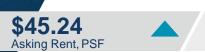
## MARKETBEAT

### **AUSTIN**

Office Q1 2022



# 20.9% Vacancy Rate





Net Absorption, SF

#### ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q1 2022

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Source: BLS

#### **ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:** Austin remains one of the nation's fastest-growing economies

As the COVID-19 pandemic has slowly subsided, the Austin MSA has rebounded exceptionally well and continues to outperform nearly every major market in the country. The local unemployment rate declined once again and now sits at 3.4%, which is lower than both the state and national levels of 4.7% and 3.6% respectively. In addition, Austin continues to add new jobs at a record pace as more businesses make their way to the Texas capital.

#### **SUPPLY AND DEMAND: Office leasing activity remains robust**

For the fourth consecutive quarter, office leasing remained strong, as nearly 1 million square feet (msf) of space was leased in Q1 2022. Several large high-tech companies inked deals during the quarter, including TikTok and Cirrus Logic which leased 127,000 and 120,000 square feet (sf) of space, respectively, in the Central Business District (CBD). Overall net absorption was negative during the quarter; however, it is expected this will be short-lived as tenants begin to occupy space from deals signed in 2021.

Residual effects of the pandemic have kept vacancy rates elevated as compared to pre-Covid levels with the citywide vacancy rate for the quarter coming in at 20.9%. Despite this, the ongoing trend of increased leasing activity and demand for newer, high-end office space have pushed developers to move forward with new construction. In addition to the 924,000 sf of fresh office product delivered in the first quarter of 2022, there is another 3.9 msf of office space under construction citywide, of which 2.2 msf of this space lies in the CBD. At close of the first quarter, 50% of the office product under construction citywide was pre-leased. The figure was even higher in the CBD, which was approximately 71% pre-leased. Additionally, several new office developments are slated to break ground over the next few quarters, further cementing the confidence developers have in the Austin office market.

#### PRICING: Average asking rents increase slightly

Average rents increased slightly from the previous quarter. The average full-service asking rate for the entire Austin market increased \$0.32 to \$45.24 per square foot (psf), while the citywide Class A space trended upward as well, coming in at \$50.40 psf. Class A rates in the CBD continue to pace the market at \$65.12 psf.

#### SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES



#### **OVERALL VACANCY & ASKING RENT**



## **AUSTIN**

Office Q1 2022

#### **MARKET STATISTICS**

SUBMARKET	INVENTORY (SF)	SUBLET VACANT (SF)	DIRECT VACANT (SF)	OVERALL VACANCY RATE	CURRENT QTR OVERALL NET	2021 OVERALL ABSORPTION (SF)	UNDER CNSTR (SF)	2022 CNSTR COMPLETIONS	OVERALL AVG ASKING RENT	OVERALL AVG ASKING RENT
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CBD	13,101,750	827,896	2,113,276	22.4%	-25,455	-25,455	2,156,189	31,641	\$61.71	\$65.12
Central	1,451,916	6,428	217,327	15.4%	14,481	14,481	0	0	\$47.81	\$54.54
Far Northwest	16,814,877	738,130	2,265,766	17.9%	-131,030	-131,030	333,000	384,546	\$40.61	\$43.54
North Central	2,043,346	95,810	396,088	24.1%	29,774	29,774	0	0	\$33.56	\$45.26
Northeast	2,862,459	55,578	806,429	30.1%	-8,707	-8,707	424,367	0	\$33.78	\$40.34
Northwest	4,567,518	82,649	758,588	18.4%	-45,324	-45,324	0	0	\$35.57	\$38.93
Round Rock	1,753,684	52,004	461,066	29.3%	-226,857	-226,857	0	0	\$35.27	\$38.02
South Central	2,692,719	110,987	626,503	27.4%	74,722	74,722	134,623	350,611	\$46.64	\$62.68
Southeast	1,436,496	8,000	201,887	14.6%	0	0	0	0	\$33.26	\$37.61
Southwest	11,576,966	522,196	1,516,766	17.6%	-169,261	-169,261	83,096	0	\$43.96	\$46.75
East	2,517,602	169,745	682,545	33.9%	287,744	287,744	775,042	157,540	\$53.70	\$54.07
AUSTIN TOTALS	60,819,333	2,669,423	10,046,241	20.9%	-199,913	-199,913	3,906,317	924,338	\$45.24	\$50.40

<sup>\*</sup>Rental rates reflect full service asking

#### **KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q1 2022**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	RSF	TYPE
300 Colorado	CBD	TikTok	126,429	New
701 Rio	CBD	Cirrus Logic	120,000	New
Bouldin Creek	South Central	Atmosphere	113,250	New
Uplands Corporate Center II	Southwest	Tricentis	42,019	New

#### **KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q1 2022**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SF
Mueller Alpha Building	East	Shorenstein / Teachers Retirement System of Texas	250,000
Preserve at 620	Far Northwest	PacVentures / New American Funding	225,000
The Park	Northwest	OakPoint Real Estate / Divco West	93,317

#### **KEY CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS Q1 2022**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	SF	OWNER / DEVELOPER
River South	South Central	Baker Botts, Alert Media	350,611	Stream Realty
Domain Tower 2	Far Northwest	None	325,100	Stonelake
Centro South	East	Atlassian	157,540	Riverside Resources

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