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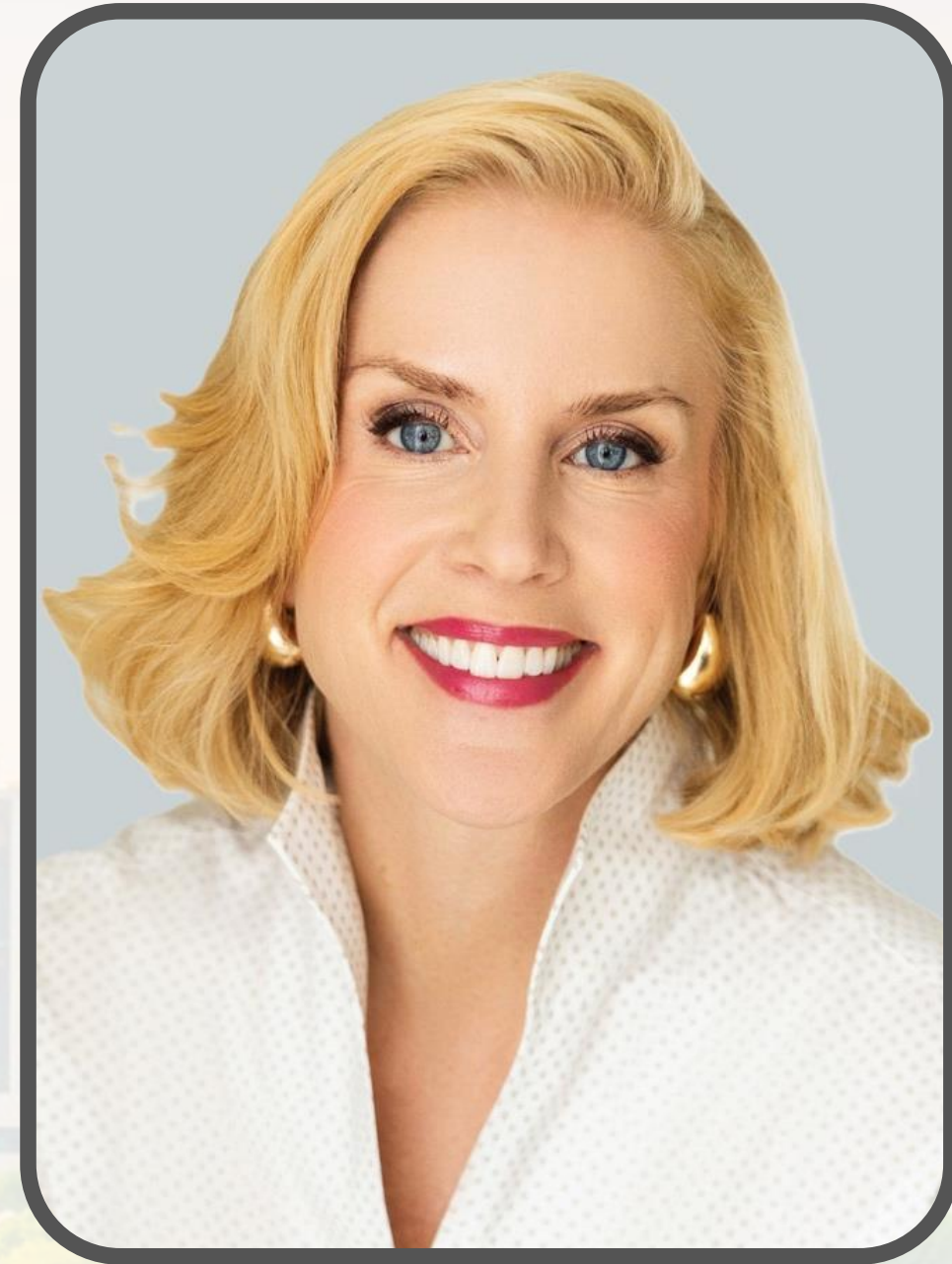
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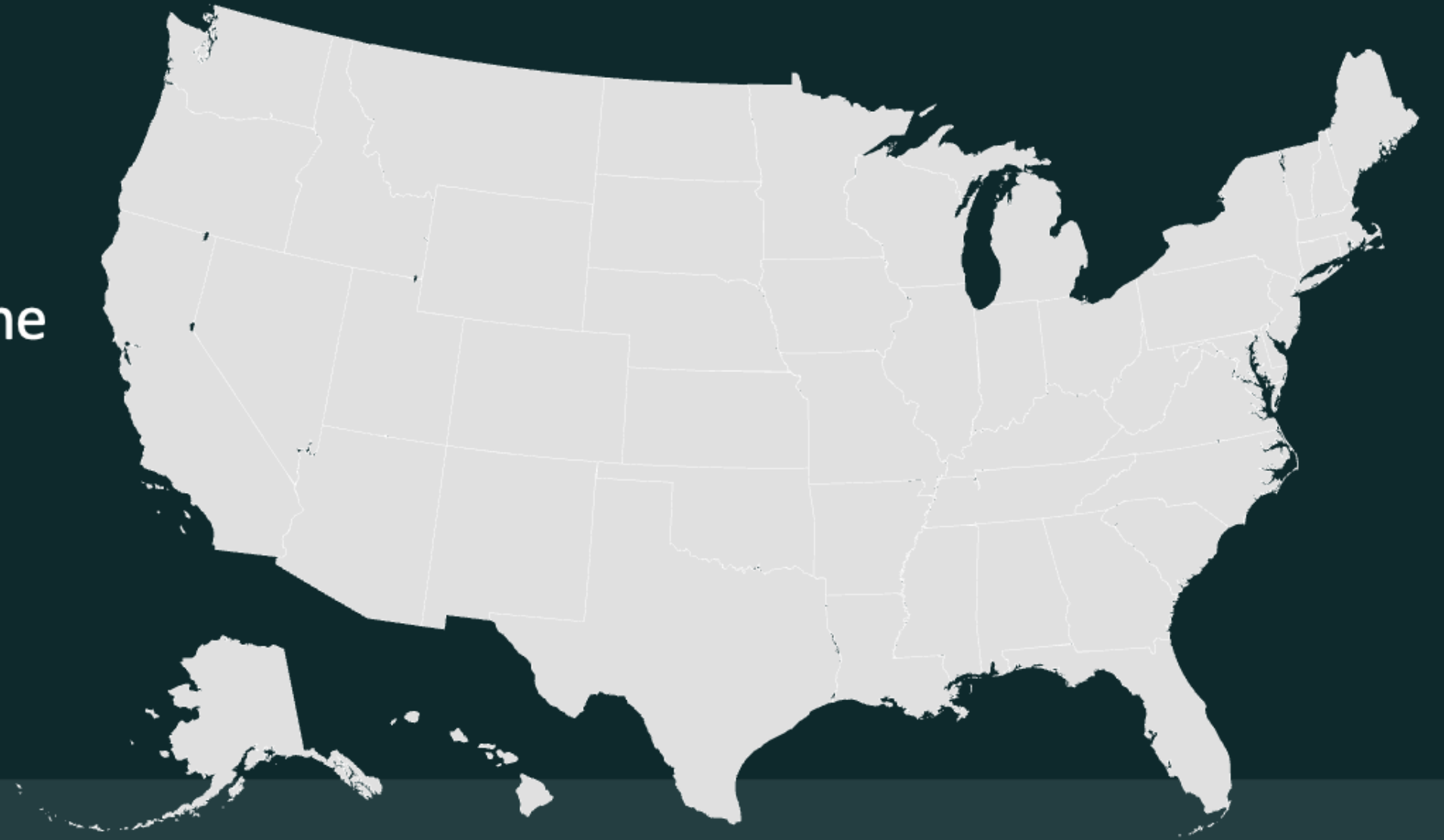
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National Trends Highlights

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- Geopolitical dynamics
- Interest rates
- Consumer confidence
- Investment volume



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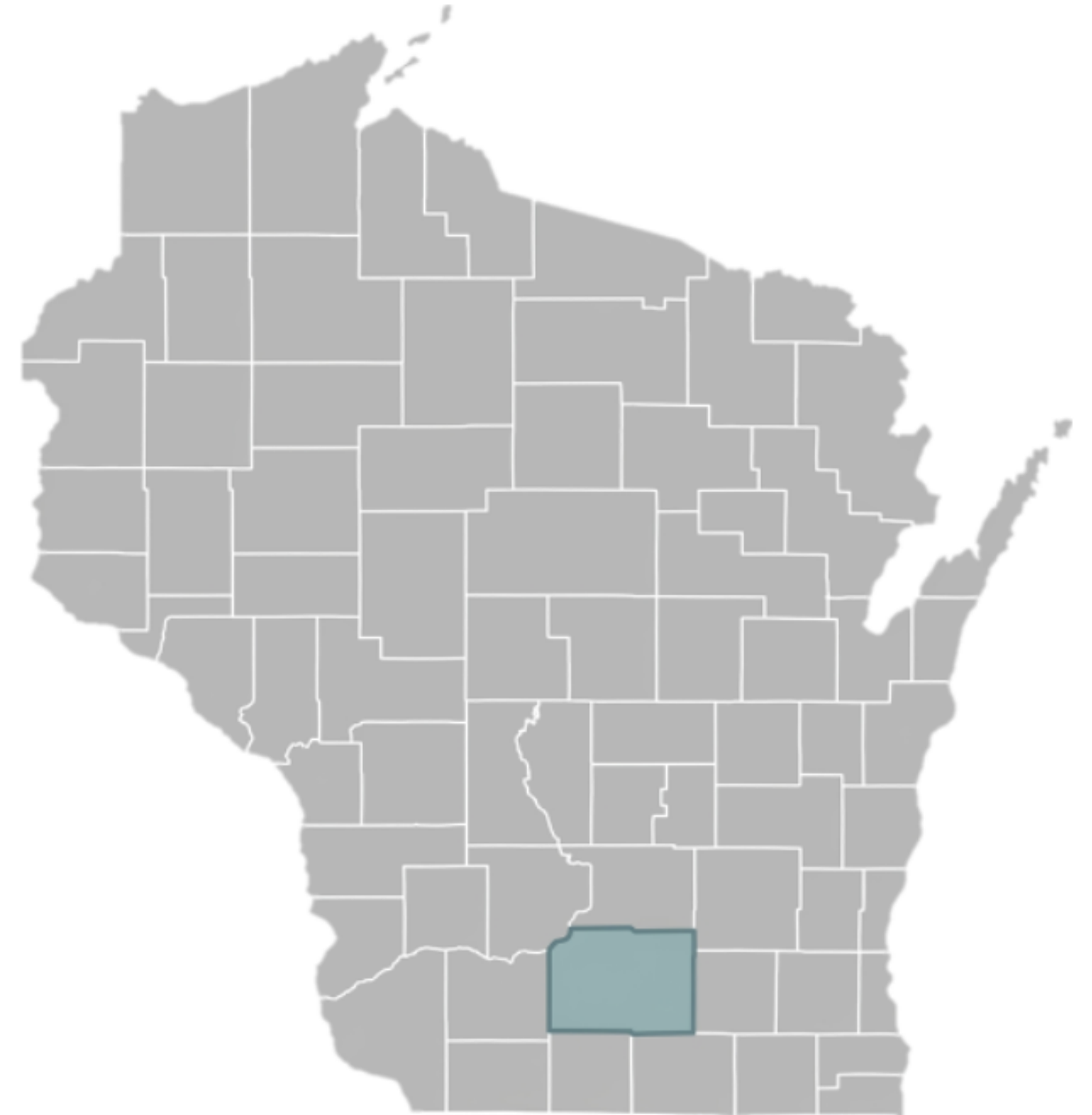
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Dane County

SNAPSHOT

- Population growth
- Job growth
- Inventory
- Rent
- Vacancy



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Drivers & Insights



Structural housing



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Rent affordability advantage

Job sector expansion



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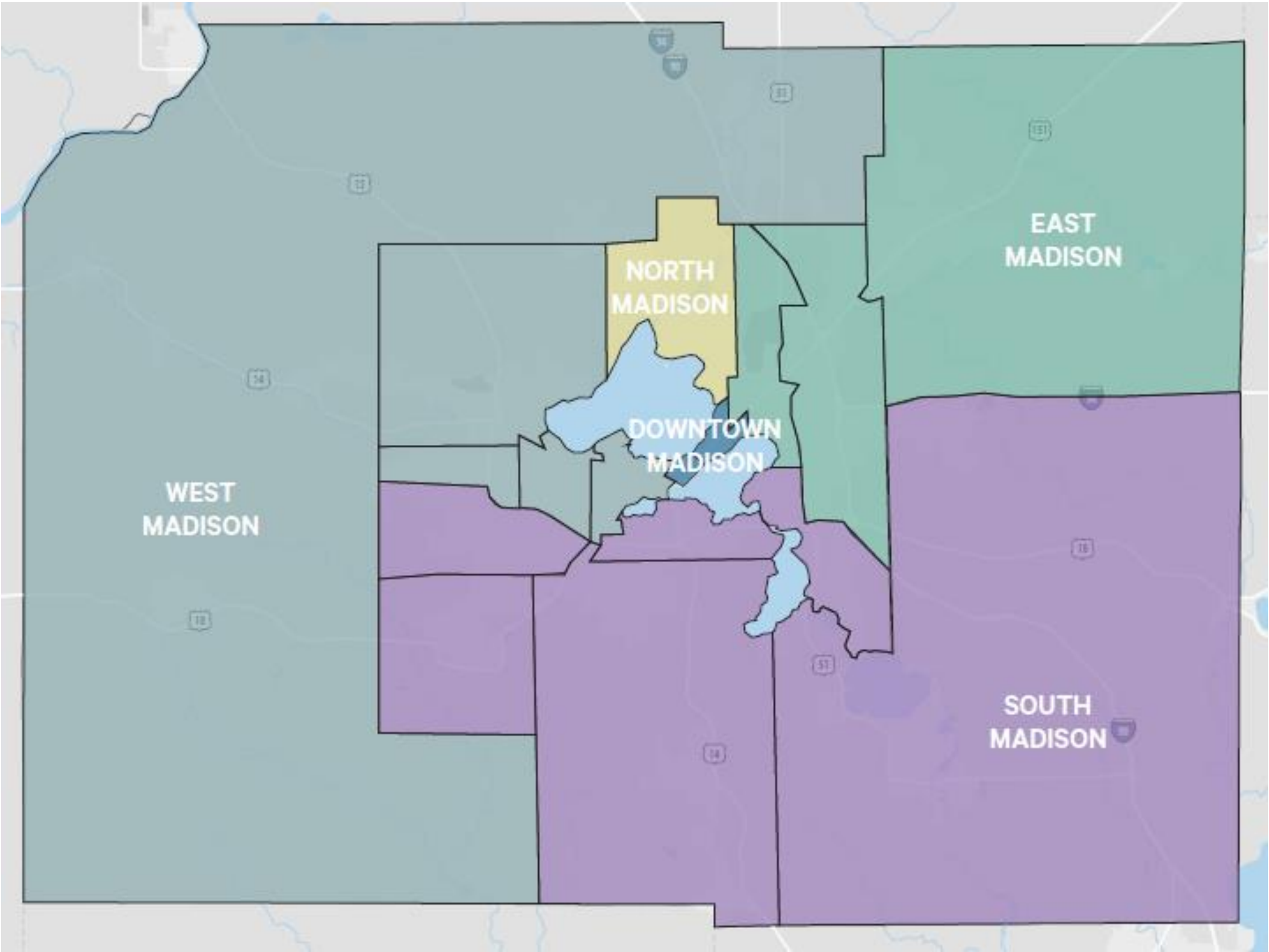


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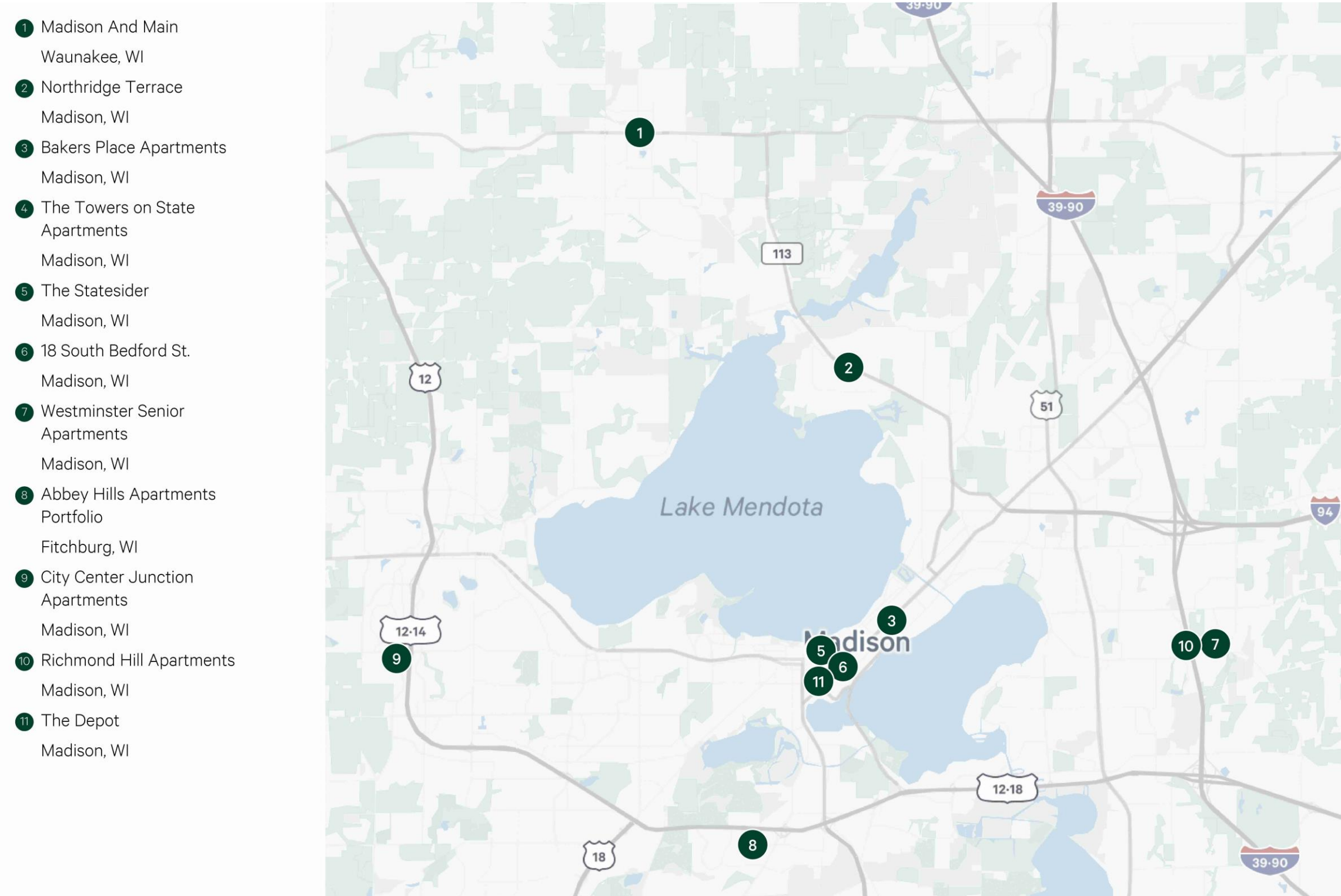
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Development

Submarket	Units Under Construction
Downtown	513
East	210
South	1,094
North	50
West	1,286
Total	3,153



Notable Transactions



Takeaways



Concentrated softness



Fundamentals remaining



strong

Yield matters

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EXPERIENCE

Gretchen Richards is a First Vice President in the CBRE Madison office. Richards specializes in multifamily investment sales as a part of the Capital Markets Investments Property group. Since joining CBRE in 2016, Gretchen has participated in approximately

\$568 million in investment real estate transactions representing private equity and institutional clients.

Prior to joining CBRE Madison, Gretchen worked as a Commercial Real Estate Lender, a Leasing Director with a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) and sales professional with a Madison-based Berkshire Hathaway affiliate. Her clients value her attention to detail, creative solutions, and connections across a breadth and depth of industries.

Gretchen's experience within many aspects of multifamily investments – from operations to underwriting to sales – provide valuable context to fully understand assets and tell the story of each disposition.

SIGNIFICANT MULTIFAMILY TRANSACTIONS

- EJPlesko, 2302 High Ridge Trail, Fitchburg - 674 Units
- FPA Multifamily, 78 Kessel Court, Madison - 318 Units
- Gorman & Company, Various locations - 285 Units
- Boston Capital 1800 N 12 Street, Milwaukee - 143 Units
- Urban Land Interests, 806 Riverwalk Drive, Waukesha - 136 Units
- Continental Properties, N30W23861 Green Road, Pewaukee - 112 Units
- Dominion, 10901 W Donna Drive, Milwaukee - 96 Units

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- Licensed Real Estate Broker
- Member, Commercial Brokers Group – Madison
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- CBRE Women's Network Field Delegate
- CARW NextGen Alumnus
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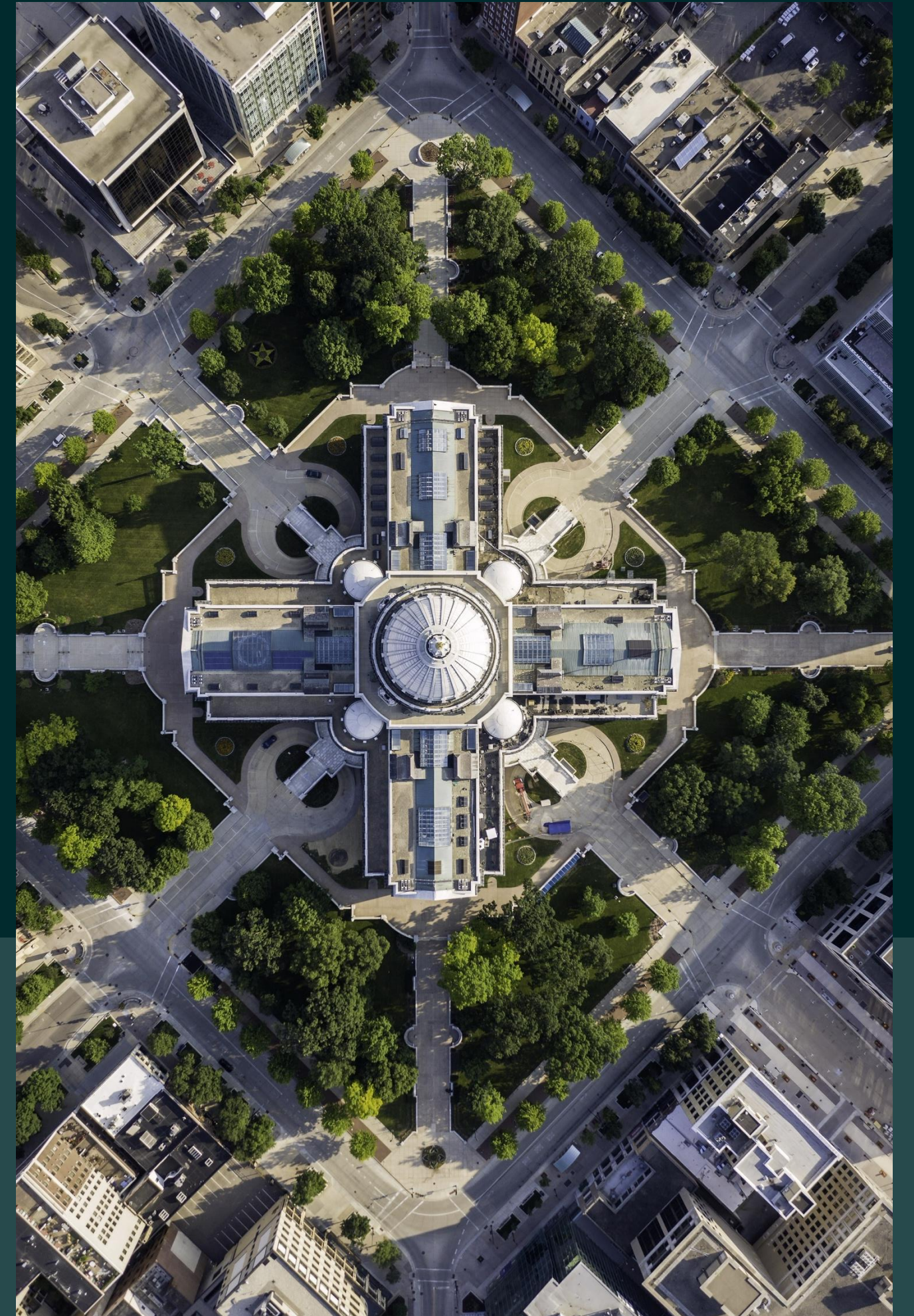
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Presentation Overview

- National Industrial Trends
- Dane County Snapshot
- Drivers & Insights
- What We're Watching
- Key Takeaways



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NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL MARKET OVERVIEW

Growth & opportunity hotspots for logistics, manufacturing, data centers & warehouse



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U.S. INDUSTRIAL TRENDS

New construction has declined since 2025 while leasing activity has increased through Q1 2026.

— New Construction (MSF) — Leasing Activity (MSF)

Index (2025 = 100)



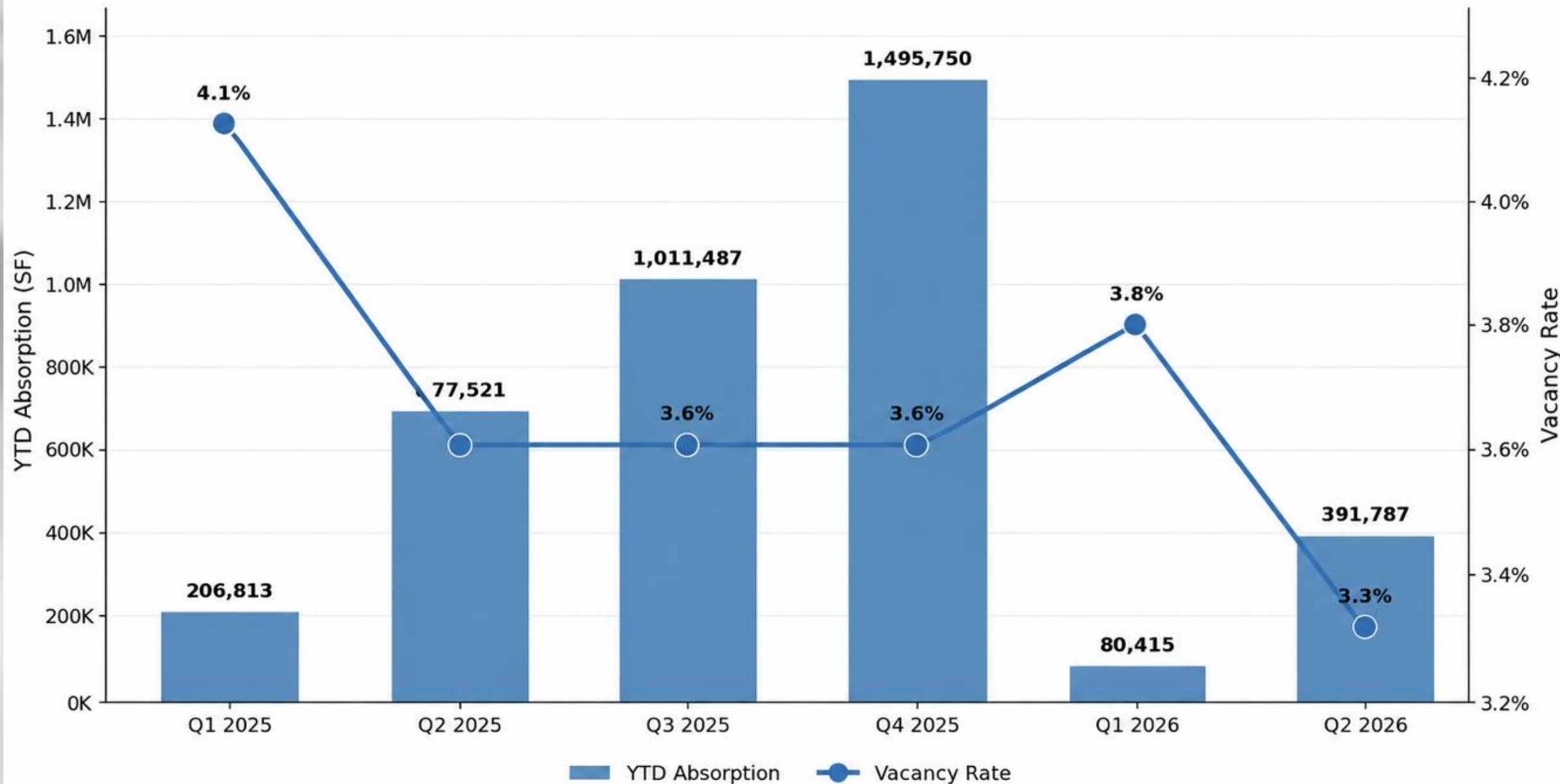
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Dane County Snapshot

Madison Industrial Vacancy Rate & YTD Absorption



(NNN) Q1 2026

-\$8.36/SF (Moody's)

- Vacancy remains below the long-term healthy equilibrium.
- Nearly 1.5 million SF was absorbed during 2025.

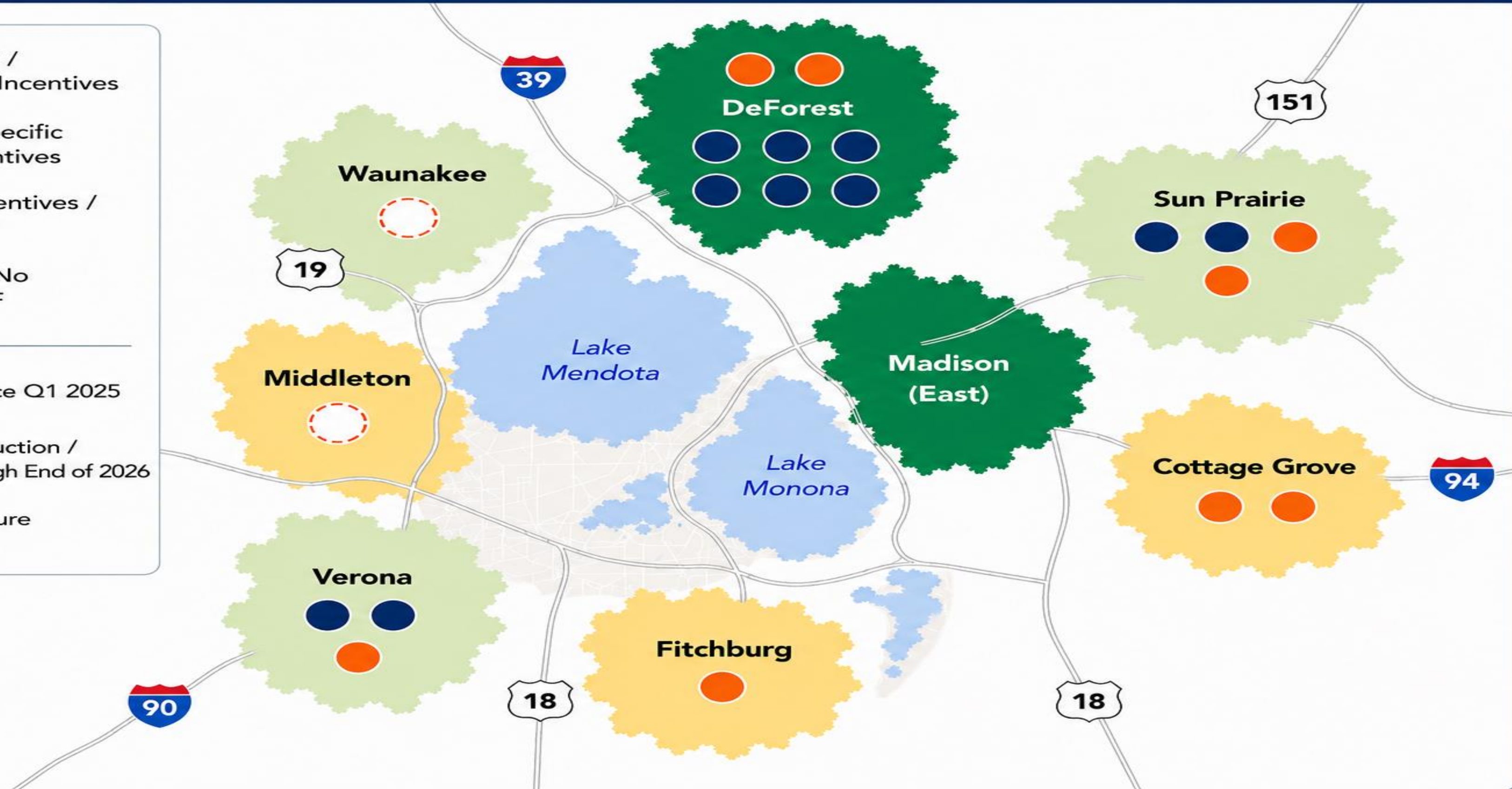
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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT MAP



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WHERE IS DEMAND COMING FROM?



MARKET AVERAGE CAP RATE:



CLASS A:
Mid 6%



CLASS B:
Mid 7%



CLASS C:
Redevelopment or
8%+ Cap Rate

What We're Watching

Risks & Wildcards

- Rising construction costs
- Limited spec development pipeline
- Power availability at future sites
- Interest Rates

Indicators to Track

- Electrical Capacity Availability
- Shovel-Ready Land Inventory
- Construction Lead Times
- Building Permit Activity

Key Takeaways



Infrastructure Investment (Power & Utilities)



Small Bay Industrial



Northeast/East Madison Growth

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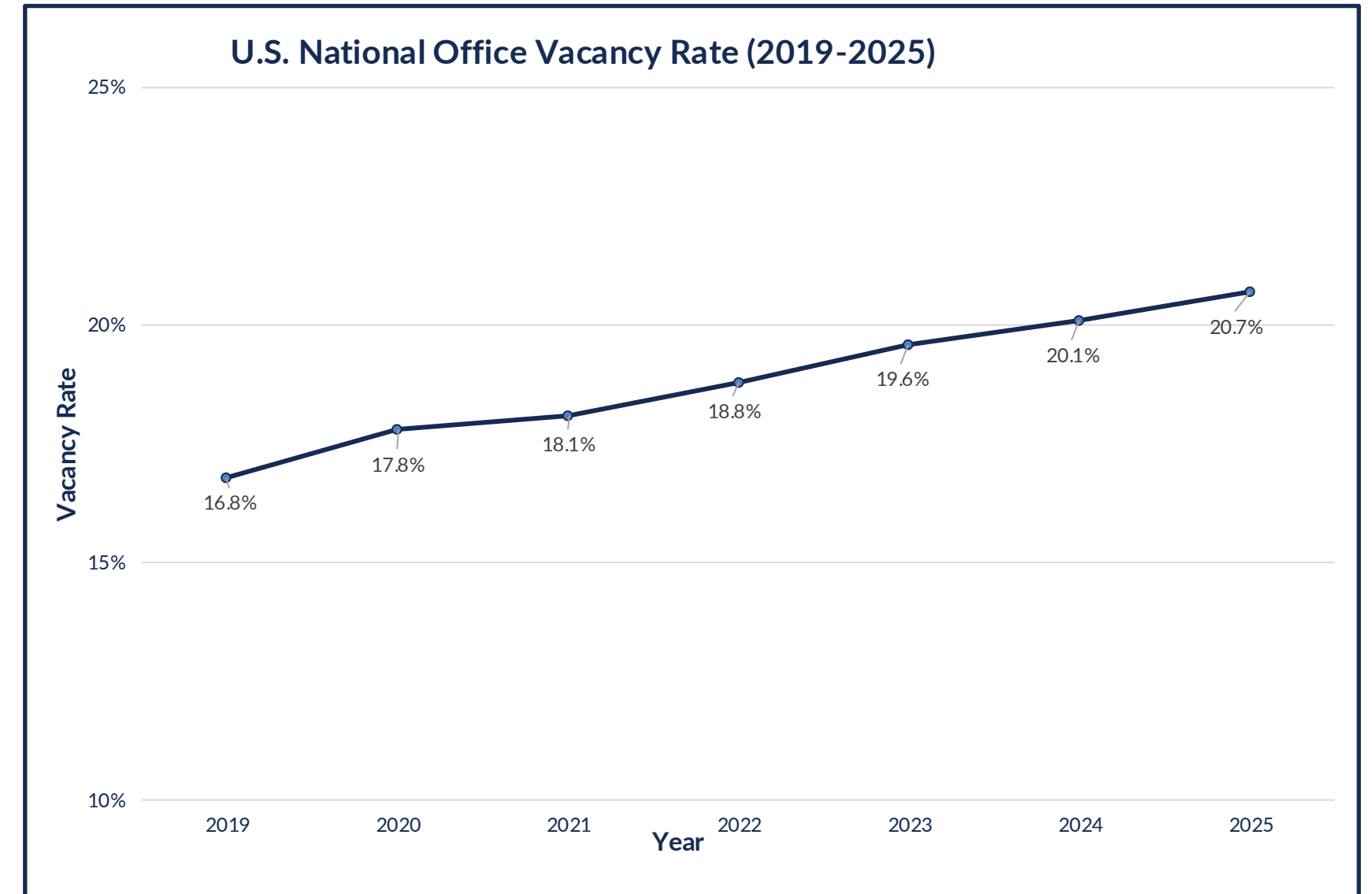
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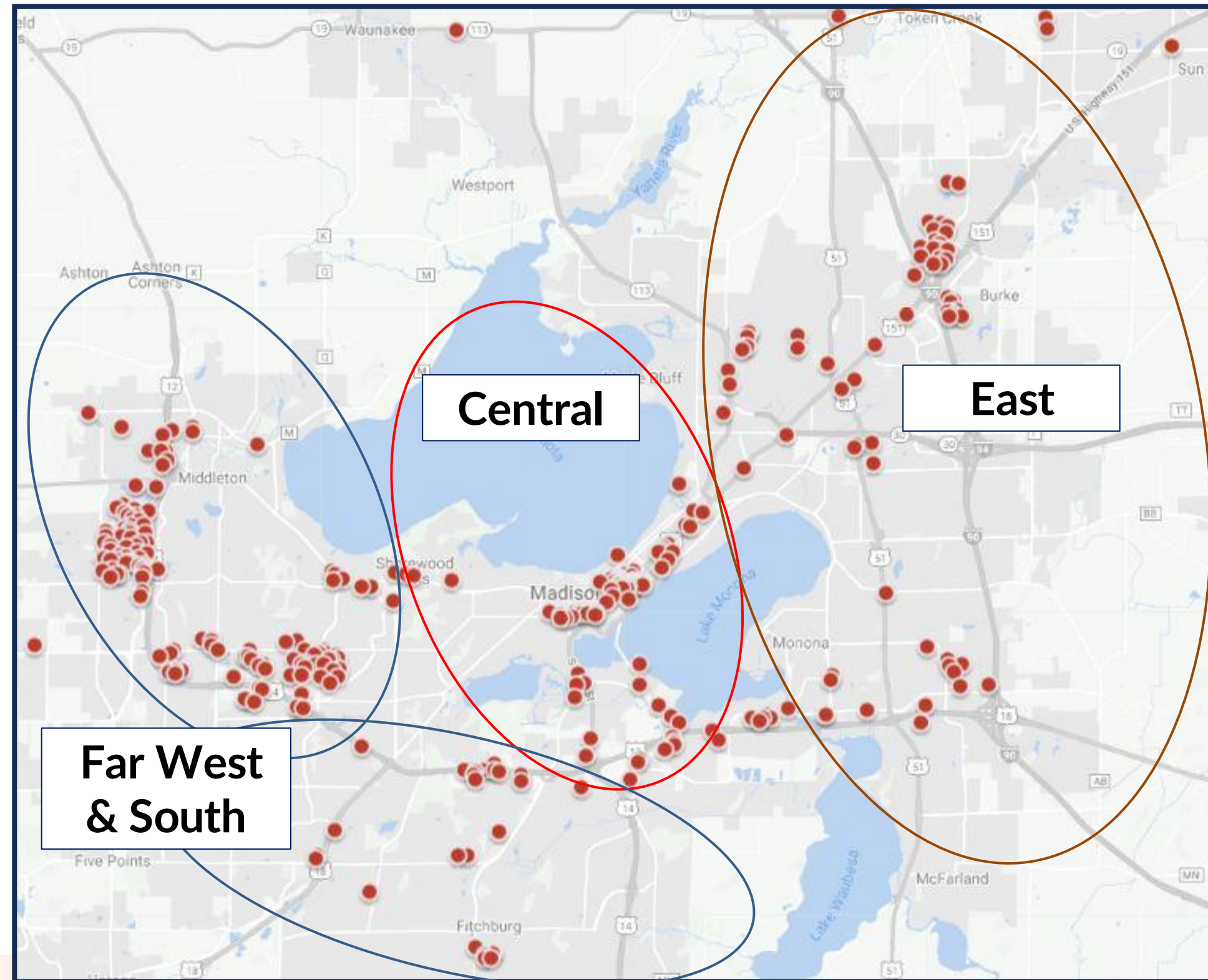
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- National vacancy at **19%**, nearly doubled from pandemic
- Construction down **86%** from pandemic peak, Q1 26 totals lowest in 14 years
- Vacancy decline stabilizing

National Market Influences

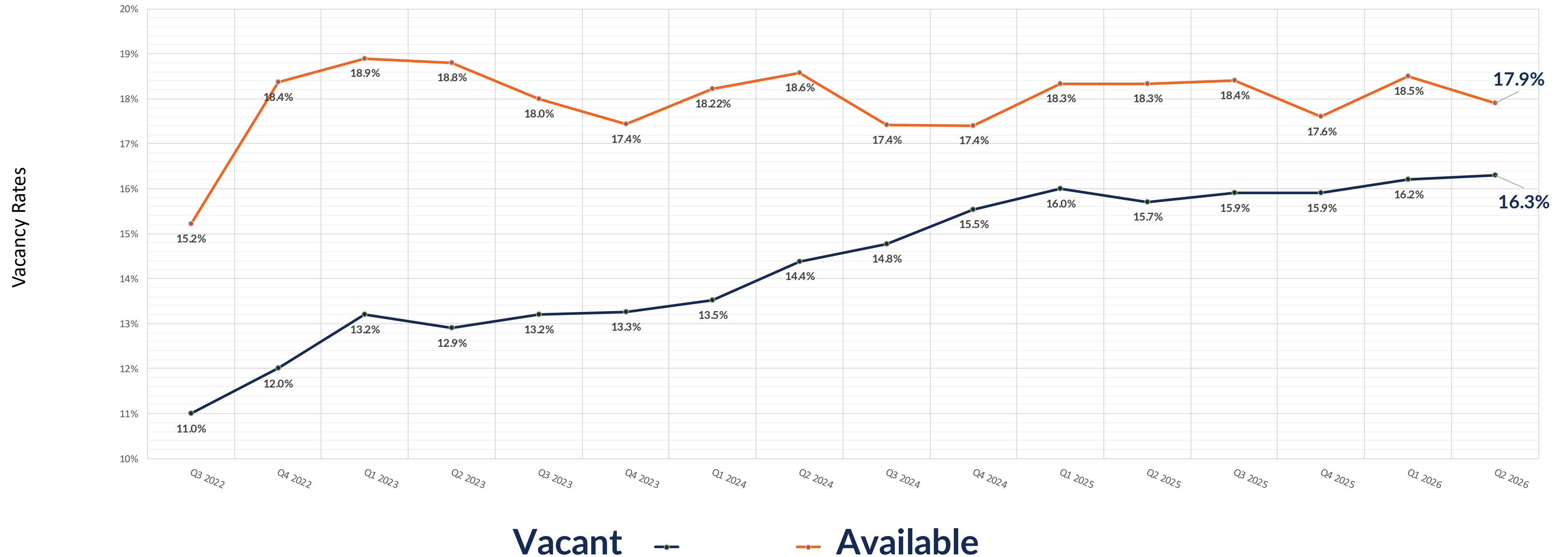
- **Flight to quality**– Class C sitting vacant with Class A demand
- Slight drop in vacancy could be positive sign



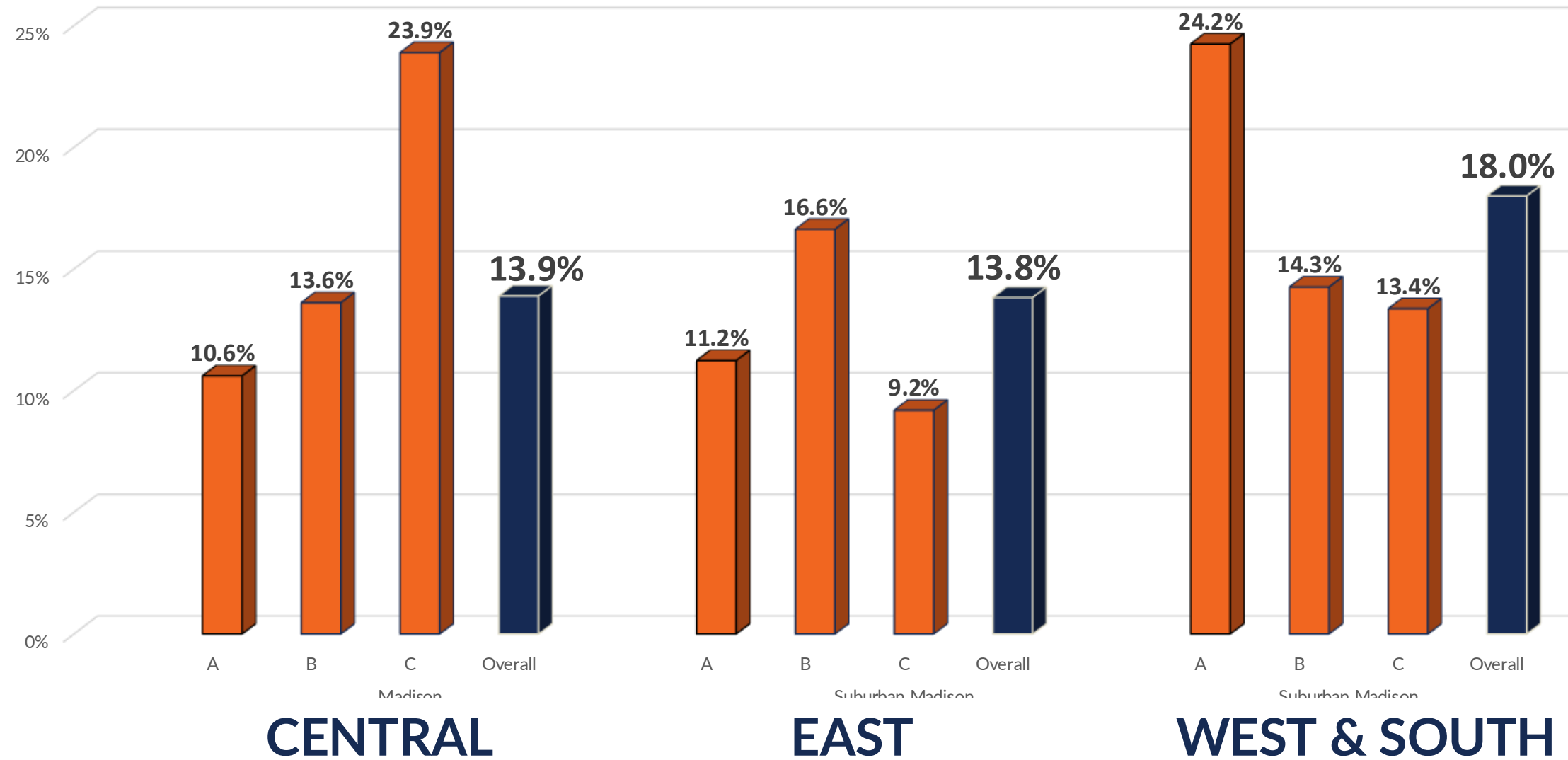


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Office Vacancy vs. Availability



2026 2nd Quarter Office Vacancy



- Downtown – Flight to quality
- Suburban– Large corporate vacancy with additional shadow vacancy

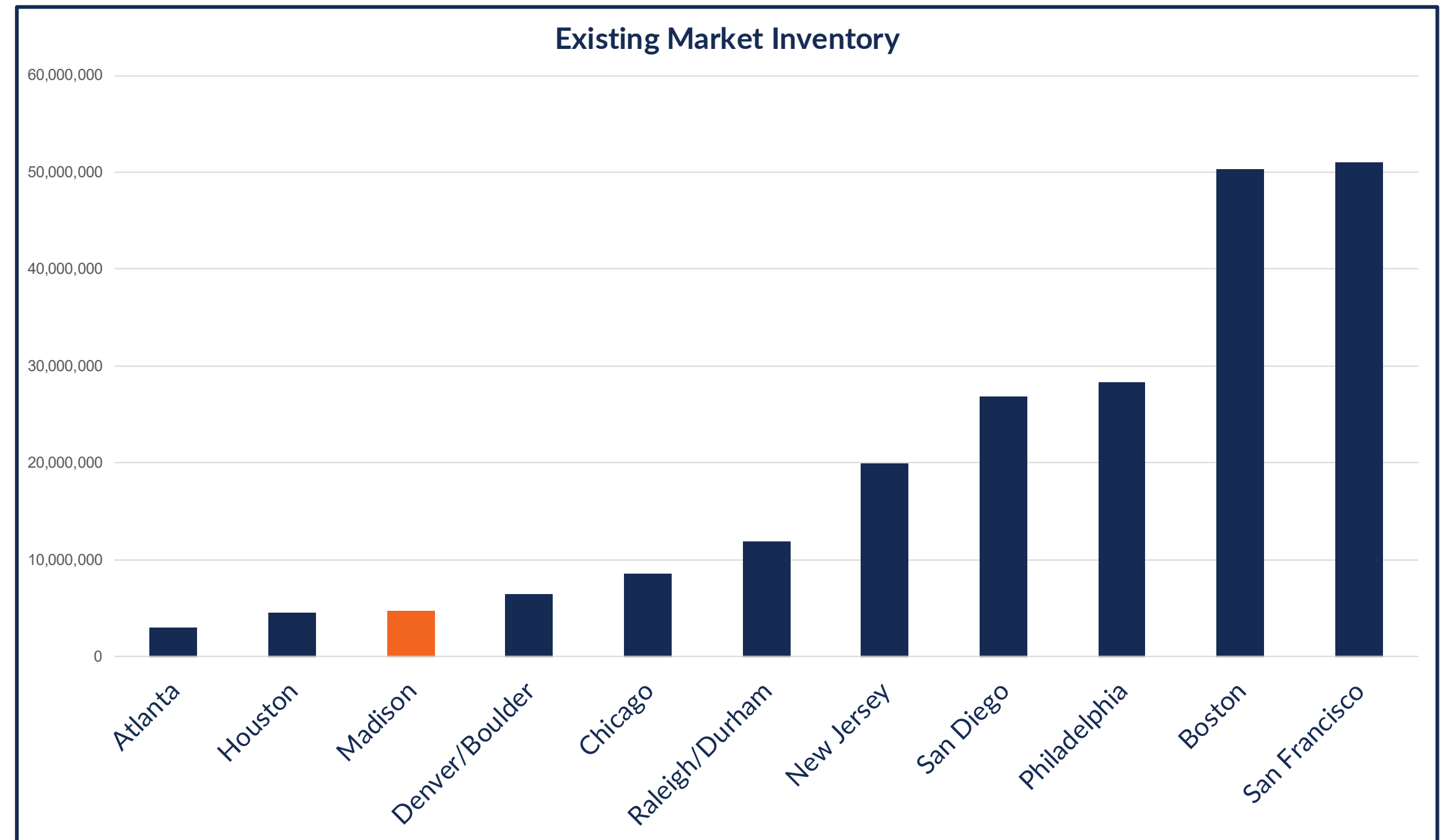
MADISON LIFE SCIENCE SUBMARKET

City	Vacancy
Madison	2.3%
San Diego	26%
Raleigh/Durham	28%
San Francisco	29%
Boston	34%

45% of Life Science SF in Madison has been converted

Previous Use

- 13% Office
- 18% Flex
- 13% Industrial
- 1% Retail



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Downsizing has dominated the Market

- QBE
- John Deere
- TDS

Activity focused on 2,500 – 10,000sf users

- ~44 Transactions in the last 24 months

- Shadow Vacancy remains high
- Shrinking Market – 4.4 % decrease in square feet since 2020
- Redevelopment, Demolition or Reuse of office properties will continue



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Hybrid Impact

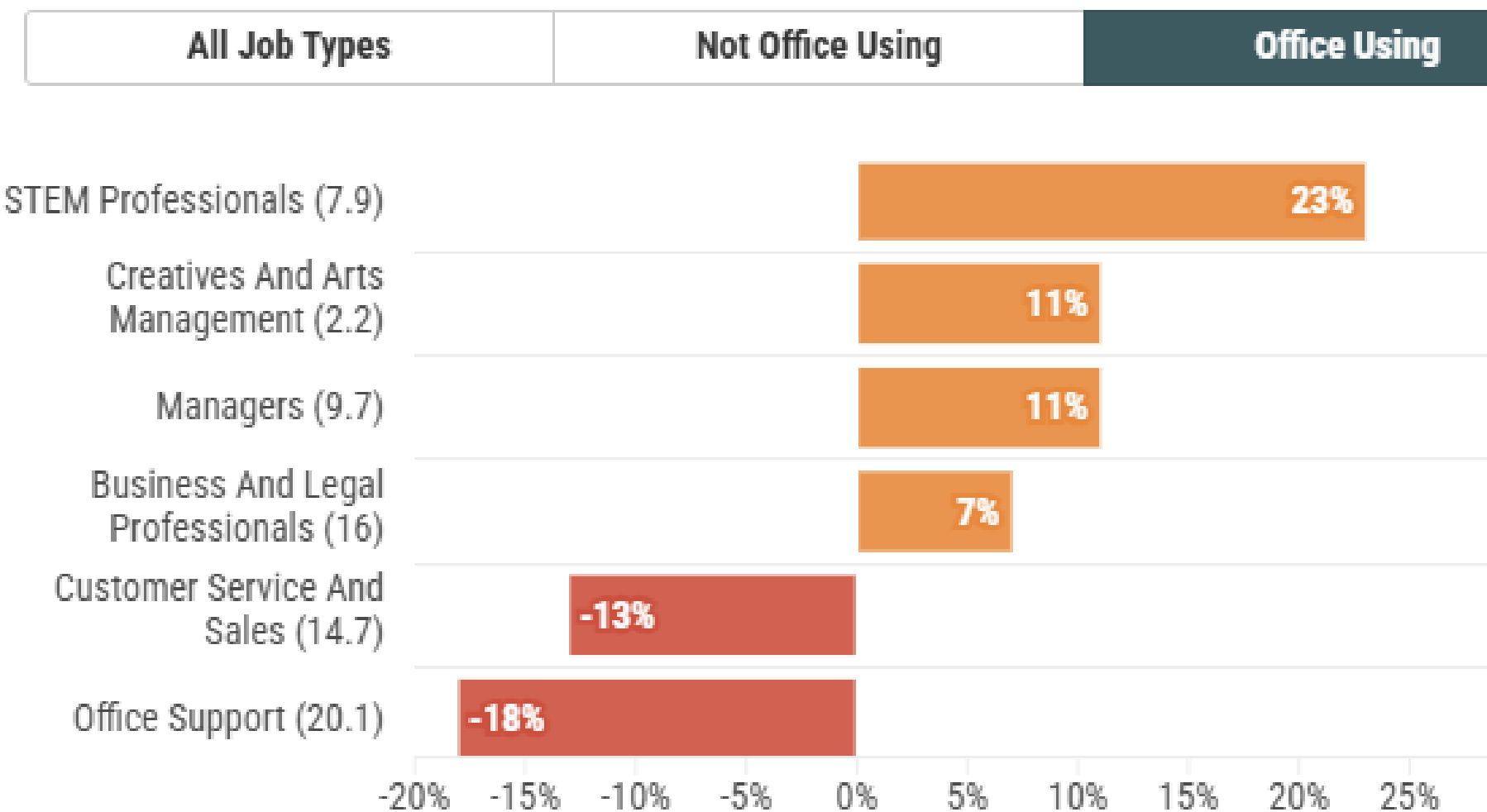
- Office attendance has stabilized at **30-40% below** pre-pandemic levels. *(Forbes)*
- **22.3%** of all US workers continue to work remote. Only **1% less** than the 2024 peak. *(Fortune)*

AI Impact

- **31% reduction** in office support, customer service, and sales jobs expected by 2029. *(McKinsey)*
- Expect **continued downsizing** and delayed growth.

Estimated U.S. Job Growth From 2022-2030

Occupation Type (Total Workers In Millions In 2022)



Source: McKinsey Global Institute, Bisnow

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Retail Market

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WHAT TO EXPECT

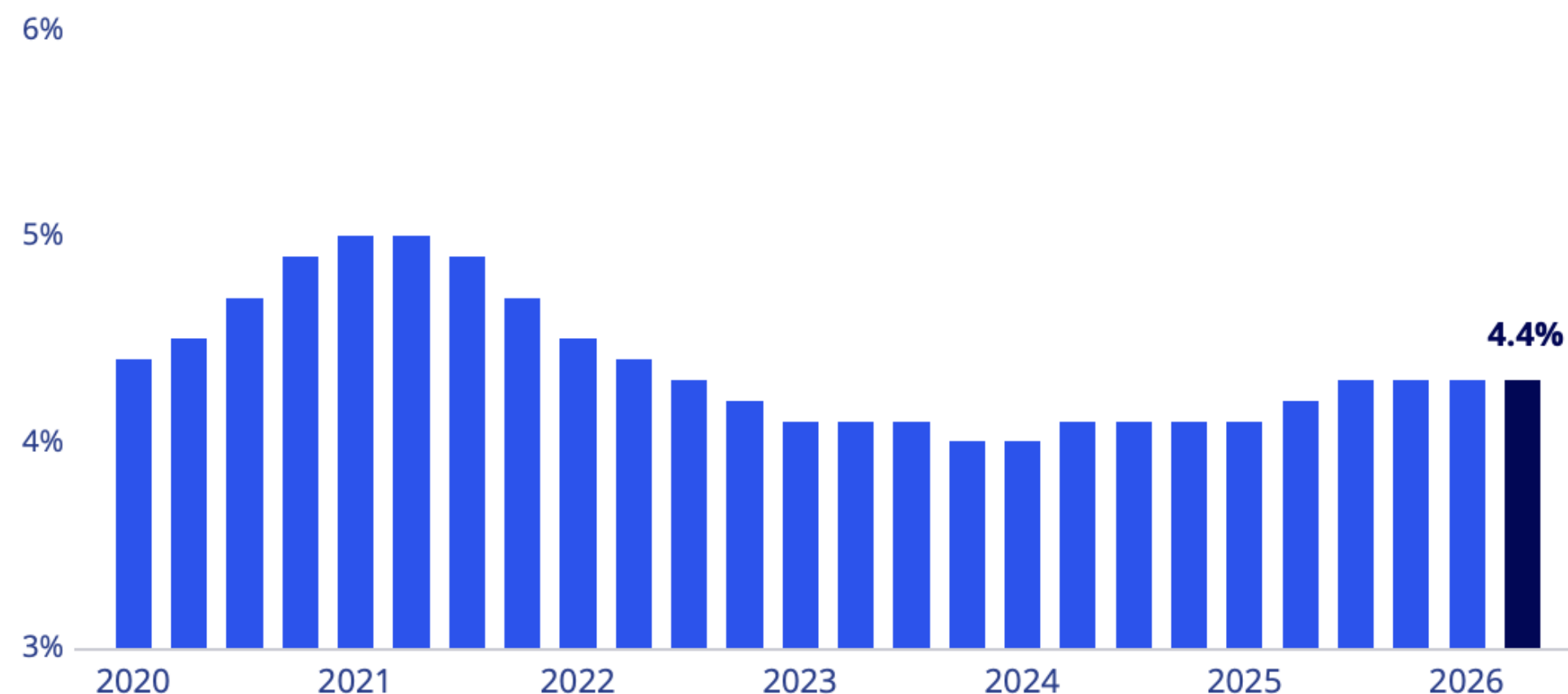
- The national retail backdrop and how it filters into Madison
- A data-driven local snapshot: vacancy, absorption, rents, and supply
- Policies influencing retail in Madison.
- Notable transactions that illustrate the trends
- What we're watching over the next 12-18 months, and key takeaways

NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

U.S. Retail: The National Backdrop

U.S. RETAIL VACANCY RATE (%)

National vacancy 4.4% in Q2 2026 — held steady vs. Q1



Sources: Colliers Research, CoStar Analytics — 390 U.S. retail markets, Q2 2026

Net Absorption, Q2 2026

+10.2M SF, rebounded on tenant demand

Under Construction

56.1M SF, 8.7M SF delivered in Q2

Avg. Asking Rent, NNN

\$26.02 /SF, +0.50% from Q1 2026

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NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

How the National Picture Shapes Madison

NATIONAL FORCES

- Interest-rate and cap-rate pressure on transaction volume
- Limited new construction; elevated build costs
- Resilient consumer spending on necessity retail
- Retailer footprint shifts: right-sizing and drive-thru demand
- Consumer Behavior continues to evolve towards “loyalty” and “fanfare”

MADISON IMPLICATIONS

- Fewer deals, but pricing has held for quality assets
- Tight supply keeps vacancy low and favors landlords
- Grocery-anchored and daily-needs centers stay in demand
- Backfill of vacated big boxes creates repositioning plays

MADISON MARKET SNAPSHOT

Vacancy, Availability & Absorption

Core Vacancy

4.4%

Stable over last 2-3 quarters

Total Retail Vacancy

5.6%

↓ 80 bps YoY

Q2 Net Absorption

+88K

SF this quarter; 152K SF YTD

Under Construction

79K

SF across 15 projects

What this tells us: Vacancy tightened 80 bps YoY to 5.6% as absorption stayed positive at +88K SF, while a thin 79K SF construction pipeline keeps new supply in check.

Source: REDI CRE / CARW Market Trends — Madison Retail (Dane County), Q2 2026

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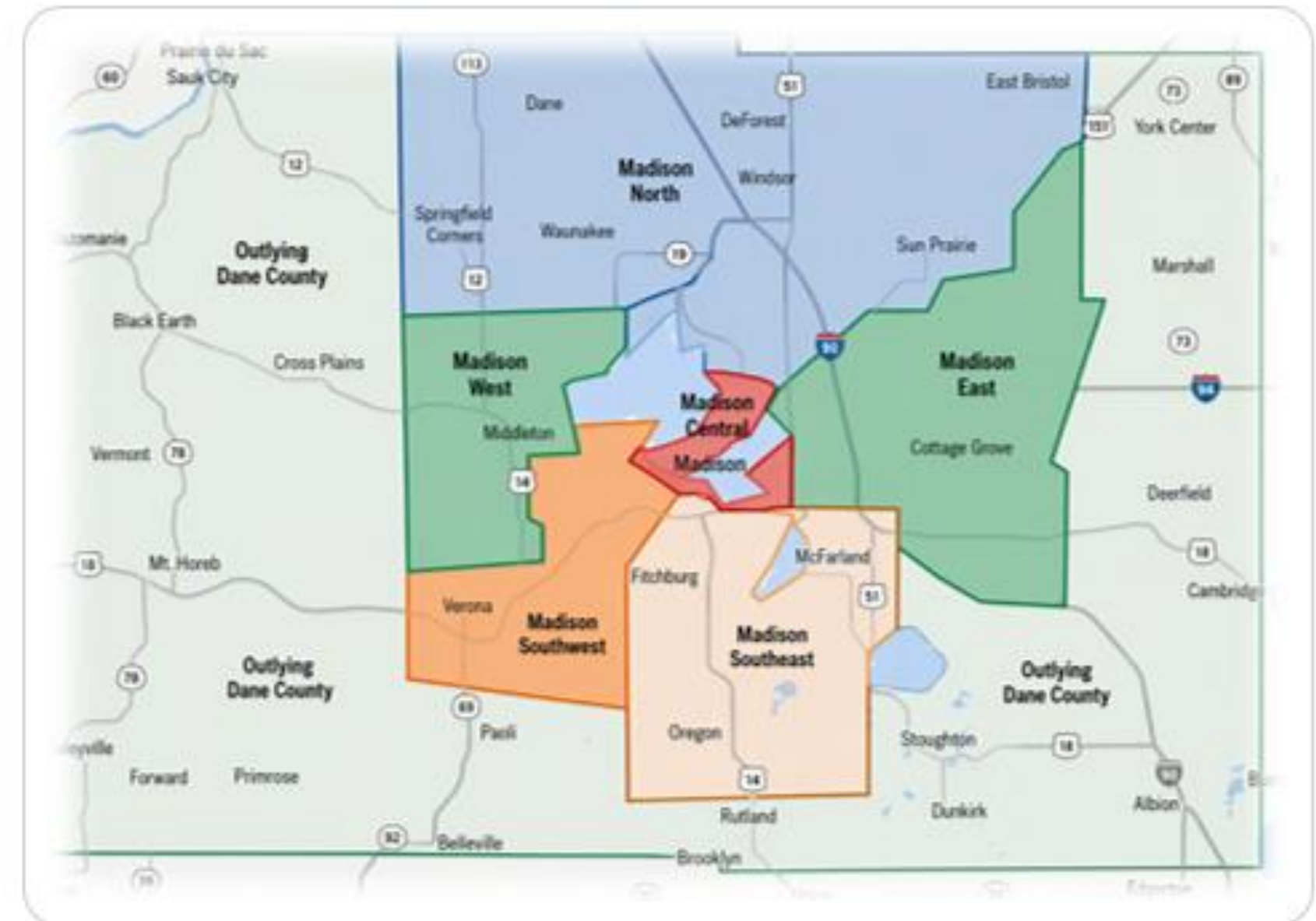
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MADISON MARKET SNAPSHOT

Madison Submarket Overview

Submarket Highlights

- **North:** Strongest occupancy – income driven.
- **East:** Softest, with the most vacancy to backfill.
- **Central:** Tight, high-rent core.
- **West:** Steady mid-market occupancy.
- **Southeast:** Strong demand and thin supply
- **Southwest:** Gaining ground, with pockets of vacancy.



MADISON MARKET SNAPSHOT

Madison Submarket Breakdown

Submarket	Vacancy	Asking Rent (PSF)	Net Absorption	Read
Central	4.2%	\$25.56	+11K SF	Tightest; rents lead
East	9.4%	\$20.12	+7K SF	Softest; 9.4% vacancy
North	2.3%	\$17.17	+34K SF	Hottest; +34K absorbed
Southeast	2.7%	\$12.95	0 SF	Tight, thin supply
Southwest	5.8%	\$18.08	+21K SF	Steady demand
West	4.9%	\$20.54	+15K SF	Solid absorption

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Madison North leads on absorption (+34K SF) at a 2.3% vacancy, while Madison East remains the softest submarket at 9.4%.

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MADISON MARKET SNAPSHOT

Breakdown by Property Type

Property Type	Vacancy	Net Absorption	Inventory	What It Is
Community Center	15.4%	-7K SF	0.63M	Open-air center anchored by discount or grocery
Freestanding/Big Box	3.4%	+62K SF	9.59M	Single-tenant standalone or large-format stores
Mixed Use	5.6%	+21K SF	1.89M	Retail blended with office or residential
Neighborhood Center	5.7%	+2K SF	3.07M	Grocery-anchored center for daily needs
Regional Center	15.0%	-7K SF	1.88M	Enclosed mall with department-store anchors
Restaurant	1.7%	+16K SF	0.72M	Standalone food-service and dining sites
Strip Center	5.7%	-1K SF	3.57M	Small unanchored row of storefronts

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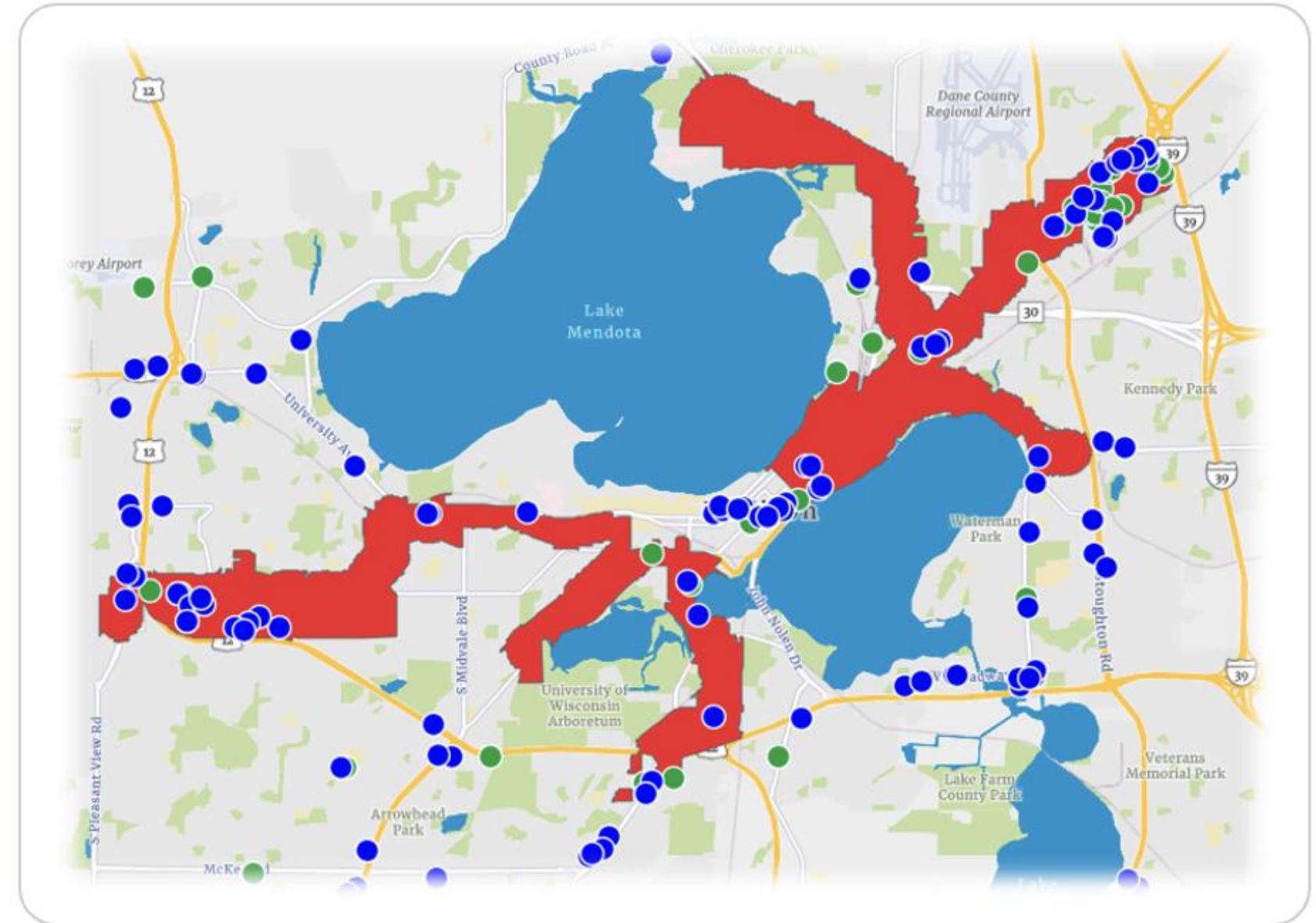
Freestanding/big-box space dominates inventory at a tight 3.4% vacancy, while community and regional centers stay soft near 15%.

MADISON MARKET SNAPSHOT

Traffic Overlay District

Intended to

- Promote higher-density development
- Support transit investment and mobility
- Reduce reliance on automobile-oriented development
- Increase long-term economic value of key corridor

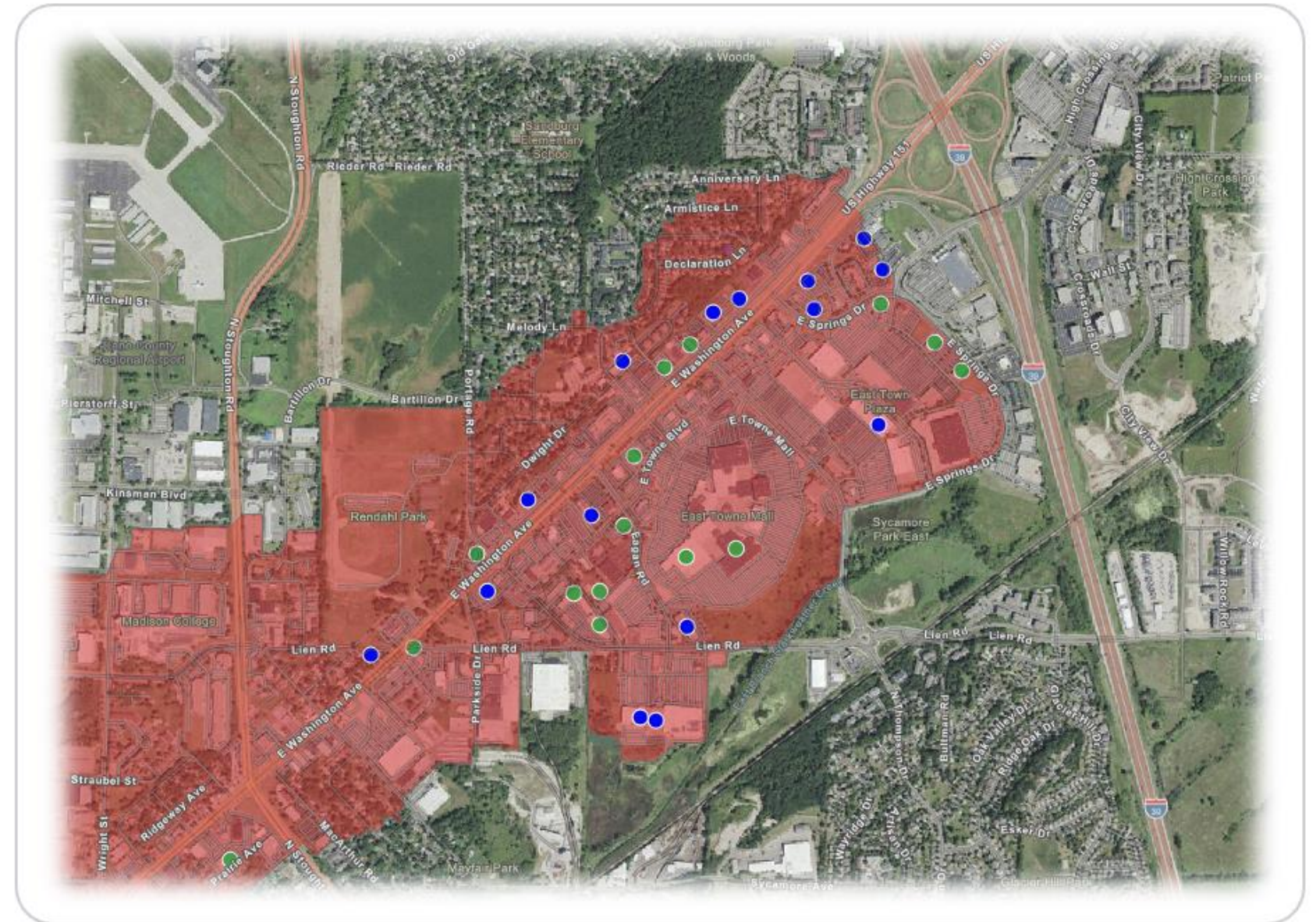


MADISON MARKET SNAPSHOT

Traffic Overlay District

Real consequences (for retail)

- Reduced retail supply – and reuse potential
- Forced shift toward mixed-use eliminating traditional retail development
- More entitlement and design requirements including mandated second floors
- Reduced flexibility for auto-oriented uses
- Properties in retail notes are stuck in limbo because they cannot get meaningful capital improvements and cannot be mixed-use.



NOTABLE MADISON TRANSACTIONS

Deals That Illustrate the Trends

GROCERY • NEW STORES

Aldi – Waunakee & Verona

Kilkenny Farms West, Waunakee & Liberty Business Park, Verona

22,000 + 19,957 SF | 2 new stores | 2026

SALE • INVESTMENT

Pier 37

Monona, WI • East Madison submarket

117,078 SF | \$21.95M | \$187 PSF

SALE • REDEVELOPMENT

Topgolf6400 Gisholt Dr, Monona • East Madison submarket**~\$30M development cost | \$4.2M in TIF | opens 2026**

LEASE • BIG-BOX BACKFILL

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201-255 Junction Rd, Middleton • Southwest Madison submarket

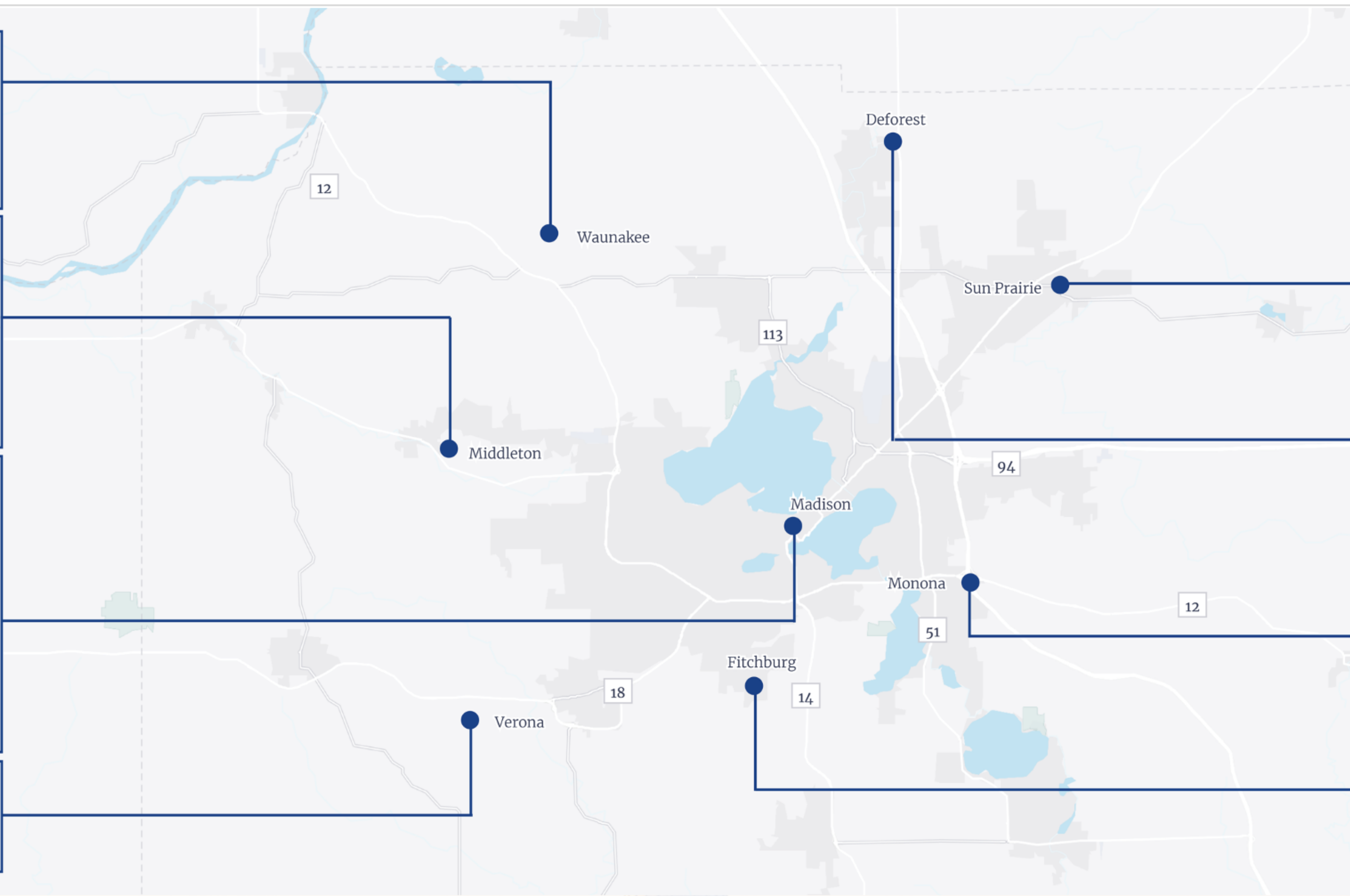
54,000 SF | new lease | big-box backfill

Waunakee

Middleton

Madison

Verona



Brands Entering the Market

Sun Prairie

Deforest

Monona

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WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

The Next 12–18 Months

RISKS & WILDCARDS

- Rate path and financing costs
- Retailer bankruptcies and store closures
- Consumer spending softening (or strengthening)

OPPORTUNITIES

- Backfill and repositioning of vacated big boxes
- Necessity and daily-needs tenant expansion
- Pad and QSR development on strong corridors

OVERALL TRENDS TO WATCH

- Consolidation in discretionary sectors
- Tenant mix evolution in single & multi-tenant assets
- Changes in policy to allow for more retail development
- Evolving deal structures.

TAKEAWAYS

What to Take Away

- 1** **Macro numbers are tight.** Low vacancy and limited new supply keep leverage with landlords.
- 2** **Quality continues to win.** Solid retail real estate continues to command attention and good prices.
- 3** **Opportunity is in repositioning.** Big-box backfill and pad development are the plays to watch.
- 4** **Consumer behavior is king.** The brands earning loyalty consumer loyalty will define their sectors into the future.

Let's talk strategy. Reach out to explore how these trends affect your portfolio — Aziah Backus, +1 608 515 3383.

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