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Indianapolis Metro Area

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Economic Trends

Over the initial seven months of 2023, employers added a net of nearly 9,300 business and professional services positions, aiding a 3.9 percent gain across traditionally office-using industries. Although hiring within these sectors is expected to curtail over the second half of the year, and these jobs typically have higher annual salaries, marketwide household income growth will increase from 2022's figure and exceed its 1.8 percent long-term average by 140 basis points this year.

Demographic Trends

A second year of net migration inflows on par with pre-pandemic norms will help lift Indianapolis' population growth rate to 1 percent in 2023, its highest figure since 2018. This gain is backed by a 3 percent increase in the 65-plus segment. A higher rate of growth among this cohort is a boon for self-storage demand as this age demographic typically possesses family heirlooms likely to be passed down, requiring additional space.

Supply and Demand Trends

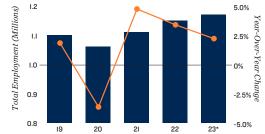
Construction totals in 2023 remain well below recent norms, descending from a fouryear period ending in 2021 in which developers completed an average of 920,000 square feet. As a result, inventory expansion totals 2.6 percent in 2023, which will be a six-year low and trail Indianapolis' 3 percent long-term average. A smaller delivery slate marginally tames the pace of vacancy expansion, though the rate still elevates to 6.0 percent.

Rent Trends

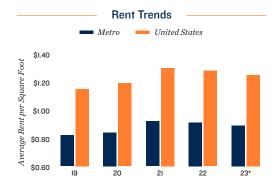
Easing retail sales growth amid slowing employment gains and persistent inflationary pressures, combined with a second consecutive period of triple-digit-basis-point vacancy hikes, sustains rent declines in 2023. This year's adjustment pushes the metro's average asking rate down to \$0.89 per square foot, though still 8.5 percent above its 2019 measure.



Employment Trends Employment Y-O-Y Percent Change







*Forecast

Sources: BLS; Moody's Analytics; Radius+; Yardi Matrix; U.S. Census Bureau

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