North Peninsula Industrial and R&D Market Overview



Market Observations



- The Peninsula region's labor market remained stable to start the year amid shifting macroeconomic conditions. February's 3.8% unemployment rate remained lower than the 4.1% five-year historical average but is up from 3.4% in the previous quarter.
- Year over year, job gains have been most pronounced in the leisure/hospitality and education/health services industry.
- A "higher for longer" view of the interest rate environment has taken hold for investors, as U.S. inflation has remained persistently high over the last few months with core inflation hovering around 3.8%, nearly double the Fed's long-term target.
- The Fed now sees two to three interest rate cuts in 2024 but forecasts fewer cuts than before in 2025. In comparison, markets were anticipating up to eight rate cuts in 2024.



- Insitro completed the largest deal of the quarter, renewing its 143,188-SF lease on floors two through five at 279 E. Grand Ave. in South San Francisco.
- Biotechnology research company Cellanome completed the second-largest deal of the guarter, subleasing 41,600 SF from Illumina on the third floor at 200 Lincoln Centre Dr. in Foster City.
- The largest sale of the quarter was made by the Acme Bread Company, which completed an owner-user purchase of the 23,000-SF industrial building located at 352-362 E. Grand Ave in South San Francisco for \$7.2 million, or \$313/SF. Acme Bread was leasing 100% of the property from LBC Express at the time of acquisition.



Leasing Market Fundamentals

- Market-wide R&D availability increased to 21.2% this quarter, up from 17.4% in the previous quarter. Market-wide R&D vacancy increased to 15.8%, up from 13.1% in the previous quarter.
- The North Peninsula's industrial market availability rate increased in the first quarter of 2024 to 5.9%, up from 4.7% in the previous quarter. Market-wide vacancy increased to 3.8%, up from 3.8% in the previous quarter.
- The region's R&D pipeline currently stands at 5.6 million SF of under-construction product. Of that notable ground-up construction, 6.8% is already preleased. The industrial construction pipeline remains obsolete



Outlook

- In the face of a slowing economy, leasing in the industrial and R&D sectors has tapered off as occupiers continue to scale back their expansion plans in the face of higher costs of capital and economic uncertainty. In particular, the recorded amount of industrial and flex space leased this quarter dipped below the lowest level witnessed during the pandemic.
- Average rental rates have held relatively steady overt the last 12 months; however, as demand in the industrial sector remains suppressed and R&D supply continues to increase in the face of new deliveries, rental rate growth will likely taper off.

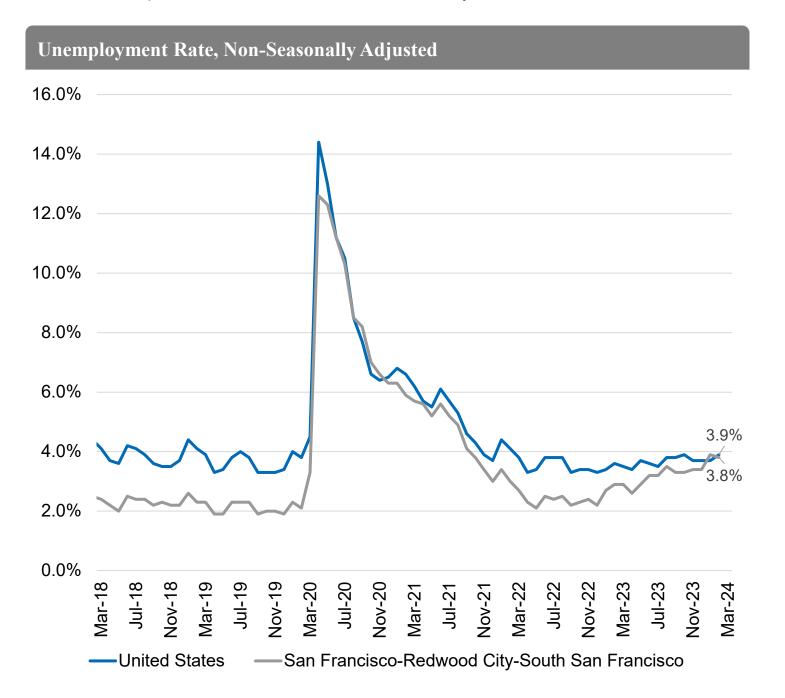
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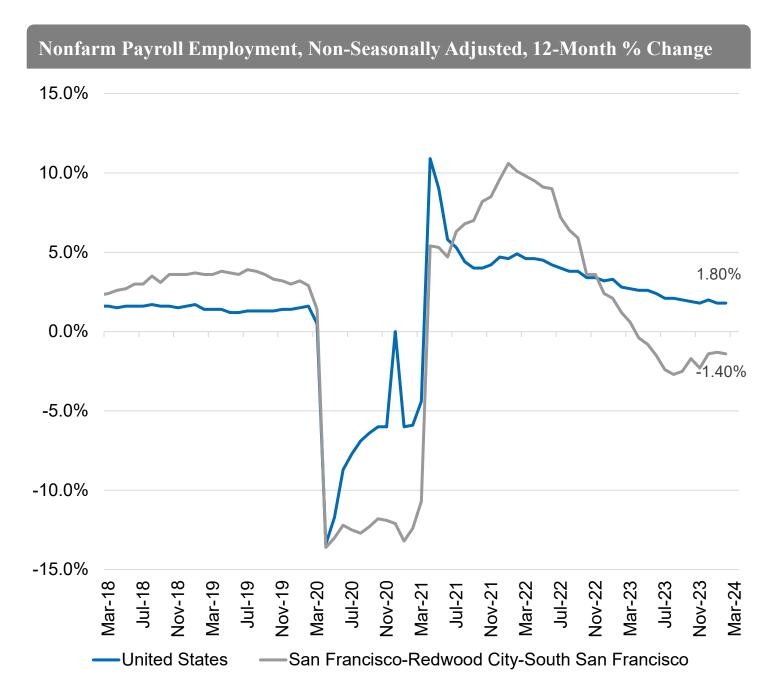
Economy



Metro Employment Trends Signal a Slowing, Tighter Economy

The region's unemployment rate rose closer to the national average in recent months. Furthermore, the nonfarm employment in the region is down 1.4% year over year, a stark difference compared with the 1.8% increase nationally.



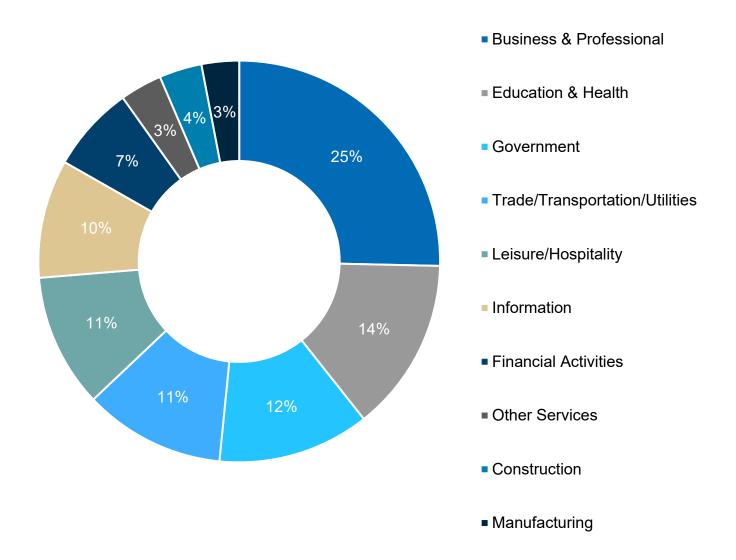


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, San Francisco-Redwood City-South San Francisco

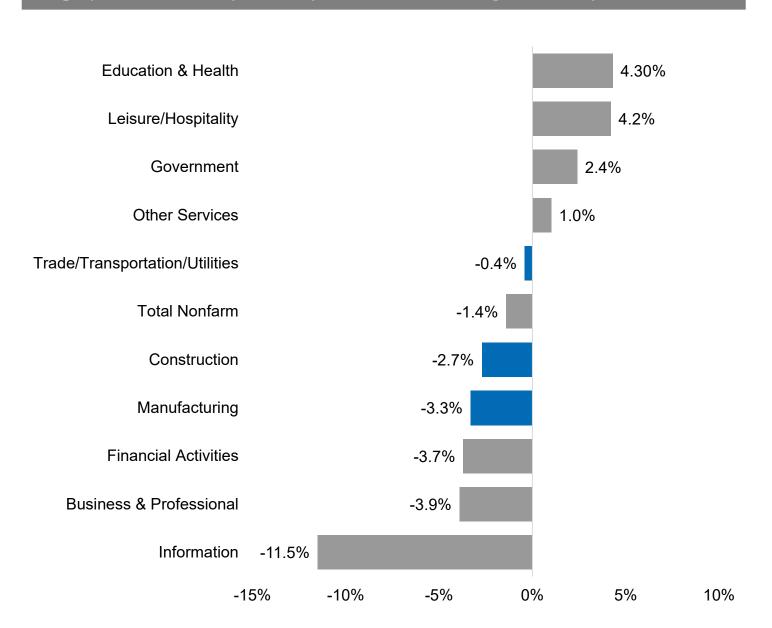
Employment in Information Industry Down 11.5% Year over Year

Leisure and hospitality, as well as education and health, had the largest year-over-year increases of any industry. The Information sector highlighted the largest decline year over year of any industry.





Employment Growth by Industry, 12-Month % Change, February 2024



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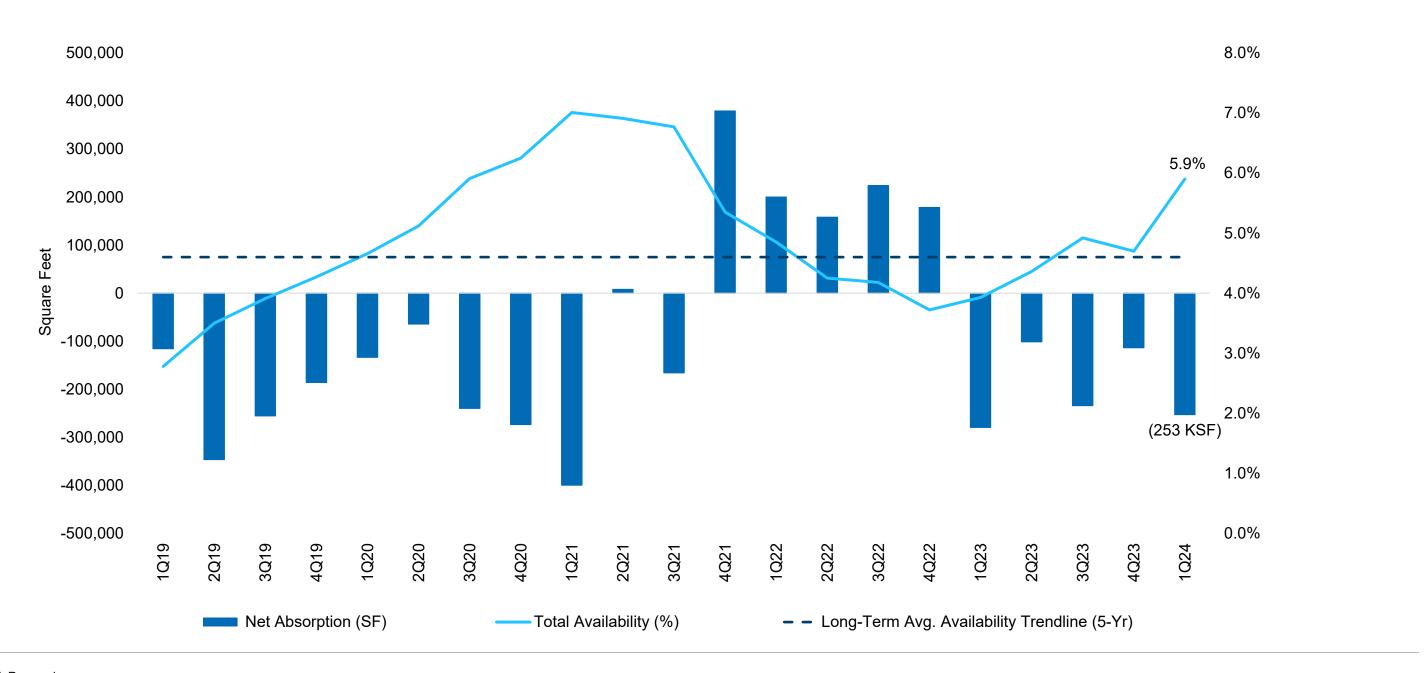
Industrial Leasing Market Fundamentals



Industrial Availability Continues Its Rise above the Five-Year Trendline of 4.6%

Market-wide industrial availability increased to 5.9% this quarter, up from 4.7% in the previous quarter and up from 3.9% one year ago.

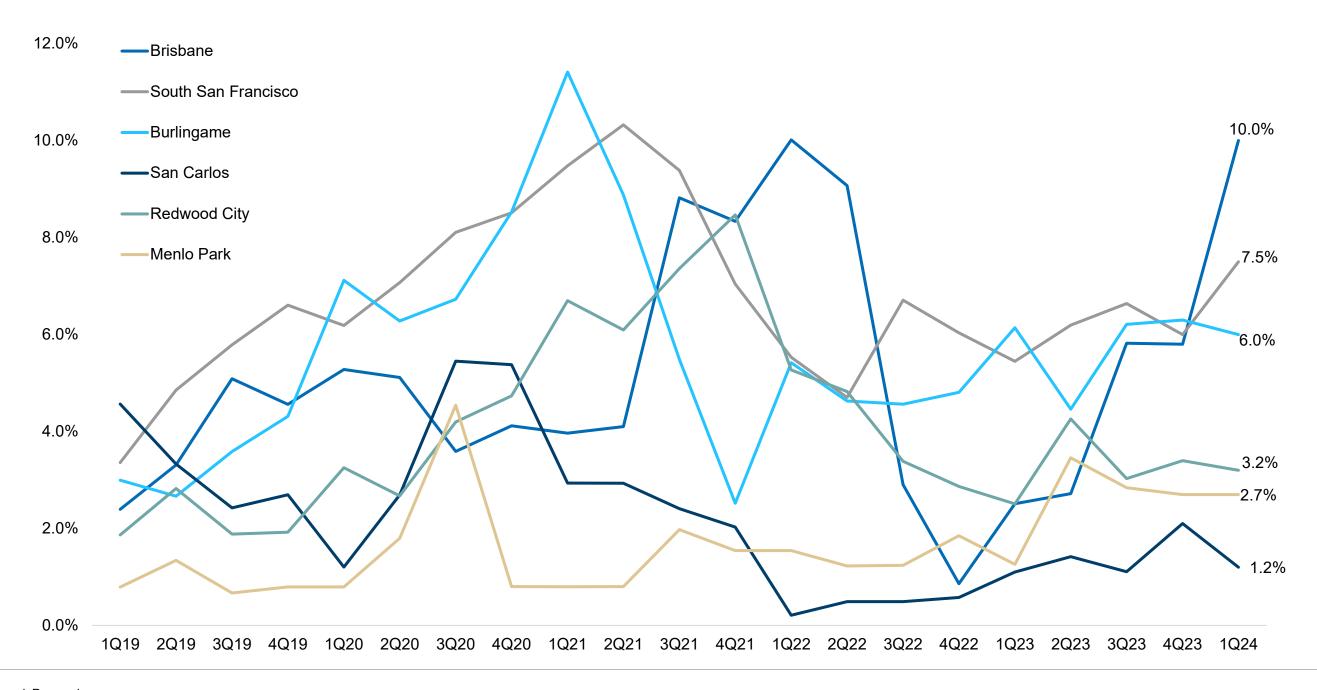




Brisbane Has the Highest Industrial Total Availability Rate

Brisbane surpassed Burlingame with the highest availability rate out of the major North Peninsula submarkets at 10.0% in the first quarter of 2024. Burlingame led all major markets in total availability in the previous quarter at 6.3% and now stands at 6.0%.

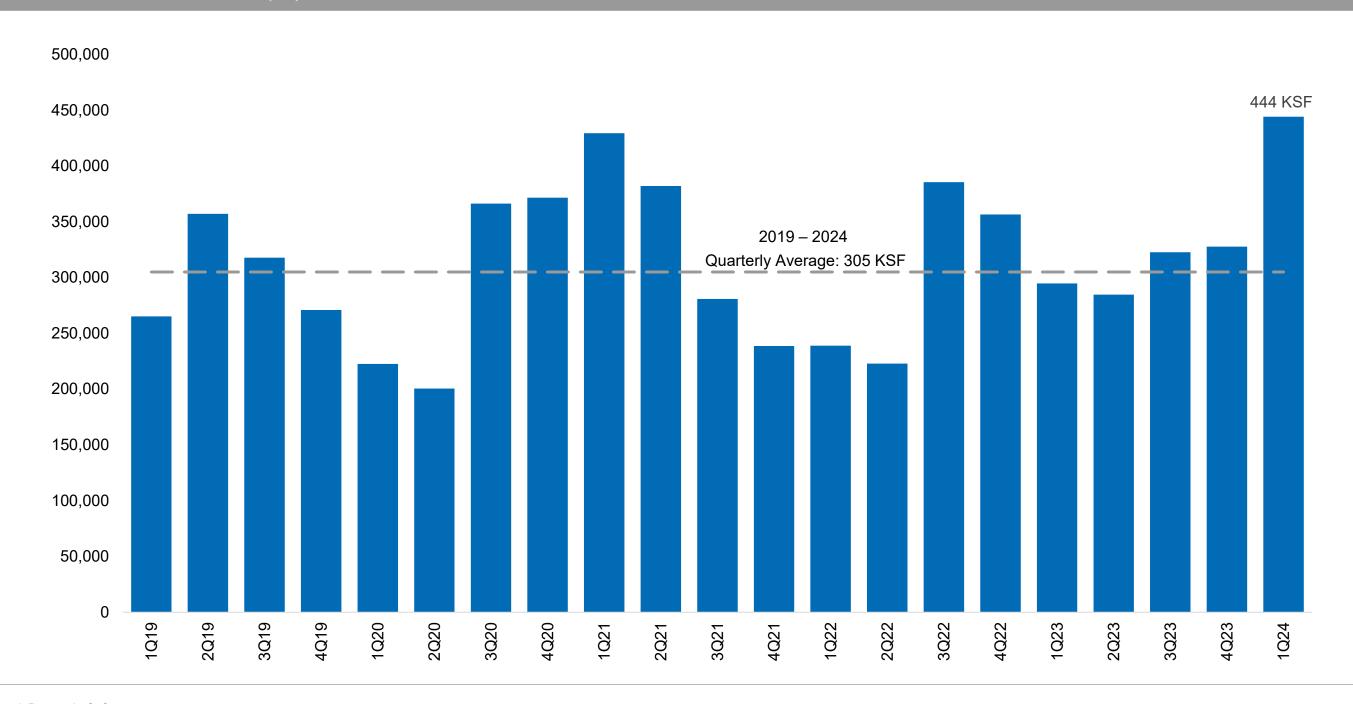
Total IND Availability Rate by Submarket



Industrial Sublease Availability Hits Five-Year Peak

Industrial sublease availability increased by 35.5% during the first quarter of 2024 and stands at a five-year record high of 444,000 SF.

Available Industrial Sublease Volume (SF)



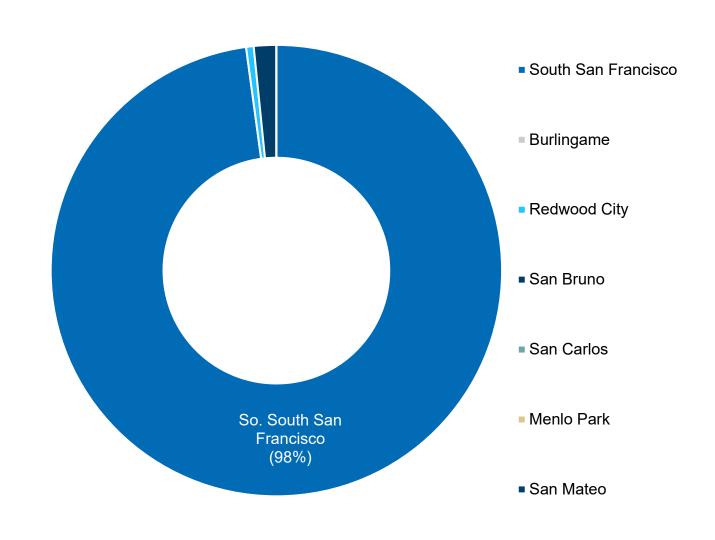
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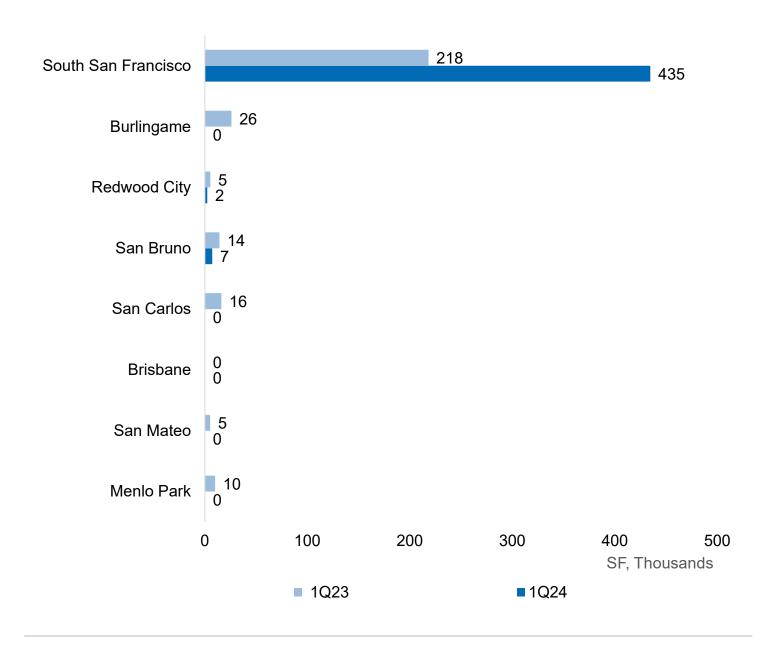
South San Francisco Leads Other Submarkets in Industrial Sublet Availability

South San Francisco continues to be the leading industrial submarket on the North Peninsula, while also accounting for 98.0% of all sublease availability in the major submarkets.

Available IND Sublease Space: Concentration by Major Submarket | 1Q24

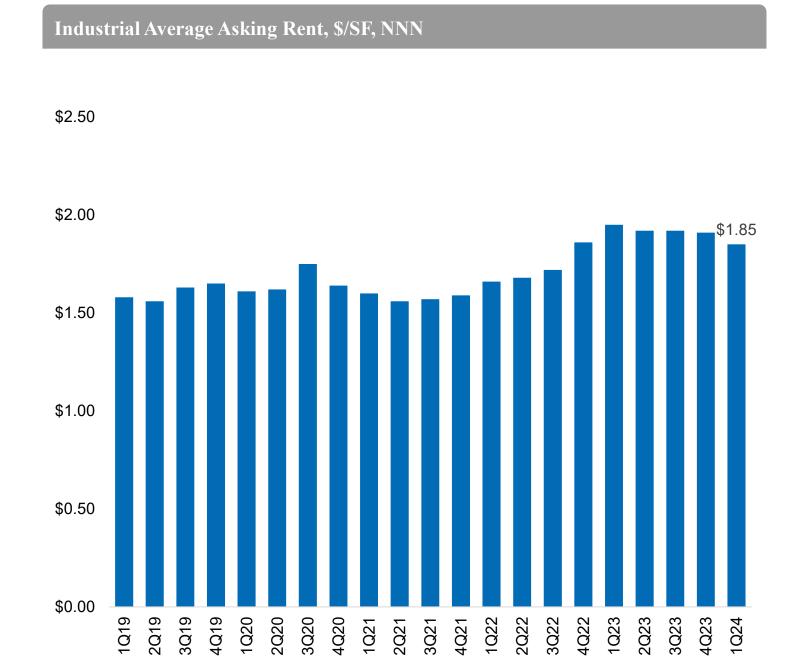
Available Sublease Space for Major Submarkets: One Year Prior vs. Now (SF)

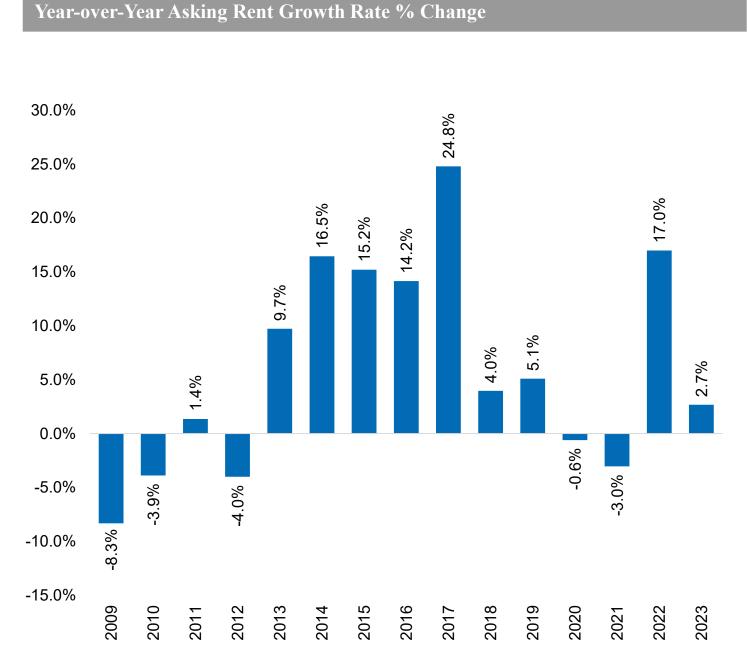




Industrial Rent Growth Continues to Taper Off

The overall average asking rate for industrial space along the North Peninsula decreased from \$1.91/SF in the previous quarter to \$1.85/SF in the first quarter of 2024. Industrial rents remain above pre-pandemic levels; however, have begun to taper off since the second quarter of 2023, going hand in hand with rising availability and suppressed demand.

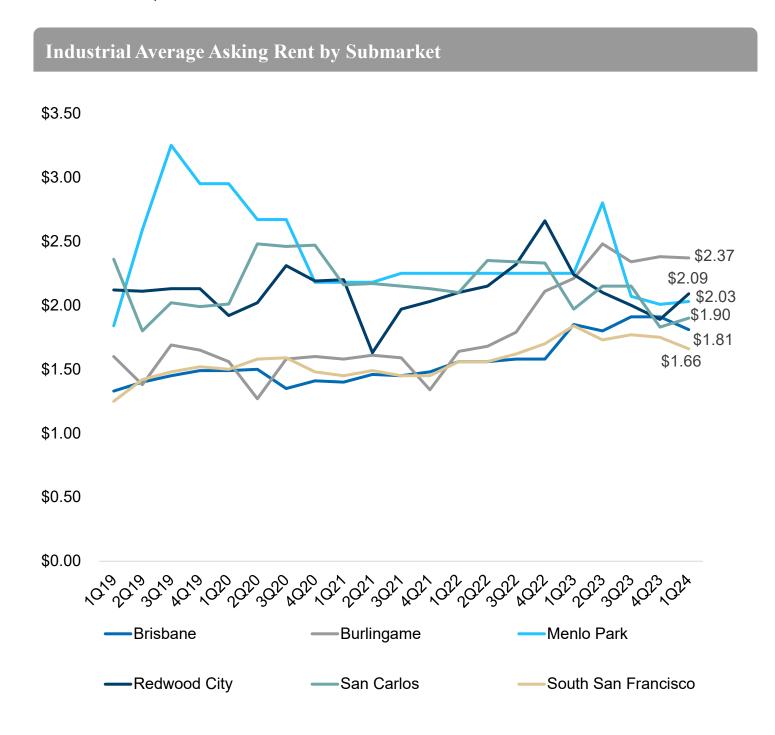


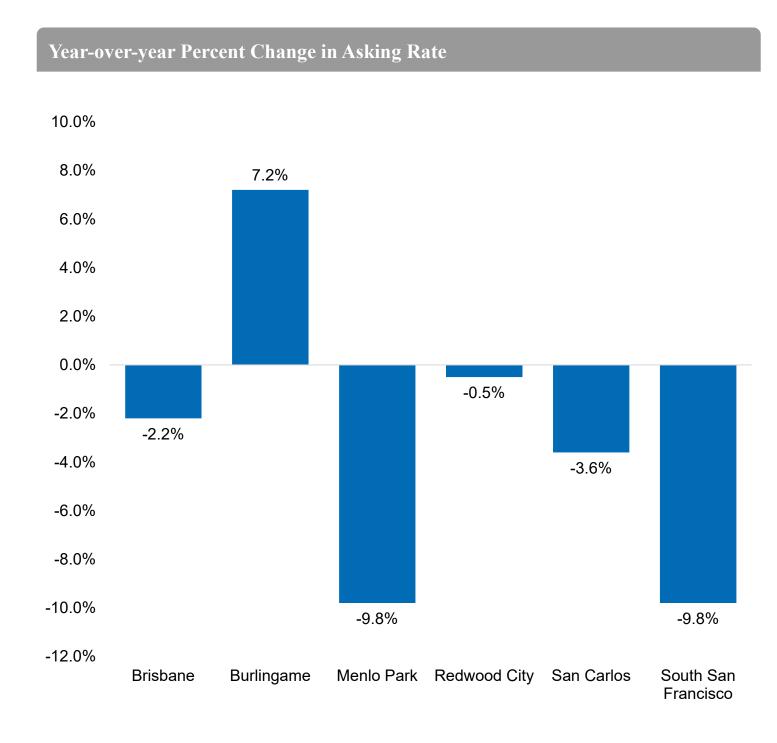


Source: Newmark Research, CoStar

Rent Performance Varies by Major Industrial Submarket

Burlingame led all Peninsula submarkets with the largest year-over-year increase in average asking rate, at 7.2%. The largest year-over-year decreases were in Menlo Park and South San Francisco, at 9.8%

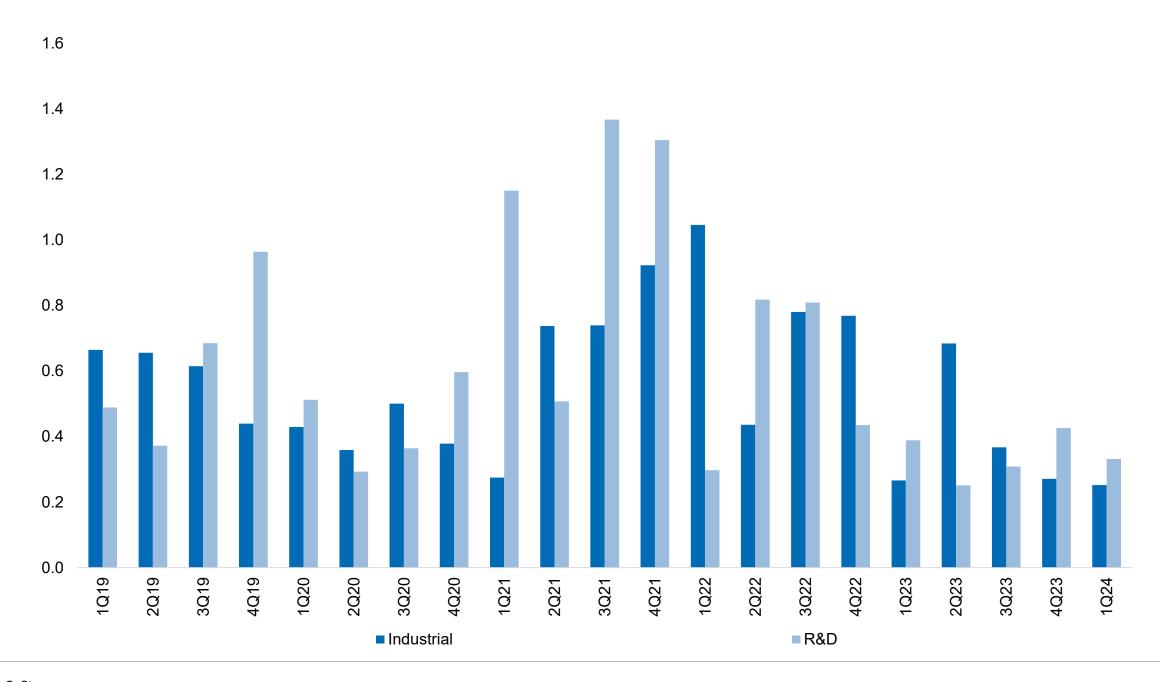




Industrial and R&D Leasing Both Trend Downwards to Start the New Year

Industrial leasing activity this quarter was recorded at 252,000 SF, compared with 271,000 SF in the previous quarter. R&D leasing activity was recorded at 332,000 SF, compared with 426,000 SF in the previous quarter. Leasing in both the industrial and R&D markets are down severely from their five-year peaks, down 75.9% and 75.7%, respectively.





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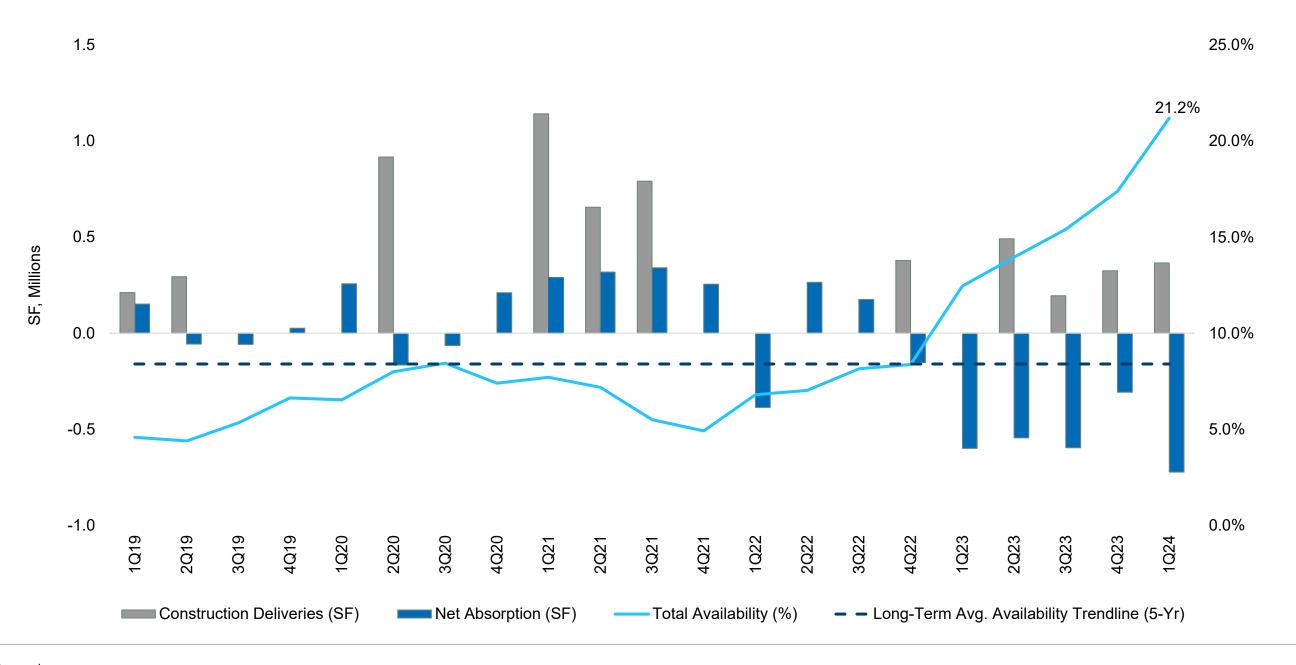
R&D Leasing Market Fundamentals



R&D Availability Continues Upwards Ascension

Market-wide R&D availability increased to 21.2% this quarter, up from 17.4% in the previous quarter and 12.5% one year ago. Availability has been rising since early 2022, which coincides with suppressed leasing activity and delivery of vacant speculative developments.

Historical Construction Deliveries, Net Absorption, and Availability



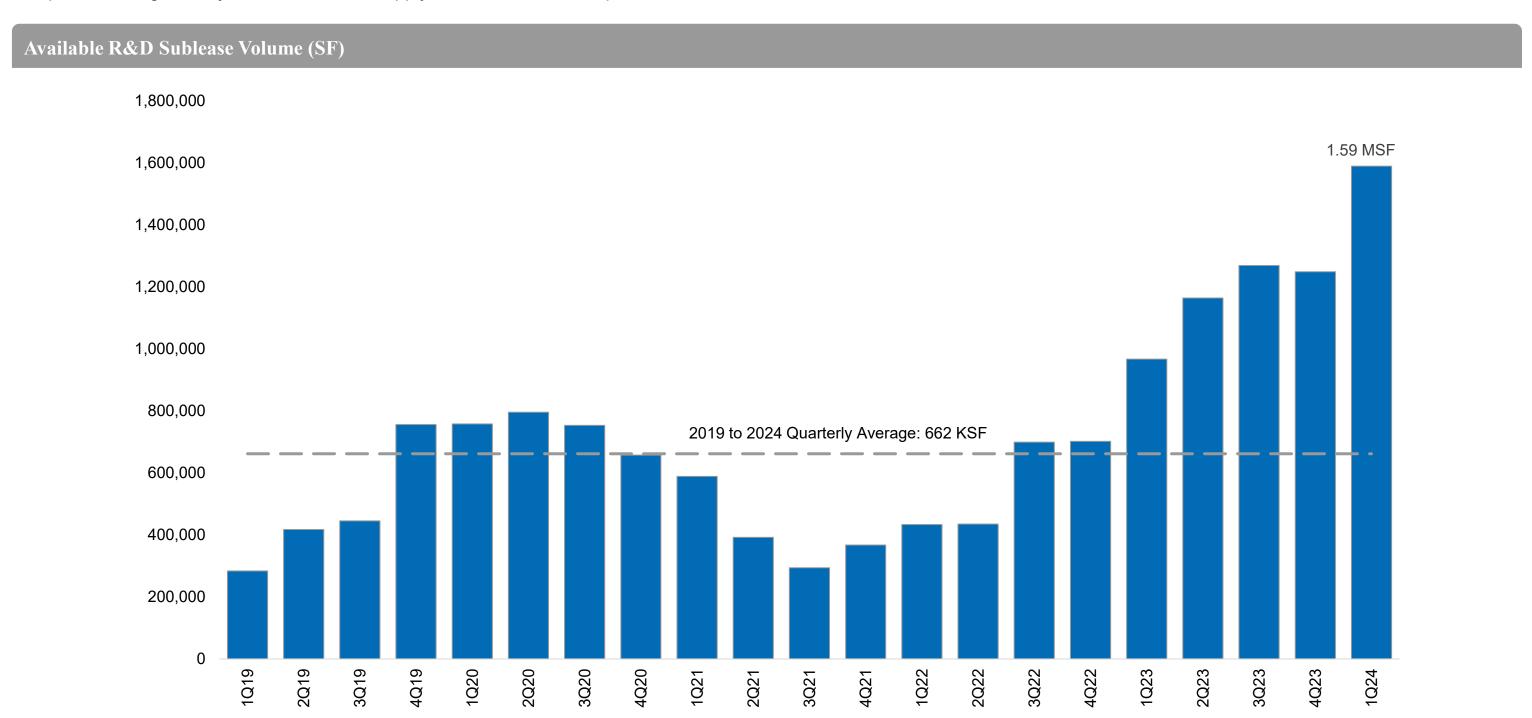


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Sublet Space Reaches New Five-Year High

R&D sublease availability for the quarter of 2024 was recorded at 1.59 million SF, up from 1.25 million SF in the previous quarter and 967,000 SF one year ago. Substantial decreases in life science venture capital funding over the last 18 to 24 months has forced biotech companies to scrap plans for expansion and scale back their footprints, which in turn has hampered leasing velocity and elevated the supply of direct and sublet space on the market.



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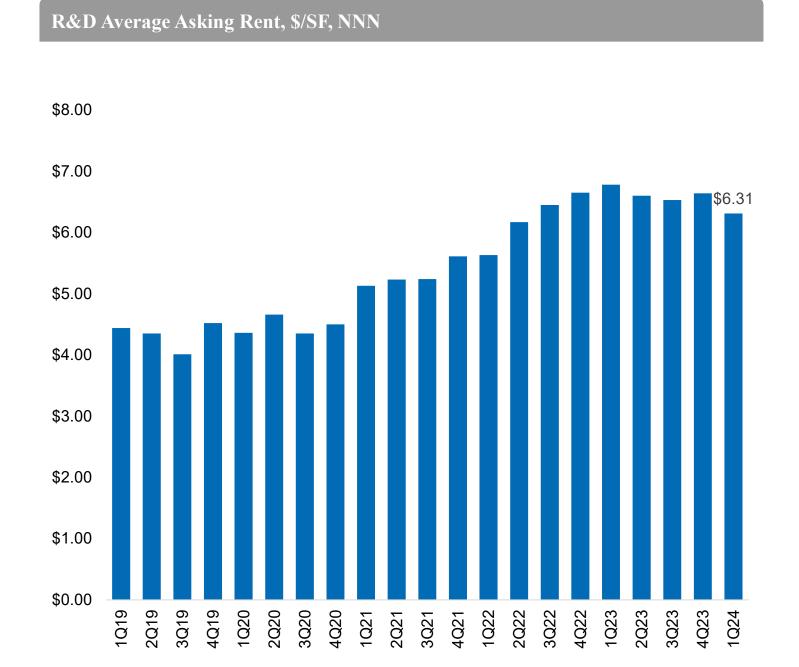


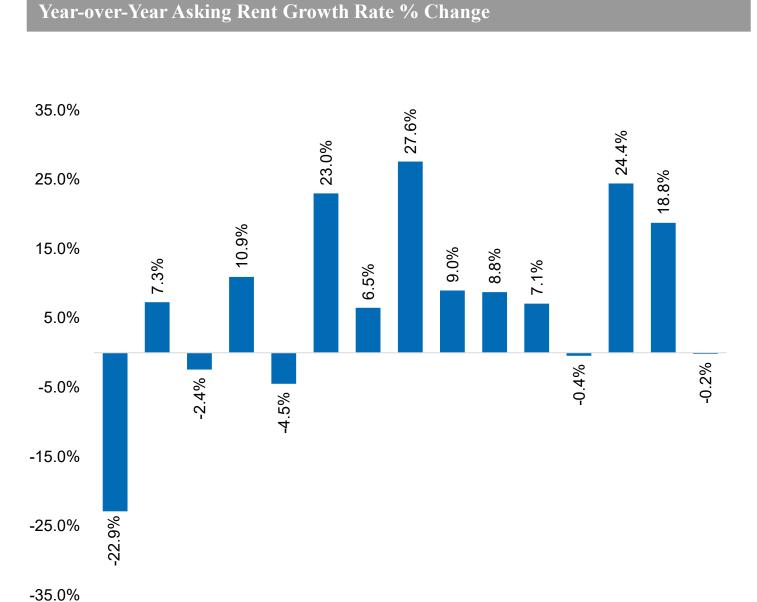
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Average R&D Asking Rent Decreases

The overall average asking rent for R&D space along the North Peninsula decreased quarter over quarter from \$6.64/SF in the fourth quarter of 2023 to \$6.31/SF in the first quarter of 2024. Year-over-year rent growth is down 6.9% over the last 12 months.





2016

2012

2011

Source: Newmark Research, CoStar

2020

2019

2018



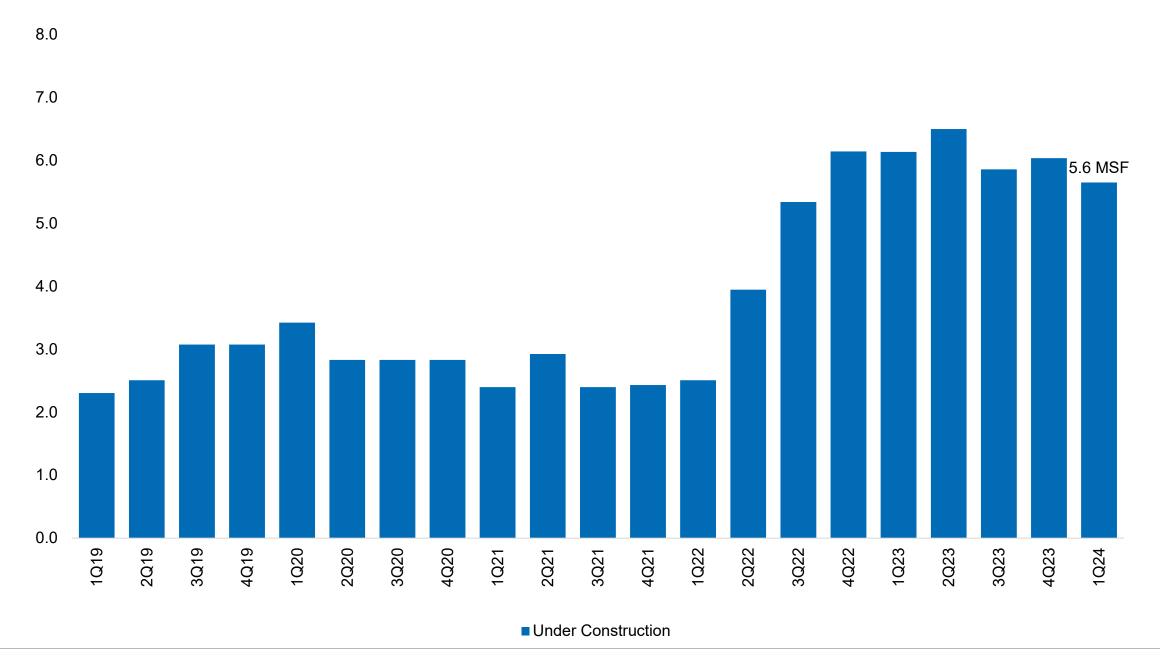
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R&D Pipeline Remains Elevated

The R&D construction pipeline decreased in the first quarter of 2024 and was recorded at 5.6 million SF, with 6.8% of that under-construction figure already preleased. The most notable delivery this quarter was Buildings 2 and 3 in the Genesis Marina project in Brisbane, totaling 366,000 SF. Developers continue to respond to current leasing and demand levels by decelerating construction activity or scrapping proposed projects all together, which in turn should provide markets breathing room to absorb newly delivered space.





Source: Newmark Research, CoStar

Notable 1Q24 Lease Transactions

There were four industrial transactions, 20,000 SF or greater, executed this quarter, on par with the previous quarter. There were three R&D transactions, 20,000 SF or greater, executed this quarter, compared with seven in the previous quarter.

Select Lease Transactions

Tenant	Building	Submarket	Туре	Square Feet
insitro Insitro completed the largest deal of t	279 E. Grand Ave	South San Francisco	Lease Renewal	143,188
	the quarter, renewing their 143,188-square foot lease o	on floors two through five at 279 E. Grand	d Avenue in South San Francisco thro	ough the end of August 2034.
Cellanome Biotechnology research company Cel	200 Lincoln Centre Dr- Bldg. B	Foster City	Sublease	43,500
	Ilanome completed the second-largest deal of the quar	ter, subleasing 41,600 square feet from	Illumina on the third floor at 200 Linco	oln Centre Drive in Foster City.
Ebb Carbon Ebb Carbon completed the third-large	111 S. Maple Ave	South San Francisco	Direct Lease	27,355
	est deal of the quarter, leasing the 27,355-square foot t	freestanding warehouse located at 111 S	S. Maple Avenue in South San Francis	co.
Zap Surgical Systems Zap Surgical renewed their 23,000-so	590 Taylor Way quare foot lease at 590 Taylor Way in San Carlos for th	San Carlos re fourth-largest deal of the quarter.	Lease Renewal	23,000
Raison D'etre Bakery	179 Starlite St.	South San Francisco	Lease Renewal	22,500

Raison completed the fifth-largest deal of the quarter, renewing their 22,500-square foot lease at 179 Starlite Street in South San Francisco.

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