

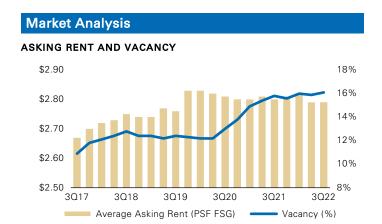
# Orange County Office Market Report

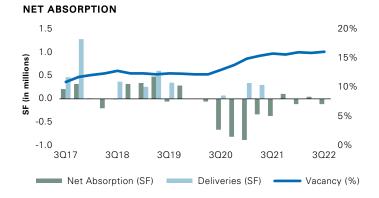
## Rents and Vacancy Are Generally Flat; Economic Uncertainty is Present

- The direct average asking rent remained unchanged from the previous quarter and has been generally flat since the start of the pandemic.
- Quarterly net absorption was negative 111,818 square feet, causing vacancy to increase 20 basis points to 16.1%.
- Johnson & Johnson Vision (171,330 square feet at 1700 E.
  Saint Andrew Place), WeWork (71,286 square feet at 2211
  Michelson Drive), and Lantronix (44,486 square feet at 7535
  Irvine Center Drive) were among this quarter's top move-outs.
- Vacancy has hovered in the 15.4% to 16.1% range since 2021.
  It will likely increase as the U.S. economy down-cycles.
- South County continues to lead other submarkets in net absorption gains as tenants commit to Class A, trophy space.
   The greater market's top four move-ins were all in Irvine Spectrum, with the CoStar Group, Supernal, Sega of America and Glasir Group collectively occupying 283,529 square feet.
- Three major projects are underway, with The Press in Costa Mesa (449,206 square feet pre-leased to Anduril) scheduled to complete early 2023, while the final phase of Spectrum Terrace (345,900 square feet across three buildings) and Innovation Office Park (258,395 square feet across seven buildings) in the Irvine Spectrum aim to finish later this year.
- Anduril has been progressively occupying space upon each completed phase of The Press, while Apple will reportedly occupy one of Spectrum Terrace's Phase III buildings. No pre-leasing activity has been announced to date in the Innovation Office Park buildings.
- No new construction has been announced in the last five quarters.

### **Tech Scales Down Amid Economic Instability**

Big Tech companies are bracing for an economic downturn following a period of slowed growth. To date, Tesla, Apple,





| Market Summary                  |                    |                  |               |                      |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
|                                 | Current<br>Quarter | Prior<br>Quarter | Year<br>Ago   | 12-Month<br>Forecast |  |  |  |
| Total Inventory (SF)            | 96.2M              | 96.2M            | 96.2M         | <b>↑</b>             |  |  |  |
| Total Vacancy Rate              | 16.1%              | 15.9%            | 15.8%         | <b>1</b>             |  |  |  |
| Quarterly Net Absorption (SF)   | -112K              | 47K              | -364K         | <b>↑</b>             |  |  |  |
| Average Asking<br>Rent/SF/Month | \$2.79<br>FSG      | \$2.79<br>FSG    | \$2.80<br>FSG | <b>→</b>             |  |  |  |
| Deliveries (SF)*                | 0                  | 0                | 0             | <b>↑</b>             |  |  |  |
| Under Construction (SF)         | 1.1M               | 1.1M             | 824K          | 1                    |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> includes ground-up construction and excludes renovation projects



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Oracle and Microsoft have announced national layoffs in the last three months, with hiring freezes in place. Rivian also declared plans to discharge 840 employees nationally, 140 of which are in Orange County. Historically, venture capitalists retract investments in the face of economic instability, making big and small tech operators prone to fluctuations.

Other sectors seeing layoffs in Orange County include manufacturing, biotech and banking, where Schneider Electric, Invitae Corporation, and Texana Bank all reported job cuts. Layoffs are typically a pre-cursor for downsizing real estate footprints, which will likely occur in the months ahead. Unemployment of 3.0% will likely see moderate increases through year-end as stagnant business activity prompts companies to slow new hiring and downsize, where applicable.

## **Strong Quarterly Sales Activity**

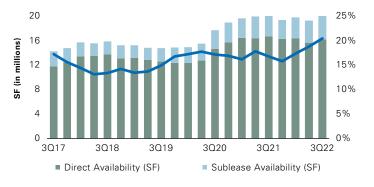
This quarter's office sales volume outperformed the first half of the year. In a partnership with private equity investor PGGM, insurance provider MetLife acquired Intersect, a Class A, creative office campus, for \$235 million in the largest office sale in Orange County this year. The campus spans across four buildings for a total of 453,975 square feet of office space and is 85.0% leased. The transaction reinforces the theme of flight-to-quality where tenants are seeking low-rise, quality spaces to appeal to workers. New buildings, specifically those built from 2015 onwards, are outperforming older product from a net occupancy standpoint.

## **Outlook**

Economic headwinds have prompted several tech players to put a temporary hold on their expansion plans as they assess current conditions. Decision-makers are also awaiting stability of remotework patterns to define long-term real estate needs. Companies whose average employee is in the office three to five days are expected to retain their footprints, while two days or less will lead to space reductions. In the event hiring slows and unemployment rises, leverage will shift from employees to employers, which may prompt some office occupiers to mandate a full return to the office. The market remains in a wait-and-see position as it navigates the current economic climate.

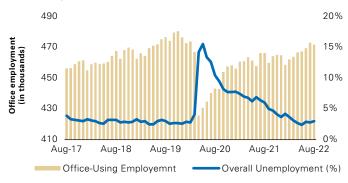
## Sublease vs. Direct Availability (SF)

#### 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).

| Lease Transactions              |                                   |             |            |             |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Tenant                          | Building                          | Market Area | Lease Type | Square Feet |  |  |  |  |
| Collectors Universe             | 1600-1610 East Saint Andrew Place | Airport     | Expansion  | 102,000     |  |  |  |  |
| First Foundation Inc.           | 18101 Von Karman Avenue           | Airport     | Extension  | 72,427      |  |  |  |  |
| General Services Administration | 2642 Michelle Drive               | Airport     | New        | 50,832      |  |  |  |  |

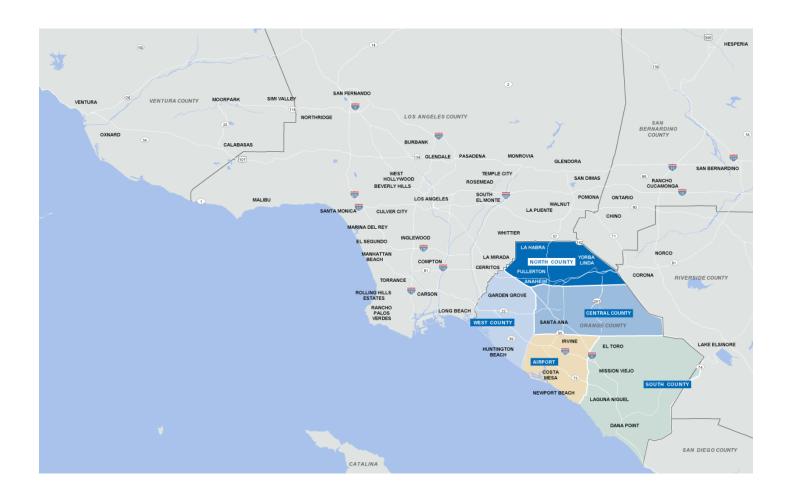
| Sale Transactions                     |   |              |                          |             |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Buyer                                 | Building(s)   | Market Area  | Sale Price (PSF)         | Square Feet |  |  |  |  |
| MetLife Investment<br>Management/PGGM | 17838/17872 Gillette Avenue,<br>17877/17875 Von Karman Avenue | Airport      | \$235,200,000 (\$519/SF) | 453,975     |  |  |  |  |
| CBRE/Healthcare Realty Trust Inc.     | 26732 Crown Valley Parkway                                    | South County | \$65,620,000 (\$549/SF)  | 119,497     |  |  |  |  |
| Scannell Properties                   | 7390 Lincoln Way  | West County  | \$20,000,000 (\$486/SF)  | 41,184      |  |  |  |  |

| Submarket Statistics     | s                          |                               |                          |                               |                               |                                      |                                      |                                    |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                          | Total<br>Inventory<br>(SF) | Under<br>Construction<br>(SF) | Total<br>Vacancy<br>Rate | Otr Net<br>Absorption<br>(SF) | YTD Net<br>Absorption<br>(SF) | Class A<br>Asking Rent<br>(Price/SF) | Class B<br>Asking Rent<br>(Price/SF) | Total<br>Asking Rent<br>(Price/SF) |
| Airport                  | 42,673,857                 | 449,206                       | 17.7%                    | -121,974                      | -97,073                       | \$3.28                               | \$2.66                               | \$3.03                             |
| Costa Mesa               | 5,709,373                  | 449,206                       | 23.3%                    | -36,631                       | -121,118                      | \$3.26                               | \$2.24                               | \$3.00                             |
| Irvine                   | 23,115,643                 | 0                             | 17.5%                    | -120,352                      | -14,952                       | \$3.19                               | \$2.65                               | \$3.00                             |
| Newport Beach            | 8,548,187                  | 0                             | 12.5%                    | -4,324                        | 18,343                        | \$3.48                               | \$3.05                               | \$3.29                             |
| Santa Ana (Airport Area) | 4,779,138                  | 0                             | 19.2%                    | 39,333                        | 7,769                         | \$2.85                               | \$2.65                               | \$2.68                             |
| Tustin                   | 521,516                    | 0                             | 36.6%                    | 0                             | 12,885                        | \$4.50                               | \$2.10                               | \$4.21                             |
| Central County           | 16,374,212                 | 0                             | 17.5%                    | -155,773                      | -503,542                      | \$2.56                               | \$2.21                               | \$2.35                             |
| Anaheim (Stadium Area)   | 3,549,622                  | 0                             | 19.0%                    | 18,023                        | -219,734                      | \$3.03                               | \$2.29                               | \$2.56                             |
| Orange                   | 5,944,950                  | 0                             | 16.4%                    | -51,340                       | -92,472                       | \$2.37                               | \$2.36                               | \$2.36                             |
| Santa Ana                | 5,460,058                  | 0                             | 19.3%                    | -132,544                      | -176,176                      | \$2.74                               | \$2.18                               | \$2.29                             |
| Tustin                   | 1,419,582                  | 0                             | 11.5%                    | 10,088                        | -15,160                       | \$2.65                               | \$1.62                               | \$1.78                             |
| North County             | 7,329,209                  | 0                             | 9.7%                     | -7,306                        | -117,950                      | \$2.48                               | \$2.31                               | \$2.39                             |
| Anaheim (Anaheim Hills)  | 1,403,737                  | 0                             | 8.4%                     | 7,222                         | 17,004                        | -                                    | \$2.07                               | \$2.07                             |
| Brea                     | 3,842,277                  | 0                             | 11.8%                    | -6,939                        | -117,885                      | \$2.48                               | \$2.41                               | \$2.45                             |
| Fullerton                | 1,397,654                  | 0                             | 7.9%                     | -6,973                        | -29,043                       | -                                    | \$2.40                               | \$2.37                             |
| La Habra                 | 174,469                    | 0                             | 1.3%                     | -1,366                        | 6,001                         | -                                    | \$2.13                               | \$2.13                             |
| Placentia                | 239,347                    | 0                             | 9.3%                     | 750                           | 9,041                         | -                                    | \$1.73                               | \$1.89                             |
| Yorba Linda              | 271,725                    | 0                             | 2.6%                     | 0                             | -3,068                        | -                                    | \$2.11                               | \$2.11                             |
| South County*            | 23,045,937                 | 633,230                       | 15.3%                    | 171,042                       | 526,421                       | \$3.03                               | \$2.67                               | \$2.80                             |
| Aliso Viejo              | 2,434,109                  | 0                             | 28.8%                    | -38,356                       | -50,174                       | \$3.19                               | \$2.93                               | \$3.05                             |
| Dana Point               | 210,660                    | 0                             | 0.0%                     | 0                             | 7,868                         | -                                    | -                                    | -                                  |
| Foothill Ranch           | 705,061                    | 0                             | 15.9%                    | -8,090                        | -23,188                       | \$2.70                               | \$2.50                               | \$2.59                             |
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| Irvine Spectrum        | 12,392,830                 | 633,230                       | 13.6%                    | 259,922                       | 671,205                       | \$3.19                               | \$2.72                               | \$2.89                             |
| Laguna Beach           | 90,845                     | 0                             | 2.7%                     | 1,868                         | 28                            | -                                    | -                                    | \$3.50                             |
| Laguna Hills           | 1,450,370                  | 0                             | 18.1%                    | -6,466                        | -9,863                        | \$2.95                               | \$2.88                               | \$2.89                             |
| Laguna Niguel          | 671,719                    | 0                             | 13.2%                    | 6,290                         | 15,154                        | \$1.70                               | \$2.47                               | \$2.20                             |
| Lake Forest            | 2,162,741                  | 0                             | 16.5%                    | -22,242                       | -66,139                       | \$2.12                               | \$2.26                               | \$2.23                             |
| Mission Viejo          | 1,463,882                  | 0                             | 15.5%                    | -12,652                       | -20,745                       | \$2.98                               | \$2.40                               | \$2.69                             |
| Rancho Santa Margarita | 179,182                    | 0                             | 11.2%                    | 1,380                         | 3,746                         | -                                    | \$2.20                               | \$2.20                             |
| San Clemente           | 365,291                    | 0                             | 4.6%                     | -545                          | 14,693                        | \$2.70                               | \$2.43                               | \$2.59                             |
| San Juan Capistrano    | 835,466                    | 0                             | 4.6%                     | -10,067                       | -17,724                       | \$2.50                               | \$2.62                               | \$2.61                             |
| West County            | 6,795,924                  | 0                             | 11.6%                    | 2,193                         | 17,388                        | \$2.77                               | \$2.29                               | \$2.56                             |
| Cypress                | 1,485,032                  | 0                             | 16.1%                    | 8,867                         | -10,944                       | \$2.55                               | \$2.29                               | \$2.45                             |
| Fountain Valley        | 835,369                    | 0                             | 1.9%                     | -1,956                        | 12,240                        | -                                    | \$2.25                               | \$2.25                             |
| Garden Grove           | 598,593                    | 0                             | 6.0%                     | 9,273                         | 13,515                        | -                                    | \$1.95                               | \$1.95                             |
| Huntington Beach       | 2,157,238                  | 0                             | 15.5%                    | -21,608                       | 12,855                        | \$2.79                               | \$2.26                               | \$2.56                             |
| Los Alamitos           | 674,018                    | 0                             | 3.2%                     | 3,791                         | 2,286                         | -                                    | \$2.64                               | \$2.48                             |
| Seal Beach             | 338,033                    | 0                             | 24.6%                    | -97                           | -20,397                       | \$3.43                               | \$3.15                               | \$3.42                             |
| Stanton                | 115,576                    | 0                             | 1.8%                     | 3,247                         | 9,524                         | -                                    | -                                    | \$2.02                             |
| Westminster            | 592,065                    | 0                             | 9.1%                     | 676                           | -1,691                        | \$2.35                               | \$2.41                               | \$2.38                             |
| Market                 | 96,219,139                 | 1,082,436                     | 16.1%                    | -111,818                      | -174,756                      | \$3.04                               | \$2.55                               | \$2.79                             |

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.

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



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