

# Flex Market Report

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Compared to last quarter:

# Vacancy



## **Absorption**



Lease Rates DOWN

Construction DOWN

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# Market Highlights

- ◆ The Orange County flex market is undergoing changes due to reaction to the mortgage/housing industry, the completion of new supply and the general slow down of the US economic environment. However, the region's strong local economy and high quality of life continue to make it a desirable location for business. The growing influence of new industries such as high technology, biotechnology and healthcare should further diversify the local economy and help to rejuvenate the flex market. These industries will increase employment opportunities and help to ease vacancy rate concerns in the coming quarters.
- The flex vacancy rate registered 14.45%, which is higher than it was a year ago when it was 10.74%. This increase is due to the new flex buildings that have been delivered to the market in the last 12 months, coupled with the slowing US economy.
- ◆ The total amount of flex space available in Orange County, which includes both direct and sublease space, is higher than it was a year ago, 21.5% this quarter as compared to 13.99% this quarter last year.
- The average asking Full Service Gross lease rate per month per foot for flex space in Orange County is currently at \$2.52, which is a 4.55% decrease over last year's second quarter rate of \$2.64.
- Net absorption for the county this quarter posted at negative 3,605 square feet, giving the county a total of 142,649 square feet of negative absorption for the first half of 2008.
- ◆ The level of activity registered 499,613 square feet for the second quarter of 2008. This is down from 655,366 square feet when compared to the same quarter last year. This drop in activity is mostly a result of hesitancy in the

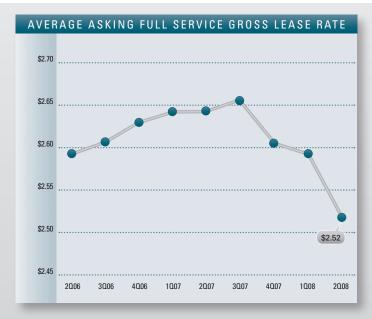
- marketplace from the continuous stream of negative news in a wide area of topics, most notably the credit crunch. However, the credit crunch has not directly impacted tenants or buyers of real estate for use, but rather investors. These conditions could result in an increase in activity in the second half of 2008 from pent up demand.
- ◆ Total space under construction checked in at just 22,000 square feet at the end of the second quarter, which is 95% lower than the amount that was under construction this same time last year. This is a good signal that the market is correcting itself. A total of 247,222 square feet of new flex product was delivered in the first half of 2008.
- ◆ According to the State of California Employment Development Department, Orange County lost 21,000 payroll jobs over the last twelve months, most of which were in financial services. However, between April 2008 and May 2008 Orange County gained 3,300 jobs, mostly in the government, leisure and hospitality sectors. Going forward, Chapman University is forecasting 18,000 payroll jobs will be lost in 2008, with a gain of 14,000 jobs in 2009.
- The unemployment rate in Orange County was 4.8% in May 2008, up from a revised 4.4% percent in April 2008, but above the year ago estimate of 3.5%. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.5 percent for California and 5.2 percent for the nation during the same period.
- Lease rates are expected to remain at current levels for the short run, and concessions should begin to increase in the forms of free rent, reduced parking fees, relocation funds and tenant improvement allowances, as new inventory becomes available from vacancies and construction deliveries.

FLEX MARKET OVERVIEW										
	202008	102008	202007	% CHANGE VS. 2007						
Under Construction	22,000	130,991	492,637	-95.53%						
Planned Construction	272,714	248,857	20,500	1230.31%						
Vacancy	14.45%	14.47%	10.74%	34.54%						
Availability	21.50%	19.87%	13.99%	53.68%						
Pricing	\$2.52	\$2.59	\$2.64	-4.55%						
Net Absorption	-3,605	-139,044	67,484	N/A						
Activity	499,613	341,805	655,366	-23.77%						

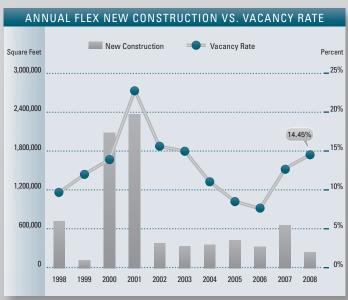
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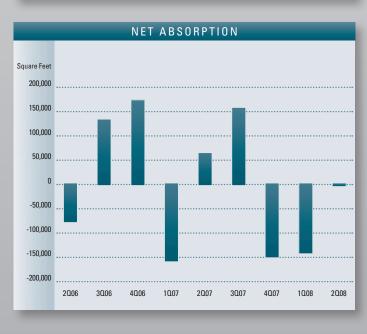
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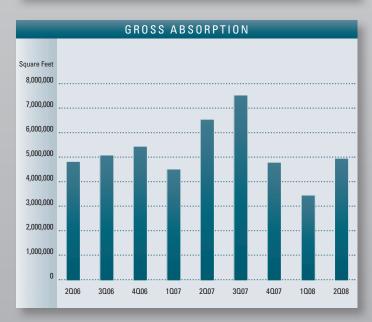


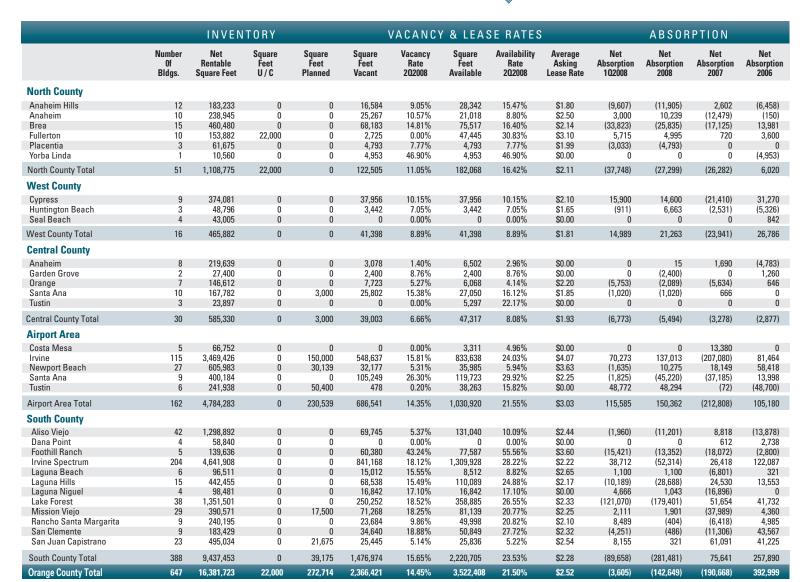






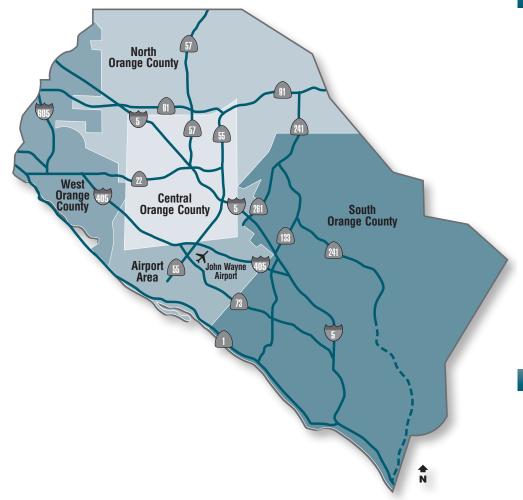






	_	INVENTORY				VACANCY & LEASE RATES				ABSORPTION			
	Number Of Bldgs.	Net Rentable Square Feet	Square Feet U / C	Square Feet Planned	Square Feet Vacant	Vacancy Rate 202008	Square Feet Available	Availability Rate 202008	Average Asking Lease Rate	Net Absorption 102008	Net Absorption 2008	Net Absorption 2007	Net Absorption 2006
North County													
0 to 29,999	40	621,133	22,000	0	73,201	11.79%	81,102	13.06%	\$1.95	(17.659)	(16,321)	(12,529)	8,265
30,000 to 49,999	9	364,642	0	0	42,324	11.61%	93,986	25.77%	\$2.14	(17,067)	(5,866)	(13,600)	(2,650)
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West County	-	120,000	· ·	•	0,000	0.07 /0	0,000	0.07 /0	ψ0.00	(0,022)	(0,112)	(100)	100
0 to 29,999	9	97.114	0	0	3,442	3.54%	3,442	3.54%	\$1.65	1,489	7,763	(3,631)	9,316
30,000 to 49,999	3	118,562	0	Ő	2,456	2.07%	2,456	2.07%	\$2.10	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,456)	20,480
50,000+	4	250,206	0	0	35,500	14.19%	35,500	14.19%	\$0.00	14,500	14,500	(18,854)	(3,010)
Central County		200,200	•	•	00,000	11.1070	00,000	11.1070	ψ0.00	11,000	11,000	(10,001)	(0,010)
0 to 29.999	25	338,371	0	3,000	17,091	5.05%	24,157	7.14%	\$0.00	(1,655)	(1,045)	14,185	(3,523)
30,000 to 49,999	1	33,070	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	\$0.00	(1,000)	(1,01.0)	0	0
50,000+	4	213,889	0	Ő	21,912	10.24%	23,160	10.83%	\$0.00	(5,118)	(4,449)	(17,463)	646
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0 to 29,999	86	980.898	0	30,139	203,124	20.71%	241,034	24.57%	\$4.35	28,815	94,298	72,388	12,007
30,000 to 49,999	39	1,608,236	0	00,100	199,212	12.39%	344,463	21.42%	\$2.45	25,504	45,456	(106,562)	21,737
50,000+	37	2.195.149	0	200,400	284,205	12.95%	445.423	20.29%	\$2.07	61,266	10,608	(178,634)	71,436
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) to 29,999	253	3,149,542	0	39,175	690.739	21.93%	985,177	31.28%	\$2.25	(22,914)	(103,419)	167,881	289,255
30,000 to 49,999	84	3,332,246	0	0	440,203	13.21%	714,526	21.44%	\$2.33	(3,365)	(120,617)	(74,754)	107,191
50,000+	51	2,955,665	0	0	346,032	11.71%	521,002	17.63%	\$1.97	(63,379)	(57,445)	(17,486)	(138,556)
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) to 29,999	413	5.187.058	22,000	72,314	987,597	19.04%	1,334,912	25.74%	\$2.89	(11,924)	(18.724)	238,294	315,320
30,000 to 49,999	136	5,456,756	0	0	684,195	12.54%	1,155,431	21.17%	\$2.33	4,072	(82,027)	(196,372)	146,758
50,000+	98	5,737,909	0	200,400	694,629	12.11%	1,032,065	17.99%	\$2.05	4,247	(41,898)	(232,590)	(69,079)
Orange County Total	647	16,381,723	22,000	272,714	2,366,421	14.45%	3,522,408	21.50%	\$2.52	(3,605)	(142,649)	(190,668)	392,999

This survey consists of buildings up to 74,999 square feet. Lease rates are based on a Full Service Gross basis.



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#### NORTH

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#### PRODUCT TYPE

#### FLEX-TECH OR CORPORATE HEADQUARTER

Minimum 75% improved with drop ceiling, minimum parking ratio of 3.5 to 1, minimum of 3 elevations with full glassline, with ground level loading possible.

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