

# Houston office market report

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## Office market trends

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#### Tenants opting for quality space

Recent leasing activity has been focused in new and class A+ space. Activity surged in class A buildings in the Central Business District (CBD), where companies signed the two largest renewal deals totaling 546,000 square feet during the third quarter.

#### Our take on this trend...

Flight-to-quality continues as the majority of all larger new deals plus renewals were reported in class A buildings which have undergone or are currently spending millions of dollars in updates and renovations.

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#### Workplace amenities required

Renovations continue in class A buildings, especially in the Central Business District, as these properties try to successfully compete against the recently delivered properties that are highly amenitized and energy efficient.

#### Our take on this trend...

Professional firms representing law, finance and energy industries have signed the most new leases this year as they search for quality space and amenities to encourage their top talent to come back into the office.

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#### Availability could remain high

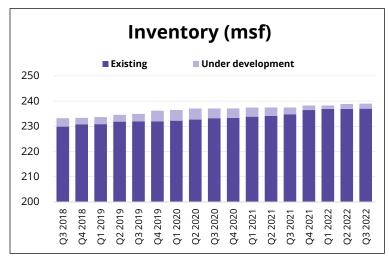
Overall leasing activity has declined since 2018, posting only 3 msf during third quarter. This represents an 11.8% drop from the second quarter and 17.4% less year-over-year.

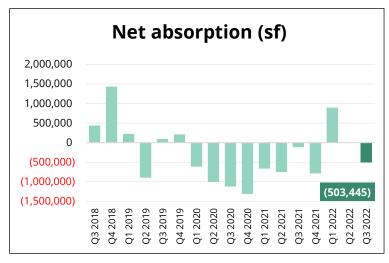
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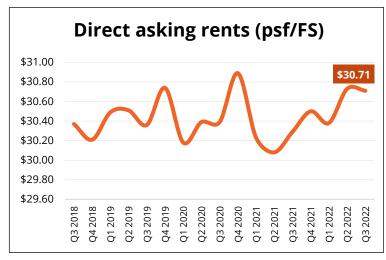
As companies allow more work-from-home staffers, footprints could shrink. Several recent deals show major square footage reductions compared to current leased space, which will continue to create more availability.

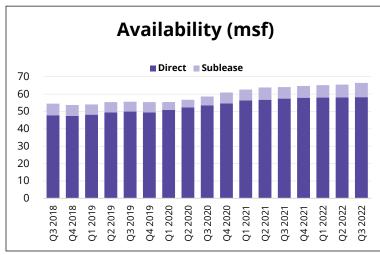


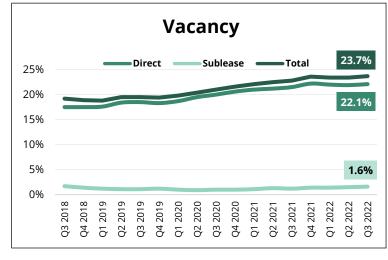
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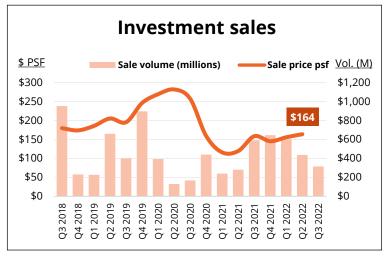














# Office market activity

#### **Recent leasing activity**

| Tenant name               | Address & building name  | Sign date | Size (sf) | Transaction type  | Lease type | Submarket                         |  |
|---------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| EOG Resources             | 1111 Bagby Street, Heritage Plaza                                | 9/20/22   | 374,000   | Expansion/Renewal | Direct     | Central Business District         |  |
| Baker Botts               | 910 Louisiana Street, One Shell Plaza                            | 8/10/22   | 172,301   | Renewal           | Direct     | Central Business District         |  |
| Baker Hughes              | 575 N. Dairy Ashford, Energy Center II                           | 8/25/22   | 129,231   | New               | Direct     | Energy Corridor/Katy Freeway West |  |
| Perry Homes               | 3200 Southwest Freeway, Phoenix Tower at Greenway Plaza          | 8/23/22   | 77,214    | New               | Direct     | Greenway Plaza                    |  |
| Greystar                  | 730 Town & Country Boulevard, Town Center Two                    | 8/25/22   | 67,995    | New               | Direct     | Katy Freeway East                 |  |
| BW Energy                 | 9753 Katy Freeway  | 8/16/22   | 67,815    | New               | Direct     | Katy Freeway East                 |  |
| Surge Energy              | 11330 Clay Road, Westway Plaza                                   | 7/1/22    | 64,018    | New               | Direct     | West Belt/249                     |  |
| Macquarie Americas Corp.  | 500 Dallas Street, One Allen Center                              | 7/7/22    | 56,164    | Renewal           | Direct     | Central Business District         |  |
| McKesson Specialty Health | 9950 Woodloch Forest Drive, The Woodlands Towers at the Waterway | 8/1/22    | 52,634    | New               | Direct     | Woodlands                         |  |
| CVR Energy                | 2277 Plaza Drive, Sugar Land Town Square Plaza Building          | 7/19/22   | 51,175    | Renewal           | Direct     | East Fort Bend/Sugar Land         |  |
| Reed Smith                | 1221 McKinney Street, LyondellBasell Tower                       | 7/18/22   | 46,626    | New               | Direct     | Central Business District         |  |

#### Large contiguous space availabilities

| Owner                   | Address & building name                  | Date available | Block size (sf) Floors |       | Asking rent (psf) | Landlord Broker     |  |
|-------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| M-M Properties          | 5555 San Felipe                          | Now            | 572,810                | 21-41 | \$24.50 NNN       | CBRE                |  |
| JMB Financial Advisors  | 1001 Fannin Street                       | Now            | 338,026                | 25-36 | \$28.00 NNN       | Cushman & Wakefield |  |
| Hines/Ivanhoe Cambridge | 845 Texas Avenue, Texas Tower            | Now            | 332,201                | 17-28 | \$45.00 NNN       | Cushman & Wakefield |  |
| Brookfield              | 1600 Smith                               | Now            | 304,302                | 5-17  | \$18.50 NNN       | CBRE                |  |
| LNR Partners            | 3010 Briarpark Drive, Pinnacle Westchase | Now            | 303,196                | 1-6   | \$19.00 NNN       | Cushman & Wakefield |  |



# Office market stats by submarket

| By Submarket              | Inventory (sf) | Total<br>Vacancy (%) | Available<br>Sublease (sf) | Total<br>Availability (%) | Q3 Total Net<br>Absorption (sf) | YTD Total Net Absorption (sf) | YTD Leasing<br>Activity (sf) | YTD Deliveries (sf) | Under<br>Construction (sf) | Average Quoted<br>Rents (\$/sf) |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bellaire                  | 3,229,059      | 18.2%                | 25,902                     | 20.6%                     | (25,514)                        | 94,712                        | 56,210                       | 0                   | 0                          | \$24.23                         |
| Central Business District | 45,577,853     | 27.7%                | 1,579,367                  | 32.3%                     | 171,477                         | (80,134)                      | 1,605,909                    | 0                   | 386,323                    | \$41.88                         |
| E Fort Bend/Sugar Land    | 5,954,477      | 22.0%                | 811,569                    | 37.5%                     | (19,149)                        | (73,365)                      | 184,403                      | 0                   | 0                          | \$30.01                         |
| Energy Corridor/KFW       | 25,971,317     | 23.8%                | 1,533,961                  | 31.3%                     | (3,310)                         | 289,529                       | 1,269,512                    | 0                   | 0                          | \$26.51                         |
| FM 1960                   | 3,378,787      | 20.9%                | 0                          | 26.1%                     | 33,331                          | 29,842                        | 168,095                      | 0                   | 0                          | \$16.90                         |
| Galleria/West Loop        | 24,391,419     | 29.2%                | 894,090                    | 31.8%                     | (708,412)                       | (422,882)                     | 1,022,743                    | 0                   | 0                          | \$34.75                         |
| Greenspoint               | 11,320,386     | 49.6%                | 96,620                     | 51.3%                     | (85,957)                        | (107,422)                     | 417,239                      | 0                   | 0                          | \$17.62                         |
| Greenway Plaza            | 11,312,893     | 23.2%                | 385,254                    | 25.0%                     | (5,204)                         | (62,518)                      | 659,590                      | 0                   | 0                          | \$34.20                         |
| Gulf Fwy/Pasadena         | 3,553,295      | 16.1%                | 16,594                     | 17.5%                     | (82,411)                        | (65,514)                      | 137,107                      | 25,077              | 235,000                    | \$22.63                         |
| Katy Freeway East         | 8,968,347      | 9.9%                 | 112,478                    | 14.0%                     | (63,491)                        | 220,104                       | 598,792                      | 0                   | 355,694                    | \$31.05                         |
| Katy/Grand Pky W          | 2,540,180      | 12.4%                | 170,868                    | 17.2%                     | 22,483                          | 26,114                        | 83,649                       | 0                   | 25,000                     | \$30.31                         |
| Kingwood/NE               | 2,946,002      | 9.4%                 | 5,000                      | 10.1%                     | (67,275)                        | (24,853)                      | 129,536                      | 0                   | 0                          | \$20.16                         |
| Med Center/S Main/SE      | 4,680,562      | 7.7%                 | 0                          | 6.6%                      | (23,656)                        | (35,463)                      | 80,611                       | 0                   | 250,000                    | \$23.70                         |
| Midtown                   | 6,756,202      | 14.4%                | 55,587                     | 17.6%                     | 7,554                           | (35,098)                      | 234,638                      | 40,000              | 0                          | \$36.02                         |
| NASA/Clear Lake           | 4,748,767      | 17.4%                | 33,877                     | 20.4%                     | (14,073)                        | (19,376)                      | 162,906                      | 0                   | 506,000                    | \$25.27                         |
| Northwest                 | 8,584,317      | 19.2%                | 84,472                     | 20.7%                     | 143,301                         | 151,894                       | 329,580                      | 57,571              | 98,674                     | \$19.65                         |
| Richmond/FV               | 1,197,394      | 11.4%                | 0                          | 14.5%                     | (2,978)                         | 16,095                        | 43,293                       | 0                   | 0                          | \$17.54                         |
| San Felipe/Voss           | 5,466,777      | 26.7%                | 39,809                     | 29.4%                     | 12,750                          | (1,243)                       | 266,704                      | 0                   | 0                          | \$29.52                         |
| Southwest                 | 9,575,255      | 16.3%                | 96,270                     | 18.1%                     | 119,974                         | 52,566                        | 136,622                      | 0                   | 80,000                     | \$19.10                         |
| West Belt/249             | 13,131,348     | 19.6%                | 677,475                    | 28.5%                     | 11,039                          | 45,724                        | 381,630                      | 0                   | 30,620                     | \$25.42                         |
| Westchase                 | 17,824,967     | 27.9%                | 694,377                    | 26.6%                     | 22,506                          | (158,487)                     | 807,540                      | 0                   | 20,000                     | \$27.63                         |
| Woodlands                 | 15,897,772     | 17.8%                | 874,990                    | 22.6%                     | 53,570                          | 539,415                       | 642,560                      | 440,000             | 0                          | \$32.88                         |
| Market Total              | 237,007,376    | 23.7%                | 8,188,560                  | 27.5%                     | (503,445)                       | 379,640                       | 9,418,869                    | 562648              | 1987311                    | \$30.71                         |



# Office market stats by class

|              |                | Total       | Available     | Total            | Q3 Total Net    | YTD Total Net   | YTD Leasing   |                     | Under             | Average Quoted |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| By Class     | Inventory (sf) | Vacancy (%) | Sublease (sf) | Availability (%) | Absorption (sf) | Absorption (sf) | Activity (sf) | YTD Deliveries (sf) | Construction (sf) | Rents (\$/sf)  |
| Class A      | 140,084,187    | 25.5%       | 6,951,980     | 31.2%            | 159,514         | 1,331,102       | 6,289,759     | 440,000             | 1,647,017         | \$35.20        |
| Class B      | 86,232,663     | 22.4%       | 1,231,103     | 23.5%            | (590,080)       | (956,221)       | 2,939,813     | 122,648             | 340,294           | \$22.74        |
| Class C      | 10,690,526     | 9.6%        | 5,477         | 10.7%            | (72,879)        | 4,759           | 189,297       | 0                   | 0                 | \$18.02        |
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