MARKETBEAT BIRMINGHAM, AL

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Forecast

Industrial Q4 2022



Overall, Net Asking Rent

ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q4 2022



Birmingham-Hoover Employment

2.4% Birmingham-Hoover Unemployment Rate

3.7% U.S.

Unemployment Rate

Source: BLS, Moody's Analytics, AL Department of Labor, <u>www.madeinalabama.com</u>; Birmingham Business Alliance; CoStar, Real Capital Analytics

2022Q4 data are based on latest available data.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Market fundamentals remained steady throughout Alabama despite ongoing economic uncertainties. At the close of 2022, Alabama's unemployment rate held steady at 2.7% in November, which is well below November 2021's rate of 3.1% and below the U.S. rate of 3.7%. On a local level, the Birmingham Business Alliance recently announced that 2022 brought over \$183 million in capital investments, resulting in nearly 1,500 jobs in the Birmingham metro area. Significant investment activity and expansion announcements by companies such as The Kroger Co., Home Depot, Utz, O'Neal Steel, and Energy Pipe & Supply reflect the ongoing confidence in the Birmingham region.

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY

Birmingham's multi-tenant industrial market ended the year with 581,491 square feet (sf) of overall absorption, a continued positive trend from the 318,949 sf recorded in 2021.Leasing activity slowed during fourth quarter, however year-to-date leasing activity totaled 1.2 million square feet (msf), exceeding 1.0 msf leased for the second year in a row.

Development activity remained strong with over 3.1 msf of new industrial product completed throughout Birmingham's seven-county region in 2022. Given these new construction deliveries, coupled with several existing industrial buildings being added to the multi-tenant inventory in 2022, overall vacancy increased to 7.3% at year-end, up from 4.7% at the end of 2021. At the close of fourth quarter, there was 650,000 sf of industrial product under construction with an anticipated delivery date of 2023. Areas with significant industrial development include the I-65 corridor in North Birmingham off Daniel Payne Drive in the Central Submarket, as well as in McCalla off McAshan Drive and Jefferson Metropolitan Parkway in Birmingham's Southwestern submarket.

PRICING

The overall average weighted net asking rate for all property types increased to \$5.62 per square foot (psf), up from \$5.47 psf at the end of 2021. Bulk distribution/warehouse space continues to be the most desired of all product types, ending the year with an average overall asking rate of \$5.52 psf, up from \$5.15 psf in 2021. It is expected that rates will continue to increase modestly as supply tightens and new product delivers in 2023.

SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES



OVERALL VACANCY & ASKING RENT



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MARKET STATISTICS

SUBMARKET	INVENTORY (SF)	OVERALL VACANT (SF)	OVERALL VACANCY RATE	CURRENT QTR OVERALL NET ABSORPTION (SF)	YTD OVERALL NET ABSORPTION (SF)	UNDER CNSTR (SF)	YTD CONSTR COMPLETIONS (SF)	OVERALL WEIGHTED AVG NET RENT (MF)	OVERALL WEIGHTED AVG NET RENT (OS)	OVERALL WEIGHTED AVG NET RENT (W/D)
Central	4,131,734	366,300	8.9%	29,782	182,542	225,000	512,000	n/a	\$8.32	\$4.89
Eastern	2,588,906	1,950	0.1%	0	84,000	0	0	n/a	\$10.00	\$5.35
Oxmoor Valley	3,069,885	417,686	7.5%	19,195	137,925	0	187,000	n/a	\$6.50	\$7.33
Southern	3,948,003	379,760	9.6%	6,015	-171,726	0	379,000	n/a	\$9.88	\$5.02
Southwestern	2,421,245	14.400	0.0%	31,350	348,750	424,220	2,027,000	n/a	\$7.00	\$5.06
BIRMINGHAM TOTALS	16,159,773	1,180,096	7.3%	86,342	581,491	649,220	3,105,000	n/a	\$9.70	\$5.52
*Rental rates reflect weighted net asking \$psf/year MF = Manufacturing OS = Office Service/Flex W/D = Warehouse/Distribution										

KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS 2022

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	RSF	ТҮРЕ
1532 Midfield Industrial Boulevard	Oxmoor Valley	Dollar General	307,200	New
1840 Corporate Woods Drive**	Southern	BARJAS (Liquid Bidding)	116,563	New
500 Eagan Road	Central	Utz	109,120	New
Shelby West Commerce Center**	Southern	US Venture	106,700	Renewal*/Expansion
531 Eagan Road	Central	Chadwell Supply	93,000	New

*Renewals not included in leasing statistics **Represented by Cushman & Wakefield / EGS

KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS 2022

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SF	PRICE/\$ PSF
1840 Corporate Woods Drive**	Southern	SWIE II / Highline Real Estate Partners	250,000	\$18.25M / \$79
3501 First Avenue North	Eastern	Damsky Paper Co. / Stout Operating Firm LLC	239,000	\$13.25M / \$55
36 – 126 Barber Court	Oxmoor Valley	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. / Milo's Tea Company	239,000	\$10.1M / \$49
7600 Crestwood Boulevard	Central	Stonemont Financial Group / Stonepeak Partners	202,044	\$81.6M / \$404
511 Vulcan Drive	Oxmoor Valley	Irondale Warehouse LLC / Farra LLC	166,618	\$5.9M / \$36
175 Airview Lane**	Southern	SWIE I / Highline Real Estate Partners	154,000	\$10.43M / \$68
3242 Moody Parkway	Eastern	Jones Stephens Properties, LLC / Edwin Lumpkin Jr	. 105,726	\$10.9M / \$103
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KEY CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS 2022

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	SF	OWNER/DEVELOPER
Lowes Distribution Center	Southwestern	Lowe's Corp.	1,200,000	Polygon Bessemer LLC / Clayco
Mercedes Benz US International	Southwestern (Vance, AL)	MBUSI	530,000	Monmouth Real Estate
1 McAshan Drive - Bldg C	Southwestern	Lear Corp	327,000	AMR REIT Inc./Prestige Development
Calera Commerce Park	Southern	Sunbelt Paper & Packaging	216,000	Graham & Company

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