

San Diego Big Box Absorption Climbs in 2018

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San Diego's big box retail market had a strong year, despite a bulk of Toys R Us product coming onto the market. According to research from CBRE, users absorbed 18 big box retail properties totaling more than 600,000 square feet last year. This was roughly a 100,000 square-foot increase in absorption over 2017. The leasing activity was particularly impressive because the Toys R Us closure bought 150,000 square feet to the market in 2018.

"Over the last couple of years, we typically have about 1 million square feet of big box retail space available, and this year was right around that same line," Michael Peterson, a senior associate at CBRE, tells GlobeSt.com. "We did see an influx of space because of Toys R Us, but it wasn't a surprising amount of space to see come back. We actually had stronger absorption than 2017, north of 600,000 square feet compared to 500,000 square feet in 2017."