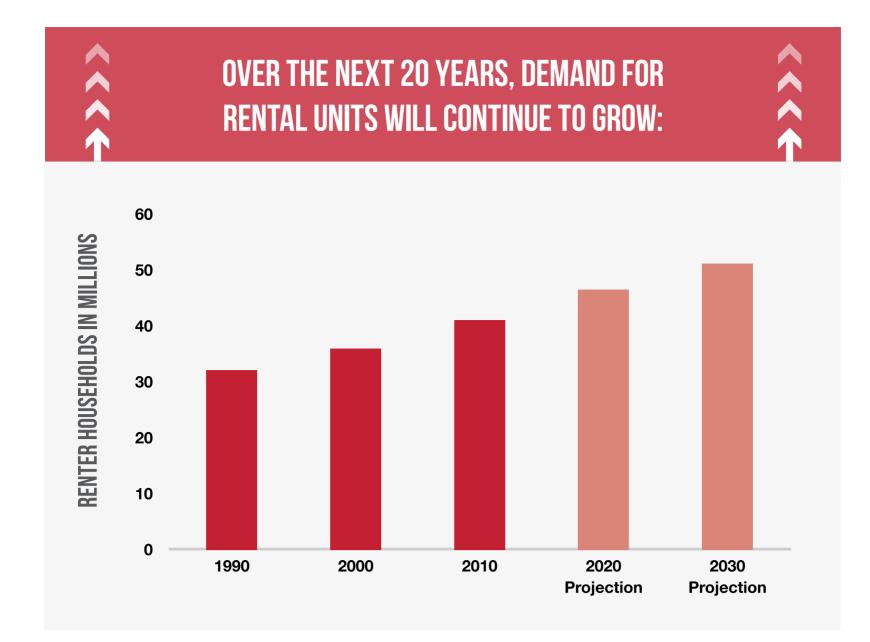
THE SLOWDOWN IN NEW CONSTRUCTION DURING THE DOWNTURN, COUPLED WITH GROWING DEMAND MEANS RENTAL MARKET CONDITIONS ARE TIGHT.





### FOUR KEY GROUPS DRIVE THE RISING DEMAND:



A growing number of seniors are looking to downsize and reduce their home maintenance responsibilities.

## **ECHO BOOMERS**

recovers, more young adults are moving out on their own.

As the economy

## **FORMER HOMEOWNERS**

Post-foreclosure homeowners prefer to rent single-family homes and may need time to rebuild credit before qualifying for a mortgage.



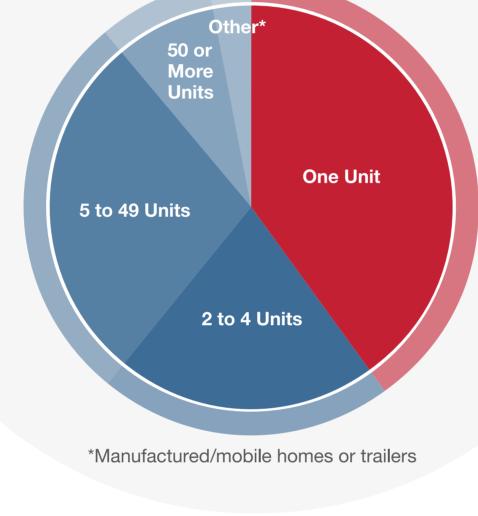
Gateway cities such as New York, Los Angeles, Miami and Houston see increased demand as immigration resumes.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE RENTAL STOCK IS SHIFTING. THREE FORCES IMPACT SUPPLY:

## **CONVERSION OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES**

IN 2011 AND HAVE BEEN THE FASTEST GROWING **SEGMENT OF THE RENTAL STOCK SINCE 2005. 2011 RENTER-OCCUPIED PROPERTIES** 

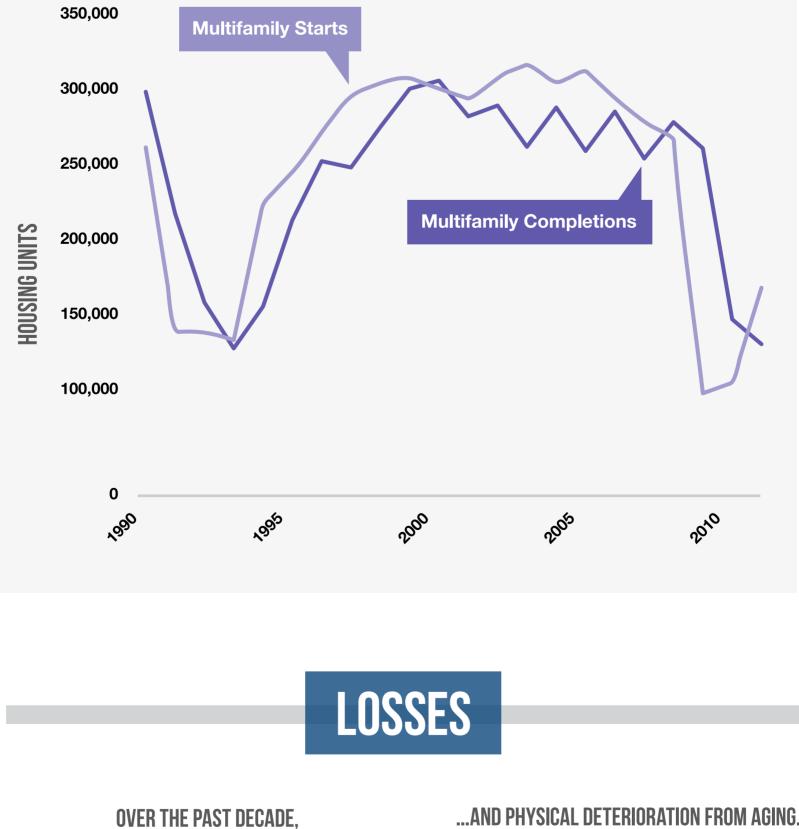
SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES MADE UP 35% OF RENTAL UNITS



**MULTIFAMILY CONSTRUCTION** 

#### WHILE STARTS HAVE RECENTLY PICKED UP, IT WILL TAKE TIME BEFORE THE **APARTMENTS ARE READY FOR OCCUPANCY**

# HOUSING STARTS AND COMPLETIONS, **MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS OF 5 UNITS OR MORE**



## AN AVERAGE OF

**WERE LOST EACH YEAR** TO CONVERSION FROM RENTAL TO **OWNER-OCCUPIED UNITS, DEMOLITION...**  ...AND PHYSICAL DETERIORATION FROM AGING. IN 1989, THE MEDIAN RENTAL **UNIT WAS 26 YEARS OLD.** 

IN 2009, THE MEDIAN AGE WAS 38 YEARS OLD.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 5 TO 6 MILLION NEW RENTER HOUSEHOLDS WILL FORM OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND, IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE MARKET CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AN ARRAY OF OPTIONS FOR

RENTERS AT ALL STAGES OF LIFE.

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