# GREENVILLE/SPARTANBURG

**OFFICE Q1 2025** 





#### **ECONOMY**

As 2025 began, Greenville-Spartanburg remained a standout market nationally amid shifting economic and political conditions. Out of more than 100 tracked metros, the region ranked sixth for year-over-year (YOY) total job growth, with employment rising 1.7%. Both the financial activities and professional & business services sectors contributed equally, each growing 1.7% YOY. With its rising national profile, strong quality of life, and affordable cost of living, Greenville-Spartanburg is well-positioned for sustained economic expansion.

## **SUPPLY and DEMAND**

Greenville-Spartanburg reported a slight uptick in office vacancy in Q1, which rose 30 basis points (bps) quarter-over-quarter (QOQ) to 11.1% overall. The increase was primarily concentrated in Class B space, which noted a 70-bp rise to 14.7%, reflecting continued flight-to-quality trends. Tenants have increasingly prioritized smaller, higher-quality office space in urban cores with strong surrounding amenities, shifting away from larger footprints. This was reflected in Greenville's Central Business District (CBD) Class A vacancy, which remained extremely tight at just 1.9%. With no new supply in the pipeline, vacancy in this submarket is expected to tighten further, pushing tenant demand into surrounding areas with more available options.

Overall leasing activity slowed in Q1, with just over 96,000 square feet (sf) of new leases signed, down 49.9% from the 2024 quarterly average of approximately 192,000 sf. As availability in the CBD remained limited, demand started to spill into adjacent submarkets, evidenced by Greenville CBD and Southeast Greenville accounting for 90.0% of all new leasing activity across the metro. Nonetheless, softening demand and space consolidation efforts led to negative net absorption of nearly 62,000 sf in Q1, driven by large tenants returning excess space to better align with evolving workplace strategies.

#### **PRICING**

Average asking rents increased slightly QOQ to \$23.60 per square foot (psf), staying close to the 2024 average. As Class A availability tightened, most of the remaining inventory was lower-tier product. This pulled average Class A asking rents down to \$26.41 psf, narrowing the gap with Class B rates at \$24.25 psf. The spread has nearly halved since Q1 2022. However, this does not reflect true demand, as Greenville CBD Class A asking rates rose 12.3% QOQ to a record \$38.51 psf, driven by scarcity and continued demand for top-tier space.

## **SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES**



## **OVERALL VACANCY & ASKING RENT**



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## **MARKET STATISTICS**

| SUBMARKET            | INVENTORY<br>(SF) | SUBLET VACANT<br>(SF) | DIRECT<br>VACANT<br>(SF) | OVERALL<br>VACANCY RATE | CURRENT QTR<br>OVERALL NET<br>ABSORPTION (SF) | YTD OVERALL<br>NET ABSORPTION<br>(SF) | YTD LEASING<br>ACTIVITY<br>(SF) | UNDER<br>CONSTRUCTION<br>(SF) | OVERALL AVG<br>ASKING RENT<br>(ALL CLASSES)* | OVERALL AVG<br>ASKING RENT<br>(CLASS A)* |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Greenville CBD       | 5,279,800         | 767,976               | 12,673                   | 14.8%                   | -61,987                                       | -61,987                               | 38,060                          | 0                             | \$27.69                                      | \$38.51                                  |
| Spartanburg CBD      | 1,387,909         | 51,173                | 0                        | 3.7%                    | -4,517  | -4,517                                | 0                               | 0                             | \$25.63                                      | \$27.00                                  |
| Anderson County      | 1,269,430         | 24,137                | 0                        | 1.9%                    | 8,000   | 8,000                                 | 0                               | 0                             | \$16.91                                      | -  |
| Cherokee County      | 102,730           | 0                     | 0                        | 0.0%                    | 0   | 0                                     | 0                               | 0                             | -  | -  |
| Laurens County       | 137,920           | 0                     | 0                        | 0.0%                    | 0   | 0                                     | 0                               | 0                             | -  | -  |
| Northeast Greenville | 1,963,620         | 228,043               | 9,700                    | 12.1%                   | 1,373   | 1,373                                 | 9,622                           | 0                             | \$19.67                                      | -  |
| Northwest Greenville | 461,603           | 27,005                | 5,000                    | 6.9%                    | 6,986   | 6,986                                 | 0                               | 0                             | \$27.14                                      | -  |
| Pickens County       | 502,863           | 8,807                 | 0                        | 1.8%                    | 0   | 0                                     | 0                               | 0                             | \$15.75                                      | -  |
| Southeast Greenville | 8,721,952         | 892,181               | 243,890                  | 13.0%                   | -31,564                                       | -31,564                               | 48,503                          | 0                             | \$22.32                                      | \$25.87                                  |
| Southwest Greenville | 504,079           | 130,536               | 0                        | 25.9%                   | 0   | 0                                     | 0                               | 0                             | \$16.00                                      | -  |
| Spartanburg Suburban | 1,640,494         | 32,087                | 0                        | 2.0%                    | 12,609  | 12,609                                | 0                               | 0                             | \$17.69                                      | -  |
| GREENVILLE TOTALS    | 21,972,400        | 2,161,945             | 271,263                  | 11.1%                   | -69,100                                       | -69,100                               | 96,185                          | 0                             | \$23.60                                      | \$26.41                                  |

<sup>\*</sup>Rental rates reflect full service asking

## **KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q1 2025**

| PROPERTY                    | SUBMARKET            | TENANT                                      | SF     | ТҮРЕ      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|--------|-----------|
| Two Liberty Square          | Greenville CBD       | Newrez                                      | 75,000 | Renewal   |
| 2 Independence Pointe       | Southeast Greenville | Safe-Guard                                  | 30,273 | New Lease |
| The Field House at West End | Greenville CBD       | First Bank of the Lake                      | 15,020 | New Lease |
| One Liberty Square          | Greenville CBD       | Undisclosed                                 | 14,000 | New Lease |
| 317 St. Francis Dr          | Southwest Greenville | Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, Inc. | 11,368 | New Lease |
| Piedmont Center West        | Southeast Greenville | South Carolina Learns                       | 11,021 | New Lease |

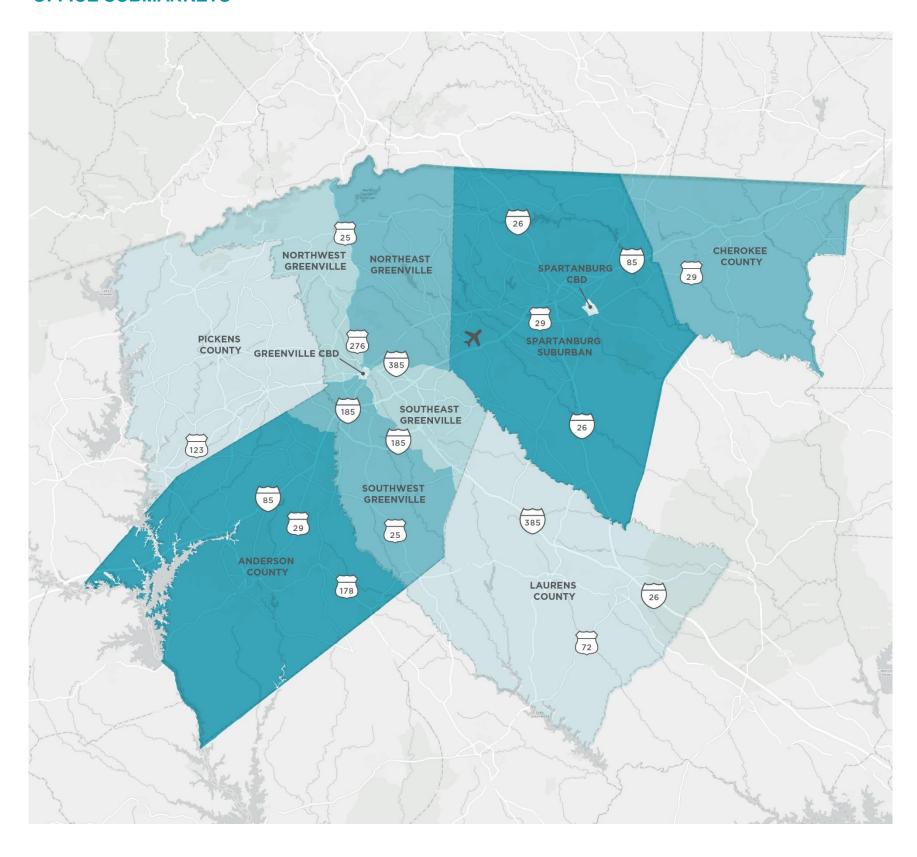
<sup>\*</sup>Renewals not included in leasing statistics

## **KEY SALE TRANSACTIONS Q1 2025**

| PROPERTY                 | SUBMARKET            | SELLER   BUYER                                    | SF     | PRICE   \$ PSF     |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---|--------|--------------------|
| O'Neal Building          | Southeast Greenville | O'Neal Inc.   Carroll Daniel Construction Company | 86,280 | \$12.2M   \$141.40 |
| The Merit Group Building | Spartanburg Suburban | The Merit Distribution Group   Nicolas Gonzalez   | 31,498 | \$3.4M   \$107.94  |

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## **OFFICE SUBMARKETS**



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