



## Municipal Market Update



### **Legislative and Policy News**

While the passage of the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" (OBBBA) in mid-2025 kept the tax exemption for municipal bonds intact, municipal bond investors remain focused on legislative developments (revisions to the SALT deduction, changes in private activity bond rules, Medicaid funding reforms, concerns over delayed disclosure standards, and the possible return of advance refunding).



### **Economic Drivers and Indicators**

- After last week's Fed rate cut, the U.S. municipal bond market saw mixed but broadly stabilizing performance.
- AAA municipal bond yields declined modestly, especially in the front end of the curve, as rate expectations shifted.



### **Issuance & Supply**

- According to SIFMA, as of mid-September 2025, municipal bond issuance has surpassed \$400 billion, setting a record-breaking pace for the year.
- The Bond Buyer's 30-day visible supply is now hovering around \$12B, a positive indicator, as new-money issuance has been light in advance of the FOMC decision later this week.



### **Municipal Fund Flows**

- Last Thursday, Lipper reported fund inflows of \$1.045 billion for the week ending 09/17/2025 compared to inflows of \$2.181 billion the prior week.
- The High Yield muni bond funds saw inflows of \$424.8 million compared to last week's inflows of \$1.064 billion.



### **Municipal Credit**

- The default rate for U.S. municipal bonds remains extremely low around 0.11% in 2024.
- Upgrades continue to outpace downgrades across the broader muni universe, but by a much narrower margin than in prior years.

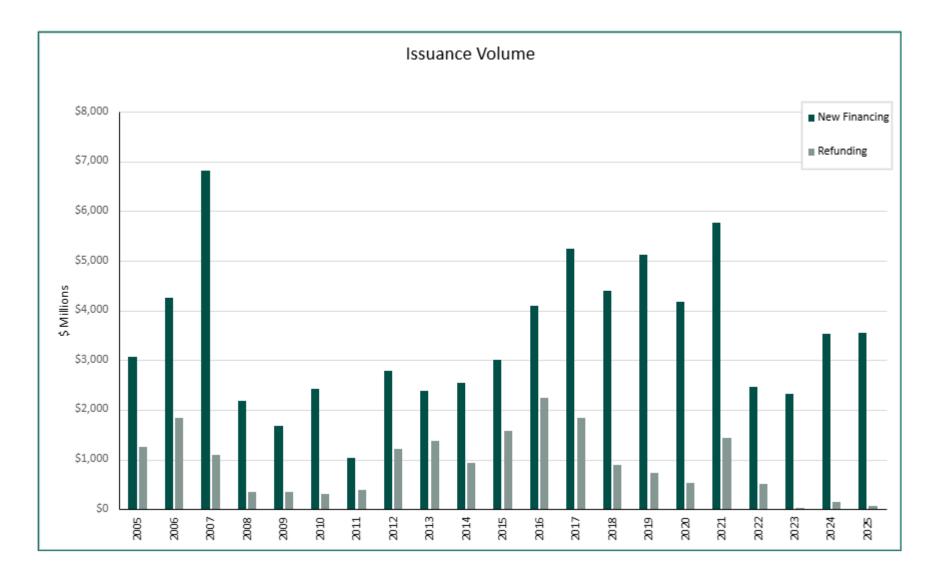


# Senior Living Sector Update: FitchRatings

- FitchRatings currently rates 162 Life Plan Communities (LPCs) as of August 28, 2025.
  - Only 116 of these providers are investment grade (above BBB-)
  - The median rating is BBB (only 32 communities or 20% are in the A category)
- Wisconsin has 2 rated communities:
  - Saint John's Communities (BBB Positive)
  - Three Pillars (BBB- Stable)
- These are entrance fee communities rather than rental communities.
- Sector shows signs of stability in occupancy across all service lines as well as key financial metrics (coverage and liquidity).
- These communities are highly sensitive to home values/sales which remain strong (month to month price gains since February 2023), despite higher interest rates.
- Communities with a heavy dependence on higher acuity care, particularly skilled nursing, continue to struggle due to wage and staffing pressures.
  - A higher number of skilled nursing beds in the overall unit mix has led to default in certain cases since exposure to governmental payors limits rate increases versus those LPCs that have a significant number of independent living units which are private pay.



## Senior Living Issuance Volumes

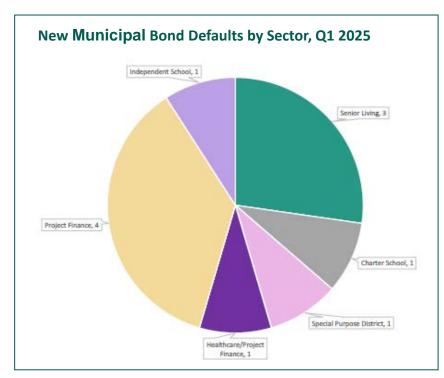


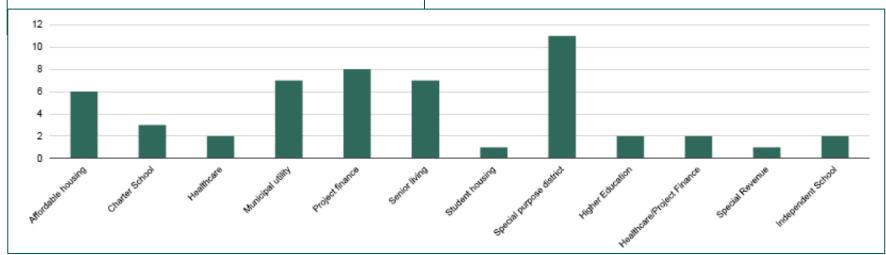


## Municipal Bond Defaults and Stress

- The pandemic impacted the senior living industry mainly via occupancy challenges as well as margin pressure resulting from wage increases and staffing shortages on the higher acuity end of the continuum (primarily skilled nursing).
- While Moody's purports that no rated Senior Living transaction has defaulted since 1970, instances of distress and covenant/payment default among non-rated transactions is on the rise.
- That said, senior living default rates have been falling steadily since January 2024.

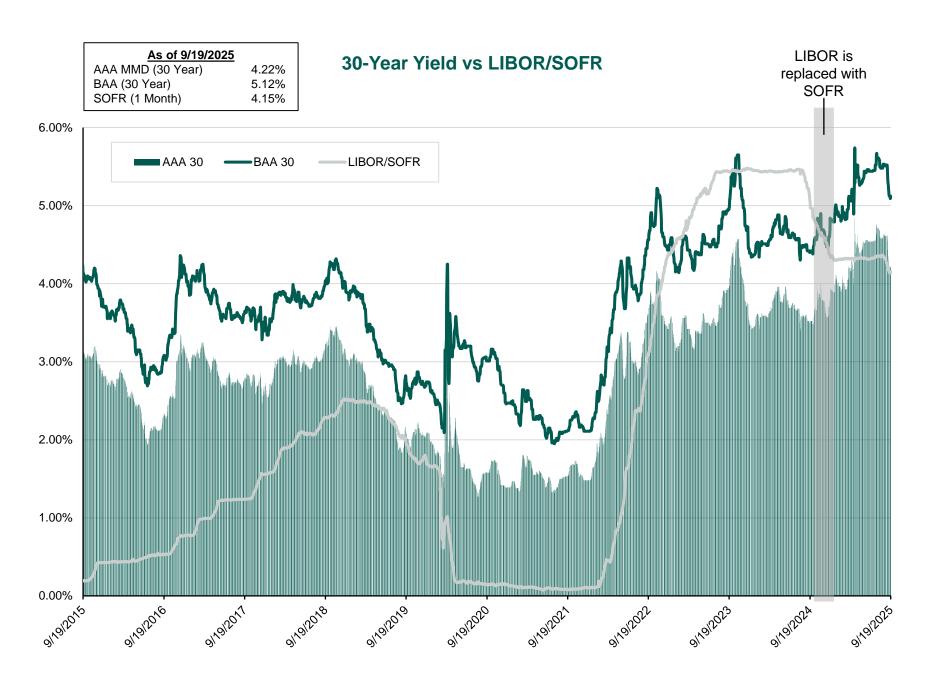








## Historical Muni Market Rates and Spreads





# Recent WHEFA Senior Living Transactions



\$81,500,000

New Money
Acquisition | Construction
Menomonee Falls

May 2025



Acquisition
Brookfield, Cottage Grove,
Grafton, Madison, Milwaukee,
Port Washington

December 2024



\$20,625,000

New Money Onalaska

November 2024



\$36,473,660

New Money Kirkland Crossings Pewaukee

August 2024



\$52,755,000

New Money
PHW Menomonee Falls
Menomonee Falls

June 2024



\$35,605,000

New Money Active Adult Ashwaubenon

May 2024



\$108,295,000

New Money Active Adult, Independent Dousman

April 2024



\$37,480,000

New Money Acquisition | Construction Menomonee Falls, Mukwonago, New Berlin, Waukesha

March 2023



\$16.750.000

New Money Renovation Wauwatosa

November 2022



\$41,000,000

New Money West Bend

October 2022



\$25,945,000

Forward Refunding
Milwaukee

September 2022



## 2025 National NFP Senior Living Transactions

#### Life Enriching Communities (OH)

Refunding **New Money** \$88.30M

September 2025

#### Residence at Skyway Park (CO)

Refunding \$4.02M

August 2025

#### Salem Home (KS)

Acquisition and Renovation

\$2.68M

August 2025

#### Fleet Landing at Nocatee (FL)

Start Up **New Construction** 

\$332.71M

August 2025

#### Sunrise of Long Beach (CA)

Start Up **New Construction** 

\$80.07M

August 2025

#### HumanGood (CA)

Refunding \$67.23M

July 2025

#### Oak Hammock at the Univ of FL (FL)

Start Up **New Construction** 

\$80.07M

July 2025

#### Seguoia Living (CA)

Refunding Capital Ex

\$53.68M July 2025

Legacy Midtown Park (TX)

> Refunding Capital Ex \$72.54M

July 2025

#### Care Communities (MA)

Acquisition \$256.12M

July 2025

#### **Augustana Chapel View Homes (MN)**

Replacement SNF Construction

\$33.73M

June 2025

#### **Orlando Senior** Health Network (FL)

Renovation Capital Improvements

\$25.00M

June 2025

#### **Jewish Home Moderate Housing** (NY)

New Money \$26.00M

May 2025

#### Masonic Villages (PA)

Refunding \$44.48M

May 2025

#### Immanuel Living at Buffalo Hill (MT)

Refunding Construction \$50.88M

May 2025

#### Western Sky Comm Care (NE)

Construction \$5.50M May 2025

#### **Indiana Masonic** Home (IN)

Refunding Expansion

> \$51.38M May 2025

#### **Pinecrest Country** Manor (MN)

Refunding **New Construction** 

\$44.67M

May 2025

#### Jewish Association of Aging (PA)

Renovation \$13.00M

May 2025

#### Chiara Housing & Services (WI)

Acquisition Construction

\$81.25M

May 2025

#### **Bethesda Senior** Living Comm (CO)

Renovation

\$39.24M

May 2025

#### **Twin Lakes** Community (NC)

Expansion \$35.31M

April 2025

#### Millenia Orlando (FL)

Start Up **New Construction** 

\$134.26M

April 2025

### Lasell Village (MA)

Refunding Renovation

\$134.85M

April 2025

#### **Wesley Retirement** Services (IA)

Renovation

\$30.00M

April 2025

#### **Covenant Living** Com & Svc (CO)

Refunding Renovation \$146.40M

March 2025

#### **Mozaic Concierge** Living (CT)

Start Up **New Construction** 

> \$333.40M March 2025

#### **Acts Retirement** Life Comm (FL|PA)

Refunding Renovation

\$163.10M

March 2025

#### **Superior Living** Foundation (TX)

Acquisition \$247.31M

March 2025

#### ISF - Ativo (AZ|CA)

Start Up **New Construction** \$239.68M

March 2025

#### Bella Vida Forefront Liv (TX)

Start Up **New Construction** \$230.25M

March 2025

#### Westminster Project (TX)

Refunding Expansion

\$83.94M February 2025

#### **Sunrise Manhattan** Beach (CA)

Start Up **New Construction** 

> \$123.09M February 2025

#### Fairview (CT)

**Bond Anticipation** Notes \$7.50M

January 2025

#### Luthercare (PA)

Refunding \$31.52M January 2025

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- And More

180 EMPLOYEES20 STATES28 LOCATIONS







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Romy McCarthy joined D.A. Davidson in 2022, bringing more than 30 years of capital raising expertise, specializing in healthcare and senior living finance.

Ms. McCarthy has worked with an array of healthcare and senior living clients including hospitals, health systems, clinics, continuing care retirement communities, nursing homes, and assisted living providers. She has also arranged capital or advised on the acquisition of other structured housing projects with higher education institutions and affordable housing providers.

She has completed more than 130 transactions in excess of \$4.7 billion for organizations nationally. Following the housing crisis, an innovative transaction led by Ms. McCarthy was awarded The Bond Buyer's "Midwest Deal of the Year."

Ms. McCarthy works with both for-profit and non-profit organizations and her scope of services includes mergers, acquisitions and affiliations as well as sourcing debt and equity capital.

Prior to joining D.A. Davidson, McCarthy was a Managing Director at Piper Sandler and a Director of Ziegler Capital Markets Group.

Ms. McCarthy earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance from Carroll University (Waukesha, Wisconsin) and a Master of Business Administration degree from Marquette University (Milwaukee, Wisconsin). She is an active participant and sponsor of LeadingAge and holds her Series 7, 50, 53 and 63 licenses.