

Retail Market Report

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Vacancy Declines as Retail Resurges

Quarter 3 2013

The retail market continues to show signs of improvement on its long road to recovery. Vacancy continued to fall this quarter to the lowest it has been since the beginning of 2009, coming in at 10.6%. Just one year ago, the retail vacancy rate for the Phoenix Metro market sat at 12%, with the highest rate, 13%, in 2011. Demand for retail space continued to improve as well, 1.2 million SF of space was absorbed in the Valley. The East Valley submarket cluster made up more than 60% of that total with 818,444 SF absorbed. As the fourth quarter historically records as the strongest quarter for retail, 2013 has the potential to be the strongest year, in terms of net absorption, that the valley has seen since 2008. Already this year space absorbed has surpassed the 2012 value by almost 200,000 SF, with a strong fourth quarter still to come.

Leasing activity remained strong this quarter with over 1.6 million SF of retail space leased in 560 transactions. While slightly lower than last quarter, when over 2 million SF was leased, an increase can be expected at the end of the year when retail undergoes its holiday boom. The majority of leasing in the recovering market is thanks to smaller tenants, those under 10,000 SF. This shows confidence from local and national retailers alike in the Phoenix Metro market through their willingness to expand and began new businesses as the economy recovers. Larger spaces and big box locations continue to struggle as the new e-commerce retail market affects how space is used and the consumer purchasing process. With the increasing ease of online shopping, some

retail sectors are noticing a retraction from massive retail locations and smaller store fronts are becoming more economical.

Rental rates continued to struggle this quarter, with average rental rates dropping to \$14.04 PSF, down from \$14.27 seen last quarter. Even with other aspects of the retail market continuing to improve as the Valley moves past the recession, rental rates continue their slow decline. In the same quarter last year, the average rental rate sat at \$14.59, and just a year before in 2011, the rate was still higher at \$15.09. As vacancy tightens and the market continues to self-adjust and it is expected that rental rates will improve; while rates may not recover to the \$19+ seen in 2007, they will rise to a new average norm post-recession. With vacancy still almost double what it was in 2006 when rents hovered around \$19.00 PSF, tenants have the flexibility to drive down rates with the increase of options.

The top sales transactions for the quarter were portfolio sales for McDowell Mountain Marketplace in Scottsdale for \$14.12 million and Sante Fe Square Shopping Center for \$10.5 million. The top leases for the quarter include a 45,000 SF lease to Howie Furniture in the Glendale Market Square in Glendale, and 34,212 SF to USA Auto on Main St in Mesa.

Rental Rates











While the momentum has been slow, the Phoenix market is showing signs of recovery. As of the third quarter of this year, the office and retail sectors have both seen a significant decline in vacancy from just a year before; office vacancy is down to 19.8% from 21.5% in the third quarter of 2013, and retail has fallen to 10.5% from 11.9% just a year before. The industrial sector has seen a slight increase in vacancy coming in at 12.9% this quarter, but is still down from the highs seen in 2011 when vacancy rates were over 15.5%. Both the office and retail sectors showed impressive net absorption this quarter with more than 1 million SF of space absorbed, while industrial remained relatively stagnant from the previous quarter with a loss of 190,000 SF. While leasing activity in the office sector remained relatively the same in terms of SF leased and number of deals, the retail and industrial sectors saw slight drops in activity this quarter. As expected, the consistent nature of the market continues as the Phoenix area begins to define a new norm.

Recovery has been tracked on a nationwide scale as well. The six major metro areas have averaged a price recovery of 90% of peak compared to non-major metro areas averaging a 75% recovery. Of these six major metro areas, two have met previous peak-price levels, compared to just three among the remaining non-major metros nationwide, including Dallas, Houston, and Austin. Increased purchasing activity was also recorded across all property types in the U.S. as of August, with a recent influx of institutional and private buyers for retail properties causing prices to rise faster for the retail sector than others. Conversely, the multifamily sector has experienced a slowing of price gains after consistently leading the other sectors, potentially due to the slowing of the recent rush to rent by those hit in the housing downfall. Sales of significant commercial property nationwide totaled \$24 billion in August, up 12% year-over-year.

As of September, the unemployment rate for the Phoenix Metropolitan Area sat at 6.9% compared to the national rate of 7.3%. The Valley also continued to recover in the residential sector, with one-year house value growth coming in at 18.5% in September. According to the On Numbers Economic Index, Phoenix ranked No. 29 in September, up two places from August. This ranking, a monthly snapshot of economies in the nation's top 102 metropolitan areas by population, is an overall score based on 18 categories, including various job growth indicators, home value, and earnings information. Leading the ranks in the On Numbers Economic Index is Austin at number one, with Provo, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, and Oklahoma City rounding out the top five.

In September, the W.P. Carey School of Business and the Center for Real Estate Theory and Practice held a survey and panel discussion to gauge the current commercial market from those who know it best, brokers. Overwhelmingly, the experts believe

that Phoenix Metro is currently in the recovery stage, with 87% of brokers in agreement. In addition, the majority of brokers believe that vacancy rates are on the decline and will trend down in the fourth quarter for the retail, industrial, and office sectors. Positive news was also forecasted for rental rates with more than 40% of the vote in all sectors and categories pointing to rates stabilizing and remaining stationary for the next 3 months; the second most popular vote predicted increased rates in almost all categories. These opinions point to a positive future with effects of the recession moving farther into the rearview mirror.



Q3 PHOENIX RETAIL MARKET BY THE NUMBERS

	Total RBA	Vacant SF	Vacant %	Net Absorption	RBA Delivered	RBA Under Construction	Average Rental Rate
Q3 2013	214,110,518 SF	22,627,581 SF	10.6%	1,287,925	656,674 SF	208,397 SF	\$14.02 PSF
Q2 2013	214,054,658 SF	23,368,782 SF	10.9%	1,018,278	492,085 SF	823,649 SF	\$14.25 PSF
Q1 2012	213,616,182 SF	23,948,584 SF	11.2%	491,559	90,351 SF	1,210,869 SF	\$14.31 PSF

Property

Glendale Market Square 525 W Main St Pecan Promenade

Address

525 W Main St, Mesa 9870 W Lower Buckeye Rd, Tolleson

5870 W Bell Rd. Glendale

Tenant

Howie Furniture **USA Auto** LA Fitness

Size

45,000 SF 34,212 SF 27,551 SF Sign Date 9/13/2013 7/1/2013

8/2/2013

Top Transactions

Type Move In Move In

Move In

McDowell Mountain Marketplace Sante Fe Square Shopping Center Denaro 101 Plaza

Address

10101-10111 E Bell Rd, Scottsdale 925-1107 S Gilbert Rd 6685 W Beardsley Rd

Sale Date

7/25/2013 8/5/2013 9/23/2013

Size

84,087 SF 262,925 SF 33.186 SF

Price

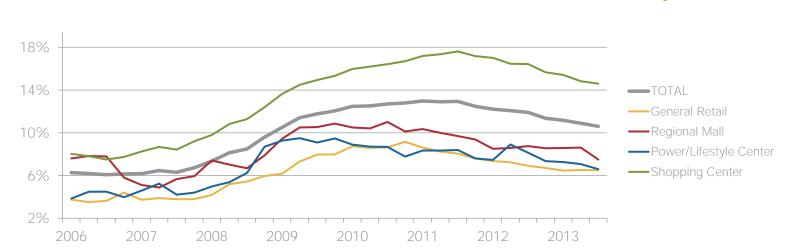
Price PSF \$14.12M \$167.98 \$10.5M \$39.34 \$9.6M \$289.28







Retail Vacancy Rates



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PHOENIX **SUBMARKETS**

Submarket Clusters	Retail Type	Total RBA	Total Vacant SF	Total Vacant %	Total Net Absorption	RBA Delivered	RBA Under Construction	Average Rate
Airport Area	General Retail Airport/Regional Mall Power/Lifestyle Center	2,356,276 - 1,364,128	79,139 - 67,301	3.4% - 1.8%	(4,532) - 0	- - -	-	\$12.51 - \$22.85
	Shopping Center Total	1,578,468 5,298,872	186,206 332,646	11.8% 6.3%	17,120 12,588	-	-	\$12.30 \$14.13
Downtown Phoenix	General Retail Regional Mall	3,967,074	420,538 -	10.6%	32,293	4,129.00	-	\$13.03
	Power/Lifestyle Center Shopping Center Total	- 2,437,280 6,404,354	- 305,953 726,491	- 12.6% 11.3%	- 46,025 78,318	4,129.00	- - 0	\$12.06 \$12.72
East Valley	General Retail Regional Mall Power/Lifestyle Center	17,147,273 10,288,957 7,453,313	1,048,910 546,271 616,080	6.0% 5.3% 8.3%	604,564 121,647 (5,976)	636,725	131,081 - -	\$12.11 \$12.04 \$22.45
	Shopping Center Total	35,815,171 70,704,714	6,567,905 8,779,166	18.3% 12.4%	98,209 818,444	636,725	9,500 140,581	\$13.12 \$13.28
North Phoenix	General Retail Regional Mall Power/Lifestyle Center Shopping Center	11,673,616 2,959,064 3,493,525 20,106,217	764,521 765,891 144,228 3,221,451	6.5% 25.9% 4.1% 16.0%	18,995 26,316 (17,272) 27,774	- - -	- - -	\$11.64 \$10.35 \$18.98 \$12.23
	Total	38,232,422	4,896,091	12.8%	55,813	0	-	\$12.22
North Scottsdale	General Retail Regional Mall Power/Lifestyle Center Shopping Center Total	4,707,444 3,133,248 2,829,681 6,666,518 17,336,891	282,328 77,932 154,690 855,691 1,370,641	6.0% 2.5% 5.5% 12.8% 7.9%	(2,378) - 45,719 45,910 89,251	-	-	\$18.19 \$12.86 \$17.69 \$18.17 \$17.64
	General Retail	4,118,565	206,443	5.0%	(22,816)	-	-	\$13.87
Northwest Phoenix	Regional Mall Power/Lifestyle Center Shopping Center	1,332,071 3,629,097 9,890,459	13,056 213,089 1,029,716	1.0% 5.9% 10.4%	9,191 (3,399) (4,906)	- - -	- - -	\$28.58 \$16.01
	Total General Retail	18,970,192 3,752,300	1,462,304 119,846	7.7% 3.2%	-21,930 49,015	<u> </u>	-	\$16.51 \$11.84
Pinal County	Regional Mall Power/Lifestyle Center Shopping Center	867,313 239,350 4,349,954	54,173 3,574 555,756	6.2% 1.5% 12.8%	-4,189.00 0 (8,765)	- - -	-	\$10.85
Scottsdale	Total General Retail Regional Mall Power/Lifestyle Center Shopping Center	9,208,917 6,079,307 4,323,898 816,388 8,269,259	733,349 655,126 287,550 44,509 962,110	8.0% 10.8% 6.7% 5.5% 11.6%	36,061 14,683 72,795.00 19,167 238	4,000 6,100 -	- 16,884 - -	\$10.93 \$19.03 \$31.43 - \$17.46
	Total	19,488,852	1,949,295	10.0%	106,883	10,100	16,884	\$19.94
South Mountain	General Retail Regional Mall Power/Lifestyle Center Shopping Center	906,314 680,847 796,414 4,202,771	39,977 41,645 48,322 384,851	4.4% 6.1% 6.1% 9.2%	(5,332) 44,974 - 20,948	- - -	- - -	\$18.72 - \$18.12 \$16.00
	Total General Retail	6,586,346 5,951,969	514,795 304,044	7.8% 5.1%	60,590 17,764	0	45,073	\$16.39 \$13.31
West Phoenix	Regional Mall Power/Lifestyle Center Shopping Center	2,066,618 2,685,667 11,182,002	138,913 230,216 1,189,630	6.7% 8.6% 10.6%	6,897 37,100 (9,854)	-	5,859	\$24.00 \$19.58 \$13.11
	Total General Retail	21,886,256 60,651,053	1,862,803 3,912,087	8.5% 6.5%	51,907 702,256	0 650,574	50,932 193,038	\$13.33 \$13.54
All Submarkets	Regional Mall Power/Lifestyle Center Shopping Center	25,652,016 23,307,863 104,499,586	1,925,431 1,522,009 15,268,054	7.5% 6.5% 14.6%	277,631 75,339 232,699	6,100	5,859 9,500	\$17.18 \$21.81 \$13.59
	Overall Total Overall Total 2Q13	214,110,518 214,054,658	22,627,581 23,368,782	10.6% 10.9%	1,287,925 1,018,278	656,674 492,085	208,397 823,649	\$14.02 \$14.25
	Overall Total 1Q13 Overall Total 4Q12	213,616,182 213,596,888	23,948,584 24,420,849	11.2% 11.4%	491,559 1,652,465	90,351 588,253	1,210,869 557,680	\$14.31 \$14.36



RETAIL SUBMARKETS

- Airport Area
- **Downtown Phoenix**
- East Valley
- North Phoenix
- North Scottsdale

- Northwest Phoenix
- Scottsdale
- South Mountain
- West Phoenix

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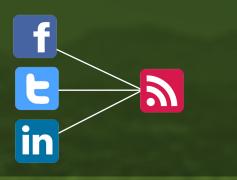
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