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## As market conditions continue shift. absorption stays negative

Los Angeles

For the fifth consecutive quarter, the Los Angeles industrial market saw negative absorption. In the fourth quarter of 2023, overall absorption recorded -280,200 million square feet (msf). Much of this movement stemmed from the Commerce/Vernon and Mid-Counties submarkets, which recorded a total of -783,400 square feet (sf) absorption. The largest moveouts in the Los Angeles market were Avalon Cold Storage from 300,000 square feet (sf) in Compton, Furniture of America out of 260,000 sf in City of Industry and Cotton On vacating 181,000 sf in La Mirada. Overall vacancy ticked up 40 basis points (bps) over the previous quarter to 4.5%, up 220 bps from the total vacancy rate of 2.3% reported a year earlier. This increase in vacancy is due to increased available sublease space as well as vacant construction deliveries.

#### Warehouse rents plateau as vacancy rates change

As market conditions have shifted due to economic challenges, overall asking rental rates decreased by 1.1% from the previous guarter to \$1.53 NNN and by 6.7% from one year ago. Expect to see stabilization in rental rates as vacancy rates continue to change. The top transaction in Q4 was a new lease by National Road Logistics for 315,256 sf in Torrance, followed by Lincoln Transportation subleasing 234,600 sf in Compton, and Classic Concepts leasing 233,340 sf in Irwindale.

#### Economic uncertainties are expected to affect market conditions

Heading into 2024, overall vacancy rates are expected to increase given new construction deliveries, increasing available sublease space and rising operating costs. Southern California inflation hardships have become more apparent, and landlords, developers, tenants and lenders are all being affected by changing consumer spending as it relates to e-commerce fulfillment demand and flexing interest rates. Despite these challenges, the Los Angeles industrial market has historically had persistently strong market conditions. Also, the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles saw an increase in cargo volume that could help stabilize space demand.

## **Key Statistics**

|                              | Q4 2022   | Q4 2023   | Y-0-Y     |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Inventory                    | 661.1 msf | 675.7 msf | +14.4 msf |
| Vacancy Rate                 | 2.3%      | 4.5%      | +220 bps  |
| Asking Rental Rate (Monthly) | \$1.64    | \$1.53    | -6.7%     |
| Net Absorption               | -1.6 msf  | -0.3 msf  | -1.3 msf  |
| Under Construction           | 6.0 msf   | 7.3 msf   | +1.3 msf  |
| Deliveries                   | 1.2 msf   | 2.3 msf   | +1.1 msf  |

### Outlook

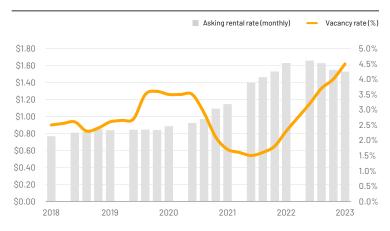


Vacancy will likely increase as new construction delivers and companies continue to downsize

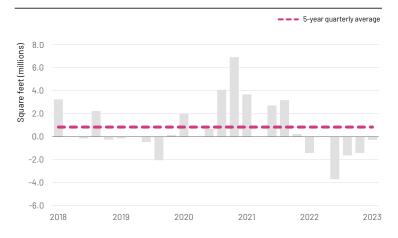


Cargo volume increased by 24% year over year at the Port of Long Beach and by 19% at the Port of LA, which could impact future leasing

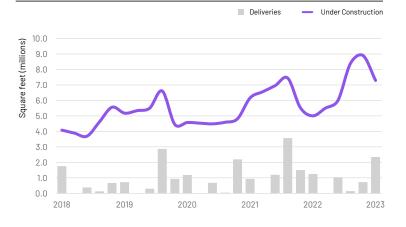
## Asking Rent and Vacancy



## Net Absorption



### **Deliveries and Under Construction**



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With the Federal Reserve signaling the possibility of three interest rate cuts next year, property sales could see a change in volume

**Top Leases** 

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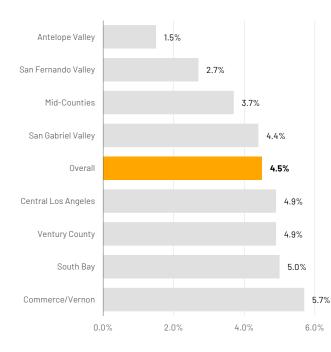
| TENANT                  | SIZE (SF) | SUBMARKET          | ADDRESS                     | TRANSACTION TYPE | INDUSTRY                          |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| National Road Logistics | 315,256   | South Bay          | 19200-19270 Western Avenue  | New Lease        | Logistics & Distribution/<br>3PLs |
| Lincoln Transportation  | 234,600   | South Bay          | 601 W Carob Street          | Sublease         | Logistics & Distribution/<br>3PLs |
| Classic Concepts        | 233,342   | San Gabriel Valley | 5091 4 <sup>th</sup> Street | New Lease        | Retailer                          |
| Daiso California LLC    | 220,000   | Mid Counties       | 16400 Trojan Way            | New Lease        | Logistics & Distribution/<br>3PLs |
| Esong Group             | 150,000   | San Gabriel Valley | 1021 N Todd Avenue          | Expansion        | Communications / Media /<br>Tech  |

#### **Top Sales**

| OWNER/BUYER                     | SIZE (SF) | SUBMARKET          | ADDRESS                                      | PRICE / \$/SF     | SELLER                               |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rexford Industrial Realty, Inc. | 993,142   | San Gabriel Valley | 15801 E First Street                         | \$120.0 M / \$120 | The Pabst Brewing Company            |
| Harbor Associates               | 126,015   | South Bay          | 690-750 W 190 <sup>th</sup> Street (4 Bldgs) | \$55.0 M / \$436  | Campbell Campbell &<br>Campbell Inc. |
| Prologis, Inc.                  | 239,780   | Central LA         | 7400 E Slauson Avenue                        | \$50.0 M / \$208  | The Gehr Group                       |
| Terreno Realty                  | 112,400   | South Bay          | 2411 Santa Fe Avenue                         | \$45.7 M / \$407  | Link Logistics Real Estate           |
| Rockview Dairies, Inc.          | 74,160    | San Gabriel Valley | 14955 E Don Julian Road                      | \$30.5 M / \$411  | Chestnut Properties LLC              |

# Vacancy Rate Comparison (%)

LOS ANGELES SUBMARKETS



# Rental Rate Comparison $(\$/sf)^*$

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