# III INVESTMENT FORECAST

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Fort Lauderdale Metro Area

2020

### Steady In-Migration Supporting Fort Lauderdale Housing Demand; Investors Remain Active

Stable household formation and sound hiring lift demand for rental housing. Fort Lauderdale remains a popular destination for retirees because of its favorable tax and weather climate. The metro is one of the leading destinations for retirees 65 and older in the nation. Young professionals are also increasingly drawn to Broward County for its mix of major corporations, including American Express, Citrix and AutoNation, along with rental rates below those in Miami and West Palm Beach. Both the young adults and retirees are fueling rental demand as it offers flexibility, amenities and quality locations proximate to services. Renters are being drawn to rapidly transforming areas of the market like Flagler Village, which caters to millennials with trendy restaurants and nightlife while also being located a short distance to mass transit. Dania Beach is in the early stages of a major revitalization of its city center as well as Dania Pointe nears completion and other projects are in the works.

Demographics and property performance sustain investor appetite. An abundance of capital will pursue opportunities in Broward County this year, motivated by strong underlying demand that keeps rents on an upward trajectory. An attractive yield profile also boosts liquidity in the market with buyers often finding cap rates in the low-6 percent band and sometimes in the mid-7 percent territory for smaller Class C properties. The suburban areas of Plantation/Sunrise and Pompano Beach/Deerfield Beach will maintain investor interest among both private investors and institutional groups for their mix of modern Class A complexes and value-add opportunities. Flagler Village and other areas of downtown Fort Lauderdale will remain in investor focus because of the Brightline express train, which now connects the business districts of the three South Florida metros, sustaining strong demand from young professionals.

### 2020 Market Forecast



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Employers add 14,000 workers to company payrolls this year, mirroring the 1.6 percent pace of growth posted last year.

Construction 3,500 units



This will be the most active year for deliveries on record, outpacing last year's total by 700 units.

Vacancy up 10 bps



Robust supply growth overshadows demand in 2020 to push the vacancy rate up to 4.4 percent. A 90-basis-point decline was registered in 2019.

Rent up 3.7%

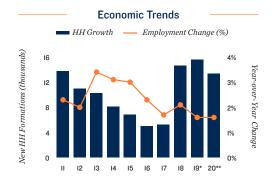


After climbing 4.1 percent last year, the average effective rent increases to \$1,700 per month in 2020.

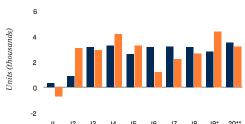
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Zoning changes in Dania Beach allow for more small-lot mixed use development, motivating developers to move forward with plans that will reshape the city center. The Dania Pointe development and proximity to I-95 boost sentiment of the area.



## Completions vs. Absorption Completions Net Absorption





\*Estimate; \*\*Forecast Sources: CoStar Group, Inc.; RealPage, Inc.; Real Capital Analytics

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