# Ottawa, ON

Industrial Q2 2021



**\$10.99**Asking Rent, PSF

Net Absorption, SF



Overall, Net Asking Rent

### ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q2 2021

**602.2K** Ottawa

**Employment** 



YoY

Chg



12-Mo.

**Forecast** 



Ottawa Unemployment Rate





7.8%
Canadian
Unemployment Rate



Source: Statistics Canada

### **ECONOMY**

Stronger than expected economic performance, rising vaccination rates, and the gradual reopening of the economy are expected to pave the way for a healthy economic recovery in the second half of 2021 and into 2022. COVID-19 has aided in an influx of online shopping, and as buying patterns adjust and shift, we may start to see e-commerce as the new norm, which will create an intensified demand for warehouses. Two new projects in the east end of the city, totaling 2.3 million square feet (msf), will be arriving to the market, and may be the first of many to come if companies can harness new opportunities to build. There is a growing demand for land on 400-series highways, although that may not be feasible for many companies due to the high cost and lack of supply. Stage 2 of the LRT project to extend south and west of the city is still underway with completion slated for 2022 and 2024, respectively.

Source: Conference Board of Canada

### **SUPPLY AND DEMAND**

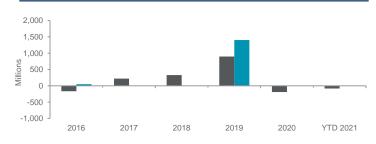
Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Ottawa's industrial market has seen record low vacancy with continued increases in absorption. This is in part due to pandemic shopping which has been driving the high demand for more e-commerce and distribution warehouses in Ottawa. In welcomed news, the City received two development applications that are to be built close to the two-year-old Amazon site in the far east end of the city. Avenue 31 is already underway that includes plans for more than 100 truck doors and will be 1.3 msf in size.

The industrial market continues to see expediential growth as vacancy dipped lower compared to the previous quarter and generated positive absorption of 32,613 square feet (sf), a significant improvement from the 116,646 sf of negative absorption last quarter. Out of 20 submarkets tracked, just six posted negative absorption. Colonnade was the highest contributor to growth this quarter with many other areas not far behind.

### **PRICING**

Asking net rents continued to hold strong with a slight increase from the previous quarter. Rates are expected to climb with landlords recognizing the high demand and low availability of space in the Ottawa market. Rent in the overall western submarket rose nearly 1% from the previous quarter to \$11.23 per square foot (psf) while rent in the overall eastern submarket jumped 3% to \$10.90 psf. The total city of Ottawa closed the second quarter at \$10.99 psf.

### **SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES**



### **OVERALL VACANCY & ASKING NET RENT**



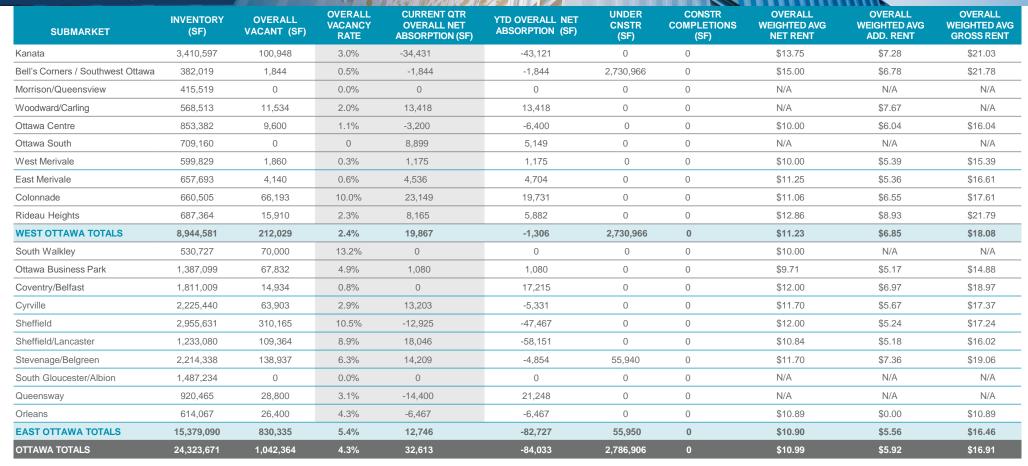
■ Net Absorption, SF ■ Construction Completions, SF

Asking Net Rent, \$ PSF ——Vacancy Rate

### MARKETBEAT

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### **KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q2 2021**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SF	TYPE
2295 St. Laurent Blvd	Ottawa Business Park	Crown Equipment Corporation	23,616	Sub-lease
2750 Sheffield Road	Sheffield	Portable Storage Canada Limited	14,875	Renewal
1280-1290 Old Innes Road	Sheffield	Anixter Canada Manufacturing	5,658	Renewal
*Renewals not included in leasing st	tatistics			

#### **KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q2 2021**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SF	PRICE / \$ PSF
165 Colonnade Road	Colonnade	Larsson Property Holdings Inc	21,924	NA

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