MARKETBEAT **RICHMOND, VA INDUSTRIAL Q2 2025**

ECONOMY: DEVELOPMENT NEWS DOMINATES



Source:BLS

Major development announcements dominated the headlines during the second quarter, beginning with The LEGO Group announcing plans to build a 2-millionsquare-foot (msf) distribution facility in Prince George at a planned investment of \$366 million. Amazon also announced plans to build its fourth robotics facility in the state: a 3.1-msf multi-story building in Goochland County that will create 1,000 jobs. Ten graduate programs from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) ranked in the top 50 in their fields by US News & World Report, and VCU Health broke ground on its new \$90 million surgical center and medical office complex in Chesterfield County.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND: LEASING ACTIVITY MODERATES

At the mid-year mark, year-to-date (YTD) leasing activity has topped 1.9 msf, a jump of 52.2% compared to the volume through the first half of 2024. While leasing activity moderated in the second quarter, impacted in part by the uncertainty surrounding tariffs, YTD net absorption hit 1.1 msf, comparable to the same time period last year. Overall vacancy closed the quarter at 3.6% overall, up 30 basis points (bps) quarter-over-quarter (QOQ) and down 60 bps year-over-year (YOY). Warehouse vacancy dropped 90 bps YOY to close the quarter at 4.5% while manufacturing sector vacancy was further compressed to 2.0%, down 60 bps QOQ.

Deliveries were limited to 321,000 square feet (sf) for the quarter, while the active construction pipeline has grown to 2.1 msf of speculative (spec) projects underway with more groundbreakings scheduled for the balance of the year. Limited preleasing is in place for active spec developments with multiple large-scale requirements circling the market.

PRICING: RATES ON THE RISE

Overall quoted lease rates ticked up 2.9% QOQ due in part to upward pressure on pricing for second generation space. Class A rents continue to climb with asking rates in the mid \$9 per square foot range, and as pricing is typically not published on new construction, the average quoted rates are on the lower end of market range. Sales volume topped \$296 million through the first half of the year with \$97.5 million attributable to the sale of the two-building Virginia I-95 Distribution Center complex which closed in the second guarter.







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SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES



MARKET STATISTICS

| SUBMARKET | INVENTORY (SF) | OVERALL VACANT (SF) | OVERALL VACANCY RATE | CURRENT QTR OVERALL NET ABSORPTION (SF) | YTD OVERALL NET ABSORPTION (SF) | UNDER CNSTR (SF) | CNSTR COMPLETIONS (SF) | OVERALL WEIGHTED AVG NET RENT (MF) | OVERALL WEIGHTED AVG NET RENT (OS) | OVERALL WEIGHTED AVG NET RENT (W/D) |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Downtown | 72,229 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - |
| Northeast | 16,063,363 | 527,747 | 3.3% | 64,671 | 39,328 | 36,000 | 0 | - | \$15.00 | \$9.01 |
| Northwest | 24,441,959 | 1,907,586 | 7.8% | 198,463 | 196,183 | 104,400 | 351,249 | \$7.74 | \$12.77 | \$8.78 |
| Southeast | 25,368,587 | 507,387 | 2.0% | 24,040 | 17,855 | 1,648,174 | 0 | - | \$9.75 | \$9.14 |
| Southwest | 50,458,365 | 1,268,680 | 2.5% | 556,953 | 822,926 | 3,486,484 | 170,000 | \$6.26 | - | \$7.08 |
| RICHMOND TOTALS | 116,404,503 | 4,211,400 | 3.6% | 844,127 | 1,076,292 | 5,275,058 | 521,249 | \$6.87 | \$13.03 | \$7.94 |

KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q2 2025

| PROPERTY | SUBMARKET | TENANT | SF | ТҮРЕ |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------|
| 8800 Wells Station Road | Prince George | The LEGO Group | 2,003,640 | New |
| Carmel Church Business Center (11174 Enterprise Pkwy) | Caroline County | M.C. Dean | 152,491 | New |
| 1501 W Washington St | TriCities | PPE Casino Resorts Petersburg | 100,492 | New |
| Lakeridge Logistics Center (10384 Lakeridge Pkwy) | I-95 North/Ashland | Riverstone Logistics | 47,000 | New |
| River's Bend I (13001 N Kingston Ave) | I-95 S/I-295 S/Rt 10 | IES Commercial Inc. | 40,460 | New |
| Richmond Logistics Center (4101-4127 Carolina Ave) | Laburnum/Rte 360 | Enviri Corporation | 36,000 | New |
| 8310 Shell Road | Jeff Davis Corridor | Strickland Machine Co. | 22,500 | New |
| 11023 Washington Hwy | I-95 North/Ashland | Bell Company | 20,000 | New |

KEY SALE TRANSACTIONS Q2 2025

| PROPERTY | SUBMARKET | SELLER/BUYER |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Virginia I-95 Distribution Center | Jeff Davis Corridor | The Halle Companies / Stream Realty Partners LP |
| 1703 Ruffin Mill Road | I-95 S/I-295 S/Rt 10 | The Manakin Companies LLC / SW Funk Industrial Contractors |
| 1000-1060 Port Walthall Drive | I-95 S/I-295 S/Rt 10 | NorthBridge / SSI Operating Co LLC |

KEY CONSTRUCTION PIPELINE

| PROPERTY | SUBMARKET | MAJOR TENANT | SF |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Meadowville Technology Park | I-95 S/I-295 S/Rt 10 | LEGO Group | 1,700,000 |
| PNK Park Ashton | I-95 S/I-295 S/Rt 10 | (Spec) | 846,260 |
| I-895 Logistics Center | Airport | (Spec) | 582,437 |
| Whitepine Logistics Center (1, 2 & 3) | Rt 288 Corridor | (Spec) | 501,224 |
| TriPoint Distribution Center | Prince George | (Spec) | 347,760 |

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*Rental rates reflect weighted net asking \$psf/year

| SF | PRICE / \$ PSF |
|---------|-----------------|
| 922,508 | \$97.5M / \$106 |
| 107,121 | \$17.5M / \$164 |
| 60,000 | \$9.8M / \$163 |

| OWNER/DEVELOPER | |
|-----------------------|--|
| LEGO Group | |
| PNK Holdings | |
| Ashley Capital | |
| Frampton Construction | |
| Lingerfelt | |
| | |

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