

# **DALLAS-FORT WORTH**

# OFFICE MARKET REPORT 1st QUARTER 2024







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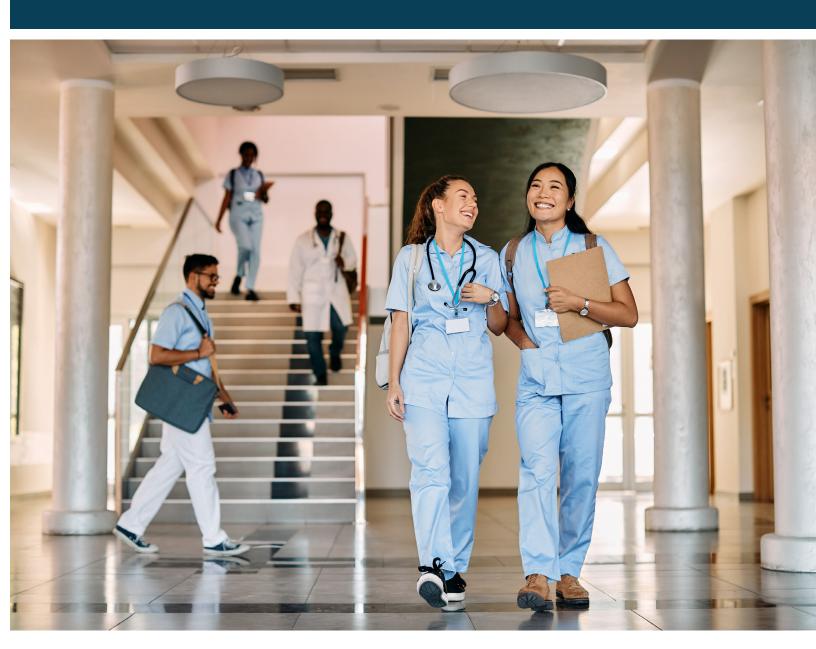
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### **Economic Conditions**

### **Population and Employment**

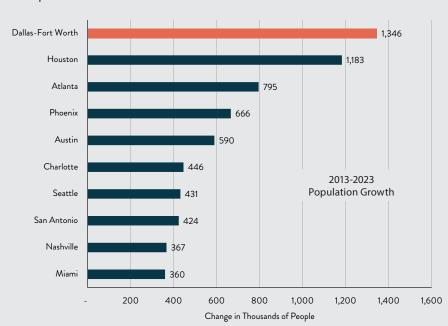
In the face of changing dynamics in employment, population, and real estate, Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) continues to demonstrate economic resilience. The DFW Metroplex has now surpassed 8 million residents and expects to continue this upward trajectory to reach 11.3 million residents by 2045. Despite an uptick in layoffs, DFW saw a net increase of 80,400 jobs over the trailing 12 months ending February 2024, notably concentrated in the Education and Health Services sector.





#### **Dallas-Fort Worth Population Growth 2013-2023**

2023 Population: 8.1 million





10-Year Change 2013-2023 1.3 million people

(19.9% growth)

12-Month Change 2022-2023 152,598 people

(1.9% growth)

Dallas-Fort Worth sits as the 4th largest metroplex in the country with a population of 8.1 million people and growing.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, DFW's population grew by 152,598 or 418 residents per day, making up 32.2% of Texas' overall population growth of nearly 475,000 residents between 2022 and 2023.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2023)

#### **Dallas-Fort Worth Net Job Growth and Unemployment Rate**

4.3 million jobs | 4.2% unemployment rate



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



12-Month Job Gains 80,400 jobs (1.9% growth)

The Dallas-Fort Worth metro has added 524,300 jobs since February 2019, the largest five-year growth in the nation by a significant margin, surpassing the next highest job gains of Phoenix by 237,500 jobs. The four major Texas markets continue to rank among the top 15 metros in both 12-month and 5-year percent change through February 2024 with Dallas-Fort Worth ranking 7th and 2nd, respectively. The unemployment rate in the Dallas-Fort Worth area rose to 4.2% through February 2024, a 0.9 percentage point increase quarter-over-quarter, but still below the 5-year average of 4.6% for the market.





### **Dallas-Fort Worth Accolades**

#1
Nationwide
FOR POPULATION GROWTH

Dallas-Fort Worth consistently ranks among the nation's fastest-growing areas, and continuing job growth is a key factor. The population growth has, in turn, fueled real estate development as retailers and service providers expand to meet increasing demand.

#1

### **NATIONWIDE**

FOR JOB RECOVERY beyond pre-pandemic high (4.3 million jobs)

**24**Fortune 500

**HEADQUARTERS** 

As of 2023 Dallas-Fort Worth has 24 Fortune 500 company headquarters and 49 headquarters among the Fortune 1000.

#2
Most Diverse

INDUSTRY IN THE U.S.

Dallas-Fort Worth excels in many important industry sectors. DFW has ranked among the top five regions in 10 of the 12 industries.

2024 HQ Relocation

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 





Dallas-Fort Worth is one of two regions in the U.S. to host two Fortune 10 companies, and only Beijing and Seattle are home to more. Revenues earned by Fortune 500 companies located in DFW total \$1.4 trillion.



### LIVING & DOING BUSINESS

Dallas-Fort Worth is one of the most affordable large metropolitan areas in the country. Employees in DFW enjoy a higher standard of living with lower housing costs as well as lower costs for groceries, transportation and health care. The areas relatively low housing prices provide a strong edge for companies that operate here to recruit talent.

# DFW's Global Center

2nd Busiest airport in the world

Dallas -Fort Worth International Airport is an economic engine for the region, generating \$37 billion in economic impact, supporting 634,000 full-time jobs and attracting \$28B in visitor spending

The DFW International Airport is the highest-capacity commercial airport in the world and one of the two international gateway airports in Texas. DFW's location means time savings when it comes to travel. All major U.S. cities are less than four hours away.

**水水水水 224K**Daily Passengers

<u>ጵጵጵ</u> 224K <u>ጵ</u>ጵጵ 11.2M

International Passengers



Total Cargo (in U.S. tons)

### Office Market Conditions

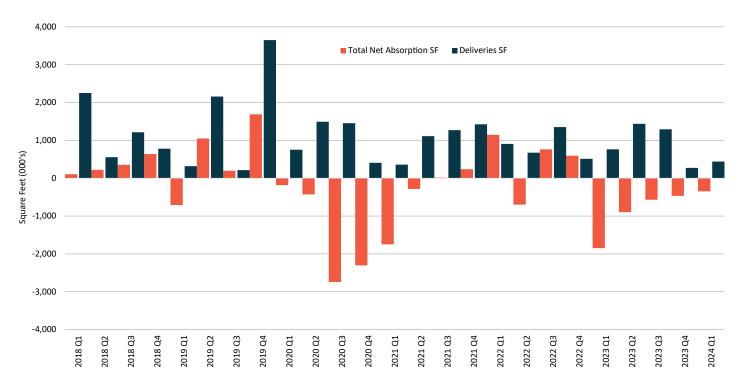
### **Supply and Demand**

Dallas-Fort Worth ended the first quarter with negative 347,297 SF of absorption, 91.4% of which is traced back to Class B inventory. Of this total, buildings built before 2015 contributed negative 614,230 SF of absorption while those built since 2015 contributed positive 266,933 SF, reflecting a consistent trend of flight-to-quality as employers seek new or renovated space with high-quality amenities to retain and attract talent.

The Richardson/Plano submarket recorded the greatest negative impact on absorption this quarter with Steward Health Care and Raytheon posting their collective 178,000 SF of vacant space on the market, both likely due to financial challenges that have led to planned and/or completed layoffs. Additional move-outs linked to mass layoffs occurred in the corporate campus-heavy Las Colinas submarket where Southwestern Health, Mr. Cooper, and Biogen (formerly Reata Pharmaceuticals) vacated a total of over 230,000 SF in Q1 2024. Nonetheless, the Las Colinas submarket recorded positive absorption for the quarter after leading the market in negative absorption in 2023, primarily due to Javelin Energy and Texas AirSystems occupying space.

While sublease availability remains above 10 million SF, the DFW construction supply also continues to grow, resulting in elevated vacancy rates and further challenging older, vintage assets. Year-to-date deliveries include QIP's Thirteen Thirty Three and River Edge properties in the Design District and Primera's 121 Commerce Center at a total of 3.2% leased for all three buildings.

#### **Net Absorption & Deliveries**



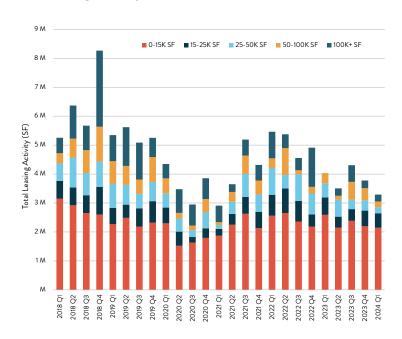


#### **Class Net Absorption**



For the fourth consecutive quarter, all classes recorded negative absorption, resulting in a net total of negative 347,297 SF for the quarter. Class B properties played a significant role, contributing 91.4% to the overall negative net absorption.

#### **Leasing Activity**



While the office-using sector has seen consistent job gains, leasing activity continues to lag. In Q1 2024, Dallas-Fort Worth saw 3.2 million SF of deals signed, down 19.4% compared to this time last year due to continued economic headwinds and the rightsizing of organizations. Class A accounted for 61.8% of SF signed in the first quarter with an average deal size of 5,697 SF compared to the market average of 3,442 SF.

#### **Q1 2024 NOTABLE LEASES**

Tenant	Deal Size	Туре	Building	Submarket
Wingstop	120,000 SF	New	One West Village	Uptown/Turtle Creek
Sidley Austin	118,485 SF	New	23Springs	Uptown/Turtle Creek
Wells Fargo	88,520 SF	Renewal*	The Plaza at Solana: Building 1	Mid-Cities
Invesco	58,464 SF	New	The Union	Uptown/Turtle Creek
CheckSammy	48,152 SF	Renewal/ Expansion	The Madison	Far North Dallas
JPMorgan Chase	36,000 SF	Expansion	Hunt Consolidated Tower	Dallas CBD
Diamondback Energy	27,619 SF	New	8111 Douglas	Preston Center
Farmers Brothers	25,000 SF	New	14501 North Fwy	North Fort Worth

<sup>\*</sup>Short-term renewal until new campus is completed

Source: Younger Partners Research; CoStar



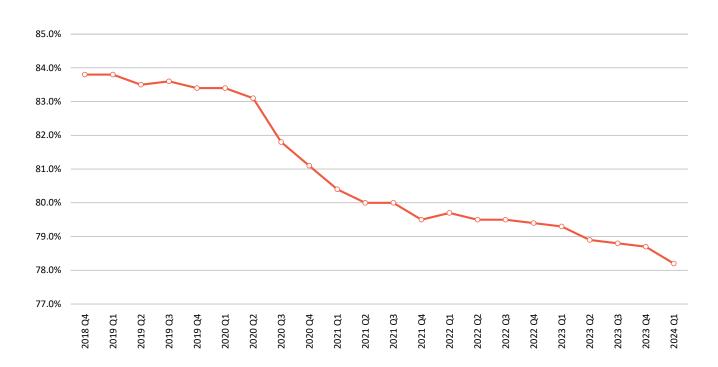
# **Occupancy Trends**

Office occupancy in the metroplex has experienced a decline of 1.1 percentage points year-over-year, sitting at 78.2% for the first quarter. Further reduction in occupancy is expected as new office deliveries enter the market and layoff notices take effect.

The Dallas Central Business District (CBD) submarket maintains the highest vacancy rate in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, standing at 28.0% for Q1 2024. This vacancy is largely attributed to the high concentration of pre-1990s built supply, constituting 93.4% of its overall inventory. While conversions from office to multifamily spaces may help alleviate some of the vacancy concerns in the Dallas CBD, companies relocating to recently delivered or renovated assets carries on. Deloitte and Invesco are the most recent to announce relocations across Woodall Rodgers Freeway into the Uptown/Turtle Creek submarket, signing at 23Springs and The Union, respectively.

Class A occupancy in Dallas-Fort Worth continues to hold the lowest occupancy rate by class at 75.0% as new construction continues to feed one of the largest construction pipelines in the nation despite softening leasing activity.

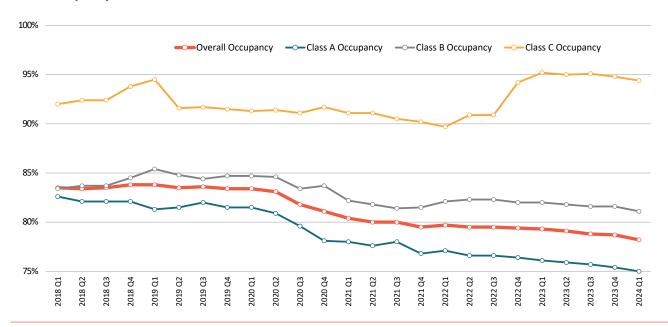
#### **Occupancy Trends**





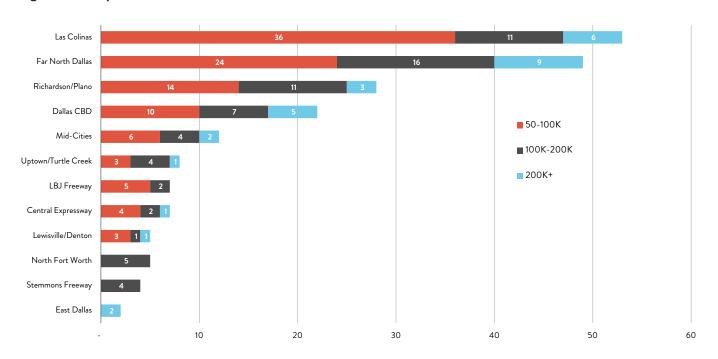
As mid-sized spec construction gains popularity over build-to-suits, overall market occupancy will likely continue to decrease in the coming quarters.

#### **Class Occupancy**



Aside from large, second-generation spaces needing to be backfilled, recent deliveries and a high supply of 1980's vintage assets contribute to the big blocks of space in the market. Many of the tenants in large campuses and older, unrenovated assets recently vacated for consolidations, build-to-suit projects, or in preparation for office to multifamily conversions. The first quarter ended with 202 big blocks of direct and sublease space over 50,000 square feet, a slight increase from last quarter. KPMG added a big block of sublease space to the market in Q1 and is planning to give back 63,462 SF across three floors in Dallas CBD's KPMG Plaza.

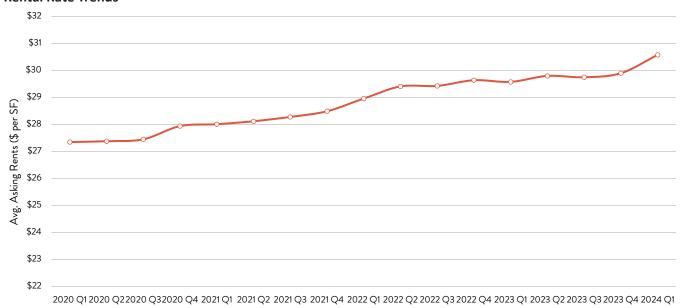
#### **Big Blocks of Space**



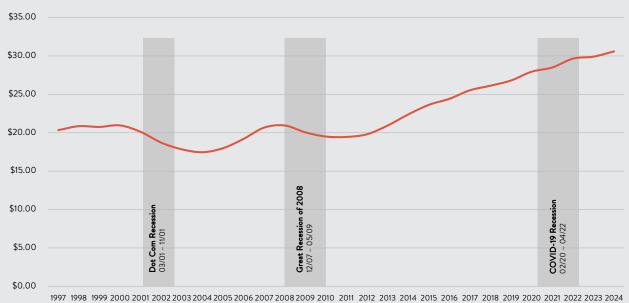
### **Rental Rate Trends**

Average asking rates have increased steadily to \$30.58 per SF (Full-Service Gross) with an increase of \$1.56 or a healthy 5.4% year-over-year. Supply chain disruptions during the pandemic and evolving office environment preferences have contributed to cost escalations in new construction and space renovations. Bank of America Tower at Parkside, a new project recently added to the pipeline, is currently quoting \$80.00 NNN for office space – a historical high for the prime Uptown/Turtle Creek submarket and DFW as a whole.

#### **Rental Rate Trends**



#### **Historical Rents**

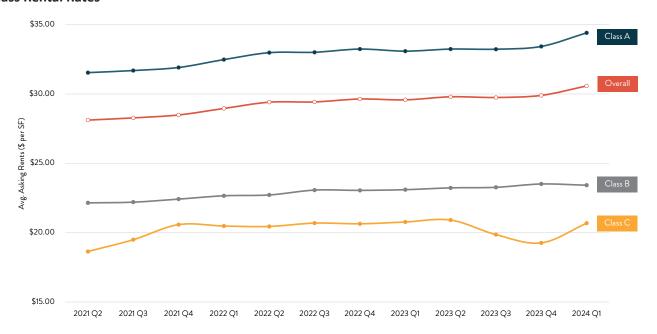


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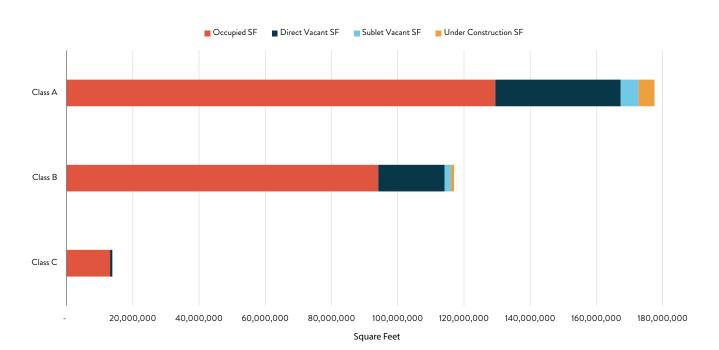


Overall asking rates, which are blended for all property classes, can be broken down as a year-over-year Class A rate increase of \$1.32, Class B rate increase of \$0.32, and Class C rate decrease of \$0.09.

#### **Class Rental Rates**



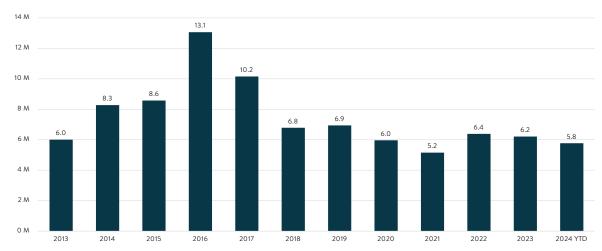
#### **Key Stats By Property Class (SF)**

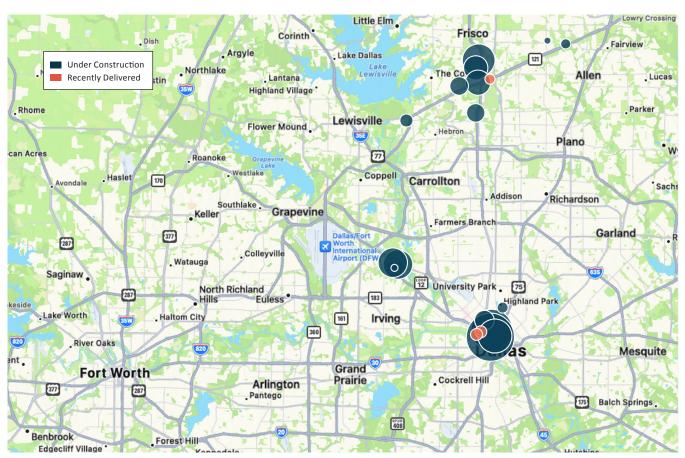


# **DFW Construction Pipeline**

Year-to-date building deliveries totaled 377,689 SF, bringing the under construction pipeline to 5.8 million SF. DFW projects currently under development are 64.1% pre-leased including 23Springs with Deloitte, Sidley Austin and Bank OZK committed to occupying over half of the tower. While QIP's Thirteen Thirty Three and River Edge properties in the Design District and Primera's 121 Commerce Center delivered this quarter at a mere total of 3.2% leased, current demand for new office space is expected to fill these projects quickly.

#### **Under Construction (SF)**

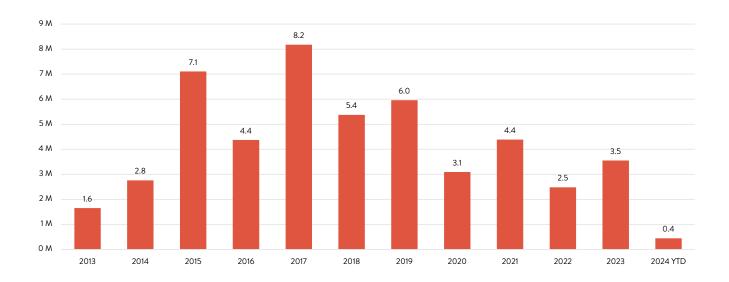






# Recent Deliveries (SF)

2024 Year-to-Date







RIVER EDGE
Design District
146,955 RBA
146,955 Max Avail. SF
\$46.00 - \$48.00 NNN
QIP



THIRTEEN THIRTY THREE

Design District

125,788 RBA

122,740 Max Avail. SF

\$50.00 - \$52.00 NNN

QIP

#### **121 COMMERCE - TERRA**

Far North Dallas/Legacy 104,946 RBA 96,013 Max Avail. SF \$34.00 NNN Primera Companies

### **Spec Under Construction**



121 COMMERCE - AQUA Far North Dallas/Legacy 106,195 RBA 106,195 Max Avail. SF \$34.00 NNN Primera Companies



PARKWOOD PHASE II Far North Dallas/Upper Tollway 252,600 RBA 88,986 Max Avail. SF \$40.00 NNN Cawley Partners



SOUTHSTONE YARDS Far North Dallas/Legacy 241,452 RBA 241,452 Max Avail. SF \$44.00 NNN Crow Holdings



THE TOWER AT HALL PARK
Far North Dallas/Frisco
386,946 RBA
386,946 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Hall Group



CROWN CENTRE II
Lewisville
147,000 RBA
147,000 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Bright Realty LLC



FARMWORKS ONE Allen/McKinney 99,381 RBA 99,381 Max Avail. SF \$34.00 NNN Johnson & Payne



THE QUAD
Uptown/Turtle Creek
345,425 RBA
233,509 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Stream Realty Partners



OLD PARKLAND EAST CAMPUS
Uptown/Turtle Creek
289,000 RBA
251,235 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Crow Holdings

Source: Younger Partners Research; CoStar



### **Under Construction with Leases**



RYAN TOWER
Far North Dallas/Legacy
409,182 RBA I Pre-leased:
Ryan, LLC
205,004 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Ryan Companies



TIAA
Far North Dallas/Frisco
500,000 RBA
Build-to-Suit
Blue Star Innovation Partners



STATE BANK OF TEXAS

Las Colinas

56,269 RBA

Build-to-Suit

KDC Real Estate



WELLS FARGO CAMPUS

I & II

Las Colinas
800,000 RBA
Build-to-Suit
Wells Fargo & Company



23SPRINGS
Uptown/Turtle Creek
626,215 RBA | Pre-leased:
Bank OZK
302,150 Max Avail. SF
\$62.00 - \$68.00 NNN
Granite Properties



BOA TOWER AT PARKSIDE Uptown/Turtle Creek 500,000 RBA I Pre-leased: BOA 261,965 Max Avail. SF \$75.00 - \$80.00 NNN PacElm Properties



GOLDMAN SACHS Uptown/Turtle Creek 702,000 RBA Build-to-Suit Hunt Consolidated



KNOX STREET MIXED-USE
Uptown/Turtle Creek
150,000 RBA
Pre-leased: ISN Software
MSD Partners, Trammell Crow Co.,
The Retail Connection and Highland
Park Village Associates





FOURTEEN555 - PHASE II
Far North Dallas/Lower Tollway
239,909 RBA
239,909 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Cawley Partners



15555 N DALLAS PKWY
Far North Dallas/Lower Tollway
264,599 RBA
264,599 Max Avail. SF
\$38.00-\$40.00 NNN
VanTrust Real Estate



OFFICE AT THE GATE - PHASE I
Far North Dallas/Frisco
315,000 RBA
278,000 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Preferred Real Estate Investments



THE VAN ZANDT
Southwest Fort Worth
111,077 RBA
111,077 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Goldenrod Capital Partners



CRESCENT OFFICES WEST
South Fort Worth
170,000 RBA
170,000 Max Avail. SF
Withheld rents
Crescent Real Estate



THE IVY
North Central Expressway
269,472 RBA
191,050 Max Avail. SF
\$75.00 NNN
PacElm Properties



KERA/KAIZEN Uptown/Turtle Creek 400,000 RBA 375,000 Max Avail. SF Withheld Rents Kaizen



HARWOOD NO. 15 Uptown/Turtle Creek 330,022 RBA 330,022 Max Avail. SF Withheld Rents Harwood International



FIELD STREET TOWER
Dallas CBD
529,038 RBA
529,038 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Hillwood Development



FIELD STREET DISTRICT I
Dallas CBD
500,000 RBA
500,000 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Woods Capital



ONE UNIVERSITY
South Fort Worth
130,000 RBA
116,044 Max Avail. SF
Withheld Rents
Goldenrod Companies

### **Capital Markets**

Transaction volume in Q1 2024 is reminiscent to what we saw in 2023. Only a handful of transactions were complete in Q1 and year-over-year sales are off over 50%. Market pricing has moved towards a correction but not enough needs-based sellers have transacted to establish new market-clearing value ranges. And while a higher number of distressed sales are expected in 2024, the broader price adjustment is likely to occur gradually.

The era of ultra-low interest rates is over but investors are holding out hope for a Fed rate cut later in 2024. The 10-year Treasury yields remains in the 4-5% range while the market awaits clarity on where rates are headed. Capital markets are expected to gain steam in 2024 but a significant shift isn't expected until well into 2025 as investors and lenders benefit from an increasingly more stable foundation upon which to underwrite.

Real estate values for most property types are unlikely to fully stabilize until mid-2025. Office cap rates rose by at least 200 bps in 2023. This implies a 20 – 30% decline in values. We think cap rates will expand by another 25 to 50 bps in 2024, with a corresponding 5% to 15% decrease in values.

Notable 1Q 2024 Office Investment Sales Transactions

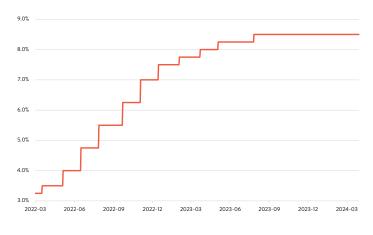
- One Lincoln Park (260K SF) TBK (User)
- Bent Tree Green (138K SF) Bradford
- Collins Crossing (300K SF) Golden Rod / Reserve
- Park Centre IV (153K SF) BH Properties

### 10-Year Treasury Bond Rate



### **Bank Prime Loan Rate Changes:**

Historical Dates of Changes and Rates



REIT PERFORMANCE YTD THROUGH 02/29/2024 PROPERTY TYPE AVG. RETURN **NUMBER OF REITs** Infrastructure -20.02% 6 Office 21 -12.68% Land -9.61% 3 Self-Storage -9,37% 5 17 Triple Net -8.46 Diversified -8.11% 13 Multifamily -7.43% 13 Casino -6 98% 2 Health Care 16 -6.36% **Shopping Center** -5.18% 16 Industrial -4.17% 12 Timber -1.86 3 Manufactured Housing -0.84% 0.26% 15 Single Family Housing 0.96% 3 Advertising 4.55% 2 5.82% Malls 4 Data Center 10.79% 3 -6.33 **REIT Average** 

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence LLC

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (US)



### **Submarkets**

	INVENTORY		VACANCY		NET ABSORPTION SF		COMPLETIONS		UNDER CONSTRUCTION	ASKING RENT
SUBMARKET	# OF BLDGS	TOTAL SF	TOTAL SF	RATE	CURRENT QTR	YTD	CURRENT QTR	YTD	AT END OF CURRENT QTR	WTD. AVG. (FS/G)
CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY	86	11,816,876	2,709,438	22.9%	-44,039	-44,039	0	0	0	\$33.72
DALLAS CBD	90	32,037,298	8,967,972	28.0%	60,906	60,906	0	0	0	\$30.31
EAST DALLAS	122	5,931,837	1,142,333	19.3%	34,076	34,076	0	0	0	\$31.89
FAR NORTH DALLAS	411	61,919,470	15,551,318	25.1%	-250,462	-250,462	104,946	104,946	1,953,534	\$33.82
FORT WORTH CBD	60	10,146,836	1,176,694	11.6%	25,592	25,592	0	0	0	\$30.08
LAS COLINAS	305	42,546,554	10,721,186	25.2%	28,575	28,575	0	0	906,269	\$27.55
LBJ FREEWAY	133	19,771,255	4,919,819	24.9%	23,392	23,392	0	0	0	\$25.67
LEWISVILLE/ DENTON	114	5,505,018	931,536	16.9%	33,542	33,542	0	0	147,000	\$25.50
MID-CITIES	318	25,576,520	3,884,724	15.2%	-68,807	-68,807	0	0	0	\$25.82
NORTH FORT WORTH	53	4,042,937	539,231	13.3%	2,510	2,510	0	0	0	\$24.00
NORTHEAST FORT WORTH	48	3,687,222	302,052	8.2%	12,104	12,104	0	0	0	\$19.57
PRESTON CENTER	51	6,943,166	729,678	10.5%	6,737	6,737	0	0	0	\$44.54
RICHARDSON/ PLANO	315	33,231,020	6,749,416	20.3%	-262,292	-262,292	0	0	135,574	\$25.28
SOUTH FORT WORTH	171	9,848,377	1,342,739	13.6%	43,583	43,583	0	0	15,000	\$26.48
SOUTHWEST DALLAS	58	3,425,822	754,291	22.0%	-11,913	-11,913	0	0	0	\$25.16
STEMMONS FREEWAY	102	9,718,175	2,333,772	24.0%	-11,768	-11,768	272,743	272,743	0	\$26.32
UPTOWN /TURTLE CREEK	103	16,553,679	3,198,714	19.3%	30,967	30,967	0	0	2,612,766	\$50.18
TOTAL	2,540	302,702,062	65,954,913	21.8%	-347,297	-347,297	377,689	377,689	5,770,143	\$30.58
CLASS A	682	172,743,670	43,248,158	25.0%	-19,776	-19,776	377,689	377,689	4,811,782	\$34.41
CLASS B	1,494	116,063,944	21,934,393	18.9%	-317,579	-317,579	0	0	958,361	\$23.42
CLASS C	364	13,894,448	772,362	5.6%	-9,942	-9,942	0	0	0	\$20.68
TOTAL DFW	2,540	302,702,062	65,954,913	21.8%	-347,297	-347,297	377,689	377,689	5,770,143	\$30.58

For additional information on any of the submarkets shown above, please refer to our Market Snapshot reports.

<sup>\*</sup> Younger Partners' research is based on the CoStar office building database. Inventory includes office buildings containing at least 15,000 rentable square feet; single tenant, multi-tenant, and owner-occupied; class A, B, and C; existing, under construction, or under renovation; and excludes medical office buildings and data centers.



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