

Chicago



Conditions further tighten for industrial tenants in Chicago as demand swells

Asking rents across the Chicago industrial market continued to trend upward in the first quarter, increasing 7.5% quarter-over-quarter to \$5.76 per square foot (psf). Nearly 7 million square feet (msf) of net absorption was observed this quarter, well above the long-term average. Vacancy has tracked downward for four consecutive quarters and stood at 6.8% this quarter, down 260 basis points (bps) from a year ago. With almost 28 million square feet of new product currently under construction, quality options exist for occupiers in the market, albeit at price points higher than some tenants are used to paying.

Larger leases witnessed at new developments

Approximately 4.5 million square feet of industrial space delivered in the first quarter of 2022. 1.2 msf alone were completed in two Kenosha properties, both of which remain entirely available to occupiers. Leasing activity this period was stymied by supply constraints, but tenants remained active in the market. While Amazon has reportedly shifted its strategy to acquire more of the properties it occupies, the company nevertheless leased more than 1.0 msf on 38th Street in Kenosha, to be utilized as a same-day distribution center. Power management company Eaton leased 371,000 sf in Woodridge at Duke Realty's speculative development that is set to deliver in July.

Fewer affordable options for occupiers seeking strategic proximity to airports, major arteries

With much of the the new development in the Chicago market taking place in more outlying locations, some companies are being forced to locate further away from O'Hare, larger suburbs, and the major interstate interchanges. On the upside, these more rural locales typically command lower asking rents and property taxes. Some developers have considered repurposing existing types properties and converting them to industrial. In one example, Dermody Properties acquired the former Allstate office campus in Northbrook and is seeking to turn the 120-acre parcel into more than 3 msf of warehouse buildings.

Outlook

- Supply chain issues are causing headaches for some developers as construction delays mount and costs soar, yet new construction projects have continued, and development should remain elevated in the near and medium terms
- Although market conditions are comparatively tight, vacancy is holding just a few percentage points lower than the longterm vacancy average
- While rents have risen sharply since the start of the pandemic, Chicago remains a comparatively affordable market as compared to many coastal U.S. markets and, for that reason, will continue to be attractive to occupiers

KEY STATISTICS

	Q1 2021	Q1 2022	y-o-y Change
Inventory	600.1 MSF	611.9 MSF	A
Vacancy Rate	9.4%	6.8%	▼
Quarterly Net Absorption	2.6 MSF	6.7 MSF	A
Under Construction	21.6 MSF	27.8 MSF	A
Deliveries	4.9 MSF	4.5 MSF	▼
Asking Rental Rate	\$5.15	\$5.76	A

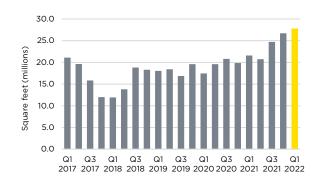
ASKING RENT AND VACANCY



NET ABSORPTION



UNDER CONSTRUCTION



BY THE NUMBERS

27.8M

square feet under construction, well above the historical average 11.8%

asking rent growth over the past

Joliet exhibits lowest submarket vacancy, declining for the fourth straight quarter

TOP TRANSACTIONS

Leases					
Tenant	Square Feet	Address	Transaction Type	Submarket	Landlord
Amazon	1,050,000	10601 38 th Street	New	Kenosha	Venture One Real Estate
Eaton	371,000	10000 Woodward Avenue	New	I-55	Duke Realty
Pitney Bowes	363,000	14746 S Gougar Road	New	Joliet Area	ML Realty Partners
RTC	228,000	265 Marquette Drive	Renewal	I-55	Black Creek Group
Symbia Logistics	184,000	1150 W 115 th Street	Expansion	I-55	Ivanhoé Cambridge

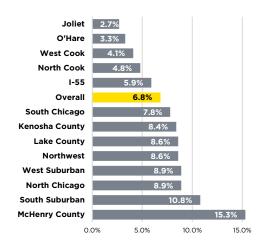
Sales

Owner/Buyer	Square Feet	Address	Price	Submarket	Seller
Avison Young	907,000	3835 Youngs Road	\$96,750,000	Joliet Area	Walton Street Capital
First Investments LLC	338,000	2700 52 nd Street	\$13,550,000	Kenosha County	Thomas Barnhill
Farallon Capital Management	265,000	1600 Industrial Drive	\$11,200,000	McHenry County	Brennan Investment Group
Northbrook Properties	213,000	5650 Centerpoint Court	\$19,180,000	Lake County	CenterPoint Properties
Kovitz Management	196,000	10550 86 th Avenue	\$24,300,000	Kenosha County	Scannell Properties

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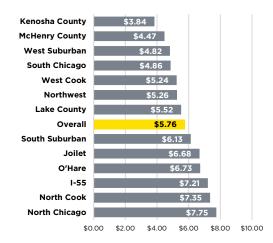
VACANCY RATE COMPARISON

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RENTAL RATE COMPARISON (\$/SF)

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Unless otherwise noted, all rents quoted throughout this report are average asking net (NNN) rents per square foot. Statistics are calculated using both direct and sublease information. Current and historical vacancy and rent data are subject to change due to changes in inventory.

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