Detroit Office Market Overview



Market Observations



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- Construction employment continues to lead growth in employment, increasing by 2.8% year-over-year, driven by infrastructure funds aimed at rebuilding major expressways
- In the past two months, Metro Detroit employment in Financial Activities increased by 500 employees, Professional and Business Services saw growth of 700 employees, while the Information sector experienced a loss of 100 employees.

Major Transactions

- 1885 Pond Run Rd, a 40,986 SF office building in Auburn Hills was sold to Nippon Seiki.
- RXO Capacity Solutions, LLC leased 11,941 SF at Travelers Tower I in Southfield.
- Neilson law Group P.C. leased 11,112 SF at Stoneridge Office Park I in Bloomfield Hills.
- Open Text Inc. leased 9,523 SF in Travelers Tower I in Southfield.
- RK Wealth Management, LLC leased 7,529 SF at Stoneridge Office Park II.



Leasing Market Fundamentals

- Metro Detroit's office market vacancy rate climbed 20 basis points to 22.9% during the third quarter of 2025 as 182,561 SF in net vacancies were added to the market. Year-to-date, the market's added 772,781 SF of net vacancy space to the market.
- The Detroit CBD vacancy rate increased by 10 basis points to 21.3% during the third guarter of 2025. Bedrock's new Hudson Tower high-rise will soon be welcoming it's first office tenants. The office tower complex is scheduled to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2025 and will see General Motors, Accenture and Ven Johnson Law among its first tenants.
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Outlook

- Office-using employment is a key leading indicator for future office demand. The most recent data from August 2025 indicate an encouraging increase in office-using employment. With hiring picking up, office demand is likely to improve in the coming quarters.
- Despite elevated asking rates, tenants will see increasingly competitive offers from landlords in the form of rent concessions and tenant improvement allowances.
- The market continues to be favorable for tenants looking to purchase office buildings as sale prices are at historic lows.

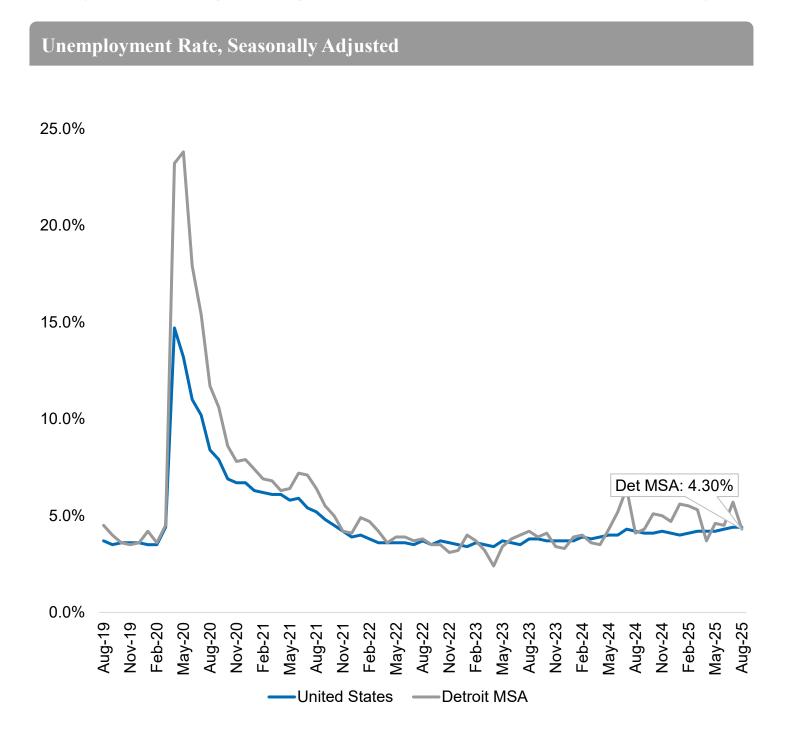
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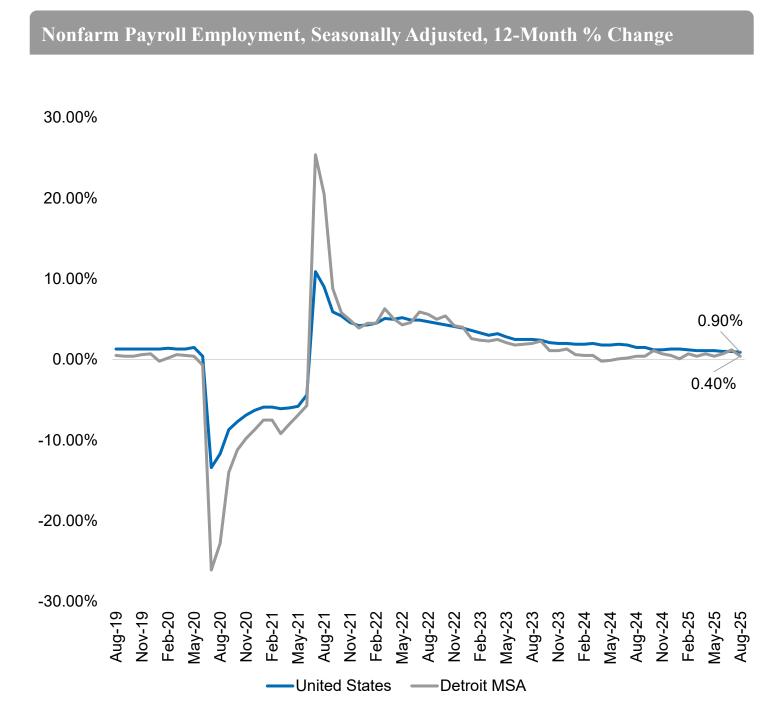
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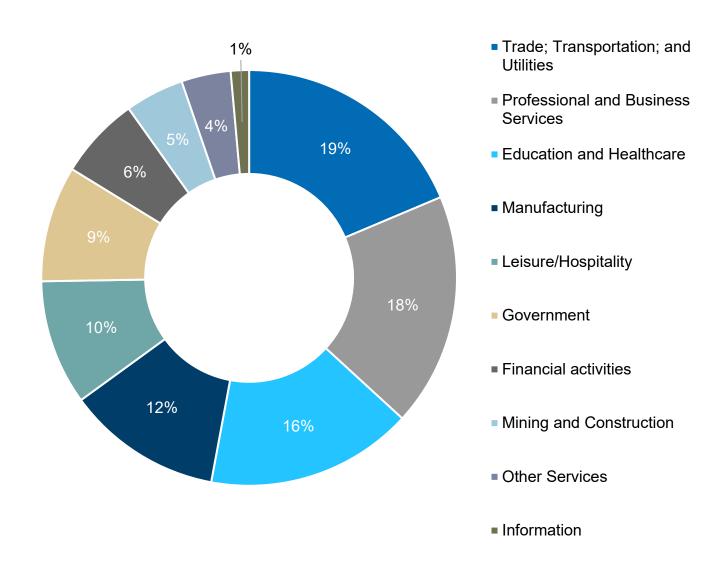


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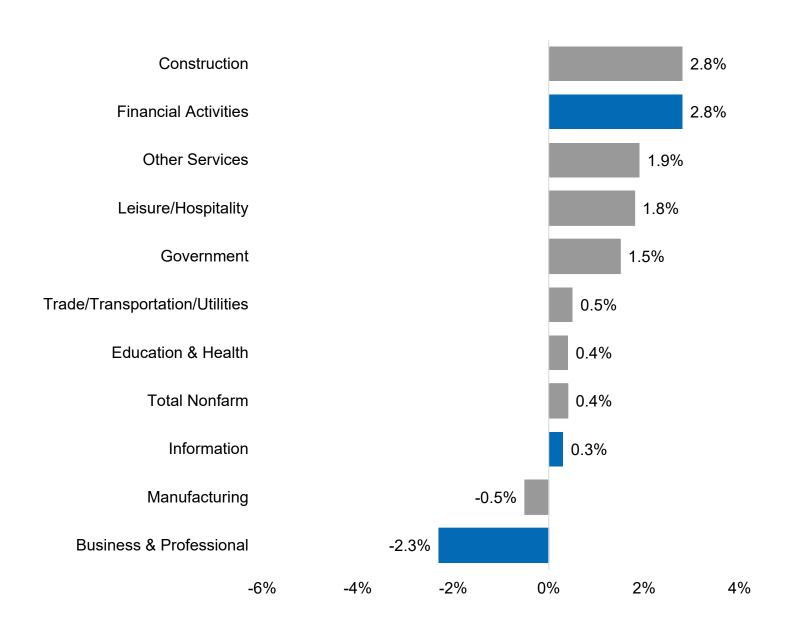
Construction Sector Leads Employment Growth

Construction employment continues to lead employment growth, increasing by 2.8% year-over-year, driven by infrastructure funds aimed at rebuilding major expressways. Year-over-year, year figures show a 2.8% gain in Financial Activities and a modest 0.03% increase in the Information sector. By contrast, employment in Business & Professional Services declined by 2.3% over the same period.





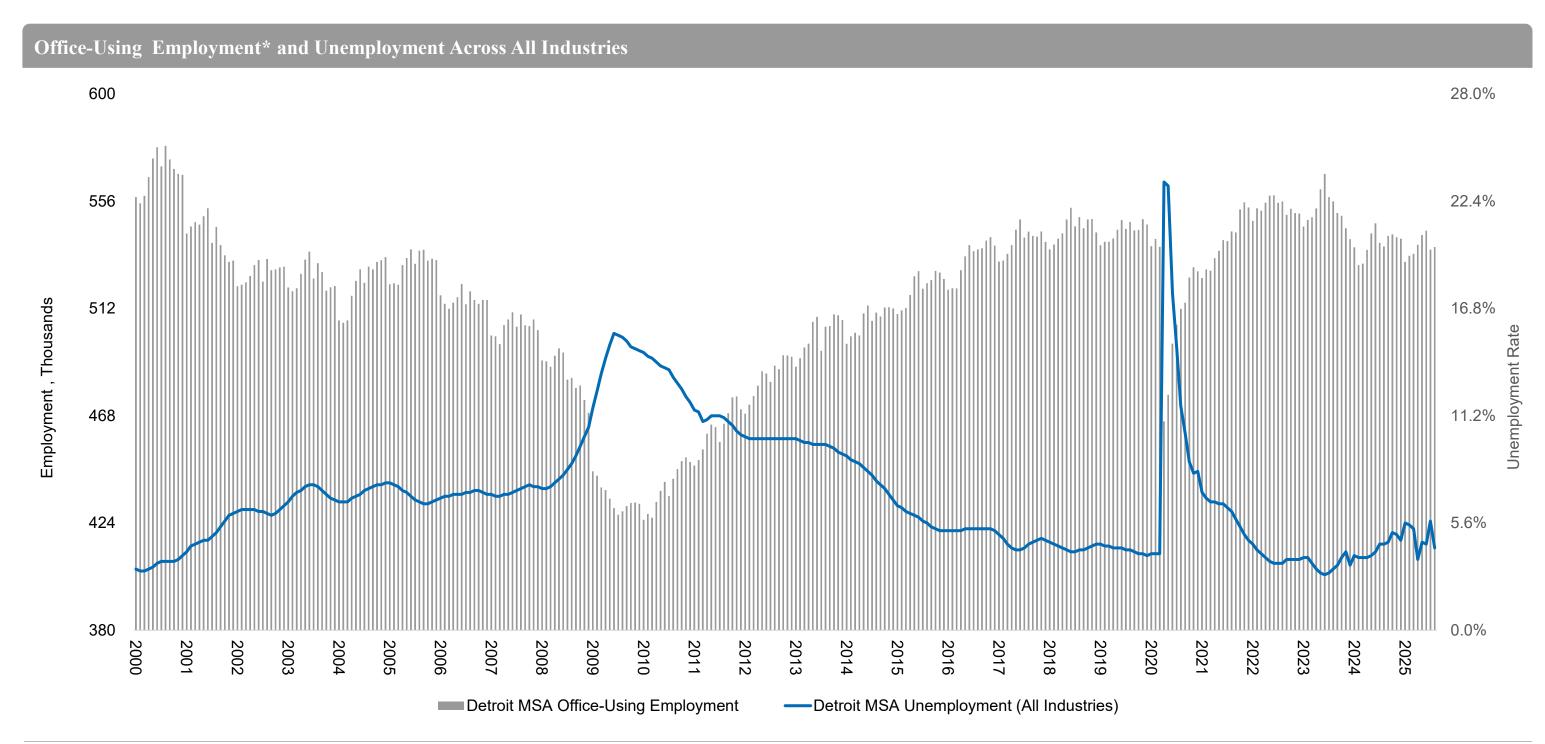
Employment Growth by Industry, 12-Month % Change, August 2025



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Detroit MSA

Overall Office-Using Employment Showing Positive Signs

Both office-based and total employment posted net gains during the recent period from July to August 2025. In the past two months, employment in Financial Activities increased by 500 employees, Professional and Business Services saw growth of 700 employees, while the Information sector experienced a loss of 100 employees.



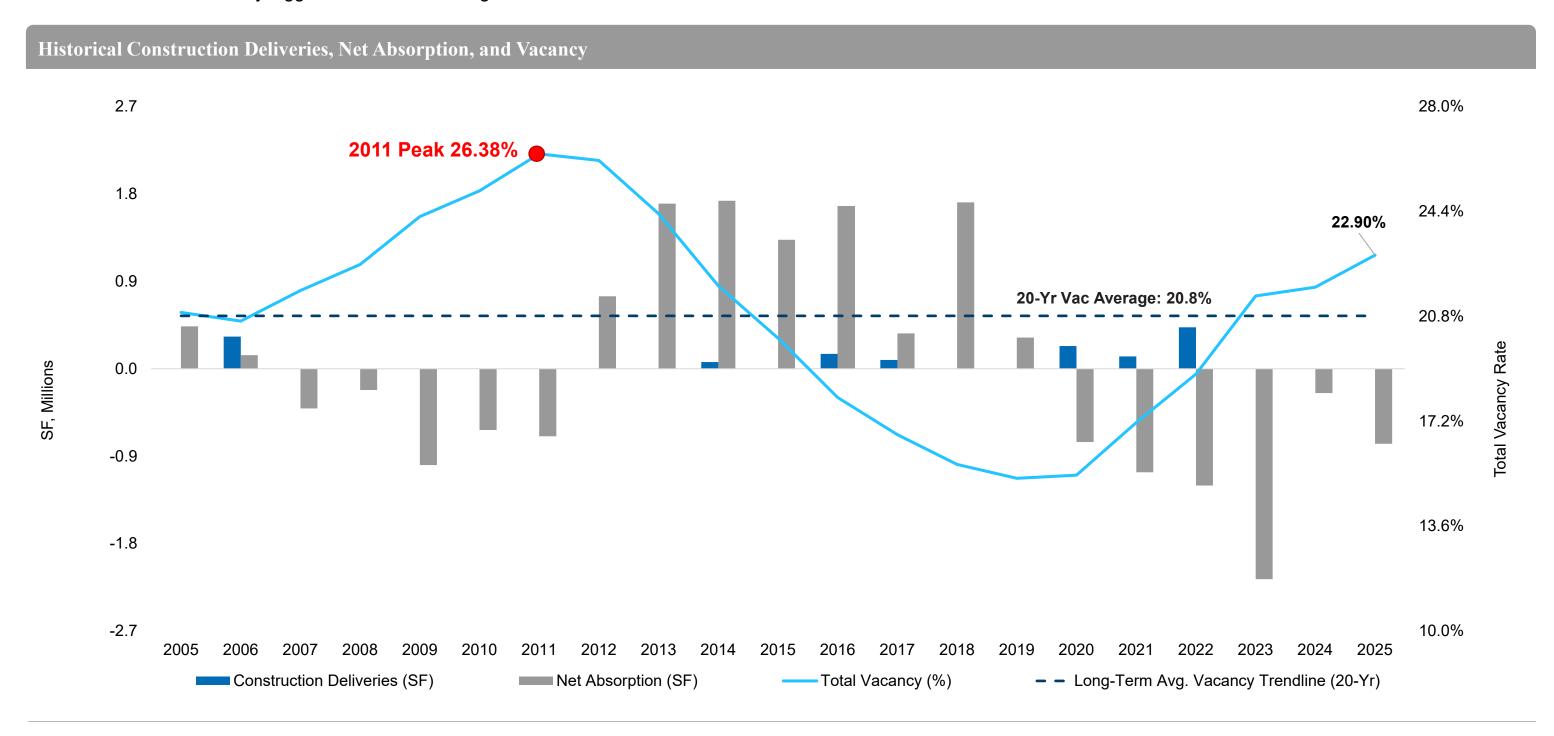
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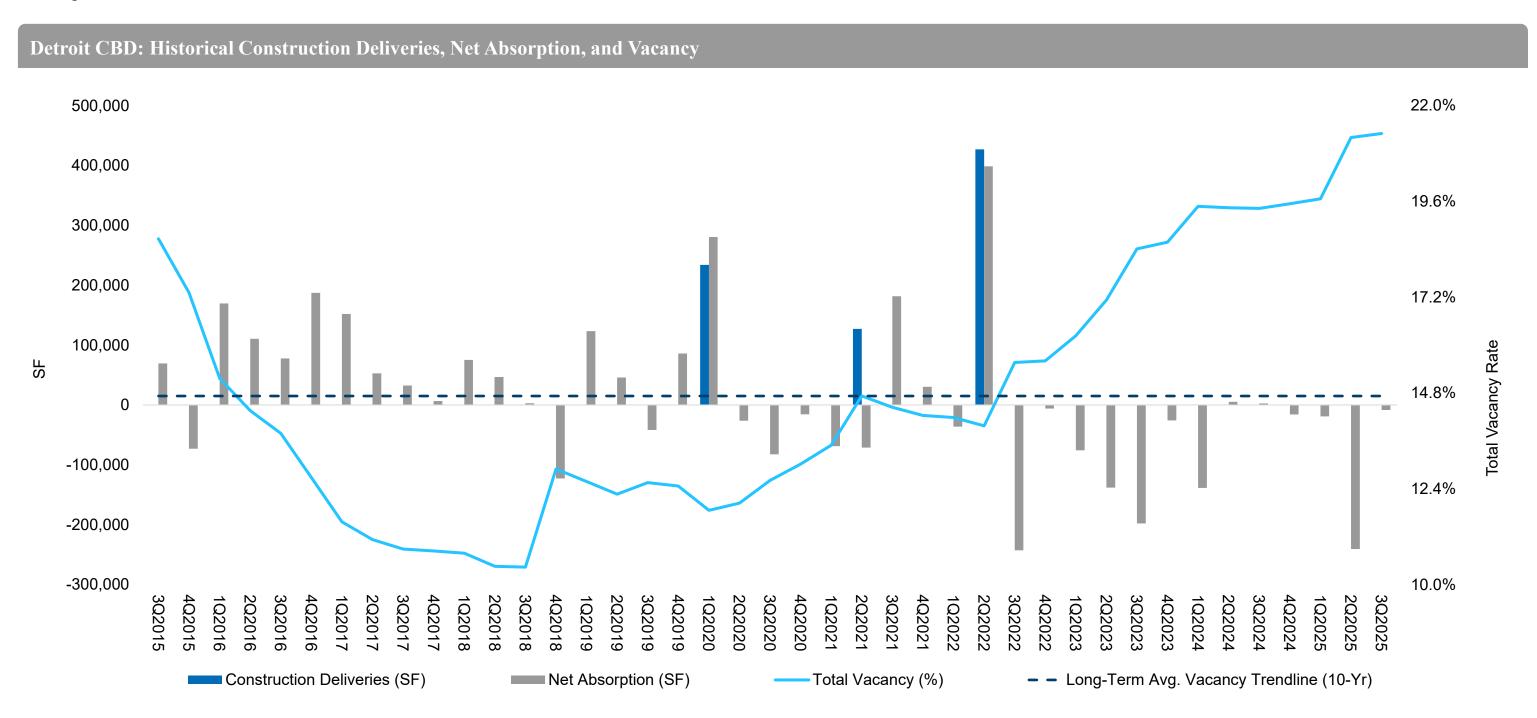
Metro Detroit Office Market Vacancy Rate Continues Upward Trend

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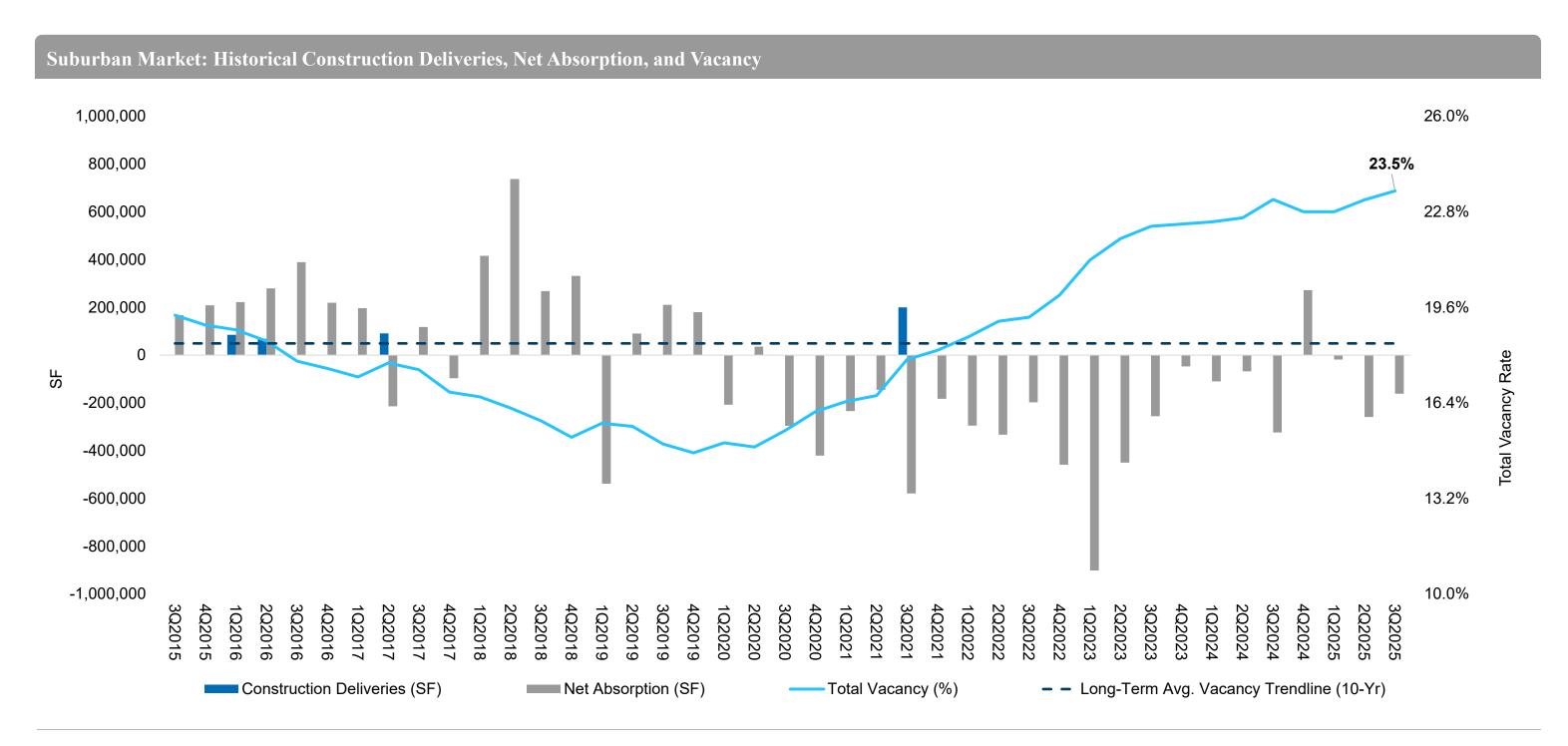
Detroit CBD Seeing Strong Leasing Activity in New Tower

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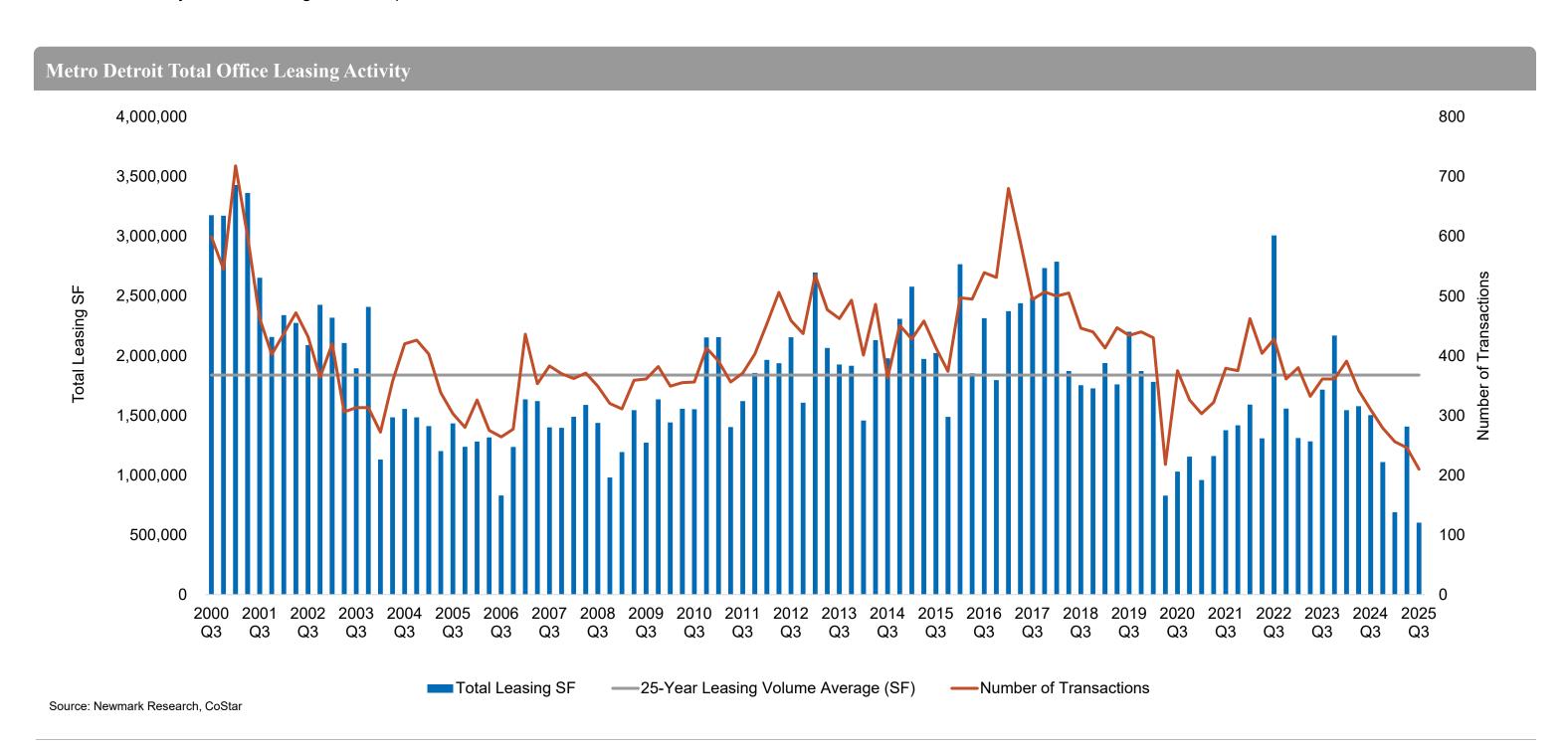
Suburban Office Market Sees Increased Vacancies

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Office Leasing Activity Drops Sharply During Third Quarter

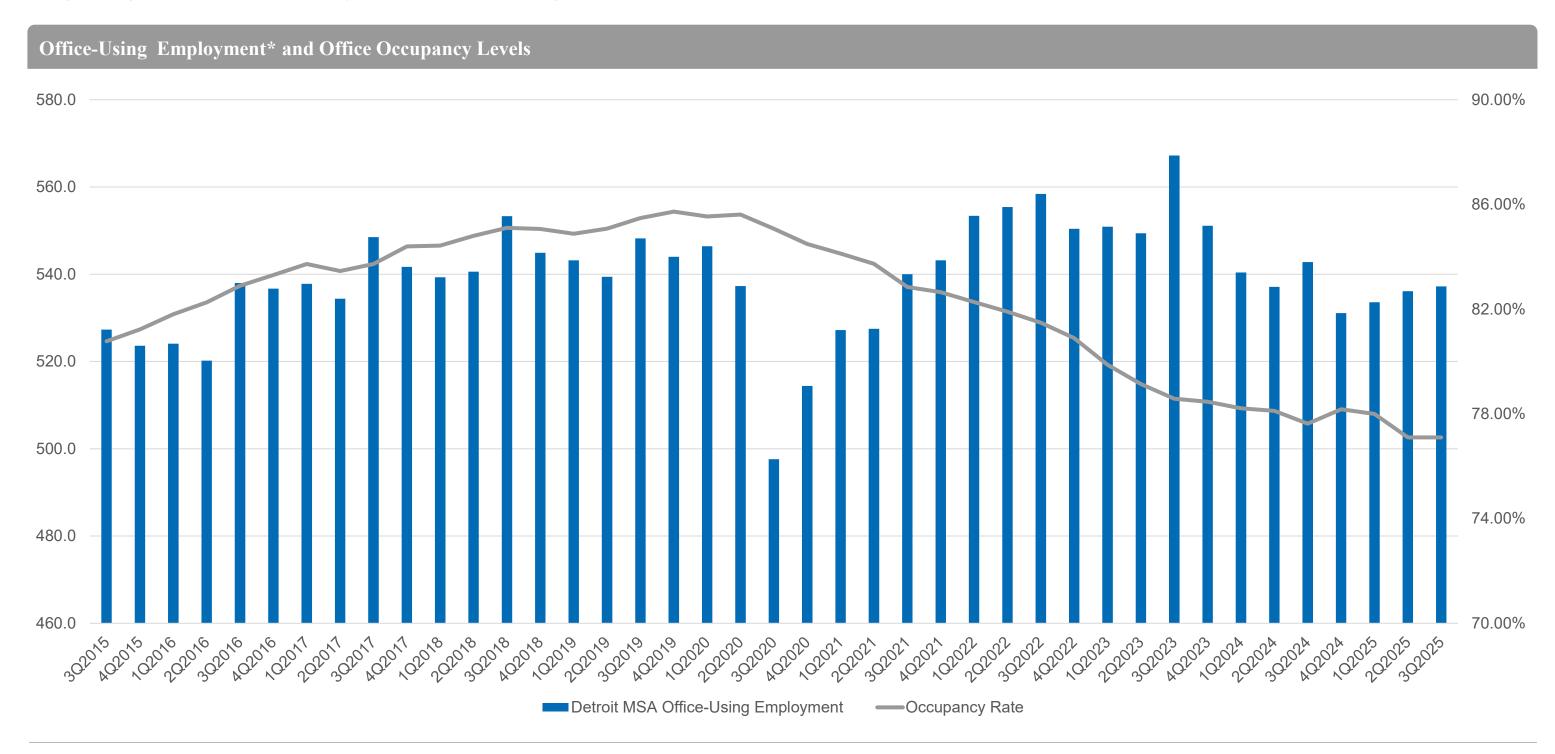
Total leased square feet declined sharply in the third quarter of 2025, dropping from 1.4 million SF in the second quarter to just over 601,000 SF. Additionally, the total number of transactions fell by 14.60% during the third quarter.



Source: Costar

Overall Office-Using Employment Portends Greater Office Demand

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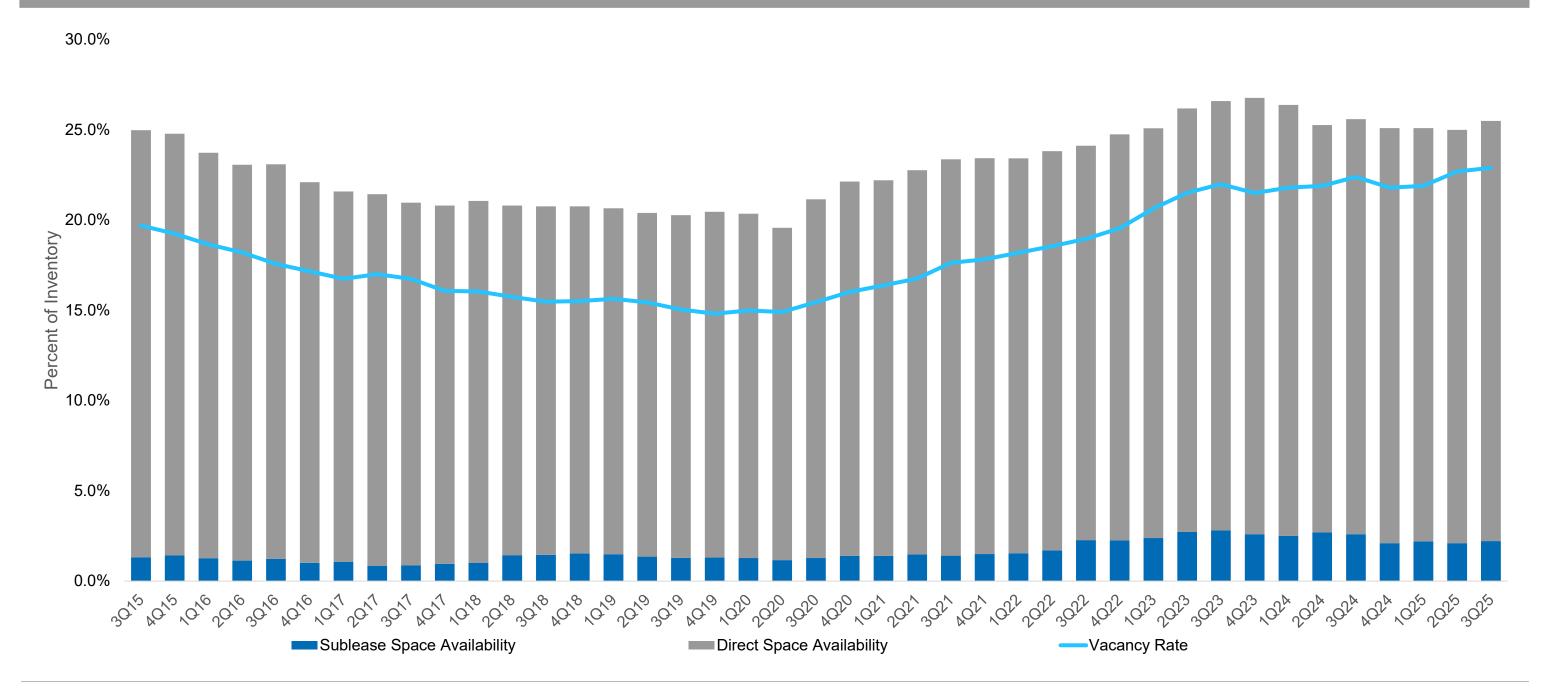


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Direct and Sublease Available Space Trend Upward

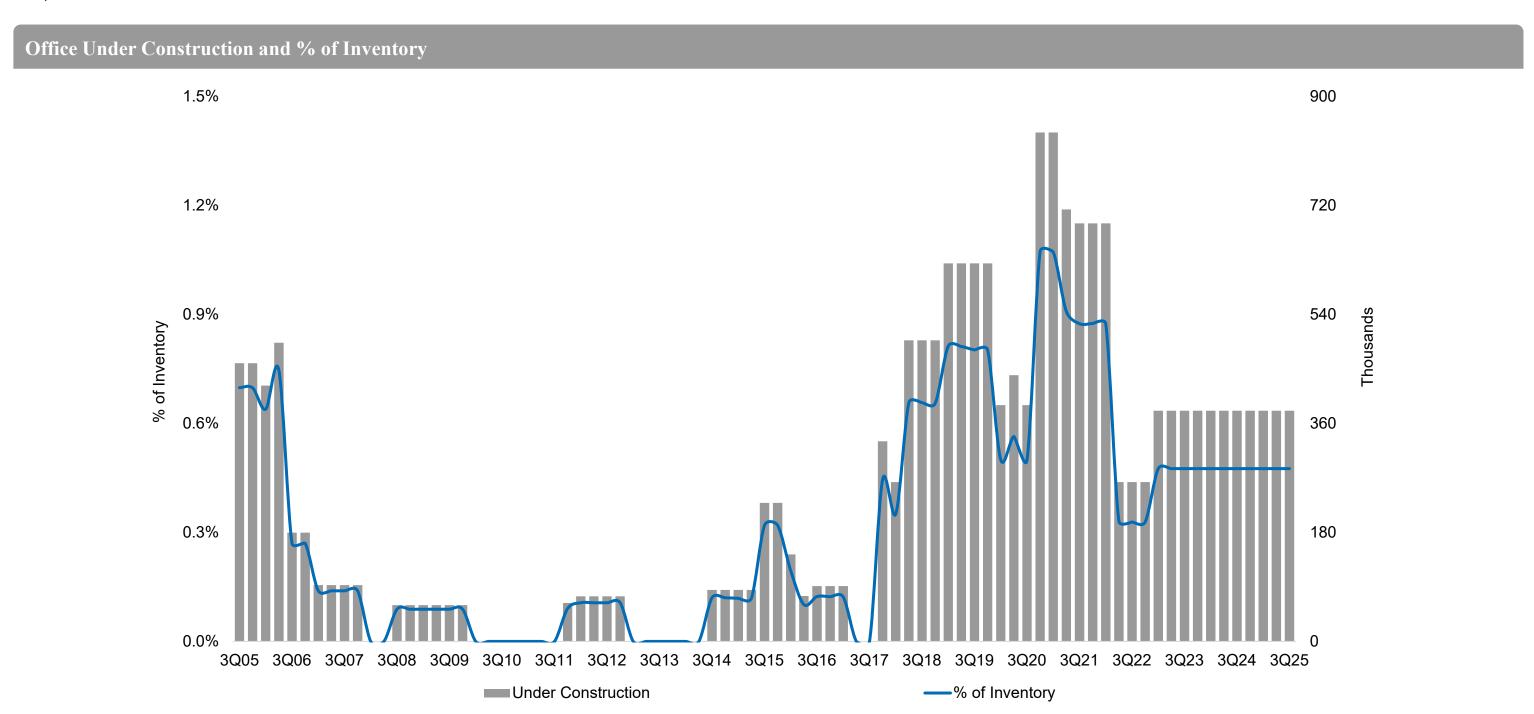
Overall sublease space continued to trend up during the third quarter to nearly 1.8 million SF. Mercedes-Benz's 200,000-square-foot headquarters on Twelve Mile Rd in Farmington Hills was the largest new sublease added to the market.





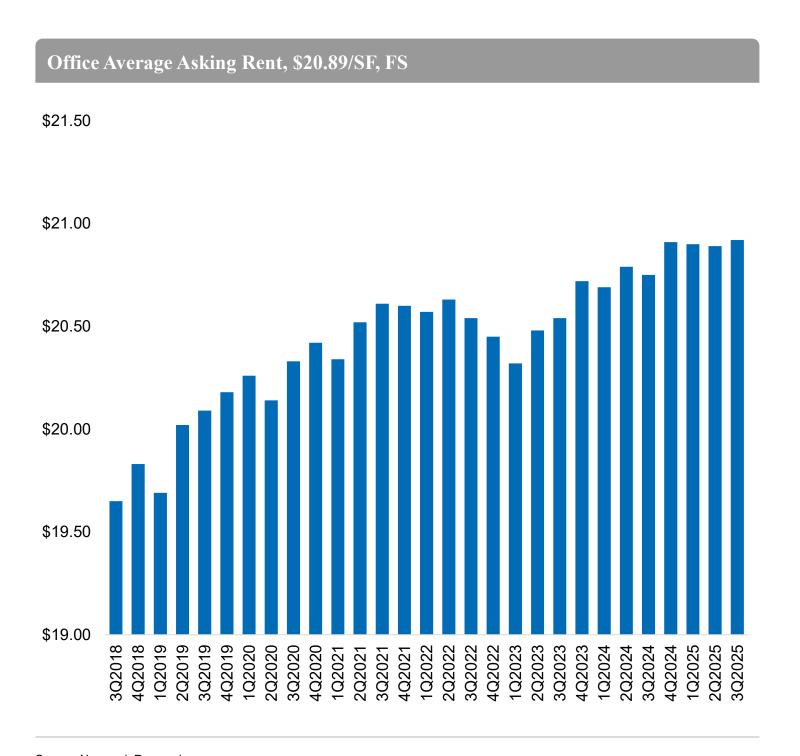
Construction Continues on the City of Detroit's Newest High-Rise

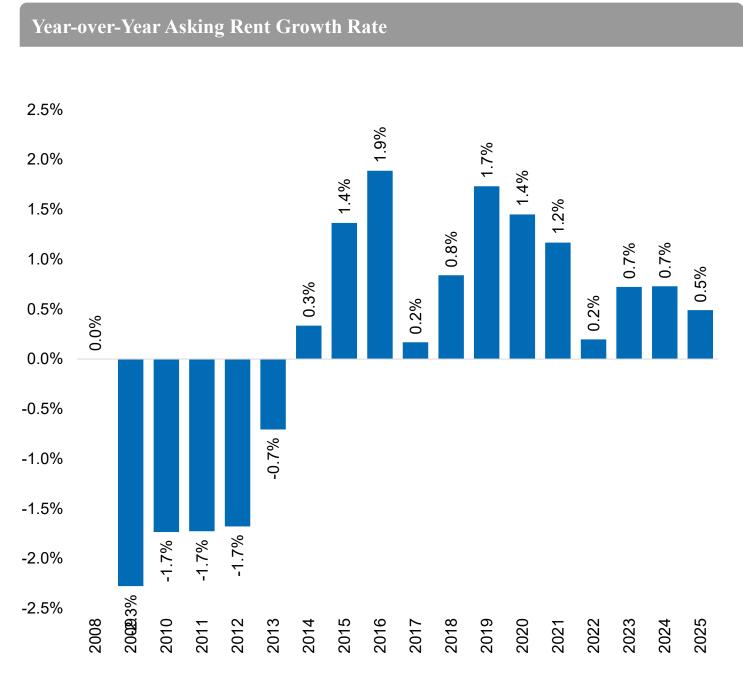
Construction on Bedrock's new high-rise at the former Hudson site, located at Woodward and Gratiot Avenues, is ongoing. The 680-foot-tall mixed-use development will include a 400,000-square-foot block of Class A office space, as well as residential, hotel, and retail components. The new tower is expected to be completed in late 2025 and will be occupied by GM, Ven Johnson Law and Accenture.



Average Asking Rent Declines During The Quarter, But Up YOY

In past cycles, asking rents have adjusted downward to account for depressed demand; however, landlords have traded rent reductions with increased lease incentives, including greater free rent periods and TI packages. However, landlords are offering discounted rents on larger leases.

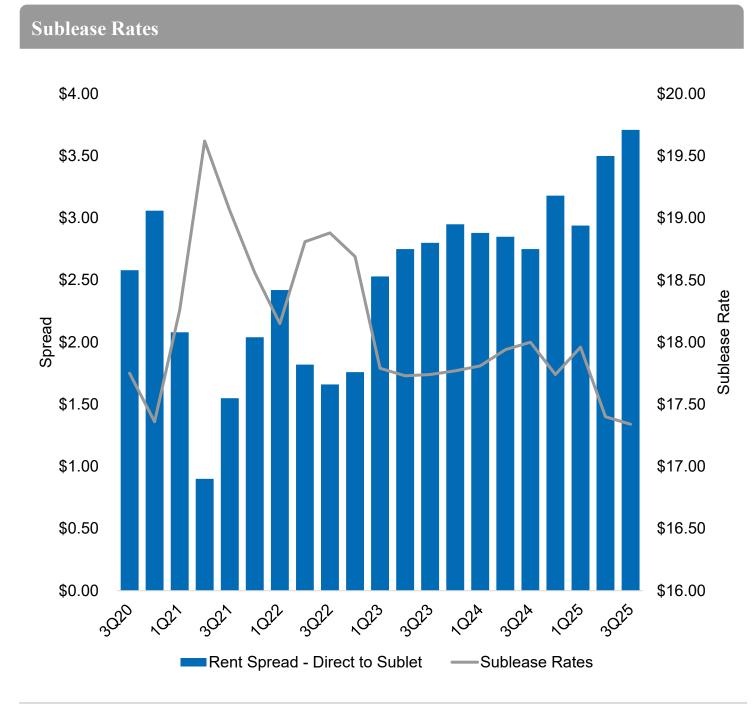




Direct Asking Rates Increase as Sublease Space Becomes More Affordable

Class A asking rates increased by \$0.02 PSF during the third quarter of 2025, to \$23.63 PSF gross. Class B rates declined by \$0.06 per square foot to \$19.57 PSF gross. Meanwhile, the average sublease asking rate dropped by \$0.06 per square foot to \$17.34 PSF, widening the spread between direct and sublease rates to \$3.71 PSF.





3Q 2025 Overall Metro Detroit Office Market Stats

Submarket Statistics – A	ll Classes							
	Total Inventory U (SF)	Inder Constructio (SF)	n Total Vacancy Rate	Qtr Absorption (SF)	YTD Absorption (SF)	Class A Asking Rent (Price/SF)	Class B Asking Rent (Price/SF)	Average Asking Rent (Price/SF)
CBD	15,428,039	380,821	21.3 %	-8,379	-268,069	\$28.03	\$24.66	\$25.69
CBD North Central	1,623,604	-	15.1 %	-12,821	-14,344	\$30.00	\$21.17	\$23.66
CBD Total	17,051,643	380,821	20.7 %	-21,200	-282,413	\$28.17	\$24.20	\$25.50
Ann Arbor Briarwood	2,301,862	-	26.9 %	-154,159	-148,266	\$27.96	\$20.86	\$23.02
Ann Arbor CBD	1,336,823	-	13.7 %	-2,327	684	\$33.87	\$28.55	\$31.10
Ann Arbor Northeast	2,053,840	-	8.2 %	53,674	127,830	\$29.13	\$22.20	\$28.87
Auburn Hills	3,291,327	-	26.9 %	203	-163,848	\$20.32	\$19.76	\$20.09
Birmingham	258,752	-	4.9 %	-5,496	15,719	-	\$27.00	\$26.90
Birmingham CBD	1,270,864	-	9.4 %	-12,857	-11,172	\$42.05	\$31.30	\$35.38
Bloomfield Hills	3,031,190	-	19.6 %	26,129	37,841	\$25.07	\$22.76	\$24.03
Dearborn	2,962,871	-	21.0 %	10,197	30,383	\$21.17	\$16.85	\$18.17
Farmington Hills	6,724,127	-	20.6 %	-19,422	111,759	\$19.80	\$19.07	\$19.37
Livonia	3,360,051	-	29.9 %	-12,964	-158,354	\$18.97	\$17.78	\$18.72
Novi	1,689,457	-	28.0 %	-1,060	-83,172	\$21.79	\$20.25	\$21.00
Pontiac	2,364,852	-	0.8 %	2,000	-	-	-	\$10.60
Southfield	17,232,108	-	29.2 %	-93,654	-249,250	\$21.54	\$17.27	\$18.61
Troy	13,754,822	-	25.2 %	48,571	-14,493	\$26.23	\$18.49	\$19.86
West Bloomfield	557,771	-	6.9 %	-196	13,971	\$20.20	\$19.48	\$19.68
Suburban Total	62,190,717	-	23.5 %	-161,361	-490,368	\$22.54	\$18.66	\$19.88
Totals	79,242,360	380,821	22.9 %	-182,561	-772,781	\$23.63	\$19.57	\$20.92

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