

# Greater Ottawa industrial market report

Q2 2024



## **Greater Ottawa market fundamentals**



## **Greater Ottawa industrial market trends**

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#### **Rates remain high**

Industrial rates remain high, but they are not increasing as drastically as in recent quarters. Long-term tenants renewing their five and 10year leases are seeing dramatic rental increases, sometimes up to 100%. This is a significant hike considering rent increases have historically been in the 3% to 4% range. Incentives are also scarce: only a few months of free rent are typically given, depending on the lease term, and tenant improvement allowances are just as rare, and usually hovering between \$2 and \$5 psf.

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## Market remains strong for owned-occupied buildings

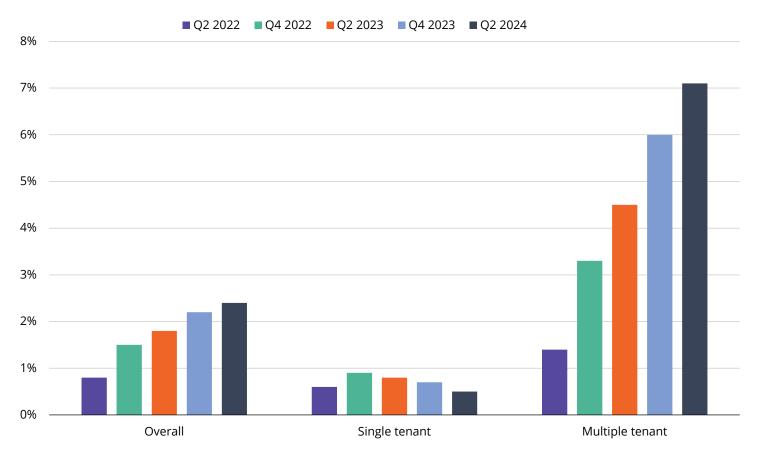
The pool of potential owner-occupier buyers in the industrial market remains vibrant. Buildings of 10,000 sf and under available for purchase are very popular, as tenants are comparing high lease rates against possible purchase scenarios. However, most of the buildings available in this size range are older stock built in the late 1970's to early 1990's. As such, they lack certain modern features such as high ceiling heights, better electrical capacities and adequate shipping and receiving infrastructures.

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## Increased interest in peripheral markets

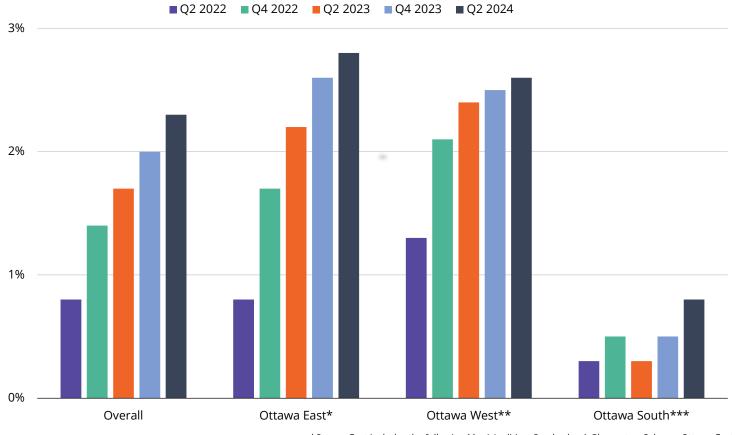
There is a growing interest in markets outside of the Greater Ottawa region. Developers and landlords are looking at western areas including Carleton Place and Mississippi Mills. In the east, areas such as Casselman, Limoges, and The Nation are observing increased industrial activity as well. This is driven by availability of land, lower acquisition costs, collaborative municipalities, and lower fees. However, certain hurdles still exist within these areas, including a lack of access to usual infrastructure services like sewer and water.

Vacancy rate by property type



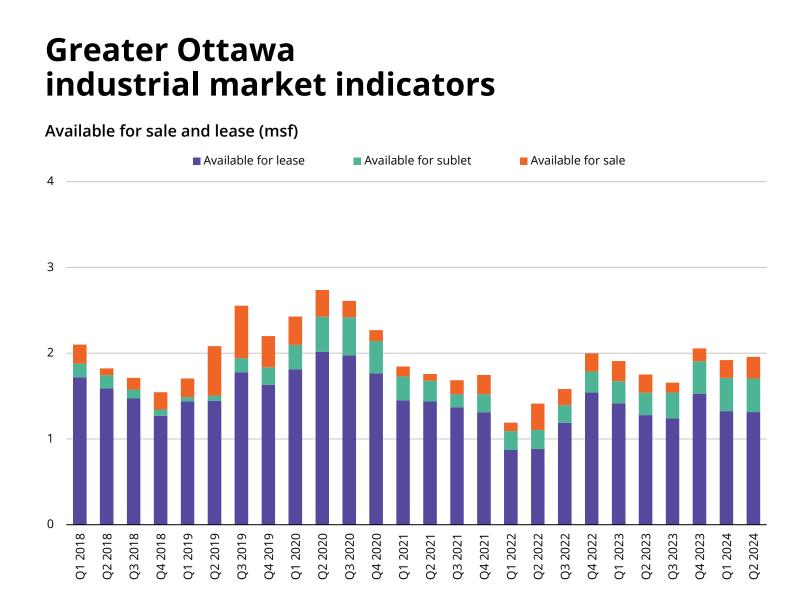
Vacancy for multiple-tenant properties continues to rise, while singletenant vacancy is tightening.

Vacancy rate by market



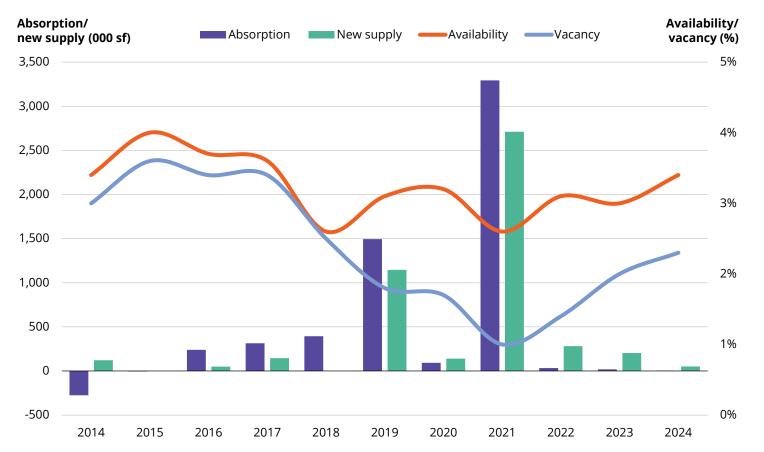
Recent increases show vacancy rates remain over 2% in all markets, except Ottawa South, which stands at 0.8%.

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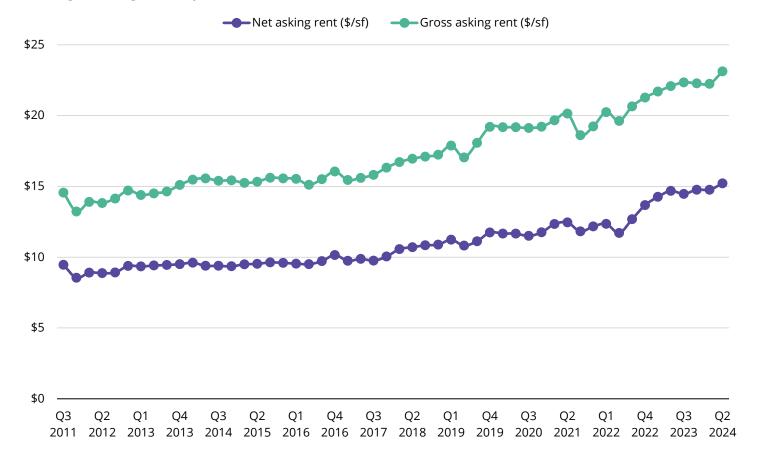
Sublet as a percentage of total available has increased from 10% in late 2019 to 20% in Q2 2024.

Historic industrial market trends



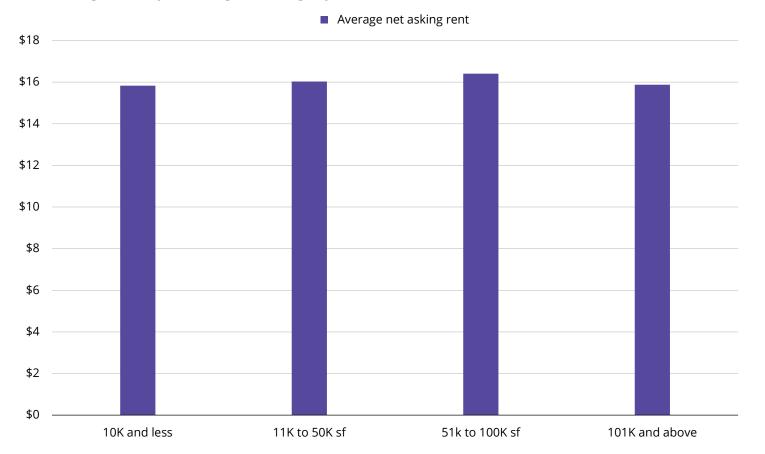
Limited supply since 2022 and for the next 12 months should help stabilize vacancy and availability rates.

Average asking rents (psf)



Average net asking rents are increasing as demand softens, just as additional rents continue to increase.

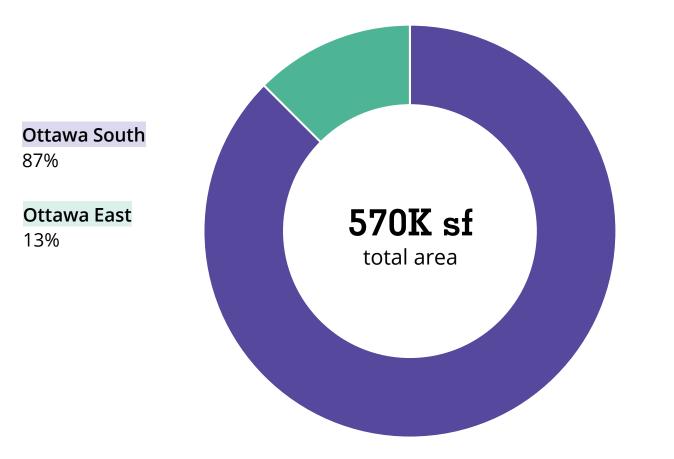
Net asking rents by building size range (psf)



Average asking rents are similar regardless of property size.

## Greater Ottawa industrial developments

Under construction activity by sector

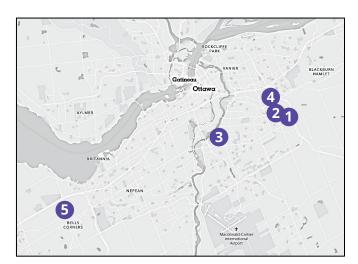


Four (4) projects are currently under construction, most of which are located in Ottawa South.

## **Greater Ottawa industrial market activity**

#### Leasing opportunity on the market

Address	Owner/manager	Listing date	Available space (sf)	For lease/for sale
1. 2760 - 2768 Sheffield Road	Richcraft Development Corp	July 2023	42,800	For lease
2. 2615 Lancaster Road	PROREIT	June 2024	15,300	For lease
3. 2437 Kaladar Avenue	Mostly Danish Furniture	January 2023	15,150	For lease
4. 1220 - 1228 Old Innes Road	Manulife Investment Management	April 2024	13,340	For lease
5. 17 Fitzgerald Road	Inside Edge Properties	April - March 2024	9,690	For lease





#### Industrial building transactions

Address	Sale date	Sale price	Space size (sf)	Buyer
1. 5123 Hawthorne Road	June 2024	\$15.1M	152,150	Convertus Ottawa Land Holding Ltd.
2. 2455 Don Reid Drive	May 2024	\$3.4M	38,500	Jessab Equities Inc.
3. 1655 Atmec Street	June 2024	\$7.5M	34,980	INTERMAT
4. 1580 Michael Street	June 2024	\$7.0M	25,500	Private Investor
5. 65 Bentley Avenue	April 2024	\$2.0M	25,460	Urigold Holdings Ltd.

## **Greater Ottawa industrial market statistics**

	Existing inventory (sf)	Total vacancy (%)	Vacancy (sf)	Available for sale (sf)	Q2 2024 net absorption (sf)	YTD 2024 net absorption (sf)
Ottawa East*	28,885,751	2.8	800,502	114,541	2,080	(60,255)
Ottawa West**	9,277,290	2.6	237,141	64,723	(23,880)	(4,666)
Ottawa South***	12,610,291	0.8	106,949	71,472	25,861	10,248
Greater Ottawa	50,813,332	2.3	1,144,592	250,736	4,061	(54,673)



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