



Underlying Data Sources: Green Street Commercial Property Price Index (CPPI), accessed 2024 Q4

#### LOSS GIVEN DEFAULT RATE BY SECTOR US 2019 – 2024 H1, USD BILLIONS

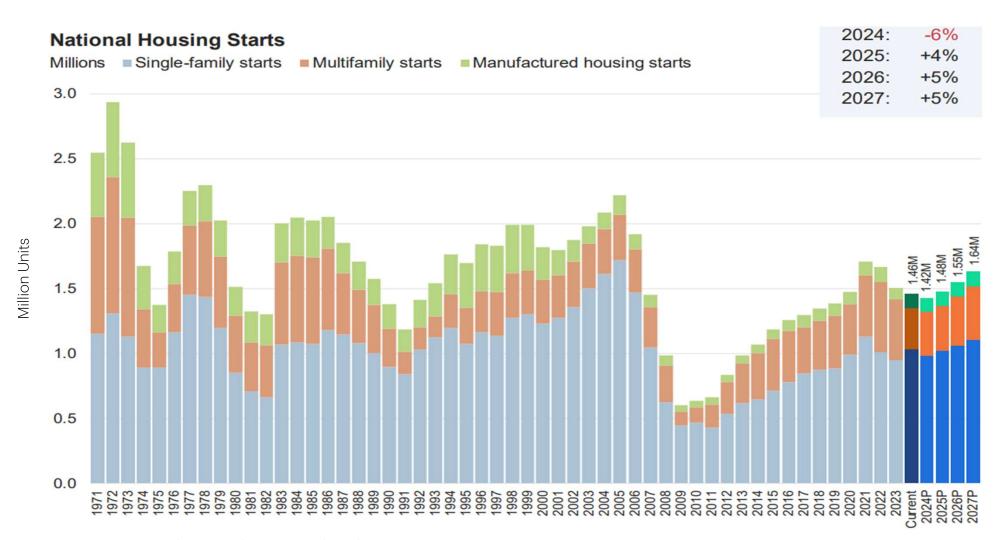


\*Bubble size = H1 Transaction Volume

Data Source: MSCI Real Capital Analytics, "Capital Trends US Big Picture August 2024" & "Capital Trends US Big Picture August 2023"

# US Housing Markets

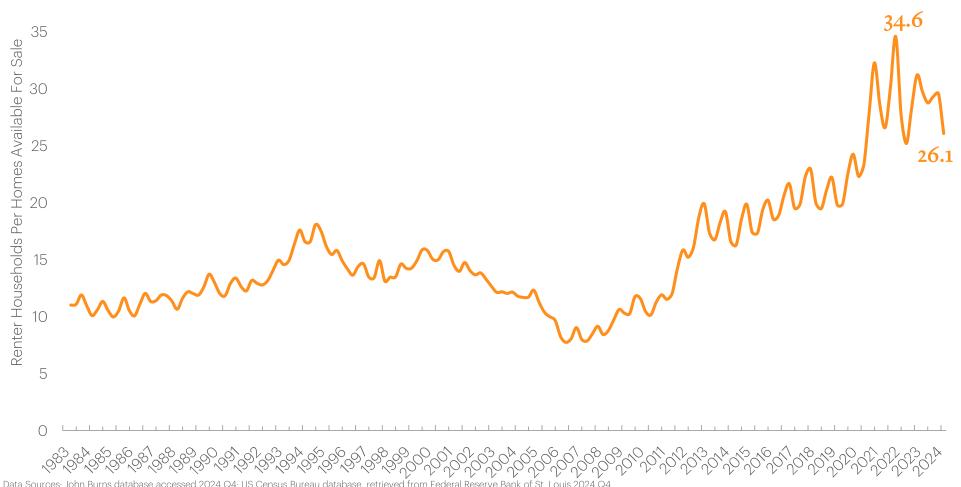
## Housing Supply is Still Pretty Low Relative to the Long-Term



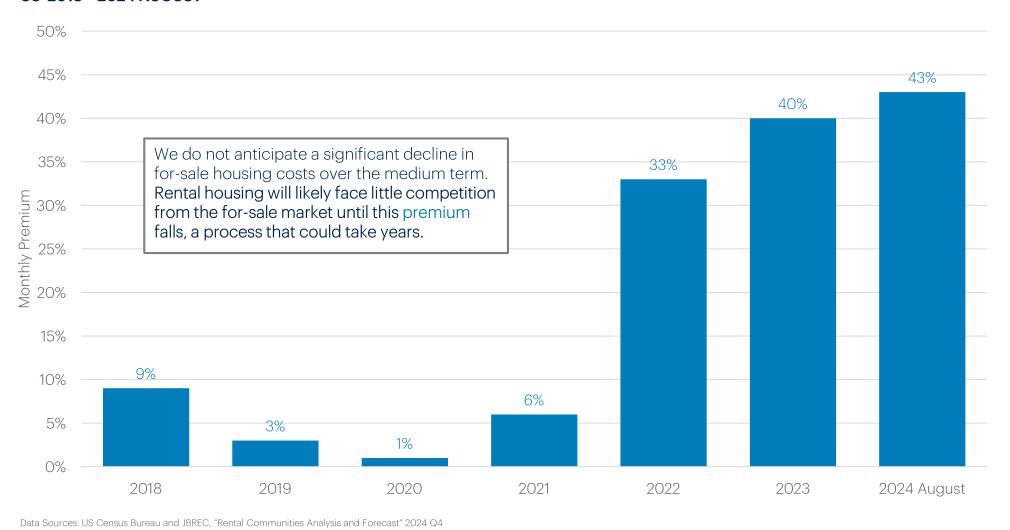
Data Sources: US Census Bureau and JBREC, "Rental Communities Analysis and Forecast" 2024 Q4

### NUMBER OF RENTER HOUSEHOLDS PER HOMES AVAILABLE FOR SALE US 1983 - 2024 (Q2)

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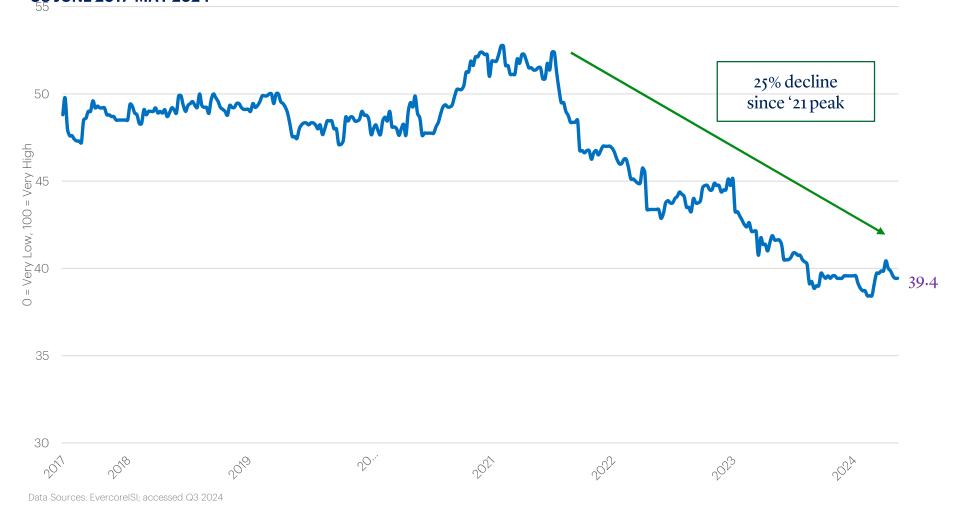
#### MONTHLY COST PREMIUM OF OWNING VS RENTING AN ENTRY-LEVEL HOME US 2018 – 2024 AUGUST



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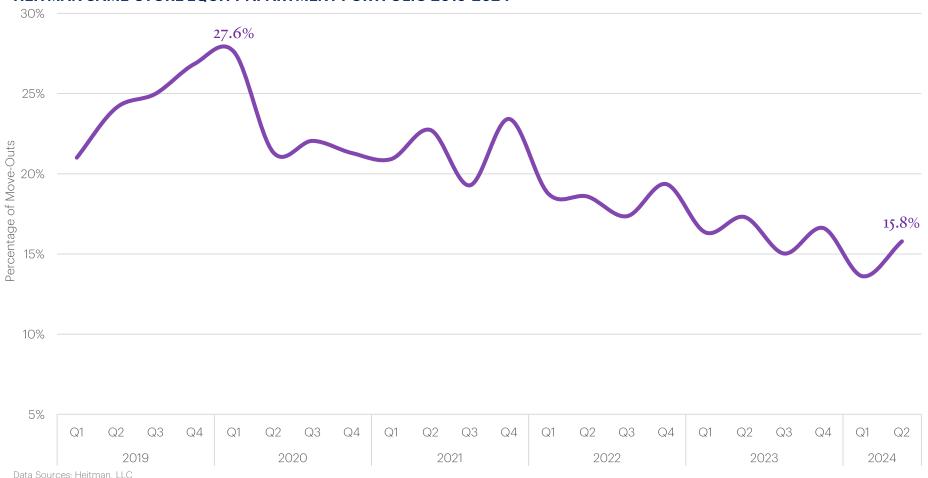
### Difficult For-Sale Environment Keeping Households In The Renter Pool

SURVEY: HOW IS THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE OF TENANTS MOVING OUT TO BUY A HOME? US JUNE 2017-MAY 2024



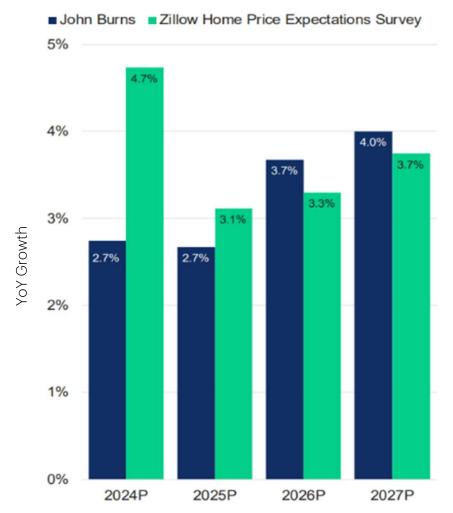
# Difficult For-Sale Environment Keeping Households In The Renter Pool, for Heitman Too

#### RESIDENT MOVE-OUTS FOR HOME PURCHASES AS PERCENTAGE OF ALL REASONS GIVEN **HEITMAN SAME-STORE EQUITY APARTMENT PORTFOLIO 2019-2024**

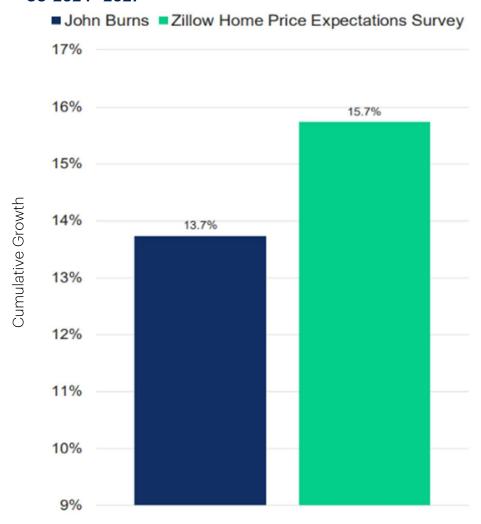


Note: Same-store portfolio as of May 2024 consists of roughly 7,900 units across 23 properties.

#### PROJECTED HOME PRICE APPRECIATION (ANNUAL) US 2024 - 2027



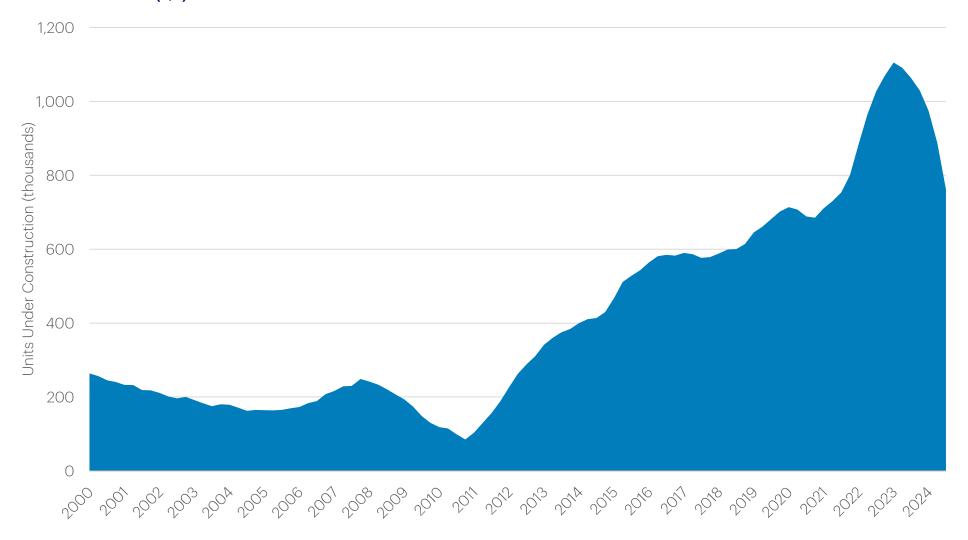
#### PROJECTED HOME PRICE APPRECIATION (CUMULATIVE) US 2024 - 2027



Data Sources: JBREC, "Rental Communities Analysis and Forecast" 2024 August

# Apartments

#### APARTMENT UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION US 2000 - 2024 (Q3)

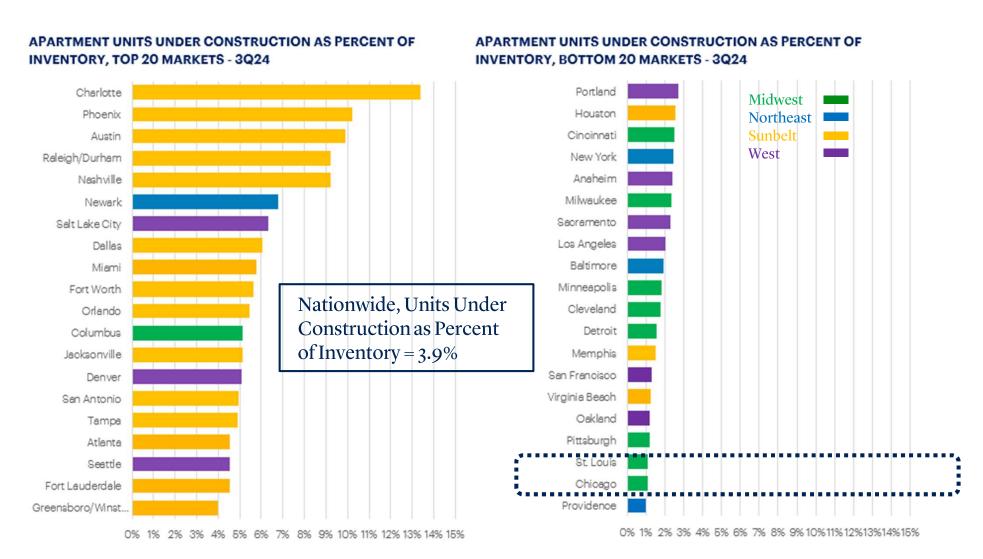


Data Sources: RealPage database, accessed 2024 Q4

#### APARTMENT LEASE TRADE-OUTS AND REVENUE CHANGE US 2010-2024

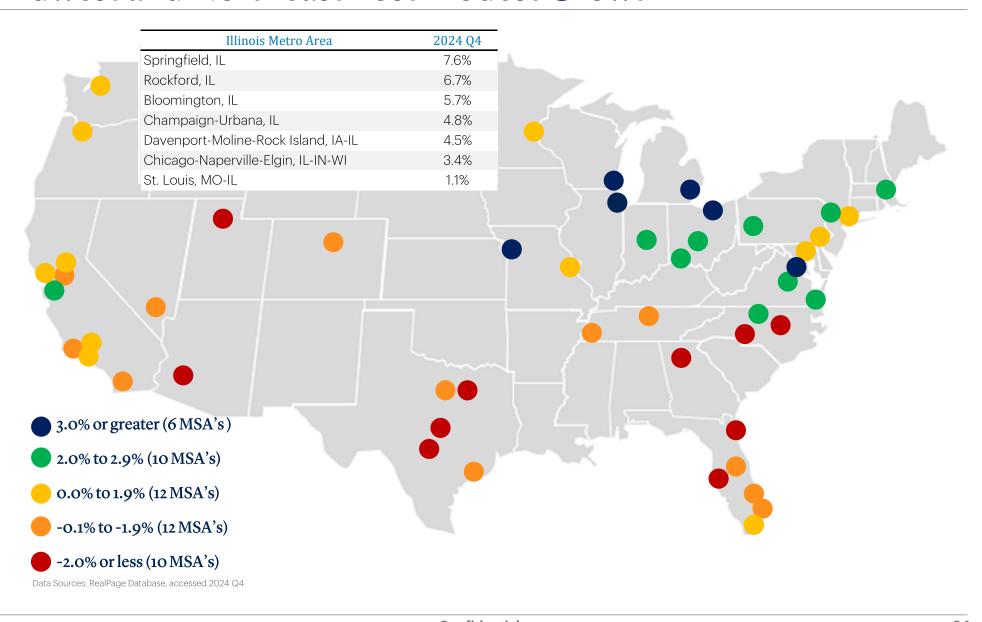


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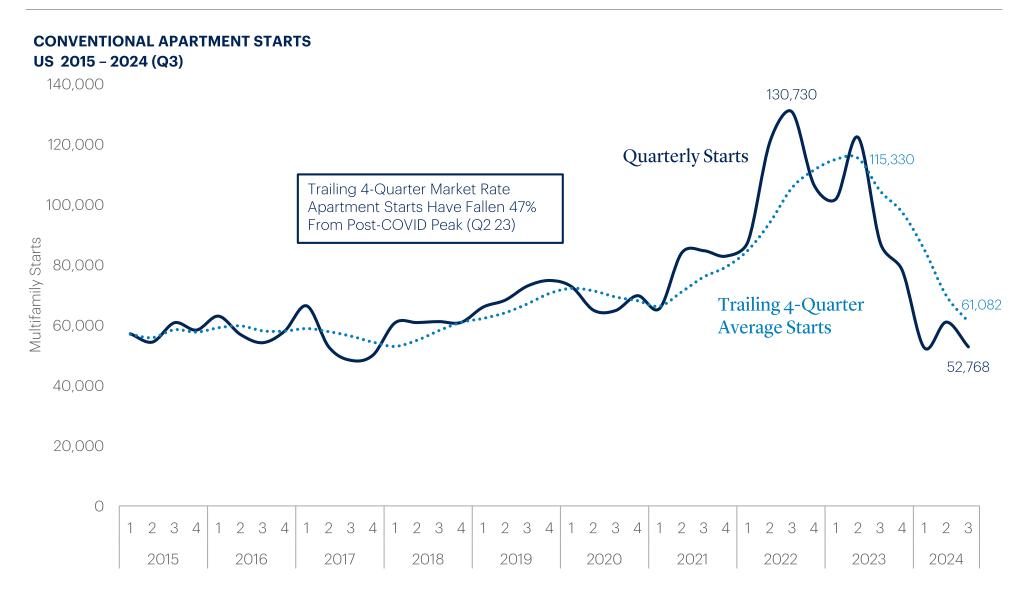
Data Sources: RealPage database, accessed 2024 Q4

#### Sunbelt Sees Rent Cuts While Midwest and Northeast Post Modest Growth



### Starts Off Record Highs, Nearing Pre-COVID Trend

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Data Sources: Yardi Matrix, accessed Q4 2024

# New Living Sectors

# New Living Sectors Serve New Housing Demand, and Can Even Help Ease the Affordability Crisis

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**SELF-STORAGE** 



**COLD STORAGE** 



**MEDICAL OFFICE** 



STUDENT HOUSING



SINGLE FAMILY RENTALS



**MANUFACTURED HOUSING** 



**SENIOR HOUSING** 

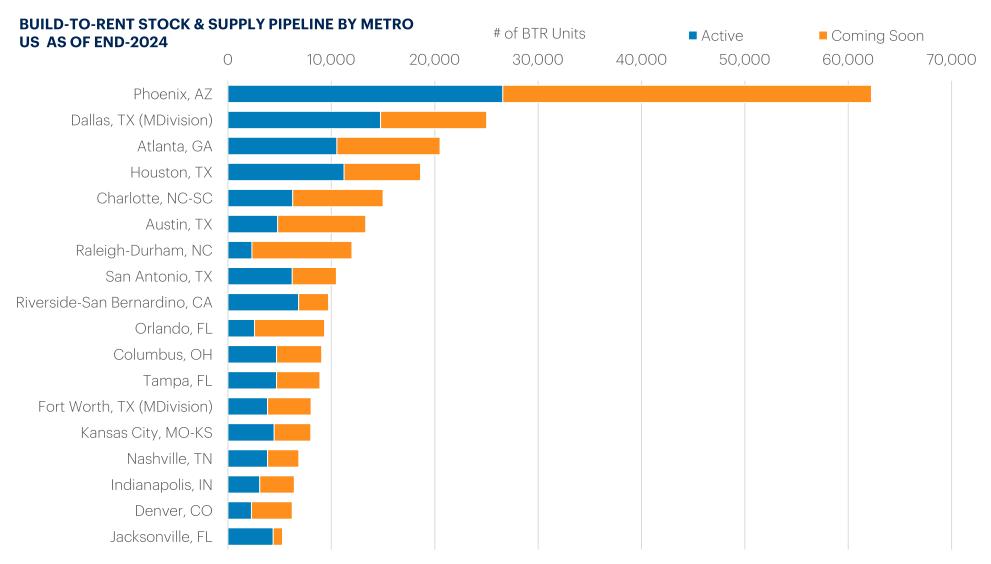
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## BTR Stock is Expanding Rapidly in the Sunbelt

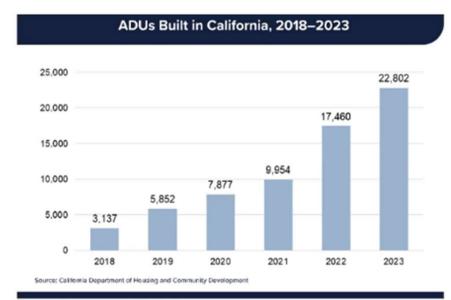
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# ADUs: Can Help (Albeit Marginally) With Housing Supply & Affordability

- Can allow homes to grow with and adapt to the changing needs of families (extra space for adult children or aging parents/grandparents)
- Can allow homeowners to stay in their current homes while keeping their irreplaceably low fixed mortgage rates (extra space for a home office or extra income)
- Rental income from ADUs can help cover an owner's monthly mortgage payment.





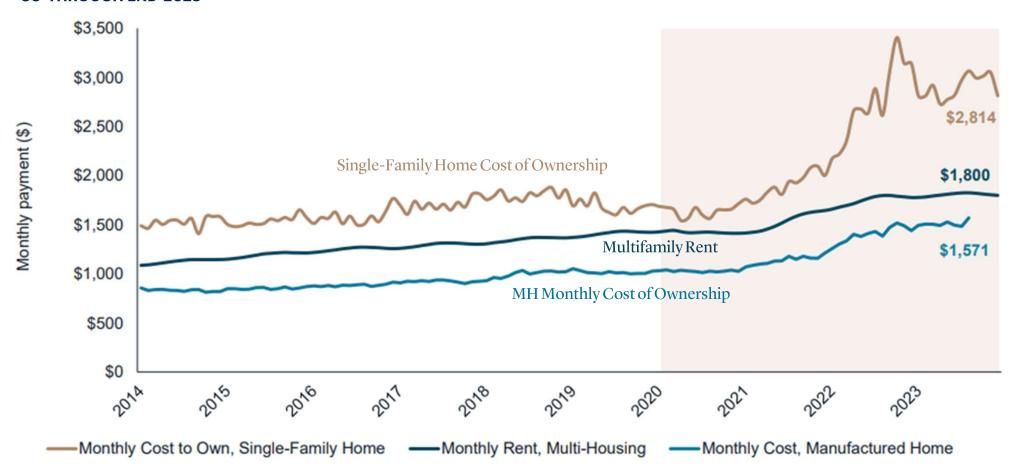




Data Sources: JBREC, 2024 December Housing Market Webinar

# Manufactured Housing: It's Cheaper to *Own* a MH Than it is to *Rent* an Apartment

### MONTHLY PAYMENT, IN USD, FOR SELECT HOUSING OPTIONS US THROUGH END-2023



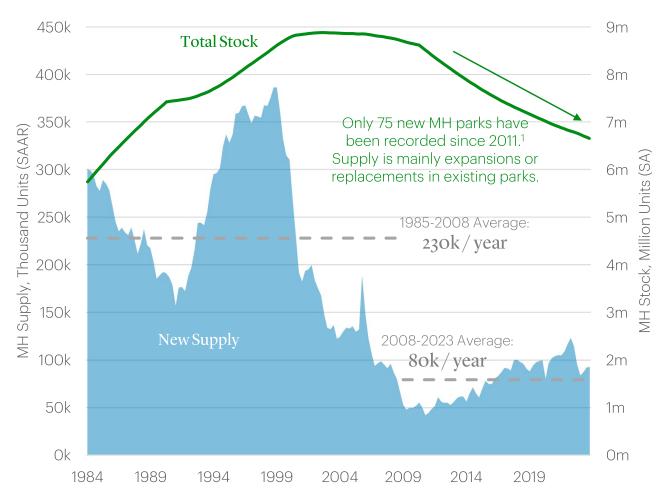
Source: JLL Research, U.S. Census Bureau, Freddie Mac, Axiometrics, NerdWallet, Green Street, EDGAR public filings

Note: Cost to own includes principal, interest, property taxes, and insurance on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage assuming standard mortgage underwriting criteria on a median-priced new home, based on national data.

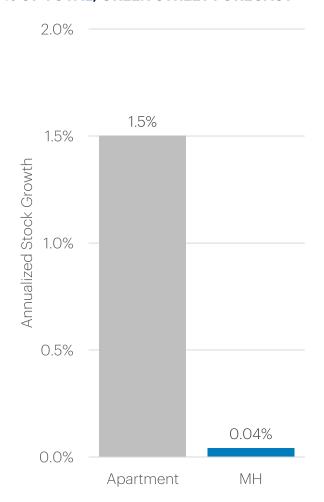
Cost of manufactured housing includes average pad site rent (calculated as an average of SUI and ELS pad site rents nationally) in addition to principal, interest, and insurance on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage assuming standard mortgage underwriting criteria on an average-price new manufactured home, based on national data.

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## MH TOTAL STOCK AND NEW SUPPLY # OF UNITS, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, 1984-2023



## 2024-2028F ANN. STOCK GROWTH % OF TOTAL, GREEN STREET FORECAST

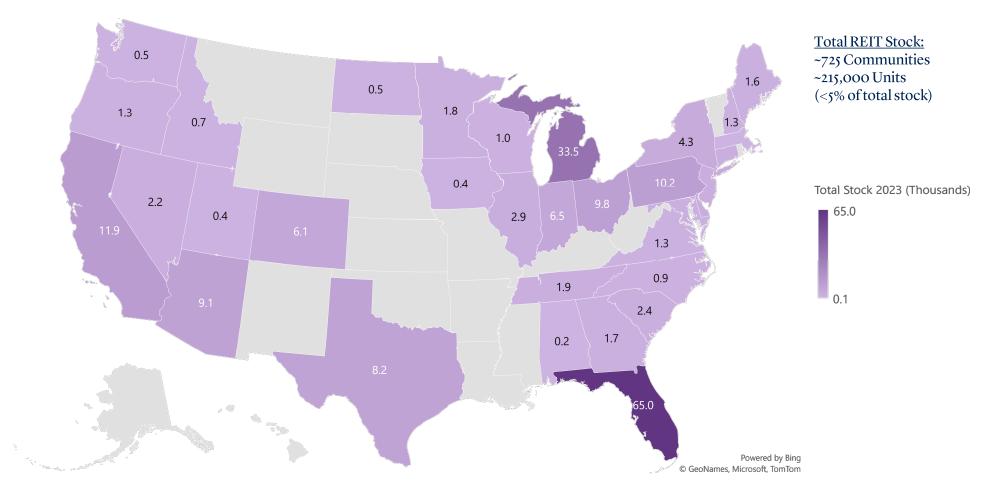


Data Sources: Moody's Analytics database, accessed 2024 Q2 1: Broadvail Capital Partners, "Manufactured Housing White Paper" 2021

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## IL Has Low Institutional MH Presence; MI Has a Very Large Institutional Presence

## REIT MANUFACTURED HOUSING STOCK BY STATE US, THOUSAND UNITS, 2023



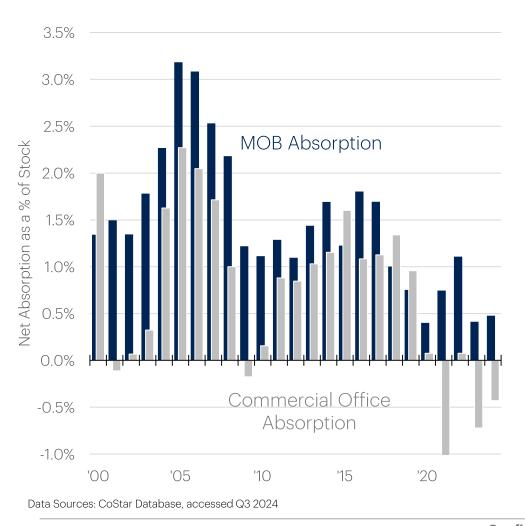
Underlying Data Sources: Annual REIT 10-Ks': UMH (UMH Properties), ELS (Equity Lifestyle Properties), SUI (Sun Communities)

## Medical Office (MOB)

## Consistent MOB Absorption Has Kept Vacancy Low

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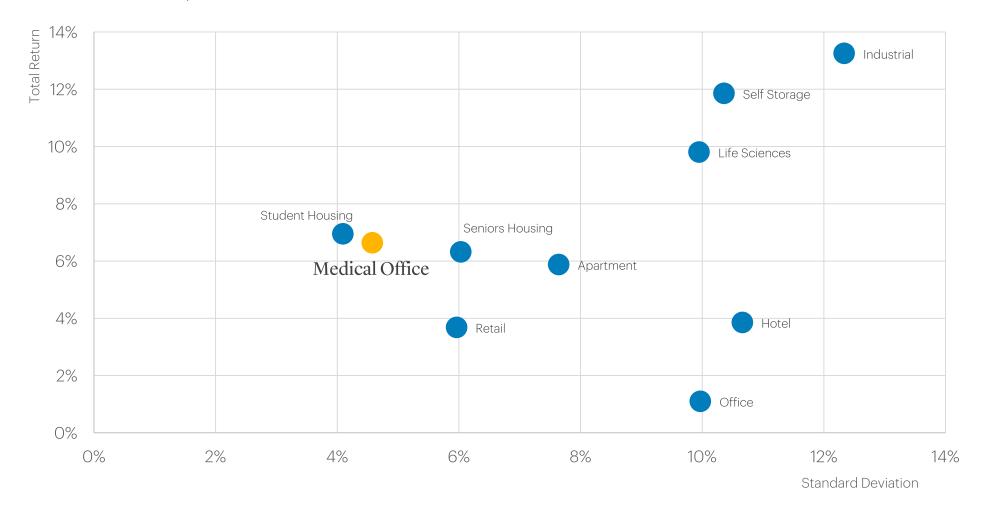




### VACANCY RATES US, 2000 – 2024, YEARS ENDING Q3

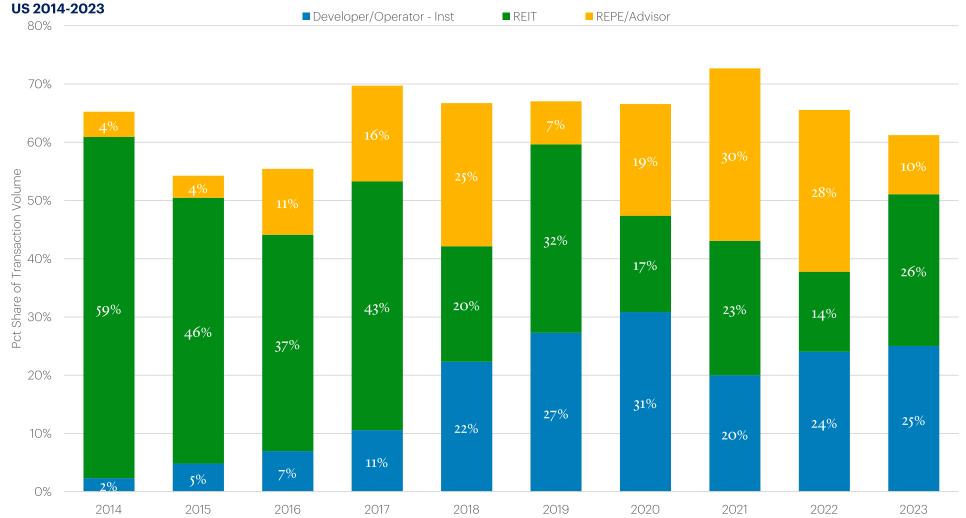


## EXPANDED NPI TOTAL RETURNS VS RISK BY SECTOR US 2015 - 2024 Q3



Data Sources: 2024 Q3 NCREIF Expanded NPI, accessed 2024 Q4

### INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR SHARE OF TOTAL MEDICAL OFFICE TRANSACTION VOLUME, BY TYPE (EXCLUDING ENTITY LEVEL)



Data Sources: Revista database, accessed Q3 2024

# Go-Forward Return Expectations for MOBs Stack Up Well Against Most Sectors



Data Sources: Green Street Healthcare Sector Update (August 22, 2024)

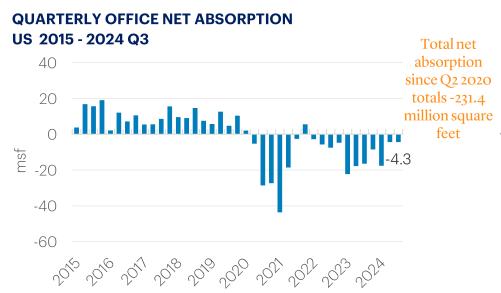
## Advocate Expanding Illinois Facilities Aggressively, Including On Chicago's South Side



Rendering of Advocate Hospital at US Steel South Works site

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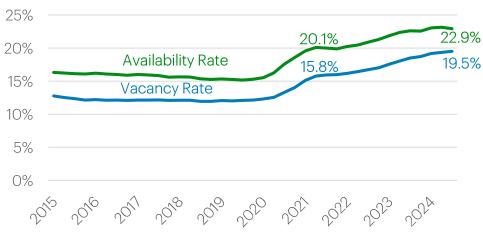
## Office



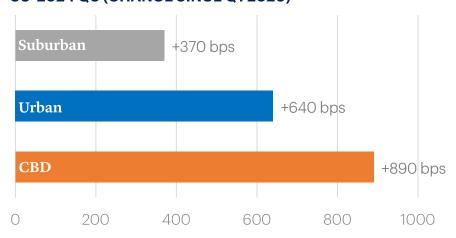
## SUBLEASE SPACE AVAILABLE TOP 30 MARKETS 2015 - 2024 Q3



## OFFICE VACANCY RATE VS AVAILABILITY RATE US 2015 - 2024 Q3

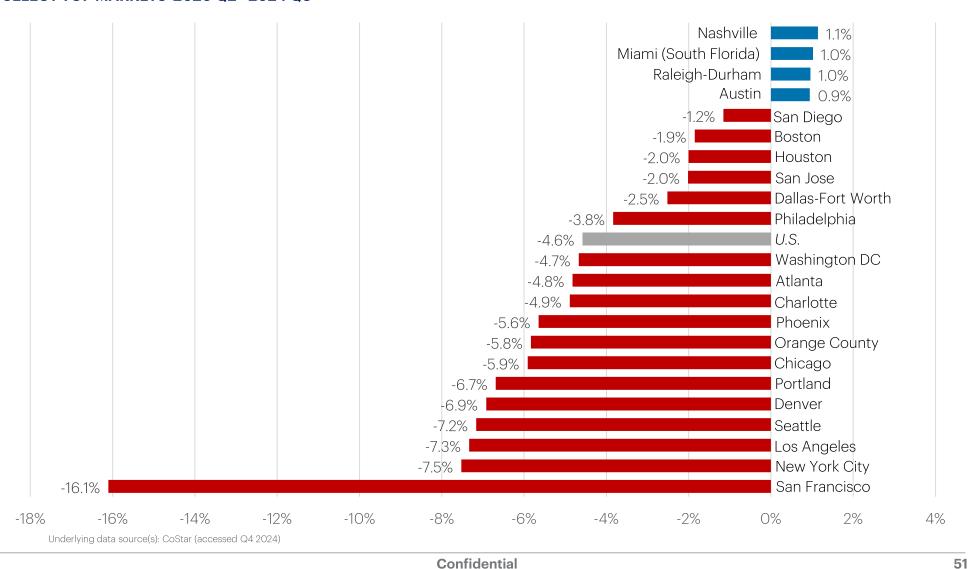


## VACANCY CHANGE BY MARKET TYPE US 2024 Q3 (CHANGE SINCE Q1 2020)



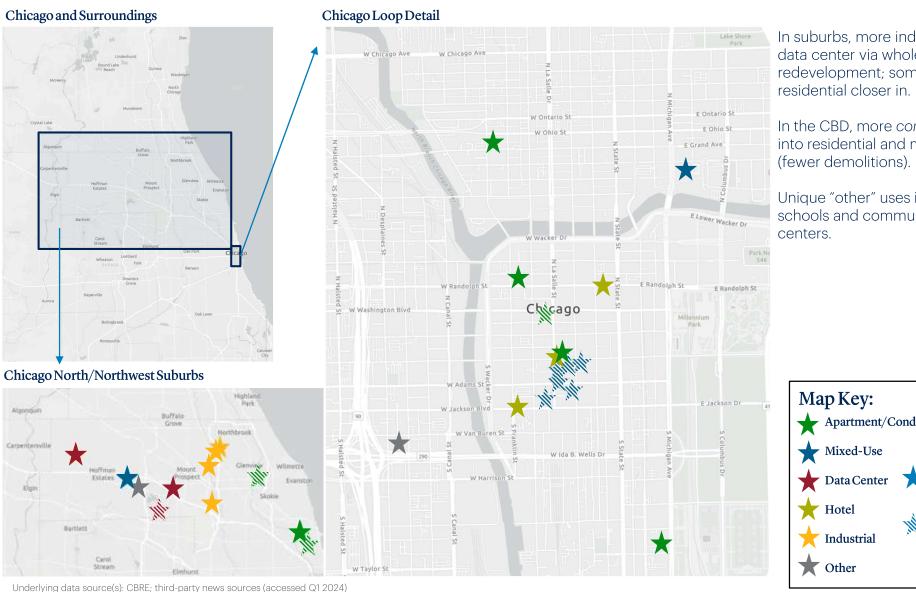
Underlying data source(s): CoStar (accessed Q4 2024)

## NET ABSORPTION - SHARE OF EXISTING INVENTORY SELECT TOP MARKETS 2020 Q2 - 2024 Q3



## Office Redevelopment Varies From Suburbs To CBD

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In suburbs, more industrial and data center via whole site redevelopment; some

In the CBD, more conversions into residential and multifamily

Unique "other" uses including schools and community

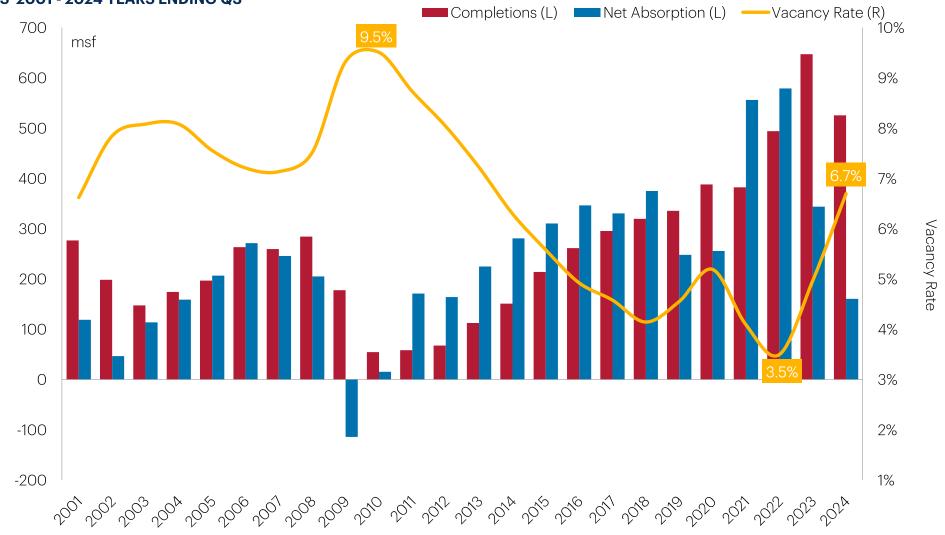


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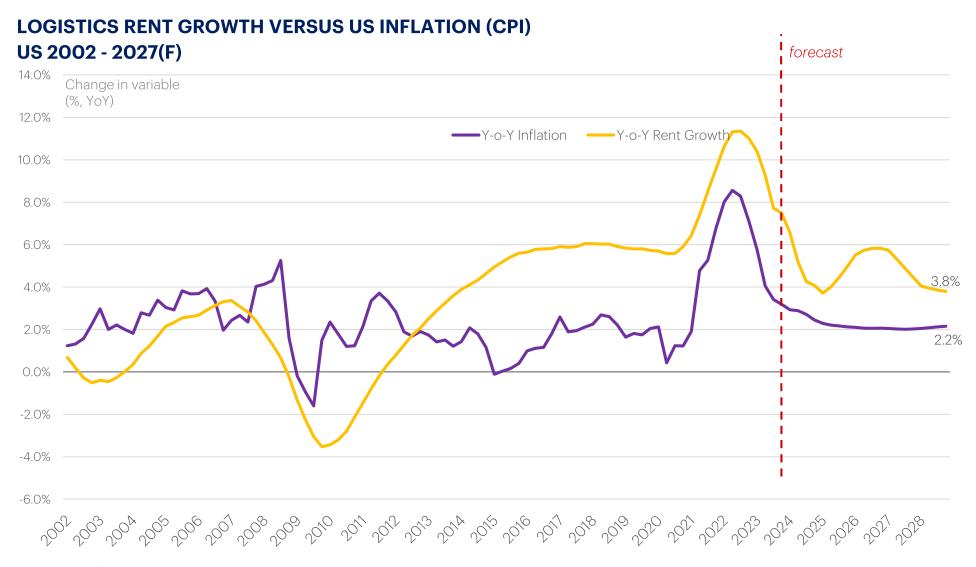
## Industrial

## INDUSTRIAL COMPLETIONS, NET ABSORPTION, AND VACANCY US 2001 - 2024 YEARS ENDING Q3



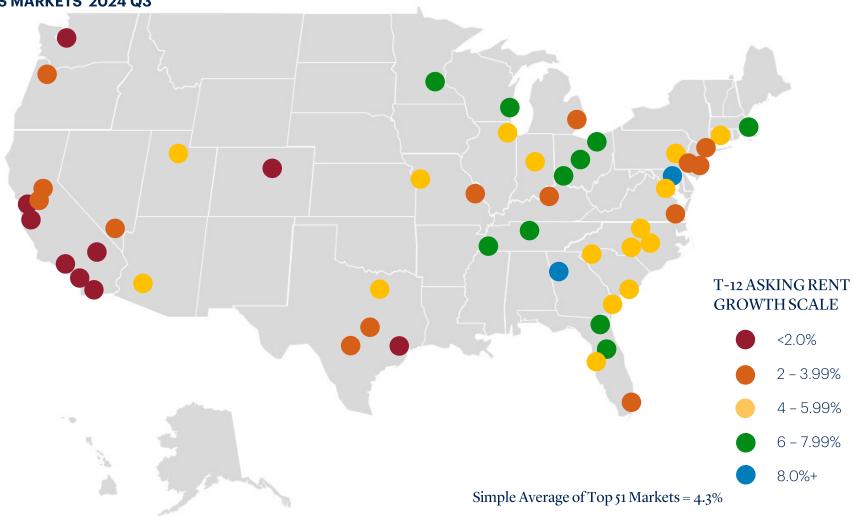
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# Industrial Rent Growth Expected to Outpace Inflation Through the End of 2026



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Moody's Analytics, CoStar

## INDUSTRIAL ASKING RENT GROWTH TOP 51 US MARKETS 2024 Q3



Underlying data source(s): CoStar (accessed Q4 2024)

## **Concluding Remarks**

## Investment Implications for an Uncertain Environment HEITMAN

#### **HOUSING AFFORDABILITY**

The cost of housing in the US relative to income has reached historic highs. Data provider JBREC estimates that the cost of housing has reached 43% gross annual income, and is unlikely to fall much. The Chicago-Naperville-Elgin MSA enjoys a modest relative advantage at 35%. Typologies that may boost housing supply include ADUs, manufactured homes, and rental home communities.

#### **CLIMATE RISK**

The timing and magnitude of the fiscal effects of climate change are hard to foresee; however, Illinois appears set to weather the storm better than its coastal and sunbelt peers. Net migration may increase as the sunbelt—the biggest beneficiary over the last cycle—faces new challenges.

#### **MIGRATION**

Though Chicago is still suffering net outmigration, conditions have improved since the pandemic period. Record international migration—if allowed to continue—will likely benefit the region over the long term. Chicago's relative affordability and insulation from climate risk are structural advantages not shared by most other gateways.

#### **OFFICE CONVERSIONS**

Converting office buildings to other types of real estate is complex and costly. Most private sector investors will not be able to shoulder the risk & up-front outlay without public assistance, whether it takes the form of cutting red tape (e.g., waiving parking requirements) or direct subsidy (e.g., tax abatements). The long-term benefits of a revitalized neighborhood should kindle network effects that benefit surrounding areas—a great public good.