



MARKET SURVEY ST. JOHN'S NL OFFICES & WAREHOUSES JUNE 2023



Survey Scope: 86 office & 116 warehouse buildings
3,924,365 ft.² of rental office space
2,972,261 ft.² of rental warehouse space
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JUNE 2023 MARKET SURVEY ST. JOHN'S OFFICES

Year at a Glance

	2022	2023	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	3,871,930	3,924,365	↑ 52,435
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	(17,891)	57,834	↑ 75,725
Vacancy Rate	23.24%	22.79%	↓ 0.45 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$18.27	\$18.39	↑ 0.66%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$10.10	\$10.11	↑ 0.10%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$28.48	\$28.63	↑ 0.53%

Supply & Demand Overview

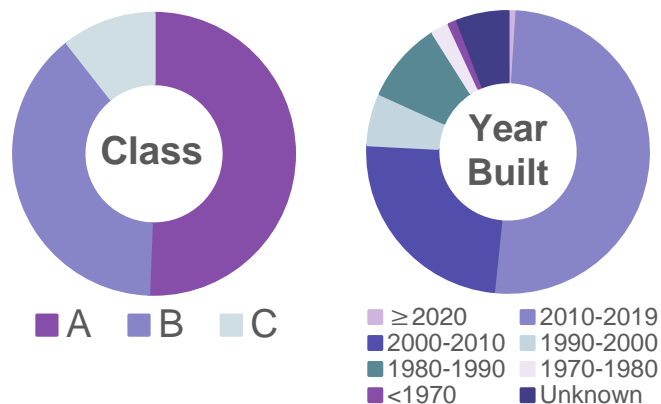
The total amount of rentable office space in St. John's increased by 1.35% over last year. The overall vacancy rate decreased from 23.24% in 2022 to 22.79% in 2023. The key driver of space demand is the growth in the provincial real (deflated) Gross Domestic Product. Our analysis of GDP projections indicates that 2023 will see GDP increase by 1.3%. However, the rental office market in St. John's is expected to experience declining demand in the year ahead, as projected growth favours other sectors. With a forecasted decrease of 0.96% in office space demand, the vacancy rate is expected to increase to 24.97%.

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 29.66%; Class B 16.12%; Class C 14.37%; Overall 22.79%.

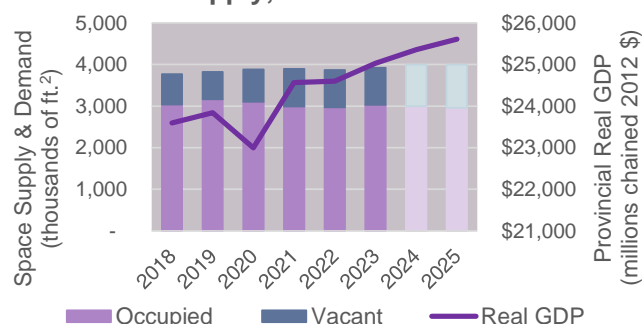
The vacancy rate and net rental rate are inversely correlated: empirical data indicates that generally a falling vacancy rate portends a rising net rental rate, while a rising vacancy rate indicates that net rental rate increases will moderate or even fall. Current average net absolute rental rates per square foot are: Class A \$22.83; Class B \$16.65; Class C \$16.98; Overall \$18.39.

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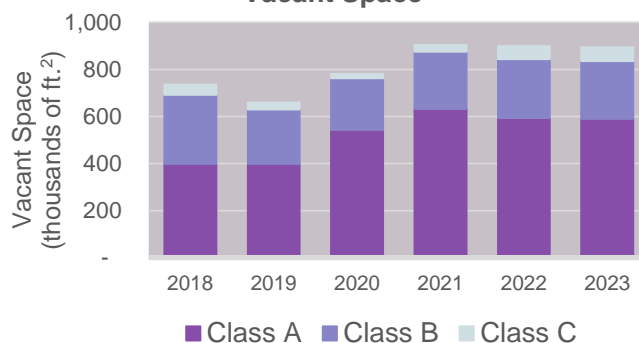
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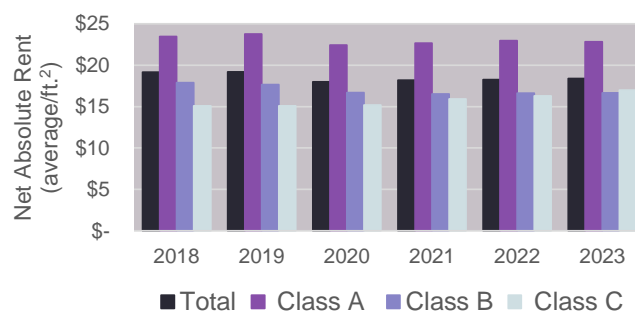
Supply, Demand & GDP



Vacant Space



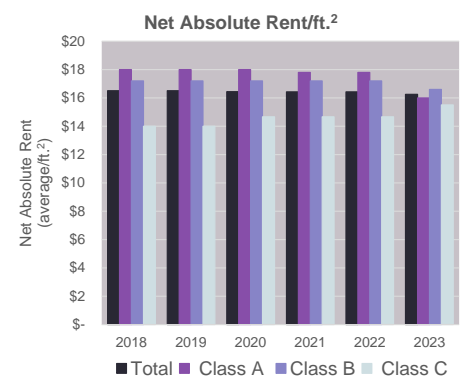
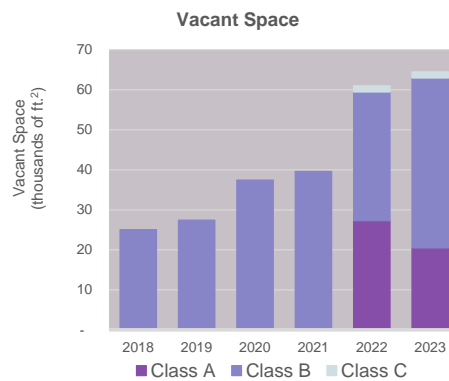
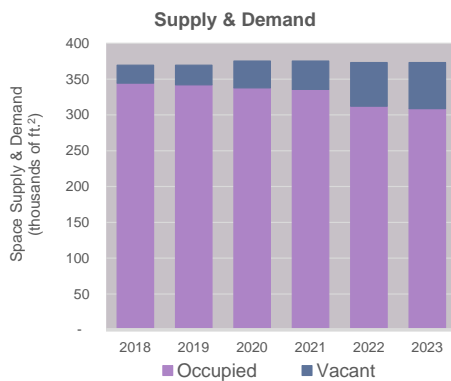
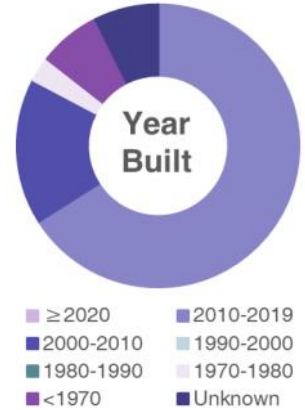
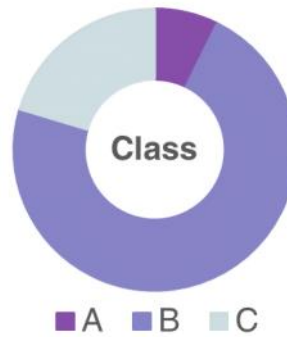
Net Absolute Rent/ft.²



CENTRAL ST. JOHN'S

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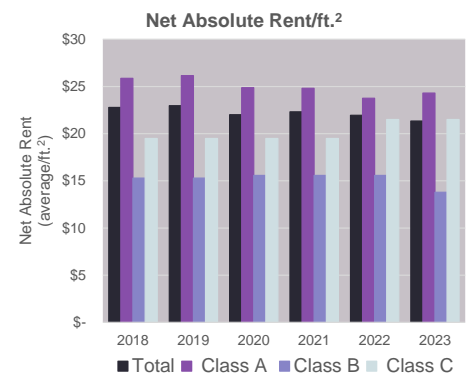
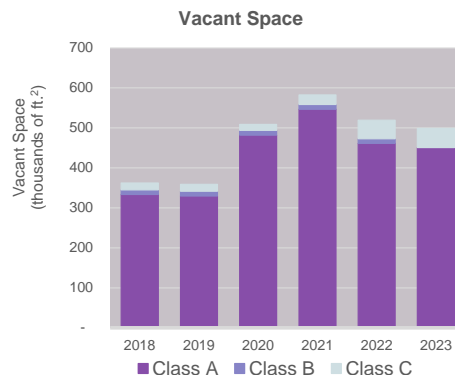
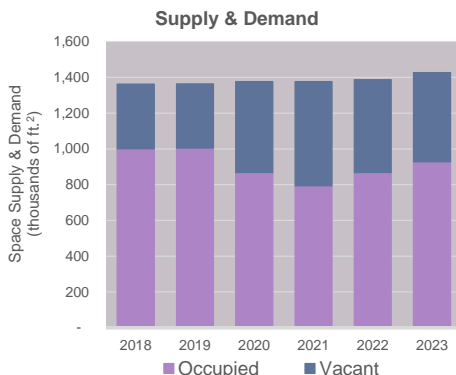
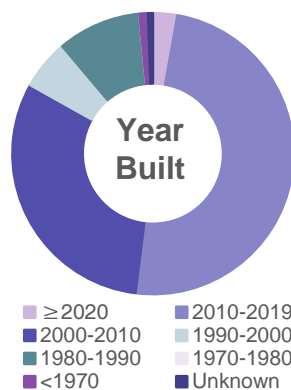
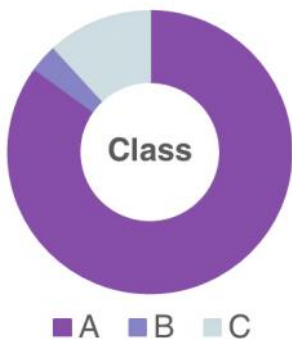
	2022	2023	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	373,260	373,260	↔ ---
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	(23,356)	(3,487)	⬆ 19,869
Vacancy Rate	16.34%	17.27%	⬆ 0.93 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$16.42	\$16.25	⬇ 1.04%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$10.06	\$10.04	⬇ 0.20%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$27.10	\$27.99	⬇ 3.28%



DOWNTOWN ST. JOHN'S

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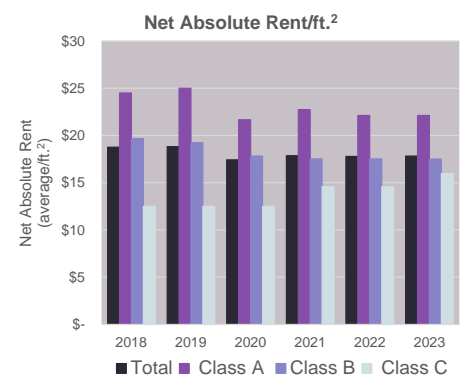
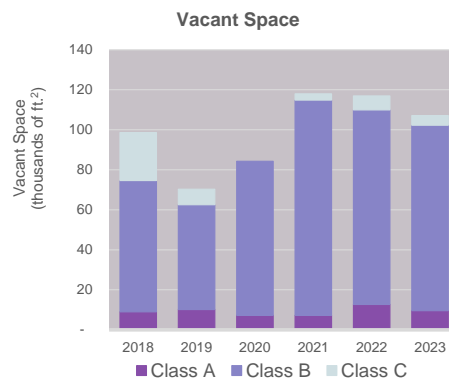
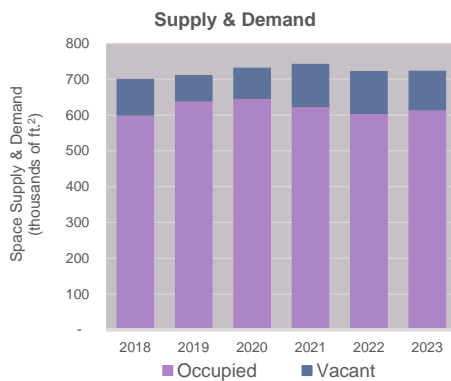
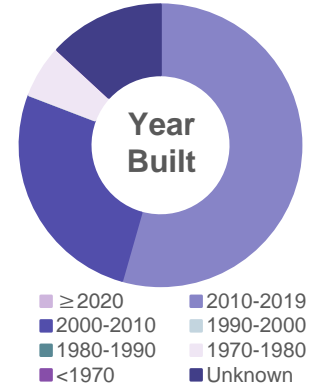
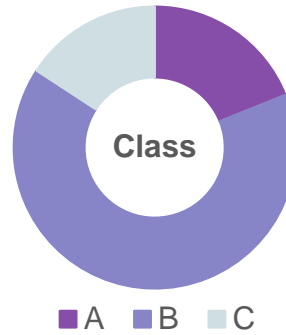
	2022	2023	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	1,387,051	1,427,051	⬆ 40,000
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	74,310	60,274	⬇ (14,036)
Vacancy Rate	37.43%	34.96%	⬇ 2.47 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$21.94	\$21.34	⬇ 2.73%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$10.41	\$10.26	⬇ 1.44%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$34.07	\$31.10	⬇ 8.72%



NORTH ST. JOHN'S

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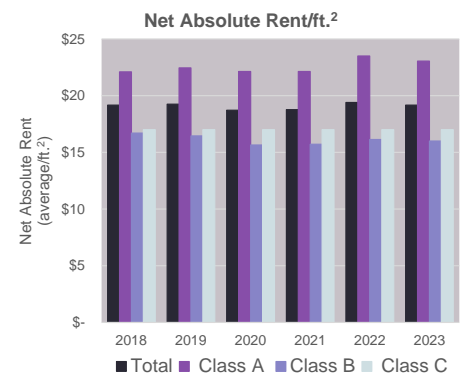
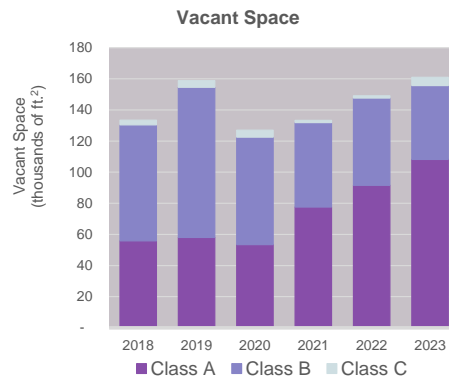
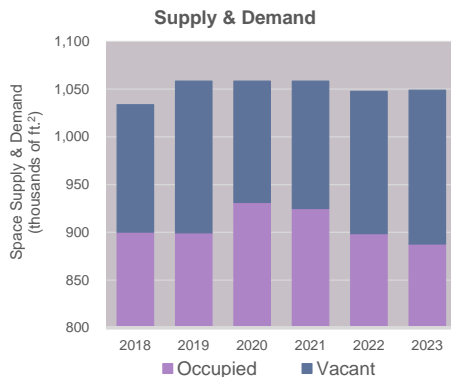
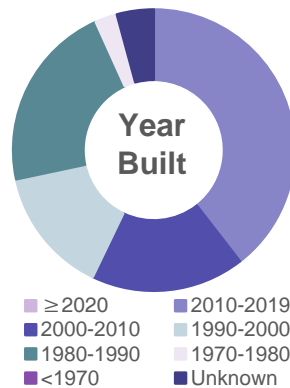
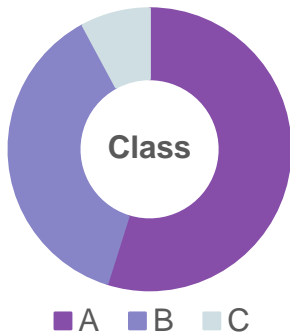
	2022	2023	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	721,401	722,055	↑ 654
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	(18,880)	10,453	↑ 29,333
Vacancy Rate	16.20%	14.83%	↓ 1.37 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$17.78	\$17.83	↑ 0.28%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 9.90	\$ 9.95	↑ 0.51%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$27.96	\$27.78	↓ 0.64%



EAST & WEST ST. JOHN'S

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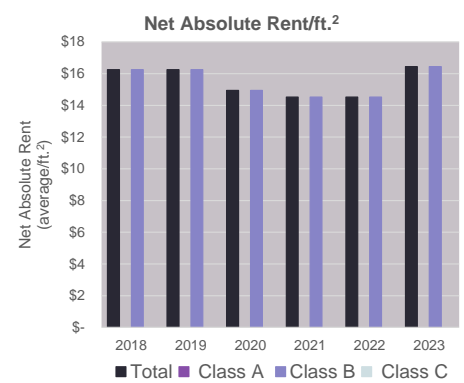
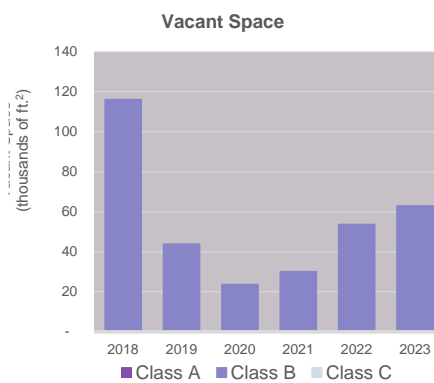
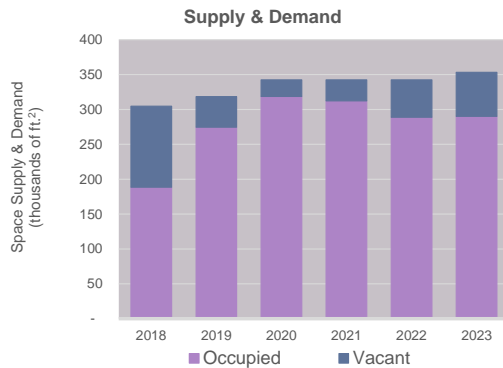
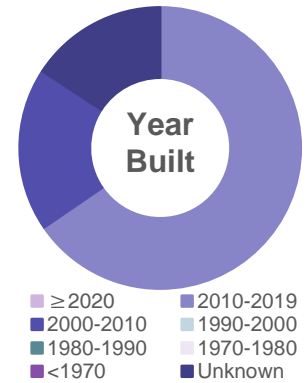
	2022	2023	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	1,047,701	1,048,901	↑ 1,200
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	(26,344)	(10,738)	↑ 15,606
Vacancy Rate	14.23%	15.35%	↑ 1.12 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$19.41	\$19.18	↓ 1.18%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$10.99	\$11.07	↑ 0.73%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$30.16	\$30.25	↑ 0.30%



MOUNT PEARL / PARADISE

Year at a Glance

	2022	2023	Change
Office Inventory (ft. ²)	342,517	353,098	↑ 10,581
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	(23,621)	1,332	↑ 24,953
Vacancy Rate	15.68%	17.83%	↑ 2.15 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$14.52	\$16.45	↑ 13.29%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 6.67	\$ 7.07	↑ 6.00%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$20.90	\$23.52	↑ 12.54%



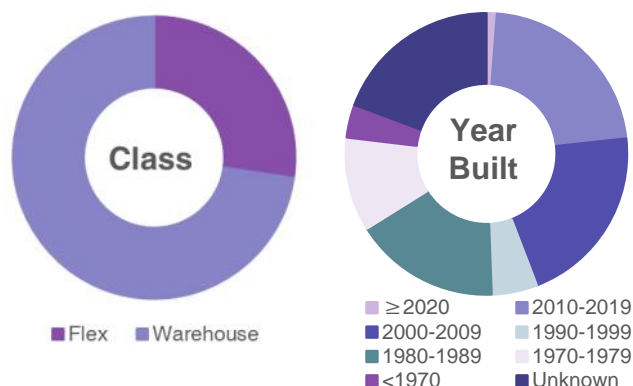
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ST. JOHN'S WAREHOUSES

Year at a Glance

Warehouse	2022	2023	Change
Inventory (ft. ²)	2,852,743	2,972,261	↑ 119,518
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	167,712	91,115	↓ (76,597)
Vacancy Rate	10.07%	10.62%	↓ 0.55 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$11.88	\$12.15	↑ 2.27%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 3.69	\$ 3.93	↑ 6.50%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$15.91	\$16.52	↑ 3.83%

Overall Warehouse Inventory



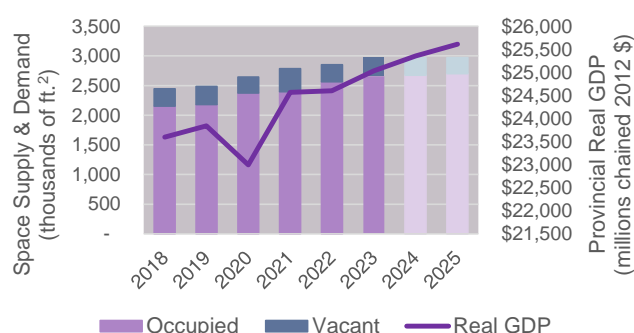
Supply & Demand Overview

The total amount of rentable warehouse space in Greater St. John's increased 4.19% over last year. The overall vacancy rate increased from 10.07% in 2022 to 10.62% in 2023. The key driver of space demand is the growth in the provincial real (deflated) Gross Domestic Product. Our analysis of GDP projections indicates that 2023 will see GDP growth of 1.3%; demand for rental warehouse space, is expected to rise, with an overall increase in demand of 0.64%. The vacancy rate is expected to fall to 9.58%.

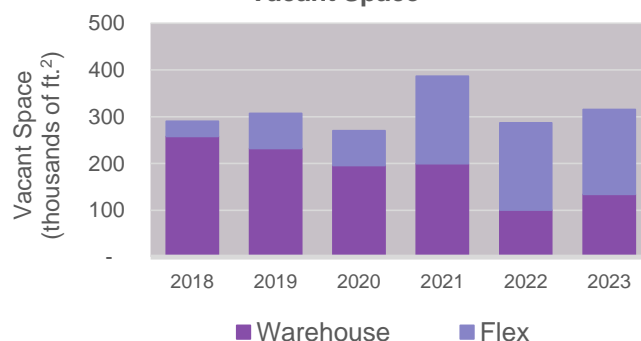
Our survey measured the vacancy rate by sub-market. The current vacancy rate in each of the following areas is: St. John's North 12.45%; Central and Downtown 4.16%; St. John's East 17.11%; St. John's West 0%; Mount Pearl/Paradise 9.78%; Overall 10.62%.

Our survey also measured rental rates. Industrial properties in St. John's saw the overall net absolute rent per square foot increase by 2.27% year-over-year, rising to \$12.15 in 2023. The average overall net rental rates per square foot in each of the following areas is: St. John's North \$12.90; Central and Downtown \$11.60; St. John's East \$13.47; St. John's West \$10.50; Mount Pearl/Paradise \$11.74.

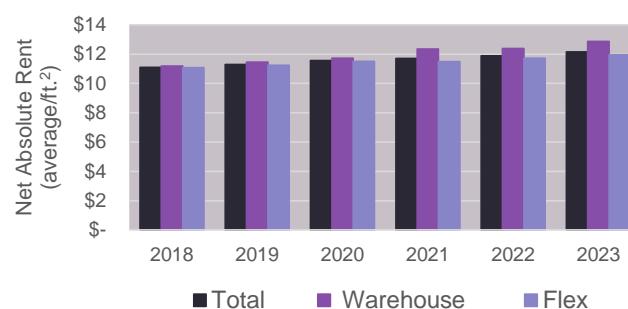
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Vacant Space



Net Absolute Rent/ft.²

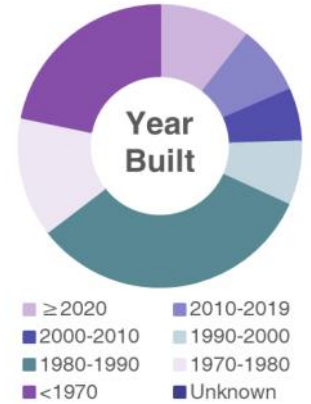
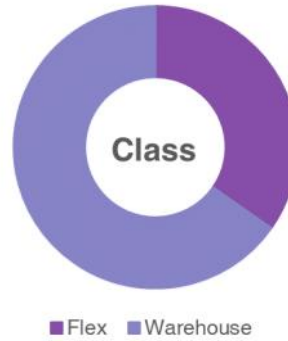


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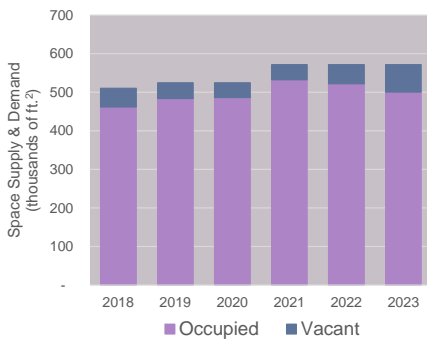
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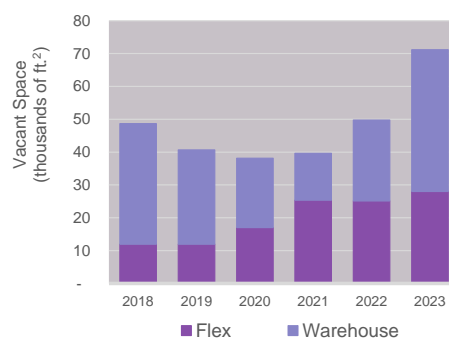
	2022	2023	Change
Inventory (ft. ²)	592,721	592,721	↔ ---
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	(10,136)	(21,413)	↓ (11,277)
Vacancy Rate	8.70%	12.45%	↑ 3.75 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$12.65	\$12.90	↑ 1.98%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 4.99	\$ 5.02	↑ 0.60%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$17.84	\$18.32	↑ 2.69%



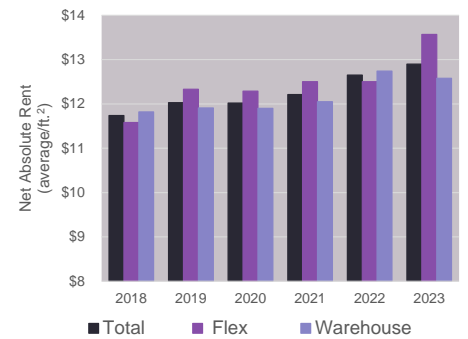
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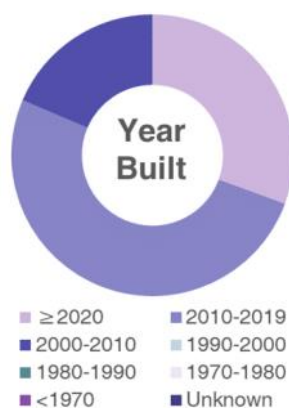
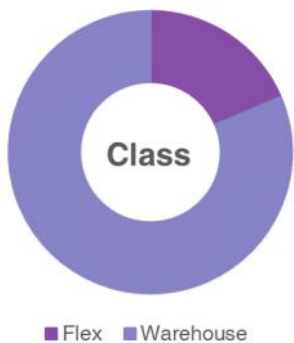
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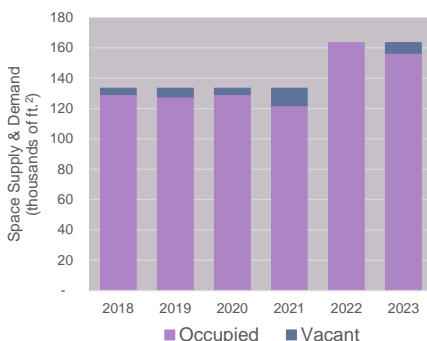
CENTRAL & DOWNTOWN

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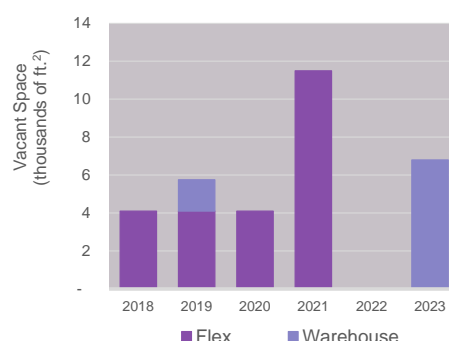
	2022	2023	Change
Inventory (ft. ²)	163,396	163,396	↔ ---
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	41,500	(6,800)	↓ (48,300)
Vacancy Rate	0.00%	4.16%	↑ 4.16 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$11.50	\$11.60	↑ 0.87%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.10	↔ ---
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$15.60	\$15.70	↑ 0.64%



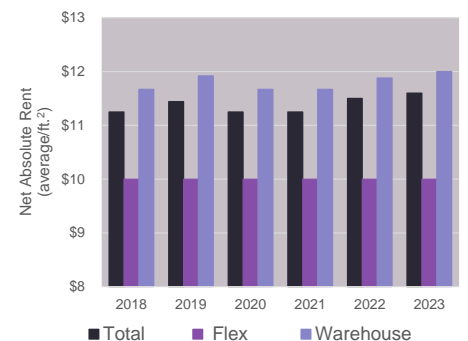
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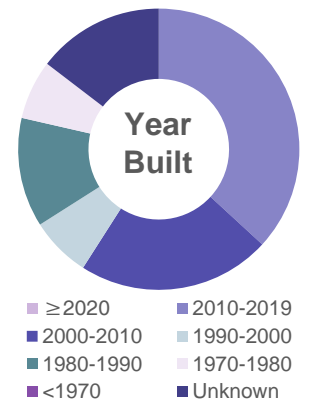
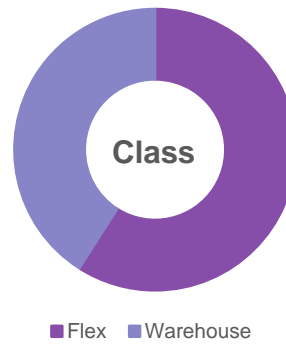
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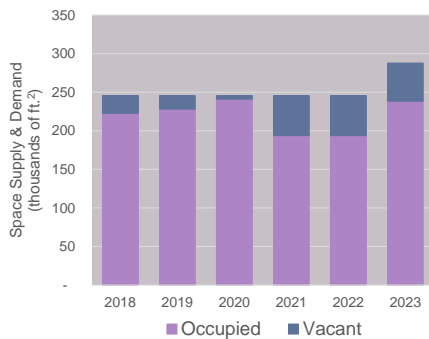
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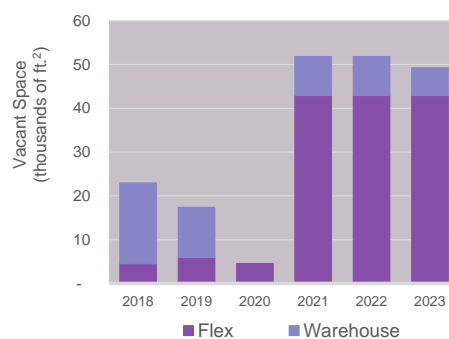
	2022	2023	Change
Inventory (ft. ²)	245,717	287,751	↑ 42,034
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	---	44,640	↑ 44,640
Vacancy Rate	21.10%	17.11%	↓ 3.99 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$13.92	\$13.47	↓ 3.23%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 5.37	\$ 4.76	↓ 11.36%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$19.71	\$18.47	↓ 6.29%



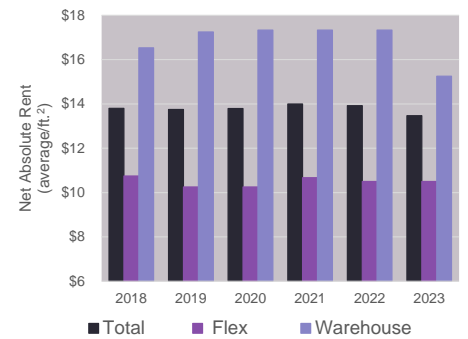
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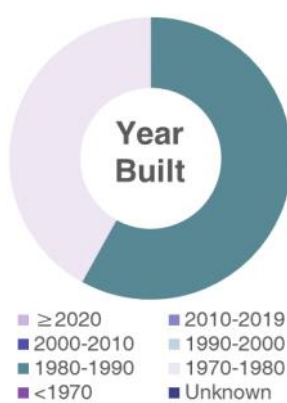
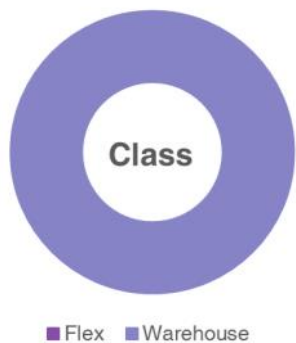
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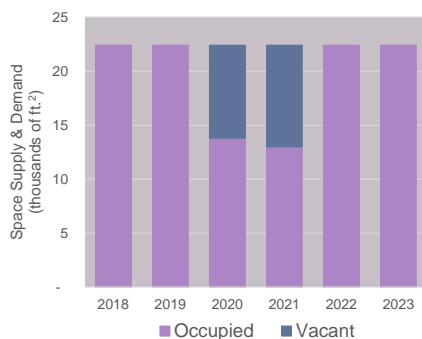
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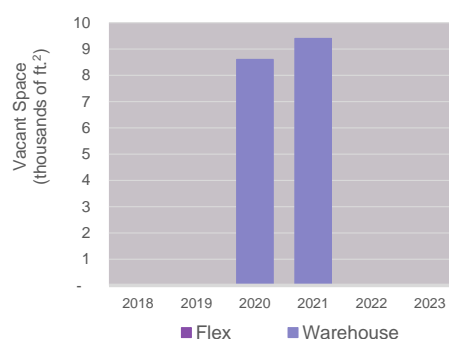
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	2022	2023	Change
Inventory (ft. ²)	22,400	22,400	↔ ---
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	9,400	---	↓ (9,400)
Vacancy Rate	0.00%	0.00%	↔ ---
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$10.50	\$10.50	↔ ---
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.84	↑ 14.52%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$13.75	\$14.47	↑ 5.24%

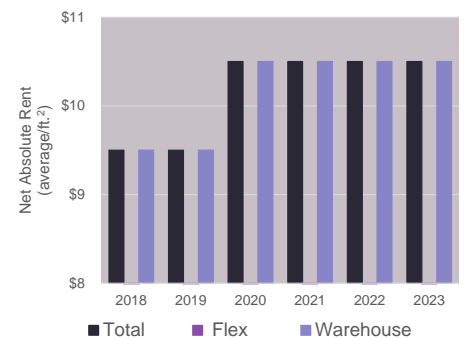
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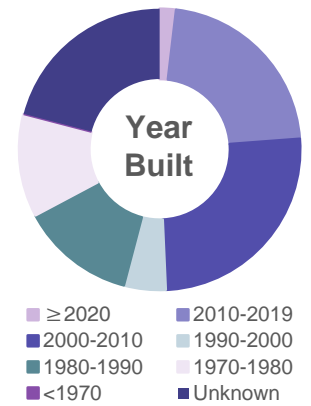
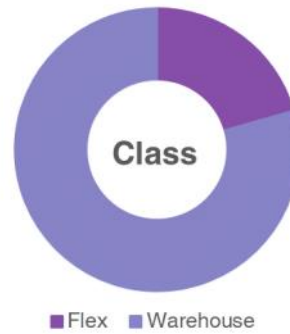
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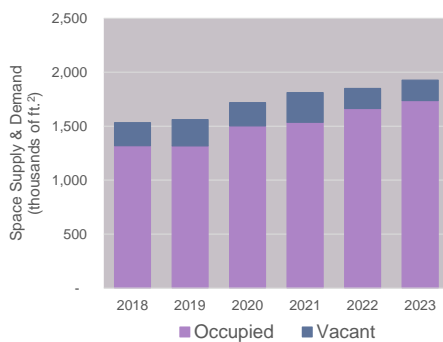
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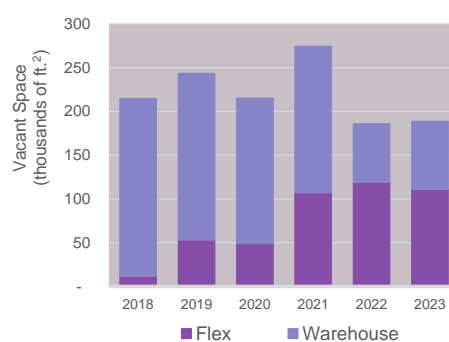
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Inventory (ft. ²)	1,849,309	1,926,793	↑ 77,484
Net Absorption (ft. ²)	126,948	74,688	↓ (52,260)
Vacancy Rate	10.04%	9.78%	↓ 0.26 pp
Avg. Net Rent/ft. ²	\$11.36	\$11.74	↑ 3.35%
Avg. RTCAM/ft. ²	\$ 2.99	\$ 3.42	↑ 14.38%
Avg. Gross Rent/ft. ²	\$14.68	\$15.55	↑ 5.93%



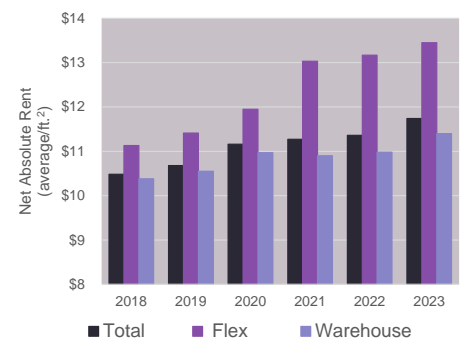
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Vacant Space



Net Absolute Rent/ft.²



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ST. JOHN'S NL 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:

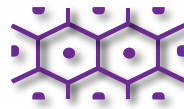
Net Absolute Rent - This is often referred to as “AAA” or “Base” rent and does not include Realty or Business Occupancy Taxes, Common Area Maintenance (CAM), or any other services such as Electricity, Cleaning or Heating.

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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