

# SENIOR LIVING MERGER & ACQUISITION PERSPECTIVES

2023

#### 2023 OVERVIEW & 2024 OUTLOOK

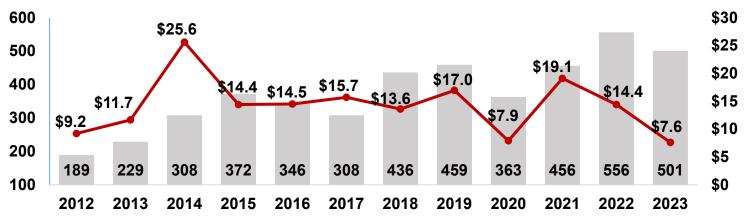
The merger and acquisition (M&A) market for senior living remained active throughout 2023. Despite soaring expenses, uneven profits, and fast-rising interest rates, the total number of transactions reached its second-highest annual total ever in 2023, with 501 publicly announced senior living transactions. While that is approximately 10% lower than the 556 transactions recorded in 2022, it is still significantly higher than prior years.

With rising interest rates in 2023, transaction values in the space continued the decline first noted in late 2022. A weakening valuation environment kept many potential sellers with stable properties and positive cash flow on the sidelines. Motivated sellers who needed to come to market in this challenging environment led to further downward pressure on transaction values in the space.

While the total number of transactions remained high, the types of transactions changed significantly in 2023. Overall, the market saw much smaller transactions, often made up of only a few facilities, and lower-priced transactions. The total senior living M&A transaction dollar volume dropped to \$7.6 billion in 2023, a decline of 47.2% over 2022. The dollar volume for the year is in sharp contrast to the \$19.1 billion in total dollar volume in 2021 and is even below the \$7.9 billion in transaction volume posted amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The dollar volume in 2023 is the lowest figure recorded in the senior living space since 2009, when there were only 89 publicly announced transactions and \$4.1 billion in transaction volume at the height of the Great Recession.

Looking ahead, the senior living M&A market in 2024 is likely to be shaped by a number of industry-specific factors, including ongoing staffing challenges, cost pressures, and slow-to-rebound census numbers. However, the sector also could benefit from a continued strong overall economy and cuts to the Federal Reserve's interest rate targets, which many economists predict will start to come down in the middle of 2024. Forward-looking participants in the senior living space will likely continue to see opportunities despite the challenges this economic and industry cycle present.

## Senior Housing Transaction Volume & Dollars Spent on M&A (\$ in billions)



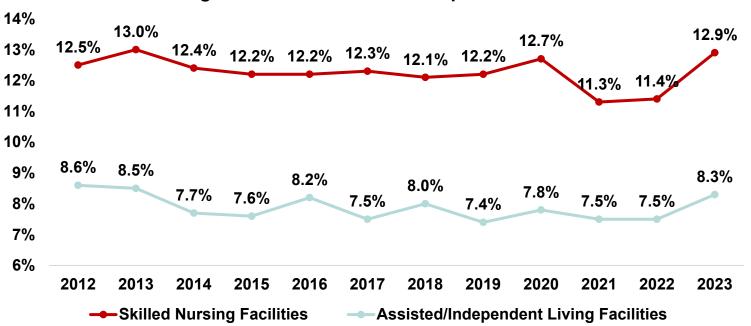
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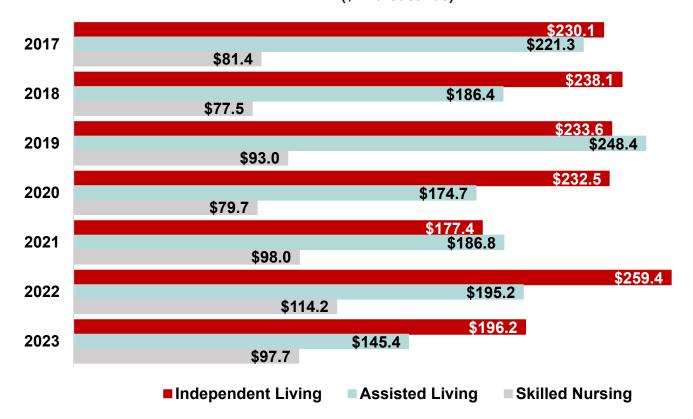
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- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Affiliations

#### **DEAL METRICS**

#### **Average Historical Transaction Capitalization Rates**



## Average Price per Unit by Facility Type (\$ in thousands)

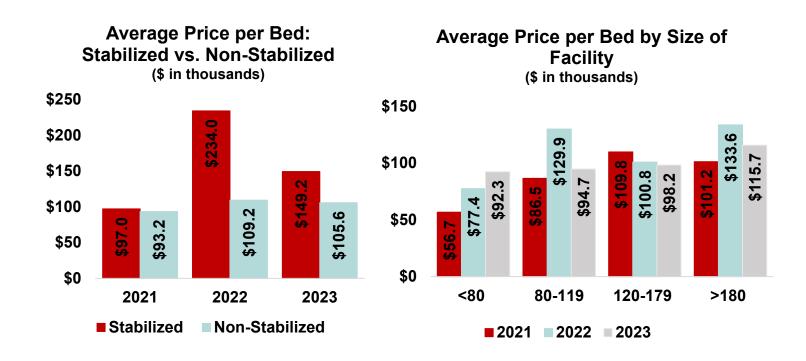


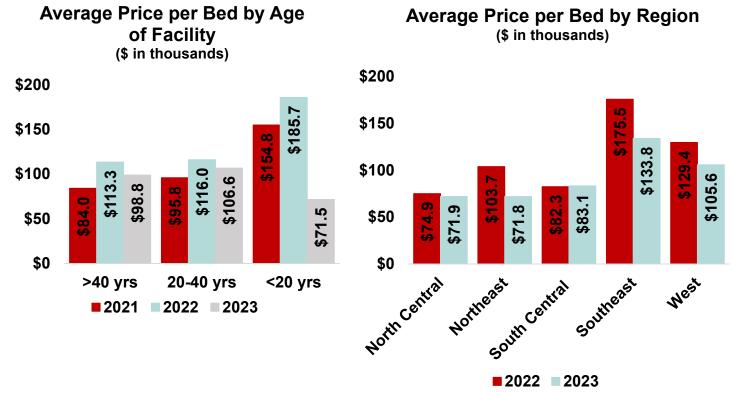
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### **DEAL METRICS BY SUBSECTORS**

### **Skilled Nursing Facilities**



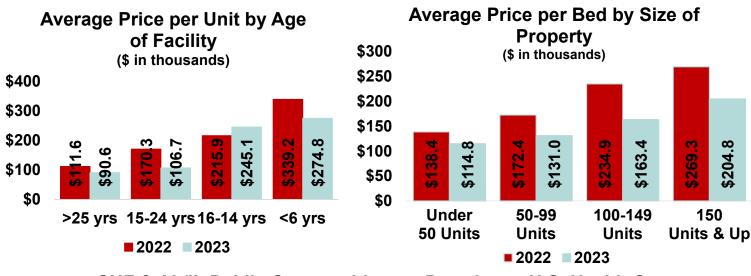


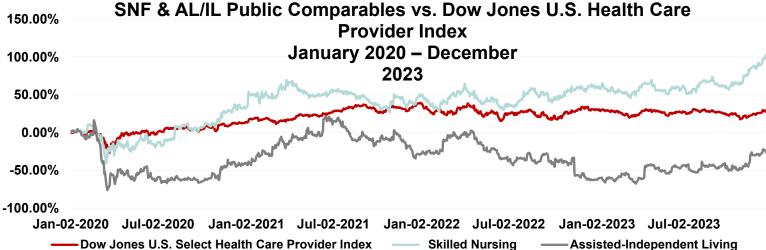
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#### **DEAL METRICS BY SUBSECTOR & PUBLIC COMPARABLES**

#### Assisted Living/Independent Living Facilities





#### **Public Comparables by Facility Type**

Skilled Nursing											
Company	Ticker	As of 12/31/23	Revenue (\$M) As of 12/31/23		EBITDA (\$M) As of 12/31/23		EBITDA Margin	Stock Market Cap (\$M)			
National HealthCare Corporation	NHC	\$ 92.42	\$ 1,	135.3	\$ 9	93.3	8.2%	\$	1,416		
The Ensign Group, Inc.	ENSG	\$ 112.21	\$ 3,	729.4	\$ 32	26.6	8.8%	\$	6,283		

Assisted/Independent Living											
Company	Ticker	As of 12/31/23		(\$	Revenue (\$M) As of 12/31/23		BITDA M) As of 2/31/23	EBITDA Margin	Market Cap (\$M)		
Sonida Senior Living, Inc.	SNDA	\$	9.66	\$	228.2	\$	21.6	9.5%	\$	76	
Brookdale Senior Living Inc.	BKD	\$	5.82	\$	2,867.4	\$	369.3	12.9%	\$	1,096	

Source: Capital IQ



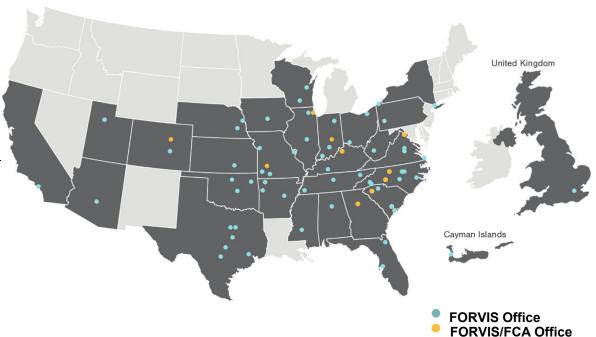
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