

FIGURES | MANHATTAN OFFICE | JUNE 2026

Monthly leasing activity eclipses 3 million sq. ft. for the second time since 2019



Note: Arrows indicate change from previous month.

QUICK FACTS

- Leasing activity totaled 3.02 million sq. ft. in May, 43% above the five-year monthly average of 2.10 million sq. ft.
- Year-to-date leasing activity amounted to 12.78 million sq. ft., in line with leasing one year ago.
- Renewals totaled 905,000 sq. ft. in May, bringing the year-to-date total to 4.87 million sq. ft.
- The availability rate was down 10 basis points (bps) from last month to 14.5% and was down 310 bps year-over-year.
- Net absorption was positive 490,000 sq. ft. in May, bringing the year-to-date total to positive 4.42 million sq. ft.
- At \$80.42 per sq. ft., the average asking rent was up 2% month-over-month and up 5% year-over-year.
- The sublease availability rate was up 10 bps from last month to 2.6%, with the average asking rent up 5% from one year ago to \$60.45 per sq. ft.

FIGURE 1: Top Lease Transactions for May 2026

Size (Sq. Ft.)	Deal Type	Direct/ Sublet	Tenant	Address	Market
249,054	RE	D	Versant Media	229 West 43rd Street	Midtown
120,026	RE	D	Baker & McKenzie	452 Fifth Avenue	Midtown
93,020	E	D	CV Starr & Company	343 Madison Avenue	Midtown
94,145	L	D	Sierra Technologies	11-15 East 26th Street	Midtown South
74,436	L	D	HDR, Inc.	7 Penn Plaza	Midtown South

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

FIGURE 2: Manhattan Market Activity

	May.2026	Apr. 2026	May 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Leasing Activity	3.02 MSF	2.75 MSF	2.53 MSF	12.78 MSF	12.88 MSF
Renewals	0.90 MSF	0.70 MSF	0.57 MSF	4.87 MSF	3.04 MSF
Absorption	0.49 MSF	1.86 MSF	0.58 MSF	4.42 MSF	4.92 MSF
Availability Rate	14.5%	14.6%	17.6%		
Vacancy Rate	11.7%	11.9%	14.2%		
Average Asking Rent	\$80.42 PSF	\$78.93 PSF	\$76.44 PSF		
Taking Rent Index	94.8%	95.8%	92.5%		

FIGURE 3: Midtown Market Activity

	May.2026	Apr. 2026	May 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Leasing Activity	1.97 MSF	1.41 MSF	1.09 MSF	7.58 MSF	7.64 MSF
Renewals	0.82 MSF	0.09 MSF	0.18 MSF	3.70 MSF	1.56 MSF
Absorption	(0.03) MSF	0.00 MSF	0.70 MSF	1.58 MSF	3.04 MSF
Availability Rate	12.8%	12.8%	15.3%		
Vacancy Rate	10.0%	10.2%	12.1%		
Average Asking Rent	\$86.55 PSF	\$84.77 PSF	\$81.62 PSF		
Taking Rent Index	94.9%	96.2%	93.3%		

Source: CBRE Research, June 2026.

FIGURE 4: 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%		

FIGURE 5: Downtown Market Activity

	May.2026	Apr. 2026	May 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Leasing Activity	0.34 MSF	0.57 MSF	0.19 MSF	1.82 MSF	1.74 MSF
Renewals	0.07 MSF	0.19 MSF	0.32 MSF	0.42 MSF	0.92 MSF
Absorption	0.25 MSF	1.69 MSF	(0.45) MSF	1.89 MSF	0.32 MSF
Availability Rate	16.9%	17.2%	20.9%		
Vacancy Rate	14.0%	14.1%	16.5%		
Average Asking Rent	\$61.14 PSF	\$59.62 PSF	\$57.43 PSF		
Taking Rent Index	93.5%	92.1%	88.4%		

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 150,000+ sq. ft. in Midtown, 75,000+ sq. ft. in Downtown, and 50,000+ 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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