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# Flex Market Report

Compared to the Previous Quarter:

# Vacancy



**Net Absorption** 



**Lease Rates** 



**Transactions** 



**Deliveries** 



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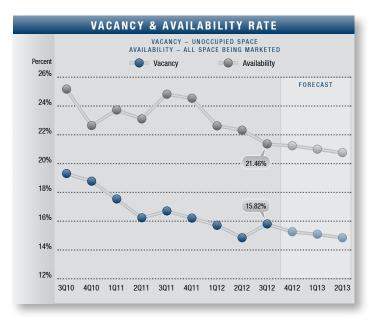


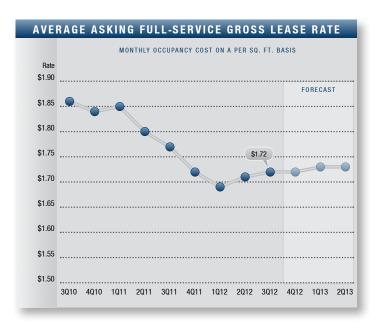
# Market Highlights

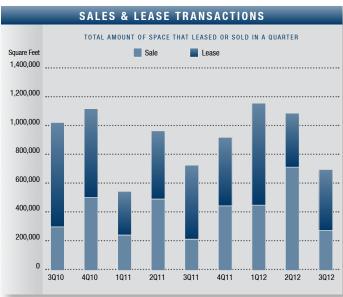
- Steady Growth The Orange County flex market conveyed more signs of stabilization in the third quarter of 2012. Availability decreased compared to the prior quarter's rate and 2011's third quarter rate, and the market posted over 625,000 square feet of positive net absorption over eight quarters. While 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 nothing under construction. 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 15.82%, a decrease of 5.33% compared to 2011's third quarter rate of 16.71% and significantly down from the record high rate of 25.85% recorded in the second quarter of 2002.
- Availability Direct/sublease space being marketed was 21.46% at the end of the third quarter, a decrease of 13.57% compared to the 24.83% seen in the third quarter of 2011.
- Lease Rates The average asking full-service gross (FSG) lease rate per square foot per month in Orange County's flex market was \$1.72 in the third quarter of 2012 one cent higher than the previous quarter's rate but a 2.82% decrease from 2011's third quarter rate of \$1.77. The record high rate of \$2.66 was established in the third quarter of 2007.
- **Absorption** The Orange County flex market posted 172,348 square feet of negative absorption in the third

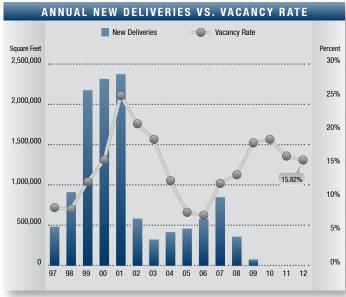
- quarter of 2012, giving the market a total of 627,198 square feet of positive absorption over the last eight quarters. This positive absorption can be attributed to the recent employment gains.
- Transaction Activity Leasing activity checked in at 267,310 square feet this quarter, an increase from the 202,677 square feet seen in the third quarter of 2011.
  Sales activity for the third quarter of 2012 showed a decrease, posting 426,035 square feet of activity this quarter compared to the third quarter of 2011's 522,364 square feet of sales transactions.
- Employment The unemployment rate in Orange County was 7.7% in August 2012 down from a revised 7.9% in July 2012 and below the previous year's estimate of 9.0%. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 10.4% for California and 8.2% for the nation during the same period. According to the State of California Employment Development Department, Orange County saw a net increase of 29,000 payroll jobs from August 2011 to August 2012. The largest gains were 10,600 in professional & business services and 9,100 in leisure & hospitality; however, Orange County lost 1,900 government jobs during that same period.
- Overall We are beginning to see a decrease in the amount of available space. As we continue into the second half of 2012, absorption for the year has been positive, and with no new deliveries in the pipeline to apply upward pressure on vacancy, the market should continue to stabilize. We foresee a continued overall increase in investment activity in the coming quarters as lenders continue to gradually dispose of distressed assets. Lease rates are expected to continue to stabilize and possibly increase in the coming quarters. As job creation continues and consumer confidence stabilizes, the flex market will recover.

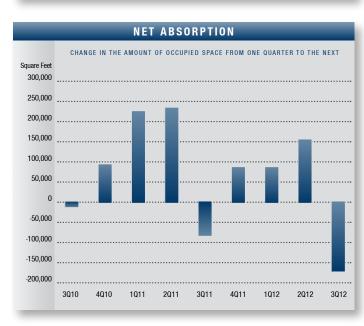
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	3Q12	2Q12	3Q11	% of Change vs. 3Q11	
Total Vacancy Rate	15.82%	14.86%	16.71%	(5.33%)	
Availability Rate	21.46%	22.33%	24.83%	(13.57%)	
Average Asking Lease Rate	\$1.72	\$1.71	\$1.77	(2.82%)	
Sale & Lease Transactions	693,345	1,081,085	725,041	(4.37%)	
Gross Absorption	475,789	518,767	387,947	22.64%	
Net Absorption	(172,348)	156,889	(85,189)	N/A	

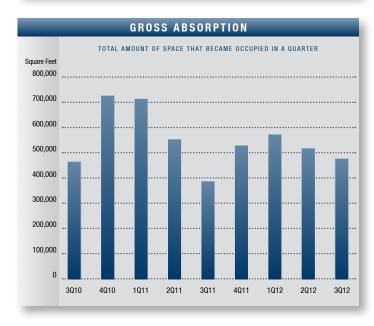






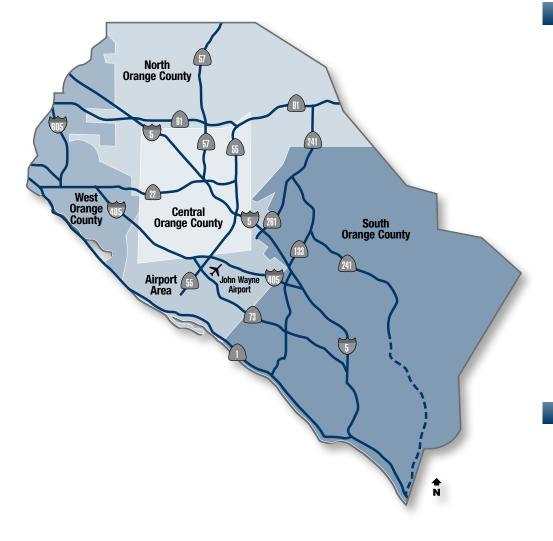






	INVENTORY					VACANC'	Y & LEAS	E RATES		ABSORPTION				
	Number of Bldgs.	Net Rentable Square Feet	Square Feet U / C	Square Feet Planned	Square Feet Vacant	Vacancy Rate 302012	Square Feet Available	Availability Rate 302012	Average Asking Lease Rate	Net Absorption 3Q2012	Net Absorption 2012	Gross Absorption 302012	Gross Absorptio 2012	
North County		•												
Anaheim	22	417,167	0	0	34,273	8.22%	57,739	13.84%	\$1.36	(108)	5,842	4,994	16,05	
Brea	13	397,051	0	0	81,182	20.45%	218,173	54.95%	\$1.66	4,578	12,252	10,746	27,11	
Buena Park	3	70,000	0	0	2,900	4.14%	2,900	4.14%	\$0.00	0	20	0	2	
Fullerton	8	97,826	0	24,000	6,725	0.00%	10,858	11.10%	\$0.00	0	1,730	0	1,73	
Placentia	3	61,675	0	0	9,443	15.31%	9,443	15.31%	\$1.54	0	(1,126)	0		
North County Total	49	1,043,719	0	24,000	134,523	12.89%	299,113	28.66%	\$1.63	4,470	18,718	15,740	44,92	
Vest County														
Cypress	10	375,042	0	0	111,772	29.80%	151,100	40.29%	\$1.63	51,974	(6,972)	51,974	61,67	
Huntington Beach	3	49,145	0	0	5,427	11.04%	5,427	11.04%	\$1.30	0	(2,204)	0	70	
Seal Beach	5	72,877	0	0	5,343	7.33%	11,769	16.15%	\$2.35	0	(5,343)	0		
West County Total	18	497,064	0	0	122,542	24.65%	168,296	33.86%	\$1.75	51,974	(14,519)	51,974	62,37	
Central County														
Anaheim	11	241,614	0	0	21,057	8.72%	21,057	8.72%	\$1.83	(4,500)	(5,990)	0	1	
Garden Grove	2	27,400	0	0	4,010	14.64%	5,210	19.01%	\$0.00	1,100	1,100	1,100	3,91	
Orange	8	163,577	0	0	22,521	13.77%	22,907	14.00%	\$1.95	(3,450)	(12,396)	3,507	7,46	
Santa Ana	10	167,782	0	0	5,585	3.33%	38,859	23.16%	\$1.45	0	11,821	0	11,82	
Tustin	6	108,807	0	0	1,482	1.36%	1,482	1.36%	\$0.00	0	918	0	2,40	
Central County Total	37	709,180	0	0	54,655	7.71%	89,515	12.62%	\$1.52	(6,850)	(4,547)	4,607	25,60	
Airport Area														
Costa Mesa	8	130,175	0	0	15,130	11.62%	23,817	18.30%	\$1.55	0	(4,241)	20,138	23,07	
Irvine	117	3,537,377	0	100,000	484,656	13.70%	591,410	16.72%	\$2.04	(50,831)	24,265	124,051	347,74	
Newport Beach	28	620,683	0	0	45,608	7.35%	41,421	6.67%	\$2.63	(951)	11,074	21,212	54,4 <sup>-</sup>	
Santa Ana	12	494,700	0	0	89,789	18.15%	95,907	19.39%	\$1.54	(30,774)	(27,125)	4,287	33,96	
Tustin	4	192,391	0	0	48,673	25.30%	0	0.00%	\$0.00	Ó	99	. 0	,	
Airport Area Total	169	4,975,326	0	100,000	683,856	13.74%	752,555	15.13%	\$1.85	(82,556)	4,072	169,688	459,29	
South County		, ,		,	,		,		,	, ,	,	,	,	
Aliso Viejo	44	1,364,694	0	0	163,349	11.97%	281,045	20.59%	\$1.81	(6,581)	21,235	18,576	78,60	
Dana Point	6	77,940	0	0	4,111	5.27%	4,111	5.27%	\$0.00	(0,361)	(147)	10,576	70,00	
Foothill Ranch	5	105,397	0	0	20,880	19.81%	23,652	22.44%	\$1.25	(1,367)	285	0	1,65	
Irvine Spectrum	237	5,552,618	0	0	1,048,888	18.89%	1,462,647	26.34%	\$1.74	(1,307)	13,279	155,393	542,96	
Laguna Beach	5	74,016	0	0	4,252	5.74%	7,660	10.35%	\$0.00	(130,270)	(1,070)	1,931	3,50	
Laguna Hills	14	468,729	0	0	61,712	13.17%	93,013	19.84%	\$1.66	1,338	(4,828)	6,977	26,91	
Laguna Niguel	3	53,170	0	0	01,712	0.00%	0	0.00%	\$0.00	0	0	0	20,01	
Lake Forest	40	1,491,706	0	0	310,678	20.83%	404,861	27.14%	\$1.77	(3,720)	29,382	15,783	205,21	
Mission Viejo	29	407,235	0	0	53,074	13.03%	62,391	15.32%	\$1.76	1,989	(23,222)	1,989	6,14	
Rancho Santa Margarita	12	315,820	0	0	70,588	22.35%	68,081	21.56%	\$1.50	(4,581)	(9,724)	7,016	19,63	
San Clemente	11	234,169	0	0	35,635	15.22%	55,094	23.53%	\$1.61	19,146	37,110	19,432	42,05	
San Juan Capistrano	31	622,488	0	0	77,767	12.49%	81,726	13.13%	\$2.03	(7,221)	6,363	6,683	49,03	
South County Total	437	10,767,982	0	0	1,850,934	17.19%	2,544,281	23.63%	\$1.73	(139,386)	68,663	233,780	975,74	
Orange County Total	710	17,993,271	0	124,000	2,846,510	15.82%	3,853,760	21.46%	\$1.72	(172,348)	72,387	475,789	1,567,93	
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0-29,999	40	639,673	0	24,000	74,364	11.63%	110,175	17.22%	\$1.55	4,470	15,658	12,790	36,67	
30,000-49,999	7	280,266	0	0	7,532	2.69%	123,941	44.22%	\$1.65	0	4,345	2,950	8,24	
50,000 Plus	2	123,780	0	0	52,627	42.52%	64,997	52.51%	\$1.65	0	(1,285)	0		
West County														
0-29,999	11	129,009	0	0	10,583	8.20%	13,207	10.24%	\$1.43	0	(7,360)	0	70	
30,000-49,999	4	167,585	0	0	7,109	4.24%	50,239	29.98%	\$2.03	51,974	1,160	51,974	51,97	
50,000 Plus	3	200,470	0	0	104,850	52.30%	104,850	52.30%	\$0.00	0	(8,319)	0	9,69	
Central County														
0-29,999	31	408,552	0	0	32,897	8.05%	51,831	12.69%	\$1.54	(6,850)	(3,311)	1,100	10,4	
30,000-49,999	2	73,363	0	0	4,837	6.59%	4,837	6.59%	\$0.00	0	10	0		
50,000 Plus	4	227,265	0	0	16,921	7.45%	32,847	14.45%	\$1.51	0	(1,246)	3,507	15,1	
Airport Area														
0-29,999	90	1,074,679	0	0	106,063	9.87%	132,901	12.37%	\$1.73	19,038	66,573	59,132	133,9	
30,000-49,999	41	1,672,705	0	0	225,515	13.48%	275,578	16.47%	\$1.82	(62,282)	38,282	42,913	213,7	
50,000 Plus	38	2,227,942	0	100,000	352,278	15.81%	344,076	15.44%	\$1.92	(39,312)	(100,783)	67,643	111,50	
South County										, ,	,			
0-29,999	285	3,696,475	0	0	493,667	13.36%	738,351	19.97%	\$1.72	12,799	115,762	124,016	408,59	
30,000-49,999	100	3,985,844	0	0	675,792	16.95%	738,600	18.53%	\$1.74	(38,564)	(28,542)	62,528	379,8	
50,000-49,999 50,000 Plus	52	3,085,663	0	0	681,475	22.09%	1,067,330	34.59%	\$0.00	(113,621)	(18,557)	47,236	187,2	
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0-29,999	457	5,948,388	0	24,000	717,574	12.06%	1,046,465	17.59%	\$1.68	29,457	187,322	197,038	590,3	
30,000-49,999 50,000 Plus	154	6,179,763	0	0	920,785	14.90%	1,193,195	19.31%	\$1.74	(48,872)	15,255	160,365	653,84	
	99	5,865,120	0	100,000	1,208,151	20.60%	1,614,100	27.52%	\$1.73	(152,933)	(130,190)	118,386	323,70	

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