SAN MATEO COUNTY ECONOMIC & INDUSTRY OVERVIEW FEBRUARY 2019

Employment and Business Dynamics

- Unemployment rate in San Mateo County is at a revised 2.5%
- San Mateo County ranks #1 in the lowest unemployment rate by county in the state. San Francisco is #2; Marin is #3; Santa Clara is #4; Alameda is #7 and Contra Costa is #9
- The current unemployment rate in CA is 4.8% and in the U.S. it is at 4.5%
- 11,400 are unemployed in San Mateo County out of a labor pool of 463,500
- Between December 2018 and January 2019, the total number of jobs in the counties of San Francisco and San Mateo increased in the following sector:
  - Construction contributed 600 jobs
- As of January 2019 the most recent job ads for San Francisco and San Mateo counties are Software Developers (Applications), Marketing Managers, Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists, Management Analysts, Sales Managers, Sales Representatives (Services, All Other), Information Technology Project Managers, Retail Salespersons, Managers (all other), and Medical Scientists (except Epidemiologists)

Legend
Bay Area – Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo Counties and City of Palo Alto
Silicon Valley – San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda Counties
Industry Information

- 8 of the top 46 fastest growing private companies headquartered in Silicon Valley are located in San Mateo County
- 3 of the top 10 largest tech employers are located in San Mateo County
- 17 of the top 25 venture capital funded biotech companies (total venture capital funding disclosed) in the Bay Area have facilities in San Mateo County
- 27 of the top 100 venture capital recipients (total venture capital funding disclosed) in the Bay Area are located in San Mateo County
- 24 of the top 50 of the largest biopharma companies in the Bay Area have facilities in San Mateo County
- 8 of the top 25 largest private equity firms (ranked by total capital under management) in the Bay Area have offices in San Mateo County
- 12 of the top 100 largest public companies in the Bay Area are headquartered in San Mateo County
- 2 of the top 15 largest Initial Public Offerings in Silicon Valley are in San Mateo County

Real Estate (Commercial)

- San Mateo County overall vacancy in the fourth quarter of 2018 increased to 4.3%
- Net absorption for Q4 2018 stood at (8,353)
- During Q4 2018:
  - Office Rent (FS) is at $5.60 per square foot
  - R&D Rents (NNN) is at $4.89 per square foot
  - Industrial Rent (NNN) is at $1.54 per square foot

Venture Capital Industry (National Statistics)

- More than $23 billion was invested across 1,308 deals in life science startups
- California, Massachusetts, and New York continue to dominate venture investment activity, attracting 79% of total U.S. capital invested and 53% of the number of U.S. deals completed in 2018
- 2018 recorded the highest figure for fundraising thus far - $55.5 billion raised across 256 funds
- Over 56% of the reported capital raised by private tech companies was closed in supergiant venture funding round; Q4 2018 was the most concentrated in years, with 61% of VC funding coming from 9, 10, and 11-figure transactions

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