MARKETBEAT

Detroit

Office Q4 2023



YoY Chg 12-Mo. Forecast

20.3% Vacancy Rate



-3.5MNet Absorption, SF





\$19.84Asking Rent, PSF





(Overall, All Property Classes)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q4 2023

2.0M

Detroit Employment



YoY Chg



12-Mo.

Forecast

4.0%

Detroit Unemployment Rate



U.S. Unemployment Rate





MICHIGAN ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Metro Detroit unemployment rate increased to 4.0%, a 30 basis point (bps) change on a year-over-year (YOY) basis. Local unemployment was higher than the national rate of 3.7%.

Major 2023 storylines for Metro Detroit included the UAW strikes, rising interest rates challenging Michigan's commercial real estate market and the success of *Detroit at Work* in creating job opportunities. Over the year, Michigan's non-farm employment rose by 34,000 and is projected to maintain healthy levels throughout 2024. Perhaps most notably, Michigan's statewide population grew in 2023 for the first time in several years, adding 3,980 new inhabitants.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND: Negative net absorption and high vacancy continue

The overall office market vacancy in Metro Detroit increased to 20.3% in the fourth quarter of 2023. Vacant inventory at year end increased by 21.6% YOY, reaching the highest point of vacancy since Q1 2013. Of the 21.0 million square feet (msf) vacant across the market, over 2.2 msf was available for sublease. Notably, vacant sublease inventory has doubled since Q4 2022.

Continuing a fifteen-quarter streak of negative overall net absorption, Q4 2023 registered negative 508,000 square feet (sf). This activity brought the year-to-date (YTD) total to negative 3.5 msf, though 66.4% of that negative net absorption was recorded in Q1 and Q2 2023. Of 19 tracked office submarkets, five experienced positive YTD overall net absorption. Leading the way was the Plymouth/Northville submarket as Delta Electronics occupied its 38,000-sf office at the Metro West Technology Park building. Apart from absorption, Metro Detroit recorded 435,000 sf of new leasing activity during Q4 2023, bringing YTD leasing activity to 2.1 msf. As compared to Q4 2022, leasing activity recorded 599,000 sf, a 27.4% decrease YOY. For Q4 2023, one of the largest sublease transactions was inked by Rocket Legal, at 1 Campus Martius, in the Detroit CBD submarket. On the construction front, a new office tower located at the former Hudson's department store site is expected to complete in 2024, adding a 404,000 sf Class A building to the Detroit CBD submarket.

PRICING: Asking rents remain fixed in Q4

Across all categories, the overall average asking rental rate was \$19.84 per square foot (psf) gross in Q4 2023, an increase of 0.3% YOY and a slight decrease of 20 bps over the prior quarter.



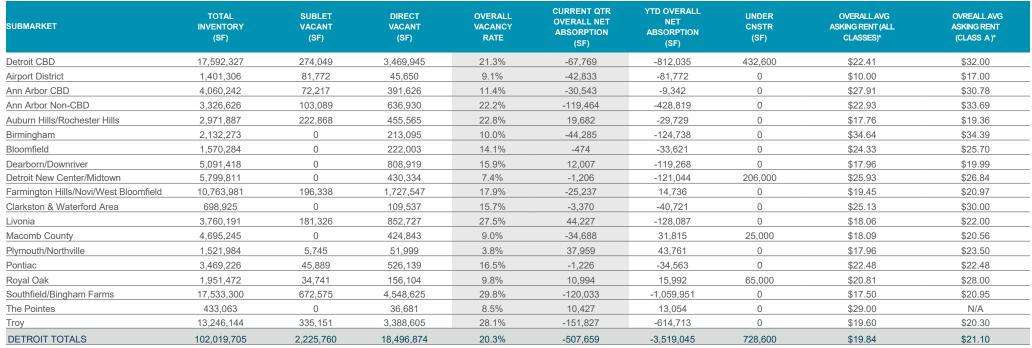
OVERALL VACANCY & ASKING RENT



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MARKET STATISTICS



^{*}Rental rates reflect full service asking

KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q4 2023

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SF	TYPE
500 Renaissance Ctr	Detroit CBD	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Michigan	309,728	Renewal
1 Campus Martius	Detroit CBD	Rocket Legal	66,500	Sublease
2 Corporate Dr	Southfield/Bingham Farms	Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.	16,288	New Lease

KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q4 2023

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SF	PRICE / \$PSF
7300 Woodward Ave	Detroit New Center/Midtown	The Platform / LGC Global Corporation	250,000	\$18.4 M / \$73.43
1075 Entrance Dr W	Auburn Hills/Novi/ West Bloomfield	Bridge Investment Group / Justin Cutler	210,000	\$7.1 M / \$33.70
175-217 Jackson Plz	Ann Arbor Non-CBD	Eyde Development / Ari-El Enterprises, Inc.	109,324	\$2.6 M / \$25.21

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