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Multifamily Real Estate Market Summary for Benton and Washington Counties

This report is the thirty-fifth edition of the Skyline Report for Benton and Washington Counties—Multifamily Real Estate Market Analysis. Researchers at the Center for Business and Economic Research in the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas produce the Skyline Report to provide timely statistical analysis of the Northwest Arkansas multifamily real estate market. This study is a companion piece to the semiannual single-family residential and commercial Skyline Reports. As the population of the region grows, there is increased demand for all types of housing. Understanding the supply of multifamily housing opportunities is critical in order to clearly understand the overall residential market. There is a complex dynamic between multifamily housing, residential rental housing, and residential home ownership that is being influenced by several factors including: quantity of multifamily supply, quantity of rental housing, interest rates, underwriting standards, and unemployment rates, among others. The information contained in the following pages details the current condition of the multifamily market and sets the stage for future comparisons.

Highlights from the Second Half of 2016

- The vacancy rate for all multifamily properties in Northwest Arkansas increased to 3.2 percent in the second half of 2016 from 2.4 percent in the first half of 2016. The rate was 3.0 percent in the second half of 2015.
- The increase in regional vacancy rates was primarily due to an increase in by-the-bed vacancy in Fayetteville. The overall multifamily vacancy rate in Fayetteville increased from 3.6 percent in the second half of 2015 to 4.7 percent in the second half of 2016.
- More than 2,650 additional rental units have been announced or are under construction in new multifamily projects in Fayetteville.
- Rogers had the largest year over year decrease in vacancy rates from 4.8 percent in the second half of 2015 to 2.7 percent in the second half of 2016.
- There are an additional 1,700 rental units that have been announced or are under construction in new multifamily projects in Rogers.
- In Bentonville, vacancy rates decreased from 2.0 percent in the second half of 2015 to 1.3 percent in the second half of 2016.
- More than 2,300 additional rental units have been announced or are under construction in the Bentonville submarket.
- The vacancy rate in Siloam Springs decreased from the second half of 2015 to the second half of 2016, moving from 2.7 percent to 1.8 percent.
- Springdale experienced a decline from a 1.0 percent vacancy rate in the second half of 2015 to a 0.9 percent rate in the second half of 2016, giving the city the lowest vacancy rate in Northwest Arkansas.
- Only 150 new rental units have been announced or are under construction in multifamily projects in Springdale.
- In the second half of 2016, the average lease rate per month for a multifamily property unit in Northwest Arkansas increased to \$627.04, while the median lease rate increased to \$566.00.

Report Structure



The results of an in-depth data gathering process are presented and analyzed in this report. Data from three distinct sources were used to examine the characteristics of the Northwest Arkansas multifamily residential housing market. First, building permit data were examined to identify any multifamily units that were new to the market. Second, the databases from the Benton and Washington County Assessors' offices were searched to identify existing multifamily properties. Finally, a survey of the population of multifamily property managers was conducted in order to collect the characteristics of the Northwest Arkansas multifamily housing market.

The Skyline Report is structured in the following way. In the first section, a review of relevant economic statistics is presented to set a context for examining multifamily housing. In the section that follows the economic overview, regional comparisons are detailed. A short discussion about

condominium market is shown second, followed by two tables with announcements of coming multifamily projects. A section on multifamily building permits issued in the last twelve months follows. Next, there is an analysis of the data obtained from the Benton and Washington County Assessors' offices. The total number and the square footage of the population of multifamily properties in Northwest Arkansas are broken down by major city. Then, the coverage of the sample of Skyline Report survey respondents is discussed in relation to that population. Finally, vacancy rates, average and median unit sizes as well as average and median floor plan prices, all calculated from the survey sample, are presented on a regional basis.

The report then turns to a more detailed city-by-city analysis. For this report, Bentonville, Fayetteville, Rogers, Siloam Springs, and Springdale were examined.

In order to collect this specific information about Northwest Arkansas multifamily residential properties, Center for Business and Economic Research staff surveyed the population of multifamily property managers. To identify potential respondents, databases from the Washington and Benton County Assessors' offices were searched. Contact information was obtained where available and at least three phone contacts were attempted for each respondent. When no response was forthcoming, the properties were physically visited by a surveyor.

As the thirty-fifth edition of the multifamily series of the Skyline Report, this study provides trend comparisons in vacancy rates, prices, unit sizes, and other multifamily property characteristics.

Economic Overview

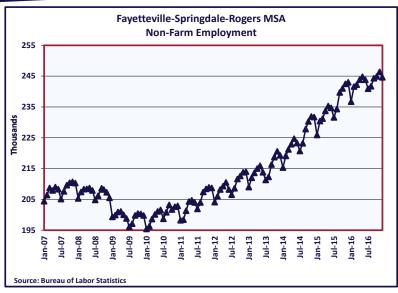
It is helpful to look at some key macroeconomic statistics in order to get a sense of the Northwest Arkansas multifamily real estate market. The rate of activity in the Northwest Arkansas multifamily real estate market is dependent upon two general factors: those that are specific to the region and those that are national in nature. The following discussion highlights some of the statistics that indicate the direction of the macro economy.

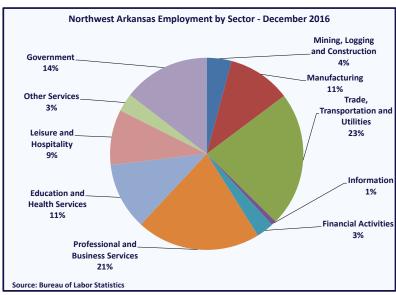
Gross Domestic Product

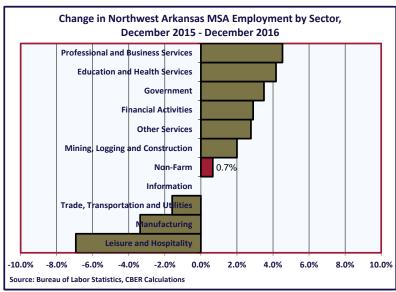
In the fourth quarter of 2016, real GDP increased by 1.9 percent according to advance estimates released by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Real GDP increased by 3.5 percent in the third quarter of 2016. The increase in real GDP in the fourth quarter primarily reflected positive contributions from personal consumption expenditures (PCE), private inventory investment, residential fixed investment, nonresidential fixed investment, and state and local government spending that were partly offset by negative contributions from exports and federal government spending. Imports, which are a subtraction in the calculation of GDP, increased. The deceleration in real GDP in the fourth quarter reflected a downturn in exports, an acceleration in imports, a deceleration in PCE, and a downturn in federal government spending that were partly offset by an upturn in residential fixed investment, an acceleration in private inventory investment, an upturn in state and local government spending, and an acceleration in nonresidential fixed investment.

Employment

The Northwest Arkansas employment situation is extremely important to the health of the real estate market. The most recent data show that employment in the Northwest Arkansas region was at 244,600 in December 2016, up 0.7 percent from December 2015. According to the U.S.







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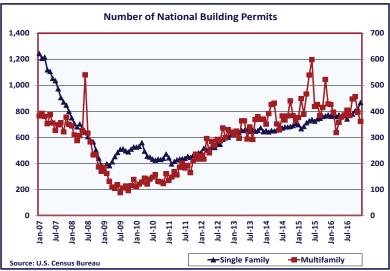
Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the unemployment rate in Northwest Arkansas was at 2.7 percent in December 2016. This is down from the December 2015 rate of 3.2 percent. The unemployment rate has remained under 4.0 percent since August of 2015. The unemployment rate in Northwest Arkansas continues to be lower than both the state (3.8 percent) and national (4.7 percent) unadjusted rates.

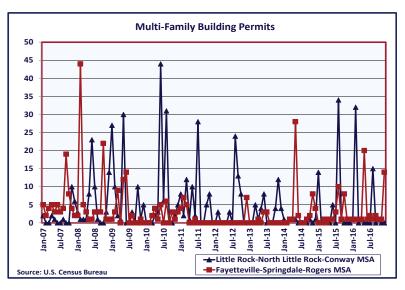
With the purpose of exploring more closely the composition of job growth in Northwest Arkansas, two additional figures are provided on the previous page. The first shows the December 2016 Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA employment breakdown by sector. As the pie chart shows, trade, transportation, and utilities had the largest share of employment (23 percent) in Northwest Arkansas followed by professional and business services (21 percent), government (14 percent), manufacturing (11 percent), education and health services (11 percent), and leisure and hospitality (9 percent). The other figure shows the annual percentage change in the metro area's employment by sector from December 2015 to December 2016. Total nonfarm employment increased by 0.7 percent during that time. Employment in professional and business services, education and health services, government, financial activities, other services, and mining, logging and construction grew more quickly than 0.7 percent. Information employment remained unchanged, while trade, transportation, and utilities, manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality employment declined from December 2015 to December 2016.

Interest Rates

The Federal Funds rate averaged 0.54 percent in December 2016. The ten year constant maturity Treasury bill had an interest rate of 2.49 percent in December 2016, up from 2.24 percent in December 2015. The positive spread between the ten year







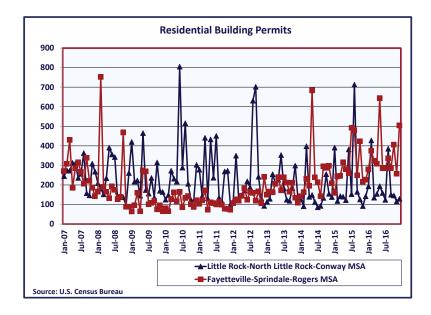
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rate and the federal funds rate narrowed from a year ago, but remains positive as both rates have increased. The Federal Reserve Open Market Committee decided to increase the target range for the federal funds rate to ½ to ¾ percent. The stance of monetary policy remains accommodative, thereby supporting further improvement in labor market conditions and a return to 2 percent inflation. The accompanying figure shows the Federal Funds rate and the thirty year mortgage rate since January 2007.

Multifamily Building Permits

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the issuance of building permits. The national level of multifamily building permits was a seasonally adjusted average rate (SAAR) of 361,000 in December 2016, a decrease of 15.7 percent from the December 2015 rate of 428,000, and a decrease of 8.6 percent from November 2016.

Turning to the two major metropolitan areas in Arkansas, the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers (FSR) MSA and the Little Rock-North Little Rock (LR-NLR) MSA, similar patterns on a smaller scale are apparent. The accompanying graphs show the number of multifamily building permits and total number of residential building permits issued in the two metro areas. In the past year there were 46 newly issued multifamily building permits in the FSR MSA according to the Census Bureau. In the LR-NLR MSA during the same period there were 50 multifamily building permits issued.



Regional Overview

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While increased demand from population growth has driven the overall Northwest Arkansas multifamily market over the past decade, current building is still being driven by expected growth in the University of Arkansas's student population, as well as the overall low vacancy rate in the region. Some multifamily builders feel that projects in a particular location or with special amenities that might appeal to students can also be successful by meeting the needs of the expanding University of Arkansas student population, as well as taking tenants from older complexes. The newer student housing complexes are not geared to be highly competitive in terms of pricing, although project developers assert the price differential is made up by all the utilities and amenities included in the lease rates. Additionally, the developers of new apartment complexes around the University of Arkansas are heavily recruiting in Texas for students who are accepting enrollment at the Fayetteville campus.

Multifamily housing serves multiple purposes in Northwest Arkansas. In Fayetteville, home of the University of Arkansas, the state's flagship institution of higher education, much of the supply of multifamily housing is designed to serve the increasing and ever-changing student population. In addition to providing student housing, multifamily properties also act as low-income housing for those whose financial status and credit ratings are not sufficient to purchase a single-family home, or for those who are still choosing to not purchase single family residences, even if they could do so. Additionally, the affordability of home ownership has begun to stabilize. Coupled with rate increases in affordable single family rental housing,

this may cause an increase in the demand for multifamily housing.

Multifamily properties also serve as transitional housing for those who are between single family residences. Additionally, in Rogers and Bentonville, a number of upscale properties with monthly leases comparable to, and even exceeding monthly mortgage payments are in the market. These properties are designed to provide easy accessibility to the commercial districts of the cities and to appeal to tenants looking to eliminate property maintenance responsibilities. These upscale properties pushed up average rents, but have leased strongly and no longer negatively impact vacancy rates.

Condominium Market

The growth in the condominium market in Northwest Arkansas remained slow in the past six months. Only a few small condominium projects have been completed during this time period. Additionally, the pipeline of coming condominiums has shrunk tremendously as projects have been cancelled due to lack of demand and financing issues.

Bentonville and Springdale have one announced condominium project each with 4 and 10 units, respectively. There is more leasing and lease-to-buy in existing condominium projects as well. Announced projects from previous periods, which were indicated as being indefinitely postponed, are not included in the report. If and when these projects are viable, they will be included in the announced projects tables.

Other Announced Projects

The business press was examined to formulate the attached table of announced new projects. These projects are in addition to projects with building permits that are mentioned below and should be considered jointly with the building permit information in order to get a firm picture about the supply that is coming onto the market, which could add up to 2,650 rental units to the Fayetteville market, over 2,300 units to the Bentonville market, over 1,700 units to the Rogers market, and over 150 units in the Springdale market if all are built. In addition the University of Arkansas has 5,732 beds, and is considering projects that could add over 700 beds as early as fall 2019. Further, Greek Life at the University of Arkansas currently has approximately 1,330 beds and is adding at least an additional 50 beds added each year through 2018.

The associated table details the building permits that have been issued for multifamily housing purposes over the past twelve months. Five of the projects are located in Fayetteville, three are in Rogers, and two are in Bentonville. These 10 projects had 135 building permits issued worth \$157,623,061. The two largest projects are in Fayetteville: Watermark at Steele Crossing had 22 permits issued worth \$42,278,089 and Links at Fayetteville, Phase II, had 24 permits issued worth \$38,803,184.

Announced Projects and Permits

Announcements of N	lew Projects			
Complex Name	Developer	Construction Costs	Number of Units	
Capstone Townhomes	Capstone Investment Group LLC			Bentonville
Downtown Bentonville	SPREG			Bentonville
versole Trust Project	Eversole Revocable Trust		384	Bentonville
arbin Pointe			100	Bentonville
lount Carmel Retirement Complex	Jimmy Elrod	\$5,703,876	31	Bentonville
he Parc at Bentonville, Phase I	TCI Bentonville (Phil Swope)		216	Bentonville
he Parc at Bentonville, Phase II	TCI Bentonville (Phil Swope)		184	Bentonville
he Pointe at Bentonville	Richsmith Development	\$18,040,000	170	Bentonville
ainbow Curve	Honey Creek Land & Cattle		96	Bentonville
ullivan Square	Orchard Properties	\$20,270,000	474	Bentonville
ails at Bentonville	Lindsey Development Co.	\$26,819,902	470	Bentonville
/alton Crossing Apartments	Lindsey Development Co.		200	Bentonville
/atercolor	Rich Richardson		340	Centerton
TMOSPHERE	Trinitas Ventures	\$30,123,407	100 (323 beds)	Fayetteville
eachwood Village Cottages ,Phase II	SPREG & Fountain Residential Partners		(430 beds)	Fayetteville
rand Retirement Community	1913 Capital		164	Fayetteville
appa Alpha Fraternity House	KAAO LLC		22	Fayetteville
nks at Fayetteville, Phase II	Lindsey Development Co.	\$48,900,000	484	Fayetteville
acy Drive Townhomes	Tim Brisiel		57	Fayetteville
ount Carmel Retirement Complex	Jimmy Elrod		25	Fayetteville
esidences at Forest Hills	John Alford		72	Fayetteville
win Arch Apartments	Mark Zweig	\$1,200,000	14	Fayetteville
niversity Brownstones	Chris Elkins	\$1,680,000	8	Fayetteville
ptown Apartments	Carlyle Group, Rob Kimball, SPREG	\$38,032,000	212	Fayetteville
antage II Apartments	Lindsey Development Co.		140	Fayetteville
/AC Row Houses	Partners for Better Housing		12	Fayetteville
atermark at Steele Blvd	Watermark Residential	\$48,508,397	306	Fayetteville
edington behind Harps	Haven Campus Communities		450	Fayetteville
rabella of Rogers	Abby Development	\$33,000,000	120	Rogers
ity Hall Lofts	Robert Lees, Mode Corp, Julie Winn		11	Rogers
ixieland Road Apartments	Carl Walker		15	Rogers
elds at Pinnacle	Chad Hatfield			Rogers
orsebarn Lane Apartments	SPREG		306	Rogers
ilimajaro Way Project	Jon R. Brittenum		66	Rogers
ak Street Special Needs Housing	Bost Inc		11	Rogers
alisades at Pleasant Grove, Phase I	Salter Properties	\$15,570,000	208	Rogers
alisades at Pleasant Grove, Phase II	Salter Properties		208	Rogers
rimrose of Rogers	Primerose Retirement LLC	\$14,580,000	74	Rogers
ne Grove, Phase III	Whisinvest		24	Rogers
atermark at Walnut Creek	Watermark Residential	\$23,700,000	140	Rogers
est 28th Apartment Complex	Today's Bank		130	Rogers
est Walnut Apartments				Rogers
oodland Park			426	Rogers
lansion at Milll Creek Patio Homes	Tom Embach, Leisure Homes Corp		80	Springdale
hiloh Springs	Mid America Management		76	Springdale

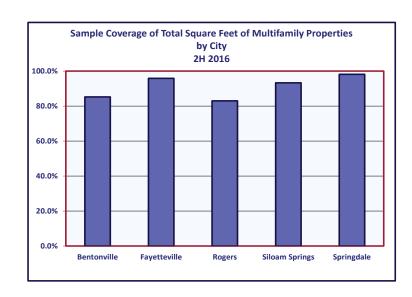
Announced Projects and Permits

Multifamily Building Permits January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

Date	Complex or Developer	Number of Permits	Total Value of Permits	City
7/7/2016	Mt Carmel Senior Living	31	\$5,703,876	Bentonville
12/21/2016	Sullivan Square	13	\$22,269,456	Bentonville
1/27/2016	Uptown Apartments	7	\$38,077,740	Fayetteville
1/28/2016	Watermark at Steele Crossing	22	\$42,278,089	Fayetteville
6/16/2016	Links at Fayetteville II	24	\$38,803,184	Fayetteville
8/29/2016	Twin Arch	4	\$977,122	Fayetteville
9/13/2016	Oakland Duplexes	2	\$975,098	Fayetteville
10/11/2016	Sang Duplexes	4	\$1,441,920	Fayetteville
3/16/2016	Watermark at Walnut Creek	3	\$2,409,776	Rogers
3/31/2016	Primrose Retirement Home	24	\$3,642,912	Rogers
7/11/2016	Watermark at Walnut Creek	1	\$1,043,888	Rogers
	Total	135	\$157,623,061	_

Building permits give a good indication of the types and amounts of space that will become available on the market in the near future. However, to understand the existing inventory of multifamily properties, the Center for Business and Economic Research staff examined the property tax databases from the offices of the Benton and Washington County assessors. From those databases, parcels that were classified as multifamily residential were identified and then results were aggregated by complex to avoid double counting. Unfortunately, the databases do not include any measure of the number of units associated with a particular property, but rather the total square feet of any buildings on the parcels is provided. The number of properties by city and the total square feet of multifamily residential space are provided in the accompanying table.

In the Skyline Report sample, Fayetteville had the most multifamily properties in Northwest Arkansas with 353, totaling over 7.2 million square feet. Following Fayetteville, in descending order from most multifamily properties to fewest in the sample were Bentonville, Springdale, Rogers, and Siloam Springs. The total number of multifamily properties with in-



formation reported in these cities other than Fayetteville in the second half of 2016 was 735 with a total size of over 19.2 million square feet.

The Center for Business and Economic Research staff attempted to obtain additional information about each of the multifamily residential properties in these five cities. A survey instrument was developed to ascertain the number of units in each property, the number of units currently available for lease, the types of different floor plans, the prices of different floor plans, lease durations, and the amenities

associated with each property. An online data collection tool was used to streamline the process and to make responding more convenient for apartment managers. The results from this surveying effort comprise the remainder of this report. In the second half of 2016, information was collected on 91.2 percent of the existing square footage of multifamily properties, an increase from the 90.6 percent in the first half of 2016.

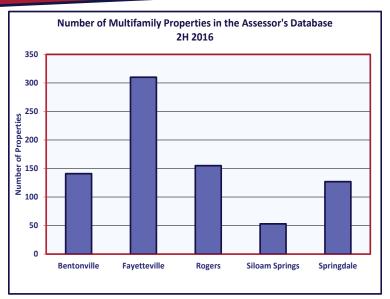
In the analysis that follows, it is important to remember that the survey sample disproportionately measures large properties with many units, rather than

Total Inventory of Multifamily Properties and Sample Coverage Second Half of 2016

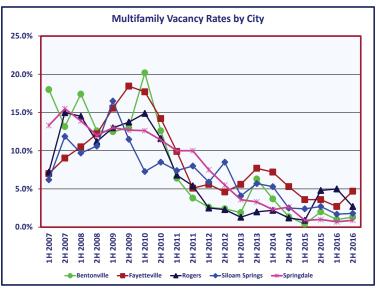
City	Number of Multifamily Properties in County Assessor Databases	Total Square Feet of Multifamily Properties in County Assessor Databases	Number of Multifamily Properties in Sample	Total Square Feet of Multifamily Properties in Sample	Percent Coverage of Total Square Feet
Bentonville	141	4,338,910	129	3,698,003	85.2%
Fayetteville	310	7,238,691	353	6,940,474	95.9%
Rogers	155	4,714,602	101	3,911,730	83.0%
Siloam Springs	53	692,037	50	645,484	93.3%
Springdale	127	4,095,501	102	4,020,491	98.2%
Northwest Arkansas	786	21,079,741	735	19,216,182	91.2%

small multifamily properties. In as much as the large properties drive the market for multifamily housing, extrapolating the results to the entire population is entirely reasonable. Within the second half of 2016 survey respondents, there were 36,159 total units in 735 multifamily properties. These properties had a combined vacancy rate of 3.2 percent, up from 2.4 percent in the first half of 2016. The highest vacancy rate was in Fayetteville at 4.7 percent and the lowest vacancy rate was in Springdale at 0.9 percent. In the second half of 2016, Rogers had a vacancy rate of 2.7 percent, while Bentonville, and Siloam Springs had vacancy rates of 1.3 percent and 1.8 percent, respectively.

Within the sample, the average lease price per month in Northwest Arkansas was \$627.04, up from \$608.88 in the first half of 2016. Meanwhile, the average square footage remained at 853 square feet. The median lease price increased to \$566.00 from \$550.00 in the first half of 2016, while the median size of a unit increased to 816 square feet in the second half of 2016, from 808 square feet. The average monthly price per square foot of a multifamily property was \$0.74, up from \$0.71 in the first half of 2016, and the median price per square foot increased to \$0.69 from \$0.68. Examining the price and square footage by floor plan yields other statistics: on a price per square foot basis, the least expensive floor plans, on average, were two and three bedrooms at \$0.67 per month. The most expensive floor plans, on average, were "by the bed" floor plans in Fayetteville at an average price per square foot of \$1.59.







Sample Vacancy Rates - Second Half of 2016

Market Area	Number of Apartment Complexes	Number of Units		1H 2015 Vacancy Rate	2H 2015 Vacancy Rate
Bentonville	129	4,702	1.3%	1.0%	2.0%
Fayetteville	353	19,503	4.7%	2.7%	3.6%
Rogers	101	4,610	2.7%	5.0%	4.8%
Siloam Spring	gs 50	1,054	1.8%	1.7%	2.7%
Springdale	102	6,290	0.9%	0.7%	1.0%
NWA	735	36,159	3.2%	2.4%	3.0%



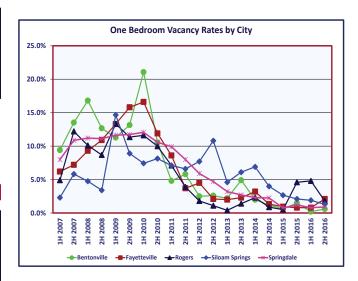
Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	413	\$590.10	\$1.43
By the Bed	443	\$704.36	\$1.59
1 Bedroom	619	\$533.15	\$0.86
2 Bedroom	915	\$613.27	\$0.67
3 Bedroom	1,280	\$862.05	\$0.67
4 Bedroom	1,263	\$1,031.40	\$0.82
NWA	853	\$627.04	\$0.74

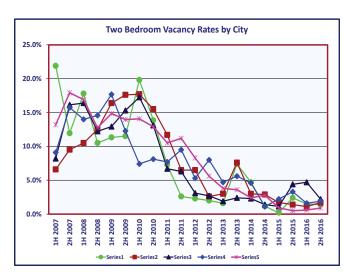
Median Size and Price by Floor Plan Second Half of 2016

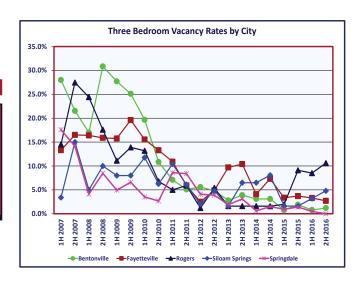
Median Square Feet	Median Price per Month	Median Price per Square Foot
403	\$425.00	\$1.05
423	\$715.00	\$1.69
600	\$465.00	\$0.78
900	\$575.00	\$0.64
1,254	\$775.00	\$0.62
1,255	\$930.00	\$0.74
816	\$566.00	\$0.69
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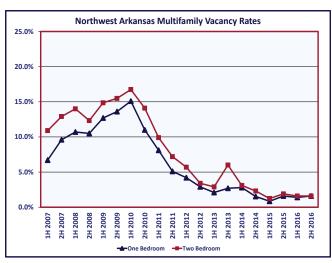
Vacancy Rates by Floor Plan Second Half of 2016

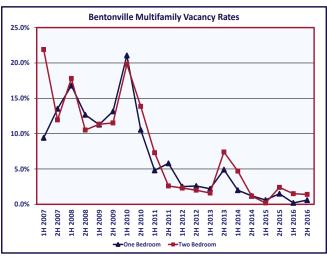
Market Area	By-the- Bed	One Bedroom	Two Bedroom	Three Bedroom
Bentonville		0.6%	1.4%	1.2%
Fayetteville	11.5%	2.1%	1.7%	2.7%
Rogers		1.8%	2.2%	10.6%
Siloam Springs		1.3%	1.9%	4.8%
Springdale		0.9%	0.9%	0.2%
NWA	11.5%	1.6%	1.6%	3.2%

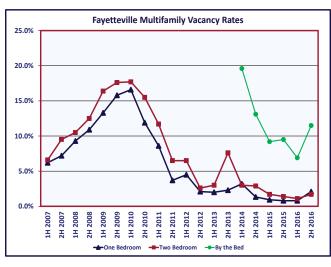


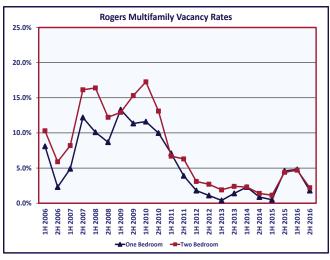


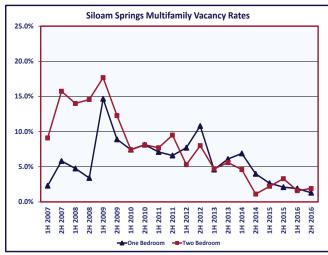


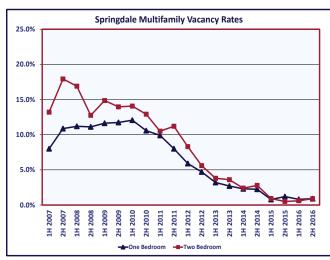












Bentonville

- The Benton County Assessor's database contained 141 multifamily properties in Bentonville in the second half of 2016. These properties comprised 4,338,910 square feet.
- The 129 Bentonville Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 85.2 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 4,702 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 1.3 percent vacancy rate in the second half of 2016, up from 1.0 percent in the first half of 2016 and down from 2.0 percent in the second half of 2015.
- The average lease rate of all units in Bentonville increased to \$614.41 in the second half of 2016 from \$588.05 in the first half of 2016, and the average size of a unit increased to 898 square

Average Unit Size and Price by Floor Plan Second Half of 2016

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	356	\$1,365.00	\$3.83
1 Bedroom	627	\$572.39	\$0.91
2 Bedroom	932	\$591.88	\$0.64
3 Bedroom	1,341	\$735.77	\$0.55
4 Bedroom	1,366	\$500.00	\$0.37
Bentonville	898	\$614.41	\$0.68

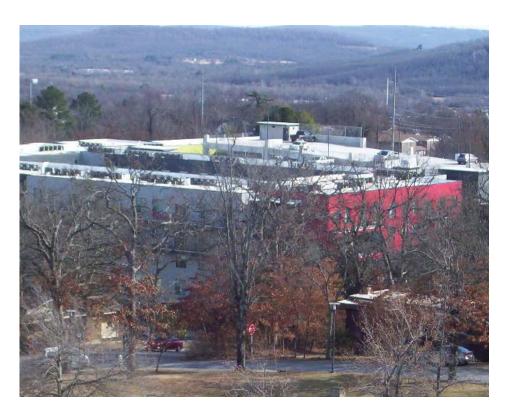
feet. The average price per square foot increased to \$0.68.

 The monthly leases for Bentonville multifamily properties averaged between \$0.37 per square foot for a four bedroom apartment and \$1.92 per square foot for a studio apartment.

 Most Bentonville multifamily properties required either 6-month or 12-month leases, while month-tomonth options were available at some properties.



Fayetteville



- The Washington County Assessor's database contained 310 multifamily properties in Fayetteville in the second half of 2016. These properties comprised 7,238,691 square feet.
- The 353 Fayetteville Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 95.9 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 19,503 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 4.7 percent vacancy rate in the second half of 2016, 2.7 in the first half of 2016, and 3.6 in the second half of 2015.
- The average price of all units in Fayetteville increased to \$666.71 in the second half of 2016 from \$647.89 in the first half of 2016, the average size of a unit increased to 835 square feet.

- The monthly leases for Fayetteville multifamily properties averaged between \$0.72 per square foot for a two bedroom apartment and \$1.59 per square foot for a by the bed unit.
- Fayetteville had multifamily properties with many different floor plans, with a wide variety of lease options to suit the student population.

Average Unit Size and Price by Floor Plan Second Half of 2016

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	416	\$462.37	\$1.11
By the Bed	443	\$704.36	\$1.59
1 Bedroom	619	\$549.43	\$0.89
2 Bedroom	910	\$656.92	\$0.72
3 Bedroom	1,279	\$975.03	\$0.76
4 Bedroom	1,239	\$1,167.86	\$0.94
Fayetteville	835	\$666.71	\$0.80

Rogers

- The Benton County Assessor's database contained 155 multifamily properties in Rogers in the second half of 2016. These properties comprised 4,714,602 square feet.
- The 101 Rogers Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 83.0 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 4,610 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 2.7 percent vacancy rate in the second half of 2016, down from from 5.0 percent in the first half of 2016 and down from 4.8 percent in the second half of 2015.
- The average lease rate of all units in Rogers increased to \$672.25 in the

- second half of 2016 from \$652.89 in the first half of 2016, while the average size of a unit stayed at 919 square feet.
- The monthly leases for multifamily properties in Rogers averaged between \$0.66 per square foot for a
- two bedroom apartment and \$5.83 per square foot for a studio.
- Most Rogers multifamily properties required either 6-month or 12-month leases, although some month-tomonth leases were available.

Average Unit Size and Price by Floor Plan Second Half of 2016

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	510	\$2,975.00	\$5.83
1 Bedroom	673	\$549.43	\$0.82
2 Bedroom	960	\$636.28	\$0.66
3 Bedroom	1,269	\$888.18	\$0.70
Rogers	919	\$672.25	\$0.73



Siloam Springs



Average Unit Size and Price by Floor Plan Second Half of 2016

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	387	\$345.75	\$0.89
1 Bedroom	601	\$395.18	\$0.66
2 Bedroom	880	\$505.55	\$0.57
3 Bedroom	1,403	\$673.92	\$0.48
4 Bedroom	1,210	\$779.00	\$0.64
Siloam Springs	857	\$502.47	\$0.59

- The Benton County Assessor's database contained 53 multifamily properties in Siloam Springs in the second half of 2016. These properties comprised 692,037 square feet.
- The 50 Siloam Springs Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 93.3
- percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 1,054 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 1.8 percent vacancy rate in the second half of 2016,

- up from the 1.7 percent vacancy rate in the first half of 2016, and down from the 2.7 percent rate in the second half of 2015.
- The average price of all units in Siloam Springs increased to \$502.47, as the average size of a unit increased to 857 square feet.
- The monthly leases for the Siloam Springs multifamily properties averaged between \$0.48 per square foot for a three bedroom apartment and \$0.89 per square foot for a studio apartment.
- Most Siloam Springs multifamily properties required 12-month leases, although some month-to-month leases were available.

Springdale

- The Washington County Assessor's database contained 127 multifamily properties in Springdale in the first half of 2016. These properties comprised 4,095,501 square feet.
- The 102 Springdale Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 98.2 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 6,290 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 0.9 percent vacancy rate in the second half of 2016, up from 0.7 percent in the first half of 2016 and down from 1.0 percent in the second half of 2015.
- The average price of all units in Springdale was \$528.65, while the average size of a unit increased to 784 square feet.

Average Unit Size and Price by Floor Plan Second Half of 2016

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	430	\$457.50	\$1.06
1 Bedroom	572	\$449.39	\$0.79
2 Bedroom	874	\$543.31	\$0.62
3 Bedroom	1,138	\$687.10	\$0.60
4 Bedroom	1,333	\$860.00	\$0.65
Springdale	784	\$528.65	\$0.67

- The monthly leases for Springdale multifamily properties averaged between \$0.62 per square foot for two bedroom apartments and \$1.06 per square foot for a studio apartments.
- Most Springdale multifamily properties required either 6-month or

12-month leases, although some 3-month, 9-month, and month-to-month leases were available.

