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**Greater Boston Life Sciences** 

# **Life Sciences Overview**

Life science companies in Massachusetts collectively raised more than \$13 billion in 2021, which has translated to staggering real estate demand and growth in Greater Boston. Fueled by Series B and C rounds, existing companies are expanding, and new ventures are rolling out of incubation or stealth mode and grabbing large blocks of space out of the gates. As a result, landlords and developers are building and converting space as quickly as possible to meet this demand, with a majority delivering in 2023 and beyond. This new product coming online should help provide much-needed relief and optionality for tenants looking to secure space.

## **Injecting New Life**



With a massive transformation underway, this Watertown district is poised to become a bustling community hub. Arsenal Yards boasts over 50 retail, dining, and fitness offerings ranging from Boston-based boutiques to big-name national favorites. Envisioned as a lively urban ecosystem, the district offers a full spectrum of experiences while paying homage to its historic roots.



## **Supply Chasing Demand**

With demand for lab space showing no signs of slowing, the supply side is racing to keep up. As a result, new, ground-up developments and countless office-to-lab conversions are underway.



## **Growth Space**

Facing projections of limited space, some tenants have taken a more strategic approach to real estate acquisitions. In anticipation of future growth, occupiers are committing to more space than they need and securing short-term subtenants to minimize costly and disruptive relocations.



## The Market Expands

The Seaport, Watertown, Waltham, and Lexington have matured. While leaving Cambridge for one of these areas was once a bold and pioneering move, they're now at the top of many companies' search lists.

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**Deals** 

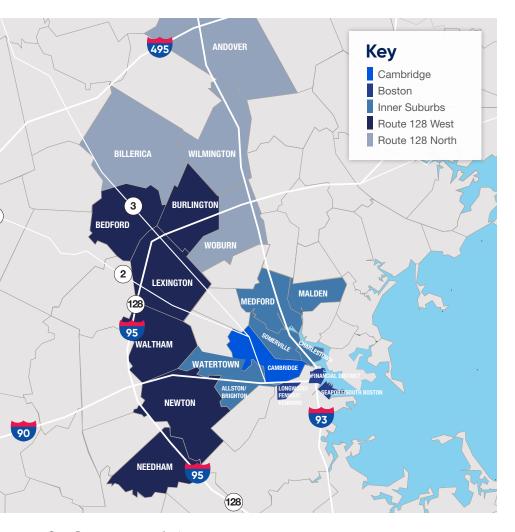
\$989M Invested

**Largest Deals** 

Arbor Biotechnologies \$215M Acrivion Therapeutics \$140M **Odyssey Therapeutics** \$91M Saliogen Therapeutics \$74M Cardurion Pharma \$46M \$45M Clade Therapeutics Pyramid Biosciences \$33M \$32M Kytopen

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# By the Numbers

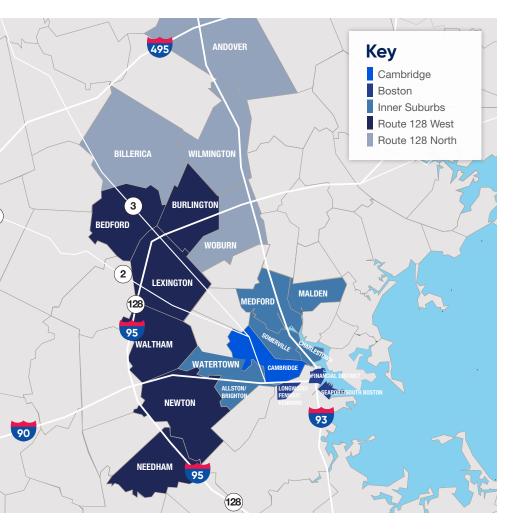


Cambridge	Market Size (SF)	Vacant	Sublease	Available	Class A Rent/SF NNN	Class B Rent/SF NNN
East Cambridge	8,496,992	0.2%	3.8%	3.9%	\$125.00	\$105.00
Mid Cambridge	3,219,139	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	\$115.00	\$99.00
West Cambridge/Alewife	2,152,141	6.6%	2.8%	9.3%	\$110.00	\$90.00
Total	13,868,272	1.2%	2.7%	3.9%		

Boston	Market Size (SF)	Vacant	Sublease	Available	Class A Rent/SF NNN	Class B Rent/SF NNN
Seaport/South Boston	2,699,723	1.7%	0%	1.7%	\$105.00	\$90.00
Financial District	115,667	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	\$102.00	\$90.00
Longwood/Fenway/Kenmore	1,136,455	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	\$110.00	\$95.00
Total	3,951,845	1.5%	0.0%	1.5%		

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128,370	19.5%	0.0%	19.5%	\$25.00	\$30.00
1,219,939	8.1%	5.2%	13.3%	\$50.00	\$40.00
345,921	14.3%	0.0%	14.3%	\$28.00	\$26.00
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# **Notable Transactions**

Tenant	Address	City/Town	Sector	▼ Size (SF)	Туре
Flagship	One Rogers Park	Cambridge	Lab	390,000	New Space
Elevate Bio	225 Wyman Street	Waltham	Lab	155,000	New Space
Kymera	One Arsenal on the Charles	Watertown	Lab	100,000	New Space
Exo Therapeutics	150 Cambridgepark Drive	West Cambridge	Lab	64,000	New Space
Monte Rosa Therapeutics	321 Harrison Avenue	Boston	Lab	63,000	New Space

#### **Investment Sales**

Buyer	Address	City/Town	Size (SF)	▼ Price/SF
Tishman	1 Canal Park	Cambridge	105,090	\$1,246.55
Phase3	Farnsworth Portfolio	Boston	68,000	\$729.58
Nan Fung	470 Atlantic Avenue	Boston	346,225	\$687.41
Jumbo Capital	1 Patriots Park	Bedford	143,616	\$504.82
Healthpeak Properties	Cambridge Gateway Project	Cambridge	1,568,160	\$398.55
Greatland/Singerman	10 Maguire Road	Lexington	308,826	\$215.22

# Tenants in the Market



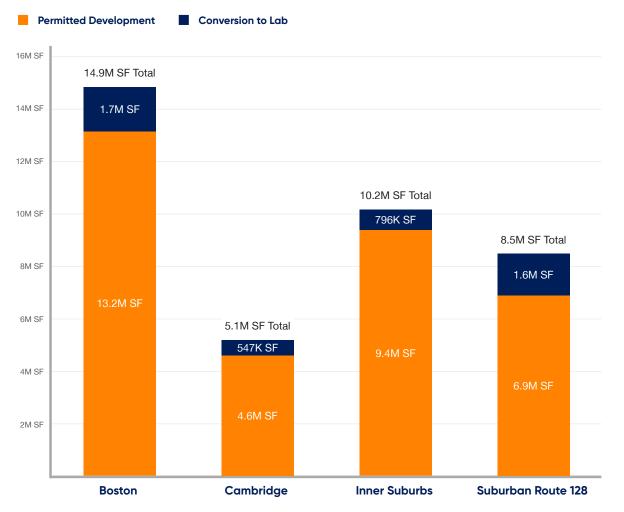
200,000 SF

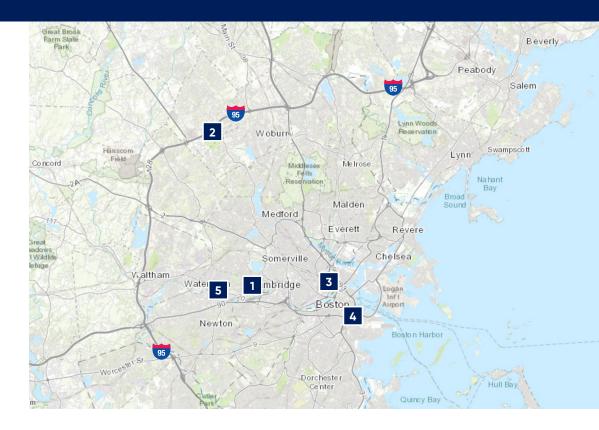


175,000 SF



# **Development Pipeline**





### **Notable Lab Conversions**

Address	City/Town	Developer/Owner	Size (SF)
1 705 Mount Auburn Street	Watertown	Spear Street	490,000
2 3 Van de Graaff Drive	Burlington	Jumbo Capital	320,000
3 One Canal Park	Cambridge (Lechmere)	Tishman Speyer	112,000
4 51 Melcher Street	Boston (Seaport)	GI Partners	110,000
5 64 Pleasant Street	Watertown	Berkeley Investments	104,694

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# **Abcam moves into growing inner** suburban life sciences campus

152 Grove Street, Waltham, Massachusetts

## **Project Profile**

**Premises** 

100,000 SF

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and Project Management









#### **Features**

- Balanced mix of lab, R&D and office space
- Extensive open office area that offers ample light with a skylight running through middle of the building
- Entirety of Abcam's space now sits on one floor, creating better flow and functionality throughout each business unit
- Onsite campus amenities include fitness center, outdoor space, ample parking and easy access to public transportation
- New space and location provides opportunity for growth while still geographically near Greater Boston's life sciences corridors



# With Unrelenting Demand, Increased Inventory is On the Way

Despite a lack of availability, there has been unrelenting and immediate demand for lab space in Greater Boston.

In recent months, the landlords and projects that have fared the best have been those with the ability to deliver space that is ready for occupancy earlier than the rest of the market. These projects are often located in the urban core or the "inner suburbs," like Somerville or Watertown. When Flagship Pioneering searched for readily available space to help support their portfolio companies' growth, 101 South Street in Somerville was a rare opportunity in the market with the end of 2021 occupancy. As a result, they leased the entire building. In the Seaport, the Innovation and Design Building underwent a repositioning and conversion of over 300,000 SF to a "lab-ready shell" with November 2022 occupancy, and it is already fully committed. Similarly, 100 Forge Street in Watertown, the new purpose-built lab building at Arsenal Yards, is fully committed with tenants planning for occupancy at the end of 2022.

Other projects, including those that have later completion and occupancy dates but will be considered trophy assets given their location, scale, and design, are also being scooped up. For example, Moderna has taken all 450,000 SF at 325 Binney Street in Kendall Square, and Eli Lilly has leased all 300,000 SF at 15 Necco Street in the Seaport. Both of these are new, purpose-built lab buildings with a Q4 2023 delivery timeframe.

Immediate or near-term occupancy remains the challenge for tenants in this market and will continue through 2022. With a wave of projects expected to deliver in 2023 and beyond, tenants should soon benefit from increased inventory and options to consider. As the dynamic begins to shift, tenants will have a greater ability to weigh their options. Not all developments and landlords are created equal, so this will be a welcome change for occupiers seeking space.



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## **Occupier's Perspective**



# **Timing is Everything**

Many build-outs are underway or in the pipeline, but occupancy dates are being delayed across the board, commonly due to power upgrades and long-lead items like generators and casework.



# **Experience Matters**

New landlords are throwing their hat in the life science ring by converting office buildings to lab. However, occupiers should be cautious: Not every landlord has the same experience establishing and operating a lab building, and choosing the right partner is imperative.



# Location, Location

Employees are aware of market dynamics and want an exciting location. Naturally, there's pressure to grab any available space, but a location must yield successful recruiting.

## Things to Consider

- 1. Given market dynamics and related delays, it's never too early to start planning for the next phase of growth.
- 2. Try to think a few steps ahead will your next location be a single building or cluster that will support additional/future growth?
- **3.** Have the right team in place additional resources such as project management are incredibly helpful in this market to manage project budget, schedule, and more.

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