

FIGURES | U.S. INDUSTRIAL | Q2 2024

# Industrial Vacancy Rate Rises Despite Increased Demand

▲ 8.0%

**▲** 5.6%

**\$11.13** 

▼ 65.8 MSF

▼ 236.8 MSF

Availability Rate

Vacancy Rate

Net Asking Rent

YTD Net Absorption

YTD Completions

Note: Arrows indicate year-over-year change.

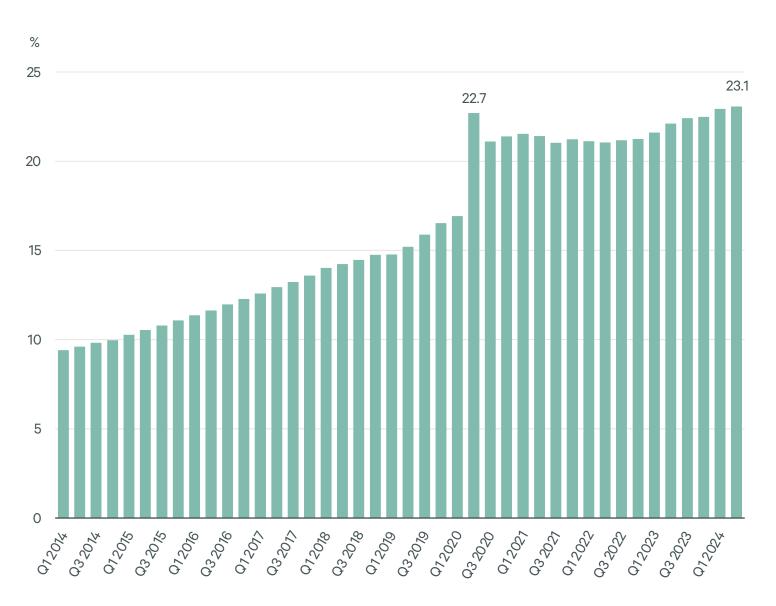
#### **Executive Summary**

- The industrial real estate market's supply/demand imbalance continued for an eighth consecutive quarter. Net absorption was only about one-third of the nearly 121 million sq. ft. in Q2 construction completions in Q2, causing a 30-basis-point increase in the overall vacancy rate to 5.6%.
- Leasing activity increased by 4.9% year-over-year to 390.8 million sq. ft., 33% of which was in renewals. The number of big-box leases of 700,000 sq. ft or more rose by 12%.
- Net absorption increased to 41.8 million sq. ft. in Q2 from 23.9 million sq. ft. in Q1, but year-to-date net absorption of 65.8 million sq. ft. was down by 50% year-over-year.

- Sublease availability increased to a record 212.3 million sq. ft in Q2; however, the rate of increase slowed and there are signs it may be peaking.
- Average asking rent declined by 0.4% quarter-over-quarter and 0.6% year-over-year to \$11.13 per sq. ft., the first annual decrease since Q3 2011.
- Construction starts increased to 49.5 million sq. ft. in Q2. Build-to-suits accounted for 25% of starts in Q2, up from 18% in Q1 and the 15% guarterly average in 2023.

Figure 1 E-commerce share of total retail sales increased in Q2

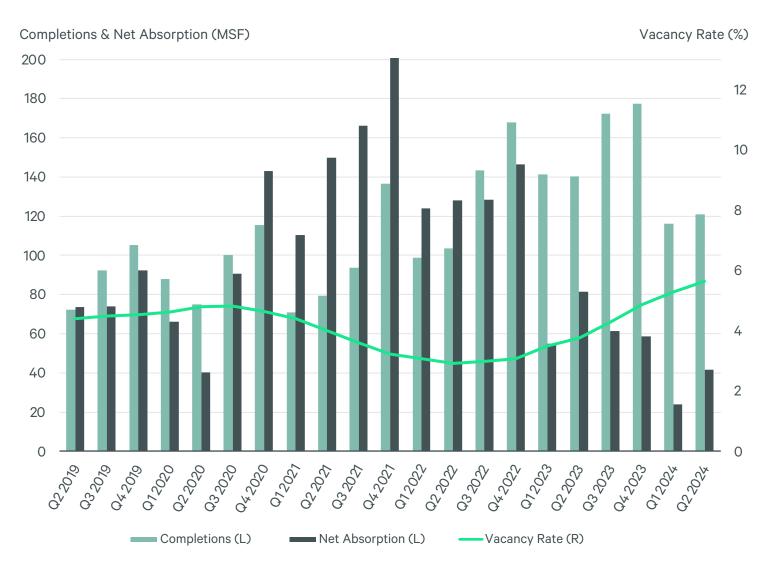
- The e-commerce share of total non-auto retail sales a key indicator of demand for warehouse space increased slightly to a record-high 23.1% in Q2.
- The e-commerce share of non-auto retail sales is expected to reach 30% by Q4 2029.



Source: CBRE Research, Q2 2024.

### Figure 2 Industrial completions & demand

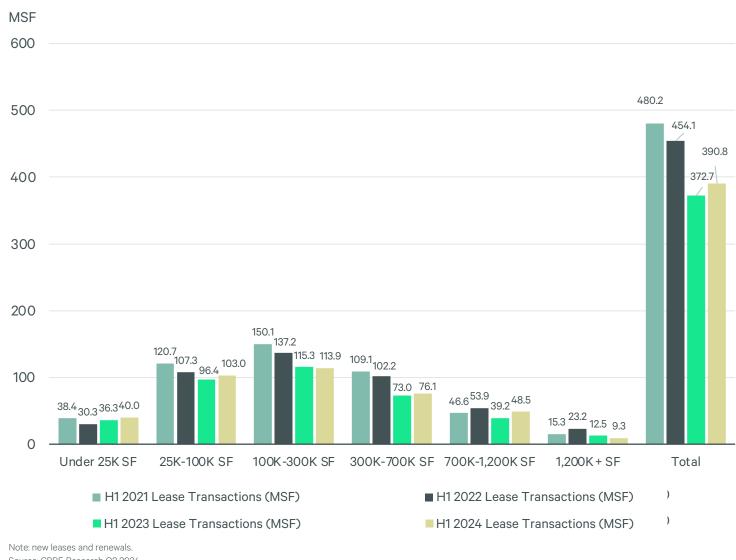
- Construction completions increased slightly in Q2 to 120.8 million sq. ft. but the H1 total of 236.8 million sq. ft. fell by 16% year-over-year.
- Net absorption nearly doubled quarter-over-quarter to 41.8 million sq. ft. but was significantly lower than the 10-year quarterly average of 91 million sq. ft.
- Q2 2024 was the eighth consecutive quarter in which construction completions outpaced net absorption, increasing the overall vacancy rate by 30 basis points (bps) quarter-overquarter to 5.6%—the highest level since Q3 2015.
- An expected decrease in completions starting in Q3 2024 should alleviate supply-side pressures in subsequent quarters.



Source: CBRE Econometric Advisors, Q2 2024.

#### Figure 3 Industrial leasing activity by size range

- H1 leasing activity increased by 4.9% year-over-year to 390.8 million sq. ft. but was 14% less than 2022's H1 total.
- All lease size ranges except for 100,000 to 300,000 sq. ft. and 1.2 million sq. ft. and above increased on a year-over-year basis.
- Thirty-one leases for blocks of 1 million sq. ft. or more were signed in the first half of 2024 vs. 23 in the same period last year.
- Despite more lease signings for 1 million sq. ft. or more, the average lease size in H1 2024 fell by 6.6% year-over-year to 68,371 sq. ft..

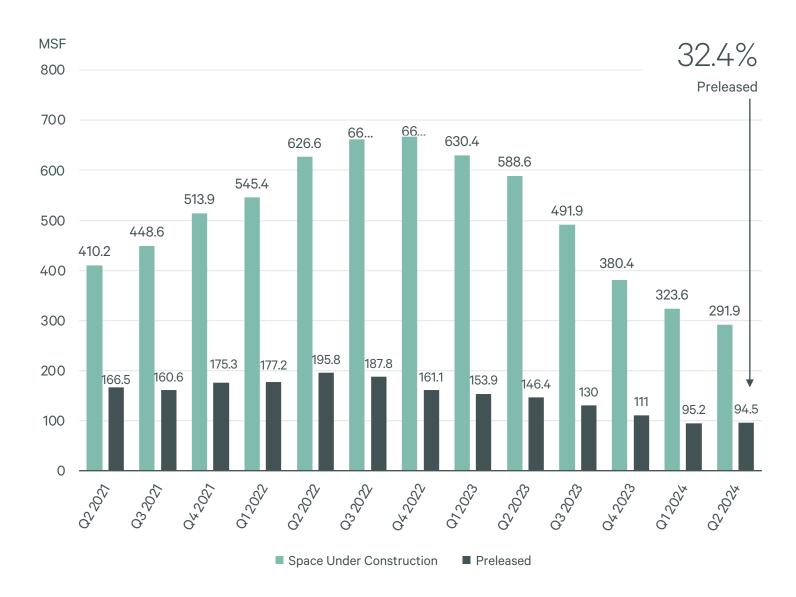


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Figure 4
Space under construction continued to fall in Q2

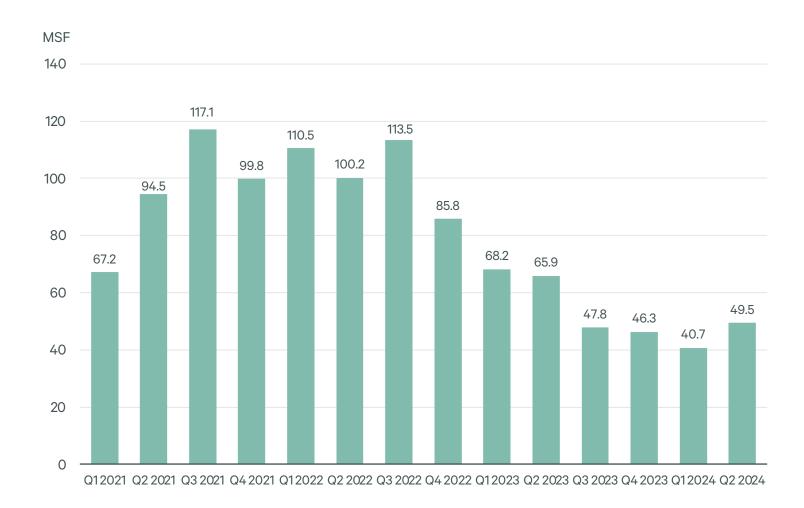
- Industrial space under construction fell for the sixth consecutive quarter to 291.9 million sq. ft, the lowest since Q3 2019.
- Preleasing increased to 32.4% in Q2, the highest since Q4 2021.
- The West region had the most space under construction at 89.5 million sq. ft., 28% of which was in Phoenix.



Source: CBRE Research, Q2 2024.

### Figure5 Construction starts tick up in Q2

- Construction starts increased slightly quarter-over-quarter to 49.5 million sq. ft.
- Build-to-suits accounted for 25% of Q2 construction starts, much higher than their 18% share in Q1.
- Starts are much lower than they were over the past three years, which will lead to significant declines in construction completions beginning in Q3.



Source: CBRE Research, Q2 2024.

#### Figure 6 H1 net absorption & under construction rankings

- Dallas-Ft. Worth inventory surpassed 1 billion sq. ft. in Q2, the second market to reach that threshold after Chicago with 1.3 billion sq. ft.
   Dallas-Ft. Worth also led for net absorption in H1.
- Phoenix had the most space under construction in Q2 at 25.2 million sq. ft., 25.4% of which was preleased. Austin followed with 14.8 million sq. ft.
- Savannah retook the top spot for growth markets in Q2 due to continued strong net absorption of newly constructed space.

#### **Net Absorption**

| Ranking | Market (Existing Inventory MSF) | MSF  |
|---------|---------------------------------|------|
| 1       | Dallas-Ft. Worth (1,006.8)      | 11.0 |
| 2       | Houston (633.0)                 | 10.1 |
| 3       | Phoenix (427.1)                 | 7.8  |
| 4       | Chicago (1,266.1)               | 7.0  |
| 5       | Atlanta (741.7)                 | 6.9  |
| 6       | Savannah (141.4)                | 6.1  |
| 7       | Austin (124.0)                  | 4.2  |
| 8       | Columbus (315.9)                | 3.1  |
| 9       | PA I-78/81 Corridor (531.0)     | 2.9  |
| 10      | Inland Empire (659.4)           | 2.8  |

#### **Under Construction**

| Ranking | Market                   | MSF  |
|---------|--------------------------|------|
| 1       | Phoenix (25.4%)          | 25.2 |
| 2       | Austin (34.8%)           | 14.8 |
| 3       | Dallas-Ft. Worth (15.2%) | 14.3 |
| 4       | Atlanta (36.1%)          | 14.1 |
| 5       | Inland Empire (3.0%)     | 13.2 |
| 6       | Philadelphia (2.5%)      | 12.2 |
| 7       | Chicago (53.4%)          | 11.8 |
| 8       | Houston (33.7%)          | 11.2 |
| 9       | Charlotte (18.1%)        | 10.9 |
| 10      | Savannah (42.3%)         | 10.6 |

\*Growth Rate = Annual net absorption as % of existing inventory. Source: CBRE Research, Q2 2024.

#### **Growth Rate\***

| Ranking | Market         | Rate (%) |
|---------|----------------|----------|
| 1       | Savannah       | 4.3%     |
| 2       | Austin         | 3.4%     |
| 3       | Hartford       | 2.1%     |
| 4       | El Paso        | 2.0%     |
| 5       | Phoenix        | 1.8%     |
| 6       | Houston        | 1.6%     |
| 7       | Salt Lake City | 1.5%     |
| 8       | Raleigh-Durham | 1.4%     |
| 9       | Las Vegas      | 1.2%     |
| 10      | Jacksonville   | 1.1%     |

## Figure 7 Traditional & online retailers drive bulk leasing

- Bulk leasing in H1 increased by 3.0% yearover-year.
- After a slow first quarter, leasing by thirdparty logistics (3PL) companies rebounded in Q2, making them the most active occupiers.
- E-commerce companies nearly doubled their leasing activity year-over-year in Q2, fueled by several signings for 1 million sq. ft. or more.
- General retail & wholesale and food & beverage occupiers leased more space than a year ago in Q2, largely due to increased renewal volume.

#### H1 2024 Lease Transactions of 100,000 Sq. Ft. or More

| Occupier Type                     | SF Transacted (MSF) | Market<br>Share |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Third Party Logistics             | 73,261,780          | 29.60%          |  |
| General Retail & Wholesale        | 62,533,497          | 25.20%          |  |
| Food & Beverage                   | 25,631,774          | 10.30%          |  |
| E-Commerce Only                   | 19,429,594          | 7.80%           |  |
| Manufacturing                     | 19,046,970          | 7.70%           |  |
| Building Materials & Construction | 16,050,852          | 6.50%           |  |
| Automobiles, Tires & Parts        | 15,621,941          | 6.30%           |  |
| Undisclosed                       | 10,180,888          | 4.10%           |  |
| Medical                           | 6,165,422           | 2.50%           |  |
| Total                             | 247,922,718         | 100%            |  |

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| Occupier Type                     | SF Transacted (MSF) | Market<br>Share |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Third Party Logistics             | 75,444,212          | 31.30%          |  |
| General Retail & Wholesale        | 56,121,110          | 23.30%          |  |
| Food & Beverage                   | 24,600,924          | 10.20%          |  |
| Automobiles, Tires, & Parts       | 20,848,887          | 8.70%           |  |
| Manufacturing                     | 19,284,814          | 8.00%           |  |
| Building Materials & Construction | 17,246,733          | 7.20%           |  |
| E-Commerce Only                   | 9,754,069           | 4.10%           |  |
| Undisclosed                       | 9,467,572           | 3.90%           |  |
| Medical                           | 7,991,932           | 3.30%           |  |
| Total                             | 240,760,253         | 100%            |  |

Source: CBRE Research, Q2 2024.

## Figure 8 Consumer sentiment falls, unemployment rises in Q2

- Despite better-than-expected retail sales in June, consumer sentiment fell sharply at the end of Q2 to its lowest level since Q3 2023.
- The unemployment rate ticked up to 4.1% in June. Higher unemployment and lower inflation bode well for interest rate cuts to begin in September.

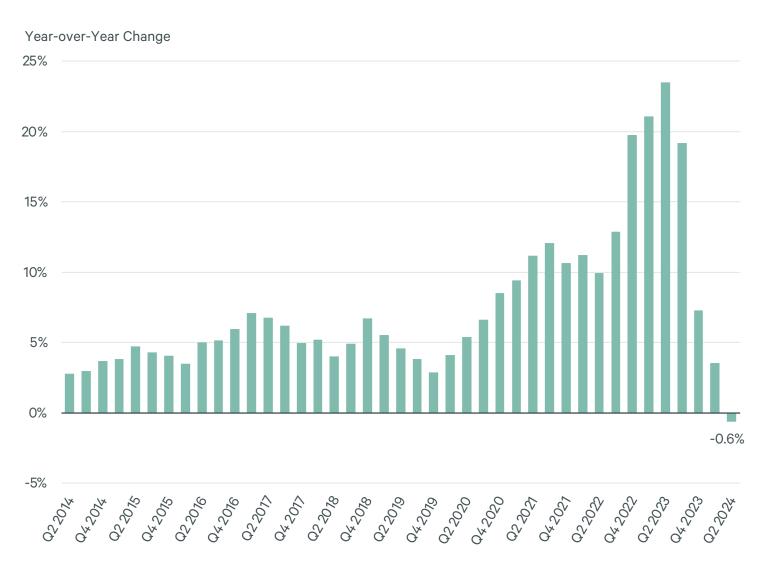


Source: University of Michigan, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Q2 2024. Note: Consumer Sentiment©, Index 1966:Q1=100

#### Figure 9

#### Average asking rent declines

- Average asking rent fell by 0.4% quarter-over-quarter and 0.6% year-over-year—the first annual decrease since Q3 2011.
- Despite rising vacancy rates, average asking rents increased in several major markets year-over-year, including Hartford (21.9%), Tampa (20.5%), Dallas-Ft. Worth (17.8%), Savannah (16.1%) and Houston (15.5%).



Source: CBRF Econometric Advisors, Q2 2024.

Figure 10

At-a-glance industrial market metrics

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|-------------------------------|------|----------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Market                        | Size | Vacancy  | Net             | Construction     | Under             | Preleased | NNN Asking   |
| ividi ket                     | Rank | Rate (%) | Absorption (SF) | Completions (SF) | Construction (SF) | (%)**     | Rate (\$)*** |
| Baltimore                     | 32   | 7.6+     | 1,026,243       | 1,852,069        | 3,197,405         | 57.4      | 10.79+       |
| Boston                        | 19   | 6.0+     | (1,934,149)     | 2,223,799        | 2,412,388         | 0.0       | 5.24+        |
| Central New Jersey            | 34   | 5.6-     | (472,492)       | 4,247,765        | 5,455,380         | 5.9       | 17.32+       |
| Charleston                    | 9    | 11.5+    | 920,669         | 7,888,549        | 2,701,725         | 24.3      | 7.48-        |
| Charlotte                     | 51   | 7.3+     | 2,762,821       | 9,734,871        | 10,896,569        | 18.1      | 7.62+        |
| Greensboro/Winston-Salem      | 45   | 6.9-     | 583,802         | 971,817          | 2,435,162         | 70.1      | 6.50+        |
| Greenville                    | 22   | 10.0+    | 1,853,681       | 5,508,413        | 6,977,365         | 53.2      | 5.77+        |
| Hartford                      | 27   | 4.3-     | 1,672,192       | 2,686,050        | 250,240           | 0.0       | 7.41+        |
| Louisville                    | 53   | 4.3-     | 1,460,320       | 1,675,658        | 2,292,103         | 9.1       | 6.05+        |
| Northern New Jersey           | 11   | 4.5-     | 1,533,468       | 1,223,240        | 4,735,712         | 2.8       | 19.91+       |
| Northern Virginia*            | 54   | 4.7-     | 208,682         | 91,172           | 578,377           | 0.0       | 16.46+       |
| Pennsylvania I-78/81 Corridor | 8    | 6.7+     | 2,869,791       | 4,076,566        | 8,738,780         | 37.9      | 9.15+        |
| Philadelphia                  | 12   | 8.2+     | 606,411         | 2,356,572        | 12,220,123        | 2.5       | 12.18-       |
| Pittsburgh                    | 38   | 4.4-     | 334,026         | 590,220          | 443,815           | 36.1      | 9.24-        |
| Raleigh-Durham                | 50   | 6.1+     | 1,503,772       | 2,067,277        | 2,895,225         | 59.8      | 10.88+       |
| Suburban Maryland*            | 52   | 5.2-     | 390,311         | 218,877          | 3,131,348         | 29.7      | 13.40+       |
| East                          |      | 6.5+     | 15,319,548      | 47,412,915       | 69,361,717        | 24.5      | 10.96+       |
| Chicago                       | 1    | 4.4-     | 7,021,166       | 8,249,302        | 11,768,068        | 53.4      | 6.77+        |
| Cincinnati                    | 16   | 5.9+     | 281,130         | 1,200,922        | 895,630           | 100.0     | 6.27=        |
| Cleveland                     | 23   | 2.9-     | 585,271         | 305,000          | 1,198,200         | 91.7      | 5.63-        |
| Columbus                      | 18   | 6.6-     | 3,089,945       | 4,039,490        | 4,401,431         | 50.6      | 6.26+        |
| Detroit                       | 7    | 2.5+     | 1,973,287       | 2,706,621        | 1,489,041         | 50.7      | 7.41+        |
| Indianapolis                  | 13   | 10.6+    | 653,758         | 4,031,558        | 2,506,953         | 63.6      | 5.86-        |
| Kansas City                   | 17   | 4.2+     | 1,671,432       | 3,364,394        | 4,460,351         | 66.1      | 5.67+        |
| Milwaukee                     | 15   | 5.8-     | 1,782,278       | 4,495,873        | 2,143,437         | 100.0     | 5.23+        |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul          | 14   | 3.9-     | 2,509,453       | 2,067,597        | 2,687,309         | 85.5      | 9.23-        |
| St. Louis                     | 28   | 4.8-     | 1,307,359       | 1,171,413        | 2,822,735         | 83.1      | 5.60+        |
| Midwest                       |      | 4.9+     | 20,875,079      | 31,632,170       | 34,373,155        | 65.7      | 6.39+        |

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At-a-glance industrial market metrics Q2 2024 Size Net Construction Under **Preleased NNN Asking** Vacancy Market Rank (%)\*\* Rate (\$)\*\*\* Absorption (SF) Completions (SF) Rate (%) Construction (SF) Atlanta 4 6,924,709 7.46+ 7.8+ 36.1 9,169,238 14,146,231 Austin 46 4.182.262 12.67-11.0+ 7,430,124 14,731,998 34.8 Dallas-Ft. Worth 2 10,955,191 8.75-9.8+ 15.2 23,185,672 14,308,003 55 1,478,119 9.25+ El Paso 35.6 5.7+ 3,102,022 4,862,192 Ft. Lauderdale 49 0.0 15.87+ 4.3+ 627,441 186,105 398.940 6 10.132.245 9.01-Houston 6.2= 33.7 10,471,369 11,161,056 1,419,988 7.92-Jacksonville 44 4.8+ 39.9 1,549,130 4,545,155 4.61-20 204,656 Memphis 100.0 6.5-26 1,080,882 15.46-Miami 5.0+ 9.4 4,047,895 5,031,812 Nashville 30 2,365,798 8.70+ 2.9-27.9 1.301.589 5.517.264 Orlando 39 1,158,886 8.87+ 8.2+ 4,252,868 29.5 3.639.263 56 97,627 15.90+ Palm Beach 6.2+ 0.5 991,405 619,149 San Antonio 41 774,837 8.11-8.6+ 2,090,597 4,889,928 26.2 Savannah 40 6,116,551 7.27+ 8.8+ 42.3 8,098,831 10.589.807 37 1,172,779 10.89+ Tampa 5.5+ 39.7 3,929,202 3,646,899

48,691,971

79,192,442

30.6

98,701,302

10.05+

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| Market                            | Size<br>Rank | Vacancy<br>Rate (%) | Net<br>Absorption (SF) | Construction Completions (SF) | Under<br>Construction (SF) | Preleased<br>(%)** | NNN Asking<br>Rate (\$)*** |
| Central Valley, CA                | 42           | 7.1+                | 607,263                | 1,015,791                     | 5,469,681                  | 63.9               | 8.91+                      |
| Denver                            | 24           | 8.3+                | 874,749                | 2,720,946                     | 4,650,934                  | 57.8               | 9.34-                      |
| Inland Empire                     | 5            | 6.8+                | 2,832,045              | 15,241,863                    | 13,222,908                 | 3.0                | 16.07-                     |
| Las Vegas                         | 35           | 6.8+                | 2,146,837              | 8,170,976                     | 10,449,315                 | 9.8                | 13.78-                     |
| Los Angeles                       | 3            | 3.4+                | (7,687,628)            | 3,175,523                     | 6,720,231                  | 15.2               | 18.54+                     |
| Oakland                           | 43           | 5.9+                | (2,482,309)            | 722,059                       | 781,870                    | 71.9               | 15.90-                     |
| Orange County                     | 25           | 2.1+                | (964,609)              | 934,552                       | 1,731,833                  | 61.9               | 21.17-                     |
| Phoenix                           | 10           | 10.1+               | 7,814,993              | 20,886,963                    | 25,226,150                 | 25.4               | 13.90+                     |
| Portland                          | 29           | 5.1+                | (1,404,476)            | 1,156,016                     | 3,161,244                  | 36.0               | 12.23+                     |
| Reno                              | 47           | 9.0+                | (1,016,787)            | 2,918,222                     | 933,437                    | 17.5               | 10.38+                     |
| Sacramento                        | 31           | 4.8-                | 962,413                | 1,522,585                     | 158,373                    | 0.0                | 9.96+                      |
| Salt Lake City                    | 36           | 5.4-                | 2,502,641              | 2,364,429                     | 3,967,964                  | 44.9               | 9.64+                      |
| San Diego                         | 33           | 5.2+                | (947,400)              | 1,234,649                     | 2,705,810                  | 65.8               | 18.17+                     |
| San Francisco Peninsula           | 59           | 5.3+                | (611,376)              | 22,000.0                      | 0.0                        | 100.0              | 21.70-                     |
| San Jose                          | 48           | 3.2+                | (796,515)              | -                             | 2,751,946                  | 0.0                | 20.40+                     |
| Seattle                           | 21           | 7.8+                | (1,047,451)            | 3,316,358                     | 5,424,260                  | 55.6               | 14.49+                     |
| Tucson                            | 58           | 5.3+                | 140,608                | -                             | 2,140,900                  | 7.7                | 10.80-                     |
| Walnut Creek/I-680 Corridor       | 57           | 5.6-                | (18,844)               | -                             | 0.0                        | 100.0              | 18.38+                     |
| West                              |              | 5.9+                | 904,154                | 65,402,932                    | 89,496,856                 | 27.6               | 14.65+                     |
| U.S.                              |              | 5.6+                | 66 M                   | 237 M                         | 291.9 M                    | 32.4               | 11.01-                     |

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