

FIGURES | MIDTOWN SOUTH MANHATTAN OFFICE | JUNE 2026

# Availability rate at lowest level since early 2021



Note: Arrows indicate change from previous month.

## QUICK FACTS

- Leasing activity totaled 705,000 sq. ft. in May, 47% above the five-year monthly average of 481,000 sq. ft.
- Year-to-date leasing activity amounted to 3.38 million sq. ft., down 4% from the prior year.
- Renewals totaled 10,000 sq. ft. in May, bringing the year-to-date total to 754,000 sq. ft.
- The availability rate was down 40 basis points (bps) from last month to 17.1% and was down 380 bps from a year ago.
- Net absorption was positive 267,000 sq. ft. in May, bringing the year-to-date total to positive 950,000 sq. ft.
- At \$86.38 per sq. ft., the average asking rent was essentially flat month-over-month and up 2% year-over-year.
- The sublease availability rate was flat from last month at 2.3%, with the average asking rent up 7% from one year ago to \$72.39 per sq. ft.

FIGURE 1: Top Lease Transactions for May 2026

Size (Sq. Ft.)	Deal Type	Direct/ Sublet	Tenant	Address
94,145	L	D	Sierra Technologies	11-15 East 26th Street
74,436	L	D	HDR, Inc.	7 Penn Plaza
46,544	L	D	Atria Health	500 West 18th Street
31,355	L	D	Butterfly Network	11-15 East 26th Street
30,000	L	D	Profound	5 Union Square West

Source: CBRE Research, June 2026. Lease (L), Renewal (R), Expansion (E), Renewal and Expansion (RE), Direct (D), Sublet (S).

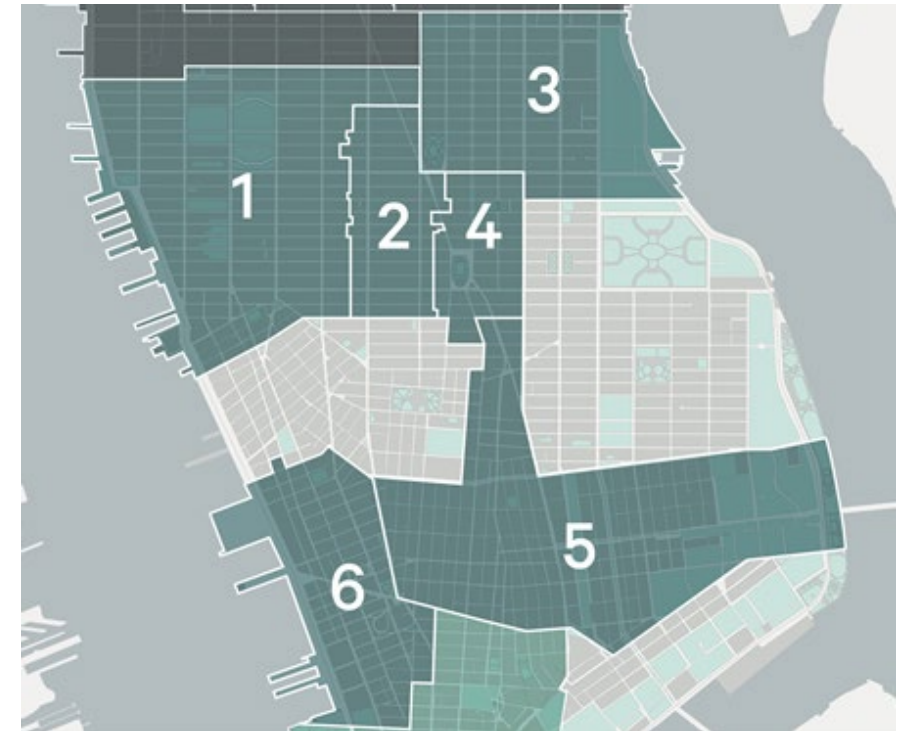
FIGURE 2: Midtown South Market Activity

	May. 2026	Apr. 2026	May. 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Leasing Activity	0.71 MSF	0.77 MSF	1.25 MSF	3.38 MSF	3.51 MSF
Renewals	0.01 MSF	0.42 MSF	0.07 MSF	0.75 MSF	0.56 MSF
Absorption	0.27 MSF	0.17 MSF	0.33 MSF	0.95 MSF	1.57 MSF
Availability Rate	17.1%	17.5%	20.9%		
Vacancy Rate	14.6%	14.9%	18.2%		
Average Asking Rent	\$86.38 PSF	\$85.72 PSF	\$84.41 PSF		
Taking Rent Index	94.2%	94.7%	92.3%		

Source: CBRE Research, June 2026.

### Major New Availabilities

- 96,000 sq. ft. of direct space at 15 Laight Street
- 55,000 sq. ft. of direct space at 57 East 11th Street
- 40,000 sq. ft. of The New School sublet space at 79 Fifth Avenue
- 26,000 sq. ft. of Suno AI sublet space at 520 West 20th Street
- 17,000 sq. ft. of Charlie Health sublet space at 215 Park Avenue South



Submarket		Total Size (MSF)	No. of Buildings
1	Chelsea	18.1	77
2	Flatiron	12.2	73
3	Park Avenue S./Madison Sq.	19.3	57
4	Union Sq.	5.7	38
5	NoHo/SoHo/Lower East Side	9.1	69
6	Hudson Sq./Tribeca	18.2	36
<b>TOTAL INVENTORY</b>		<b>82.6</b>	<b>350</b>

## Definitions

**Availability:** Space that is being actively marketed and is available for tenant build-out within 12 months. Includes space available for sublease as well as space in buildings under construction.

**Asking Rent:** Weighted average asking rent.

**Concession Values:** The combination of rent abatement and T.I. allowance. The graph is for new leases for raw space of 25,000 sq. ft. or greater consummated year-to-date, this excludes expansion and renewal deals.

**Leasing Activity:** Total amount of sq. ft. leased within a specified period of time, including new deals, expansions, and pre-leasing, but excluding renewals.

**Leasing Velocity:** Total amount of sq. ft. leased within a specified period of time, including new deals, expansions, and pre-leasing and renewals.

**Net Absorption:** The change in the amount of committed sq. ft. within a specified period of time, as measured by the change in available sq. ft.

**Rent Abatement:** The time between lease commencement and rent commencement.

**Taking Rent:** Actual, initial base rent in a lease agreement.

**Taking Rent Index:** Initial taking rents as a percentage of asking rents.

## Definitions

**T.I.:** Tenant improvements.

**Vacancy:** Unoccupied space available for lease.

**Percentage of Leasing by Industry:** The percentage of sq. ft. leased by an industry based on transactions where a tenant and industry have been confirmed.

## Survey Criteria

CBRE's market report analyzes fully modernized office buildings that total 20,000+ sq. ft. in Midtown South, including owner-occupied buildings (except those owned and occupied by a government or government agency). New construction must be available for tenant build-out within 12 months. CBRE assembles all information through telephone canvassing and listings received from owners, tenants and members of the commercial real estate brokerage community.

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