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Fort Lauderdale

Here's the latest on Fort Lauderdale's office market

- Total vacancy has risen by 100 basis points (bps) since the end of 2020 to 17.3%, with sublease space growing slightly by 20 bps over the same trailing 90-day period to an 11-yr high of 1.2%. The greatest concentration of sublease space remains in Sawgrass Park, where it has reached 3.4%. Leasing activity during the first quarter in Fort Lauderdale was a bit slow, accounting for just over 310,000 square feet (sf), however that was tempered by the -346,360 sf of recorded net absorption. Asking rents have grown by a moderate 1.3% over the last quarter to a current \$35.18 per sf although deal terms have led to a slight deceleration in overall effective rents.
- JetBlue Airways Corp. is reportedly considering relocating its headquarters from New York to Florida in search of more affordable real estate, most likely centering its search in either the Orlando or Fort Lauderdale markets where it has existing operations. Alternative locations in New York state remain in consideration and a formal decision is expected later this year.
- Investors continue to gain confidence and sales activity is beginning to rebound, with the most notable sale of the quarter involving the \$44.2 million acquisition of Cypress Financial Center by Vision Properties. Toronto-based Slate Office REIT had announced a deal to acquire the building for \$45.5 million in March 2020, but backed out after the onset of the pandemic.



	1Q-2021	Previous YE Δ
Net absorption	-346,360 sf	+39.9%
Total vacancy	17.3%	+105 bps
Asking rent	\$35.18/sf	+1.3%
Completions	0 sf	-100.0%

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