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# Orange County | Second Quarter 2013



# **R&D Market Report**

Compared to the Previous Quarter:

**Vacancy** 



**Net Absorption** 



**Lease Rates** 



**Transactions** 



**Deliveries** 



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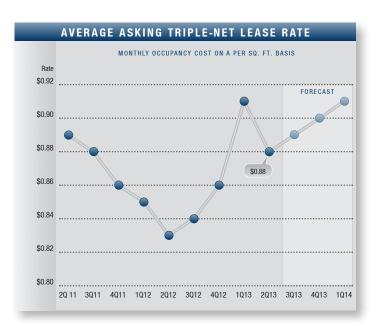
# Market Highlights

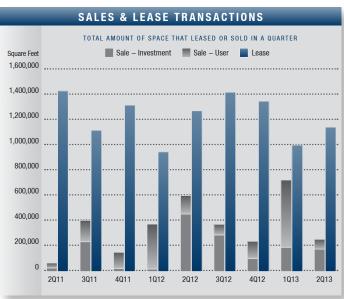
- Encouraging Numbers The Orange County research and development market conveyed more signs of stabilization at the end of the second quarter of 2013. Both vacancy and availability decreased compared to the prior quarter's rate and 2012's second quarter rate, and the market posted over 380,000 square feet of positive net absorption for the first half of 2013. While these are positive indications, stability will need to be sustained in coming quarters to be considered recovery.
- Construction At the end of the quarter, there was only
  one project in the Irvine Spectrum under construction,
  which totaled 21,930 square feet. The slowdown in
  construction has eased and will continue to ease the
  upward pressure on vacancy and the downward pressure
  on lease rates. The shrinking availability of land, scarce
  financing and rising construction costs have led to few
  projects being developed.
- Vacancy Direct/sublease space (unoccupied) finished the quarter at 7.21%, a decrease from the prior quarter's 7.46% and 2012's second quarter rate of 7.59%. We are forecasting that vacancy will continue to trend downward in the second half of 2013.
- Availability Direct/sublease space being marketed was 10.20% in the second quarter, down from the 10.79% we saw at the end of the previous quarter and a decrease of 15.91% when compared to the same quarter of 2012.
- Lease Rates The average asking triple-net lease rate per square foot per month in Orange County's R&D market was \$0.88 in the second quarter- three cents lower than the previous quarter's rate but five cents higher than 2012's second quarter rate. The record high rate of \$1.22 was established in the second quarter of 2007. We are forecasting that average asking lease rates will continue rise in the second half of 2013.
- Absorption The Orange County R&D market posted 154,448 square feet of positive net absorption in second quarter of 2013 — giving the R&D market a total of over

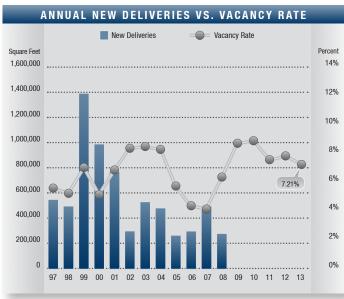
- 1 million square feet of positive absorption for the last ten quarters.
- Transaction Activity Leasing activity checked in at just over 1 million square feet in the second quarter of 2013, lower than the 1.7 million square feet we saw in the previous quarter. The Orange County R&D market averaged over 1.2 million square feet of leasing activity per quarter over the last nine quarters. Sales activity posted 332,000 square feet in the second quarter of 2013, a slight decrease from 2012's second quarter total of 358,000 square feet. The Orange County research and development market averaged over 442,000 square feet of sales activity per quarter over the last five quarters.
- **Employment -** The unemployment rate in Orange County was 5.5% in May 2013 down from a revised 5.7% in April 2013 and below the previous year's estimate of 7.5%. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 8.1% for California and 7.3% for the nation during the same period. According to the State of California Employment Development Department, Orange County saw a net increase of 24,500 payroll jobs from May 2012 to May 2013. The largest gains were 6,500 in financial activities and 6,400 in construction; however, Orange County lost 1,200 jobs in the trade, transportation and utilities sector during that same period.
- Overall We are seeing a decrease in the amount of available space in the Orange County R&D market. As we continue into the second half of 2013, absorption has been positive, and with very few new deliveries in the pipeline to apply upward pressure on vacancy, the market should continue to stabilize. We foresee an increase in investment activity in the coming quarters. Lease rates are firming up, and we expect continued increases in 2013. Concessions in the forms of free rent, relocation funds and tenant improvement allowances have begun to lessen. We should also see an increase in leasing activity as many short-term deals come up for renewal and as job creation continues in 2013. As unemployment rates drop and consumer confidence stabilizes, the R&D market will recover.

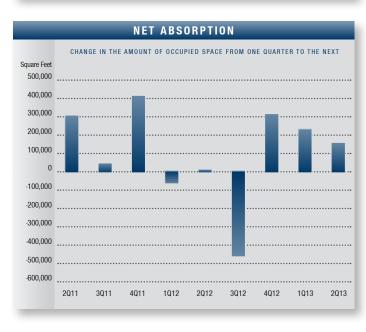
	R&D MA	RKET OV	ERVIEW		
	2Q13	1Q13	2Q12	% of Change vs. 2Q12	
Total Vacancy Rate	7.21%	7.46%	7.59%	(5.01%)	
Availability Rate	10.20%	10.79%	12.13%	(15.91%)	
Average Asking Lease Rate	\$0.88	\$0.91	\$0.83	6.02%	
Sale & Lease Transactions	1,372,424	1,975,386	1,760,863	(22.06%)	
Gross Absorption	1,232,255	1,391,508	1,117,157	10.30%	
Net Absorption	154,448	227,632	9,430	N/A	

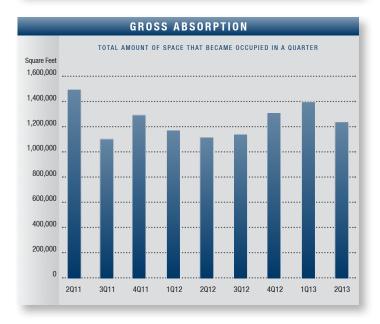








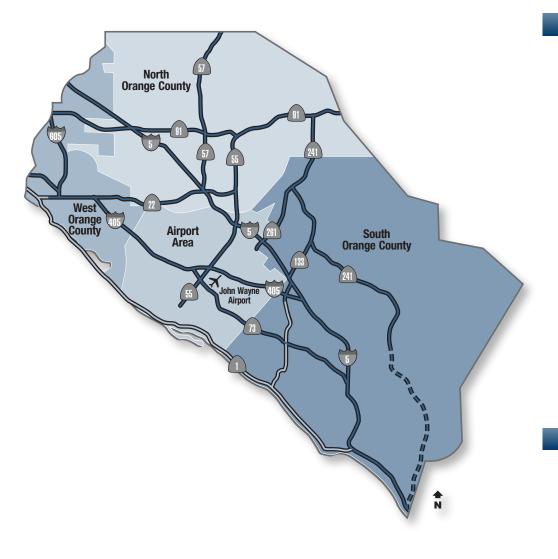




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	INVENTORY					VAC	ANCY &	LEASE RA	ATES		ABSOF	RPTION	
	Number of Bldgs.	Net Rentable Square Feet	Square Feet U/C	Square Feet Planned	Square Feet Vacant	Vacancy Rate 202013	Square Feet Available	Availability Rate 202013	Average Asking Lease Rate	Net Absorption 202013	Net Absorption 2013	Gross Absorption 202013	Gross Absorption 2013
Airport Area													
Costa Mesa	167	4,060,106	0	0	294,921	7.26%	379,154	9.34%	\$0.91	(54,387)	(61,532)	60,158	137,360
Fountain Valley	50	1,464,813	0	0	52,815	3.61%	46,395	3.17%	\$0.76	19,877	(14,445)	46,568	63,65
Irvine	259	6,762,971	0	0	544,785	8.06%	920,875	13.62%	\$0.99	(5,034)	175,470	119,953	399,14
Newport Beach	20	488,366	0	0	34,249	7.01%	34,249	7.01%	\$0.00	(5,575)	(5,380)	5,000	9,67
Santa Ana	190	4,701,159	0	0	353,779	7.53%	413,565	8.80%	\$0.92	46,013	32,145	113,498	190,51
Tustin	96	3,378,930	0	0	324,571	9.61%	435,092	12.88%	\$0.94	21,596	(30,486)	80,825	108,94
Airport Area Total	782	20,856,345	0	0	1,605,120	7.70%	2,229,330	10.69%	\$0.95	22,490	95,772	426,002	909,29
lorth County													
Anaheim	186	5,230,885	0	0	236,915	4.53%	450,190	8.61%	\$0.77	(9,136)	39,588	71,290	198,81
Brea	48	1,187,794	0	0	51,999	4.38%	147,374	12.41%	\$0.90	(10,185)	(22,323)	14,631	21,82
Buena Park	32	1,082,698	0	0	72,527	6.70%	109,845	10.15%	\$0.56	(1,196)	9,640	11,663	26,81
Fullerton	44	1,623,909	0	0	50,925	3.14%	84,437	5.20%	\$0.00	754	(1,867)	10,000	27,69
La Habra	7	150,624	0	0	6,732	4.47%	6,732	4.47%	\$0.00	0	0	0	
Orange	102	2,263,373	0	0	97,854	4.32%	104,324	4.61%	\$0.00	(3,715)	(1,869)	41,747	72,68
Placentia	24	612,708	0	0	9,099	1.49%	9,160	1.50%	\$0.79	8,695	9,304	12,157	20,11
Yorba Linda	52	1,387,049	0	0	121,550	8.76%	224,520	16.19%	\$1.10	(13,968)	(17,047)	56,499	75,82
North County Total	495	13,539,040	0	0	647,601	4.78%	1,136,582	8.39%	\$0.89	(28,751)	15,426	217,987	443,77
South County													
Aliso Viejo	44	1,090,987	0	0	99,843	9.15%	135,388	12.41%	\$0.79	2,031	2,201	3,686	27,84
Foothill Ranch	7	175,631	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	\$0.00	0	0	0	
Irvine Spectrum	303	10,699,588	21,930	18,124	947,795	8.86%	1,277,314	11.94%	\$0.97	(50,988)	(45,970)	141,599	396,93
Laguna Hills	57	1,354,799	0	0	78,586	5.80%	78,588	5.80%	\$1.10	28,031	6,121	63,842	86,48
Laguna Niguel	22	512,024	0	0	39,715	7.76%	49,715	9.71%	\$0.00	(5,200)	(5,787)	2,786	2,78
Lake Forest	58	1,335,605	0	0	96,960	7.26%	102,825	7.70%	\$0.61	23,849	27,021	55,175	88,29
Mission Viejo	34	879,801	0	0	42,799	4.86%	410,189	46.62%	\$0.00	(10,295)	(11,654)	12,861	23,41
Rancho Santa Margarita	44	1,564,745	0	0	88,326	5.64%	99,080	6.33%	\$0.87	17,536	18,745	21,196	32,04
San Clemente	50	1,236,649	0	0	80,081	6.48%	121,803	9.85%	\$0.97	(13,667)	98,146	41,209	185,15
San Juan Capistrano	45	917,038	0	187,639	78,747	8.59%	75,191	8.20%	\$0.00	11,409	(38,155)	27,748	39,95
South County Total	664	19,766,867	21,930	205,763	1,552,852	7.86%	2,350,093	11.89%	\$0.91	2,706	50,668	370,102	882,91
West County													
Cypress	56	2,821,407	0	0	424,969	15.06%	284,500	10.08%	\$0.89	65,247	69,162	66,936	93,33
Garden Grove	67	1,708,195	0	0	79,328	4.64%	196,939	11.53%	\$0.57	8,142	16,585	30,334	82,11
Huntington Beach	127	2,950,576	0	0	193,176	6.55%	201,560	6.83%	\$0.68	41,922	84,693	70,610	130,05
La Palma	1	85,000	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	\$0.00	0	0	0	
Los Alamitos	39	860,297	0	0	34,106	3.96%	26,006	3.02%	\$0.00	39,157	50,457	42,644	63,08
Stanton	5	122,025	0	0	4,980	4.08%	4,980	4.08%	\$0.00	(1,440)	(1,440)	0	
Westminster	20	498,935	0	0	18,153	3.64%	18,153	3.64%	\$1.00	4,975	757	7,640	19,18
West County Total	315	9,046,435	0	0	754,712	8.34%	732,138	8.09%	\$0.77	158,003	220,214	218,164	387,77
Orange County Total	2,256	63,208,687	21,930	205,763	4,560,285	7.21%	6,448,143	10.20%	\$0.88	154,448	382,080	1,232,255	2,623,76
Airport Area													
10,000-24,999	525	8,463,131	0	0	693,040	8.19%	809,065	9.56%	\$0.89	23,858	(56,858)	222,922	389,82
25,000–49,999	183	6,170,983	0	0	455,479	7.38%	541,508	8.78%	\$0.94	42,433	26,195	161,127	252,84
50,000-99,999	56	3,708,077	0	0	206,402	5.57%	431,149	11.63%	\$1.09	(43,801)	(60,306)	41,953	79,88
100,000 Plus	18	2,514,154	0	0	250,199	9.95%	447,608	17.80%	\$0.91	0	186,741	0	186,74
North County													
10,000–24,999	324	5,161,683	0	0	286,467	5.55%	383,799	7.44%	\$0.97	(2,318)	42,928	121,971	254,34
25,000–49,999	126	4,194,844	0	0	285,354	6.80%	393,675	9.38%	\$0.97	(15,510)	(14,191)	71,279	143,11
50,000-99,999	33	2,143,273	0	0	47,915	2.24%	208,910	9.75%	\$0.56	16,942	14,554	24,737	46,31
100,000 Plus	12	2,039,240	0	0	27,865	1.37%	150,198	7.37%	\$0.00	(27,865)	(27,865)	0	40,51
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10,000-24,999	400	6,651,581	21,930	147,671	458,698	6.90%	688,343	10.35%	\$0.90	31,064	(13,622)	223,621	415,94
25,000–49,999	192 57	6,487,279	0	58,092 0	460,516 626,406	7.10%	654,292 568 016	10.09%	\$0.89 \$0.96	(29,688)	71,878	109,654	309,85
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West County		_											
10,000-24,999	214	3,375,048	0	0	178,026	5.27%	203,706	6.04%	\$0.95	70,411	102,124	115,217	213,58
25,000-49,999	66	2,255,693	0	0	121,165	5.37%	151,160	6.70%	\$0.87	29,920	56,466	38,500	101,92
50,000-99,999	28	1,922,318	0	0	245,977	12.80%	341,718	17.78%	\$0.73	57,672	61,624	64,447	72,26
100,000 Plus	7	1,493,376	0	0	209,544	14.03%	35,554	2.38%	\$0.00	0	0	0	
Orange County													
10,000-24,999	1,463	23,651,443	21,930	147,671	1,616,231	6.83%	2,084,913	8.82%	\$0.90	123,015	74,572	683,731	1,273,69
25,000-49,999	567	19,108,799	0	58,092	1,322,514	6.92%	1,740,635	9.11%	\$0.91	27,155	140,348	380,560	807,73
50,000-99,999	174	11,588,021	0	0	1,126,700	9.72%	1,549,793	13.37%	\$0.85	32,143	15,516	167,964	355,59
	52	8,860,424	0	0	494,840	5.58%	1,072,802	12.11%	\$0.91	(27,865)	151,644	0	186,74

This survey consists of buildings greater than 10,000 square feet. Lease rates are on a triple-net basis.



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