# 2021 MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING TRENDS FOR MWCOG REGION

# Analysis of CoStar data

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# About the Multifamily Rental Construction Report

- Annual analysis of completed multifamily rental real estate projects in COG region using data from CoStar's database of properties.
  - Excludes
    - All Single-Family residences
    - Projects with 4 units or fewer
    - Condos and Co-ops
    - Military, student and assisted living housing
  - Database contains average rents for each building but subsidized/rent restricted unit data is unreliable



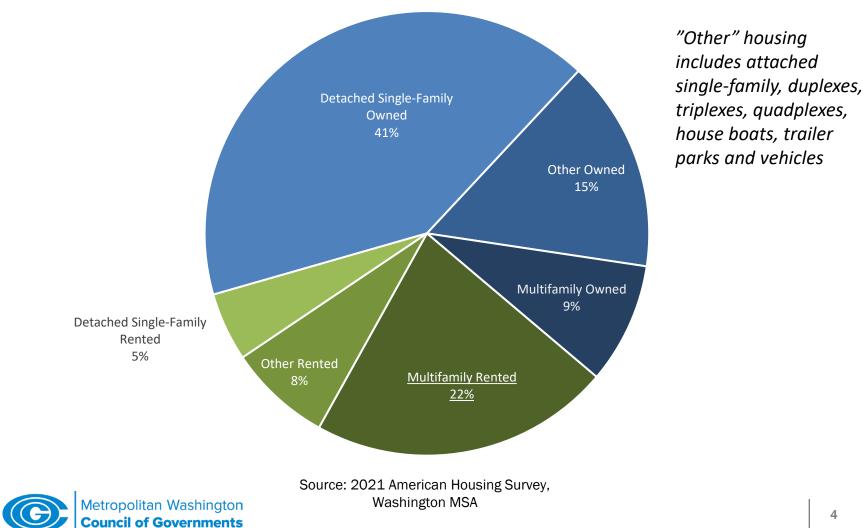
# What is CoStar?

- DC-based firm providing inventory of commercial properties and available spaces
  - primarily marketed to real estate investors, developers, property managers and brokers
- Property data has over 180 attributes including...
  - Land use
  - Number of Units in Building
  - Year Built
  - Rents

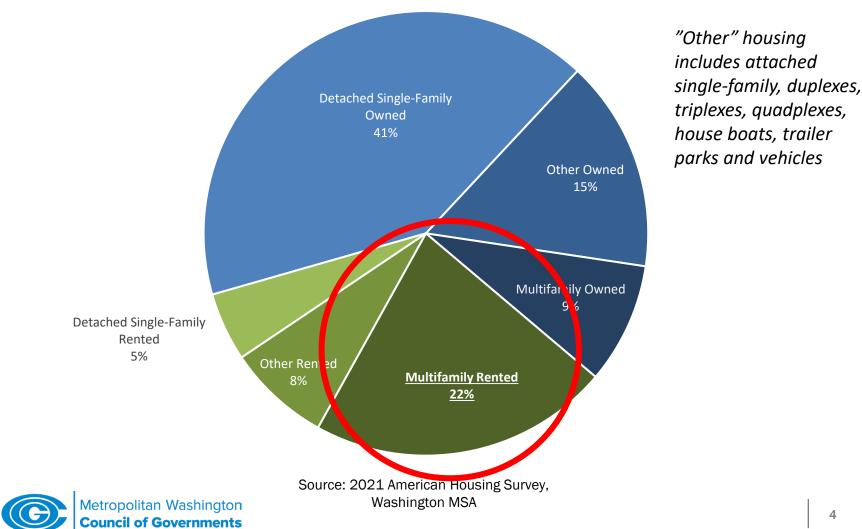
- Longitude and latitude
- Vacant space
- Market class
- Square Feet of Units
- Database behind Apartments.com



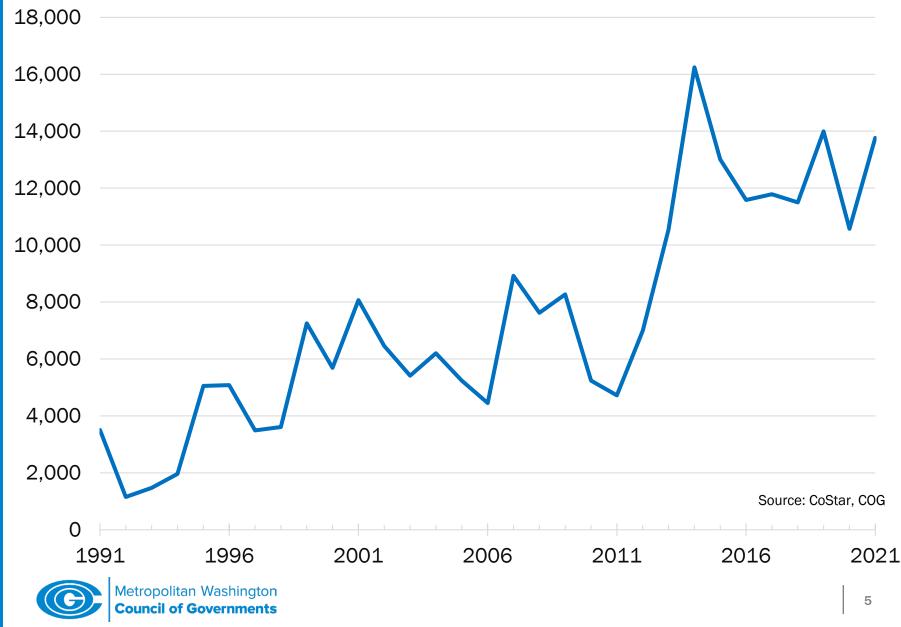
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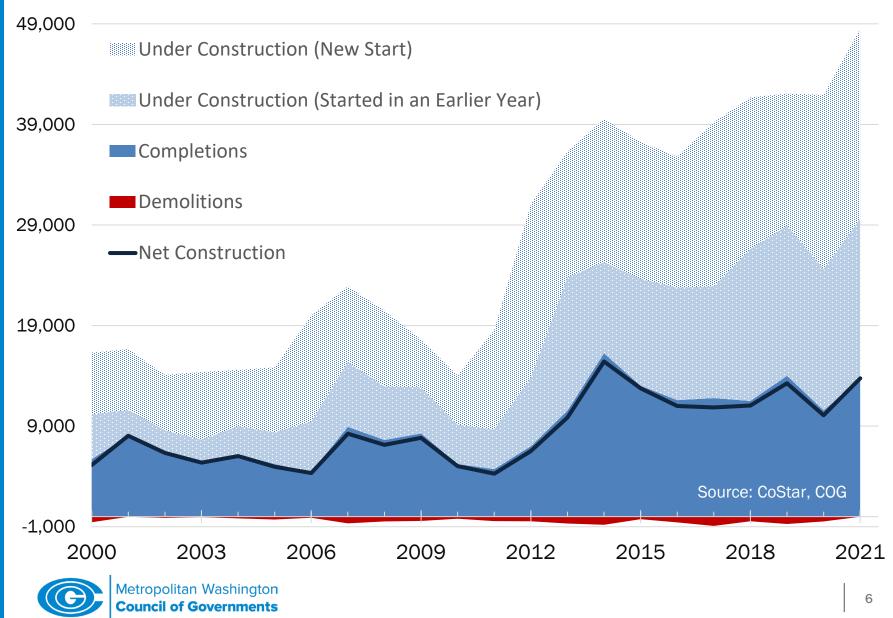
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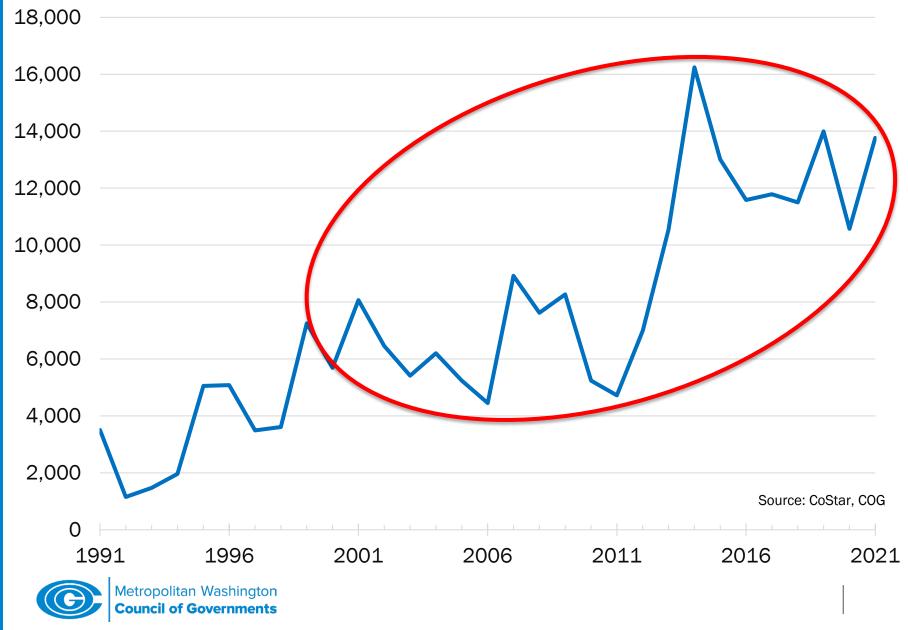
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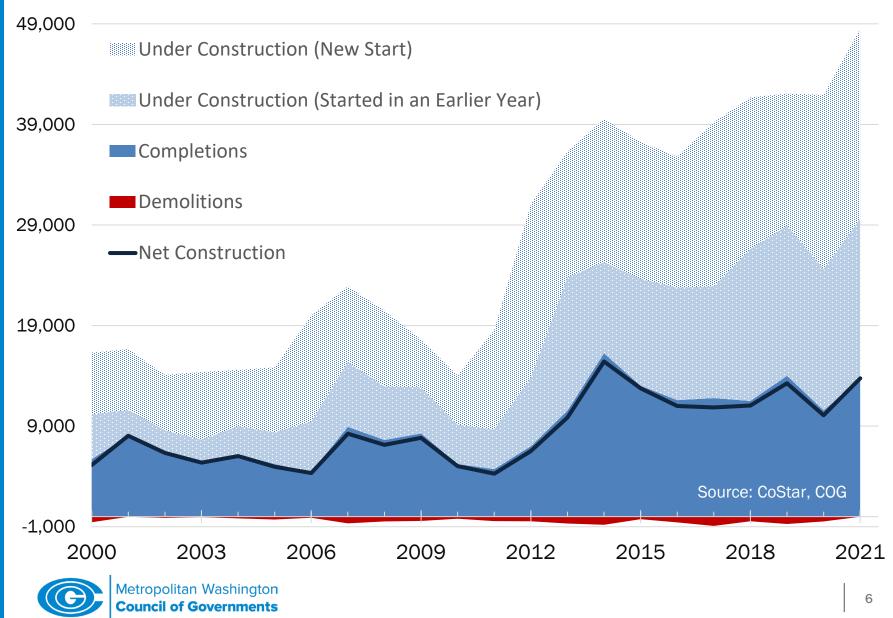
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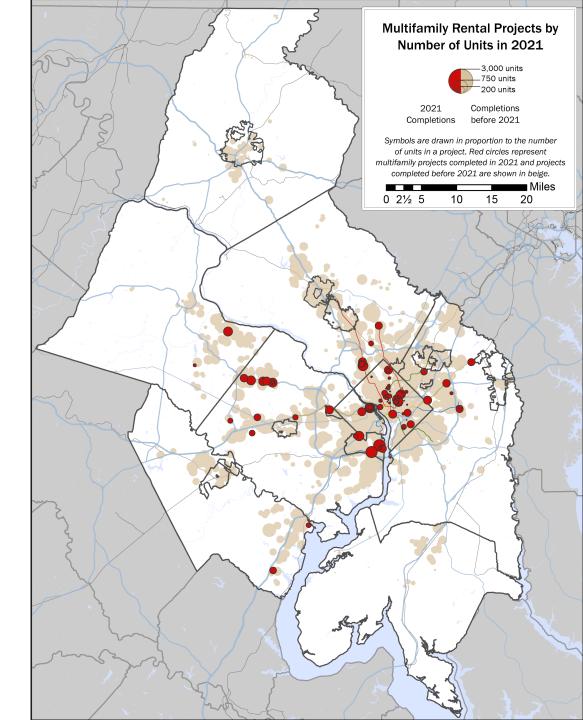
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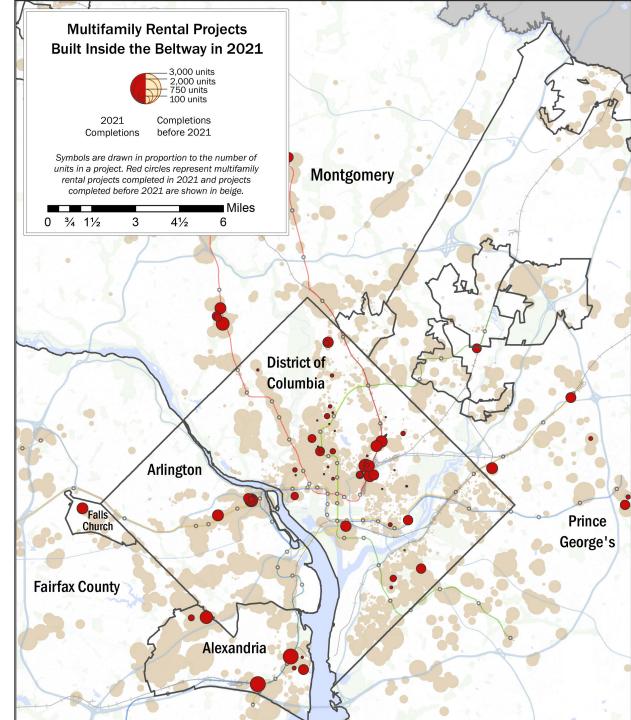


- Units completed in 2021 and shown in red
- Units built in earlier years are beige
- In 2021, new construction was primarily in the core and near Metrorail stations
- 75 percent of 2021 construction was built inside the Beltway



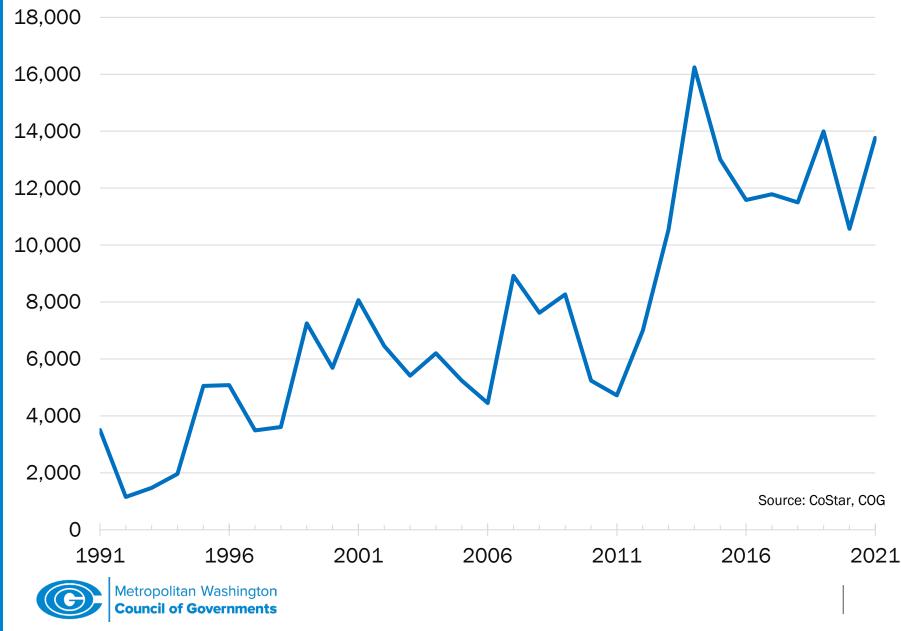


- Alexandria, Bethesda, NoMa and along Phase 1 of the Silver Line all had significant multifamily construction in 2021.
- While recent construction has concentrated around transit stations, historical patterns show dispersed apartment construction along major arterial roads.

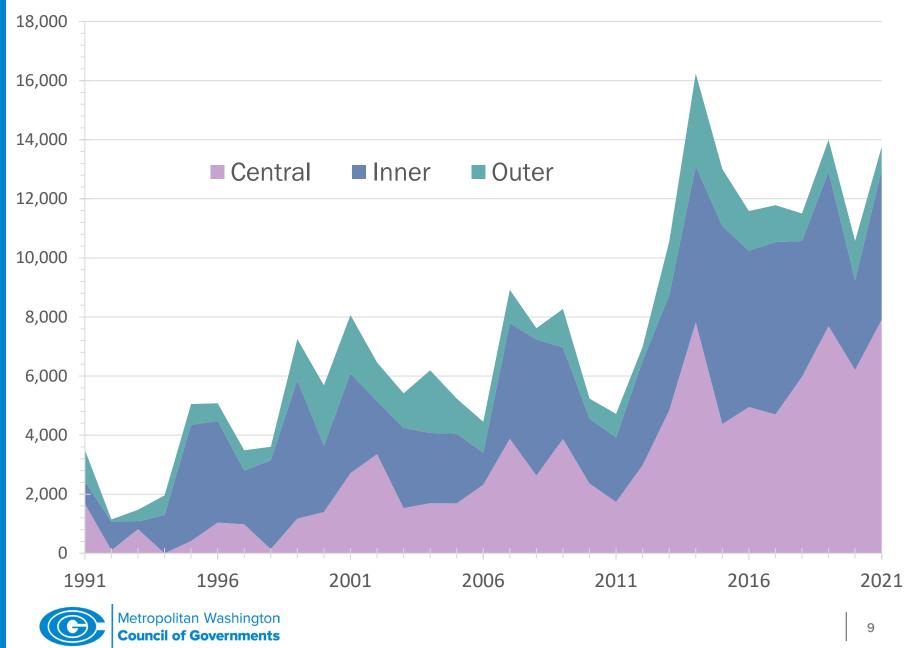




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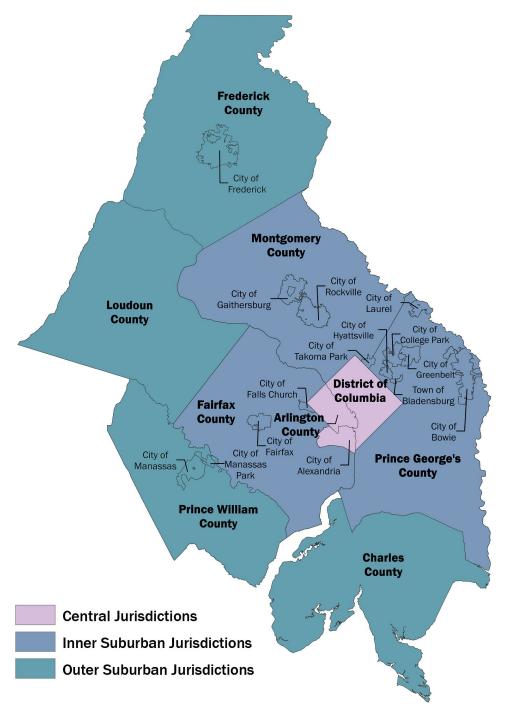
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Inner Jurisdictions Fairfax County Montgomery County Prince George's County City of Falls Church City of Fairfax

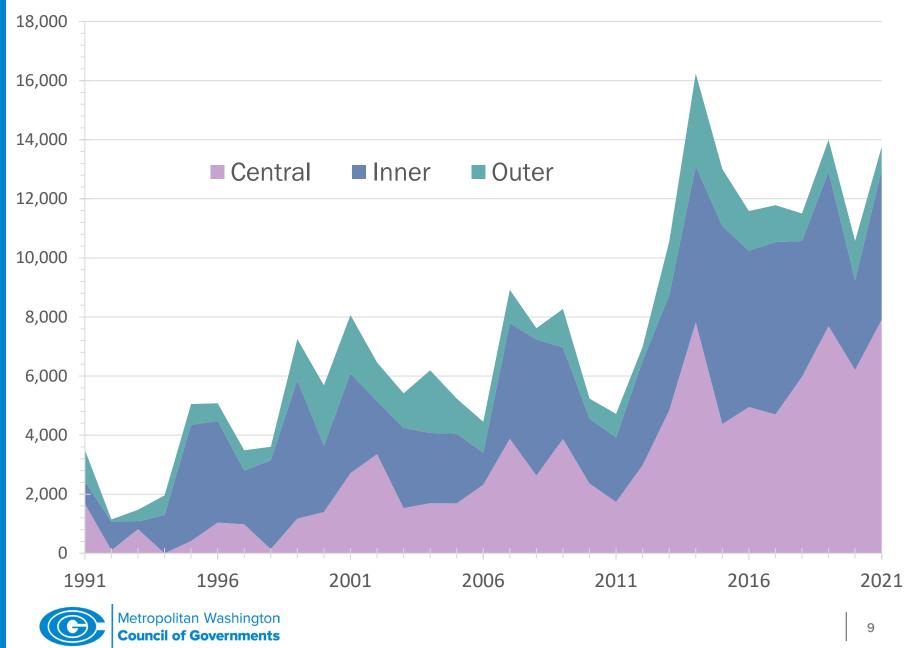
Outer Jurisdictions Charles County Frederick County Loudoun County Prince William County City of Manassas City of Manassas Park



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# Largest Projects in 2021

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1100 N Fayette St, Alexandria, VA	City of Alexandria	4	6	628	\$2,134
2455 Mandeville Ave, Alexandria, VA	City of Alexandria	1	12	591	\$2,026
1611 Eckington PI NE, Washington, DC	District of Columbia	4	8	457	\$2,012
4710 Elm St, Bethesda, MD	Montgomery County	2	27	456	\$2,924
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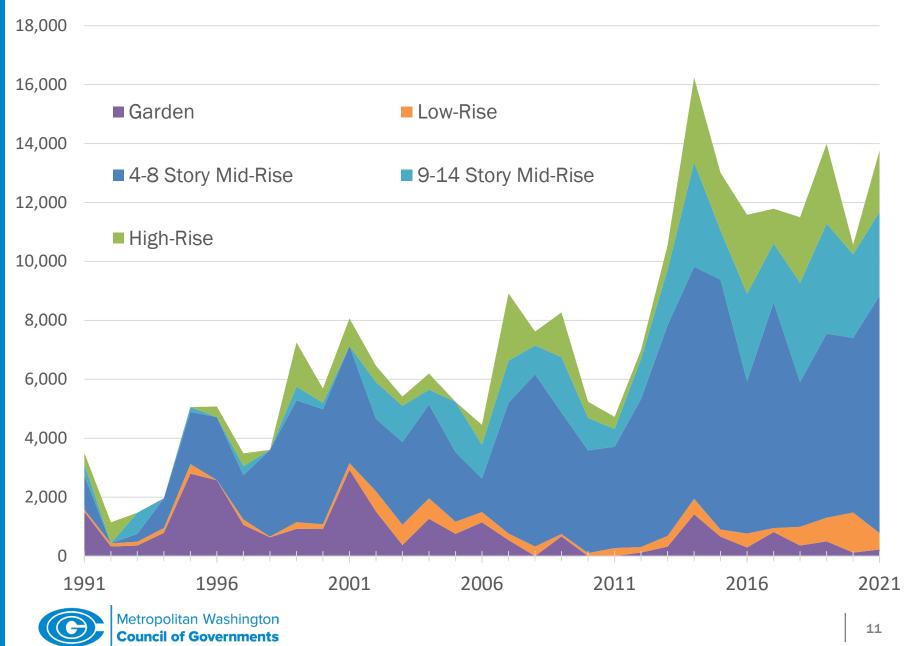
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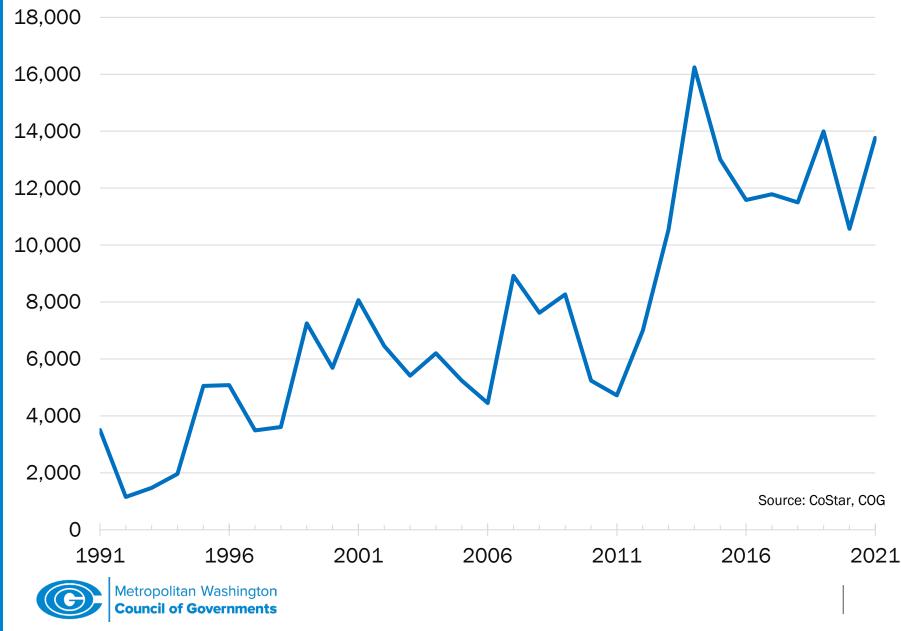
- The ten largest apartment projects represent 33% of the region's 13,764 new multifamily rental units built in 2021.
- All ten of the largest projects were within Activity Centers.
- Three of the ten were in Metrorail station walksheds and seven were within a half-mile of a station entrance.



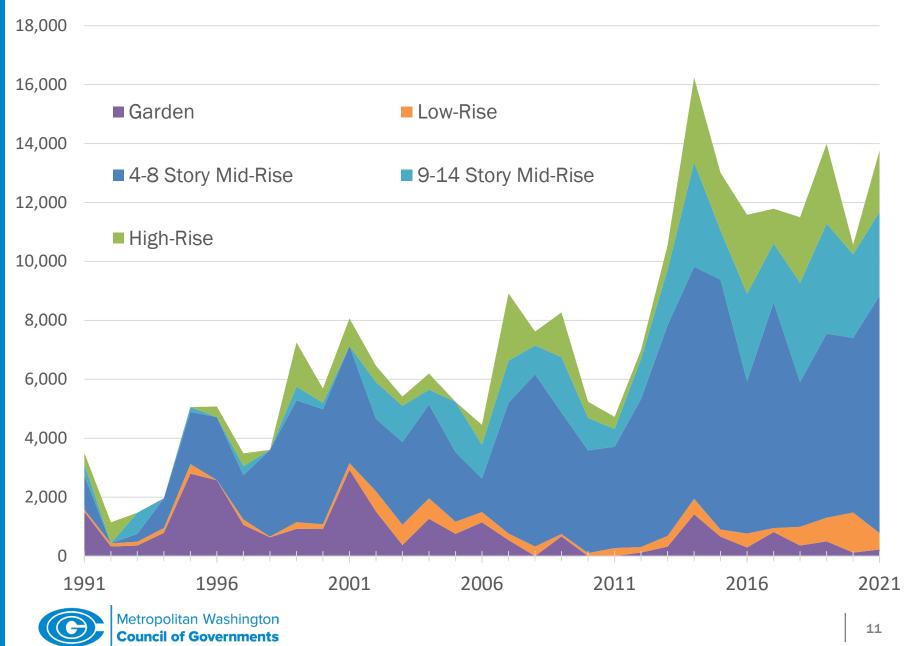
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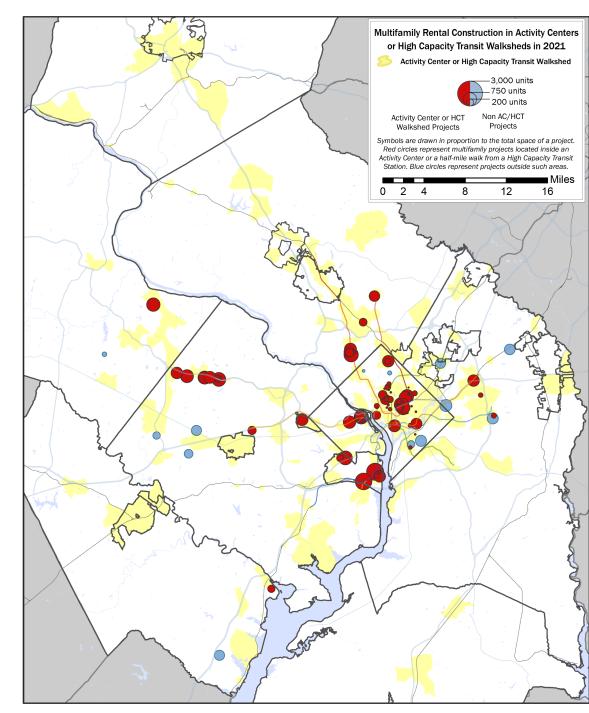
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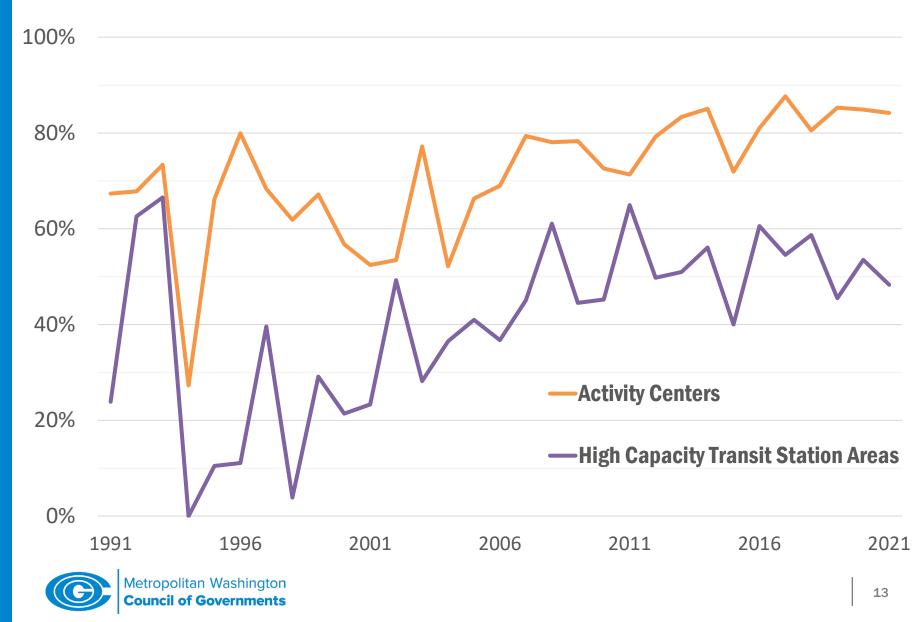


- In 2021, 85% of new multifamily rental units were within one of the region's 141 Activity Centers or within a halfmile walk of one of the 199 High-Capacity Transit Stations.
- This exceeds the target of 75% set by the COG Board in 2019.
- The NoMa Activity Center had 1,428 new units, the most of any Activity Center.

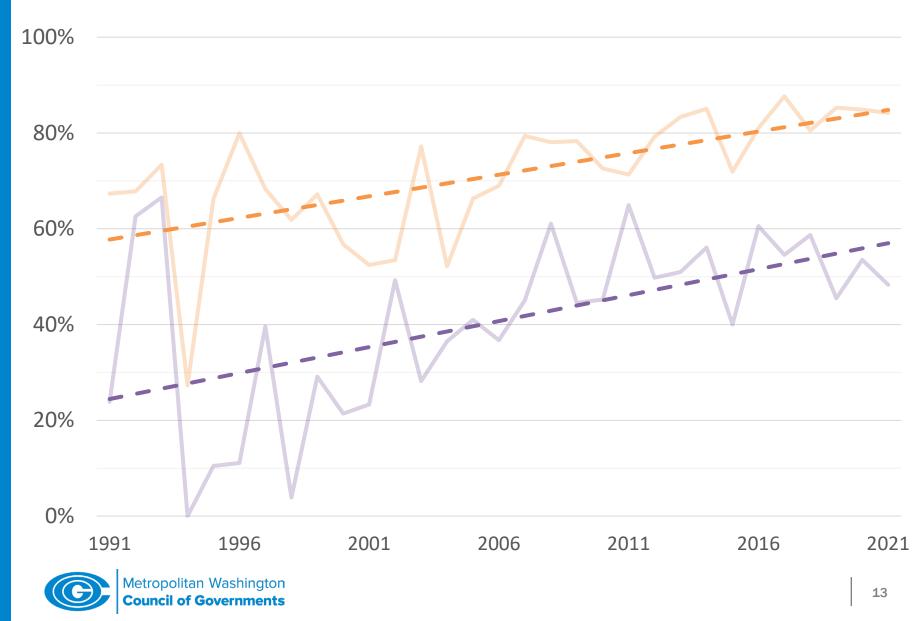




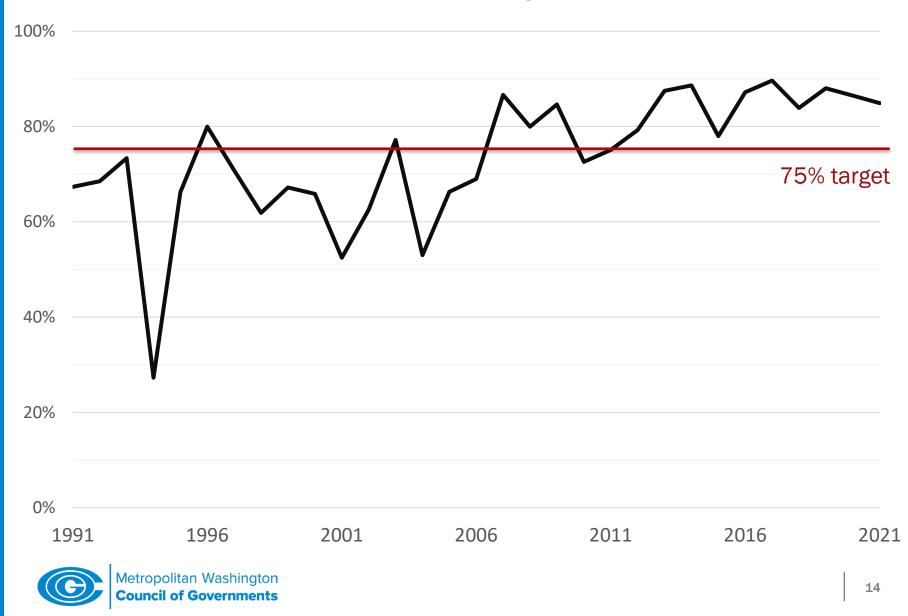
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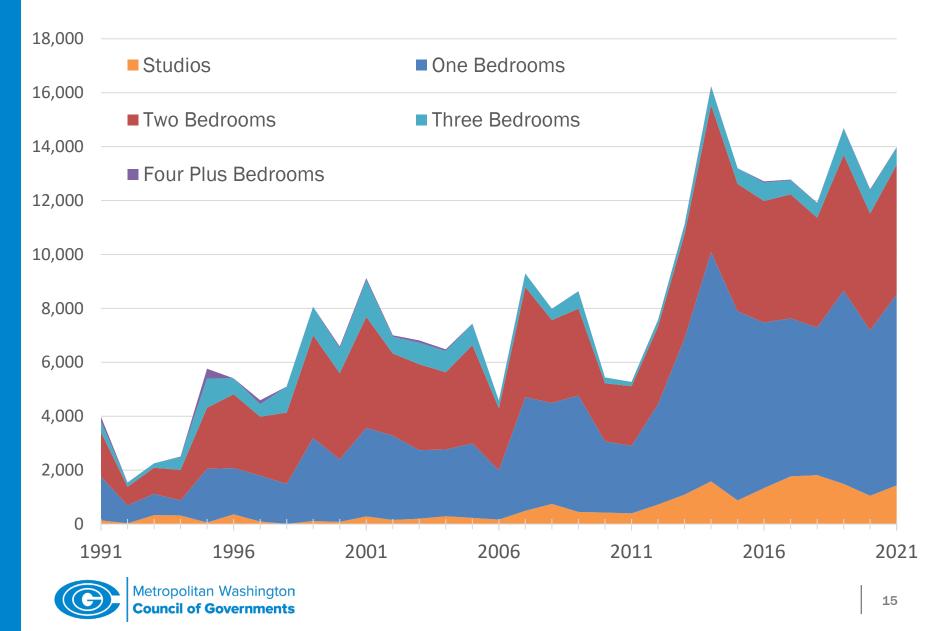
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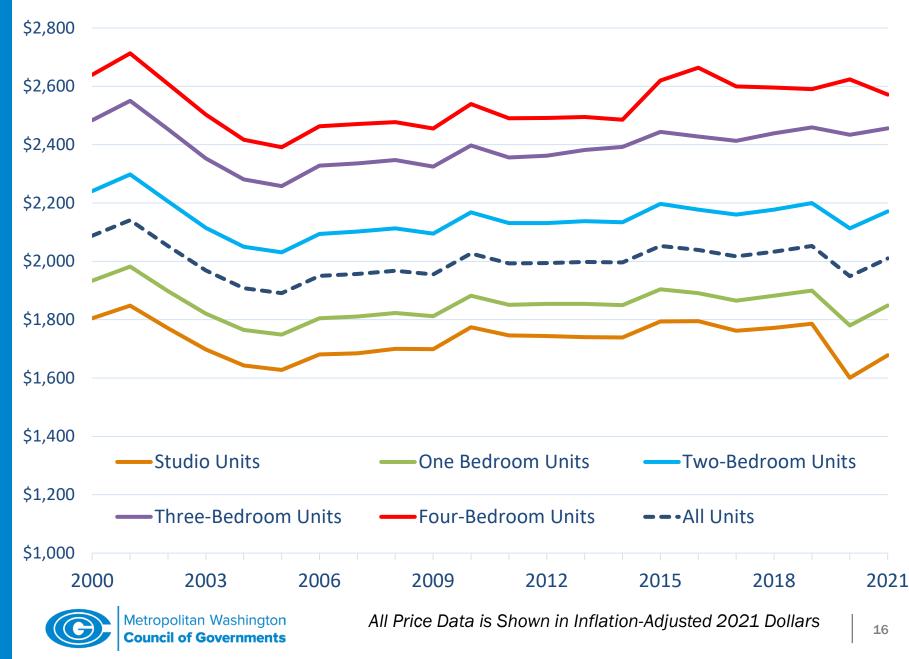
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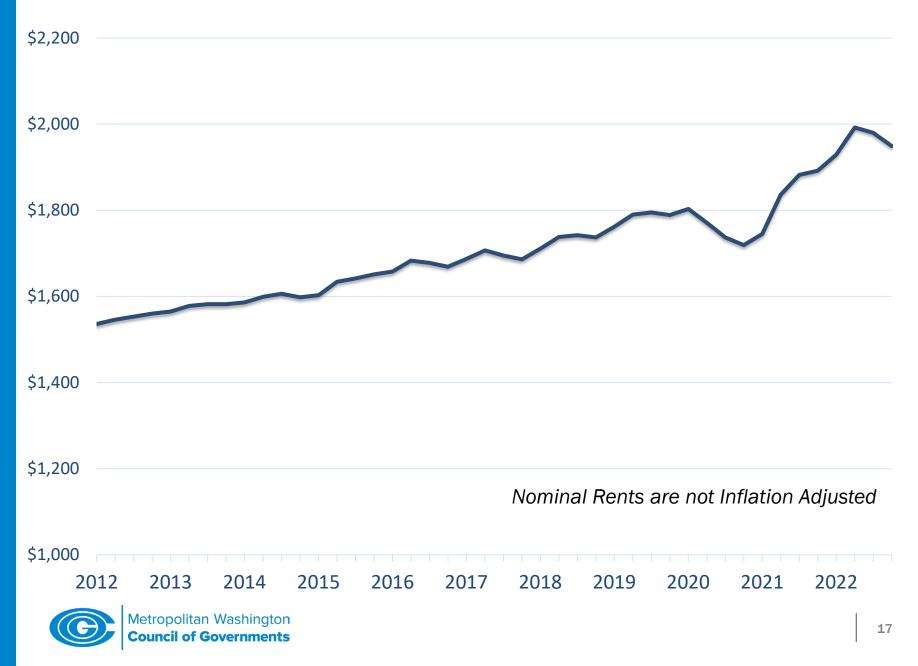
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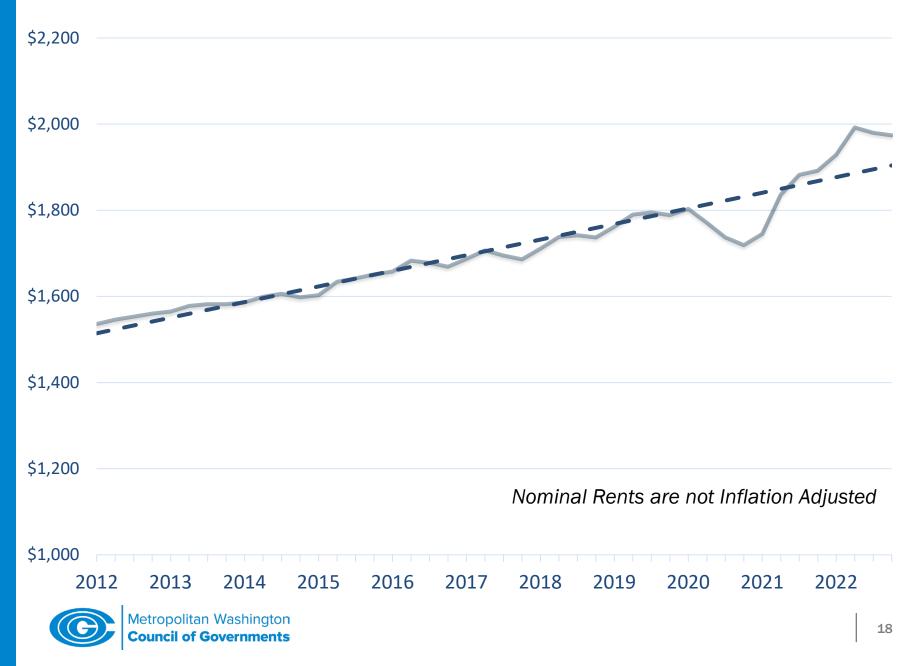
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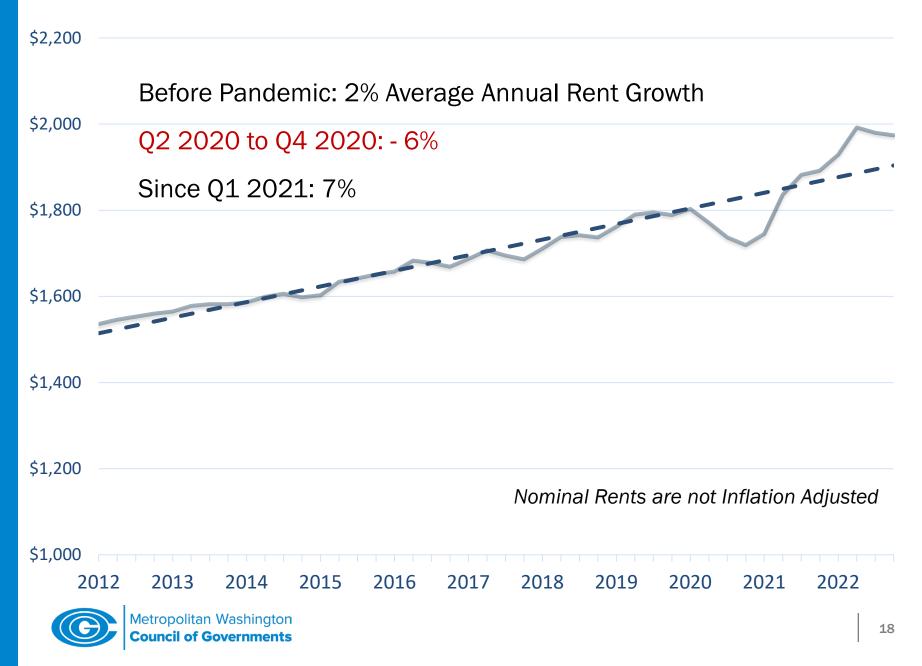
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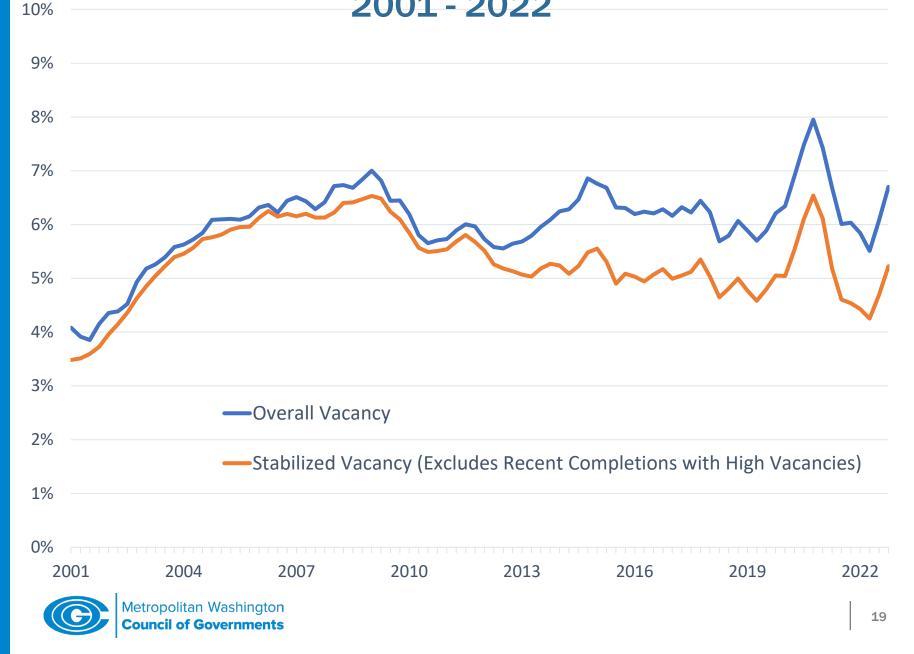
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# Quarterly Multifamily Rental Vacancy Rate 2001 - 2022



# **Key Findings**

- In 2021, 110 new multifamily buildings were completed, adding 13,764 units
- 119,980 new units have been built since 2012, which is the most of any ten-year period in almost 50 years
- Nominal average rents rose 10.5 percent from 2020 to 2021. When accounting for inflation, rents rose only 3.1 percent and are still below pre-pandemic levels.
- Median rents in multifamily buildings were between 25% and 40% of median renter income, depending on bedrooms per unit
- Just under half of all units built in 2021 were within a half-mile walk from a Metrorail station, while 28 percent of units built before 2021 are in a Metro walkshed.
- About 85% of new units were located within one of the region's 141 Activity Centers or HCT Station Areas, surpassing the Board target.



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