

## Cleveland

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- Vacancy ended 2022 at 3.5%, which is slightly above the historical low of 3.3% but remains extremely low by all standards.
- In total, 1.4 million s.f. of speculative space delivered in 2022 and 2.8 million s.f. of speculative space is under construction.

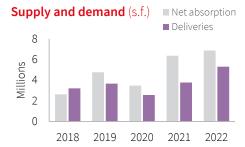
The Cleveland industrial market reached several milestones in 2022. Construction deliveries totaled just over 5.3 million s.f., eclipsing the previous high-water mark set in 2021 of close to 3.8 million s.f. For context, the 10-year average of annual construction deliveries in Cleveland has been around 2.4 million s.f. Demand has continued to outpace supply over the last four years. Net absorption, totaled close to 6.9 million s.f. in 2022. That is 52% above the 10-year annual average of 4.5 million s.f. Meanwhile, asking rents reached a new peak at \$5.60 p.s.f., representing an increase of 13.8% year-over-year.

Industrial vacancy ended 2022 at 3.5%, which is slightly above the historical low of 3.3% achieved in Q3 2022 but remains extremely low by all standards. For some perspective, the average industrial vacancy rate in Cleveland over the last 10 years was 5.9%. The slight increase in vacancy during Q4 was due to the delivery of additional speculative space. While resulting in a modest increase in vacancy, the additional speculative space arriving on the market in 2022 was welcomed by industrial companies looking to expand local operations. Several speculative warehouses remain in the pipeline that are set to deliver in 2023 including the 1-million-s.f. Turnpike Commerce Center and the 450,000-s.f. Westfield Commerce Center. In total, 1.4 million s.f. of speculative space delivered in 2022 and 2.8 million s.f. of speculative space is under construction. Since 2014, speculative warehouses have typically reached 75% occupancy by year one and full occupancy by year two.

## Outlook

Industrial vacancy in Cleveland is near historic lows, and although a significant amount of speculative space is set to deliver over the coming year, market conditions are projected to remain very tight due to rising ecommerce sales, increasing inventory levels given supply chain issues and the reshoring of manufacturing operations. Asking rents will likely continue to rise as a result of market conditions while new groundbreakings may see a decline in 2023 due to increasing interest rates and escalating construction costs. Similarly, investment sales might experience a decline year-over-year due to the pressures affecting capital markets.

Fundamentals	Forecast				
YTD net absorption	6,869,616 s.f. ▼				
Under construction	4,854,348 s.f. ▼				
Total vacancy	3.5% ▶				
Sublease vacancy	900,404 s.f. ▼				
Direct asking rent	\$5.60 p.s.f. 🛕				
Sublease asking rent	\$5.49 p.s.f. 🛕				
Concessions	Decreasing ▼				







## **Industrial Statistics**

	Inventory (s.f.)	Quarterly total net absorption	YTD total net absorption (s.f.)	YTD total net absorption (%	Total vacancy	Total availability (%)	Average total asking	Quarterly Completions	YTD Completions	Under construction (s.f.)
Cleveland total Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing	217,275,694 161,847,923	(s.f.) 637,312 -42,679	5,766,162 1,103,454	of stock) 2.7% 0.7%	4.4% 2.4%	6.6% 2.6%	\$5.84 \$4.12	1,240,080 188,000	4,697,688 603,720	4,770,348 84,000
Overall Total	379,123,617	594,633	6,869,616	1.8%	3.5%	4.9%	\$5.59	1,428,080	5,301,408	4,854,348
Downtown Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing Overall Total	17,016,968 11,923,915 <b>28,940,883</b>	-70,526 3,859 <b>-66,667</b>	223,522 18,483 <b>242,005</b>	1.3% 0.2% <b>0.8%</b>	3.0% 1.4% 2.3%	3.8% 1.8% <b>3.0</b> %	\$3.49 \$4.81 <b>\$4.23</b>	0 0	0 0 <b>0</b>	157,000 0 <b>157,000</b>
East Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing Overall Total	2,127,333 1,583,466 <b>3,710,799</b>	1,926 0 <b>1,926</b>	-97,831 -19,381 <b>-117,212</b>	-4.6% -1.2% <b>-3.2</b> %	6.1% 1.2% <b>4.0%</b>	8.9% 1.2% <b>5.6</b> %	\$6.49 \$5.65 <b>\$6.34</b>	0 0	0 0	0 0 <b>0</b>
Geauga County										
Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing	2,779,743 4,135,605	0 38,000	22,140 63,650	0.8% 1.5%	0.3% 0.5%	0.3% 1.5%	\$0.00 \$4.86	0 38,000	0 38,000	0
Overall Total	6,915,348	38,000	85,790	1.2%	0.4%	1.0%	\$4.86	38,000	38,000	0
Lake County Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing Overall Total	11,505,792 14,697,671 <b>26,203,463</b>	35,750 82,827 <b>118,577</b>	408,903 362,724 <b>771,627</b>	3.6% 2.5% <b>2.9%</b>	3.6% 1.9% <b>2.7</b> %	4.2% 1.7% <b>2.8%</b>	\$5.34 \$4.20 <b>\$4.86</b>	35,000 0 <b>35,000</b>	35,000 62,000 <b>97,000</b>	297,381 0 <b>297,381</b>
	20,203,403	110,311	771,021	2.3/0	2.1 /0	2.670	<b>34.00</b>	33,000	31,000	231,301
Lorain County Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing Overall Total	12,039,706 16,648,576 <b>28,688,282</b>	-32,237 -175,924 <b>-208,161</b>	326,171 -298,784 <b>27,387</b>	2.7% -1.8% <b>0.1%</b>	2.9% 1.8% <b>2.2%</b>	2.6% 2.2% 2.3%	\$4.46 \$4.25 <b>\$4.37</b>	0 0	130,000 0 130,000	0 0 <b>0</b>
Medina County Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing Overall Total	10,572,028 5,509,738 <b>16,081,766</b>	-224,705 -195,475 - <b>420,18</b> 0	-100,387 -95,299 <b>-195,686</b>	-1.0% -1.7% - <b>1.2%</b>	2.9% 4.5% <b>3.5</b> %	7.2% 4.4% <b>6.2</b> %	\$6.30 \$0.00 <b>\$6.30</b>	0 0	0 0	450,112 84,000 <b>534,112</b>
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Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing Overall Total	11,551,030 9,958,026 <b>21,509,056</b>	0 0 <b>0</b>	134,254 -728,434 <b>-594,18</b> 0	1.2% -7.3% <b>-2.8</b> %	2.5% 10.8% <b>6.3</b> %	2.5% 12.2% <b>7.0</b> %	\$5.86 \$0.00 <b>\$5.86</b>	0 0	273,576 0 <b>273,576</b>	0 0 <b>0</b>
Portage County	, ,									
Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing Overall Total	3,893,051 4,232,426 <b>8,125,477</b>	0 150,000 <b>150,000</b>	382,630 350,296 <b>732,926</b>	9.8% 8.3% <b>9.0%</b>	3.1% 0.5% <b>1.8%</b>	23.3% 0.5% <b>12.8%</b>	\$6.50 \$4.50 <b>\$6.48</b>	0 150,000 <b>150,000</b>	0 267,487 <b>267,487</b>	1,021,980 0 <b>1,021,980</b>
South										
Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing	12,418,002 9,411,202	206,271 9,700	83,726 87,500	0.7% 0.9%	9.0% 1.3%	11.4% 1.3%	\$6.47 \$3.86	0	300,000 0	260,000 0
Overall Total	21,829,204	215,971	171,226	0.8%	5.7%	7.1%	\$6.30	0	300,000	260,000
Southeast Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing	47,675,794 15,554,817	147,432 -10,236	1,234,989 489,708	2.6% 3.1%	4.0% 2.7%	6.7% 2.7%	\$6.00 \$4.71	0	726,406 113,100	526,833 0
Overall Total	63,230,611	137,196	1,724,697	2.7%	3.6%	5.7%	\$5.87	0	839,506	526,833
Southwest Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing	18,881,186 14,627,016	-355,503 -5,496	300,809 177,997	1.6% 1.2%	11.6% 0.4%	15.2% 0.4%	\$5.86 \$6.34	310,080 0	485,849 0	364,000 0
Overall Total	33,508,202	-360,999	478,806	1.4%	6.7%	8.8%	\$5.87	310,080	485,849	364,000
Stark County Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing Overall Total	17,928,678 20,546,815 <b>38,475,493</b>	787,550 -60,000 <b>727,550</b>	809,256 -36,000 <b>773,256</b>	4.5% -0.2% <b>2.0</b> %	2.0% 0.5% <b>1.2%</b>	1.9% 0.5% <b>1.2%</b>	\$4.22 \$5.20 <b>\$4.45</b>	895,000 0 <b>895,000</b>	895,000 0 <b>895,000</b>	830,168 0 <b>830,168</b>
Summit County							<del>-</del>			
Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing Overall Total	34,092,085 19,206,447 <b>53,298,532</b>	6,354 59,610 <b>65,964</b>	1,593,804 686,378 <b>2,280,182</b>	4.7% 3.6% <b>4.3%</b>	4.7% 4.8% <b>4.8</b> %	6.3% 4.8% <b>5.8%</b>	\$5.32 \$3.45 <b>\$4.68</b>	0 0	1,851,857 123,133 <b>1,974,990</b>	254,474 0 <b>254,474</b>
Wayne County										
Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing	5,288,896 5,434,796	0	142,000 -12,340	2.7% -0.2%	0.0% 1.9%	4.9% 1.9%	\$4.90 \$4.06	0 0	0	608,400 0
Overall Total	10,723,692	0	129,660	1.2%	1.0%	3.5%	\$4.68	0	0	608,400
West Warehouse & Distribution Manufacturing	9,505,402 8,377,407	135,000 60,456	302,176 56,956	3.2% 0.7%	2.5% 0.0%	2.5% 0.0%	\$3.95 \$7.00	0	0	0
Overall Total	17,882,809	195,456	359,132	2.0%	1.4%	1.4%	\$4.08	0	0	0