MARKETBEAT Ottawa, ON

Industrial Q3 2023

YoY Chg **Forecast**

2.6% Overall Vacancy Rate

-123,002 Overall Net Absorption, SF







ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q3 2023

651K

Ottawa **Employment**

5.1%

Ottawa **Unemployment Rate**

5.5% Canadian **Unemployment Rate**

Source: Statistics Canada



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Forecast

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Canada's economy more than tripled expectations by adding 63,800 jobs in September 2023 and wages continued to soar. Despite the aggressive rate hikes by the Bank of Canada, demand remains strong, and companies continue to hire. The central bank, which has hiked rates ten times in the past 18 months, has stressed that it will be hard to fully curb inflation if wages maintain their current patterns of rising between 4% and 5% annually. Despite numerous challenges, the Ontario economy has continued its impressive strong growth trend from the previous year, achieving significant gains. In fact, the industry-based GDP saw a remarkable surge, exceeding expectations for a sustainable growth rate and outpacing Canada's increase by 0.7 percentage points. This suggests we could well see another rate hike in November or December. The Bank of Canada is expected to make its next policy announcement and updates its economic forecasts on October 25th. (Reuters, TD Economics)

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

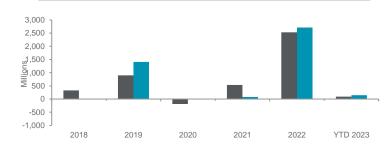
ECONOMY

Ottawa's industrial market saw a slight increase in vacancy in the third quarter of 2023 and now sits at 2.6%, an increase from 2.2% last guarter. This increase is less a reflection of a change in the city's supply and demand dynamics, but more of a consequence of the sharp increase in rental rates that tenants are experiencing in the market. It is expected that the vacancy rate will remain stable in the short term. The Bank of Canada's consecutive months of interest rate hikes have expressively demonstrated the strong correlation between interest rates and investment outcomes. This relationship is rooted in the altered attractiveness of real estate as an investment option as the cost of borrowing increases. This shift triggered a rise in cap rates, reducing property values and curbing investor enthusiasm for industrial real estate projects, ultimately leading to a slowdown in investment activity within the sector.

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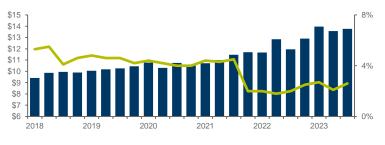
Ottawa's industrial market is still characterized by historically high rents, brought on by steady demand and a trailing supply, and has a strong pipeline of future developments and leasing opportunities. These new projects may mean a turning of the tide for Ottawa's supply shortages – which could lead to a softening in market rents. Until then, tenants should continue to expect to see rents hovering around \$15.00 per square foot (psf) and up to \$19.00 psf for high-quality industrial space.

SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES



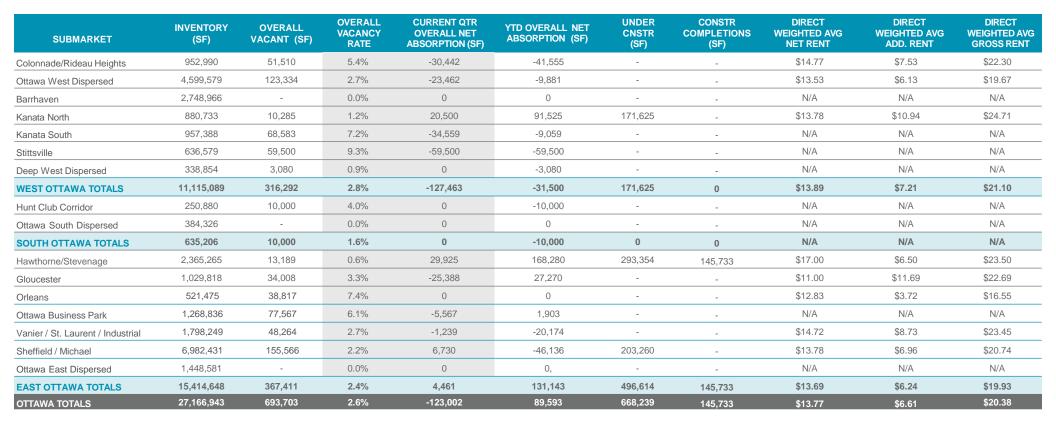
OVERALL VACANCY & ASKING DIRECT NET RENT

Asking Net Rent, \$ PSF



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KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q3 2023

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SF	TYPE*
2421 Lancaster Road	Sheffield/Michael	Undisclosed	64,088	Direct
3105 Hathorne Road	Hawthorne / Stevenage	Undisclosed	29,925	Direct
95 Hines Road	Kanata North	Undisclosed	20,500	Direct

*Renewals not included in leasing statistics

KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q3 2023

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SF	PRICE
2301-2305 St Laurent Boulevard	Ottawa East	CR4 Ottawa Flex Office Inc / Capital City AM	13,194	\$12,500,000
2510 Del Zotto Avenue	Ottawa South	Robert McAlpine Ltd / Aquosis Properties Ltd	4,050	\$2,400,000
2212 Gladwin Crescent	Sheffield / Michael	2824833 Canada Inc to 1000594610 Ontario Inc	62,334	\$1,150,000

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