



Office vacancy decreases to 6.7% with a positive absorption rate of 498,944 SF

"The office market continues to improve for landords each quarter and is approaching pre-recession vacancy and rental rates. Demand continues to outweigh supply and new construction is on nearly every corner."

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- Rental rates ended the fourth quarter at \$18.35, an increase over the previous quarter. This is a 2.2% increase in quoted rental rates from the end of the fourth quarter of 2017, when rents were reported at \$18.07/SF.
- Tenants moved into and out of large blocks of space in 2018 included Dominion Homes moving out of 39,504 SF; State Auto Insurance moving out of 37,401 SF at 580 N. 4th St; and Dell Software moving out of 32,000 SF at Emerald III. Cardinal Health moved out of 401,681 SF at Nationwide Building A; FlightSafety International moved in 135,000 SF at 4010 Bridgeway Ave; and Valhalla Holdings moved into 25,362 SF at 500 S. Front St.
- The Office vacancy rate decreased to 6.7% at the end of the first quarter of 2018. This is a decrease from the fourth quarter of 2017.

Source: CoStar Group



Industrial vacancy decreases to 3.6% with a positive net absorption of 2,486,695 SF

"Landlords are pushing rates because of the lack of inventory available. We also have seen an increase in the number of institutional investors targeting Central Ohio."

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- Tenants moving in and out of large spaces include Pier 1 Imports Distribution moving out of 527,127 SF at 3500 Southwest Blvd; Genco moving out of 263,219 SF at 3495 Gantz Road SouthPark 12; and Spartan Logistics moving out of 108,000 SF at 4150-4200 Lockbourne Industrial Pkwy. Moving into large spaces include Whirlpool moving into 366,796 SF at 2235 Spiegal Drive; AmerisourceBergen moving into 350,000 SF at Eastport Business Park Building A; and Crane Wordlwide moving into 324,493 SF at Groveport Park II.
- The industrial rental rate was \$3.97 per square foot per year at the end of Q1 2018 representing a 1.5% increase from the end of the fourth guarter of 2017.
- The total inventory in the Columbus market amounted to 286,091,903 square feet in 5,378 buildings.

Source: CoStar Group



Retail vacancy decreases to 3.7% with a positive absorption rate at 259,806 square fee.

"Overall the retail market generally remains active and vibrant, but there is a growing concern about the impact property taxes are having on rental rates."



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- Columbus' retail vacancy rate slightly decreased in the first quarter of 2018 to 3.7% from 3.8% in the fourth quarter of 2017.
- Tenants moving in and out of space included Kroger moving out of 58,974 SF at 3349-3353 Cleveland Ave; Dunham's Sports moving out of 36,052 SF at 15715 US Highway 36; and Lovejoy's Market moving out of 22,211 SF at 900 Village Blvd. Moving into space included Ashley Furniture HomeStore moving into 30,300 SF at Taylor Park Shopping Center; Ashley Furniture HomeStore moving into 25,000 SF at 1280 Gemini Place; and HomeGoods moving itno 21,000 SF at 7390-7410 St. Rt. 161 E.
- The retail rental rate was \$12.41 per square foot per year at the end of the first quarter of 2018, representing a 4.3% increase from the end of the fourth quarter of 2017.

Source: CoStar Group



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