

Offices Business Review: Querétaro 1Q 2024



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We combine continuous commercial real estate research with cutting edge software to provide transparency to the industry through impartial and constantly updated market intelligence.

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We work with an extensive network of market participants and maintain constant contact to update information on a monthly basis. In this manner, we ensure that key market data comes directly from the professionals involved in diverse activities that affect commercial real estate in each and every market.

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Market



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Economic outlook

In January 2024, industrial production in Mexico grew 1.9% annually, driven by the construction sector, which increased by 7.9% compared to the same month in 2023. Manufacturing industry saw a decrease of 1.4%, according to the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI).

Employment in the manufacturing industry declined by 1.0% annually during January 2024. The chemical industry was the sector with a 2% increase in employment, but clothing manufacturing contracted by 1.8%.

By the end of 2023, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Mexico reached \$26.158 billion, 27% higher than in 2022, marking a historical peak, according to the Secretariat of Economy.

In January 2024, private consumption experienced an annual growth of 1.3%, driven by imported goods, which increased by 14.2%, according to INEGI.

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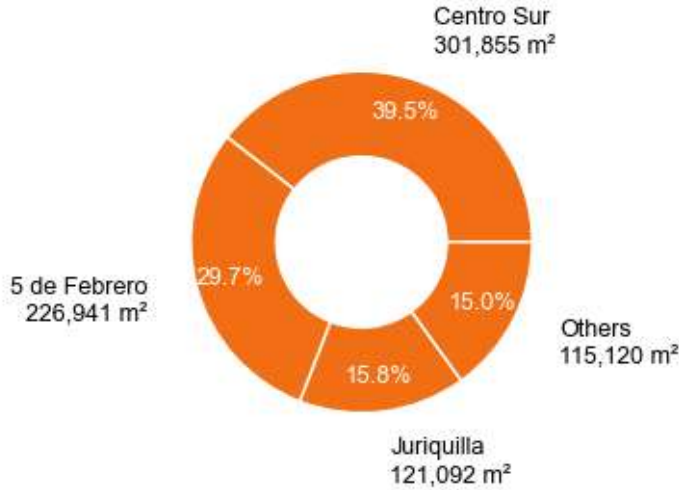
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Summary

1. The northwest region closed 1Q 2024 with a total inventory of 24.9 million square meters (m²).
2. From January to March 2024, the region accumulated construction starts totaling 93,476 square meters (m²), with activity particularly visible in Tijuana.
3. By the end of 1Q 2024, the region added 99,260 square meters (m²) of new spaces, including vacancies and speculative buildings.
4. From January to March 2024, the northwest region recorded a gross absorption of 74,733 square meters (m²).
5. The net absorption accumulated by the region by the end of 1Q 2024 was -15,571 square meters (m²).
6. The northwest region recorded a total availability rate of 5.12%.
7. By the end of 1Q 2024, the average listing price in the region was \$6.51 (USD) per square meter per month.

Inventory

Querétaro closed the 1Q 2024 with an existing inventory of 765,008 m². Centro Sur is the largest corridor, concentrating 39.5% of the inventory, equivalent to 301,855 m², followed by 5 de Febrero with 226,941 m². The inventory under construction was 3,236 m².



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During the 1Q 2024, Querétaro recorded 126 m² of new availability due to vacancies in 5 de Febrero and Centro Sur corridors, with 86 m² and 40 m², respectively.



Gross absorption (YTD)

From January to March 2024, Quanterra's gross absorption totaled 2,166 sq. ft. Three of the six corridors recorded lease transactions, with Corridor 3 and 5 the leaders, starting out at 868 sq. ft. and 716 sq. ft., respectively, representing 40% of the total market absorption.

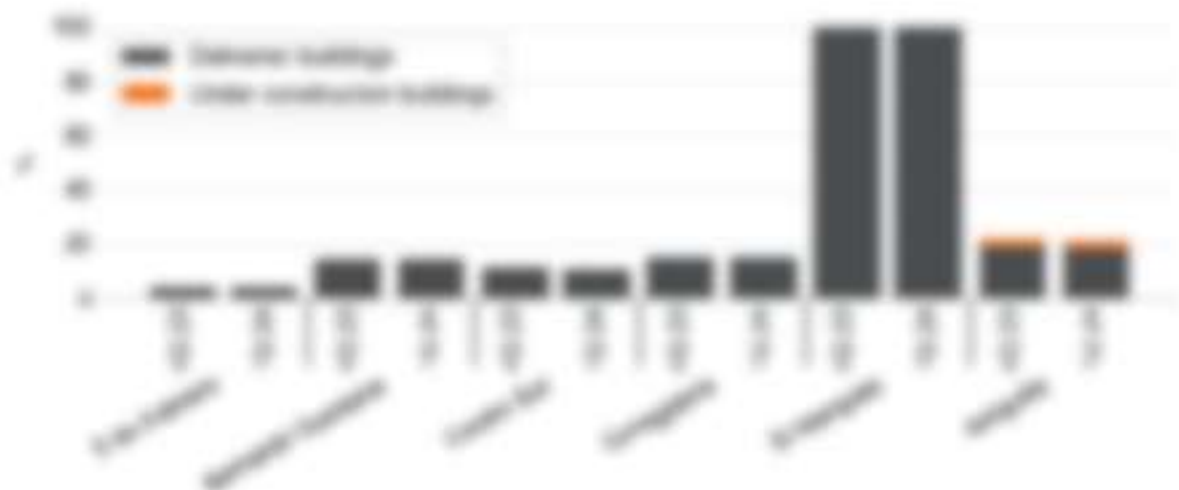


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Availability rate

Quanterra closed the 1Q 2024 with an availability rate of 9.53%, equivalent to 84,838 sq. ft. of existing available space and 8,236 sq. ft. under construction. Corridor 6 recorded the highest availability rate, at 20.70%, composed of 11,246 sq. ft. of existing available space and 8,236 sq. ft. under construction. Corridors 1 followed with 14.82%.



Asking prices

El cierre del 1Q 2024, la región reportó un precio de venta de \$5.77 millones, un incremento de \$0.20 millón respecto al primer trimestre de 2023. Aguascalientes, Querétaro y San Luis Potosí reportaron alza importante en sus precios debido a la menor oferta. Aguascalientes y Querétaro reportaron los precios de venta más altos con \$6.28 millones y \$6.75 millones, respectivamente.



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Looking forward

The Sino region has been characterized by its automotive and logistic focus. Its geographical location has allowed major automakers such as BMW, GM, Volvo, Nissan, among others, to establish themselves in the region, leading to the attraction of automotive supply chains. Alongside the operational industry, the acquisition of land by asset users has remained active, primarily by companies of Chinese origin. This is due to disruptions in supply chains caused by the reworking trend.

In this sense, the automotive industry and reworking have been the driving forces behind the demand for industrial spaces in the Sino region, which increased by 50% in just 1Q 2024 compared to the same period in 2023. Quarterly led the gross absorption, with a 50% increase, driven by automotive industry suppliers such as Yafeng Automotive, dedicated to interior manufacturing.

By the end of 1Q 2024, Agenceras and San Luis Potosí reported

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Meanwhile, San Luis Potosí began 2024 with dynamism in land acquisition and industrial warehouse occupancy. In 1Q 2024, the market saw a 50% increase in industrial space absorption compared to the same period in 2023.

In the first three months of the year, construction activity in the region declined by 30% compared to the same period in 2023. However, speculative construction starts continue to be registered, mainly in Coahuila, with a 200% increase compared to the same period in 2023.

The addition of speculative spaces influenced the increase in available spaces in the region, which grew by 40% in 1Q 2024 compared to 1Q 2023. In terms of vacancy rate, it increased by 16 basis points over the last 12 months, reaching 5.00%.

Like in other regions, asking prices for industrial spaces in the Sino-West continued to experience significant increases. In the last year, prices rose by 10%, reaching \$1.51 USD/sq.m.

Finally, investments have been announced in various markets in the region that will materialize in the coming months. Despite being an election year, the region will continue with the growth and demand pace it has experienced since 2023.

Glossary

Inventory: sum of the area of all existing buildings type A+, A and B according to most developers and institutional brokerage companies of the period.

New spaces: sum of space area that started promotion in the period.

Gross absorption: sum of leased, subleased and sold area during the period.

Availability rate: available area divided by inventory of the period.

Asking prices: weighted average asking price weighted by the available area of the period.

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