

U.S. ECONOMIC UPDATE

The arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic has created an economic shock that has likely pushed the global economy and the U.S. into recession. Policies initiated to “flatten the curve” of potential infection include the voluntary and mandated shutdown of large sectors and regions of the economy. Retail establishments, restaurants, passenger transportation, schools and leisure activities have almost all grinded to a halt while customers self-quarantine and practice social distancing.

RECORD-SETTING LAYOFFS, DECLINING EMPLOYMENT

Over the last two weeks (ending on March 28th), a cumulative 10 million people have applied for unemployment benefits—by far the largest number of applications in history since record-keeping began in 1967. Initial unemployment claims are a highly reliable leading indicator of trends in labor markets and therefore the economy at large. Given the size of the increase, along with other high-frequency data trends that are similarly bleak, it is widely believed that the U.S. economy has entered a recession. This was reinforced in early April when the Labor Department reported that payroll employment in the U.S. fell by 701,000 jobs in March, one of the largest declines in history. It's all but certain that even more jobs will be lost in the months ahead.

Given the way these events have unfolded and the huge number of layoffs, the current thinking among economic forecasters is that the second quarter of 2020 will see one of the largest real GDP declines in U.S. history. What is less clear is what the economic trajectory will be following Q2. As of this writing (4-7-2020), hopeful signs are emerging that policy steps to “flatten the curve” are beginning to work in certain areas, but many unknowns remain. It is too soon to say if these signs are sustainable and how they will impact the trajectory of the economy.

We continue to monitor developments extremely closely and are working around the clock to publish data and insight as quickly as possible.

To view our latest perspective on the coronavirus and its potential impact on CRE and the economy, access Cushman & Wakefield's [COVID-19 resource page](#).

TRENDS AND INSIGHTS

Cushman & Wakefield Covid-19 Webinar Replay

Learn more on the evolving COVID-19 situation and its implication for **real estate occupiers and investors**.

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COVID-19: A Wholly Unprecedented Policy Response

On March 27, 2020, an enormous \$2.2 trillion emergency coronavirus stimulus package was signed into law by President Trump. The legislative package—the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act—is the largest rescue package in U.S. history. [Click for Summary](#)

Lessons From Landlords In China's Post Covid-19 Recovery Phase

With local infections down, China is getting back to work. As the lights are turned back on in offices across the country, landlords and tenants alike are inevitably finding themselves in a new paradigm. [Click for Article](#)

2020 Asia Pacific Office Outlook

In this report, you will find detailed but succinct analysis of the trends in each of the region's key Grade A office markets over the next two years that we hope will help refine your organization's CRE strategy.

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Industrial Q1 2020

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)	CONSTR COMPLETIONS (SF)	OVERALL WEIGHTED AVG NET RENT (MF)	OVERALL WEIGHTED AVG NET RENT (OS)	OVERALL WEIGHTED AVG NET RENT (W/D)
Daniel Island	5,114,422	522,448	10.2%	-215,805	-215,805	0	21,600	-	-	\$8.73
Dorchester County	8,522,079	500,148	5.9%	151,552	151,552	691,666	0	\$5.25	-	\$7.77
Downtown Charleston	1,812,109	61,315	3.4%	-24,000	-24,000	0	0	-	-	\$8.50
E Charleston County	42,295	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
East Islands/Mt Pleasant	1,039,098	66,331	6.4%	3,666	3,666	0	0	-	-	\$11.72
James Island/Folly Beach	486,678	121,000	24.9%	-14,000	-14,000	0	0	-	-	\$6.93
North Charleston	31,445,597	2,179,994	6.9%	-266,370	-266,370	241,320	420,888	\$6.35	\$15.83	\$8.56
Outlying Berkeley County	27,690,034	1,921,837	6.9%	699,149	699,149	2,737,609	10,815	\$5.35	\$10.00	\$7.74
W Charleston County	203,074	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0	-	-	-
West Ashley	987,014	7,294	0.7%	1,972	1,972	0	0	-	-	\$13.55
West Islands	448,314	136,427	30.4%	-136,427	-136,427	0	0	-	-	\$7.00
CHARLESTON TOTALS	77,790,714	5,516,794	7.1%	199,737	199,737	3,670,595	453,303	\$5.83	\$15.49	\$5.65

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

MF = Manufacturing OS = Office Service/Flex W/D = Warehouse/Distribution

KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q1 2020

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SF	TYPE
1031 Legrand Blvd	Daniel Island	Gildan	75,760	Sublease
4279 Crosspoint Dr	North Charleston	XPO Logistics	52,000	New Lease
116 Springbok Ln	Daniel Island	Kontaine Logistics LLC	49,000	New Lease

*Renewals not included in leasing statistics

KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q1 2020

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SF	PRICE / \$ PSF
3191 Ashley Phosphate Rd (Portfolio Sale)	North Charleston	Roger Holdings, LLC / Weston, Inc.	247,850	\$10.5M / \$42.23
7421 E Spartan Blvd (Portfolio Sale)	North Charleston	Roger Holdings, LLC / Weston, Inc.	86,613	\$5.1M / \$58.61
111 Old Depot Rd	Outlying Berkeley County	Viva Recycling / Jet Park Warehousing, LLC	85,325	\$3.1 M / \$35.75
4740 Rivers Ave	North Charleston	4740 Rivers Ave, LLC / Marshall Bridge Capital, LLC	14,400	\$2.2M / \$151.04
1090 Johnnie Dodds Blvd	East Islands/Mt Pleasant	Bryant Brothers LLC / 1090 Johnnie Dodds Holdings, LLC	11,000	\$1.4M / \$127.27

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