SAN MATEO COUNTY ECONOMIC & INDUSTRY OVERVIEW SEPTEMBER 2014

Employment and Business Dynamics

- Unemployment rate in San Mateo County is at 4.3%; a decrease from August when unemployment was at a revised 4.7%.
- San Mateo County ranks #2 in the lowest unemployment rate by county in the state. Marin is #1; San Francisco is #3; Santa Clara is #7; Contra Costa is #10; and Alameda is #12.
- The current unemployment rate in CA is 7.4% and in the U.S. it is at 6.3%.
- 18,000 are unemployed in San Mateo County out of a labor pool of 413,800.
- Between July 2014 and August 2014, the number of jobs located in the West Bay counties of Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo increased by 6,300 jobs to total 1,113,400.
- Professional and business services led the year-over gains with an addition of 13,500 jobs. The advancement helped it post its highest job total on record.
- As of September 2014 the most recent job ads for Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties are Software Developers, Marketing Managers, Web Developers, Registered Nurses, Network and Computer Systems Administrators, Accountants, Network and Computer Systems Administrators, Management Analysts, Accountants, Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants, and Information Technology Project Managers.

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

- 22 of the top 100 fastest growing private companies headquartered in Silicon Valley are located in San Mateo County.
- 13 of the top 25 largest software companies in the Bay Area are headquartered in San Mateo County.
- 12 of the top 25 venture capital funded biotech companies (total venture capital funding disclosed) in the Bay Area have facilities in San Mateo County.
- 19 of the top 25 largest venture capital firms (ranked by revenue) in the Bay Area are located in San Mateo County.
- 15 of the top 25 biotech patent recipients in the Bay Area have facilities in San Mateo County.
- 10 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 digital entertainment companies in the Bay Area (based on number of Bay Area employees) are headquartered in San Mateo County.

Real Estate (Retail)

- At the close of the second quarter of 2014, shopping center vacancy stood at just 2.9%.
- The second quarter of 2014 current vacancy rate for neighborhood/community centers stood at 3.6%.
- In the second quarter of 2014 strip centers posted a local vacancy rate at 4% which, was down from 4.4% in the first quarter of 2014.

Real Estate (Commercial)

- San Mateo County vacancy dropped to 11.11% from 11.28 % in the second quarter of 2014. This makes it the lowest vacancy rate since before 2001.
- Gross absorption for the second quarter was 936,328 square feet, bringing the year-to-date total to 1,715,583 square feet.
- The average asking rate for San Mateo County is $3.69 FS, up 4.07% from last quarter when it was at $3.54.

Venture Capital Industry (National)

- 28 venture-backed initial public offerings raised $4.9 billion during the second quarter of 2014. This is a 45% increase compared to the previous quarter.
- For the second quarter of 2014, 94 venture-backed M&A deals were reported, 33 of which had an aggregate deal value of $3.3 billion.

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