

# Orange County Office Market Report

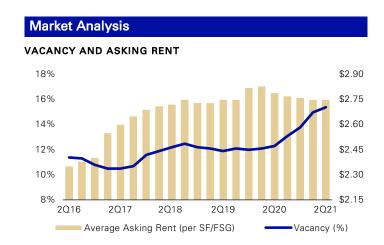
# Pandemic Effects Linger; Hints of Normalcy on the Horizon

- Quarterly net absorption was negative, posting 479,166 square feet of losses. The year-to-date total is now negative 1.3 million square feet, and vacancy is 15.4%.
- The average asking rent of \$2.75/SF is down 1.4% from the same period of last year.
- Sublet availability is at a record high, on a square footage basis and as a percentage of existing inventory. Nearly 830,000 square feet came online in the past 12 months.
- The Airport area accounts for roughly 55.1% of the metro's sublease listings. Notable space givebacks in the submarket over the last three months include Anduril Industries (155,000 square feet), WeWork (122,682 square feet across four locations) and Impac Mortgage Holdings (30,039 square feet).
- Innovation Park delivered, bringing 297,894 square feet of speculative space to the Irvine Spectrum. The project is 10.5% leased.
- Two projects, totaling 1.1 million square feet are under construction; 63.0% is pre-leased.

#### Airport Area Recovery Lags

Touring and leasing activity have begun to pick up in the metro as pandemic-related restrictions ease and workers return to the office. Space inquiries are increasing, and more longer-term requirements and negotiations are taking place. However, the Airport area is lagging neighboring submarkets.

The rise in availability of sublet space in the Airport area has offered tenants space options at discounted rates and, consequently, put pressure on direct rents. When surveying Airport contract rents for Class A and B office lease transactions 10,000-square-feet and larger, excluding subleases, the monthly weighted rent averaged \$3.35/SF in



#### NET ABSORPTION, CONSTRUCTION DELIVERIES AND VACANCY 1.5 20% 1.0 SF (in millions) 15% 0.5 10% 0.0 -0.5 2Q16 2Q18 2Q19 2Q21 Deliveries (SF) Net Absorption (SF) Vacancy (%)

Market Summary				
	Current Quarter	Prior Quarter	Year Ago	12-Month Forecast
Total Inventory (SF)	96.2M	95.9M	95.5M	<b>↑</b>
Total Vacancy Rate	15.4%	15.0%	12.3%	1
Quarterly Net Absorption (SF)	-479,166	-808,861	-229,122	<b>↑</b>
Average Asking Rent/SF/Month	\$2.75 FSG	\$2.75 FSG	\$2.79 FSG	<b>→</b>
Deliveries (SF)	297,894	344,354	0	1
Under Construction (SF)	1.0M	1.1M	1.2M	1

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2020, and \$2.73/SF in the first half of 2021, a 18.3% decrease. Weighted contract rates in South County, on the other hand, have experienced a 5.0% decrease over the same period, and are now \$3.00/SF.

Prior to the pandemic, the South County submarket drove both leasing and under-construction activity in the metro, with several notable tenants, such as Broadcom (660,000 square feet), relocating from the Airport area. In recent months, this trend has persisted, with Alteryx (187,060 square feet) and CoStar (114,875 square feet) relocating from Airport to take advantage of South County's new construction, a pattern that will likely continue once the COVID-19 disruption is no more.

## **Employment**

Orange County's unemployment rate is the lowest in Southern California; compare 5.9% against 10.1% for Los Angeles, 7.2% for the Inland Empire and 6.4% for San Diego. The metro gained 19,100 total nonfarm jobs in May, the majority of which stemmed from the leisure/hospitality segment. Office-using employment

added 2,700 jobs over the same period and now represents 96.3% of what it was in February 2020 (before the declaration of a national health emergency).

California's economy fully reopened in mid-June, and job gains are expected in the months ahead as Orange County businesses recoup financial losses.

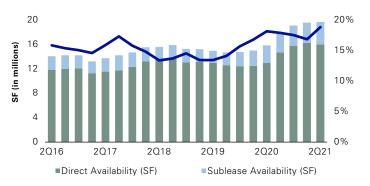
#### Outlook

Vaccination counts are increasing throughout the region, with roughly 59.0% of the county at least partially vaccinated, and a sense of normalcy is returning. Tenants are beginning to make more long-term decisions, while landlords have been reluctant to devalue buildings, anticipating that a recovery is on the horizon; however, direct asking rents may soften in the near term due to the large glut of sublet availability.

A significant portion of today's vacancy stems from leased new construction that tenants have yet to occupy. Elevated vacancy levels will decrease in time. Deal activity will likely ramp up in the second half of the year, along with absorption gains.

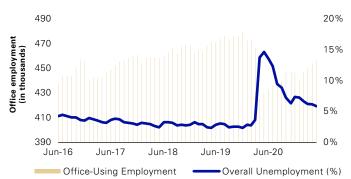
# Sublease vs. Direct Availability (SF)

#### AND SUBLEASE AS A % OF OVERALL AVAILABLE SF



#### Office-Using Employment

#### **ANAHEIM - SANTA ANA - IRVINE**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (Preliminary data, not seasonally adjusted). Includes information, financial activities and professional and business services jobs.

Lease Transactions								
Tenant Building		Market Area	Lease Type	Square Feet				
Clean Energy	4675 MacArthur Ct	Airport	Renewal	49,043				
Alliant Insurance Services	18100 Von Karman Ave	Airport	New	48,944				
Midas Technologies	48 Discovery	South County	New	26,920				

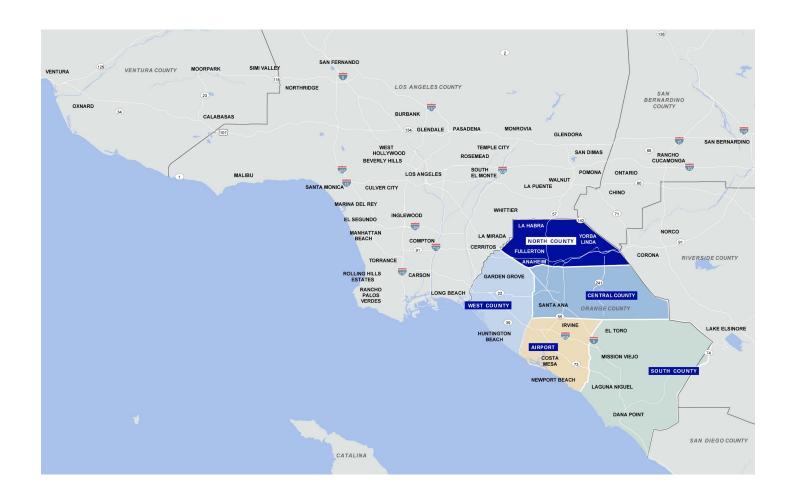
Sale Transactions								
Building(s)	Market Area	Sale Price (PSF)	Square Feet					
25521, 25561, 25541 Commercentre	South County	\$41,000,000 (\$263/SF)	155,795					
26110, 26160, 26140 Enterprise Way	South County	\$30,500,000 (\$204/SF)	149,184					
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Submarket Statistics								
	Total Inventory (SF)	Under Construction (SF)	Total Vacancy Rate	Otr Net Absorption (SF)	YTD Net Absorption (SF)	Class A Asking Rent (Price/SF)	Class B Asking Rent (Price/SF)	Total Asking Rent (Price/SF)
Airport	42,373,915	639,206	16.5%	-203,492	-400,027	\$3.25	\$2.70	\$3.03
Costa Mesa	5,711,727	639,206	20.4%	-106,577	-110,508	\$3.36	\$2.27	\$3.20
Irvine	22,633,436	0	16.4%	-15,790	-219,618	\$3.27	\$2.66	\$3.01
Newport Beach	8,825,233	0	12.2%	-112,063	-165,677	\$3.23	\$3.05	\$3.15
Santa Ana (Airport Area)	4,786,235	0	16.9%	30,938	24,543	\$2.96	\$2.65	\$2.75
Tustin	417,284	0	53.9%	0	71,233	-	-	-
Central County	16,454,168	0	13.7%	86,669	-87,660	\$2.46	\$2.25	\$2.31
Anaheim (Stadium Area)	3,588,828	0	13.4%	-48,956	-11,566	\$2.33	\$2.15	\$2.26
Orange	6,155,509	0	14.3%	93,259	-68,447	\$2.44	\$2.61	\$2.48
Santa Ana	5,290,249	0	14.8%	24,996	-24,794	\$2.82	\$1.96	\$2.11
Tustin	1,419,582	0	8.6%	17,370	17,147	\$2.65	\$2.35	\$2.30
North County	7,120,046	0	8.6%	-4,854	-81,999	\$2.33	\$2.21	\$2.23
Anaheim (Anaheim Hills)	1,403,737	0	9.2%	-10,039	6,453	\$2.05	\$1.90	\$1.93
Brea	3,841,055	0	9.2%	-10,158	-92,945	\$2.37	\$2.33	\$2.35
Fullerton	992,524	0	8.5%	12,684	-2,921	-	\$2.52	\$2.52
La Habra	313,469	0	1.2%	-1,360	696	-	\$2.06	\$2.06
Placentia	239,347	0	14.0%	-6,108	-6,108	-	\$1.69	\$1.69
Yorba Linda	329,914	0	2.0%	10,127	12,826	-	\$2.20	\$2.20
South County*	23,197,533	373,423	18.3%	-354,971	-750,291	\$3.03	\$2.72	\$2.81
Aliso Viejo	2,275,940	0	31.5%	-84,537	-116,535	\$3.35	\$2.87	\$3.08
Dana Point	210,660	0	3.7%	0	0	-	-	-
Foothill Ranch	705,061	0	14.6%	-25,489	-13,317	\$2.70	\$2.50	\$2.62

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Irvine Spectrum	11,937,622	373,423	18.9%	-253,545	-360,993	\$3.20	\$2.76	\$2.90
Laguna Beach	90,845	0	5.8%	0	200	-	-	-
Laguna Hills	1,454,808	0	13.9%	8,850	3,182	\$2.95	\$3.00	\$2.96
Laguna Niguel	648,723	0	9.8%	10,401	5,455	\$3.05	\$2.42	\$2.90
Lake Forest	2,273,265	0	23.7%	-36,398	-232,810	\$2.12	\$2.33	\$2.24
Mission Viejo	1,513,882	0	5.9%	465	-21,928	\$2.51	\$2.32	\$2.43
Rancho Santa Margarita	293,615	0	15.5%	0	2,949	\$1.95	\$2.20	\$2.17
San Clemente	365,291	0	2.2%	-4,664	-27,055	\$2.40	\$2.22	\$2.30
San Juan Capistrano	835,466	0	18.9%	30,931	11,546	\$2.50	\$2.30	\$2.33
West County	7,024,327	0	10.7%	-2,518	31,950	\$2.66	\$2.12	\$2.30
Cypress	1,563,321	0	13.3%	16,234	39,009	\$2.53	\$1.97	\$2.21
Fountain Valley	983,665	0	2.8%	2,110	1,693	-	\$2.10	\$2.10
Garden Grove	646,135	0	7.7%	4,748	6,253	-	\$1.94	\$1.88
Huntington Beach	2,122,522	0	18.3%	18,676	40,642	\$2.64	\$2.24	\$2.33
Los Alamitos	553,880	0	4.0%	284	-3,845	-	\$2.39	\$2.39
Seal Beach	325,148	0	3.0%	3,304	0	-	-	-
Stanton	115,576	0	6.7%	2,410	430	-	-	-
Westminster	714,080	0	4.7%	-50,284	-52,232	-	\$1.68	\$1.68
Market	96,169,989	1,012,629	15.4%	-479,166	-1,288,027	\$3.01	\$2.54	\$2.75

Under construction totals include ground-up construction only; under renovation and/or converted product is excluded. The same applies to construction deliveries.

Net absorption is the change in physically occupied space. A hypothetical vacant and available space could lease this quarter with the tenant set to take occupancy six months later; positive absorption is not recorded until this physical move-in occurs. The space will remain vacant, but not available, until occupancy.



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