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# Inland Empire's Rule

## Multifamily Winter Report 2017

**Rent Growth Far  
Outpaces Nation**

**Steady Hiring  
Boosts Demand**

**Transaction Volume  
Hits \$1.8B**



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## Market Analysis

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## The Affordable SoCal Option

The Inland Empire is among the metros not affected by moderation in rent growth. Average rents were up 8% year-over-year in November. The metro's strength is its job market, which is closing in on its fourth consecutive year of above-average growth, albeit most of that improvement is happening in low-paying industries. Demand is also high, a result of population growth and affordability relative to other parts of Southern California.

With the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports rebounding well, demand for industrial space has boosted San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Low barriers to development and the larger availability of space will continue to make the industrial market a critical part of the Inland Empire. Speculative warehouse/industrial developments continue to pop up, adding more than 24 million square feet of space. Generally overlooked when discussing the area's economic performance, the office market has also improved significantly during recent years, with vacancy at cycle lows.

Apartment development has been lackluster, despite the 96.5% occupancy rate of stabilized properties, but rising property values and continued rent appreciation are finally reaping visible results in the pipeline. More than 8,300 units are subject to entitlement approvals or have been announced, meaning that housing inventory might see significant change in the future.

## Recent Inland Empire Transactions

Terracina



City: Ontario, Calif.  
Buyer: Bridge Investment Group Partners  
Purchase Price: \$142 MM  
Price per Unit: \$193,071

Solamonte



City: Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.  
Buyer: Mesirow Financial  
Purchase Price: \$130 MM  
Price per Unit: \$249,520

Stonegate at Towngate



City: Moreno Valley, Calif.  
Buyer: Weidner Investment Services  
Purchase Price: \$99 MM  
Price per Unit: \$178,532

The Ashton



City: Corona, Calif.  
Buyer: Starwood Capital Group  
Purchase Price: \$98 MM  
Price per Unit: \$199,813