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U.S. Industrial Real Estate Market Summary | Q2 2022

Industrial Real Estate Statistics



Executive Summary _

Even with inflation and interest rates rising, industrial leasing activity shows no signs of slowing down. Q2 2022 was another consecutive quarter of record-low vacancy levels and record-high rent growth. Consumer confidence is projected to decrease, which may lead to a decrease in the consumer spending that has been fueling this historic boom in industrial real estate demand.



LEASING ACTIVITY U.S industrial leasing remained at a record-high 60% above pre-pandemic levels. Total industrial SF leased in Q2 2022 is set to tally about 320 million SF, <u>50% higher</u> than typical quarterly leasing.



RENT

Rental rates have reaccelerated since the start of the pandemic, leading to a 11.9% year-over-year rent growth. Rental rates around the country are poised to continue to grow due to record-low vacancy.



Developers continue to break ground on construction projects at a record pace to keep up with tenant demand. Across the United States, 844 million SF of industrial space is under construction, up 70% from pre-pandemic numbers. A record-level of completions for new industrial facilities is slated from 2022 to 2023.



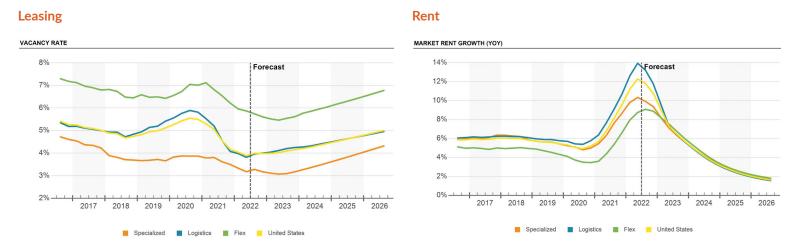
Investment in industrial properties has soared since late 2020. Trailing 12-month sales volume totals \$128 billion, which is almost double typical pre-pandemic sales volumes. This is the most rapid acceleration in investment in any property sector since the start of the pandemic. Interest rates and inflation hikes will likely slow the growth of transaction activity. Institutional lenders are becoming stricter for lending criteria.



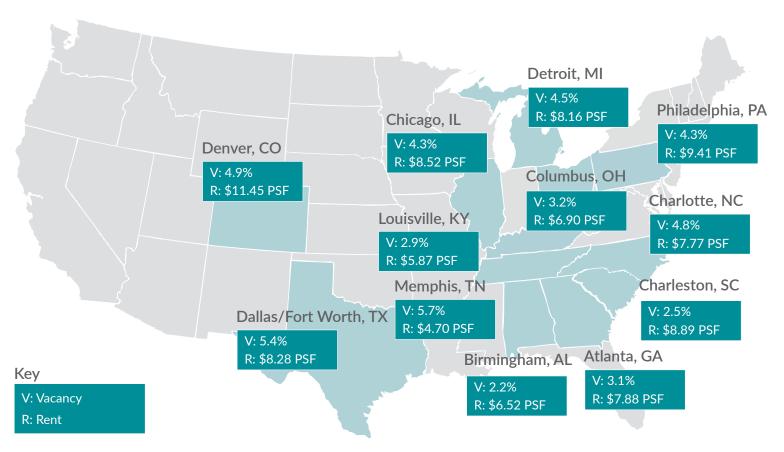
The unemployment rate is 3.6%, the lowest number recorded in the pandemic era. The number of job openings decreased to 11.3 million on the last business day of May. In response to rising inflation, the Federal Reserve increased interest rates 75 basis points in June, the largest increase since 1994.

Industrial Leasing Outlook

Industrial leasing activity is at record highs, with around 320 million SF leased in Q2 2022. U.S. households accrued an extra \$5 trillion in savings during the pandemic, driving the consumer spending behind the boom in industrial leasing activity. Non-store retailers have had tremendous success since the onset of the pandemic, with sales up 35% compared to pre-pandemic levels. Amazon, the industrial market's largest tenant, is slowing its expansion of its distribution network. The e-commerce giant is rumored to be placing 10 million to 30 million SF of industrial space up for sublease, primarily consisting of its smaller, multi-tenant properties.



Metrics from Select Metros

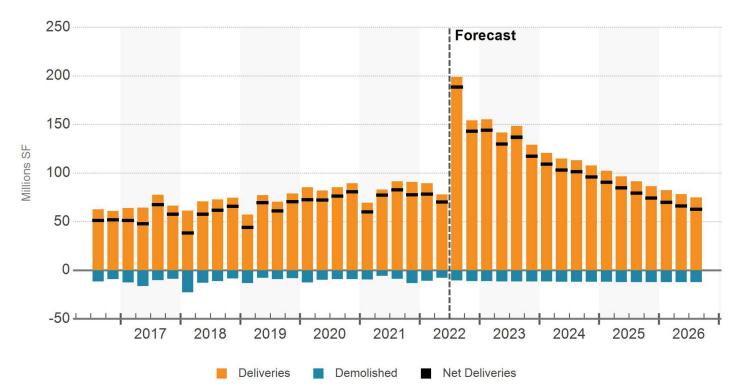


Industrial Construction & Deliveries

Developers have been breaking ground at a record pace since the start of the pandemic to keep up with tenant demand. 844 million SF of industrial space is under construction, up 70% from pre-pandemic numbers. Even with construction levels at all time highs, availability of new space is still slated to fall short of tenant demand. Prime port markets are facing supply shortages for years to come (LA, Seattle, Baltimore, Miami, etc.). There are other markets where new construction is beginning to pull ahead of leasing activity (Dallas, Columbus, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Denver, etc.)



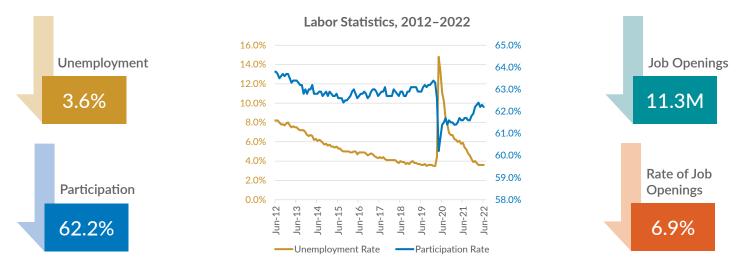
Deliveries & Demolitions



Economy _

In response to rising prices, the Federal Reserve increased rates 75 basis points in June, the largest increase since 1994. Fed Chair Powell suggested that similar-sized increases will come at the next few meetings. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 9.1% in June, leading many to believe that consumer spending will fall off dramatically in the near future. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of job openings decreased to 11.3 million on the last business day of May. Businesses across sectors are beginning to signal a slowdown in hiring, hiring freezes, and layoffs.

National Labor Statistics



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Owner's Representation

Program Management Team Selection Master Budget & Schedule



Real Estate Consulting

Strategic Planning Due Diligence Programming/Benchmarking

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