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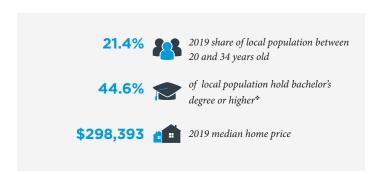
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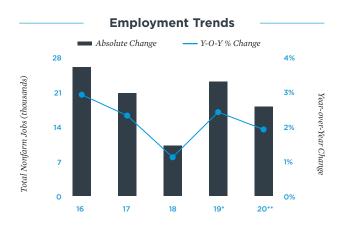
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## Job Additions Lure Residents; Optimistic Trends Boost Investment Activity

Employment and household growth exceed national average, bolster rental market. The region's world-class universities provide the foundation for a highly educated workforce that is drawing companies to the region. Additionally, Xerox recently announced plans to build a Center of Excellence in Cary that will create 600 new well-paying jobs. Since 2015, more than 100,000 positions have been created throughout the metro and this year's gain will hold it in the top 10 nationwide in terms of the percentage increase among major markets. The abundance of employment opportunities, a favorable quality of life and a more affordable cost of living are enticing more residents to the region. Over the past five years, household gains that average more than 16,800 annually have placed the metro among the fastest growing in the U.S. This trend will continue in 2020, generating demand for the many rentals underway, which will keep vacancy on its downward trajectory. As a result, rents will advance, eclipsing \$1,200 per month for the first time.

Outstanding fundamentals and attractive pricing keeping investors focused on acquisitions. Three years of increasing purchases by institutional capital sources for assets above \$20 million have the outlook for Raleigh's transaction market looking solid. The powerful combination of strong multifamily demand drivers, above-national-average rent growth and cap rates higher than primary East Coast markets will keep drawing investment capital into apartment properties across the region. Institutional capital's focus on the highly educated employment base between the universities and high-tech firms in the Research Triangle Park will keep capital inflows strong as firms search for opportunities to capitalize on this highly coveted resident profile. Assets with locations offering easy access to these employers will remain the most sought after. As transaction activity has increased, cap rates have compressed in the exceedingly competitive sales atmosphere but continue to offer higher yields than in coastal locations. In addition, due to lower land and construction costs, new developments can be purchased at lower prices per unit compared with similar product in other Southeastern region markets.









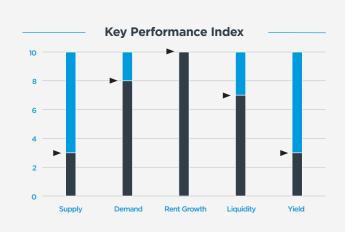


## **2020 Investment Outlook**

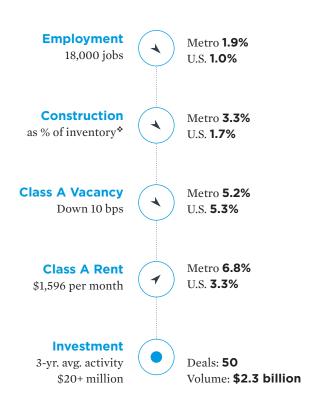
The rent growth index leaped three places over the past six months and now sits at the highest level nationally at 10. Demand held steady at its already-solid 8 position, which sets up Raleigh with one of the best demand and rent growth combinations going into 2020.

A large drop in the yield index from 6 to 3 points to the strong investor demand and continued cap rate compression since the summer. However, even with this decline in yield, Raleigh cap rates remain higher than primary East Coast markets. Liquidity held steady at 7 with upside potential in the coming year.

Note: The Key Performance Index provides a metro-level relational benchmark scaled from 1-10 for five key metrics.



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Arrow reflects completions trend compared with 2019
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