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COUNTY PROFILE

Sonoma County

Located just north of Marin, Sonoma County is a largely suburban-rural county. Famed for its beaches, resorts, wines and farm products, Sonoma County offers its residents a high quality of life and numerous recreational activities. The main transportation arteries of the county are Highway 101 from the south I-80 toward Sacramento by way of Highways 37, or 121 or 116. Most Bay Area locations are within an hour's drive, with many considerably less.

Extremely favorable facility and housing costs are attracting former residents of both Marin and the Bay Area. Such cost advantages have helped to transform the once largely agricultural county into a more balanced local economy. Sonoma County has attracted many headquarters of back office operations, service businesses, software companies and light manufacturers. Some of the larger companies that have flourished in the county include: Agilent Technologies, Medtronic AVE, St. Joseph Health System, State Farm Insurance, North American Mortgage Company, Autodesk, Mag-Media, Hewlett-Packard, Optical Coating Laboratory and Sola Optical.

Sonoma County offers companies excellent business park facilities. With over 20 major business parks covering 3,500 acres and 18 million square feet of buildings, opportunities for expansion and relocation abound. Most business parks are located either in Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park or Petaluma and nearly all are less than 5 minutes drive from Highway 101. Sonoma County's facilities and available space all give the county the ability to accommodate just about any firm's space requirements at lower cost than most locations in the Bay Area.

Excellent schools, low crime rates and beautiful surroundings all contribute to Sonoma County's high quality of life. A typical weekend in Sonoma County might include a visit to the beach at Bodega Bay, wine tasting in the Valley of the Moon, mountain biking in Annadel State Park or canoeing down the Russian River.

Available space, attractive land prices, a variety of affordable housing choices and an educated/lower wage work force have contributed to Sonoma County's growing business community and economic diversity. These same attributes should continue to attract many of the same types of firms previously mentioned.