Research & Forecast Report

METRO DENVER | INDUSTRIAL Q3 2016



Metro Construction Activity Accelerates in 2016

Market Overview

After a record number of deliveries during the second quarter, Denver's industrial sector added another 926,000 square feet to its inventory as demand for suitable space flourishes. Speculative development has increased dramatically over the past year as asking rental rates have reached levels where new construction is feasible, suggesting confidence in an industrial market that is positioning itself for sustained growth. Although asking rates appear to have flattened over the past two quarters, rates have been at elevated levels for over a year and are expected to trend upward with continued demand from displaced uses, and an influx of new users looking to break into the market.

Highlighted Trends

- > Metro deliveries totaled 926,000 square feet during the quarter.
- > 11 out of 15 submarkets realized positive net absorption during the third quarter.
- > Metro industrial sales activity totaled \$110.7 million across 20 transactions with an average sales price of \$100 per square foot.
- > Unemployment rates in Metro Denver remain at 3.2 percent national unemployment at 5.0 percent.
- > Nationwide cost of construction continues to rise in the third quarter; an increase of 4.85% year-over-year according to the Turner Construction Cost Index.
- The September 2016 Manufacturing ISM Report on Business stated that the manufacturing industry has grown consistently, following one month of contraction in August, while the overall economy has grown for the past 88 months.

Denver Industrial Market Q3 2015 - Q3 2016



*Arrows compare current quarter to the previous quarter's historically adjusted figures

Denver Metro Summary Statistics

		Q3 2015	Q3 2016	
Vacancy R	ate	3.8%	4.2%	
Absorption	YTD	1,512,766	1,789,636	
Deliveries	YTD	1,467,230	3,081,310	
Under Con	struction	2,143,678	3,574,357	
Asking Rer	nts/SF	\$7.48	\$7.71	
Total SF		221,281,622	223,200,184	

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Third quarter positive net absorption totaled approximately 540,000 square feet.

Absorption

Absorption in the Metro Denver industrial sector remains strong, with 11 of 15 submarkets recording positive net absorption during the quarter. Of the nearly 540,000 square feet absorbed, over 96 percent was classified as industrial/warehouse space, while flex space contributed just over 20,000 square feet to third quarter absorption. Metro leasing activity was light during the third quarter compared to previous quarters; however with a flurry of large deals still in negotiations, leasing activity should finish strong during the fourth quarter and continue into 2017.

Vacancy

After historically low vacancy one year ago, metro vacancy appears to have leveled at the current rate of 4.2 percent. Since the low of 3.8 percent in the third quarter 2015, vacancy has hovered between 4.2 and 4.3 percent. As new projects are added to the metro inventory, a slight increase in vacancy is to be expected, especially considering over three-quarters of construction activity is speculative. With millions of square feet entering the market over the next two years, leasing activity will likely increase with fluctuating vacancy rates during that time period.

Deliveries & Construction

The quarter after the metro experienced the highest single-quarter delivery since 2001, deliveries remained robust as over 926,000 square feet of inventory was completed. Similar to last quarter, the East I-70/ Montbello submarket is experiencing the most construction activity with more than 2.2 million square feet currently being developed. Speculative construction activity has increased significantly as demand for suitable space remains apparent and developers have the confidence to build due to healthy market dynamics and a longer term outlook on the market. Of the 6.6 million square feet that has either delivered or is currently under construction as of the third quarter, approximately 2.9 million square feet will enter the market as available space.

Rental Rates

Although the overall third quarter asking rental rate fell to \$7.71 per square foot from \$7.92 per square foot during the previous quarter – rental rates had very little variation in terms of quarter-to-quarter change at the submarket level. The East I-70/Montbello submarket experienced a slight dip in asking rates, as leasing activity slowed in this submarket compared to previous quarters. This should not be a cause for concern, though, as demand in the East I-70/Montbello submarket, arguably the metro's most sough-after industrial sector, is anticipated to continue into 2017.

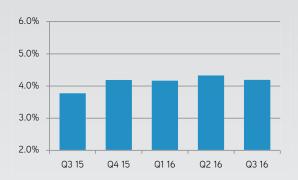
Sales Activity

There were 20 transactions in the Metro Denver industrial market during the third quarter totaling \$110.7 million in sales volume. The average price per square foot was \$100 per square foot. The largest transaction of the quarter was the 856,000-square-foot Montbello Industrial Park – the transaction price was undisclosed. Other notable third quarter transactions include the 124,000-square-foot cold storage building at 5120 Race Court that traded hands for \$12,500,000, and the sale-leaseback of a building occupied by UE Compression, a 100,490-square-foot industrial manufacturing facility in Henderson, sold for \$10.5 million.

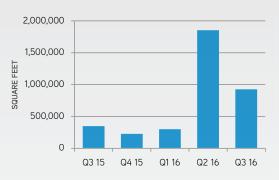
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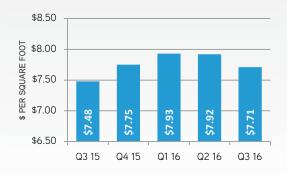
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Deliveries



Rental Rates



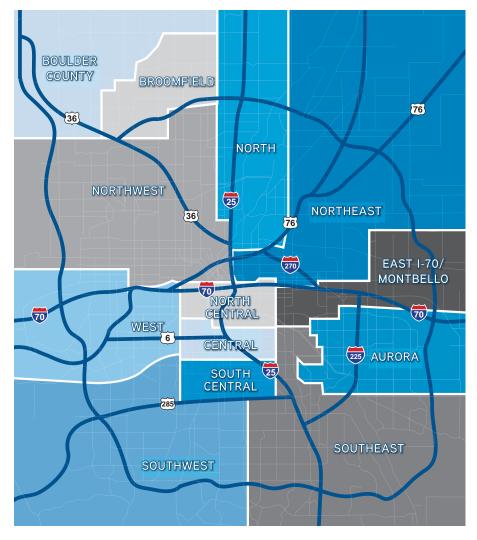
Recent Transactions

Industrial – Denver - Sales Activity										
PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SALES PRICE	SIZE SF	PRICE PSF	BUYER	SELLER				
5120 Race Court	North Central	\$12,500,000	125,844	\$99.33	Colorado Premium Meat Processing Solutions	VersaCold				
9461 Willow Court	Northeast	\$10,500,000	87,974	\$119.35	Merritt Companies	Unique Properties Group				
Skyway Business Center	East I-70/Montbello	\$8,800,000	95,200	\$92.44	CP Real Estate Capital	Wilzoch Holdings				

Industrial – Denver - Leasing Activity										
PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	LEASED SF	LEASE TYPE	TENANT NAME						
12000 E. 56th Ave.	East I-70/Montbello	95,200	Renewal	Premier EuroCase						
480 E. 55th Ave.	Northeast	87,500	New	Amazon Prime						
4860 Joliet St.	East I-70/Montbello	81,100	New	J & K Cabinetry						

Industria	ıl Over	view											
EXISTING PROP	PERTIES			VAC	ANCY		ΑCTIVITY	ABSO	RPTION	CONSTRUCTION			RENTS
SUBMARKET/ CLASS	BLDGS	TOTAL INVENTORY SF	DIRECT VACANCY RATE	SUBLEASE VACANCY RATE	VACANCY RATE CURRENT	VACANCY RATE PRIOR QTR	LEASING ACTIVITY SF	NET ABSORPTION CURRENT QTR SF	NET ABSORPTION YTD SF	DELIEVERIES CURRENT QTR SF	DELIEVERIES YTD SF	UNDER CONSTRUCTION SF	AVG RENTAL RATE (NNN)
AURORA													
Industrial	25	581,501	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Flex	13	556,239	18.6%	1.1%	19.7%	19.7%	3,000	0	(17,232)	-	-	-	\$8.89
Total	38	1,137,740	9.1%	0.5%	9.6%	9.6%	3,000	0	(17,232)	-	-	-	\$8.89
BOULDER					1		1			1			
Industrial	151	5,638,098	2.7%	0.1%	2.8%	3.2%	23,915	23,418	86,786	-	-	-	\$12.87
Flex	67	2,433,535	7.7%	0.0%	7.7%	8.7%	8,499	24,456	116,396	35,000	45,190	-	\$15.98
Total	218	8,071,633	4.2%	0.1%	4.3%	4.9%	32,414	47,874	203,182	35,000	35,000	-	\$14.70
BROOMFIELD)				1		1			1			
Industrial	67	2,990,957	3.0%	0.0%	3.0%	3.9%	50,500	26,138	51,701	-	-	-	\$6.34
Flex	10	221,565	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7,000	-	22,024	-	-	-	\$10.50
Total	77	3,212,522	2.8%	0.0%	2.8%	3.6%	57,500	26,138	73,725	-	-	-	\$6.66
CENTRAL					1	1	1			1			
Industrial	304	10,573,506	1.9%	0.4%	2.2%	2.1%	12,632	(10,704)	(12,627)	-	-	545,499	\$7.11
Flex	5	102,740	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Total	309	10,676,246	1.9%	0.3%	2.2%	2.1%	12,632	(10,704)	(12,627)	-	-	545,499	\$7.11
EAST I-70/M	ONTBELL	.0											
Industrial	1,037	73,098,247	3.2%	0.5%	3.7%	3.6%	594,767	278,046	1,198,943	693,987	1,789,978	2,243,847	\$5.95
Flex	28	1,086,324	2.9%	0.0%	2.9%	4.5%	0	16,451	(12,939)	-	-	-	\$8.97
Total	1,065	74,184,571	3.2%	0.5%	3.7%	3.6%	594,767	294,497	1,186,004	693,987	693,987	-	\$5.97

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LONGMONT								art of					
Industrial	81	2,589,611	3.4%	0.0%	3.4%	3.1%	0	(7,628)	87,535	-	-	-	\$8.29
Flex	28	2,012,416	30.2%	0.0%	30.2%	33.2%	95,269	60,349	69,837	-	-	-	\$8.48
Total	109	4,602,027	15.1%	0.0%	15.1%	16.3%	95,269	52,721	157,372	-	-	-	\$8.40
NORTH CENT	RAL		-		-								
Industrial	422	16,687,154	1.9%	0.1%	2.1%	2.4%	53,816	60,682	(200,306)	-	-	-	\$7.69
Flex	13	354,775	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0	1,590	5,486	-	-	-	\$13.08
Total	435	17,041,929	1.9%	0.1%	2.0%	2.4%	53,816	62,272	(194,820)	-	-	-	\$7.97
NORTH													
Industrial	142	6,063,503	2.9%	0.0%	2.9%	2.9%	14,895	22,778	89,475	81,150	103,025	332,439	\$7.19
Flex	12	487,911	1.6%	0.0%	1.6%	5.6%	12,692	19,680	33,708	-	-	-	\$9.73
Total	154	6,551,414	2.8%	0.0%	2.8%	3.1%	27,587	42,458	123,183	81,150	81,150	332,439	\$7.42
NORTHEAST													
Industrial	374	16,238,607	11.4%	0.0%	11.4%	12.2%	212,396	134,530	195,346	-	733,998	-	\$8.44
Flex	13	473,188	2.6%	0.0%	2.6%	2.6%	-	0	(3,706)	-	-	-	\$10.75
Total	387	16,711,795	11.1%	0.0%	11.1%	11.9%	212,396	134,530	191,640	-	-	-	\$8.49
NORTHWEST													
Industrial	317	12,115,224	3.2%	0.1%	3.4%	4.2%	94,384	(49,396)	260,543	-	211,030	-	\$7.48
Flex	68	2,339,802	4.3%	0.0%	4.3%	5.2%	36,576	21,040	(12,031)	-	-	-	\$10.99
Total	385	14,455,026	3.4%	0.1%	3.5%	4.3%	130,960	(28,356)	248,512	-	-	-	\$8.80
SOUTH CENT	RAL		1										
Industrial	401	11,032,598	2.2%	0.0%	2.2%	2.4%	103,258	18,338	(94,932)	-	-	-	\$7.76
Flex	12	364,846	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-	-	0	-	-	-	\$10.75
Total	413	11,397,444	2.1%	0.0%	2.1%	2.3%	103,258	18,338	(94,932)	-	-	-	\$7.83
SOUTHEAST			1					1	1	1	1		
Industrial	218	8,838,502	2.8%	0.1%	2.9%	2.9%	55,674	(2,616)	38,710	101,000	101,000	127,100	\$8.49
Flex	165	5,806,785	9.6%	0.4%	10.0%	9.0%	53,436	(60,851)	(42,188)	-	-	113,352	\$11.52
Total	383	14,645,287	5.5%	0.2%	5.7%	5.3%	109,110	(63,467)	(3,478)	101,000	101,000	240,452	\$10.33
SOUTHWEST													
Industrial	174	5,500,178	1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.2%	27,700	7,181	(5,695)	-	-	-	\$8.66
Flex	50	1,745,915	2.9%	5.5%	8.4%	4.5%	18,639	(67,110)	(112,198)	-	-	-	\$9.60
Total	224	7,246,093	1.5%	1.3%	2.8%	2.0%	46,339	(59,929)	(117,893)	-	-	-	\$9.07
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Industrial	397	16,240,835	1.5%	0.1%	1.6%	1.8%	125,311	32,305	92,743	-	51,674	-	\$8.76
Flex	24	1,111,524	33.9%	0.0%	33.9%	33.9%	0	0	(2,781)	-	-	-	\$6.21
Total	421	17,352,359	3.5%	0.1%	3.7%	3.9%	125,311	32,305	89,962	-	-	-	\$7.43
WEST													
Industrial	216	14,071,603	1.9%	0.0%	1.9%	1.7%	8,369	(13,738)	(49,972)	15,000	45,415	-	\$7.40
Flex	50	1,842,495	3.5%	0.0%	3.5%	3.8%	33,443	4,925	7,010	-	-	212,120	\$8.77
Total	266	15,914,098	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	1.9%	41,812	(8,813)	(42,962)	15,000	15,000	212,120	\$7.72
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Industrial	4,326	202,260,124	3.3%	0.2%	3.5%	3.7%	1,377,617	519,334	1,738,250	891,137	3,036,120	3,248,885	\$8.03
Flex	558	20,940,060	10.0%	0.6%	10.6%	10.7%	268,554	20,530	51,386	35,000	45,190	325,472	\$10.30
Total	4,884	223,200,184	3.9%	0.3%	4.2%	4.3%	1,646,171	539,864	1,789,636	926,137	3,081,310	3,574,357	\$7.71
Q3 16	4,884	223,200,184	3.9%	0.3%	4.2%	4.3%	1,646,171	539,864	1,789,636	926,137	3,081,310	3,574,357	\$7.71
Q2 16	4,883	222,946,589	4.1%	0.3%	4.2%	4.3%	2,768,418	1,211,797	1,789,636	1,854,698	2,155,173	2,894,424	\$7.92
Q2 16 Q1 16	4,883	222,946,589	4.1% 3.9%	0.2%	4.3%	4.2%	3,126,232	68,527	68,527	300,475	300,475	3,419,347	\$7.92
Q4 15	4,879	221,293,050	4.7%	0.5%	4.2%	3.8%	3,514,447	(907,690)	605,076	226,709	1,693,939	3,041,067	\$7.75
Q4 15 Q3 15	4,883	221,293,030	5.3%	0.5%	3.8%	3.8%	2,757,063	402,790	1,512,766	347,840	1,467,230	2,143,678	\$7.48
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