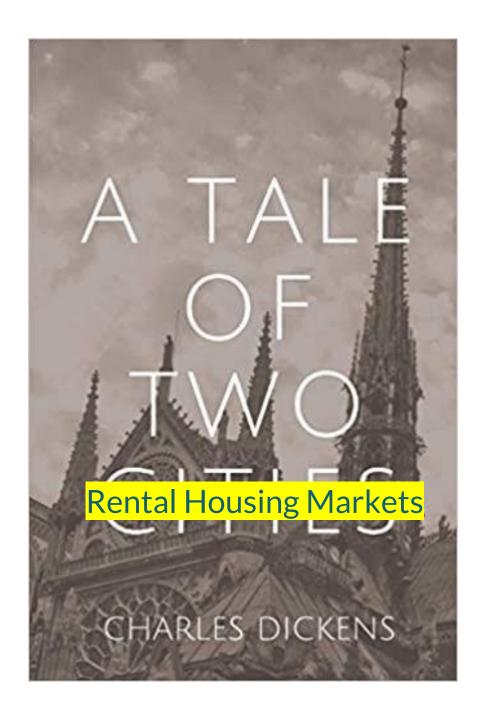
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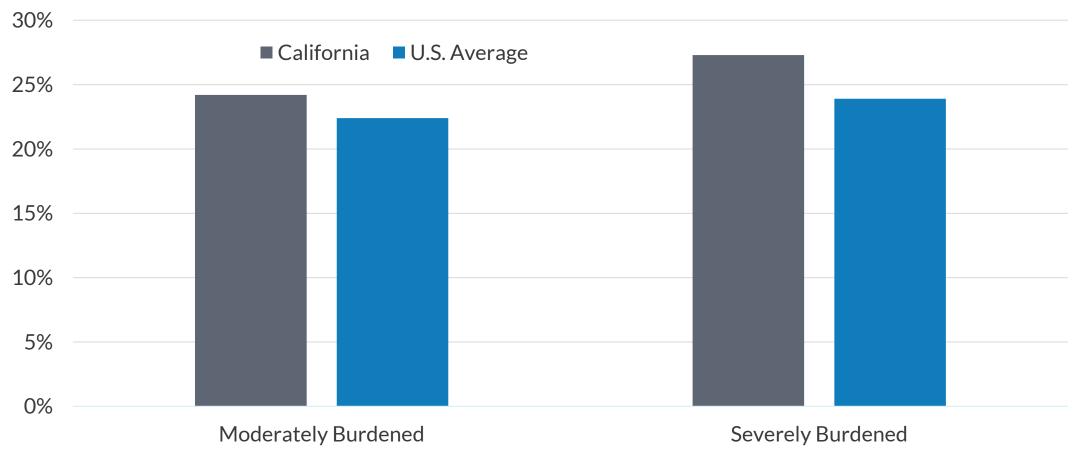






### California Tops the National Average for Share of Cost-Burdened Renters

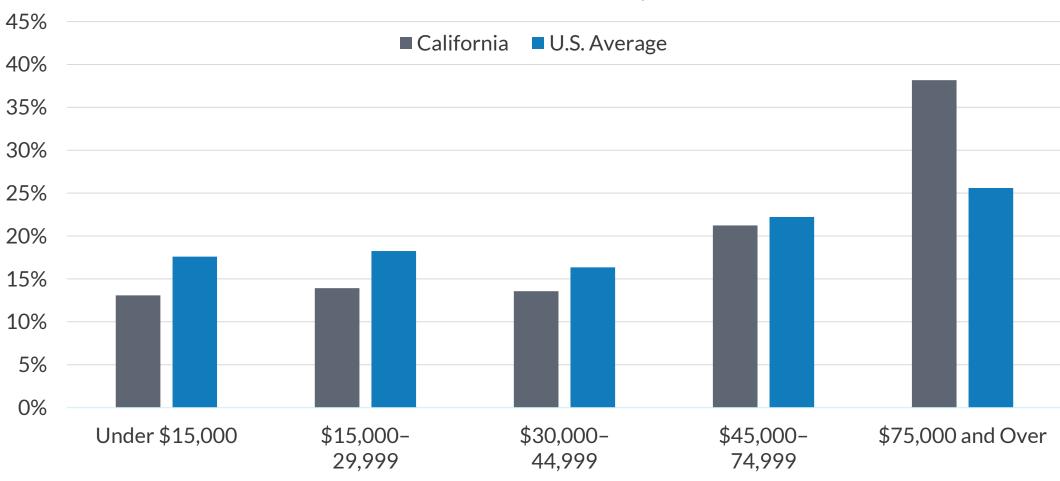






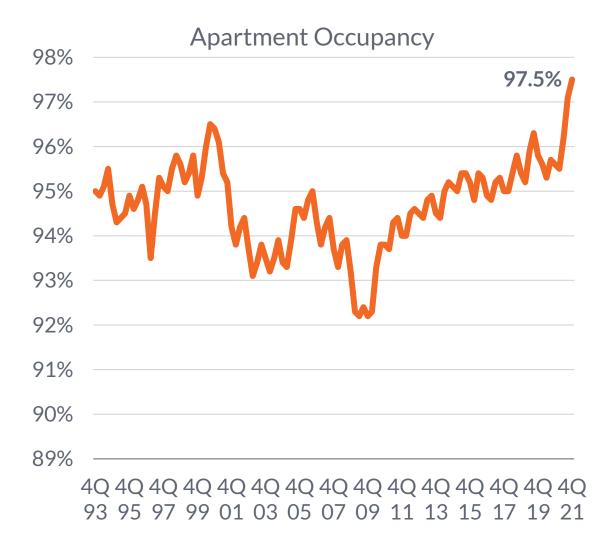
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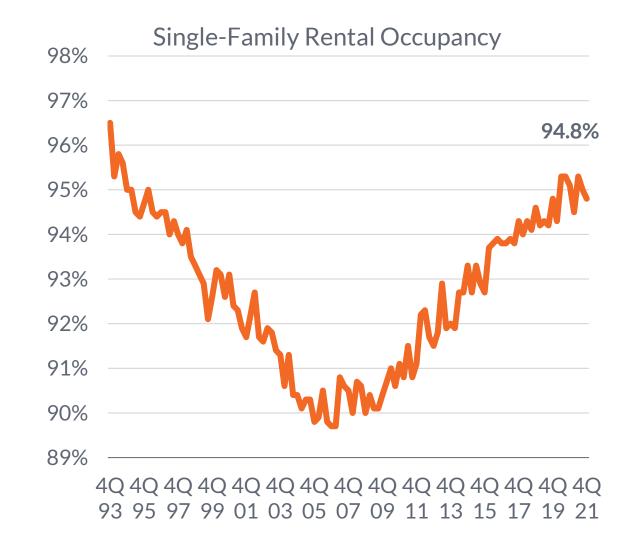






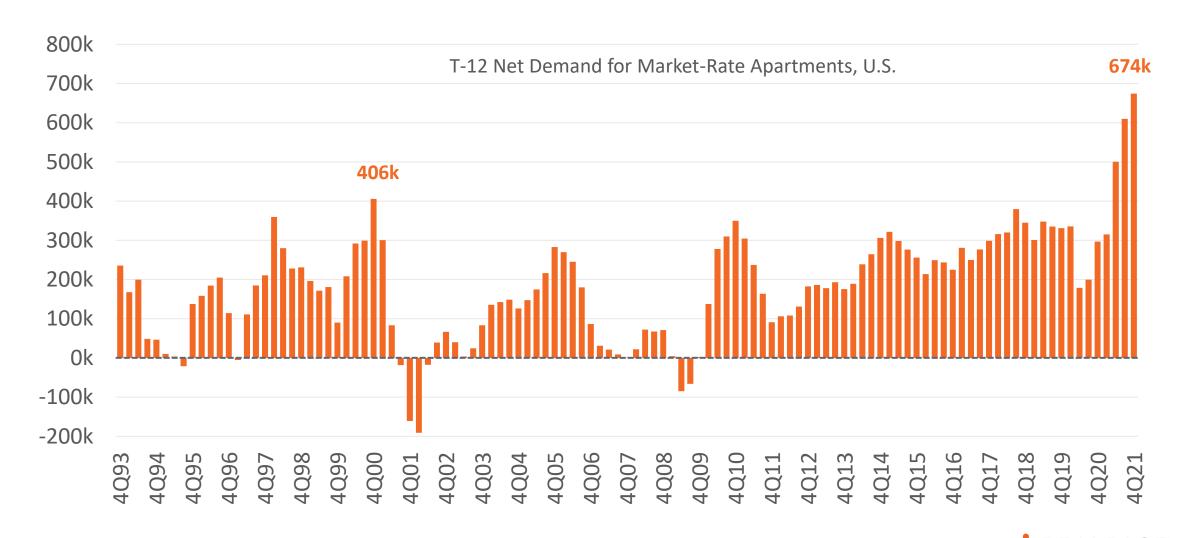
# All Housing Types are Seeing Historically High Demand & Occupancy in 2021





Sources: RealPage, U.S. Census

#### Demand for Market-Rate Apartments is Massive, >60% Above Previous Peak

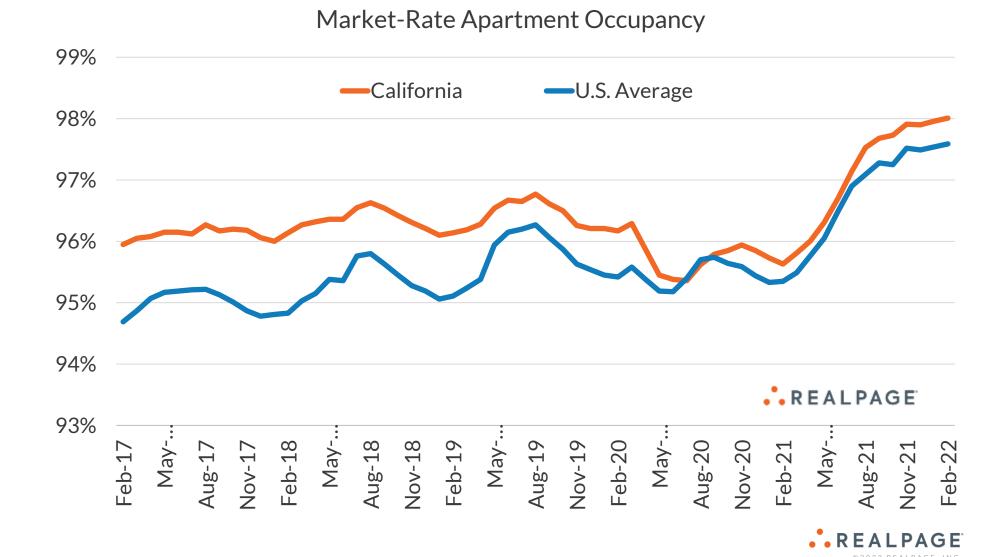




## **Apartment Occupancy is Even Higher in California, with Minimal Availability**

# Occupancy of 95-96% is typically considered as "essentially full" due to normal turnover

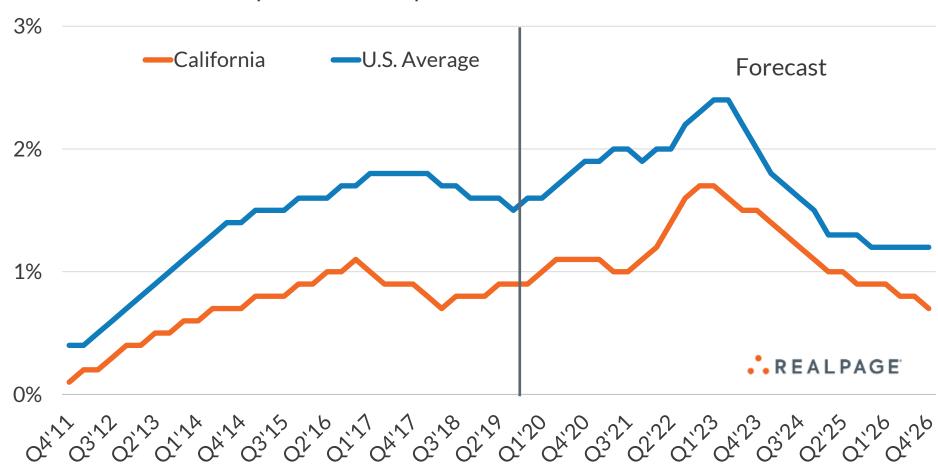
- Occupancy by marketrate "classification" in California:
  - A: 97.4%
  - B: 98.2%
  - C: 98.8%



#### **Apartment Construction in California Measures Half the National Pace**

#### New Apartment Completions as a Share of Total Stock

- New completions in California tend to lease up quickly with renters able to pay high-end rents.
- Lack of new supply keeps higher-income renters in more affordable rental options – limiting access for those needing those lower price points.
- Today's new completions are tomorrow's middleincome, workforce housing



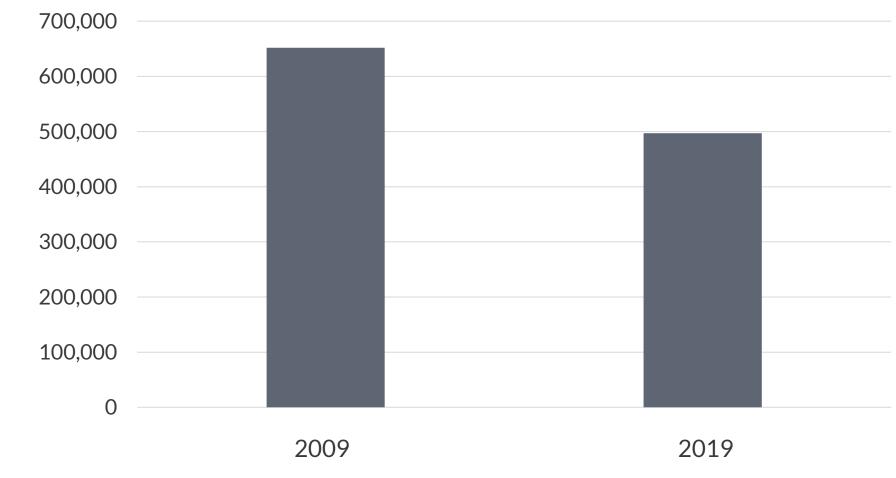


### Number of Ultra-Low Rent Units in California are Shrinking

 Ultra low-rent units require subsidies or other funding to offset land, construction and

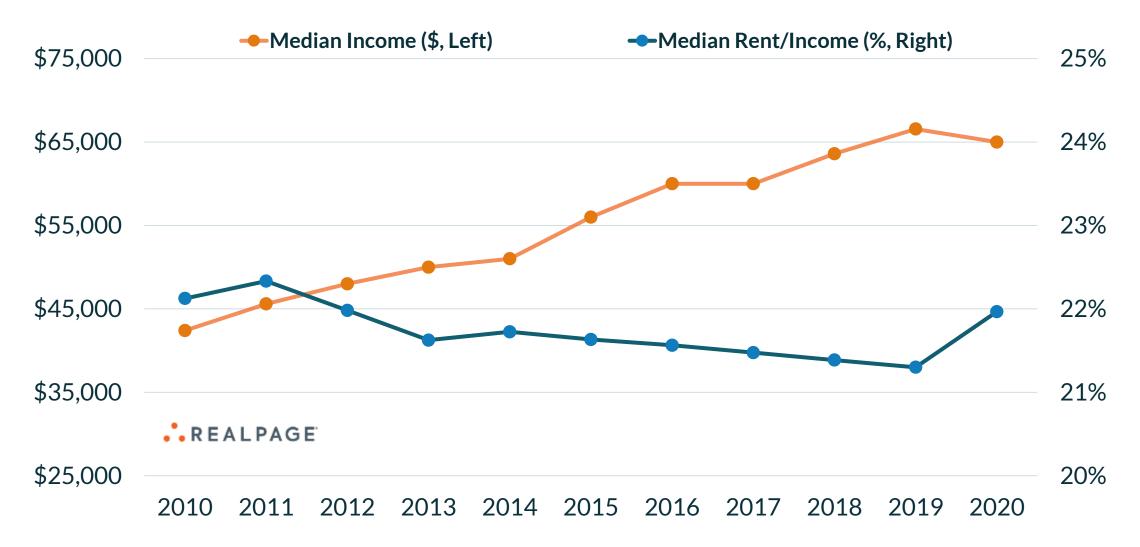
operating costs.

Number of Ultra Low-Rent Units (<\$600/month)



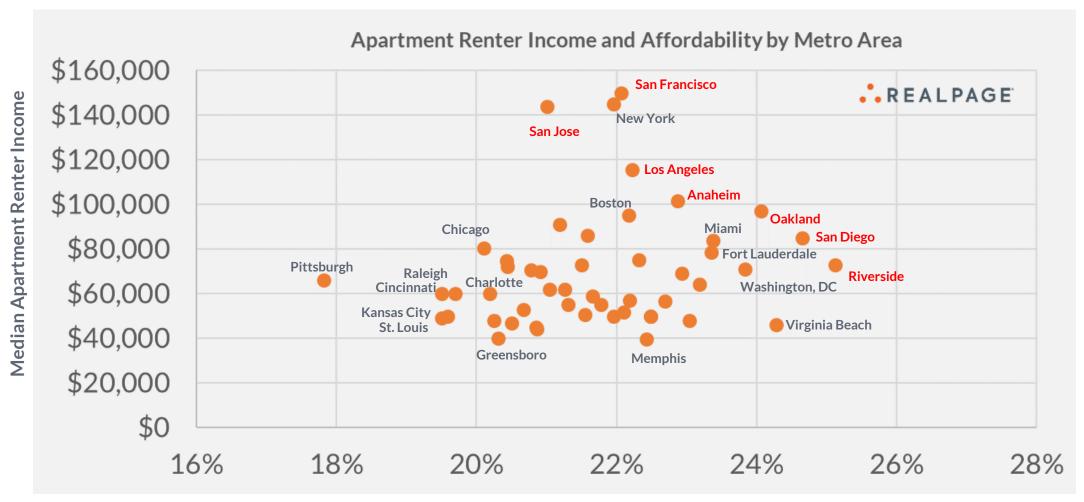


#### Rent-to-Income Ratios Hold Around 22% in U.S. Market-Rate Apartments





### Market-Rate Affordability Varies Modestly by Metro, but Incomes Tell Full Story



Median Rent-to-Income Ratio



# **Challenges & Recommendations**

#### Full-picture housing policy accounting for all income groups

- Low vacancy, high demand, insufficient supply for housing at all price points
- Only true fix: Significantly more housing supply
- Changing investor/developer perceptions positive partnerships





**THANK YOU!** 

