Lied Institute Report on Apartment Market Trends

featuring data from the Center for Business and Economic Research

Apartment Market Trends in 4th Quarter 2014

The Las Vegas apartment market saw a slight decrease in asking rents and a decrease in the vacancy rate this quarter, according to data from our apartment survey, collected by the Center for Business and Economic Research(CBER)**. Asking rents decreased by less than one percent this quarter and the average asking rent is now \$796. Asking rents are up 5 percent on a year over year basis. Still, average asking rents in Las Vegas still remain 9 percent lower than their peak in 2007(\$876). The vacancy rate decreased from 9.2 percent(2014Q3) to 8.3 percent(2014Q4). The average asking rent is 3 percent higher than it was at the start of 2014(\$768) and the vacancy rate is one and a half percentage points lower than it was at the start of 2014(9.7 percent).

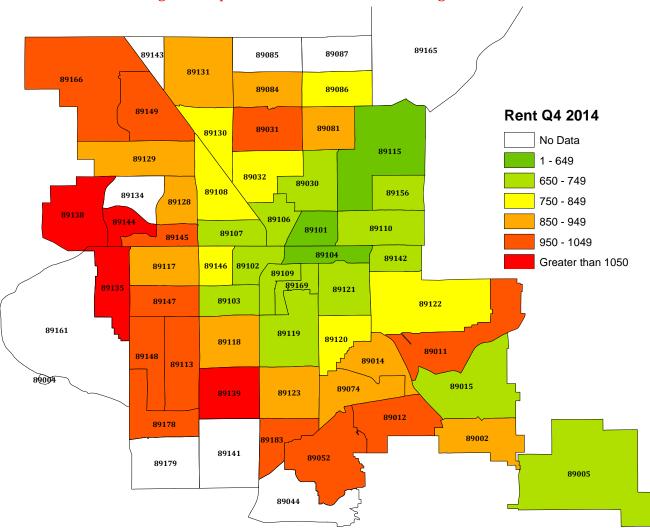


Figure 1: Apartment Rental Rates in Las Vegas*

*Figure based on CBER Apartment Survey

^{**}Data reflect revisions made to historical rental database as of Jan 28, 2015

There was very little change in the asking rent among all regions of the Las Vegas metropolitan area. The most considerable increase came in the 89113 zip code where the average asking rent increased \$57(6 percent). The western region continues to have the highest asking rents with the 89138 having the highest asking rent of \$1,360. However, the western region did experience some decreases in the asking with the 89166 and 89149 seeing a decrease of about 2 percent this quarter. The 89115 zip code had the most notable decrease in asking rent this quarter of \$45(7 percent). Nonetheless, nearly all zip codes have seen an increase in the asking rent on a year over year basis.

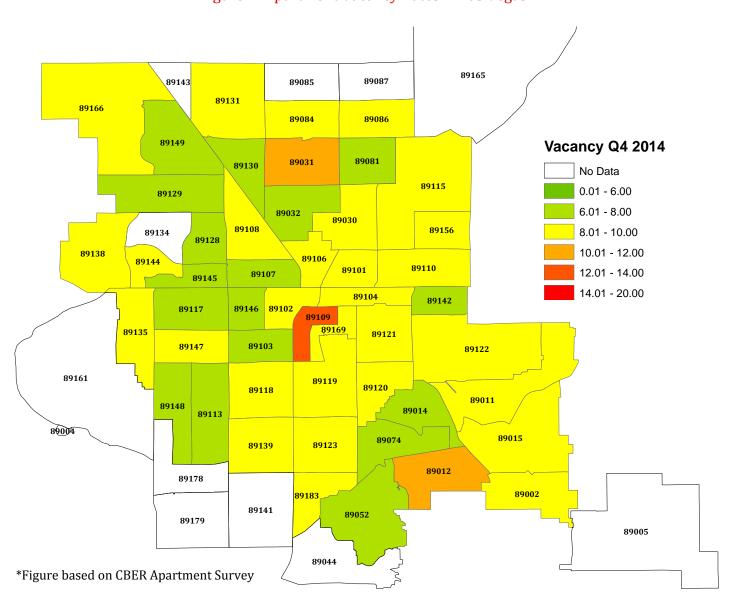
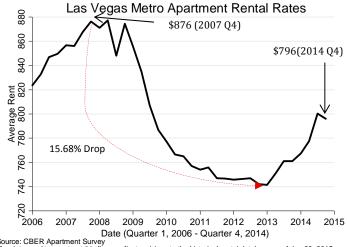


Figure 2: Apartment Vacancy Rates in Las Vegas*

The overall vacancy rate in the Las Vegas metropolitan area decreased by 0.9 percentage points this quarter. The vacancy rate declined in most zip codes with the western region seeing the most notable decrease in the vacancy rate. There is also much less variance in the vacancy rate between zip codes this quarter. Most zip codes now have a vacancy rate between 6 to 10 percent. The only zip code to have an unusually high vacancy rate is the 89109 zip code with a vacancy rate of 13.7 percent. No reported zip code had a vacancy rate greater than 14 percent or less than 6 percent this quarter.

There was very little change in the average asking rent for all apartment types this quarter. Furnished studios saw the largest increase in asking rent as they increased by \$16(3 percent). Unfurnished two bedroom and one bathroom apartments was the only other apartment type to see any significant increase this quarter with a \$15 increase(2 percent). Furnished two bedroom and two bathroom apartments saw the largest decrease this quarter at \$10(1 percent). All apartment types have seen at least a small increase in asking rent on a year over year basis.

Figure 3 Figure 4



Source: CBER Apartment Survey
The data used to construct this figure reflect revisions to the historical rental database as of Jan 28, 2015

Las Vegas Metro Rents by Apartment Type Average Rent 0 800 1000 900 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 Date (Quarter 1, 2006 - Quarter 4, 2014) averent -- studiou ····· onebedu - twobedonebathu --- twobedtwobathu ---- threebedu Source: CBER Apartment Survey

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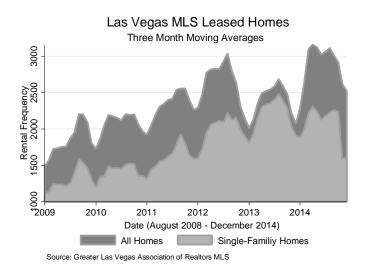
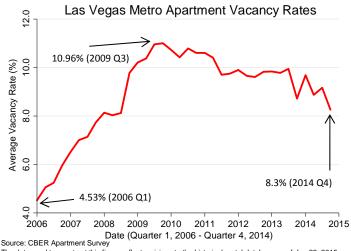


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Apartment complexes, to a certain extent, compete with individually owned units, which mostly consist of single family homes, townhomes, and condominiums. MLS rental leases, a proxy for this competition, began to slow down towards the end of this quarter reaching a three month moving average of 2,517 leases in December 2014. MLS leases are highly seasonal and December typically has the lowest number of MLS leases. Nonetheless, MLS leases are still up 450 leases (16 percent) from this time last year.

Table 1: Apartment Rental and Vacancy Rates by Zip Code Area

ZIP CODE	UNIT RATES										AVERAGE RATES		UNITS	
	Stu	ıdio	1	1 Bed		2 Bed/1 Bath		2 Bed/2 Bath		3 Bed			50	
	F	U	F	U	F	U	F	, U	F	U	Rent	Vacancy	Total Units	Vacant Units
89002				718		760		933	١.	1060	863	8.4%	785	66
89005				650				750	١.		700		34	
89011				846		930		945	١.	1097	965	8.2%	546	45
89012				818		0		965	١.	1172	952	10.1%	2215	224
89014		675		739		832		879		1041	862	7.8%	5964	465
89015				603		704		734	١.	870	731	8.4%	2014	168
89031								874		1022	953	11.8%	970	114
89032	Ċ	660		707				847		950	832	7.9%	2256	177
89052	· ·	000		898		1141		1072		1316	1036	7.8%	2046	159
89074		•		822				938		1117	936	7.9%	2809	222
89081		•		728		840		875		1004	858	7.7%	1675	130
	•	•	•	780		903		978		1061	928	8.3%	1008	84
89084		522	495	593		655		731		823	848		835	70
89086	•							731 793				8.4%		
89103	205	636	450	654		711				963	733	7.5%	7408	553
89104	395	439	450	526		635		660		766 750	592	8.5%	3671	312
89106		425		566		587		688	•	759	651	8.2%	1895	155
89107		544		614		633		724		843	674	6.9%	2032	139
89108		561		646		680		790		941	752	8.2%	6079	501
89109	525	548		696		568		853		750	729	13.7%	725	99
89110		•		568		668		686		785	677	9.3%	2830	263
89113				854				1061		1203	999	7.4%	839	62
89115	518	441	709	536		649		622		734	606	8.7%	3874	339
89117				795		965		954		1106	927	7.6%	7616	581
89118		628		755		803		934		1069	869	8.8%	2193	192
89119	602	523	626	670	725	642		803		969	738	8.1%	9800	794
89120		594		688		701		818		1009	802	8.1%	2033	165
89121		549	868	608		671		730		811	696	9.0%	6805	612
89122	636	499	676	711	956	958		851		962	800	8.4%	3660	306
89123		644		813		1086		972		1079	941	8.0%	2331	187
89128				727				841		981	854	7.6%	2374	179
89129		525		750		1140	899	887		1064	856	7.7%	2169	168
89130				652				744		892	772	7.6%	501	38
89131				785				980		1185	943	8.5%	272	23
89135				968				1146		1334	1133	8.2%	849	70
89138				1210		1265		1492		1474	1360	8.3%	272	23
89139				882		1005		1106		1277	1073	8.3%	1385	115
89142				622		595		718		831	686	7.5%	1352	102
89144				903				1089		1250	1165	8.7%	507	44
89145				870		825		1074		1199	1042	7.9%	686	54
89146		385		671		623		829	١.	969	794	7.5%	2918	220
89147				851		880		1001	١.	1118	992	8.1%	2814	227
89148				895		1067		993		1092	976	7.4%	2469	183
89149		765		860		999		1063		1263	958	7.9%	1206	95
89156				621				746		972	722	8.2%	728	60
89166	i i	•		859	.	932		1057		1165	986	8.3%	1484	123
89169	675	515	756	560		645		728		883	677	8.7%	5768	502
89169 89178				953		985		1053			959		539	
89178 89183		•	•	867		905		989		1135	951	8.4%	2815	236
09103		•		699	<u>. </u>	,00	<u>. </u>	,,,	<u> </u>	991	796	8.3%	118056	9746

[&]quot;." Number of observations insufficient for statistical purposes. "F" stands for Furnished and "U" stands for Unfurnished. Cummulative sum of vacant units might not equal the reported Metro LV vacant units because of rounding issues. Source: CBER Apartment Survey

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