

# North Peninsula Office Market

Expected negative absorption, lower asking rates, rising vacancy rates, but a slight uptick in deal velocity to close out the year

In response to COVID-19, the North Peninsula office market posted large negative absorption numbers for the fourth consecutive quarter, recording negative 570,556 square feet of occupancy losses for the quarter. Tenant demand for the quarter remained steady at 2.27 million square feet, up slightly from 2.24 million in the previous quarter but down slightly from 2.38 million one year ago. Despite relatively stable demand, lack of deal activity and continued uncertainty in the market caused by the pandemic has put downward pressure on average asking rents and resulted in 2.45 million square feet of negative net absorption year-to-date, pushing overall vacancy up to 14.2%, which is up from 12.6% in the previous quarter. The North Peninsula average asking rate was recorded at \$5.56/SF Full Service, down from \$5.61/SF in the previous quarter, while average rates decreased or remained stagnant in ten out of the 12 major submarkets. The pandemic has upset the tenant dynamic, not only on the North Peninsula but the entire San Francisco Bay Area over the last 10 months. Demand for new space has substantially decreased as companies continue to reevaluate not only their needs for additional space but also the space they were already occupying. As a result, tenants have saturated the market with sublease

## Current Conditions

- North Peninsula tenants leased 381,131 square feet this quarter, an increase of 31.2% from 290,525 square feet in the previous quarter.
- The quarter's average Class B and Class C asking rents were recorded at \$5.06/SF and \$3.79/SF, Full Service respectively.
- Tenant demand increased 1.4% to 2.27 million square feet this quarter.
- Sublease vacancy was recorded at 4.1%, up from 3.4% in the prior quarter.

## Market Summary

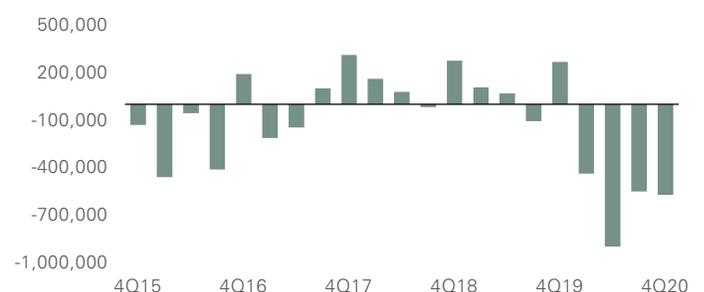
	Current Quarter	Prior Quarter	Year Ago Period	12-Month Forecast
Total Inventory (SF)	41.1M	41.0M	39.4M	↑
Vacancy Rate	14.2%	12.6%	9.05%	↑
Qtr Net Abs (SF)	-570K	-548K	265K	↓
Avg FS Ask Rent/SF	\$5.56	\$5.61	\$5.41	↑
Under Const (SF)	4.0M	4.0M	3.6M	↓
Deliveries (SF)	0 SF	0 SF	20k SF	↓

## Market Analysis

### ASKING RENT AND VACANCY RATE



### NET ABSORPTION



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availability due to downsizing, which consequently has caused downward pressure on average rents from the discounted space. On the sublease front, vacancy counted for 4.1% of the total inventory and 28.7% of the total vacancy, compared with 3.4% of the total inventory and 26.9% of the total vacancy in the previous quarter. As the work-from-home trend carries over into 2021, increased sublease vacancy and downward pressure on average rents is expected as tenants continue to reevaluate their requirements. However, the silver lining going into next year is that two FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccines have already begun distribution to essential workers, which will undoubtedly be readily available for the general public in due time. In addition, the national unemployment rate was recorded at 6.7% at the end of the fourth quarter of 2020, down from the peak of 14.7% when Bay Area lockdowns had been initiated back in March.

### The COVID-19 Perspective on Market Deal Activity

Overall deal velocity rose in the fourth-quarter 2020 even in the face of the ongoing pandemic, recording 381,13 square feet of space leased by tenants, signifying a 31.2% increase from the previous quarter, but falling 69.1% behind the pace set in fourth-quarter 2019. Renewals accounted for 45.3% of total leasing from March through December 2020, significantly more than the 23.9% figure from the same timeframe in the previous year. There were four lease transactions greater than 20,000 square feet executed this quarter compared with two in the previous quarter. The largest transaction of the quarter was completed by financial advisory firm Seiler, LLP., renewing its 32,007-square-foot lease on the fourth floor at 3 Lagoon Drive in Redwood Shores through the end of November 2031.

### Select Lease/User Transactions

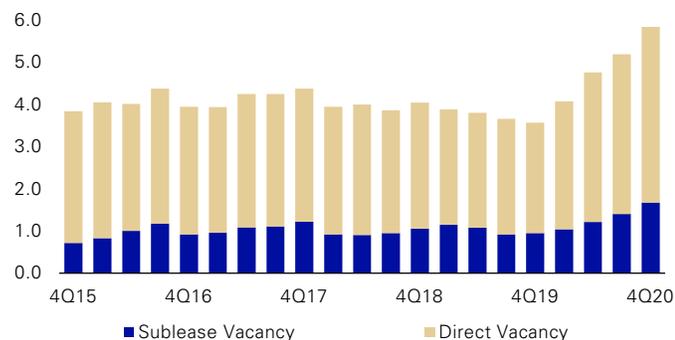
Tenant	Building(s)	Submarket	Type	Square Feet
Seiler, LLP.	3 Lagoon Dr	Redwood Shores	Lease Renewal	32,007
Kaiser Foundation	1011 Sneath Lane	San Bruno	Lease Renewal	28,562
Konica Minolta	1051 Hillsdale Blvd (E)	Foster City	Renewal/Expansion	27,775
Symphony Tech Group	1300 El Camino Real	Menlo Park	Direct Lease	21,000
SVB Financial Group	2770 Sand Hill Rd	Menlo Park	Direct Lease	17,280
Mainspring Energy	171 Constitution Dr	Menlo Park	Direct Lease	13,840
Atara Biotherapeutics	611 Gateway Blvd	South San Francisco	Lease Renewal	13,670

### Select Investment Sale Transactions

Building(s)	Market	Sale Price	\$/SF	Square Feet
409 Spruce Ave (S)	South San Francisco	\$4,300,000	\$529	8,132
6644 Mission St	Daly City	\$3,600,000	\$447	8,059
2488 Junipero Serra Blvd	Daly City	\$2,450,000	\$564	4,345

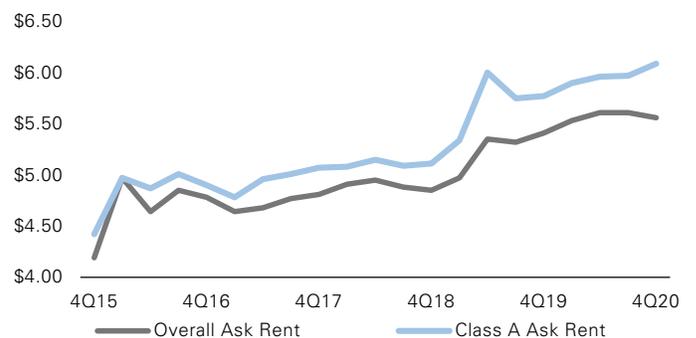
### Vacancy Breakdown

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### Average Asking Rents

WEIGHTED, FULL SERVICE, MONTHLY



Submarket Statistics							
	Total Inventory (SF)	Under Construction (SF)	Total Vacancy Rate	Qtr Gross Absorption (SF)	Qtr Net Absorption (SF)	Total FS Asking Rent (Price/SF)	Class A FS Asking Rent (Price/SF)
<b>Belmont</b>	<b>946,830</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16.38%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-21,475</b>	<b>\$4.15</b>	<b>\$4.17</b>
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>568,265</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20.47%</b>	<b>9,051</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$4.16</b>	<b>\$4.16</b>
<b>Burlingame</b>	<b>3,713,831</b>	<b>847,442</b>	<b>13.89%</b>	<b>52,973</b>	<b>-6,369</b>	<b>\$4.95</b>	<b>\$5.62</b>
Downtown Burlingame	549,320	44,605	25.29%	0	-4,690	\$7.80	\$8.12
<b>Daly City</b>	<b>1,287,321</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8.39%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-25,514</b>	<b>\$3.84</b>	<b>\$4.65</b>
<b>Foster City</b>	<b>3,519,740</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11.09%</b>	<b>43,799</b>	<b>5,861</b>	<b>\$5.46</b>	<b>\$5.50</b>
<b>Menlo Park</b>	<b>5,964,875</b>	<b>935,924</b>	<b>14.75%</b>	<b>95,128</b>	<b>-233,274</b>	<b>\$9.34</b>	<b>\$9.79</b>
<b>Redwood City</b>	<b>5,988,250</b>	<b>1,588,817</b>	<b>9.14%</b>	<b>9,507</b>	<b>-135,707</b>	<b>\$6.47</b>	<b>\$7.88</b>
<b>Redwood Shores</b>	<b>4,699,134</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14.29%</b>	<b>47,993</b>	<b>-33,597</b>	<b>\$5.07</b>	<b>\$5.14</b>
<b>San Bruno</b>	<b>1,713,151</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.54%</b>	<b>30,583</b>	<b>-1,850</b>	<b>\$4.13</b>	<b>\$4.26</b>
<b>San Carlos</b>	<b>984,458</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22.32%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-75,885</b>	<b>\$4.47</b>	<b>\$4.70</b>
<b>San Mateo</b>	<b>9,066,178</b>	<b>680,700</b>	<b>19.64%</b>	<b>70,295</b>	<b>-42,878</b>	<b>\$5.29</b>	<b>\$5.53</b>
Downtown San Mateo	1,481,204	208,353	23.46%	6,400	-11,253	\$6.25	\$7.34
<b>South San Francisco</b>	<b>2,693,548</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16.13%</b>	<b>21,802</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>\$3.55</b>	<b>\$3.97</b>
<b>NORTH PENINSULA</b>	<b>41,145,581</b>	<b>4,052,883</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	<b>381,131</b>	<b>-570,556</b>	<b>\$5.56</b>	<b>\$6.09</b>

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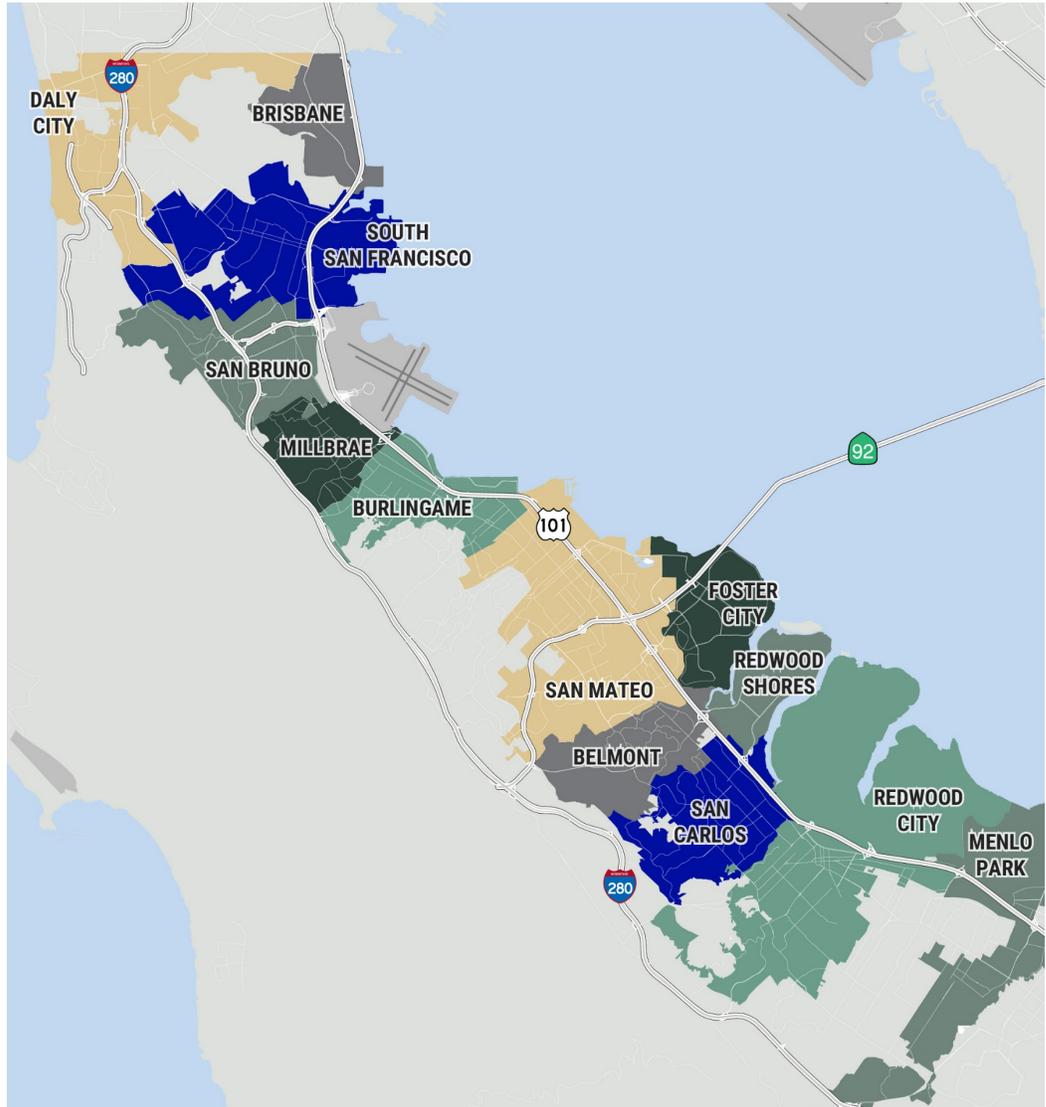
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