

### APARTMENT ESSENTIALS NATIONAL SNAPSHOT

**FOURTH QUARTER 2024** 

The Urbis Apartment Essentials provides quarterly analysis of off-the-plan sales, supply, and rents across our major cities.

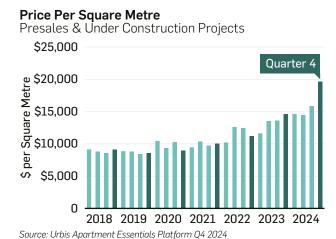
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## NATIONAL APARTMENT MARKET INSIGHTS

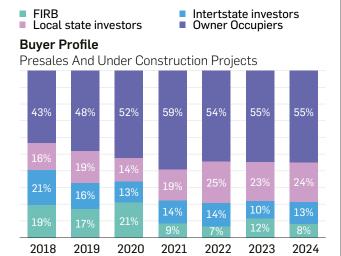
#### PRICE PER SQUARE METRE

In 2024, developers faced higher construction costs, labour shortages, and a shift in buyer preferences towards owner-occupier grade stock. These factors led to increased asking prices and higher average price per square metre rates. This quarter recorded the highest quarter-on-quarter growth in the past five years, with the average price per square metre surpassing \$19,000— a 24% increase since Q3 and a 34% rise year-on-year from Q4 2023. The primary driver was off-the-plan projects in Brisbane, where square metre rates exceeded \$23,000, marking a 33% quarter-on-quarter increase.

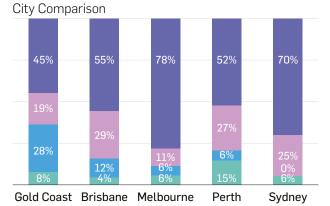


#### **BUYER PROFILE**

In Q4, owner-occupiers dominated off-the-plan sales, primarily driven by activity in Melbourne and Sydney. Conversely, investor activity was more prominent in Brisbane, the Gold Coast, and Perth. Interstate investors are focusing on the Gold Coast, local investors on Brisbane, and foreign purchasers on Perth's off-the-plan market.



#### Buyer Profile Year to Q4 2024

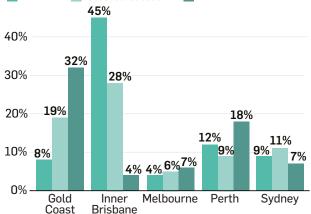


Source: Urbis Apartment Essentials Platform Q4 2024

#### **SALES AS % OF AVAILABLE STOCK**

Despite the Victorian Government's introduction of a stamp duty concession in October 2024, Melbourne's clearance rate fell by 4 percentage points in Q4, highlighting ongoing challenges for developers as demand remains subdued. In contrast, Brisbane's off-the-plan market is showing positive signs, with significant demand for off-the-plan apartments evidenced by 39% of available stock selling in Q4 alone.

### Sales as % of available stock - by status Presales Under Construction Built



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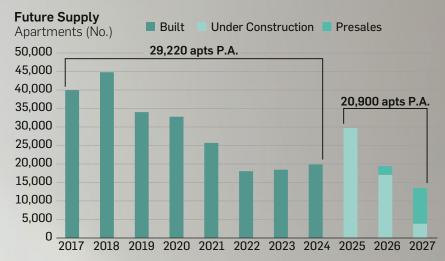


Source: Urbis Apartment Essentials Platform Q4 2024 Note: Projects at Presales and Under Construction

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In 2024, approximately 19,900 apartments were completed, marking a 5% annual increase in completions since 2022. Currently, nearly 30,000 apartments are under construction and set for completion in 2025, indicating the highest level of activity since 2020 as developers adapt to the evolving landscape. It will be important to monitor how many of these apartments face unforeseen delays, potentially pushing completions to 2026 and beyond.

Over the next three years, the apartment pipeline is expected to remain subdued, averaging 20,900 new apartments annually until 2027. Beyond 2027, uncertainty persists, with potential for an upswing dependent on additional factors driving feasibility.

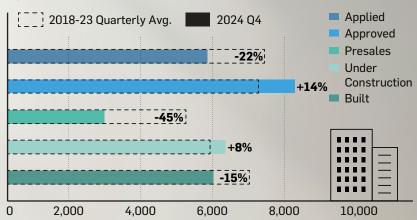


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#### **SUPPLY PIPELINE**

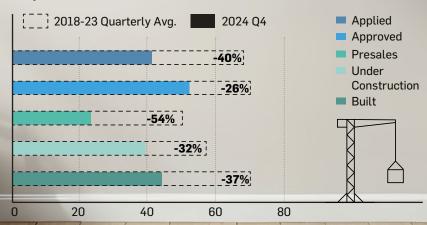
The apartment pipeline remains below long-term quarterly averages. However, there is a positive trend with fewer projects stalled at the development approval stage, as more are progressing to presales and construction. This is evident in the 7,275 apartments that began construction in Q4, an 8% increase over the quarterly average of the past five years.

#### **Apartments**



Source: Urbis Apartment Essentials Platform Q4 2024

#### **Projects**



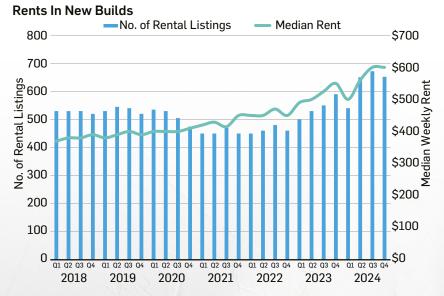
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#### **RENTS IN NEW BUILDS**

In Q4 2024, the median weekly rent for new apartments rose by 1% quarter-on-quarter, culminating in a 5% increase since Q4 2023. Notably, rental listings have decreased due to limited new rental supply and tight vacancy rates, reducing the availability of rental stock.



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#### **BUILD-TO-RENT PIPELINE**

In 2024, the build-to-rent market's momentum stabilised due to rising construction costs and development feasibility challenges. The BTR pipeline grew by 10%, a significant drop from the 48% growth seen in 2023.

#### **Build-to-Rent Pipeline**

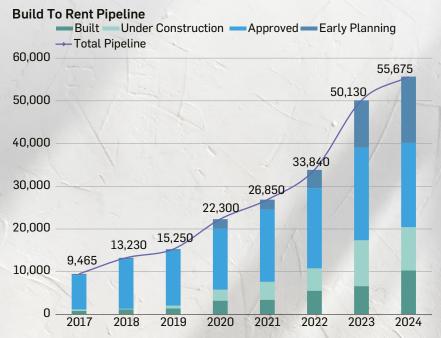


Projects with funding

Projects without funding

Note: Funding assumed for projects under construction

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