

# San Francisco

# Market Overview

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The broader economic landscape presents a variety of intricate developments worth noting. One such trend is a shift in investor priorities. Traditionally, investors placed significant emphasis on metrics like price per square foot and unit as key indicators of a property's value. However, there has been a remarkable change in this perspective. Investors are increasingly setting their sights on day one returns, with a particular focus on metrics such as cap rates and gross rent multipliers (GRMs). These metrics offer a more comprehensive assessment of investment potential, taking into account not just the purchase price but also the income-generating capabilities of the property. While inflation, a key factor behind recent economic challenges, appears to be decelerating, the persistent high interest rates pose a formidable backdrop for potential investors and market participants. Despite these hurdles, some sectors exhibit remarkable resilience.

For instance, the S&P 500 index remains steadfast, consistently posting strong returns throughout the third quarters of 2021 to 2023, serving as a beacon of optimism within the multifaceted economic scenario. Meanwhile, the San Francisco real estate

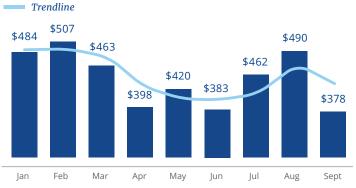
market is undergoing its own evolution. Notably, the rental market has displayed remarkable stability, with rent per square foot remaining constant above pre-pandemic levels during this quarter. This stability underscores the market's robustness and potential for growth.

Moreover, the slowdown in the new development pipeline is an intriguing trend. While it may raise concerns, it can also be seen as a factor contributing to the preservation of current rental rates. This slowdown ensures that the supply-demand dynamics remain balanced, setting the stage for sustained future rent growth. Consequently, San Francisco's real estate market is navigating these complexities, underpinned by a gradual rebound in price per square-foot, bearing similarity to averages found earlier in the year.

Market Indicators	Q3 2022	Q3 2023	Y-O-Y Change
Average of FED (Quarterly)	3.10%	4.14%	104 BPS \uparrow
Average of \$/SF	\$515.58	\$426.49	17.3%
Average of Rent/SF	\$3.03	\$2.92	3.5%
Average of \$/Unit	\$418,634	\$334,400	20.1%
Average of CAP	4.24%	5.11%	20.7%

Source: MacroTrends | Colliers

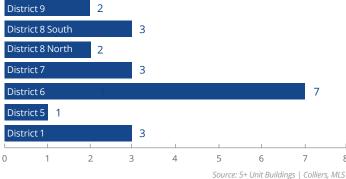
# 2023 Average \$/SF by Month



Source: 5+ Unit Buildings | Colliers, MLS

# Transactions by District

Quarter 3, 2023



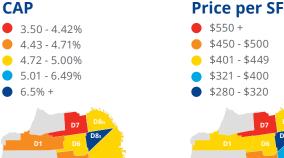
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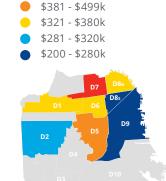
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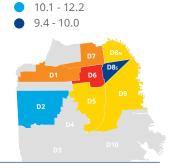
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AP Price per SF Price per Unit





\$450k+

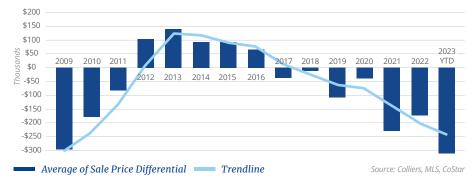




Following the eventual decrease in the average differential between list and sale prices, historical data suggests a potential recovery within the real estate market.

This decline often marks the beginning of a rebound phase, where market dynamics start to instill optimism among buyers and sellers alike. Over time, this trend has previously suggested a return to stabilization, and can be seen as an initial step towards emerging from what many consider the bottom of the market cycle. Encouraging increased activity and setting the stage for more robust and balanced transactions, this pattern instills confidence with market participants.

# **Average of List vs. Sale Price Differential**

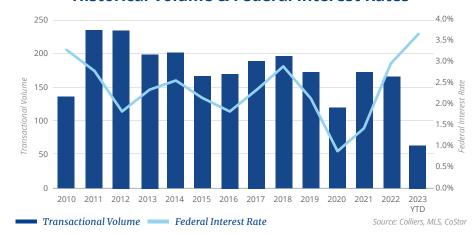




Historically, federal interest rate increases have often been a harbinger of decreased transactional volume in the real estate market.

While speculation exists about potential rate cuts in Q4 2024, the uncertainty surrounding their timing remains a significant factor. This narrative shift underscores the potential detrimental impact of prolonged high interest rates on transactional volume within the real estate market. High interest rates can create a stifling effect, discouraging potential buyers and investors due to the increased cost of borrowing, thereby exerting downward pressure on transactional activity. As stakeholders prepare for an environment where rates are expected to stay high, it is crucial to acknowledge the potential challenges posed by prolonged rate hikes on real estate market dynamics.

## **Historical Volume & Federal Interest Rates**





More than 1,200 new businesses made their debut on Yelp across the San Francisco Bay Area in July, marking a robust 4.7% year-over-year increase.

Typically, individuals and entrepreneurs are hesitant to embark on new ventures if they anticipate economic uncertainties. Nationally, this trend is mirrored, with business openings consistently surpassing 2019 levels throughout the year. In San Francisco, the recent buzz surrounding the downtown Ikea opening has generated enthusiasm, with hopes that the presence of this iconic retailer will contribute to the revitalization of the downtown area. Overall, the sustained growth in new business listings on Yelp, with a remarkable 25% year-over-year increase, underscores the positive sentiment and economic vitality within the San Francisco real estate market, further bolstered by a 46% increase from the same period in 2019.

# Yelp Business Openings in the San Francisco Area

Monthly: January 2019 - July 2023



Source: Axios San Francisco

### **Notable Sale Transactions**

Address	Market	Units	GRM	САР	\$/SF	\$/Unit
900 Van Ness Ave	Van Ness/Civic Center	29	10.9	6.02%	\$209	\$352,877
1923 - 1926 Fillmore St	Lower Pacific Heights	6	11.8	5.08%	\$208	\$533,333
1930 Fulton St	Lone Mountain	8	14.9	4.01%	\$689	\$431,250
737 Ashbury St	Haight Ashbury	6	13.4	4.47%	\$626	\$420,833
1961 Jefferson St	Marina	9	12.3	4.87%	\$607	\$397,778
829 Hayes St	Alamo Square	6	26.1	2.30%	\$372	\$366,667
3401 Balboa St	Outer Richmond	6	13.7	4.39%	\$478	\$298,333

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# San Francisco Multifamily Team



\$4.89B

in closed sales



849 +

apartment buildings



75 +

years of combined experience

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Significant stakeholders like BXP, Hudson Pacific, Presidio Bay Ventures, and Invesco are also on board, incorporating the #WeLoveSF logo into their properties and marketing efforts. With Colliers facilitating these initiatives, the collective goal is to revitalize the city's image and foster a positive atmosphere within the real estate market.

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