SAN MATEO COUNTY ECONOMIC & INDUSTRY OVERVIEW OCTOBER 2016

Employment and Business Dynamics

- Unemployment rate in San Mateo County is at 3.1%; a decrease from August 2016 when unemployment was at a revised 3.6%.
- San Mateo County ranks #1 in the lowest unemployment rate by county in the state. Marin is #2; San Francisco is #2; Santa Clara is #4; Alameda is #9 and Contra Costa is #10.
- The current unemployment rate in CA is 5.5% and in the U.S. it is at 5%.
- 14,000 are unemployed in San Mateo County out of a labor pool of 456,000.
- Between September 2015 and September 2016, the total number of jobs in the counties of San Francisco and San Mateo increased by 27,500 jobs, or 2.6 percent.
- As of September 2016 the most recent job ads for Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties are Software Developers, Marketing Managers, Web Developers, Registered Nurses, Management Analysts, Network and Computer Systems Administrators, Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants, Information Computer Systems Analysts, Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists and Accountants.

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

Occupations with Most Job Ads

- Software Developers, Applications - 4257
- Marketing Managers - 2885
- Web Developers - 1638
- Registered Nurses - 1370
- Management Analysts - 1216
- Network and Computer Systems Administrators - 1163
- Accountants - 1140
- Computer Systems Analysts - 1034
- Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants - 1002
- Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists - 974
Industry Information

- 18 of the top 100 fastest growing private companies headquartered in Silicon Valley are located in San Mateo County.
- 20 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.
- 10 of the top 25 of the largest biotech 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.
- 9 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 first quarter of 2016, shopping center vacancy stood at 4.3%.
- The first quarter of 2016 vacancy rate for neighborhood/community centers stood at 5.5%.
- In the first quarter of 2016 strip centers posted a local vacancy rate at 3.9%.

Real Estate (Commercial)

- San Mateo County vacancy in the second quarter of 2016 stood at 5.90%.
- Gross absorption for the second quarter of 2016 stood at 445,121 FS. This is the lowest level of gross absorption since 4th quarter 2009.
- The average asking rate for San Mateo County is $5.01 full service per square foot at the end of the second quarter in 2016.

Venture Capital Industry (National)

- 12 venture-backed initial public offerings (IPOs) raised $893.9 million during the second quarter of 2016.
- For the second quarter of 2016, 61 venture-backed M&A deals were reported, 11 of which had an aggregate deal value of $9 billion.

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