Leasing Activity Remains Slow at Mid-Year Leading to Tempered Rental Rate Growth

The end of the second quarter of 2019 marked 120 consecutive months of U.S. economic growth, the longest period on record. Nationwide, the steady climb in investment sales over the past few years have been fueled by record amounts of institutional capital and private equity, and office-using employment has reached an all-time high. For the trailing 12 months ending with June 2019, institutional investors had accounted for 86% of all office investment activity in Jacksonville, further strengthening the argument that institutional dollars are increasingly targeting the metro area. The unemployment rate had also fallen 20 bps to 3.0% as of May, due in part to an increase in employment in the professional & business services sector (up 2.5%). Lenders have remained more disciplined during this cycle, even as investors replete with capital are pushing property prices higher and higher, narrowing opportunities for yield, and developers have been careful not to overbuild. Companies and investors alike continue to be attracted to the Sunshine State due to its strong growth dynamics, and Jacksonville was recently named the fastest growth city in Florida by the U.S. Census Bureau.

A recent survey of U.S. investor sentiment by law firm Akerman LLP found that real estate executives and investors remain optimistic about the market and are more bullish in 2019 than they were in the previous year. During the trailing 12-month period ending June 2019, asking rents are up \$1.03 per sf, or 4.9%, across all properties, with class A rents up 1.7% over the same period. Net absorption remained negative at the mid-year point, due in large part to space rollover and tepid leasing.



Office Market Snapshot

- Office market fundmentals in Jacksonville generally remain strong, and the negative net absorption recorded for the year-to-date is not indicative of any trend of weakening as the lease-up of space in this market is more 'slow and steady' than that of other metro areas in Florida. Vacancy rates have remained in the 12-13% range for the last two years, even as limited new speculative construction has delivered, and class A rental rate growth has averaged 1.8% per year since mid-year 2016.
- The largest lease during the second quarter was SS&C Technologies' 106,957-sf lease at Gramercy Woods 700. A tenant in the building since 2017, the global provider of investment and financial software company signed a lease with the building's new ownership Glenfield Capital, expanding from their previous footprint of 73,005 sf.
- WalletHub recently ranked Florida as the 6th best state in which to start a business, as well as having the 3rd highest average growth in the number of small businesses.

- While net absorption for 2019 needs to regain some footing after a couple of disappointing quarters, there are still corrections on the horizon. Atlanta-based InComm announced in April plans to lay off 125 employees at the Prominence 300 building in the Baymeadows area. Call center operations at that building will be outsourced, and all layoffs were expected by July 1st.
- Re-development activity persists in the urban core, if at a slower pace than what many had hoped. It was announced in April that ambitious re-development plans for the Berkman II would be scaled back to include only a 190-room hotel on the bottom floors and 70-80 residential units on the top floors. Affordable housing developer Vestcor is also planning 70 new townhomes in the La Villa area that will be valued at around \$250,000.
- The Federal Reserve ("Fed") is holding the federal funds target range steady until late July, when it is anticipated that Fed Chair Jerome Powell could make the case for a 0.25-point interest rate cut to keep fundamentals in check.

25.5 MSF

Total office inventory in the Jacksonville office market

(191,588) SF

Direct Y-T-D net absorption as of 2Q-2019

13.41%

Overall Vacancy

\$22.99/SF/FS

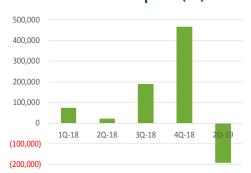
Average rental rate for class A space



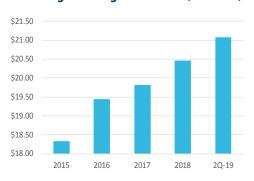
Statistical Snapshot



YTD Net Absorption (SF)



Average Asking Rent Rate (\$/SF/FS)



Construction Pipeline



Jacksonville Office Market At A Glance

Demographics & Economy



126.1 million

Number of visitors to Florida during 2018, breaking a record for the 8th year in a row

29,190

increase in total non-farm employment over trailing 24 months

54,000

new professional and business services jobs added in Florida during 2018 3.2%

MAY-2018

3.0%

18 × MAY-2019

change in Jacksonville's unemployment rate



Nearly 665,000 passengers traveled through Jacksonville International Airport in March 2019, resulting in 18 straight months of Y-O-Y growth

Development

FLAGLER HEALTH

announced plans for a 40-acre campus in Gate Petroleum Company's Durbin Park development



971

new multifamily units have been built downtown since 2014 and are currently 96% occupied



344K square feet currently under construction



1,100+ new hotel rooms planned or built in and around Downtown Jacksonville during 2018

Market Influencers



in total office sales volume during the T-12 months ending 2Q19



4.9%

average rental rate increase over the trailing 12-months ending 2Q-2019



86%

of all office sales activity during 2019 has been to institutional investors



55,000

number of employees working in Downtown Jacksonville



4th Place

Manpower Group North America's *Employment Outlook Survey* ranked Jacksonville as the 4th best market in the country for 2019



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Class Breakdown Class A	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF		Asking Rate	% Occupied	% Vacant		y % Total Vacancy 13.74%	Under Construction	•
Class B	12,359,525 13,173,317	1,552,348 1,513,131	145,448 212,294	\$22.99 \$19.11	87.44% 88.51%	12.56% 11.49%	1.18% 1.61%	13.74%	343,700 0	(106,525) (85,063)
otal	25,532,842	3,065,479	357,742	\$21.08	87.99%	12.01%	1.40%	13.41%	343,700	(191,588)
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lass Breakdown Class A	Total RSF 0	Direct Vacant SF :	O Subject Vacant SF	Asking Rate \$0.00	% Occupied 0.00%	% Vacant 0.00%	% Subjet Vacanc	y % Total Vacancy 0.00%	Under Construction 0	Net Absorption
Class B	984,575	87,752	9,421	\$17.53	91.09%	8.91%	0.96%	9.87%	0	(8,518)
otal	984,575	87,752	9,421	\$17.53	91.09%	8.91%	0.96%	9.87%	0	(8,518)
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Class A	695,634	52,995	4,251	\$26.21	92.38%	% vacant 7.62%	0.61%	8.23%	0	Net Absorption (14,123)
Class B	142,397	1,540	0	\$24.00	98.92%	1.08%	0.00%	1.08%	0	(1,540) (15,663)
otal	838,031	54,535	4,251	\$26.15	93.49%	6.51%	0.51%	7.01%	0	(15,663)
lass Breakdown	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF	Sublet Vacant SF	Asking Rate	Clay County % Occupied	% Vacant	% Sublet Vacano	v % Total Vacancy	Under Construction	Net Absorption
Class A	85,000	0	0	\$0.00	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Class B otal	516,169 601,169	28,596 28,59 6	0 0	\$18.13 \$18.13	94.46% 95.24%	5.54% 4.76 %	0.00%	5.54% 4.76 %	0 0	1,939 1,939
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lass Breakdown	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF	Sublet Vacant SF	Asking Rate	vntown - Northb % Occupied	ank % Vacant	% Sublet Vacano	v % Total Vacancv	Under Construction	Net Absorption
Class A	3,663,906	608,542	1,863	\$22.51	83.39%	16.61%	0.05%	16.66%	0	9,608
Class B Total	1,323,424 4,987,330	137,677 746,21 9	0 1,863	\$20.23 \$22.09	89.60% 85.04 %	10.40% 14.96%	0.00% 0.04 %	10.40% 15.00 %	0 0	(25,990) (16,382)
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lass Breakdown	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF	Sublet Vacant SF	Asking Rate	% Occupied	% Vacant	% Sublet Vacano	y % Total Vacancy	Under Construction	Net Absorption
Class A Class B	2,049,908 235,094	109,915 14,305	0	\$22.79 \$19.00	94.64% 93.92%	5.36% 6.08%	0.00% 0.00%	5.36% 6.08%	0 0	32,344 75
otal	2,285,002	124,220	0	\$22.35	94.56%	5.44%	0.00%	5.44%	0	32,419
					-95 / 9A Corridor					
lass Breakdown	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF	Sublet Vacant SF	Asking Rate	% Occupied	% Vacant	% Sublet Vacano	y % Total Vacancy	Under Construction	Net Absorption
Class A Class B	5,327,464 7,045,596	632,422 876,158	16,718 202,873	\$23.37 \$19.81	88.13% 87.56%	11.87% 12.44%	0.31% 2.88%	12.18% 15.31%	343,700 0	(57,337) (152,970)
otal	12,373,060	1,508,580	219,591	\$21.30	87.81%	12.19%	1.77%	13.97%	343,700	(210,307)
ark Breakdown	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF		Asking Rate	% Occupied	% Vacant		y % Total Vacancy		Net Absorption
Baymeadows Deerwood Park	4,722,989 3,615,413	518,881 402,237	187,776 18,010	\$19.53 \$24.35	89.01% 88.87%	10.99% 11.13%	3.98% 0.50%	14.96% 11.62%	0 343,700	(54,823) 22,526
I-95 Corridor Southpoint	1,101,398 2,933,260	159,519 427,943	0 13,805	\$23.26 \$19.85	85.52% 85.41%	14.48% 14.59%	0.00% 0.47%	14.48% 15.06%	0 0	(73,389) (104,621)
					Mandarin					
lass Breakdown	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF	Sublet Vacant SF	Asking Rate	% Occupied	% Vacant	% Sublet Vacano	y % Total Vacancy	Under Construction	Net Absorption
Class A	0	0	0	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Class B otal	644,137 644,137	45,487 45,487	0 0	\$21.02 \$21.02	92.94% 92.94 %	7.06% 7.06 %	0.00% 0.00%	7.06% 7.06 %	0 0	20,479 20,47 9
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lass Breakdown	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF	Sublet Vacant SF	Asking Rate	% Occupied	% Vacant	% Sublet Vacano	y % Total Vacancy	Under Construction	Net Absorpti
Class A	142,751	21,533	0	\$28.00	84.92%	15.08%	0.00%	15.08%	0	2,483
Class B otal	0 142,751	0 21,533	0 0	\$0.00 \$28.00	0.00% 84.92 %	0.00% 15.08%	0.00% 0.00%	0.00% 15.08%	0 0	0 2,483
					Northside					
lass Breakdown	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF		Asking Rate	% Occupied	% Vacant			Under Construction	
Class A Class B	0 94,608	0 3,360	0 0	\$0.00 \$12.00	0.00% 96.45%	0.00% 3.55%	0.00% 0.00%	0.00% 3.55%	0 0	0 0
otal	94,608	3,360	0	\$12.00	96.45%	3.55%	0.00%	3.55%	0	0
					St Johns County					
lass Breakdown Class A	Total RSF 141,916	Direct Vacant SF 3	Sublet Vacant SF 0	Asking Rate \$18.51	% Occupied 68.24%	% Vacant 31.76%	% Sublet Vacano 0.00%	y % Total Vacancy 31.76%	Under Construction 0	Net Absorption 2,366
Class B	265,838	18,327	0	\$21.43	93.11%	6.89%	0.00%	6.89%	0	4,538
otal	407,754	63,402	0	\$19.36	84.45%	15.55%	0.00%	15.55%	0	6,904
					Southside					
lass Breakdown Class A	Total RSF 252,946	Direct Vacant SF : 81,866	Sublet Vacant SF 122,616	Asking Rate \$23.00	% Occupied 67.63%	% Vacant 32.37%	% Sublet Vacano 48.48%	y % Total Vacancy 80.84%	Under Construction 0	Net Absorption (81,866)
Class B	1,544,699	269,618	0	\$16.58	82.55%	17.45%	0.00%	17.45%	0	77,258
otal	1,797,645	351,484	122,616	\$18.07	80.45%	19.55%	6.82%	26.37%	0	(4,608)
					Westside					
lass Breakdown Class A	Total RSF 0	Direct Vacant SF : 0	Sublet Vacant SF 0	Asking Rate \$0.00	% Occupied 0.00%	% Vacant 0.00%	% Sublet Vacano 0.00%	y % Total Vacancy 0.00%	Under Construction 0	Net Absorptio
Class B	376,780	30,311	0	\$18.34	91.96%	8.04%	0.00%	8.04%	0	(334)
Total	376,780	30,311	0	\$18.34	91.96%	8.04%	0.00%	8.04%	0	(334)



The average class A rental rate with the urban core was up 1.9% over the trailing 12-months ending with June, outpacing the metro's average of 1.7% over the same period.

Leading Indicators (Y-0-Y 2Q-2018 to 2Q-2019)

Vacancy Rate

13.41%

Absorption

Net

(191,588) SF

\$21.08

Average Asking

Rate (FS)

343,700 SF

New

Construction

Employment

Total

0.76 MM

CBD										
Class Breakdown	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF	Sublet Vacant SF	Asking Rate	% Occupied	% Vacant	% Sublet Vacancy	% Total Vacancy	Under Construction	Net Absorption
Class A	5,713,814	718,457	1,863	\$22.55	87.43%	12.57%	0.03%	12.61%	0	41,952
Class B	1,558,518	151,982	0	\$20.12	90.25%	9.75%	0.00%	9.75%	0	(25,915)
Total	7,272,332	870,439	1,863	\$22.13	88.03%	11.97%	0.03%	11.99%	0	16,037

Non-CBD / Suburban										
Class Breakdown	Total RSF	Direct Vacant SF	Sublet Vacant SF	Asking Rate	% Occupied	% Vacant	% Sublet Vacancy	% Total Vacancy	Under Construction	Net Absorption
Class A	6,645,711	833,891	143,585	\$23.37	87.45%	12.55%	2.16%	14.71%	343,700	(148,477)
Class B	11,614,799	1,361,149	212,294	\$19.00	88.28%	11.72%	1.83%	13.55%	0	(59,148)
Total	18,260,510	2,195,040	355,879	\$20.66	87.98%	12.02%	1.95%	13.97%	343,700	(207,625)

Reporting Methodology: This report includes all class 'A' and 'B' office buildings and parks 20,000 SF and greater in the Jacksonville MSA that are not owner occupied, office medical, or government owned. All rents are reported on a full-service gross basis. The information in this report has been collected by the Avison Young research team via sources that are deemed reliable but is not guaranteed.

Significant Second Quarter 2019 Lease Transactions - Sorted by SF

Tenant	Property	SF	Туре	Submarket
SS&C Technologies, Inc.	Gramercy Woods 700	106,957	Renewal/Expansion	Baymeadows
Allegis Group	WaterView Bldg II	28,000	New	Deerwood Park
McKesson	Prominence - Bldg 100	13,719	Sublease	Baymeadows
Uniti Fiber*	Quadrant I	4,616	New	Southpoint
Moody Appraisal Group*	Riverplace South	3,969	Relocation/Expansion	Downtown Southbank

^{*} Avison Young handled this transaction

Significant Second Quarter 2019 Sales Transactions - Sorted by Sale Price

Property	SF	Sale Price	Price/SF	Buyer	Submarket
Deerwood Park Portfolio (11 bldgs)	1,270,000	\$231,000,000	\$182	Starwood Capital JV Trinity Capital JV Vanderbilt Partners	Deerwood Park
9000 Southside (4 bldgs)	430,816	\$53,000,000	\$123	Glenfield Capital	Baymeadows
Cypress Point Business Park (8 bldgs)	344,000	\$35,800,000	\$104	Viking Partners	Baymeadows

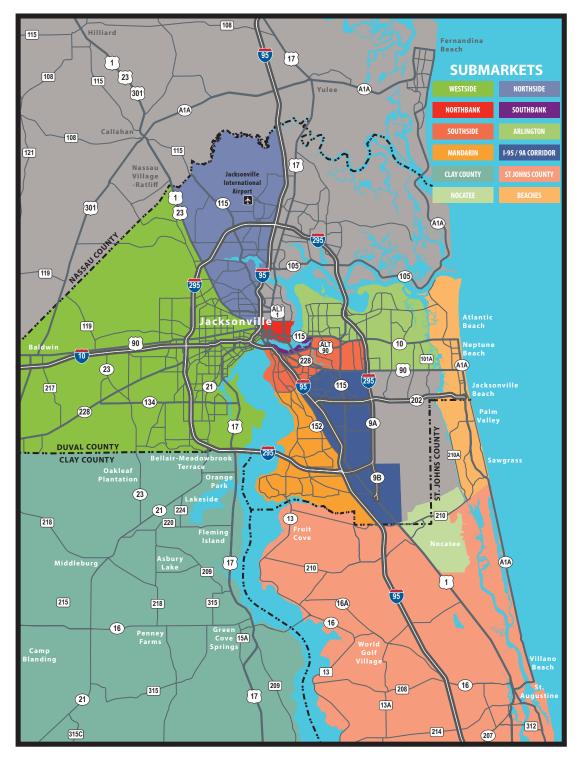




9000 Southside

Portfolio Investment Sales Activity Accounts for \$320 MM During Q2

An 11-building class A portfolio in Deerwood Park was purchased during the second quarter for \$231 million by a joint venture of Starwood Real Estate Income Trust, Inc., Vanderbilt Office Properties and Trinity Capital Advisors. The off market transaction totaled 1.3 million sf and the portfolio was 90% leased with major tenants including Fidelity Investments, The Adecco Group and JP Morgan Chase. Glenfield Capital and Viking Partners also made significant acquisitions in the neighboring Baymeadows submarket. The three deals together accounted for just over 2 million sf of space.



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