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OFFICE MARKET OVERVIEW

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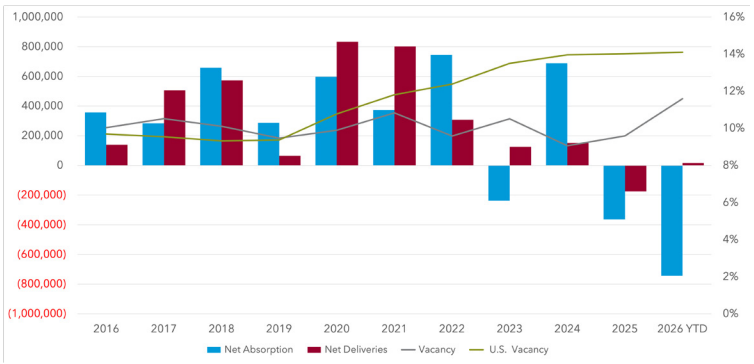
Durham's office market moved the opposite way from Raleigh's in Q3 2026. Tenants gave back roughly 504,000 SF in the quarter alone, deepening 12-month net absorption to a loss of 611,860 SF and lifting vacancy to 11.2% from 9.8% in Q2. With only 25,200 SF under construction, the rise came from move-outs, not new supply. Asking rents held flat at $28.55/SF. Pricing is splitting by quality: Highwoods sold two Creekstone Drive buildings, 160,755 SF combined, for $72/SF, about a third of the $223/SF market average. For tenants, that gap points to more leverage in older suburban buildings.

MARKET INDICATORS	Q3 2026	Q2 2026	Q1 2026	Q4 2025	Q3 2025
▼ 12 Mo. Net Absorption SF	(611,860)	(155,947)	(143,492)	(363,412)	(170,015)
▲ Vacancy Rate	11.2%	9.8%	9.1%	9.6%	9.9%
▲ Avg NNN Asking Rent PSF	$28.55	$28.52	$28.40	$28.39	$28.55
▲ Sale Price PSF	$223	$222	$220	$217	$203
◄ ► Cap Rate	8.7%	8.7%	8.8%	8.9%	9.2%
▼ Under Construction	25,200	28,200	43,200	43,200	43,200
▲ Inventory	37,929,104	37,927,496	37,912,496	37,912,496	38,084,043

NET ABSORPTION, NET DELIVERIES, & VACANCY



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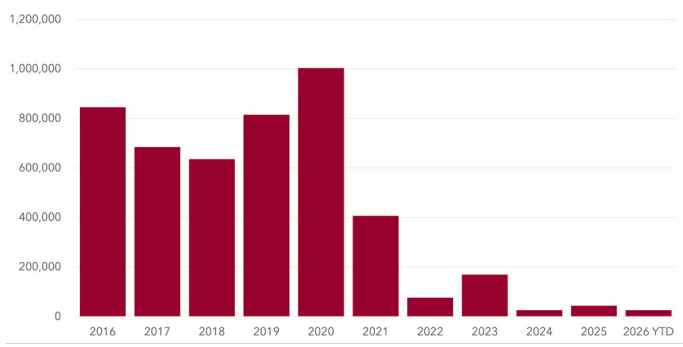

TOP SALE TRANSACTIONS BY SF	SIZE	SALE PRICE	BUYER / SELLER	BUILDING CLASS
4625 Creekstone Dr Durham, NC	89,392 SF	$5,963,850 $66.72 PSF	Kotarides Highwoods Properties	3 Star Office
4601 Creekstone Dr Durham, NC	71,363 SF	$5,686,150 $79.68 PSF	Kotarides Highwoods Properties	3 Star Office
415 W NC Hwy 54 Durham, NC	6,620 SF	$1,600,000 $241.69 PSF	Liaisons Community Care RHGC Investments	3 Star Office

TOP LEASE TRANSACTIONS BY SF	SIZE	LANDLORD	TENANT	TENANT INDUSTRY
2525 Meridian Pky Durham, NC	12,882 SF	Torchlight Investors	Accesso Partners	Real Estate Services
2510 Meridian Pky Durham, NC	12,190 SF	Accesso Partners	Undisclosed	Undisclosed
280 S Mangum St Durham, NC	8,735 SF	Capitol Broadcasting Co	Undisclosed	Undisclosed

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