

Space Effectively Sold Out



The Broad View

- Strong retail sales and supply chain challenges are driving urgency in leasing. U.S. net absorption reached a record high of 115 million square feet (MSF) in Q3 and 280 MSF year-to-date more than double the same period last year.^{1,2}
- 2. **Space is effectively sold out.** Demand has pushed the vacancy rate to a new low of 3.9 percent. What *is* available is increasingly more expensive. Logistics customers must move fast to lock down space.
- 3. **Extreme competition for modern product has pushed rent growth to a new record** of 7.1 percent quarter-over-quarter. Even though construction pipelines are at all-time highs, construction delays and record pre-leasing point to persistent shortages of space.

Exhibit 1

IBI ACTIVITY INDEX

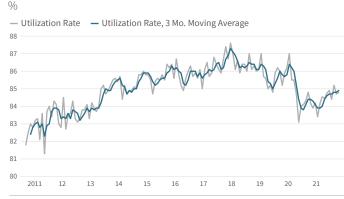
Index, 50 = neutral, seasonally adjusted



Source: Prologis Research.

Exhibit 2

UTILIZATION RATE



Source: Prologis Research.

The Details

- Demand reached another record high, driven by structural and cyclical trends. Structural forces are supporting demand and will for years to come as e-commerce penetration rises and companies build resilience into their supply chains. Retail sales are robust, and trillions of dollars in pent-up savings and record-high consumer net worth should support future spending growth.^{3,4}
- Supply chain bottlenecks slowed the flow of goods in Q3 2021, and the utilization rate plateaued. In Q3, Prologis' IBI™ activity index declined to 66 from 71 in Q2, in line with a 350 MSF+ annual run rate of logistics real estate demand. The utilization rate stayed in the 84-85 percent range, in line with the long-term average. Retailer inventory-to-sales ratios were still at historically low levels, showing that inventories have a long runway for growth.⁵
- Rents increased by a record 7.1 percent in the third quarter. Rent growth was the highest in markets with large consumption bases and/or near integral ports of entry, where vacancy rates are lowest. The combination of intense competition for few availabilities and construction cost growth in the 15 percent+ range is driving rents higher.
- The construction pipeline increased even as replacement costs rose. Construction starts rose to an all-time high of 120 MSF.⁶ Speculative construction drove most of that increase, representing roughly 88 percent of all starts in Q3. However, the risk of oversupply is low, with pre-leasing reaching a record high of 70 percent in Q3.⁷ Construction delays are also spreading out deliveries. We do not anticipate significant supply relief in most key locations; new supply is concentrated in low-barrier secondary and tertiary markets and the outlying submarkets of inland markets.
- Demand is set to outpace new supply through the near term. Prologis Research forecasts net absorption of 375 MSF and deliveries of 285 MSF for the full year. The vacancy rate is expected to stay near its historic low through 2022. Elevated demand, rising replacement costs and low supply are likely to produce rent growth of nearly 19 percent in 2021. Looking ahead, we expect that market conditions will remain exceptionally competitive for customers looking to expand, making it essential to plan early and move quickly.

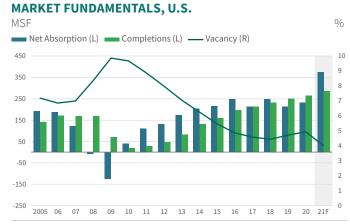
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SUMMARY OF NET ABSORPTION INDICATORS

EST. NET ABSORPTION, MSF				
LATEST READING	AS OF	Quarterly	Annualized	REGRESSION FIT (R-SQR)
66.2	Sep 2021	92	369	0.84
Weighted Average of Econ Variables		83	334	
62.6	Sep 2021	97	387	0.73
488	Sep 2021	84	335	0.59
10.5%	Sep 2021	90	360	0.63
-174.3	2Q 2021	59	236	0.57
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Note: Values are a 3-month trailing average, except inventories.
Source: Institute for Supply Management, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Prologis Research.

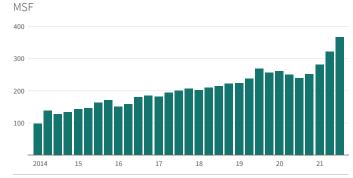
Exhibit 4



Source: CBRE, JLL, Cushman & Wakefield, Colliers, CBRE-EA, Prologis Research.

Exhibit 5

UNDER CONSTRUCTION, U.S. INDUSTRIAL



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Endnotes

- 1. CBRE, JLL, Cushman & Wakefield, Colliers, CBRE-EA, Prologis Research.
- Our historical and forecasted net absorption, completions and vacancy fundamentals now represent a narrowed 28 markets to reflect where Prologis has a presence.
- https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-10-17/-2-7-trillion-in-crisis-savings-stay-hoarded-by-wary-consumers.
- 4. https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/z1/20210923/html/recent_developments.htm.
- U.S. Census Bureau.
- 6. Prologis Research.
- JLL

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