MARKET SURVEY HRM OFFICES & WAREHOUSES JUNE 2021



Survey Scope: 164 office & 159 warehouse buildings 12,204,571 ft.² of rental office space 8,033,504 ft.² of rental warehouse space expert researchers

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JUNE 2021 MARKET SURVEY HRM OFFICES

Year at a Glance			
	2020	2021	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	10,769,176	12,204,571	1,435,395
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	47,075	1,251,905	1,204,830
Vacancy Rate	14.79%	14.56%	📕 - 0.23 рр
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$14.41	\$14.67	1.80%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$12.90	\$12.67	↓ - 1.78%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$27.21	\$27.51	1.10%

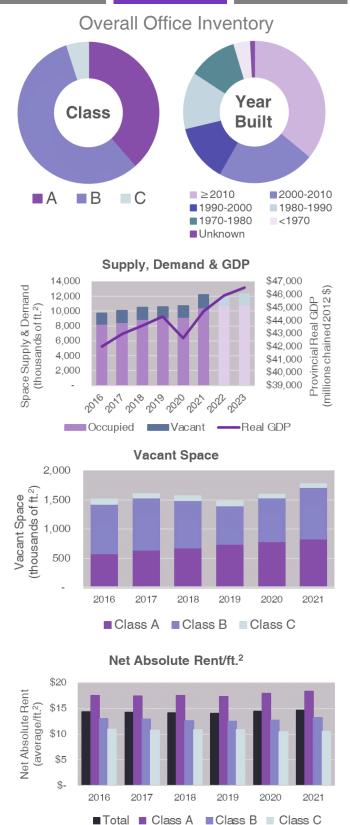
Supply & Demand Overview

The total amount of rentable office space in Greater Halifax increased 13.33% over last year with several new buildings coming online in Downtown Halifax. The overall vacancy rate decreased from 14.79% in 2020 to 14.56% in 2021, and net absorption also increased year over year. The key driver of space demand is the growth in the provincial real (deflated) Gross Domestic Product. Our analysis of GDP projections indicate that 2022 will see GDP increase of 2.70%, with space demand increasing 2.91%. The vacancy rate will decrease to 11.92%.

Our survey measured vacancy and rental rates by class of building. Class A buildings command the highest rents in their community and have distinctive design and lobbies. Class B buildings offer "no frills" modern, air conditioned space. Class C buildings make up the remainder of the office rental market. The current vacancy rates by class are: Class A 17.70%; Class B 12.79%; Class C 10.19%; Overall 14.56%.

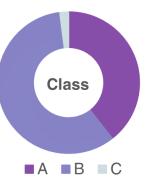
The vacancy rate and net rental rate are inversely correlated: empirical data indicates that generally a falling vacancy rate portends a rising net rental rate, while a rising vacancy rate indicates that net rental rate increases will moderate or even fall. Current average net absolute rental rates per square foot are: Class A \$18.32; Class B \$13.21; Class C \$10.56; Overall \$14.67.

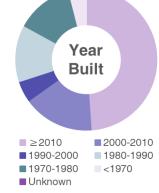
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HALIFAX DOWNTOWN

Year at a Glance			
	2020	2021	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	4,112,094	5,185,609	1,073,515
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	(49,736)	911,873	1 916,609
Vacancy Rate	21.30%	20.01%	📕 - 1.29 рр
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$15.42	\$16.25	1 5.38%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$14.21	\$13.67	- 3.80%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$29.40	\$29.81	1.39%







6,000

5,000

4,000

3,000

2,000

1,000

2016

2017

2018

Occupied

2019

2020

Vacant

2021

Space Supply & Demand (thousands of ft.²)

Vacant Space

1,200

400

200

2016

2017

Class A

2018

2019

Class B

2020

Class C

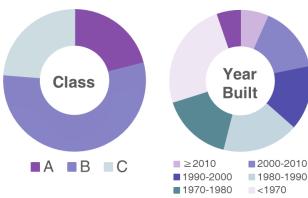
2021

Vacant Space (thousands of ft:²) 009 008 0f.ft:²)





HALIFAX PERIPHERAL



Unknown

Supply & Demand





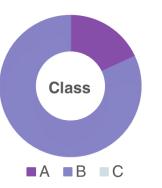
Vacant Space

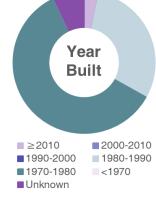
Year at a Glance 2020 2021 Change Office Inventory (ft.²) 853,211 1,046,210 192,999 Net Absorption (ft.²) 194,171 167,356 26,815 Vacancy Rate 9.64% 7.75% - 1.89 pp Avg. Net Rent/ft.² \$14.10 \$14.35 Î 1.77% Avg. RTCAM/ft.² \$12.96 \$13.24 1 2.16% Avg. Gross Rent/ft.² \$27.26 \$27.78 1 1.91%



CENTRAL DARTMOUTH

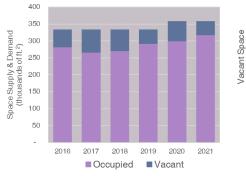
Year at a Glance			
	2020	2021	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	357,221	356,863	- 358
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	7,571	(358)	I (7,956)
Vacancy Rate	16.03%	10.84%	📕 - 5.19 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$12.01	\$11.18	■ 6.91%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 9.71	\$ 9.91	1 2.06%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$21.73	\$21.09	↓ - 2.95%



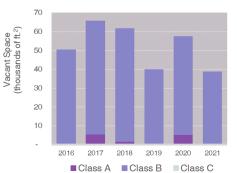


Supply & Demand





Vacant Space







DARTMOUTH PERIPHERAL

Year at a Glance

2020

626,061

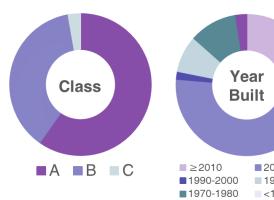
(8,541)

18.50%

\$12.50

\$12.43

\$24.50



Supply & Demand

900

800

700

600

500

400

300

200

100

2016

2017

2018

Occupied

2019

2020

■Vacant

2021

Space Supply & Demand (thousands of ft.²)

2000-2010 1980-1990 <1970

Unknown

Vacant Space

Office Inventory (ft.²)

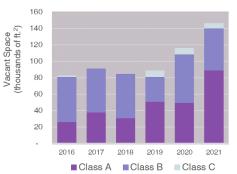
Net Absorption (ft.²)

Avg. Net Rent/ft.²

Avg. RTCAM/ft.²

Avg. Gross Rent/ft.²

Vacancy Rate



Net Absolute Rent/ft.²

2021

765,897

109,768

19.05%

\$13.74

\$11.70

\$26.15

Change

139,836

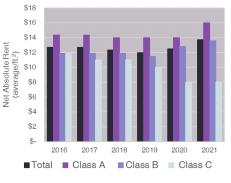
118,309

- 0.55 pp

9.92%

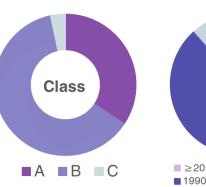
- 5.87%

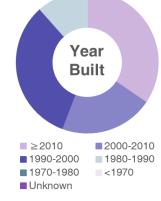
6.73%



SUBURBAN HALIFAX

Year at a Glance			
	2020	2021	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	2,177,898	2,180,256	1 2,358
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	(43,785)	(27,417)	16,368
Vacancy Rate	6.13%	7.49%	1.36 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$15.06	\$15.02	. - 0.27%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$13.05	\$12.22	↓ - 6.36%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$28.11	\$27.91	↓ - 0.71%



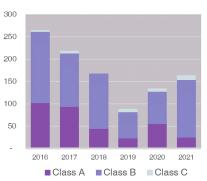


Supply & Demand

Vacant Space

Net Absolute Rent/ft.²

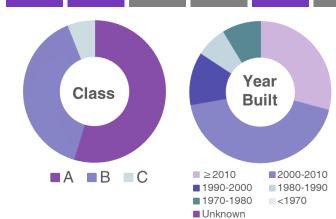






BURNSIDE/CITY OF LAKES & DARTMOUTH CROSSING

2020

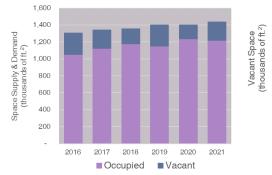


Office Inventory (ft.²) 1,401,347 1,434,993

Net Absorption (ft. ²)	85,465	(21,090)	4 (106,555)
Vacancy Rate	11.59%	15.14%	1 3.55 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$14.56	\$14.46	↓ - 0.69%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$13.12	\$13.00	↓ - 0.91%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$27.47	\$27.46	- 0.01%

Year at a Glance

Supply & Demand





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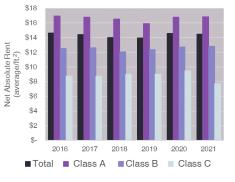
Vacant Space

Net Absolute Rent/ft.²

2021

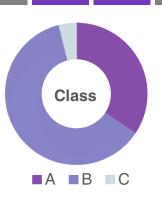
Change

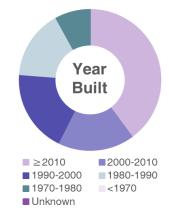
33,646



BEDFORD

Year at a Glance			
	2020	2021	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	1,132,252	1,125,651	↓ - 6,601
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	29,286	(6,601)	(35,887)
Vacancy Rate	13.14%	7.19%	📕 - 5.95 рр
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$14.34	\$14.29	■ - 0.35%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$12.25	\$12.28	1 0.24%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$26.59	\$26.57	- 0.01%





Supply & Demand

1,200

1,000

800

600

400

200

2016

2017

2018

Occupied

2019

Vacant

2020

2021

Space Supply & Demand (thousands of ft.²) Vacant Space

250

200

150

100

50

2016

2017

Class A

2018

2019

Class B

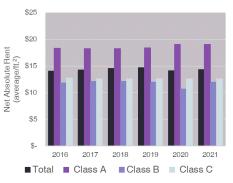
2020

Class C

2021

Vacant Space (thousands of ft.²)





SACKVILLE

Change

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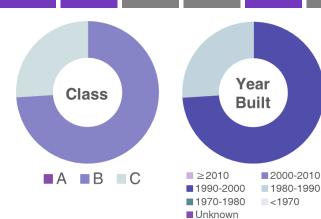
5,200

- 4.77 pp

- 12.00%

26.01%

3.66%



Office Inventory (ft.²) 109,092 109,092 Net Absorption (ft.²) 5,200 - - -Vacancy Rate 15.40% 10.63% Avg. Net Rent/ft.² \$ 8.33 \$ 7.33 Avg. RTCAM/ft.² \$ 5.87 \$ 7.40

\$14.21

Year at a Glance

2020

Supply & Demand





Vacant Space

Avg. Gross Rent/ft.²

Net Absolute Rent/ft.²

\$14.73

2021



JUNE 2021 MARKET SURVEY HRM WAREHOUSES

Year at a Glance			
Warehouse	2020	2021	Change
Inventory (ft. ²)	7,804,405	8,033,504	1 229,099
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	32,317	412,286	1 379,969
Vacancy Rate	8.79%	6.26%	📕 - 2.53 рр
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$ 8.05	\$ 8.52	1 5.83%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 5.28	\$ 5.64	6.82%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$13.32	\$14.26	1 7.06%

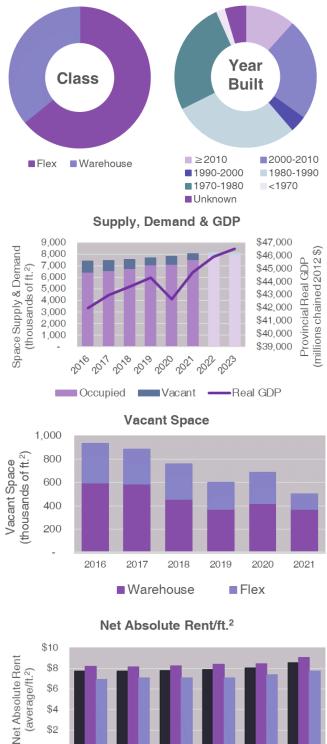
Supply & Demand Overview

The total amount of rentable warehouse space in Greater Halifax increased 2.93% over last year, mainly due to new space coming online in Burnside. The overall vacancy rate decreased from 8.79% in 2020 to 6.26% in 2021. The key driver of space demand is the growth in the provincial real (deflated) Gross Domestic Product. Our analysis of GDP projections indicates that 2022 will see a GDP increase of 2.70%, with demand for warehouse space increasing 3.98%. The vacancy rate is expected to drop to 3.33%.

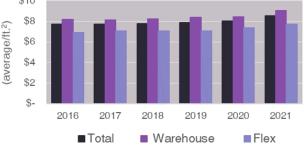
Our survey measured the vacancy rate by geographic node. The current vacancy rate in each of the following locations is: Atlantic Acres Industrial Park 0.00%; Bayers Lake Industrial Park 20.76%; Bedford 3.67% Burnside/City of Lakes Industrial Park 5.09%; Central Halifax 6.55%; Ragged Lake Industrial Park 3.48%; Sackville Industrial Park 0.00%, Woodside Industrial Park 22.11%.

Our survey also measured rental rates. Industrial properties in H.R.M. saw the overall net absolute rent/ft.² increase by 5.84% year over year, to \$8.52/ft.2 in 2021. The average overall net rental rates per square foot in each of the following locations were: Atlantic Acres Industrial Park \$8.40; Bayers Lake Industrial Park \$10.20; Bedford \$14.60; Burnside/City of Lakes Industrial Park \$8.10; Central Halifax \$9.06; Ragged Lake Industrial Park \$10.00; Sackville Industrial Park \$5.00; Woodside \$8.00.

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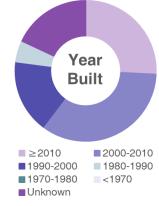
Overall Warehouse Inventory



BAYERS LAKE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Year at a Glance			
Warehouse	2020	2021	Change
Inventory (ft. ²)	481,963	588,115	106,152
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	19,078	85,958	1 66,880
Vacancy Rate	21.14%	20.76%	📕 - 0.38 рр
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$10.89	\$10.20	- 6.34%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 6.82	\$ 6.43	. - 0.57%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$17.71	\$16.63	↓ - 6.10%





Supply & Demand

Occupied

■Vacant

Space Supply & Demand

(thousands of ft.²)

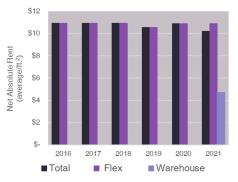
Vacant Space

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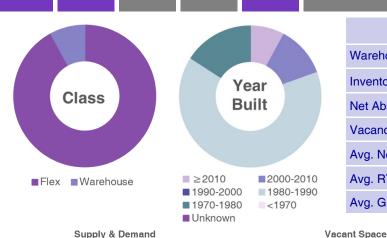
Warehouse

Vacant Space (thousands of ft.²)

Net Absolute Rent/ft.²

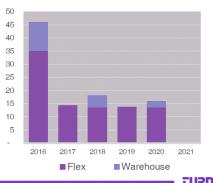


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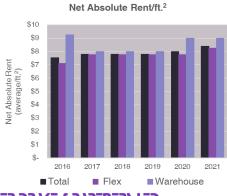


Supply & Demand



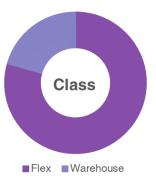


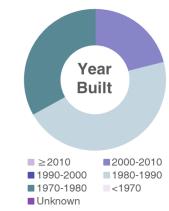
Year at a Glance				
Warehouse	2020	2021	Change	
Inventory (ft. ²)	189,615	189,615		
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	(2,150)	15,847	17,997	
Vacancy Rate	8.36%	8.40%	1 0.04 pp	
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.40	1 5.00%	
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 4.12	\$ 4.24	1 2.91%	
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$12.12	\$12.64	1 4.29%	



BEDFORD

Year at a Glance			
Warehouse	2020	2021	Change
Inventory (ft. ²)	96,434	121,434	1 25,000
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	310	25,627	1 25,317
Vacancy Rate	5.27%	3.67%	📕 - 1.60 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$12.80	\$14.60	14.06%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 7.04	\$ 6.63	↓ - 5.82%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$19.84	\$21.23	1 7.01%



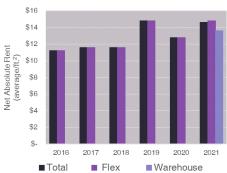






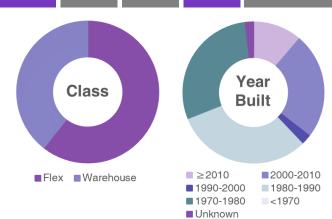
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Net Absolute Rent/ft.²



BURNSIDE / CITY OF LAKES

Warehouse

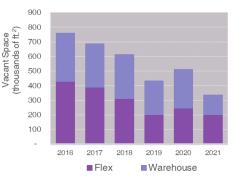


Supply & Demand

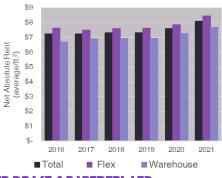


Year at a Glance			
Warehouse	2020	2021	Change
Inventory (ft. ²)	6,500,074	6,573,021	1 72,947
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	6,620	248,442	1 241,822
Vacancy Rate	7.85%	5.09%	📕 - 2.76 рр
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$ 7.59	\$ 8.10	6.72%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 5.16	\$ 5.60	1 8.53%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$12.72	\$13.76	1 8.18%





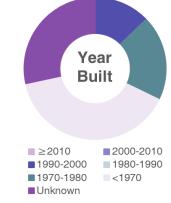




CENTRAL HALIFAX

Year at a Glance			
Warehouse	2020	2021	Change
Inventory (ft. ²)	416,027	416,027	🖨
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	3,664	(3,232)	4 (6,896)
Vacancy Rate	5.78%	6.55%	1 0.77 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$ 8.86	\$ 9.06	1 2.26%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 5.52	\$ 5.77	1 4.53%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$14.37	\$14.83	1 3.20%









2018

2019

Warehouse

2020

2021

20

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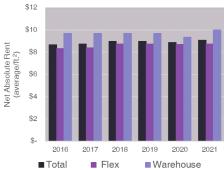
2016

2017

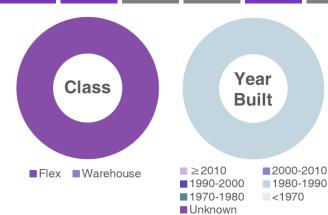
■ Flex

Vacant Space

Net Absolute Rent/ft.²



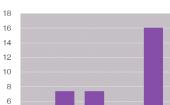
RAGGED LAKE INDUSTRIAL PARK



Supply & Demand







2018

Flex

2019

2020

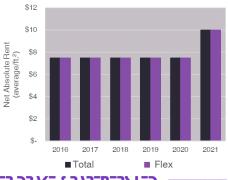
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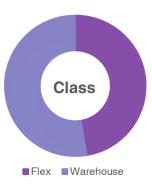
Vacant Space

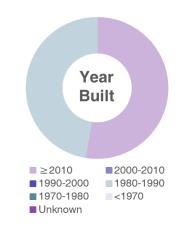
Net Absolute Rent/ft.²



SACKVILLE

Year at a Glance				
Warehouse	2020	2021	Change	
Inventory (ft. ²)	39,000	39,000	⇔	
Net Absorption (ft. ²)		25,000	1 25,000	
Vacancy Rate	0.00%	0.00%	⇔	
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00	I - 37.50%	
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 5.46	\$ 7.63	1 39.74%	
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$13.46	\$13.45	I - 0.01	





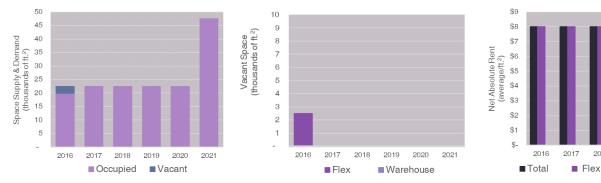




Net Absolute Rent/ft.²

2018

2019



WOODSIDE

Year at a Glance				
Warehouse	2020	2021	Change	
Inventory (ft. ²)	58,795	58,795	⇔	
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	20,795		4 (20,795)	
Vacancy Rate	22.11%	22.11%		
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	⇔	
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.62	1 0.28%	
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$12.61	\$12.61	⇔	





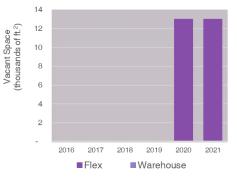
2021

2020

Warehouse

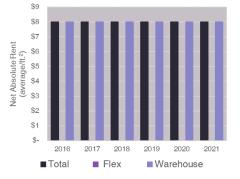
Supply & Demand





Vacant Space

Net Absolute Rent/ft.²



JUNE 2021 MARKET SURVEY HRM OFFICES & WAREHOUSES

Glossary

Inventory/Supply: The total rentable area of office space in the rental market, occupied or vacant.

Vacancy Rate - The vacancy rate excludes any space available for sub-lease: it is the total amount of space which is vacant and not currently leased.

Absorption - This is the amount of additional space absorbed by the market during that period. It is the incremental market demand.

Building Class:

Office Class - This is the industry definition common to this particular marketplace.

Class A - These office buildings command the highest rents, have "presence" by virtue of their distinctive design and lobbies, are air-conditioned and sprinklered. They are regarded as "prestige" buildings in their marketplace and are usually the most modern buildings. They typically include the leading firms of lawyers and accountants, together with regional or head offices for banks, financial institutions and other major companies, as their tenants.

Class B - These are "second tier" office buildings in terms of rents. They are usually older than Class A buildings and lack "presence". They are air conditioned and are usually sprinklered. They are regarded as offering modern, but not "prestige" office accommodation in their marketplace. Typically they were built over 20 years ago. Tenants usually include second tier firms of lawyers and accountants, together with a wide selection of private sector companies, provincial and local government agencies.

Class C - These include all office buildings not classed as "A" or "B".

Class W - Distribution warehouse

Class F - Flex space. This type of space may be used for retail or office use as an alternative to pure warehousing and is typically located at the entrance to a business park in an area with high traffic exposure.

Income & Expense Data:

Net Absolute Rent - This is often referred to as "AAA" or "Base" rent and does not include Realty or Business Occupancy Taxes, Common Area Maintenance (CAM), or any other services such as Electricity, Cleaning or Heating.

Current Realty Taxes - These are the Realty Taxes (not the Business Occupancy Taxes) currently paid by the Landlord and which are recovered from the Tenant usually as part of the Service Rent.

Current CAM - This is the additional amount recovered by the Landlord from the Tenant to cover the operating and maintenance costs of the building including the tenant suites. Common Area Maintenance (CAM) typically includes fire insurance, repairs and maintenance, cleaning (common areas plus often the tenant suites), electricity (common areas plus often the tenant suites), heating and air conditioning (common areas plus often the tenant suites), water, garbage removal, snow clearing, elevator maintenance, management, security, etc. It, together with the Realty Taxes, is recovered by the Landlord from the Tenant as "Service Rent", if the Tenant has a "net absolute" lease.

Total Realty Taxes + CAM (RTCAM) - This is the total of the Realty Taxes and CAM, and is often recovered from the tenant as "Service Rent".

Total Gross Rent - This is the total rent recovered from the Tenant by the Landlord and is the total of the Base (Net Absolute Rent) plus the Service Rent (Realty Taxes + CAM).

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