

R&D Market Report

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Compared to last quarter:

Vacancy



Absorption DOWN

Lease Rates



Construction DOWN

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Market Highlights

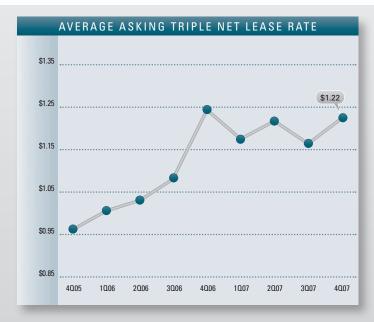
- The Research & Development vacancy rate checked in at a low 4.39%, which is lower than it was a year ago when it was 4.93%. This lack of supply is creating a lot of constrained demand for R&D space in Orange County and continues to put upward pressure on lease and sale rates.
- The total amount of R&D space available in Orange County, which includes both direct and sublease space, is higher than it was a year ago; 6.57% this quarter as compared to 5.87% this quarter last year. This historically low rate will continue to put upward pressure on lease and sale rates going forward.
- The average asking Triple Net lease rate per month per foot in Orange County is currently \$1.22, which is two cents lower than it was this time last year.
- Net absorption for the R&D market this quarter posted a negative number of 65,767 square feet, giving the R&D Market in Orange County a total of approximately 4 million square feet of positive absorption for the last three years, 537,571 square feet of which occurred in 2007.
- The level of activity registered at 4.7 million square feet for 2007. This is down 13.91% when compared to 2006, due to the lack of available space and slowing demand.
- There is currently no space under construction this quarter. The shrinking availability of land is only allowing for the development of primarily small, for-sale buildings. This lack of available land, coupled with the high land prices and rising construction costs, has lead to few centers being developed in this infill market.
- Despite a low level of development activity, Orange County remains a strong investment market. Some of Orange County's key investors include First Industrial Realty Trust, Sares-Regis Group, BPG Properties, Greenlaw Partners, ProLogis, TA Associates Realty, ING Clarion and RREEF.

- The Commercial Mortgage Backed Securities (CMBS) market, to date, has not affected the investment market in terms of availability or pricing. Demand for investment remains high with aggressive pricing and cap rates averaging 5.5 percent for Class A buildings, 6.5 percent for Class C buildings, and Class B buildings midrange at 6 percent.
- According to Chapman University, it is estimated that Orange County added 7,115 new payroll jobs in 2007. Furthermore, they are forecasting 2,361 payroll jobs will be lost to the county in 2008. UCLA is forecasting zero job creation, the LAEDC is forecasting 15,300 new jobs, and California State University of Fullerton is predicting 32,250 new jobs in 2008.
- Unemployment for the fourth quarter of 2007 in Orange County is 4.2%, which is the same as it was when compared to last quarter, and is 0.8% higher than it was a year ago.
- Rental rates are expected to increase at moderate levels in the short run, and concessions will remain minimal. These conditions will put some upward pressure on lease rates going forward. We should see lease rate growth of 3% to 5% during 2008.
- Looking ahead to 2008, the R&D market will exhibit many similar characteristics of 2007. Limited opportunities for new development will open with land and sales prices remaining high. Multi-tenant, manufacturing and distribution buildings will not undergo development, as no large land parcels will become available. R&D buildings for both sale and lease will remain viable options for those looking to enter the Orange County industrial market.

MARKET OVERVIEW R & D 2007 2006 2005 % CHANGE VS. 2006 Inventory Added 308,814 443,928 353,295 -30.44% 0 **Under Construction** 217,443 -100.00% 140,414 Vacancy Rate 4.39% 4.93% 5.87% -10.95% 6.57% 5.87% 7.93% 11.93% **Availablity Rate** Average Asking Lease Rate \$1.22 \$1.24 \$0.97 -1.61% **Net Absorption** 537,571 1,055,755 1,722,946 -49.08% -13.91% **Gross Absorption** 4,698,901 5,458,356 6,586,718

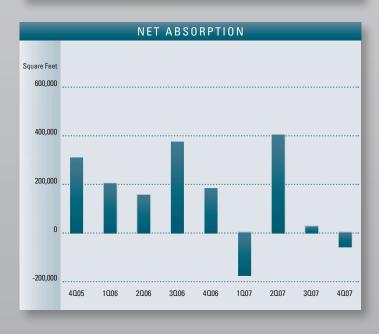
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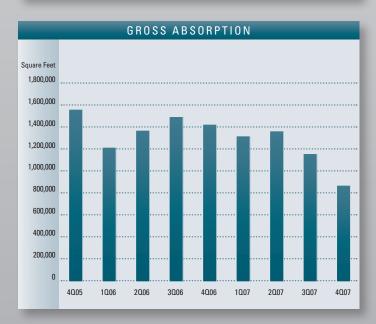


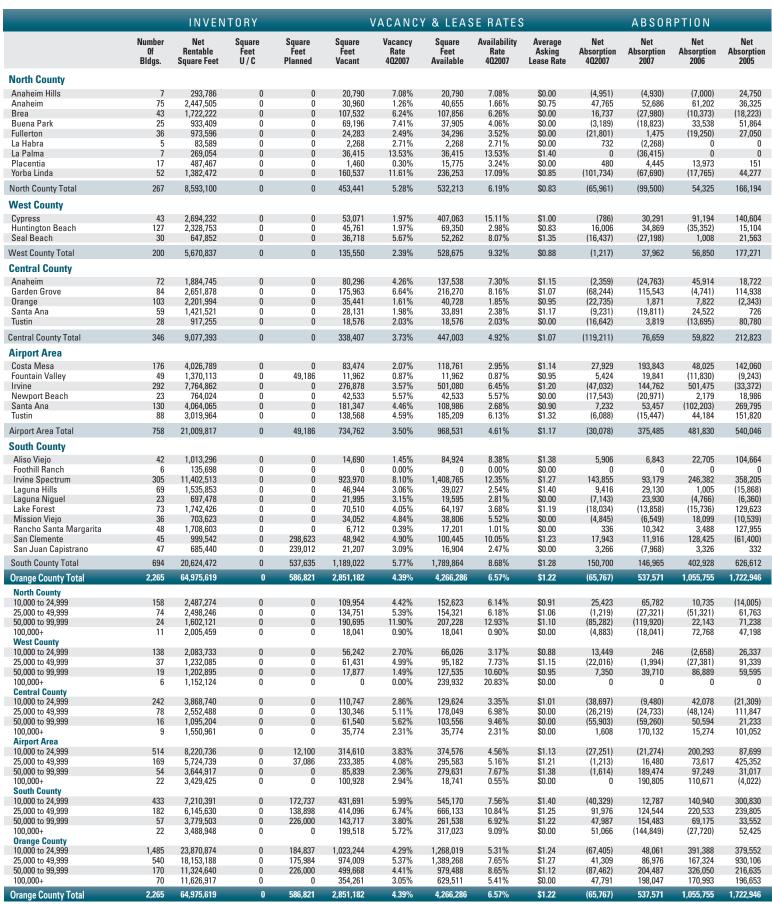




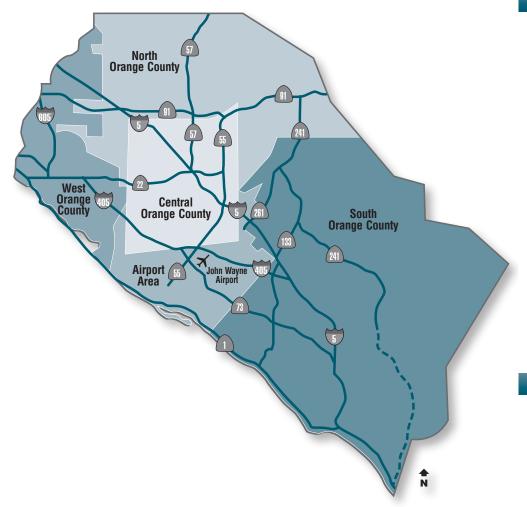








This survey consists of buildings greater than 10,000 square feet. Lease rates are on a triple net basis.



SUBMARKETS

NORTH

Anaheim Hills, Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Placentia, Yorba Linda

WEST

Cypress, Huntington Beach, Los Alamitos

CENTRAL COUNTY

Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange, Santa Ana, Westminster

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PRODUCT TYPE

R & D OR MID-TECH

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