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U.S. industrial drivers

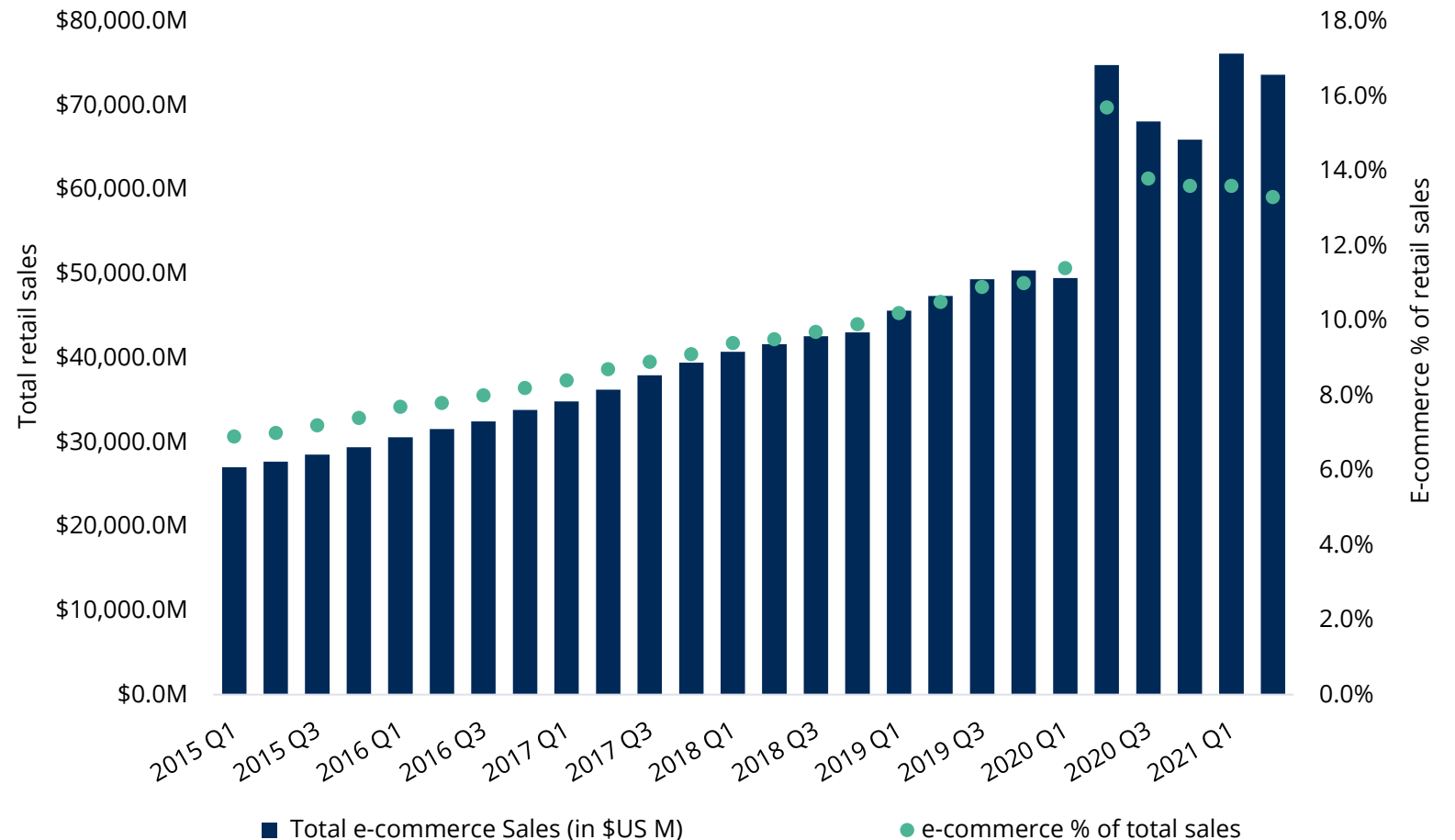
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U.S. total retail and e-commerce sales

13.3%

E-commerce share of overall retail sales in Q2 2021

Demand for e-commerce surged during the initial shock of lockdowns, driving industrial demand to record levels. As the economy begins to reopen, the rate of e-commerce growth is nearly double pre-COVID levels, suggesting accelerated e-commerce demand is sustainable.



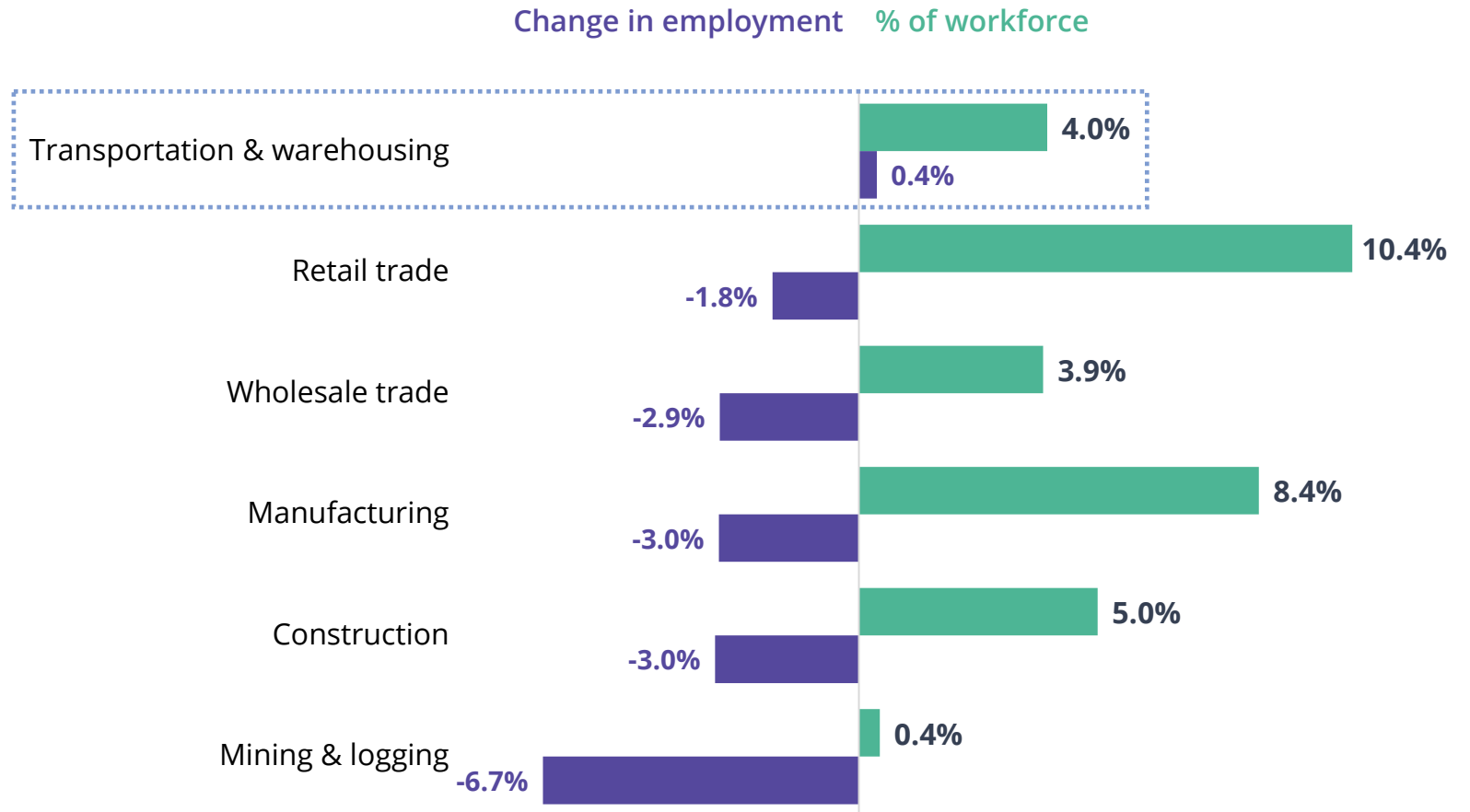
Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
*Most recent update August 17, 2021

Industrial sector job gains and losses

+0.4%

Change in transportation and warehousing employment, February 2020 to July 2021

The transportation and warehousing employment sector has been resilient throughout the pandemic. Manufacturing, construction and wholesale trade comprise similar proportions of total U.S. employment but have contracted since February 2020.



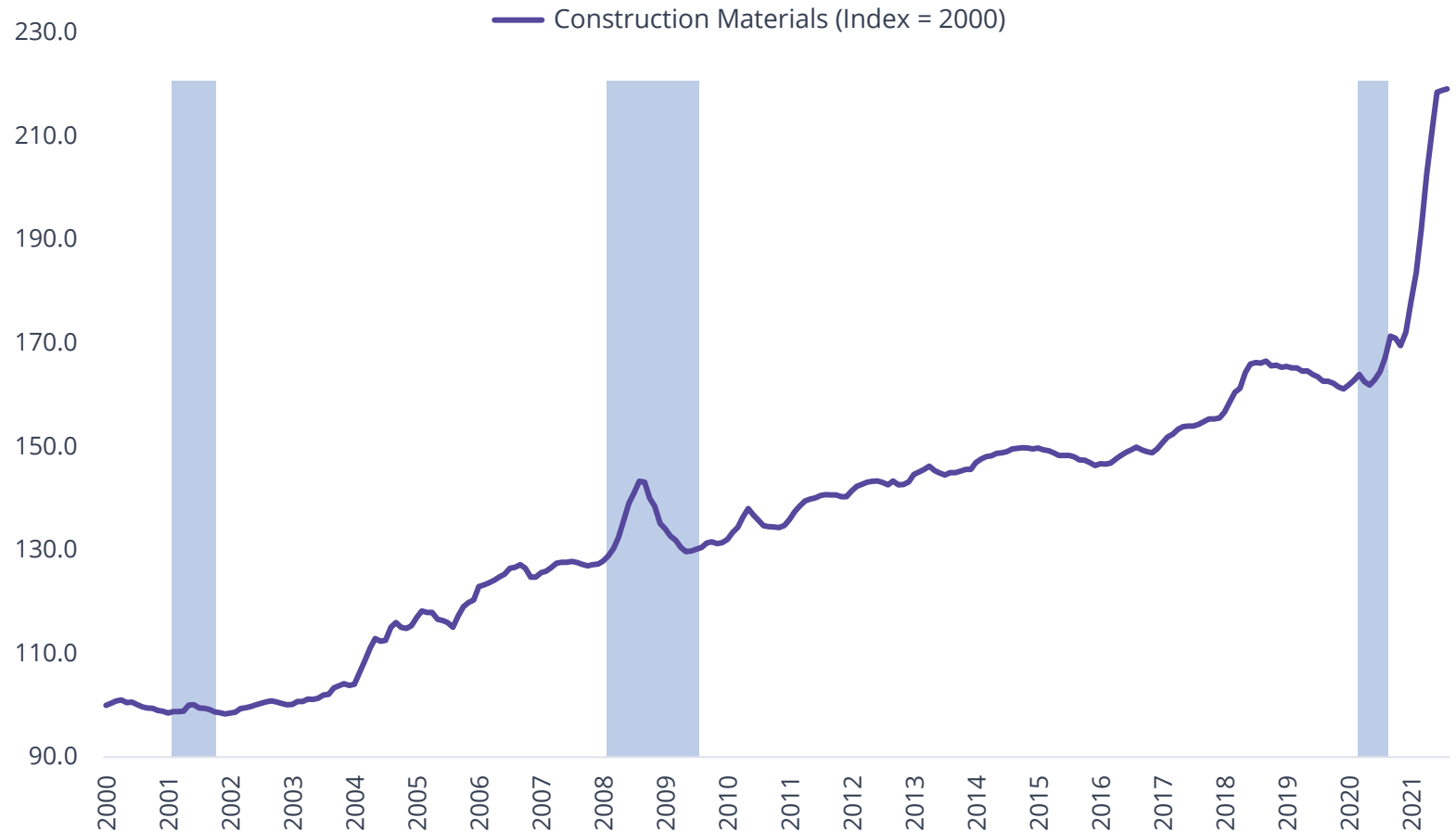
Note: Seasonally adjusted data.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Cost of construction materials

+35.3%

**Construction Material
Index cost from year-end
2020 to August 2021**

Construction material costs have surged to start 2021, applying upward pressure on industrial pro forma rents. However, recent activity in August and September suggest that pricing is poised to moderate to 2020 levels in the coming months.



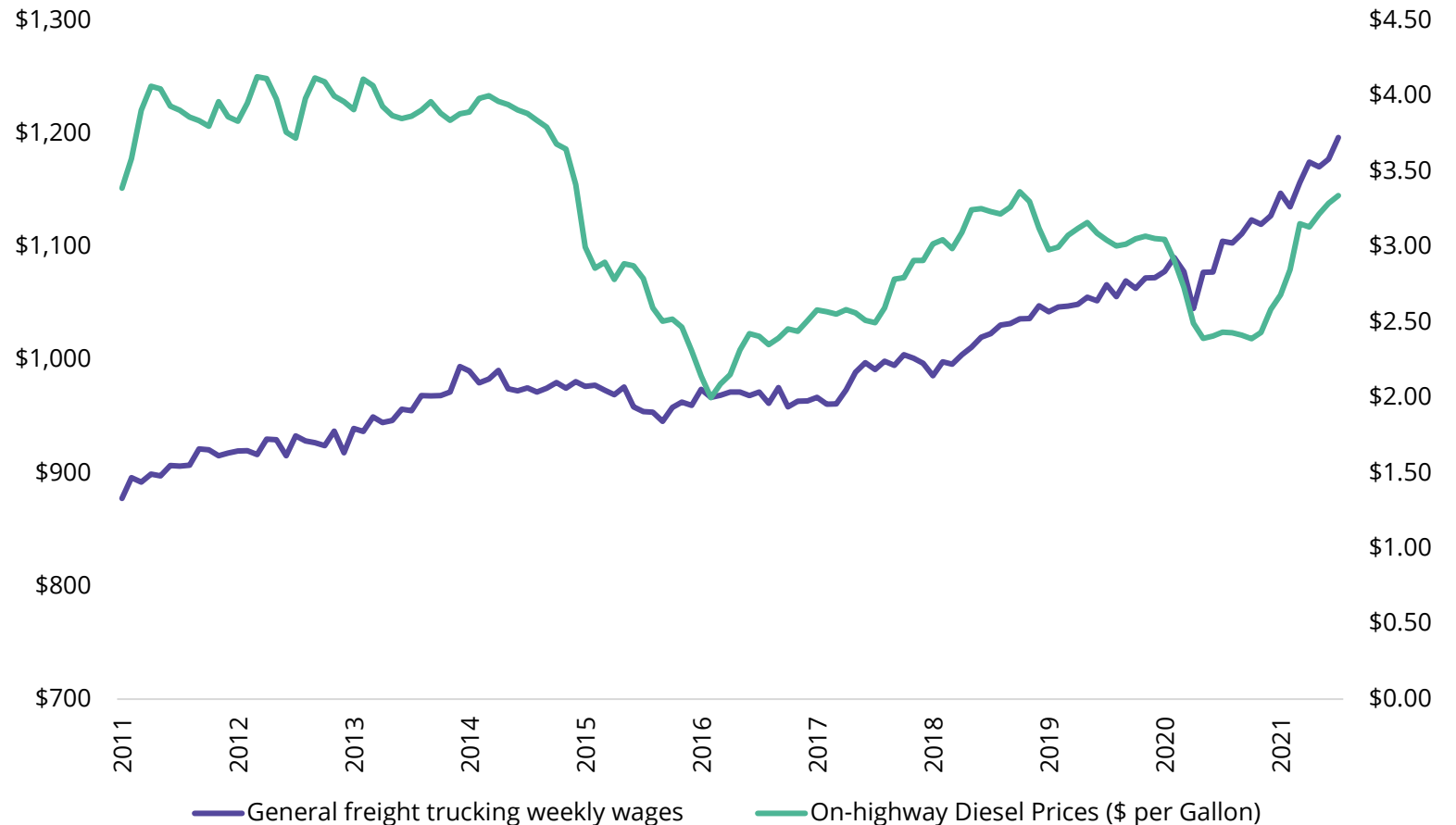
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Fuel costs and freight trucking driver wages

+39.8%

**Diesel prices since
May 2020**

Rising diesel fuel prices and wage rates, for short- and long-haul trucking, are exacerbating pressures on shipping costs for companies that may have also faced international supply chain disruptions.



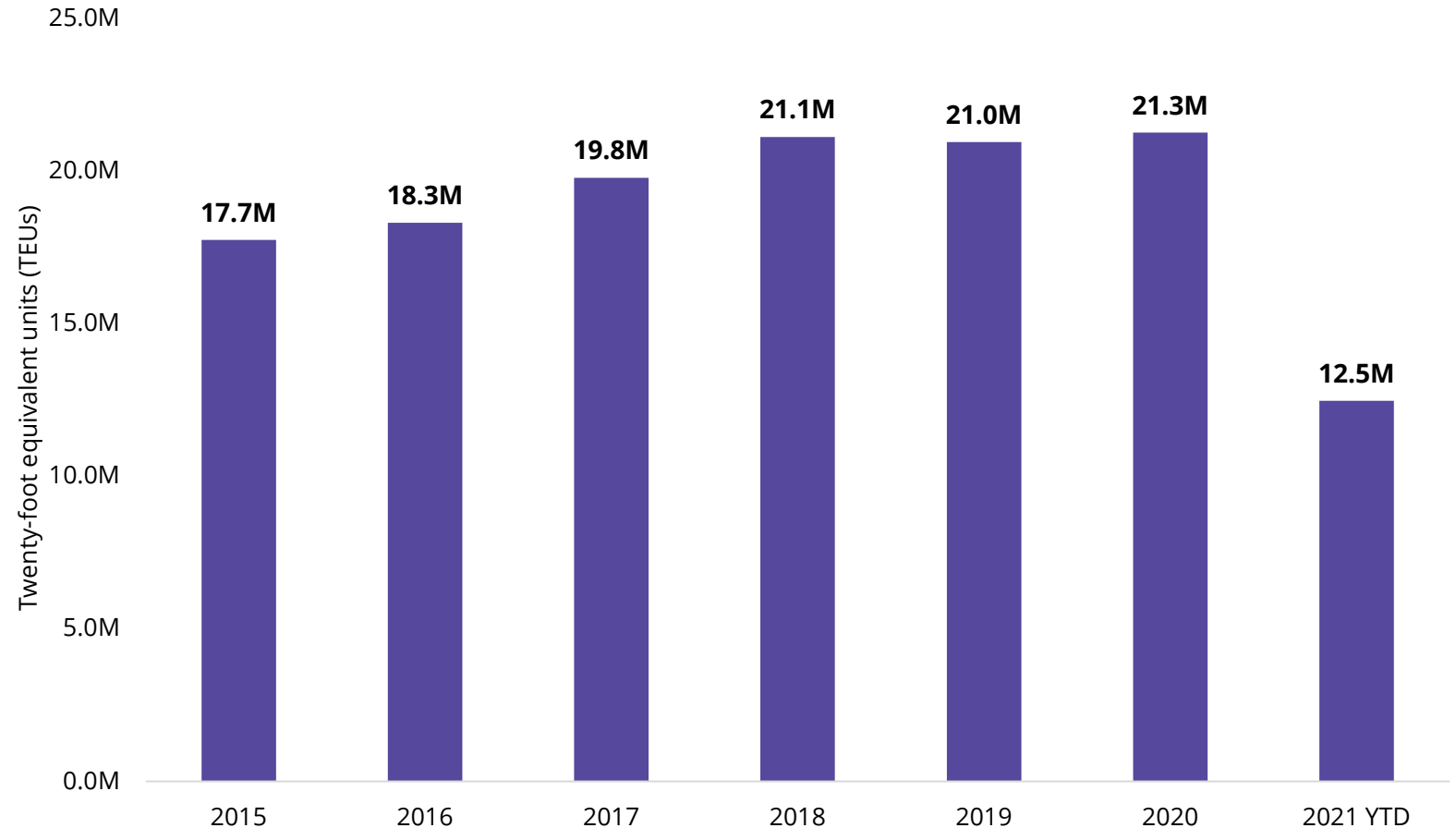
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Energy Information Administration, AVANT by Avison Young

Loaded import container volumes

+24.0%

Change in cargo volumes,
H1 2020 vs. H1 2021

Through June, loaded imports at major U.S. seaports are up significantly over the same period last year. While activity in 2020 was impacted by the pandemic, freight flows this year have been marred by supply chain disruptions at ports.



Note: Includes Los Angeles, Long Beach, New York / New Jersey, Savannah, Virginia, Houston, Charleston, Oakland, Seattle / Tacoma, Miami, Baltimore, Jacksonville ports.
Source: individual port authority websites

East Bay/Oakland market fundamentals

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Key industrial takeaways



Economic conditions

- Essential workers, a logistics hub and a sharp but entrenched rise in e-commerce spending have helped bring East Bay unemployment figures down to **6.4 percent**. Other supply chain shocks throughout 2021 have done little to impede growth in leasing fundamentals, especially for Class A space.
- Local employment has by **76,918** year-to-date as of July, led by the manufacturing sector.



Recovery rate

- The East Bay Area began to reopen in the second quarter, as vaccination rates surpassed the national average to **69.1 percent**.
- Although office workers across the metropolitan area just now begin to return to the office, the industrial workforce has grown by **1.3 percent** since the beginning of the pandemic in February 2020.



Industrial demand

- Overall leasing activity has seen a moderate decrease in the last year, seeing decreases of **12 percent** when compared to 2020.
- Net absorption is increasing as the economy continues to open with 2020 and 2021 having a combined **3.9 percent** positive absorption.

Key industrial takeaways



Industrial supply

- While the Bay Area's development is primarily focused on office and life science properties, there still **25 industrial properties** totaling **4.8 msf** either proposed or under construction.
- Industrial vacancy is showing signs of recovery in 202, down to **6.5 percent**.



Pricing trends

- Base rents have increased by **4.2 percent** since the start of the pandemic and have continued a steady upward trajectory since 2015.
- With **40 spaces** available over 100,000 square feet throughout the Bay Area and minimal large block leases expiring, Bay Area rents stand to continue to recover.



Capital markets

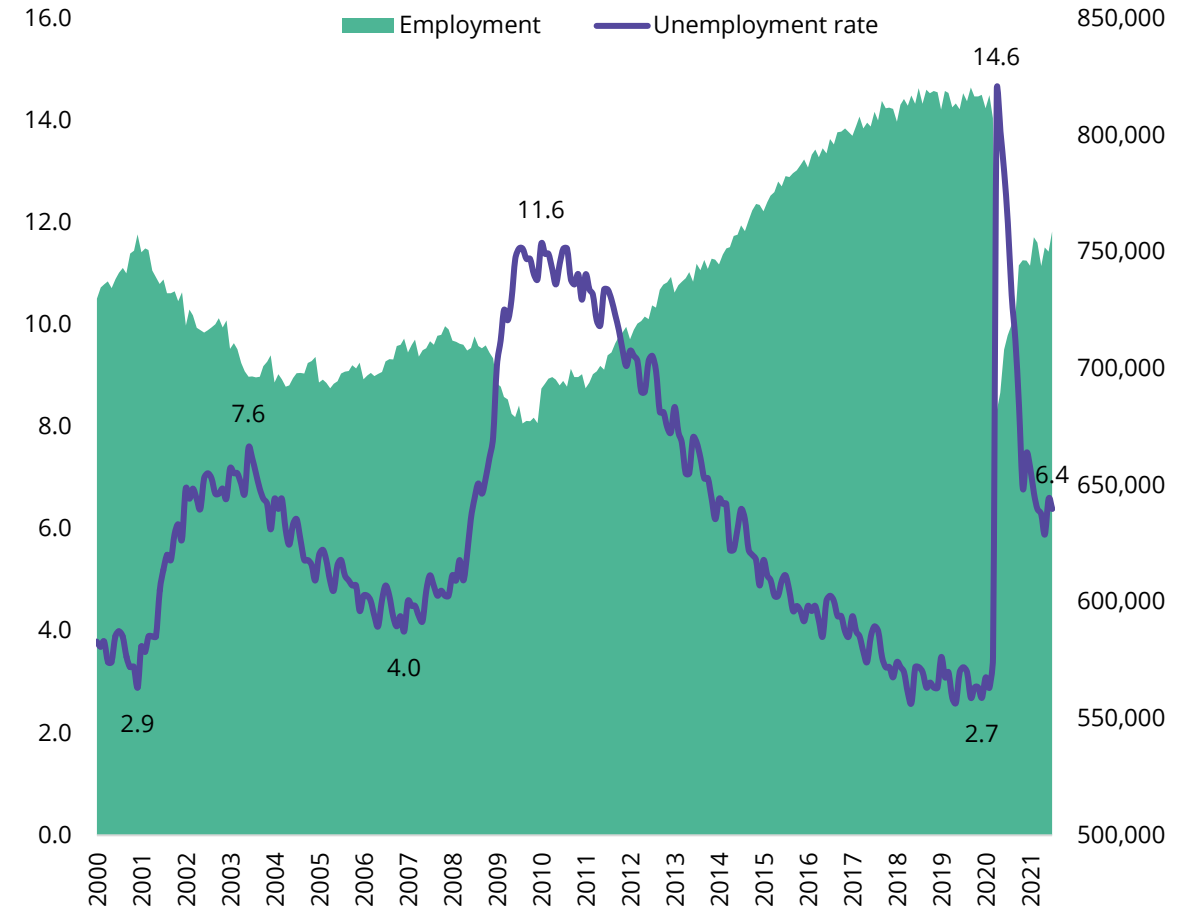
- Bay Area Industrial investment activity surges to **\$4.3B since 2020** as investors are attracted to the sector fundamentals largely benefited from the COVID environment.
- Investors continue capital deployment on industrial assets at a rate that is **57.4 percent** higher than the prior five-year average.

Employment and unemployment

6.4%

Alameda County's unemployment rate as of July 2021, dipping below the height of the financial crisis

Historically tight labor market conditions were halted by the pandemic with 135,394 job losses between February and April 2020. However, reopening efforts enabled the economy to add 76,918 jobs since April 2020.



Note: Not seasonally adjusted data. Metropolitan statistical area.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

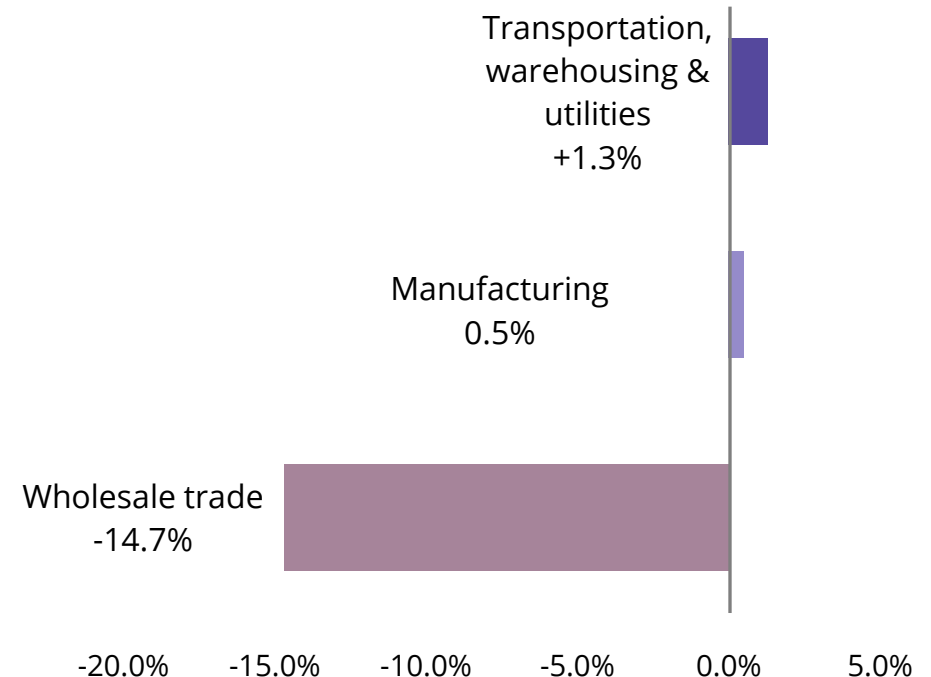
Industrial job gains and losses

+1.3%

Change in industrial-centric employment during the pandemic

The Bay Area has experienced gains of 1.3% industrial employment over the last year, especially in the critical areas of transportation and logistics. This has remained steady even through this year, with the transportation, warehousing & utilities sector up 1.3% year-to-date.

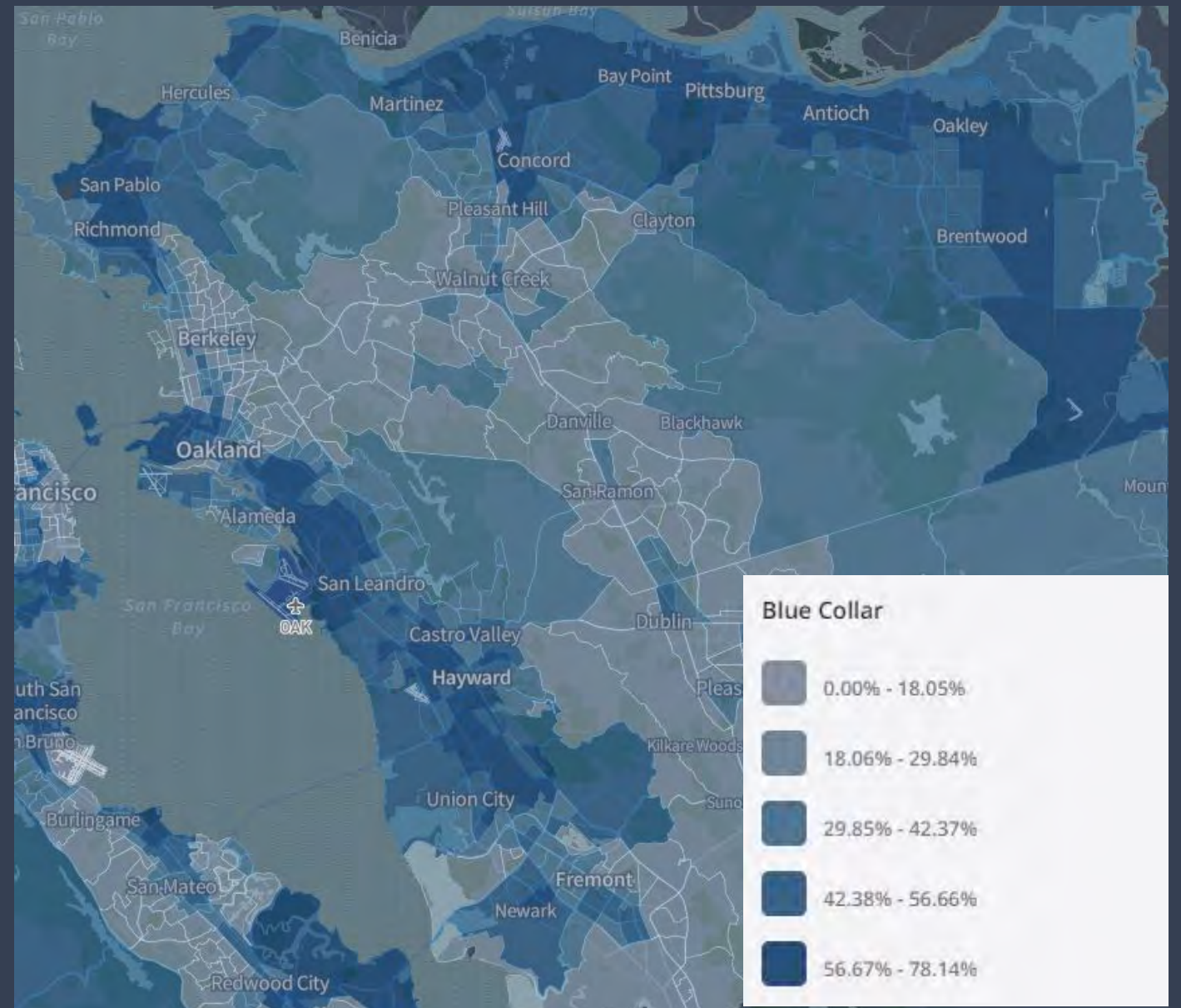
**Total change in San Francisco/Oakland
MSA* job gains/(losses)**
July 2020 to July 2021



Note: Not seasonally adjusted data. Metropolitan statistical area.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Blue-collar workforce concentration

Source: AVANT by Avison Young, ESRI
Large pockets of blue-collar workforce are found throughout the East Bay Area's largest Industrial submarkets

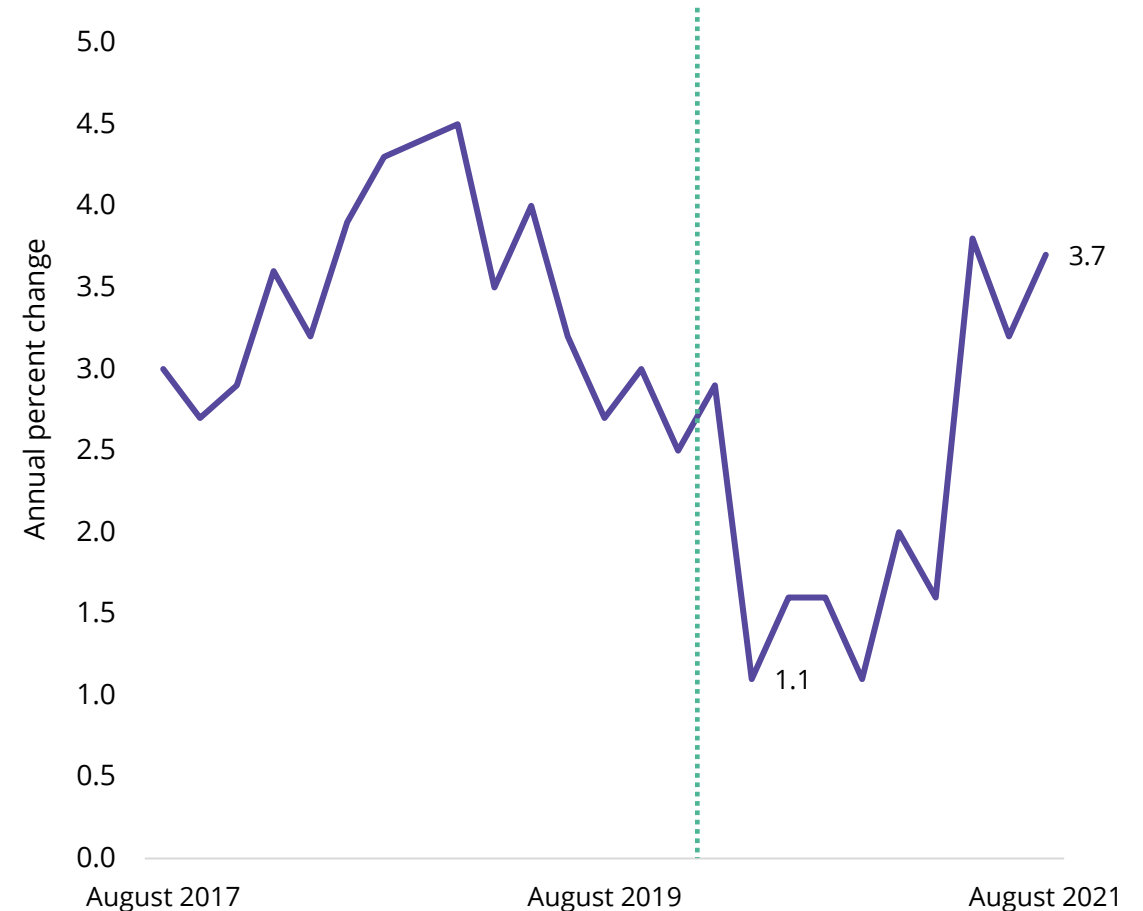


Inflation rates

+3.7%

Year-over-year change in Consumer Price Index for the Bay Area, all items

Bay Area consumer prices have been increasing as the local economy has reopened. Despite some volatility in pricing, lingering supply chain disruptions have impacted many sectors and could keep inflation at higher-than-normal levels. Bay Area food prices rose by 5.7% annually in August, with food at home prices rising significantly above away from home. CPI less food & energy increased a significant 2.5% over a year ago.



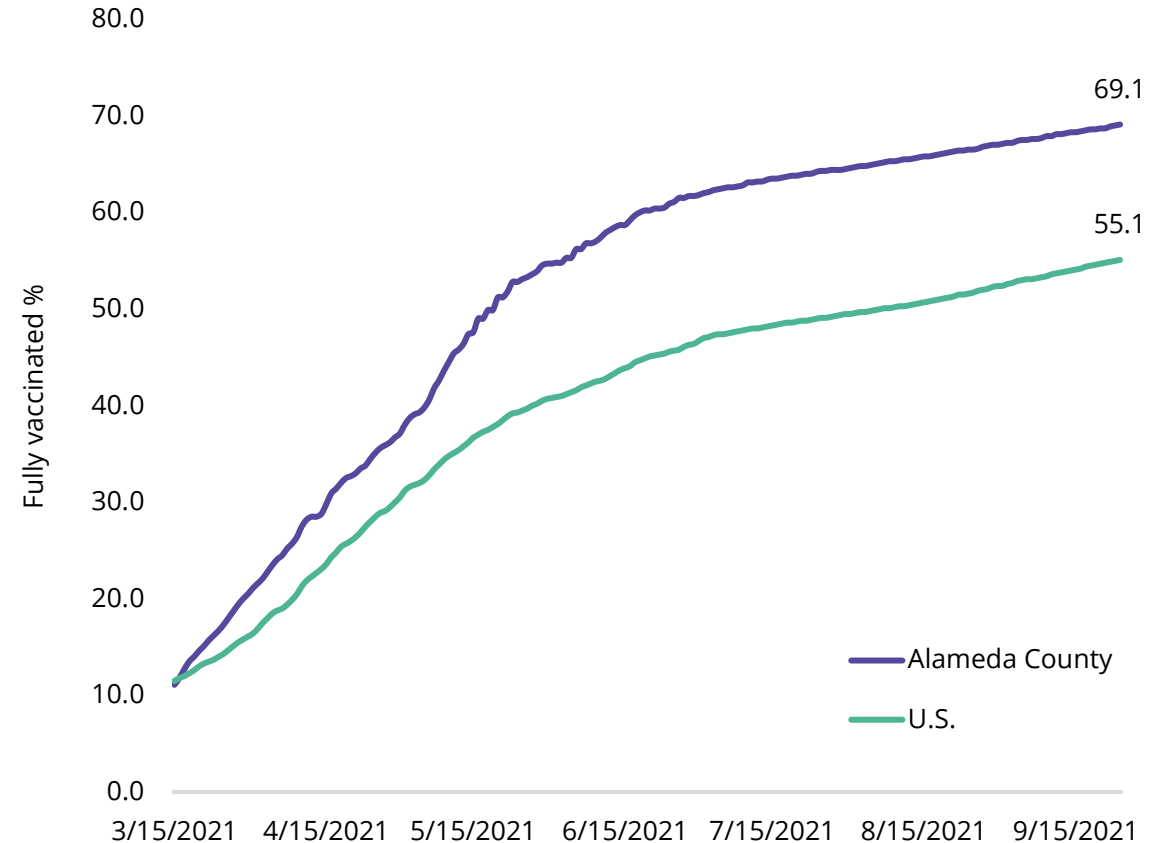
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Vaccination rates

69.1%

Share of total Alameda County population that is fully vaccinated

Alameda County's proportionate vaccination rates have far surpassed U.S. averages, an important metric that has allowed the county to loosen restrictions.



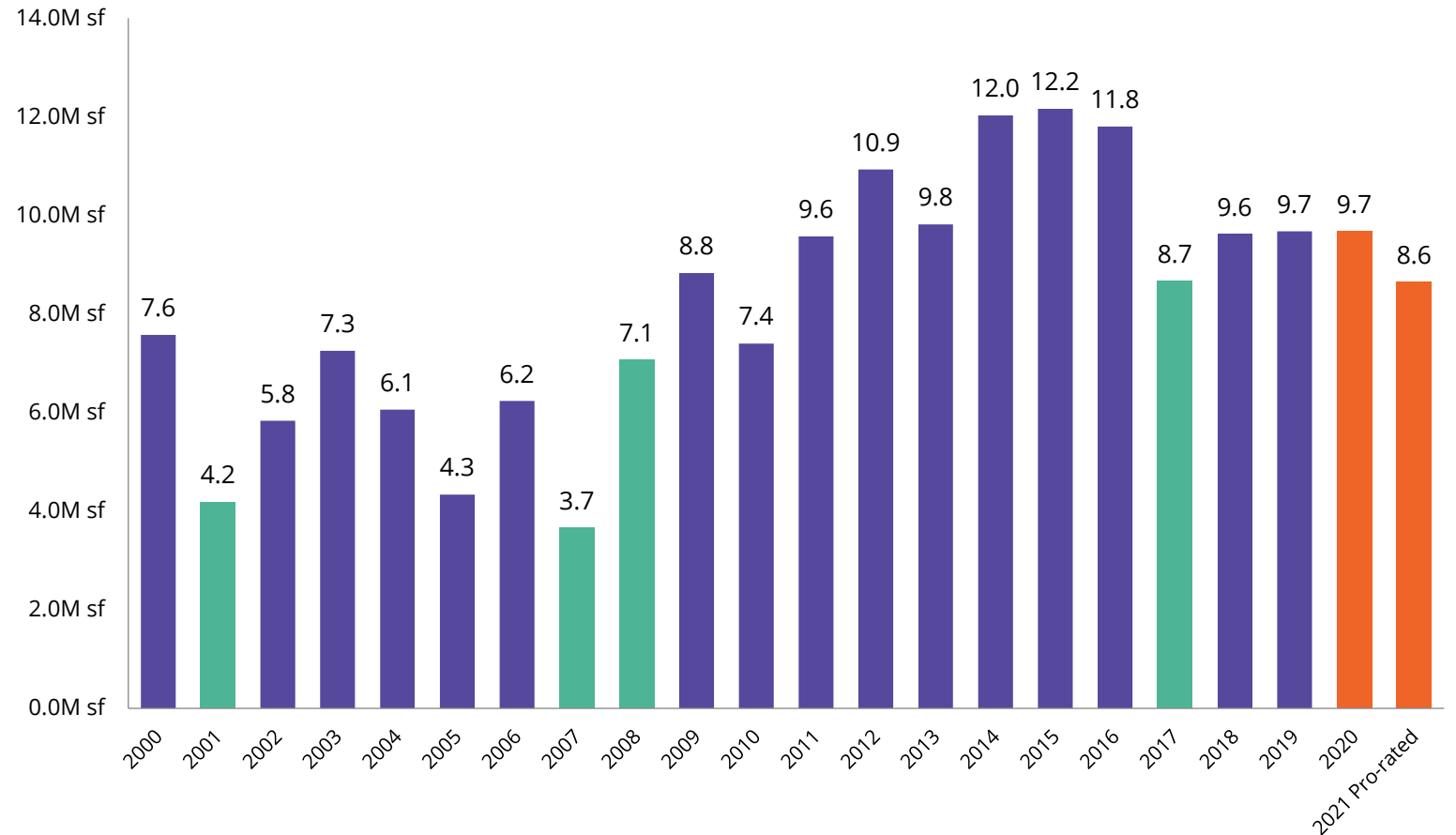
Source: CDC

Industrial leasing activity

-12%

2020 vs pro-rated 2021 leasing activity

After a slow Q3 where only 1.6M sf of leasing took place, total leasing 2021 is not expected to surpass total leasing in 2020.



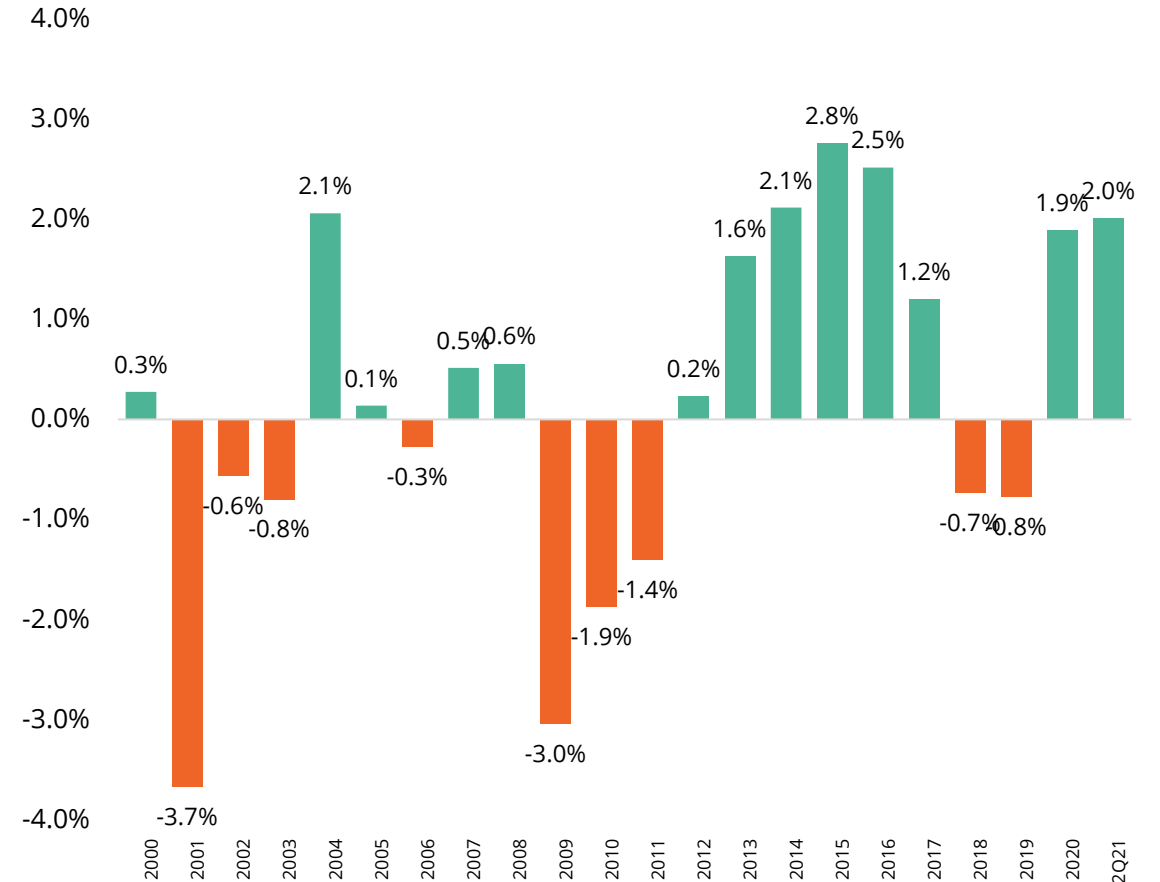
Source: CoStar

Industrial net absorption

3.9%

Net absorption as a percentage of inventory, 2020 through Q3 2021

Due to increasing importance of E-Commerce throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, absorption through Q3 remains quite healthy and on pace with levels throughout the prior decade. The market is not overbuilding and creating opportunities to avoid market inertia and movement to high-quality new development. At 2.7m sf through the first half of the year, aggregate 2021 absorption is continuing trend in a positive direction.



Note: Absorption is measured as the year-over-year change in occupied square feet.
Source: CoStar

Industrial vacancy rate

6.5%

Industrial Vacancy decreases in Q3 2021

After years of increasing vacancy, the Q3 2021 total vacancy rate has begun to show signs of recovery, decreasing to 6.5%.



Source: CoStar

Big-box demand drives construction

25 properties

Proposed, under construction
or under renovation

4.8 msf

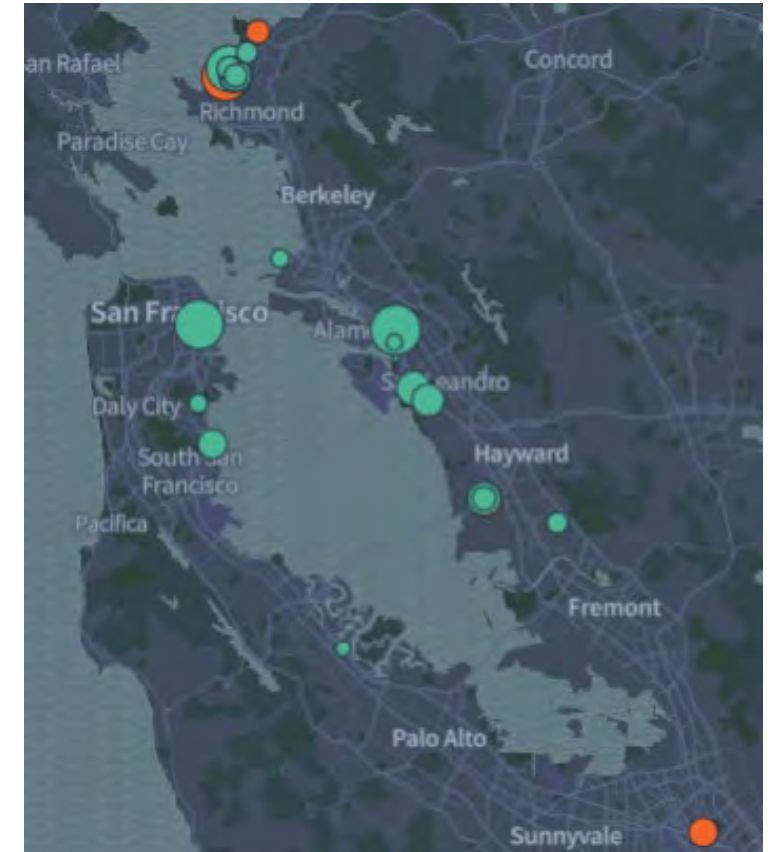
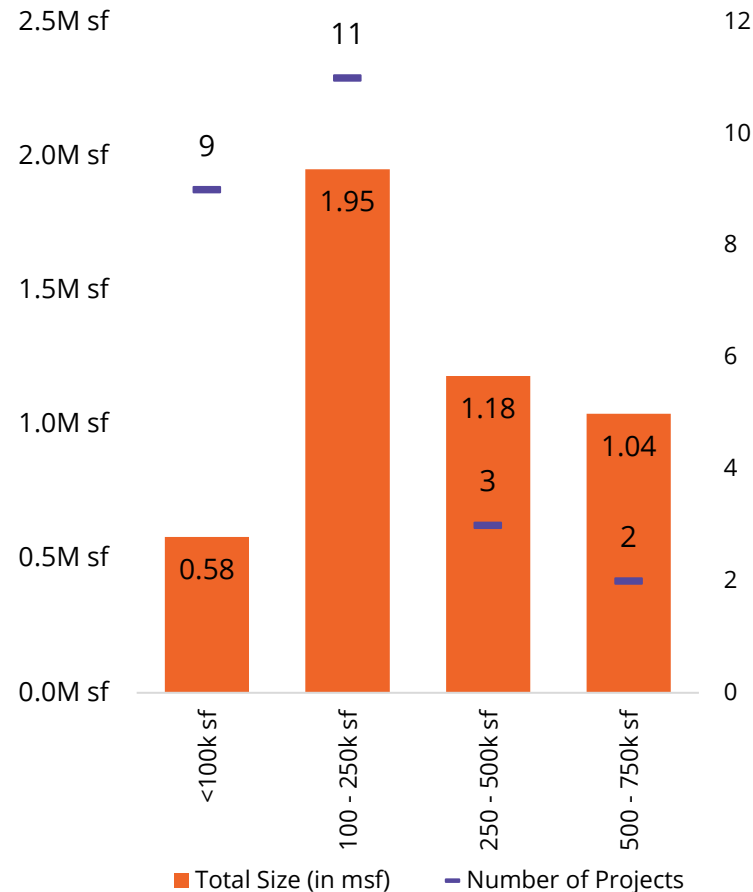
proposed or under
construction

2.9%

share of industrial
inventory

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Submarket with most
ground-broken projects at 3



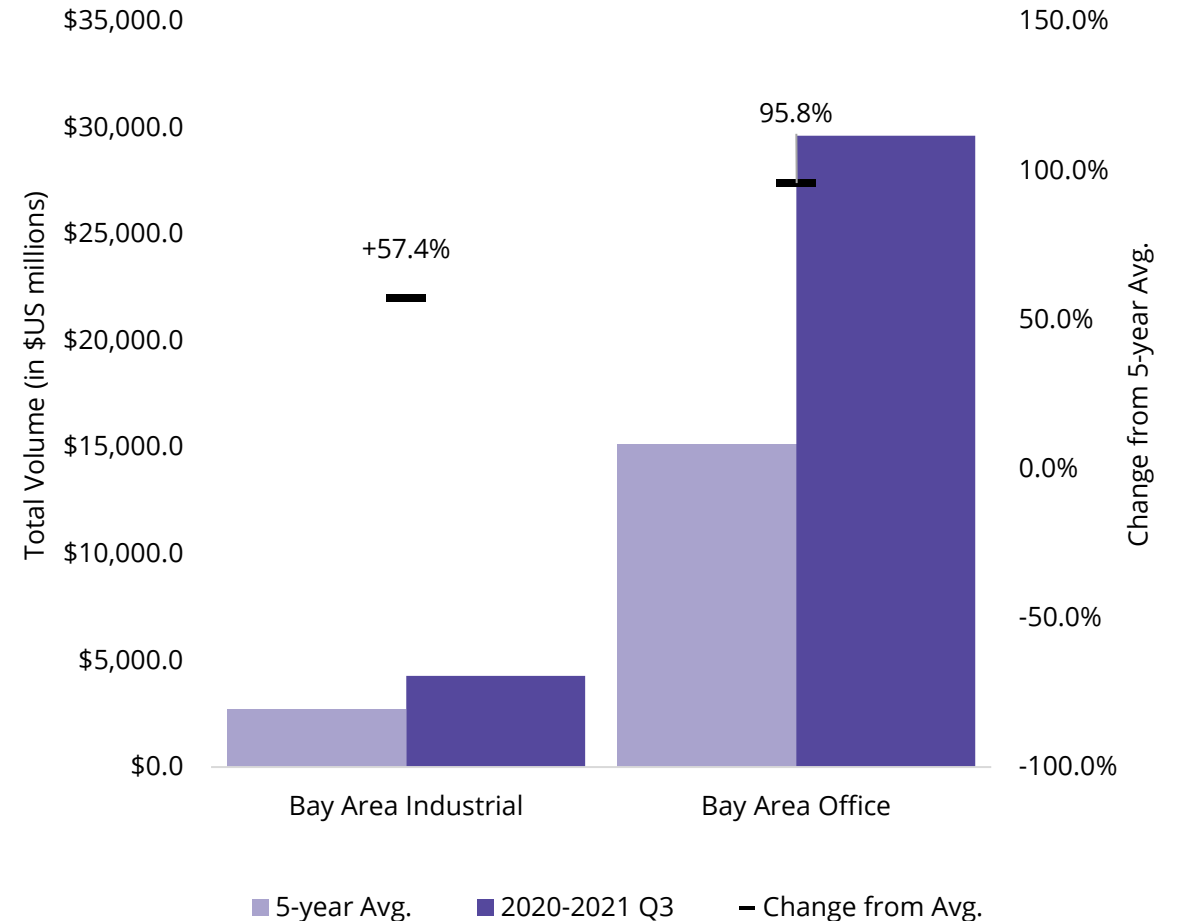
Source: AVANT by Avison Young

Investment dollar volume

\$4.3B

Industrial dollar volume, 2020 to Q3 2021

Industrial sales have been steadily increasing since the peaks of the Covid-19 Pandemic. During Q3 2021, over \$800 million of deals were completed, making the total deal volume since the beginning of 2020 \$4.3 billion.



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