

# MARKET TRENDS | ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE

#### MARKET DRIVERS

**COMPANIES** that made the difficult decision to vacate early due to the pandemic have further pushed sublease availabilities past levels not seen since 2008. Currently, there are over 3.7M SF of available sublet space, an increase of 100K SF from the prior quarter.

**AVERAGE ASKING RATES** continue to soften in 2Q21, concluding at \$2.71/SF on a fullservice basis. Landlords must remain aggressive with pricing and concessions in order to compete with the vast majority of sublease space entering the market. On average, asking rates for sublet space are \$0.48/SF lower than direct space.

**LEASING ACTIVITY** declined 4.15% YOY to conclude the quarter at 1.78M SF. Although California officially reopened businesses on June 15, many tenants have continued a work-from-home schedule, causing less demand for office space.

**OVER 298K** was delivered to the market in the second quarter with 829K SF currently under construction.

#### **ECONOMIC REVIEW**

**SINCE COVID-19** began in 2020, many businesses were forced to make the difficult decision to shut down operations or perform company layoffs. Since then, Orange County has continued to recover, reporting an unemployment rate of 5.9% as of May 2021. This is down from 6.2% reported from the prior month and below the state average of 7.5%.

**COUNTYWIDE JOB LEVELS** increased by 19,100 between April and May with leisure and hospitality adding the most jobs at 14,500, followed by arts, entertainment, and recreation with 9,100 jobs.

#### **NEAR TERM OUTLOOK**

**VACANCIES AND SUBLEASE AVAILABILITIES** will be tested moving forward, applying downward pressure on rents. Additionally, landlords will continue to offer additional incentives and reduced rates in order to secure new deals. As companies take time to reevaluate their office footprint across the metro, leasing activity may further compress moving forward.

### **Market Summary**

|                     | 2021      | 1021      | 2Q20      | % Change From A<br>Year Ago |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Direct Vacancy Rate | 11.4%     | 11.1%     | 9.3%      | 22.07%                      |
| Availability Rate   | 17.1%     | 16.2%     | 13.7%     | 25.07%                      |
| Asking Lease Rate   | \$2.71    | \$2.73    | \$2.80    | -3.21%                      |
| Lease Volume(SF)    | 1,788,865 | 2,073,995 | 1,866,384 | -4.15%                      |
| Sale Volume(SF)     | 963,790   | 625,391   | 681,359   | 41.45%                      |
| Net Absorption      | (72,910)  | (786,006) | -245,240  | N/A                         |

# **2Q 2021**

**T**-72.9K NET ABSORPTION

▲ 11.4% vacancy

▼ \$2.71 rates

▲ 298K CONSTRUCTION DELIVERIES

YEAR-OVER-YEAR TREND

# Market Highlights

**DIRECT VACANCY** levels further increased to 11.4% in the first quarter.

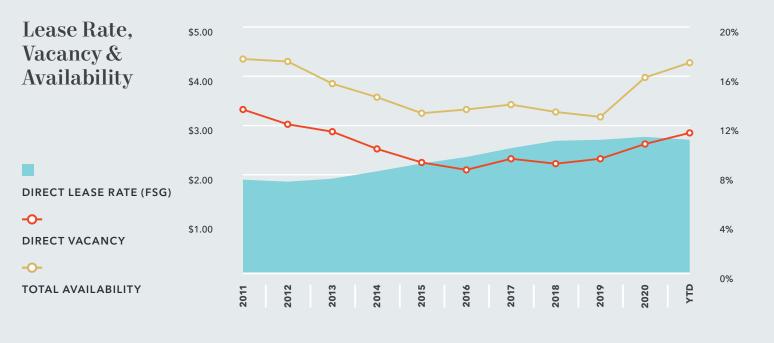
#### AVAILABLE SUBLEASE

space in the market totaled totaled 3,708,347 SF.

AVGERAGE ASKING

**RATES** concluded 2Q21 at \$2.71/SF on a full-service basis.

**AVERAGE SALE PRICES** in 2Q21 were at \$269.83/SF with cap rates at 4.7%.





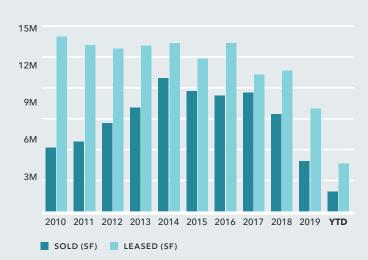
Net Absorption & New Deliveries



Average Sales Price/SF & Cap Rate



## Sale Volume & Leasing Activity



| SUBMARKET STATISTICS              |             |               |              |                          |                    |                  |                                 |                     |                      |                          |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Submarket                         |             |               |              | Total<br>Vacancy<br>Rate | Total<br>Available | 2Q<br>Direct Net | YTD<br>Direct Net<br>Absorption | 2Q Total<br>Leasing | YTD Total<br>Leasing | Average<br>Direct Rental |
|                                   | Inventory   | Rate          |              |                          | Rate               | Absorption       | ·                               | Activity            | Activity             | Rate (FS)                |
| Costa Mesa                        | 8,616,598   | 12.7%         | 2.1%         | 14.8%                    | 19.6%              | (23,248)         | (44,957)                        | 112,575             | 710,148              | \$3.23                   |
| Irvine/Tustin Legacy              | 27,809,463  | 13.8%         | 2.4%         | 16.2%                    | 23.0%              | (81,777)         | (307,203)                       | 414,625             | 809,976              | \$2.80                   |
| Newport Beach                     | 12,992,111  | 10.2%         | 0.9%         | 11.1%                    | 15.4%              | 14,811           | (160,396)                       | 182,375             | 399,437              | \$3.17                   |
| South Santa Ana                   | 2,484,797   | 16.6%         | 1.0%         | 17.5%                    | 23.0%              | 658              | 7,686                           | 19,758              | 28,609               | \$2.75                   |
| Class A                           | 26,814,460  | 15.8%         | 2.7%         | 18.4%                    | 25.1%              | (64,790)         | (343,204)                       | 439,743             | 1,247,811            | \$3.27                   |
| Class B                           | 23,010,232  | 10.4%         | 1.1%         | 11.5%                    | 16.5%              | (28,885)         | (201,282)                       | 279,754             | 674,735              | \$2.82                   |
| Class C                           | 2,078,277   | 3.3%          | 0.0%         | 3.3%                     | 6.2%               | 4,119            | 39,616                          | 9,836               | 25,624               | \$3.10                   |
| Airport                           | 51,902,969  | 12.9%         | 1.9%         | 14.8%                    | 20.5%              | (89,556)         | (504,870)                       | 729,333             | 1,948,170            | \$2.94                   |
| Civic Center Area                 | 5,542,641   | 9.5%          | 0.0%         | 9.5%                     | 11.6%              | 1,180            | (31,433)                        | 13,746              | 31,427               | \$1.82                   |
| East Orange                       | 2,036,805   | 6.5%          | 0.4%         | 6.8%                     | 17.2%              | 2,363            | (2,830)                         | 14,750              | 31,321               | \$2.77                   |
| Main Place                        | 2,989,862   | 10.4%         | 0.9%         | 11.2%                    | 17.4%              | 7,314            | 72,896                          | 5,635               | 39,427               | \$2.76                   |
| Parkcenter                        | 5,086,871   | 11.7%         | 0.2%         | 11.9%                    | 15.9%              | 41,579           | 54,815                          | 70,680              | 122,057              | \$2.29                   |
| Santa Ana                         | 5,059,969   | 14.8%         | 0.6%         | 15.4%                    | 20.8%              | 39,363           | (9,185)                         | 94,394              | 184,210              | \$2.47                   |
| Stadium Area                      | 3,578,663   | 16.0%         | 0.9%         | 16.9%                    | 25.6%              | (19,494)         | 7,190                           | 74,845              | 98,281               | \$2.39                   |
| The City                          | 2,673,270   | 14.9%         | 3.4%         | 18.3%                    | 25.5%              | (51,599)         | (89,959)                        | 14,261              | 15,100               | \$2.47                   |
| Tustin                            | 1,937,864   | 3.6%          | 0.0%         | 3.6%                     | 5.0%               | (36,879)         | (43,775)                        | 13,719              | 21,209               | \$2.27                   |
| Class A                           | 7,378,485   | 16.8%         | 1.7%         | 18.5%                    | 25.7%              | (40,129)         | (113,387)                       | 66,768              | 111,915              | \$2.71                   |
| Class B                           | 17,162,518  | 10.1%         | 0.4%         | 10.5%                    | 15.8%              | 6,031            | 153,196                         | 154,589             | 301,471              | \$2.35                   |
| Class C                           | 4,364,942   | 8.6%          | 0.2%         | 8.7%                     | 10.4%              | 17,925           | (82,090)                        | 80,673              | 129,646              | \$1.98                   |
| Central                           | 28,905,945  | <b>11.6</b> % | <b>0.7</b> % | 12.3%                    | 17.5%              | (16,173)         | (42,281)                        | 302,030             | 543,032              | \$2.41                   |
| Anaheim Hills                     | 1,421,605   | 9.5%          | 0.1%         | 9.6%                     | 11.9%              | (19,210)         | (28,042)                        | 25,847              | 49,911               | \$2.17                   |
| Brea/La Habra                     | 4,705,553   | 7.1%          | 1.5%         | 8.6%                     | 10.5%              | 3,935            | 56,460                          | 53,963              | 65,226               | \$2.51                   |
| Buena Park/La Palma               | 2,108,098   | 5.7%          | 0.3%         | 5.9%                     | 7.2%               | 18,824           | 25,187                          | 11,295              | 15,549               | \$2.13                   |
| Fullerton                         | 3,030,169   | 5.7%          | 0.2%         | 5.9%                     | 7.1%               | 13,297           | 20,570                          | 18,330              | 39,476               | \$2.50                   |
| North/East Anaheim                | 6,219,080   | 6.0%          | 0.7%         | 6.6%                     | 7.5%               | (6,709)          | 1,541                           | 9,718               | 27,832               | \$2.51                   |
| Placentia/Yorba Linda             | 859,486     | 7.4%          | 0.0%         | 7.4%                     | 11.6%              | 11,554           | (4,707)                         | 15,067              | 16,673               | \$2.17                   |
| Class A                           | 3,247,402   | 9.6%          | 2.7%         | 12.3%                    | 13.3%              | 6,851            | (53,641)                        | 24,776              | 29,546               | \$2.67                   |
| Class B                           | 13,030,817  | 5.8%          | 0.3%         | 6.1%                     | 8.0%               | 5,721            | 162,231                         | 100,405             | 173,441              | \$2.38                   |
| Class C                           | 2,065,772   | 6.0%          | 0.3%         | 6.0%                     | 6.1%               | 9,119            | (37,581)                        | 9,039               | 11,680               | \$2.30                   |
| North                             | 18,343,991  | 6.5%          | 0.0%         | 7.2%                     | 8.7%               | 21,691           | 71,009                          | 134,220             | 214,667              | \$2.13                   |
|                                   |             |               |              |                          |                    |                  |                                 |                     |                      |                          |
| Irvine Spectrum                   | 15,219,348  | 12.4%         | 2.3%         | 14.7%                    | 19.5%              | 132,247          | (56,095)                        | 169,213             | 453,136              | \$2.95                   |
| Laguna Hills/Aliso Viejo          | 6,005,770   | 17.7%         | 2.1%         | 19.8%                    | 24.0%              | (74,940)         | (206,782)                       | 72,442              | 110,407              | \$2.66                   |
| Laguna Niguel/Laguna Beach        | 2,271,909   | 7.7%          | 0.1%         | 7.8%                     | 7.7%               | (12,341)         | (36,093)                        | 18,610              | 26,333               | \$2.88                   |
| Lake Forest/Foothill Ranch        | 3,859,413   | 17.8%         | 1.6%         | 19.3%                    | 24.6%              | (4,325)          | (139,915)                       | 179,694             | 224,138              | \$2.23                   |
| Mission Viejo                     | 2,311,290   | 13.4%         | 1.0%         | 14.5%                    | 16.5%              | (525)            | 2,898                           | 17,858              | 38,941               | \$3.08                   |
| Dana Point/San Juan/ San Clemente | 2,990,790   | 5.5%          | 1.4%         | 6.9%                     | 8.9%               | 26,821           | 22,202                          | 33,698              | 62,614               | \$3.00                   |
| Class A                           | 10,972,510  | 14.7%         | 3.0%         | 17.7%                    | 20.7%              | 55,987           | (184,542)                       | 109,971             | 257,164              | \$3.10                   |
| Class B                           | 20,392,440  | 12.7%         | 1.3%         | 14.0%                    | 18.5%              | 7,590            | (232,490)                       | 367,109             | 636,595              | \$2.77                   |
| Class C                           | 1,293,570   | 6.2%          | 1.6%         | 7.7%                     | 10.8%              | 3,360            | 3,247                           | 14,435              | 21,810               | \$2.31                   |
| South                             | 32,658,520  | 13.1%         | <b>1.9</b> % | 15.0%                    | 19.0%              | 66,937           | (413,785)                       | 491,515             | 915,569              | \$2.84                   |
| Cypress                           | 1,977,918   | 7.7%          | 0.2%         | 7.9%                     | 10.8%              | 18,603           | 13,621                          | 17,212              | 46,535               | \$2.36                   |
| Fountain Valley                   | 2,341,860   | 6.5%          | 0.7%         | 7.1%                     | 6.7%               | (36,355)         | (18,292)                        | 25,542              | 29,714               | \$1.87                   |
| Garden Grove                      | 2,183,073   | 5.5%          | 0.1%         | 5.5%                     | 5.0%               | (12,858)         | (11,997)                        | 21,503              | 34,401               | \$1.95                   |
| Huntington Beach                  | 4,000,812   | 9.4%          | 0.8%         | 10.2%                    | 13.1%              | (11,526)         | 69,216                          | 38,938              | 76,476               | \$2.42                   |
| Los Alamitos/Stanton              | 1,298,664   | 6.4%          | 0.0%         | 6.4%                     | 14.3%              | (11,285)         | (9,730)                         | 6,816               | 16,031               | \$2.31                   |
| Seal Beach                        | 574,594     | 8.0%          | 2.4%         | 10.5%                    | 16.1%              | (1,104)          | (18,760)                        | 400                 | 11,409               | \$3.43                   |
| Westminster                       | 919,673     | 2.4%          | 0.6%         | 3.0%                     | 6.5%               | (1,284)          | 6,886                           | 21,356              | 26,856               | \$2.50                   |
| Class A                           | 1,768,108   | 14.1%         | 1.2%         | 15.3%                    | 23.5%              | (32,206)         | 3,512                           | 30,931              | 38,956               | \$2.51                   |
| Class B                           | 8,784,518   | 7.0%          | 0.6%         | 7.6%                     | 9.5%               | 4,174            | 30,939                          | 93,268              | 180,533              | \$2.47                   |
| Class C                           | 2,743,968   | 2.9%          | 0.0%         | 3.0%                     | 3.3%               | (27,777)         | (3,507)                         | 7,568               | 21,933               | \$1.92                   |
| West                              | 13,296,594  | 7.2%          | 0.5%         | <b>7.7%</b>              | 10.1%              | (55,809)         | 30,944                          | 131,767             | 241,422              | \$2.48                   |
|                                   |             |               |              | 12.7%                    |                    |                  |                                 |                     |                      | \$2.71                   |
| Orange County Total               | 145,108,019 | <b>11.4%</b>  | <b>1.4%</b>  |                          | <b>17.1%</b>       | (72,910)         | (858,983)                       |                     | <b>3,862,860</b>     |                          |
| Class A                           | 50,163,965  | 15.3%         | 2.5%         | 17.8%                    | 23.5%              | (74,287)         | (691,262)                       | 672,189             | 1,685,392            | \$3.01                   |
| Class B                           | 82,397,525  | 9.8%          | 0.8%         | 10.6%                    | 14.7%              | (5,369)          | (87,406)                        | 995,125             | 1,966,775            | \$2.64                   |
| Class C<br>Class Total            | 12,546,529  | 5.8%          | 0.2%         | 6.0%                     | 7.5%               | 6,746            | (80,315)                        | 121,551             | 210,693              | \$2.26                   |
| LINE LOTAL                        | 145,108,019 | 11.4%         | 1.4%         | 12.7%                    | 17.1%              | (72,910)         | (858,983)                       | 1,788,865           | 3,862,860            | \$2.71                   |

#### **TOP SALE TRANSACTIONS FOR 2Q 2021**

| Property                       | Submarket                  | Square Feet | Sale Price   | Price/SF   | Buyer                                  | Seller                             |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Newport Harbor Medical Plaza   | Newport Beach              | 29,991      | \$41,025,000 | \$1,367.91 | Forward Time Corp.                     | Advanced Medical<br>Properties LLC |
| 24022 Calle De La Plata        | Laguna Hills/Aliso Viejo   | 57,573      | \$31,335,000 | \$544.27   | Healthcare Realt Trust<br>Incorporated | Meridian Property Co.              |
| Saddleback Professional Center | Laguna Hills/Aliso Viejo   | 72,928      | \$24,600,000 | \$337.32   | Healthcare Realt Trust<br>Incorporated | Miramar Capital Advisors           |
| 1936 E Deere Ave               | Santa Ana                  | 77,523      | \$19,565,638 | \$252.38   | Shizao Zheng                           | Preylock Holdings LLC              |
| Palm Terrace                   | Lake Forest/Foothill Ranch | 62,287      | \$16,630,485 | \$267.00   | Kingsbarn Realty Capital               | Bailard                            |

#### **TOP LEASE TRANSACTIONS FOR 2Q 2021**

| Property             | Submarket                  | Square Feet | Transaction Date | Landlord           | Tenant                     |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 26200 Enterprise Way | Lake Forest/Foothill Ranch | 144,906     | April 2021       | Black Creek Group  | Undisclosed                |
| 4675 MacArthur Ct    | Newport Beach              | 49,034      | April 2021       | The Irvine Company | Clean Energy               |
| 18100 Von Karman Ave | Irvine                     | 48,944      | June 2021        | The Irvine Company | Alliant Insurance Services |
| 48 Discovery         | Irvine Spectrum            | 26,920      | April 2021       | The Irvine Company | Midas Technologies         |

#### **TOP UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

| Property                          | Address                  | Submarket  | Square Feet | Owner                             | Delivery Date  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| The Press                         | 1375 Sunflower Dr        | The Press  | 449,206     | Invesco Advisers, Inc.            | October 2022   |
| SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union | 15332 Newport Ave        | Tustin     | 180,000     | SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union | July 2021      |
| Vans HQ                           | 1588 S Coast Dr          | Costa Mesa | 91,032      | VF Corporation                    | August 2021    |
| 15120 Kensington Park Dr          | 15120 Kensington Park Dr | Tustin     | 69,500      | Encompass Health                  | August 2021    |
| 2983 Michelson Dr                 | 2983 Michelson Dr        | Irvine     | 40,000      | LBA Realty                        | September 2021 |

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