



# 495/MetroWest Market Overview

## MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The 495/MetroWest market extends along the I-495 interstate from Westford in the north, to Foxborough in the south, with a wide extension in the middle, along Interstate 90, from Natick in the east to Shrewsbury in the west. The area has morphed from an industrial past into a center of modern business, marked by a growing inventory of Office buildings. The commercial real estate inventory consists of 43.3 million sf of Office, Laboratory, Flex, Warehouse and Manufacturing space spread across 449 properties. The Office market, consisting of 22.3 million sf in 232 properties, has grown in size by 19 percent since 2004, in response to generally buoyant conditions being experienced in the Greater Boston area.

495/MetroWest enjoys a combination of cost advantages and superior transportation connections unique within Eastern Massachusetts. The submarket is situated less than 30 minutes from the Central Business Districts of Boston and Worcester, and along the 495 interstate, an area which has among the highest population growth in the state. 495/MetroWest has a diverse mix of industries including technology, life sciences, medical device manufacturing and energy. The region has been successful drawing both large tenants attracted by the ability to secure large blocks of space as well as mid-size companies enticed by the submarket's 37 percent discount compared to neighboring areas closer to Boston.

## MARKET BEAT

The 495/MetroWest area continues to benefit from Greater Boston's robust real estate market and improved economic conditions.

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The 495/MetroWest West snapped a two-quarter negative absorption streak, positively absorbing 19,000 sf to start 2017.

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Vacancy dropped 0.1 percentage points to 19.5 percent, while the average Class A asking rent rose to \$22.02.

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Leasing activity included Speedline Technologies taking nearly 40,000 sf at 35 Parkwood Drive in Hopkinton, and Disruptor Beam for 30,600 sf at 100 Pennsylvania Avenue in Framingham.

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The Framingham/Natick market experienced 25,000 sf of positive absorption, dropping the vacancy 0.6 percentage points to 11.1 percent.

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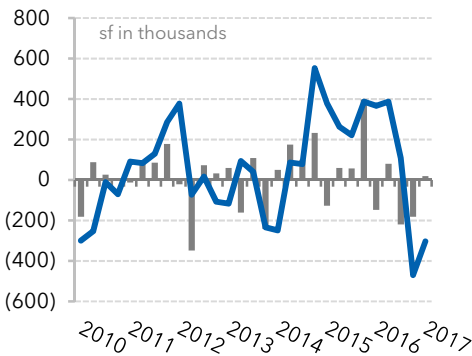
With 41,000 sf positively absorbed this quarter, The Boroughs (Marlborough, Northborough, Southborough, Westborough) have experienced positive absorption in 9 out of the last 12 quarters, amassing 1.1 MSF over that time.

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Interest by large-block tenants for the region's premium assets should continue to drive leasing velocity throughout 2017.

### ABSORPTION

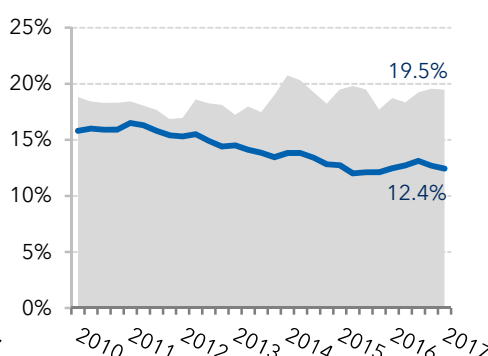
quarterly absorption  
four-quarter trailing absorption



Quarterly absorption was positive ...

### VACANCY

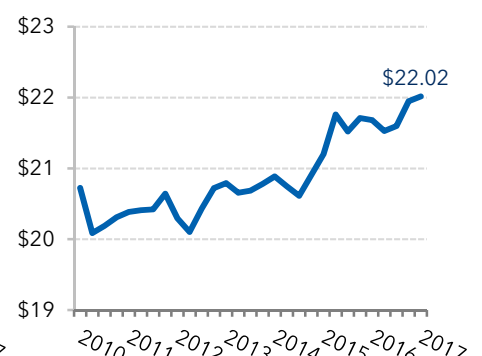
495 west vacancy  
greater boston vacancy



Decreasing vacancy 0.1 percentage points ...

### RENTS

class a asking lease rates



As average Class A asking lease rates remained high.

## LARGEST OCCUPANTS

Office space occupied only; not including future commitments

TENANT	LARGEST PRESENCE	TOTAL SF
Dell-EMC	50 Constitution Blvd, Franklin	1,681,000
Bose	100 Mountain Rd, Framing.	1,450,000
Sanofi-Genzyme	1-5 Mountain Rd, Framingham	1,285,782
TJX Companies	770 Cochituate Rd, Framingham	1,271,000
MathWorks	1 Boston Scientific Pl, Natick	1,149,592
Intel	75 Reed Rd, Hudson	1,020,205
Staples	500 Staples Dr, Framingham	675,000
Boston Scientific	Boston Scientific Way, Marlboro	608,666

## LARGEST OWNERS

Largest property owners; office properties only

OWNER	LARGEST ASSET	TOTAL SF
Dell-EMC	50 Constitution Blvd, Franklin	1,906,000
Carruth Capital	4400 Computer Dr, Westboro	1,859,000
TJX Companies	770 Cochituate Rd, Framing.	1,520,000
Bose	100 Mountain Rd, Framing.	1,206,000
Saracen Properties	Clock Tower Pl, Maynard	1,043,000
Atlantic Management	200 Forest St, Marlborough	745,000
Staples	500 Staples Dr, Framingham	675,000
Normandy Real Estate	Nickerson Rd, Marlborough	573,000

## LARGEST CONTIGUOUS AVAILABILITIES

Contiguous blocks, one listing per property

ADDRESS	AVAILABLE SF	DIR/SUB
4400 Comp. Dr, Westborough	382,000	Direct
111 Powdermill Rd, Maynard	287,037	Direct
9 Technology Dr, Westborough	250,812	Sublet
5 Clock Tower Pl, Maynard	192,429	Direct
2 Results Way, Marlborough	160,494	Direct
251 Locke Dr, Marlborough	154,584	Direct

## NOTABLE SIGNED LEASES

Recent representative transactions

TENANT	CITY	SF LEASED
Wegman's	Natick	274,000
Acacia Communications	Maynard	165,759
Colonial Systems	Littleton	150,000
Life Time Fitness	Framingham	135,000
Stop & Shop	Milford	68,125
Jack's Abby Brewing LLC	Framingham	63,000
DHL Global Mail	Westborough	60,520
Stop & Shop	Milford	54,764
Globalforce	Framingham	52,144
Whole Foods Market	Marlborough	50,000
Babcock Power	Marlborough	46,061
Sierra Trading Post	Framingham	43,629
Verizon Communications	Medway	42,777

## MARKET INTERESTING FUN FACTS

Named after Benjamin Franklin in 1778, The Franklin Public Library is considered America's first public library. Franklin was asked to donate a bell for the town's church steeple. Acknowledging that "sense" was preferable to "sound", Dr. Franklin responded with an offer of books for the use of the town's residents.



The Boston Marathon, also known as Patriots Day, falls on the third Monday of April and is legally a holiday in Massachusetts. This year, more 30,000 people ran in the race, starting in Hopkinton and running the first 12 of 26.2 miles through the 495/MetroWest district, passing through Ashland, Framingham, and Natick.



The Clock Tower at Mill & Main in Maynard, while still used today, needs to be wound by hand. (90 times, once a week, every week)

