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Office Q1 2023



YoY Chg 12-Mo. Forecast

20.4% Vacancy Rate



-383K Net Absorption, SF





\$21.44Asking Rent. PSF



YoY

Chg



12-Mo.

Forecast

Overall, All Property Classes

ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q1 2023

1.2M

Indianapolis MSA Employment







Source: BLS, Moody's Analytics



The United States economy continued to add jobs in the first quarter of 2023, with total nonfarm payroll employment increasing by an average of 345,000 during the first three months of the year. Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 236,000 in March, the lightest month of job gains of the year. Government employment increased by 47,000 in March, while professional and business services employment rose by 39,000 during the month. The Federal Reserve raised the target federal funds rate twice in the first quarter, at its February and March meetings, to the 4.75-5.00% range. Despite turmoil in the banking system, the Federal Reserve has indicated it is still committed to getting inflation back to its targeted 2.0% range, though only one hike to the federal funds rate is expected in the remainder of 2023. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.5% in March and has remained relatively unchanged since 2022. The Indianapolis unemployment rate stayed stable quarter-over-quarter (QOQ) at 2.7% but has increased by 50 basis points (bps) year-over-year (YOY). However, employment in the Indianapolis MSA increased by 3.2% YOY and is expected to continue to rise over the next 12 months.

DEMAND: Majority of Occupancy Losses in Class B Properties

The Indianapolis office market posted occupancy losses in nine of its ten submarkets to start off 2023, with overall net absorption totaling negative 383,000 square feet (sf) in the first quarter. Numerous sizeable blocks of space were vacated throughout the market, with Class B space recording the brunt of the occupancy losses, equating to negative 294,000 sf. The corresponding change in the overall market vacancy rate was an increase of 90 bps QOQ and 130 bps YOY to 20.4%. The only submarket with a QOQ vacancy decline was Midtown, though the North/Carmel, Northeast, and South submarkets all posted YOY vacancy decreases. Class A vacancy increased only 50 bps QOQ, while Class B vacancy rose by 160 bps QOQ. The amount of vacant sublease space continued to climb, increasing 7.7% QOQ to 695,000 sf. Sublease space comprised nearly 8.8% of overall vacancy in the first quarter of 2023, compared to just 2.5% in the first quarter of 2020. New leasing activity totaled 282,000 sf in the first quarter, the lightest quarter of leasing since the first quarter of 2021. Downtown was the top submarket for new leasing, with nearly 61,000 sf of new deals inked. The South and Keystone submarkets posted the next highest new leasing totals, equaling 53,000 sf and 46,000 sf, respectively. New leasing activity was relatively split between Class A and B buildings, with 135,000 sf of new leases signed in Class A properties and 129,000 sf of new leases inked in Class B properties.

SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES



DIRECT VACANCY & ASKING RENT



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In the first guarter, overall asking rents in the Indianapolis market posted a \$0.12 YOY decrease to \$ 21.44 per square foot (psf) gross, However, Class A overall asking rents increased on both a quarterly and yearly basis, rising \$0.23 QOQ and \$0.16 YOY to \$24.12 psf. The Keystone submarket commanded the highest average asking rents for the fifth straight quarter, with asking rents increasing \$0.35 QOQ and \$0.33 YOY to \$25.14 psf. Class A asking rents were also highest in the Keystone submarket at \$26.35 psf, a 9.2% premium over the average Class A asking rent for the entire Indianapolis market.

SUPPLY: Construction Pipeline Stays Stable

The Indianapolis construction pipeline stayed unchanged in the first quarter, with three buildings totaling 183,000 sf currently under construction. Two of these buildings are projected to deliver in 2023, adding 88,000 sf of new space to the market. Both buildings are located in the North/Carmel submarket in the Midtown Carmel area. In addition. there are two buildings currently under renovation in the Downtown submarket which are both expected to be completed in 2023. These properties will add an additional 244,000 sf of modern office space to the inventory. With the flight-to-quality trend persisting in the Indianapolis office market, these updated and amenitized buildings should be desirable to tenants looking for differentiated space.

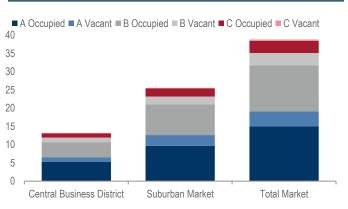
SALE ACTIVITY: Downtown and Class B Dominate First Quarter Sales Activity

Office sales velocity remained subdued to start 2023, with 189,000 sf of space trading hands in the first guarter. Three of the five sales were in the Downtown submarket, accounting for nearly 140,000 sf of the sales activity. The largest of these sales was the 52,000-sf Morrison Opera House at 47-49 S Meridian St, which sold for \$4,100,000 to INC Investments LLC. Allen Plaza at 1 Virginia Ave also sold during the first quarter for an undisclosed sales price. All five sales from the quarter were also in Class B properties.

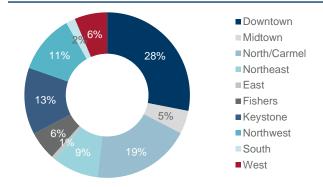
Outlook

- Employment still needs to recover further to reach its pre-pandemic levels, with the labor force participation rate currently 62.4%, below the 63.3% participation rate recorded in February 2020.
- Demand activity was muted to begin 2023, with the first guarter's new leasing total trailing behind 2022's first quarter total. To offset recent occupancy losses, leasing velocity needs to increase.
- Office sales volume was slow to start 2023, with high interest rates and economic uncertainty remaining a major drag on activity. If these trends persist, sales velocity will likely remain at lower levels than seen in previous years.

LEASING DEMAND BY CLASS OF SPACE (MSF)



VACANT SPACE BY SUBMARKET



DIRECT VACANCY RATE VS. 10 YEAR HISTORICAL AVERAGE



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MARKET STATISTICS

SUBMARKET	INVENTORY (SF)	SUBLET VACANT (SF)	DIRECT VACANT (SF)	OVERALL VACANCY RATE	CURRENT QTR OVERALL NET ABSORPTION	YTD OVERALL ABSORPTION (SF)	YTD LEASING ACTIVITY (SF)	UNDER CNSTR (SF)	OVERALL AVG ASKING RENT (ALL CLASSES)*	OVERALL AVG ASKING RENT (CLASS A)*
Downtown	11,328,711	204,739	2,016,880	19.6%	-17,777	-17,777	60,784	94,266	\$23.39	\$25.07
Midtown	1,897,304	0	359,160	18.9%	6,597	6,597	12,121	0	\$15.92	N/A
East	510,750	5,144	51,576	11.1%	-432	-432	503	0	\$18.54	N/A
Fishers	2,294,748	34,238	411,354	19.4%	-6,211	-6,211	7,965	0	\$21.88	\$23.25
Keystone	4,106,618	203,049	830,391	25.2%	-152,243	-152,243	45,525	0	\$25.14	\$26.35
North/Carmel	8,158,629	91,885	1,430,911	18.7%	-78,280	-78,280	41,567	88,266	\$22.97	\$25.30
Northeast	3,189,594	5,883	710,820	22.5%	-15,151	-15,151	19,336	0	\$19.15	\$21.43
Northwest	3,983,828	130,694	778,032	22.8%	-109,981	-109,981	38,129	0	\$18.36	\$20.04
South	1,430,411	0	143,676	10.0%	-168	-168	2,679	0	\$16.41	\$17.42
West	1,904,055	19,212	484,920	26.5%	-9,123	-9,123	52,898	0	\$16.07	\$17.06
Class A	19,114,023	397,753	3,702,889	21.5%	-79,776	-79,776	135,463	182,532	\$24.12	
Class B	16,001,011	297,091	3,140,132	21.5%	-294,390	-294,390	128,641	0	\$18.64	
Class C	3,689,614	0	374,699	10.2%	-8,603	-8,603	17,403	0	\$17.34	
TOTAL	38,804,648	694,844	7,217,720	20.4%	-382,769	-382,769	281,507	182,532	\$21.44	\$24.12

^{*}Rental rates reflect full service asking | Net absorption not reflective of U.S. MarketBeat Tables

KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q1 2023

PROPERTY	OUDMARKET	TEMANE	805	TVPE
PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	RSF	TYPE
101-115 W Washington St, Indianapolis	Downtown	Indiana Chamber of Commerce	28,784	Expansion/Renewal*
111 Monument Circle, Indianapolis	Downtown	Ernst & Young	20,377	Renewal*
9225 Priority Way W Dr, Indianapolis	Keystone	Creative Bus Sales	15,811	New
7661 N Perimeter Rd, Indianapolis	West	BDP International	14,199	Sublease

^{*}Renewals not included in leasing statistics

KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q1 2023

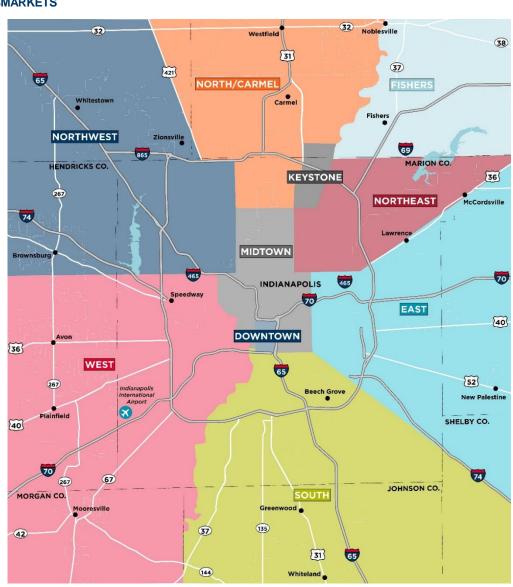
PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SF	PRICE/\$ PSF
47-49 S Meridian St, Indianapolis	Downtown	Bodner-Opera House LLC INC Investments LLC	52,019	\$4,100,000/\$78.82
1 Virginia Ave, Indianapolis	Downtown	Jefferson Plaza LLC One Virginia LLC	48,990	Unknown

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