MARKETBEAT

INLAND EMPIRE

Office Q2 2021



YoY Chg 12-Mo. Forecast

9.0% Vacancy Rate

















(Overall, All Property Classes)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q2 2021

1.5M

Inland Empire Employment



YoY Chg



12-Mo.

Forecast

7.2%
Inland Empire
Unemployment Rate





5.9% U.S. Unemployment Rate





Source: BLS and EDD. May 2021 data.

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW: Large Annual Job-Gains in the Office Sector

The unemployment rate in the Inland Empire (IE) decreased to 7.2% in May 2021, down from a revised 7.5% in April 2021, and below the year-ago unemployment rate of 14.9%. San Bernardino County reported a 7.3% unemployment rate in May while Riverside County's unemployment rate decreased to 7.2% for the same time period. Between the month of April and May, total nonfarm employment increased by 9,600 jobs. Since the peak of the pandemic, the combination of U.S. and state efforts plus efficient vaccination distributions have alleviated many social restrictions in California and have created the opportunity to regain many of the job losses in the past year. As the year progresses, expect to see further job gains within (office using jobs) industries occupying office space which were heavily affected by the pandemic. Educational and health services saw an increase in annual job gains (up 18,500), professional and business services (up 13,300), and government (up 800), financial activities (up 500), and information (up 300).

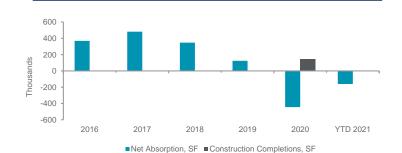
SUPPLY AND DEMAND: Leasing Activity Still Remains Low at Mid-Year 2021

While U.S. and state recovery efforts from the pandemic are still taking place, the IE office market has experienced a slower rate of recovery. At mid-year 2021, the overall vacancy rate in the IE increased to 9.0%, a 310-basis point (bps) increase over last year and a quarter-over-quarter (QOQ) increase of 20-bps. Additionally, since the onset of the pandemic occupancy losses in the IE continue posting -160,276 square feet (sf) of net absorption in second quarter 2021. The Inland Empire East (IEE) recorded the most negative absorption with -110,209 sf, bringing the IEE vacancy rate to 9.7%. Meanwhile the Inland Empire West (IEW) followed with -50,683 sf and a vacancy rate of 7.9%. On the other hand, the Inland Empire South (IES) has retained slight positive absorption of 616 sf, recording a vacancy rate of 9.7%. New leasing activity continued to slow at mid-year 2021 with 462,133 sf, down 10.0% from mid-year 2020. The IEW made up 43.1% of all new deals in the IE with 199,017 sf leased followed by the IES with 148,740 sf leased. CTDI signed the largest deal of the quarter, a 21,900-sf sublease at 9859 Seventh Street in Rancho Cucamonga. New office development projects remain minimal with 30,521 sf currently under construction in Ontario, expected to deliver in the second half of the year. Although effects of the pandemic still weigh on office demand, the IE's market fundamentals have not been severely impacted as they were during the Global Financial Crisis. While recovery efforts show a promising outlook for the economy, the IE office market still has further to go before reaching pre-pandemic levels; however, the IE is poised to make a healthy rebound in the coming quarters.

PRICING: Rent Growth Steadily Increasing

While the effects of the pandemic are still weighing on office demand, the IE's strong market fundamentals have maintained steady to slightly increasing rent growth in the last year. Overall average asking rates have increased to \$2.04 per square foot per month (psf/mo), up 2.3% from second quarter 2020. Likewise, overall class A asking rents averaged \$2.38 psf/mo, up 4.0% for the same time period. However, rather than adjusting face rates, some landlords have been more willing to grant concessions to new tenants. As the IE office sector continues to recover from the pandemic expect rent growth to hold steady for the remainder of the year.

SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES



OVERALL VACANCY & ASKING RENT



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^{*}Rental rates reflect full service asking

KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q2 2021

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	RSF	TYPE	
9859 Seventh Street	Rancho Cucamonga	CTDI	21,900	Sublease	
901 Via Piemonte	Ontario	IMEG Corp.	15,474	Renewal*	
43300-43320 Business Park Drive	Temecula	Undisclosed	13,602	New Lease	
*Renewals not included in leasing stati	stics				

KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q2 2021

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SF	PRICE/\$ PSF
1101 California Avenue	Corona	Charles X. Zhang / Davenport Partners, Inc.	39,362	\$6,950,000 / \$177
3685 Main Street	Riverside	JF Davidson Investments LLC / Mark Sterner	29,124	\$6,135,000 / \$211

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