# Economic Fundamentals Remain Strong and Continued Logistics and E-Commerce Demand is Fueling the 5.8 Million SF of New Industrial Development in Tampa Bay

The U.S. industrial sector is showing few signs of slowing heading into 2019, although there are potential headwinds on the distant horizon. Strong economic fundamentals persisted throughout most of 2018 although the year ended on a sour note with stock market volatility, economic uncertainty driven by interest rate concerns and trade tensions, and a government shutdown. Fortunately, the outlook for 2019 looks bright and the underlying economic fundamentals that drove industrial growth through most of 2018 remain in place and are expected to drive continued growth this year. Logistics and e-commerce companies continue to dominate industrial leasing activity across the nation's top markets, and the bulk of new development activity under construction along the pivotal I-4 Corridor is comprised of bulk distribution product with a clear height of 32 feet and greater in order to accommodate these tenants. Building floor plates are getting larger as well, with significant developments in the Lakeland area averaging over 560,000 sf. Asking rental rates have grown considerably, up 7.7% in the trailing 12-month period ending with the first quarter of 2019, and the overall vacancy rate has declined by 93 basis points during the same period of time even as 2.7 million sf of space has delivered since the beginning of 2018.



As investor risk appetite declines, industrial remains the preferred sector for investment, with a particular focus on logistics properties.

## **Industrial Market Snapshot**

- While no major institutional portfolio transactions took place during the first quarter, there was almost \$100 million in total industrial investment sales volume in the first three months of the year, with \$420 million in total volume over the trailing 12-month period. The largest investment sale during the first quarter was Redstone Investments' acquisition of a 466,460-sf, 17-building industrial portfolio in the Airport/Westshore and East Side submarkets for \$28.6 million, or \$61 per sf.
- Nationwide, U.S. commercial property prices rose 6.3% over the trailing 12-month period ending February 2019, led primarily by gains in industrial property prices which posted an 8.2% year-overyear gain. Industrial transaction volume in February also posted a healthy gain due primarily to substantial portfolio sales, without which there would have been a decline in sales activity. The most notable portfolio sale of the year to date was Colony Capital's \$1.2 billion acquisition of an 11.9 million sf U.S. portfolio, none of which is located in Florida.
- The I-4 Corridor continues to dominate new development activity, accounting for 97% of all industrial buildings under

- construction. Blue Steel Development, already underway on Key Logistics Center and I-4 Logistics Center, is also planning a massive 779,760-sf warehouse in Plant City. The largest new development is a massive 1 million sf warehouse facility called University Park at Bridgewater being developed by a partnership between Transwestern Development Company and Crow Holdings. McCraney Property Co., Duke Realty Corporation, McDonald Development, Cabot Industrial, Becknell Industrial, and Xebec Realty Partners also have significant speculative warehouse or bulk distribution facilities planned or underway along the I-4 Corridor.
- The Federal Reserve ('Fed') reversed course from its median interest rate forecast in 2018 where it had implied the likelihood of two additional interest rate hikes during 2019. The Fed decided to leave the target range for the Federal Funds rate unchanged between 2.25 and 2.5 percent, where it has been since December in a move widely expected by economists. While U.S. economic growth remains strong, external risks remain including the fate of Brexit, US-China trade relations, and tensions at the southern border.

155.3 MSF

Total industrial inventory in the

Tampa Bay market

98,452 SF

Direct Y-T-D net absorption as of 1Q-2019

4.24%

**Overall Vacancy** 

\$6.39/SF/NNN

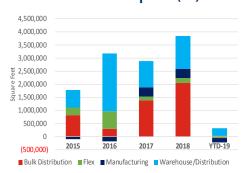
Average rental rate for industrial space



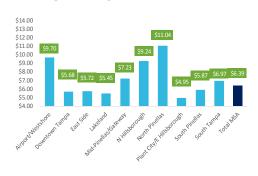
# **Statistical Snapshot**



#### YTD Net Absorption (SF)



## Average Asking Rent Rate (\$/SF/NNN)



# **Construction Pipeline**



# Tampa Bay Industrial Market At A Glance

#### **Demographics & Economy**



The U.S. economy remains well entrenched in the expansion phase of the business cycle

change in Tampa Bay's unemployment rate

The U.S. GDP growth rate is expected to remain between the ideal 2% to 3% range in 2019 and unemployment is

forecast to continue at the natural rate.

5,032

increase in total non-farm employment since 1Q-2018

#### **Development**



is being built along the pivotal I-4 Corridor



Clear heights are increasing - new class A distribution buildings average 32'



square feet currently under

square feet currently under construction

564,720 sf

average size of the new bulk distribution buildings currently underway in Lakeland

#### **Market Influencers**



in total industrial sales volume during the T-12 months ending 1Q19





7.7%

average rental rate increase over the trailing 12-months ending 1Q-2019



Supply chain needs dominate industrial demand according to ULI's Emerging Trends in Real Estate Report for 2018



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lass Breakdown	Total RSF		Direct Vacant SF	Occupancy		Sublet Vacancy	Total Vacancy	Under Construction	YTD Absorpti
Bulk Distribution	27,272,648	\$4.81	1,167,205	95.72%	4.28%	0.41%	4.69%	4,211,907	20,000
Flex	15,853,458	\$9.83 \$5.37	1,153,239	92.73%	7.27%	0.54%	7.81%	0	(57,159)
Manufacturing Warehouse / Distribution	28,648,872 83,528,639	\$5.87 \$5.87	609,164 2,965,150	97.87% 96.45%	2.13% 3.55%	0.08% 0.57%	2.20% 4.12%	0 1,600,450	(171,628) 307,239
Warket Total	155,303,617	\$6.39	5,894,758	96.20%	3.80%	0.45%	4.24%	5,812,357	98,452
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Class Breakdown	Total RSF	Lease Rate	Direct Vacant SF	Airport/We		Sublet Vacancy	Total Vacancy	Under Construction	VTD Absorpt
Bulk Distribution	0	\$0.00	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Flex	3,950,136	\$10.33	224,346	94.32%	5.68%	0.52%	6.20%	0	(29,994)
Manufacturing	1,210,732	\$0.00	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Warehouse / Distribution Airport/Westshore Total	8,197,779	\$8.21	95,621	98.83%	1.17% 2.40%	0.21% 0.29%	1.38% 2.68%	0	19,123
Airport/ Westshore Total	13,358,647	\$9.70	319,967	97.60%		0.29%	2.08%	0	(10,8/1)
Class Breakdown	Total RSF	Lease Rate	Direct Vacant SF	Downtown		Sublet Vacancy	Total Vacancy	Under Construction	VTD Absorpt
Bulk Distribution	550,094	\$0.00	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	179,080	0
Flex	144,926	\$0.00	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Manufacturing	832,171	\$0.00	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	118,000
Warehouse / Distribution Downtown Tampa Total	3,704,119 5,231,310	\$5.68 \$5.68	50,135 50,135	98.65% 99.04%	1.35% 0.96%	1.37% 0.97%	2.72% 1.93%	0 179,080	(18,435) 99,565
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Class Breakdown	Total RSF	Lease Rate	Direct Vacant SF			Sublet Vacancy	Total Vacancy	Under Construction	YTD Absorpt
Bulk Distribution	8,082,994	\$4.31	239,360	97.04%	2.96%	0.00%	2.96%	1,209,224	80,000
Flex	3,637,294	\$9.88	254,837	92.99%	7.01%	0.28%	7.29%	0	(25,070)
Manufacturing	5,422,521	\$10.00	5,237	99.90%	0.10%	0.41%	0.50%	0	0
Warehouse / Distribution East Side Total	29,924,378 47,067,187	\$5.20 \$5.72	1,422,225 1,921,659	95.25% 95.92%	4.75% 4.08%	1.07% 0.75%	5.83% 4.83%	1,273,368 2,482,592	83,017 137,947
ast side Total	47,007,107	γ3.7 <b>2</b>				0.7370	4.0370	2,402,332	137,347
Class Breakdown	Total RSF	Lease Rate	Direct Vacant SF	North Hillsk		Sublet Vacancy	Total Vacancy	Under Construction	YTD Absorm
Bulk Distribution	0	\$0.00	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Flex	1,119,894	\$9.24	161,670	85.56%	14.44%	0.00%	14.44%	0	8,250
Manufacturing	718,886	\$0.00	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Warehouse / Distribution	1,188,151	\$9.36	4,941	99.58%	0.42%	0.00%	0.42%	0	19,004
Iorth Hillsborough Total	3,026,931	\$9.24	166,611	94.50%	5.50%	0.00%	5.50%	0	27,254
					Hillsborough				
Class Breakdown Bulk Distribution	Total RSF 2,722,364	\$0.00	Direct Vacant SF	100.00%	0.00%	Sublet Vacancy 0.00%	0.00%	Under Construction	YTD Absorpt
Flex	133,363	\$0.00	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Manufacturing	2,338,697	\$3.75	64,502	97.24%	2.76%	0.00%	2.76%	0	0
Warehouse / Distribution	6,229,109	\$5.44	156,341	97.49%	2.51%	0.00%	2.51%	0	949
Plant City/E Hillsborough Total	11,423,533	\$4.95	220,843	98.07%	1.93%	0.00%	1.93%	0	949
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Class Breakdown Bulk Distribution	Total RSF 679,129	\$0.00	Direct Vacant SF	100.00%	0.00%	Sublet Vacancy 0.00%	0.00%	Under Construction	O Absorp
Flex	60.681	\$0.00	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Manufacturing	542,291	\$6.25	35,000	93.55%	6.45%	0.00%	6.45%	0	2,308
Warehouse / Distribution	1,090,668	\$7.18	118,766	89.11%	10.89%	0.00%	10.89%	0	0
outh Tampa Total	2,372,769	\$6.97	153,766	93.52%	6.48%	0.00%	6.48%	0	2,308
PINELLAS COUNTY									
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Class Breakdown	Total RSF		Direct Vacant SF			Sublet Vacancy		Under Construction	
Bulk Distribution Flex	112,722 4,259,773	\$0.00 \$9.84	0 362,704	100.00% 91.49%	0.00% 8.51%	0.00% 1.29%	0.00% 9.80%	0	0 (43,802)
Manufacturing	11,709,249	\$5.51	457,383	96.09%	3.91%	0.00%	3.91%	0	(291,936
Warehouse / Distribution	13,769,178	\$6.98	616,414	95.52%	4.48%	0.58%	5.06%	0	81,504
/lid-Pinellas/Gateway Total	29,850,922	\$7.23	1,436,501	95.19%	4.81%	0.45%	5.26%	0	(254,234
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lass Breakdown	Total RSF		Direct Vacant SF			Sublet Vacancy	Total Vacancy		
Bulk Distribution	0	\$0.00	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Flex	1,466,463 1,418,541	\$13.45 \$0.00	22,219 0	98.48% 100.00%	1.52% 0.00%	0.00% 0.00%	1.52% 0.00%	0 0	1,406 0
Manufacturing Warehouse / Distribution	3,717,632	\$6.82	12,750	99.66%	0.34%	0.00%	0.00%	0	(2,420)
Iorth Pinellas Total	6,602,636	\$11.04	34,969	99.47%	0.53%	0.00%	0.53%	0	(1,014)
				South Pir	nellas				
lass Breakdown	Total RSF		Direct Vacant SF			Sublet Vacancy	Total Vacancy		
Bulk Distribution	350,000	\$0.00	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Flex	273,106	\$8.75 \$5.00	13,200	95.17% 97.38%	4.83%	0.00%	4.83%	0 0	400 0
Manufacturing Warehouse / Distribution	1,680,281 5,499,284	\$5.00 \$5.88	44,042 211,910	97.38% 96.15%	2.62% 3.85%	0.00% 0.00%	2.62% 3.85%	0	19,900
outh Pinellas Total	7,802,671	\$5.87	269,152	96.55%	3.45%	0.00%	3.45%	0	20,300
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				Lakela	nd				
lass Breakdown	Total RSF		Direct Vacant SF	Occupancy	Direct Vacancy	Sublet Vacancy	Total Vacancy	Under Construction	
Bulk Distribution	14,775,345	\$4.94 \$8.94	927,845	93.72%	6.28%	0.76%	7.04%	2,823,603	(60,000)
			114,263	85.86%	14.14%	0.00%	14.14%	0	31,651
Flex	807,822 2 775 503					0.00%		0	^
	2,775,503 10,208,341	\$6.20 \$5.71	3,000 276,047	99.89% 97.30%	0.11% 2.70%	0.00% 0.07%	0.11% 2.78%	0 327,082	0 104,597

Reporting Methodology: This report includes all industrial buildings and parks 20,000 SF and greater in the Tampa-Bay MSA that are not government owned. All rents are reported on a triple-net basis. The information in this report has been collected by the Avison Young research team via sources that are deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

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Leading Indicators (Y-0-Y 1Q-18 to 1Q-19)							
Vacancy Rate	Net Absorption	Average Asking Rate (NNN)	New Construction	Total Employment			
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4.24%	98,452 SF	\$6.39	5,812,357 SF	1.48 MM			

### Significant First Quarter 2019 Lease Transactions - Sorted by SF

Tenant	Property	SF	Туре	Submarket
PlayCore, Inc.	4150 S Pipkin Rd	96,200	New	Lakeland
Sims Recycling	Sabal Park Distribution Center 500	49,776	New	East Side
Columbia Care	2700 Interstate Dr	40,000	New	Lakeland
United States Postal Service*	Westport Commerce Center 'B'	39,400	Renewal	Airport/Westshore
Wabash National Corp.	Big Bend Commerce Center	36,400	New	East Side
Elite Beauty International	Broadway Industrial Center	25,525	New	East Side
SDC Tampa Botanicals, LLC*	8810 E Broadway	22,988	New	East Side
Fortune Energy, LLC*	Adamo Distribution Center 6	14,989	New	East Side
MidAmerican Administrative	Lakeland Interstate Business Park	14,500	New	Lakeland
Belt Power LLC	Lakeland Interstate Business Park	10,900	New	Lakeland
DC Foam Recyclers, Inc.*	Jetport Commerce Center 518	10,852	New	Airport/Westshore
Shur-Way Movers*	Jetport Commerce Center 518	9,029	New	Airport/Westshore
FinishMaster*	Center Point Distribution #3	9,000	New	Downtown Tampa

<sup>\*</sup> Avison Young handled this transaction

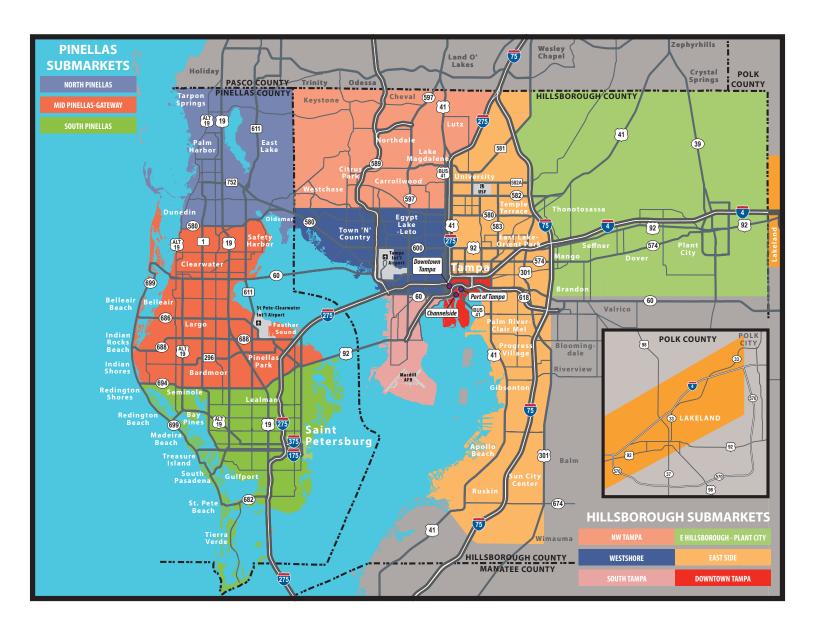
# Significant First Quarter 2019 Sales Transactions - Sorted by Sale Price

Property	SF	Sale Price	Price/SF	Cap Rate	Buyer	Submarket
Roth Portfolio (17 bldgs)	466,460	\$28,622,000	\$61	8.25%	Redstone Investments	Airport/Westshore & East Side
1301 E 4th Ave	84,137	\$16,115,000	\$192	NA	Ybor City Holdings	Downtown Tampa
10840 Crossroads Commerce	213,686	\$15,762,200	\$74	NA	American Metals Supply	East Side
Gateway Business Centre	131,800	\$14,800,000	\$112	6.21%	Graham & Company	Mid-Pinellas/Gateway
5223 S 16th Ave	191,492	\$11,250,000	\$59	NA	SJA Enterprises, LLC	East Side
500 S Falkenburg Rd	266,840	\$7,297,500	\$27	NA	WSSA Tampa Falkenburg LLC	East Side
5046 W Linebaugh Ave	49,410	\$5,000,000	\$101	NA	NCIG St Charles, LLC	Airport/Westshore









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