

# R&D Market Report

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Compared to last quarter:

#### Vacancy



# Absorption DOWN

### **Lease Rates**



#### Construction



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## Market Highlights

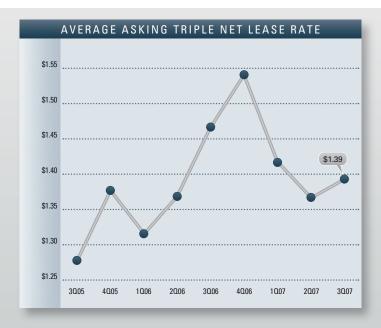
- ◆ The Research & Development vacancy rate is 11.62%, which is a little higher than it was during the second quarter of 2007 when it was 11.24%, and is higher than last year's figure of 10.82%. One of the lowest vacancy rates in the county can be found in the Central Suburban submarket, coming in at 4.62%. This lack of supply is creating constrained demand for Research & Development space in the San Diego County area and is putting upward pressure on lease rates.
- ◆ The average asking Triple Net lease rate per month per foot in San Diego County is currently \$1.39, which is lower than last year's third quarter rate of \$1.47. The highest rates in the county can be found in the North City submarket, where the average asking Triple Net lease rate is \$1.48 per square foot. Rental rates are expected to increase 5% to 7% in 2007 as the economy continues to improve.
- The Research & Development absorption checked in at 58,092 square feet of negative net absorption during the third quarter of 2007, giving the Research & Development market a total of 169,401 square feet of negative absorption for 2007. Positive absorption has occurred in the South Bay, Highway 78 Corridor and East County submarkets: 67,777, 44,646 and 8,908sf respectively.

- Unemployment in the third quarter of 2007 in San Diego County is 4.8%, which is 0.6% higher than it was when compared to the second quarter of 2007, and 0.7% higher than it was a year ago.
- According to the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation it is estimated that San Diego County will add 11,800 new non-farm jobs in 2007, and they are forecasting 19,500 new jobs in 2008. They are also forecasting a 3.5% gain in total personal income with inflation increasing by 2.5% for 2007.
- Currently there is 192,169 square feet of Research & Development construction underway. This figure is down 64.72% when compared to last year's third quarter number of 544,680 square feet. Although, 338,902 square feet of new development was delivered during the first three quarters of 2007.
- Planned Research & Development construction in San Diego County is up when compared to last year.
   Currently, there is 1,591,515 square feet of Research & Development space on the slate as being planned, compared to last year's figure of 974,674 square feet.

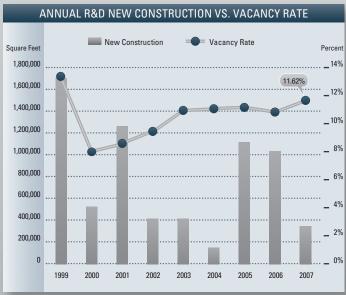
| R&D MARKET OVERVIEW  |                          |                       |                          |                                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Under Construction   | <b>302007</b><br>192,169 | <b>202007</b> 185,344 | <b>302006</b><br>544,680 | % <b>CHANGE VS. 3006</b> -64.72% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Planned Construction | 1,591,515                | 1,428,252             | 954,674                  | 66.71%                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vacancy              | 11.62%                   | 11.24%                | 10.82%                   | 7.39%                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Availability         | 14.39%                   | 14.50%                | 14.54%                   | -1.03%                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pricing              | \$1.39                   | \$1.37                | \$1.47                   | -5.44%                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Absorption       | -58,092                  | 175,849               | -30,893                  | N/A                              |  |  |  |  |  |  |

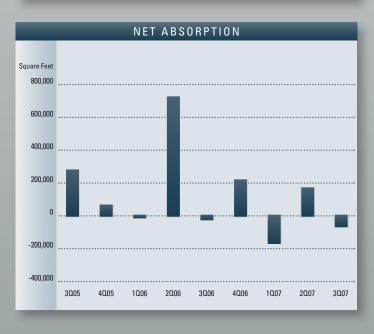
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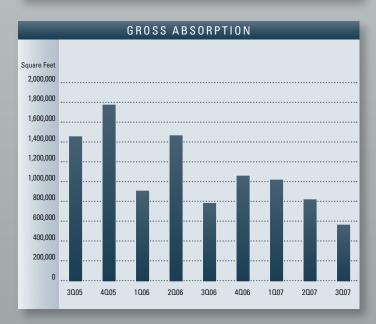






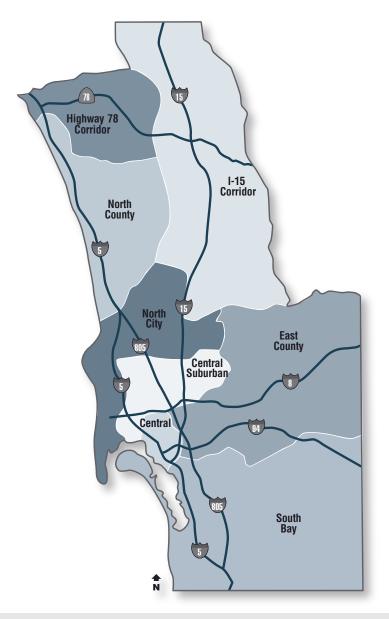






|                               |                           | INVENTORY                      |                         |                           |                          | ANCY &                    | LEASE RA                        | TES                             | ABSORPTION                  |                           |                           |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                               | Number<br>Of<br>Buildings | Net<br>Rentable<br>Square Feet | Square<br>Feet<br>U / C | Square<br>Feet<br>Planned | Square<br>Feet<br>Vacant | Vacancy<br>Rate<br>302007 | Total<br>Availability<br>302007 | Average<br>Asking<br>Lease Rate | Net<br>Absorption<br>302007 | Net<br>Absorption<br>2007 | Net<br>Absorption<br>2006 | Net<br>Absorption<br>2005 |
| Central                       |                           |                                |                         |                           |                          |                           |                                 |                                 |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| Downtown                      | 13                        | 382,488                        | 0                       | 0                         | 19,218                   | 5.02%                     | 19,218                          | \$0.00                          | (1,431)                     | (1,303)                   | (2,387)                   | 43,358                    |
| East City                     | 1                         | 30,000                         | 0                       | 0                         | 0                        | 0.00%                     | 0                               | \$0.00                          | 0                           | 0                         | 390                       | (390)                     |
| Central Total                 | 14                        | 412,488                        | 0                       | 0                         | 19,218                   | 4.66%                     | 19,218                          | \$0.00                          | (1,431)                     | (1,303)                   | (1,997)                   | 42,968                    |
| Central Suburban              |                           |                                |                         |                           |                          |                           |                                 |                                 |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| Airport/Sports Arena          | 12                        | 237,201                        | 0                       | 0                         | 11,765                   | 4.96%                     | 11,765                          | \$0.00                          | (365)                       | 2,135                     | (13,400)                  | 0                         |
| Kearny Mesa                   | 159                       | 4,336,236                      | 0                       | 57,691                    | 204,665                  | 4.72%                     | 445,644                         | \$1.38                          | (54,729)                    | (32,188)                  | 66,336                    | 224,560                   |
| Mission Gorge                 | 10                        | 149,469                        | 0                       | 0                         | 11,510                   | 7.70%                     | 10,460                          | \$0.00                          | (2,575)                     | 831                       | 0                         | (2,936)                   |
| Rose Canyon/Morena            | 36                        | 655,853                        | 0                       | 0                         | 20,533                   | 3.13%                     | 34,876                          | \$1.60                          | (3,239)                     | (379)                     | (806)                     | (13,394)                  |
| Central Suburban Total        | 217                       | 5,378,759                      | 0                       | 57,691                    | 248,473                  | 4.62%                     | 502,745                         | \$1.39                          | (60,908)                    | (29,601)                  | 52,130                    | 208,230                   |
| East County                   |                           | .,,                            |                         | ,,,,                      | -,                       |                           |                                 |                                 | (3.7.2.7                    | , ,,,,,                   | . ,                       | ,                         |
| El Cajon                      | 51                        | 1,175,992                      | 0                       | 0                         | 63,469                   | 5.40%                     | 76,629                          | \$0.95                          | 6,696                       | 7,668                     | (17,656)                  | (15,952)                  |
| La Mesa/Spring Valley         | 10                        | 177,283                        | 0                       | 0                         | 5,210                    | 2.94%                     | 3,588                           | \$0.00                          | 3,926                       | (5,210)                   | 5,000                     | (5,000)                   |
| Santee/Lakeside               | 26                        | 366,371                        | 0                       | 590,000                   | 0                        | 0.00%                     | 0,500                           | \$0.00                          | 0,320                       | 6,450                     | (8,150)                   | 2,000                     |
| East County Total             | 87                        | 1,719,646                      | 0                       | 590,000                   | 68,679                   | 3.99%                     | 80,217                          | \$0.95                          | 10,622                      | 8,908                     | (20,806)                  | (18,952)                  |
| •                             | 07                        | 1,713,040                      | U                       | 330,000                   | 00,079                   | 3.33 /0                   | 00,217                          | φυ.33                           | 10,022                      | 0,300                     | (20,000)                  | (10,332)                  |
| Highway 78 Corridor Oceanside | 28                        | 1,076,091                      | 0                       | 0                         | 168,060                  | 15.62%                    | 173,068                         | \$0.00                          | (1,827)                     | 20,248                    | 15,613                    | 505,299                   |
| San Marcos                    | 22                        | 456,853                        | 0                       | 0                         | 35,809                   | 7.84%                     | 35,809                          | \$1.29                          | 8,557                       | 12,296                    | (26,643)                  | (5,155)                   |
| Vista/Fallbrook               | 43                        | 1,384,283                      | 26,181                  | 26,555                    | 108,542                  | 7.84%                     | 146,436                         | \$1.29                          | (7,956)                     | 12,102                    | (21,881)                  | 42,365                    |
|                               |                           |                                |                         |                           |                          |                           |                                 |                                 |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| Highway 78 Corridor Total     | 93                        | 2,917,227                      | 26,181                  | 26,555                    | 312,411                  | 10.71%                    | 355,313                         | \$1.05                          | (1,226)                     | 44,646                    | (32,911)                  | 542,509                   |
| I-15 Corridor                 |                           |                                |                         |                           |                          |                           |                                 |                                 |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| Escondido                     | 28                        | 523,156                        | 0                       | 0                         | 21,266                   | 4.06%                     | 21,266                          | \$0.00                          | (1,370)                     | 16,984                    | 101,082                   | (7,223)                   |
| Poway                         | 43                        | 1,072,622                      | 0                       | 65,000                    | 368,850                  | 34.39%                    | 260,273                         | \$1.13                          | 1,692                       | (107,120)                 | (96,467)                  | (28,008)                  |
| Rancho Bernardo               | 74                        | 4,559,213                      | 0                       | 0                         | 747,428                  | 16.39%                    | 803,013                         | \$1.41                          | (71,470)                    | (31,326)                  | 131,795                   | 85,984                    |
| Scripps Ranch                 | 21                        | 685,411                        | 0                       | 0                         | 44,602                   | 6.51%                     | 100,797                         | \$1.20                          | 7,015                       | (18,277)                  | 30,223                    | 40,825                    |
| I-15 Corridor Total           | 166                       | 6,840,402                      | 0                       | 65,000                    | 1,182,146                | 17.28%                    | 1,185,349                       | \$1.30                          | (64,133)                    | (139,739)                 | 166,633                   | 91,578                    |
| North City                    |                           |                                |                         |                           |                          |                           |                                 |                                 |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| La Jolla                      | 35                        | 2,555,568                      | 0                       | 0                         | 442,217                  | 17.30%                    | 597,225                         | \$2.37                          | 17,642                      | (1,841)                   | (120,772)                 | 3,104                     |
| Miramar                       | 119                       | 3,678,461                      | 0                       | 83,930                    | 252,942                  | 6.88%                     | 489,166                         | \$1.12                          | 62,479                      | 138,469                   | 91,746                    | 160,391                   |
| Sorrento Mesa                 | 142                       | 6,364,614                      | 0                       | 0                         | 662,073                  | 10.40%                    | 860,789                         | \$1.44                          | (46,072)                    | (103,661)                 | 419,089                   | 233,779                   |
| Sorrento Valley               | 69                        | 1,754,593                      | 0                       | 0                         | 234,445                  | 13.36%                    | 339,174                         | \$1.98                          | (8,066)                     | (136,057)                 | 115,241                   | 188,459                   |
| UTC Center                    | 11                        | 688,761                        | 83,966                  | 356,871                   | 16,752                   | 2.43%                     | 16,752                          | \$2.95                          | 0                           | (16,752)                  | 133,731                   | 12,990                    |
| North City Total              | 376                       | 15,041,997                     | 83,966                  | 440,801                   | 1,608,429                | 10.69%                    | 2,303,106                       | \$1.48                          | 25,983                      | (119,842)                 | 639,035                   | 598,723                   |
| North County                  |                           |                                |                         |                           |                          |                           |                                 |                                 |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| Carlsbad                      | 133                       | 3,986,851                      | 53,378                  | 411,468                   | 974,606                  | 24.45%                    | 994,174                         | \$1.34                          | 30,684                      | 561                       | (11,906)                  | (134,464)                 |
| North Beach Cities            | 8                         | 148,068                        | 0                       | 0                         | 18,895                   | 12.76%                    | 18,895                          | \$0.00                          | 2,900                       | (808)                     | 2,889                     | 0                         |
| North County Total            | 141                       | 4,134,919                      | 53,378                  | 411,468                   | 993,501                  | 24.03%                    | 1,013,069                       | \$1.34                          | 33,584                      | (247)                     | (9,017)                   | (134,464)                 |
| South Bay                     |                           |                                |                         |                           |                          |                           |                                 |                                 |                             |                           |                           |                           |
| Chula Vista                   | 52                        | 1,468,975                      | 28,644                  | 0                         | 46,190                   | 3.14%                     | 72,861                          | \$1.26                          | (2,782)                     | 10,538                    | 166,692                   | 84,568                    |
| National City                 | 19                        | 315,468                        | 0                       | 0                         | 8,918                    | 2.83%                     | 8,918                           | \$0.00                          | 2,199                       | 21,969                    | (2,593)                   | (20,835)                  |
| Otay Mesa                     | 4                         | 246,717                        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                        | 0.00%                     | 0                               | \$0.00                          | 0                           | 35,270                    | 0                         | (22,725)                  |
| San Ysidro                    | 4                         | 147,270                        | 0                       | 0                         | 0                        | 0.00%                     | 18,900                          | \$0.00                          | 0                           | 0                         | 0                         | 18,692                    |
| South Bay Total               | 79                        | 2,178,430                      | 28,644                  | 0                         | 55,108                   | 2.53%                     | 100,679                         | \$1.26                          | (583)                       | 67,777                    | 164,099                   | 59,700                    |
| San Diego County Total        | 1,173                     | 38,623,868                     | 192,169                 | 1,591,515                 | 4,487,965                | 11.62%                    | 5,559,696                       | \$1.39                          | (58,092)                    | (169,401)                 | 957,166                   | 1,390,292                 |

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



#### PRODUCT TYPE

Research and Development (R&D) buildings can be one story, one story with a mezzanine, and two story built-out structures with a high ratio of window wall to floor area with lower ceilings. They generally have over 30% built-out office space or laboratory use, with the remaining space being utilized as light manufacturing or warehousing. In addition, the parking ratio must be at least 3 spaces or greater per 1,000 square feet.

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