# RETAIL '24 Market Insights

Greater Lansing Area, Michigan | H1 2024

# Market Stabilizes; Prompts Surge in Build-to-Suit Development

#### Market at a Glance

Arrows indicate change from previous period.



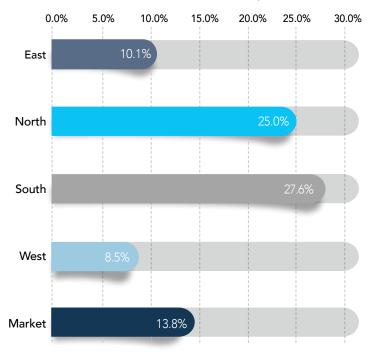
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Completions



s Absorption -24,996 SF

Figure 1: Market Vacancy ≥5,000 SF Leased Space



Source: Martin Commercial Properties, Inc.

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### **MARKET NEWS**

- Average market vacancies fell from 14.3% in H2 2023 to 13.8% in H1 2024.
- > Funcity Adventure Park leased 52,000 SF in Delta Ctr. (West).
- Ace Hardware to open a new 11,000 SF store in Meridian Crossing (East).
- Crunch Fitness lease expansion to 11,000 SF on E. Grand River across from Trader Joe's (East).
- Schuler Books relocated to the 30,200 SF fmr. Bed, Bath & Beyond space; and Planet Fitness expanded by 27,000 SF in Meridian Mall (East)
- Scores of new eateries continue to emerge throughout the market, reflecting a vibrant and evolving dining scene.
- Despite inflated debt, land & construction costs, development activity extends to every sector of the market:
  - **Trader Joe's** opened at 2755 E. Grand River Ave. in East Lansing (East).
  - The Outback Steakhouse on Marsh Rd. will be demolished to welcome Tidal Wave Auto Spa (East).
  - 2025 will bring a new **Dave & Buster's** and **Cooper's Hawk Winery** near **Eastwood Towne Ctr.** (North).
  - Fiesta Charra is building adjacent to Culvers in DeWitt (North).
  - Panda Express opened a new location near Eastwood Towne Center (North) and another is underway on S. Cedar St., adjacent to Meijer (South).
  - Chipotle will open in a renovated Pizza Hut at 6200 S. Cedar St. (South).
  - The fmr. Long John Silvers at 6333 S. Cedar has been razed to create space for Dunkin' and Wingstop (South).
  - Burlington will relocate from 75,000 SF across from Lansing Mall to a new 25,000 SF bldg. in Delta Crossings at I-96/W. Saginaw Interchange (West).
  - A major sporting goods retailer has selected **Delta Crossings** for the site of its first mid-Michigan store.
- > Several closures impacted the market this period. In the East sector, Foods for Living, Old Chicago Pizza, Big Lots and Stillwater Grill shut down. In the South, Rite Aid on N. Cedar St. and B2 Outlet at Edgewood Towne Ctr. closed. With Rite Aid exiting the Michigan market soon, and Burlington to vacate 75,000 SF in the West sector, we expect a moderate uptick in vacancies.
- Recent notable sales include the 40,200 SF strip center at Clippert and Vine-\$4.85 Million (East) and the vacated 135,300 SF former **Stock & Field** bldg. at 340 Edgewood-\$4.2 Million (South).

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Figure 2: Market Statistics | H1 2024

SUBMARKET	MARKET RENTABLE AREA (SF)	MARKET SHARE (%)	VACANT (SF)	VACANCY RATE (%)	COMPLETIONS (SF)	NET ABSORPTION (SF)	ASKING LEASE RATE (\$/SF/YR)
East	3,811,755	39.6	384,117	10.1	0	-6,260	17.00-45.00
North	784,975	8.2	196,267	25.0	0	-11,116	10.00-27.00
South	1,696,443	17.6	468,887	27.6	0	-26,524	7.00-16.00
West	3,329,032	34.6	281,436	8.5	0	18,904	9.00-30.00
Market	9,622,205	100.0	1,330,707	13.8	0	-24,996	7.00-45.00

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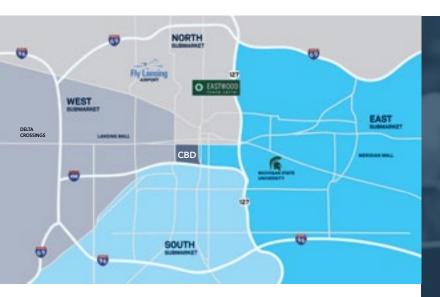
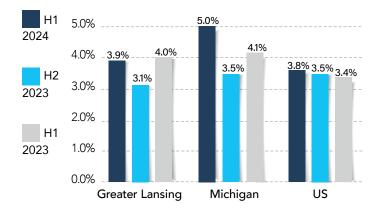


Figure 3: Unemployment Statistics
History of Unemployment / Local, State, U.S.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

### **MARKET COMPOSITION**

The Greater Lansing Area features a substantial retail footprint with over 9.6 million SF of leasable space in buildings ≥5,000 SF. The following is a closer look at its five submarkets and most dynamic retail corridors:

#### **EAST SUBMARKET**

The area's largest retail sector and home to MSU, Frandor Shopping Ctr. and Meridian Mall.

#### Most Dynamic Corridors:

Grand River Ave. from **Frandor** to **Meridian Mall**; Lake Lansing Road, just east of US-127; intersection of Jolly and Okemos Rds. (near I-96 Interchange) and the emerging Bus-69/Coleman Rd/Marsh Rd. quadrant.

#### NORTH SUBMARKET

The area's smallest retail sector and home to **Eastwood Towne Center**, **Heights of Eastwood** and **Sam's Club**.

Most Dynamic Corridor:

Lake Lansing Road from US-127 to Wood St.

#### SOUTH SUBMARKET

The retail sector with lowest household income coupled with robust traffic counts.

Most Dynamic Corridor:

Cedar St. from Jolly Rd. to Willoughby Rd. (near I-96)

#### **WEST SUBMARKET**

The market's second-largest retail sector featuring the regional **Lansing Mall** and **Delta Crossings**, a new \$200 Million mixed-use development at the Saginaw/I-96 interchange.

Most Dynamic Corridors:

West Saginaw @ I-96 and West Saginaw near Lansing Mall.



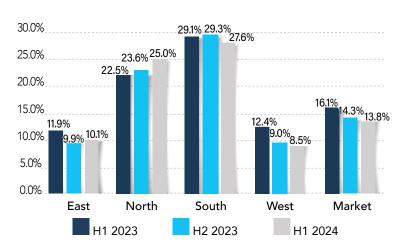
## **VACANCIES**

Market vacancies averaged 13.8%, down from 14.3% in H2 2023.

The strongest sector in the market is the West Submarket, where vacancies fell from 9.04% in H2 2023 to 8.5%. New leasing activity was moderate, yet significant. The largest transactions included Bass Pro Shops, Funcity Adventure Park, Dick's Warehouse and KPOT Korean BBQ.

The East Submarket is the most active sector, although vacancies rose slightly from 9.9% in H2 2023 to 10.1% in the first half of 2024, primarily due to closures of Foods for Living and Big Lots. During this period, leasing activity was predominantly driven by small food-related tenants. Notable new leases include Domino's, King of the Grill, The Local Epicurean, Big Moe's Kitchen, Fry Nation, Veg-N, Middle Eats, Bobcat Bonnie's, Subway and more. The most significant leases include Schuler Books (30,200 SF), Planet Fitness (27,000 SF expansion) and Crunch Fitness (10,723 SF expansion).

Figure 4: History of Market Vacancies -Leased Buildings Comprising ≥5,000 SF

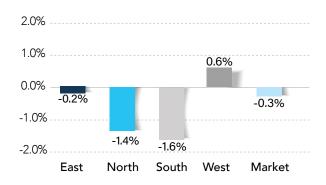


Though the North and South Submarkets average more than double the vacancies at 25.0% and 27.6%, respectively, the primary retail corridors within each of these sectors are thriving. On Lake Lansing Rd. near Eastwood Towne Center in the North Submarket, a new Panda Express opened this period, and construction will soon be underway for a new Dave & Buster's and Cooper's Hawk Winery. On South Cedar Street, just north of I-96 in the South sector, Panda Express is under construction in a Meijer outlot, Chipotle leased the former Pizza Hut building and a new building is planned for Dunkin' and Wingstop.

### **ABSORPTION**

Absorption is the net change in physically occupied space from one period to the next. Over the past six months, the Greater Lansing retail market absorbed -24,996 SF (-0.3%), down from 178,756 SF absorbed during H2 2023.

Figure 5: H1 2024 Absorption -Leased Buildings Comprising ≥5,000 SF



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