# September 2023 | Market Update Greater Boston

Retail | Commercial Real Estate



## Retail

### Overview | Retail Leasing

- While headwinds have gathered strength for the U.S. consumer, little weakness is apparent in Boston's retail market, which remains one of the tightest of the major markets nationally.
- The availability rate of 3.2% reflects both standout demand and a lack of speculative development.
- With just 200,000 SF of space underway remaining available, and a long list of tenants vying for it, fundamentals are expected to remain solid even as a recession looms.

#### Important Figures:

Market Cap Rate	6.3%
Change from Last Quarter	+10 bps
Change from Last Year	+10 bps
Median PSF Sale Price YOY	\$257
Average PSF Sale Price YOY	\$260
Vacancy Rate	2.5%
Market Rent (SF/YR)	\$26.49
YOY Rent Growth	0.9%
YOY Net Absorption (SF)	805K
YOY Delivery (SF)	595K
Under Construction (SF)	661,517



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### Investment Sales Volume, Market Cap Rates & Ten Year Treasury Yields (Annual)



#### Source: Atlantic Commercial Real Estate, LLC, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis & CoStar

#### Overview | Retail Investment Sales

- A third-consecutive year of record retail sales volume in Boston is almost unimaginable following a marked deceleration in the first half of 2023.
- Elevated interest rates appear to have finally depressed capital markets, and expectations are growing for 2023 to be one of the lightest investment years in a decade.



# *Retail* Notable Sale Comparables:



#### 60-75 Mystic Avenue | Somerville

Property Type:	Mall
Property Size:	±391,409 SF
Sold Price:	\$160/SF (July 2023)



#### **11 Newbury Street | Boston**

Property Type:	High Street Retail
Property Size:	±15,810,000
Sold Price:	\$1.6K/SF (July 2023)



#### 450 Paradise Road |Swampscott

Property Type:	High Street Retail
Property Size:	±65,268
Sold Price:	\$345/SF (July 2023)





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