



Office Market - Key Trends Snapshot



Office Market

Overview: Virginia's office market remains sluggish overall. Net absorption continues to be negative and vacancy rates are climbing. Rent growth for Class A space rose while rents for Class B/C moderated. The construction pipeline continues to get smaller, and there was an uptick in deliveries in Richmond and Hampton Roads this quarter.

Absorption: Office absorption levels continue to be negative with -805,878 sq ft of space vacated in Q3 2024, most of which came from Class A buildings. Absorption rates in this sector have been falling throughout the state for the last four years. At the local level, Roanoke had the net positive absorption level this quarter with 288,074 sq ft followed by Richmond with 229,315 sq ft.

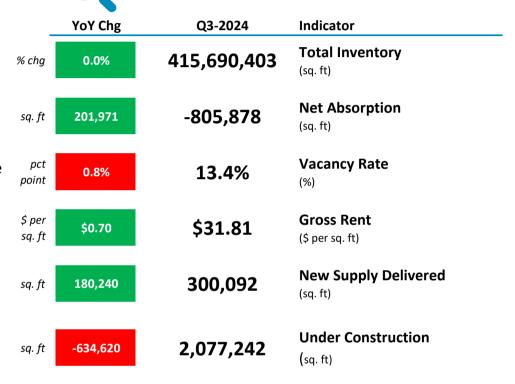
Vacancy Rate: The office vacancy rate continues to trend up, climbing to 13.4% in Q3, this is 0.8 percentage points higher than it was a year ago. Vacancy rates soared for Class A office buildings, ending the quarter at 21.4%. Blacksburg had an office vacancy rate of 3.3% this quarter, the lowest rate across all metro areas.

Rent: In the office sector, rent rose 2.3%, bringing the total cost of office space to \$31.81 per sq ft. The rent in Winchester reached \$21.61 in Q3, down 1.9% from last year, while Harrisonburg posted its highest rent in 13 years at \$19.43, a 16.8% increase from Q3 2023.

Supply + Deliveries: The construction pipeline fell sharply (-23.4%) but deliveries increased in Q3. Most of the growth in deliveries came from Class A office buildings. Richmond had the highest number of deliveries (159,861 sq ft) and office space under construction in Q3 2024 (1.06 million sq ft).

Office-Supporting Job Sectors (% Chg Jul-24 to Aug-24 (seasonally adj.) JOB TRACKER (VIRGINIA) 0.1% -0.1% -0.5% -0.6% -0.8% All Jobs Finance & Federal Admin Prof/Tech Services Insurance Govt Services

VIRGINIA (Statewide) **Market Indicator Dashboard**



Economic Indicator Dashboard

_	MoM Chg	Aug-24	Indicator
% chg	-0.1%	4.2	Total Jobs (in millions, seasonally adjusted)
% chg	-0.5%	1.1	Office-Supporting Jobs (in millions, seasonally adjusted)
pct point	0.1% QoQ Chg	2.8% Q2-2024	Unemployment Rate (% seasonally adjusted)
pct point	1.6%	3.0	Gross Domestic Product (% chg from prior year)

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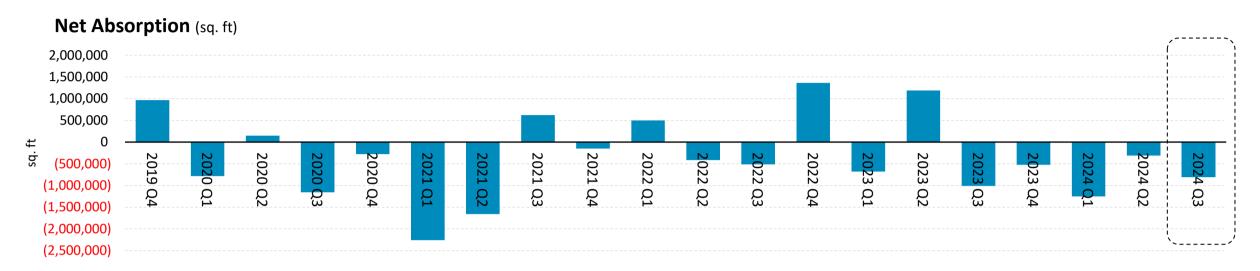
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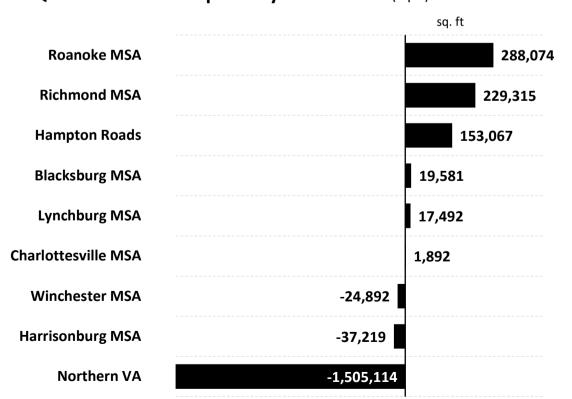
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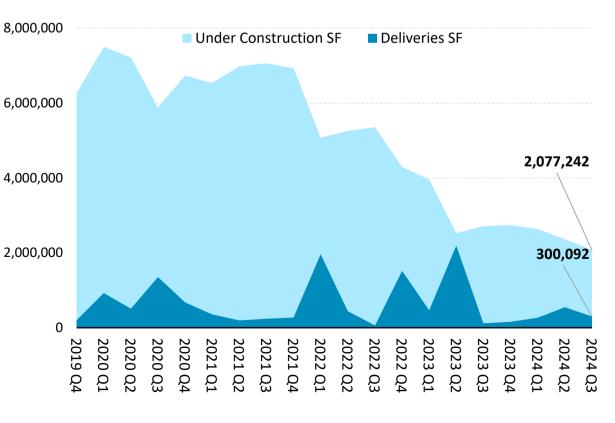


VIRGINIA (Statewide)



Q3-2024 Net Absorption by Metro Area (sq ft)

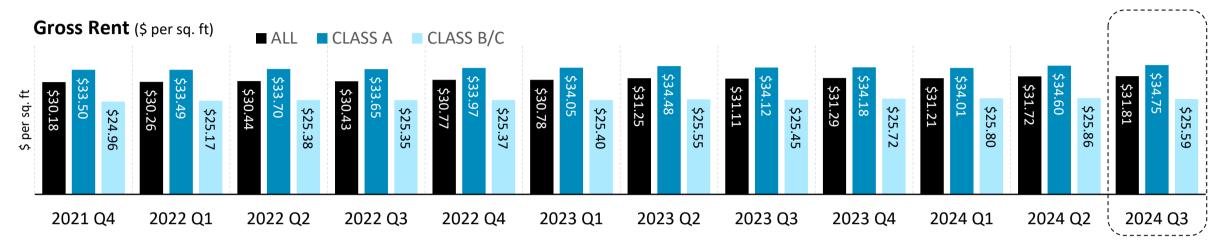




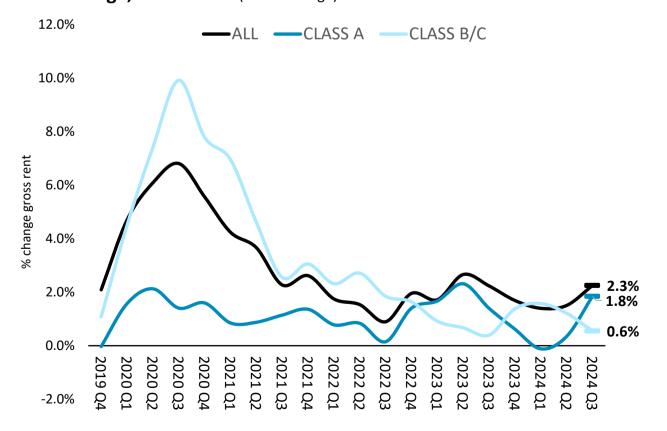
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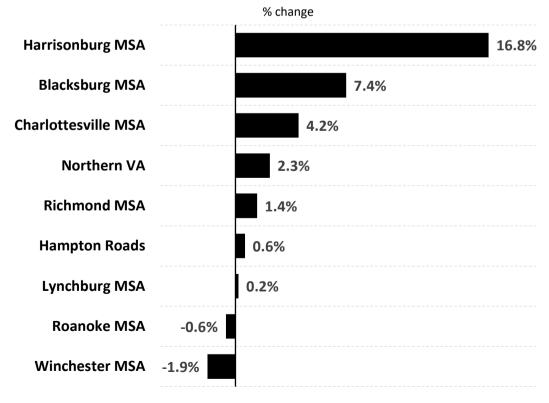
VIRGINIA (Statewide)



% Change, Gross Rent (YoY % change)



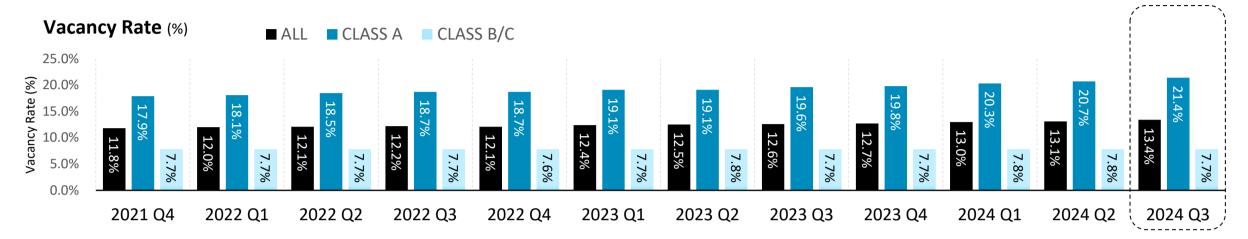
Q3-2024 by MSA: % Change, Gross Rent (YoY % change)



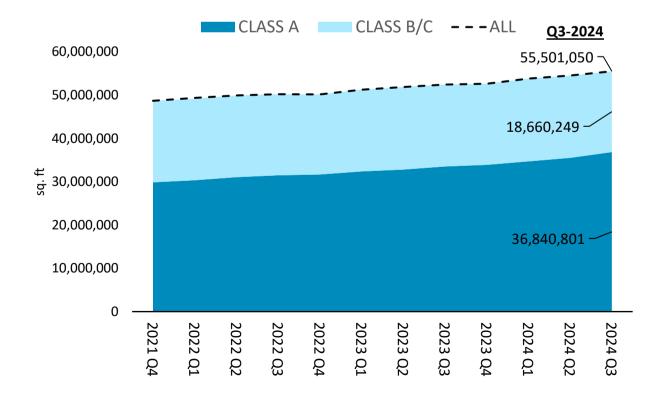
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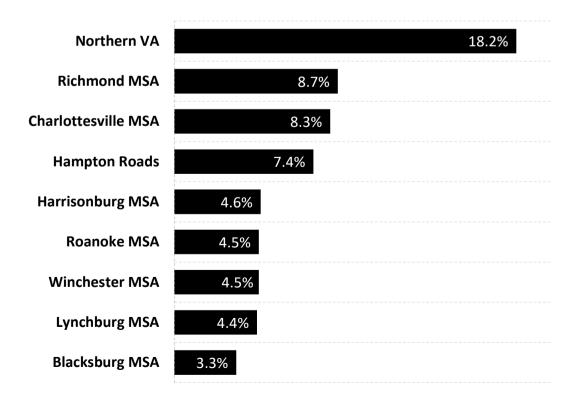
VIRGINIA (Statewide)



Vacant Inventory (sq. ft)



Q3-2024 Office Vacancy Rate by MSA





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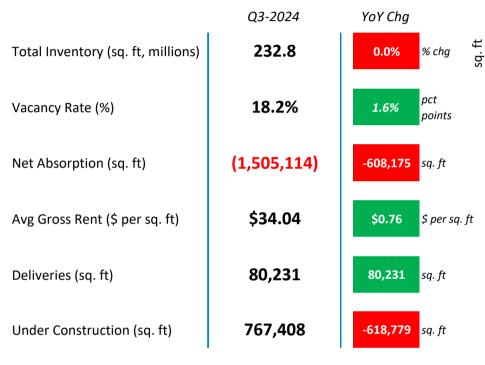
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA





NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Local Market Indicator Dashboard



Net Absorption (sq. ft)

2,000,000

1,000,000

(1,000,000)

(2,000,000)

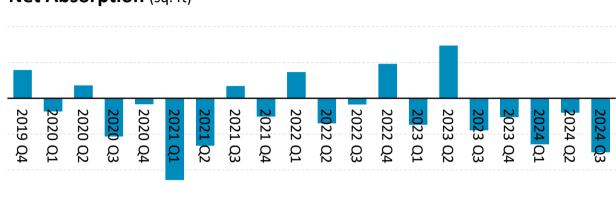
(3,000,000)

\$35.00

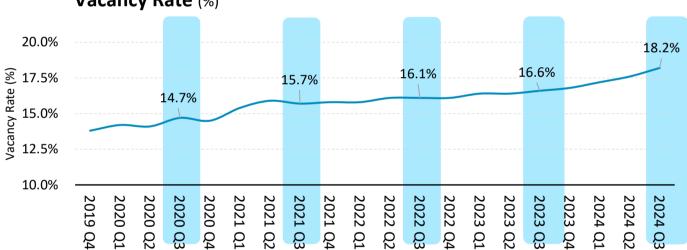
\$34.00

\$31.00 \$30.00

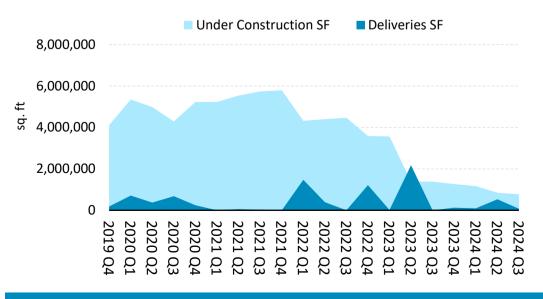
± \$33.00



Vacancy Rate (%)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



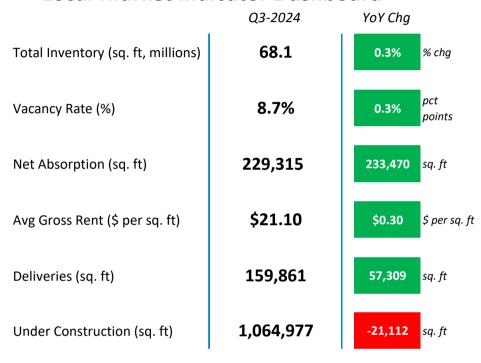
Gross Rent (\$ per sq. ft)



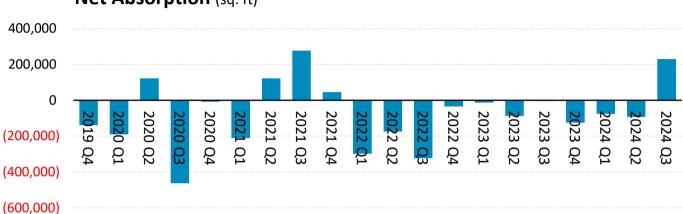


RICHMOND MSA

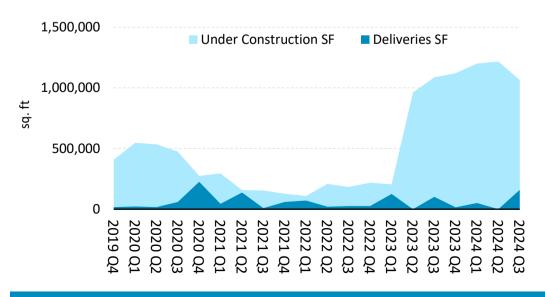
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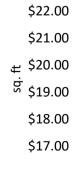


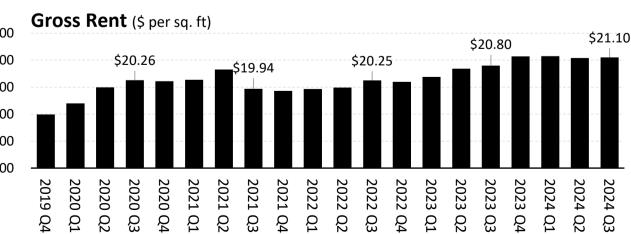
Net Absorption (sq. ft)







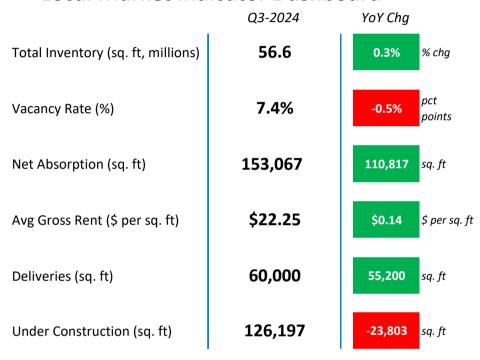






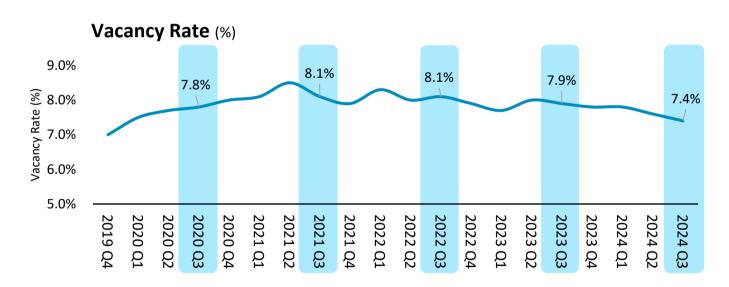
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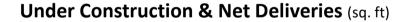
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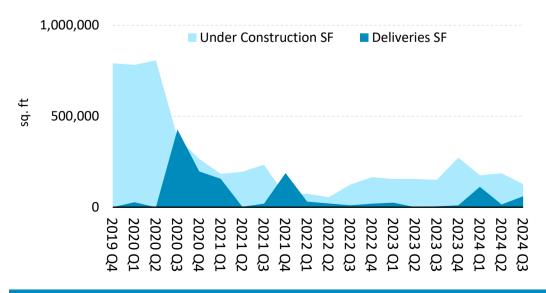


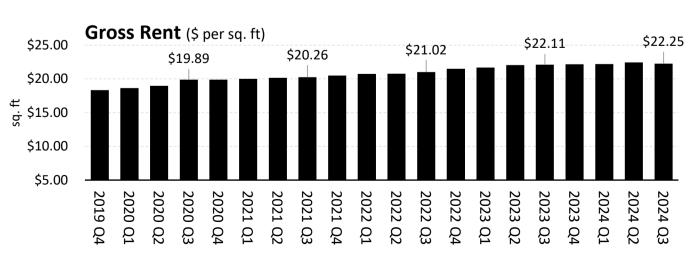
(300,000) (400,000)

Net Absorption (sq. ft) 400,000 300,000 200,000 100,000 2021 Q1 2022 Q2 2024 Q2 2020 Q3 2024 Q1 2024 Q3 2020 Q4 2021 Q3 2023 2022 Q3 2022 Q4 2019 Q4 2021 Q4 2023 Q3 2023 Q4 (100,000)<mark>021</mark> Q2 (200,000)22 2





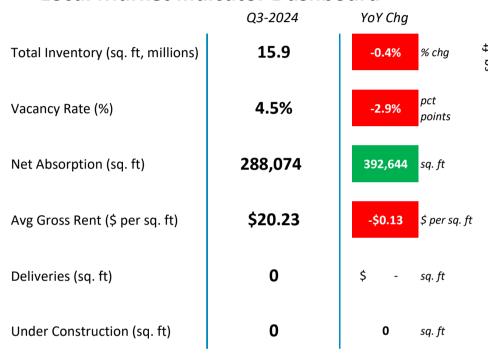




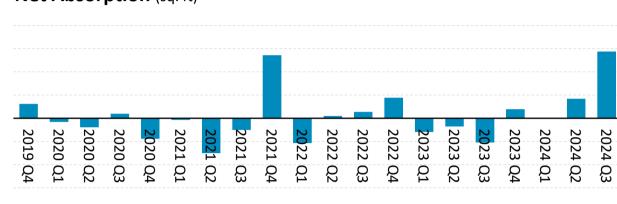


ROANOKE MSA

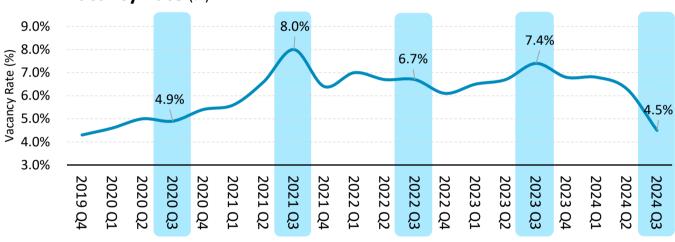
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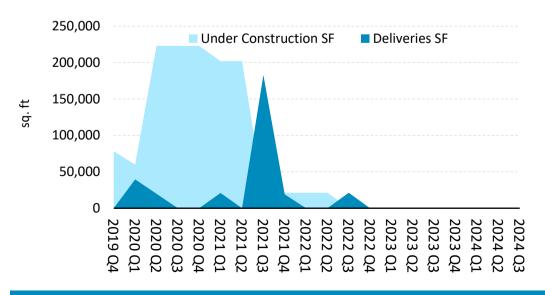
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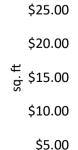


Vacancy Rate (%)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)





400,000 300,000

200,000

100,000

(100,000) (200,000)

(300,000) (400,000)

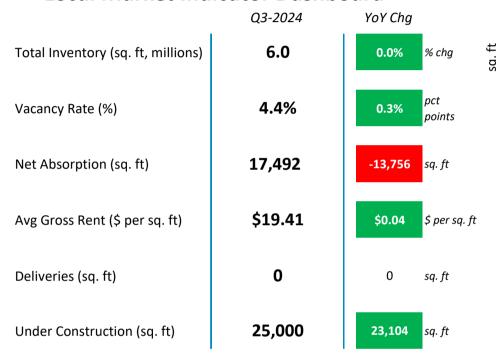
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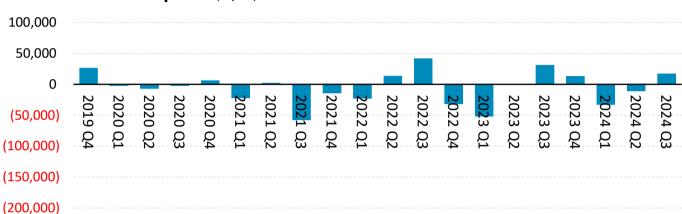


PLYNCHBURG MSA

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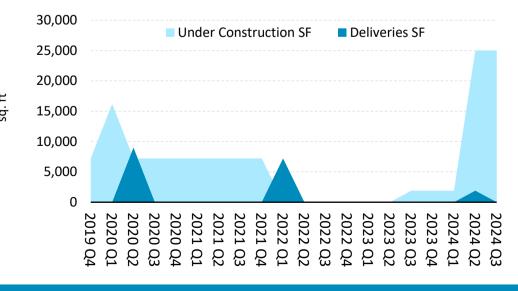


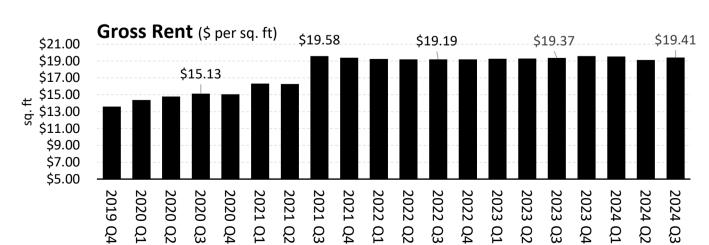
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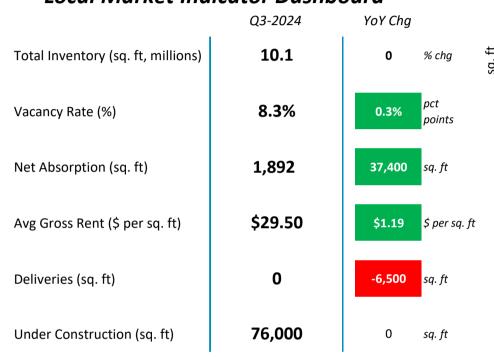




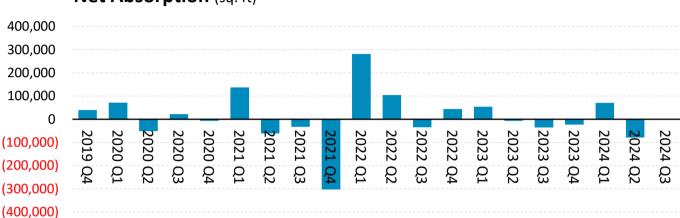


CHARLOTTESVILLE MSA

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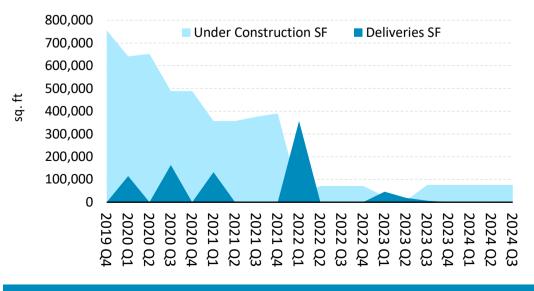
Net Absorption (sq. ft)



Vacancy Rate (%)



Under Construction & Net Deliveries (sq. ft)



Gross Rent (\$ per sq. ft) \$35.00

\$30.00

\$25.00

\$20.00

\$15.00

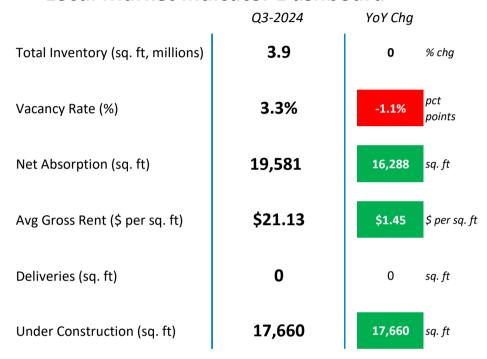
\$10.00 \$5.00





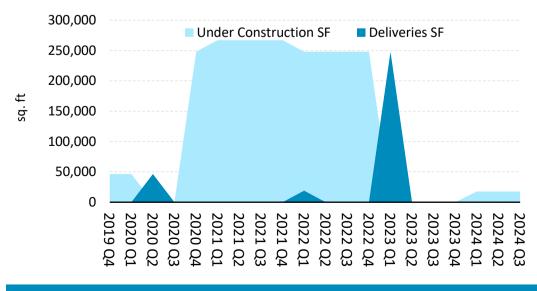
P BLACKSBURG MSA

Local Market Indicator Dashboard



Net Absorption (sq. ft) 200,000 150,000 ± 100,000 50.000 2022 Q2 2020 Q1 2022 Q3 2023 Q1 2021 Q2 2022 Q1 2022 Q4 2023 Q2 2023 Q4 2024 Q3 2020 Q3 2020 Q4 2021 Q1 2021 Q3 2021 Q4 2024 Q1 (50,000)





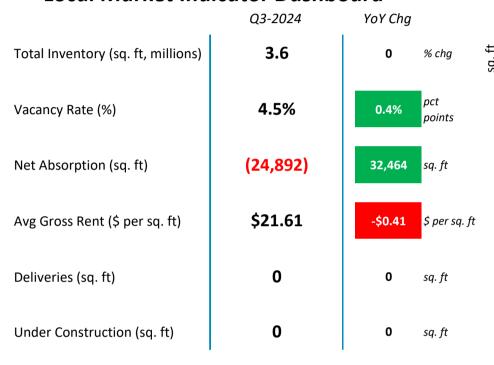






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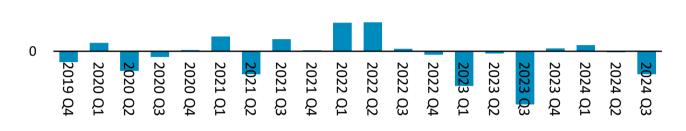
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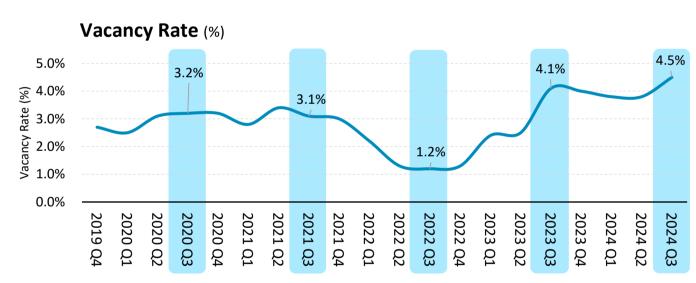


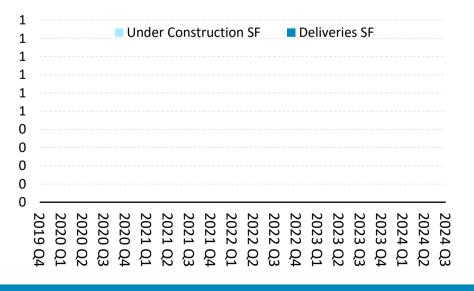
Net Absorption (sq. ft)

100.000

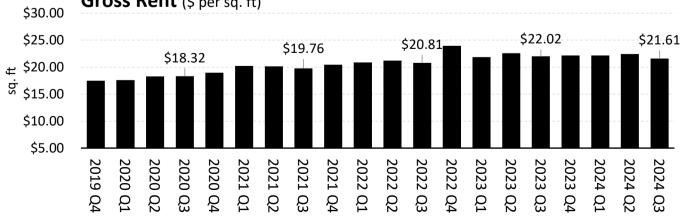
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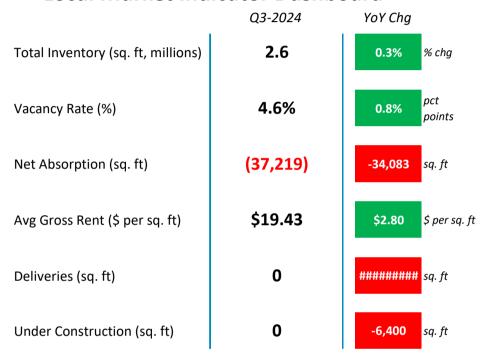




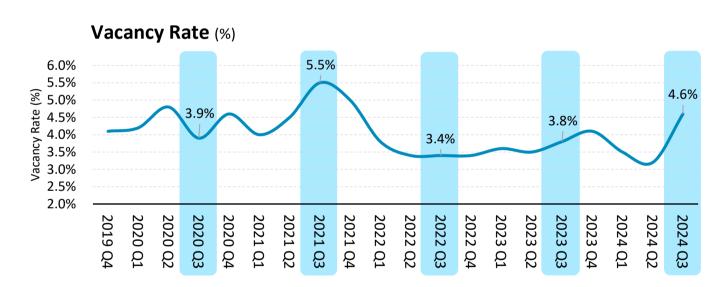


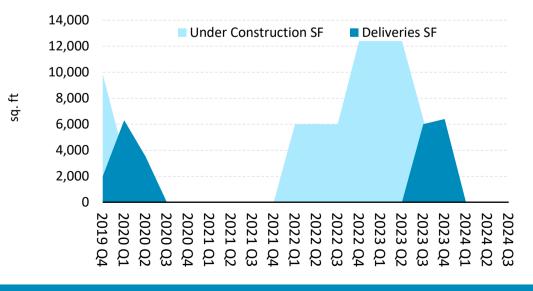
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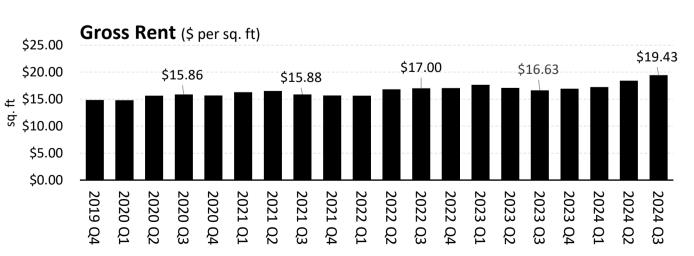
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Net Absorption (sq. ft) 50.000 25,000 sq. ft 2022 Q4 2023 Q1 2023 Q3 2024 Q1 2020 Q1 2021 Q1 2022 Q3 2023 Q2 2023 Q4 2019 Q² **02**0 Q4 021 Q2 (25,000)(50,000)







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