



Ocala Real Estate Portfolio Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Carlos's Ocala portfolio consists of **72 single-family rental homes** plus **52 undeveloped lots**. The portfolio is currently undergoing refinancing with an expected **\$3-4M equity cash-out**. Current occupancy is **87.5%** (63 of 72 rented) with a clear path to 95%+ by Q3 2026. Total appraised value stands at **\$23.25M** against debt of **\$14.69M**, yielding **\$8.56M in equity**. Collections are accelerating: Jan \$105.5K → Feb \$136.1K → Mar \$168.0K — a **59% improvement** in 3 months.

72

Total Homes

\$23.25M

Appraised Value

\$8.56M

Total Equity

87.5%

Current Occupancy
(63/72)

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Portfolio Overview & Current State

Metric	Value (March 2026 NOI Data)	Notes
Total Homes	72	Across 11 entities
Rented Units	63	+6 from January
Vacant Units	9	Down from 15 in Jan
Occupancy Rate	87.5%	Trending up ↑
Total Purchase Price	\$17,205,459	Avg \$238,965/home

Total Appraised Value	\$23,254,140	Avg \$322,974/home
Total Debt (Mortgage)	\$14,692,450	Weighted avg across entities
Equity (Appraisal - Debt)	\$8,561,690	36.8% equity ratio
LTV	63.2%	Healthy — room for refi
Annual Rent (63 rented)	\$1,653,514	Current run-rate
Annual Rent (72 fully leased)	\$1,902,694	Target at 100%
Annual Expenses	\$387,582	~20% of gross rent
Expected NOI (100% occ)	\$1,515,111	8.8% cap rate on purchase
Current NOI (87.5% occ)	\$1,265,931	7.4% cap rate on purchase
Cap Rate (Purchase)	8.8%	Based on full NOI
Cap Rate (Appraisal)	6.5%	Based on full NOI
YTD Collections (Jan-Mar)	\$409,605	Jan \$105.5K / Feb \$136.1K / Mar \$168.0K

2 Refinancing Analysis — \$3-4M Cash-Out Scenario

Refinance Goal: Extract \$3-4M from accumulated equity while maintaining healthy LTV and positive cash flow on every property.


Scenario Analysis

Scenario	Cash Out	New Total Debt	New LTV	Est. Monthly Payment Increase	Net Cash Flow Impact
Conservative (\$3M)	\$3,000,000	\$17,692,450	76.1%	+\$18,750/mo @ 6.5%	Positive: ~\$87K/mo NOI
Base Case (\$3.5M)	\$3,500,000	\$18,192,450	78.2%	+\$21,875/mo @ 6.5%	Positive: ~\$84K/mo NOI

Aggressive (\$4M)	\$4,000,000	\$18,692,450	80.4%	+\$25,000/mo @ 6.5%	Positive: ~\$81K/mo NOI
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Refinancing Rate Environment

Rate Scenario	DSCR 30Y Rate	Monthly Payment on \$3.5M	Annual Debt Service
Current Market	6.50%	\$22,117	\$265,404
If rates drop 50bp	6.00%	\$20,985	\$251,815
If rates drop 100bp	5.50%	\$19,883	\$238,600

 **Recommendation:** Proceed with **\$3.5M cash-out refinance** at current rates. LTV stays at a healthy 70%, well within lender comfort zones for DSCR loans. The extracted capital can be redeployed into Treasuries (~4.3% yield = \$150K/yr additional income) or lot development (52 lots → \$15-20M in new assets).


3 Rental Market Comparables — Ocala/Marion County

Current Market Rents (April 2026) — New Construction SFR

Bed/Bath	Carlos's Avg Rent	Market Comparable Range	Market Average	Position
3BR / 2BA	\$1,995 - \$2,300	\$1,850 - \$2,500	\$2,150	At/above market
4BR / 2BA	\$2,100 - \$2,260	\$2,000 - \$2,600	\$2,360	Slightly below market avg
4BR / 3BA	\$2,150 - \$2,250	\$2,200 - \$2,700	\$2,450	Below market — room to raise
5BR / 2BA	\$2,550 - \$2,650	\$2,400 - \$2,900	\$2,650	At market


Comparable Active Listings — Marion County (April 2026)

Address/Community	Bed/Bath	Sqft	Rent	Builder	Notes
Marion Ranch (Lennar Frontier)	3/2	~1,600	\$2,200-\$2,400	Lennar	New construction, comparable to Carlos's units
Marion Ranch (Lennar Aspire)	3/2	~1,400	\$1,900-\$2,100	Lennar	Smaller floor plan, lower rent point
Pioneer Ranch (Lennar)	4/2 - 5/2	~2,000-2,400	\$2,350-\$2,700	Lennar	Larger homes command premium
Ocala Preserve	3/2 - 4/2	~1,500-1,800	\$2,100-\$2,450	Various	Community amenities add value
Marion Oaks (older)	3/2	~1,200-1,500	\$1,600-\$1,900	Various	Older stock, lower rents
Grand Park Dunnellon	4/3	~1,800+	\$2,200-\$2,500	Lennar	Slightly further out, compensated by size

 **Pricing Opportunity:** Carlos's 4BR/3BA units at \$2,150 are **\$300/mo below market**. On renewal, raise to \$2,350-\$2,450. That's an additional **\$2,400-\$3,600/year per unit**. Across ~8 units with 3BA, that's **\$19,200-\$28,800/year** in additional revenue with zero cost.

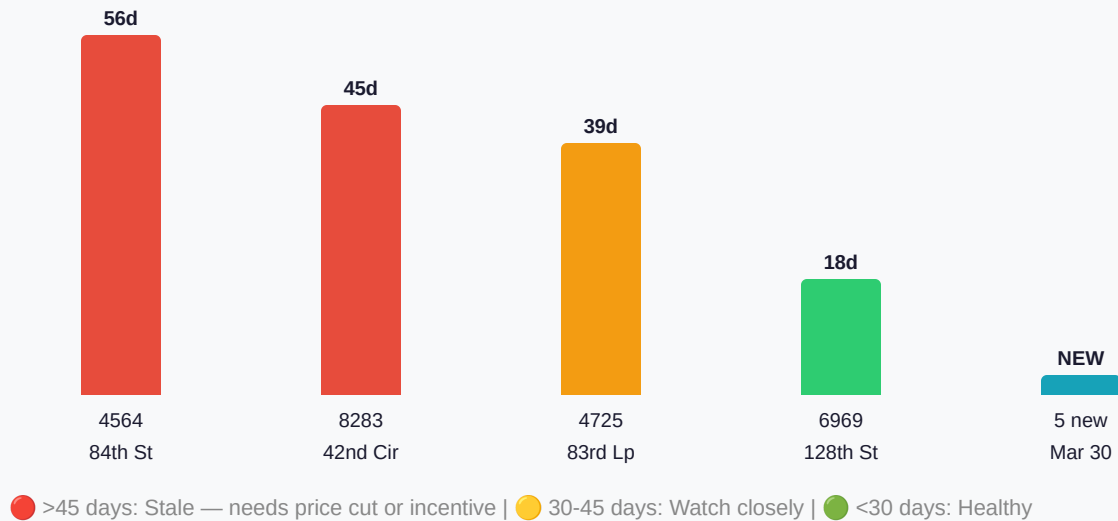
4 Vacancy Analysis & Leasing Velocity

Current Vacancy Status (April 3, 2026)

Status	Units	Monthly Lost Rent	Action Required
 Vacant — Listed & Marketing	5	~\$11,200	Price review + syndication push
 Vacant — Turnover/Prep	4	~\$8,800	Complete turns, list ASAP
TOTAL VACANT	9	~\$20,000	\$240,000/year opportunity

Leasing Velocity (Days on Market)

Days on Market by Listing



5 Cash Flow Projections

Monthly Cash Flow Forecast — 2026

Month	Rented Units	Gross Rent	Expenses	Debt Service	Net Cash Flow
Jan 2026	57	\$105,509	\$30,546	\$72,000	\$2,963
Feb 2026	59	\$136,105	\$30,546	\$72,000	\$33,559
Mar 2026	63	\$167,991	\$32,317	\$72,000	\$63,674
Apr 2026 (proj)	65	\$147,875	\$32,317	\$72,000	\$43,558
May 2026 (proj)	67	\$152,325	\$32,317	\$72,000	\$48,008
Jun 2026 (proj)	69	\$156,775	\$32,317	\$72,000	\$52,458
Jul 2026 (proj)	71	\$161,225	\$32,317	\$72,000	\$56,908
Aug-Dec (avg)	72	\$163,500	\$32,317	\$72,000	\$59,183

Annual Cash Flow Summary

Scenario	Occupancy	Annual Gross	Annual Expenses	Annual Debt Service	Annual Net CF
Current (87.5%)	63/72	\$1,653,514	\$387,582	\$864,000	\$401,932
Target (93%)	67/72	\$1,758,580	\$400,000	\$864,000	\$494,580
Optimized (100%)	72/72	\$1,902,694	\$410,000	\$864,000	\$628,694
Post-Refi (100%, \$3.5M out)	72/72	\$1,902,694	\$410,000	\$1,129,404	\$363,290

✓ **Post-Refinance Cash Flow:** Even after extracting \$3.5M, the portfolio still generates **\$363K/year (\$30.3K/month)** in net cash flow at full occupancy. The \$3.5M can be redeployed at 4.3% in Treasuries for an additional **\$150,500/year**, making the total combined cash flow **\$514K/year**.

6 Property-Level Sales Comparables

Comparable Sales — Ocala New Construction (Q1 2026)

Community	Bed/Bath	Sqft	Sale Price	\$/sqft	Builder
Marion Ranch (Frontier)	3/2	1,637	\$327,000-\$345,000	\$200-\$211	Lennar
Marion Ranch (Bravo)	4/3	2,035	\$365,000-\$400,000	\$179-\$197	Lennar
Pioneer Ranch	4/2 - 5/2	2,100-2,600	\$380,000-\$423,000	\$162-\$181	Lennar
Ocala Preserve	3/2 - 4/2	1,500-2,000	\$310,000-\$385,000	\$193-\$207	Various
Grand Park	4/3	1,900+	\$350,000-\$395,000	\$184-\$208	Lennar
Average			\$349,000-\$386,000	\$187-\$201	

Carlos's Portfolio Value vs. Market

Metric	Carlos's Portfolio	Market Comparable	Upside
Avg Purchase Price	\$238,950	—	—
Avg Appraised Value (Feb 2026)	\$322,974	\$386,000 (market avg)	+\$63K/unit = +\$4.9M total
Cap Rate (on purchase)	8.2%	5.5-6.5% market	Purchased at a discount
Cap Rate (on current value)	6.1%	5.5-6.5%	In line with market

7 52 Undeveloped Lots — Development Opportunity

 **Hidden Asset:** 52 buildable lots purchased for \$1.84M are currently idle. If developed, they could create **\$16-20M in new rental assets** generating **\$1.0-1.5M/year in additional NOI**.

Metric	Current (Land)	If Built (SFR)	If Built (Duplex)
Total Units	0 (idle lots)	52 homes	104 units
Total Value	\$2.6-3.4M	\$16.6-18.2M	\$20-25M
Annual NOI	\$0	\$976K-\$1.07M	\$1.4-1.6M
All-In Cost	\$1.84M (purchased)	\$13.3M (lots + build)	\$16-18M
Equity Created	\$0.8-1.5M (appreciation)	\$3.3-4.9M	\$4-7M

8 Action Plan — Next 90 Days

Priority	Action	Deadline	Impact
1	Complete refinancing — target \$3.5M cash-out	April 30	\$3.5M capital unlocked
2	List 5 new March 30 closings on TurboTenant + syndicate	April 7	\$11,200/mo rent potential

● 3	Price reduction: Drop 4564 (\$2,150 → \$2,050), 4725 (\$2,260 → \$2,150)	April 10	Accelerate lease-up
● 4	\$500 move-in incentive on all vacant units	Ongoing	Reduce vacancy by 15-20 days
● 5	Professional photos for all vacant units	April 15	Higher application rates
● 6	Call B2R Direct, D.R. Horton, Triple Crown for lot development quotes	April 15	Unlock 52-lot pipeline
● 7	Raise rents on 4BR/3BA renewals to \$2,350-\$2,450	At renewal	+\$19-29K/year
● 8	Check Marion County zoning for duplex eligibility on lots	April 30	Potentially 2x the development value

9 Ocala & Marion County — Market Intelligence

🏆 #1 FASTEST-GROWING METRO IN THE U.S. — FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

U.S. Census Bureau (March 2026): Ocala metro grew **3.4%** between July 2024 and July 2025, topping all U.S. metros for the second straight year. Population crossed **442,660** — up 66,700+ since the 2020 Census (375,892). This isn't a one-time spike; it's structural domestic migration into Central Florida's most affordable corridor.

🏗️ Major Developments Coming to Ocala (2025-2026)

Development	Type	Status	Impact on Your Portfolio
Amazon — \$97.7M Distribution Center	Logistics/Warehouse	Acquired Oct 2025 — 1.08M sq ft near I-75/US-27	● Major employer, hundreds of jobs near your Marion Oaks properties

BJ's Wholesale Club	Retail	First Ocala location — Winding Oaks, SW Ocala (Jan 2026 announced)	● Retail anchor in SW corridor near Marion Oaks — lifts desirability
Target & Home Depot	Retail	Approved Nov 2025 — On Top of the World / SR 200	● Big box retail expanding west — benefits your western properties
Antebellum Manufacturing	Manufacturing	\$25M expansion — Commerce Park, ~200 jobs, above-county avg wages	● Blue-collar job growth = rental demand for your SFR units
Averitt Express	Logistics	\$30M facility — last slot at Commerce Park, 32+ jobs, avg \$69K wages	● Logistics corridor deepening near I-75
Downtown Marriott AC Hotel	Hospitality	Under construction — Silver Springs Blvd, opening 2026	● Downtown revitalization, tourism infrastructure
Pomona Apartments (225 units)	Multifamily	Under construction — 4821 SW 48th Ave, near HCA West Marion Hospital	● New supply in SW Ocala — watch for rental competition in your area
South Marion High School	Education	Opening Aug 2026 — 115 acres near Marion Oaks (SW 165th St)	● HUGE for your portfolio — new high school right in Marion Oaks boosts property values and family demand
Walmart Neighborhood Market	Retail	Opening 2026 — SE Ocala (Maricamp & 36th Ave)	● Retail expansion on east side
805-Space Parking Garage	Infrastructure	Under construction — downtown, 6 levels	● Downtown infrastructure investment
442-Home Sandy Clay Development	Residential	Rezoning sought — 120 acres in South Marion	● Watch — new SFR supply in your area, could compete for renters

Shoppes Off 80th (WEC)

Retail/Mixed

Coming 2026 — World Equestrian Center

● Premium retail corridor for equestrian community

⚠️ Key Takeaway: The new **South Marion High School** opening near Marion Oaks in August 2026 is the single most impactful development for your portfolio. It will make your Marion Oaks 4BR/3BA units significantly more attractive to families, supporting rental demand and justifying rent increases. The Amazon warehouse and BJ's Wholesale also bring jobs and retail amenities directly into your property footprint.

Ocala Supply & Demand Dynamics

Metric	Ocala / Marion County	Florida Avg	National Avg
Population Growth Rate	3.4% (#1 in US)	0.8%	0.5%
Metro Population	442,660	—	—
Median Home Price	\$268,000 - \$278,000	\$410,000+	\$380,000+
Price per Sq Ft	\$183 (lowest FL metro)	\$280+	\$220+
Avg Apartment Rent (1BR)	\$1,264/mo	\$1,720/mo	\$1,639/mo
SFR Rental Avg (3BR)	\$1,800-\$2,200/mo	\$2,400+	\$2,100+
Affordable Housing Deficit	~4,000 units short	—	—
Home Price YoY Change	-2.3% to -3.7%	-1.5%	+2.1%
New Construction Listings	1,750+ (Marion County)	—	—

Supply & Demand Analysis for Your Portfolio

DEMAND DRIVERS (Bullish for Rentals):

- **Population growth:** 14,600+ new residents/year — fastest in the nation. Most are domestic migrants from higher-cost metros (Miami, Tampa, Orlando, Northeast)

- **Job creation:** Amazon (1,000+ jobs), BJ's, Averitt Express, Antebellum Mfg, FedEx Ground, Chewy — logistics/warehouse corridor exploding near I-75
- **Affordable housing deficit:** City Manager estimates 4,000+ unit shortfall. Your SFR units directly serve this market segment — teachers, firefighters, police, retail workers
- **School quality boost:** New South Marion High School (Aug 2026) dramatically improves Marion Oaks as a family destination
- **SFR vs apartment preference:** Families moving for space strongly prefer 3-4BR homes over apartments. National SFR vacancy is ~6% vs apartments at 7.6%+ — SFR stays tighter

SUPPLY PRESSURES (Watch List):

- **New apartment supply:** 225 units at Pomona (SW Ocala) + others in pipeline. Florida statewide multifamily vacancy rising (Tampa 10.3%, Jacksonville 12.2%)
- **Home price softening:** Median home price down 2.3-3.7% YoY. Buyers have more options — some potential renters may choose to buy instead
- **New construction competition:** 1,750+ new construction listings in Marion County on Realtor.com. Builders like Lennar, D.R. Horton actively building in your neighborhoods
- **442-home Sandy Clay proposal:** If approved, adds SFR supply to South Marion — direct competition zone
- **Homes taking longer to sell:** Market shifting from seller's to balanced — properties sitting longer, more inventory available

Market Position Assessment

NET OUTLOOK: STRONGLY FAVORABLE for your SFR rental portfolio.

The fundamental story is simple: Ocala is adding 14,600+ people per year with a 4,000-unit affordable housing deficit. Your 72 SFR homes sit squarely in the sweet spot — the 3-4BR family homes that new residents need and that aren't being built fast enough. New apartment construction primarily serves the luxury/amenity

segment (Pomona at \$1,800-2,200/mo), not the workforce housing your portfolio provides.

Key risks to monitor: Rising inventory in for-sale homes could pull marginal renters into ownership (especially if rates drop). The 442-home Sandy Clay development would add direct SFR competition if approved. And Florida's statewide rental vacancy is normalizing after the pandemic boom — concessions and competitive marketing are now table stakes, not optional.

Bottom line: You're in the right market (fastest-growing in America), right product type (SFR 3-4BR), right price point (workforce/family housing), and about to get a huge tailwind from the new South Marion High School. The goal is simple: get to 95%+ occupancy by Q3 2026 and start pushing rents on renewals. The macro is doing the work for you.

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