# Class A Centers Driving High Lease Rates, Vacancy Falls To 4.32%

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Since a peak of 218,246 SF vacated in Q2 2020, there has been less space vacated each quarter since, allowing existing inventory time to be absorbed (see Figure 1).
- According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, consumer spending increased 11.8% in Q2. Inflation looms as a threat to consumer confidence but, for now, desire to spend is outweighing those fears.
- Development of new Class A centers is continuing to drive lease rates to new heights. East Lancaster Plaza is the latest Class A delivery and is already 100% leased. Poké Bowl Station now occupies 2,191 SF of inline space.

# OVERVIEW

Absorption was positive for a third consecutive quarter with more inventory leased than made available. After recovering from a low of -98,000 SF in Q3 last year to the current 70,785 SF, this is a positive sign that brick-and-mortar demand has not left the Lancaster market.

Contributing to this positive absorption and decline in vacancy rate has been less available inventory being placed on the market each quarter. Vacancy peaked in Q2 2020 during the pandemic at 218,246 SF but has trended downward since that time. 71,653 SF was vacated during Q2 2021 (see *Figure 1*).

#### Figure 1: VACANT SF ADDED TO THE MARKET



While inflation looms as a threat to consumer confidence, consumer spending increased 11.8% from Q1. Retail development continues to meet pent-up demand including the recent completion of East Lancaster Plaza at 2232 Lincoln Hwy East, Lancaster. The Class A property is 100% leased. Additional build-to-suit opportunities include 61,728 SF at Ephrata Crossings, 22,000 SF at Willow Valley Crossroads, and 11,000 SF at Overlook Town Center, Phase II.

Lease rates continue an upward trend driven by prime located centers pushing lease rates upwards of \$20/SF. Poké Bowl Station signed a 2,191 SF lease at 2232 Lincoln Hwy E, East Lancaster Plaza where the asking rate was \$40/SF.

#### MARKET INDICATORS

Total Inventory	31.25 MSF	
Sales (\$)	\$35.63 M	
Sales (SF)	435,412 SF	
Total Vacancy	4.32% (-100 bps)	$\blacksquare$
Total Leased (SF)	63,650 SF	
Average Rent	+\$2.23	
Average Rent 12-month rolling average	+\$0.02	<b>A</b>

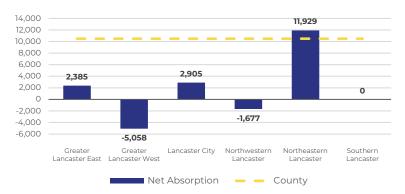
### NET ABSORPTION & VACANCY



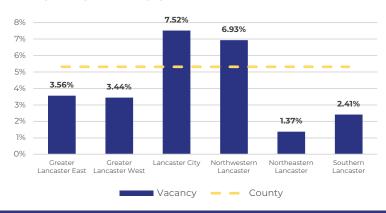
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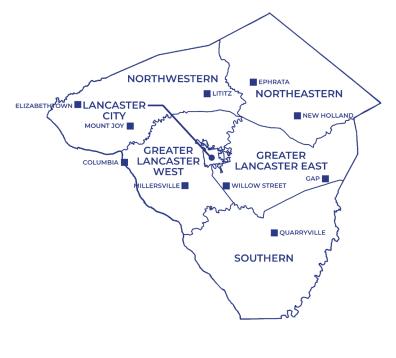


#### NET ABSORPTION BY SUBMARKET



# VACANCY BY SUBMARKET





Key Lease Transactions Q2 2021			
PROPERTY	SF	TENANT	TRANSACTION
1021-1099 W Sharp Ave, Ephrata (Sharp Plaza)	4,844	Name Withheld	New
2175 Lincoln Hwy E, Lancaster (Mill Creek Plaza)	7,350	Name Withheld	New
1759 W Main St, Ephrata (Wildflower Commons)	2,430	Bank of Bird-in-Hand	New
2232 Lincoln Hwy E, Lancaster (East Lancaster Plaza)	2,191	Poké Bowl Station	New
101 N Queen St, Ste 113, Lancaster (101NQ)	1,405	Name Withheld	New

Key Sales Transactions Q2 2021			
PROPERTY	SF	SELLER/BUYER	PRICE
1008 Lancaster Pk, Quarryville	10,301	TKC CLXIV, LLC / Realty Income Corporation	\$4,847,457
2800 N Reading Rd, Adamstown	75,802	Edward D. & Carol A. Stoudt / Dentech, Inc.	\$2,750,000
4247 Oregon Pk, Leola	1,890	JTD Holdings, LP / Chalak Group, Inc.	\$1,430,000
806 New Holland Ave, Lancaster (Turkey Hill Ground Lease Investment)	3,483	Stillmeadow Associates, LP/Tiburzio Properties	\$1,350,000
2141 Lincoln Hwy E, Lancaster	3,139	Angali, LLC / Govind Hari, LLC (Cigarette Outlet)	\$1,050,000

