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# KEY FIGURES

+0.9% 2025 INFLATION (forecasts BNP PARIBAS)

+0.8%

HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION 2025 (forecasts BNP PARIBAS)

-1 point over one year (100 in average [1987-2024])
HOUSEHOLD CONFIDENCE INDEX - 01 2025

0.3%
TERTIARY ACTIVIES RENT INDEX 2025 (forecasts BNP PARIBAS)

# **ECONOMIC BACKDROP IN FRANCE**

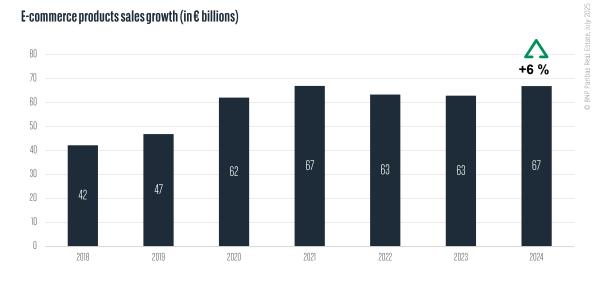
French GDP growth was weak in Q1 (+0.1% q/q), and full-year growth is expected to come in at +0.6%. Investment efforts by the European Union (German stimulus and the "Readiness2030" defence plan) should boost economic growth in some sectors, despite trade and geopolitical tensions.

Inflation has fallen back completely (+0.9% in June 2025). It has been under 1% for five months now, thanks to a steep fall in energy costs.

The purchasing managers' indices for services and industry, which measure business activity, picked up in Q2, pointing to renewed optimism. However, they remain below their average of 50.

# **GDP** growth in France







After falling by 7% in 2022 and 1.8% in 2023, online sales were boosted by lower inflation and rebounded by +6%. Note that ecommerce (goods) has grown by more than 50% over the past six years.

The market share of e-commerce within overall retail sales is about 10%, barely half or a third of some countries in Europe or Asia. This suggests good potential for Logistics development, especially cross-docking and XXL platforms, to accompany its growth.

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SHARE OF RENTAL TURNKEY AND OWNER OCCUPIER DEALS

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Grade A&B platforms

# **TAKE UP IN FRANCE**

Take-up continued to slide in H1 and came in 19% below its five-year average. Looking at the rolling 12-month picture, take-up has fallen from over 5 million sqm in Q1 2022 to around 3 million sqm this quarter (-40%).

Economic and regulatory instability (tariffs, corporate taxation, abolition of low-emission zones, which is causing confusion among occupiers and landlords of urban schemes) are prompting hesitancy and leading to the postponement of occupiers' logistics transformation projects.

Moreover, some industrial and retail sectors such as clothing, furniture, decoration and construction, which traditionally require a lot of logistics space, have seen an increase in insolvencies and margin erosion.

Conversely, others are still growing strongly, like agri-food, defence, aerospace, energy, cosmetics, luxury goods, and mass retail.

Third-party logistics providers, which have accounted for 48% of demand over the last five years, saw a 6-point decline (42%). The limited number of calls for bids from shippers in

recent months has prompted them to streamline their existing capacities.

Whereas take-up of second-hand premises had been falling, it has turned around significantly (+30% vs H1 2024). This shows that there is little doubt about the intrinsic qualities of these units, even though some buildings do not meet all occupiers' CSR requirements.

Conversely, the take-up of new warehouses (new grade A, turnkey and owner/occupier) has fallen -30% vs. H1 2024. This is largely due to the fall in turnkey and owner/occupier schemes (about -50% vs H1 2024).

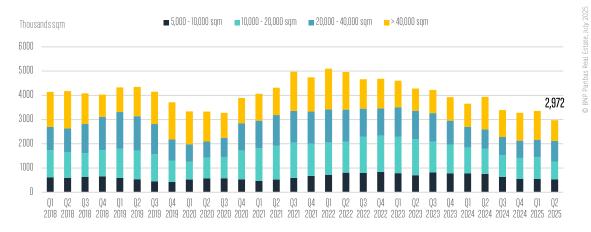
The take-up of new grade A warehouses (completed speculative schemes) is stable at 435,000 sqm, and in line with the average of the last five years.

Although occupier sales only represented 90,000 sqm, this was still more than 50% above the five-year average. This suggests that wealth management is still key to the strategies of many companies. Indeed, managers of SMEs, SMIs, and large companies are keen to own their real estate assets, as it

allows them to consolidate their balance sheets and establish their businesses with a view to the long term.

The average deal size was around 18,000 sqm, but the number of deals only increased in the 20,000–40,000 sqm segment (+45% vs H1 2024). Transactions over 40,000 sqm, which underpinned the market in 2024 (43% of take-up) and at the start of this year, were down in H1 2025, accounting for only a third of the space transacted.

# Take up (over a rolling 12-month period)



# Top 5 transactions

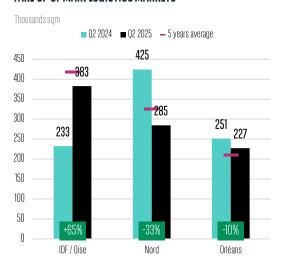
CITIES	TENANT	AREA
ILLIERS COMBRAY	AMAZON	120,000 sqm
ONNAING	ACTION	80,000 sqm
NANGIS	FM FRANCE	75,000 sqm
TOURNAN EN BRIE	JD.COM	65,000 sqm
SAINT PRIEST	RENAULT TRUCKS	45,000 sqm
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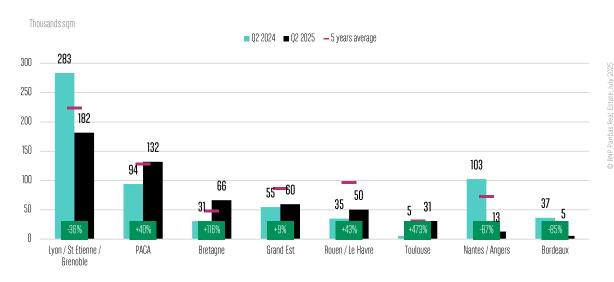


# LOGISTICS FRANCE 1,250,000 sqm Atlantic arc ■ North-South axis ■ Atlantic arc ■ Grand Est ■ Other Grade A&B platforms AdobeStock © Vladyslav

# **TAKE UP BY LOGISTICS MARKETS**

## TAKE UP OF MAIN LOGISTICS MARKETS





Boosted by three major deals totalling 170,000 sqm, the Paris region continued the recovery that began at the start of the year. It is now just 8% short of its five-year average and has regained its place as the top French market, accounting for 25% of take-up.

With just 290,000 sqm transacted, the Hauts-de-France region has slumped by over 30% vs. H1 2024. With the number of deals broadly the same, it is the average size that has fallen. There has been just one XXL deal so far in 2025 (Action in Onnaing for around 100,000 sqm), compared with four such transactions over H1 2024 (285,000 sqm). Nevertheless, the supply of these units is down slightly (-4%).

Orléans, which performed outstandingly in 2024, once again boasted take-up above its five-year average, thanks mainly to Amazon's owner/occupier move in Illiers-Combray (120,000 sqm) in Q1.

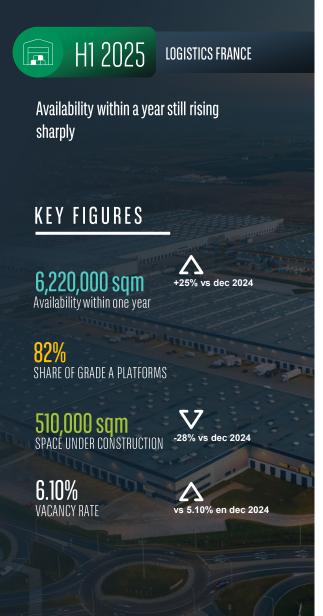
Similarly, take-up in the PACA region was above its five-year average (+3%). Its historically low supply has risen significantly (+54%), which should help to maintain the healthy trend.

It is a similar story for Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, where the unusually low supply has also been restored (500,000 sgm/ +70%). However, take-up in the region is still 20% short of its five-year average. However, there are some major deals in the pipeline that should underpin take-up in H2.

The Atlantic coast saw its lowest take-up in five years (-53%) with just 115,000 sqm changing hands.

Lastly, take-up in Eastern France, although 9% higher than in H1 2024, was still 30% lower than its five-year average.





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# **AVAILABILITY WITHIN ONE YEAR**

Availability within a year of grade A and B premises has continued to rise and now stands at 6.2 million sqm, almost doubling in just 18 months.

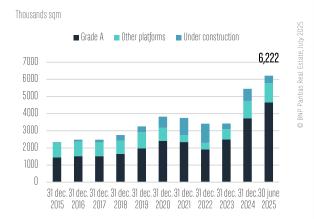
This trend is even more pronounced as some space leased by logistics providers, which is vacant when not under contract, is not included in the figure, even though it directly competes with the leasing of available space in 3PL calls for bids.

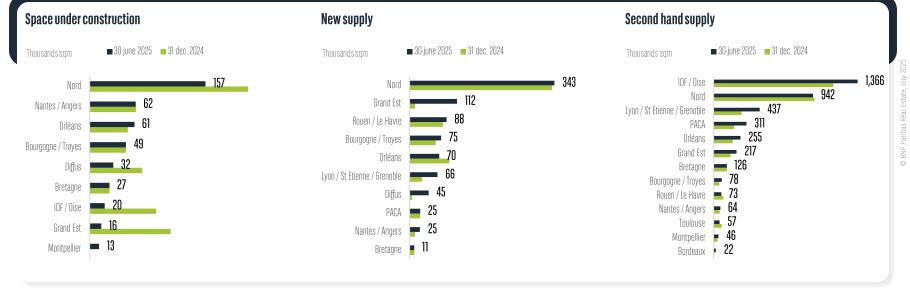
Compared to the end of 2023, only new grade A premises have seen moderate growth (+20%), thanks to healthy take-up. By contrast, availability of second-hand Grade A warehouses more than doubled over the same period (+110%), following the release of existing units. However, the grade B stock remains broadly stable compared with end-2024. Although the intrinsic qualities of these warehouses are not in doubt, the

growing importance of ESG criteria in occupiers' real estate strategies could hasten the obsolescence of certain assets in less sought-after locations.

Speculative building starts surged last year as borrowing conditions eased, but they have fallen back again (-28% vs H1 2024). Despite the more favourable environment, investors remain cautious about launching new speculative developments.

# Availability within one year







Grade A&B platforms



# **VACANCY RATE**

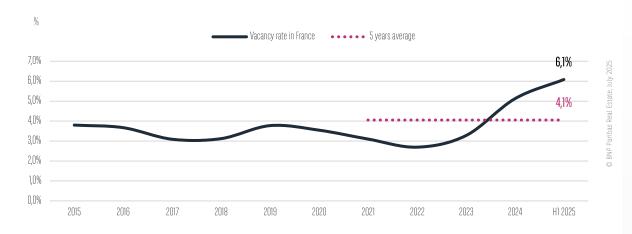
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LOGISTICS MARKET	VACANCY RATE	VS Q1 2024
HAUTS-DE-FRANCE	11.4%	+0.4 point
ILE-DE-FRANCE	7.1%	+0.9 point
ORLEANS	5.5%	+0.1 point
ROUEN / LE HAVRE	5.5%	-0.1 point
GRAND EST	5.2%	-1.4 point
LYON	4.5%	+2.6 points
PACA	4.5%	+3 points
BRETAGNE	3.9%	-3.7 points
NANTES	3.4%	+1.3 point
TOULOUSE	2.6%	-0.4 point
BORDEAUX	0.0%	+0 point



A direct consequence of the increase in supply is that the immediate vacancy rate1 continues to rise and now stands at 6.1%  $^{1}$  (vs 5.1% at end 2024). It is the first time in 10 years that it has topped 6%, but the figure remains reasonable given the economic environment.

That said, there are still some big geographical disparities. Paradoxically, the markets along the north-south axis that enjoyed the highest take-up levels in H1 2025 are those where vacancy rates continue to rise.

# National vacancy rate



## MAIN LOGISTICS MARKETS PRIME RENTS



# **PRIME RENTS**

After expanding significantly over the past four years, prime rents continue to stabilise. For existing platforms, the main reasons are the fall in demand combined with the rise in vacancy rates. For schemes in development, the stabilisation is attributable to tighter control of construction costs and lower borrowing costs.

Unlike other asset categories, it is interesting to note that incentives are still limited. Nevertheless, they could rise significantly given the vacancy rates in certain sectors.



Grade

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Vacancy rate of Grade A&B premises, calculated based on immediately available supply (excluding projects under construction and future releases).





Investment in logistics over H1 2025 came in at just over € 1.4bn, up 17% vs. the year-earlier period and accounting for 21% of the total invested in commercial real estate.

There were several major deals in Q2: the Occident portfolio bought by EQT EXETER for over  $\in$  150m, the Sun portfolio sold by DWS to the North American fund ARES for  $\in$  140m, as well as a portfolio sold by Columbia Threadneedle to AEW on behalf of the Caisse des Dépôts for  $\in$  120m.

The first half of the year saw the return of French and German investors with Core and Core + profiles, who are buying up prime assets with long leases in established logistics zones.

Some North American players are opting for platforms with

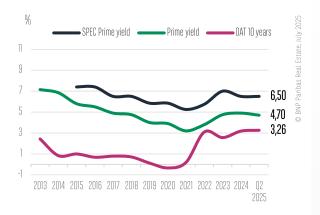
upside potential, still with the same dual objective: to take advantage of the general rise in rents and get ahead of a compression in exit yields.

New SCPIs are finding it harder to acquire assets in France due to lower yields and are focusing more on the rest of Europe. They accounted for only 5% of investment.

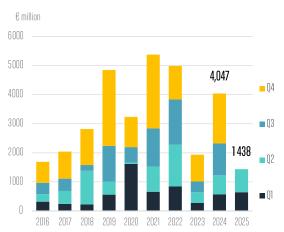
Despite strong take-up of new Grade A premises, very little speculative development has been started in 2025 (four schemes totalling 75,000 sqm) and no sales have been concluded.

Thanks to the European Central Bank's easing of monetary policy (2% in June 2025), and despite the rise in the OAT, the prime yield fell slightly to 4.70% at the end of Q2.

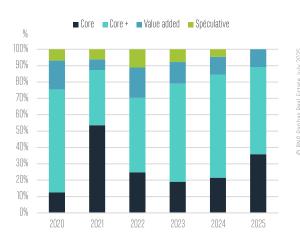
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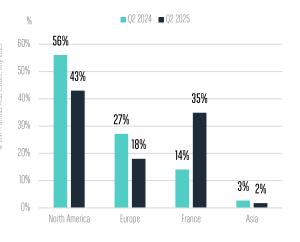
# Logistics investments in France



# Investors' strategy



# Investors' nationality







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