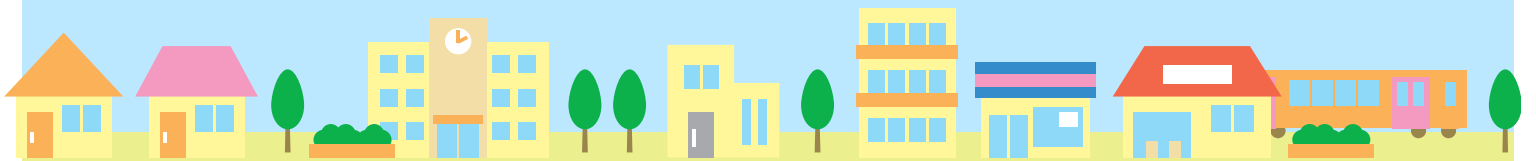


St. Paul Rental Housing Brief

October 2024



Housing**Link** 

Rents

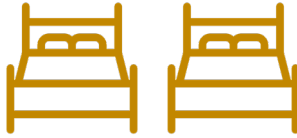
Median Rents¹

ONE BEDROOM



October 2024 \$1,121
October 2023 \$1,038

TWO BEDROOM



October 2024 \$1,467
October 2023 \$1,296

THREE BEDROOM



October 2024 \$1,971
October 2023 \$1,795



Income Required to Rent a Home in October 2024



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

ONE BEDROOM

\$2,803

TWO BEDROOM

\$3,668

THREE BEDROOM

\$4,928

Vacancy Distribution by Building Type²



APARTMENT

October 2024 78%
October 2023 80%



SINGLE FAMILY HOME

October 2024 7%
October 2023 8%



OTHER
(Condo, Duplex, Townhome)

October 2024 15%
October 2023 12%

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

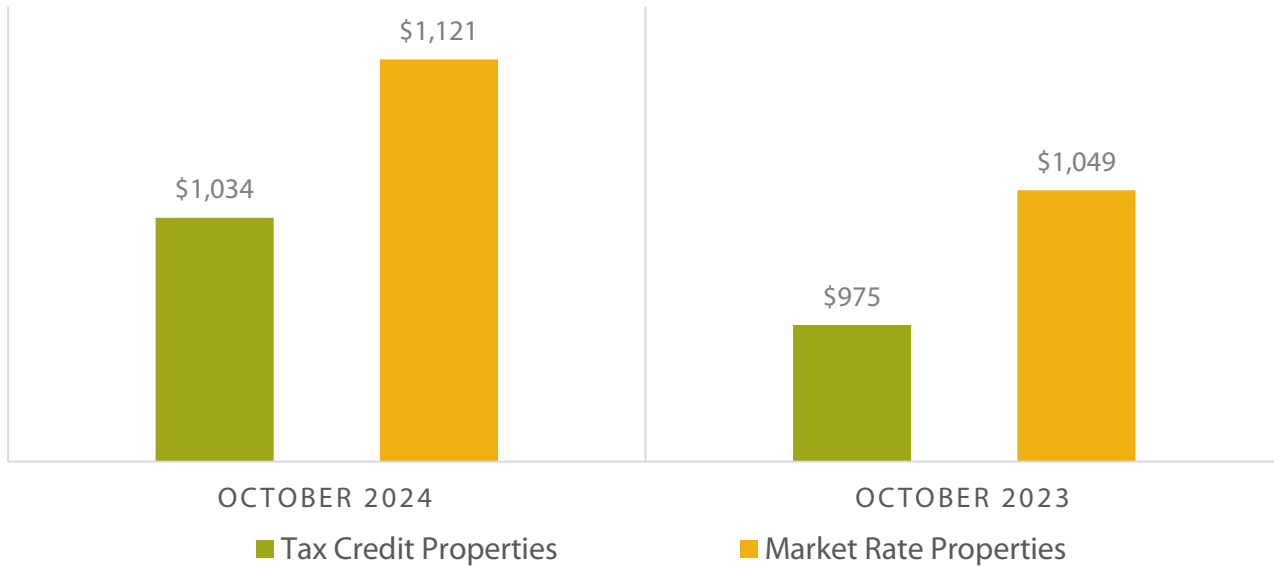
² Different than "vacancy rate," we are saying that OF the vacancy rate (around 4%), xx% of the vacancies are apartments, xx% are single family homes, and xx% are of another building type.

Source: HousingLink's *Market Rent Data*.

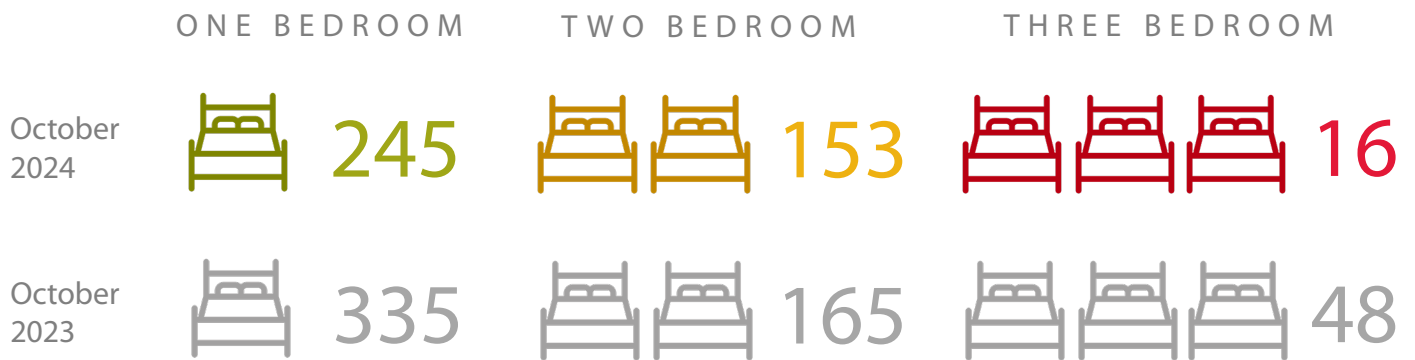


Rental Housing Affordability

Median One Bedroom Rents¹



Number of NOAH Rental Vacancies²



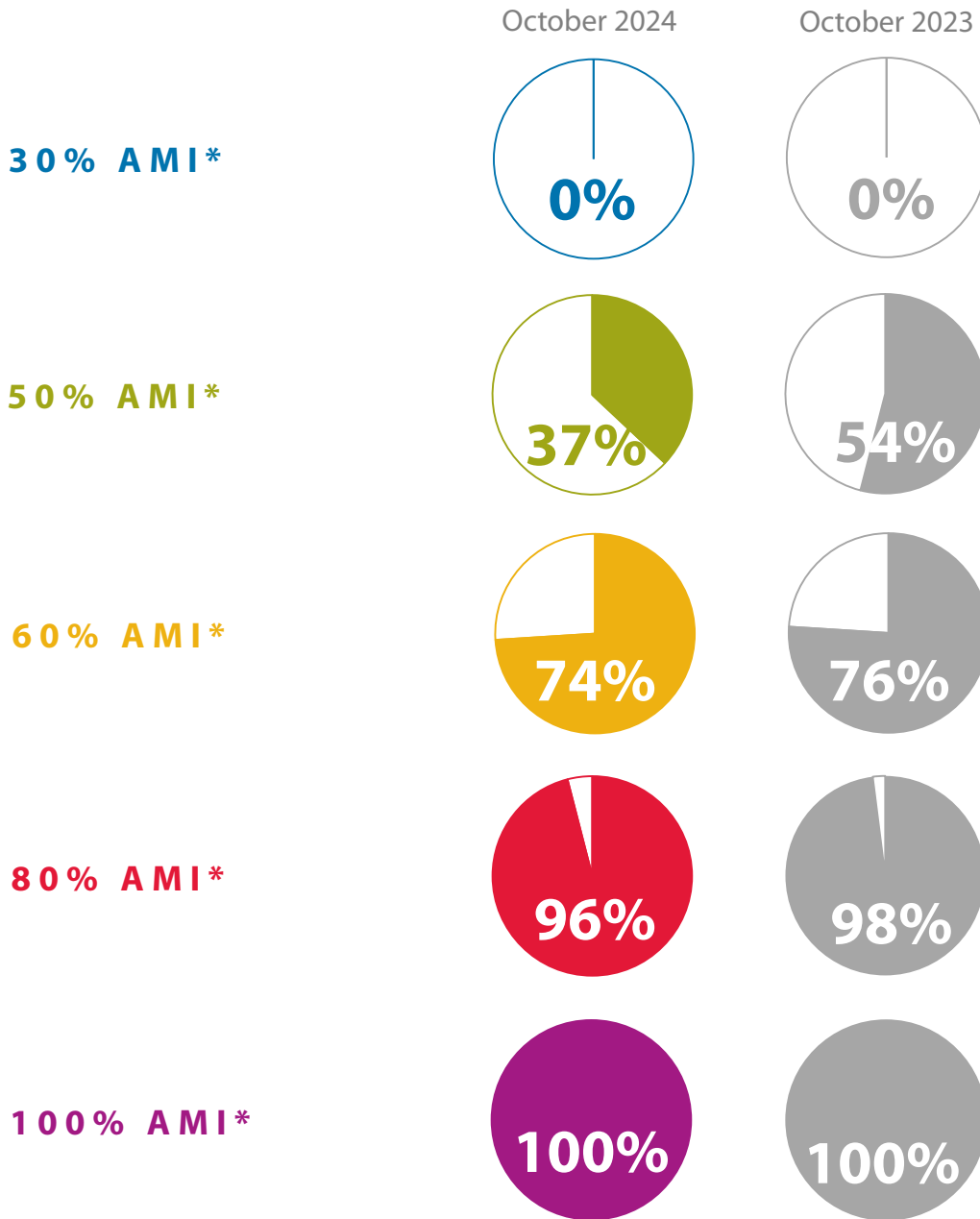
¹ Source: HousingLink's *Rental Revue* data.

² 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 year 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 Level¹






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Source: HousingLink's *Rental Revue* data.

Subsidized Housing in St. Paul

October 2024 Vacancies Willing to Accept a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher¹

	October 2024	October 2023
ONE BEDROOM 	114	65
TWO BEDROOM 	95	35
THREE BEDROOM 	40	31

12

October 2024 Waiting List Openings²

↑ up from 8 last year.

91

October housing openings with one or more accessible features³

↑ up from 28 last year.

¹ Source: HousingLink's *Market Rent Data*.

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

³ Source: Advertised vacancies on HousingLink.org featuring one or more accessible features.



Rental Housing Stock

Rental Unit Inspections – Q3 2024¹

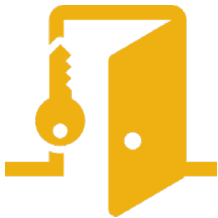


70,720

Certified units with a grade

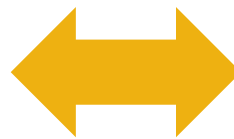


no change
from last year



2,309

Units in Class C and D properties



no change
from last year

12,543

Units in 1 and 2 Unit properties



-3%
from last year



airbnb 491

entire home rentals listed²

¹ 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.

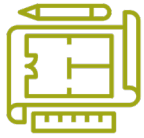
² Based on analysis of three years of data from [insideairbnb.com](https://www.insideairbnb.com).



Apartment Sales & Development

Multifamily (5+) Units Permitted for New Construction¹

Q4 2023 to Q3 2024

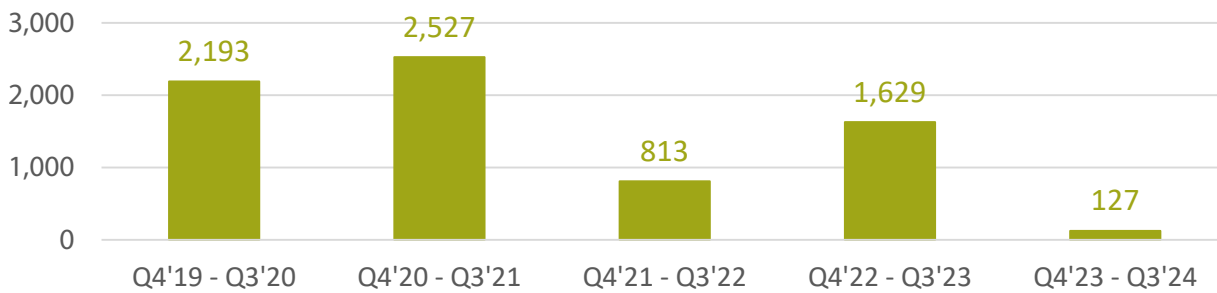


127
Units



-92% year over year

5-year view



Multifamily Apartment Sales²

Q4 2023 to Q3 2024

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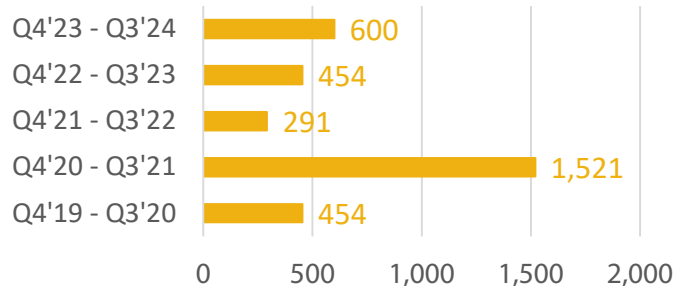
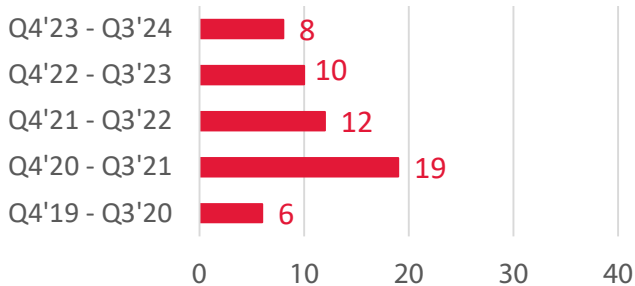
Transactions

600

Units

■ Transactions

■ Units



¹ 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, housing units created in conversions from other kinds of structures, or housing units created through additions to existing structures. Additionally, it only counts new housing units upon issuing of the final building permit. For more information on what is included see [here](#). ² Source: This analysis, focusing primarily on larger multifamily apartment projects, 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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