

Raleigh-Durham investment market trends

Second Quarter 2021

After a slow start to the year, Raleigh-Durham investment sales picked up in the second quarter. Overall volume of \$1.6 billion brought the trailing-12-month total to \$6.3 billion, slightly ahead of volume witnessed during the prior trailing-12-month period.

Multifamily sales once again led the way with more than \$945 million in property changing hands in the second quarter. Occupancy has held up well despite new supply, and rent growth has strengthened since the beginning of the year.

The industrial sector also turned in a strong performance, with second-quarter volume clocking in at \$526 million. The recapitalization of a 37-property portfolio by Equus Capital Partners accounted for \$414 million of that total as six properties were located in Raleigh-Durham. Other major sales included single-tenant

properties leased to Amazon and FedEx. The local industrial market is experiencing record-low vacancy.

Office sales were light at just \$100.4 million in the second quarter due primarily to a lack of available opportunities to acquire well located, stabilized assets. Volume is expected to rebound in the second half of the year as more properties come to market. As a high-growth STEM market that has recently garnered major jobs announcements from companies such as Apple and Google, investors remain bullish on long-term prospects for the local office sector despite near-term pandemic-related uncertainty.

Retail property sales remain light as the pandemic and structural challenges keep investors highly selective. Sales totaled \$74.6 million in the second quarter, driven almost entirely by single-tenant assets.

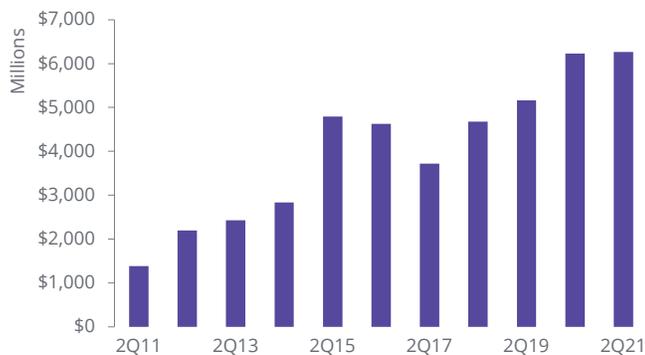
TTM volume

	Q2 2021	Q2 2020
Office	\$1.8 billion	\$1.3 billion
Multifamily	\$2.9 billion	\$3.4 billion
Retail	\$473 million	\$504 million
Industrial	\$1.1 billion	\$1.1 billion
Total	\$6.3 billion	\$6.2 billion

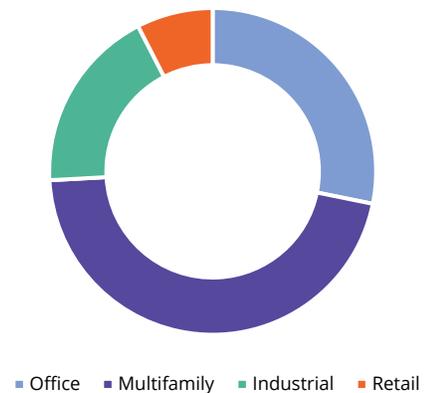


Allister North Hills

Historical transaction volume (trailing 12 months)



Volume by product type (trailing 12 months)



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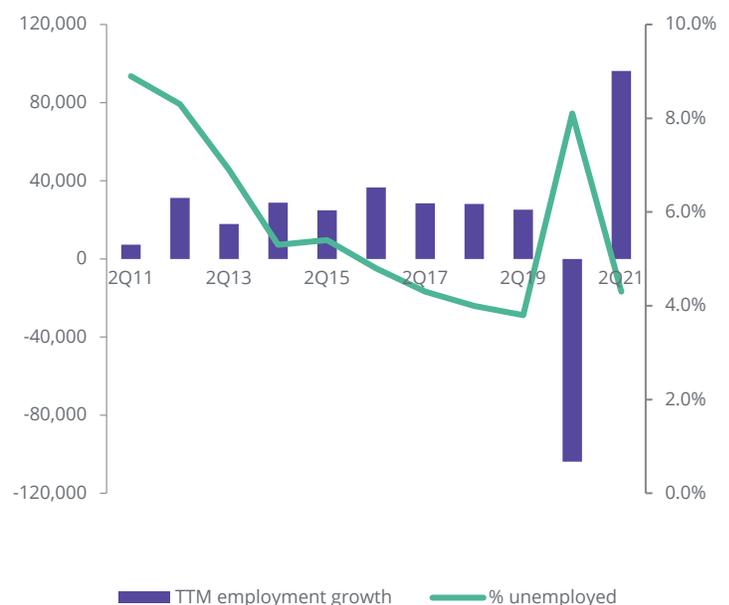
Property	Type	Buyer	Size	Price (millions)	Price per sf/unit
Innovation I	Office	Northridge Capital	140,000 sf	\$36.8	\$264
2700 & 2710 Wycliff Road	Office	Chartwell Property Group	165,000 sf	\$17.6	\$107
Weaver Crossing	Medical Office	Four Springs Capital Trust	25,738 sf	\$14.9	\$579
Allister North Hills	Multifamily	TA Realty	434 units	\$120.0	\$276,498
Willow Creek North Ridge	Multifamily	Bridge Investment Group	600 units	\$82.7	\$137,750
605 West End	Multifamily	Exeter Property Group	340 units	\$77.0	\$226,471
Residences at Shiloh Crossing	Multifamily	CBRE Global Investors	318 units	\$75.7	\$238,050
Avana on Broad	Multifamily	Greystar	320 units	\$64.5	\$201,563
View at Legacy Oaks	Multifamily	Crow Holdings, Preiss Co., Township Capital	304 units	\$63.8	\$209,868
Century Park Place	Multifamily	Starwood Capital Group	312 units	\$60.1	\$192,748
Equus Portfolio (six buildings) ¹	Industrial	AIG	2,610,269 sf	\$414.0	\$159
78 TW Alexander Drive	Industrial	Eaton Vance	236,976 sf	\$50.5	\$213
1000 Innovation Avenue	Industrial	ASB Capital Management	322,699 sf	\$45.0	\$139
2728 Capital Boulevard	Industrial	Beacon Partners	495,556 sf	\$41.7	\$84
2710 & 2910 Weck Drive	Industrial	DRA Advisors	276,298 sf	\$30.8	\$111
Academy Sports Apex	Retail	Tarakhan Holdings LLC	64,327 sf	\$12.3	\$190

¹Recapitalization/majority interest sale. Part of \$1 billion portfolio sale of 37 properties in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia and West Virginia.

Raleigh-Durham economic trends

The Raleigh-Durham region was a magnet for both businesses and new residents prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the area's appeal has only been enhanced by the crisis. According to North American Moving Services, North Carolina was the number five state for inbound moves in 2020. Wake County, home to Raleigh, surpassed Mecklenburg County in 2020 to become the most populous county in the state, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Since January 2020, companies have unveiled plans for more than 11,000 new jobs for the Raleigh-Durham region, with the largest announcements coming from office-using technology tenants such as Apple (3,000 jobs), Bandwidth (1,165 jobs) and Google (1,000 jobs).

According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill combined statistical area has recovered nearly all of the jobs lost to the pandemic. Unemployment stood at 4.3% in June 2021, down from 8.1% one year earlier.



Capital markets

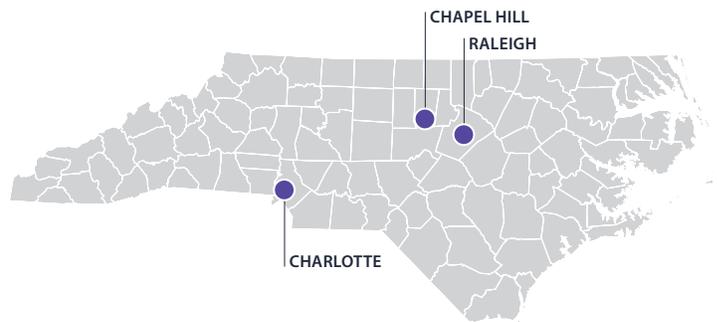
Benchmark rates, such as the 30-day LIBOR and the 10-year UST, continue to hover near or at all-time lows, and well-below levels seen in the aftermath of the Great Financial Crisis. With progress on vaccinations and strong policy support, indicators of economic activity and employment have continued to strengthen. Overall financial conditions remain accommodative, in part reflecting policy measures to support the economy and the flow of credit to U.S. households and businesses. Even while inflation measures have spiked in recent months, the Fed remains committed to a target Funds rate range of 0.00% to 0.25% and its \$120-billion per month bond buying program, reflecting the belief that recent data indicating $\pm 6\%$ inflation (on an annualized basis) is largely transitory.

The improving U.S. economy created a favorable capital markets environment for commercial real estate lending through 1H2021. Credit spreads and all-in lending rates continue to be extraordinarily attractive, especially for preferred product types with strong sponsors. Many regional banks provided capital across a variety of product types, including permanent, bridge and construction loans. Alternative lenders, such as debt and pension funds, continue to be a strong source of bridge capital for transitional assets. While lending for retail and hospitality assets is limited, industrial, multifamily and well-leased, well-located office have been in favor. With workforces in many regions planning to return to the office in the second half of this year, liquidity is expected to flow to office assets, providing strong pricing support, particularly in the highly desirable Triangle market.

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