

#### **Economic** Overview



The U.S. job market remained strong with employment rising by nearly 700,000 jobs in February while unemployment moved down to 8.3%. The job market has recovered faster post-pandemic than in other periods of economic downturn including the dot com bust in 2000-01 and the great financial crisis of 2008-09. The economy is however, facing headwinds leading into the second quarter. The conflict in eastern Europe has sent gas prices soaring on top of consumer prices that are rising at the fastest pace in more than 40 years. A prolonged situation could provide an additional hit to energy and food supply chains and lower business and consumer confidence.



New Jersey employers continued to expand their payrolls in February, with an increase of 25,900 jobs. The unemployment rate of 4.6% is lower than the national average and is off considerably from the same time last year when it was 7.2%, New Jersey has regained more than 90.0% of the jobs it lost due to the Coronavirus pandemic in March and April of 2020. Many of the job gains have been in trade, transportation and utilities, financial services, and construction.

#### **Market** Overview

The New Jersey industrial market continued to maintain momentum into the first quarter of 2022, despite challenges from the Omicron variant and ongoing supply chain issues. Surging demand for warehouse and distribution centers is being driven by e-commerce companies and their suppliers as consumers look to have products delivered faster. Coldstorage demand has also hastened as online shopping spreads to the food and beverage industry. Other industries looking for space include pharmaceutical and technology firms.

As a result of unabated demand, market indicators remained strong in the first three months of the year. Average asking rents reached historical highs as the vacancy rate moved lower, and robust leasing activity has led to 11 consecutive quarters of positive absorption. Of the 14 submarkets tracked by NAI James E Hanson, 13 have vacancy rates under 5.0%. Meanwhile, average asking rates range from a low of \$8.00 per square foot to just over \$16.00 per square foot across northern and central New Jersey.



#### **Market Pricing**

Overall average asking rents passed the \$11.00 per square foot mark for the first time, finishing at \$11.27 per square foot. Rates are up by more than 15.0% year-over-year and are now 27.0% higher than prepandemic levels recorded in early 2020.

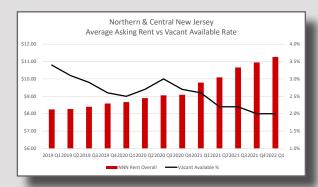


**\$11.27 PSF**Asking Rental Rate



**15.1%** Increase versus 10 2021

Average asking rents moved higher across all submarkets with only three of 14 having rates under \$10.00 per square foot. The markets with the highest rents are Ports, Meadowlands, Exits 10/12 and 8A. While Warren & Sussex, Exit 7A and the Morris Region have the lowest.



#### Vacancy, Absorption & Leasing

1Q2022 vs. 1Q2021



2.0% Vacancy Rate





969,419 SF Absorption

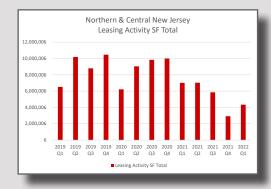




**4.3M SF**Leasing Activity



Total leasing activity measured over 4.0 million square feet during the first quarter and is down considerably over the same period last year. The drop in activity, however, is not a function of less demand, but rather there is less space to lease as overall vacancy stands at a mere 2.0%

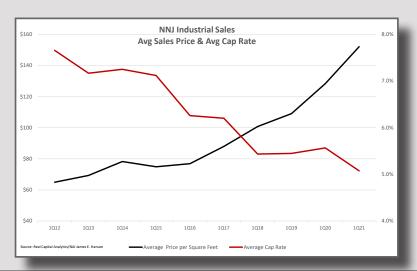


#### **Investment Sales**

The investment sales market remained strong through the first quarter with total dollar volume reaching \$206 million. The average price per square foot continues to rise, finishing the quarter at \$162 per square foot, up from \$152 year-over-year.



More than 1.1 million square feet of industrial property changed hands during the first quarter, as cap rates continued to hover in the low-to-mid 5.0% range as it did for most of 2021.

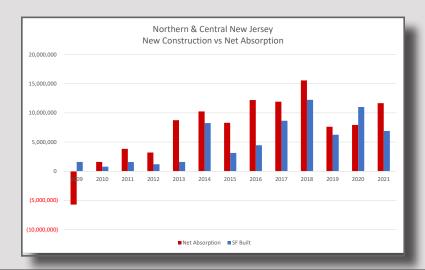


#### **New Construction**

Currently there are 16.6 million square feet of new construction slated for delivery over the next two years in Northern and Central New Jersey. Most new projects have been largely preleased as the tight market conditions persist.



With unwavering demand, new construction deliveries have not been able to keep pace with absorption allowing vacancy to remain at record low levels.

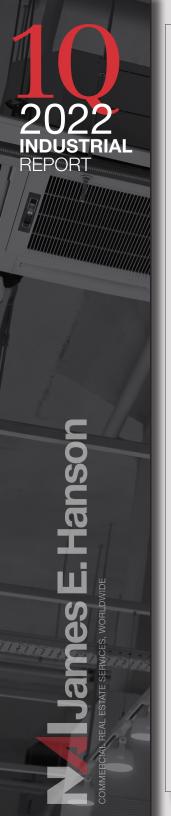




### **Market Statistics**

|                       | Total RBA                             | Total Vacant<br>Available SF | Total Vacant<br>Available % | Total Net<br>Absorption | Total SF<br>Leased | RBA Under<br>Construction | Average<br>Asking<br>Rate |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Northern & Central NJ | 692,034,985                           | 13,751,125                   | 2.0%                        | 969,419                 | 4,334,976          | 14,724,043                | \$11.27                   |
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| Middlesex             | 209,962,418                           | 1,611,331                    | 0.8%                        | (497,650)               | 681,795            | 4,718,968                 | \$11.28                   |
| Bergen                | 91,287,948                            | 2,499,662                    | 2.7%                        | 202,680                 | 1,210,680          | 1,838,991                 | \$12.80                   |
| Hudson                | 81,038,155                            | 1,885,107                    | 2.3%                        | 254,499                 | 811,527            | 1,691,388                 | \$16.07                   |
| Essex                 | 65,973,518                            | 979,993                      | 1.5%                        | 437,156                 | 296,083            | 328,396                   | \$11.61                   |
| Union                 | 64,258,027                            | 1,167,994                    | 1.8%                        | 201,582                 | 333,899            | 2,241,329                 | \$12.06                   |
| Passaic               | 55,684,980                            | 1,060,327                    | 1.9%                        | (91,262)                | 117,581            | 205,350                   | \$12.23                   |
| Morris                | 39,499,839                            | 1,871,861                    | 4.7%                        | 178,051                 | 191,676            | 224,940                   | \$8.52                    |
| Mercer                | 34,582,948                            | 1,256,958                    | 3.6%                        | 343,398                 | 153,503            | 1,906,717                 | \$7.71                    |
| Somerset              | 30,848,427                            | 548,094                      | 1.8%                        | (157,892)               | 269,962            | 145,746                   | \$10.16                   |
| Warren                | 8,753,095                             | 570,600                      | 6.5%                        | (39,950)                | 253,000            | 1,408,200                 | \$6.82                    |
| Hunterdon             | 6,865,231                             | 153,078                      | 2.2%                        | 99,022                  | -                  | -                         | \$10.11                   |
| Sussex                | 3,280,399                             | 146,120                      | 4.5%                        | 39,785                  | 15,270             | 14,018                    | \$5.76                    |
|                       |                                       |                              |                             |                         |                    |                           |                           |
| Orange, NY            | 31,896,624                            | 1,765,249                    | 5.5%                        | (587,731)               | 268,458            | 2,692,094                 | \$9.02                    |
| Rockland, NY          | 15,801,367                            | 579,327                      | 3.7%                        | (42,928)                | 36,140             | -                         | \$14.72                   |

|                        | Total RBA   | Total Vacant<br>Available SF | Total Vacant<br>Available % | Total Net<br>Absorption | Total SF<br>Leased | RBA Under<br>Construction | Average<br>Asking<br>Rate |
|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ports                  | 138,957,679 | 2,658,453                    | 1.9%                        | 601,382                 | 617,382            | 4,160,413                 | \$16.15                   |
| Exits 10/12            | 113,772,760 | 1,386,625                    | 1.2%                        | (442,485)               | 304,259            | 3,139,505                 | \$13.55                   |
| Meadowlands            | 95,244,932  | 2,095,293                    | 2.2%                        | (24,471)                | 1,281,540          | 1,939,691                 | \$15.80                   |
| Exit 8A                | 73,357,233  | 108,701                      | 0.1%                        | (19,718)                | 283,997            | 1,539,963                 | \$13.39                   |
| Route 46/23/3 Corridor | 55,344,037  | 1,016,435                    | 1.8%                        | (78,762)                | 109,360            | 205,350                   | \$12.17                   |
| Exit 7A                | 45,137,637  | 1,832,561                    | 4.1%                        | 154,823                 | 432,686            | 3,250,607                 | \$8.07                    |
| Morris Region          | 37,667,083  | 1,863,265                    | 4.9%                        | 155,479                 | 155,479            | 224,940                   | \$8.51                    |
| Somerset               | 30,644,248  | 547,994                      | 1.8%                        | (157,832)               | 269,962            | 145,746                   | \$10.16                   |
| Central Bergen County  | 25,998,863  | 813,899                      | 3.1%                        | 221,565                 | 464,676            | -                         | \$12.29                   |
| Suburban Essex         | 22,881,324  | 463,254                      | 2.0%                        | (240,874)               | 44,600             | -                         | \$12.01                   |
| Brunswick/ Exit 9      | 22,832,425  | 199,111                      | 0.9%                        | (35,447)                | 88,454             | 39,500                    | \$10.34                   |
| Northern Bergen County | 21,697,697  | 459,579                      | 2.1%                        | 230,018                 | 244,076            | -                         | \$11.88                   |
| Warren & Sussex        | 12,033,494  | 753,845                      | 6.3%                        | (165)                   | 244,076            | 1,422,218                 | \$6.76                    |
| Hunterdon              | 6,800,231   | 88,078                       | 1.3%                        | 99,022                  | 99,022             | -                         | \$10.11                   |



#### **Top Transactions**

#### **Top SALE Transactions**

#### 114,593 SF | \$35,400,000

24 Munsonhurst Road, Franklin Buyer: Innovative Industrial Properties Seller: Ascend Wellness Holdings

#### 131,205 SF | \$32,000,000

241 Oraton Street, Newark
Buyer: Thor Equities
Seller: Jewels Transportation Holdings

#### 75,900 SF | \$62,750,000

120 Frontage Road, Newark Buyer: LBA Realty Seller: S. Hekemian Group

#### 36,320 SF | \$7,391,000

301 Hollywood Ave. South Plainfield Buyer: Blusv I NJ 301 Hollywood Ave LLC Seller: Morris Neuman

#### **Top LEASE Transactions**

#### 425,000 SF

1 Emerson Lane Secaucus ZT Systems

#### 166,000 SF

567-575 N. Midland Avenue Saddle Brook ReadySpaces

#### 152,736 SF

7 Fitzgerald Avenue Monroe Township Access Bio, Inc.

#### 108,103 SF\*

16 McKee Drive Mahwah, NJ Undisclosed

\*NAI Hanson Transaction

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|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| TOP 10 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS  |           |            |                                 |                      |
| ADDRESS                       | SIZE (SF) | COMPLETION | DEVELOPER                       | SUBMARKET            |
| 1000-2000 Rand Boulevard      | 1,408,200 | 3Q22       | Bridge Development Partners     | Warren & Sussex      |
| 904 Cranbury South River Road | 1,281,000 | 3Q22       | JV Brookfield & Sansone Group   | Exit 8A              |
| 1289 Rahway Avenue            | 1,215,238 | 4Q22       | The Morris Companies            | Exit 10/12           |
| 3000 Valley Brook Avenue      | 932,168   | 3Q23       | JV Forsgate & Russo Development | Meadowlands          |
| 42 Military Ocean Terminal    | 886,256   | 4Q22       | Lincoln Equities Group LLC      | Ports                |
| 1365 Lamberton Road           | 845,078   | 2Q22       | Hilco Global                    | Exit 7A              |
| 700 Linden Logistics Way      | 735,220   | 14Q22      | JV Greek Dev. & Advance Realty  | Ports                |
| 200 Linden Logistics Way      | 516,600   | 2Q23       | JV Greek Dev. & Advance Realty  | Ports                |
| 300 Salt Meadow Road          | 479,700   | 2Q22       | Crow Holdings Industrial        | Exit 10/12           |
| 300 Linden Logistics Way      | 472,610   | 3Q22       | JV Greek Dev. & Advance Realty  | Ports                |

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## Submarket Highlights

#### Ports



#### Meadowlands



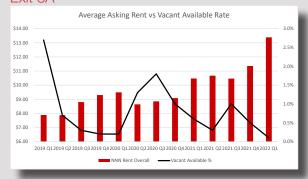
#### Route 46/23/3 Corridor



#### Exit 10/12



#### Exit 8A



#### Exit 7A





| #  | SUBMARKET        | VACANCY |
|----|------------------|---------|
| 1  | PORTS            | 1.9%    |
| 2  | EXIT 10/12       | 1.2%    |
| 3  | MEADOWLANDS      | 2.2%    |
| 4  | EXIT 8A          | 0.1%    |
| 5  | 46/23/3 CORRIDOR | 1.8%    |
| 6  | EXIT 7A          | 4.1%    |
| 7  | MORRIS REGION    | 4.9%    |
| 8  | SOMERSET         | 1.8%    |
| 9  | CENTRAL BERGEN   | 3.1%    |
| 10 | SUBURBAN ESSEX   | 2.0%    |
| 11 | BRUNSWICK/EXIT 9 | 0.9%    |
| 12 | NORTHERN BERGEN  | 2.1%    |
| 13 | WARREN & SUSSEX  | 6.3%    |
| 14 | HUNTERDON        | 1.3%    |

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