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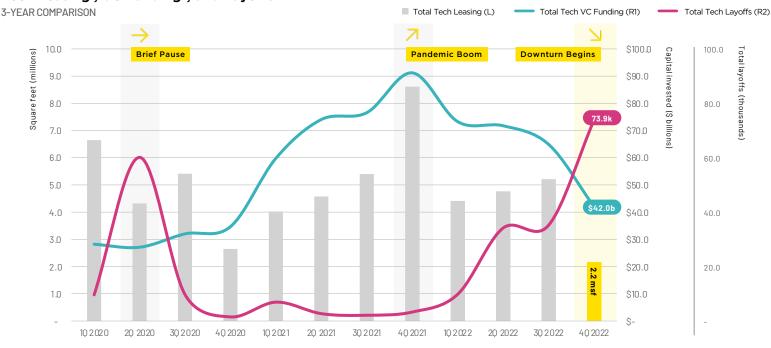
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Tech Leasing¹, VC Funding², and Layoffs³



Note: Tech leasing includes leases over 20,000 square feet across Savills US office markets Sources: \(^1\) Savills Research; \(^2\) Pitchbook, \(^3\) Layoffs.fyi

Key Shifts

2020 → Brief Pause

Brief pause to tech growth in the earliest stages of the pandemic as leases were put on hold, investment was stifled, and jobs were cut as companies processed Covid-19 impacts. As the year ended, many tech companies resumed aggressive hiring, focusing on the opportunity to tap into new labor pools through the hiring of remote employees.

2021

Pandemic Boom

VC funding hit a record-high as 2021 closed, and tech behemoths and startups alike aggressively hired amid the war for talent. The increased adaption of remote work suppressed the correlation between employment growth and an equivalent growth in office demand seen prepandemic.

2022

Downturn Begins

Global economic volatility, inflation, high interest rates, earnings pressures, and a decrease in VC funding pushed the tech sector into cost-cutting mode. This resulted in significant layoffs and a marked slowdown in leasing activity as the year closed.

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Tech layoff announcements have continued, and companies within the industry are increasingly under pressure from investors and boards to control costs. Coupled with a shift towards remote-work styles, office demand from the tech sector will likely be tempered in 2023.

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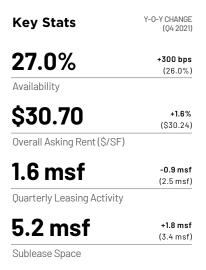
The novelty of remote work is wearing off for many tech employees who want further connection to their colleagues and organizations. As more companies establish coherent visions for how they intend to use office space going forward, we expect tech workers to migrate to firms that align with how they want to work: in-office, hybrid or remote.

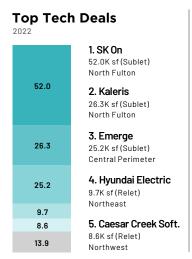


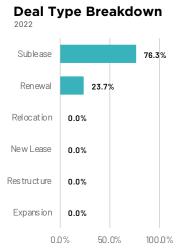
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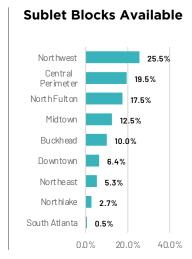
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Despite a recent compression in technology company valuations, enthusiasm around Atlanta-based companies continues. Atlanta remains fundamentally sound as a tech-friendly market due to its high population growth, proximity to top research institutions and its continuation as a business-friendly environment.

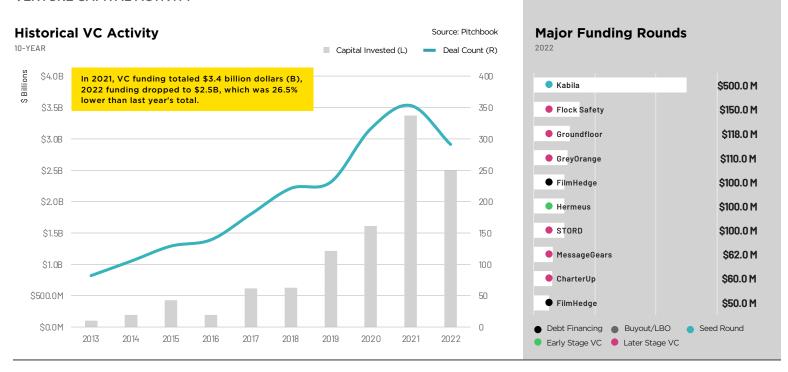


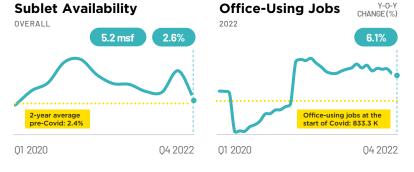






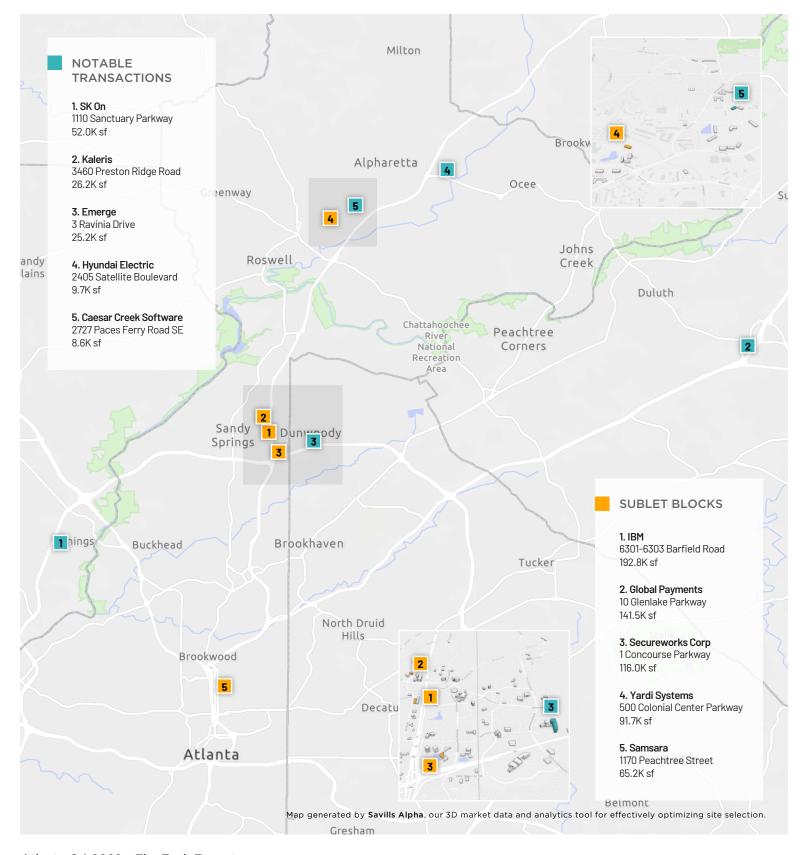
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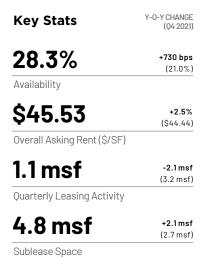
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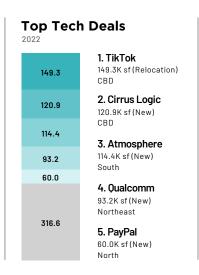


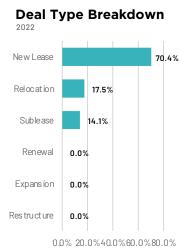
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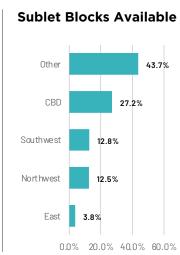
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Austin's office market, especially in the tech sector, experienced a slowdown in the final quarter of 2022. Amid economic concerns, quarterly leasing volume declined significantly, and the overall sublease availability increased to 4.8 MSF which exceeds 2.0% of office inventory. Macroeconomic concerns including recession fears, high interest rates and hybrid workplace model have decreased office demands for the tech industry.

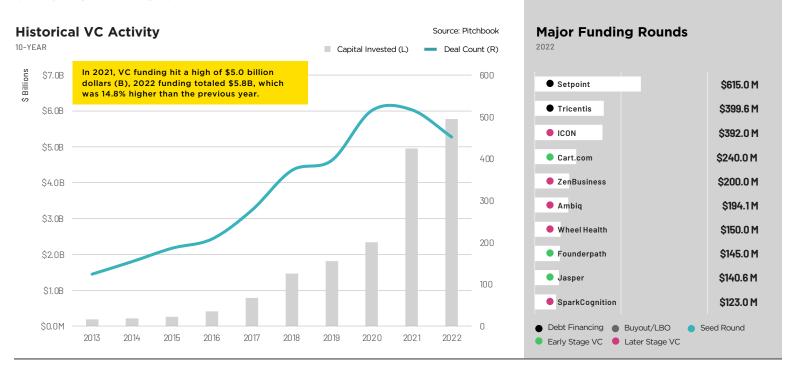








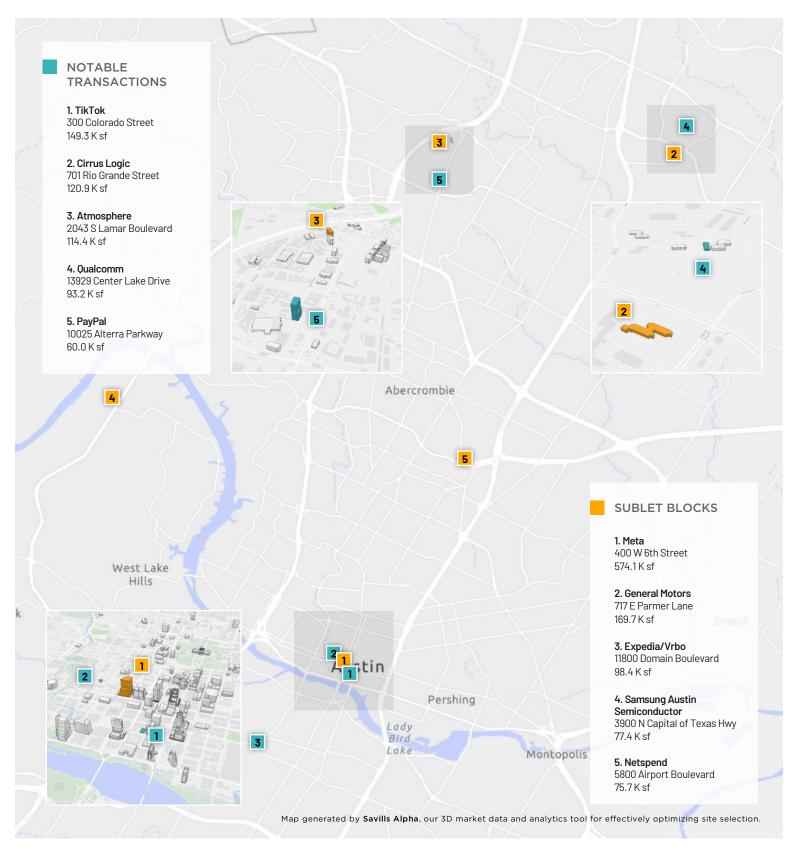
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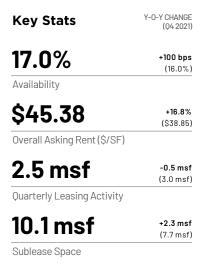
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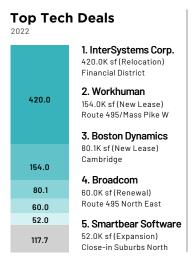
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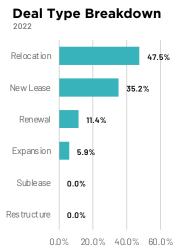
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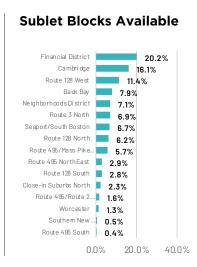
During Q4 many tech companies have announced a reversal of their remote first policy, as they look to implement new workplace policies in the future that requires employees to be in the office for a fixed number of days during the week.



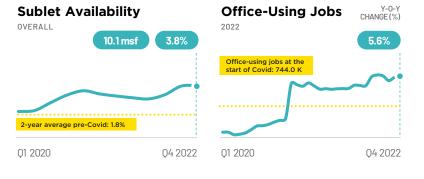
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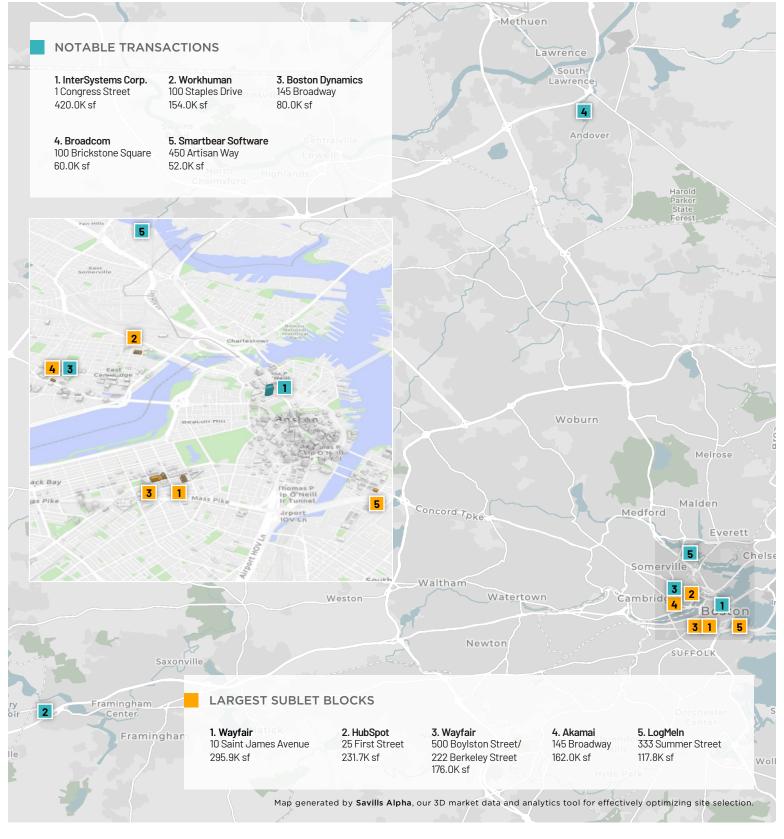


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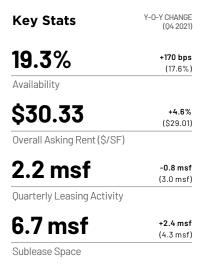
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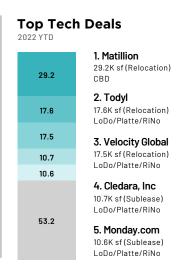


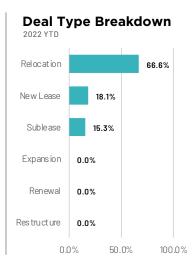
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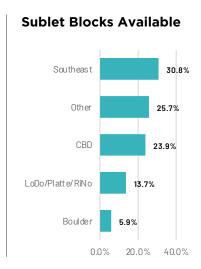
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Denver's sublease availability reached an all-time high of 6.3 million square feet (msf), up 47% from 4.3 msf one year ago, as companies look to control costs and navigate economic uncertainty. As the technology sector pauses hiring practices, expect low office demand and tenant-favorable market conditions to remain in 2023.

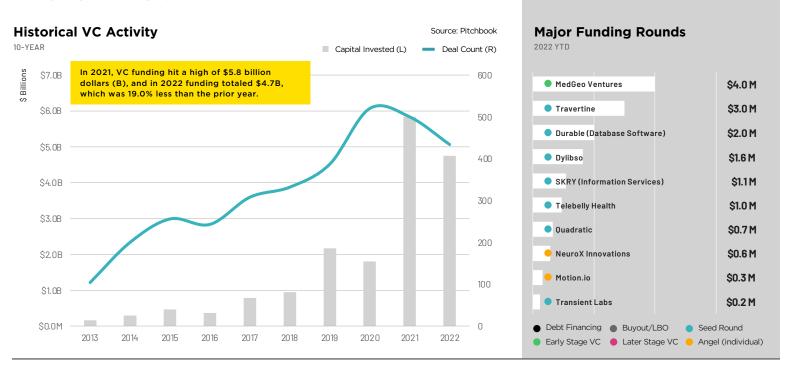


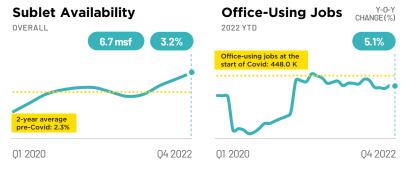






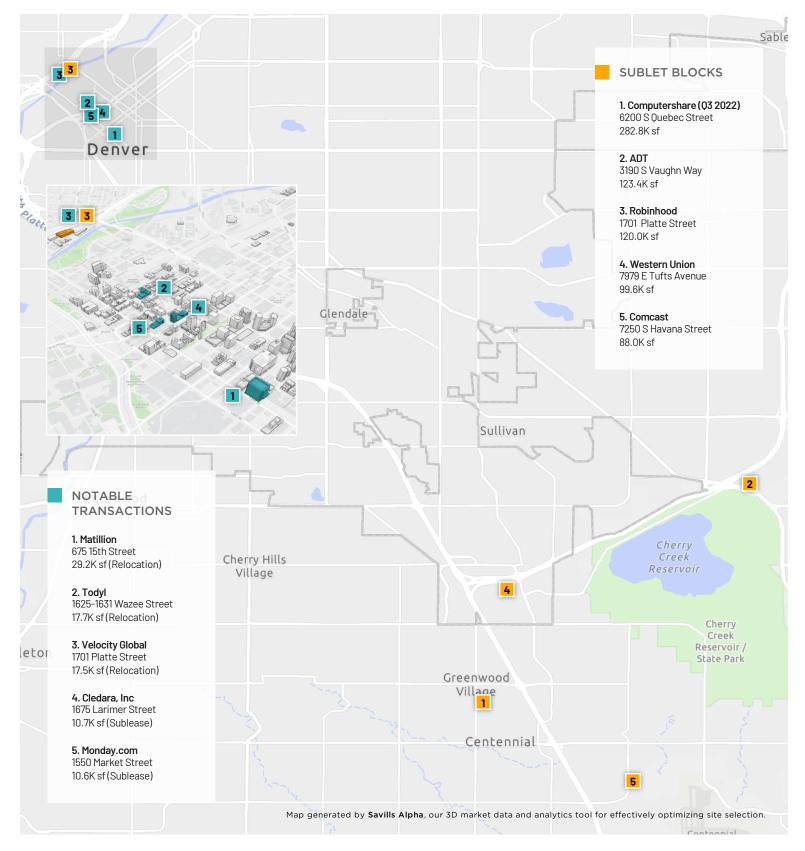
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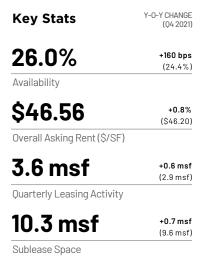
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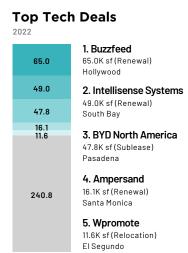


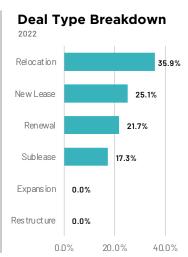
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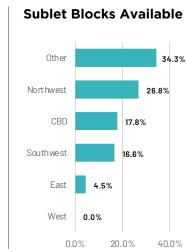
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With the current correction in the technology sector now leading to tens of thousands of layoffs, high-profile office spaces are being put on the market for sublease or leases are being terminated altogether. As office tech space requirements are being put on hold, the Los Angeles office market will be even more tenant-favorable as demand is forecasted to remain low going into 2023.

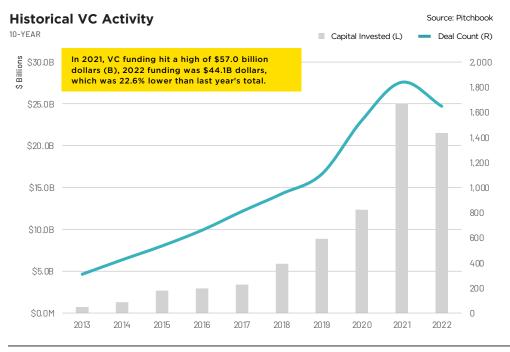








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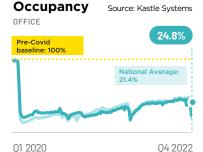


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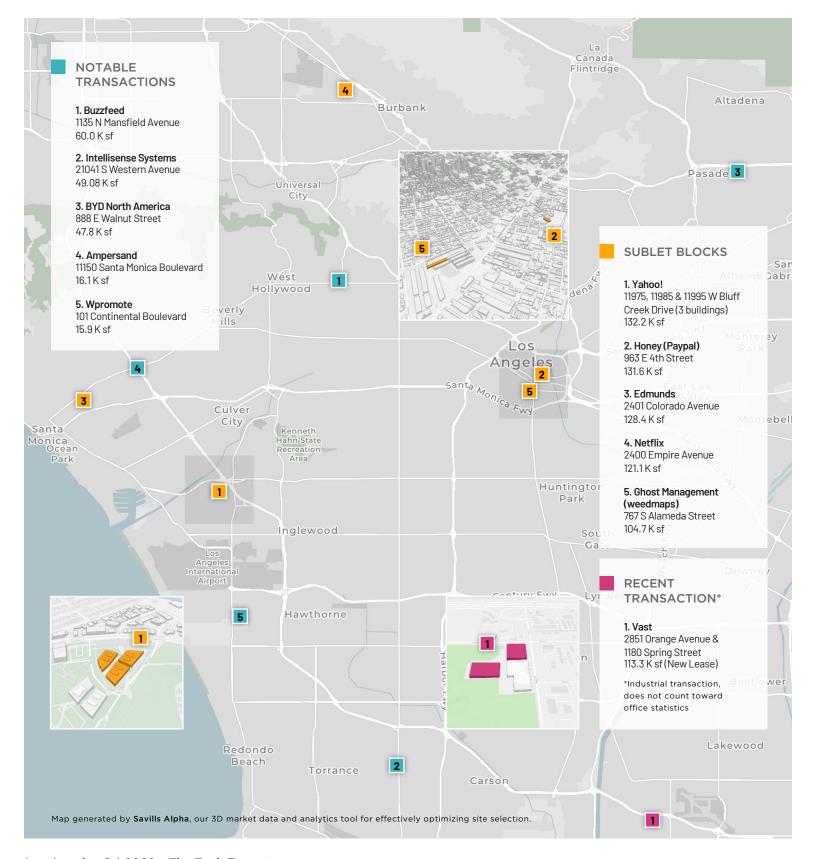
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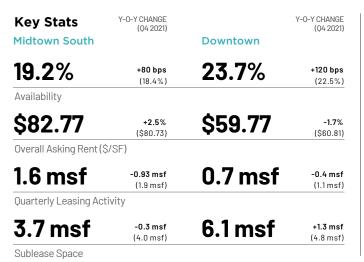
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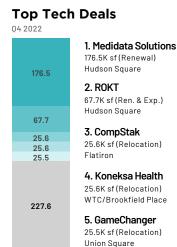


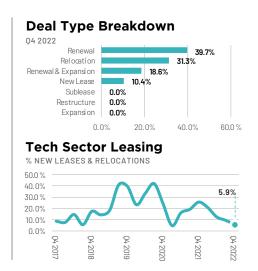
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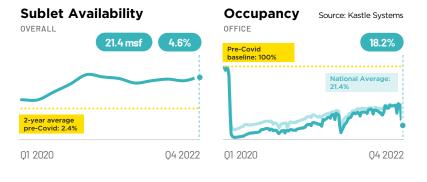
The threat of a recession and mass layoffs by the industry's largest corporations led to a slowdown in leasing in the fourth quarter among New York's tech sector, with renewals outpacing new leases and relocations, as the majority of closed transactions were expiration-driven.





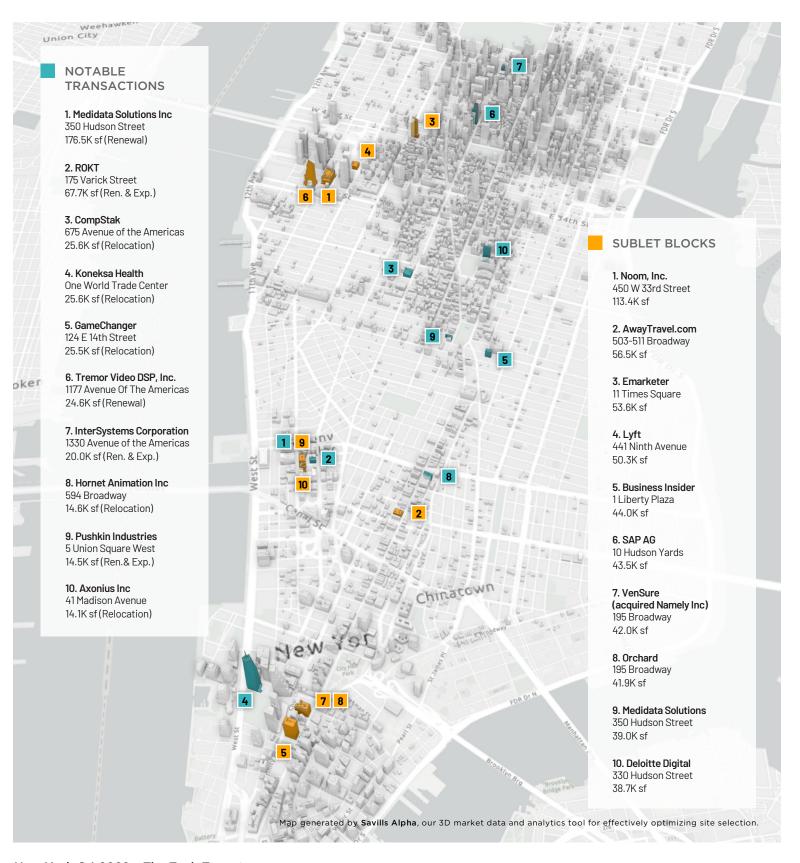


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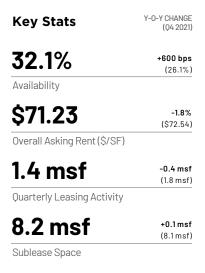
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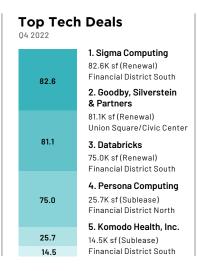


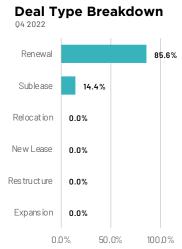
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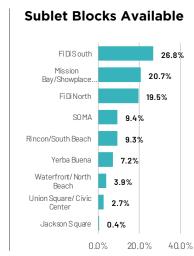
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Nearly one-third of all office space in San Francisco is now available for lease as the tech sector slowdown persists. Expect the technology sector correction to keep office demand low as both tech giants and private startups are now in cost-cutting mode.

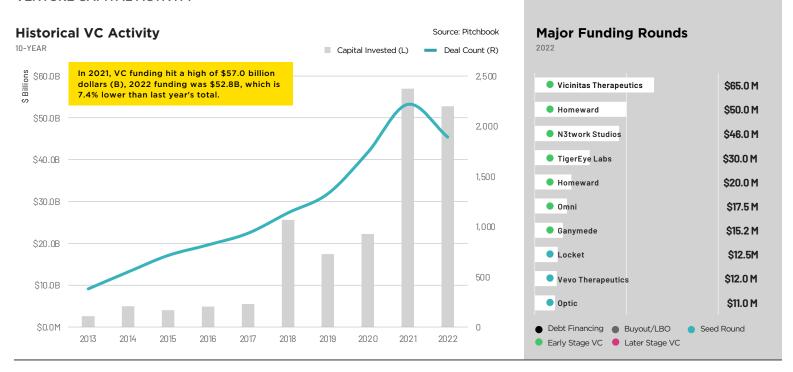








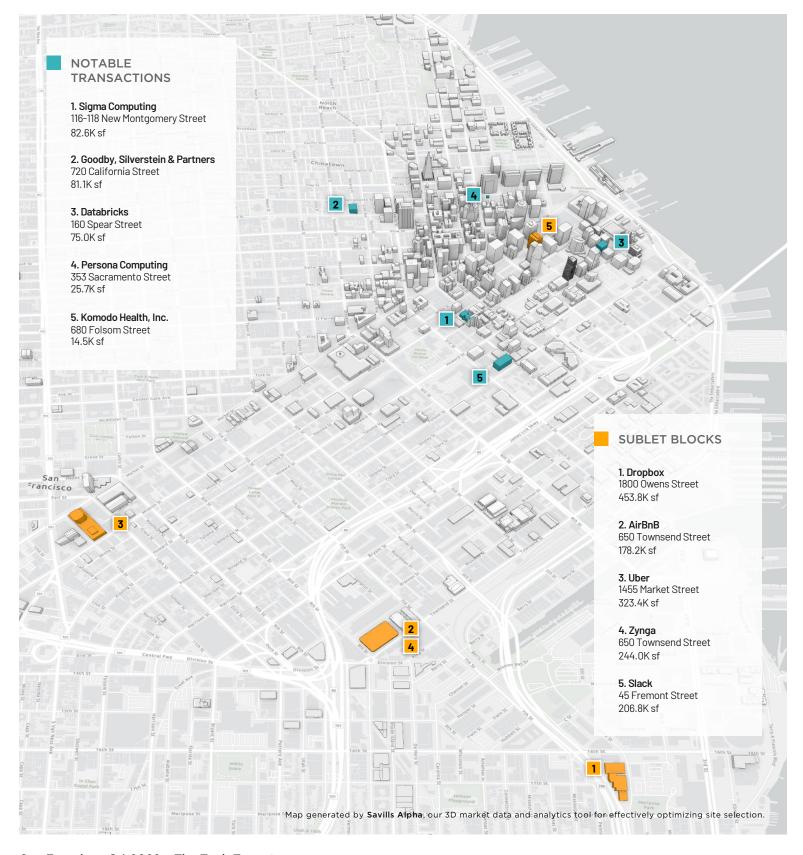
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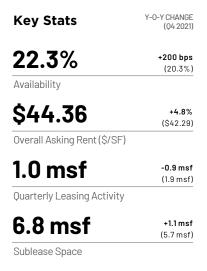
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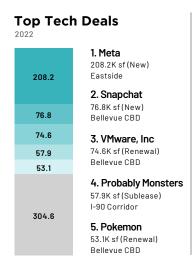


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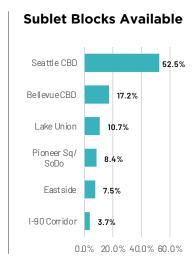
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The Seattle/Puget Sound technology sector experienced a sharp decline in tech transactions in the second half of 2022, and more tenants returned space to market in the form of subleases, further elevating availability. Occupiers have an exceptional window of opportunity to choose from an abundance of high-quality space options and secure extremely tenant-favorable terms.

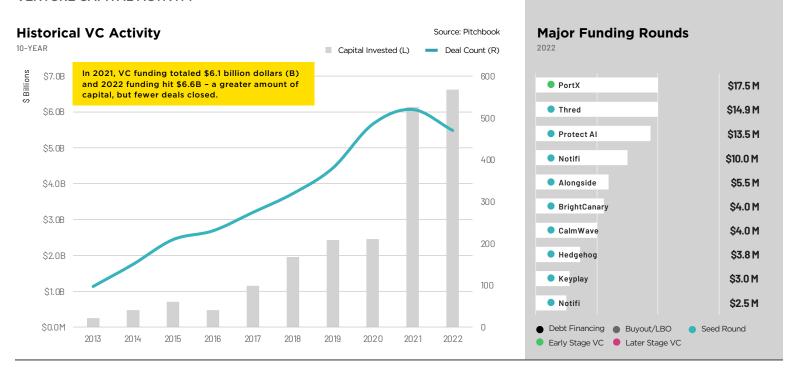


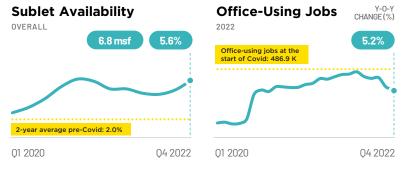






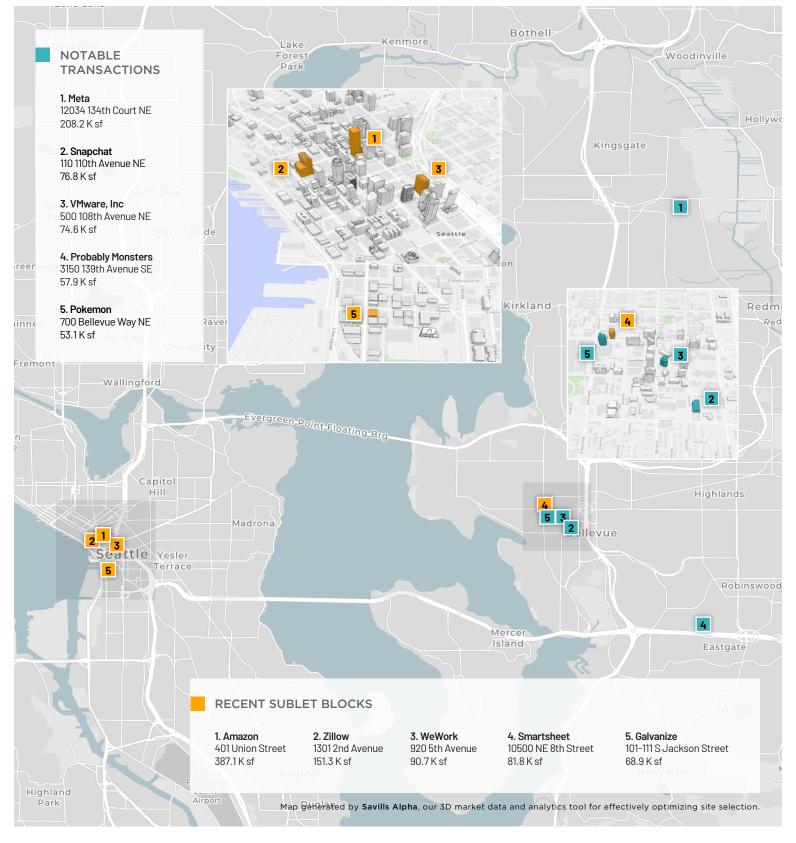
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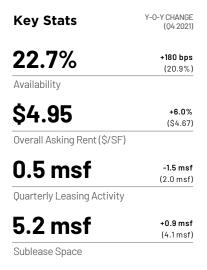
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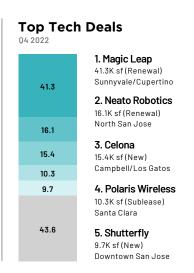


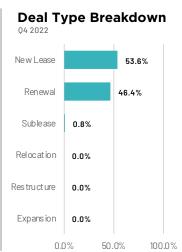
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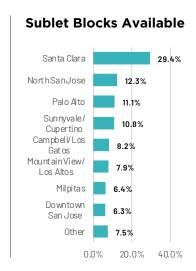
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The technology sector correction that began mid-2022 is still ongoing with market demand expected to remain slow moving into 2023. There is a window of opportunity for tenants to lease office space for dramatically less than what it would have cost pre-pandemic with abundant space options to choose from.

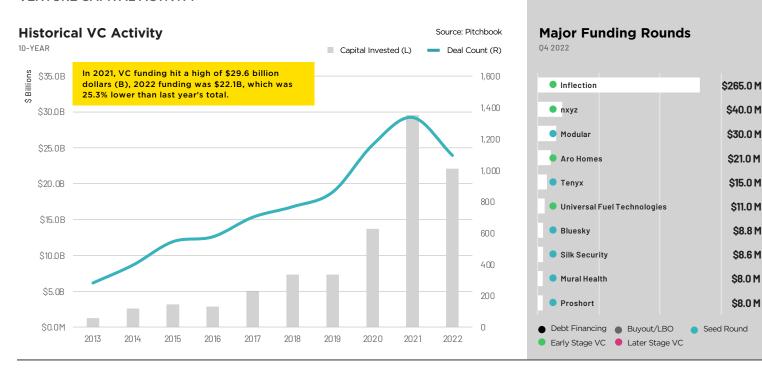


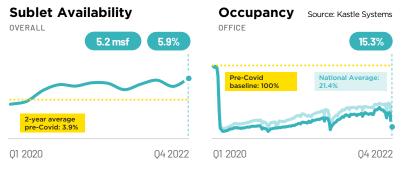






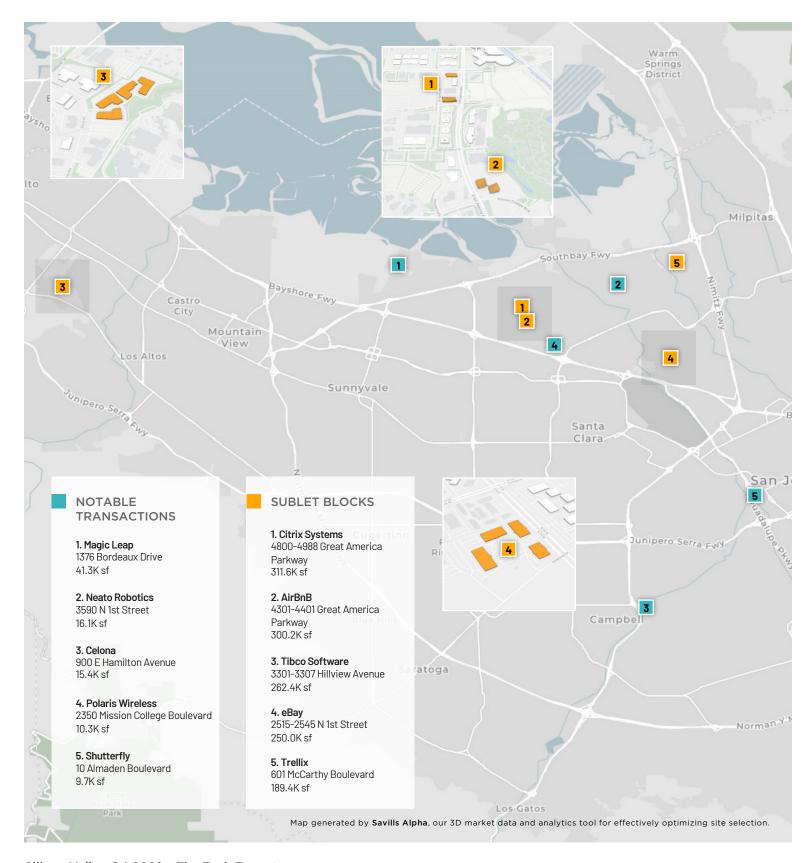
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Despite sweeping tech sector layoffs due to adjustments in over-hiring and falling short of forecasted growth, unemployment rates remain low. For skilled labor in cloud computing, tech sales, and cyber security, it takes less than three months after a layoff to pivot into higher growth sectors among mature and digitally transformed organizations such as automotive, healthcare and logistics. A data-driven location and labor strategy across every industry remains critical to achieving financial and growth objectives.



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