



Retail Market - Key Trends Snapshot



Retail Market

Overview: The market for retail space was relatively stable in the third quarter of 2023 across much of Virginia. Absorption remains positive, and the overall vacancy rate continues to inch downward. Rents are climbing in most metro areas. Smaller neighborhood size retail space had the sharpest increase in rents this quarter.

Absorption: In Virginia, retail net absorption continues to be positive with nearly 499,000 sq ft of space absorbed in the third quarter, up from net negative absorption of 445,000 sq ft a year ago. Across all metro areas, Northern Virginia had the largest amount of retail space absorbed with about 498,000 sq ft followed by Charlottesville with nearly 80,000 sq ft. Large/Big Box retail accounted for most of the positive absorption in the state with about 440,000 sq ft while small neighborhood retail had a negative net absorption of around 41,000 sq ft.

Vacancy Rate: Retail vacancy rates have been coming down slowly over the last few quarters. Statewide, the vacancy rate for retail space was 3.9% in the third quarter of 2023, down from 4.5% a year ago. Charlottesville had the highest vacancy rate in Q3 2023 at 5.0% with large/big box retail making up most of the vacant space at 9.0%. The metro area with the lowest retail vacancy rate this quarter was Harrisonburg at 1.5%.

Rent: The average full-service rent for retail space in Virginia grew to \$17.14 this quarter, an increase of 6.5% from last year. The majority of the growth was driven by small/neighborhood retail with full-service rent jumping up 9.0% from Q2 2023. Retail rents jumped 26.3% in the Winchester market and rose 11% in the Richmond region.

Construction/Deliveries: There was about 1.15 million sq ft of new retail space under construction in Q3 2023, up 18.6% from a year ago. Most new construction took place in Northern Virginia with about 470,000 sq ft of retail space and in Richmond with around 300,000 sq ft. Despite the jump in new construction, deliveries of retail space fell by 51.6% from a year ago.

Retail-Supporting Job Sectors (% Chg Jul-23 to Aug-23, seassonally asjusted)



VIRGINIA (Statewide)

Market Indicator Dashboard

	YoY Chg	Q3-2023	Indicator
% chg	-0.2%	453.1	Total Inventory (sq. ft, in millions)
sq. ft	943,871	498,365	Net Absorption (sq. ft)
pct point	-0.6%	3.9%	Vacancy Rate (%)
\$ per sq. ft	\$1.05	\$17.14	Full Service Rent (\$ per sq. ft)
sq. ft	-197,890	185,716	New Supply Delivered (sq. ft)
sq. ft	182,424	1,158,576	Under Construction (sq. ft)

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Economic Indicator Dashboard

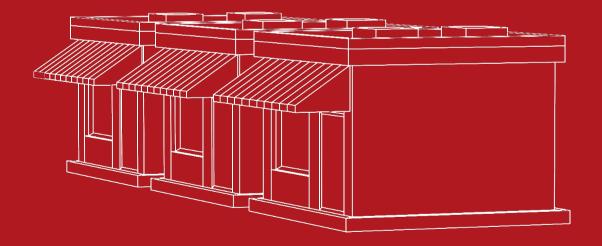
	MoM % Chg	Aug-23	Indicator
% chg	0.2%	4.2	Total Jobs (in millions, seasonally adjusted)
% chg	-0.1%	796.7	Retail-Supporting Jobs (in thousands, seasonally adjusted)
pct point	0 QoQ Chg	2.5 % Q2-2023	Unemployment Rate (% seasonally adjusted)
pct point	-1.5%	1.1	Gross Domestic Product (% chg from prior year)

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Virginia Retail Market

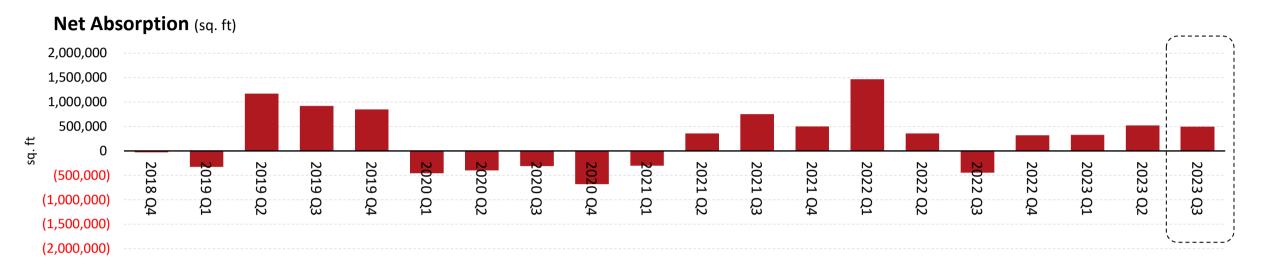
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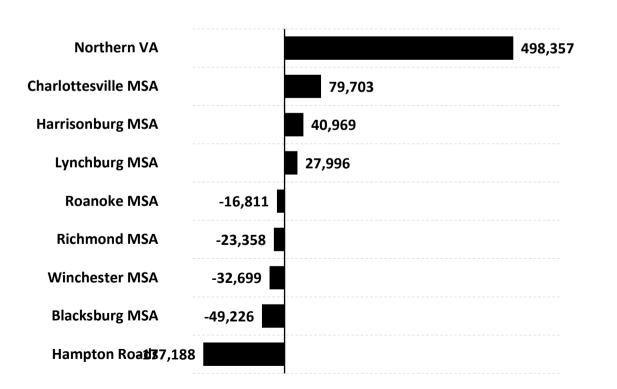
Retail Market - Absorption & Construction Trends



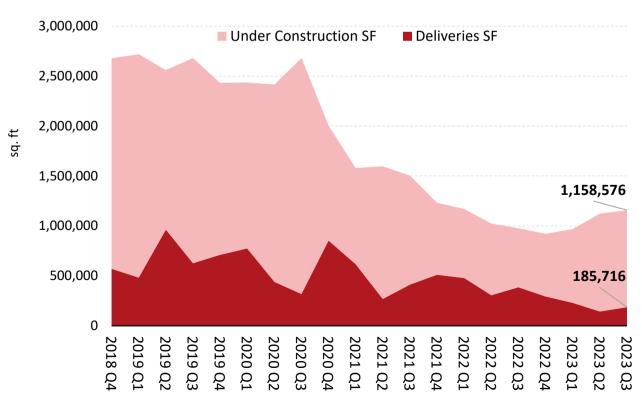
VIRGINIA (Statewide)



Q3-2023 Net Absorption by Metro Area (sq ft)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



Retail Market - Rent Trends



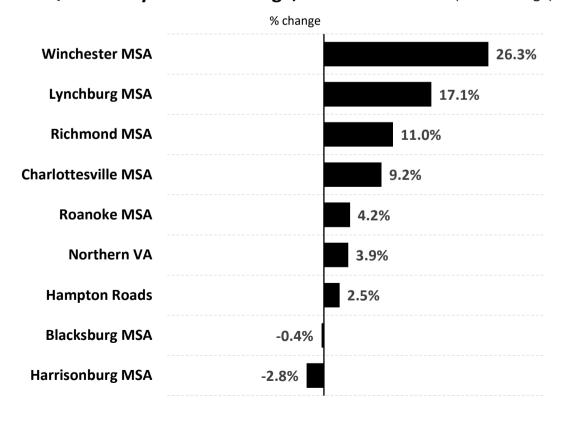
VIRGINIA (Statewide)



% Change, Full Service Rent (YoY % change)



Q3-2023 by MSA: % Change, Full Service Rent (YoY % change)



Retail Market - Vacancy Trends



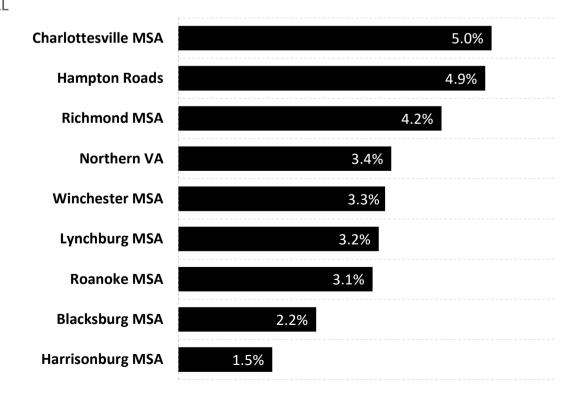
VIRGINIA (Statewide)



Vacant Inventory (sq. ft)

■ SMALL/NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL LARGE/BIG BOX Q3-2023 25,000,000 20,000,000 15,000,000 10,000,000 11,356,454 5,000,000 2,009,411 2020 Q4 2021 Q2 2021 Q3 2022 Q1 2022 Q2 2022 Q3 2023 Q1 2023 Q2 2021 Q4 2022 Q4 Ω

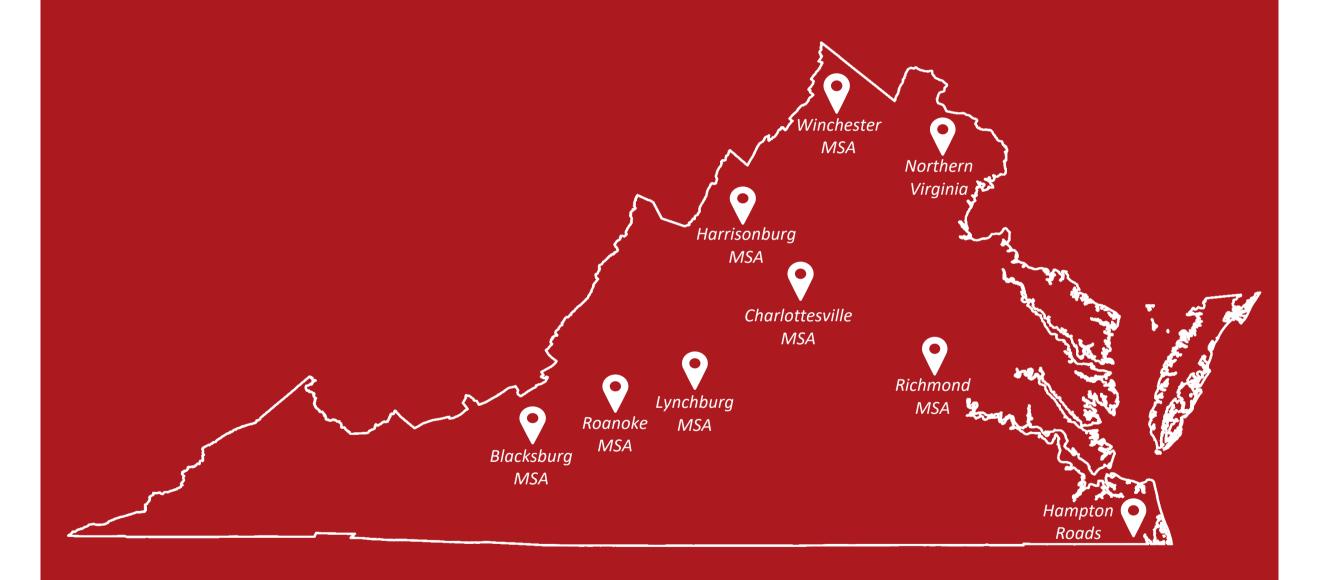
Q3-2023 Retail Vacancy Rate by MSA





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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

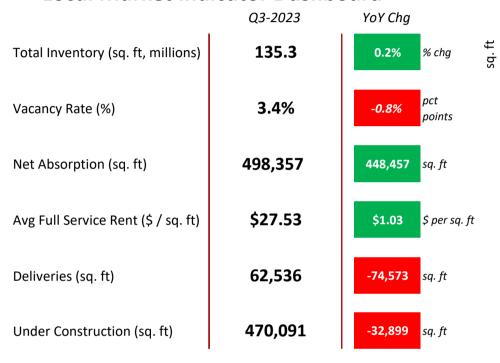


Snapshot of Retail Market Conditions Around Virginia

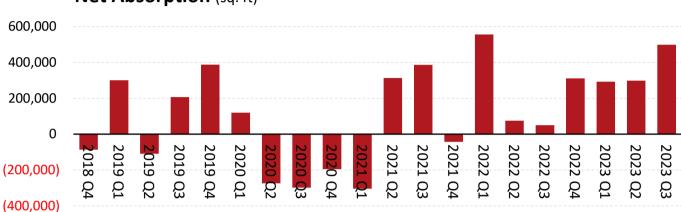


NORTHERN VIRGINIA

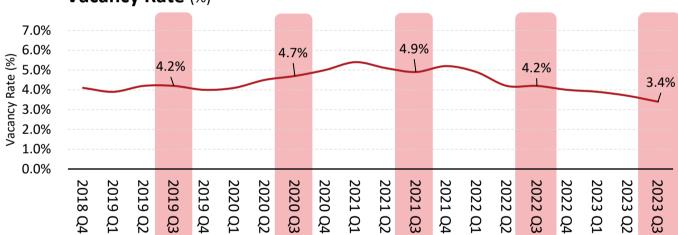
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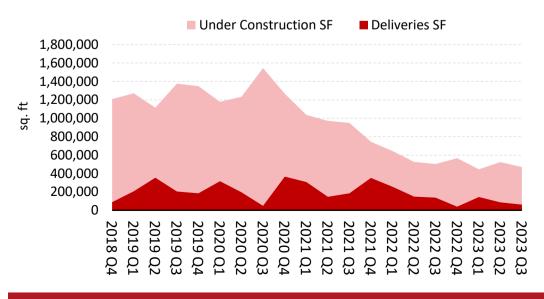
Net Absorption (sq. ft)



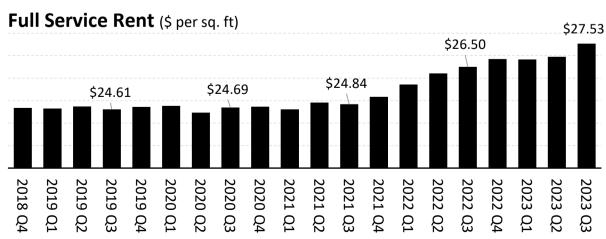
Vacancy Rate (%)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



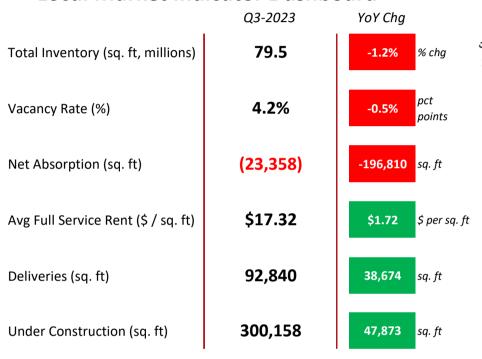




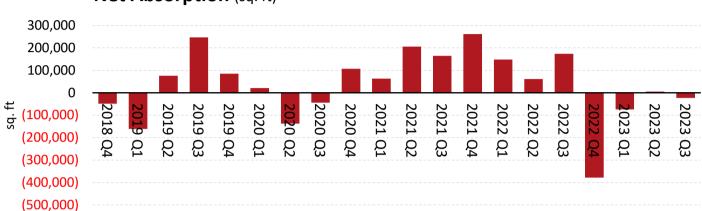


PRICHMOND MSA

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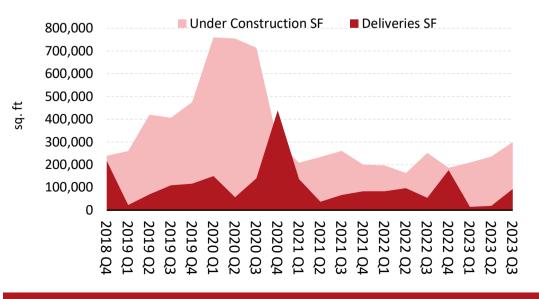


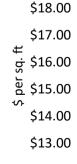
Net Absorption (sq. ft)









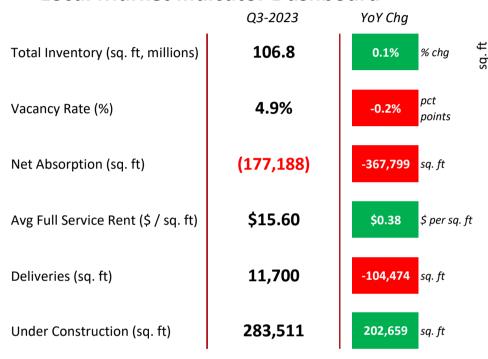






PHAMPTON ROADS

Local Market Indicator Dashboard



Net Absorption (sq. ft)

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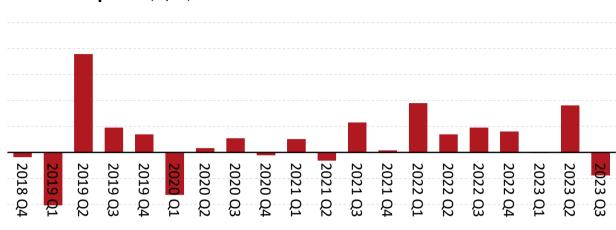
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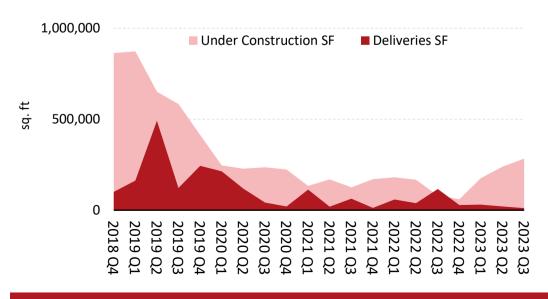
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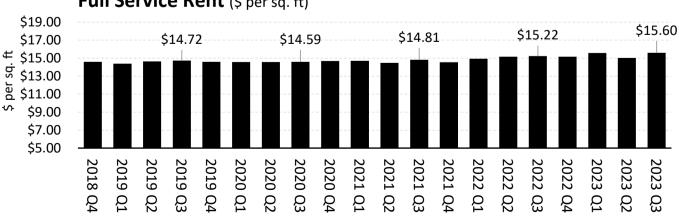




Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



Full Service Rent (\$ per sq. ft)

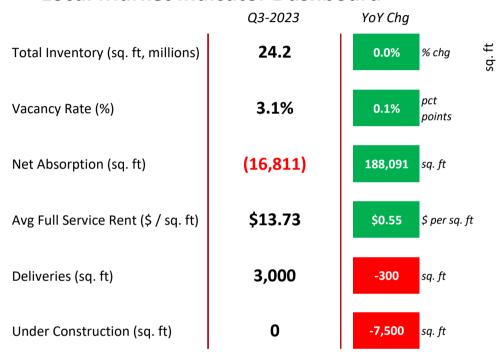


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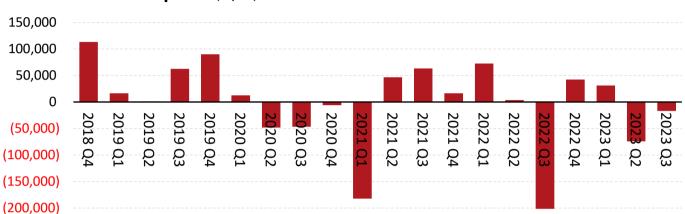




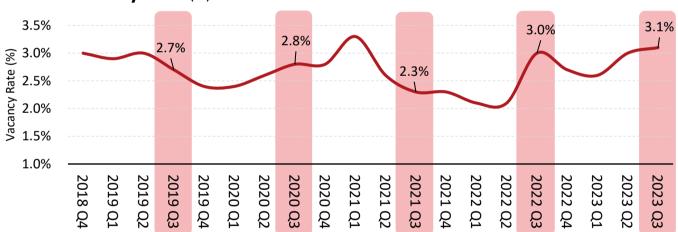
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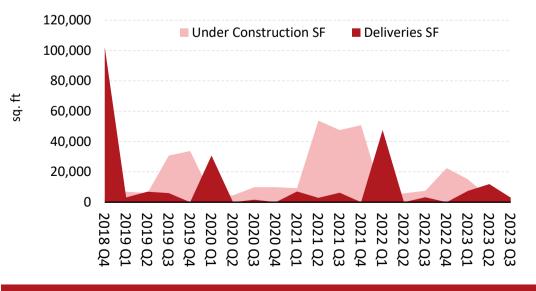
Net Absorption (sq. ft)



Vacancy Rate (%)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



Full Service Rent (\$ per sq. ft)

\$17.00

\$15.00

\$9.00

\$7.00 \$5.00

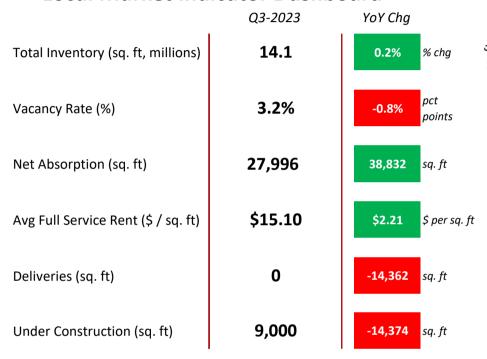
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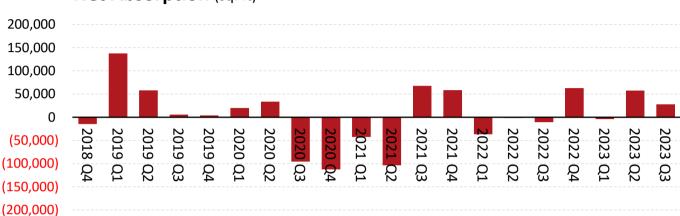


LYNCHBURG MSA

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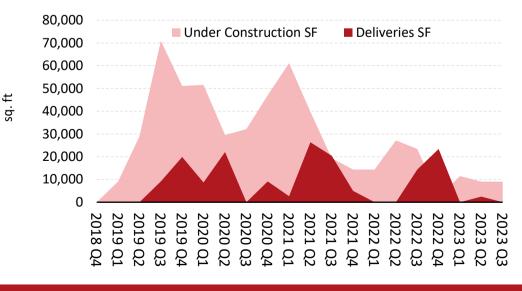
Net Absorption (sq. ft)



Vacancy Rate (%)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



Full Service Rent (\$ per sq. ft)

\$17.00

\$15.00

\$11.00

\$9.00

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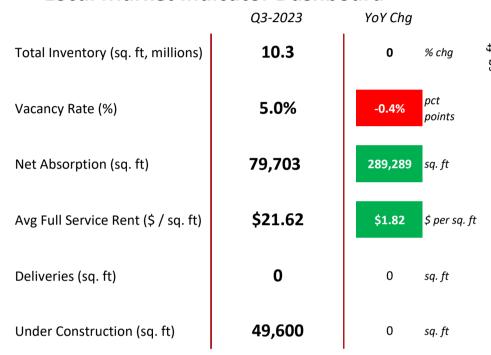
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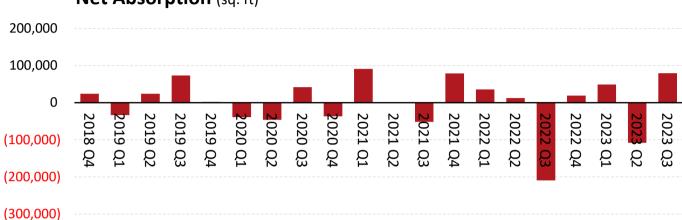


CHARLOTTESVILLE MSA

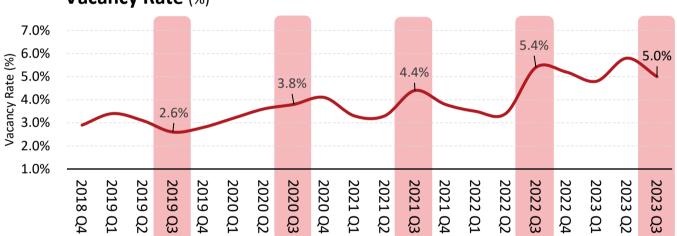
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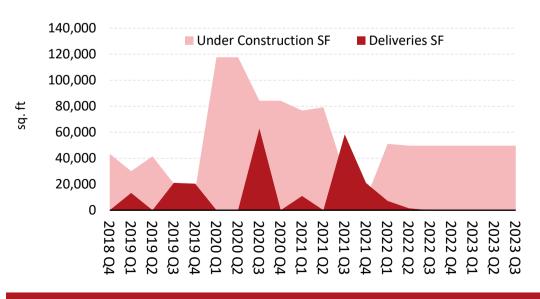
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Vacancy Rate (%)



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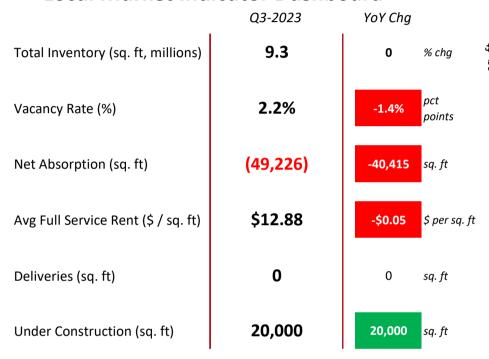
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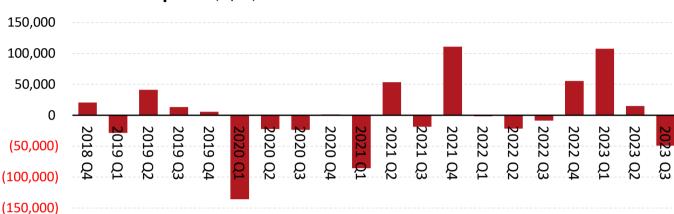


P BLACKSBURG MSA

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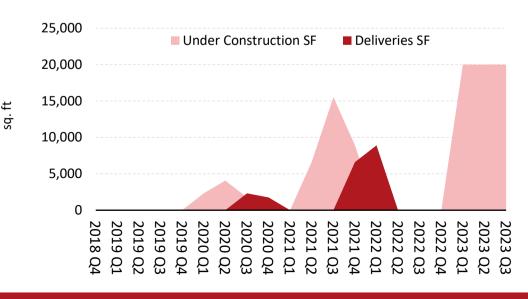
Net Absorption (sq. ft)







Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



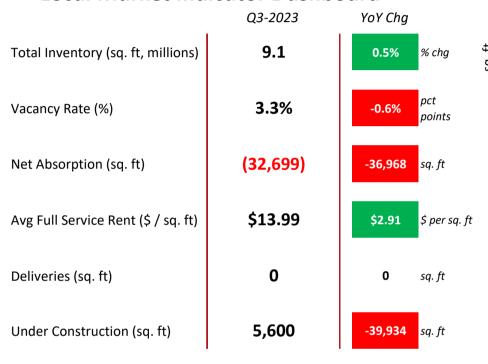
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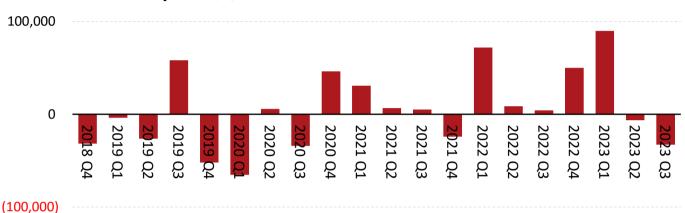




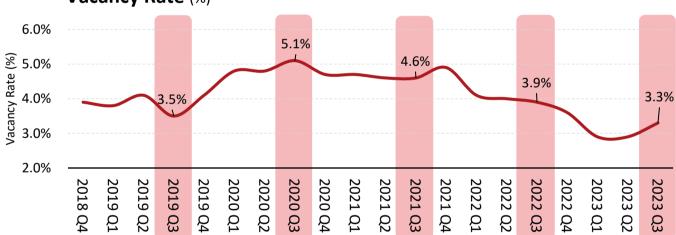
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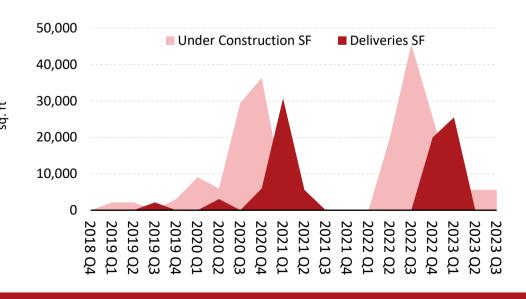
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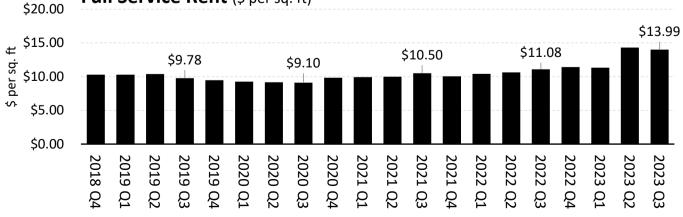
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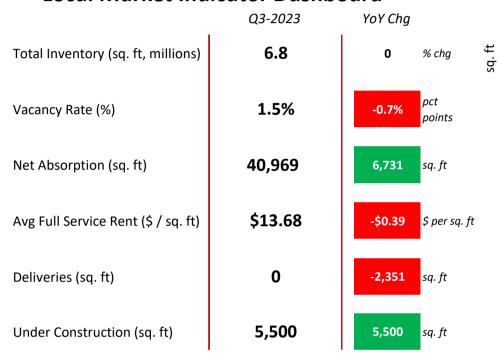
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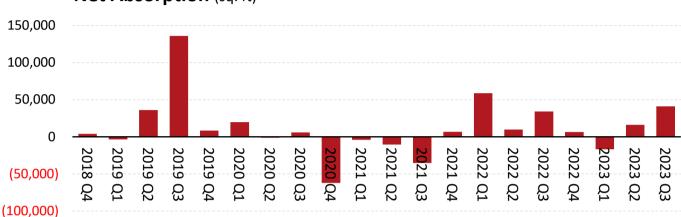


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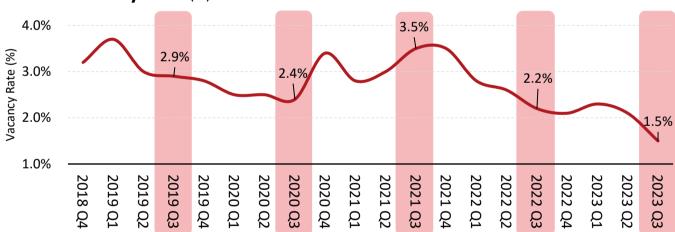
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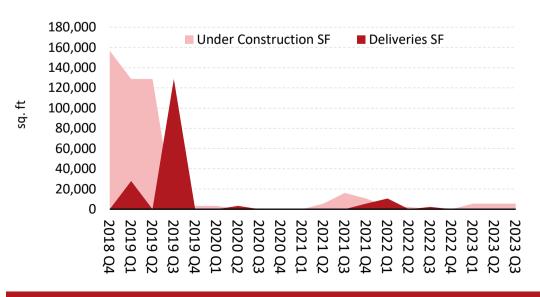
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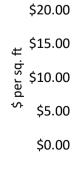


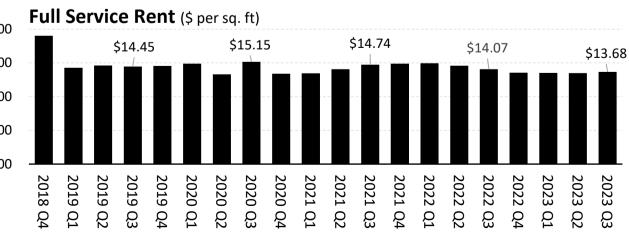
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Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)







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