



Retail Market - Key Trends Snapshot



Retail Market

Overview: The retail market had a solid Q4 in Virginia driven by strong absorption in the Richmond region and Hampton Roads. Consumer demand for services has propelled much of the strength in the retail sector. Retail construction continues to increase, the vacancy rate is tightening, and rents are climbing as a result.

Absorption: The demand for retail space in Virginia remained strong in Q4 2023 with nearly 979,000 sq ft of positive net absorption. Much of this came from large/big box retail with about 608,000 sq ft of total occupied space. Richmond had most of the positive absorption overall at 324,000 sq ft while Roanoke (-32,000 sq ft) and Harrisonburg (-13,000 sq ft) had negative absorption this quarter. All other metro areas had positive net absorption of retail space in Q4 2023.

Vacancy Rate: In Virginia, the vacancy rate for retail space went from 4.3% a year ago to 3.7% in Q4 2023, the lowest rate in 12 years. Large/big box retail saw a significant decrease in vacancy rates from last year, dropping by one percentage point to 4.9%. Blacksburg (1.5%) and Harrisonburg (1.6%) were the metro areas with the lowest vacancy rates in Q4 2023. Charlottesville (4.9%) and Hampton Roads (4.6%) had the highest.

Rent: As vacancy rates dipped, rent for retail space continued to increase in Virginia. Overall full-service rent rose 4.3% bringing the price per square foot to \$17.00 in Q4 2023. Small/neighborhood retail had a small increase in rent this quarter, up 1.2% and large/big box retail rent grew 4.9% from Q4 2022. Rent jumped up the most in Winchester (+28.4%) and the Lynchburg market (+13.9%) in Q4.

Construction + Deliveries: Retail construction activity grew in Q4 2023 with 1.31 million sq ft of space under construction, up from about 963,000 sq ft a year ago. Deliveries dipped 6.4% statewide from the previous year.

Retail-Supporting Job Sectors (# Chg Oct-23 to Nov-23 , seassonally asjusted) 1,400 -1,000 Retail Arts & Hotel & Food Services

VIRGINIA (Statewide)



Market Indicator Dashboard

_	YoY Chg	Q4-2023	Indicator
% chg	-0.1%	455.4	Total Inventory (sq. ft, in millions)
sq. ft	639,438	978,747	Net Absorption (sq. ft)
pct point	-0.6%	3.7%	Vacancy Rate (%)
\$ per sq. ft	\$0.70	\$17.00	Full Service Rent (\$ per sq. ft)
sq. ft	-19,397	283,771	New Supply Delivered (sq. ft)
sq. ft	350,013	1,312,830	Under Construction (sq. ft)

Economic Indicator Dashboard

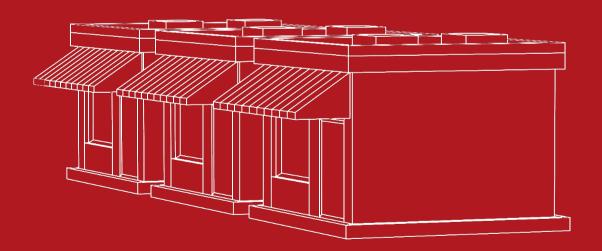
	MoM % Chg	Nov-23	Indicator
% chg	0.2%	4.2	Total Jobs, Virginia (in millions, seasonally adjusted)
% chg	0.0%	798.7	Retail-Supporting Jobs, Virginia (in thousands, seasonally adjusted)
pct point	0.2% QoQ Chg	2.9 % Q3-2023	Unemployment Rate, Virginia (% seasonally adjusted)
pct point	2.8%	4.9	Gross Domestic Product, U.S. (% chg from prior year)

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Virginia Retail Market

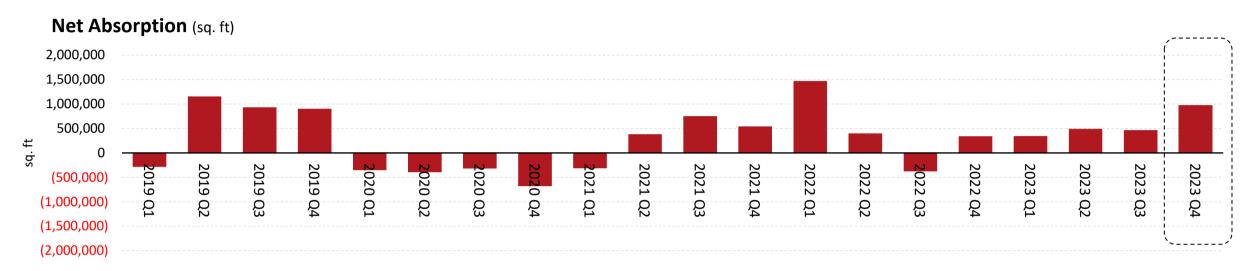
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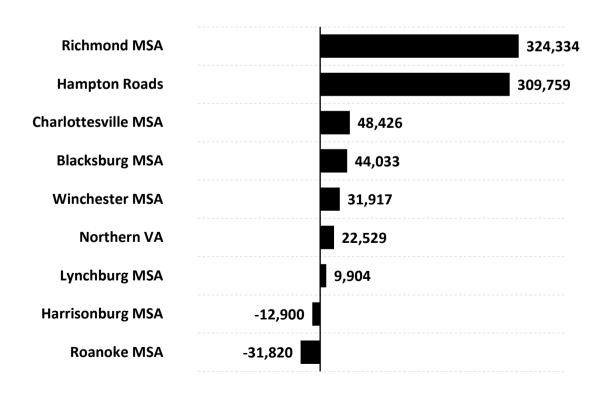
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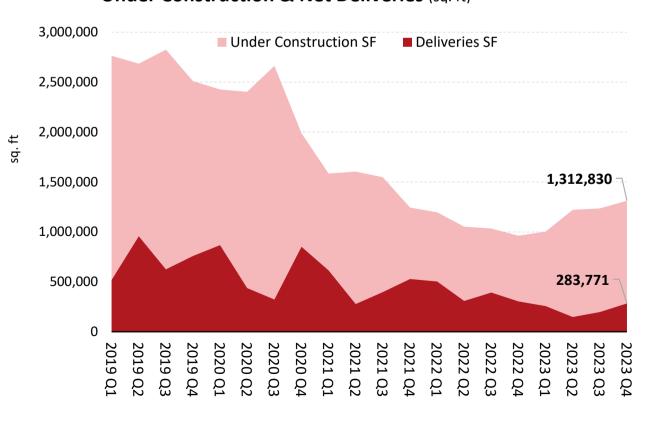
VIRGINIA (Statewide)



Q4-2023 Net Absorption by Metro Area (sq ft)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



Retail Market - Rent Trends



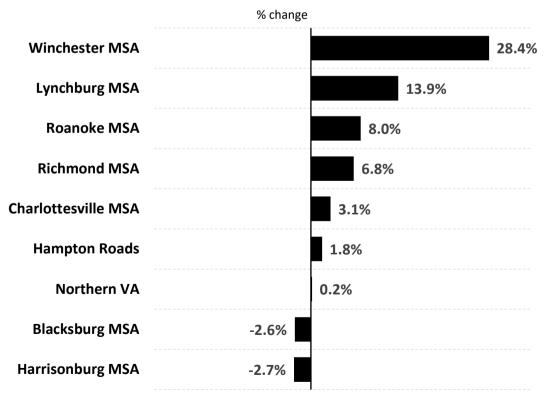
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% Change, Full Service Rent (YoY % change)



Q4-2023 by MSA: % Change, Full Service Rent (YoY % change)



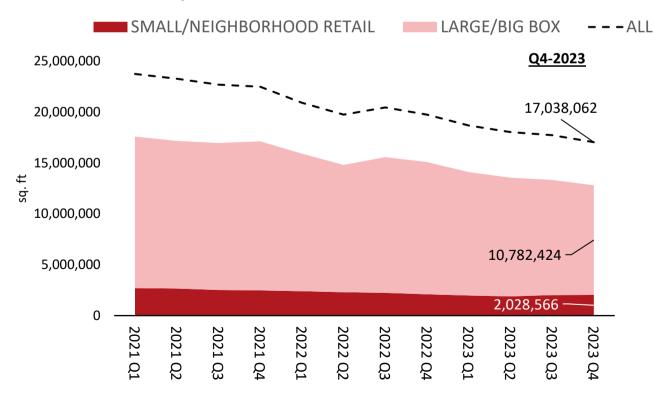
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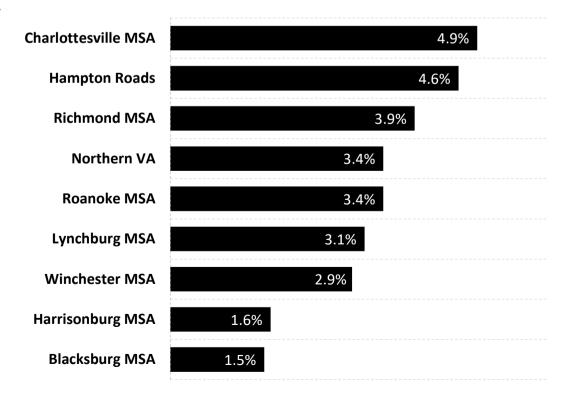
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Vacant Inventory (sq. ft)



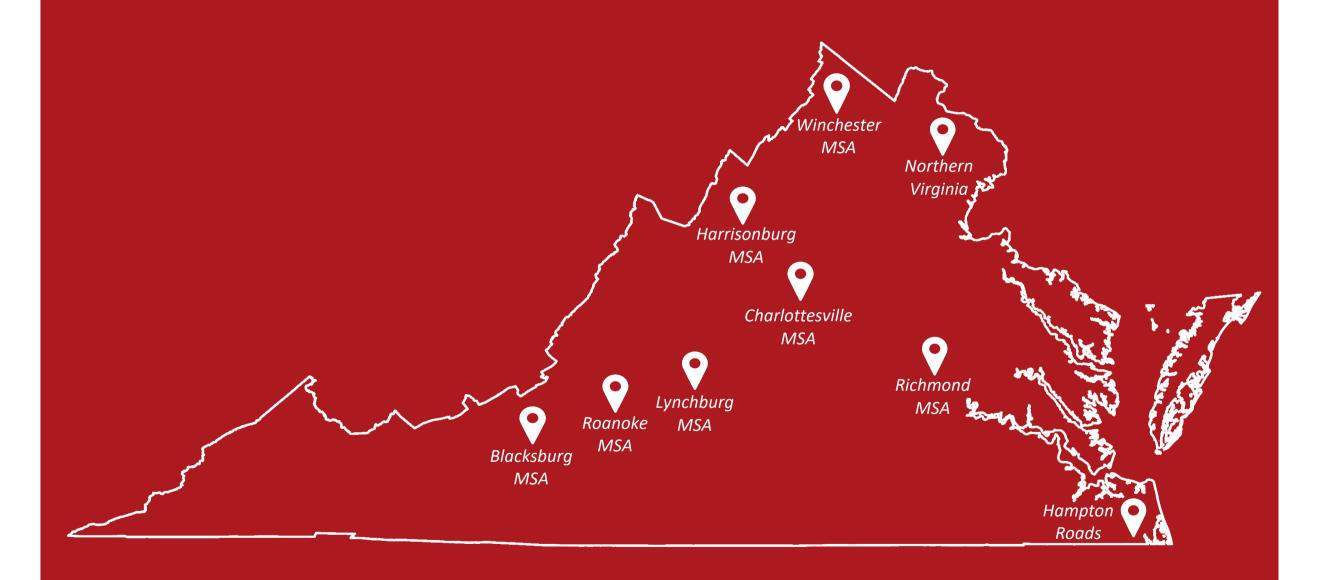
Q4-2023 Retail Vacancy Rate by MSA





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METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

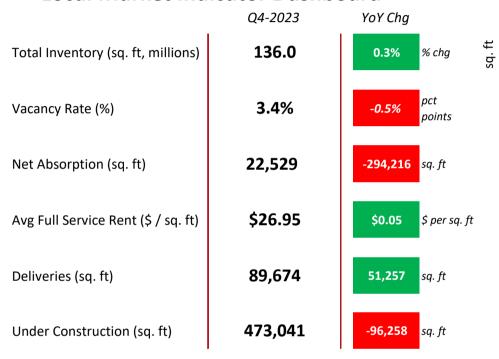


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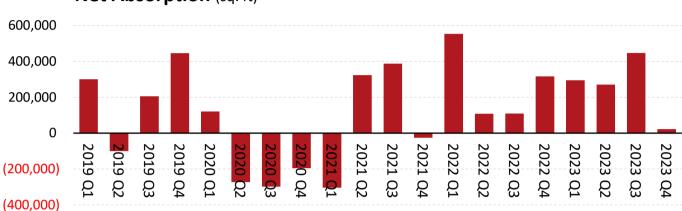


NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Local Market Indicator Dashboard



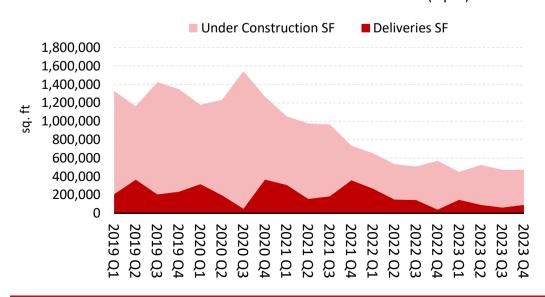
Net Absorption (sq. ft)



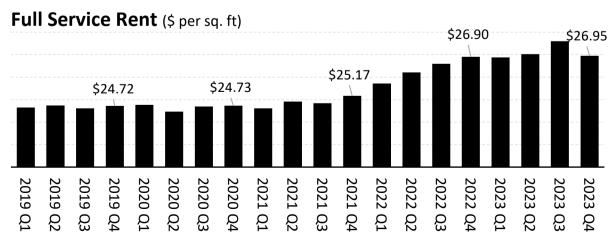
Vacancy Rate (%)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



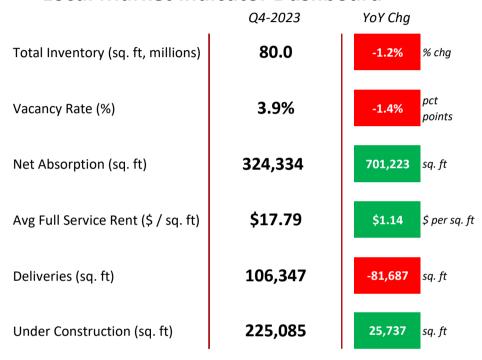
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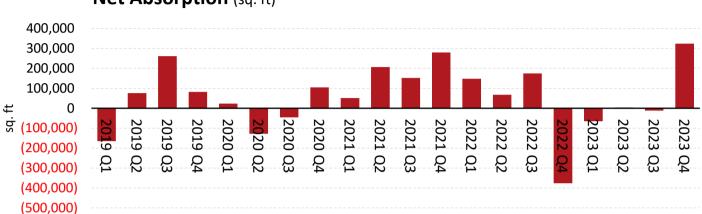


PRICHMOND MSA

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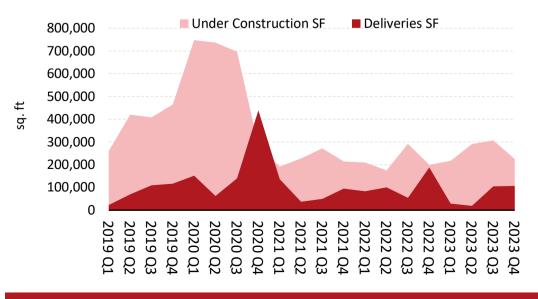


Net Absorption (sq. ft)





Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



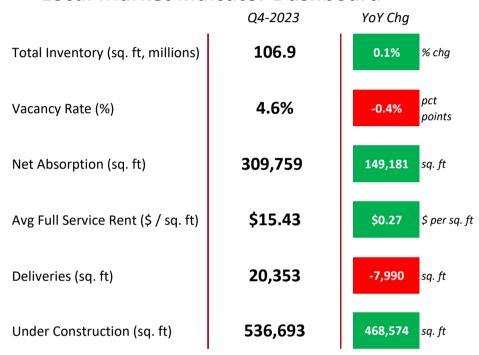




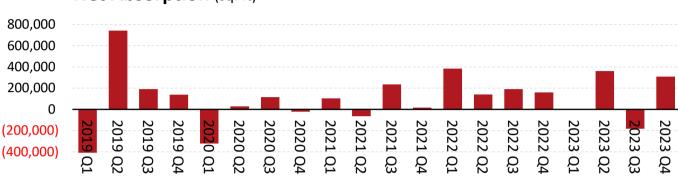


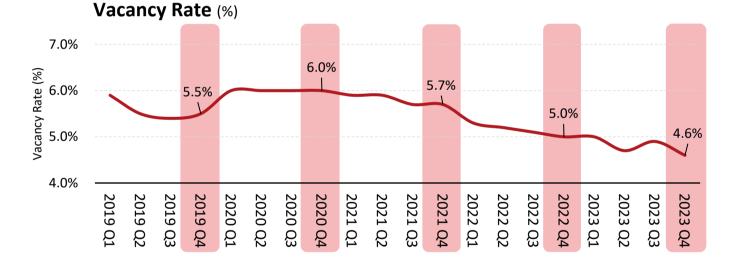


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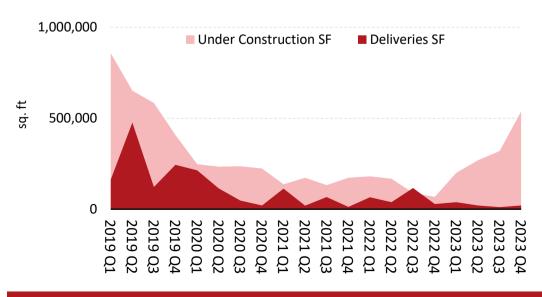


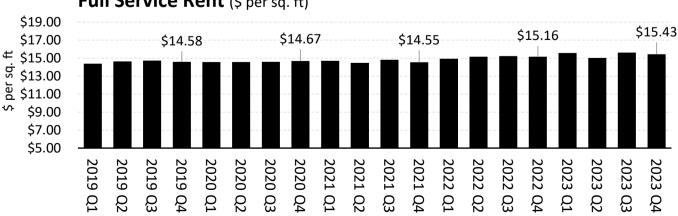
Net Absorption (sq. ft)





Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)

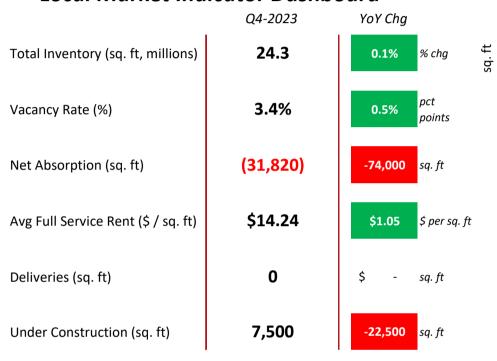




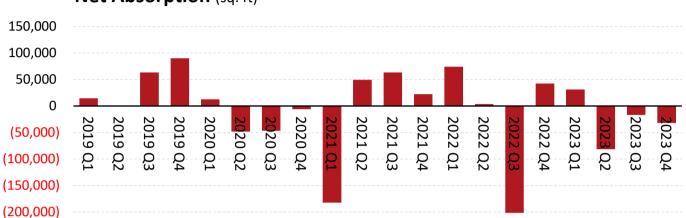




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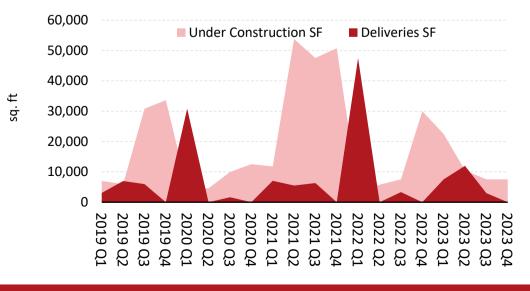
Net Absorption (sq. ft)



Vacancy Rate (%)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)

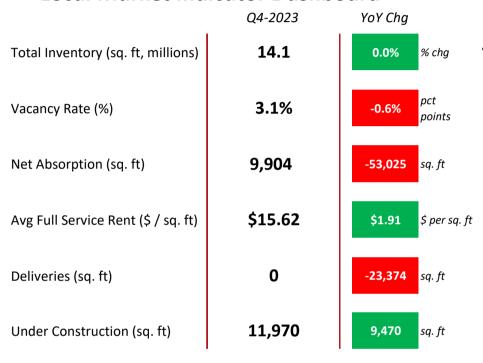






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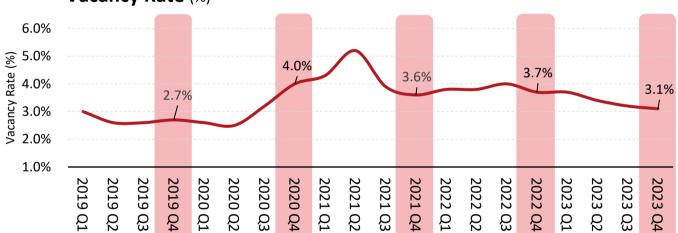
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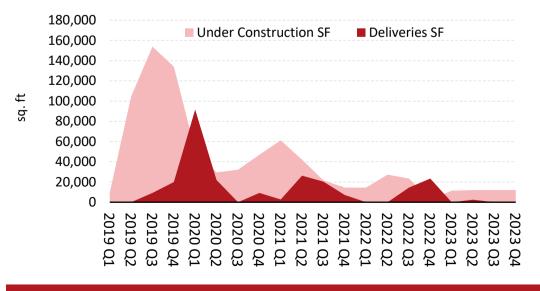
Net Absorption (sq. ft)



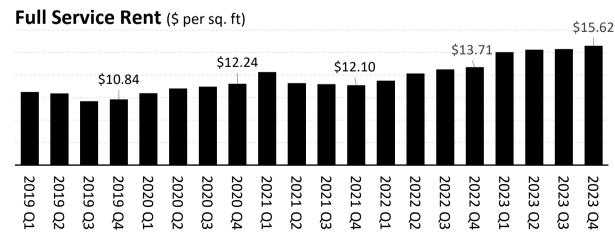




Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



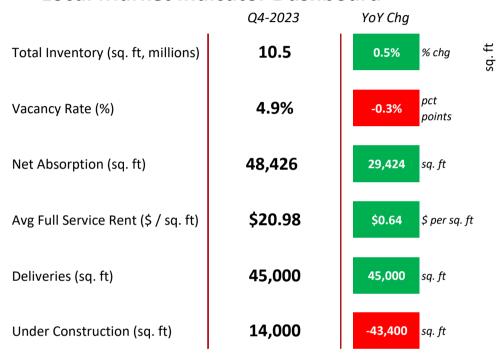
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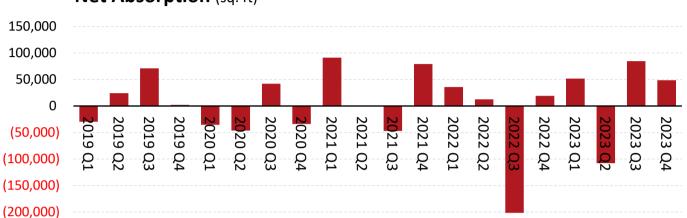




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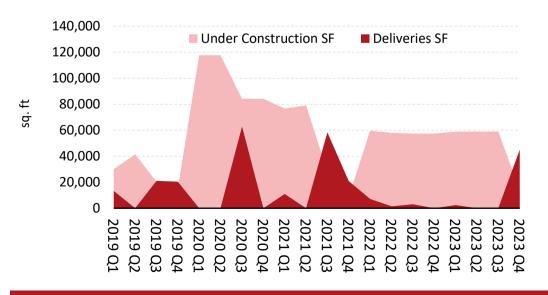
Net Absorption (sq. ft)



Vacancy Rate (%)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)

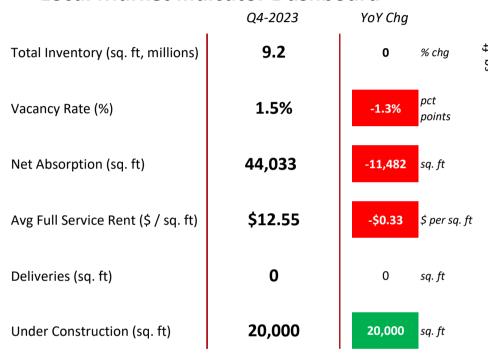






BLACKSBURG MSA

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Net Absorption (sq. ft)

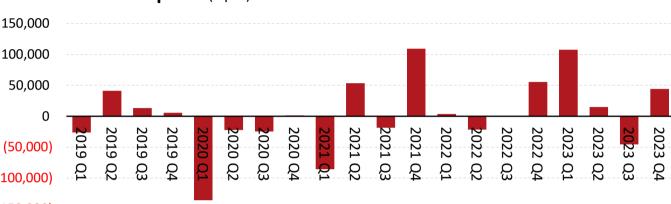
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100,000

50,000

(100,000)

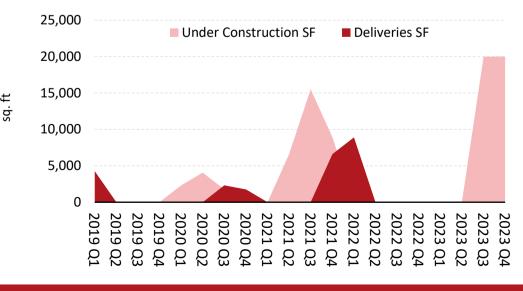
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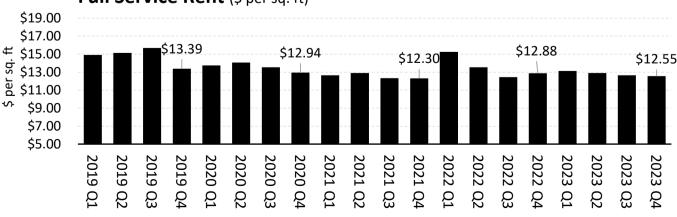






Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)

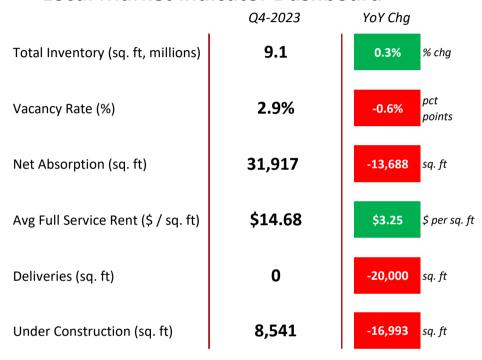




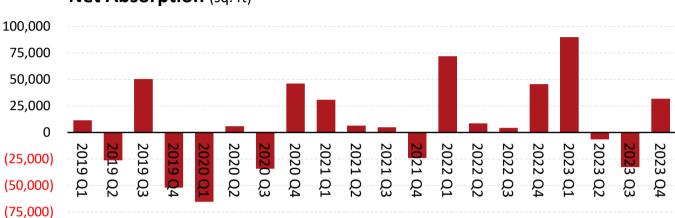


WINCHESTER MSA

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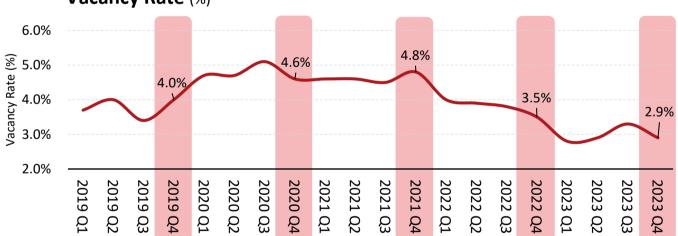


Net Absorption (sq. ft)

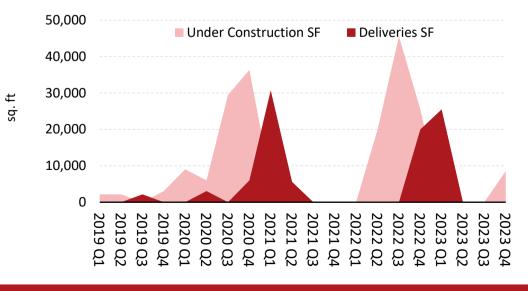


Vacancy Rate (%)

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Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)

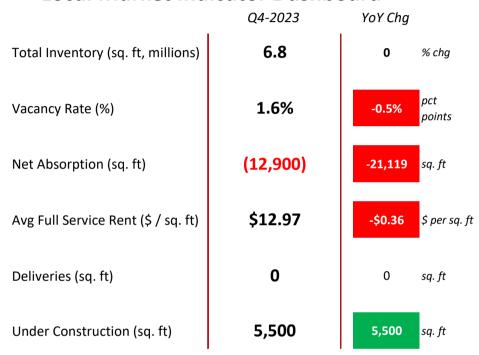




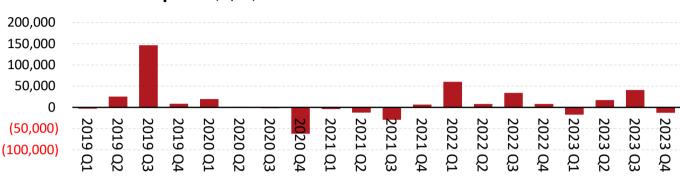




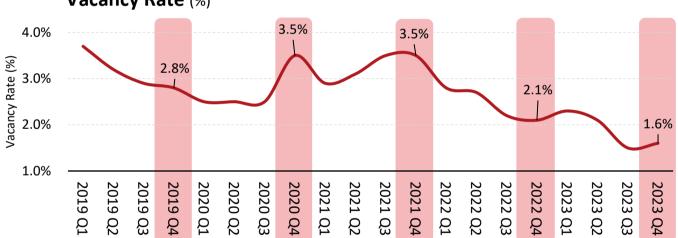
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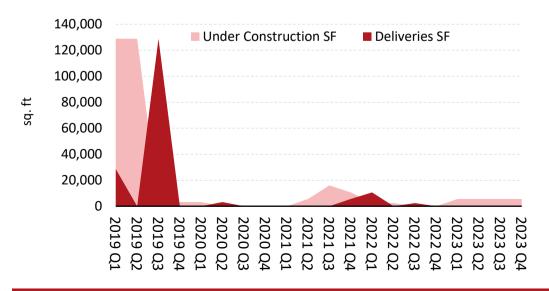
Net Absorption (sq. ft)



Vacancy Rate (%)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



Full Service Rent (\$ per sq. ft)

\$20.00



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