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Multifamily Real Estate Market Summary for Benton and Washington Counties

This report is the fifteenth edition of the Skyline Report for Benton and Washington Counties—Multifamily Real Estate Market Analysis. Researchers at the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) 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 quarterly 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 to understanding the overall residential market, particularly as low interest rates have made home ownership more appealing relative to leasing comparable residential space. 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 Quarter of 2008

- Vacancy rates for multifamily properties in Northwest Arkansas increased from the fourth quarter of 2007 level of 12.0 percent to 13.1 percent in the first quarter of 2008. The first quarter 2008 vacancy rate was significantly higher than the first quarter 2007 vacancy rate of 9.4 percent.
- Siloam Springs had the lowest aggregate vacancy rate at 10.4 percent, down from 11.9 percent in the fourth quarter of 2007. Rogers had the highest aggregate vacancy rate at 17.4 percent, up from 15.0 percent in the fourth quarter of 2007. The Benton-ville vacancy rate increased 1.0 percent up to 14.2 percent in the first quarter. Spring-dale had a decrease of 0.4 percent to a vacancy rate of 15.1 percent and Fayetteville had an increase in its vacancy rate up to 10.6 percent in the first quarter of 2008.
- The average lease price per month for a multifamily property unit in Northwest Arkansas was down about \$7.10 to \$512.74.
- On a price per square foot basis, multifamily units were least expensive on average in Siloam Springs at \$0.56 per square foot and most expensive on average in Fayetteville at \$0.65 per square foot.

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. Then, 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 table containing information about multifamily building permits issued in the last twelve months is shown second, followed by a short discussion about the kinds of properties that are being permitted. A table with announcements of coming multifamily projects 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 CBER survey respondents is discussed in relation to that population. Finally, vacancy rates, average unit sizes and average 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, CBER researchers 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

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forthcoming, the properties were physically visited by a surveyor.

As the fifteenth 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.



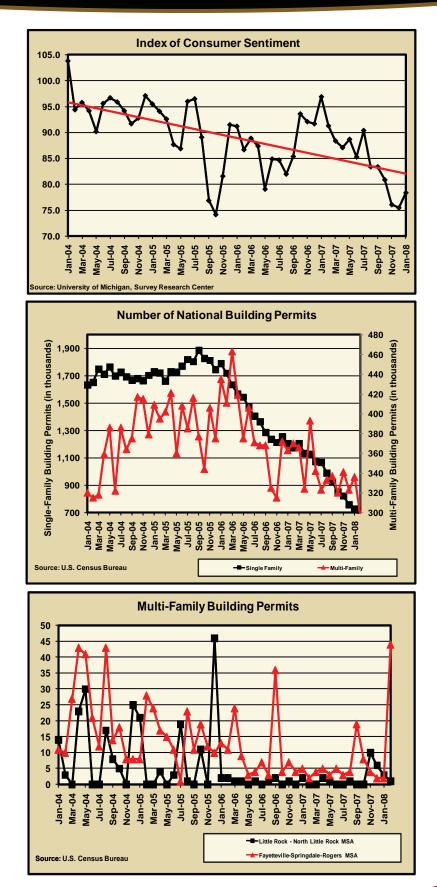
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It is useful to look at some key macroeconomic statistics in order to get a sense of the Northwest Arkansas multifamily housing market. The University of Michigan produces the Consumer Sentiment Index. The Index of Consumer Sentiment was sentiment index has declined to 63.2 in April from 69.5 in March, according to the mid-April first estimate.

Richard Curtin, the Director of the Reuters/University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers said the following about the state of the economy: "Consumers have been more cautious about spending, according to recent confidence readings. A recession has occurred whenever the Sentiment Index has declined as much as it has fallen during the past year, including the recessions occurring from the mid 1950's to the early 2000's," The latest survey found that consumers were nearly unanimous in the opinion that the economy had already slipped into recession. Consumers have adopted much more cautious spending plans, shifting more toward repaying debts and rebuilding their savings.

According to the report issued with the Consumer Sentiment Index, declines in home values were reported more frequently than anytime in the past twenty years (when the question was first asked). Among all homeowners, 36% reported that the value of their home had declined during the past year, up from 18% a year ago and just 3% two years ago. Only 23% of all homeowners reported gains in their home's value during the past year, down from a peak of 76% in mid 2005.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the issuance of building permits. The September – December of 2007 national level of multifamily building permits continued to deteriorate from the levels seen in the first three quarters of 2007. The multifamily building permits increased in January before sliding back down in February 2008,



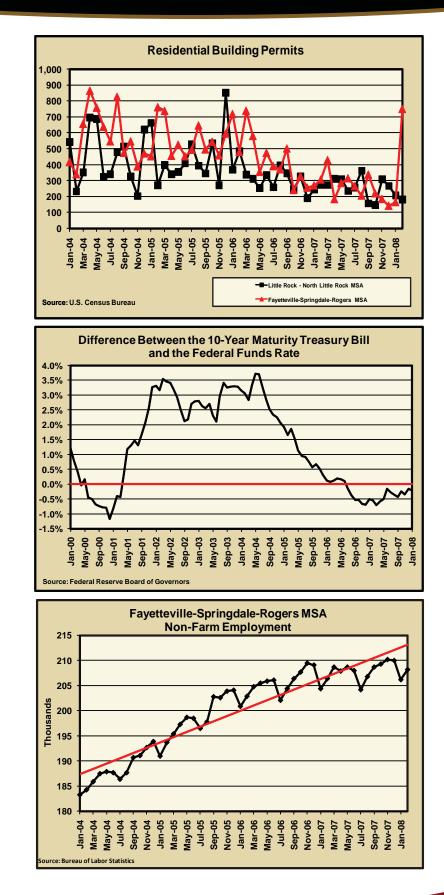


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while the single family building permits continued to slide down in 2008 (SAAR).

Turning to the two major metropolitan areas in Arkansas, the Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers (FSR) MSA and the Little Rock-North Little Rock (LR) MSA, different 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. Interestingly, despite its much smaller population, the FSR metro area had a greater number of multifamily building permits than the LR metro area as of February 2008. Despite a great deal of seasonal variation, the trends of the multifamily building permits and total building permits in the both metropolitan areas have declined since the highs seen in 2004 and 2005. No significant changes in the pace of growth in the number of residential or multifamily building permits are expected in the short term.

The Federal Reserve continued to implement decreases in short term interest rates. The Fed Funds rates showed an average of 2.61 percent at the end of March. According to the Fed, "Recent information indicates that the outlook for economic activity has weakened further. Growth in consumer spending has slowed and labor markets have softened. Financial markets remain under considerable stress, and the tightening of credit conditions and the deepening of the housing contraction are likely to weigh on economic growth over the next few quarters. Inflation has been elevated, and some indicators of inflation expectations have risen. The Committee expects inflation to moderate in coming quarters, reflecting a projected leveling-out of energy and other commodity prices and an easing of pressures on resource utilization. Still, uncertainty about the inflation outlook has increased. It will be necessary to continue to monitor inflation developments carefully." The Fed said that the above mentioned



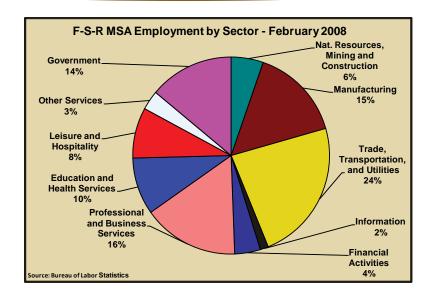
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policy action, including measures to foster market liquidity, should help to promote moderate growth over time and to mitigate the risks to economic activity. However, according to the Fed, downside risks to growth remain.

The ten year constant maturity Treasury bill had an interest rate of 3.78 percent in February 2008. The upward pressure on short-term rates combined with declining long-term interest rates implied a decrease in the spread between the two. The accompanying figure shows the spread between the Fed Funds Rate and the ten year Treasury bill since January 2000. In February 2008, the spread was a 0.76 percent. The most recent January decline of short term interest rates by Fed changed the spread to be slightly positive.

In order to delve more closely into the makeup of the job growth in Northwest Arkansas, two additional figures are provided. The first shows the February 2008 Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers MSA employment breakdown by sector. As the pie chart shows, trade, transportation and utilities continued to have the largest share of employment (24 percent) in Northwest Arkansas, followed by professional and business services (16 percent), manufacturing (15 percent), government (14 percent), education and health services (10 percent), and leisure and hospitality (8 percent). The second figure shows the annual percentage change in the MSA's employment by sector from February 2007 to February 2008. Total nonfarm employment increased by 0.9 percent during that time, so those sectors with larger employment growth rates are increased in relative impact and those sectors with smaller employment growth rates decreased in relative impact. Information, education and health services and leisure and hospitality, had the largest percentage increases.



According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate in Northwest Arkansas was at a seasonally non-adjusted 4.4 percent in January 2008. This is up from a 3.7 percent in January of 2007. The unemployment rate in Northwest Arkansas continues to outperform both the state (6.4 percent) and nation (5.2 percent) seasonally non-adjusted rates.

Regional Overview

The Northwest Arkansas multifamily housing market is driven by the demands of the populations in its various communities. 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 lowincome housing for those whose financial status and credit ratings are not sufficient to purchase a single-family home. Thus,

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as areas like South Fayetteville are redeveloped and previously existing affordable single family residences are demolished, the demand for multifamily housing should increase. Finally, multifamily properties serve as transitional housing for those who are between single family residences or for those who are unlikely to remain in a particular location long enough to make the purchase of a house make economic sense. The growth in the number of executive suites in Northwest Arkansas is a testament to demand driven by transitional factors. Additionally, in Rogers and Bentonville, a number of upscale properties with monthly leases comparable to monthly mortgage payments have entered the market. These properties are designed to provide easy accessibility to the commercial districts of the cities and are designed to appeal to tenants looking to eliminate property maintenance responsibilities. These upscale properties are pushing up average rents in the cities and are having an impact on vacancy rates.



Condo Market

The growth in the condominium market in Northwest Arkansas deserves mention. In the past twelve months, condominium projects have been announced in each of the cities that the Skyline Report tracks. In Fayetteville, there are three kinds of condominium projects coming on the market—luxury high-rise buildings, located downtown and on Dickson Street, condominiums that are one part of mixed-use developments and more affordable condominiums in building complexes being built on the edges of town. In Rogers, there have also been some condominium projects announced in building complexes. The other market trend that is beginning to appear is the conversion of some high-end apartment complexes into condominiums and their reconversion to apartment complexes. A prime example is the changeover of Bristol Gardens on the Creek into the Reserve at Steele Crossing. This property and others now have leasable units coexisting with owner-occupied properties.

The associated table gives some information about announced condominium projects. The information gathered shows that the condominiums are selling from between \$86 and \$500 per square foot, with average square footages varying between 500 and 3,779 square feet. In Fayetteville, these properties account for 2,232 units and in Rogers there are about 1,117 condominium units in these projects alone.



Condo Market

Condominium Projects

Complex Name	City	Number of Units	Unit Square Footage	Price per Square Foot
Grandview Heights	Beaver Lake	360	1,000-2,600	\$300-\$500
The Arbors at Deer Crossing	Bentonville	108	1,350-1,850	\$130
Willowbrooke Farms	Bentonville			-
932 Garland	Fayetteville	37		
Arcadian Village	Fayetteville	12		
Aspen Ridge Townhomes	Fayetteville	220	1,500-1,770	\$120
Bellafont II	Fayetteville	100	,	÷
Champions Club Condos	Fayetteville	143	911-1,750	\$197-\$285
Chestnut Condos	Fayetteville	10	- ,	Ŧ - Ŧ
Chevuax Court Condominiums	Fayetteville	58	1,260	
The Dickson	Fayetteville	20	,	
Frisco Depot Condos	Fayetteville	200		
Heritage Building	Fayetteville	6	2,250-3,650	\$212
Icehouse Condos	Fayetteville	9	1,200-1,500	\$180-\$250
Lafayette Loft Condominiums	Fayetteville	17	500-1,250	\$215
Legacy Building	Fayetteville	37	717-3,779	\$310
Locust Townhomes	Fayetteville	6	1,100	\$010
The Lofts at Underwood Plaza	Fayetteville	74	600-2,600	\$250+
Maison Sequoyah	Fayetteville	26	700-1,150	\$210-\$225
Metro District Condos	Fayetteville	30	1,165-1,550	\$245-\$249
The Mill at West End	Fayetteville	17	900-1,200	\$200
North Corner Condominiums	Fayetteville	17	857-1,250	\$171
One East Center Condos	Fayetteville	6	1,981-3,748	\$280
Piedmont Condominiums	Fayetteville	30	1,000	\$150
The Pines at Springwoods	Fayetteville	122	1,325-1,925	\$138-\$139
Prairie and West Street Condos	Fayetteville	17	1,020-1,020	ψ100-ψ109
Renaissance Towers	Fayetteville	23	1,250+	
Reserve At Steele Crossing	Fayetteville	67	700-1,400	\$148
Ruskin Heights	Fayetteville	95	700-1,400	φ140
S Block Ave Condos on the square	Fayetteville	3		
Segraves Condominiums	Fayetteville	8	1,390-2,000	\$225
Skate Place Condominiums	Fayetteville	34	1250	\$119
St Charles Plaza	Fayetteville	70	1200	\$295-\$325
Stonebridge Meadows	Fayetteville	115		\$Z\$0-\$3Z0
Stonebridge Meadows Sycamore Condominiums	Fayetteville	25	560-1,100	\$200
University Club Tower	Fayetteville	25 80	1,700-3,500	φ200
Wedington Circle Condominiums	Fayetteville	296	1,700-3,500	\$150-\$200
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Woodstock Community	Fayetteville	224 94	1 715 1 005	¢120 ¢140
Arbors at Pinnacle Ridge Condos	Rogers	•	1,715-1,985	\$130-\$140
Avignon Court	Rogers	61	1350	\$107
Condos at the Peaks	Rogers	260	1,514-2,880	\$132
Stone Manor	Rogers	254	662-1,657	\$120-\$181
Stuckey West Condos	Rogers	32	1,500	\$250 \$250
Sunset Drive Condos	Rogers	100	1,500	\$350
Walnut Crossing	Rogers	50	4 500 4 000	#440 #400
Woodbridge Condominiums	Rogers	326	1,500-1,800	\$113-\$130
Creekview Flats	Siloam Springs	5	2,400	\$100-\$102
The Grove at Chester Hills	Springdale	134	1,150-1,350	\$86-\$107
The Ridge at Karrington Place	Springdale	72	1,150	\$109

Building Permits

The associated table details the building permits that have been issued for multifamily housing purposes over the past twelve months. Nine projects with values greater than a million dollars were permitted during the period. Six of these were located in Fayetteville, one in Springdale, one in Bentonville, and one was located in Rogers. The Fayetteville projects involve the construction of the Leverett Commons townhomes, Sunbridge Villa duplexes, Wyngate Townhomes, the Village on Shiloh apartments, Hometown Development 4-plexes, and The Links at Fayetteville. The Springdale project is the Berryfield apartments. The Bentonville project is the Copperstone apartments. The Rogers project is Avignon Court.

The business press was examined to formulate the attached table of announced new projects. These projects are in addition to



those that have already been mentioned in the building permit section 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.

Multifamily Residence Building Permits March 2007 - February 2008

Date	Complex or Developer	Number of Permits	Total Value of Permits	City
4/13/2007	260 W 6th Street	1	\$424,658	Fayetteville
4/17/2007	Locust Street Townhomes	1	\$763,039	Fayetteville
5/10/2007	1344 N Oakland Avenue	1	\$690,276	Fayetteville
6/1/2007	Avignon Court	31	\$3,224,000	Rogers
9/4/2007	Leverett Commons Townhomes	1	\$1,063,979	Fayetteville
9/4/2007	Sunbridge Villa Duplexes	2	\$1,166,738	Fayetteville
9/6/2007	Copperstone Apartments	16	\$12,604,848	Bentonville
10/23/2007	Sycamore Condominiums	1	\$582,000	Fayetteville
10/23/2007	Wyngate Townhomes	5	\$3,472,707	Fayetteville
10/25/2007	Berryfield Apartments	6	\$5,694,480	Springdale
11/29/2007	Village on Shiloh	2	\$3,495,912	Fayetteville
2/4/2008	Hometown Development 4-plexes	5	\$1,756,280	Fayetteville
2/12/2008	The Links at Fayetteville	43	\$48,889,443	Fayetteville
	Total	115	\$83,828,360	-



New Projects

Announcements of New Projects

Complex	Developer	Construction Costs	Number of Units	
Grandview Heights	E & S Development and Properties	\$100,000,000	460	Beaver Lake
Arbors at Deer Crossing*	Fritz Steiger	\$22,000,000	108	Bentonville
Chateau on Chardonnay	Rex Fox and Frank Farrer	• · · · · · · ·	22	Bentonville
Copperstone Apartments	Lindsey Management Co.	\$12,600,000	188	Bentonville
Elm Tree Place			8-12	Bentonville
Legacy Village	Northwest Arkansas Senior Services	\$4,000,000	153	Bentonville
Links at Rainbow Curve	Lindsey Construction Co.	\$30,370,000		Bentonville
Main Street Townhomes			6	Bentonville
Riverwalk Farm Estates, Phase I	John Deweese	\$2,800,000	60	Bentonville
Willowbrooke Farms	Willowbrooke Farms LLC			Bentonville
932 Garland*	Steve Mansfield		37	Fayetteville
Abshier Heights			24	Fayetteville
Arbors at Springwoods	EPCON Communities of Northwest Arkansas		122	Fayetteville
Aspen Ridge	Hank Broyles			Fayetteville
Beacon Flats	Beacon Flats LLC	\$1,500,000	9	Fayetteville
Bellafont II*	Barber Group			Fayetteville
Champions Club Condos*	Wes Bradley and Jack Matta	\$40,000,000	141	Fayetteville
Chestnut Condos*	Robert Schmitt	\$955,784	10	Fayetteville
College Avenue Townhomes			20	Fayetteville
Forest Hills Development	Forest Hills Development			Fayetteville
Frisco Depot Condos*	MansfieldHouse Ventures		200	Fayetteville
Huntsville and Goff Farms Rd PZD				Fayetteville
Links at Fayetteville	Jim Lindsey	\$48,900,000	1200	Fayetteville
Lofts at Underwood Plaza*	AMA and John Nock	\$22,500,000	74	Fayetteville
Mountain Ranch			288	Fayetteville
Nantucket Apartments Phase III	Thomas J. Embeck	\$4,040,000	42	Fayetteville
Pebble Creek Flats	Art Scott	.	66	Fayetteville
Pines at Springwoods	Don Marley	\$27,000,000	122	Fayetteville
Renaissance Towers*	John Nock and AMA	\$30,000,000	20	Fayetteville
Ridge at Karrington Place*	Kerri Elder	\$9,300,000	72	Fayetteville
Ridgehill Apartments	Barber Group		36	Fayetteville
Ruskin Heights*	W.Davis, M. Hooker, M. Massey, D. VanVeen		183	Fayetteville
Skate Place Condominiums*	Robert Schmitt	\$5,100,000	34	Fayetteville
Sligo Street Apartments	Jamerson Properties LLC	\$585,000	16	Fayetteville
St Charles Plaza	Greg House		70	Fayetteville
Stone Bridge Meadows*	Nock-Broyles Development LLC	¢4,000,000	155	Fayetteville
Sycamore Condominiums*	Marc Crandall and Jeff Collins	\$4,000,000	25	Fayetteville
University Club Tower*	David Chapman	\$30-40,000,000	80	Fayetteville
Village on Shiloh*	Triton Homes	\$20,000,000	198	Fayetteville
Wedington Circle Condominiums*	Greg House and Steve Mansfield		296	Fayetteville
Woodstock Community*	Hank Broyles and John Nock		328	Fayetteville
Lowell Station	Hollis Cunningham Chris and Korri Eldor	¢9 940 000	488	Lowell
Avignon Court*	Chris and Kerri Elder	\$8,840,000 \$1,000,000	61	Rogers
Indian Creek Duplexes	Morton Asset Management Inc.	\$1,900,000 \$3,000,000	24	Rogers
Innisfree Senior Living Community	Williamsburg Management Co. Inc.	\$3,000,000	30	Rogers
Old Wire and Laurel PUD	Mike Pennington		200	Rogers
Spring Street Apartments	Randall Carney and William Murray		11	Rogers
Stuckey West Condos*	Garth Symonds		32	Rogers
Sunset Drive Condos*	Garth Symonds Kim Fugitt	¢1 250 000	100	Rogers
Valley West Drive Project		\$1,350,000	15	Rogers
Walnut Crossing	Greg House		350	Rogers
Woodbridge Condominiums*	Landquest		326	Rogers
Kenwood Development	Bar and Shield Development LLC	¢E 604 400	160	Siloam Springs
Berryfield Apartments	RB Construction	\$5,694,480 \$2,500,000	96	Springdale
Dick Smith Duplexes	Moulden Construction	\$3,500,000		Springdale
Remington Place Apartments	Remington Place Apartments LLC	\$13,000,000 \$1,500,000	192	Springdale
Wobbe Road Apartments	Chance Contractors Inc.	\$1,500,000	32	Springdale

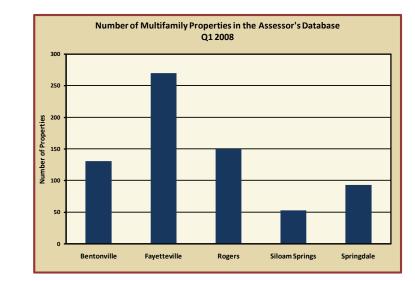
*indicates condominiums.



Multifamily Properties

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 stock of multifamily properties, CBER researchers 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 are provided. Therefore, the number of properties by city and the total square feet of multifamily residential space are provided in the accompanying table.

The database search showed that Fayetteville had the most multifamily properties in Northwest Arkansas with 270, totaling almost 4.4 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 first quarter



of 2008 was 697 with a total size of almost 13.4 million square feet.

CBER 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 first quarter of 2008, information was collected on 83.3 percent of the existing square footage of multifamily properties, compared to 89.7 percent in the fourth quarter of 2007. (the decline is due to revisions in the data collected from the assessors databases)

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 proper-

Total Inventory of Multifamily Properties and Sample Coverage Q1 2008

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	131	3,156,113	114	2,532,778	80.2%
Fayetteville	270	4,366,468	263	4,103,788	94.0%
Rogers	150	3,560,683	75	2,251,843	63.2%
Siloam Springs	53	692,037	38	615,591	89.0%
Springdale	93	1,622,078	80	1,649,965	101.7%
Northwest Arkansa	s 697	13,397,379	570	11,153,965	83.3%

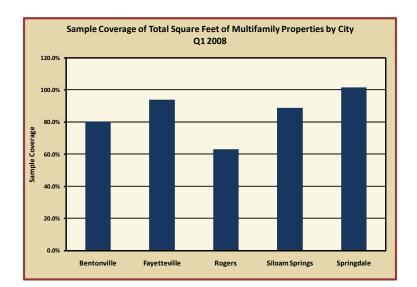
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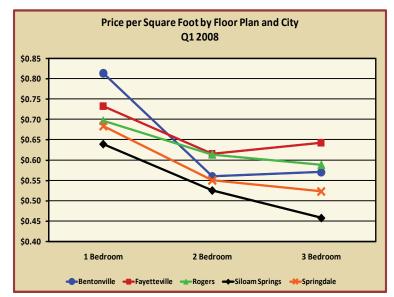


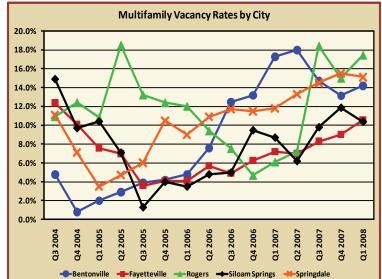
Multifamily Properties

ties drive the market for multifamily housing, extrapolating the results to the entire population is entirely reasonable. Within the first quarter 2008 survey sample, there were 24,843 total units in 570 multifamily residential properties. These properties had a combined vacancy rate of 13.1 percent, up from 12.0 percent in the fourth quarter of 2007. The highest vacancy rate was in Rogers, at 17.4 percent and the lowest vacancy rate was in Siloam Springs at 10.4 percent. In the first quarter of 2008, Bentonville had a vacancy rate of 14.2 percent, Fayetteville had a vacancy rate of 10.6 percent, and Springdale had a vacancy rate of 15.1 percent. Within the sample, the average lease price per month in Northwest Arkansas was \$512.74, down from \$519.84 in the fourth quarter. The average size of a unit was 823 square feet, down from 831 square feet in the previous quarter. The average monthly price per square foot of a multifamily property was \$0.62, down from \$0.63 in the fourth quarter of 2007. Breaking down the price and square footage by floor plan yields other interesting statistics. On a price per square foot basis, the least expensive floor plans had four bedrooms at \$0.56. The most expensive floor plans, on average, were studio apartments at \$.85 per square foot per month.





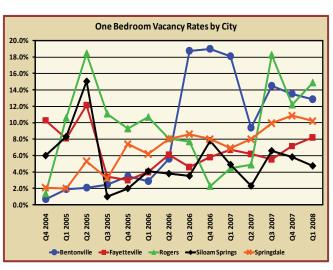






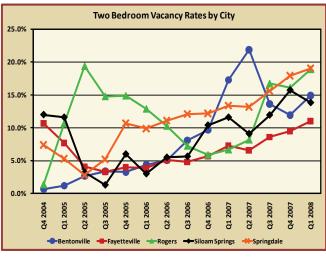
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Sample Vacancy Rates						
Market Area	Number of Apartment Complexes	Number of Units		Q4 2007 Vacancy Rate	Q1 2007 Vacancy Rate	
Bentonville	114	3,181	14.2%	13.2%	17.3%	
Fayetteville	263	11,056	10.6%	9.0%	7.2%	
Rogers	75	4,092	17.4%	15.0%	6.1%	
Siloam Spring	gs 38	1,079	10.4%	11.9%	8.7%	
Springdale	80	5,435	15.1%	15.5%	11.8%	
NWA	570	24,843	13.1%	12.0%	9.4%	



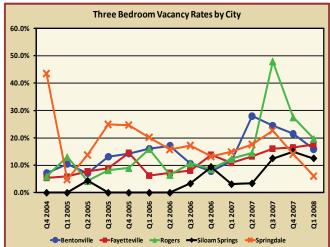
Average Size and Price by Floor Plan Q1 2008

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	372	\$316.54	\$0.85
1 Bedroom	609	\$440.61	\$0.72
2 Bedroom	910	\$536.09	\$0.59
3 Bedroom	1,218	\$718.49	\$0.59
4 Bedroom	1,302	\$726.45	\$0.56
NWA	823	\$512.74	\$0.62



Vacancy Rates by Floor Plan
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Rogers	14.9%	18.9%	19.6%	
Siloam Spring	gs 4.7%	13.8%	12.5%	
Springdale	10.2%	19.1%	6.0%	
NWA	10.2%	14.7%	14.2%	



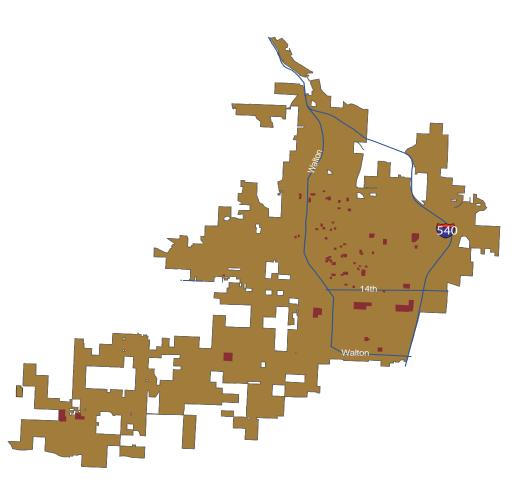


Bentonville

- In the database from the office of the Benton County Assessor, there were 129 multifamily properties in Bentonville in the first quarter of 2008. These properties comprised 3,156,113 square feet.
- The 114 Bentonville Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 80.2 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 3,181 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 14.2 percent vacancy rate, up from 13.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2007.
- The average lease rate of all units in Bentonville was \$527, while the average size of a unit was 859 square feet.
- The monthly leases for Bentonville multifamily properties averaged between \$0.56 per square foot for a two bedroom apartment to \$0.81 per square foot for a one bedroom apartment.
- Most Bentonville multifamily properties required either 6-month or 12-month leases, while month-to-month options were available at a few properties.

Average Unit Size and Price by Floor Plan Q1 2008

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	165	\$165.00	
1 Bedroom	623	\$507.64	\$0.81
2 Bedroom	923	\$516.84	\$0.56
3 Bedroom	1,211	\$691.29	\$0.57
4 Bedroom	600	\$360.00	\$0.60
Bentonville	859	\$526.78	\$0.61



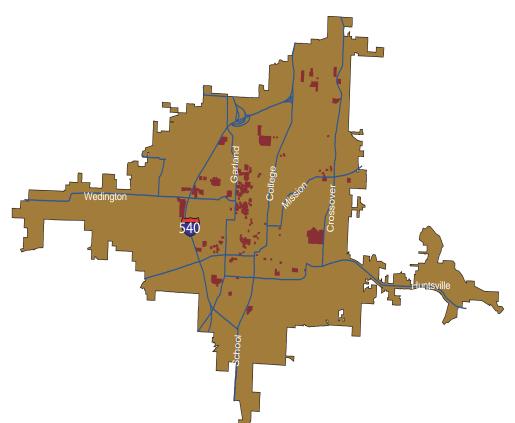


Fayetteville

- In the database from the office of the Washington County Assessor, there were 270 multifamily properties in Fayetteville in the first quarter of 2008. These properties comprised 4,366,468 square feet.
- The 263 Fayetteville Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for about 94.0 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 11,056 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was an 10.6 percent vacancy rate, up from the fourth quarter rate of 9.0 percent.
- The average price of all units in Fayetteville was \$539, while the average size of a unit was 824 square feet.
- The monthly leases for Fayetteville multifamily properties averaged between \$0.61 per square foot for a four bedroom to \$0.89 per square foot for a studio apartment.
- Fayetteville multifamily properties had a wide variety of lease durations from month-to-month all the way through 12-month leases..
- Fayetteville had multifamily properties with many different floor plans, from studio to four bedroom properties with many configurations of baths.

Average Unit Size and Price by Floor Plan Q1 2008

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	403	\$357.33	\$0.89
1 Bedroom	606	\$443.87	\$0.73
2 Bedroom	915	\$563.23	\$0.62
3 Bedroom	1,239	\$795.64	\$0.64
4 Bedroom	1,262	\$773.33	\$0.61
Fayetteville	824	\$538.64	\$0.65



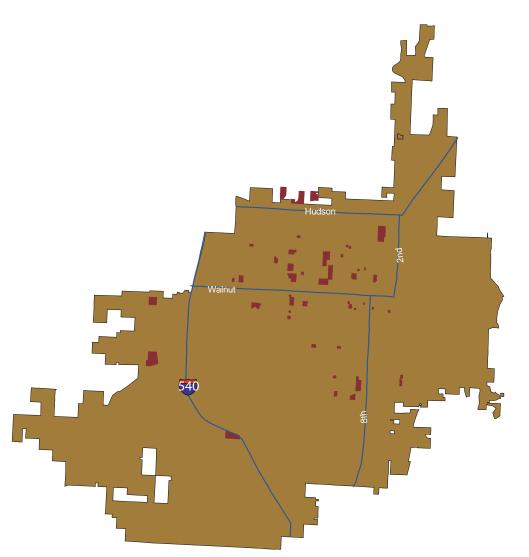


Rogers

- In the database from the office of the Benton County Assessor, there were 150 multifamily properties in Rogers in the first quarter of 2008. These properties comprised 3,560,683 square feet.
- The 75 Rogers Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 63.2 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 4,092 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 17.4 percent vacancy rate in the first quarter of 2008, up from 15.0 percent in the fourth quarter of 2007.
- The average price of all units in Rogers was \$558, while the average size of a unit was 892 square feet.
- The monthly leases for Rogers multifamily properties averaged between \$0.47 per square foot for a studio apartment to \$0.70 per square foot for a one bedroom apartment.
- Most Rogers multifamily properties required either 6-month or 12-month leases, although some month-to-month leases were available.

Average Unit Size and Price by Floor Plan Q1 2008

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	510	\$240.00	\$0.47
1 Bedroom	656	\$457.57	\$0.70
2 Bedroom	922	\$565.68	\$0.61
3 Bedroom	1,214	\$714.47	\$0.59
4 Bedroom	3,000	\$1,600.00	\$0.53
Rogers	892	\$558.35	\$0.63





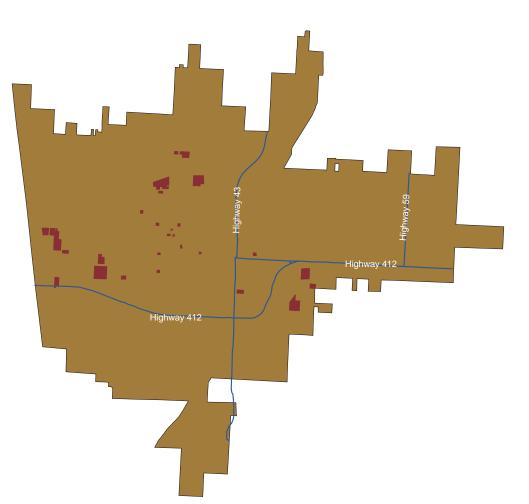
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Siloam Springs

- In the database from the office of the Benton County Assessor, there were 53 multifamily properties in Siloam Springs in the first quarter of 2008. These properties comprised 692,037 square feet.
- The 38 Siloam Springs Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 89 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 1,079 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents, there was a 10.4 percent vacancy rate, down from the 11.9 percent vacancy rate in the fourth quarter of 2007.
- The average price of all units in Siloam Springs was \$439 while the average size of a unit was 788 square feet.
- The monthly leases for Siloam Springs multifamily properties average between \$0.46 per square foot for a three bedroom apartment to \$0.91 per square foot for a studio apartment.
- Most Siloam Springs multifamily properties required 12-month leases, although some month-to-month leases were available.

Average Unit Size and Price by Floor Plan Q1 2008

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	387	\$350.25	\$0.91
1 Bedroom	609	\$389.39	\$0.64
2 Bedroom	853	\$448.31	\$0.53
3 Bedroom	1,192	\$546.14	\$0.46
4 Bedroom	1,210	\$671.00	\$0.55
Siloam Springs	788	\$439.07	\$0.56





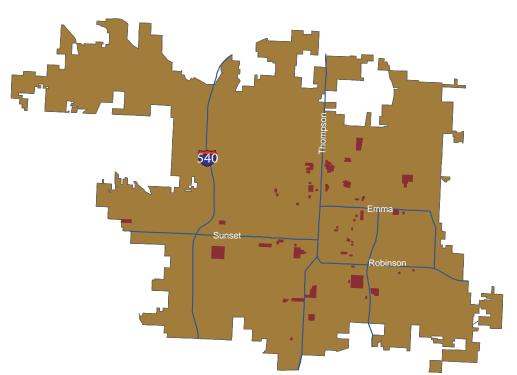
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Springdale

- In the database from the office of the Washington County Assessor, there were 93 multifamily properties in Springdale in the first quarter of 2008. These properties comprised 1,622,078 square feet.
- The 80 Springdale Skyline Report survey respondents accounted for 101.7 percent of the square footage of all of the multifamily properties in the city.
- In the 5,435 units that were reported by Skyline Report survey respondents; there was a 15.1 percent vacancy rate, down from 15.5 percent in the fourth quarter of 2007.
- The average price of all units in Springdale was \$454, while the average size of a unit was 767 square feet.
- The monthly leases for Springdale multifamily properties averaged between \$0.52 per square foot for a three bedroom apartment to \$0.70 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.

Average Unit Size and Price by Floor Plan Q1 2008

Floor Plan	Average Square Feet	Average Price per Month	Average Price per Square Foot
Studio	323	\$224.75	\$0.70
1 Bedroom	568	\$388.61	\$0.68
2 Bedroom	889	\$489.51	\$0.55
3 Bedroom	1,169	\$611.83	\$0.52
4 Bedroom			
Springdale	767	\$453.52	\$0.59





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