

# St. Paul Rental Housing Brief

April 2023



Housing**Link** 

# Rents

## Median Rents<sup>1</sup>

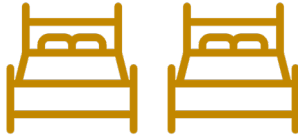
ONE BEDROOM



April 2023 \$1,007  
April 2022 \$1,000



TWO BEDROOM



April 2023 \$1,340  
April 2022 \$1,300



THREE BEDROOM



April 2023 \$1,698  
April 2022 \$1,669



## Income Required to Rent a Home in April 2023



Figures are based on the common property screening requirement that an applicant must earn 2.5 times the rent in income.

ONE BEDROOM

**\$2,518**

TWO BEDROOM

**\$3,350**

THREE BEDROOM

**\$4,245**

## Vacancy Distribution by Building Type<sup>2</sup>



APARTMENT

April 2023 77%  
April 2022 74%



SINGLE FAMILY HOME

April 2023 7%  
April 2022 8%



OTHER  
(Condo, Duplex, Townhome)

April 2023 16%  
April 2022 18%

<sup>1</sup> To learn more about HousingLink rent data, [watch this video](#).

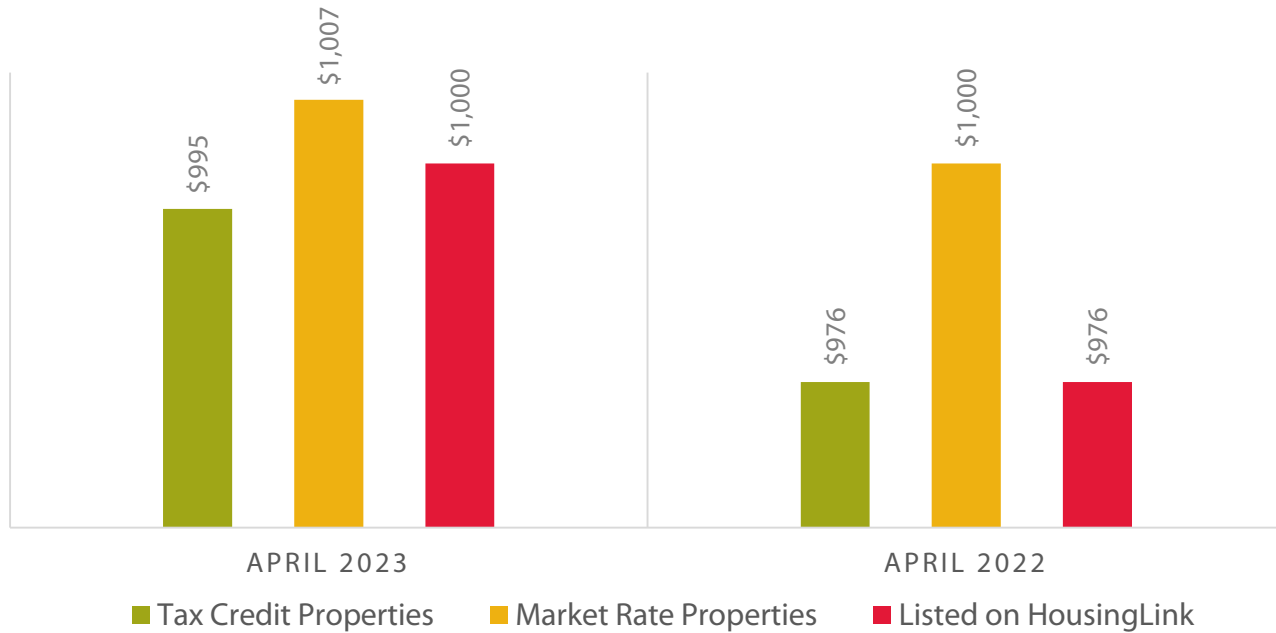
<sup>2</sup> Different than "vacancy rate," we are saying that OF the vacancy rate (around 4%), xx% of the vacancies are apartments, xx% are single family homes, and xx% are of another building type.

Source: HousingLink's *Market Rent Data*.

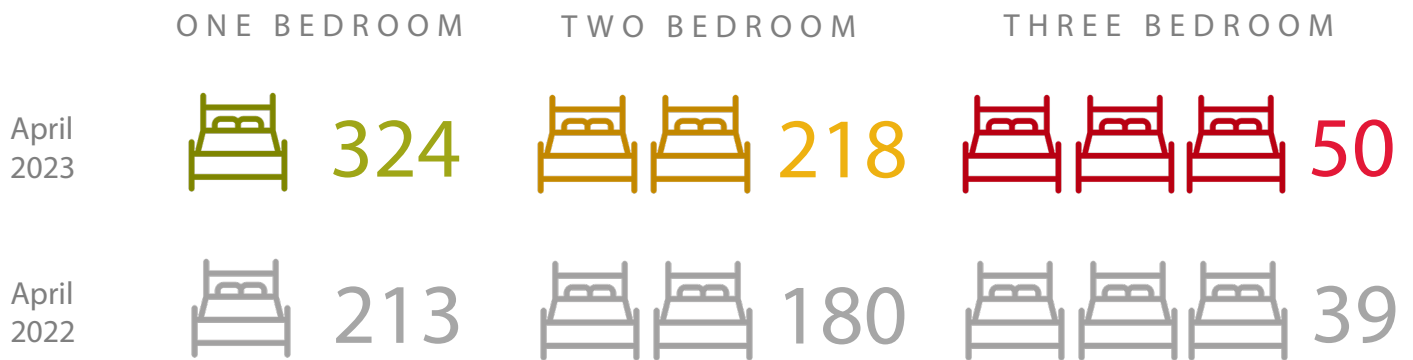


# Rental Housing Affordability

## Median One Bedroom Rents<sup>1</sup>



## Number of NOAH Rental Vacancies<sup>2</sup>



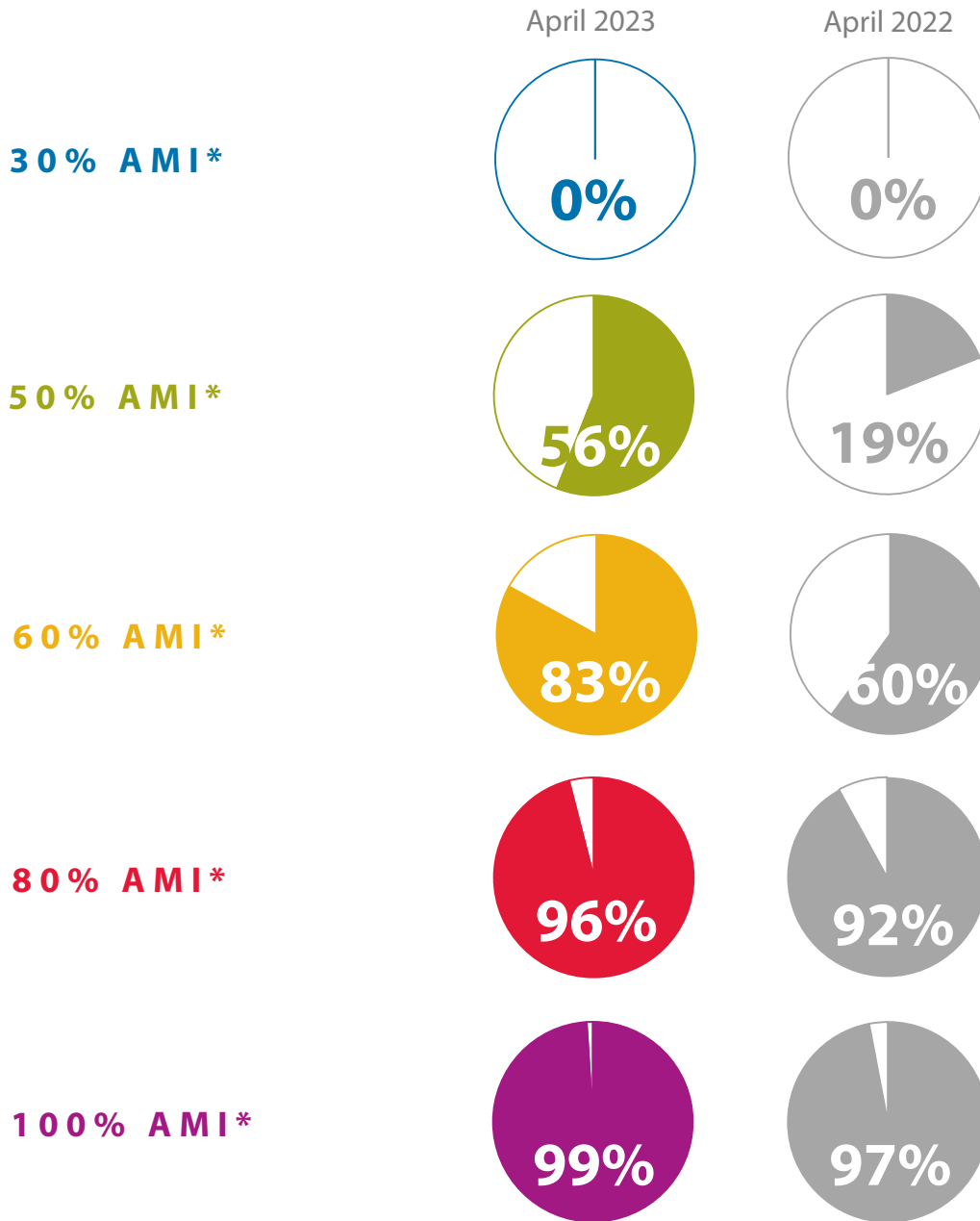
<sup>1</sup> Source: HousingLink's *Rental Revue* data.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. For purposes of this report, we define "NOAH" private market housing that is affordable to 60% of Area Median Income, including likely utility costs, depending on number of bedrooms and building type. HousingLink follows widely-accepted basic practices for analyzing housing affordability, which involve comparing rents to area median incomes provided every April by HUD. It is important to remember that an overall standard of "affordability" is a broad brush and individual families looking for housing can only evaluate the notion of "affordable" relative to their own circumstances. To learn more about NOAH rental supply, [watch this video](#).



# Rental Housing Affordability

% of St. Paul Rental Vacancies Affordable by Income Level<sup>1</sup>






<sup>1</sup> AMI (Area Median Income) is \$82,200 for an individual and \$117,300 for a family of four in the Twin Cities Metro (HUD, 2022). HousingLink follows widely-accepted basic practices for analyzing housing affordability, which involve comparing rents to area median incomes provided every April by HUD. It is important to remember that an overall standard of "affordability" is a broad brush and individual families looking for housing can only evaluate the notion of "affordable" relative to their own circumstances. To learn more about how HousingLink calculates affordability by area median income, [watch this video](#).

Source: HousingLink's *Rental Revue* data.

# Subsidized Housing in St. Paul

## April 2023 Vacancies Willing to Accept a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher<sup>1</sup>

	April 2023	April 2022
ONE BEDROOM 	51	40
TWO BEDROOM 	46	44
THREE BEDROOM 	25	18

**9** April 2023 Waiting List Openings<sup>2</sup>  
 ↔ no change from 9 last year.

**40** April housing openings with one or more accessible features<sup>3</sup>  
 ↑ up from 31 last year.

<sup>1</sup> Source: HousingLink's *Market Rent Data*.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Waiting list openings advertised on HousingLink include Public Housing, Project Based Section 8, Tax Credit, and more.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Advertised vacancies on HousingLink.org featuring one or more accessible features.



# Rental Housing Stock

## Rental Unit Inspections – Q1 2023<sup>1</sup>



66,371

Certified units with a grade

-4.2% from last year



2,163

Units in Class C and D properties

-17.9% from last year



11,905

Units in 1 and 2 Unit properties

-7.9% from last year



**airbnb 477**

entire home rentals listed<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Source: Analysis of City of St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections Fire Certificate of Occupancy data. Note: The City of St. Paul requires inspections of non-owner-occupied housing units on a regular basis. Class C and Class D properties are those that are least compliant with all state and local safety codes, triggering re-inspection every two years (Class C) or one year (Class D). Reported units only include those which receive a Fire Certificate of Occupancy grade, a practice which is only required for single family homes and duplexes that are not owner-occupied, and for rental properties of three or more units, and excludes units that mix residential with other uses.

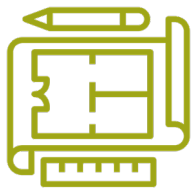
<sup>2</sup> Source: [insideairbnb.com](https://insideairbnb.com).



# Apartment Sales & Development

## Multifamily (5+) Units Permitted for New Construction<sup>1</sup>

Q2 2022 to Q1 2023

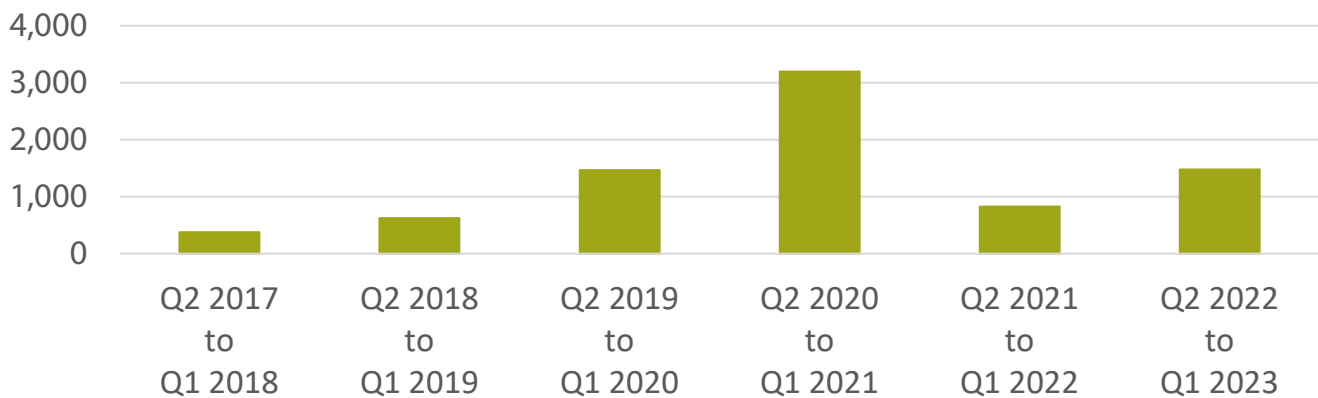


1,479  
Units



+79% year over year

5-year view



## Average Price-Per-Unit Apartment Sales<sup>2</sup>

Q2 2022 to Q1 2023



\$91,441  
Per unit



-12% year over year

<sup>1</sup> Source: HUD's [SOCDS Building Permits Database](#), which contains data on permits for privately-owned residential construction collected in the Census Bureau's *Building Permits Survey*. This data does not include any publicly-owned buildings or commercial conversion. For more information on what is included see [here](#). Additionally, while some multifamily construction may contain units built for sale (e.g. condominiums), [recent analysis](#) by the Urban Institute recently indicated those units only account for 5.4% of all permitted multifamily units, nationwide (*The Housing Market Needs More Condos. Why Are So Few Being Built?*; Neal, Goodman; April 2022).

<sup>2</sup> Source: This analysis is based on research conducted since 2011 exclusively on projects vetted or written about by *Finance & Commerce* publication for its *Twin Cities Apartment Sales Tracker*, available at [finance-commerce.com](#).

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