# **OFFICE OVERVIEW**

SECOND QUARTER | 2018



**OFFICE INDICATORS** 

Market Size 77,216,927 **Building Count** 1.178

**Absorption** 209.020 YTD Absorption -2.345

Vacancy 12.9% **Asking Rent** \$22.89

#### **QUARTERLY TAKEAWAY**

Overall, the office market saw a decrease in direct vacancy and over 200,000 sf of positive absorption this quarter alone. Columbia remains the most active market, with average asking rates and plentiful Class A market space as the new Howard Hughes buildings officially open for business. Organizations such as Crown Castle are relocating to Columbia from surrounding areas. McHenry Row signed several new tenants this quarter, offering more parking and space than City Center, and more 'live-work-play' opportunities for companies relocating from outside of the city. We expect the vacancy to continue to fall throughout the year - numbers remain some of the lowest in the past ten years.

	MARKET	DIRE	CT VACANO	<b>Y</b> %	ABSOR	PTION	ASKIN	G RENTAL F	RATES
THE NUMBERS	SIZE	Current	Prior Qtr	Prior Yr	Net	YTD	Current	Prior Qtr	Prior Yr
Baltimore City East	2,392,173	3.7%	9.8%	8.4%	61,924	-2,203	\$27.73	\$20.74	\$22.21
Baltimore City Midtown	1,386,935	5.1%	8.6%	9.3%	48,009	51,272	\$20.08	\$19.76	\$21.27
Baltimore City North	2,217,971	9.2%	8.9%	10.8%	<i>-7,</i> 558	-14,928	\$28.49	\$27.60	\$27.16
Baltimore City South	1,397,666	4.6%	9.2%	7.0%	48,033	42,499	\$24.43	\$24.46	\$27.21
Baltimore City West	1,986,679	35.9%	29.7%	30.0%	-121,631	-151,881	\$14.33	\$14.33	\$18.01
Baltimore City	9,381,424	12.2%	13.5%	13.5%	28,777	-75,241	\$19.63	\$18.79	\$21.54
City Center A	3,124,730	25.7%	21.1%	20.0%	-1 <i>47</i> <b>,</b> 979	-152,114	\$25.09	\$23.80	\$23.89
City Center A+	5,636,414	5.9%	6.1%	6.1%	-8,861	16,293	\$29.24	\$28.93	\$27.75
City Center B	2,630,524	32.4%	27.3%	19.3%	-133,886	-309,057	\$1 <i>7</i> .68	\$17.96	\$18.15
City Center B+	2,820,711	10.1%	10.2%	11.6%	3,744	7,261	\$23.13	\$22.88	\$22.46
City Center	14,212,379	16.0%	14.1%	12.7%	-286,982	-437,617	\$23.28	\$22.76	\$22.53
Baltimore + CBD	23,593,803	14.5%	13.9%	13.0%	-258,205	-512,858	\$22.10	\$21.46	\$22.19
Baltimore County East	2,001,841	13.3%	13.7%	14.4%	5,138	1,523	\$21.66	\$21.21	\$21.88
Baltimore County West	3,075,890	13.1%	12.7%	15.0%	-14,511	-4,083	\$19.98	\$19.45	\$20.27
Harford County	3,665,472	21.2%	22.6%	22.5%	43,155	58,308	\$21.34	\$22.44	\$23.05
I-83 Corridor	7,652,835	9.1%	10.0%	9.2%	27,825	-3,522	\$20.89	\$21.03	\$20.92
Reisterstown Rd Corridor	5,099,284	17.6%	18.9%	18.4%	33,393	21,817	\$21.09	\$21.74	\$20.85
Towson	4,899,754	12.2%	13.6%	12.6%	65,305	116,168	\$21.01	\$20.95	\$20.38
Northern Metro	26,395,076	13.8%	14.7%	14.5%	160,305	190,211	\$21.01	\$21.32	\$21.25
Annapolis	3,863,167	8.9%	9.7%	10.0%	20,783	32,239	\$27.83	\$27.84	\$27.29
BWI	8,513,128	14.5%	15.5%	15.0%	6,420	21,450	\$27.14	\$27.08	\$26.50
Columbia	13,563,358	8.7%	11.1%	8.6%	270,447	261,363	\$25.57	\$25.61	\$25.63
Route 2 Corridor	1,288,395	12.0%	12.7%	12.5%	9,270	5,250	\$20.96	\$21.12	\$20.60
Southern Metro	27,228,048	10.7%	12.4%	11.0%	306,920	320,302	\$26.11	\$26.13	\$25.81
Totals	77,216,927	12.9%	13.6%	12.8%	209,020	-2,345	\$22.89	\$22.85	\$22.99

#### **HIGHLIGHTS & TRENDS**

Crown Castle International Corp. (a Houston-based wireless company) will open a 31,000 sf office at One Merriweather, relocating from Linthicum Heights.

7 St. Paul Street sold again earlier this quarter for \$36.75 million (compared to its July 2017 sale for \$15 million) to Hertz Investment Group.

Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. signed a lease for a renewal and expansion into 5.459 sf in a new building that will open at McHenry Row this fall.

MOI Inc. signed a lease for 13,284 sf at McHenry Row III (1265 E. Fort Ave.), relocating from Woodlawn.

6400 Dobbin Road (Columbia Business Center) sold to D.C.-based investors in April. The complex spans 160,000 sf and sold for \$25.6 million.

Marketing firm idfive signed a lease for 9,500 sf at 81 Mosher Street (former RK&K headquarters). The firm is moving from its former location at 3600 Clipper Mill Road.

Inovalon Holdings will be closing its 33,000 sf office in Columbia at 7120 Samuel Morse Drive (Crestpointe Corporate Center) in August, laying off 70 people.

Booz Allen Hamilton recently opened a 15,000 sf innovation hub in Annapolis Junction (iHub) to encourage employee collaboration and talent growth.

#### **OUT AND ABOUT...\***



#### **EZ Shield**

Seeking approximately 15,000 sf in the White Marsh area.



#### Peoples Bank, Cordovo Valley PA

Seeking office space around 2,000 sf in the Owings Mills and Hampstead markets.



#### Northwestern Mutual

Seeking 10,000-12,000 sf Class A space in Hunt Valley, to occupy Spring 2019.



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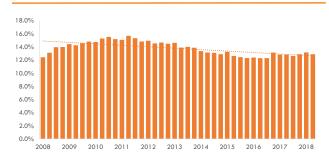
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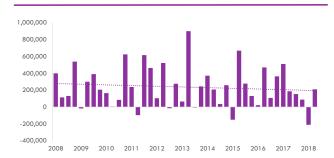
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#### **DIRECT VACANCY**



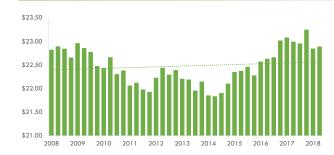
This quarter, direct vacant space decreased, equaling 9,961,458 sf out of the total 77,216,927 sf market size. This resulted in a -0.73% change from 13.63% to 12.90%. Compared to this time last year, vacancy rates are up by 0.07%.

#### **NET ABSORPTION**



Quarterly absorption was approximately 209,020 sf. For 2018 year-to-date, tenant movement in the area shows an overall negative absorption, totaling -2,345 sf. Comparatively, at this time last year, absorption was approximately 186,182 sf.

### **ASKING RENTAL RATES (Weighted, Full Service)**



Asking rental rates averaged \$22.89/sf this quarter, weighted by a total available space of 12,934,199. This is approximately \$0.04/sf higher than last quarter (\$22.85/sf), and \$0.10/sf lower than last year (\$22.99/sf).

#### **Lowest Direct Vacancy**

1	Baltimore City East	3.7%
2	Baltimore City South	4.6%
3	Baltimore City Midtown	5.1%

#### **Highest Direct Vacancy**

1	Baltimore City West	35.9%
2	City Center B	32.4%
3	City Center A	25.7%

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•	Baltimore City East	-6.1%			
<b>(1)</b>	Baltimore City West	+6.1%			

#### **Lowest Net Absorption**

U	City Center A	-14/,9/9
2	City Center B	-133,886
3	Baltimore City West	-121,631

#### **Highest Net Absorption**

1	Columbia	270,447
2	Towson	65,305
3	Baltimore City East	61,924

#### Most Absorption, Year-to-Date

•	City Center B	-309,057
•	Columbia	261,363

#### Cheapest Asking Rates

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1	Baltimore City West	\$14.33
2	City Center B	\$17.68
3	Baltimore County West	\$19.98
Mos	t Expensive Asking Rates	
1	City Center A+	\$29.24
2	Baltimore City North	\$28.49

#### Most Change vs. Prior Quarter

Annapolis

•	Harford County	-\$1.10
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#### Baltimore City East +\$6.99

## **LEASE TRANSACTIONS**

Location	Region	Tenant	Leased ▼
6514 Meadowridge Road	BWI	Allstate	66,000
11350 McCormick Road <sup>1</sup>	I-83 Corridor	NextGen	33,988
100 E. Pratt Street <sup>2</sup>	City Center	T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	31,942
10 N. Park Drive	I-83 Corridor	CallRevu, LLC	21,092

#### SALE TRANSACTIONS

Location	Region	Price	PSF ▼	<b>Building Size</b>
1734 York Road <sup>3,4</sup>	I-83 Corridor	\$23,000,000	\$500.00	46,000
3905 Mountain Road	Rt. 2 Corridor	\$1,190,000	\$255.15	4,664
1919 West Street	Annapolis	\$1,050,000	\$215.16	4,880
8681 Robert Fulton Drive	Columbia	\$4,300,000	\$128.95	33,347

\$27.83