4Q 2023 INDUSTRIAL MARKET REPORT



Inventory 71,997,214 SF



Market Rent/SF \$5.40



Vacancy 4.6%



Availability 5,312,858 MSF | 7.2%



Net Absorption (182,942) SF



Under Construction | Delivered 1350,000 SF | 350,000 SF

Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Richland, & Saluda Counties

County	Inventory	Rental Rate	Vacancy	Availability	Net Absorption	Under Construction
Calhoun	2.1 MSF	\$6.91	14.5%	42.1%	1,000 SF	1,387,888
Fairfield	3.0 MSF	\$2.50	0.3%	1.3%	-	91K SF
Kershaw	6.9 MSF	\$3.69	17.2%	16.1%	(709K) SF	- /
Lexington	25.3 MSF	\$6.18	3.1%	2.8%	334K SF	156K SF
Richland	33.9 MSF	\$5.59	3.1%	5.7%	192K SF	562K SF
Saluda	607K SF	-	-	-	-	-

SOUTHEAST COLUMBIA | INVENTORY 19.1 MSF

VACANCY

Q4: 2.4% Q3: 2.4%

RENTAL RATE



Q4: \$5.20 Q3: \$5.20

ABSORPTION



Q4: 9.1K SF Q3: 144K SF

CAYCE/WEST COLUMBIA & LEXINGTON | INVENTORY 24.0 MSF -

VACANCY

Q3: 3.3%

RENTAL RATE



Q4: \$7.44 Q3: \$7.38

ABSORPTION



Q4: 333K SF Q3: 455K SF

NORTH COLUMBIA & NE COLUMBIA | INVENTORY 12.5 MSF

VACANCY

Q4: 4.1% Q3: 5.5%

RENTAL RATE



Q4: \$5.94 Q3: \$4.94

ABSORPTION



Q4: 178K SF Q3: 281K SF



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MIDLANDS MARKET REVIEW

Columbia's overall affordability, and consistent demographic trends over the past three years have helped boost demand for Columbia's industrial stock, which in turn, helped industrial owners push rents in recent years. Tight vacancies and minimal construction over the past decade have allowed for strong rent growth. Rents have increased by about 7.5% over the past year and 31.6% cumulatively over the past three years. Logistics rent growth is the strongest, at 8.5% annually, surpassing the national trend of 7.1%. Rents in the market are in line with the statewide average, at roughly \$7.60/SF, but are still more affordable than nearby metros such as Charleston and Charlotte. Logistics rents run a bit lower, depending on the total space rented and the length of the lease. Unsurprisingly, properties closer to Columbia's major interstates, such as I-26 and I-77, command slight premiums in rent compared to the rest of the inventory.

Many of the submarkets in the Columbia MSA are experiencing doubledigit rent growth at a time when much of the post-pandemic fast-paced growth in the Sun Belt has slowed significantly. Rents in the Outlying Richland County Submarket are atop the market in terms of rent gains and have grown over 10% year over year. Kershaw along with Fairfield County have seen rents grow around 9% in the past year.

However, headwinds stemming from the macroenvironment threaten to stymie growth in the near term, as rising interest rates and a period of potentially slower growth affect the production of goods and industrial users reconsider the necessary space needed for their operations. However, the growing EV sector has the opportunity to support demand for industrial space here as the trend of reshoring industrial-related jobs becomes more prominent in the Southeast, which will likely continue bolstering demand and keeping rent gains steady.



NOTABLE 4Q TRANSACTIONS



1025/1035 Dreyfuss Road | Columbia, SC 22,000 SF John Gregory, PE, CCIM | Bill Lamar | Tristan Lee



900-905 Garland Street | Columbia, SC 20.160 SF John Gregory, PE, CCIM | Tristan Lee Mike Johnson | Bill Lamar



720 Old Clemson Road | Columbia, SC 8.780 SF Jeff Hein, SIOR | Will DuPree

MIDLANDS SC DEMOGRAPHICS



HOUSEHOLDS

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME | MEDIAN AGE

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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