

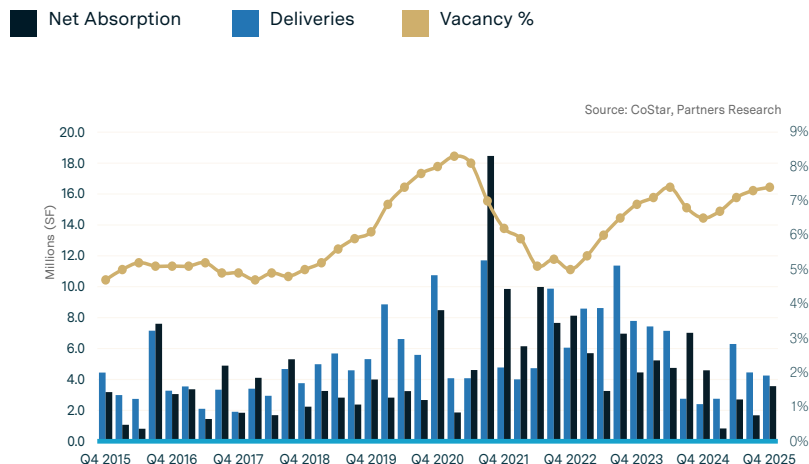
# Houston Industrial Q4 2025

QUARTERLY MARKET REPORT

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# Executive Summary

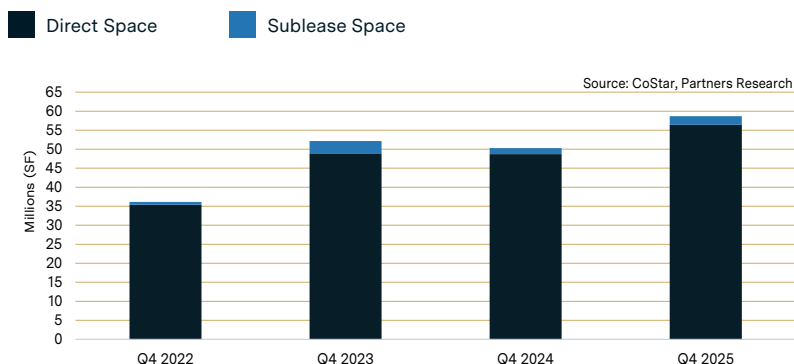
## SUPPLY & DEMAND



## Key Market Indicators

	CURRENT Q4 2025	PRIOR QUARTER Q3 2025		PRIOR YEAR Q4 2024	
Vacant Total	7.4%	7.3%	↑	6.5%	↑
Vacant Direct	7.1%	7.0%	↑	6.3%	↑
Available Total	10.0%	9.9%	↑	8.9%	↑
Available Direct	9.4%	9.3%	↑	8.3%	↑
Net Absorption (SF)	3,565,925	1,682,535	↑	4,588,338	↓
Leasing Activity (SF)	9,460,381	10,778,346	↓	6,993,474	↑
Construction (SF)	24,619,071	24,441,226	↑	16,434,529	↑
Deliveries	4,252,095	4,451,020	↓	2,407,546	↑
Avg Asking Rent (Gross)	\$0.89	\$0.88	↑	\$0.78	↑
Inventory (SF)	795,111,836	790,388,125	↑	776,670,690	↑

## VACANCIES



## Q4 in Review

Houston's industrial market remained healthy with increased absorption and historically high rental rates. However, vacancy experienced a slight uptick, and quarterly leasing activity slowed somewhat, but was up annually. The construction pipeline expanded both quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year. Deliveries decreased slightly over the quarter but were up sharply from a year ago. The average asking rental rate increased from the previous quarter and from a year ago, reaching a new record high. Houston's Investment market continues to strengthen, with lower interest rates and declining cap rates.

## Houston Economic Update

Houston's unemployment rate increased from 4.5% in July to 4.8% in September, and increased from 4.4% one year ago. Houston's labor market recorded employment growth of 0.9% year-over-year (ending September 2025), adding 30,700 jobs, a decrease compared to the annual 66,700 jobs gained in September a year ago.

Job growth was uneven across sectors. Education and Health Services employment was a standout, growing at an annualized rate of 3.3% from September 2024 to September 2025 (15,100 jobs). Additional sectors showing resilience include Mining and Logging, which expanded at a 2.9% annualized rate (2,300 jobs), and the Leisure and Hospitality sector, which increased at a 2.5% annualized rate (9,000 jobs). Sectors that experienced job losses include Information, down 2.7% (700 jobs); Professional and Business Services, down 2.4% (13,700 jobs); and Manufacturing, down 0.8% (1,900 jobs).

### **Vacancy Rate Inches Up to 7.4%**

The overall vacancy rate rose to 7.4% in Q4 2025, up 10 basis points from 7.3% in Q3 2025 and increased 90 basis points from 6.5% in Q4 2024. Flex space vacancy held the highest vacancy rate at 10.9%, while manufacturing stayed tight at 2.3%. The warehouse/distribution vacancy rate decreased to 7.9%. Total availability increased 10 basis points to 10.0%.

### **Positive Net Absorption Rose Quarterly, Though Still Down Annually**

Net absorption reached 3.6 million sq. ft. in Q4 2025, sharply up 112% from 1.7 million sq. ft. in Q3 2025, extending Houston's 16-year streak of positive absorption. Warehouse/distribution space contributed to all of the positive absorption, recording 4.0 million sq. ft. in Q4 2025. Flex space experienced a downtick, recording -404,940 sq. ft., while manufacturing was flat (-69,000 SF for the quarter), but remains in high demand (2.3% vacancy). Key submarkets driving gains were Southwest (1.7 million sq. ft.) and Northwest (980,779 sq. ft.). Notable tenant moves during Q4 2025 include Pepsi moving into 1.0 million sq. ft. at I-10 West Trade Center, Inventec occupying 540,000 sq. ft. at Park 1099, and ProEnergy moving into 458,000 sq. ft. at NW Reservoir District, Building G.

### **Leasing Activity Down Quarterly, Up Annually**

Quarterly leasing velocity—comprised of new leases and renewals—dropped 12.2% to 9.5 million sq. ft. in Q4 2025, from 10.8 million sq. ft. in Q3 2025. Warehouse/distribution properties led the way with 8.8 million sq. ft. leased, while manufacturing activity decreased 44% to 322,500 sq. ft., and Flex decreased 49% to 382,300 sq. ft. Notable leases signed during the third quarter include Modular Power Solutions' lease for 436,000 sq. ft. at the Maverick Distribution Center, W-Industries' lease for 242,000 sq. ft. at 11500 Antoine, and JUDA Solutions' 103,000 sq. ft. lease in Kirkwood Industrial Park.



# Construction, Deliveries & Investment Trends

## Construction Pipeline Flat, Deliveries Down 4.5%

The construction pipeline remained relatively flat, increasing to 24.6 million sq. ft., a 0.7% increase from 24.4 million sq. ft. in Q3 2025. Deliveries decreased by 4.5% to 4.3 million sq. ft. in Q4 2025 from 4.5 million in the previous quarter. Year-over-year deliveries increased 76.6% from 2.4 million sq. ft. in Q4 2024. The lack of entitled properties in the greater Houston MSA continues to constrain supply growth, maintaining market equilibrium despite rising demand.

## Investment Sales Trends

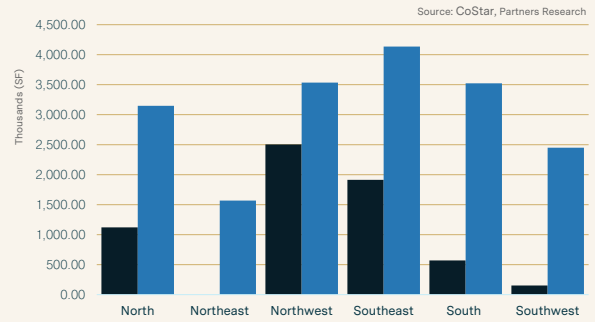
According to CoStar, in the fourth quarter of 2025, 318 Industrial and Flex properties totaling 15.2 million sq. ft. sold for a total sales volume of \$188 million. The average price per square foot was \$130, with a 10.0% average capitalization rate. Notable sales transactions in Q4 2025 include Prologis, Inc.'s sale of a two-property, 9-building portfolio, which consists of the Park Beltway at Antoine (7 buildings, 384,730 sq. ft.) and Fairbanks Eight (2 buildings, 180-,152 sq. ft.). MDH Partners purchased the portfolio for an undisclosed amount. NorthPoint Development acquired Empire West, a 750,775 sq. ft., five-property portfolio, from Stream Realty Partners, LP for an undisclosed price.

## Asking Rates Inches Up to Record \$0.89 per Sq. Ft.

The average monthly rental rate (NNN) reached \$0.89 per sq. ft., up 2.1% from \$0.88 in Q3 2025 and up 13.8% from \$0.78 in Q4 2024. Flex space has the highest asking rate of \$0.99 per sq. ft., followed surprisingly by manufacturing at \$0.91 per sq. ft., and warehouse/distribution space has an average lease rate of \$0.86 per sq. ft. The Southwest submarket posted the highest rental rate at \$1.05 per sq. ft., followed by the Northwest submarket at \$0.93 per sq. ft.

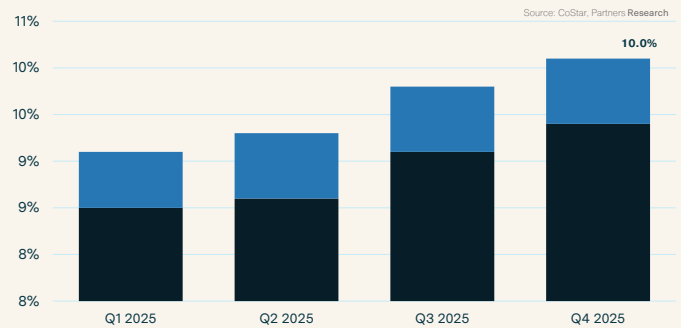
## CONSTRUCTION

■ Pre-Leased Space ■ Available Space

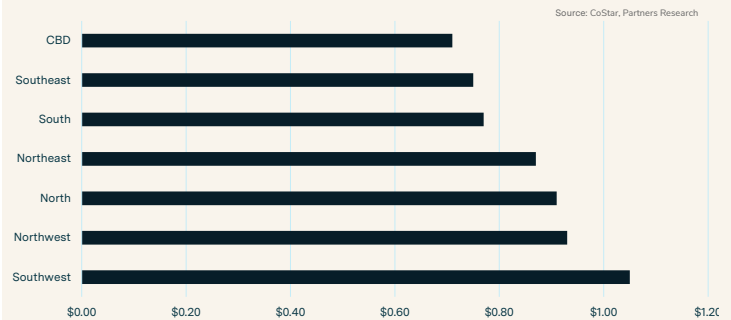


## AVAILABILITY RATE

■ Direct ■ Sublease



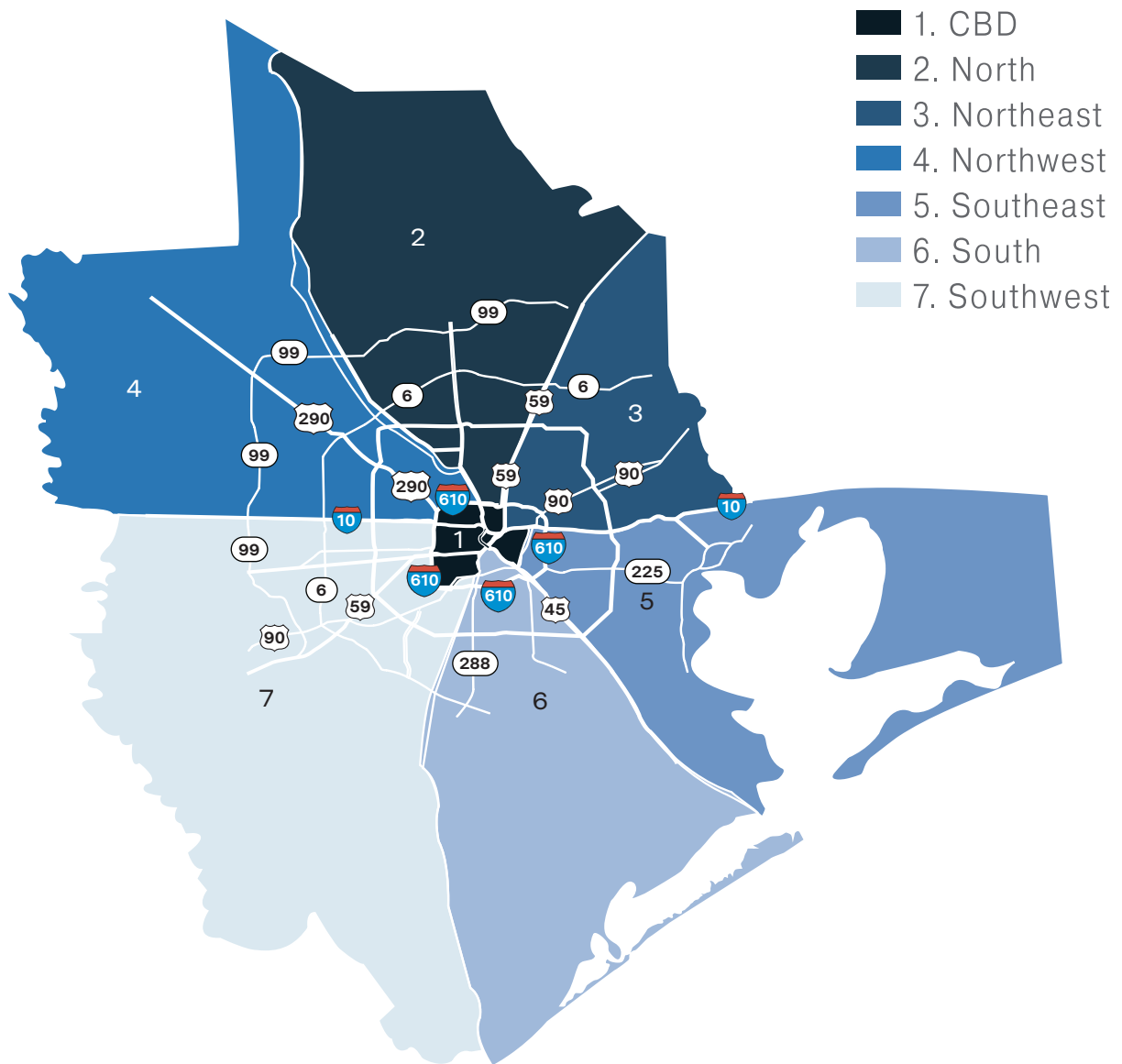
## OVERALL GROSS ASKING RENT (\$/PSF)



# Market Overview

Submarket	Total Inventory (SF)	Total Vacancy (%)	Total Availability (%)	Q4 2025 Net Absorption (SF)	2025 YTD Net Absorption (SF)	Q4 2025 Deliveries (SF)	Under Construction (SF)	Overall Gross AVG Asking Rent (\$/PSF)
Houston Market Total	795,111,836	7.4%	10.0%	3,565,925	7,674,525		24,619,071	0.89
Flex	53,256,305	10.9%	11.7%	-404,940	-618,890	101,220	470,371	0.99
Manufacturing	96,839,660	2.3%	3.4%	-61,780	122,071	0	1,004,884	0.91
Warehouse/Distribution	645,015,871	7.9%	10.8%	4,032,645	8,171,344	4,150,875	23,143,816	0.86
CBD Total	48,607,488	6.4%	9.0%	68,241	137,366	0	0	0.71
Flex	2,674,133	11.4%	12.8%	-16,115	24,331	0	0	1.08
Manufacturing	7,116,561	1.4%	8.0%	12,358	-6,079	0	0	0.56
Warehouse/Distribution	38,816,794	7.0%	8.9%	71,998	119,114	0	0	0.74
North Total	149,224,461	7.3%	9.1%	416,579	1,399,717	840,409	4,268,948	0.91
Flex	12,787,166	10.5%	9.0%	38,506	34,848	56,720	172,552	0.88
Manufacturing	16,337,151	3.1%	5.0%	45,000	143,745	0	730,144	0.85
Warehouse/Distribution	120,100,144	7.5%	9.7%	333,073	1,221,124	783,689	3,366,252	0.93
Northeast Total	56,147,758	8.7%	12.3%	226,854	834,006	260,280	1,567,330	0.87
Flex	936,311	5.8%	5.7%	0	-17,582	0	0	0.69
Manufacturing	9,943,660	2.0%	1.5%	53,708	219,353	0	0	0.78
Warehouse/Distribution	45,267,787	10.3%	14.8%	173,146	632,235	260,280	1,567,330	0.90
Northwest Total	216,946,334	6.4%	8.2%	980,779	586,689	1,948,819	6,039,387	0.93
Flex	15,685,760	13.2%	14.6%	-258,862	-173,677	20,000	50,000	0.84
Manufacturing	27,139,334	2.2%	2.9%	28,014	-44,681	0	117,800	1.01
Warehouse/Distribution	174,121,240	6.5%	8.5%	1,211,627	805,047	1,928,819	5,871,587	0.91
Southeast Total	149,568,266	9.5%	12.3%	129,959	1,436,452	599,978	6,049,773	0.75
Flex	4,163,014	7.3%	9.9%	294	-31,061	24,500	53,545	0.93
Manufacturing	19,069,041	1.4%	2.0%	-76,168	-143,818	0	57,750	0.69
Warehouse/Distribution	126,336,211	10.7%	13.9%	205,833	1,611,331	575,478	5,938,478	0.74
South Total	63,337,545	5.4%	11.0%	56,291	648,646	511,709	4,092,006	0.77
Flex	3,251,026	11.4%	13.8%	16,472	-116,619	0	91,904	0.84
Manufacturing	10,089,765	3.6%	3.7%	-136,692	-128,095	0	99,190	0.76
Warehouse/Distribution	49,996,754	5.4%	12.2%	176,511	893,360	511,709	3,900,912	0.76
Southwest Total	111,279,984	7.4%	10.1%	1,687,222	2,631,649	90,900	2,601,627	1.05
Flex	13,758,895	9.7%	11.4%	-185,235	-339,130	0	102,370	1.30
Manufacturing	7,144,148	2.4%	2.5%	12,000	81,646	0	0	0.92
Warehouse/Distribution	90,376,941	7.5%	10.6%	1,860,457	2,889,133	90,900	2,499,257	0.90

# Houston Industrial Submarkets



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