Negative Absorption and Steady Vacancy Kick-off Denver's 2019 Retail Sector

Market Overview

Metro Denver's retail sector experienced 106,577 square feet of negative absorption for the first quarter of 2019 after experiencing 384,762 square feet of positive absorption during the fourth quarter of 2018. The Southwest submarket recorded the highest negative absorption at over 50,000 square feet. Overall asking rental rates increased approximately 0% year-over-year. Vacancy during the quarter remained the same as the fourth quarter at 4.7%.

Metro Denver's investment activity in the retail sector totaled approximately \$114 million during the first quarter of 2019, as 21 properties transacted. The most significant transaction of the quarter was the purchase of the two property portfolios in the Downtown submarket at \$17.8 million by Fillmore Capital Partners. Only 10,200 square feet of retail space was delivered during the quarter which is well over 100,000 square feet less than the previous quarter although there are approximately over 795,000 square feet currently under construction.



Investment Sales

\$114MILLION

Retail investment activity during the first quarter of 2019 totaled approximately **\$114 million**, across **21 sales**.

Local Employment Growth

3.3%

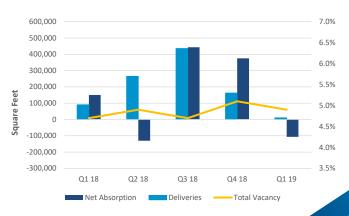
According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, it was reported that the **unemployment rate** for Metro Denver during

February 2019 was 3.3%. The national unemployment rate is 3.7%.

Market Indicators Relative to prior period	Q1 2019	Projected Q2 2019
Vacancy	+	1
Net Absorption	_	+
Deliveries	•	•
Rental Rate	•	
*Arrows compare current quarter t historically adjusted figures	o the previous quarter's	

Denver Metro Summary Statistics									
	Q1 2019	Q1 2018							
Vacancy Rate	4.7%	4.7%							
Net Absorption YTD	(106,577)	20,718							
SF Under Construction	797,400	1,040,807							
Asking Rents/SF	\$17.66	\$18.03							

Denver Retail Market Q1 2018 - Q1 2019



Shopping Center Overview

The overall shopping center vacancy rate during the first quarter concluded at 6.2% which was a minimal increase from the previous quarter's 6.0%. The largest change in vacancy rates for shopping centers were the Community Centers coming in at 7.6% which was a 7.04% increase from the fourth quarter. Positive net absorption was not reported during the first quarter but instead reported negative absorption at approximately -106,000 square feet. Average triple net rents continued the upward trend reporting in at \$16.72 per square foot for the quarter or a 1.82% increase from the previous quarter.

Denver Metro Sh	opping Ce	enter Stat	istics		
Center Type	Vacancy Q1 2019	Vacancy Q4 2018	Vacancy Q3 2018	Vacancy Q2 2018	
Strip	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.3%	
Neighborhood	6.4%	6.1%	6.5%	6.5%	
Community	7.6%	7.1%	6.8%	7.3%	
Power/Regional	6.2%	6.2%	5.8%	6.2%	
Malls (Super Regional)	3.1%	3.1%	3.3%	2.4%	
All Shopping Centers	6.2%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	

^{*}Vacancy is based off of a 10,000 SF minimum search criteria for retail overall and no minimum for shopping centers

Q1 2019 Notable Transactions

Retail - Sales Activity						
PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SALES PRICE	SIZE SF	PRICE PSF	BUYER	SELLER
2 Property Portfolio	CBD	\$17,800,000	30,871	\$577	Fillmore Capital Partners	Tavern Hospitality Group
Southfield Center	Southeast	\$11,800,000	84,658	\$139.38	Midtown National Group	Wheelhouse Commercial
The Shops at Green Valley Ranch	Northeast	\$8,600,000	29,649	\$290	Green Valley Ranch Retail LLC	Lone Star Partners

Retail - Leasing Activity				
PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	LEASED SF	LEASE TYPE	TENANT NAME
6670 Yampa St.	Northeast	40,000	New	Wingate by Wyndham
880 W. Happy Canyon Rd.	Southeast	25,032	New	Fitness 1440
NEC 104th Ave. & Chambers Rd.	Northeast	21,808	New	Ent Credit Union

Retail - Triple Net Investment										
PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SALES PRICE	SIZE SF	PRICE PSF	CAP RATE	BUYER	SELLER			
2070 E. County Line Rd.	Southeast	\$2,900,000	4,292	\$676	5.60%	Fletcher Family Trust	Brinker International			
12302 E. 104 Pl.	Northeast	\$2,440,000	4,720	\$517	6.60%	Pierce Street Properties	Jagdip S Gill			
972 W. Dillon Rd.	Northwest	\$2,050,000	7,000	\$293	6.97%	Monterey Bay Investments	Harold Cleve Harger			

New Openings, Relocations, Expansions & Closures

The Shoppes at Highpointe sells for \$15 million

The Shoppes at Highpointe located near E. Hampden Avenue and Interstate 25 recently sold for \$15 million. The retail center sits at 24,402 square feet which concludes the selling price per square foot is at a rather high \$614.70. The property was built by Friedman Properties in 2012 and sold to Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. The property thrives from a good location and a high-quality tenant roster which attracted the investors. Some notable tenants include Smashburger and Panera Bread.

Dick's Sporting Goods to end sale of guns at 125 stores

As of March 2019, Dick's Sporting Goods is no longer selling firearms across 125 stores throughout the United States according to a Wall Street Journal Report. Gun policies have been tightened due to multiple fatal shooting in U.S. high schools within the past couple of years. As for the locations that no longer sell firearms, those spaces will be used to sell outdoor recreation equipment as well as licensed sports gear. As predicted, sales have decreased since the restriction and the store also struggles with sales due to the increased use of online shopping.

Croc's to relocate its U.S. distribution center

The popular footwear company Crocs is officially relocating its distribution center from California to Dayton, Ohio this upcoming summer. The new facility will be 40% larger than the California distribution center and also will employ over 130 people. In addition, the facility will be around 555,000 square feet with Kansas City-based NorthPoint Development overseeing construction operations. The new facility will be located in a vital area of Dayton not only because of distribution and logistics hub but also because of the proximity to Dayton International Airport.

Development News

Peña Station North Emerges

Located adjacent to Peña Station Next not too far from Denver International Airport, Peña Station North is a major development in the works. Developer Cal Fulenwider has stated that there are about 200 acres that can be developed. Accessible by train, you can get to and from Peña North to Denver International Airport as well as Union Station in LoDo. In conclusion, Peña Station North will be consummate for not only retail and multifamily space, but also as a home for corporate and large office campuses.

Edgewater Public Market taking shape

Located in Edgewater not far from Downtown Denver, the long-awaited Edgewater Public Market is beginning to take shape with the estimated completion in August 2019. Not only will there be a renovated King Soopers, but there will also be a 3,000 square foot rooftop deck as well as an additional 28,000 square feet of retail space. The project is operated by 8020 Builders.

SLC breaks ground on Rêve Boulder

Rêve Boulder has officially broken ground as of March 2019. The mixed-use development is located across the new Google campus on 30th and Pearl Streets. The estimated completion will be sometime in 2021 and will sit on six acres while also dedicating 40% to open space. Due to Boulder's strict energy codes, the buildings will be sustainable and green. Rêve will offer 24,500 square feet of retail space, 120,000 square feet of office space, as well as 242 rental units. The project is overseen by Southern Land Co.



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Retail Overview													
EXISTING PROPE	RTIES		VACANCY			ACTIVITY	ABSORPTION		CONSTRUCTION			RENTS	
SUBMARKET/ CLASS	BLDGS	TOTAL INVENTORY SQ FT	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	DELIVERIES CURRENT QTR SF	DELIVERIES YTD SF	UNDER CONSTRUCTION SF	AVG RENTAL RATE (NNN)
AURORA	253	10,092,270	5.2%	0.0%	5.2%	5.0%	19,402	(17,816)	(17,816)	-	-	-	\$14.05
BOULDER	249	8,715,806	7.4%	0.1%	7.6%	7.5%	29,032	(2,213)	(2,213)	-	-	46,500	\$22.76
CENTRAL	453	13,418,068	2.9%	0.1%	3.0%	3.2%	46,454	16,255	16,255	10,200	10,200	157,114	\$19.21
COLORADO BLVD/CHERRY CREEK	108	4,312,679	2.0%	0.4%	2.4%	2.7%	8,082	14,211	14,211	-	-	30,000	\$27.64
DOWNTOWN	79	2,606,945	1.7%	0.2%	1.9%	1.5%	22,872	(10,366)	(10,366)	-	-	164,050	\$28.29
NORTHEAST	288	11,835,701	6.1%	0.0%	6.2%	5.9%	99,737	(27,335)	(27,335)	-	-	151,376	\$17.98
NORTHWEST	448	20,264,043	5.5%	0.0%	5.5%	5.5%	58,356	(6,003)	(6,003)	-	-	165,500	\$14.47
SOUTH	334	15,331,135	4.2%	0.5%	4.8%	4.4%	31,766	(49,368)	(49,368)	-	-	45,000	\$19.70
SOUTHEAST	317	12,524,592	3.4%	0.6%	4.0%	4.3%	46,944	40,721	40,721	-	-	37,860	\$19.12
SOUTHWEST	191	8,992,840	3.8%	0.0%	3.8%	3.2%	55,195	(50,653)	(50,653)	-	-	-	\$15.49
WEST	490	16,831,969	4.3%	0.0%	4.3%	4.2%	51,076	(14,010)	(14,010)	-	-	-	\$15.37
MARKET TOTAL													
Total	3,210	124,926,048	4.6%	0.2%	4.7%	4.7%	468,916	(106,577)	(106,577)	10,200	10,200	797,400	\$17.66
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Q4 18	3,195	125,143,126	4.4%	0.3%	4.7%	4.9%	502,466	384,762	703,007	172,909	2,189,771	1,154,780	\$17.96
Q3 18	3,188	125,063,137	4.6%	0.3%	4.9%	5.0%	726,097	526,818	338,963	425,315	844,711	1,002,861	\$18.67
Q2 18	3,184	124,715,713	4.7%	0.3%	5.0%	4.7%	586,661	(208,573)	(187,855)	186,895	419,396	1,258,055	\$18.33
Q1 18	3,178	124,450,622	4.5%	0.3%	4.7%	4.9%	984,521	20,718	20,718	232,501	232,501	1,040,807	\$18.03

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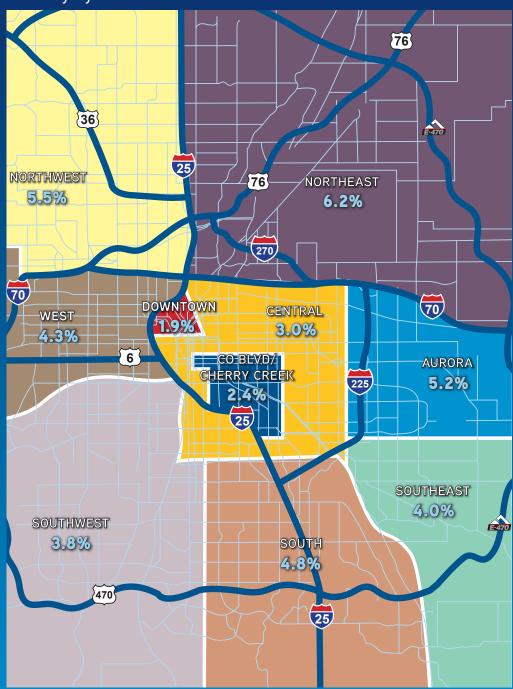




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