

# Metro Vancouver industrial market report

Q3 2024



## Metro Vancouver industrial market fundamentals

3.1%

total vacancy rate 0.5% sublease vacancy 3.9%

total availability rate no change from 3.9% in Q2 2024 \$20.74

average asking net rent per square foot (psf) excludes \$6.40 psf average additional rent

7.2M

square feet (sf) vacant, including 1,198,309 sf of sublease space

-384,777

sf absorption Q3 2024

7.8M

sf under construction 61 projects

## Metro Vancouver industrial market trends

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#### Average net rental rates decline, but gross rents remain steady

Net rental rates have slowly declined over the past year, with a 2.8% decrease quarter-over-quarter. In Q3 2024, average net asking rents stood at \$20.74 psf, down from the peak of \$21.99 in Q3 2023. Over the same 12-month period, additional rent costs have risen, keeping gross rental rates stable despite a marginal drop from \$27.29 in Q3 2023 to \$27.14 in Q3 2024.

Two submarkets have consistently exceeded the \$30 psf mark in gross rents, with North Vancouver reaching \$32.32 and Vancouver at \$30.83.

Class A properties continued to command premium rates while older product saw a more drastic rate decline. The bifurcation in rents between product classes has been steadily increasing.

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### Vacancy continued to rise for the ninth consecutive quarter

Vacancy reached 3.1% in Q3 2024, marking a 20basis point increase from the previous quarter. The last time the vacancy rate surpassed 3% was in Q2 2015, when it stood at 3.8%. Over the past two decades, vacancy rates have fluctuated between a low of 0.3% in Q2 2022 and a high of 4.7% in Q1 2010.

Although this marks the ninth consecutive quarter of rising vacancy rates, the current rate of 3.1% remains among the lowest in major Canadian cities.

For larger tenants seeking spaces over 100,000 sf, there were 18 available options in Q3 2024, compared to 13 options last year and just two options three years ago.

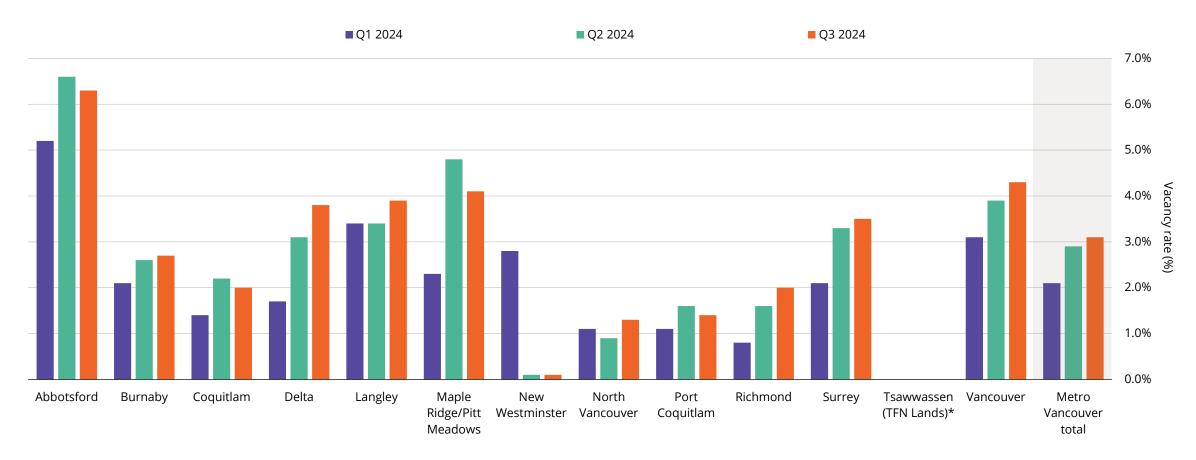
## Minimal quarterly deliveries, but robust construction pipeline

Despite ongoing challenges with obtaining financing, 13 new projects broke ground this quarter, leading to the highest total area under construction in the past year.

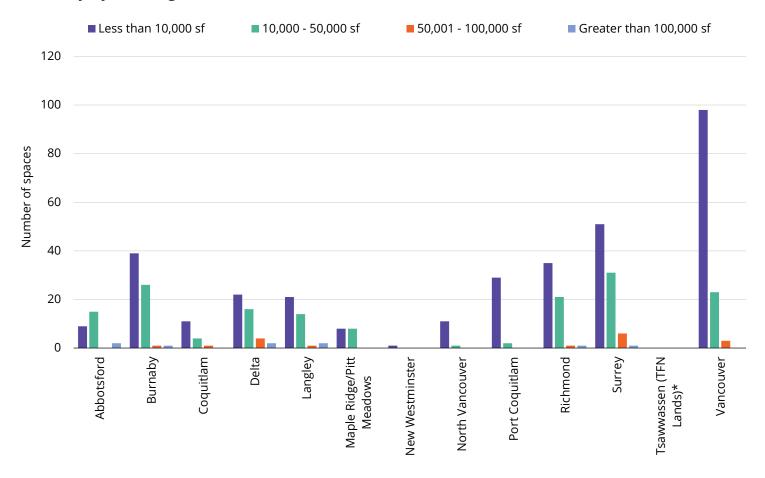
Of the 61 projects currently under construction, 28% of the space is dedicated to strata developments, up from 19% in O3 2023. There has been a noticeable increase in the percentage of pre-sold under construction strata units, rising from 20% in January 2024 to 34% in September 2024.

New supply delivered this quarter was significantly lower compared to recent quarters, with just 196,709 sf completed. By contrast, the average new completions over the previous eight quarters stood at 1.5 million square feet (msf) quarterly. Of the 61 ongoing projects, 39 are expected to be completed within the next six months.

#### Quarterly vacancy rate by market

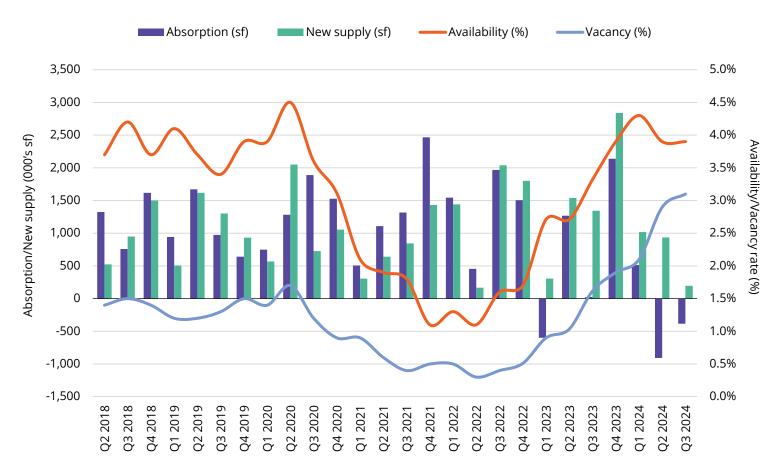


#### Vacancy by building size



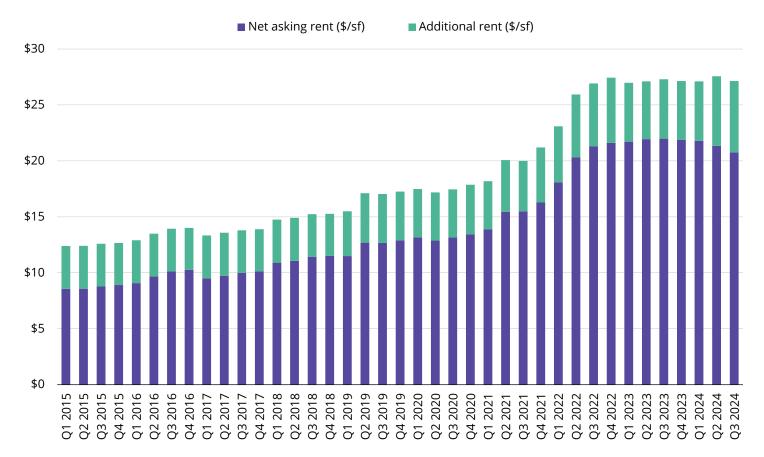
There were nine vacancies over 100,000 sfavailable in Q3 2024, α 50% increase compared to just six available one year ago.

Historic industrial market trends



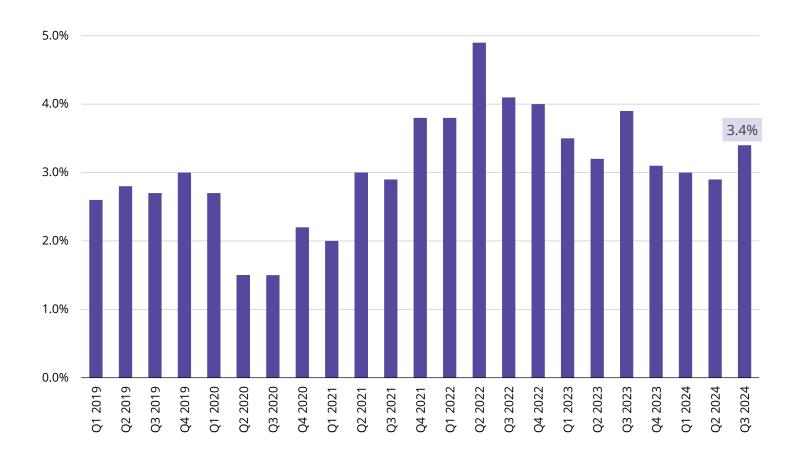
The vacancy rate rose 20 basis points quarter-overquarter, reaching 3.1%. It has nearly doubled yearover-year from 1.6% registered in Q3 2023.

Quarterly weighted average asking rents



Although net rents have modestly decreased, additional rents continue to rise, keeping gross rents stable over the past two years.

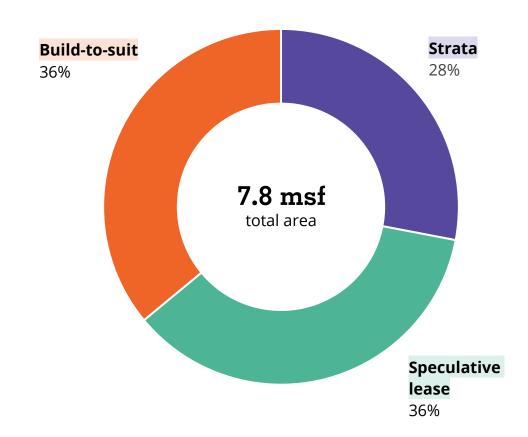
Space under construction as a percentage of existing inventory

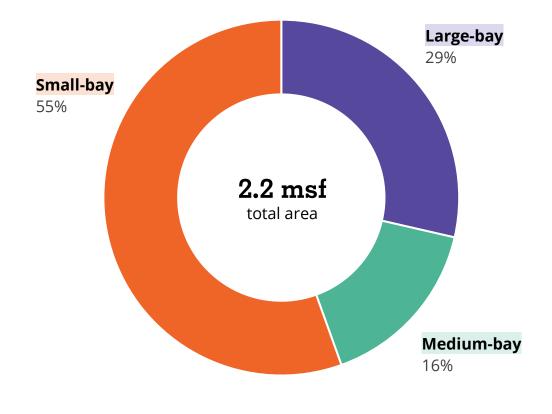


Despite a drop in percentage of space under construction, Q3 2024 saw a boost with the ratio rising to 3.4%, as 13 new projects broke ground.

Under construction by product type - total area (sf)

Strata under construction by bay size - total area (sf)





Number of projects and square footage under construction in Metro Vancouver



# Metro Vancouver industrial development timeline

Under Construction Lease projects 125,000+ sf











Address	AbCellera GMP Manufacturing Facility 810 Evans Avenue	Elevate 11 King Edward Street	Delco Industrial Lands 7590-7688 80 <sup>th</sup> Street	Latimer Lake Logistics Park, Building 1 & Building 2 28 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & 192 <sup>nd</sup> Street	Bridge Studios – Lake City 3131 Lake City Way		
Market	Vancouver	Coquitlam	Delta	Pitt Meadows	Burnaby		
Developer	Beedie	Wesgroup	Beedie	Heppell	Larco Investments		
Size (sf)	130,000	196,993	254,028	700,000	1,300,000		
% Pre-leased	100% 0%		100%	0%	100%		











Address	AbCellera HQ – East Building 110 West 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	ΔΔΔ9 Salish Sea WaV		Nordel Point 8358 Nordel Way	Eagle Meadows Business Park, Building 1 & Building 2 19755-19757 Wharf Street		
Market	Vancouver	TFN Lands	Surrey	Delta	Pitt Meadows		
Developer	Beedie	Beedie	Nanak Foods	Conwest	Epta Development Corp		
Size (sf)	221,300 485,675		296,000	202,646	366,852		
% Pre-leased	100% 0%		100%	0%	0%		

# Metro Vancouver industrial market activity

#### **Notable leasing transactions**

Address	Tenant	Size (sf)	Lease type	Transaction type	
16100 Blundell Road, Richmond	Euro Asia Transload	149,558	Direct	Renewal	
7530 Hopcott Road, Delta	Olympia Transportation Ltd.	128,628	Direct	New Headlease	
8151 Churchill Street, Delta	Confidential	109,600	Direct	New Headlease	
175 Golden Drive, Coquitlam	Iron Mountain	103,264	Direct	Renewal	
8651 Eastlake Drive, Burnaby	Confidential	100,510	Sublet	Sublease	

#### **Major industrial buildings transactions**

Address	Buyer	Sale price	Sale price (psf)	Seller	
9080 196A Street, Langley	401 Langley Holdings Ltd.	\$19,300,000	\$402	Norco Management Inc.	
5415 272 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Langley	Confidential	\$14,800,000	\$905	Confidential	
1668 Foster's Way, Delta	Akhurst Machinery Ltd.	\$14,000,000	\$550	1668 Fosters Way Nominee Corp.	
27545 51A Avenue, Langley	Alummen Holdings Inc.	\$10,000,000	\$506	CPO Enterprises Ltd.	

#### **Major industrial land transactions**

Address	Buyer	Site acres Sale price		Price per acre	Seller	
7678 132 <sup>nd</sup> Street & 13221 76 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Surrey	Translink	9.97	\$85,600,000 \$8,585,757		Belkorp Properties Ltd.	
30530 Matsqui Place, Abbotsford	Fort Garry Industries Ltd.	3.18	\$15,500,000	\$4,874,214	30530 Matsqui Abbotsford Holding Inc.	
30630 Simpson Road, Abbotsford	1171412 BC Ltd.	1.74	\$10,000,000	\$5,747,126	Harji Holding Ltd.	

# **Metro Vancouver industrial market statistics**

Market	Total inventory (sf)	Direct vacancy (sf)	Sublease vacancy (sf)	Total vacant space (sf)	Vacancy rate	Total available space (sf)	Availability rate	Net absorption (sf)	New supply (sf)	Under construction (sf)	Avg asking net rent (psf)	Avg additional rent (psf)
Surrey	41,280,692	1,202,643	250,414	1,453,057	3.5%	1,984,626	4.8%	7,411	105,372	1,834,236	\$20.53	\$5.84
Richmond	40,518,438	782,998	29,846	812,844	2.0%	912,467	2.3%	-155,390	0	732,095	\$21.30	\$6.31
Burnaby	31,526,996	727,589	114,638	842,227	2.7%	1,325,573	4.2%	-30,959	0	1,723,286	\$21.18	\$7.22
Delta	27,303,234	895,570	149,300	1,044,870	3.8%	1,291,012	4.7%	-192,373	0	456,674	\$20.04	\$5.74
Vancouver	24,763,337	789,889	271,952	1,061,841	4.3%	1,088,487	4.4%	-86,729	0	1,168,462	\$21.76	\$9.07
Langley	18,585,451	561,600	167,866	729,466	3.9%	777,164	4.2%	-60,092	43,833	62,194	\$21.38	\$6.34
Abbotsford	10,150,958	631,211	8,046	639,257	6.3%	592,596	5.8%	78,550	47,504	316,553	\$18.01	\$4.72
Port Coquitlam	9,469,446	110,944	22,691	133,635	1.4%	262,837	2.8%	18,763	0	209,815	\$20.51	\$6.67
Coquitlam	8,210,738	68,620	93,947	162,567	2.0%	156,174	1.9%	15,275	0	455,928	\$21.65	\$6.30
Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows	6,031,935	157,579	89,609	247,188	4.1%	453,643	7.5%	43,125	0	366,852	\$22.45	\$4.32
North Vancouver	5,385,305	71,089	0	71,089	1.3%	86,419	1.6%	-22,293	0	0	\$21.33	\$10.99
New Westminster	4,405,187	2,400	0	2,400	0.1%	2,400	0.1%	-65	0	0	\$19.00	\$6.20
Tsawwassen (TFN Lands)	1,348,540	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	485,675	N/A	N/A
Metro Vancouver	228,980,257	6,002,132	1,198,309	7,200,441	3.1%	8,933,398	3.9%	-384,777	196,709	7,811,770	\$20.74	\$6.40

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