

Austin Retail, Q1 2018

# High occupancy with flat absorption; leasing activity awaits push from construction deliveries

Occupancy **96.2%**

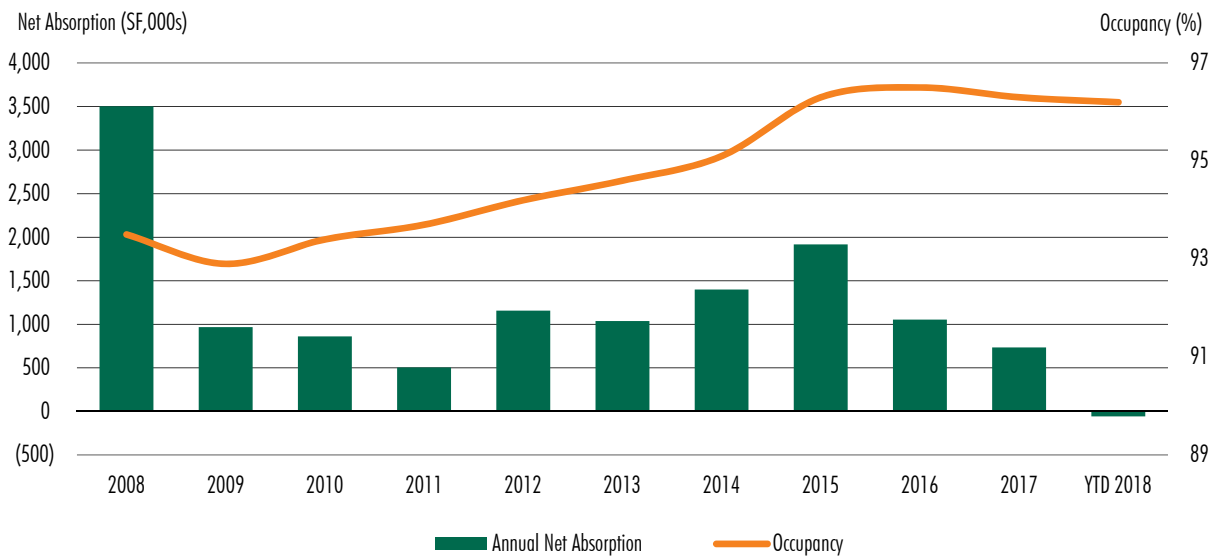
Under Construction **629,446 SF**

Completions **408,918 SF**

Net Absorption **(57,202) SF**

\*Arrows indicate trend from previous quarter.

Figure 1: Net Absorption and Market Occupancy



Source: CBRE Research, Q1 2018.

**OCCUPANCY REMAINS AT ALL-TIME HIGHS; HOLDING STEADY AT 96%**

Austin’s tightening retail market, strong construction pipeline and heavily pre-leased deliveries have caused occupancy to remain at an all-time high. However, as completions take longer to come online, occupancy and rental rates are expected to level off in the short-term before picking back up later in the year.

**TWO MAJOR PROJECT DELIVERIES COME ONLINE**

In Q1 2018, Belterra Village and Oak Meadows Marketplace were delivered to the market, responsible for a combined 311,500-sq.-ft. Located in Austin and Georgetown respectively, tenants include Randalls Grocery, Sky Cinemas, and Hat Creek Burger.

**RETAIL AND MIXED-USE PROJECTS CONTINUE TO LOOK TOWARDS SOUTHWEST AUSTIN**

With the prevalence of available land south of Highway 290, developers and retailers alike continue to focus on the projected growth and population gains of southwest Austin. As multi-family communities continue to break ground, the demand for restaurant and amenity based retail are expected to increase.

**TOYS R US ANNOUNCES SURPRISE LIQUIDATION OF ITS NATIONWIDE PORTFOLIO**

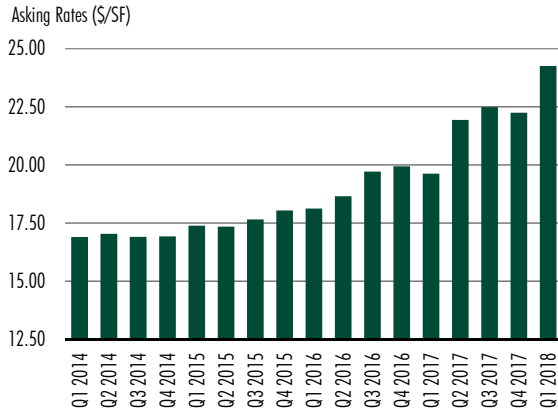
In March, Toys R Us filed a motion seeking bankruptcy court approval to begin liquidation of its 735 U.S and Puerto Rico stores. The closures are expected to occur within the first nine months of 2018. In the Austin area alone, the retailer is responsible for four locations, accounting for over 125,000-sq.-ft. of space.

**Figure 2: Historical Market Statistics**

	2017	YTD 2018
<b>BASTROP COUNTY</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	(16,461)	(626)
Delivered Construction (SF)	-	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	96.7	97.1
<b>CALDWELL COUNTY</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	(1,525)	6,203
Delivered Construction (SF)	-	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	97.1	97.5
<b>CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	9,080	(3,709)
Delivered Construction (SF)	-	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	98.7	94.4
<b>CEDAR PARK</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	394,795	(21,699)
Delivered Construction (SF)	372,515	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	96.8	95.5
<b>CENTRAL</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	(35,491)	(7,631)
Delivered Construction (SF)	-	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	94.2	95.2
<b>EAST</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	(28,767)	8,785
Delivered Construction (SF)	32,600	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	97.4	94.5
<b>FAR NORTHEAST</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	71,182	17,226
Delivered Construction (SF)	112,872	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	96.8	95.2
<b>FAR NORTHWEST</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	(4,542)	56,189
Delivered Construction (SF)	15,000	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	92.2	95.2
<b>GEORGETOWN</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	69,161	8,806
Delivered Construction (SF)	58,200	100,068
Occupancy Rate (%)	95.4	95.2
<b>HAYS COUNTY</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	68,409	(13,582)
Delivered Construction (SF)	26,000	245,150
Occupancy Rate (%)	98.0	95.2
<b>NORTH</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	(36,779)	20,453
Delivered Construction (SF)	27,988	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	97.1	95.2
<b>NORTHEAST</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	19,660	(120,033)
Delivered Construction (SF)	11,000	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	94.0	93.0
<b>NORTHWEST</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	125,701	22,004
Delivered Construction (SF)	36,600	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	96.8	94.7
<b>ROUND ROCK</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	91,810	(1,126)
Delivered Construction (SF)	171,194	14,000
Occupancy Rate (%)	93.6	95.0
<b>SOUTH &amp; SOUTHEAST</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	3,623	(775)
Delivered Construction (SF)	11,050	38,700
Occupancy Rate (%)	97.3	95.1
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	7,149	(19,457)
Delivered Construction (SF)	56,390	11,000
Occupancy Rate (%)	97.7	94.7
<b>WEST CENTRAL</b>		
Absorption (Net, SF)	(3,063)	(8,230)
Delivered Construction (SF)	-	-
Occupancy Rate (%)	99.1	94.7
<b>AUSTIN MARKET TOTAL</b>		
<b>Absorption (Net, SF)</b>	<b>733,942</b>	<b>(57,202)</b>
<b>Delivered Construction (SF)</b>	<b>931,409</b>	<b>408,918</b>
<b>Occupancy Rate (%)</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>96.2</b>

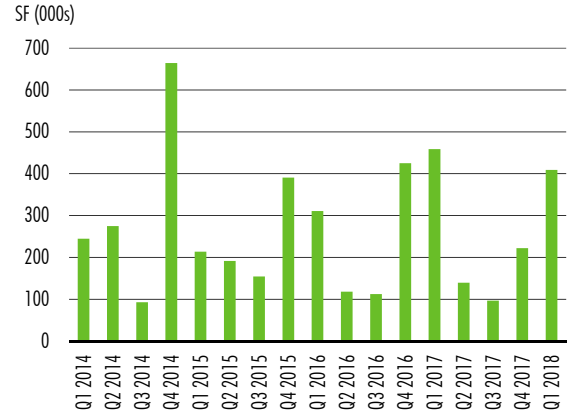
Source: CBRE Research, Q1 2018.

Figure 3: Asking Annual Rents, NNN Avg.



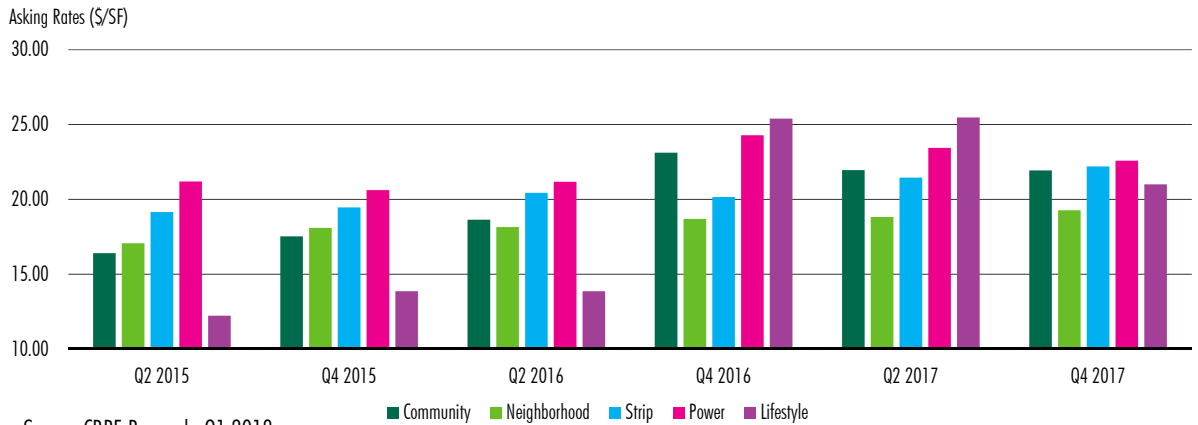
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Figure 4: Deliveries



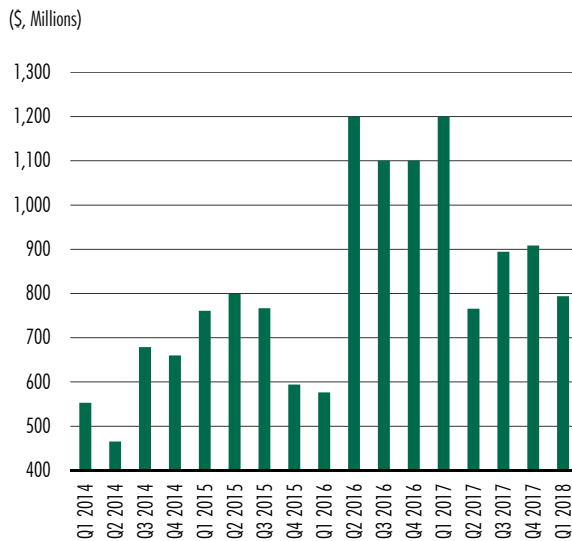
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Figure 5: Asking Annual Rents by Center Type, NNN Avg.



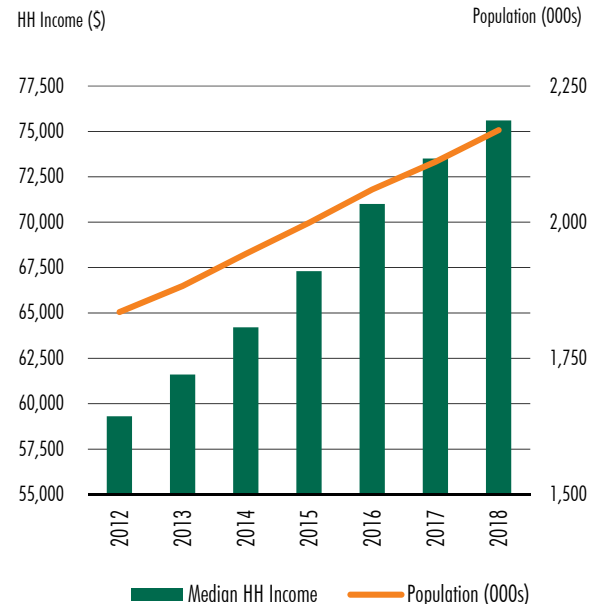
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Figure 6: Retail Investment Sales Volume

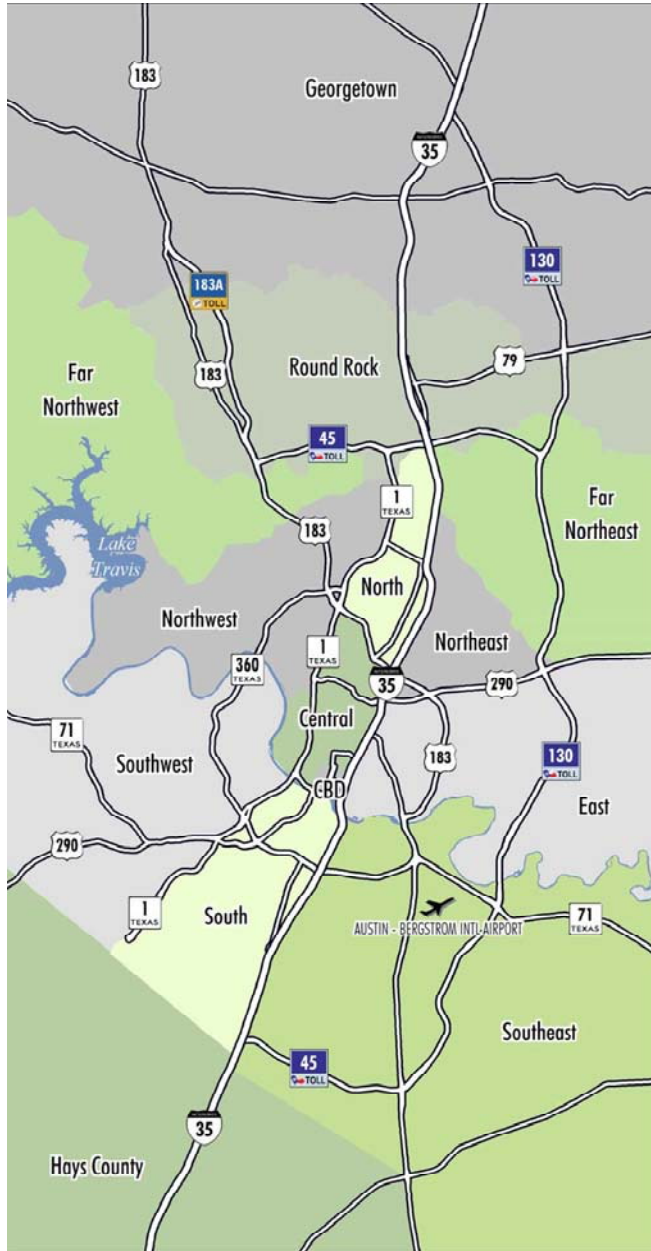


Source: Real Capital Analytics, Q1 2018.

Figure 7: Population Growth and Purchasing Power



Source Moody's Analytics, Q1 2018.



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