SAN MATEO COUNTY ECONOMIC & INDUSTRY OVERVIEW AUGUST 2017

Employment and Business Dynamics

- Unemployment rate in San Mateo County is at a revised 3.2%; an increase from May 2017 when unemployment was at a revised 2.5%.
- San Mateo County ranks #1 in the lowest unemployment rate by county in the state. Marin and San Francisco are #2; Santa Clara is #4; Alameda is #9 and Contra Costa is #10.
- The current unemployment rate in CA is 4.6% and in the U.S. it is at 5.4%.
- 14,300 are unemployed in San Mateo County out of a labor pool of 453,200.
- Between July 2016 and July 2017, the total number of jobs in the counties of San Francisco and San Mateo grew by 19,300 jobs, or 1.8 percent.
- As of July 2017 the most recent job ads for Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties are Software Developers, Marketing Managers, Web Developers, Accountants, Medical Scientists, Registered Nurses, Management Analysts, Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants, and Information Computer Systems Analysts.

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

- 11 of the top 100 fastest growing private companies headquartered in Silicon Valley are located in San Mateo County.
- 17 of the top 25 largest software companies in the Bay Area are headquartered in San Mateo County.
- 16 of the top 25 venture capital funded biotech companies (total venture capital funding disclosed) in the Bay Area have facilities in San Mateo County.
- 14 of the top 25 largest venture capital firms (ranked by revenue) in the Bay Area are located in San Mateo County.
- 11 of the top 25 of the largest biotech companies in the Bay Area have facilities in San Mateo County.
- 7 of the top 25 largest private equity firms (ranked by total capital under management) in the Bay Area have offices in San Mateo County.
- 7 of the top 25 largest Initial Public Offering in the Bay Area are headquartered in San Mateo County.

Real Estate (Retail)

- At the close of the fourth quarter of 2016, shopping center vacancy stood at 3.5%.
- The fourth quarter of 2016 vacancy rate for neighborhood/community centers stood at 5.4%.
- In the fourth quarter of 2016 strip centers posted a local vacancy rate at 2.5%.

Real Estate (Commercial)

- San Mateo County vacancy in the second quarter of 2017 stood at 4.04%.
- Net absorption for the second quarter of 2017 stood at 101,299 FS.
- The average asking rate for San Mateo County is $5.08 full service per square foot at the end of the second quarter in 2017.

Venture Capital Industry (National)

- 63 venture-backed initial public offerings (IPOs) raised $13.1 billion during the second quarter of 2017.
- There were 154 venture-backed M&A deal in the U.S. during the first quarter of 2017.

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