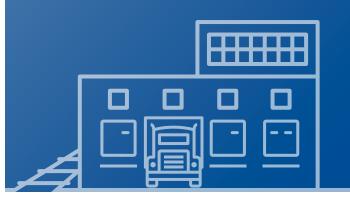


# NEW JERSEY INDUSTRIAL MARKET

Q1 2024





#### **TRENDLINES**

|                          | Q1 2024 | Q1 2023 | ONE-YEAR<br>TREND | FIVE-YEAR<br>AVERAGE | 12-MONTH<br>FORECAST |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE        | 4.8     | 3.9     | <b>^</b>          | 5.6                  | <b>↑</b>             |
| NET ABSORPTION (MSF)     | (0.4)   | 2.3     | •                 | 1.9                  | Ψ                    |
| OVERALL VACANCY RATE     | 5.8%    | 3.2%    | <b>^</b>          | 3.5%                 | <b>^</b>             |
| OVERALL VACANT SF (MSF)  | 43.8    | 23.7    | <b>^</b>          | 25.1                 | <b>^</b>             |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION (MSF) | 12.6    | 20.4    | •                 | 15.1                 | Ψ                    |
| ASKING RENT, NNN (PSF)   | \$14.15 | \$13.47 | <b>^</b>          | \$11.08              | <b>^</b>             |
| SALES VOLUME (MILLIONS)  | \$127.4 | \$890.3 | •                 | \$1,046.7            | <b>^</b>             |
| SALES PRICE (PSF)        | \$206   | \$195   | <b>^</b>          | \$162                | Ψ                    |

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, CoStar, Real Capital Analytics, Transwestern

# STABLE DEMAND OFFSET BY NEW LISTINGS

The New Jersey industrial market kicked off 2024 with fairly strong demand offset by new development and a substantial increase of sublease space returned to the market. As a result, the market recorded its second largest quarterly net absorption loss in five years while the overall vacancy rate increased for the eighth consecutive quarter. Tenant activity has been fairly balanced as manufacturing, retail, and transportation companies each accounted for nearly 25% of recent leasing. Total product under construction decreased for the sixth consecutive quarter, while new deliveries were at the lowest level since Q1 2023. Rent growth has appeared to level off.

Jobs supporting industrial real estate continued higher, however the growth rate decelerated. Warehouse jobs continued to decline while trucking totals were flat. January and February volumes at The Port of New York and New Jersey have increased when compared to 2023, and Baltimore's Key Bridge collapse will likely mean more cargo will be rerouted to the area.



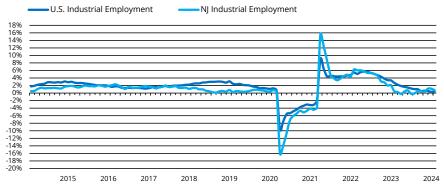
#### **ECONOMY**

# **Increased Cargo Volume**

- The U.S unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 3.8%, 10 basis points higher than the previous quarter, but 20 basis points higher when compared year-over-year.
- The labor participation rate for the U.S. fell slightly during the quarter and increased minimally when compared year-over-year. It remains below prepandemic levels.
- Jobs supporting the industrial real estate sector continued higher however the growth rate decelerated for the seventh consecutive quarter.
   Warehouse jobs continued to decline while trucking employment totals were flat.
- The New Jersey unemployment rate has remained at 4.8% for six consecutive months through February 2024 and was 90 basis points higher than 12 months ago.
- January and February volumes at The Port of New York and New Jersey
  have increased when compared to 2023, and the Baltimore Bridge collapse
  will likely mean more cargo will be rerouted to the area.

#### Y-O-Y CHANGE IN INDUSTRIAL JOBS

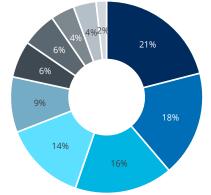
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Transwestern

#### **SHARE OF EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY**

New Jersey | February 2024

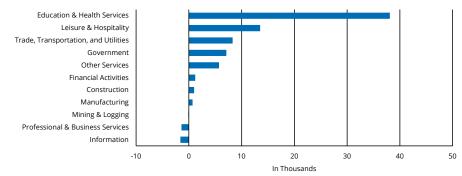


- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
- Education & Health Services
- Professional & Business Services
- Government
- Leisure & Hospitality
- Financial Activities
- Manufacturing
- Other Services
- Construction
- Information

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Transwestern

### Y-O-Y CHANGE IN JOBS BY INDUSTRY

New Jersey | February 2024



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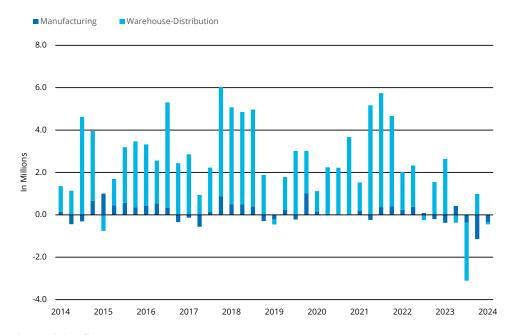


#### **NET ABSORPTION**

# **Industry Balance**

- The market recorded its second largest quarterly net absorption loss in five years as nearly one-half million square feet was returned to the market.
- More than one million square SF of direct positive absorption was outpaced by the addition of more one and a half million SF of available sublease space to the market.
- For only the second time since Q1 2019, net absorption was negative for both manufacturing and warehouse-distribution buildings, with the latter accounting for three-quarters of the losses.
- Nearly 3.7 million SF was returned to the market during the past 12 months, the largest year-over-year occupancy loss in fourteen years.
- Tenant activity has been fairly balanced among the top industrial users, as manufacturing, retail, and transportation companies each accounted for nearly 25% of leasing during the past 12 months.

#### **NET ABSORPTION BY PRODUCT TYPE**



Source: CoStar, Transwestern

#### **NOTABLE LEASES**

Q1 2024

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|--|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|--|
| TENANT   | ADDRESS              | SUBMARKET               | SF LEASED         |         |  |
| ELOGISTEK  | 1001 W Middlesex Ave | Exit 11/Perth Amboy/GSP | New               | 607,417 |  |
| REFRESCO   | 80-98 N Main St      | Morris West             | Renewal           | 502,403 |  |
| ANIXTER  | 7 Santa Fe Way       | Exit 8A                 | Renewal/Expansion | 501,400 |  |
| WAKEFERN   | 60 Tower Rd          | Exit 8A                 | Renewal           | 419,900 |  |
| MEDICAL DEPOT  | 200 Docks Corner Rd  | Exit 8A                 | New               | 270,642 |  |

Source: CoStar, Transwestern

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#### **VACANCY**

## **Sublease Space Skyrockets**

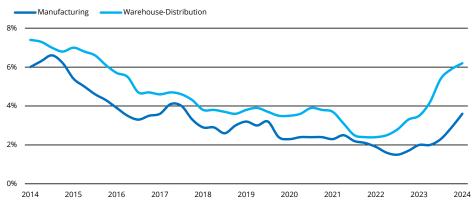
- The overall vacancy rate increased for the eighth consecutive quarter, rising to its highest level since Q4 2015.
- The level of unoccupied space 260 bps higher when compared year-over-year including a 40-bps jump in Q4.
- Vacant sublease space increased by 60% during Q1 to its highest level since 2003.
- At 6.2%, the vacancy rate for warehouse-distribution buildings is at its highest level since Q3 2015.
- Occupancy losses were recorded in 17 of 29 submarkets during Q1 2024, and 16 submarkets when compared year-over-year.

#### **OVERALL VACANCY RATE**

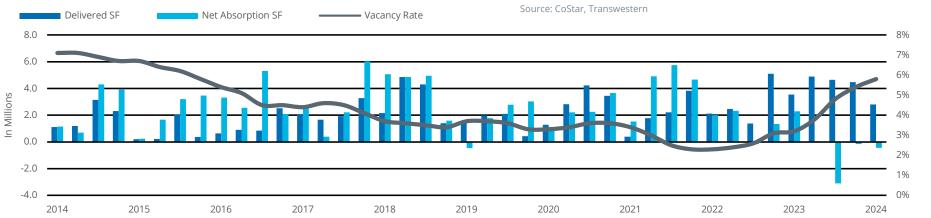


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#### **OVERALL VACANCY RATE BY PRODUCT TYPE**



#### **DELIVERY IMPACT ON KEY INDICATORS**



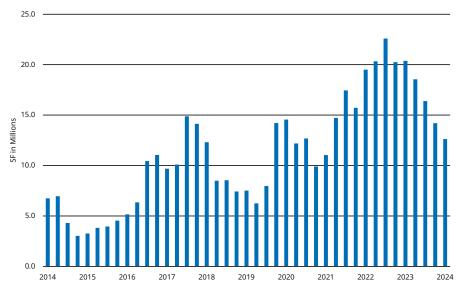


#### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

# **Continued Cooling**

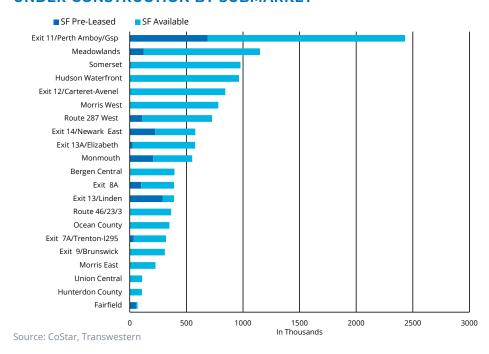
- Total product under construction decreased for the sixth consecutive quarter, while 2.8 million SF was delivered to the market, the lowest level since Q1 2023.
- The 12.6 million SF under construction is the lowest since Q1 2021, and 2.2 million SF below the five-year average.
- 21 of 29 submarkets have product under construction, down from
   22 the previous quarter, and 24 when compared year-over-year.
- Two submarkets have more than one million SF under construction: Exit 11/Perth Amboy/GSP in central New Jersey and Meadowlands, the largest submarket in northern New Jersey. A year ago, seven submarkets had more than one million SF under construction.
- Options to lease new space are abundant as 85% of space under construction is available.

#### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**



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#### **UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY SUBMARKET**



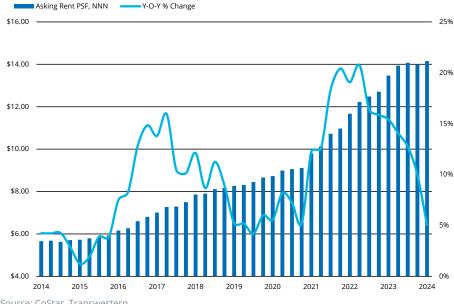


#### **RENTAL RATES**

# **Leveling Off**

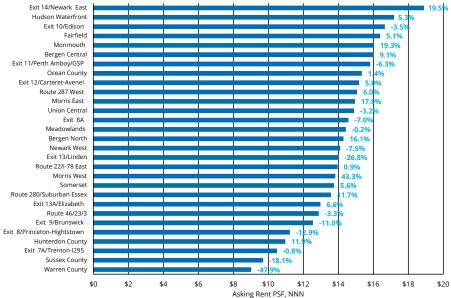
- Rents have appeared to level off as demand has cooled and the lower amount of new product delivered has less of an impact on overall averages.
- After decreasing for the first time since Q3 2014, asking rents pushed slightly higher to return the average above \$14 PSF.
- Rents continue to grow in most areas, recording quarterly increases in two-thirds of submarkets.
- Year-over-year rent growth continued, though the 5.0% increase during the past 12 months is the smallest since Q3 2019.
- Rents were 62% above pre-pandemic levels and are substantially above the five-year average of \$10.79 PSF.

#### **ASKING RENT**



#### Source: CoStar, Transwestern

#### ASKING RENTS BY SUBMARKET AND Y-O-Y GROWTH



Source: CoStar, Transwestern



# MARKET INDICATORS BY SUBMARKET | Q1 2024

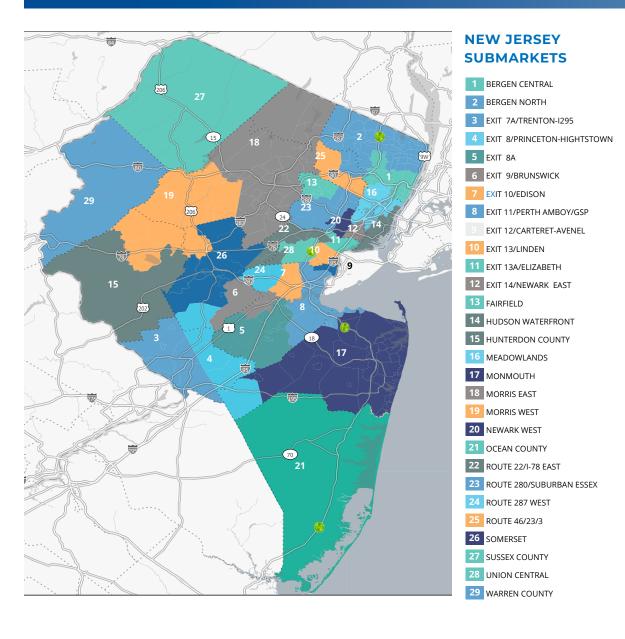
| SUBMARKET                   | INVENTORY SF | DIRECT VACANT SF | DIRECT VACANCY<br>RATE | OVERALL VACANCY<br>RATE | UNDER CONSTRUCTION SF | NET ABSORPTION SF | Y-O-Y NET ABSORPTION SF | ASKING RENT PSF,<br>NNN |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| BERGEN CENTRAL              | 25,848,250   | 1,604,622        | 6.2%                   | 7.1%                    | 394,356               | (204,677)         | (302,909)               | \$16.02                 |
| BERGEN NORTH                | 22,359,970   | 908,366          | 4.1%                   | 5.3%                    | 0                     | 94,519            | 60,824                  | \$14.29                 |
| EXIT 7A/TRENTON-I295        | 30,292,232   | 1,857,454        | 6.1%                   | 6.6%                    | 320,243               | 356               | 640,517                 | \$10.49                 |
| EXIT 8/PRINCETON-HIGHTSTOWN | 8,315,632    | 176,614          | 2.1%                   | 2.2%                    | 0                     | (3,000)           | 81,000                  | \$11.23                 |
| EXIT 8A                     | 76,491,306   | 1,756,628        | 2.3%                   | 2.9%                    | 391,758               | 1,072,125         | 85,625                  | \$14.58                 |
| EXIT 9/BRUNSWICK            | 23,560,294   | 1,909,722        | 8.1%                   | 10.3%                   | 310,180               | (389,506)         | (547,427)               | \$12.55                 |
| EXIT 10/EDISON              | 43,618,717   | 1,933,274        | 4.4%                   | 5.3%                    | 0                     | (54,586)          | (1,385,066)             | \$16.66                 |
| EXIT 11/PERTH AMBOY/GSP     | 24,220,679   | 2,012,483        | 8.3%                   | 8.3%                    | 2,431,783             | 475,052           | 109,272                 | \$15.82                 |
| EXIT 12/CARTERET-AVENEL     | 20,432,576   | 2,858,590        | 14.0%                  | 14.3%                   | 843,544               | (41,766)          | (162,748)               | \$15.18                 |
| EXIT 13/LINDEN              | 25,610,653   | 1,508,380        | 5.9%                   | 9.0%                    | 390,005               | (704,289)         | 153,152                 | \$14.00                 |
| EXIT 13A/ELIZABETH          | 19,678,531   | 1,021,578        | 5.2%                   | 5.2%                    | 577,687               | (263,617)         | (625,699)               | \$12.98                 |
| EXIT 14/NEWARK EAST         | 24,507,164   | 199,911          | 0.8%                   | 0.9%                    | 578,260               | 52,617            | (85,416)                | \$18.90                 |
| FAIRFIELD                   | 12,757,031   | 272,128          | 2.1%                   | 2.3%                    | 68,985                | (854)             | (25,598)                | \$16.39                 |
| HUDSON WATERFRONT           | 33,651,914   | 2,767,413        | 8.2%                   | 8.5%                    | 964,508               | 365,693           | 360,812                 | \$17.19                 |
| HUNTERDON COUNTY            | 5,923,972    | 608,401          | 10.3%                  | 10.3%                   | 107,200               | (232,314)         | (459,601)               | \$10.97                 |
| MEADOWLANDS                 | 95,605,102   | 5,192,863        | 5.4%                   | 6.1%                    | 1,150,010             | (501,125)         | (1,993,527)             | \$14.43                 |
| MONMOUTH                    | 21,624,039   | 2,246,134        | 10.4%                  | 10.4%                   | 551,009               | 74,647            | 403,601                 | \$16.04                 |
| MORRIS EAST                 | 24,817,492   | 1,318,138        | 5.3%                   | 5.3%                    | 226,749               | 28,390            | (310,019)               | \$14.95                 |
| MORRIS WEST                 | 16,266,780   | 642,529          | 3.9%                   | 4.1%                    | 781,748               | (33,941)          | (100,431)               | \$13.83                 |
| NEWARK WEST                 | 17,781,408   | 1,381,937        | 7.8%                   | 7.8%                    | 0                     | (125,843)         | (324,315)               | \$14.11                 |
| OCEAN COUNTY                | 13,533,602   | 1,444,915        | 10.7%                  | 10.8%                   | 349,712               | 19,875            | 60,166                  | \$15.34                 |
| ROUTE 22/I-78 EAST          | 20,136,518   | 706,159          | 3.5%                   | 3.8%                    | 0                     | (88,642)          | 20,692                  | \$13.96                 |
| ROUTE 280/SUBURBAN ESSEX    | 11,219,922   | 881,301          | 7.9%                   | 8.0%                    | 0                     | (56,873)          | (376,296)               | \$13.58                 |
| ROUTE 287 WEST              | 32,975,917   | 535,402          | 1.6%                   | 1.8%                    | 727,165               | (35,094)          | 587,128                 | \$15.07                 |
| ROUTE 46/23/3               | 53,144,376   | 1,689,441        | 3.2%                   | 3.6%                    | 365,505               | 377,547           | (697,847)               | \$12.88                 |
| SOMERSET                    | 30,992,341   | 1,284,774        | 4.1%                   | 4.4%                    | 978,276               | (292,405)         | 346,687                 | \$13.76                 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY               | 3,533,185    | 162,186          | 4.6%                   | 4.6%                    | 0                     | (19,916)          | (25,406)                | \$9.70                  |
| UNION CENTRAL               | 7,141,148    | 199,097          | 2.8%                   | 2.8%                    | 109,200               | 11,732            | (99,997)                | \$14.90                 |
| WARREN COUNTY               | 10,614,356   | 505,100          | 4.8%                   | 4.8%                    | 0                     | 29,564            | 960,472                 | \$9.02                  |
| TOTAL                       | 756,655,107  | 39,585,540       | 5.2%                   | 5.8%                    | 12,617,883            | (446,331)         | (3,652,354)             | \$14.15                 |

# MARKET INDICATORS BY PROPERTY TYPE | Q1 2024

| SUBMARKET              | INVENTORY SF | DIRECT<br>VACANT SF | DIRECT<br>VACANCY RATE | OVERALL<br>VACANCY RATE | UNDER CONSTRUCTION SF | NET<br>ABSORPTION SF | Y-O-Y NET<br>ABSORPTION SF | ASKING<br>RENT PSF, NNN |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| WAREHOUSE-DISTRIBUTION | 626,966,738  | 35,358,667          | 5.6%                   | 6.2%                    | 12,617,883            | (103,057)            | (2,646,430)                | \$14.40                 |
| MANUFACTURING          | 129,688,369  | 4,226,873           | 3.3%                   | 3.6%                    | 0                     | (343,274)            | (1,005,924)                | \$12.93                 |
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#### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The information in this report is the result of a compilation of information on industrial properties located in northern and central New Jersey. This report includes properties 10,000 square feet and larger.

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