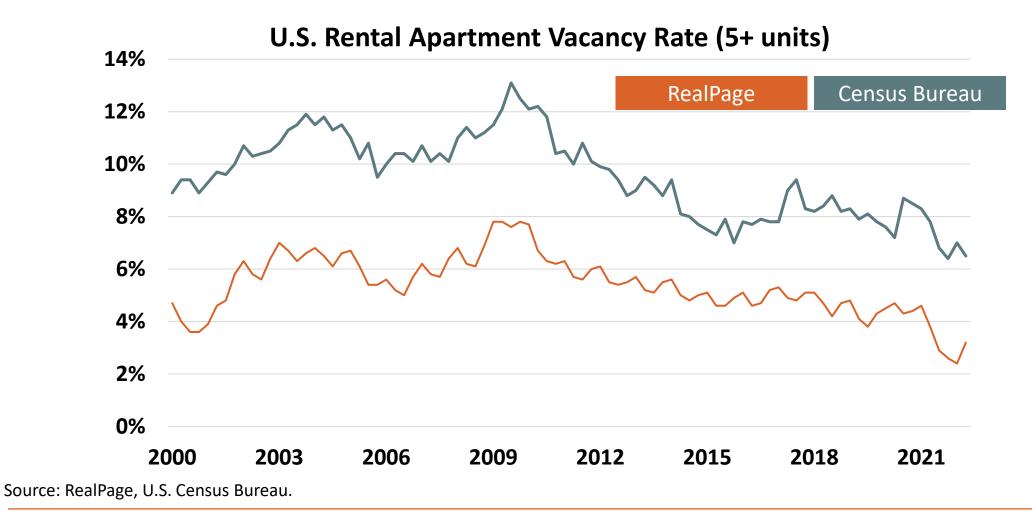


#### Supply-Side Obstacles in the Apartment Market

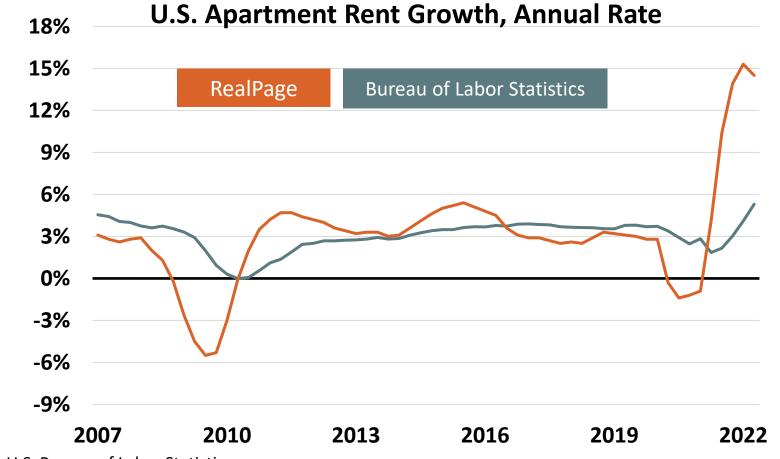
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#### Apartment vacancy rates reach record lows



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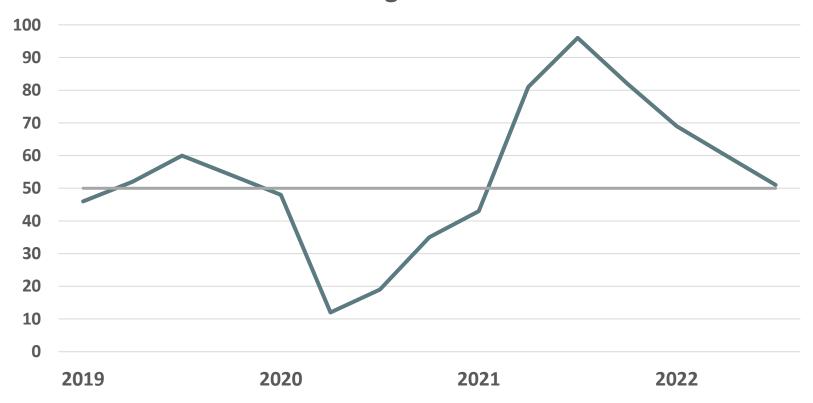
## Causing higher rent growth



Source: RealPage, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.



# Apartment market tightens in 2021/2022

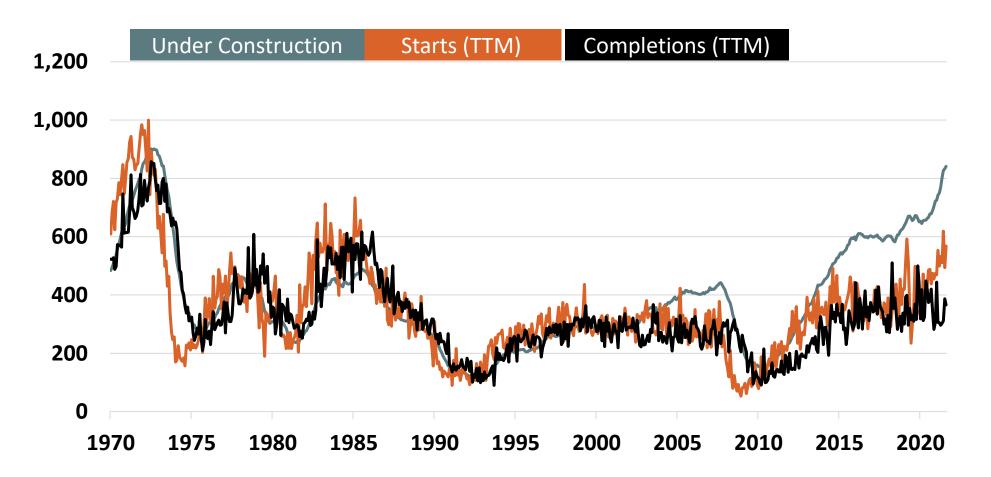


**Market Tightness Index** 

Source: NMHC Quarterly Survey of Apartment Conditions.



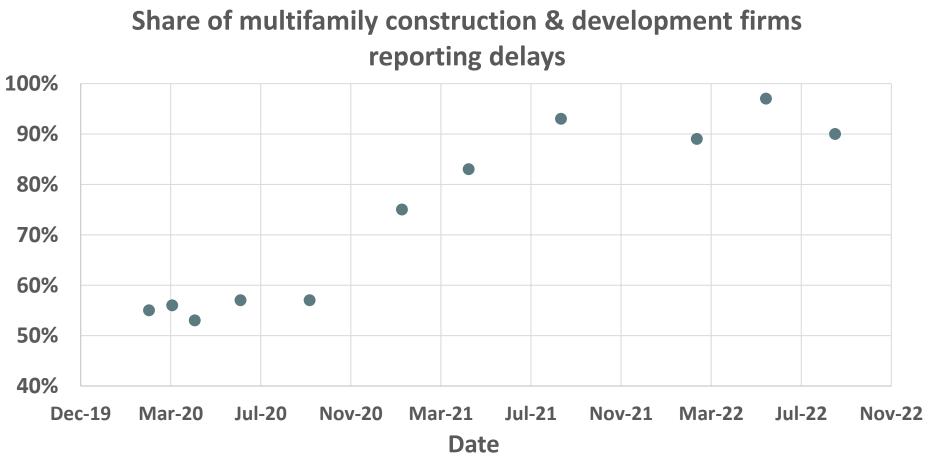
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, New Residential Construction.



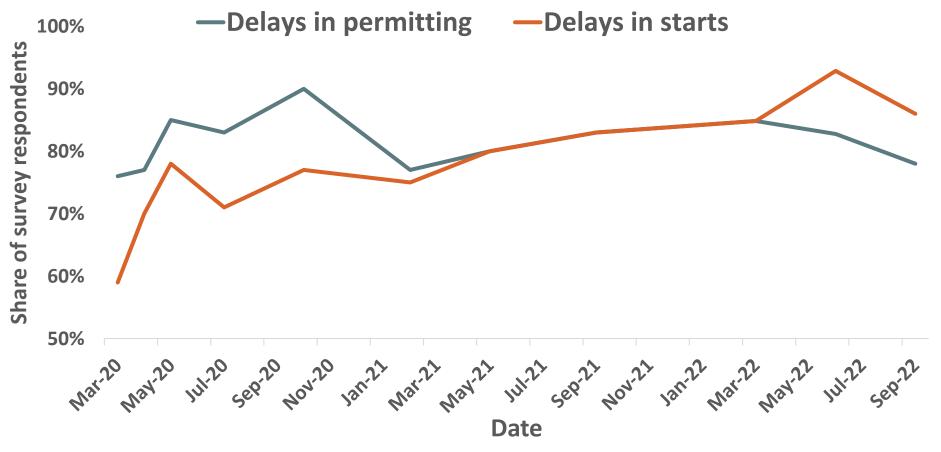
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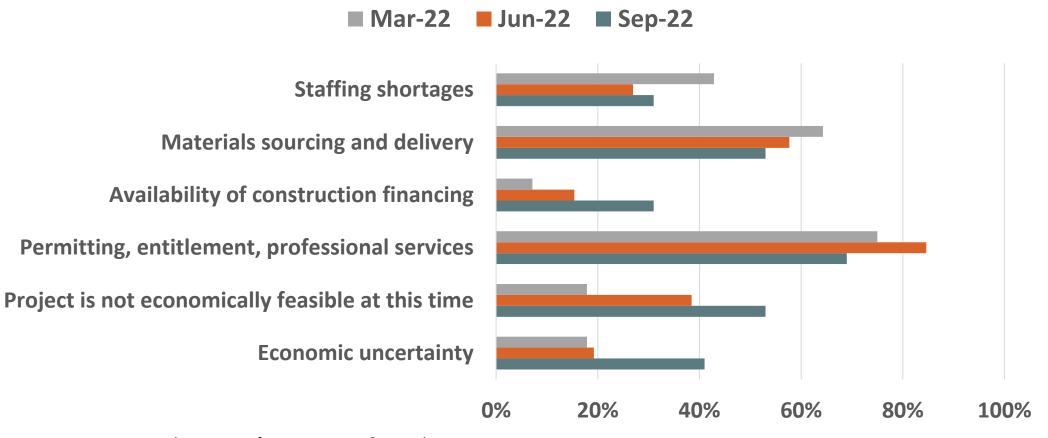
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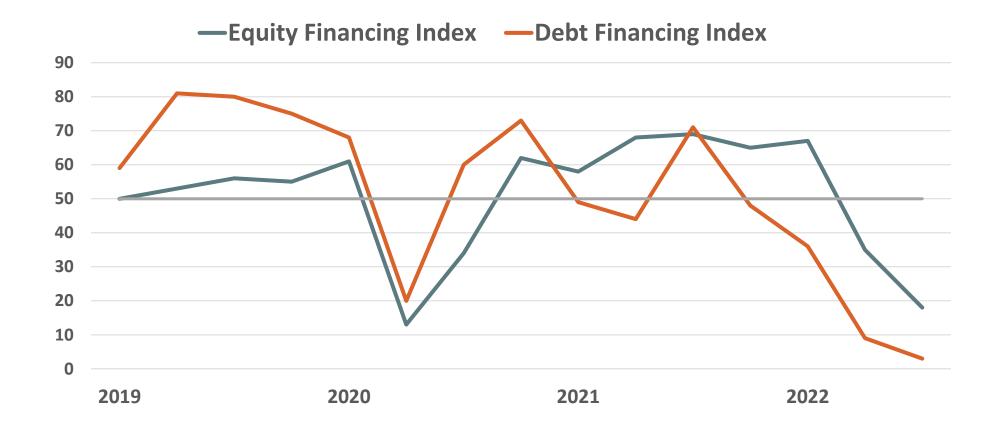


### Causes of delayed starts





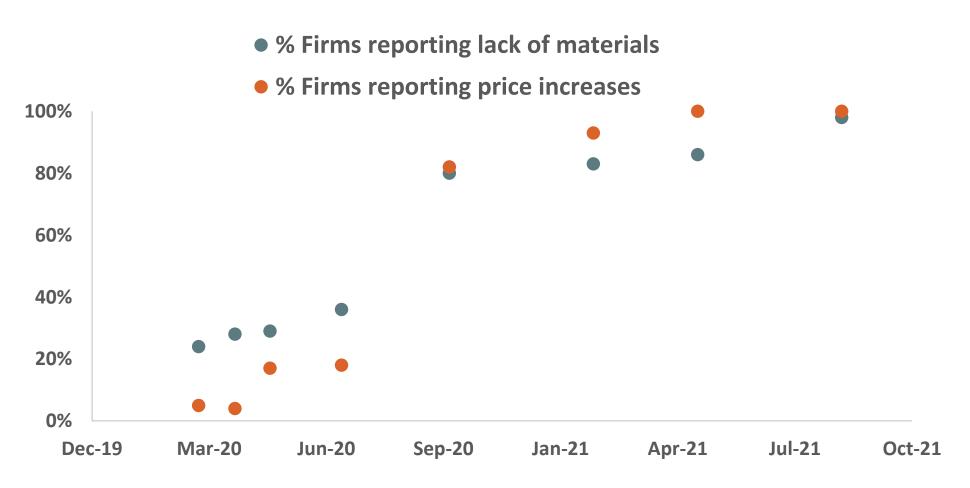
# Higher cost of debt & equity financing



Source: NMHC Quarterly Survey of Apartment Conditions.



# Role of materials prices in delays



Source: NMHC Covid Construction Survey.



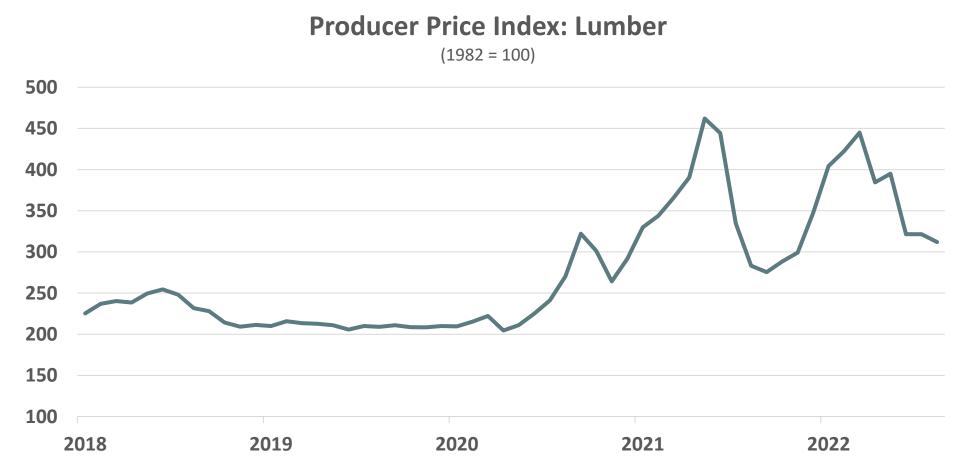
#### Material prices continue to increase

(price increases over past 3 months)

Materials	March 2022	June 2022	September 2022
Exterior Finishes & Roofing	+14%	+11%	+8%
Electrical Components	+15%	+12%	+12%
Appliances	+5%	+5%	+6%
Insulation	+12%	+10%	+6%
Lumber	+45%	-5%	-2%



### Material prices continue to increase



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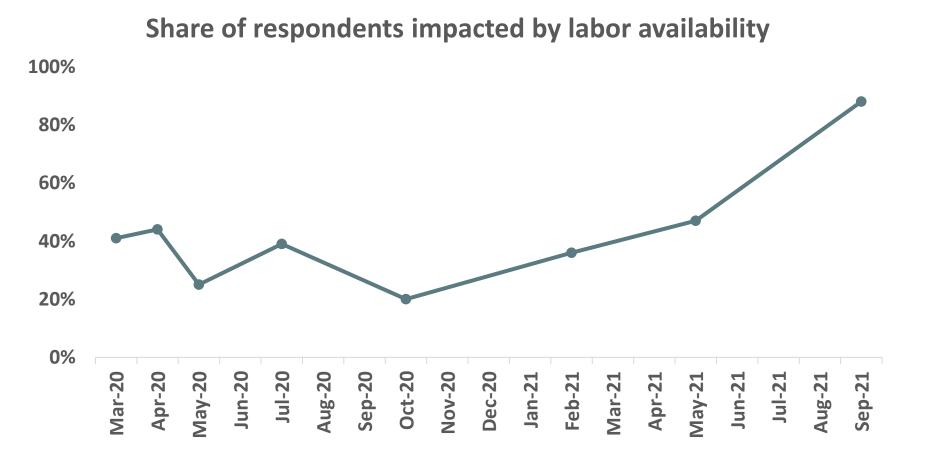


# How firms are coping with higher prices

Mitigation strategies	Exterior finishes & roofing	Electrical components	Appliances	Insulation	Lumber
Alt. brands or suppliers	39%	37%	41%	29%	20%
Alt. product/material types	39%	29%	20%	24%	20%
Made design changes	34%	32%	12%	17%	15%
Changed purchasing schedules	46%	51%	34%	34%	41%
Greater focus on escalation clauses and acceptance of higher escalations	37%	37%	24%	34%	27%



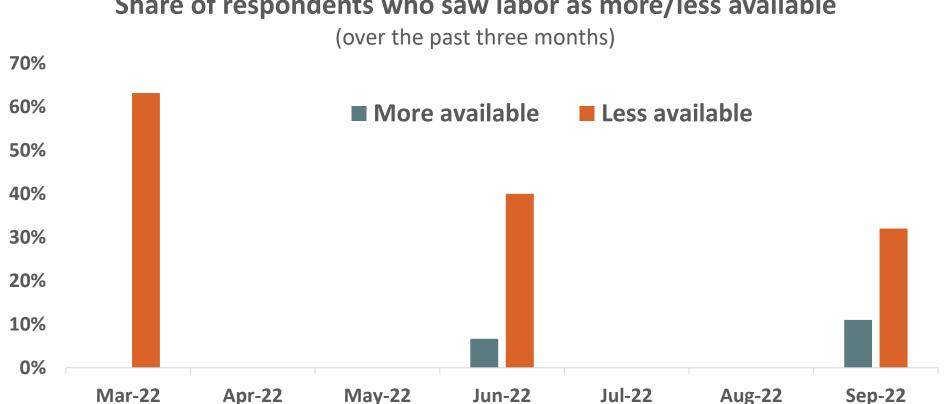
# Labor became less available during COVID



Source: NMHC Covid Construction Survey.



#### **Construction labor market showing signs of moderation** in 2022



#### Share of respondents who saw labor as more/less available



#### Supply obstacles - regulation

Regulation imposed by all levels of government accounts for an average of **40.6%** of multifamily development costs.

- Inclusionary zoning
  - Nearly half (47.9%) of developers said they avoid building in a jurisdiction with **inclusionary zoning requirements.**
  - Those developers subject to IZ must charge 7.6% higher rents, on average.
- **Rent control:** 87.5% of developers avoid working in jurisdictions with rent control.

Source: NMHC-NAHB Cost of Regulations Report (2022).



Three quarters (74.5%) of respondents said they encountered NIMBY opposition to proposed development.

- Confronting that opposition adds an average of 5.6% to total development costs.
- Delays the completions of those properties by an average of
  **7.4 months**.

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