

# Market Research

OFFICE | THIRD QUARTER | 2009



# **MARKET INDICATORS**



# CLARK COUNTY ECONOMIC DATA

	Jul-09	Jul-08
Unemployment Rate	13.1%	6.9%
VisitorVolume	3,520,000	3,601,000
Gaming Revenue	\$729.89M	\$819.38M
Taxable Sales*	\$2.451B	\$3.131B
New Home Permits	493	1,166
New Home Sales	378	645
New Residents	4,805	6,126

\* JUNE 2009 / JUNE 2008



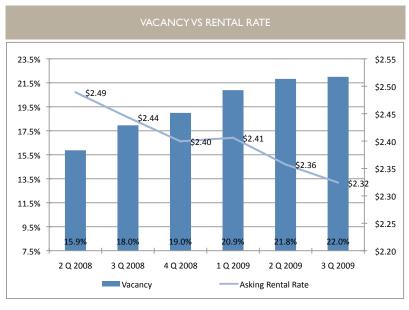
MARKET SNAPSHOT										
	Q3-09	Q2-09	Q3-08	Q-O-Q Change	Y-O-Y Change					
Vacancy Rate	22.0%	21.8%	18.0%	+0.8%	+22.2%					
Asking Rent (psf FSG)	\$2.32	\$2.36	\$2.44	-1.4%	-4.9%					
Net Absorption (sf)	-39,154	-272,627	-341,501	+85.6%	+88.5%					
New Completions (sf)	40,000	143,481	580,294	-72.1%	-93.1%					

# Office Review

The Southern Nevada office market experienced its seventh straight month of negative net absorption, with occupied square footage contracting to 32-million square feet from a high of 33.7-million square feet in the fourth quarter of 2007. The volume of lease and sale transactions has improved since the end of 2008, with much of this activity coming from local, small businesses and national tenants that already have a presence in Southern Nevada. The amount of space currently and actively under construction remains lower than the amount of space that has halted construction. Although the outlook for the Southern Nevada office market may seem bleak, there are reasons to be hopeful.

Employment in sectors traditionally associated with office space contracted for the fifth straight quarter. Between August 2008 and August 2009, a total of 7,800 office jobs were lost, with the largest losses experienced by the professional & business services sector. The bright spot of office employment has been the health care and social assistance sector, which added 900 jobs between August 2008 and August 2009. Unemployment in the Las Vegas - Paradise MSA stood at 13.4 percent as of August 2009, up from 7.0 percent in August 2008.

The inventory of office space in Southern Nevada increased by only 40,000 square feet during the third quarter of 2009. The only completed project was the IBEX Medical Building in Henderson. This is the lowest level of new office completions we have recorded since we began tracking the





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<sup>1</sup>Forward supply is a combination of space presently under construction in a quarter and space planned to begin construction within the next 4 quarters.

Las Vegas office market in 1999. Vacancy in newly completed space stood at approximately 67 percent.

Forward supply of office space in the Valley stood at 346,629 square feet in the third quarter of 2009. This was approximately 36 percent less forward supply than was registered in the second quarter of

2009 and 84 percent less forward supply than was registered in the third quarter of 2008. Over half of Southern Nevada's forward supply was in the Class A category. Although Class A space has the highest vacancy rate in the market at 29.1%, reductions in asking lease rates have increased interest in it. Almost all of Southern Nevada's forward supply of office space is located in the Northwest submarket in the form of Tivoli Village, a mixed-use space comprised of office over retail.

Office vacancy in Southern Nevada stood at 22.0 percent in the third quarter of 2009. This represented a 0.2-point increase from one quarter ago and a 4-point increase from four quarters ago. In general, the office vacancy rate's trajectory seems to be leveling off. Lease activity has increased since the second half of 2008, and the number of vacant office spaces that entered the market has decreased. A total of 278 new office availabilities were introduced to the office market during the third quarter of 2009, less than the 357 new lease availabilities introduced in the second quarter of 2009. The highest vacancy rates in

OFFICE EMPLOYMENT										
	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	Change							
Financial Activities	45,500	47,200	-1,700							
Professional & Business Services	103,100	110,100	-7,000							
Health Care & Social Assistance	61,700	60,800	+900							
Total	210,300	218,100	-7,800							
Source: Nevada Department of Employment, Tro	ining and Rehabili	tation.								

Southern Nevada were in the Southwest (30.9 percent), Henderson (26 percent) and Airport (25.5 percent) submarkets. The lowest vacancy rates were in the Downtown (10.8 percent) and West Central (13.6 percent) submarkets. Class A professional office space still had the highest vacancy rate at 29.1 percent, while the lowest vacancy rate was in Medical office space at 19.5 percent. Over the past four quarters, Class C professional space has experienced the lowest overall increase in vacancy. When comparing vacancy rates on a year-over-year basis, office vacancy has been trending downward for the past three quarters after reaching a peak in the fourth guarter of 2008. Year-over-year vacancy growth in the third quarter of 2009 was the lowest it has been since the first quarter of 2008. Clearly, the flood of office space that entered the Southern Nevada market in 2008 has slowed down.

Over the past quarter, finance investment and real estate accounted for approximately one-third of new leases and slightly more than half of the office market's new leases were signed by companies headquartered outside Nevada, with California companies contributing more

Class C Professional Office

# MARKET ACTIVITY THIRD QUARTER TRANSACTIONS

LEASE ACTIVITY					
PROPERTY ADDRESS	LEASE DATE	LEASE TERM	SIZE	LEASE RATE	TYPE
The District II	Sep 2009	60 months	21,767 sf	\$1.62 MG	Class C Professional Office
Green Valley Corp Center South	Aug 2009	84 months	11,373 sf	\$1.94 MG	Class C Professional Office
Westcliff House	Aug 2009	60 months	9,104 sf	\$1.74 MG	Medical Office
Westcliff Tower	Sep 2009	40 months	8,288 sf	\$1.65 FSG	Class B Professional Office
Flamingo Courtyard Jul 2009		60 months	6,449 sf	\$1.75 NNN	Class C Professional Office
SALES ACTIVITY					
PROPERTY ADDRESS	SALES DATE	SALE PRICE	SIZE	PRICE/SF	TYPE
St Rose Professional Park	Aug 2009	\$2,225,000	12,025 sf	\$185.03	Class B Professional Office
Sunset Post Medical Center	Jul 2009	\$2,250,000	9,090 sf	\$247.52	Medical Office

5.202 sf

\$288.00

\$1,498,176

Hills Center Business Park

Aug 2009

lease activity than any other state.

Several existing office properties in Southern Nevada are now owned by banks or the FDIC. These "zombie buildings" contribute to the vacancy rate in Southern Nevada, but do not complete effectively because their owners are unable or unwilling to provide improvement money to prospective tenants. The total number of distressed office properties currently totals 2,094,000 total square feet, a significant increase since last quarter when Southern Nevada had approximately 460,000 square feet of distressed office properties.

The weighted average asking rental rate decreased this quarter to \$2.32 per square foot (psf) on a full service gross (FSG) basis. This was a decrease of \$0.04 from last quarter and \$0.12 from twelve months ago. Asking rents have been on the decline since the fourth guarter of 2007, which corresponds to the beginning of the current recession. Of those availabilities that were active last quarter, 17% had their asking rent reduced by an average of \$0.28 while 4% had their asking rent increased by an average of \$0.25. Availabilities that were new to the market this quarter had an average asking rent of \$2.05 psf FSG.

Office space available for sub-lease in Southern Nevada increased this quarter after posting a slight decline in the second quarter of 2009. Currently, there are 680,706 square feet of office space available for sub-lease. This is down from the high of 908,458 square feet recorded in the fourth quarter of 2008. That the amount of sub-lease space available for lease has dropped to between 650,000 and 680,000 square feet for the past three quarters could suggest that the Southern Nevada office market has reached a plateau.

The amount of office space available for sale on an owner/user basis increased this quarter over last by 58,000 square feet. Since the third quarter of 2008, the amount of owner/user space on the market has actually decreased by 72,000 square feet. Likewise, the average

	OFFICE SALES		
	Q3-09	Q2-09	Q3-08
Owner/User Sales			
Space for Sale (sf)	1,205,325	1,147,903	1,276,934
Average Asking Price/SF	\$215	\$241	\$203
Space Sold (sf)	57,290	10,645	28,862
Average Price/SF	\$232	\$151	\$217
Investment Sales			
Space for Sale (sf)	872,894	1,104,734	1,308,668
Average Asking Price/SF	\$235	\$211	\$265
Average Cap Rate	8.0%	7.6%	7.2%
Space Sold (sf)	61,247	70,275	250,444
Average Price/SF	\$78	\$295	\$262
Average Cap Rate	8.5%	7.8%	7.5%

asking price has decreased by \$26 per square foot since last quarter, but increased by \$12 since the third quarter of 2008. Significant sale offerings include the old FBI headquarters at 700 E. Charleston Blvd in the Downtown submarket (47,000 square feet) and the San Martin Medical Center in the Southwest submarket (44,000 square feet), a distressed property.

Properties available of sale on an investment basis decreased to 872,894 square feet from last quarter's 1,104,734 square feet. The average asking price increased this quarter over last by \$24 per square foot. Since the third quarter of 2008, the average asking price for investment sales has decreased by \$30 per square foot and the amount of space available for sale on an investment basis has decreased by 435,774 square feet, though admittedly a good deal of this space has been removed from the market,

Office owner/user sales improved this quarter over last, with 57,290 square feet of space sold. The average sales price has also recovered, reaching \$232 per square foot, higher than one year ago. Investment sales continued to decline this quarter, and the presence of several distressed and foreclosed properties among those that sold had an adverse affect on the average sales price. Cap rates continued

OFFICE DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE										
Project Type Submarket Size Pre-Leasing Completic										
501 S 8th St	Class B	Downtown	25,000	BTS	Q2-10					

OFFICE CONSTRUCTION STOPPED									
Project	Туре	Submarket	Size						
Centennial Business Park	Class C	Northwest	43,000						
Tivoli Village	Class A	Northwest	200,000						



# **OFFICE MARKET STATISTICS**

THIRD QUARTER 2009

XISTING P	ROPERTIES	DIRECT VA	CANCY	SUBLEASE	VACANCY		TOTALVA	CANCY	NET ABS	SORPTION SF	U/C	& PROPOSED SF AVG		AVG REN
pe Bldgs	Total Inventory Sq Ft	Sq Ft	Rate	Sq Ft	Rate	Sq Ft	Rate	Vacancy Rate Previous Q	Current Period	YTD	Completed This Qtr Sq Ft	Completed YTD	Under Constr	Rate
UB N	1 A R K E <sup>1</sup>	T S						rrevious Q			54.5			
rport su	RMARKET													
6 37	660,478 1,833,602	367,424 273,344	55.6% 14.9%	58,414 56,678	8.8% 3.1%	425,838 330,022	64.5% 18.0%	67.5% 18.4%	19,948 17,433	122,798 (98,732)	-	(127,659)	-	\$3.13 \$2.31
252	2,658,927	700,489	26.3%	30,636	1.2%	731,125	27.5%	27.4%	3,860	`40,173	-	-	-	\$1.93
D 9 TAL 304	117,194 5,270,201	1,040 1,342,297	0.9% 25.5%	0 145,728	0.0% 2.8%	1,040 1,488,025	0.9% 28.2%	1.4% 28.4%	560 41,801	25,943 90,182	- -	(127,659)	-	\$1.60 \$2.34
4	/N SUBMARK 700,065	45,006	6.4%	28,790	4.1%	73,796	10.5%	10.5%		<del>-</del>	-	-	-	\$3.27
21 55	1,383,829 744,537	224,797 43,752	16.2% 5.9%	14,319 0	1.0% 0.0%	239,116 43,752	17.3% 5.9%	16.2% 4.6%	(6,741) (9,749)	(135,965) 22,047	-	-	-	\$2.54 \$1.66
D 29 TAL 109	527,631 3,356,062	47,887 361,442	9.1% 10.8%	43,109	0.0% 1.3%	47,887 404,551	9.1% 12.1%	5.0% 10.7%	(21,256) (37,746)	(19,341) (133,259)	-	-	- -	\$2.11 \$2.47
ST LAS VE	GAS SUBMAR 1,351,642	KET 162,028	12.0%	87,108	6.4%	249,136	18.4%	20.4%	(7,566)	(94,816)				\$3.45
17	1,038,569	289,006	27.8%	10,184	1.0%	299,190	28.8%	30.6%	19,064	(26,819)	-	-	-	\$1.63
97 DTAL 182	1,905,690 1,633,374 5,929,275	392,788 303,088 1,146,910	20.6% 18.6% 19.3%	0 0 97,292	0.0% 0.0% 1.6%	392,788 303,088 1,244,202	20.6% 18.6% 21.0%	20.5% 21.6% 22.5%	(4,728) 48,021 54,791	(35,471) (9,026) (166,132)	-	-	-	\$1.56 \$1.92 \$1.94
NDERSO	N SUBMARKE	Т										•	_	
11 64	787,274 2,132,381	275,666 486,595	35.0% 22.8%	21,059 38,842	2.7% 1.8%	296,725 525,437	37.7% 24.6%	35.9% 26.1%	0 23,831	(4,566) (163,288)		-	-	\$3.00 \$2.4
144 D 97	1,499,554 1,226,594	374,312 330,634	25.0% 27.0%	36,542 6,066	2.4%	410,854 336,700	27.4% 27.4%	28.3% 21.1%	14,815 (42,279)	(24,678) (94,517)	40,000	40,000	-	\$2.14 \$2.4
TAL 316	5,645,803	1,467,207	26.0%	102,509	1.8%	1,569,716	27.8%	26.9%	(3,633)	(287,049)	40,000	40,000	-	\$2.4
-	VEGAS SUBM. 0	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	-		-	-	-	\$
8 74	200,796 459,624	61,698 117,214	30.7% 25.5%	0 3,000	0.0% 0.7%	61,698 120,214	30.7% 26.2%	36.8% 26.6%	12,100 2,122	600 (24,414)	-	-	-	\$2.4 \$2.0
D 13 TAL 95	125,385 785,805	9,418 188,330	7.5% 24.0%	0 3,000	0.0% 0.4%	9,418 191,330	7.5% 24.3%	10.7% 26.7%	4,000 18,222	7,317 (16,497)	-	-	-	\$1.93 \$2.20
ORTHWES	T SUBMARKE 1,515,526	T 443,791	29.3%	38,504	2.5%	482,295	31.8%	31.3%	(64,210)	(178,637)	(82,225)	105,185		\$2.40
73 214	2,508,675 2,240,146	565,179 502,467	22.5% 22.4%	60,623 27,948	2.4% 1.2%	625,802 530,415	24.9% 23.7%	23.5% 22.4%	`15,919 (19,451)	(46,856) (8,992)	82,225	82,225	-	\$2.40 \$2.17
D 94 DTAL 400	2,287,669 8,552,016	349,738 1,861,175	15.3%	6,635 133,710	0.3% 1.6%	356,373 1,994,885	15.6%	16.2% 22.7%	13,936 (53,806)	87,645 (146,840)	-	178,694 366,104	-	\$2.54 \$2.36
	T SUBMARKE													
3 56	397,112 2,338,223	299,818 618,283	75.5% 26.4%	1,488 42,264	0.4% 1.8%	301,306 660,547	75.9% 28.2%	81.5% 24.2%	22,362 (79,601)	32,671 (41,411)	-	226,140 146,000	-	\$3.03 \$2.6
247 ED 82	2,591,296 1,085,201	682,155 378,132	26.3% 34.8%	76,351 10,662	2.9% 1.0%	758,506 388,794	29.3% 35.8%	31.3% 29.9%	75,467 (64,024)	141,338 (11,203)	-	164,586 -	-	\$2.19 \$2.43
TAL 388	6,411,832	1,978,388	30.9%	130,765	2.0%	2,109,153	32.9%	31.6%	(45,796)	121,395	-	536,726	-	\$2.5
2	RAL SUBMAR 227,624	49,615	21.8%	0	0.0%	49,615	21.8%	20.9% 8.2%	(2,009) 1,162	(2,870) 10,430	-	<u>-</u>	-	\$2.32 \$2.10
166	1,462,137 2,714,158	119,384 438,355	16.2%	22,360	0.0% 0.8%	119,384 460,715	8.2% 17.0%	17.2%	(2,708)	(13,736)	-	-	-	\$1.8
ED 60 OTAL 272	775,745 5,179,664	95,417 702,771	12.3% 13.6%	2,233 24,593	0.3% 0.5%	97,650 727,364	12.6% 14.0%	11.1% 13.9%	(9,432) (12,987)	(31,980) (38,156)	-	- -	<del>-</del> -	\$2.01 \$1.9
1 A R K	ET TO	TAL												
54	5,639,721	1,643,348	29.1%	235,363	4.2%	1,878,711	33.3%	34.1%	(31,475)	(125,420)	(82,225)	203,666	-	\$2.90
320	12,898,212	2,638,286	20.5%	222,910	1.7%	2,861,196	22.2%	21.6%	3,167	(502,041)	82,225	228,225	-	\$2.37
1,249 ED 443	14,813,932 7,778,793	3,251,532 1,515,354	21.9% 19.5%	196,837 25,596	1.3% 0.3%	3,448,369 1,540,950	23.3% 19.8%	23.5% 18.4%	59,628 (70,474)	96,267 (45,162)	40,000	164,586 218,694	-	\$2.00 \$2.32
	41,130,658	9,048,520	22.0%	680,706	1.7%	9,729,226	23.7%	23.4%	(39,154)	(576,356)	40,000	815,171	-	\$2.32
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	41,130,658 41,090,658	9,048,520 8,969,366	22.0% 21.8%	680,706 628,190	1.7% 1.5%	9,729,226 9,597,556	23.7% 23.4%	23.4% 22.4%	(39,154) (272,627)	(576,356) (537,202)	40,000 143,481	815,171 775,171	- 324,364	\$2.32 \$2.36
1-09 2,031	40,947,177	8,553,258	20.9%	626,190	1.5%	9,160,364	22.4%	21.1%	(264,575)	(264,575)	631,690	631,690	610,750	\$2.30 \$2.41
	40,315,487	7,656,993	19.0%	845,496	2.1%	8,502,489	21.1%	20.0%		(1,110,252)	483,080	1,820,952	1,449,840	\$2.40
	39,832,407	7,152,192	18.0%	802,454	2.0%	7,954,646	20.0%	17.5%	(341,501)	, ,	580,294	1,337,872	1,627,030	\$2.44
2-08 1,939	39,252,113	6,230,397	15.9%	620,177	1.6%	6,850,574	17.5%	15.1%	(170,986)	(747,030)	468,484	757,578	1,322,921	\$2.49

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to rise, reaching 8%.

The Class A and Class C office product types entered recession in the latter half of 2006, approximately six months ahead of Medical office and one year ahead of Class B office. While both Class A and Class C office saw their vacancy rates decline this quarter, the decrease for Class A office was due to the reclassification of the Westcliff Tower building from Class A to Class B. Class C office, on the other hand, has not only seen its vacancy rate decrease for the past two quarters, it is the only product type that has posted positive yearto-date net absorption. It seems reasonable to conclude that the performance of Class C professional office product may be a sign that Southern Nevada's office market as a whole is nearing bottom. Unfortunately, one must consider two other facts. First, employment in sectors that traditionally occupy office space continues to decrease. Second, some of the absorption of Class C space is due to tenants leaving more expensive space for less expensive space. While these two facts may dampen the prospects that the Southern Nevada office market may be two or three quarters away from hitting bottom, they do not eliminate the possibility entirely. Lease activity is definitely on the rise, and the pace of new office availabilities entering the market has been on the decline since April of 2009.

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What we are likely seeing in the third quarter of 2009 is the end to the "shock & awe" of late-2008 and early-2009 and a return to equilibrium between supply and demand. Like small animals after a thunderstorm, businessmen have poked their heads out of their burrows, looked around and determined that it safe to go back to business as usual (or as near to usual as possible). As hopeful as this scenario is, though, it behooves us all to look ahead. High levels of federal spending contributed heavily to GDP in the last two quarters. While the federal government has more money to spend in 2010, the end to Cash for Clunkers and the housing credit, coupled with the reticence of U.S. consumers to spend money on non-essentials and the looming expiration of tax cuts introduced between 2001 and 2003, could make for tough going in 2010. We think Southern Nevada's office market might hit a plateau in 2010, but hesitate to predict declining vacancy rates until we see some improvement in employment growth.

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# 294 RETAILS IN 61 COUNTRIES ON 6 CONTINENTS

**USA 94** Canada 22 Latin America 17 Asia Pacific 64 **EMEA 97** 

\$1.6 billion in Revenue I.I billion sq. ft. under management 12,749 Professionals

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