

AUSTIN INDUSTRIAL MARKET
REPORT + ECONOMIC OVERVIEW





## Austin Industrial Real Estate: Oversupply Today, Growth Opportunities Tomorrow

At the midpoint of 2025, the Austin industrial market is navigating a shift to a tenant's market. After years of heavy construction activity, over 2 million square feet of new space broke ground this quarter, most being speculative projects with 0% pre-leasing. Meanwhile, more than 4.5 million square feet delivered in Q2 alone, bringing total deliveries this year above 7 million square feet. Over half of this space is less than 10% leased, putting pressure on landlords to offer aggressive lease rates, generous build-out packages, and extended concessions. While these statistics may cause concern, Austin's role as a leading innovation hotspot consistently proves it's a market where businesses can launch, grow, and invest for the long term. Investors see this promise thus the continued supply of new construction product.

Austin currently ranks as the No.1 innovation hub in the southern U.S. Between 2020 and 2024. The region leads the South with 82,467 patents granted, ranking 3rd in STEM employment, and No. 2 for business environment (driven by its concentration of life sciences and R&D operations). The city also boasts the second-highest density of STEM professionals nationwide and the third-largest life sciences and R&D building inventory with 2.4 million square feet of space. This strong foundation positions Austin to support the next wave of industrial users in emerging sectors.

Austin's aerospace scene is expanding, led by local companies like Firefly Aerospace (filed for IPO), SpaceX (ramping up manufacturing in Bastrop), and emerging players like Slingshot Aerospace, CesiumAstro, and Icon Technologies. Pulsar Fusion, a UK firm specializing in spacecraft propulsion, also plans to establish its U.S. HQ and a 50,000 SF R&D facility in the area. Acutronic, a global aerospace firm, recently named Austin the HQ of its Aerospace Components Division and is building Texas' first jet engine manufacturing facility on a 14-acre site in Bastrop.

Additionally, Austin is quickly becoming a powerhouse for dual-use defense startups, using innovative technology for both commercial and military applications. Key players include Skyways Air Transportation (secured a \$37M Air Force contract for cargo drones), CesiumAstro (satellite communications), Terradepth (autonomous submarines), Saronic (drone boats), and Allen Control Systems (Al-powered defense systems). The local headquarters presence of Army Futures Command and dual-use accelerators like Capital Factory continue to drive this sector's need for advanced industrial space.

Lastly, with Texas rolling out a revamped \$1.5 billion film incentives program (\$300 million every two years), demand for production facilities is heating up. Major projects include Hill Country Studios in San Marcos and new developments in Bastrop, increasing the need for sound stages, warehouses, and production support spaces.

The current oversupply has created an environment where tenants have more flexibility and negotiating power. Though oversupply is shaping the current market, Austin's strong innovation base and expanding specialized industries point to a healthy long-term outlook. For tenants, this presents an opportunity to build and secure long-term value in a market positioned for future growth.

## Vacancy Rate

13.05% FLEX: 12.5% ▲ WAREHOUSE: 13.6% ▲

Q1 2025 FLEX: 11.1% | WAREHOUSE: 12%

Q2 2024 FLEX: 8.7% | WAREHOUSE: 8.9%

Deliveries 4,648,646 SF 🛆

Q1 2025 3,461,242 SF | Q2 2024 2,704,897 SF

Net Absorption 881,966 SF ▼

FLEX: (628,889 SF) WAREHOUSE: 1,510,855 SF

Q1 2025 1,184,556 SF | Q2 2024

Q2 2025 Market Overview

Avg. Gross Rent

\$17.37 FLEX ▼

\$12.55 WAREHOUSE ▼

Q1 2025 FLEX: \$19.94 | WAREHOUSE: \$12.91

Q2 2024 FLEX: \$19.79 | WAREHOUSE: \$14.19

Under Construction 9,325,789 SF 🔻

Q1 2025 13,114,935 SF | Q2 2024 16,264,743 SF

## AUSTIN ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

The Austin Business-Cycle Index, a broad measure of economic activity, grew an annualized 2.21 percent in May, Slower than the 5.9 percent gain in December. Austin's unemployment rate ticked up to 3.5 percent in April, below the state and national rates of 4.1 and 4.2 percent, respectively. In April, the local labor force increased an annualized 9.6 percent, while the state's increased 2.8 percent, and the nation's grew 3.9 percent.

#### NEWS AUSTIN IN THE

"Austin Ranked Top Innovation Hub in the South" (AUSTIN BUSINESS JOURNAL, MAY 2025)

"Tesla Expands, Inking a 300,000 Square-Foot Lease" (AUSTIN BUSINESS JOURNAL, MAY 2025)

"Region's Largest Spec Industrial Project Breaks Ground in Small City Outside Austin"

(AUSTIN BUSINESS JOURNAL, APRIL 2025)

AUSTIN LABOR FORCE

9.6%



**BUSINESS CYCLE INDEX** 

2.21%



UNEMPLOYMENT

Austin **3.5% A** Texas 4.1%

US 4.2% TOP INDUSTRIES

▶ Professional and Business Services up by

+2,550 Jobs 🔺



+1,470 Jobs ▲



### **DEVELOPMENT OUTLOOK**

#### SAMSUNG SEMICONDUCTOR

PLANT | RR

2,800,000 SF

**Under Construction** 

Samsung

**CTX 110** | HAYS

893,699 SF

Under Construction

Lincoln Property Company

CELL 1 | E

696,093 SF

**Under Construction** 

Tesla

BURLESON TECH - BLDGS A-D | SE

636,961 SF

**Under Construction** 

Holt Lunsford Commercial Inc.

**MUSTANG RIDGE BUSINESS PARK -**

BLDG 2 | SE

538,720 SF

**Under Construction** 

Clay Development & Construction

**AIRPARK 130 - BLDGS 1, 3, & 4** | SE

443,260 SF

**Under Construction** 

Clarius Partners

GTX LOGISTICS PARK - BLDG 2 | GT

412,470 SF

**Under Construction** 

**EQT Exeter** 

12821 TITANIUM ST - BLDGS 1-3 | GT

408,160 SF

**Under Construction** 

Logistic Property Company

PARK79 COMMERCE CENTER -

BLDGS 1-3 | GT

362,191 SF

**Under Construction** 

Quannah Partners

MCCARTY PARK - PHASE 1: BLGS

**1-3** | HAYS

343,729 SF

Under Construction

Trammell Crow

GTX LOGISTICS PARK - BLDGS 3-5 | GT

2,614,160 SF

Proposed Construction

EQT

LAS COLINAS - BLDGS 1-5 | HAYS

1,100,000 SF

**Proposed Construction** 

Aquila

**5270 HWY 71 E** | SE

1,023,000 SF

Proposed Construction

St. Croix

LONE STAR LOGISTICS CENTER |

CALDWELL

1,008,000 SF

Proposed Construction

Related Fund Management

**HUTTO MEGA TECHCENTER - BLDGS** 

1-4 | GT

870,000 SF

Proposed Construction

Titan Development

**AUSTIN HILLS COMMERCE CENTER -**

BLDGS 2, 3, & 6 | E

813,900 SF

**Proposed Construction** 

Sansone Group

LAKESIDE 130 - BLDGS 1-3 | NE

714,490 SF

**Proposed Construction** 

Northpoint Development

HUTTO CROSSING - BLDGS 2-4 | GT

662,379 SF

Recently Delivered

Ironwood Realty Partners

AUSTIN HILLS COMMERCE CENTER -

**BLDGS 1, 4, & 5** | E

544,782 SF

Recently Delivered

Sanson Group

THE ROCK | RR

500,000 SF

Recently Delivered

Switch





## **BURLEBO**

**TESLA** Austin Hills Commerce Center 296,960 SF (Direct)

STONE ALLIANCE Northgate35 Commerce Center **FAR NORTHEAST** 104,884 SF (Direct)

**BURLEBO** Southpark Commerce Center **GEORGETOWN** 95,763 SF (Direct)





The Middle Group

**ACTIVISION BLIZZARD** Davis Spring Corporate Center **CEDAR PARK** 65,365 SF (Direct)

INCORA 8330 Cross Park Dr NORTHEAST 60,878 SF (Direct)

MIDDLE GROUP FOODS **Buda Commerce Center HAYS COUNTY** 56,296 SF (Direct Expansion)

# KEY SALES



**Building 8** 

2100 Limmer Loop

195,523 SF

Partners Seller: Titan Development Price: \$27,959,789

**Price Per SF: \$143.00** 

Buyer: Buchanan Capital



14910 Cameron Road

FAR NORTHEAST 132,214 SF

Buyer: City of Austin Seller: Trammell Crow Price: Undisclosed Price Per SF: Undisclosed



ATX 130 Building 1

6405 Moores Crossing Boulevard

120,440 SF

Buyer: Spaulding Slye Seller: Jackson-Shaw Price: \$24,931,080 **Price Per SF: \$207.00** 



Central Transportation Systems Building

1001 W Howard Lane

100,551 SF

**Buyer: Prudential Overall** Supply Seller: Stonelake Capital

Partners Price: Undisclosed Price Per SF: Undisclosed



## INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS BY VACANCY

### TOTAL WAREHOUSE

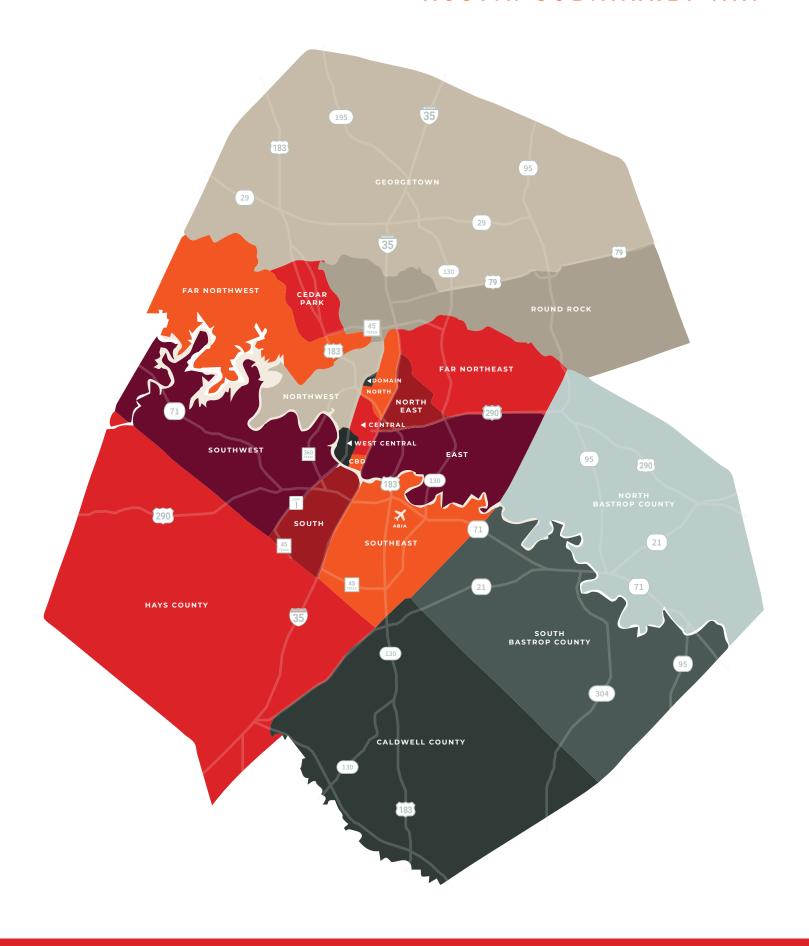
SUBMARKET	TOTAL INV. SF	VACANCY %	AVG. RENTAL RATES
Austin MSA	93,391,335	13.6%	\$12.55
Bastrop	848,711	3.2%	\$6.00
► Caldwell	902,925	19.0%	-
Cedar Park	1,312,128	4.0%	\$17.00
► Central	909,094	2.9%	-
► East	6,239,644	31.7%	\$24.83
► Far Northeast	12,285,883	7.0%	\$14.76
▶ Far Northwest	600,456	4.4%	\$17.00
▶ Georgetown	12,240,837	21.9%	\$10.47
Hays County	13,906,063	10.9%	\$11.45
▶ North	11,448,313	6.3%	\$12.50
Northeast	7,178,348	14.5%	\$11.77
Northwest	1,125,317	11.1%	-
Round Rock	6,653,736	19.1%	\$14.45
▶ South	2,079,571	6.4%	\$14.94
Southeast	14,907,210	13.8%	\$17.40
Southwest	753,099	11.9%	\$18.00

## TOTAL FLEX

SUBMARKET	TOTAL INV. SF	VACANCY %	AVG. RENTAL RATES
► Austin MSA	19,290,614	12.5%	\$17.37
Bastrop	56,525	0%	-
► Caldwell	30,150	0%	-
Cedar Park	721,988	1.8%	\$19.82
► Central	646,500	10.9%	\$12.00
► East	1,376,416	4.3%	
► Far Northeast	407,742	12.9%	\$17.82
► Far Northwest	194,870	20.4%	\$16.86
▶ Georgetown	785,057	30.7%	\$18.76
Hays County	573,184	7.0%	-
North	3,975,970	13.4%	\$20.67
Northeast	3,125,977	14.3%	\$16.95
Northwest	1,732,675	7.3%	\$20.00
Round Rock	1,199,728	13.3%	\$14.79
▶ South	571,060	14.5%	\$14.00
Southeast	3,368,419	14.5%	\$13.96
► Southwest	524,353	11.7%	\$40.66

<sup>\*</sup>Research information is sourced from CoStar data compiled through ECR from custom reports using existing, non-owner occupied properties above 10,000 SF.

## AUSTIN SUBMARKET MAP







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