

## Las Vegas office market report

Q4 2022



### Las Vegas office market trends

## 5.7%

### Las Vegas Unemployment Rate

Las Vegas's economy is still rebounding following the COVID lockdown mandates, with the unemployment rate currently sitting at 5.7% heading into 2023.

### Our take on this trend...

Las Vegas has lagged in relation to national benchmarks relating to unemployment. This is to be expected as Las Vegas's top commodities are tourism and hospitality – both of which we're highly impacted by COVID. However, Las Vegas's rebound should not be overlooked as the rate has come down greatly from a high of 30.1% at the start of the pandemic.



### Return Rate of "In-Office" Employees

Using December 2019 as a baseline – nearly 100% of workers have returned to the office full-time, according to Avison Young's Vitality Index.

### Our take on this trend...

Las Vegas should be applauded for its ability to get employees back to the office, as it has led the nation in its "employee return rate" as it pertains to office space. Las Vegas has 97.6% of it's employees back in the office, whereas the national average for this benchmark is 46.3%. This has greatly offset long-term consequences pertaining to Las Vegas's office real estate market. 13.8%

### **Total Vacancy**

Total office vacancies have decreased to 13.8% at the end of the fourth quarter, down from last year's rate of 14.8%. At the end of the Q4 there was 3.3 msf of total vacant space in the market, down 6.7% from the year prior.

### Our take on this trend...

Due to Las Vegas's remarkable ability to get employees back into the office over the past year – Las Vegas has been able to offset major issues many other large markets have undergone pertaining to vacancy and negative net absorption in their respective markets.

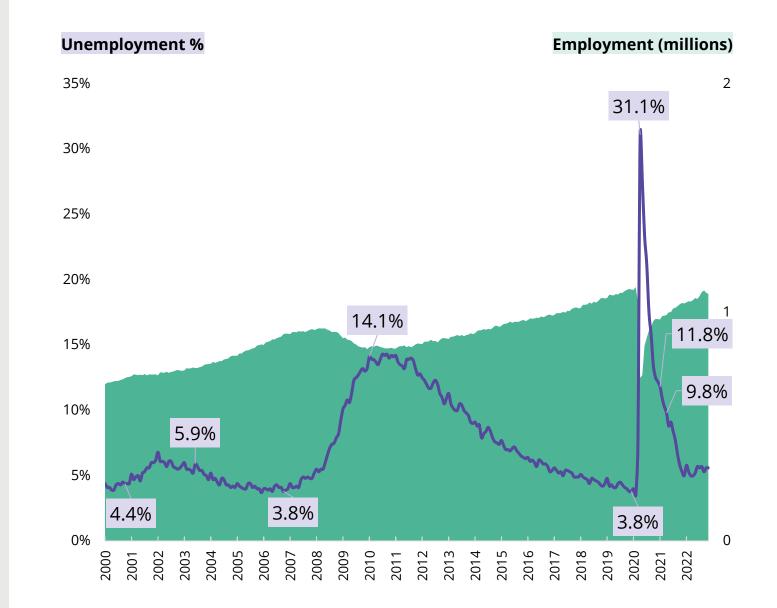


## Employment and unemployment rate

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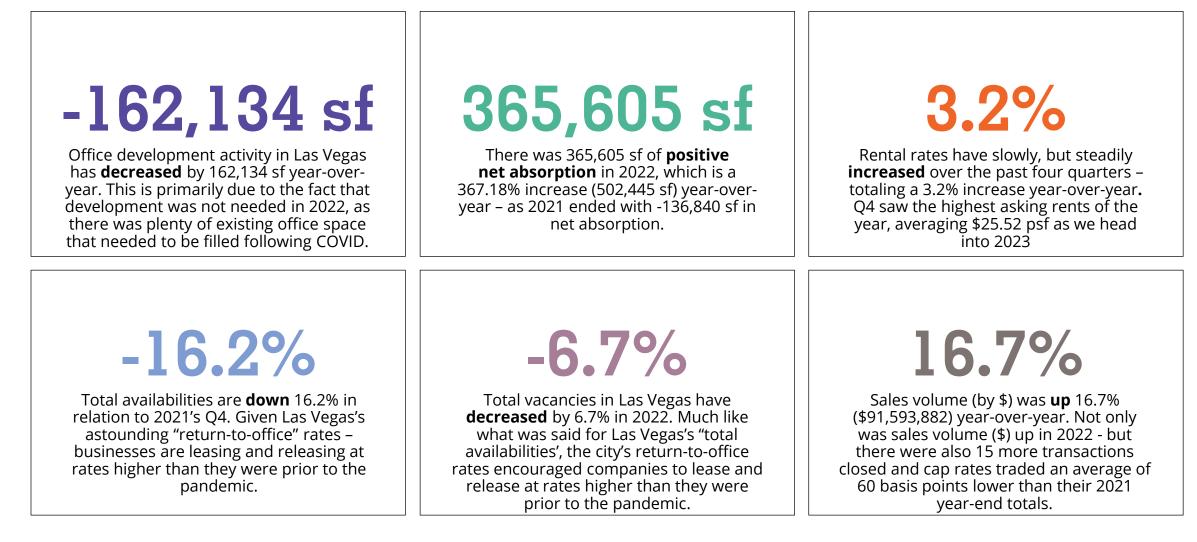
Las Vegas's unemployment rate is currently at 5.7%, compared to 5.80% last month, and 5.40% last year. This is lower than the longterm average of 6.83%.

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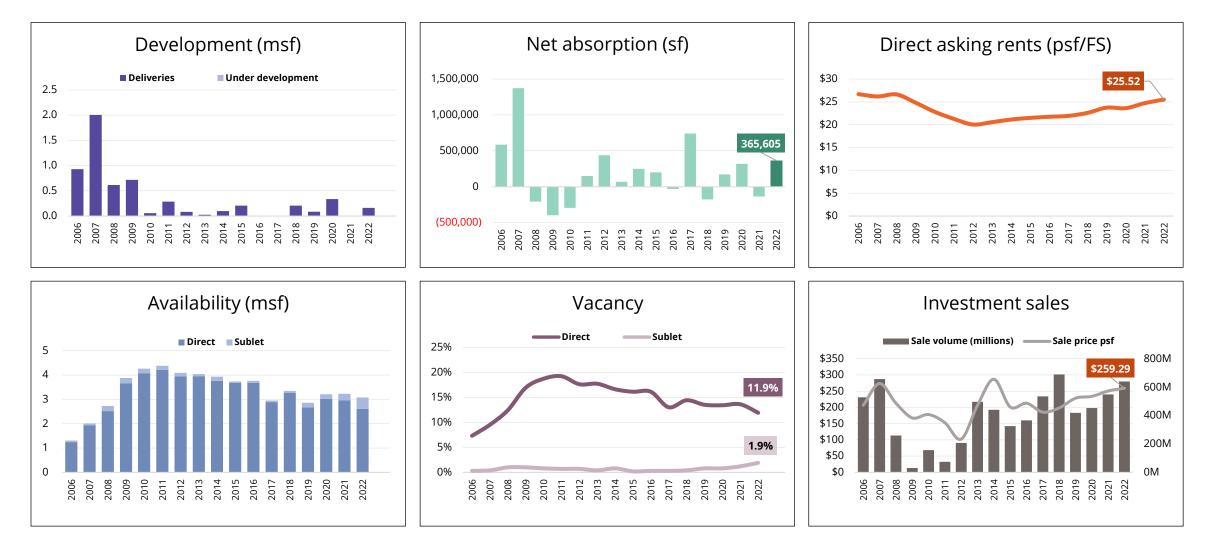


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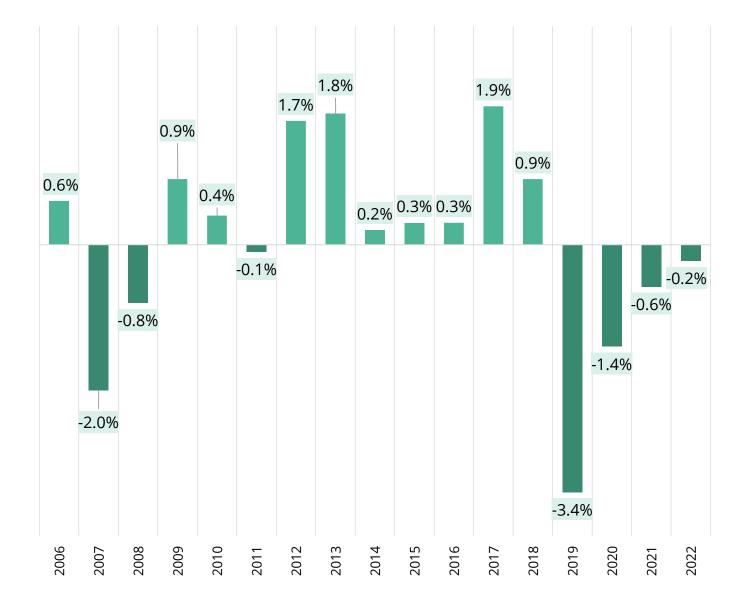


## Net absorption as a share of inventory

-0.2%

Las Vegas continues to move in the right direction, though net absorption as a share of inventory is negative for 2022

There was 365,605 square feet of positive absorption in 2022. This was a positive sign that traditional office employees were returning to their work environments. 2022 greatly improved on 2021's net absorption numbers, which totaled 136,840 square feet of negative absorption.



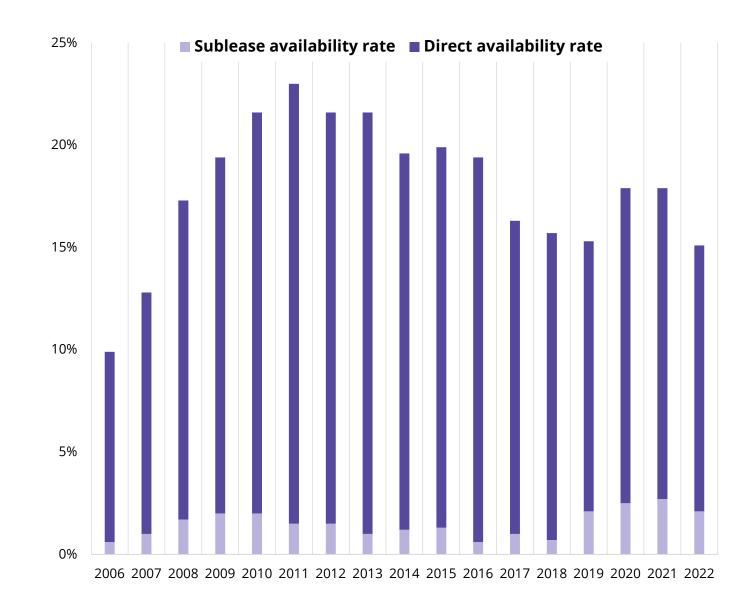


### Las Vegas office availability

# **3.6 msf**

Las Vegas office availabilities are down 16.2% year-over-year

Total availabilities are **down** 16.2% (692,182 sf) in relation to 2021's Q4. Given Las Vegas's astounding "return-to-office" rates – businesses are leasing and releasing at rates higher than they were prior to the pandemic. With very few office buildings under development in 2022, availabilities continued to decrease as "return-to-office" and lease rates have increased.





## Las Vegas investment sales activity and price

# \$259 psf

The average price paid for office buildings came in at \$259 psf in 2022

Office transaction volume (by \$) was up year-overyear by \$91,593,882 (16.7%). Not only was sales volume by dollar amount up in 2022 - but there were also 15 more transactions closed and office properties traded an average of 60 basis points lower in cap rate in comparison to their 2021 yearend totals.





### Las Vegas office market stats

	Existing inventory sf	Deliveries sf	Under development sf	Direct vacancy	Sublet vacancy	Total vacancy	Net absorption sf (Q4 2022)	Net absorption sf	Direct asking rent FS
Central East Las Vegas	3,612,123	-	-	22.4%	1.1%	23.5%	1,095	(30,428)	\$28.78
Central North Las Vegas	702,828	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	964	-
Downtown Las Vegas	3,160,035	-	-	15.5%	0.0%	15.5%	499	(72,151)	\$27.38
North Las Vegas	459,757	-	-	2.4%	0.0%	2.40%	5,964	5,587	\$36.38
Northwest Las Vegas	3,989,709	-	-	13.4%	3.8%	17.2%	94,292	(3,482)	\$31.70
Southeast Las Vegas / Henderson	161,209	-	-	4.7%	0.0%	4.7%	(7,500)	1,864	\$18.24
South Las Vegas	4,699,472	-	-	10.2%	3.5%	13.7%	(62,703)	(94,806)	\$31.18
Southwest Las Vegas	3,772,876	162,134	-	6.1%	2.4%	8.5%	8,875	306,370	\$35.50
West Las Vegas	3,296,539	-	-	8.3%	0.5%	8.8%	177,602	251,687	\$34.07
Overall	23,854,548	162,134	-	9.22%	1.26%	10.48%	218,124	365,605	\$30.40



### Las Vegas office market stats by class

	Existing inventory sf	Deliveries sf	Under development sf	Direct vacancy	Sublet vacancy	Total vacancy	Net absorption sf (Q4 2022)	Net absorption sf	Direct asking rent FS
Class A	6,879,562	162,134	-	13.5%	3.3%	16.7%	45,872	146,187	\$31.38
Class B	15,769,041	-	-	11.9%	1.5%	13.4%	163,567	200,566	\$28.99
Class C	1,205,945	-	-	3.1%	0%	3.1%	8,685	18,852	\$21.77
Market total	23,854,548	162,134	-	9.22%	1.26%	10.48%	218,124	365,605	\$30.40



### **Office market activity**

#### **Recent leasing activity**

Tenant name	Address	City	Sign date	Size (sf)	Transaction type	Lease type	Term	Rent
Las Vegas Injury Pain Center	2445 St Rose Pky	Henderson	Oct 2022	13,495	New	Direct	-	\$32.40 FS
Paper Education America	319 E Warm Springs Rd	Las Vegas	Nov 2022	11,000	New	Direct	3 years	\$18.00 MG
Nevada Defense Group	1389 Galleria Dr	Henderson	Dec 2022	8,022	New	Direct	3 years	\$16.20 NNN
First Choice Business Group	851 S Rampart Blvd	Las Vegas	Oct 2022	7,127	New	Direct	7 years	\$28.80 NNN
Hawkins Melendrez PC	1645 Village Center Cir	Las Vegas	Oct 2022	6,823	New	Sublease	-	\$30.00 FS

### **Recent sales activity**

Buyer	Address	City	Sale date	Sale price	Size (sf)	Sale price (psf)	Seller
Capital Square	1475 Raiders Way	Henderson	Nov 2022	\$57,600,000	336,000	\$287	Mesirow Financial
Patriot Real Estate Holdings	6720 Via Austi Pky	Las Vegas	Nov 2022	\$31,875,000	110,974	\$287	TA Realty
Ream LLC	2500 W Sahara Ave	Las Vegas	Nov 2022	\$2,800,000	51,000	\$55	Philana Corporation
-	7135 W Sahara Ave	Las Vegas	Under Contract	\$8,500,000	29,226	\$291	Frank Pankratz
-	3051 W Horizon Ridge Pky	Henderson	Under Contract	\$6,500,000	23,635	\$275	Church LV – Seven Hills

### Large contiguous space availabilities

Owner	Address	City	Date available	Block size (sf)	Floors	Asking rent	Landlord Broker
Rowan Technology	201 N Central Ave	Phoenix	Vacant	721,349	3-38	Withheld	CBRE
LBA Realty	20 E Thomas Rd	Phoenix	Vacant	309,829	1-17	\$27.50 FS	Cushman & Wakefield
Griffin Realty Trust	20022 N 31 <sup>st</sup> Ave	Phoenix	Vacant	298,746	1-4	\$19.50 NNN	Cushman & Wakefield
Shorenstein Properties	1625 W Fountainhead Pky	Tempe	Sep 2023	277,545	1-10	Withheld	CBRE



## Office insights glossary of terms

### Demand

- Leasing activity: total square footage of relocations, renewals, expansions and subleases expressed when the leases are signed, not when tenants take physical occupancy of the space
- Absorption: period-over-period change in occupied square footage

### Supply

- **Direct vacancy rate:** space operated by landlords that is ready for immediate occupancy
- Sublease vacancy rate: space operated by sublandlords that is ready for immediate occupancy
- Total vacancy rate: sum of direct vacancy rate and sublease vacancy rate
- Availability rate: space that is vacant plus space that will become vacant over an indefinite time horizon, including spaces that are occupied by vacating tenants and under-construction properties

### Office rents and concessions

- Asking rents: pricing guidance provided by landlords to tenants for available space expressed as full service (FS)
- Base rents: fair market value of market-level lease pricing based on representative executed leases, expressed as full service (FS)
- Free rent period: months of free rent that are typically provided upfront by landlords to tenants as a concession to offset the total cost of a lease and/or the construction timeline of an office suite
- Tenant improvement allowance: an allowance expressed in dollars per square foot provided from landlords to tenants to offset build-out, engineering, space planning and related permit costs
- Net effective rent: base rents discounted by the dollar values of tenant improvement allowance and free rent concessions expressed as full service (FS)

### Capital markets

- Investment volume: office sales dollars expressed when the transactions close and based on inventory thresholds; partial-interest sale dollar amounts are not grossed-up to reflect the 100% value of the sale
- Asset pricing: unweighted average per-squarefoot asset pricing of market-level closed sales
- Cap rate: net operating income divided by sale price; this measurement of market-level investment returns is calculated as an unweighted average based on closed investment sales

### Vitality Index

 Visitor volumes: based on extrapolated, anonymized cell phone pings provided by Orbital Insight at custom, geofenced locations, the Vitality Index tracks visitor volumes at representative areas of interest across markets and property types



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