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## Multifamily Real Estate Market Summary for Benton and Washington Counties

This report is the twenty-sixth 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 First Half of 2012**

- Vacancy rates for multifamily properties in Northwest Arkansas declined from their fourth quarter 2011 level of 6.1 percent to 5.1 percent in the second quarter of 2012. The second quarter 2012 Northwest Arkansas vacancy rate was the lowest since the third quarter of 2005.
- The Fayetteville multifamily vacancy rate increased from 5.1 to 5.6 percent in the first half of 2012, while Rogers now has the lowest aggregate vacancy rate at 2.5 percent, down from 5.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- The Springdale, Siloam Springs, and Bentonville multifamily vacancy rates declined significantly from 10.0, 8.0, and 3.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011 to 7.5, 5.9, and 2.6 percent in the second quarter of 2012, respectively.
- The average lease price per month for a multifamily property unit in Northwest Arkansas increased again, from \$534.24 in the fourth quarter of 2011 to \$538.21 in the second quarter of 2012.
- The median monthly lease price for a multifamily property remained at \$495.00 in second quarter of 2012.
- New projects announced in Fayetteville appear to contain more than 3,000 rental units. This would add substantially to the current base of 13,335 units in the city.

## 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 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.





## **Economic Overview**

As the twenty-sixth 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.

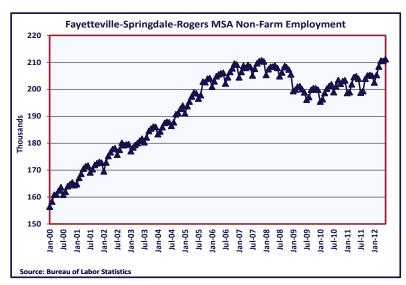
It is helpful to look at some key macroeconomic statistics in order to get a sense of the Northwest Arkansas multifamily real estate market. The rate of activity in the Northwest Arkansas mulitfamily real estate market is dependent upon two general factors: those that are specific to the region and those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

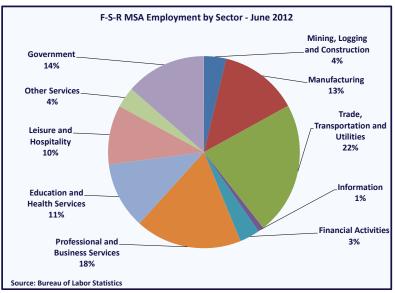
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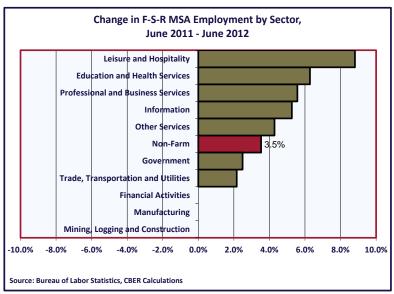
In the second quarter of 2012 the overall real GDP growth rate was a positive 1.5 percent according to estimates released by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The growth rate slowed from both a revised 1.9 percent in the first quarter of 2012, and a revised 4.0 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011.

#### **Employment**

The Northwest Arkansas employment situation has been extremely important to the commercial real estate market. The most recent employment data show that recent employment growth has allowed the Northwest Arkansas region to achieve a new all-time employment high in June 2012 at 211,100. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the unemployment rate in Northwest Arkansas was at a preliminary seasonally non-adjusted 5.7 percent in May of 2012. This is 0.4 percentage points lower than in May of 2011 but 0.1 percentage points higher than in December of 2011. The unemployment rate in Northwest Arkansas continues to be lower than both the state (7.2 percent) and nation (8.2 percent) non-seasonally adjusted rates.





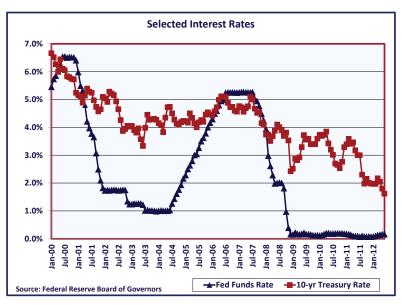


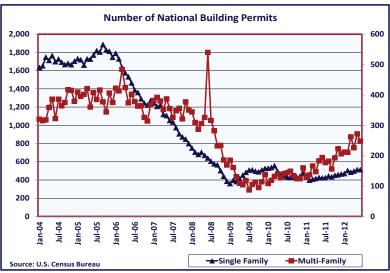
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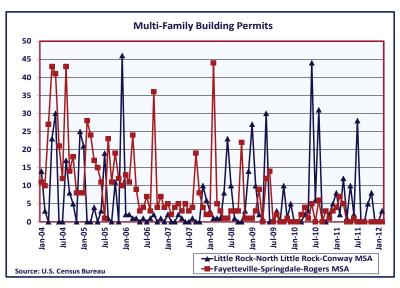
With the purpose of exploring more closely the composition of job growth in Northwest Arkansas, two additional figures are provided on the previous page. The first shows the June 2012 Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA employment breakdown by sector. As the pie chart shows, trade, transportation, and utilities have the largest share of employment (22 percent) in Northwest Arkansas followed by professional and business services (18 percent), government (14 percent), manufacturing (13 percent), education and health services (11 percent), and leisure and hospitality (10 percent). The second figure shows the annual percentage change in the MSA's employment by sector from June 2011 to June 2012. Total nonfarm employment increased by 3.5 percent during that time. Employment in leisure and hospitality, education and health services, professional and business services, information, and other services grew more quickly than 3.5 percent, while government and trade, transportion, and utilities grew more slowly. Financial activities, manufacturing, and construction employment were flat over the year.

#### Interest Rates

The Federal Funds rate averaged 0.16 percent in June 2012. This was the same as in May 2012, but an increase from both the 0.08 percent rate in January 2012, and the 0.09 percent rate in June 2011. The ten year constant maturity Treasury bill had an interest rate of 1.62 percent in June 2012. This was lower than both the 1.97 percent rate in January 2012 and the 3.0 percent rate in June 2011. Low short-term rates continue to cause the positive spread between the ten year rate and the fed rate. The Federal Reserve Open Market Committee has not indicated any changes in the current easy money policy of keeping interest rates low. FOMC projections for future inflation remain in the 1.5 to 2.0 percent range. The accompanying figure shows the Federal







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funds rate and the ten year Treasury bill rate since January 2000.

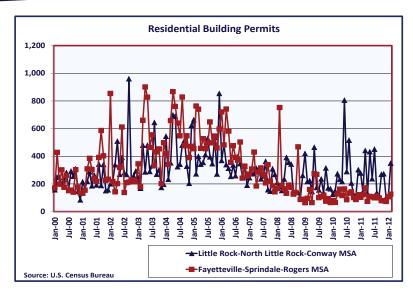
#### **Consumer Price Index**

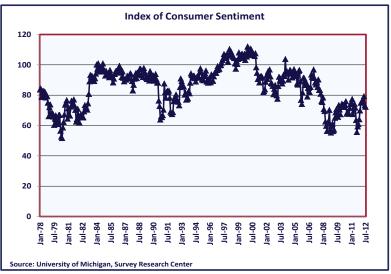
According to the BLS the seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) remained unchanged from May to June 2012. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 1.7 percent before seasonal adjustments. The food index increased in June 2012, with both food at home and food away from home ticking upwards, after remaining the same in May, when food at home decreased and food away from home increased. The energy index decreased for the third consecutive month in June. Gasoline decreased for the third consecutive month, while energy services remained unchanged in June, as electricity decreased but natural gas increased. The index for all items less food and energy increased 0.2 percent in June 2012, the same increase as in May, and increased by 2.2 percent for the previous 12 months.

#### Multifamily Building Permits

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the issuance of building permits. The national level of building permits were a seasonally adjusted average rate (SAAR) of 248,000 in June 2012, a decrease of 8.8 percent from the May 2012 rate of 272,000, but increases of 25.3 and 78.4 percent from June 2011 and June 2010, respectively. However, this is still 54.2 percent below the SAAR of 540,000 in June 2008.

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, 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. For the past year there have been no newly issued multifamily building permits in the FSR MSA according to the Census Bureau. In the LR-NLR MSA during the same period there have been 41 multifamily building permits issued. With respect to the residential market the FSR MSA has been below the LR-NLR MSA for all but one (May 2012) of the past twelve months.

#### **Consumer Sentiment**

The University of Michigan produces the Consumer Sentiment Index. The Index of Consumer Sentiment fell to 72.3 in July of 2012 from 73.3 in June of 2012. The July 2012 number was an increase from the 63.7 in June of 2011.

## 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 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, such as golf courses, or high end finish outs, can also be successful by taking tenants from other complexes. The newer complexes are not geared to be highly competitive in terms of pricing.

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. Thus, as areas like South Fayetteville are redeveloped and previously existing affordable single family residences are demolished, the demand for multifamily housing should increase. However, the affordability of home ownership has continued to increase due to the declines in home prices and interest rates remaining at historically low levels. Coupled with increases in affordable single family rental housing, this may cause a decline in the demand for multifamily housing.

Multifamily properties also serve as transitional housing for those who are between single family residences, though in the current economy that is probably less significant, or for those who are unlikely to remain in a particular location long enough to make the purchase of a house economically sensible. The continued growth in the number of executive suites in Northwest Arkansas remains a testament to demand driven by transitional demand. 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 continued to 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. Springdale has a single announced condominium project. Also, there is more leasing and lease-to-buy in existing condominium projects as well.

The associated table gives some information about announced condominium projects. The information gathered shows that the the remaning condominium project in Springdale is selling at \$223 per square foot, and has 25 units between 1,100 and 1,200 square feet in size.

Announced projects from previous quarters, 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.

#### **Announced Other 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.

The associated table details the building permits that have been issued for multifamily housing purposes over the past twelve months. Two of the projects are located in Fayetteville, and one in Rogers. Only one project with a value greater than a million dollars was permitted during this period: The Grove at Fayetteville.

# Announced Projects and Permits

Announced Condominium Projects						
Complex Name	City	Number of Units	Unit Square Footage	Price per Square Foot		
Waterfront at Harber Meadows	Springdale	25	1,100-1,200	\$223		

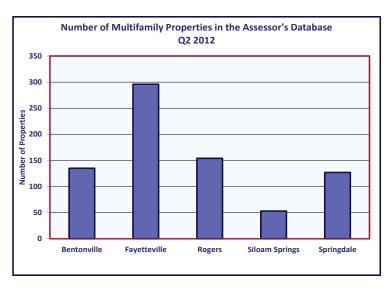
Announcements of Other New Projects						
Complex Name	Developer	Construction Costs	Number of Units			
Copperstone Apartments, Ph Elm Tree Place	ase II Lindsey Development Co.		8-12	Bentonville Bentonville		
Behind Red Roof Inn	Bahkta and Dill Families		500	Fayetteville		
Eco Downtown	MC3 Multifamily	250 (	559 beds)	Fayetteville		
Links at Fayetteville II	Jim Lindsey	\$48,900,000	600	Fayetteville		
Oakbrooke	Tracy Hoskins		37	Fayetteville		
Project Cleveland	MC3 Multifamily	122 (4	450 Beds)	Fayetteville		
Marinoni Farm	Capstone		600	Fayetteville		
Sterling Frisco	MC3 Multifamily	218 (	640 beds)	Fayetteville		
The Domain	Asset Campus Housing	648	Bedrooms	Fayetteville		
The Grove	Campus Crest, LLC		632	Fayetteville		
The Vue	Park Green Properties	180 (	656 Beds)	Fayetteville		
Winkler Apartments	Steve Winkler		12	Fayetteville		

Multifamily Residence Building Permits July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012					
Date	Complex or Developer	Number of Permits	Total Value of Permits	City	
10/20/2011	1241 N Oakland Ave	1	\$225,240	Fayetteville	
1/17/2012	Meadows Apartments	3	\$861,200	Rogers	
2/14/2012	The Grove at Fayetteville	9	\$28,315,241	Fayetteville	
	Total	13	\$29,401,681		

## **Building Permits**

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.

The survey sample database search shows Fayetteville with the most multifamily properties in Northwest Arkansas with 296, totaling almost 5.7 million square feet. Following Fayetteville, in descending order from most multifamily properties to fewest were Rogers, Bentonville, Springdale, and Siloam Springs. The total number of multifamily properties in these cities in the



second quarter of 2012 was 765 with a total size of almost 18.8 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 quarter of 2012, information was collected on 87.0 percent of the existing square footage of multifamily properties, up from the 82.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011.

In the analysis that follows, it is important to remember that the survey sample disproportionately measures large properties with many units, rather than small multifamily properties. In as much as the large properties drive the market for multifamily hous-

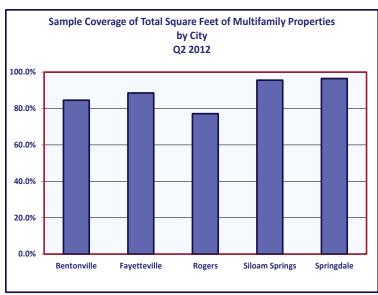
### **Total Inventory of Multifamily Properties and Sample Coverage** First Half of 2012

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	135	3,743,918	126	3,164,974	84.5%
Fayetteville	296	5,697,933	304	5,044,761	88.5%
Rogers	154	4,538,520	90	3,502,207	77.2%
Siloam Springs	53	692,037	47	661,200	95.5%
Springdale	127	4,095,501	93	3,950,217	96.5%
Northwest Arkansas	765	18,767,909	660	16,323,359	87.0%

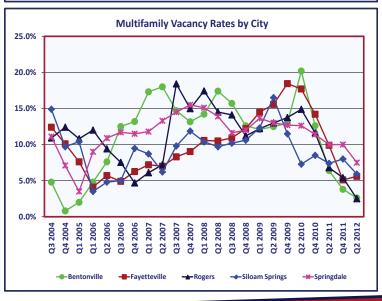
# Multifamily Properties

ing, extrapolating the results to the entire population is entirely reasonable. Within the second quarter 2012 survey sample, there were 28,811 total units in 660 multifamily residential properties. These properties had a combined vacancy rate of 5.1 percent, down from 6.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011. The highest vacancy rate was in Springdale at 7.5 percent and the lowest vacancy rate was in Rogers at 2.5 percent. In the second quarter of 2012, Fayetteville had a vacancy rate of 5.6 percent, while Bentonville and Siloam Springs had vacancy rates of 2.6 and 5.9 percent, respectively. Within the sample, the average lease price per month in Northwest Arkansas was \$538.21, up slightly from \$534.24 in the fourth quarter of 2011. Meanwhile, the average square footage went up slightly from 839 to 841 square feet. The median lease price remained the same at \$495, and the median size of a unit continued to be 800 square feet in the second quarter.









# **Multifamily Properties**

### Sample Vacancy Rates - First Half of 2012

Market Area	Number of Apartment Complexes	Number of Units		Q4 2011 Vacancy Rate	Q2 2011 Vacancy Rate
Bentonville	126	4,025	2.6%	3.8%	6.4%
Fayetteville	304	13,335	5.6%	5.1%	9.9%
Rogers	90	4,251	2.5%	5.4%	6.8%
Siloam Spring	gs 47	1,104	5.9%	8.0%	7.4%
Springdale	93	6,096	7.5%	10.0%	10.0%
NWA	660	28,811	5.1%	6.1%	8.9%



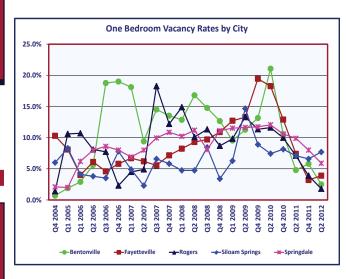
Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	417	\$447.04	\$1.07
1 Bedroom	615	\$460.49	\$0.75
2 Bedroom	912	\$542.39	\$0.59
3 Bedroom	1,238	\$726.01	\$0.59
4 Bedroom	1,313	\$858.09	\$0.65
NWA	841	\$538.21	\$0.64

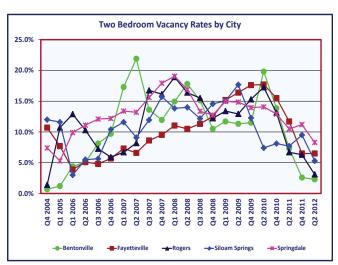
### Median Size and Price by Floor Plan First Half of 2012

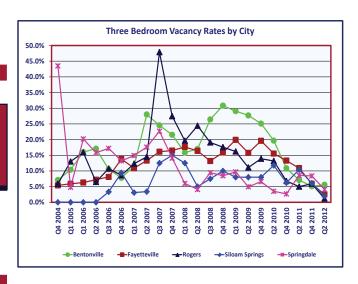
Floor Plan	Median Square Feet	Median Price per Month	Median Price per Square Foot
Studio	400	\$350.00	\$0.88
1 Bedroom	600	\$400.00	\$0.67
2 Bedroom	890	\$508.00	\$0.57
3 Bedroom	1,236	\$650.00	\$0.53
4 Bedroom	1,255	\$800.00	\$0.64
NWA	800	\$495.00	\$0.62

### Vacancy Rates by Floor Plan First Half of 2012

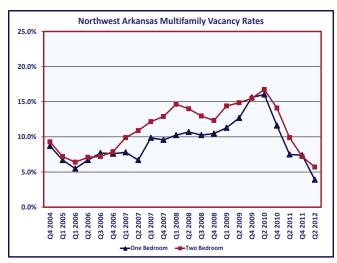
edroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom
2.5%	2.3%	5.6%
3.9%	6.5%	2.5%
1.8%	3.1%	1.2%
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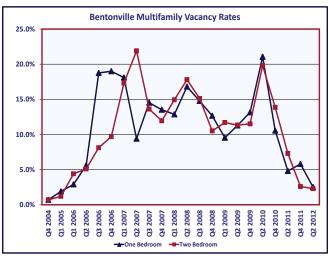


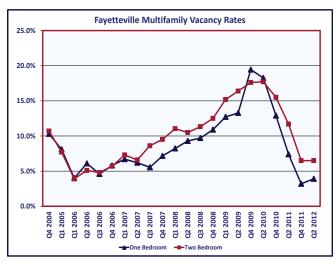


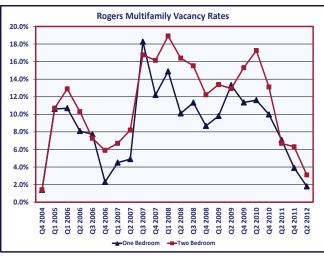


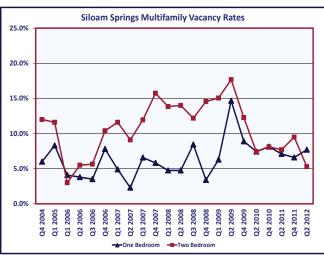
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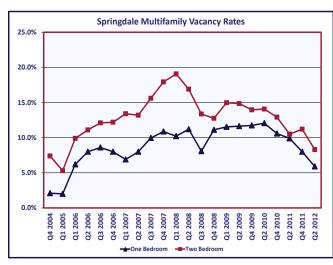








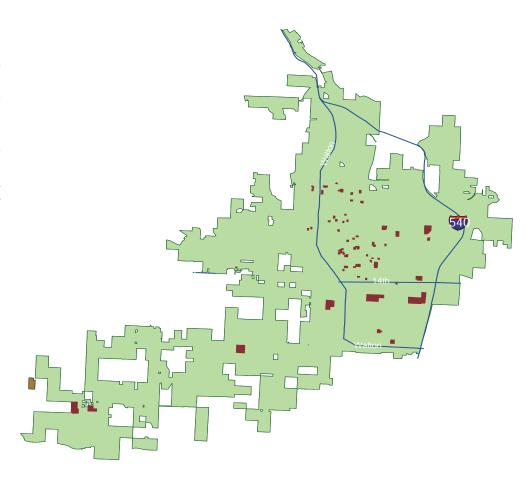




## Bentonville

- The database from the office of the Benton County Assessor contained 135 multifamily properties in Bentonville in the Second quarter of 2012. These properties comprised 3,743,918 square feet.
- The 126 Bentonville Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 84.5 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 4,025 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents; there was a 2.6 percent vacancy rate, down from 3.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- The average lease rate of all units in Bentonville increased to \$521.40, and the average size of a unit increased slightly to 891 square feet. Meanwhile, the average price per square foot remained at \$0.59.
- The monthly leases for Bentonville multifamily properties averaged between \$0.37 per square foot for a four bedroom apartment to \$1.00 per square foot for a studio apartment.
- Most Bentonville multifamily properties required either 6-month or 12-month leases, while month-to-month options were available at some properties.

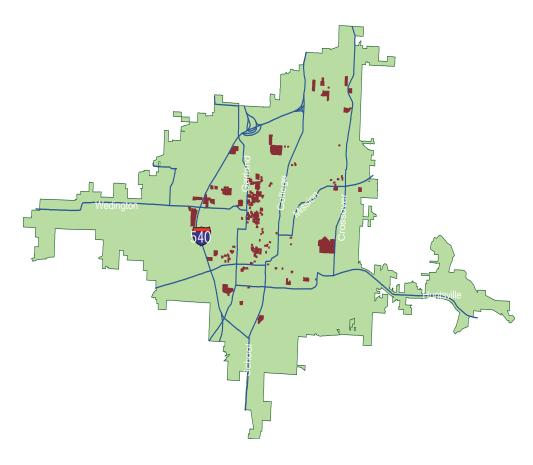
Floor Plan	Average Price Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	330	\$330.00	\$1.00
1 Bedroom	619	\$490.93	\$0.79
2 Bedroom	933	\$510.54	\$0.55
3 Bedroom	1,294	\$649.70	\$0.50
4 Bedroom	1,366	\$500.00	\$0.37
Bentonville	891	\$521.40	\$0.59



## Fayetteville

- In the database from the office of the Washington County Assessor, there were 296 multifamily properties in Fayetteville in the second quarter of 2012. These properties comprised 5,697,933 square feet.
- The 304 Fayetteville Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for about 88.5 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 13,335 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 5.6 percent vacancy rate in the second quarter, up from a fourth quarter 2011 rate of 5.1 percent.
- The lease rate of all units in Fayetteville increased to \$564.33, while the average size of a unit decreased to 814 square feet.
- The monthly leases for Fayetteville multifamily properties averaged between \$0.64 per square foot for a two bedroom apartment to \$0.94 per square foot for a four bedroom apartment.
- Fayetteville had multifamily properties with many different floor plans, from studio to four bedroom properties with many configurations of baths.
- Fayetteville multifamily properties had a wide variety of lease durations from month-to-month all the way through 12-month leases.

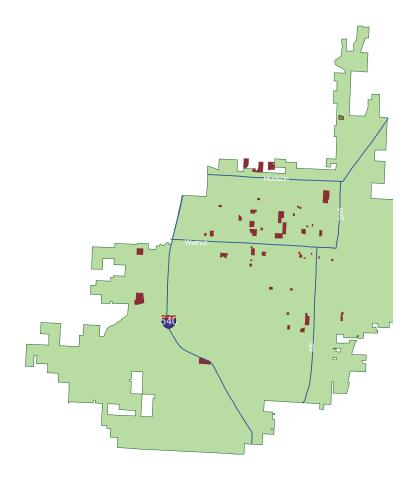
Floor Plan	Average Price Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	421	\$379.24	\$0.90
1 Bedroom	618	\$474.70	\$0.77
2 Bedroom	900	\$579.38	\$0.64
3 Bedroom	1,215	\$820.29	\$0.68
4 Bedroom	899	\$846.43	\$0.94
Fayetteville	814	\$564.33	\$0.69



## Rogers

- The Benton County Assessor's database had 154 multifamily properties in Rogers in the second quarter of 2012. These properties comprised 4,538,520 square feet.
- The 90 Rogers Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 77.2 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 4,251 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 2.5 percent vacancy rate in the second quarter of 2012, down from 5.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- The average price of all units in Rogers increased to \$593.24, while the average size of a unit remained at 920 square feet.
- The monthly leases for Rogers's multifamily properties averaged between \$0.47 per square foot for a four bedroom apartment to \$5.34 per square foot for a studio.
- Most Rogers multifamily properties required either 6-month or 12-month leases, although some month-to-month leases were available.

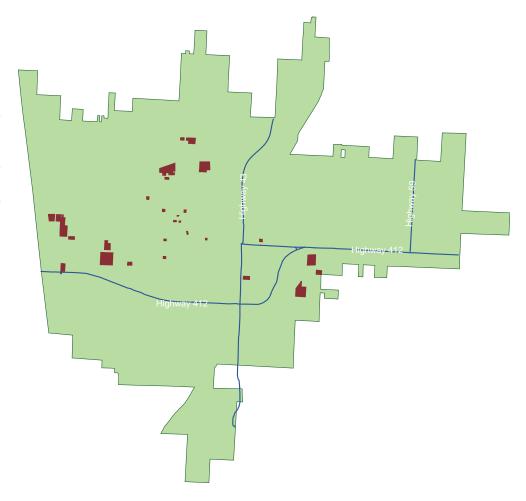
Floor Plan	Average Price Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	510	\$2,725.00	\$5.34
1 Bedroom	666	\$495.00	\$0.74
2 Bedroom	944	\$568.77	\$0.60
3 Bedroom	1,257	\$735.53	\$0.59
4 Bedroom	3,000	\$1,400.00	\$0.47
Rogers	920	\$593.24	\$0.64



## Siloam Springs

- In the database from the office of the Benton County Assessor, there were 53 multifamily properties in Siloam Springs in the second quarter of 2012. These properties comprised 692,037 square feet.
- The 47 Siloam Springs Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 95.5 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 1,104 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 5.9 percent vacancy rate, down from the 8.0 percent vacancy rate in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- The average price of all units in Siloam Springs increased to \$462.49, as the average size of a unit decreased to 845 square feet.
- monthly leases for Siloam Springs multifamily properties averaged between \$0.45 per square foot for a three bedroom apartment to \$0.81 per square foot for a studio apartment.
- Most Siloam Springs multifamily properties required 12-month leases, although some month-to-month leases were available.

Floor Plan	Average Price Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	390	\$316.60	\$0.81
1 Bedroom	581	\$389.74	\$0.67
2 Bedroom	902	\$467.91	\$0.52
3 Bedroom	1,325	\$597.50	\$0.45
4 Bedroom	1,210	\$764.00	\$0.63
Siloam Springs	845	\$462.49	\$0.55



# Springdale

- In the database from the office of the Washington County Assessor, there were 127 multifamily properties in Springdale in the second quarter of 2012. These properties comprised 4,095,501 square feet.
- The 93 Springdale Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 96.5 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 6,096 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents there was a 7.5 percent vacancy rate, down from 10.0 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011.
- The average price of all units in Springdale went down slightly to \$463.36, while the average size of a unit was 774 square feet.
- The monthly leases for Springdale multifamily properties averaged between \$0.55 per square foot for two and three bedroom apartments to \$0.76 per square foot for a studio apartment.
- Most Springdale multifamily properties required either 6-month or 12-month leases, although some 3-month, 9-month, and monthto-month leases were available.

Floor Plan	Average Price Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	430	\$328.33	\$0.76
1 Bedroom	578	\$394.43	\$0.68
2 Bedroom	886	\$485.56	\$0.55
3 Bedroom	1,101	\$605.94	\$0.55
4 Bedroom	1,333	\$850.00	\$0.64
Springdale	774	\$463.36	\$0.60

