# **2024 YEAR-END SALES REPORT**

QUEENS



618 TRADES

\$2 B VOLUME

\$3.3 M AVG DEAL PRICE



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#### **CURRENT TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN INVESTMENT SALES**

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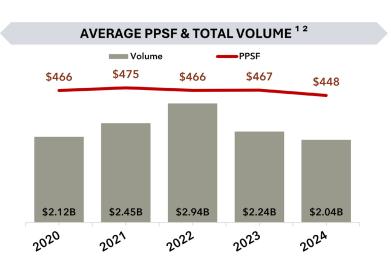
#### **GENERAL MARKET TRENDS**

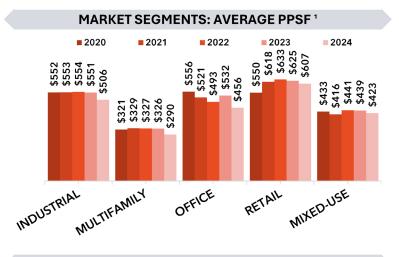
In 2024, the Queens commercial real estate market reflected broader shifts driven by remote work, the industrial boom, and retail's ongoing recovery. Businesses continued to downsize office space due to hybrid work models, reducing demand for office properties. Meanwhile, e-commerce sustained high demand for warehouses and fulfillment centers. Retail began pivoting toward experiential concepts, often integrated with mixed-use developments, as it worked toward pre-pandemic recovery.

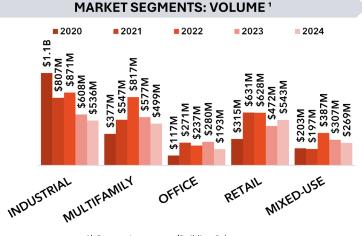
Financing conditions had a significant impact on market activity. Interest rates remained historically high, forcing buyers and sellers to adjust pricing expectations. Despite these adjustments, a gap between valuations persisted, slowing transaction volumes. Retail and industrial assets led activity, followed closely by mixed-use assets. Transaction volumes across most asset classes declined, with office properties seeing a 31% year-over-year drop. By contrast, retail saw a 15% increase in sales volume, signaling a return to strength in that sector.

#### **FINANCING**

Strict lending standards continued to affect the Queens market in 2024, significantly reducing transaction volume. Alternative lenders stepped in to fill the gap left by traditional lenders, whose stricter underwriting practices reflected high interest rates and economic uncertainty. Loan maturities compounded these difficulties, resulting in a 48% increase in foreclosures and bankruptcies, which surpassed \$2 billion in total value across New York City's commercial real estate sector.







1) Queens Investment/Building Sales
2) Data Excludes Known Development Sites & Specialty Use Properties

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#### **OPERATING CHALLENGES**

Property owners in Queens faced rising operating costs in 2024, driven by higher taxes, increasing prices for building material, and deferred or defaulted rent payments. Multifamily property owners were particularly affected, struggling with tenants who withheld rent, further straining finances.

On the regulatory side, the introduction of the 485x program aimed to promote permanent affordable housing, to offer some relief for the city's housing crisis. While it does not fully replace the benefits of the expired 421a tax abatement, the program represents a step toward stimulating development. However, the pace of affordable housing construction remains slow, leaving much to be done to meet demand.

#### OPPORTUNITIES, RISKS, AND MITIGATION

The difficulty in obtaining financing forced many property owners to make tough choices in 2024, including holding onto underperforming assets or surrendering them to lenders. This has created opportunities for investors to acquire distressed office buildings, hotels, and large multifamily properties.

Another area of opportunity lies in healthcare and senior housing facilities, driven by the borough's aging population. Repurposing older properties to meet this growing demand presents a promising avenue for development. Investors who identify these trends early and position themselves strategically will be well-placed to capitalize on emerging opportunities.

#### REFLECTIONS AND PREDICTIONS

Much of 2024 was characterized by a "wait-and-see" approach, influenced by uncertainty surrounding the presidential election and interest rate trajectories. With the election now behind us, optimism for 2025 is growing as the country transitions under new leadership. This shift has the potential to boost economic activity and introduce new policies that may stabilize the market.

Looking ahead, investors can expect more distressed asset sales, opportunities for recapitalization, and continued growth in industrial and retail sectors. As Queens adapts to evolving economic conditions, strategic planning and adaptability will remain key to navigating the year ahead.



2024

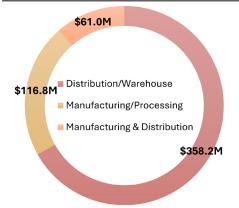
72 Trades

\$536M

## **DATA POINTS**

	2024	YoY
Total Volume	\$536M	<b>4</b> 12%
Velocity	72 Trades	<b>4.3%</b>
Avg. Deal Price	\$7.4M	<b>J</b> 16%
Avg. Price / SF	\$506	<b>4</b> 8.3%

#### **VOLUME BY TYPE: 2024**



# \$1.20B \$1.00B \$800M \$400M \$400M \$200M

2022

95 Trades

\$871M

2023

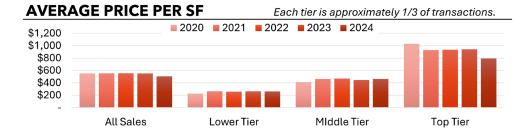
69 Trades

\$608M

2021

74 Trades

\$807M



## FEATURED TRANSACTIONS



4528 Vernon Blvd | Hunters Point SALE PRICE: \$47,000,000 BUILDING SF: 75,603 SF PPSF: \$630



74-16 Grand Ave | Elmhurst SALE PRICE: \$51,000,000 BUILDING SF: 140,171 SF PPSF: \$364



26-15 Ulmer St | College Point SALE PRICE: \$31,850,000 BUILDING SF: 28,705 SF PPSF: \$1,110



**10910 15<sup>th</sup> Ave | College Point**SALE PRICE: \$5,600,000

BUILDING SF: 4,956 SF

PPSF: \$1,130

## **VIEWPOINTS**

**ALFONSO HOLLOMAN:** Industrial properties in Queens experienced significant inventory growth in 2024, driven by sustained demand for warehouses and fulfillment centers. The northeast and northwest regions of Queens saw a combined increase of 47 million square feet of inventory, with an additional 1.4 million square feet under construction. Average rents rose to \$31.50 per square foot, reflecting strong tenant demand. This sector's growth was primarily fueled by the continued expansion of e-commerce, which has elevated the need for logistics and distribution facilities. This surge in inventory did lead to a slower total volume in sales year over year, but only slightly.

2020

82 Trades

\$1.10B



2024

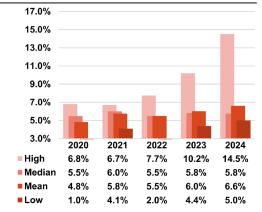
147 Trades

\$499M

## **DATA POINTS**

	2024 Y	YoY	
Total Volume	\$499M 🍑	13%	
Velocity	147Trades 🖖	5.8%	
Avg. Deal Price	\$3.4M 🖖	8.2%	
Avg. Price / Unit	\$221K 🖖	12%	

#### **CAPITALIZATION RATES**



#### \$900M \$800M \$800M \$700M \$600M \$500M \$400M \$300M \$300M \$300M \$300M \$100M

2022

198 Trades

\$817M

2023

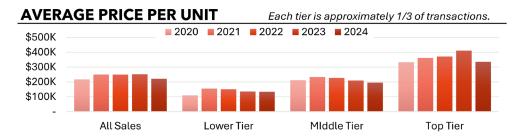
156 Trades

\$577M

2021

117 Trades

\$547M



## FEATURED TRANSACTIONS



91-19 & 94-20 66th Ave | Rego Park SALE PRICE: \$18,000,000 UNITS: 108 PPU: \$167K



**VOLUME HISTORY** 

2020

97 Trades

\$377M

71-09 Austin St | Forest Hills SALE PRICE: \$7,492,967 UNITS: 8 PPU: \$937K



4415 Colden St | Downtown Flushing SALE PRICE: \$19,500,000 UNITS: 138 PPU: \$141K



13720 45<sup>th</sup> Ave | Downtown Flushing SALE PRICE: \$21,054,348 UNITS: 149 PPU: \$141K

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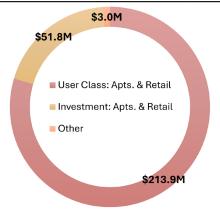
**ALFONSO HOLLOMAN:** Multifamily properties in northwest Queens, particularly Long Island City, experienced a rise in vacancy rates to over 6% during 2024. The number of units under construction declined to 3,450, indicating a slowdown in new development. Asking rents averaged \$3,899 per month. These figures highlight challenges in maintaining occupancy amid shifting market conditions, as well as steady demand for high-quality rental units in key neighborhoods. Despite the increase in vacancies, multifamily properties remain a vital asset class, reflecting the borough's ongoing need for housing and demand for well-placed rental properties. Tempered enthusiasm about owning multifamily in NYC did lead to year over year decreases in volume, velocity, and price.

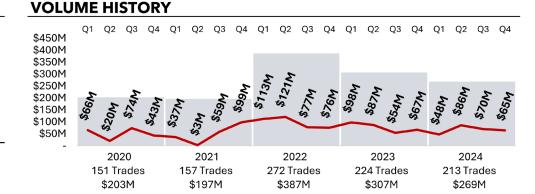


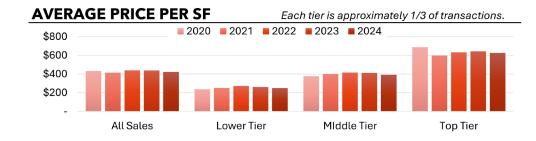
## DATA POINTS

	2024	YoY
Total Volume	\$269M	<b>4</b> 12%
Velocity	213 Trades	<b>4.9</b> %
Avg. Deal Price	\$1.3M	<b>4</b> 7.9%
Avg. Price / SF	\$423	<b>4</b> 3.7%

#### **VOLUME BY TYPE: 2024**







#### FEATURED TRANSACTIONS



**4112 162**nd **St | Murray Hill**SALE PRICE: \$3,400,000
BUILDING SF: 7,200 SF
PPSF: \$472



**9701-03 37th Ave | Corona**SALE PRICE: \$3,525,000
BUILDING SF: 10,084 SF
PPSF: \$350



**3404 31st Ave | South Astoria**SALE PRICE: \$2,000,000

BUILDING SF: 1,760 SF

PPSF: \$1,136



11245 Roosevelt Ave | Corona SALE PRICE: \$2,526,000 BUILDING SF: 1,900 SF PPSF: \$1,329

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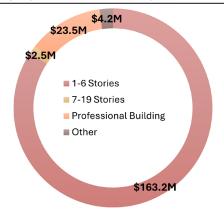
**ALFONSO HOLLOMAN:** Mixed-use properties in Queens demonstrated stability in 2024, with the average price per square foot seeing a modest decline of 3.7% to \$423. Transaction volume dipped 12% year-over-year to \$269 million, reflecting market-wide recalibrations driven by tighter lending conditions and cautious investor sentiment. Despite these slight declines, mixed-use assets continue to attract attention for their ability to accommodate diverse uses, offering flexibility and long-term value. Their enduring appeal highlights the sector's importance in Queens' real estate landscape, as these properties remain well-positioned to meet evolving community and market demands.



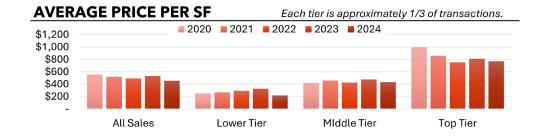
## **DATA POINTS**

	2024	YoY
Total Volume	\$193M	<b>J</b> 31%
Velocity	34 Trades	→ FLAT
Avg. Deal Price	\$5.7M	<b>J</b> 31%
Avg. Price / SF	\$456	<b>J</b> 14%

#### **VOLUME BY TYPE: 2024**



#### **VOLUME HISTORY** Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q2 Q4 Q1 Q3 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 \$300M \$250M \$200M \$150M \$100M \$50M 2022 2023 2020 2021 2024 30 Trades 31 Trades 38 Trades 34 Trades 34 Trades \$117M \$271M \$237M \$280M \$193M



## FEATURED TRANSACTIONS



47-16 Austell Pl | Sunnyside SALE PRICE: \$11,000,000 BUILDING SF: 51,200 SF PPSF: \$215



13930 Queens Blvd | Briarwood SALE PRICE: \$14,125,000 BUILDING SF: 63,897 SF PPSF: \$221



4160 Main St | Downtown Flushing SALE PRICE: \$80,000,000 BUILDING SF: 100,500 SF PPSF: \$796



31-42 Steinway St | Astoria SALE PRICE: \$3,500,000 BUILDING SF: 2,875 SF PPSF: \$1,217

#### **VIEWPOINTS**

**ALFONSO HOLLOMAN**: Queens' office market displayed mixed performance in 2024. In northeast Queens, vacancies decreased by 3.4%, while asking rents averaged \$48 per square foot and sales prices reached \$348 per square foot. By contrast, northwest Queens experienced a 1% increase in vacancies, with rents at \$47 per square foot and sales prices at \$397 per square foot. These results reflect ongoing challenges for office properties, as hybrid work models and tenant preferences for amenities continue to shape market dynamics. These struggles are reflected in the sale statistics as interest for this asset type continued to be low.

134 Trades

\$631M

**VOLUME HISTORY** 

108 Trades

\$315M



2024

152 Trades

\$543M

## **DATA POINTS**

	2024		YoY
Total Volume	\$543M	1	15%
Velocity	152 Trades	1	20%
Avg. Deal Price	\$3.6M	$lack \Psi$	3.8%
Avg. Price / SF	\$607	•	2.9%

#### **VOLUME BY TYPE: 2024**



#### \$700M \$600M \$500M \$400M \$300M \$200M \$100M

2022

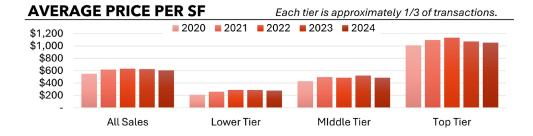
148 Trades

\$628M

2023

127 Trades

\$472M



## FEATURED TRANSACTIONS



3337 Farrington | Flushing SALE PRICE: \$22,000,000 BUILDING SF: 67,297 SF PPSF: \$327



10415 Queens Blvd | Forest Hills SALE PRICE: \$25,000,000 BUILDING SF: 23,780 SF PPSF: \$1,051



74-25 Grand Ave | Elmhurst SALE PRICE: \$48,250,000 BUILDING SF: 101,793 SF PPSF: \$474



41-12 Main St | Downtown Flushing SALE PRICE: \$6,750,000 BUILDING SF: 3,499 SF PPSF: \$1,929

## **VIEWPOINTS**

**ALFONSO HOLLOMAN:** Retail activity in Queens saw notable growth in 2024, particularly with the resurgence of experiential retail concepts. These were often integrated into mixed-use developments, enhancing their appeal to tenants and consumers alike. Despite this growth, average rents decreased to \$51 per square foot. This mixed performance underscores the evolving nature of the retail market, where inventory expansion has outpaced rent and price growth in some areas, even as retail continues its recovery.



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