COSTAR COMMERCIAL REPEAT-SALE INDICES

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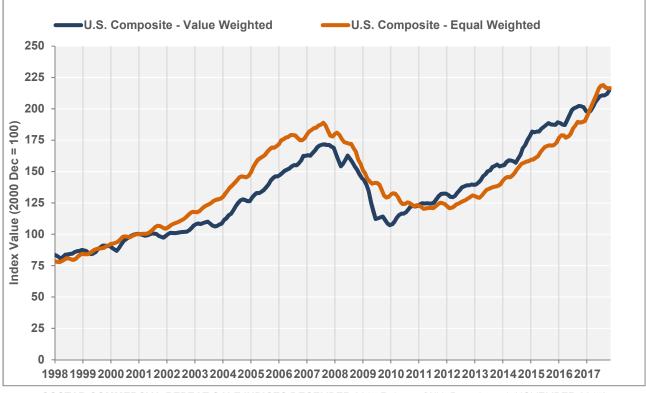
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### REAL ESTATE UPCYCLE CONTINUES AS COSTAR COMPOSITE PRICE INDICES APPROACH YEAR END WITH MODERATE GAINS

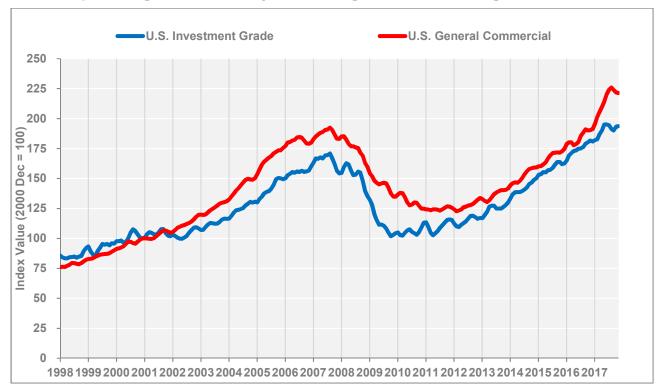
SOLID ABSORPTION AND SALE VOLUME SUPPORT PRICE GROWTH

This month's CoStar Commercial Repeat Sale Indices (CCRSI) provides the market's first look at commercial real estate pricing trends through November 2017. Based on 953 repeat sale pairs in November 2017 and more than 185,000 repeat sales since 1996, the CCRSI offers the broadest measure of commercial real estate repeat sales activity.

U.S. Composite Indices: Equal- And Value-Weighted, Data Through November 2017

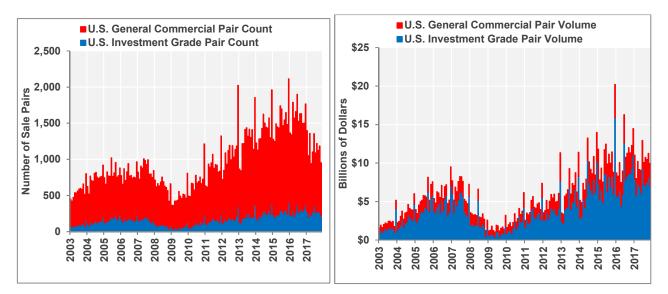


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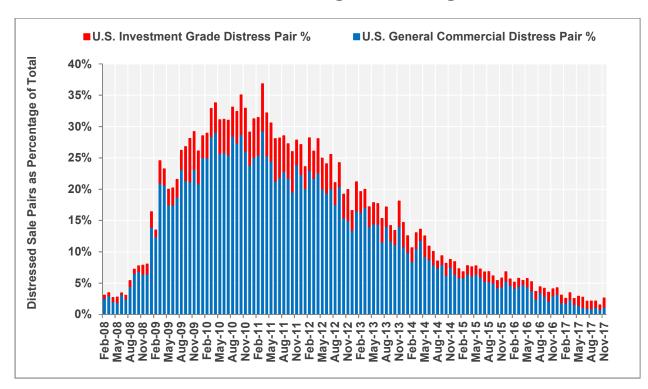


U.S. Equal-Weighted Indices By Market Segment, Data Through November 2017

U.S. Pair Count, Data Through November 2017 U.S. Pair Volume, Data Through November 2017

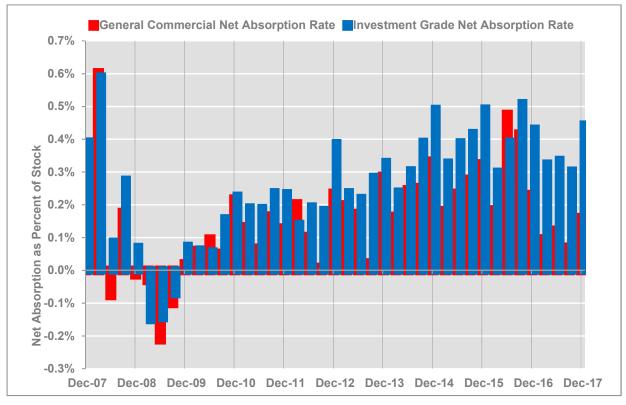


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U.S. Distress Sale Pairs Percentage, Data Through November 2017

Market Fundamentals, Data Through December 2017



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## **CCRSI National Results Highlights**

- COMPOSITE PRICE INDICES HEAD INTO YEAR-END WITH MODERATE GAINS. Both the value-weighted U.S. Composite Index, which reflects larger asset sales common in core markets, and the equal-weighted U.S. Composite Index, which reflects the more numerous but lower-priced property sales typical of secondary and tertiary markets, advanced by a healthy margin over the 12 months ended in November 2017. However, the momentum in pricing is still strongest in the equalweighted index. The equal-weighted U.S. Composite Index was up 14.2% in the 12month period ended in November 2017, while the value-weighted U.S. Composite Index rose a more modest 6.2% in the same period.
- PRICING MOMENTUM REMAINS STRONGER AT LOW END OF MARKET WITHIN THE EQUAL-WEIGHTED INDEX. The divergence in price growth in the composite indices was also reflected in the two sub-indices of the equal-weighted Composite Index. The General Commercial segment, which is influenced by smaller, lowerpriced properties, increased 16.3% in the 12-month period ended in November 2017. Meanwhile, the Investment-Grade Index, which is influenced by higher-value properties, rose by 6.6% in the same period. The recent momentum in the General Commercial segment demonstrates the breadth of the pricing recovery.
- RATE OF COMMERCIAL SPACE ABSORPTION HAS MODERATED. The rate of net absorption as a share of total inventory has slowed from prior years. The net absorption rate across the three major property types—office, retail, and industrial—is projected to increase modestly by 0.3% in 2017, slightly lower than the 0.4% absorption rate in 2015–2016, due in part to an increase in construction at this point in the cycle. Still, net absorption is expected to total 524.1 million square feet across the three property types for the full year of 2017, a return to 2013–2014 average levels.
- TRANSACTION VOLUME LOWER THAN PRIOR YEAR BUT STILL ROBUST. Composite pair volume of \$127.4 billion in the 12-month period ended in November 2017 was 7.5%lower than the same period in 2016. However, transaction volume was still one of the highest annual totals on record for the CCRSI. Commercial real estate transaction activity has continued to benefit from a low-interest-rate environment. However, concerns over concentration risk and peak pricing in some markets and property types may be contributing to slower repeat sale trading volume.

## Monthly CCRSI Results, Data Through November 2017

	1 Month Earlier	1 Quarter Earlier	1 Year Earlier	Trough to Current
Value-Weighted U.S. Composite Index	1.3%	1.9%	6.2%	100.0% <sup>1</sup>
Equal-Weighted U.S. Composite Index	0.0%	-1.1%	14.2%	79.9% <sup>2</sup>
U.S. Investment-Grade Index	0.3%	1.2%	6.6%	89.3% <sup>3</sup>
U.S. General Commercial Index	-0.3%	-2.1%	16.3%	79.3% <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Trough Date: January 2010 <sup>2</sup> Trough Date: March 2011 <sup>3</sup> Trough Date: March 2010 <sup>4</sup> Trough Date: March 2011

## Market Fundamentals Data Through December 2017

	Annual Net Absorption (in minors of square reet)			
	2014Q4	2015Q4	2016Q4	2017Q4
Aggregate	632.9	704.7	774.0	524.1
Investment Grade	421.2	487.0	493.8	427.7
General Commercial	211.7	217.7	280.3	96.4

#### Annual Net Absorption (in millions of square feet)

Note: "Net Absorption" is the change in occupied space, calculated based on three types of properties: office, retail, and industrial.

#### About The CoStar Commercial Repeat-Sale Indices

The CoStar Commercial Repeat-Sale Indices (CCRSI) is the most comprehensive and accurate measure of commercial real estate prices in the United States. In addition to the national Composite Index (presented in both equal-weighted and value-weighted versions), national Investment-Grade Index, and national General Commercial Index, which we report monthly, we report quarterly on 30 sub-indices in the CoStar index family. The sub-indices include breakdowns by property sector (office, industrial, retail, multifamily, hospitality, and land), by region of the country (Northeast, South, Midwest, and West), by transaction size and quality (general commercial, investment-grade), and by market size (composite index of the prime market areas in the country).

The CoStar indices are constructed using a repeat sales methodology, widely considered the most accurate measure of price changes for real estate. This methodology measures the movement in the prices of commercial properties by collecting data on actual transaction prices. When a property is sold more than once, a sales pair is created. The prices from the first and second sales are then used to calculate price movement for the property. The aggregated price changes from all of the sales pairs are used to create a price index.

Available Monthly And Quarterly CCRSI Indices					
National Composite CRE Price Index	National Indices by Property Type	Regional Indices	Regional Indices by Property Type	Prime Market Indices by Property Type	
All Properties	Office	Northeast	Northeast: Office, Multifamily, Industrial, Retail	Office	
General Commercial	Retail	Midwest	Midwest: Office, Multifamily, Industrial, Retail	Multifamily	
Investment- Grade	Industrial	South	South: Office, Multifamily, Industrial, Retail	Industrial	
	Multifamily	West	West: Office, Multifamily, Industrial, Retail	Retail	
	Hospitality				
	Land				

#### Available Monthly And Quarterly CCRSI Indices

#### Prime Office Markets

#### Prime Industrial Markets

CBSA Listed Alphabetically	CBSA Listed Alphabetically
Boston	Atlanta
Los Angeles	Chicago
New York	Dallas
Orange County	Houston
San Francisco	Los Angeles
Seattle	Northern New Jersey
Washington, D.C.	Riverside
	Seattle

#### Prime Retail Markets

CBSA Listed Alphabetically	CBSA Listed Alphabetically
Boston	Boston
Los Angeles	Chicago
New York	Houston
Orange County	Los Angeles
San Diego	New York
San Francisco	Orange County
San Jose	San Francisco
Washington, D.C.	San Jose
	Seattle
	Washington, D.C.

**Prime Multifamily Markets** 

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For more information about the CCRSI Indices, including the full accompanying data set and research methodology, legal notices and disclaimer, please visit <u>http://costargroup.com/costar-news/ccrsi</u>.

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